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Mass Cleaners

Springfield Shopping Center  
Springfield, Pa.

(7)

Modern Laundry & Dry Cleaning

69 W Marshall Rd  
Upper Darby, Pa.

(8) St. Mary Laundry Inc.

Aubrey Ave.

Ardmore, Pa.

(9) Every Clean Laundry

1501 W Chester Pike  
Havertown, Pa.

(10) Fairview Cleaners

Pilgrimage Gardens

Drexel Hill, Pa.

Date 4/19/68

To:

Director

FILE \_\_\_\_\_

Att.: \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

SAC

ASAC

Supv.

Agent

SE

IC

CC

Steno

Clerk

RE: \_\_\_\_\_

Rotor #: \_\_\_\_\_

*Empthe - One info from Capt O'Neill.*

ACTION DESIRED

Acknowledge

Open Case

Assign \_\_\_\_\_ Reassign \_\_\_\_\_

Prepare lead cards

Bring file

Prepare tickler

Call me

Recharge serials

Correct

Return assignment card

Deadline \_\_\_\_\_

Return file

Deadline passed

Return serials

Delinquent

Search and return

Discontinue

See me

Expedite

Send Serials \_\_\_\_\_

File

to \_\_\_\_\_

For information

Submit new charge out

Handle

Submit report by \_\_\_\_\_

Initial & return

Type

Leads need attention

Return with explanation or notation as to action taken.

*Haverston Police refused to check Bloom out with out a warrant.*

SAC

*Jack D. Jamison*

Office \_\_\_\_\_

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Admin. Data

The following informants  
were contacted by SA George C. Bright  
on 4/11/68, relative to instant matter  
with unproductive results;

Ph - 915-C

Ph - 916-C

PC1 - Romeo Louis Vetter

Racial - Garfield Jones

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The following financial institutions  
were contacted by SA George C. Bright  
on 4/10, 11/68 in effort to locate  
a record of Eric Starvo Galt  
with unproductive results;

(1) Brynmawr Trust Co.  
Brynmawr, Pa.

(2) Beneficial Mutual Savings  
22 Lawrence Park  
Bromall, Pa.

(3) Bell Savings & Loan Association  
69<sup>th</sup> Market St.  
Upper Merion, Pa.

(4) Collingdale Federal Savings & Loan  
Association  
Chester Pike & Inc Dade Blvd.  
Collingdale, Pa.

(5) Drexel Hill Savings & Loan Association  
601 Morgan Ave.  
Drexel Hill, Pa

(6) General Wayne Federal Savings  
& Loan Association  
123 W. Lancaster Ave.  
Wayne, Pa.

(7) Glenolden Savings & Loan  
Association  
Chester Pike and Glenolden Ave.  
Glenolden, Pa.

(8) Greater Delaware Valley Savings  
and Loan Association  
6976 Walnut Sts  
Upper Darby, Pa.

(9) Lansdowne <sup>Federal</sup> Savings & Loan Association  
32 S. Lansdowne Ave.  
Lansdowne, Pa.

(10) Maple Newton Federal  
Savings & Loan Association  
3531 W. Chester Pike  
Broomall, Pa

(11) Metropolitan Federal Savings &  
Loan Association  
1029 Pontiac Rd.  
Drexel Hill, Pa

(12) Springfield Township Federal  
Savings & Loan Association  
153 Saxer Ave.  
Springfield, Pa.

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Mr. John H. Galt 89  
Knob Lane, Ardmore, Pa. and Mr  
Bob Galt 14 E. Strafford Ave.  
Lansdown Pa. were contacted  
on 4/11/68 and both advised  
they were not acquainted with  
Eric Starvo Galt.

Credit

Chester, Pa

Mr. Wayne M C Fayden,  
manager, Chester Credit Bureau,  
which office covers all of Delaware  
County advised on 4/11/68 the  
files of his office contained no  
record identifiable with Eric Starvo  
Galt.

All Major Police  
Departments in Delaware County were  
also contacted in effort to identify  
Galt, with negative results.

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# 'Galt' Is Identified As James Earl Ray; Fled Prison in 1967

## Was Serving 20-Yr. Term For Robbery

WASHINGTON, April 19 (AP).—The elusive Eric Starvo Galt, who is wanted for the killing of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., was identified by the FBI on Friday as a 40-year-old drifter and ex-convict named James Earl Ray.

The FBI said Galt's real identity was traced through "a systematic and exhaustive search of latent fingerprints" developed in the King case against the fingerprints of more than 53,000 persons for whom wanted notices are on file in the bureau's identification division.

### SEVERAL ALIASES

Galt is only one of the names Ray has used in brushes with the law which began, according to the FBI dossier, when he was 21.

The FBI said he has used the names of James McBride, James Walton, W. O. Herron and James O'Connor.

He was described as about 5 feet 10, weighing 163 to 174 pounds, with blue eyes and brown hair and two scars: a small scar in the center of the forehead and another on the palm of his right hand.

At the time Dr. King was shot and killed by a sniper in Memphis, Tenn., April 4, Ray was being sought on a jail-breaking charge.

### SERVING 20-YEAR TERM

The FBI said he escaped on April 23, 1967, from the Missouri State Penitentiary at Jefferson City, where he was serving a 20-year sentence for armed robbery in St. Louis.

Ray, who is now being sought on a Tennessee murder charge in the King slaying, has an arrest record dating at least to 1949 when he served time in Los Angeles on a burglary charge.

This followed his discharge from the Army. The FBI said he served as an enlisted man from February, 1946, to December, 1948, when he received a general discharge for ineptness and lack of adaptability.

### SCHOOL DROPOUT

The bureau's dossier on Ray indicates he has been a drifter since he left school in the 10th grade at Alton, Ill.

