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TO: SAC, BALTIMORE
FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703)
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Re ERNEST STARVO GALT.

Mrs. HAROLD (ELEANOR) HILL, 3002 Pearl Drive, Suit-
land, Maryland, Housewife, telephonically advised SA ROGER
D. ASHLAND on 4/18/68 the following:

Photograph appearing in the Washington Post, 4/18/68,
appears to be a photograph of a person she met several times
in the Fall of 1967 at a Hillbilly night club, "Surf Club",
Colman Manor area, Bladensburg, Maryland. This individual
whom she does not know by name, asked her to dance and she
refused as she is married. She said he has also tried to
get a date with her, but she refused.] She described this
individual as follows:

Age:	Approximately 38
Weight:	175 - 180 lbs (Stocky build)
Height:	Approximately 5' 6"
Hair:	Brownish-black, worn rather longer than a crew cut.
Race:	White
Sex:	Male

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She said he usually stood at the bar and she could not recall having ever seen him there with anyone accompanying him. He usually wore plaid short sleeve shirts with blue plaid or small checks design. She added he was a gentleman and talked very nice to her. Mrs. HILL said she believes this person was at the Surf Club the last 2 or 3 times upon Friday or Saturday evening during September, October or November, 1967. She said that he always appears clean and neat.

Mrs. HILL said her mother, HELEN CHATLIN, 3002 Pearl Drive, Suitland, Maryland, a cab driver for Washington Cab Company, was with her when this person was at the Surf Club. She added her mother had not returned home and she has not had an opportunity to discuss the photograph with her mother.

Baltimore is requested to interview Mrs. HILL's mother, HELEN CHATLIN, at the above address for additional information concerning this person. Also to make inquiry at the Surf Club, Bladensburg, Maryland, for information concerning a person believed by Mrs. HILL to be GALT. Mrs. HILL added a woman known as NELLIE is usually behind the bar and the manager, CHUCK HILL plays in the band at the Club.

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TO ALL SACS

FROM DIRECTOR 4P

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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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APRIL 19, 1968

ATTORNEY GENERAL RAMSEY CLARK ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THE FBI HAS IDENTIFIED JAMES EARL RAY, AN ESCAPEE FROM THE MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY, AS ERIC STARVO GALT, ^{aka} AGAINST WHOM A FEDERAL COMPLAINT WAS FILED LAST WEDNESDAY IN CONNECTION WITH THE FATAL SHOOTING OF THE REVEREND DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. *See page 3*

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 FROM WHOM "WANTED NOTICES" HAVE BEEN POSTED IN THE FILES OF THE FBI'S IDENTIFICATION 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 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 THE 20-YEAR TERM, RAY HAD BEEN CONVICTED OF BURGLARY IN LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, IN 1949; ARMED ROBBERY IN CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, IN 1952; AND FORGING UNITED STATES POSTAL MONEY ORDERS 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 PENITENTIARY 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 ^{aka} JAMES MCBRIDE, JAMES WALTON, W. C.

HERRON AND JAMES O'CONNER. HE IS A WHITE MALE; CLAIMS TO HAVE

John WILLARD

HARVEY LOWMYER

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BEEN BORN 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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TO: CHIEF CLERK

Date 4-19-68

Subject James Earl Ray aka James McBride, James Walton

Aliases W.C. Herron, James O'Connor

Address Birth Date Birthplace Race Sex
Illinois Male

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/17/68

Mr. WALTER McKENNETH, 430 K Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., advised that he manages the rooming house at this address. He stated that EMIL MATALIK resides on the third floor at this address and that he frequently sees MATALIK. He related that on April 4, 1968, MATALIK had visited him in his quarters at around 10:00 to 10:30 a.m. and then again at about 5:00 p.m. MATALIK returned at about 7:00 to 7:30 p.m. and watched television for approximately one half hour, at which time McKENNETH put him out because he (McKENNETH) was interested in the news concerning Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING, and MATALIK wished to talk.

McKENNETH stated that he had also seen MATALIK about the residence every day during the past week, except on Saturday, April 6, 1968.

On 4/7/68 at Washington, D. C. File # WFO 44-703-189
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/17/68

Mrs. ELVA McKENNETH, 430 K Street, N. W., advised that she recalled seeing EMIL MATALIK at this rooming house every day during the past week, except for Saturday, April 6, 1968, at which time she saw him at the corner of 5th and K Streets, N. W., when he was talking to some military personnel.

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Mr. WALTER L. BISHOP, third floor, 430 K Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., advised that he was not acquainted with EMIL MATALIK, but that he resided in the next room to MATALIK according to information given to him by Mr. WALTER McKENNETH, the manager. BISHOP said that he had been ill during the last several days and that he is certain that someone had been in MATALIK's room several times during each day during the last week, except that on the afternoon and evening of April 6, 1968, he heard no one in that room.

