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INVESTIGATION BY SD OFFICE REFLECTS HARVEY EDWARD LOHMEYER POSSESSES CALIFORNIA DRIVER'S LICENSE NUMBER K FIVE ONE ZERO FOUR EIGHT THREE, OBTAINED FEBRUARY FOUR, NINETEEN SIXTY FOUR, SHOWING HIS ADDRESS AS TWO FOUR ZERO GEORGE STREET, SAN JOSE, CALIF.

IN VIEW OF PURCHASE OF FIREARM AT BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA MARCH THIRTY LAST BY SUBJECT USING NAME HARVEY LOWMYER, AND FACT THAT HARVEY EDWARD LOHMEYER, FBI NUMBER SEVEN THREE ZERO NINE SEVEN NINE A, HAS HISTORY SIMILAR TO SUBJECT RAY AT QUINCY, ILL., PREVIOUS LEADS SET FORTH TO LOCATE HARVEY EDWARD LOHMEYER, IF NOT ALREADY COVERED, SHOULD BE DONE TO LOCATE LOHMEYER TO DETERMINE IF HE IS AN ASSOCIATE OF RAY OR IS CO-CONSPIRATOR WITH RAY, IN MURDER OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING.

SAN FRANCISCO, AT SAN JOSE, CALIF, SHOULD CONDUCT INVESTIGATION AT TWO FOUR ZERO GEORGE STREET TO LOCATE HARVEY EDWARD LOHMEYER. SUBJECT CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, SAN DIEGO (44-387)

FROM : SPC ALLAN THOMAS JAEGER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4-23-68

At approximately 11:20 pm this date, an anonymous male caller advised that a person resembling ERIC STARVO GALT was in THE LANTERN, 1322 3rd., Chula Vista, phone 427-4200.

Complainant advised that he had observed this individual for approximately one and a half to two hours previous to this call and that this individual was boasting how he had "knocked of that god dammed King mother f_k_n nigger." Complainant stated that this individual had a hillbilly accent.

Complainant stated that the individual was driving a 1964 or 1965 Black Ford, similar in appearance to the SDPD detective cars and that it contained shortwave radio equipment and had an antenna in the middle of the roof. Complainant also advised that the car bore Calif. license UNT 891. Complainant stated the the individual was carrying a gun on his belt.

Complainant had no other information to furnish and he stated that he preferred to remain anonymous.

ASAC BROWN advised at 11:25 pm.

Subsequent contact with FBI Sacramento, SPC Larry Long, revealed that Calif. license UNT 891 was registered to a 1967 Rambler station wagon belonging to WILLIAM E. or BARBARA DELONG, 2462 Lorna Lane, Carlsbad, Calif.

NCIC negative on Calif. UNT 891.

Consider Armed and Dangerous.

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Oranther, Webb, Brown checked bar negatively. Talked to bartender. car not in parking space around bar.

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A I R T E L

TO: SAC, CHARLOTTE
FROM: SAC, SAN DIEGO (44-387) (P)
MURKIN

Re Sacramento teletype to San Diego, 4/23/68.

For the information of Charlotte, referenced teletype reflects that a record check of Department of Motor Vehicles, Sacramento, California shows California license Number KMS-347 is for a 1959 Chevrolet, four-door sedan, registered and legal owner, CHARLES R. or EDITH L. POOLE, 856 Seventeenth Street, San Diego, California.

Mrs. MARION SPICER, Security Office, San Diego Gas and Electric Company, advised as follows, 4/23/68:

Mr. CHARLES R. POOLE has had service at Apartment 1, 856 Seventeenth Street, San Diego, California since 2/12/65. Records also indicate POOLE had previous service in the San Diego area since 1962.

No occupation was shown for POOLE.

Mr. CHARLES R. POOLE, Apartment 1, 856 Seventeenth Street, San Diego, California, who is employed as a desk clerk at the Park Manor Hotel, directly across the street from the San Diego FBI Office, and who is well known to a number of the Agents assigned at San Diego, made available his 1959 Chevrolet, bearing California license plate KMS-347 and it was noted that both license plates were intact. The color of this automobile is dark brown in color.

Mr. POOLE advised that it would be impossible for his automobile to have been seen in the vicinity of Charlotte, North Carolina on 4/22/68.

In view of the above, no further investigation being conducted by the San Diego Division. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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1 - San Francisco (Info) (100-427)
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, SAN DIEGO (44-387) (P)
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At approximately 7:12 p.m., 4/22/68, a Mrs. WILLIAMS, giving telephone number 422-3727, telephonically contacted the San Diego Office and advised that approximately one week and a half previously, a male cousin of a neighbor and another male individual named JIMMY RAY BUNDY visited this neighbor. The cousin was driving a car with a North Carolina license.

JIMMY RAY BUNDY left rather unexpectedly hitchhiking on his way back south. Mrs. WILLIAMS and her husband thought that BUNDY bore a striking resemblance to ERIC STARVO GALT and that his actions while at the neighbor's home were most circumspect. Mrs. WILLIAMS further advised that BUNDY had a peculiar reluctance to converse.

Mrs. WILLIAMS was recontacted by SA ARNOLD W. O'BRIEN and she advised that the neighbor, Mrs. MARJORIE GREGG resides directly across from her place at 138 Quail Drive, Chula Vista, California. The cousin of Mrs. GREGG is driving a 1957 Chevrolet bearing North Carolina license plate HJ7057.

Mrs. WILLIAMS advised that she determined that JIMMY RAY BUNDY was taken to Alpine, California by Mrs. GREGG several days ago where he was let out to hitchhike back to North Carolina. He was immediately picked up by an automobile bearing an orange license plate.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA ARNOLD W. O'BRIEN and CHARLES W. BONE:

Mr. MILTON GRAY MANNING, temporarily residing at 138 Quail Drive, Chula Vista, California, advised that he is the cousin of MARJORIE GREGG who is the owner of the residence at 138 Quail Drive.

On approximately 4/9/68, MANNING and a friend named JIMMY RAY BUNDY left Greenville, North Carolina in his 1957 Chevrolet bearing North Carolina license plate HJ7057 en route to California.

According to MANNING, he and BUNDY have been in California for approximately 1½ weeks, however JIMMY RAY BUNDY departed from Alpine, California, hitchhiking enroute to Greenville, North Carolina or Portsmouth, Virginia.

According to MANNING, JIMMY RAY BUNDY was employed for his father, JIM BUNDY who operates his own real estate company at Portsmouth, Virginia. JIMMY RAY BUNDY came to Greenville, North Carolina to visit his mother, Mrs. IDA SAWYER, who lives in the Village Grove section of Greenville, North Carolina. BUNDY's mother is presently married to RUDELL SAWYER of the Village Grove Section, Greenville, North Carolina and believes that the telephone number is listed under his stepfather's name.

While in Greenville, JIMMY RAY BUNDY decided to come to California with MANNING for the purpose of obtaining employment.

Employment was not obtained by BUNDY, therefore, he decided to return to the southern states.

Mrs. MARJORIE GREGG, cousin of MILTON GRAY MANNING verified the information furnished by MANNING and advised that she took JIMMY RAY BUNDY to Alpine, California on the morning of 4/19/68 for the purpose of his obtaining a ride to either Greenville, North Carolina or Portsmouth, Virginia. Mrs. GREGG advised that JIMMY RAY BUNDY obtained a ride almost immediately in an out of state automobile bearing orange license plates.

