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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
April 20, 1968

JAMES EARL RAY, also known as
Eric Starvo Galt, Harvey Lowmyer,
John Willard, James McBride, James
Walton, W. C. Herron and James
O'Conner

FUGITIVE

CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY;
INTERSTATE FLIGHT - ARMED ROBBERY

"TEN MOST WANTED FUGITIVES" PROGRAM

James Earl Ray, a Missouri prison escapee who has been sought under the alias Eric Starvo Galt in connection with the gunshot slaying of civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., has been added to the FBI's list of "Ten Most Wanted Fugitives."

FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover ordered the special addition of Ray to the "Ten Most Wanted Fugitives" list, which already contains ten fugitives, to insure the widest possible dissemination of Ray's photograph and description to help effect his earliest possible location.

Ray has been the subject of a massive and intensive search since the brutal gunshot slaying of Dr. King on April 4, 1968, as he stood on the balcony of a Memphis, Tennessee, motel. One rifle bullet, believed fired from the window of a nearby rooming house, felled the victim.

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JOHN WILLIAM CLOUSER	3837	28-35510	O'HARA #21
GORDON ERVIN	4087	88-9101	FLEMING #25
CARMEN RAYMOND GAGLIARDI	4101	88-9189	MARBLE 25
CHARLES LEE HERRON	4163	88-9721	BEARDSLEY 25
GEORGE BENJAMIN WILLIAMS	4072	91-5502	REARICK 27
GEORGE EDWARD WELLS	4175	88-9866	BREEN 25
DAVID EVANS	4177	88-9873	YOOS 25
FRANKLIN ALLEN PARIS	4178	88-9884	BROWNE 25
JAMES EARL RAY	4182	44-1609	SHANLEY 23

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INFORMATION IN THE PAST CONCERNING COMMUNIST MATTERS,
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : All Investigative Employees

DATE: April 22, 1968

[Handwritten initials]
FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: JAMES EARL RAY, aka - FUGITIVE
I.O. #4182; W. F. #442-A
CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY
INTERSTATE FLIGHT - ROBBERY
"TEN MOST WANTED FUGITIVES" PROGRAM
RELEASE DATE: SATURDAY P. M., APRIL 20, 1968

THE CRIMES: Ray escaped from the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, on April 23, 1967, while serving a 20-year sentence for armed robbery and operating a motor vehicle without the owner's permission. He subsequently allegedly conspired, under the alias Eric Starvo Galt, to violate the civil rights of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., shot to death on the balcony of a Memphis, Tennessee, motel on April 4, 1968.

THE CRIMINAL: A 40-year-old white native of Illinois, who is known as a "loner" and "drifter" and has taken elaborate steps to establish a false identity, Ray has an extensive criminal record, including convictions for burglary, robbery and forging U. S. Postal Money Orders. Outstanding characteristics include a straight narrow nose, straight and even teeth, a noticeably protruding left ear and a nervous habit of tugging at an ear lobe. He has taken dancing lessons, attended bartending school, enrolled in a correspondence course in lock-smithing and traveled widely in a 1966 Mustang recovered in Atlanta, Georgia, a week after Dr. King's murder. Ray likes western and country music, drinks vodka and beer and has worked as a baker, laborer and color matcher.

PROCESS: A Federal warrant issued at Jefferson City, Missouri, on July 20, 1967, charges Ray with unlawful interstate flight to avoid confinement for robbery. Another Federal warrant, issued at Birmingham, Alabama, on April 17, 1968, charges Ray, as Eric Starvo Galt, with conspiring to interfere with a Constitutional Right of a citizen.

"TEN MOST WANTED FUGITIVES": Ray is a special addition to the list of "Ten Most Wanted Fugitives." The list as of Saturday p. m., April 20, 1968, was:

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Howard Callens Johnson	I. O. #4039	George Edward Wells	I. O. #4175
George Benjamin Williams	I. O. #4072	David Evans	I. O. #4177
Gordon Dale Ervin	I. O. #4087	Franklin Allen Paris	I. O. #4178
Car men Raymond Gagliardi	I. O. #4101	David Stuart Neff	I. O. #4179
	James Earl Ray	I. O. #4182	

THEY ARE ALL ARMED AND DANGEROUS. If you receive any information, give it at once to your SAC or appropriate supervisor.
PHOTOGRAPHS, FINGERPRINTS AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA OF ALL FUGITIVES ON THE LIST ARE ON THE REVERSE SIDE.

