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Police Department Saint Louis, Missouri	James Earl #81071	Ray	October 16, 1959	suspicion of robbery stealing and fugitive other authorities	
State Penitentiary Jefferson City, Missouri	Janes Earl #00416	Ray	March 17, 1960	"TC" operating mot vehicle witho permission of owner robbery first "b/m DDW" (2 charges)	ut concurrent)
State Hospital Number 1 Fulton, Missouri	James Earl #37045 C-5		September 8, 1966	Patient	
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MEMPHIS

KANSAS CITY (44-760) 3.42

ST. LOUIS - 4.03 P

OKLAHOMA CITY - 4.23 P

FROM:

OMAHA (44-310) (P)

MURKIN

RE KANSAS CITY TELETYPE APRIL TWENTYTHREE LAST.

INVESTIGATION WAVERLY, IOWA, DISCLOSED ROBERT DALE
PORTER, FBI NUMBER FOUR FIVE NINE ZERO FOUR EIGHT TWO,
ARRIVED IOWA DECEMBER EIGHT OR NINE LAST FOLLOWING RELEASE
FROM MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY, JEFFERSON CITY, WHERE
SENTENCE SERVED ON ROBBERY CHARGE. PORTER DEPARTED
WAVERLY FEBRUARY TWENTYSEX OR TWENTYSEVEN LAST AND HAS NOT
BEEN IN CONTACT WITH FAMILY SINCE. PORTER TOOK WATCH AND
RING FROM HIS MOTHER WHEN HE LEFT WAVERLY.

PORTER ALSO TOOK PERSONALIZED CHECKS OF PARENTS, MR.

AND MRS. HAROLD PORTER, ONE ZERO THREE AND ONE HALF EAST

BREMER, WAVERLY, AND HAS PASSED FRAUDULENT CHECKS AT

DES MOINES, IOWA, AND NORTH PLATTE, NEBRASKA, IN EARLY MARCH,

NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT. PORTER'S FORMER WIFE, MARY PORTER, WAS

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IN WAVERLY, IOWA, UNTIL MID MARCH, NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT,
WHEN SHE RETURNED TO KANGAS CITY, MISSOURI, AREA, PRESENT
ADDRESS OR EMPLOYMENT UNKNOWN TO PORTER FAMILY.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK, WAVERLY, HAS RECEIVED NO FRAUDULENT CHECKS WRITTEN BY ROBERT DALE PORTER ON PARENTS' ACCOUNT SINCE EARLY MARCH, NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT. WAVERLY SHERIFF'S OFFICE HAS HAD NO INQUIRY ABOUT PORTER SINCE NINETEEN SIXTYONE, RECORDS SHOW HE HAS ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI POLICE DEPARTMENT NUMBER FIVE SIX TWO TWO NINE.

WAVERLY POLICE DEPARTMENT FILES SHOW PORTER RECEIVED
MONEY IN FEBRUARY, NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT, FROM MRS. CARMEN
RAMAGE, OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA, FOR BUS TICKET WAVERLY
TO OKLAHOMA CITY. RAMAGE INTERVIEWED BY OKLAHOMA CITY
DETECTIVE A. S. JOHNSON, WHO INFORMED WAVERLY POLICE DEPARTMENT BY LETTER MARCH FOUR LAST THAT PORTER DID NOT ARRIVE
OKLAHOMA CITY.

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AT CLARINDA, IOWA, FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES,
ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY POUNDS, BROWN HAIR, BLUE EYES, TATTOOS
QUOTE MOM AND DAD END QUOTE ON LEFT FOREARM; QUOTE BOB LOVES
WINNIE END QUOTE ON RIGHT FOREARM; QUOTE CHERYLE END QUOTE
ON RIGHT BICEP; ARMY AIR FORCE INSIGNIA ON LEFT UPPER
ARM. PORTER HAS DAUGHTER VICKI PORTER, AGE TEN OR ELEVEN
YEARS BY FIRST MARRIAGE, LIVING CALIFORNIA, LOCATION UNKNOWN.

FOR INFORMATION ST. LOUIS AND OKLAHOMA CITY, REFERENCED KANSAS CITY TELETYPE STATES JACK FOX LANPHERE, WARSAW, MISSOURI, FORMER INMATE, MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY, ADVISED A ROBERT DALE PORTER, FBI NUMBER FOUR FIVE NINE ZERO FOUR TWO, MAY HAVE BEEN INVOLVED WITH RAY IN KING MURDER. STATED PORTER CALLED HIM APRIL THIRTEEN LAST AT CITY UNION MISSION, WARSAW, MISSOURI. LANPHERE BELIEVES PORTER RECENTLY PAROLED MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY. PORTER TOLD HIM HE WAS IN SERIOUS TROUBLE, HAD TO KEEP MOVING, AND WANTED LANPHERE'S HELP. INDICATED WANTED MONEY FROM LANPHERE BUT TOLD PORTER

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HE DID NOT WANTAANYTHING TO DO WITH HIM AND DID NOT WANT TO SEE HIM. PORTER SAID HE WAS STAYING AT OSAGE HOTEL IN WARSAW AND THREATENED LANPHERE THAT WHEN HE RETURNED TO MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY FOR SOME VIOLATION PORTER'S FRIENDS WOULD KILL HIM IF HE DID NOT HELP PORTER NOW.

LANPHERE ADVISED PORTER KNOWS JAMES RAY VERY WELL. WAS AT MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY FROM NINETEEN SIXTY THROUGH FEBRUARY, NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT. STATED PORTER WOULD DO ANYTHING FOR MONEY. ADVISED THAT PORTER IS A WHITE MALE, AGE FORTY, FIVE FEET NINE INCHES, HUNDRED SEVENTYFIVE, CREWCUT HAIR, GRAYING, PRESCRIPTION GREEN-TINTED GLASSES. RELATIVES LIVE IN IOWA. PORTER HAS DONE TIME AT FORT MADISON, IOWA PENITENTIARY.

OWNER, OSAGE HOTEL, WARSAW, MISSOURI, ADVISED HER
REGISTRATION BOOKS SHOW REGISTRATION FOR ROBERT DALE PORTER,
WAVERLY, IOWA, ON APRIL TWELVE LAST. TOLD HER HE HAD BEEN
HITCHHIKING, HAD COME FROM TEXAS, AND WAS EN ROUTE TO IOWA.

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HE WAS CARRYING ONLY A SMALL DUFFLE BAG.