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Mr. PETE L. SMITH, second floor, 430 K Street, N. W., advised that he was acquainted with EMIL MATALIK and that he had seen him every day during the past week to the best of his knowledge. He said that MATALIK comes and goes frequently and that at the present time, MATALIK is a candidate for the office of President of the United States. He said that he recalled that on the morning of April 6, 1968, he saw MATALIK attempting to pass literature to troops on duty in the vicinity of 430 K Street, N. W. He said that he had not seen MATALIK since that time, but that he was certain that he had seen him every day in the previous week and that on most days he had seen him several times.

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F.B.I. ACCUSES GALT OF A CONSPIRACY IN DR. KING SLAYING

Alleges a Plot With Man
He Said Was a Brother to
Violate Victim's Rights

FUGITIVE WARRANT OUT

Hoover Places Suspect in
Memphis at Time of Killing
—Two Photos Released

Text of the F.B.I. statement
is printed on Page 46.

By **EVERT CLARK**

Special to The New York Times

WASHINGTON, April 17 —
The Federal Bureau of Investi-
gation issued a fugitive war-
rant today charging Eric Star-
vo Galt, described as a 36-
year-old "loner," with conspir-
acy in the slaying of the Rev.
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Dr. King's assassin has been
sought since the civil rights
leader was killed by a rifle
bullet on the balcony of the
Lorraine Motel in Memphis on
April 4.

The F.B.I. said Galt con-
spired beginning about March
29 with a man "whom he al-
leged to be his brother" to
"injure, oppress, threaten or
intimidate" Dr. King. The con-
spiracy continued until about
April 5, the agency said.

Attorney General Ramsey
Clark announced that Galt was
being sought as a fugitive on
the charge of having conspired
to violate Dr. King's civil rights,
in violation of Title 18, Section
241, of the United States Code.

The maximum penalty on
conviction under this law is a
\$5,000 fine and a 10-year
prison sentence.

Announcement by Hoover

An announcement by J. Ed-
gar Hoover, F.B.I. director,
placed Galt in Memphis at the
time of the killing and said
he then left for Atlanta.

It said that Galt, "who has
used the names of John Willard
and Harvey Lowmyer in the
past," owned the white 1966
Mustang automobile bearing
Alabama license plates that
was found abandoned in
Atlanta one week after the
assassination.

John Willard was the name
given in Memphis by a man

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Sought by the F.B.I.



United Press International
Man said to be Eric Starvo
Galt. The eyes were paint-
ed in by an F.B.I. artist.
Original picture is below.



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GALT IS ACCUSED OF A CONSPIRACY

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who fled from a rooming house near the Lorraine Motel just after Dr. King was shot. The man had taken a room in the house, and the fatal shot is believed to have been fired from a bathroom window there.

There was no explanation of the Lowmyer alias.

The Mustang found in Atlanta resembled one seen speeding away from the assassination area.

Sources close to investigators in Memphis said that the Memphis police had almost run Galt down as they went to the murder scene.

The Federal warrant was issued in Birmingham, Ala., where Mr. Hoover said that a .30-'06-caliber rifle equipped with a telescopic sight had been found near a rooming house on South Main Street in Memphis immediately after the shooting. He said an F. B. I. agent had determined that that rifle and a telescopic sight was bought from a gun dealer in Birmingham on March 30.

Suspect Described

The announcement did not directly link Galt to the rifle found in Memphis or say that the .30-'06 was the weapon that killed Dr. King.

Galt was described as 5 feet 8 to 5 feet 11 inches tall, weighing between 160 and 175 pounds and having "brush-cut" brown hair and blue eyes.

"He is said to be a neat dresser and has a medium build," the F.B.I. said.

Those who have met him describe him as a loner and say his "language and diction have a 'rural' quality and suggest that he probably does not have a high degree of education," the agency said.

Galt was said to like vodka, beer and Western and country music and to have a nervous habit of occasionally pulling at an ear lobe, the F.B.I. added.

"His left ear protrudes farther from his head than his right ear," it said.

The F.B.I. released two photographs of Galt, one with his eyes closed and another containing a notation on the back: "Eyes drawn in by F.B.I. artist."

The man whom the agency said Galt had alleged was his brother was not further identified in the announcement here.

Galt traveled extensively in this country and went to Mexico after he bought the white Mustang from a private citizen in Birmingham last Aug. 30, Mr. Hoover said.