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DAVID EVANS, also known as:
"Pee Wee."
N; born 10-11-44; 5'7"-5'8"; 140-150 lbs;
med bld; blk hair; brn eyes; lt comp;
occ - lab, upholsterer. Wanted by FBI
for BANK ROBBERY and UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO
AVOID PROSECUTION (Burglary, Larceny,
and Receiving Stolen Goods).
IDENTIFICATION ORDER #-4177
FBI#-388 901 E
DATE PHOTO TAKEN: 1966

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CHARLES LEE HERRON, also known as:
Lee Jones.
N; born 4-21-37 (?); 5'7"-5'8"; 145-
150 lbs; sldr bld; blk hair; brn eyes;
dk comp; occ - clerk. Wanted by FBI
for UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID PROSECU-
TION (Murder; Assault with Intent to
Commit Murder).
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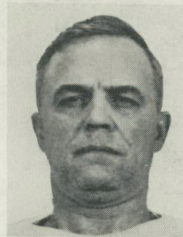
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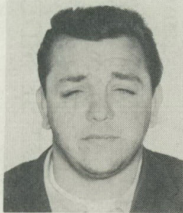


GEORGE EDWARD WELLS, also known as:
George W. Cox, Lloyd Kuczarski.
W; born 5-14-16; 5'8"; 165-175 lbs;
med bld; brn hair, gr; brn eyes; med
comp; occ - maintenance worker, painter.
Wanted by FBI for UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO
AVOID PROSECUTION (Armed Robbery);
INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF STOLEN
PROPERTY.
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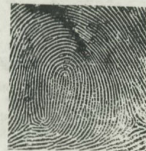
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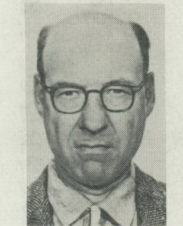
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CARMEN RAYMOND GAGLIARDI, also known as:
Carmelo Raimondo Gagliardi (true name),
Carmen R. Gagliardi.
W; born 10-1-40; 5'10 1/2"; 185-200 lbs;
hvy bld; blk hair; brn eyes; med comp;
occ - lab. Wanted by FBI for UNLAWFUL
FLIGHT TO AVOID PROSECUTION (Murder).
IDENTIFICATION ORDER #-4101
FBI#-566 944 D
DATE PHOTO TAKEN: 1965



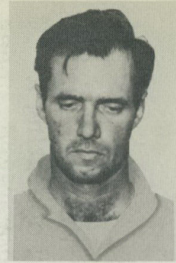
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GEORGE BENJAMIN WILLIAMS, also known as:
Allen Benjamin Colby, Ben Jackson,
George Benjamin William.
W; born 6-15-11; 5'6"; 155 lbs;
med bld; brn hair, gr, balding;
bl eyes; rdy comp; rt ring engr
amp; occ - const worker, dairy
worker, mech, miner, pipe fitter.
Wanted by FBI for BANK ROBBERY.
IDENTIFICATION ORDER #-4072
FBI#-497 062
DATE PHOTO TAKEN: 1965



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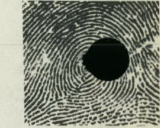
FRANKLIN ALLEN PARIS, also known as:
Franklin Allen Morrison, Al Paris,
Allie Paris, Frank Allen Paris, 11 S 1 U OOO 14 Ref: 9
Franklen Allen Paris. M 1 U OOI 12 1
W; born 1-20-34; 6'2"; 190-210 lbs;
med bld; brn hair; brn eyes; med comp;
occ - horse trader, horse trainer,
rancher. Wanted by FBI for UNLAWFUL
FLIGHT TO AVOID PROSECUTION (Burglary).
IDENTIFICATION ORDER #-4178
FBI#-595 084 A
DATE PHOTO TAKEN: 1966