KANSAS CITY ATTEMPT TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW MARY PORTER,
FORMER WIFE, ROBERT DALE PORTER, REPORTEDLY EMPLOYED AS
WAITRESS. MARY PORTER'S PAST RESIDENCES OR EMPLOYMENT
PROBABLY SHOWN MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY FILES.

OKLAHOMA CITY LOCATE AND INTERVIEW BETTY RAMAGE, ADDRESS AVAILABLE THROUGH OKLAHOMA CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT RECORDS.

ST. LOUIS CHECK ST. LOUIS POLICE DEPARTMENT RECORDS ON ROBERT DALE PORTER, NUMBER FIVE SIX TWO TWO NINE, FOR ASSOCIATES AND SOURCES WHO MAY KNOW HIS PRESENT LOCATION.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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616PM 4/24/68 URGENT WHD

TO: OMAHA

FROM: NEW ORLEANS (157-10673) (P)

MURKIN: CR.

RE NEBRASKA LIC FOUR THREE SIX ZERO NINE TWO

ON APRIL TWENTYFOUR, SIXTYEIGHT, MRS. W. E. DAVIS, ONE
EIGHT THREE FOUR COUNTRY CLUB DRIVE, BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA,
ADVISED THAT AT APPROXIMATELY FOUR O'CLOCK PM, APRIL
TWENTYTHIRD, SIXTYEIGHT, SHE OBSERVED A WHITE MALE,
RESEMBLING JAMES EARL RAY, LEAVING CITY PAWN SHOP. INDIVIDUAL
WAS DRIVING A SIXTYFIVE CHEVROLET OR PONTIAC, COLOR OFF WHITE,
BEARING NEBRASKA LICENSE FOUR THREE SIX DASH ZERO NINE TWO

MURRAY HOROWITZ, CITY PAWN SHOP, BATON ROUGE, LA., ADVISED
HE HAD NO CUSTOMERS ON APR. TWENTYTHIRD, SIXTYEIGHT, RESEMBLING
JAMES EARL RAY. HE STATED ONE CUSTOMER LLOYD BEECHLET, CARE OF
WESTERNER MOTEL, PORT ALLEN, HOCKED A BOX OF TOOLS AT
APPROXIMATELY FOUR PM, APR. TWENTYTHIRD, SIXTYEIGHT.
BEECHLEY DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE; SIX FEET, FOUR INCHES,
ONE SIX FIVE POUNDS, BROWN HAIR AND EYES, AGE THIRTYFOUR.

OMAHA AT LINCOLN, NEBRASKA. IDENTIFY OWNER OF
NEBRASKA LICENSE FOUR THREE SIX ZERO NINE TWO, AND ATTEMPT
TO OBTAIN DESCRIPTIVE DATA RE OWNER, CURRENT ADDRESS.
AIR MAIL COPY SENT MEMPHIS.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END.

COULD YOU CLARIFY LIC NUMBER HAS TO BE FOUR DASH ETC OR FOUR THREE

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

DASH ETC THE LICENSE I HAVE IS 436-092 IS CORRI

CANT BE BUT WILL CHECK ALL POSSIBLITYES

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FBI OMAHA

Date: 4/24/68

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TO:

BUREAU

NEW YORK MEMPHIS BIRMINGHAM

FROM:

OMAHA (44-310)

MURKIN. RE OMAHA TEL APRIL NINETEEN, LAST, REGARDING SUBSCRIBERS TO U.S. CAMERA UNDER THE NAMES ERIC STARVO GALT, AKA HARVEY LOWMEYER, HARVEY LOWMYER AND JOHN WILLARD.

EARL LANDBERG, SUBSCRIPTION MANAGER, COWLES COMMUNICATION INC., DES MOINES, IOWA, ADVISED THIS DATE REVIEW OF SUBSCRIPTION LISTS NEGATIVE REGARDING ABOVE NAMES.

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TO : SAC, OMAHA (44-310)

DATE: 4-22-68

FROM : SA L. JOSEPH HERSLEY

SUBJECT: MURKIN:

On the morning of Saturday, April 20, 1968 Sheriff Russell Watters, Wapello County Sheriff's Office, Ottumwa, Iowa telephonically contacted the writer at his residence and advised the Wapello County Sheriff's Office had just arrested a man for vagrancy. The man, according to Sheriff Watters, was similar in appearance to JAMES EARL RAY. Sheriff WATTERS stated he definitely did not feel that the individual he had under arrest was RAY, but he stated there is a remote possibility that he is RAY.

The furnished the name of the individual in question as WILLIAM IRVIN LATHAM, white male American, born at Atlanta, Georgia. He further described LATHAM as 5' 11", 145 lbs., brownimh-grey hair, and hazel eyes.

SAS L. JOSEPH HERSLEY and E. ARTHUR RIEGE immediately proceeded to Ottumwa, Iowa. LATHAM was interviewed in detail and his fingerprints were taken by buagents.

On the same date, 4-20-68, Detective Robert Penland, Des Moines, Iowa Police Department classified the fingerprints of WILLIAM IRVIN LATHAM and compared the classification to that of the fingerprints of JANES EARL RAY. Detective Penland stated WILLIAM IRVIN LATHAM is positively not identical to JAMES EARL RAY.

The following description and background information was obtained regarding LATHAM through observation and interview:

Hazel

Name
Race
Sex
Nationality
Date of birth
Place of birth
Height
Weight
Hair

Eyes Social Security Number Lask permanent address WILLIAM IRVIY LATHAM Caucasian Male American

Atlanta, Georgia 5' 11" 145 lbs.

Brown, turning grey, cut it crew cut style, very short

22 West Madison, Chicago, Illinois SEARCHED INDEXED
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Marital status Occupation

Relatives

Arrest record:

Naked woman left forearm, inner, with banner bearing word "CENSURED" covering part of woman's body.

Single

Part time dishwasher

Part time "bum"

All members of immediate family dead with exception of father, who WILLIAM has never known. Numerous charges of drunk and disorderly, etc. (dates unrecalled)

Only two major arrests: 5/11/64 to 2/21/68 incarcerated Southern Michigan Prison, Jackson, Michigan forcar theft

Prison number # 112132

11/61 to 5/63 incarcerated Louisiana State Prison for car theft, prison (inmate)# 55634

Former employment:

Mr. Christianson's Restaurant, 840 W. 26th Street, Chicago, Illinois (claims working this location on evening MARTIN LUTHER KING assassinated)

It is noted that even though LATHAM furnished date of birth as , which would reflect his age as 45, he appeared much older in person, and he was wearing very tattered clothes, & shoes with holes in them. It did not appear to SAs HERSLEY or RIEGE that LATHAM was in any way similar to the photographs of JAMES EARL RAY.

