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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI and
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FROM: SAC, NEW YORK

MURKIN; CIVIL RIGHTS; OO: MEMPHIS (44-1609)

KENSALT; CIVIL RIGHTS; OO: LOS ANGELES (44-NEW)

MRS. DOROTHEA BARTON, NEE CHILDS, RESIDENCE TWO FIVE ZERO WEST ONE HUNDRED FOURTH STREET, APARTMENT FIVE FOUR, NEW YORK CITY, ADVISED THIS DATE THAT HER EX DASH HUSBAND, BOYD ROBERT BARTON, LAST KNOWN ADDRESS, ONE ZERO EIGHT FIVE ZERO KLING STREET, NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA, IS A MEMBER OF A "CULT" FOUNDED BY DR. (FIRST NAME UNKNOWN) ARMSTRONG WHO IS CONNECTED WITH THE AMBASSADOR COLLEGE, PASADENA, CALIFORNIA. SHE STATED THAT ONE OF THE MAIN BELIEFS OF THE CULT, NAME OF CULT UNKNOWN, IS THAT THE END OF THE WORLD IS EMINENT WITHIN FIVE YEARS. ONE OF THE PURPOSES OF THE CULT IS TO RID THE WORLD OF SOME OF ITS THIEVERY AND OTHER BAD FACTORS WITHIN THIS PERIOD OF TIME.

MRS. BARTON STATED SHE OVERHEARD STATEMENTS MADE BY MEMBERS OF THE CULT, APPROXIMATELY ONE YEAR AGO, REGARDING

- ① - New York (44-1609)
- 1 - New York (44-NEW) (KENSALT)
- 1 - Memphis (44-1987) (AM)
- 1 - Supv. #23
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FBI NEW YORK

5:18 PM URGENT 6-6-68 AWS

TO DIRECTOR AND LOS ANGELES (PLAIN)

LOS ANGELES VIA WASHINGTON

FROM NEW YORK

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June 7, 1968

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MURKIN

RE: DONALD STOUT

SUSPECT - CO-CONSPIRATOR

RE: NEW YORK TELEPHONE CALL JUNE FOUR, SIX EIGHT. ON JUNE FOUR, SIX EIGHT. INVESTIGATION AT AVIS RENT-A-CAR, SOUTH BEND, IND. REVEALED INDIVIDUAL IN QUESTION WAS RAY C. STOUT, THREE SEVEN FIVE ONE MCKINLEY, DEARBORN, MICHIGAN. STOUT IS EMPLOYED BY VANDA COSMETICS, ORLANDO, FLA. HE USED AMERICAN EXPRESS CREDIT CARD [REDACTED]

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TO DIRECTOR NEW YORK MEMPHIS
FROM LOS ANGELES 56-156

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MURKIN; CIVIL RIGHTS; 00: MEMPHIS.

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serial 621
RE NEW YORK TEL TO DIRECTOR AND LOS ANGELES JUNE SIX
LAST.

INDICES NEGATIVE ON ALL PERSONS NAMED IN REFERENCED
TELETYPE.

INVESTIGATION LOS ANGELES THIS DATE DISCLOSES THAT
"CULT" REFERRED TO BY DOROTHEA BARTON *nee CHILDS* IS THE RADIO CHURCH
OF GOD WITH HEADQUARTERS AT AMBASSADOR COLLEGE, PASADENA,
CALIF. SGT. RICHARD E. SMITH, PASADENA PD, ADVISED THAT
DR. HERBERT ARMSTRONG IS BOTH PRESIDENT OF THE AMBASSADOR
COLLEGE AND FOUNDER OF THE RADIO CHURCH WHICH IS EXTREMELY

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INFLUENTIAL AND WELL KNOWN THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE WESTERN HEMISPHERE. DR. ARMSTRONG DESCRIBED AS REPUTABLE MINISTER AND EXTREMELY WELL REGARDED. RADIO CHURCH OF GOD TEACHES STRICT ADHERENCE TO THE TEN COMMANDMENTS, IS MULTI-RACIAL AND NONPOLITICAL.