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HOWARD CALLENS JOHNSON, also known as:
"Dirty Red."
N; born 4-14-16 (?); 5'9"; 160-170
lbs; med bld; blk hair; brn eyes;
med comp, freckled; occ - brickmason,
carpenter, lab. Wanted by FBI for
UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID PROSECUTION
(Murder).
IDENTIFICATION ORDER #-4039
FBI#-1 501 726
DATE PHOTO TAKEN: 1959



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JOHN WILLIAM CLOUSER, also known as:
Jack Clauser, John William Clauser,
Chuck A. Williams. MML
MMM
25 L 1 R OOO 8
L 1 U OOO 14
W; born 3-29-32; 5'9"; 175-200 lbs;
stky bld; blond hair, may be dyed blk;
bl eyes; rdy comp; occ - clerical
worker, stock clerk. Wanted by FBI
for INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF
STOLEN MOTOR VEHICLE.
IDENTIFICATION ORDER #-3837
FBI#-229 125 C
DATE PHOTO TAKEN: 1963



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GORDON DALE ERVIN, also known as:
Dale Ervin. I 31 W III 10
I 26 R OMM 9
W; born 5-30-26; 5'11"-6'0"; 170 lbs;
med bld; brn hair; bl eyes; med comp;
occ - carpenter, lifeguard, mach shop
worker, locomotive fireman, salesman,
shipyard worker, typist. Wanted by
FBI for UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID
CONFINEMENT (Armed Robbery).
IDENTIFICATION ORDER #-4087
FBI#-290 533 A
DATE PHOTO TAKEN: 1965



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DAVID STUART NEFF, also known as:
Steven Andrews, Solomon Baker, Steven
Greene, George Medina, David J. Neff, 19 O 17 W IOO 18
David Stewart Neff, Donald O'Brien. L 19 W OOO 16
W; born 12-26-36; 5'8"-5'9"; 190-200 lbs;
hvy bld; brn hair; brn eyes; med comp;
occ - horse trainer, lab, painter,
plumber, surveyor. Wanted by FBI for
BANK ROBBERY.
IDENTIFICATION ORDER #-4179
FBI#-524 874 D
DATE PHOTO TAKEN: 1965



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JAMES EARL RAY, also known as:
Eric Starvo Galt, W. C. Herron,
Harvey Lowmyer, James McBride,
John Willard, "Jim."
W; born 3-10-28; 5'10"; 163-174 lbs;
med bld; brn hair, poss out short; bl
eyes; med comp; occ - baker, color matcher,
lab. Wanted by FBI for CONSPIRING TO
INTERFERE WITH A CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT OF
A CITIZEN AND UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID
CONFINEMENT (Robbery).
IDENTIFICATION ORDER #-4182
FBI#-405 942 G
DATE PHOTO TAKEN: 1968

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1609)

FROM : SA DAVID G. JENKINS (#12)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CIVIL RIGHTS

DATE: 4/23/68

WILLIAM PERRY, Assistant to the President, N.M.U. 36 Seventh Avenue, NYC, called the reporting agent at 8:15 pm 4/19/68. He advised that one JEFF MERRITT who now works for N.M.U. and lives in their dorm on 17th Street, NYC, came to him and said that he had been in prison with JAMES EARL RAY at Missouri State Pen. He personally knew RAY in jail.

PERRY said that MERRITT was on parole, a negro, 6'4½", age 21 and a boxer. In fact he was fighting six rounds at N.M.U. Friday night. PERRY advised he would have MERRITT available for interview anytime the Bureau wanted to see him.

The night Supervisor was advised at 8:25 pm, 4/19/68, He said that MERRITT should be interviewed by Agents Friday night. PERRY was contacted and a meeting set up for the Agents to meet MERRITT at the 12th Street entrance of N.M.U. at 10:30 pm, 4/19/68.

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)
AND ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES

FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) (P)

MURKIN

OO: Memphis

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Also, it is to be noted that WALTER TERRY RIFE has been located and interviewed in this matter.

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
(OO:MEMPHIS)
Re HARVEY LOWMYER.

Serial 282

ReSPTel to Director, 4/23/68.