The car's odometer showed the Mustang had more than 19,000 miles since the purchase, the F.B.I. director said. "Galt's travels in the Mustang included trips to Los

Angeles, New Orleans, Birmingham and Mexico as well to Memphis and Atlanta," the F.B.I. announcement said.

The suspect left Los Angeles last Dec. 15, drove to New Orleans and "claimed he contacted either an engineering firm or a contracting firm," according to the agency.

He left New Orleans four days later and arrived in Los Angeles on Dec. 21. The agency said.

There was no indication why he had been in touch with the company.

Took Bartending Course

While he was in Los Angeles, Galt "took a course at a school of bartending and was graduated on March 2, 1968," the agency said.

The announcement did not attempt to trace Galt's whereabouts day by day or even week by week. But it placed him in New Orleans in 1964 and 1965, in Birmingham last September and October and in Long Beach, Calif., from last December until last February by saying he took dancing lessons in those places at those times.

"He is said to be an avid dancer," the announcement said.

It also said intensive investigation by the F.B.I. had disclosed that Galt "has claimed to have been employed as a cook on Mississippi River vessels and as a merchant seaman."

Galt should be considered "armed and dangerous" and any information about him should be furnished immediately to the nearest F.B.I. office, the announcement added.

The F.B.I. refused to say where it got Galt's photograph. The pictures show him in a dark suit and a neat, dark bow tie; he might have been wearing a tuxedo at the time. One picture appeared to have been cut out and placed on a different background, as though it might have been taken from a group picture, such as one taken at a nightclub.

Sketch Shown Previously

The photographs were the first to be connected with the case, although F.B.I. agents have been showing a full-face sketch of a suspect to hundreds of persons all through the South.

There was nothing in today's statements to indicate what role the F.B.I. thought the al-

leged other conspirator played or whether there might be still other suspected conspirators.

Galt's name was first publicly linked with the King murder on April 11, when an F.B.I. bulletin was released in Florida, apparently by mistake, and later withdrawn. The bulletin asked that Galt be located for questioning.

On April 12 the Mustang was found in Atlanta. It apparently had been parked there since about 12 hours after the murder. It was impounded after residents of the housing development where it was found noted that it matched the description of the car wanted in the murder.

The section of the United States Code under which Galt is accused states:

"If two or more persons conspire to injure, oppress, threaten, or intimidate any citizen in the free exercise or enjoyment of any right or privilege secured to him by the Constitution or laws of the United States, or because of his having so exercised the same; or

"If two or more persons go in disguise on the highway, or on the premises of another, with intent to prevent or hinder his free exercise or enjoyment of any right or privilege so secured—

"They shall be fined not more than \$5,000 or imprisoned not more than 10 years, or both."

Memphis Hopes to Try Galt

MEMPHIS, April 17 (UPI)—Tennessee authorities indicated tonight that they would file murder charges in the assassination of Dr. King.

"That will be our immediate consideration," Memphis Fire and Police Director Frank Holloman said in answer to a question of whether there were plans to issue a warrant for the arrest of Galt.

"We look forward to the apprehension of this individual and his ultimate return to Memphis for trial for the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.," Mr. Holloman said.

He would not elaborate on the statement.

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TO ALL SACS EXCEPT KANSAS CITY, ANCHORAGE, HONOLULU AND SAN JUAN

MESSAGE RELAY PLAN

FROM DIRECTOR 5P

MURKIN. OO: MEMPHIS.

~~JAMES EARL RAY, AKA. EARL JAMES RAY, W. C. HERRON, EARL JAMES,~~
~~JAMES MC BRIDE, JAMES O'CONNER, JAMES WALTON, JAMES WALYON, JIM~~
~~- FUGITIVE; UFAC - ROBBERY FIRST, BUFILE 88-41730. OO: KANSAS~~
~~CITY, KC FILE 88-9449; DETERMINED TODAY BY BUREAU TO BE IDENTICAL~~
~~WITH ERIC STARVO GALT, AGAINST WHOM FEDERAL COMPLAINT FILED APRIL~~
~~SEVENTEEN LAST IN CONNECTION WITH FATAL SHOOTING OF DR. MARTIN~~
~~LUTHER KING, JR.~~

JAMES EARL RAY, INMATE, MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY, JEFFERSON
CITY, MO., ESCAPED PEN APRIL TWO THREE, SIXTY-SEVEN. INVESTIGATION
INDICATED RAY CONCEALED HIMSELF IN A BREAD BOX AND ESCAPED FROM
TRUCK MAKING DELIVERY TO AN AUXILIARY FARM. RAY WAS SERVING TWENTY
YEARS ON CHARGE OF ARMED ROBBERY - FIRST DEGREE AND FOR OPERATING A
VEHICLE WITHOUT OWNER'S CONSENT. ON JULY TWENTY, SIXTY-SEVEN,
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FEDERAL COMPLAINT AUTHORIZED BY AUSA WILLIAM A. KITCHEN, WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI, KANSAS CITY, MO., FILED BEFORE USC, JEFFERSON CITY, MO., CHARGING RAY WITH VIOLATION TITLE EIGHTEEN, SECTION ONE ZERO SEVEN THREE, USC. WARRANT ISSUED.