In 1952, according to the FBI, he was convicted in Chicago for armed robbery and served two years in Joliet and Pontiac, Ill. State Prisons. In 1955, the FBI said, he was convicted of forging U. S. postal money orders in Missouri and was confined to Leavenworth Penitentiary until 1958.

### IMPRISONED IN 1960

The FBI said Ray was sent to the Missouri State Penitentiary on March 17, 1960, and spent some time in September, 1966, in the maximum security ward at the State Hospital in Fulton, Mo.

The bureau did not say what set of fingerprints in the King case was matched with those of Ray, but it is presumed that prints were found on a rifle dropped near the scene of the killing as well as in the furnished room occupied by the sniper.

The FBI also has reported recovering a white Mustang automobile in Atlanta, Ga., believed to have been used by the killer.

In a warrant obtained by the FBI Wednesday, the fugitive was accused of conspiring with an individual "alleged to be his brother" to "injure, oppress, threaten, or intimidate Martin Luther King, Jr."

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**Suspect's Profile**

# Man of Many Names Eludes Hunt by FBI

WASHINGTON, April 19 (AP).—James Earl Ray, alias Eric Starvo Galt, who is being sought in the killing of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., is a man described as a loner. Yet he is known as an avid dancer.

He has been convicted of armed robbery and automobile theft, but less than a year ago he applied for and received a legal license to drive a newly purchased white Mustang.

Here is the most current information available on Ray:

**Description:** Height, 5 feet 10; weight, 163 to 174 pounds. Brown hair. Blue eyes. A small scar on his forehead and right palm. His left ear protrudes further from his head than his right one does. White male.

**Relatives:** Born in Alton, Ill., March 10, 1928, son of a laborer of the same name. Hospital records in Fulton, Mo., indicate his parents are deceased but prison records list his mother as Mrs. Lucille Ryan, of 1913 Hickory st., St. Louis. A brother, Jerry, reportedly has an address of Box 22, Wheeling, Ill.

**Aliases:** Two aliases listed on FBI warrant—John Willard and Harvey Lowmyer. Other names used are James McBride, James Walton, W. C. Herron and James O'Connor.

**Education:** High school dropout in 10th grade. Graduate of International School of Bartending in Hollywood on March 2.

**Military record:** Served as an enlisted man in the Army from February, 1946, to December, 1948, when he was given a general discharge for ineptness and lack of adaptability. While in the Army he received a three-month sentence at hard labor for being drunk and "breaking" arrest.

**Criminal record:** In 1949 served eight months in county jail in Los Angeles on a burglary charge. In 1952 convicted in Chicago of armed robbery and served two years in Joliet and Pontiac, Ill., State prisons. In 1955 convicted of forging U. S. postal money orders in Missouri and confined to Fort Leavenworth, Kan., penitentiary until 1958. In 1960 sent to the Missouri State Penitentiary for a 20-year sentence for armed robbery and car theft in St. Louis and, on April 23, 1967, escaped.

**Occupation:** Has worked as a baker, laborer and color matcher. On a driver's license application he put "merchant seaman, unemployed." Claimed to have been a cook on a Mississippi riverboat and to have worked in shipyards.

**Mental history:** Sent for mental observation in connection with a charge of attempted escape from Missouri State Penitentiary. Hospital officials found "no mental disease or defect within the law."

**Pastimes:** Beer and vodka drinker. Fond of hillbilly and Western music. Avid dancer.

**Characteristics:** Rural speech. Nervous habit of pulling at an ear lobe with left hand. Described as quiet, a loner and a neat dresser.

**Last known address:** 2068 Highland, a boarding house, in Birmingham, Ala.

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Photograph of James Earl Ray (top) was made in 1960 when he was sentenced for armed robbery. Bottom photos were taken in 1966. The FBI said Ray is the suspect originally identified as Eric Starvo Galt, sought in assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., in Memphis, Tenn.

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# Memphis Cops Charge Galt With the Murder of Dr. King

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (UPI). — Nation-wide murder and conspiracy warrants have been issued for Eric Starvo Galt, a mysterious riverboat cook, merchant seaman and bartender accused in the assassination of the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The FBI charged Galt and his "alleged brother" in a warrant yesterday with conspiring to injure Dr. King, shot to death by a white sniper in Memphis, Tenn., April 4. Memphis police later filed a murder charge against Galt.

The FBI also released a photograph of Galt, 36, described as a "loner" with a "rural quality" in his voice. There was immediate conflict or uncertainty among witnesses who said they had seen Galt.

"No, that's not him," said Peter Cherpes, operator of a rooming house where Galt stayed from Aug. 26 to Oct. 7, 1967.

"I can't be sure," said Percy Strickland, a roomer at the house.

**THE WOMAN** who runs the Memphis flophouse from where the killer shot Dr. King as the Negro leader stood on his hotel balcony also was undecided about the picture. "I just don't know if it's him," said Mrs. Bessie Brewer.

In Atlanta, the cab driver who reported driving Galt from

a hippie neighborhood the night after Dr. King was slain said the FBI photograph "doesn't resemble" his passenger. "The man was younger and had shorter hair and a thinner face," the driver said.

But the FBI insisted the picture was of Galt. "It's him, all right," said Joseph H. Gamble, special agent in charge of the Birmingham office. He said the photograph was taken this year, "March, I think."

The FBI issued two pictures of Galt, also known as Harvey Lowmyer and John Willard. Galt's eyes were closed in one photo. The other features eyes sketched in by an FBI artist.

**THE FBI COMPLAINT**, filed in Birmingham, charged that Galt and an individual "whom he alleged to be his brother entered into a conspiracy" to harm Dr. King. It says Galt

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purchased a rifle in Birmingham about March 30.