Revel sets forth records of Guarantee Savings and Loan Association of Livermore Valley, Oakland, Cal., indicating a joint account that institution in name of MARGARET G. LOHMEYER and MARIE GRIFFITH, 79 Magnolia St., Pearl River, NY.

Mrs. MARGARET G. LOHMEYER, 79 Magnolia St., Pearl River, NY, advised 4/24/68, that she and her mother, Mrs. MARIE GRIFFITH, have joint bank account at above institution. She advised California banks offer higher interest rates than NY banks. Above institution advertised in local publication offering this higher interest. LOHMEYER and mother opened bank account at above institution to take advantage of the higher interest rate.

LOHMEYER born, raised and has resided all her life in Pearl River, NY. She has never been to the State of California. HARVEY LOWMYER is unknown to her.

JOHN EARL RAY CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

- 3-Bureau (RM)
- 2-Memphis (44-1987) (RM)
- 1-San Francisco (173-65) (INFO) (RM)
- 1-New York

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, CINCINNATI (157-1893) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
CIVIL RIGHTS
OO: ME

serial 67

Re New York airtel to Bureau, 4/10/68.

After numerous unsuccessful efforts were made to contact and locate HAROLD F. PALMER, home address 1227 Laidlaw Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio, Mr. PALMER was located and interviewed at his place of employment, U. S. Department of Public Health, Taft Engineering Center, Cincinnati, Ohio, on 4/24/68. Mr. PALMER advised he is employed by the U. S. Public Health Service as an engineer.

Mr. PALMER readily admitted that he wrote instant letter to the Subscription Department of the New York Times and at the bottom printed "THE KING IS DEAD". He explained the reason for printing this inscription "THE KING IS DEAD" at the bottom of the letter was a result of himself being overjoyed in hearing the news either a day or two before 4/1/68, that President LYNDON JOHNSON was removing himself from seeking re-election for President for the next four years.

Mr. PALMER said that he had written several other letters shortly after President JOHNSON made this announcement and also printed "THE KING IS DEAD" at the bottom of these letters.

- 3 - Bureau (RM)
- 1 - Memphis (Info) (RM)
- 1 - New York (Info) (RM)
- 2 - Cincinnati

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He denied that this had anything to do with the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. and fully understood the FBI's action in contacting him in this regard.

In view of the above, no further action is being taken by the Cincinnati Office.

4/24/68

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, TAMPA (157-3231-264)

MURKIN
CR
(OO:ME)

RE: SUSPECT DENNIS A. HOLT

ReNYtel to TP, 4/22/68. *serial 311*

City and telephone directories, Clearwater, Fla., reflect DENNIS A. HOLT, 3262 San Pedro, Clearwater, telephone #726-2348, is operator of Holt Motors, 2107 U. S. Highway 19 South, Clearwater, telephone #531-2939 and 531-3162.

Pretext inquiry at Holt Motors reflected that HOLT is on vacation and is not expected to return for possibly one week.

Mrs. DENNIS A. HOLT, 3262 San Pedro, Clearwater, advised that her husband departed from Miami on Thursday, April 18, 1968, accompanied by a minister and possibly another individual to serve as an interpreter, en route to Brazil and other parts of South America in connection with missionary work. Mrs. HOLT observed photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, aka, and stated that he does not bear even a remote resemblance to her husband.

3 - Bureau
2 - Memphis (44-1987)
1 - Miami (Info)
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Miss PATTY LANIER, Pinellas Co. SO, Clearwater, advised that DENNIS ALVIN HOLT was arrested 3/30/67 on request of Manatee County, Fla. No charge shown. She said that HOLT, Pinellas County SO #54008, is described as a white male, born 1/7/29, Clearwater, Fla., 5'11", 160 lbs., brown hair, blue eyes, ruddy complexion, residence 3262 San Pedro, Clearwater. She said HOLT was fingerprinted at the time and return was received from the Identification Division of the FBI indicating no prior record.

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Date: 4-25-68

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Via Airtel _____
(Priority)

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SAC I
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SUPV. 23

To: SAC's, New York (44-1609)
Memphis (44-1987)

✓ From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re New York teletype 4-15-68.