FBI OMAHA

FBI CHICAGO

644PM URGENT 4-24-68 BJP

TO ALL SACS - RELAY MESSAGE PLAN
FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 2P

MURKIN

CONTACTS SHOULD BE MAINTAINED WITH ALL MASS COMMUNICATIONS
MEDIA IN YOUR TERRITORY TO INSURE THAT THERE IS FREQUENT
REFERENCE TO RAY AND HIS CONNECTION WITH THIS CASE.

SINCE YOU HAVE PREVIOUSLY BEEN ADVISED THAT JAMES EARL
RAY IS IDENTICAL WITH ERIC STARVO GALT AND YOU HAVE BEEN
FURNISHED IO'S AND WANTED FLYERS ON RAY, YOU ARE TO BE
CERTAIN THAT ALL APPROPRIATE STOPS HAVE BEEN RENEWED ON
JAMES EARL RAY AND UNDER ALL OF HIS KNOWN ALIASES AS SET
FORTH ON THE IO'S AND WANTED FLYERS. THIS IS TO INSURE THAT
THE BUREAU WILL BE IMMEDIATELY NOTIFIED IF THE SUBJECT IS
ARRESTED OR COMES TO THE ATTENTION OF AUTHORITIES WITH WHOM
STOPS PLACED.

OFFICES COVERING DEPARTURE OR ARRIVAL OF OVERSEAS
FL'IGHTS SHOULD HAVE RENEWED STOPS AND SUBJECT'S PHOTOGRAPH
SHOULD BE DISPLAYED APPROPRIATELY.

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ALL OFFICES SHOULD CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION

AT ALL "HIPPIE" ROOMING HOUSES AND SIMILAR ESTABLISHMENTS TO

OBTAIN ANY INFORMATION WHATSOEVER CONCERNING RAY.

APPROPRIATE LEGATS BEING ADVISED SEPARATELYARMED AND DANGEROUS-

END

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FBI OMAHA

A IRTEL

TO:

SAC, Memphis

FROM:

SAC, Omaha (44-310) (P)

SUBJ:

MURKIN

OO: MEMPHIS

Re SAM MASKY, suspect in Denver teletype to Omaha, dated 4/20/68.

Enclosed for Memphis is one copy of referenced teletype.

Investigation, Omaha, reflects that there is not an address in Omaha of 28 Harney Street, and there are no buildings in 2800 block of Harney. Omaha Police Department files reflect no record of suspect.

Con 5/6/68, the following checked their files, with negative vesults, of Sam Massy & Sam Majey;
Was. Vota Docker, Associated Restail Gedit Bureau, Onucha;
Dep. Shariff Konnotte D. Copeland, Douglas County Dusha;
of Lt. Chas. Blankonship, Adent Bureau, Onucha FD. TC.

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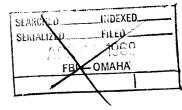
FROM

SA JOHN A. WOODSIDE

SUBJECT:

MURKIN

DATE: 4/24/68



Re memo to SAC of SPC MICHEAUX dated 4/21/68.

On 4/23/68 OMAR H. (Pete) ADLER, Credit Consultant, Thorp Credit Corp., Mt. Pleasant, Iowa advised that on 4/20/68 he was attending an auction at Keokuk, Iowa which was held and sponsered by the Thorp Auction Corp. During this auction he noticed an individual who resembled JAMES EARL RAY. Adler stated that on the morning of the 20th, he had read the newspaper accounts of Ray's description and hometown of EWING, ILL. and that it was fresh in his mind when he observed the individual in question. Adler stated that at 12:30 PM the man came walking into the sale area and browsed in a highly suspicious manner, carefully avoiding contact with the other customers and speaking to no one. Adler approached this individual on one ocassion and attempted to start a conversation but was rebuffed in a very curt manner by the suspectwho ignored him. The individual left the auction at approximately 2:30 PM. and Adler did not see him drive a car away. Adler indicated that he had never seen the man before but that he highly resembled the 1959 photo of JAMES EARL RAY, and fit the description as listed except that the man he saw had shorter hair, described by Adler as a "Hollywood Butch" cut.

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ADLER further advised that he discussed the close resemblance with a Mr. Gilbert E. Krueger who agreed that the suspect appeared similar to RAY.ADLER gave Krueger's address as 1523 W. MAIN ST.

MARSHALLTOWN, IOWA

LEAD:

OMAHA DIVISION AT MARSHALLTOWN, IOWA

Will contact GILBERT E. KRUEGER for any information regarding the individual seen at the auction at Keokuk.

Omaha, Nebr., 4/25/68

MEMO, SAC:

RE: MURKIN

Re New Orleans tel to Omaha 4/24/68 re Nebr. license 436092, & which set out a lead at Lincoln, Nebr. re that license.

It is noted that the above license is incorrect inasmuch as it does not contain a dash or hyphen. It also is incorrect in that it does not contain a letter.

The only possibilities of the above license being from Nebr. would be for it to commence with 4-, or 43-. County 4 is Custer County (Broken Bow). County 43 is Colfax County (Schuyler). SA CASSIUS RATHBUN determined that the above number is too high a number to have been issued in Colfax County

Retel stated LLOYD BEECHLEY, a motel resident in Port Allen, La, might be identical with the man who left the pawn shop described in retel.

LEAD. At Lincoln, Nebr.

Will, at the State of Nebr. Dept. of Motor Vehicles, determine whether LLOYD BEECHLEY possesses a Nebr. drivers license. Will also determine whether it would be possible for the above license number to have been issued in Custer County, Nebr. (County 4-). (I suggest serial 121 be sent to Lincoln RA).

ARMED & DANGEROUS.

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SA THOMAS W. CARROLL

ADDENDUM: On 4/25/68 Colfax County D/S EVERETTE POOLE addited Schuyler, Nebr., advised Colfax County (43) licenses issued do not include any xx with as high a number as 43-6092. He also advised that check of Colfax County driver's licenses and local telephone directory was negative as to the name LLOYD BEECHLEY and that such name was otherwise unknown to SERIALIZED SERIALIZED SERIALIZED SERIALIZED

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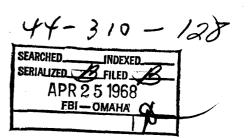
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HOW CAN YOU PROVE BOB KENNEDY

HIRED KING KILLER? FOR COLORD VOTES,

HOW CAN YOU PROVE NOW THAT HE

IS VERY DEAD?