Mrs. GREGG advised that she has known JIMMY RAY BUNDY and his family for many years and upon being shown a

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photograph of JAMES EARL RAY she stated that there was no resemblance between RAY and JIMMY RAY BUNDY.

MANNING also was displayed photograph of RAY and he likewise stated there was no resemblance between the two. MANNING and GREGG described JIMMY RAY BUNDY as follows:

Sex	Male
Race	White
Age	31 years
Height	5' 10" to 6 feet
Weight	180 pounds
Hair	Dark
Eyes	Blue
Characteristic	Knot on back of neck

LEADS

CHARLOTTE

AT GREENVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA. Attempt to locate JIMMY RAY BUNDY or his mother, Mrs. IDA SAWYER, for the purpose of eliminating BUNDY as being identical with JAMES EARL RAY.

NORFOLK

AT PORTSMOUTH, VIRGINIA. Attempt to locate JIMMY RAY BUNDY or his father, JIMMY BUNDY, for the purpose of eliminating JIMMY RAY BUNDY as being identical with JAMES EARL RAY.

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)
DALLAS
MEMPHIS (44-1987)
KANSAS CITY
FROM: SAN DIEGO (44-387)

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MR. M. L. REEVES, SPACE TWENTY, SIX SEVEN SEVEN G STREET,
CHULA VISTA, CALIFORNIA, ADVISED AS FOLLOWS:

DURING NINETEEN FIFTY SIX OR NINETEEN FIFTY SEVEN WHILE
REEVES AND HIS MOTHER, LYNETTE VESTAL, WERE RESIDING AT TWO
ONE ONE EIGHT NORTH CARROLL AVENUE, DALLAS, TEXAS, AN INDIVIDUAL
NAMED JAMES EARL RAY WAS RESIDING WITH A WOMAN AND A SMALL CHILD
AT TWO ONE TWO TWO NORTH CARROLL AVENUE, DALLAS.

THIS INDIVIDUAL BELIEVED TO BE IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT RAY.

INDIVIDUAL RESIDED AT ABOVE ADDRESS FOR ONLY SEVERAL
MONTHS BUT WHILE THERE WAS BELIEVED TO BE ARRESTED BY DALLAS
PD FOR DISCHARGING A FIREARM IN FRONT OF HIS RESIDENCE.

RESIDENCE AT TWO ONE TWO TWO NORTH CARROLL AVENUE THEN

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OWNED BY JACK GUNNELL, WHO OWNS THE GUNNELL ELECTRIC COMPANY,
DALLAS, TEXAS.

DALLAS ATTEMPT TO VERIFY IF JAMES EARL RAY RESIDING
TWO ONE TWO TWO NORTH CARROLL DURING NINETEEN FIFTY SIX OR
FIFTY SEVEN IS IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT THIS CASE AND IF SO
CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION FOR BACKGROUND INFORMATION
IF NOT ALREADY DONE.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAN DIEGO (44-387)

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RE BUREAU TEL TO SAN DIEGO, APRIL TWENTY TWO LAST.
CONCERNING INFORMATION FURNISHED BY JOSEPH MORRIS MARKS,
PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR, LOS ANGELES, A CHECK OF THE RECORDS OF
SAN DIEGO GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY, SD, CALIF. FAILS TO
INDICATE SERVICE FOR THE TOM ROSE RANCH.

REPRESENTATIVES, SAN DIEGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
ADVISED NO SUCH PLACE AS TOM ROSE RANCH, SAN DIEGO COUNTY,
AND FURTHER THAT DESCRIPTION OF LOCATION OF TOM ROSE RANCH
GIVEN BY MARKS IS HIGHLY UNLIKELY SINCE HIS DESCRIPTION WOULD
BE FIVE SEPARATE AREAS IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY.

IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE, NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION TO
LOCATE TOM ROSE RANCH, UACB. SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 11, 1968

DAVID M. KREPCHIN, Manager, San Diego Branch, M. Rosenblatt and Son, Incorporated, Naval Architects and Marine Engineers, 707 Broadway, San Diego, California, advised as follows:

JOHN DONALDSON WILLARD has been employed at M. Rosenblatt and Son as an electrical design draftsman since June, 1967. He provided a personal record on WILLARD which disclosed that he had served in the United States Navy from August 18, 1943 to April 1, 1963, leaving the Navy as a Senior Chief Electrician's Mate, Navy Serial Number 866-62-02. He was described as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Nationality	American
Date of birth	<input type="text"/> at
	Kansas City, Kansas
Height	5' 10"
Weight	185 pounds
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Blue
Social Security Number	<input type="text"/>
Marital status	Married

KREPCHIN advised that WILLARD had been sent from M. Rosenblatt and Company on March 25, 1968 to work for the M. Rosenblatt and Son representative at Lockheed Shipbuilding and Construction Company, 2929 Sixteenth Avenue, Southwest, Seattle, Washington, to report for work on March 26, 1968. KREPCHIN advised that he had received word that WILLARD had reported for work as scheduled, and was certain that he had worked from March 26 to March 29, 1968, but could not personally vouch for this attendance at work, and did not know whether WILLARD was present at work after March 29, 1968. His supervisor at the Seattle Company was to be Mr. RICHARD CUNNINGHAM, the M. Rosenblatt and Son representative at the Lockheed Shipbuilding and Construction Company.

WILLARD's personnel record also disclosed that he had a secret clearance to work on classified contracts, ~~the clearance granted by the Defense Industrial Security Clearance Office in Columbus, Ohio,~~ October 18, 1967.

On 4/10/68 at San Diego, California File # SD 44-387-133

by SA KENNETH A. VARDELL/apg Date dictated 4/10/68

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According to a Form DD48 dated July 31, 1967, WILLARD attended schools in Kansas City, Kansas from September, 1931 through May, 1943, and had served in the Navy from August, 1943 to April, 1963. Former addresses for WILLARD after his leaving the service were listed as:

4601 Cottage Hill Road, Mobile, Alabama,
April 1963 through December, 1964;

Route 1, Box 132A, Theodore, Alabama,
December, 1964 through April, 1967;

8117 Brampton Street, Spring Valley,
California, June 1, 1967 through date of
the Form DD48.

He was shown to have been an electrical designer for R.S. BERNEY, 1412 Dauph, Mobile, Alabama from June, 1964 to April, 1967 and an electronics coordinator at Alabama Drydock and Shipbuilding Company, Mobile, Alabama from July, 1963 to March, 1964. The only arrest listed for WILLARD was on October, 1956 at which time he had been arrested for excessive speed and accident, no location of arrest given and on February, 1952, at Oakland, California, he had been arrested on a drunk and disturbing the peace charge. No disposition was shown. Personal references are listed as JACK M. WELCH, 1412 Dauph, Mobile, Alabama and E.H. GOULD, 5661 Cottage Hill Road, Mobile, Alabama.

WILLARD maintained excellent remarks in his personnel record and was considered conscientious and a steady person.

KREPCHIN stated that he had never known WILLARD to be in any kind of trouble and considered him an excellent employee.

KREPCHIN furnished a photograph of WILLARD which had been taken in 1967.

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TO, ABL SACS: 5 (PLAINTEXT)

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MURKIN.