The remaining unidentified latent fingerprints and the latent impressions in this case are not identical with the fingerprints of John Alfred Burns, Police Department, County of Nassau, Mineola, New York, #47211. No palm prints are available in our Identification Division files for Burns.

SA Tangel advised

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From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SUPERVISOR #23

FROM : SA MICHAEL T. MULLEN (#20)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/25/68

Per instructions of SA JOHN SHANLEY, the following persons affiliated with steamship companies carrying passengers in and out of the NY area were contacted and stops were placed with them. Wanted flyers regarding JAMES EARL RAY have also been sent to these individuals.

- ① JAMES ETHERSON
Chief of Security
Moore-McCormack Lines
Pier 23
Brooklyn, NY ✓
- ② ROBERT PRAHAR
Landing Agent
Greek Line
8 Bridge St.
NY, NY ✓
- ③ INGMAR EWERTZ
Landing Agent
Swedish-American Lines
34 Whitehall St.
NY, NY ✓
- ④ KRISTIAN S. HAAKONSEN
Landing Agent
Norwegian-American Line
29 Broadway
NY, NY ✓
- ⑤ EUGENE MARCHINI
Landing Agent
Incess Line
277 Park Ave.
NY, NY ✓

*These stops
all cancelled by
individual letters
dated 6/11/68*

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LEON ALEXANDER ✓
Landing Agent
Home Lines
Pier 84, North River
NY, NY

7
THOMAS LUBY ✓
Landing Agent
Cunard Lines
25 Broadway
NY, NY

8
WALTER LEY ✓
Landing Agent
North German Lloyd Lines
17 Battery Place
NY, NY

9
GEORGE DUNWOODIE ✓
Landing Agent
French Line
17 Battery Place
NY, NY

10
JAMES KOSTA ✓
Landing Agent
Italian Line
1 Whitehall St.
NY, NY

11
HOWARD CLINTON ✓
Landing Agent
United States Lines
1 Broadway
NY, NY

12
VINCENT TUZZOLINO ✓
Landing Agent
American Export Isbrandtsen
25 Broadway
NY, NY

13
BILL JOYCE ✓
Landing Agent
Grace Lines
Pier 40, North River
NY, NY

14
GUS MARATOS ✓
Hellenic Line
39 Broadway
NY, NY

15
AUKE VAN DER BAAN ✓
Landing Agent
Holland-American Lines
Pier 40, North River
NY, NY

16
D. O. DAVIS ✓
Isthmian Lines
90 Broad St.
NY, NY

17
GEORGE HAJJAR ✓
MSTS Security
Military Sea Transportation Service
Brooklyn Army Terminal
Brooklyn, NY

18
In order to effect the wide distribution of wanted flyers to non-passenger carrying ships entering the Port of NY, wanted flyers are being sent to Captain MITCHELL, Sandy Hook Pilot's Association, 6 State St., NY, NY, in that all ships entering or leaving NY Harbor are commanded by a harbor pilot belonging to this association.

19
Further, Commander O.W. HARRISON, US Coast Guard, advised that he would see that wanted flyers are posted with the US Coast Guard Inspectors who board US flag ships in the Port of NY.

20
Mr. H. T. CLABAULT, Ship Owners Claims Bureau, 25 Broad St., NY, NY, was furnished a wanted flyer since representatives from his office come in contact with many non-passenger carrying vessels entering the Port of NY.

Battery Park
New York, NY

F B I

Date: 4/25/68

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI AND
ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES
FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re Atlanta airtel to Director, 4/22/68.