4/25/68

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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO:

BUREAU MEW YORK OKLAHOMA CITY SAH ANTONIO MEMPHIS

FROM:

CMAHA (175-new)

JAMES MILTON CURTIS OSMEL, THREAT AGAINST MINEREN SIXTY EIGHT PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE ROBERT F. KENNEDY, FREMONT, MEBRASKA, FEBRUARY TWENTY FOUR, INSTANT. INFORMATION CONCERNING (CRIMINAL SECTION).

OSHEL. A DEAF MUTE. DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE. BORN

SEVEN, ONE HUNDRED THIRTY FIVE POUNDS, BROWN HAIR, BROWN EYES,
IN CUSTODY FREMONT PD CHARGED WITH VAGRANCY POLLOWING REPORT HE
HAD CIRCULATED NOTE AT LOCAL BAR INDICATING HE MIGHT KILL
KENNEDY. DODGE COUNTY ATTORNEY, FREMONT, ADVISED OBNEL
WILL NOT BE RELEASED UNTIL AFTER SIX P.M. SATURDAY,
APRIL TWENTY SEVEN, NEXT, WHEN KENNEDY CAMPAIGN TRAIN
SCHEDULED FOR WHISTLE STOP AT FREMONT.

SECRET SERVICE CMAHA ADVISED AND REPORTED NO REFERENCE IDENTIFIABLE WITH OSHEL LOCATED IN SS FILES. WASHINGTON.

D.C. 62-2879

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OSHEL REGISTERED LOCAL BOARD TEN ARDMORE, OKLAHOMA AND FURNISHED ADDRESS EIGHT THREE ONE G STREET ME, ARDMORE. HE WAS REGISTERED AT MAGIL HOTEL, FREMONT, APRIL TWENTY TWO LAST AND APPARENTLY SUBSISTS BY SALE OF MANUAL ALPHABET CARDS MADE BY HIMSELF. DURING INTERVIEW BY PD OSHEL DENIED KNOWLEDGE OF NOTE ON PORTION OF KRAFT PAPER BAG WITH HANDWRITING INCLUDING "CAN KILL ROBERT F. KENNEDY" AND "ASSAIN" FOUND IN HIS POSSESSION.

ALSO DURING INTERVIEW OSHEL MADE REPEATED REFERENCE
TO LOVE FOR MARTIN LUTHER KING AND SUBSEQUENT SEARCH OF HIS
EFFECTS AT MAGIL HOTEL DISCLOSED SMALL PIECE OF PAPER
BEARING HANDWRITTEN NAME WILKERSON PRINTING CO., TWO ONE
FIVE SOUTH COOPER, MEMPHIS, SIGNIFICANCE, IF ANY, NOT
KNOWN.

NEW YORK ADVISE OFFICE OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

SAN ANTONIO, OKLAHOMA CITY AND MEMPHIS FURNISH ANY

PERTINENT INFORMATION RE OSHEL IN FILES AND AT LOCAL

BURNET, TEXAS

AUTHORITIES, AND ARDMORE, OKLAHOMA. MEMPHIS ALSO COMSIDER

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POSSIBLE PERTINENCE OF MEMPHIS ITEM TO MURKIN INVESTIGATION LEM FOLLOWS.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO

SAC, OMAHA (44-310)

DATE:

4/25/68

FROM:

SA WILLIAM B. FAUST, III

SUBJECT:

MURKIN

Re memo to SAC by SPC IRA J. STEVENS 4/18/68.

On 4/22/68 photos of the subject in this case were shown to the manager and employees of the Best Steak House, 514 Grand, Des Moines, Iowa. The steak house is located at 5th and Grand in Des Moines. The following persons viewed the photo and stated that they had not seen anyone answering that description:

TOM KALLOS, Manager and Co-owner;

PHILIP IKONOMOV, Assistant Manager and Co-owner;

HELEN IKONOMOV, employee;

GUS STATHOS, employee

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SAC, Omaha (44-310)

DATE:

4/24/68

FROM:

SA GERALD D. MOHR

SUBJECT:

MURKIN

Rebutel to Omaha dated 4/18/68 (Serial #75)

On 4/19/68, writer contacted Postmaster JOHN PETERSON, Wyoming, Ia., a life-long resident of that community, who advised there was no street "911 3rd St." in that community, nor has a "M. WAGHSTONE" ever been known to reside in the area.

Same date, investigation at Iowa City, Ia. by SA HAROLD W. BRUEGGE*
MAN failed to reveal any such address as 415 15th St., and efforts to
identify a WILLIAM YOUNG further through records local Bredit Bureau and
other available directories and records, negative.

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TO:	DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES
FROM:	SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) (P)
MURKIN	
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of subj State P	Enclosed for the Bureau are four copies of photograph ect JAMES EARL RAY, which was taken 1/4/66 at Missouri entiary.
for eac	Two copies of above-mentioned photograph are enclosed of the Continental Offices.
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4/25/68.

Memo SAC

From Mulhall

RE: Mukin

xx44- 310.

Ref: "emo to All Agents dated 4/24/68.

Marvin Cohen, Harvey Laundry, SiouxCity, Iowa, was recontacted 4/25/68, as his laundry uses a Thermo-Seal marking machine. He was asked if 20R-3 **xipha** could be his code. Mr. Cohen said if this were his code it would mean the following:

20 = the lot number

R * the week

3 = the customers name.

He pointed out it takes his laundry about 26 weeks to run through the alaphabet. He pointed aut he does not have a lot number sas high as 20, so this marker would not have come from his laundry.

Mr. Cohen said the talley books in which these codes are maintained are used no more than two weeks after the laudny has been delivered. He caused his records, preently on hand to be searched, which goes back to1964, and he had no lot number as high as 20.