A 30.06 - caliber Remington pump rifle with a telescopic sight was found near the Memphis flophouse and FBI agents traced the weapon to a Birmingham sporting goods store where records showed it was sold to Galt.

A white Mustang car—resembling one seen speeding from the murder scene—was found abandoned in Atlanta the day after the slaying. It was registered to Galt at a Birmingham rooming house, where residents had not seen him in three months. The FBI said Galt purchased the 1966 car from a private citizen in Birmingham last August and put 19,000 miles on it—driving to such places as Los Angeles, New Orleans and Mexico.

ACCORDING to the FBI, Galt claimed to be a riverboat cook and merchant seaman and was an avid dancer with a preference for country and western music. He also likes beer and vodka, the FBI said, and "probably does not have a high degree of education."

Agents said Galt took a course at a bartending school in Los Angeles this year and graduated March 2. Thomas Lau, owner of the International School of Bartending in Los Angeles, said an Eric S. Galt had attended the school.

"He had a southern accent, but not too deep," said Lau. He was a "nice looking fellow with a nice personality," Lau said, but added that Galt was a "little bit disturbed" and "desperate to get a job."

The FBI said Galt had a nervous habit of occasionally pulling at an earlobe with his fingers.

IN MEMPHIS, Willie Greene, an attendant at a service station about three blocks from where Dr. King was shot, said he remembered a nervous man using a telephone outside his station the day of the slaying.

Shown the FBI picture of Galt, Greene exclaimed: "That's him."

Greene said the man apparently tried to make a call and didn't succeed.

"He was nervous. He kept walking up and down the street. It was right about the time Dr. King was killed and he kept pacing up and down the street until we closed with the curfew." Dr. King was shot at 6:01 P. M. The curfew began at 7.



ERIC STARVO GALT  
conspired with "brother"

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# Galt Conspired in Killing Of King, FBI Charges

Memphis, Tenn.—(AP)—The mysterious Eric Starvo Galt has been charged with conspiracy and murder in the assassination of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation said in a fugitive warrant issued last night in Birmingham, Ala., that Galt, 36, conspired with a man "whom he alleged to be his brother" to violate Dr. King's civil rights.

The state charge of first-degree murder was filed later in the evening by District Attorney Phil Canale against Galt in Memphis.

The charge against Galt, however, is contained in a warrant. Before he could stand trial, he must be indicted by a grand jury.

King, 39, Nobel Prize winning civil rights leader, was shot to death on the balcony of the Lorraine Motel April 4 by a sniper who fled from a nearby Memphis rooming house.

There was no further mention in the FBI statement about the alleged brother and no

charge was filed against him. [United Press International said that an FBI source indicated that the alleged brother may be in its custody, aiding in the search for Galt. However, in Washington, the FBI said no one was in custody in connection with the slaying.]

## May Be Alias

The FBI declined to say if the name Eric Starvo Galt was a real name or an alias.

No Social Security, armed service, tax or fingerprint records have reportedly been found for an Eric Starvo Galt. Neither has anything turned up in the records of the Defense Department, the Internal Revenue Service, the Social Security Administration or the FBI's central fingerprint file.

The possibility is reportedly being considered by the FBI that the name was adopted by the man to hide a prison record. Another theory is that the false identity was created specifically for the slaying of Dr. King.

## Started March 30

FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover announced in Washington that the conspiracy to "injure, oppress, threaten or intimidate" King began "on or about March 30" in Birmingham.

The FBI statement said a .30.06-caliber Remington pump rifle equipped with a telescopic sight found near the rooming house shortly after King was slain was purchased March 30

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in Birmingham from a gun dealer, whom it did not identify.

The statement did not connect Galt directly with the rifle.

[The Birmingham News said today in a copyrighted story that the rifle has been determined by ballistics tests to be the weapon used in the slaying. The story cited an unidentified source described only as an investigator.]

The FBI released a photograph of Galt and solicited public aid in finding him. Whether this appeal meant the trail had become cold was unclear, but U. S. Attorney General Ramsey Clark told a reporter in Washington that he felt this was not the situation. The FBI did not specify when the photograph was made or how it was acquired.

Galt's name was first publicly linked to the King slaying on April 11 in an FBI bulletin. The bulletin, asking that Galt be located for questioning, was released, supposedly by mistake and later was withdrawn.

#### Uncertain Responses

FBI agents have contacted persons named Galt in several states in an attempt to find him.

The picture — which had to have the eyes drawn open by an FBI artist—brought uncertain responses from witnesses who were acquainted with Galt or saw the fleeing sniper.

"Unless he was wearing a wig or had a face lift or something, it's not the man I saw," said Charles Q. Stevens, who lives at the Main Street rooming house from which the fatal shot was fired.

"The hair is too full and the face is too young," he said. But Stevens said he only got a side view of the fleeing figure.

#### 'Hard to Tell'

"It's very near, but I'm not sure," was the reaction of Peter Cherpes, owner of a Birmingham boarding house where an Eric Galt stayed from Aug. 26 to Oct. 7 last year.

"I don't really know," Cherpes said. "It's so hard to tell. His hair seemed to be lighter."

Mrs. Bessie Brewer, operator of the Memphis rooming house from where King was shot, said she was unable to tell if the picture was of the man who registered under the name of John Willard three hours before King was killed, and left immediately after the shooting.

"I don't know," she said. "I couldn't tell you to save my soul."

"I can't be sure," said Percy Strickland, a roomer at the house.

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"The one the FBI showed me was much younger. The face was much thinner. The cheeks weren't as fleshy," said the driver, who asked that he not be identified.