THE FOLLOWING PRESS RELEASE HAS JUST BEEN ISSUED AT WASHINGTON THIS AFTERNOON AND YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO MAKE IT IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE TO THE LEADING NEWSPAPERS AND RADIO AND TV STATIONS IN YOUR DIVISION. EVERY EFFORT MUST BE MADE TO INSURE REPEATED AND WIDESPREAD DISTRIBUTION OF THIS INFORMATION. COPIES OF THE 1968 PHOTOGRAPH OF SUBJECT ALREADY IN YOUR POSSESSION AND WANTED FLYERS SHOULD ALSO BE MADE AVAILABLE TO MEDIA CONTACTS. NO ELABORATION WHATSOEVER MAY BE MADE REGARDING THIS RELEASE. ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING INVESTIGATIVE LEADS WILL FOLLOW SHORTLY.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

APRIL 19, 1968

ATTORNEY GENERAL RAMSEY CLARK ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THE FBI HAS IDENTIFIED JASS EARL RAY, AN ESCAPEE FROM THE MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY, AS ERIC STARVO GALT, AGAINST WHOM A FEDERAL COMPLAINT WAS FILED LAST WEDNESDAY IN CONNECTION WITH THE FATAL SHOOT-
IN OF THE REVEREND DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

DIRECTOR J. EDGAR HOOVER SAID THAT A SYSTEMATIC AND EXHAUSTIVE SEARCH OF LATENT FINGERPRINTS UNCOVERED IN THE DR. KING CASE AGAINST THE FINGERPRINTS OF THE OVER 53,000 PERSONS FOR WHOM "WANTED NOTICES" HAVE BEEN POSTED IN THE FILES OF THE FBI'S IDENTIFICATION ^{Division} ~~DIVISION~~ LED TO THE DETERMINATION THAT GALT AND RAY ARE IDENTICAL.

MR. HOOVER SAID THAT RAY, WHO IS 40 YEARS OF AGE, WAS REPORTED MISSING FROM THE MISSOURI ^{state P} STAVEN~~OR~~ PENITENTIARY AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI, SINCE APRIL 23, 1967. HE HAD BEEN RECEIVED AT THAT INSTITUTION ON MARCH 17, 1960, TO SERVE A 20-YEAR SENTENCE FOLLOWING CONVICTION IN ST. LOUIS FOR ARMED ROBBERY AND FOR OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE WITHOUT PERMISSION OF THE OWNER.

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IN SEPTEMBER, 1966, WHILE SERVING THIS SENTENCE, HE WAS CONFINED FOR A TIME IN THE MAXIMUM SECURITY WARD AT THE STATE HOSPITAL AT FULTON, MISSOURI.

ACCORDING TO MR. HOOVER, RAY HAS A KNOWN ARREST RECORD DATING BACK TO 1949. PRIOR TO THE 1960 CONVICTION FOR WHICH HE RECEIVED 20 YEAR TERM, RAY HAD BEEN CONVICTED ~~HE HAD BEEN CONVICTED~~ OF BURGLARY IN LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, IN 1949; ~~FOR~~ ROBBERY IN CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, IN 1952; AND FORGING UNITED STATES POSTAL MONEY ~~AND~~ ^{ORDERS} ~~IN~~ IN MISSOURI IN 1955.

HE HAS SERVED TERMS IN THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY JAIL IN 1949; IN STATE PRISONS AT JOLIET AND PONTIAC, ILLINOIS, IN 1952-54; AND IN THE FEDERAL PENITEN

TIARY AT LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS, IN 1955-58.

RAY WAS AN ENLISTED MAN IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY FROM FEBRUARY, 1946, TO DECEMBER, 1948, AT WHICH TIME HE WAS GIVEN A GENERAL DISCHARGE DUE TO INEPTNESS AND LACK OF ADAPTABILITY FOR MILITARY SERVICE. WHILE IN THE ARMY, HE RECEIVED A THREE-MONTH SENTENCE AT HARD LABOR FOR BEING DRUNK AND BREAKING ARREST.

MR. HOOVER SAID THAT DURING HIS CRIMINAL CAREER, RAY HAS ALSO USED THE NAMES OF JAMES MC BRIDE, JAMES WALTON, W. C. HERRON AND JAMES O'CONNOR. HE IS A WHITE MALE; CLAIMS TO HAVE

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BEEN BORN [REDACTED] IN ILLINOIS; IS APPROXIMATELY 5 FEET 10 INCHES TALL AND WEIGHS ABOUT 163 TO 174 POUNDS. HE HAS BLUE EYES AND BROWN HAIR. THERE IS A SMALL SCAR ON THE CENTER OF HIS FOREHEAD AND A SCAR ON THE PALM OF HIS RIGHT HAND.

RAY HAS CLAIMED THAT HE ATTENDED SCHOOL THROUGH THE 10TH GRADE IN ALTON, ILLINOIS. HE HAS HAD THE REPUTATION OF BEING A "DRIFTER" SINCE LEAVING SCHOOL. HIS VOCATIONAL EXPERIENCE INCLUDES WORKING AS A BAKER, LABORER AND COLOR MATCHER.

IN CONNECTION WITH HIS ESCAPE FROM THE MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY, AN FBI COMPLAINT WAS FILED IN JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI, ON JULY 20, 1967, CHARGING RAY WITH UNLAWFULLY FLEEING FROM THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO AVOID CONFINEMENT. HE HAS BEEN A FEDERAL FUGITIVE SINCE THEN.

RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND EXTREMELY DANGEROUS. ANYONE HAVING INFORMATION CONCERNING HIM SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CONTACT FBI HEADQUARTERS IN WASHINGTON, D. C., OR THE NEAREST FBI OFFICE.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC 44-387

DATE: 4-22-68

FROM : SA R.S. Baker

SUBJECT: MURKIN.

Geo Benuzian, Life Mag. - Los Angeles telephonically inquired re emphasis of FBI investigation to locate subject Ray in Imperial County, Calif. Stated he was referring to info he received on Friday last that suspect was seen near El Centro. Benuzian was told all leads are being promptly checked out and the matter he referred to was being followed but at this time did not appear to be any more pertinent than some other leads being received.

Benuzian advised if lead was "hot" he planned to travel to El Centro to cover matter for Life Mag.

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MURKIN.

REURTEL APRIL TWENTY LAST, REGARDING J.R. MC AULEY.

LAPD AND LASO RECORDS NEGATIVE REGARDING JAMES R. MC AULEY,
THREE EIGHT FOUR NINE RANDOLPH, LOS ANGELES.

JAMES R. MC AULEY, A SELF EMPLOYED CIVIL ENGINEER,
BORN PERSONALLY CONTACTED
TODAY AND OBSERVED TO BEAR NO RESEMBLANCE TO PHOTOGRAPH
OF JAMES EARL RAY.

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FBI ATLANTA

5:55 PM EST URGENT 4/22/68 VSC

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, AND NEW ORLEANS, KANSAS CITY,
SPRINGFIELD

FROM ATLANTA 44-2386 6 P

MURKIN

RE ATLANTA TELETYPE TO ABOVE OFFICES, APR. TWENTYONE
SIXTYEIGHT.