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TO

SAC, OMAHA (44-310) (P)

DATE:

4/26/68

FROM:

SA JERRY W. BASTIN

SUBJECT:

MURKIN

The following investigation was conducted by SA JERRY W. BASTIN on 4/19/68:

The following persons representing their respective Police Departments and/or Sheriff's Offices, advised that their records contain no information concerning JAMES EARL RAY:

Mrs. JO ANDERSON, Douglas County Sheriff's Office; Mrs. RITA GIESE, Sarpy County Sheriff's Office; Miss BONITA BANOWSKI, Bellevue Police Department; Sergeant MILLER, Polk County Sheriff's Office; Sergeant BOCKERT, Council Bluffs Police Department.

Sergeant AUSDEMUR, Identification Division, Omaha Police Department advised that his files contained a finger-print card received from authorities in Minspirit for JAMES EARL RAY. Sergeant AUSDEMUR advised that this card was received shortly after the escape of JAMES EARL RAY from the Missouri State Penitentiary on 4/23/67. Sergeant AUSDEMUR also advised that RAY was received at the Missouri State Penitentiary on 3/7/60 and according to his records, RAY has never been arrested by the Omaha Police Department.

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SAC, UMAHA (44-310)

DATE: 4/24/68

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FROM:

SA GRANT ALAN JACOBSEN

SUBJECT:

MURKIN

On the dates shown the following persons or concerns were contacted for information pertaining to subject RAY or his known aliases: 4/17/68:

County Clerk Office, Voter Records, Platte County, Columbus, Nebr. Platte County SO, Columbus, Nebr.

Columbus, Nebr. PD

Henry Hauck, Columbus Credit Bureau, Columbus, Nebraska Sandra Ernst, Sandi Jean School of Dance, Columbus, Nebraska 4/12/68:

Lawrence Zarek, Columbus Laundry & Dry Cleaners, Columbus, Nebr.

4/17/68:

Merrick County SO, Central City, Nebr Merrick County Clerks office, Central City, nebr. Central City FD, Central City, Nebr. 4/17/68:

Polk County SO, Osceola, Nebraska
Polk ounty Clerks Office, Osceola, Nebraska
Osceola PD, Osceola, Nebraska
Nance County SO, Fullerton, Nebraska
Nance County Clerks Officer, Fullerton, Nebraska
Fullerton PD, Fullerton, Nebraska
4/24/68

Pierce County SO, Pierce, SEMMAX Nebraska
Pierce County Clerks office, Pierce, Nebraska
Pierce FD, Fierce, Nebraska
Madison County SO, Madison, Nebraska
Madison County Clerks office, Madison, Nebraska
Madison PD, Madison, Nebraska
Norfolk PD (Madison Nebr), Norfolk, Nebr.
Norfolk Credit Bureau, Norfolk, Nebr.

Dudley Dry Cleaners & Laundries, Norfolk, Nebr. Model Basley's Cleaners & Laundries, Norfolk, Nebr.

Atl of the above checks were negative.

GAJ:gaj



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3:57 PM URGENT 4/25/68 CLV

TO: DENVER AND OMAHA

FROM: SACRAMENTO (100-427)

MURKIN. CR.

ON APRIL TWENTY FIVE INSTANT, MR. ROBERT E. DINKINS,

FOUR TWO NINE SANTA ANA AVENUE, SACRAMENTO, CALIF, ADVISED THAT ON

APRIL TWENTY FOUR LAST HE OBSERVED A MAN IN PARKING LOT OF

BIBG'S MARKET, WHO RESEMBLED JAMES EARL RAY. HE DESCRIBED

INDIVIDUAL AS FIVE FEET TEN, MEDIUM BUILD, IN EARLY FORTIES,

AND SITTING IN FIFTY ONE BROWN PLYMOUTH STATIONWAGON.

DINKINS ADVISED THIS INDIVIDUAL AND RAY REMINDED HIM OF PERSON HE HAD KNOWN IN FIFTY FOUR AND FIFTY FIVE WHOM HE MET IN HOBO JUNGLE IN OROVILLE, CALIF. THEY LEFT THERE VIA FREIGHT CAR, WENT TO DENVER WHERE ENROLLED IN CITY MISSION, SIX ONE TWO LAMIER STREET AND HAD ODD JOBS FOR APPROX FIVE DAYS. FROM THERE WENT TO LINCOLN, NEBRASKA, ENROLLED CITY MISSION AND GOT JOB IN BURLINGTON CAFE AS DISHWASHERS. FROM THERE WENT TO ST. JOSEPH, MISSOURI, WHERE SPLIT COMPANY. DINKINS ADVISED THIS END PAGE ONE.

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INDIVIDUAL USED NAME RAY, BUT DID NOT KNOW WHETHER WAS FIRST OR LAST NAME.

MR. BING UNG, OWNER, BING'S MARKET, MAIN AND RIO LINDA BLVD., ADVISED NO ONE SIMILAR IN APPEARENCE TO PICTURE OF RAY IN MARKET ON APRIL TWENTY FOUR LAST. HELPER BY NAME OF HON UNG ADVISED SIMILARLY.

DENVER AND OMAHA CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION AT
CITY MISSIONS. NO NEGATIVE REPLY NECESSARY. AM COPY MEMPHIS.
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FBI OMAHA

4/24/68

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URGENT

TO:

DIRECTOR, FBI AND SACS, CHICAGO, BALTIMORE, AND

ST. LOUIS

FROM:

SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

MURKIN.

MEDICAL RECORDS, QUINCY, ILLINOIS, INDICATE JAMES RAY, AGE TEN IN NINETEEN THIRTY EIGHT, TREATED FOR AN EPILEPTIC SEIZURE. ADDRESS AT THAT TIME AND OTHER RECORD INFORMATION INDICATES THIS IS PROBABLY SUBJECT.