INVESTIGATION HAS BEEN CONDUCTED BY CHICAGO, SPRINGFIELD, ST. LOUIS, AND KANSAS CITY OFFICES IN UNPRODUCTIVE EFFORT TO LOCATE THIS FUGITIVE. KANSAS CITY IS INSTITUTING A FULL AND COMPLETE REINVESTIGATION IN AN EFFORT TO DEVELOP BACKGROUND DATA, RELATIVES, AND ASSOCIATES OF SUBJECT, WHO MIGHT BE IN A POSITION TO ASSIST IN HIS LOCATION.

IN THIS CONNECTION, JAMES EARL RAY AND WALTER TERRY RIFE ON MARCH SEVEN, FIFTY-FIVE, BURGLARIZED THE U. S. POST OFFICE AT KELLERVILLE, ILL., AND STOLE SIXTY-SIX BLANK U. S. POSTAL MONEY ORDERS WHICH THEY PASSED DURING MARCH, FIFTY-FIVE, IN NUMEROUS STATES, WITH THE RESULT THAT BOTH WERE SENTENCED IN U.S.D.C., KANSAS CITY, MO., ON JULY ONE, FIFTY-FIVE, TO USP, LEAVENWORTH, END PAGE TWO

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KANSAS. SUBJECT RAY HAS BEEN DESCRIBED AS A LONER AND RIFE APPARENTLY IS ONE OF HIS FEW CLOSE ASSOCIATES, SUGGESTING POSSIBILITY THEY COULD HAVE BEEN ASSOCIATES IN MURDER OF DR. KING, AND INVESTIGATION ALSO INSTITUTED IN KANSAS CITY AIRTEL TO SPRINGFIELD MARCH ELEVEN LAST TO DEVELOP BACKGROUND INFO RE RIFE AND TO LOCATE HIM FOR INTERVIEW. THIS INVESTIGATION SHOULD ALSO BE RECOVERED AND EXPEDITED TODAY, IT BEING NOTED RIFE AND RAY HAVE BACKGROUND HISTORY IN THE QUINCY, ILL., AREA.

PHOTOS OF JAMES EARL RAY AND WALTER TERRY RIFE ARE BEING FORWARDED AMSD TO BUREAU AND ALL OFFICES.

FOLLOWING IS DESCRIPTION OF JAMES EARL RAY AS FURNISHED BY FBI IDENTIFICATION DIVISION UNDER FBI NO. THREE ZERO SIX FOUR FOUR THREE A: WHITE MALE, DOB [REDACTED] AT DECATUR, QUINCY OR ALTON, ILL.; APPROXIMATELY FIVE FEET TEN; ONE SEVEN FOUR LBS., IN SEPTEMBER SIXTY-SIX; RUDDY COMPLEXION; BLUE EYES; BROWN HAIR; MEDIUM BUILD; OCCUPATIONS LABORER AND BAKER; SCARS AND MARKS--SMALL SCAR ON CENTER OF FOREHEAD AND SCAR IN PALM OF RIGHT HAND. ADDRESSES--ST. LOUIS, MO., MARCH SIXTY, TWO ZERO ONE FIVE PARK, ST. LOUIS, MO., OCTOBER FIFTY-NINE; QUINCY, ILL., JULY FIFTY-FIVE, MARCH FIFTY-FIVE, AND APRIL FIFTY; HOTEL QUINCY, QUINCY, END PAGE THREE

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ILL., MARCH FIFTY-FIVE; VICTOR HOTEL, QUINCY, ILL., MARCH FIFTY-FIVE;
EIGHT FIVE THREE WEST FULLERTON, CHICAGO, ILL., MAY FIFTY-TWO; EIGHT
ZERO FIVE ALBY STREET, ALTON, ILL., JULY FIFTY-ONE. FPC--SIXTEEN,
M OVER M, NINE OVER FOUR, U OVER W, OOO OVER IOI, TWELVE, REF NINE
OVER TWELVE. NCIC FPC--ONE SIX ONE THREE ONE ONE ZERO ONE TWO
ONE TWO I I ONE TWO I I ONE SEVEN. MILITARY RECORD--JAMES EARL RAY,
SN ^{1 6 1 6 3 1 2 9} [REDACTED] ENLISTED U. S. ARMY FEBRUARY
FORTY-SIX, AT EAST ST. LOUIS, ILL., AND SERVED ON ACTIVE DUTY UNTIL
DECEMBER TWENTY-THREE, FORTY-EIGHT, AT WHICH TIME GIVEN GENERAL
DISCHARGE AS PRIVATE FIRST CLASS AT CAMP KILMER, N. J., BY REASON
OF INEPTNESS AND LACK OF ADAPTABILITY FOR MILITARYSERVICE. RECORDS
ALSO INDICATE HE RECEIVED TREATMENT FOR GONORRHEA AND SYPHILIS WHILE
A MEMBER OF THE MILITARY.