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| 2 - Albuquerque | 2 - Kansas City | 2 - Portland |
| 2 - Anchorage | 2 - Knoxville | 2 - Richmond |
| 2 - Baltimore | 2 - Las Vegas | 2 - Sacramento |
| 2 - Birmingham | 2 - Little Rock | 2 - St. Louis |
| 2 - Boston | 2 - Los Angeles | 2 - Salt Lake City |
| 2 - Buffalo | 2 - Louisville | 2 - San Antonio |
| 2 - Butte | 2 - Memphis | 2 - San Diego |
| 2 - Charlotte | 2 - Miami | 2 - San Francisco |
| 2 - Chicago | 2 - Milwaukee | 2 - San Juan |
| 2 - Cincinnati | 2 - Minneapolis | 2 - Savannah |
| 2 - Cleveland | 2 - Mobile | 2 - Seattle |
| 2 - Columbia | 2 - Newark | 2 - Springfield |
| 2 - Dallas | 2 - New Haven | 2 - Tampa |
| 2 - Denver | 2 - New Orleans | 2 - WFO |
| 2 - Detroit | 2 - New York | 2 - Atlanta |
| 2 - El Paso | 2 - Norfolk | JJL:rjb |
| 2 - Honolulu | 2 - Oklahoma City | (119) |
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Special Agent in Charge

AT 44-2386

For information those offices not receiving reairtel, it was pointed out therein that Subject JAMES EARL RAY, aka. was last known to be in the Atlanta, Georgia, area on 4/5/68. Intensive investigation by Atlanta to date has not established mode of transportation RAY may have used after 4/5/68. Receiving Offices were requested in reairtel to check cars recovered their division that were stolen from the State of Georgia subsequent to 4/4/68, and where the transporter of same was not identified or otherwise accounted for, investigation should be conducted to determine if RAY was person who may have stolen and transported same.

Investigation reflects Subject RAY can be placed in the Atlanta, Georgia, area 3/24/68.

In view of the above, all Continental Offices are requested to review car recoveries within their respective territories of cars stolen from the State of Georgia subsequent to 3/23/68, and where the transporter of same is not otherwise eliminated or accounted for, consider Subject RAY as suspect. Where there is any remote indication that Subject RAY may have been person transporting such a car, exhaustive and intensive investigation should thereafter be conducted.

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Special Agent in Charge

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Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) -P-
RE: MURKIN
CR

serial 788

Re ME airtel to All Continental Offices, 4/19/68, requesting that all laundries determined to be using Thermo-Seal laundry marking machines be contacted in effort to locate laundry marking "20R-3", and LA teletype to Bureau, 4/18/68.

All offices discontinue efforts to locate inasmuch as laundry mark identified as coming from laundry in Culver City, California, per Los Angeles teletype to Bureau 4/18/68.

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- 1 - Each Continental Office
- 2 - Memphis

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Approved: *R Jensen*
Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M Per _____

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)

DATE: 4/25/68

FROM : SA JOSEPH TANGEL

SUBJECT: MURKIN

The following investigation was conducted by
SA JOSEPH TANGEL on 4/23/68:

JOAN YONELUNAS, Clerk, LEASE PLAN CORPORATION,
130 Steamboat Road, Great Neck, New York advised that
1966 Blue Chevrolet, NY Plates 9255 BU, VIN #156696S205775,
is presently leased to ADDRESSOGRAPH MULTIGRAPH CORPORATION,
1200 Babitt Road, Cleveland, Ohio.

To determine the identity of the employee of the
above company who is presently in possession of the vehicle,
the company would have to be contacted.

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175-6 Park Place
Brooklyn New York
April 23, 1968

Mr. Edward J. Hoover,

The Bureau of the Federal Bureau of
Investigation,
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir

I met a fellow at 432 Howard ^{and} on the
corner of Prospect Place, Brooklyn.
The same description of the sniper
that took the life of Dr. King.
He pulled out of his pocket a rent check
and I read the check of \$200 and the name
of the 2nd Ford was on it.
He told me that he found it and said
turn on the back of it he replied I can
cash it, I told him probably.
Then he showed me Sale papers of 2 cars
one had the same name on it, and the other
I didn't know.
He replied Can I sell this I said probably.
Give me a cigarette, I gave him one. # #
That's all I know.

Yours truly
Andy B. Cowden

F B I

Date: 4-26-68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via Airtel _____
(Priority)

To: SAC, New York

From: Director, FBI

MURKIN

Re Andy B. Cousen.

Enclosed for New York are two copies of a letter from Cousen dated April 23, 1968. One copy is enclosed for Memphis.

New York should immediately interview Cousen for any additional information he may have in his possession regarding the individual he talked with who may be identical with the subject, James Earl Ray.