RUBY CARPENTER, EX-SECOND WIFE OF SUBJECT'S FATHER, LOCATED, INTERVIEWED, AT QUINCY ADVISED FATHER'S TRUE NAME IS JAMES GERALD RAY, AKA JERRY, AND RESIDED AUGUST, NINETEEN SIXTY ONE TO AUGUST, NINETEEN SIXTY THREE AT RURAL ROUTE ONE, CLARENCE, MISSOURI, AFTER WHICH HE MOVED TO PRESENT RESIDENCE CENTER, MISSOURI. HE RESIDED IN ST. LOUIS FROM NINETEEN FIFTY TWO THROUGH NINETEEN SIXTY ONE AT FOUR ONE FOUR NINE WEST PINE. SUBJECT RESIDED WITH FATHER APPROXIMATELY NINETEEN FIFTY NINE AT FOUR ONE FOUR NINE WEST PINE STREET DURING WHICH TIME HE WORKED AS BAKER AT UNKNOWN COMMERCIAL

1 - Springfield (44-561)

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BAKERY IN ST. LOUIS. ON OCCASIONS SUBJECT RESIDED WITH MOTHER, ONE NINE ONE THREE HICKORY STREET, ST. LOUIS AND ALSO HAD ROOM IN ST. LOUIS. ADDRESS UNKNOWN. RUBY HAS NOT SEEN SUBJECT SINCE MINETEEN SIXTY ONE AND HIS ASSOCIATES ARE UNKNOWN TO HER. ACCORDING TO RUBY, SUBJECT NEVER MARRIED, WAS CLOSER TO BROTHERS, JERRY AND JOHN, THAN TO ANYONE ELSE. SINCE LBARNING OF SUBJECT'S INVOLVEMENT IN MURKIN, RUBY HAS TALKED TO HIS FATHER AT CENTER, MISSOURI, ON APRIL TWENTY ONE LAST, AT WHICH TIME HE ADVISED HE DID NOT KNOW SUBJECT'S WHEREABOUTS AND HAS HAD NO CONTACT WITH HIM. RUBY TALKED TO SUBJECT'S SISTER, MELBA MARIE RYAN, QUINCY, ILLINOIS, AND MELBA LIKEWISE INDICATED NO INFORMATION CONCERNING WHEREABOUTS. RUBY BELIEVES SOMETIME DURING EARLY NINETEEN FORTIES SUBJECT'S PATHER RESIDED GALESBURG, ILLINOIS, WHERE EMPLOYED AS SWITCHMAN FOR CB & Q RAILROAD. SHE PROMISED TO COOPERATE AND REPORT SUBJECT IF LOCATED.

RECORDS, QUINCY COMPRESSOR, QUINCY, ILLINOIS, INDICATE SUBJECT EMPLOYED AUGUST SIX, NINETEEN FIFTY ONE, THROUGH

SEPTEMBER FOUR, NINETEEN FIFTY ONE, SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

NO

ONE LOCATED WHO RECALLS. RECORDS INDICATE PRIOR EMPLOYMENT AVERY OR ARVEY CORPORATION, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, AS LABORER FOR ONE YEAR AND NEO PRODUCE COMPANY, CHICAGO, FOUR MONTHS, DATES NOT SHOWN.

RECORDS, SELECTIVE SERVICE BOARD NUMBER ONE,
QUINCY, SHOW SUBJECT REGISTERED APRIL THIRTEEN, NINETEEN FORTY
NINE, AT WHICH TIME OCCUPATION STUDENT, AMERICAN TELEVISION
SCHOOL, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI.

GEORGE PARSONS (PROTECT IDENTITY), SOCIAL WORKER, QUINCY, WHO TOOK CARE OF SISTER, MELBA, DURING NINETEEN FIFTIES, ADVISED SUBJECT CLOSEST TO BROTHERS, JOHN AND JERRY, AND HE IS CERTAIN THEY WOULD PROTECT HIM.

HAZEL HAMILTON, CASE WORKER, CATHOLIC CHARITIES, QUINCY, ILLINOIS, ADVISED FAMILY RESIDED DES MOINES, IOWA, SHORT PERIOD OF TIME NINETEEN FORTY TWO TO NINETEEN FORTY THREE AFTER WHICH MOVED TO QUINCY, ILLINOIS. PRIOR TO DES MOINES RESIDENCE, FAMILY LEFT EWING, MISSOURI.

ADAMS COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT RECORDS INDICATE WHEN SUBJECT ARRESTED ALTON, ILLINOIS, AUGUST TWENTY, NINETEEN PIFTY NINE ON CHARGE ARMED ROBBERY HE HAD ACCOMPLICE, JOSEPH ELMER AUSTIN. THESE RECORDS ALSO INDICATE SUBJECT'S PATHER AS JERRY RAYNES, RESIDED ONE SEVEN TWO SEVEN SOUTH ELEVENTH STREET, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, JANUARY TWENTY EIGHT, NINETEEN SIXTY. PRIOR RESIDENCE FOUR ONE FOUR NINE WEST PINE STREET, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, OCTOBER SEVEN, NINETEEN FIFTY EIGHT. RECORDS ALSO INDICATE MOTHER AS LUCILLE RYAN RESIDED ONE ONE THREE FIVE SOUTH TENTH, APARTMENT EIGHT, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, AS OF OCTOBER SEVEN, NINETEEN FIFTY EIGHT, AND ONE NINE ONE THREE HICKORY STREET, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, AUGUST NINE, NINETEEN PIFTY NINE. THESE RECORDS SHOW CHILDREN MELBA, CAROLE, AND FRANKLIN, WHO ARE SISTERS AND BROTHER OF SUBJECT, ALL BORN LEWIS COUNTY, MISSOURI. RECORDS FURTHER INDICATE PATHER EMPLOYED FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS BY JACK RANDOLPH, J & R AUTO SALES, FIVE NINE ZERO ONE SOUTH BROADWAY, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI.

SI ONE SIX FIVE SIX DASH C WHO IS ACQUAINTED WITH ASSOCIATE WALTER T. RIFE WORKING FULL TIME ON THIS CASE AND

IN DAILY CONTACT WITH HIS ASSOCIATES, QUINCY, ILLINOIS.

ST. LOUIS ATTEMPT TO LOCATE COMMERCIAL BAKERY WHICH EMPLOYED SUBJECT APPROXIMATELY NINETEEN FIFTY NINE AS BAKER. CHECK RECORDS; SET FORTH LEADS. CHECK RECORDS AMERICAN TELEVISION SCHOOL CONCERNING SUBJECT'S ATTENDANCE THERE APRIL THIRTEEN, NINETEEN FORTY NINE. ASCERTAIN RESIDENCE DATA. IDENTIFY ASSOCIATES. CONDUCT NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATIONS RESIDENCES ADDRESSES SHOWN YOUR TERRITORY AT ST. LOUIS. APPROPRIATE INQUIRY J & R AUTO SALES AND AT LEWIS COUNTY, MISSOURI.

BALTIMORE UTILIZE EMPROVEMENT INFORMATION FURNISHED ABOVE.