#### 'Not the Man'

Looking at an Associated Press wirephoto copy of a picture released by the FBI in Washington, he said, "That's an avid dancer."

definitely not the man I picked up and not the one they showed me. The only time I've ever

seen that was on television tonight."

He said the FBI agent showed him three photographs. "He may have shown me that one; but that wasn't the one I recognized," the driver said.

The driver said he had recognized one of the FBI photographs as that of a patron he carried two blocks in Atlanta's "hippie" section on Friday night April 5. He said he remembered the man because he was rude and threw the money on the seat, causing it to fall on the floorboard.

#### Called a Loner

The FBI, relying on witnesses apparently, said the fugitive had been described as a white man, 5-8 to 5-11, weighing 160 to 175 pounds, with brown hair in a brush type, blue eyes, straight nose.

Persons who have met Galt the FBI reported, described him as a loner with a "rural" speech and little schooling, fond of vodka, beer and hillbilly music.

The FBI statement also said, "the fugitive is said to have a nervous habit of occasionally pulling at an ear lobe with his left hand. His left ear protrudes further from his head than his right ear."

"Galt should be considered armed and dangerous," the FBI release warned.

Galt has used the name of Harvey Lowmeyer as well as the name John Willard, mentioned by Mrs. Brewer, the FBI said.

#### Details Missing

Details of the alleged conspiracy were missing from the FBI release, as were vital statistics, such as Galt's birthplace, formal schooling, employment.

The statement said Galt claimed to have been a cook on the Mississippi riverboats, a merchant seaman and "is said to be an avid dancer."

Galt, the FBI said, is the owner of a 1966 white Mustang with Alabama license plates abandoned in Atlanta the day after King was shot to death. The vehicle was left in the parking lot of an apartment project near the Georgia capitol.

The FBI said Galt's car traveled more than 19,000 miles between Aug. 30, 1967, when he bought it in Birmingham from a private citizen and its abandonment last week in Atlanta. There were trips to Los Angeles, New Orleans and Mexico, the FBI said.

"Galt was reported to have been in Memphis April 3 and 4, 1968, and to have departed from there for Atlanta," the FBI said.

#### Took Lessons

Galt was said to have taken dancing lessons in New Orleans in 1964 or 1965, in Birmingham during 1967 and in Long Beach Calif., in recent months.

Rod Arvidson, 46, general manager of National Dance Studios in Long Beach, said he notified the FBI Saturday after recognizing Galt from a composite drawing in a newspaper.

"He's certainly no mixer," Arvidson told newsmen. He had trouble coordinating one foot with another.

"He just didn't show anything

but a crooked smile and a fidgety manner," said an instructor, Kathy Nolan, 21. Shortly after the assassination, the operator of the rooming house from which the sniping took place mentioned a "silly smile" in describing the suspect.

While in the Los Angeles area early this year, Galt took a course in bartending and graduated March 2, the FBI said. In Hollywood, Tomas Reyes Lau, director of the International School of Bartending, said Galt took a four-week course but refused a job. Lau said:

"He had a southern accent, but not too deep." He was a "nice looking fellow with a nice personality."

Lau said Galt, who seemed a "little bit disturbed," turned down the job because he said he wanted to visit his brother.

Galt told his landlord in Birmingham he was on vacation and had worked at Ingalls Shipyards in Pascagoula, Miss. The company had no record of him.

Likewise, Galt put "merchant seaman, unemployed," on his application for an Alabama driver's license last year, but no record has been found of his name on maritime union rolls. He also claimed to have had a 1962 Louisiana license, but there is no record of it.





**Eric Starvo Galt**

... Eyes painted on photo

**Eric Starvo Galt**

... Original FBI photo

(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

# Conspiracy Is Charged In Warrant

## Suspect's Brother Also Implicated By Investigation

By JEROME S. CAHILL

Inquirer Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, April 17.—The FBI announced Wednesday night it was seeking Eric Starvo Galt in connection with the slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and disclosed for the first time that a conspiracy involving at least one other man figured in the assassination.

Those and other details of the FBI's investigation into the murder of the civil rights leader April 4 in Memphis, Tenn., were made public with the filing of conspiracy charges against Galt, a white man, whose arrest is being sought.

### ALIASES GIVEN

In a Federal complaint filed at Birmingham, Ala., the FBI said Galt also was known as Harvey Lowmyer and John Wilard and contended to have worked as a merchant seaman and as a cook on Mississippi river vessels.

In the complaint filed with U. S. Commissioner Mildred Fial Sprague at Birmingham, the FBI charged that Galt "and an individual whom he alleged to be his brother entered into a conspiracy" against Dr. King.

The conspiracy began in Birmingham "on or about March 29," or one week before the slaying of the Negro leader, and

continued "until on or about April 5," the day after Dr. King was cut down by an assassin's bullet as he stood on a balcony outside his Memphis motel room, according to the complaint.

### RIFLE MENTIONED

The complaint alleged that Galt had purchased a rifle at Birmingham "on or about" March 30 "in furtherance of this conspiracy."

Whether that was the weapon employed in the murder was not indicated.

The FBI pointed out, however, that a 30.06 rifle equipped with a telescopic sight had been found near a rooming house on S. Main st. in Memphis shortly after the killing. The rooming house overlooks the Lorraine Hotel and Motel where Dr. King was staying.

### OWNS MUSTANG

FBI agents determined that this 30.06 rifle had been purchased from a gun dealer in Birmingham on March 30, as was the telescopic sight.

Galt also was named the owner of the 1966 white Mustang bearing Alabama license plates that was found abandoned in Atlanta, Ga., seven days after the assassination.

There have been published reports that a white Mustang was in the neighborhood of the Memphis motel shortly after the killing.