FOLLOWING IS A DESCRIPTION OF WALTER TERRY RIFE, FBI NO.
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FOUR FIVE FIVE EIGHT SEVEN SIX SIX, AS OBTAINED FROM FILES OF USP,
LEAVENWORTH: WHITE MALE, AGE FORTY-FOUR, DOB [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] FIVE FEET NINE AND ONE HALF, ONE SIX ONE LBS., BROWN
HAIR, EYES BLUE GRAY.

KANSAS CITY IS SETTING OUT ALL PERTINENT LEADS TODAY BY
TELETYPE AND TELEPHONE FOLLOWED UP BY TELETYPE CONFIRMATION.
ALL LEADS MUST BE COVERED WITHIN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS WITH BUREAU,
KANSAS CITY, AND MEMPHIS BEING KEPT ADVISED BY APPROPRIATE
COMMUNICATION OF PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS.

SUGGEST BUREAU MAKE IMMEDIATE COMPARISON OF ANY LATENT
FINGERPRINTS DEVELOPED DURING KING INVESTIGATION WITH THOSE
OF WALTER TERRY RIFE TO DETERMINE IF IDENTICAL.

AIR MAIL COPIES SENT ANCHORAGE, HONOLULU AND SAN JUAN.

LEGAT MEXICO CITY AND OTTAWA ADVISED.

SUBJECT RAY HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF ROBBERY WITH DEADLY
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Date 4/18/68

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On 4/10/68 at Washington, D.C.

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by SA JAMES W. NORMENT:bkc

Date dictated 4/11/68

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Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Born:	[redacted] Fort Wayne, Indiana
Height:	5 feet 11½ inches
Weight:	180 pounds
Build:	Medium
Hair:	Blond, long, parted on left
Complexion:	Fair
Scars:	Circular scar left cheek
Characteristics:	Pointed nose, sharp features
Military Service:	U.S. Navy 1943-1946, Number [redacted], Honorable discharge U.S. Marines 1948-1952, Number [redacted], Honorable discharge Merchant Marine 1946-1947, 1953, 1956, Served on the Great Lakes and on the West Coast
Relatives:	None
Social Security Number:	[redacted]
Former Residences:	1130 Jones Street, Fort Wayne, Indiana (1954); 3817 West State Street, Fort Wayne, Indiana (1965)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, WFO (44-703)

DATE: 4/19/68

FROM : SA JOHN J. CREAMER, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 4/19/68 Dr. THOMAS M. CRISP, 6520 Hitt Avenue, McLean, Virginia, called from his office at Georgetown University, telephone number 625-7526. He advised that his home telephone is 356-0968.

CRISP advised that an individual answering the general description of GALT moved in the lower duplex at his address on 4/9/68. This individual has no furniture in his residence. He has a car with California license TNE 605 which he parks down the street from the residence. To date he has had no visitors.

CRISP advised that this individual has been seen only briefly during the evening hours and he cannot make a positive identification.

A teletype has been sent to Richmond and Sacramento concerning this.

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TO: SAC, RICHMOND AND SACRAMENTO

FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703)

MURKIN

DR. THOMAS M. CRISP, SIX FIVE TWO ZERO HITT AVENUE,
MC LEAN, VIRGINIA, ADVISED TODAY AN INDIVIDUAL ANSWERING
GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF GALT MOVED IN LOWER DUPLEX AT THIS
ADDRESS ON APRIL NINE LAST. INDIVIDUAL HAS NO FURNITURE
AND A CAR WITH CALIFORNIA LICENSE TNE SIX ZERO FIVE WHICH
HE PARKS DOWN STREET FROM RESIDENCE.

SACRAMENTO OBTAIN LISTING. RICHMOND IDENTIFY INDIVIDUAL.

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TO DIRECTOR, LOS ANGELES, RICHMOND, MEMPHIS, WASHINGTON FIELD (44-703)
WFO RELAY

FROM SACRAMENTO 100-427 P

MURKIN. CR.