OMAHA INITIATE INQUIRIES DES MOINES, IOWA, CONCERNING
PRIOR RESIDENCE OF FAMILY THERE APPROXIMATELY NINETEEN
FORTY TWO TO NINETEEN FORTY THREE, NOTING FATHER WAS EMPLOYED
CB & Q RAILROAD, ALTHOUGH SUBJECT WOULD HAVE BEEN ONLY
TEENAGER DURING RESIDENCE YOUR DIVISION.

CHICAGO CHECK RECORDS AVERY OR ARVEY CORPORATION AND NEO PRODUCE COMPANY FOR BACKGROUND DATA.

SI 44-561

BUREAU, FILE SPRINGFIELD DIVISION INDICATES JOSEPH ELMER AUSTIN MAY BE IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT FBI NUMBER EIGHT TWO ONE SEVEN THREE THREE WITH EXTENSIVE RECORD INCLUDING MURDER, ARMED ROBBERY, PAROLE VIOLATOR. BUREAU REQUESTED TO PURNISH SPRINGFIELD AND INTERESTED OFFICES CURRENT IDENTIFICATION RECORD FOR JOSEPH BLMER AUSTIN, FBI NUMBER EIGHT TWO ONE SEVEN THREE THREE TO ASSIST IN LOCATING FOR INTERVIEW.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING SPRINGFIELD AT GALESBURG, ALTON, QUINCY BASED ON ABOVE.

COPIES MAILED MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, OMAHA, AND KANSAS

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SAC, OMAHA(44-310)

4/25/68

SA HARMON J. OGREN

MURKIN

Re Memo of 4/24/68 and checking of laundries for yellow laundry tags. During the predecting check of baundries, it was determined that none of the laundries in the Lincoln RA area used any colored laundry tags with would include either the red or the yellow. There are some instances of use of the white tag. In view of this, no further check is being made of the laundries in the Lincoln RA area.

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One 4/25/68, Ches. J. Klitz, Eales Mgr. of Evans Loundry, Quaha, stated they do not use letters in their laundry marks. It is \$1753. They have a Thermo-Seal Marking Markine. It is on pinh cloth. To.

PCI Charles Henry Finney advised, on 4/1/5/25/68, that the Megroes that he knew in Thirscoln, Mehr. possessed no information of value in this case. 54 Peuben V. Martinez.

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SAC, OMAHA (44-310)

SA HARMON J. OGREN

4/25/68

MURKIN

It is noted that at the time JAMES EARL RAY excapted from the Missouri State Pen, 4/23/67, a flyer was sent out to all the states by the Missouri authorities. This flyer has been used by the Nebraska State Patrol both as a indicees stop and the fingerprints were placed in the NSP fingerprint file in case a print was received with a different name. The flyer listed RAY's number as 00416, listed him as 35, 5'll, 163 lbs, brown hair and blue eyes. It showed that he was born in Illinois, a resident of St. Louis and a Baker by trade. It listed a Grandmother as MARY MAHER, 1903 Hickory, St. Louis, a Brother, JOHN RAY, 1918 Park Ave,. St. Louis, and another brother, JERRY W. RAY, Wheeling, Illinois.

This is all well and good however, the FBI # was shown as 306443A and the fingerprints shown on the card are not identical with the ones on 10 #4182. The ones on the flyer are not too clear and the subsecondary could be in question; however, the FPC is 18 L 1 U III 15 and this is M 1 U OII

a long way from the 16 M 9 U ooo 12 and FBI # 505942 G shown on IO M 4 W IOI

4182. There is no question that the prints on the Missouri flyer are not identical to those on the IO as I checked them myself.

If this has not been straightened out at the Bureau it could cause some confusion as in the case of the NSP they now have two stops on both sets of fingerprints and connot say they are identical. There is, of course, a logical explanation that the Missouri flyer in 1967, which was printed in the Pen had the wrong prints placed on it but this should be corrected and all states having a stop similar to Nebraska's advised of the correction and aome explanation shown. The photograph on the Missouri stop is the same as used on the recent Bureau stops.

Please advise so I can advise Capt. VERNON W. BYLER, NSB.

Rage 42 of Crusha World Hereld, Curches, stated Mo. State Pen sent out
wrong prints on poster for James Earl Play after his escape
in 4/67, 4 a correction should have been received shortly after the
original was distributed. This article stated the

Bereau is aware of error in poster from Mo.
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Date:

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TO:

DIRECTOR (44-38861) 3:56 P.M. MILWAUKEE 4120 Pm

OMAHA (44-310)

MURKIN.

OMAHA RECEIVED HANDWRITTEN ANONYMOUS LETTER, WHICH WAS MAILED IN OMAHA, APRIL TWENTYSIX. IT STATED THAT JAMES EARLE RAY'S GIRLFRIEND IS JERRIE DURVAL OR DURUAL, COUNTY GENERAL HOSPITAL, MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN.

MILWAUKEE HANDLE.

AIRMAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS.

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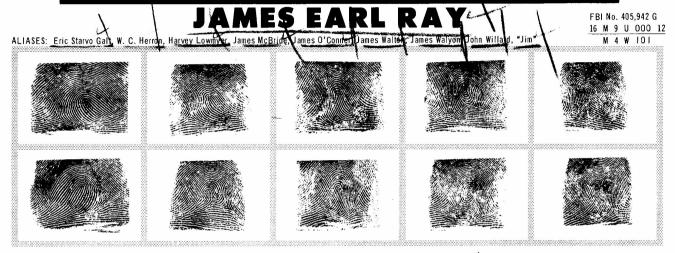
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Special Agent in Charge

IVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACINTERSTATE FLIGHT - ROBBERY

1. 0. 4182 4-20-68

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Photographs taken 1960

Photograph taken 1968 (eyes drawn by artist)



James Ray

DESCRIPTION

AGE: 40, born March 10, 1928, Alton, Illinois
HEIGHT: 5'10" EYES: blue
WEIGHT: 163 to 174 pounds COMPLEXION: medium
BUILD: medium RAGE: white

HAIR: brown, possibly cut short NATIONALITY: American OCCUPATION'S: baker, color matcher, laborer

SCARS AND MARKS: small scar on center of forehead and small scar on palm of right hand

REMARKS: noticeably protruding left ear; reportedly is a lone wolf; allegedly attended dance instruction school; has reportedly completed course in bartending

CRIMINAL RECORD

Ray has been convicted of burglary, robbery, forging U. S. Postal Money Orders, armed robbery, and operating motor vehicle without owner's consent.