### DESCRIPTION GIVEN

The FBI described Galt as 5 feet, 8 to 5 feet, 11 inches tall, and 160 to 175 pounds in weight. He was said to have given his age as 36.

The FBI said persons who knew Galt described him as a "loner" and said his language and choice of words had a "rural" quality, indicating he lacked a high degree of education.

Galt was described as a neat dresser, who has brown hair in a crew cut, blue eyes and a straight nose. He was said to have a nervous habit of occasionally tugging at his ear with his hand.

### AVOID DANCER

The fugitive was said to be a fan of Western and country music and "an avid dancer" who took dancing lessons in New Orleans in 1964 and 1965, in Birmingham during September and October, 1967, and in Long Beach, Calif., from December, 1967, to February, 1968.

The FBI report said Galt purchased the white Mustang from a private citizen in Birmingham on Aug. 30, 1967. The car was driven more than 19,000 miles from that date until it was abandoned.

The FBI said Galt's travels in the Mustang had included trips to Los Angeles, New Orleans, and Mexico, as well as a trip to Memphis. The fugitive reportedly was in Memphis the day before the murder and the day of the killing, and then drove to Atlanta.

### TRACED TO COAST

In its account of Galt's travels, the FBI said he left Los Angeles last Dec. 15 for New Orleans, where he contended to have contacted an engineering or a contracting firm.

He left New Orleans on Dec. 19 and arrived in Los Angeles two days later, according to the FBI. A short time later he enrolled in a school of bartending in Los Angeles and graduated on March 2.

The FBI was silent on Galt's activities from that date until his alleged meeting with his co-conspirator in Birmingham on March 29.

### PICTURES RELEASED

The FBI released two photographs of the suspect, one showing him with his eyes closed and the other with eyes drawn by an FBI artist on the basis of descriptions provided by persons acquainted with Galt.

No description or details were provided as to the whereabouts of Galt's co-conspirator, nor the extent of the conspiracy. Under law, a conspiracy is said to exist when two persons plot a crime.

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There was no indication as to when an arrest might be forthcoming but Attorney General Ramsey Clark, in remarks earlier in the day to the American Society of Newspaper Editors, said evidence in the case was "very substantial."

#### PHOTO DISPUTED

There were these reactions to the FBI move?

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In Memphis, Mrs. Bessie Brewer, who rented a room in the flophouse to Dr. King's killer, said, "I just don't know, I just don't know if it's him," when she was shown the FBI picture. "All I noticed was that he was a neat dresser. That's all. Nothing else."

Charlie Stevens, who lives in the flophouse and saw the killer, said the photograph "doesn't register."

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**Wanted**



Photo (left), released by FBI, is identified as that of Eric Starvo Galt, who is charged with conspiracy in the slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. It is compared with sketch prepared by police in Mexico City from FBI description.

## Have You Seen Him?

**W**ANTED by the FBI in connection with the slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., is Eric Starvo Galt, described as a loner with a taste for Western and country music, dancing and vodka.

Galt was described as white, 36, and 5 feet, 8 to 5 feet, 11 inches tall. He weighs 160 to 175 pounds.

The FBI said his language and choice of words were reported to have a "rural" quality. He was described as a neat dresser, with brown hair in a crew cut, blue eyes and a straight nose. He has a nervous habit of tugging at his ear, the FBI said.

Galt reportedly took dancing lessons in New Orleans in 1964 and 1965, in Birmingham, Ala., during September and October, 1967, and in Long Beach, Calif., from December, 1967, to February, 1968.

The bureau warned that "Galt should be considered armed and dangerous," and any information concerning him should be furnished immediately to the FBI.

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p.1-"The Philadelphia Inquirer"  
Philadelphia, Pa.

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# King Fugitive Gets Unusual FBI Listing

## Escaped Convict Made No. 11 Among 'Ten Most Wanted'

Washington —(UPI)—Escaped convict James Earl Ray was given an extraordinary emergency listing on the FBI's roster of ten most wanted criminals yesterday in the nationwide manhunt for the accused assassin of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Ray, who masqueraded as Eric Starvo Galt when King was slain in Memphis on April 4, was placed on the list even though there are ten fugitives already on it. This has happened once before — in June of 1961 — in the history of the ten most wanted. It involved a man sought in a butcher-knife murder. He was arrested the next day.

### Widest Dissemination

FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover decided to add Ray as an 11th "most wanted" to insure the widest possible dissemination of the 40-year-old criminal's picture and description to the police and the public.

In addition, a special alert was set up in the Mexican border area in the event Ray tries to flee the country. Mexican police officials also were said to be looking for Ray on an unofficial basis.

### Identified Friday

On Wednesday of this week, the FBI obtained a warrant in Birmingham, Ala., charging Galt with conspiring to deprive King of his civil rights to travel from state to state Friday, the law enforcement agency identified Galt as Ray, who escaped from the Missouri penitentiary April 22, 1967.

He was serving the seventh year of a 20-year sentence for a 1959 market holdup and auto theft in St. Louis.

The FBI said it was Ray who had registered in the Memphis rooming house from which the fatal shot was fired at King in a nearby motel.

The FBI did not make clear where it got the fingerprints which it matched against its files to show Galt is actually Ray.

But speculation was that the prints may have been left in the rooming house, on the murder weapon, a rifle, or on a 1966 white Mustang—since impounded in Atlanta — that witnesses reported seeing leaving the vicinity of the shooting. The auto had been purchased by Galt in Birmingham, Ala., in 1967.

### 'Dangerous'

The FBI said "Ray should be considered armed and extremely dangerous."

Ray, 40, was reportedly born in Alton, Ill. He has a criminal record dating to 1949.