ON APR. TWENTYONE, LAST, SHERIFF G. T. MAULDIN, (NA),
DALTON, GEORGIA, ADVISED, RAYMOND LOUIS CURTIS CURRENTLY SERVING
LIFE SENTENCE FOR MURDER, ADVISED EARLIER HE SERVED TIME ON
THREE OCCASIONS WITH JAMES RAY. MAULDIN STATED CURTIS' INFO
PROBABLY RELIABLE. CURTIS INTERVIEWED WHITFIELD COUNTY JAIL,
APR. TWENTYONE, LAST, ADVISED FIRST ACQUAINTED RAY IN MARCH
FIFTYFIVE, JACKSON COUNTY JAIL, KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, WHERE
RAY INCARCERATED ON POST OFFICE BURGLARY CHARGE JUST SUBSEQUENT
TO RELEASE FROM PRISON IN MENARD, ILLINOIS. CURTIS, AT TIME
UNDER ARREST FOR ARMED ROBBERY AND BANK ROBBERY. DURING THIS
PERIOD, CURTIS AND RAY CELL MATES FOR SIX TO SEVEN MONTHS. RAY
HAD FRIEND (NAME UNRECALLED), WHO VISITED HIM IN JACKSON
PRISON. FRIEND HAD BEEN CELL MATE OF RAY WHEN RAY AT MENARD,
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ILLINOIS. THIS MAN KEPT RAY IN SPENDING MONEY WHILE RAY IN PRISON AND WOULD HARBOR RAY. RAY HAD ANOTHER CLOSE FRIEND (NAME UNRECALLED) OF ITALIAN DESCENT, APPARENTLY "A BIG MAN" IN SYNDICATE. THIS ITALIAN HAD APPARENTLY OPERATED WITH RAY IN PAST AND ENGAGED WITH RAY IN HANDLING STOLEN POST OFFICE MONEY ORDERS AND TRAVELERS CHECKS. AFTER SIX TO SEVEN MONTHS AS CELL MATES, JACKSON COUNTY JAIL, RAY SENTENCED TO THREE YEARS ON POST OFFICE BURGLARY CHARGES, TRANSFERRED TO LEAVENWORTH FEDERAL PENITENTIARY. TWO WEEKS LATER, CURTIS RECEIVED SIXTEEN YEARS SENTENCE FOR BANK ROBBERY AND SENT TO LEAVENWORTH. WHILE CONFINED LEAVENWORTH DURING THIS PERIOD, RAY SPOKE OF NO GIRL FRIEND AND CORRESPONDED WITH NONE. RAY MENTIONED HE "OPERATED" FREQUENTLY OUT OF QUINCY, ILLINOIS, WHICH MEANT "ENGAGED IN BURGLARY AND PAYROLL JOBS." WHILE HE AND RAY WERE INCARCERATED, THEY ENGAGED IN CROOKED POKER GAMES AND TOOK FELLOW PRISONERS FOR MONEY. RAY GOOD POKER PLAYER AND EXCELLENT CARD HANDLER. RAY MENTIONED UNDER WORLD AND HOODLUM CONNECTIONS (NAMES UNRECALLED) IN CHICAGO, DETROIT, TAMPA, AND TIJUANA, MEXICO AREAS. SERVING SEVEN TO EIGHT MONTHS WITH RAY AT LEAVENWORTH, CURTIS TRANSFERRED U.S. PENITENTIARY, ATLANTA, GA. CURTIS SERVED U.S. PENITENTIARY, ATLANTA, AND IN JUNE, SIXTYTWO, SENT BACK MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY, JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI, TO SERVE

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ON ARMED ROBBERY CHARGES. WHILE IN STATE PENITENTIARY JEFFERSON, MISSOURI, AGAIN INCARCERATED WITH RAY. ON OCCASIONS IN SAME CELL TOGETHER IN "B" HALL AND "C" HALL. SERVED TOGETHER FROM SIXTYTWO TO SIXTYSIX. WHILE IN "B" AND "C" HALLS, THEY WERE TOGETHER IN THREE-MAN CELL, WITH THIRD INDIVIDUAL (WHOM CURTIS STATED COULD VERIFY FOLLOWING FACTS, BUT WHOM CURTIS REFUSED TO IDENTIFY). DURING THIS INCARCERATION PERIOD, PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY ASSASSINATED AND WORD CAME FROM OUTSIDE THIS PROBABLY CONSPIRACY, AND KENNEDY HAD "BOUNTY" ON HIS HEAD. CURTIS, UNABLE TO GIVE FURTHER DETAILS ON "BOUNTY". HE STATED IN SIXTYTHREE TO SIXTYFOUR, DR. KING'S MOVEMENTS BECAME TOPIC OF CONVERSATIONS AT STATE PENITENTIARY AND WORD GOT AROUND TO PRISONERS THAT "KK OF THE SOUTH" WHO APPARENTLY WENT TO BUSINESSMEN HAD RAISED ABOUT MILLION DOLLARS FOR "BOUNTY" ON KING'S HEAD. CURTIS, UNABLE TO GIVE FURTHER IDENTIFICATION OR INFORMATION OF KK OF SOUTH. FROM 'SIXTYTWO TO 'SIXTYSIX BEFORE CURTIS RELEASE, RAY MENTIONED A DOZEN TIMES "HAD HE KNOWN ABOUT A BOUNTY ON JOHN F. KENNEDY'S HEAD AND HAD HE BEEN OUT, HE WOULD HAVE COLLECTED IT". RAY STATED A DOZEN TIMES THAT "IF HE GOT OUT IN TIME AND IF KING WAS STILL ALIVE, HE WOULD LIKE TO GET THE BOUNTY ON KING". RAY NEVER MENTIONED WHOM HE WOULD CONTACT TO GET BOUNTY BUT ADVISED

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CRIMINAL ELEMENTS KNEW HOW TO CONTACT SUCH PEOPLE. ABOVE STATEMENTS BY RAY OVERHEARD BY THIRD CELL MATE MENTIONED ABOVE. RAY HAD FRIEND IN NEW ORLEANS (FIRST NAME UNKNOWN), COIN (PHONETIC) SPELLED LIKE "QUARTER OR DIME", WHO APPARENTLY A FENCE, WELL CONNECTED WITH HOODLUM ELEMENTS AND WHO IN 'FIFTYFIVE WAS FIFTYFIVE OR SIXTYFIVE YEARS OLD, WHOM WOULD HARBOR RAY. CURTIS KNEW NO CLOSE FRIENDS OF ASSOCIATES OF RAY. RAY ALLEGEDLY THRU PRISON GRAPE VINE HAD WIFE, BUT NEVER MENTIONED BY RAY; HOWEVER, FEW PRISONERS MENTION FAMILY CONNECTIONS. RAY ALSO MENTIONED GAMBLING IN LOS ANGELES. RAY WAS "HIGH LIVER" WHEN OUTSIDE AND WOULD ASSOCIATE WITH PROSTITUTES, TAKING ONE FROM TOWN TO TOWN. RAY WITH REGARD TO KING'S KILLING INDICATED HE WOULD MAKE ALL RULES AND WOULD IN ALL PROBABILITY DEMAND BOUNTY MONEY BE PUT IN BANK. RAY MENTIONED THREE FOREIGN COUNTRIES WHICH HE HAD READ ABOUT, WHICH CURTIS ASSUMED RAY WOULD GO TO IF OUT OF UNITED STATES. THESE ARE NEW ZEALAND, BRAZIL, AND SWITZERLAND. CURTIS OF OPINION, NOT OVER THREE PEOPLE WOULD BE INVOLVED IN ACTUAL ASSASSINATION. IT WOULD HAVE BEEN WELL PLANNED WITH DIVERSIONARY MEASURES AND SECOND INDIVIDUAL, NOT RAY, WOULD HAVE DRIVEN GETAWAY CAR TO ATLANTA AS DIVERSIONARY MEASURE. CURTIS WILL NOT TESTIFY , AS HE FEARS FOR HIS LIFE, IF INFO GETS OUT. HE DEMANDED IDENTITY BE PROTECTED. IN SPITE OF ABOVE, SHERIFF MAULDIN ADVISED CURTIS HAS ALSO GIVE ABOVE INFO PRIOR TO INTERVIEW BY FBI TO LLOYD GULLEDGE, REPORTER, DALTON NEWS

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CITIZEN NEWSPAPER, DALTON, GEORGIA. MAULDIN NOT PRESENT DURING THIS INTERVIEW AND DOES NOT KNOW WHAT INFO CURTIS GAVE GULLEDGE. MAULDIN STATED CURTIS THREE TO FOUR DAYS AGO RECEIVED LETTER WITH RETURN ADDRESS, MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY. CURTIS KNOWS NO SPECIFIC RACIAL HATREDS BY RAY, WHO IS MEAN IF CROSSED, BUT NOT AGGRESSIVE INDIVIDUAL. HE SAID IF RAY RETURNED TO ATLANTA AFTER ASSASSINATION, IT WOULD PROBABLY HAVE BEEN TO COLLECT BOUNTY.