1 - Memphis

Other copy destroyed

*Assigned
Kilgore
Covered - serial 453*

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW YORK

DATE: 4/26/68

FROM : JESSE C. HOUSE Jr. #12

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR

Sgt. LOPEZ, NYCPD, BSS, telephone #924-7334, telephonically contacted the NYO 11:15 am instant date to relay the following:

He received information from Sgt. KANIEM (Badge 860), NYCPD 61 pct., Brooklyn, N.Y. The latter received information from a family by the name MORCH, 155 Clarkson Ave., Brooklyn, N.Y., IN 2-8945. MORCH related that an individual with a very strong resemblance to subject being sought in captioned matter was looking for a room in his building and employment at the Kings County Hospital which is located nearby.

Sgt. LOPEZ advised that the tel. checks out to a SIDNEY N. MORCH at that address. LOPEZ advised that Sgt. KANIEM or MORCH want to be contacted by NYO re the matter for additional information.

4/26 - Contacted Morch who advised cwsos: appeared as above on Sat. 4/13/68. "scud" was looking for job pass. in hospital + also needed room. Morch did not have room but gave sense "So to return to Manhattan with + has not seen him since. Also stated some resemblance person photo of RAY. if that cut eyes + mouth. No further action being taken. Playford (23)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1609)

FROM : SA JAMES P. BOLAND (#23)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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DATE: 4/26/68

On 4/26/68, JOYCE DAVIS, 237 W. 13th St., NYC, telephone 691-2718, advised she was a teacher at P. S. 63, Williams Ave., Brooklyn, NY, for the Board of Education, was born 9/30/41, in Boone, North Carolina.

Miss DAVIS was in Charlotte, North Carolina on Easter vacation from 4/11/65 to 4/15/65, when she stayed with her sister-in-law, BARBARA SUE FORBES, 404 Berkshire Road, Charlotte. FORBES advised her that she had been talking to DAVIS' brother-in-law, DAVID MC GEE, 404 Berkshire Road, Charlotte, at one time, and he said MARTIN LUTHER KING was going to get killed in Charlotte or Memphis. FORBES said he seemed to know KING would be killed.

FORBES noticed that JOYCE DAVIS was upset and stated she hoped DAVID would not say anything about it or "David would kill me."

Miss DAVIS pointed out that this conversation took place after KING's murder. She had no idea when MC GEE had made his statements to FORBES.

RAY ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
CIVIL RIGHTS
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reNYairtel to Bu, Atlanta and Memphis dated 4/22/68.

Concerning Broadcast originating with Public Broadcast Laboratory (PBL), NYC, on Poor Peoples March on Washington.

GREG SHUKER, Producer, PBL, NYC, advised on 4/25/68, that his office is in receipt of a letter from Mr. and Mrs. R. WINSTON DRINKARD, 15 South Main Street, South Norwalk, Conn., telephone number 838-3904 (area code 203), concerning captioned matter. The letter was forwarded to PBL by WNDT, Channel 13, TV, NYC, who carried a broadcast by PBL on 4/9/68. This is a repeat of the same broadcast referred to in referenced communication concerning the "poor people's March on Washington".

SHUKER made available the letter which was directed to the General Manager-WNDT, TV and dated 4/9/68, which relates in part as follows:

- 3-Bureau
- 2-Atlanta (Encl. 3)
- 1-Memphis (Encl. 3) (Info)
- 1-New Haven (Encl. 3) (Info)
- ①-New York

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"General Manager - WNDT

On April 9, 1968, your station had a program on entitled PBL Broadcast concerning the few months prior to Dr. Martin Luther King's death.

At 7:04 the camera settled on a man for a few moments (the time was right after the speaker had introduced Dr. King and his wife and Dr. King stood up to talk. Dr. King said he had never before spoke to such an ethnic group of people). This man bears a striking resemblance to the sketch of the assassin which has been published in the papers.

I have never written a letter like this before so please don't jump to the conclusion that it is a "crank letter". I and my husband feel very strongly about this that the man shown at 7:04 during the PBL program. Please, please review this tape again and see for yourself."