The eldest of three sons, he quit school in Ewing, Mo., in the ninth grade. Probation records in Los Angeles, where he served a county jail term for burglary disclosed he once told a probation officer he left school because "I didn't want to go anymore."

His trouble with the law began in Los Angeles in 1949. In addition to that jail term he was convicted of armed robbery in Chicago in 1952 and forging U. S. postal money orders in Missouri in 1955.

Ray was described by the FBI as 5 feet 10, weighing 163 to 174 pounds, with blue eyes and brown hair. He has a small scar in the center of his right hand. He is known as a "loner" and "drifter," the FBI said.

He has assumed such aliases as Galt, Harvey Lowmeyer, John Willard, James McBride, James Walton, W. C. Herron and James O'Conner.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

p.1—"The Evening Bulletin" Philadelphia, Pa.

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Editor: Wm. B. Dickinson  
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To SAC (44-1368

MEMO

Subject: MURKIN

The following dancing schools in SCRANTON, PA & vicinity were contacted by SA DENNIS W. CAMPBELL on 4/17/68. with negative results RE THE NAME ERIC STARVO GALT, AKA HARVEY LOWMYER OR JOHN WILLARD:

Mr. D. E. Williams - mgr.

ARTHUR MURRAY School of DANCING,  
620 Spruce St. - SCRANTON, PA.

Mrs. Claire Hopkins, mgr.

DAVID BLIGHT School of DANCING,  
604 Linden St. - SCRANTON, PA.

Tony Grant, Sr.

Tony Grant, Jr. School of DANCE

332 Lacka Ave. SCRANTON, PA. 44-1368-221

Alexi Ramov, mgr

SUTTON Dance Studio

537 Linden St., SCRANTON, PA.

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Ramov advised that the PAUL DANCE Studios, 131 S. Main St, SCRANTON, PA & Constance Reynolds School of DANCE, 316 N. Washington Ave. SCRANTON PA ~~is~~ specializes.

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with children.

★ (John, I tried to contact these 2 schools on 4/17/68 with negative results.

Lucile Moon, mgr.

Abington Dance & Twirling Center,  
212 Depot St., Clarks Summit, PA.

It is noted the telephone & city directories for Montrose, Honesdale, Pocono Mts., Monroe County, Forest City and vicinity, ~~SEARCHED~~ were negative re my listing for a dancing school. The telephone directory for Carbondale, PA, reflected the same listing of dancing schools as for the telephone directory of Scranton, PA, ~~which~~

on 4/17/68 Trooper HAROLD McElroy, PSP, Mt. Pocono, PA, and Cpl. Emil Weber, PSP, Stroudsburg, PA advised that to their knowledge there are no dancing schools in their respective areas.





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machine than the <sup>FIRST</sup> tapes since the first three characters are 15-point type and the last two characters are 18-point type.

The Textile Marking Machine Company has suggested the 20 in the above code would be the lot number, the R may mean this was a return of a batch of laundry, and the 3 was the bundle number.

It is noted the following Agents have contacted the following firms known to have or have had in their possession Thermo-Seal marking machines:

A&C Cleaners,  
62 Street and Hazel Avenue  
Philadelphia  
SR 32740  
SA HERSMAN

Barclay Laundry  
253 South 10 Street  
Philadelphia  
SR 32052  
SA E. SMITH

Benjamin Brothers Rigging Company  
323 North American Street  
Philadelphia  
SR 33593  
SR 32073  
SA M.B. DAVIS

Best Equipment Company  
2243 Brynmawr Avenue  
Philadelphia  
SR 33908

Betty Brite Cleaners  
5001 Wynnfield Avenue  
Philadelphia  
SR 33783  
SA BASS

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Harold's Valetaria  
3407 Derry Street  
Harrisburg, Pa.  
SR 33766  
SA KEENAN

Farrst Laundry  
1225 Columbia  
Philadelphia  
SR 32160  
SR 31893  
SR 31609  
SA M.B. DAVIS

Friends Cleaners  
68 & Media Streets  
Philadelphia  
SR 33832  
SA HERSMAN

Ideal Cleaners  
783 Broad Street  
Chambersburg  
SR 32485  
SA HENDRICKS

Jay Company  
Philadelphia  
SR 32293  
SA HERSMAN

New Idea Laundry Company  
Woodland & Olive Streets  
Coatsville  
SR 32452  
SR 32451  
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Park and Clean Laundry  
6351 Roosevelt Boulevard  
Philadelphia  
SR 32553  
SA GAFFNEY

Pierce Shirt Laundry  
1921 Point Breeze Avenue  
Philadelphia  
SR 33626  
SR 33625  
SR 32681  
SA GAFFNEY

Saritas Cleaners  
519 Davisville Road  
Willow Grove  
SR 33536  
SA STOCKTON

Service Cleaners  
704 East Market Street  
West Chester  
SR 31787  
SA COX

Stadhan Supply Company  
Philadelphia  
SR 31152  
SA M.B. DAVIS

State Cleaners and Dyers  
5431 Vine Street  
Philadelphia  
SR 32072  
SA HERSMAN

Steel's Hanover Laundry, Inc.  
110 High Street  
Hanover  
SR 31348  
SA HENDRICKS

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Tribune Laundry  
23 and Clearfield Streets  
Philadelphia  
SR 31919  
SA M.B. DAVIS

Wharton's Inc.  
552 Lancaster Avenue  
Haverford  
SR 33958  
SA COX

Pennsburg One Hour Cleaner  
833 West Trenton  
Morrisville, Pa.  
SR 33783  
SA BASS

Leads

Agents receiving copies of this memorandum will recontact the laundries previously assigned to them in an effort to determine whether that laundry might possibly use the code 2OR-3.

In the event that they do utilize this number, attempt to determine to whom it was issued and obtain a machine sample for that number.