KANSAS CITY AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI. (1) DETERMINE THIRD CELL MATE WITH RAY AND CURTIS IN "B" AND "C" HALLS, BETWEEN 'SIXTYTWO TO 'SIXTYSIX (INDIVIDUAL ALLEGED TO BE AT MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY), VERIFY CURTIS' STORY. (2) THRU POLICE AND INFORMANT CONTACTS IDENTIFY ITALIAN WHO WAS "A BIG MAN" IN SYNDICATE BETWEEN KANSAS CITY AND CHICAGO, AND WHO STOLE POST OFFICE MONEY ORDERS AND TRAVELERS CHECKS FOR SUBJECT RAY. (3) DEVELOP INFO FROM INMATES AND OTHER SOURCES RE RAY'S ALLEGED WIFE. (4) DEVELOP INFO RE PRISON GOSSIP RE "MILLION DOLLAR BOUNTY ON KING'S HEAD".

NEW ORLEANS AT NEW ORLEANS, LA.,) DEVELOP INFO RE COIN (PHONETIC).

SPRINGFIELD AT MENARD PRISON, MENARD, ILL. IDENTIFY RAY'S FORMER CELL MATE IN MENARD STATE PRISON.

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SPRINGFIELD AT QUINCY, ILL. CONTACT INFORMANTS AND SOURCES TO DEVELOP BACKGROUND INFO RE SUBJECT.

DETROIT, LOS ANGELES, SAN DIEGO, AND TAMPA CONTACT LOGICAL INFORMANTS TO DETERMINE IF SUBJECT KNOWN TO HOODLUM ELEMENTS.

SAN DIEGO NOTE SUBJECT ALLEGEDLY VISITED TIJUANA IN PAST.

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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
ANY FUTURE SUCH VIOLATIONS AND BUREAU ADVISED TELEPHONICALLY
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 : SAC 44-387

DATE: 4-23-68

FROM : SA JAMES A. SCANLON

SUBJECT: EARL JACK NORMAN JR. aka
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Remy memo 4-21 & 23-68 concerning captioned matter.

ASAC BROWN authorized telephonic ~~ly~~ contact with the Kansas City Office in this matter.

SA RAY HOWE, Case Agent, Kansas City Office telephonically advised that a JAMES OWENS had at one time been involved in a robbery with JAMES EARL RAY. He advised OWENS' FBI # is 139-77-07.

SA HOWE was furnished details of reason for requesting OWENS' FBI number.

Sgt. ROY SMITH, OPD and JESS SHEFFIELD, reporter, Blade Tribune, were informed the OWENS who associated with RAY and captioned person had ~~different~~ a different FBI Ident Div. numbers and therefore they ~~are~~ are not identical; both expressed appreciation for our interest in clearing up this matter.

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Link To Slaying Sought

OCEANSIDE - Police detectives continued their investigation Monday to determine if a man found dead in an Oceanside motel March 5 may have been connected with the accused slayer of Dr. Martin Luther King.

"So far we have been unable to see any connection between the two individuals," said Detective Sgt. Roy Smith, assigned to investigate the case by Police Chief Ward Ratcliff.

Smith said police have determined that Robert Melvin Owens, later identified as Earl Jack Norman, Jr., was hospitalized in San Diego two weeks prior to his death.

According to the detective, Norman was treated at Scripps Memorial Hospital Feb. 20 and transferred, in a coma, to University Hospital in San Diego the following day.

Smith said that Norman was found in a parked car at Ardath Road and Interstate 5 on the morning of Feb. 20.

The victim later told investigators he had been "bombed" in Tijuana.

Norman was released from the hospital on Feb. 24, according to the OPD.

Friday the FBI in Washington said that "Eric Stavro Galt" who was sought in the murder of Dr. King was in fact James Earl Ray, who escaped from the Missouri State Penitentiary almost a year ago.

The bureau also stated that Ray and an ex-convict named James Owens were convicted of robbing a St. Louis supermarket.

Norman is known to have used the name Owens during much of his life. However, the FBI records gives his identity as Norman throughout.

Norman also served time in the Missouri State Penitentiary.

He was sentenced there on a first degree robbery charge in September 1953, for a term of five years.

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DATE: 4-23-68

FROM : SA JAMES A. SCANLON

SUBJECT: EARL JACK NORMAN Jr. aka
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Rememo dated 4-21-68.

Attached is additional news item concerning captioned person.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861), MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, ATLANTA AND SPRINGFIELD

FROM: SAN DIEGO (44-387)

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SUSPECT: HARVEY EDWARD LOHMEYER, FBI NUMBER SEVEN THREE ZERO NINE SEVEN NINE A.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO ME, LA, SC, SD SF, AND SI, APRIL TWELVE LAST; ATLANTA TEL TO DIRECTOR, ME, BH, NO, KC, AND SI, APRIL TWENTY TWO LAST, AND SAN DIEGO TEL TO DIRECTOR, ME, BH, SI, AND SF, APRIL TWENTY THREE LAST.

REFERENCED BUREAU TEL DATED APRIL TWELVE LAST REFLECTS HARVEY EDWARD LOHMEYER, FBI NO. SEVEN THREE ZERO NINE SEVEN NINE A, FINGERPRINTED STATE PENITENTIARY, MENARD, ILLINOIS, THEIR NO. TWO FOUR FIVE TWO FIVE, MAY NINETEEN, NINETEEN FIFTY FIVE, BURGLARY.

REFERENCED ATLANTA TEL DATED APRIL TWENTY TWO LAST REFLECTS INTERVIEW OF CURTIS STATES "RAY HAD FRIEND (NAME UNRECALLED) WHO VISITED HIM IN JACKSON PRISON. FRIEND HAD (44-387)

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BEEN CELLMATE OF RAY WHEN RAY AT MENARD, ILLINOIS. THIS MAN KEPT RAY IN SPENDING MONEY WHILE RAY IN PRISON AND WOULD HARBOR RAY."

FOR INFORMATION ATLANTA, INVESTIGATION HAS BEEN REQUESTED OF OTHER OFFICES RECEIVING REFERENCED COMMUNICATIONS TO ATTEMPT TO LOCATE HARVEY EDWARD LOHMEYER, FBI NO. SEVEN THREE ZERO NINE SEVEN NINE A TO DETERMINE IF HE IS AN ASSOCIATE OR CO-CONSPIRATOR OF RAY IN MURDER OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING.