FORMER LANDLORD OF BOYD ROBERT BARTON AT ONE ZERO EIGHT FIVE ZERO KLING ST., NORTH HOLLYWOOD, DESCRIBES BARTON AS REPUTABLE STABLE INDIVIDUAL WHO APPEARED RELIGIOUS, QUIET LIVING AND NEVER INDICATED ANY EXTREMISM IN ANY FORM. STATED SHE WAS IN BARTON'S APARTMENT ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS AND NEVER SAW ANY EXPLOSIVES OR FIREARMS. BARTON INTERVIEWED THIS DATE AT PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT AND DENIES POSSESSION OF ANY EXPLOSIVES NOW OR DURING PERTINENT PERIOD AND EMPHATICALLY DENIED EVER DISCUSSING OR ADVOCATING ASSASSINATION OF KING OR TO BLOW UP UNITED NATIONS BUILDING. HE IDENTIFIED MONSEE, JOHNSON AND ARMSTRONG AS WELL MEMBERS OF THE RADIO CHURCH OF GOD AND STATED THAT THE BELIEFS OF THE RADIO CHURCH OF GOD ARE STRICTLY CONTRARY TO VIOLENCE AND PREACH STRICT ADHERENCE TO THE TEN COMMANDMENTS THEREBY ABHORING RACISM, ANTI SEMITISM OR VIOLENCE IN ANY FORM.

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BARTON ADVISED THAT HE AND WIFE ATTEMPTED A RECONCILIATION APPROXIMATELY ONE YEAR AGO UNSUCCESSFULLY. AFTER A BRIEF VISIT TO HIM IN LOS ANGELES, SHE RETURNED TO NEW YORK. BARTON DESCRIBED HIS EX WIFE AS A HEAVY DRINKER WHO HAS HAD SEVERAL MARRIAGES. HE STATED THEY PARTED ON A BITTER NOTE AS SHE EXPECTED MORE FINANCIAL HELP FROM HIM ON THE TRIP THAN HE WAS WILLING TO PROVIDE.

IN VIEW OF THE FAVORABLE REPUTATION OF THE RADIO CHURCH OF GOD AND OF ITS LEADER, DR. HERBERT ARMSTRONG, THE ALLEGATION BY MRS. BARTON APPEARS BASELESS AND NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION APPEARS WARRANTED AT THIS TIME. SECRET SERVICE NOTIFIED. ONE HUNDRED FIFTEENTH MIG, REGION II, PASADENA NOTIFIED, LOCAL AUTHORITIES ADVISED.

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TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, CHICAGO,
DALLAS, HOUSTON, INDIANAPOLIS, JACKSONVILLE, KANSAS CITY,
LOS ANGELES, LOUISVILLE, MINNEAPOLIS, NEW YORK, OKLAHOMA CITY,
SACRAMENTO, SAN FRANCISCO, SEATTLE, ST. LOUIS AND SPRINGFIELD.
FROM MEMPHIS 44-1987

MURKIN.

RECEIVING OFFICES DISCONTINUE EFFORTS TO LOCATE PAUL
OSBORN BRIDGEMAN, MSP NUMBER ONE ZERO ONE THREE FOUR, AS
HE WAS LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED BY MINNEAPOLIS DIVISION
THIS DATE. ARMED AND DANGEROUS. P. END.

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TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re GEORGE (LNU) at Oasis Bar and Terminal Hotel.

Re Atlanta TT to Bureau dated 6/5/68. — serial 626

Investigation at The Oasis, 206 W. 23rd St., NYC,
and Terminal Hotel, 184 11th Ave., NYC, negative regarding
subject JAMES EARL RAY.

SUBJECT RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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1 - New York

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TO ALL SACS

FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861

MURKIN

SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY APPREHENDED AT LONDON,
ENGLAND, JUNE EIGHT INSTANT. DISCONTINUE EFFORTS TO LOCATE
AND REMOVE ALL STOPS.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO :SAC, NY (44-1609)

DATE: 6/10/68

FROM :SUPERVISOR FRANCIS P. COFFEY, #12

SUBJECT: JAMES EARL RAY
I.O. NO. 4182
"TEN MOST WANTED FUGITIVES" PUBLICITY

On 6/10/68 Mr. EDWARD GIBBONS of "True Detective" Magazine was telephonically advised that captioned individual no longer is being sought by this Bureau, and he was requested to cancel fugitive data previously furnished him concerning RAY.