BUREAU INSTRUCTIONS BY TELETYPE 4/22/68 STATES ALL LEADS MUST BE HANDLED WITHIN 24 HOURS.

625 Cobblehill  
Dear Sir, 4-18-68-Phila Pa <sup>Philly</sup>

I have been concerned ever since I saw this man. I have believed him to be related to the crime and was quite surprised when the word was published that he wore a dark suit.

Perhaps he did at the time of the assassination, but I saw a full face with sallow complexion. Wearing a cap with a plastic type top and work pants, reddish brown turn over shoes and I would say he is about 160 lbs maybe a few less, Height 5ft 7 or 8. I wrote all of this down the next morning after the murder.

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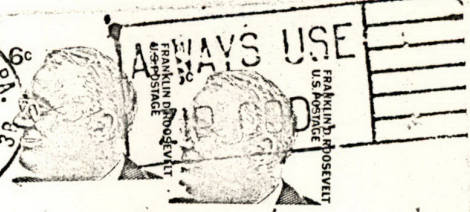
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I told my girl friend he  
was probably going to  
the Merchant Business  
and I was surprised to  
see this account in  
the paper. This man  
was walking north on  
Cobden Creek Parkway  
near Catharine St at about  
7:15 A.M. the day after  
the murder. I definitely  
saw this man.

Axel Tinsley

Please do not mention  
my name to public.



*via mail*

*F.B.I.*

*Federal Bureau of Investigation  
J. E. Hoover  
Washington, D.C.*

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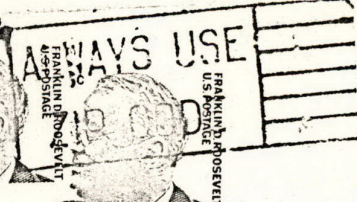
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Date: 4/22/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via Airtel \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

To: SAC, Philadelphia

✓ From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re Ariel Tinsley - Complainant.

Enclosed are two copies of a letter from the complainant dated 4/18/68 at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. One copy is enclosed for Memphis.

You should immediately attempt to locate and interview the complainant in an effort to establish pertinent information regarding the individual she saw whom she believes to be identical with the subject.

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1 - Memphis (Enclosure)

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Serial # 319.  
K.R.S.*

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**Airtel**

**To: SAC'S, Cleveland (44-565)  
Memphis (44-1987)**

**From: Director, FBI (44-38861)**

**MURKIN**

**Re Cleveland airtel 4-18-68, submitting major case prints of Linwood Nash Page for elimination purposes.**

**Latent prints previously reported from the Rebel Motel in Memphis are not identical with the major case prints of Page. Major case prints retained temporarily in Latent Fingerprint Section.**

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URGENT 4-22-68 RNK

TO ALL SACS PLAINTEXT

FROM DIRECTOR (44-38861) 1P

MURKIN

REMEAIRTEL TO ALL OFFICES APRIL ONE NINE LAST FURNISHING  
BACKGROUND DATA CONCERNING JAMES EARL RAY.

SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED POSSIBLE SUSPECT IN ANY  
UNSOLVED BANK ROBBERIES, BURGLARIES OR ARMED ROBBERIES  
(POSSIBLE ITSP VIOLATIONS) OCCURRING AFTER APRIL TWO THREE  
ONE NINE SIX SEVEN. RAY SHOULD ALSO BE CONSIDERED SUSPECT IN  
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OF ANY TENTATIVE IDENTIFICATION.

ANY PERTINENT LEADS DEVELOPED DURING REVIEW OF PAST  
VIOLATIONS SHOULD BE EXPEDITIOUSLY RUN OUT AND BUREAU ADVISED.

SUBJECT'S HANDWRITING AND HAND PRINTING NOT IDENTIFIED  
IN BANK ROBBERY NOTE FILE AND HIS FINGERPRINTS ARE BEING  
SEARCHED AGAINST LATENTS SUBMITTED IN UNSOLVED BANK ROBBERY AND  
BURGLARY VIOLATIONS.

SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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TO ALL SACS PLAINTEXT

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*all agent memo dictated. K.K.S.*

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*BGM (Bureau tel unit) advised. jmv*

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1368)

FROM : SA D. ALAN REIGHLEY III

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/22/68

Re Memo of SA KENNETH K. SMYTHE, dated 4/15/68.

The following dance schools in Berks County (Reading RA) advised their records contain no information identifiable with the names ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMYER or JOHN WILLIARD:

Harry Hap Adams  
842 Centre Avenue  
Reading, Pa.

Arthur Murray Studios  
613 Penn Street  
Reading, Pa.

Catherine A. Behney  
11 North 9th. Street  
Reading, Pa.

Collins School of Dance  
313 St. Nichols  
Reading, Pa.

Continental Dance Studios  
529 Penn Street  
Reading, Pa.

Gift Sisters School of Dancing  
1012 North 9th. Street  
Reading, Pa.

Norton Mickey School of Dance  
906 Bellevue Avenue  
Laureldale, Pa.

Nunemaker Artist Bureau  
20 South 9th. Street  
Reading, Pa.

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Marie Shaw  
1419 Lancaster Avenue  
Reading, Pa.

Thomas Shirley School of Dance  
7 South 4th. Street  
Reading, Pa.

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TO: SAC, NEWARK  
FROM: SAC, PHILADELPHIA (44-1368)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Philadelphia telephone call to Newark 4/21/68.

At 2:35 p.m., 4/21/68, SA GORDON W. GWINN telephonically furnished SA RALPH H. PERRY, Newark, the following:

At 2:30 p.m., 4/21/68, the Philadelphia Office received a call from PATRICK GILLESPIE, 1140 North 24th Street, Camden, New Jersey (EM 5-1327).