SPRINGFIELD AT MENARD, ILLINOIS, FROM PRISON RECORDS, DETERMINE IF HARVEY EDWARD LOHMEYER CONFINED AT SAME TIME AS RAY AND IS POSSIBLE FRIEND NAMED BY CURTIS.

ATLANTA AT DALTON, GEORGIA, CONSIDER RECONTACTING CURTIS TO DETERMINE IF FRIEND NAMED BY HIM IS HARVEY EDWARD LOHMEYER, FBI NO. SEVEN THREE ZERO NINE SEVEN NINE A.

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Special Agent in Charge

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, SAN DIEGO (44-387)(P)

FROM : SA HERBERT H. BUTLER, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/18/68

Review of records of the following agencies on 4/9/68 by SA HERBERT H. BUTLER, JR. failed to reflect any record under the surname LOWMEYER or LOWMYER:

Credit Bureau for Northern San Diego County, Oceanside, California;

Credit Bureau for Northern San Diego County, Escondido, California.

On 4/9/68, the following persons advised writer review of the records of their respective agencies failed to reflect any listing for an individual with a surname LOWMEYER or LOWMYER:

M. GRIFFIN, Clerk, Records Section, Oceanside Police Department, Oceanside, California;

DONNA WEGROUSKI, Clerk, Records Section, Escondido Police Department, Escondido, California;

J. D. HODGES, Manager, Escondido Credit Bureau, Escondido, California.

On 4/9/68, review of the following current directories, by writer, failed to reflect any listing for individual with the surname LOWMEYER or LOWMYER:

Pacific Telephone Directory for Northern San Diego County dated 1/19/68;

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Ducy's 1967-1968 Oceanside-Carlsbad City Directory;

Vista City and Rural Directory for 1967;

Escondido City and Rural Directory for 1967-1968;

City Directory for San Dieguito area, 1967 - 1968.

On 4/9/68, the following individuals advised writer a review of their records failed to reflect any record of an individual possessing the surname LOHMEYER or LOHMEIER:

LINDA WIER, Clerk, Escondido Credit Bureau, Escondido, California;

KAREN HICKMAN, Clerk, Credit Bureau for Northern San Diego County, Escondido, California;

COLEEN GROVER, Clerk, Records Section, Oceanside Police Department, Oceanside, California.

On 4/9/68, ELEANOR WIRT, Records Section, Escondido Police Department, Escondido, California, was requested to review her records for any information whatsoever regarding an individual with the surname LOHMEYER or LOHMEIER. Mrs. WIRT thereupon advised review of her records reflect the following information:

On 10/17/58, an individual identifying himself as HARVEY EDWARD LOHMEYER, Route 2, Box 180A, El Cajon, California, was booked at the Escondido Police Department by representatives of the San Diego County Sheriff's Office, San Diego, California, on a charge of burglary.

Contained in the Escondido Police Department file was the following background information regarding LOHMEYER:

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Name	HARVEY EDWARD LOHMEYER
Address	Route 2, Box 180A, El Cajon, California
Date of Birth	[REDACTED]
Place of Birth	Quincey, Illinois
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Blue
Height	5' 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Weight	135 pounds
San Diego County Sheriff's Office Arrest Number	168737
CII Number	1394943
FBI Number	430 979 A
Scars, Marks, Other Identifying Data	Tattoo "MOM" on right forearm;
"Nearest Relative"	ALICE FENTON Route 2, Box 180A, El Cajon, California.

On 4/9/68, review of records of Credit Bureau for Northern San Diego County, Oceanside, California, by writer, for any information whatsoever regarding individual with surname LOHMEYER or LOHMEIER disclosed the following:

A Credit Record for one RAYMOND W. LOHMEYER, whose current address is listed as 41771 East Acacia, Hemet, California. LOHMEYER's former residences were listed as: 1019 Tiger Tail Road, Vista, California; 243 North Citrus Street, Vista, California; and 348 $\frac{1}{2}$ Peters Drive, Vista, California. LOHMEYER's employment was listed as Quarter Horse Club, Box 9037, San Jacinto, California. The periods of LOHMEYER's former residences were not set forth, and it was not indicated whether or not LOHMEYER's employment with the Quarter Horse Club is current.

On 4/9/68, review of the following current directories by writer failed to reflect any listing for an individual having the surname LOHMEYER or LOHMEIER:

Ducy's 1967-1968 Oceanside - Carlsbad City Directory;

Pacific Telephone Directory for Northern San Diego County dated January, 1968;

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Vista City and Rural Directory for 1967;

Escondido City and Rural Directory for
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City Directory for San Dequito area, 1967-
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On 4/9/68, the following individuals were
contacted by writer, and all advised that they do not
utilize a Thermo Seal Marking Machine, manufactured
by Textile Marking Machine Company of Syracuse, New
York:

MATTIE WILKES, Manager, Academy Laundry,
Escondido, California;

J. GREENO, Manager, Escondido Laundry and
Linen and Industrial Supply, Escondido, Calif-
ornia;

CHRISTINE LINDQUIST, Hilton's Odorless Cleaners,
Oceanside, California;

BASEL GULICK, Manager, Hoffman Laundry,
Oceanside, California;

HARRY DUKES, Manager, Jeanette's Laundry,
Oceanside, California;

L. ERWIN, Manager, Personal Service Laundry,
Carlsbad, California;

ARLENE LEIB, Manager, Pointsetta Cleaners,
Carlsbad, California;

THOMAS C. TOMARA, Manager, Tom's Laundry,
Oceanside, California;

PEGGY MAYFIELD, Twinkle Tub Laundry, Escondido,
California;

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WALT FOX, Vista Laundry and Dry Cleaners,
Vista, California;

CLAUDINE BARKER, West Side Laundry and Dry
Cleaning, Escondido, California;

CHARLOTTE OSTEN, Blue Island Laundramat and
Cleaners, Oceanside, California;

HARRY HENDERSON, Manager, Blue Seal Laundry and
Dry Cleaners, Del Mar, California.

On 4/9/68, the following individuals advised
writer that they utilize a Thermo Seal Marking Machine
manufactured by the Textile Marking Machine Company of
Syracuse, New York. They all advised, however, that
laundry marks bearing the figures O2B-6 and D2B-6 are
meaningless to them:

HELEN DAGG, Manager, China Boy Laundry,
Oceanside, California;

WAYNE SCOTT, Newcomb's Laundry and Cleaners,
Oceanside, California;

DICK ODGERS, Manager, Prudential Overall Supply,
Escondido, California;

Master Gunnery Sergeant C. D. FORST, Base
Laundry, Camp Pendleton, California.

On 4/10/68, the following individuals advised
writer review of their files failed to reflect any re-
cord of an individual bearing the name ERIC STARVO GALT
or ERIC GALT:

COLEEN GROVER, Clerk, Records Section, Oceanside
Police Department, Oceanside, California;

ELEANOR WIRTH, Clerk, Records Section, Escondido
Police Department, Escondido, California;

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J. D. HODGES, Manager, Escondido Credit Bureau, Escondido, California;

JO ANN TOWSEN, Clerk, Credit Bureau for Northern San Diego County, Escondido, California.

On 4/10/68, review of records of Credit Bureau for Northern San Diego County, Oceanside, California, by writer, failed to reflect any information identifiable with ERIC STARVO GALT or ERIC GALT.