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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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CHARLES J. RUSSHON
"TODAY" SHOW
WRCA & WRCA-TV
WCBS-RADIO
WNEW-RADIO
WHN-RADIO
NYC HOUSING AUTHORITY
NATIONAL POLICE GAZETTE
WABC-RADIO (THAYER)
NATIONAL ENQUIRER
PORT CHESTER PD
PUTNAM COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPT.
NY STATE POLICE (BREWSTER,
FISHKILL, PEEKSKILL)
WAPC-RADIO
ROCKLAND PD
WNYC-TV
WNEW-TV
PORT OF NY AUTHORITY PD
US MARSHAL, EDNY
QUEENS DA SQUAD
INSIDE NEWS
CRIMINAL COURT, NYC

"JET" MAGAZINE
HUDSON REGISTER-STAR
THE GASOLINE RETAILER
ELLENVILLE PRESS
NYCPD (320 Precincts)
SUFFOLK COUNTY PD
US MARSHAL, SDNY
NYC TRANSIT POLICE
WVIP-RADIO
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WHITE PLAINS PD
WGLI-RADIO
ASSOCIATED PRESS
ROBERT REINHART
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J. Shanley

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, New York (44-1609)

DATE: 6/11/68

FROM : SA John F. Shanley

SUBJECT: MURKIN

The attached letter dated 6/11/68 was sent to all twenty individuals listed on serial 383 which is a memo dated 4/25/68 of SA Michael T. Mullen. This action cancels all of the stops in instant matter placed by serial 383.



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ROUTING SLIP TO ALL FIELD OFFICES

FROM: *RCW* SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

RE: JAMES EARL RAY, aka -
FUGITIVE
CR - CONSPIRACY; UFAC - ROBBERY

OO: MEMPHIS

Re report of SA JOE C. HESTER 6/5/68 at Memphis.

Page 17, paragraph 4, line 6 - 12/17/67, should
be 12/7/67.

Please correct your copies.

SAC ROBERT G. JENSEN

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

201 East 69th Street
New York, New York 10021

June 11, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Dear Sir:

As you are doubtless aware, James Earl Ray has been apprehended. He was the subject of Wanted Flyer number 442-A, dated April 19, 1968, which was previously furnished to you by this office.

Your cooperation in this matter is indeed appreciated.

Very truly yours,

JOHN F. MALONE

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SUPERIOR POLICE WORK

The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., noted Negro civil rights leader, was murdered in Memphis, Tenn., April 4.

Last Saturday—June 8—the leading suspect in the case, James Earl Ray, was arrested at London airport.

Assistant U.S. Attorney General Fred Vinson is in London now, working for Ray's early—it is hoped—extradition to the U.S.A. Trial in Memphis should follow shortly thereafter.

No one should prejudge Ray. He has not been tried for the King killing; and in this country a person is deemed innocent until proved guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

But it is not too early to extend enthusiastic salutes to the police organizations involved in Ray's apprehension—our own Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, London's world-famous Scotland Yard, and any other group or groups which may have helped on the quiet.

Catching Ray necessitated a lot of brilliant, complex and laborious police and detective work of many kinds. We are delighted that this work got the desired results, and in a comparatively short time.

We're especially pleased with reference to the FBI. It and its great director, J. Edgar Hoover, are hated and feared by certain groups and individuals around the country. Some of these have been putting it about that the FBI was dragging its feet in the King case, if it was working on the case at all. To see these gentry so effectively refuted is a pleasure of the first water.



J. Edgar Hoover

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FORMERLY SCHOOL TEACHER, HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DIST. TATUM
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
(ATT: LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CIVIL RIGHTS
(OO: MEMPHIS)

RE THREAT AGAINST LIFE OF JAMES EARL RAY.

Enclosed herewith to the Bureau is an anonymous letter dated June 10, 68 which is set forth in full below. The envelope in which the letter was received is also enclosed.

The Latent Fingerprint Section is requested to determine if any fingerprints of value are on either the letter or the envelope. It is requested that results of this examination be furnished to the Memphis Office.

The letter is as follows:

"Federal Bureau of Investigation "June 10, 68

"Gentlemen:

"I believe it to be of interest to you to know of a plan afoot to take Ray from the authorities upon his arrival in the U.S. The people involved have expressed themselves as being undaunted if he is surrounded by 100 Federal

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"Marshals or FBI personnel. They anticipate a large protective force but will not be stopped and expect to lose several in the attempt but there will be martyrs. They have anticipated his surprise return and have placed watchers at every conceivable airport including Air Force landing areas.

"Because of possible reprisals I must abstain from signing this note to you. I am deeply concerned and hope that no one is hurt."

FBI

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TO: SAC, ALBANY
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P
MURKIN

In view of subject's apprehension, any office having outstanding leads or requests for circularization in any publication of any kind should cancel outstanding request now.

A & D.

2 Albany
1 All Continental Offices
1 Memphis

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JAMES EARL RAY ADDED TO FBI's LIST



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 list 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 win-

dow of a nearby rooming house, felled the victim.