CAUTION

RAY IS SOUGHT IN CONNECTION WITH A MURDER WHEREIN THE VICTIM WAS SHOT. CONSIDER ARMED AND EXTREMELY DAN-GEROUS.

A Federal warrant was issued on April 17, 1968, at Birmingham, Alabama, charging Ray as Eric Starvo Galt with conspiring to interfere with a Constitutional Right of a citizen (Title 18, U.S. Code, Section 241). A Federal warrant was also issued on July 20, 1967, at Jefferson City, Missouri, charge ARCY with Interstate Flight to Avoid Confirmment for the crime of Robbery (Title 18, U.S. Code, Section 1073).

IF YOU HAVE INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS PERSON, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR LOCAL FBI OFFICE. TELEPHONE NUMBERS AND ADDRESSES OF ALL FBI OFFICES LISTED ON BACK.

Identification Order 4182 April 20, 1968

44-310-141

Director Federal Burgau of Investigation Washington, D. C. 20535

SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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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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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

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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Ray is a 40-year-old white male, reportedly born in Illinois on March 10, 1928. He is approximately 5'10" inches 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.



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An exhaustive FBI fingerprint search, comparing latent fingerprints uncovered in the Dr. King case against fingerprints of over 53,000 persons on whom FBI wanted notices have been posted determined 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, who escaped on April 23, 1967, from the Missouri State Penitentiary, is also sought for unlawful interstate flight to avoid confinement after conviction for armed robbery.

Possessing an arrest record dating back to 1949, Ray has been convicted of burglary, armed robbery and forging United States Postal Money Orders.

A 40-year-old white male, reportedly born in Illinois on March 10, 1928, Ray is approximately 5'10" tall, weighs from 163 to 174 pounds, has blue eyes and short brown hair. He has a nervous habit of tugging at an ear lobe and his left ear protrudes noticeably.

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Consider Ray armed and extremely dangerous. Report any information

concerning him to the nearest FBI office. Orginal 2008

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Memorandum

: All Investigative Employees

DATE: April 22, 1968

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 locksmithing 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:

John William Clouser	I.O. #3837	Charles Lee Herron	I.O. #4163
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	LO. #4087	Franklin Allen Paris	I.O. #4178
Carmen Raymond Gagliardi	I.O. #4101	David Stuart Neff	I.O. #4179
•	James Earl Ray	I.O. #4182	212 / 1/

44-310-146 THEY ARE ALL ARMED AND DANGEROUS. If you receive any information, give it at once to your SAC or appropriate supervisor. SEARCHLD. PHOTOGRAPHS, FINGERPRINTS AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA OF ALL FUGITIES 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

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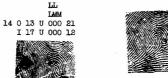
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CHARLES LEE HERRON, also known as: Lee Jones. N; born 4-21-37 (?); 5'7"-5'8"; 145-150 lbs; sldr bld; blk hair; brn eyes; dk comp; occ - clerk. Wanted by FBI for UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID PROSECU-TION (Murder; Assault with Intent to Commit Murder). IDENTIFICATION ORDER #-4163 FBI#-313 926 G DATE PHOTO TAKEN: UNKNOWN



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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 eves; med comp, freckled; occ - brickmason, carpenter, lab. Wanted by FBI for UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID PROSECUTION (Murder). IDENTIFICATION ORDER #-4039

FRANKLIN ALLEN PARIS, also known as:

W; born 1-20-34; 6'2"; 190-210 lbs;

occ - horse trader, horse trainer, rancher. Wanted by FBI for UNLAWFUL

med bld; brn hair; brn eyes; med comp;

FLIGHT TO AVOID PROSECUTION (Burglary).

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GEORGE EDWARD WELLS, also known as: George W. Cox, Lloyd Kuczmarski. 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. IDENTIFICATION ORDER #-4175 FBI#-1 467 173 DATE PHOTO TAKEN: 1967

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





CARMEN RAYMOND GAGLIARDI, also known as: 17 M 29 W IOM

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GEORGE BENJAMIN WILLIAMS. 23 M 21 W IMO AMP Ref: 22 also known as: Allen I 31 W 000 19 31 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 fngr amp; occ - constr 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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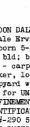
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W; born 3-29-32; 5'9"; 175-200 lbs; stky bld; blond hair, may be dyed blk; bl eyes; rdy comp; occ - clerical worker, stock clerk. Wanted by FBI for INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF STOLEN MOTOR VEHICLE. IDENTIFICATION ORDER #-3837 FBI#-229 125 C DATE PHOTO TAKEN: 1963

JOHN WILLIAM CLOUSER, also known as:

Jack Clauser, John William Clauser,



GORDON DALE ERVIN, also known as: Dale Ervin. 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 0 17 W 100 18 David Stewart Neff, Donald O'Brien. 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

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Omaha, Nebraska
April 26, 1968

Re: James Milton Curtis Oshel Threat Against 1968 Presidential Candidate Robert F. Kennedy, Fremont, Nebraska, April 24, 1968

Captain Francis L. Hurt, Fremont, Nebraska Police Department, furnished the following information relating to Oshel, a deaf nute, arrested at Fremont 8:00 p.m., April 24, 1968, following complaint that Oshel had circulated a note among patrons at Woody's Bar in downtown Fremont, bearing a reference to the killing of 1968 Presidential Candidate, Senator Robert F. Kennedy of New York, whose campaign train was scheduled for a whistle stop at Fremont at 6:00 p.m., Saturday, April 27, 1968.

Oshel had been drinking but did not appear to be intoxicated. Interviewed by the Fremont Police Department with assistance of an interpreter proficient in the Manual Alphabet, Oshel denied any knowledge of or even having seem before, what appeared to be a portion of a Kraft type paper bag found in his possession when arrested and bearing the following separate handwritten items: "Deaf I can kill Robert F Kenne - Kennedy," "Can Kill Robert F. Kennedy, " and "Assain." Although Oshel refused to write these words in the same order, he did furnish handwritten specimens of the individual words, including the misspelled word "assain" which, it was determined, he understood to mean "assassinate." It was the opinion of Captain Hurt and of Dodge County Attorney Richard L. Kulhman, who participated in the interview of Oshel, that his handwriting specimens bore resemblance to the handwriting on the note.

Mr. Kuhlman expressed his opinion that the circumstances suggest that in the event an actual threat were involved, it would more likely be that Oshel was seeking an offer to "kill Kennedy" for hire than that he planned to do so on his own initiative.

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