RE WFO TELETYPE, THIS DATE, WHICH READS AS FOLLOWS:

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VIRGINIA, ADVISED TODAY AN INDIVIDUAL ANSWERING GENERAL DESCRIPTION
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DMV RECORDS, SACRAMENTO, REVEAL CALIFORNIA LICENSE TNE SIX
ZERO FIVE, TAB NUMBER ONE EIGHT NINE THREE NINE TWO FIVE, REGISTERED
TO FIFTYFOUR CHEVROLET, TWO DOOR, VIN ZERO SEVEN SEVEN ZERO ZERO TWO
SIX F FIVE FOUR Z, IN NAME OF JOSEPH A. BENDERAVAGE, ONE TWO FIVE
ZERO FOUR CULVER BOULEVARD, LOS ANGELES, THE SOLE OWNER.

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TO: SAC, BALTIMORE (44-669)
FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703) (P)
MURKIN

Re ERNEST STARVO GALT.

ReWFOat 4/18/68 and WFO telephone call to BA
(Hyattsville RA) 4/19/68.

On 4/18/68, Mrs. HELEN MARIE CHATLIN (protect identity), 3103 Pearl Dr., Suitland, Md., telephonically advised SA ROBERT W. DAWSON that she is the mother of Mrs. ELEANOR HILL, who furnished information earlier concerning subject of this case. Mrs. CHATLIN related that she is a cab driver with the Washington Cab Co. and a former waitress. She stated that she frequents the Surf Club located in Bladensburg, Md., which is managed by "CHICK" HALL.

Mrs. CHATLIN stated that she had discussed with her daughter the individual that her daughter had reported as possibly being GALT and that she had viewed a photo of GALT as it appeared in newspapers and she felt the individual was possibly GALT. Mrs. CHATLIN stated that she recalled this individual appearing at the Surf Club about every four or five

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months and that he used the name LARRY. She said that she had danced with him and that he was a very good dancer. She said that he dresses casually, but is always very clean. She stated that she could not furnish anything further concerning this man's identity except that he is apparently a truck driver or helper for the North American Van Lines. He comes to Washington to pick up moving and will stay from a few days to as long as two weeks, gathering a load and during this time he sleeps on the van at the North American Van Lines located on Kenilworth Ave. near Tuxedo Rd.

Mrs. CHATLIN stated she last saw this individual approximately last Sept.

Mrs. CHATLIN described this individual as a white male, 5'11" to 6' tall, 170 lbs. to 180 lbs., brown eyes, brown hair, approximately 37 to 38 years of age with a flesh colored mole on his left cheek. She said that he drinks both mixed drinks and beer and that he apparently takes "Bennies" to keep him pepped up. She stated he has no distinct accent.

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BALTIMORE

AT BALTIMORE, MARYLAND. Will conduct appropriate investigation at Surf Club and at North American Van Lines to identify above individual.

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AIRTEL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703) (P)

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Re ME teletype to WFO 4/13/68.

Numerous attempts have been made to contact STERLING TUCKER from 4/15-19/68. TUCKER'S secretary Mrs. MARGIE FELTON has advised that TUCKER is aware of Bureau Agents to set up interview with him. TUCKER has made no efforts to recontact the Bureau.

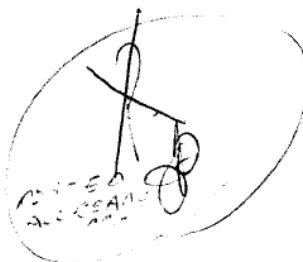
WFO will continue effort to interview STERLING TUCKER re this matter.

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703) (P)

MURKIN

Re HARVEY LOWMYER.

On 4/19/68, Mr. PETER DONOVAN, Deputy Director, Bureau of Employees Compensation, U. S. Department of Labor, Washington, D. C., telephonically advised SA ROBERT W. DAWSON that he had resided in the New Orleans area for about nine years, until transferred to Washington last year. His neighbor was Mr. J. WILLIAM "BILL" WADE, and wife ROSE, resided at 548 Ashlawn Drive, Harahan, Louisiana, telephone area code 504, 737-3791. Mr. DONOVAN explained that the WADE'S are "high type people" and close social friends of the DONOVAN'S. He stated that Mrs. WADE'S maiden name was LOWMYER (phonetic) of Memphis, Tennessee. Mr. DONOVAN stated he did not know Mrs. WADE'S family, but felt that she could be interviewed to determine whether she might be a relative of subject of this case.

Mr. DONOVAN stated that because of the nature of the social relationship between his family and the WADE'S, he desired that his identity be protected in this matter.