An exhaustive FBI fingerprint search, comparing latent fingerprints uncovered in the Dr. King case against fingerprints of over 53,000 persons on whom wanted notices have been posted in the FBI's Identification Division, succeeded in determining that Galt and Ray are identical.

A Federal warrant, issued at Birmingham, Alabama, on April 17, 1968 charges Ray, under the alias Eric Starvo Galt, with conspiring to interfere with a Constitutional Right of a United States citizen. Ray is also sought for unlawful interstate flight to avoid confinement after conviction for armed robbery, based on a Federal warrant issued on July 20, 1967, at Jefferson City,

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Missouri. He had been confined at the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, in March, 1960, with a 20-year sentence following conviction for armed robbery and operating a motor vehicle without permission of the owner. In September, 1966, while serving the sentence, he was confined for a time in the maximum security ward at the State Hospital, Fulton, Missouri. He was reported missing from the Missouri State Penitentiary since April 23, 1967.

Ray, who has an arrest record dating back to 1949 and has been convicted of burglary, armed robbery and forging United States Postal Money Orders, has also been confined in the Los Angeles County Jail, the Joliet and Pontiac, Illinois, State Prisons and the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas.

Ray is a 40-year-old white male, reportedly born in Illinois on March 10, 1928. He is approximately 5 ft., 10 in. tall, weighs from 163 to 174 pounds, has blue eyes and brown hair which he has worn cut short. He has a small scar on the center of his forehead and a scar on the palm of his right hand.

He has been described as having a straight, narrow nose and straight and even teeth and to have a nervous habit of occasionally tugging at an ear lobe. His left ear protrudes noticeably.

Acquaintances describe him as a "loner" and "drifter" whose language and diction reflect a "rural" quality and indicate he has had limited education.

He is reportedly a fan of western and country music, drinks vodka and beer, dresses neatly and claims past employment as a merchant seaman and cook on Mississippi River vessels. He is known to have worked as a baker, laborer and color matcher.

He is known as an avid dancer who has taken dancing lessons. He also completed a course at a school of bartending in the Los Angeles area early in 1968.

Ray should be considered armed and extremely dangerous. Anyone with information concerning this fugitive is requested to immediately contact the nearest office of the FBI, the telephone number of which may be found on the first page of local telephone directories.



Photo shows what Dr. Martin Luther King's assassin must have seen through telescopic gunsight. This picture was taken from behind simulated crosshairs.

REPORT
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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**Date: **June 18, 1968**Re: **MURKIN
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Result of examination:

Specimens Q373 and Q374 were searched through the appropriate sections of the Anonymous Letter File and against items which have been submitted in the "MURKIN" case but no identification could be made.

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Physical characteristics of the two items submitted have been noted for possible future reference.

The two items submitted will be returned separately. Photographs were made.

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✓ From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

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RENYTELCALL TO BUREAU SIX TWENTY ONE, SIXTY EIGHT.
ROBERT SIMON, CBS-NEWS, NYY, NY. TELEPHONICALLY
FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION AT EIGHT PM THIS DATE-
MR. SIMON STATED AT SIX TWENTY AM, SIX TWENTY ONE,
SIXTY EIGHT A TELEPHONE CALL WAS RECEIVED BY CBS-NEWS FROM
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STATEMENT."

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Approved: J. J. [Signature]

Special Agent in Charge

Sent 10²⁵P

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COLE BEFORE HANGING UP FURNISHED HIS PHONE NUMBER AS AREA CODE FIVE ONE THREE - EIGHT NINE FIVE - NINE EIGHT SEVEN EIGHT.

SIMON ADVISED CBS DETERMINED THIS WAS A GOOD NUMBER FOR HAMILTON, OHIO AND THE ADDRESS WAS ONE THREE SEVEN NORTH SECOND STREET, HAMILTON, OHIO.

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UPSET AND TOOK THE GUN OUT. SIMON SAID COLE CAN DESCRIBE THE GUN.

MR. SIMON SAID CBS-NEWS WAS TAKING NO FURTHER ACTION
ON ABOVE INFORMATION AND FURNISHED SAME TO THIS BUREAU
FOR ANY ACTION DEEMED ADVISABLE.

CINCINNATI

AT HAMILTON, OHIO. ONE - WILL LOCATE AND THOROUGHLY
INTERVIEW COLE, ONE THREE SEVEN NORTH SECOND STREET, OBTAIN
FULL FACTS REGARDING INCIDENT OF JANUARY FIVE, SIXTY EIGHT AT
WINCHESTER, VIRGINIA.

TWO - CONDUCT LOCAL BACKGROUND CHECKS RE COLE.

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