On 4/10/68, review of the following current directories failed to reflect any listing for an individual bearing the name ERIC GALT or ERIC STARVO GALT:

Pacific Telephone Directory for North San Diego County, January, 1968;

Ducy's 1967-1968 Oceanside, Carlsbad City Directory;

Vista City and Rural Directory for 1967;

Escondido City and Rural Directory for 1967-1968;

City Directory for San Dieguito area, 1967-1968.

On 4/10/68, the following individuals advised review of the files of their respective agencies failed to reflect any record for an individual bearing the name ERIC STARVO GALT or ERIC GALT:

JOHN R. REYNOLDS, Executive Vice President, Oceanside National Bank, Oceanside, California;

BOB HOLLAND, Lending Officer, Bank of America, Cardiff Branch, Cardiff, California;

BILL REEVES, Operations Officer, Bank of America, Encinitas Branch, Encinitas, California;

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DALLAS SWARTZ, Operations Officer, Bank of America, 355 East Grand Street, Escondido, California;

Mr. JAMES TAYLOR, Operations Officer, Bank of America, 608 North Escondido, Escondido, California;

DAISEY DOBECK, Bank of America, Fallbrook Branch, Fallbrook, California;

JOYCE MC KISIK, Bank of America, 702 Mission Street, Oceanside, California;

Mrs. EMMA FRIED, Bank of America, 2002 South Hill Street, Oceanside, California;

HAL MARKLEY, Bank of America, Ramona Branch, Ramona, California;

PAM THORNTON, Bank of America, Solana Beach Branch, Solana Beach, California;

CAROL BEACH, Bank of America, Vista Branch, Vista, California;

ALLISON SAVAGE, Escondido National Bank, Escondido, California;

CHARLES WENZ, First National Bank of Vista, Vista, California;

JUANITA BAILEY, First National Bank of Vista, Lake San Marcos Branch, San Marcos, California;

LOIS RIES, First National Bank of Vista, Vista Branch, negative;

LILA TOVEY, San Diego Trust and Savings Bank, Escondido Branch, Escondido, California;

JAMES CROSS, Security First National Bank, Carlsbad Branch, Carlsbad, California;

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HELEN GRAHAM, Security First National Bank,
Escondido, California;

BOB SERGEANT, Security First National Bank,
Oceanside Branch, Oceanside, California;

LOREN BENNETT, Security First National Bank,
San Marcos Branch, San Marcos, California;

JANE BEAULIEU, Security First National Bank,
Vista Branch, Vista, California;

H. C. PARKS, Southern California First National
Bank, Del Mar Branch, Del Mar, California;

ALFRED PETERSON, Southern California First National
Bank, Encinitas Branch, Encinitas, California;

PAUL O'NEIL, Southern California First National
Bank, Escondido Branch, Escondido, California;

SHIRL MARCADO, Southern California First National
Bank, Oceanside, California;

PAUL KLIENBERG, South West Bank, Fallbrook
Branch, Fallbrook, California;

LYLE HICKERHAUFF, South West Bank, Carlsbad
Branch, Carlsbad, California;

JACK MORGAN, Cal-West Mortgage, Encinitas,
California;

LOWELL SWENSON, Commercial Credit Corporation,
Oceanside, California;

ELMER GARCIA, EFC Finance Company, Escondido,
California;

JERRY DAVENPORT, Government Employees Finance
Company, Oceanside, California;

TOM RUNLICK, Liberty Loan Corporation, Escondido,
California;

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PAT MC KENNA, Beneficial Finance Company,
Oceanside, California;

BOYD CHARLES, Liberty Loan Corporation,
Oceanside, California;

VIE ARNET, Marian Investment Company, Vista,
California;

G. A. WILSON, Pacific Finance Company, Encinitas,
California;

VERA ALLEN, Pacific Finance Company, Escondido,
California;

CHRISTINE MAIN, Pacific Finance Company,
Oceanside, California;

HOWARD HUSE, Pacific Finance Company, Vista,
California;

JANE CONSOLVO, Public Finance Corporation,
Escondido, California;

RICHARD NEWMAN, Public Finance Corporation,
Oceanside, California;

JACKIE PINA, Seaboard Finance Company, Escondido,
California;

RICHARD BRADY, Seaboard Finance Company, Vista,
California;

PAUL CARMICHAEL, Seaboard Finance Company,
Oceanside, California;

PARK RIDER, Home Federal Savings and Loan
Association, Encinitas, California;

BEVERLY ANDERSON, Home Federal Savings and
Loan Association, Escondido, California;

ROBERT NOESKE, Oceanside Federal Savings and
Loan Association, Fallbrook, California;

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EVELYN SHUG, Oceanside Federal Savings and Loan Association, Oceanside, California;

KEN STILES, Oceanside Federal Savings and Loan Association, Vista, California;

JIM ANDERSON, Oceanside Federal Savings and Loan Association, Carlsbad, California;

ALFRED WEILBERG, Southland Savings and Loan Association, Escondido, California;

LES BOBBY, Tri-City Savings and Loan Association, Oceanside, California;

BILL HOLLIDAY, Palomar Savings and Loan Association, Escondido, California.

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Galt Escaped Con, Says FBI

WASHINGTON (AP) — The FBI today identified Erick Starvo Galt, wanted for the killing of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., as James Earl Ray, 40, an escapee from the Missouri State Penitentiary.

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

Ray was reported missing from the Missouri State Penitentiary at Jefferson City April 23, 1967. He was serving a 20-year sentence for an armed robbery in St. Louis and operating a motor vehicle without the owner's permission.

Ray, who had been at the prison since March 17, 1960, spent some time in September 1966 in the maximum security ward at the state hospital in Fulton, Mo.

The man known as Galt was charged Wednesday with the first-degree murder of King April 4 in Memphis, Tenn. He also is charged in a federal warrant with conspiracy and murder in the King assassination.

A drifter since he left school in the 10th grade at Alston, Ill., Ray 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, the FBI said. During his Army career he received a three-month sentence at hard labor for being drunk and "breaking" arrest.

The FBI said Ray has an arrest record dating at least to 1949, when he was convicted for burglary in Los Angeles. He also was convicted in 1952 for armed robbery in Chicago and in 1955 for forging U.S. postal

money orders in Missouri.

He has served terms in a Los Angeles County jail, state prisons at Joliet and Pontiac, Ill., and a federal penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kan.

The FBI said Ray has used the names of James McBride, James Walton, W. C. Herron and James O'Conner.

Ray claims to have been born March 10, 1928 in Illinois—but the FBI did not say where. He is about 5-feet-10, weighs 163 to 174 pounds, has blue eyes and brown hair

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, SAN DIEGO (44-387)

FROM : SPC, JAMES L. NORMAN JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN.

DATE: 4/24/68

At 6:00 PM instant date MR. LA PAM, San Diego Police Department telephonically contacted this office to furnish the following information.

MR. LA PAM advised that the Business Office, SDPD, had just received a telephone call from a woman who stated that she had just observed a man in a white late model car, California License KKS 283, driving South on Mission Drive in the direction of Belmont Park. The man looked like Galt.

NCIC did not reflect the above license as being stolen.

SPC, LARRY LONG, FBI, Sacramento, California advised that the above license is registered to a 1963 Rambler Stationwagon, with the owner listed as WILLIAM or JOE LEISER, 1287 Marline Avenue, El Cajon, California.