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NEW ORLEANS

AT HARAHAN, LA. Will interview Mrs. WADE concerning
identity of family members.

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703)

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ReButeltype to all SACS 4/19/68.

PENNY GILLIAM, Apartment 102, 2118 County Road, District Heights, Maryland, telephone 735-1064, telephonically advised WFO instant that she had just seen television broadcast revealing identity of assassin as JAMES EARL RAY. GILLIAM furnishing following information in the event individual she knows as JIM RAY might possibly be identical with JAMES EARL RAY.

GILLIAM related that in 1962 or 1963 she used to swim at a private lake near Kansas City, Mo., at 9900 Raytown Road. She related this lake is secluded from the road and presently deserted with no one living nearby. GILLIAM recalls a JIM RAY, who was quite a bit older than she and who was from a large family, also swam in this lake during this period.

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GILLIAM feels that if the JIM RAY she knows is identical with MURKIN subject that he possibly could use this area as hideout.

GILLIAM relates that her mother, VERA BROOKE, 6791 San Diego Road, Buena Park, California, would know owner's identity of this property.

Inasmuch as referenced teletype indicates that JAMES EARL RAY was incarcerated at the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Mo., since March 17, 1960, and allegedly confined to that Institution until time of his escape, 4/23/67, this is being furnished to Memphis and Kansas City for info purposes. Possibility exists that "JIM RAY" individual GILLIAM refers to is a possible relative of subject JAMES EARL RAY.

Kansas City from file review determine if this is area of RAY's background and determine if this information has significance to captioned case.

No lead is being set forth for the Los Angeles Division at this time because of the limited information available to WFO concerning subject this case.

RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

FBI Charges Galt 'Brothers'

King's Death 'Conspiracy'

By THOMAS TALBURT

Scripps-Howard Staff Writer

The FBI has fleshed in the phantom figure of Eric Starvo Galt and charged him with conspiracy in the assassination of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

But in filing a warrant for Mr. Galt's arrest in Birmingham, Ala., the FBI left unanswered these key questions in the case:

Where is Mr. Galt?

Who is the mysterious suspected conspirator and what role did he play? The FBI complaint says only that Mr. Galt "and an individual whom he alleged to be his brother" entered into a conspiracy against Dr. King.

WHERE FROM?

Where did the FBI obtain its information about Mr. Galt and where did it get the pictures of him it released last night?

In what appeared to be the first big break in the murder, Attorney General Ramsey Clark described Mr. Galt as 36 years old, white, a neat dresser, a man of apparently limited education with a preference for vodka and beer, and Western and country music.

He has a nervous habit of occasionally pulling at an ear lobe with his hand, Mr. Clark reported, and persons who have met Mr. Galt described him as a loner.

He wears his brown hair in a brush cut, has a "straight and narrow" nose. He's said to be an avid dancer and took dancing lessons in New Orleans, Birmingham and Long Beach, Calif., at intervals between 1964 and February of this year.

He has told people he has been employed as a cook on Mississippi river boats and as a merchant seaman. He had attended a school for bartenders in Los Angeles early this year and was graduated March 2.

BOUGHT RIFLE

The FBI charges the conspiracy against Dr. King began in Birmingham March 29 and that the next day Mr. Galt purchased a rifle and a telescopic sight there.

The complaint also says the conspiracy continued until "on or about" April 5 — the day after Dr. King was gunned down on a Memphis motel balcony. This appeared to suggest that Mr. Galt's unidentified "brother" may have assisted in his getaway by acting as a decoy or leaving false leads for police after Dr. King was shot.

While FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover said a rifle with telescopic sight was found near the rooming house from which Dr. King's assassin fired the fatal shot, the FBI did not specifically identify the rifle as the murder weapon.

Mr. Hoover did identify Mr. Galt as the owner of a 1966 white Mustang bearing Alabama license plates found abandoned in Atlanta April 11. A white Mustang was spotted leaving the murder scene.

19,000 MILES

The Mustang found in Atlanta had been driven more than 19,000 miles since last August when Mr. Galt bought it in Birmingham, Mr. Hoover said. It had been to Los Angeles, New Orleans, Birmingham and Mexico, as well as Memphis and Atlanta, he said.

Viewed as the most intriguing aspect of the case now was the emergence of the suspected conspirator Mr. Galt obviously told someone was his brother.

Soon after Dr. King's murder, Mr. Clark said it appeared to be the work of one man and virtually ruled out a conspiracy.

The complaint against Mr. Galt specifically charges Mr. Galt and the "brother" with conspir-

ing to injure, oppress, threaten, or intimidate Dr. King in his right to travel freely from state to state.