NYO reviewed the overall film on questioned broadcast with PBL and is enclosing three excerpts from film to Atlanta, depicting person referred to in above letter so that similar investigation through appropriate officials of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) as previously requested in referenced airtel, can be conducted in order to identify this person for elimination purposes concerning subject JAMES EARL RAY.

Also enclosed for New Haven and Memphis are three photographs developed from questioned television tape.

It is further noted that the questioned film was taken on 3/14/68, at Paschal's Motel, on Hunter Street in Atlanta.

For information of Atlanta, enclosed excerpts from film were taken from a group discussion of people during which time MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., addressed the group, along with others.

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The entire film relative to the broadcast by PBL which appeared on TV in various parts of the country on April 7 and 4/9/68, has been viewed by the NYO. Since the broadcast is on Video tape and quite lengthy with only a very limited portion involving the two men pointed out as look-a-likes to "sketches" of the assassin of KING, the tapes were not obtained from PBL. They are available in further needed.

NYO is conducting no further investigation relative to the PBL Broadcast.

Subject RAY is considered Armed and Dangerous.

4/26/68

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC OKLAHOMA CITY (44-686) (P)

MURKIN
CIVIL RIGHTS
OO Memphis

Re New York airtel to the Director 4/23/68, and
Oklahoma City tel to the Director, 4/18/68.

On 4/26/68, Mrs. DONOVAN D. (NORMAN A.) WOODSIDE, 309
Elmwood Drive, Edmond, Oklahoma, was reinterviewed and IO 4182
displayed to her. Mrs. WOODSIDE said the individual she saw on
American Airlines Flight 338 from Dallas, Texas, to Philadelphia,
Pennsylvania, on 4/6/68, very strongly resembled RAY and she
believes him to be identical with RAY. She stated she first
noticed this individual in the Love Field Terminal, American
Airlines, Waiting Area, a few moments prior to boarding this
flight. Mrs. WOODSIDE said she could not locate her ticket
stub, but believes she occupied seat 14-C, an aisle seat on the
left side of the plane, in the tourist section, and that the above
individual occupied the aisle seat one row up on the right.

Mrs. WOODSIDE said this individual did not get off
the plane when it landed at Friendship Airport in Baltimore, Md.,
did not converse with anyone on the plane, and carried no luggage.

- Conrad handling*
- 3 - Bureau
 - 1 - Dallas (Info)
 - 2 - Memphis (44-1987)
 - ② - New York (44-1609)
 - 1 - Philadelphia (44-1368) (Info)
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She informed he deplaned at Philadelphia, Pa., and she lost sight of him when her husband met her at the airport. Mrs. WOODSIDE related her husband is employed by RCA International Service Company, Camden, New Jersey, as Area Manager. He is presently on an assignment in the Azores, but at the time was working out of Camden, N. J. Mrs. WOODSIDE said she made the trip to spend Easter with her husband, and returned to Edmond, Oklahoma, on 4/16/68. Mrs. WOODSIDE stated she did not know any of the people on Flight 338.

Mrs. WOODSIDE said she has made so many trips by air that she now spends her time watching other passengers. She noticed that the above individual was visibly nervous, pulled at both of his ears and his nose and would rub the back of his neck, going from one to the other almost in one motion. She also noticed he had bitten his fingernails up to the quick. He spent some time listening to the radio, using the headset in the seat pocket in front of him and often removed these from his ears only to replace them in a few moments. While waiting for the plane to depart Dallas, he nervously directed his gaze out the window as if looking for someone. Mrs. WOODSIDE said at the time she thought he was afraid to fly, which resulted in his nervous manifestations. He appeared so nervous, Mrs. WOODSIDE said, that she thought he might "pass out."

Mrs. WOODSIDE described the above individual as follows:

Race	White
Age	35-40
Height	5'10"
Weight	170-180
Hair	Medium brown, worn long with a tendency to have a little wave
Complexion	Medium
Scars and marks	None noted
Peculiarities	Extremely nervous - pulled at both ears, nose and rubbed the back of neck, going from one to the other almost in one motion; bit fingernails up to the quick; nose has slight hump just below eye level which protrudes slightly up and out to both sides of nose.