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JLN:jln

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*Wm Leiser
1287 Marline Ave*

*Wm Leiser, 1287 Marline Ave, El Cajon, California
contacted by SA O'Brien, 4/25/68. His automobile is
a late model Rambler Station Wagon, 44-387-145
bearing license plate KKS 283, Green in
color. Wm Leiser in no way
resembles subject, and he
advised he was not in vicinity
of Mission Drive at 6:00 pm
4/24/68.*

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1-09PM URGENT 4-24-68 NJZ

TO DIRECTOR CHARLOTTE SAN DIEGO CHICAGO AND SAN FRANCISCO ENCODE
CHICAGO AND SAN FRAN VIA WASHINGTON
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

SENT BY CODED TELETYPE

MURKIN.

RE DR THEODORE L. EVANS AND WIFE DOLORES AKA
DODYE EVANS.

RECORDS OF PACIFIC TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY
LOS ANGELES REFLECT LONG DISTANCE CALLS PLACED FROM
TELEPHONE OF DR EVANS DURING FEBRUARY, MARCH AND APRIL NINETEEN
SIXTY EIGHT TO SAN FRANCISCO FOUR ONE FIVE DASH SEVEN THREE ONE DASH
ONE SIX FOUR ZERO; SAN DIEGO SEVEN ONE FOUR DASH TWO SIX TWO DASH
ONE SIX EIGHT FIVE; CHICAGO THREE ONE TWO DASH THREE SIX THREE DASH
EIGHT SEVEN NINE FOUR; AND SALISBURY, NORTH CAROLINA SEVEN ZERO FOUR
DASH SIX THREE THREE DASH TWO FIVE ZERO SIX.

IT IS REQUESTED SUBSCRIBERS TO ABOVE NUMBERS BE ASCERTAINED
AND RESULTS FORWARDED TO LOS ANGELES.

END

FBI SAN DIEGO LSB

John Jones
Tel Co. Needs letter of
confirmation.

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[Signature]

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, SAN DIEGO (44-387)

DATE: 4/24/68

FROM : DANNY MORRIS

SUBJECT: MURKIN

At 8:57 AM this date JOHN W. ANDERSON, 450 Denby Street, San Diego, telephonically advised he observed a man that he is sure was JAMES EARL RAY in the Dixie Lee Coffee Shop about 15 mins. ago and then observed this man leave and go into the Lincoln Hotel on 5th Ave. near Market St., San Diego.

ANDERSON said he was positive this man was identical to man he had seen photos of on Television and in the newspaper but when ask to furnish description of man he saw, ANDERSON hung up.

2 - San Diego

DM:dm
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*above checked out by Fields &
Knowles - No one else at Dixie Lee
or Lincoln Hotel saw this individual
4/24 JDM*

*Fields advised &
will handle SB*

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
Army	James Earl Ray #16 163 129	February 19, 1946		
Sheriff's Office Los Angeles, California	James Earl Ray #B-119908	October 11, 1949	suspicion of burglary	
Police Department Los Angeles, California	James Earl Ray #139648	October 11, 1949	suspicion 459 Penal Code (burglary)	8 months County Jail suspended; 2 years probation served; first 90 days County Jail; 146 December 30, 1949 Cs129438
Sheriff's Office Cedar Rapids, Iowa	James E. Ray #5937	April 18, 1950	vagrancy	
Police Department Alton, Illinois	James Earl Ray #7514	July 23, 1951	no operator's license - no State License - no City License	released to pay later
Police Department Chicago, Illinois	James Ray #D90696	May 6, 1952	robbery (Gun)	Grand Jury \$3000
Cook County Jail Chicago, Illinois	James Ray #131165	May 9, 1952	robbery	June 13, 1952 sentenced to penitentiary 1 to 2 years
State Penitentiary Joliet, Illinois	James E. Ray #32419	June 13, 1952	robbery	1 to 2 years
State Penitentiary Pontiac, Illinois	James E. Ray #19121	July 7, 1952 in transfer from Joliet	robbery	1 to 2 years March 12, 1953 discharged

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Sheriff's Office Edwardsville, Illinois	James Earl Ray #2640	August 30, 1954	burglary and larceny	
Police Department Hannibal, Missouri	James E. Ray #40714	March 23, 1955	investigation of breaking and entering Post Office	
State Highway Patrol Macon, Missouri	James Earl Ray #B-3376	March 23, 1955	cashing stolen postal money orders	released to Postal Inspector Kansas City, Missouri March 24, 1955
United States Marshal Kansas City, Missouri	James Earl Ray #12018	March 28, 1955	forgery United States Postal Money Order	sentenced to 15 months custody of Attorney General
Sheriff's Office Kansas City, Missouri	James Earl Ray #29637	March 28, 1955	Forgery - Government	July 7, 1955 3 years and months
United States Penitentiary Leavenworth, Kansas	James Earl Ray #72498-L	July 7, 1955	Post Office Laws Forge Money Orders	3 years and 9 months May 20, 1958 conditional release March 27 1959 maximum April 5, 1958 conditional release on charge of Post Office forgery Post Office Money Orders
Police Department Saint Louis, Missouri	James Earl Ray #41071	October 10, 1959	suspicion of robbery	

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Police Department Saint Louis, Missouri	James Earl Ray #81071	October 16, 1959	suspicion of robbery stealing and fugitive other authorities	
State Penitentiary Jefferson City, Missouri	James Earl Ray #00416	March 17, 1960	"TC" operating motor vehicle without permission of owner robbery first "b/m DDW" (2 charges)	20 years (20, 7, 5, concurrent)
State Hospital Number 1 Fulton, Missouri	James Earl Ray #37045 C-5	September 8, 1966	Patient	

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
	<p>WANTED: James Earl Ray for escape April 23, 1967 (operating motor vehicle without permission of owner; robbery first degree "b/m of a D & DW") (will extradite) Notify Warden State Penitentiary Jefferson City, Missouri information received May 10, 1967.</p>			

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
	<p>WANTED BY BUREAU: James Earl Ray, also known as, James McBride, James Walyon, W.C. Herron, James O'Conner, Jim, for unlawful flight to avoid custody-robbery first Fugitive Index #121426 Bureau file #88-41730 Office of Origin Kansas City information received July 27, 1967. CAUTION: ARMED AND DANGEROUS</p> <p>Alias: James Walton</p>			
	<p>WANTED BY BUREAU: Eric Starvo Galt, also known as Harvey Lowmyer, John Willard, Civil Rights-Conspiracy Fugitive Index #127540 Bureau File #44-38861 Office of Origin Memphis. Information received April 19, 1968. CAUTION: ARMED AND DANGEROUS</p>			
	<p>THIS INFORMATION SHOULD NOT BE DISSEMINATED TO OTHER AGENCIES OR PERSONS OUTSIDE OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION.</p>			

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Date: 4/25/68

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(Priority) SENT BY CODED TELETYPE

TO: LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

FROM: SAN DIEGO (44-387)

MURKIN.

RE LOS ANGELES TEL TO BUREAU, APRIL TWENTY-FOUR LAST.
RECORDS, PACIFIC TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH CO., SAN DIEGO,
CAL., REFLECT SEVEN ONE FOUR DASH TWO SIX TWO DASH ONE SIX
EIGHT FIVE IS A NONPUBLISHED NUMBER FOR MRS. SIDNEY D. HAMMOND,
FIVE SIX TWO SIX SAN MATEO DR., SAN DIEGO, CAL., AND WAS
INSTALLED NOVEMBER THREE, NINETEEN SIXTY-SIX.

INDICES NEGATIVE CONCERNING HAMMOND.

(44-387)

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Special Agent in Charge