GILLESPIE stated he was at the PENN QUEEN Diner, Route 130 and Westfield Avenue, Pennsauken, N.J., at 2:00 p.m., 4/21/68. He noticed a man in the diner who looked like ERIC STARVO GALT. He said he was looking at a photo of GALT in the Philadelphia Inquirer at the time and he noticed a similarity in the photo and the man in the diner.

GILLESPIE stated the man in the diner had a very short crew cut and looked much heavier than the photo. He said the man was wearing a red wool shirt, was in his mid 30s, and was talking to the waitress in the diner concerning directions on Route 130.

According to GILLESPIE, the man in the diner noticed GILLESPIE was watching him and when GILLESPIE left the diner, the man came to the window and watched him.

Mr. GILLESPIE stated he works at Precision Steel, 37th and River Road, Camden, N.J.

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AT PENNSAUKEN, N.J.

Conduct appropriate investigation at Penn Queen  
Diner, Route 130 and Westfield Avenue.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO: ALL AGENTS  
FROM: SAC (44-1368)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/23/68

The Bureau instructions in this case are as follows:

ALL LEADS RECEIVED ARE TO BE COVERED WITHIN 24 HOURS.

All Agents have received copies of the wanted flyers and will receive copies of the identification orders on JAMES EARL RAY. All informants, criminal, security, and racial, should be shown this photograph and alerted concerning this subject. A record of the contact should be placed in the informant's file.

The Bureau has pointed out that RAY might possibly be a subject of an unsolved bank robbery or burglary committed since April of 1967 to date or might possibly be the subject of a future bank robbery. All Agents working bank robbery and bank burglary matters should be especially alert to consider RAY as a possible suspect in any unsolved bank robbery or bank burglary matter. The Bureau is already checking latent fingerprints submitted in unsolved bank robberies since the pertinent date.

All Agents should also be alert for any stolen cars recovered within this division that originated from the State of Georgia and were stolen subsequent to 4/4/68. The same consideration should be given to any cars recovered in the near future that were stolen from the State of Georgia after 4/4/68. In those instances where cars were stolen from Georgia and where the transporter of same cannot be otherwise accounted for, investigation should be conducted if RAY was person who may have stolen and transported same.

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Be alert on all cases involving cars stolen in Georgia, Tennessee, Mississippi (or South generally). If such, call at once to attention of the #7 as well as the #3 Desk (so experienced 26 man can handle and process).

ALL LEADS IN THIS CASE SHOULD BE HANDLED BY TELEPHONE OR TELETYPE.

RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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Date: 4/23/68  
PLAIN TEXTTransmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CIVIL RIGHTS  
(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re Philadelphia teletype to the Bureau and New York dated 4/18/68.

Enclosed for Dallas, Memphis and Oklahoma City is one copy each of Philadelphia teletype to the Bureau dated 4/18/68.

LEO FRUTKIN, Security Officer, American Airlines, 633 Third Avenue, New York City, made available an IBM listing of all passengers on Flight #338, originating in Dallas, Texas on 4/6/68 with stop at Friendship Airport, Baltimore and arriving in Philadelphia same date. Review of IBM listing does not reflect name of subject or aliases. Approximately 128 people listed as traveling tourist class and only information available is telephone numbers where these persons may be contacted. The majority of the telephone numbers listed are in the Dallas area. Mr. FRUTKIN advised there was no seating manifest maintained of passengers on plane but furnished names and addresses of stewardesses which are as follows:

- 3- Bureau
- 2- Dallas (Encl. 1)
- 2- Memphis (Encl. 1)
- 2- Oklahoma City (Encl. 1)
- 1- Philadelphia (INFO)
- 1- New York (44-1609)

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Special Agent in Charge



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1. VIRGINIA VANCE,  
5049 Cedar Springs,  
Apartment 120,  
Dallas, Texas;
2. BONNIE CRAVEN,  
2625 Hudnall,  
Apartment 226,  
Dallas, Texas;
3. JANICE THERRELL,  
3726 Fairfax,  
Dallas, Texas;
4. ANNETTE BUATT,  
2710 Douglas,  
Apartment 124,  
Dallas, Texas.

Miss VANCE and Miss THERRELL were stewardesses assigned to First Class and Miss CRAVEN and Miss BUATT were assigned to Tourist Class.

FRUTKIN advised that JAN WOODRING, Group Supervisor, Dallas-Airport is the person to contact in order that arrangements may be made to interview above-mentioned stewardesses.

LEADS:

DALLAS

AT DALLAS, TEXAS: Will contact JAN WOODRING, Group Supervisor, American Airlines, Dallas, Texas, regarding interviewing airline stewardesses and displaying IO 4182 dated 4/20/68 in an effort to identify JAMES EARL RAY.

NY 44-1609

LEADS CONT'D:

OKLAHOMA CITY

AT EDMOND, OKLAHOMA: Will recontact Mrs. DONOVAN WOODSIDE, 309 Elmwood Drive and display IO 4182 dated 4/20/68 of JAMES EARL RAY for purposes of further identification. If Mrs. WOODSIDE identifies individual or feels resemblance same as subject, Oklahoma City will notify NYO in order that approximately 128 people traveling Tourist Class may be contacted to determine if identical with subject.

NEW YORK

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK: Upon receipt of requested investigation from Dallas, Oklahoma or Philadelphia, NY will set out leads to appropriate field offices to contact passengers on Flight 338 traveling Tourist Class to determine if identical with the subject.

Information copy is being furnished to Philadelphia as possibility exists that Mrs. WOODSIDE may have been contacted by Agents of Philadelphia Office and if so, cover same lead set out for Oklahoma City.

JAMES EARL RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED

AND DANGEROUS.