10-YEAR TERM

Justice Department officials said this law carries only a 10-year prison sentence and \$5000 fine on conviction, but noted Mr. Clark has indicated that when Dr. King's slayer is found, he would be turned over to Tennessee authorities for trial on a murder charge.

The new civil rights law, had it been enacted before Dr. King's slaying, would have permitted the Justice Department to bring a Federal murder charge against the assassin. As it turned out, it was the King assassination that spurred Congress to pass the law.

The FBI said Mr. Galt has used the names of Harvey Lowmyer and John Willard — the name Dr. King's suspected killer used when he checked into the rooming house across from Dr. King's motel.

Mr. Galt's birthplace was not revealed.

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AIRTEL

TO: SAC, BALTIMORE

FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703)

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NATALIE MAZZELLA (protect by request), 5703 21 Place, Hillcrest Heights, Maryland, whose home telephone is 894-9060, telephonically contacted WFO 4/20/68 and stated she saw a man about eight weeks ago named JIM CRAIG who she thinks resembles somewhat the newspaper photograph of JAMES EARL RAY, suspect in instant matter. MAZZELLA stated she was driving alone through Georgia and met CRAIG at an unrecalled restaurant. CRAIG was accompanied by a white male age 40 by the name of BUDDY CHRISTIAN, and a white male age about 28 who claimed to be CHRISTIAN's younger brother, name unknown.

MAZZELLA stated she became friendly with the three men and drove along the same highway they were traveling for about eight hours until she left them at Deland, Florida. During this period MAZZELLA learned that the CHRISTIAN brothers claimed to have jumped bail in some northern state possibly Illinois or Wisconsin. They also claimed they had served time in prison on robbery or similar charges. CRAIG claimed he

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was also a bail jumper and was wanted in the same areas (Illinois or Wisconsin) for charges relating to alimony payments.

MAZZELLA said that BUDDY CHRISTIAN tried to persuade her to accompany him and live with him but she refused. She said she exchanged addresses with JIM CRAIG and learned that the men were going to Naples, Florida, to do construction work where CRAIG said he could be located in care of a relative MAC RICHARDS, 2364 Bayside Drive, Naples, Florida, phone MI9-9058. MAZZELLA also stated CRAIG claimed to have a grandparent residing in Deland, Florida. She also recalled the three men were traveling in a red Dodge, about three or four years old, license unknown.

MAZZELLA furnished the following description of CRAIG after revealing her fears in this matter and being assured that the FBI would treat the information in the strictest confidence:

Name:	HIM CRAIG
Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Age:	35
Height:	5'7"
Weight:	150 lbs.
Hair:	Dark brown
Characteristics:	Beard cut short
Clothing:	Plaid sport shirt with light tan jeans
Other:	Sharp features, clean shaven

WFO indices contain numerous references on JIMMY, JIM and JAMES CRAIG but no main fugitive file. Indices negative re MAZZELLA and one applicant reference located on a BUDDY CHRISTIAN.

BA cognizant.

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LEADS

BALTIMORE

AT HILLCREST HEIGHTS, MARYLAND. Interview MAZZELLA
for further details of her contact with CRAIG and associates.

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AIRTEL

TO: SAC, BALTIMORE

FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703) (P)

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At 8:00 p.m., 4/19/68, LESTER L. KIMBLE (retired Lt. in the U.S. Navy) who resides at Box 109, Clarksburg, Maryland, telephone number 301-926-3522, furnished SA LOUIS A. CRESCIOLI the following information:

At 7:30 p.m. on 4/19/68, KIMBLE was in the Midway Diner, which is located on the left hand side of Maryland Route Number 355, as you go north from Gaithersburg, Maryland. The owner of this diner, who is about 40 years old, six feet tall, dark hair, medium build, 190 lbs., and sallow complexion, resembles the photo of ERIC STARVO GALT. The owner's name is unknown to KIMBLE.

KIMBLE requested that his identity not be revealed as the source of the above information.

Baltimore, at Gaithersburg, Maryland, will conduct appropriate investigation re owner of Midway Diner.

Above data telephonically furnished to Steno PAT ROWLAND of BA Office at 8:17 a.m. on 4/20/68 by SA TOLLEF JACOBSON, JR., of WFO.

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TO DIRECTOR, WASHINGTON FIELD, RICHMOND AND MEMPHIS
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574) (1P)

MURKIN.

RE SACRAMENTO TEL FOUR NINETEEN LAST RE JOSEPH A. BENDERAVAGE.

DONIS KNOX, TWO FIVE ZERO ZERO CULVER BOULEVARD, LOS ANGELES, ADVISED JOSEPH A. BENDERAVAGE MOVED FROM ONE TWO FIVE ZERO FOUR CULVER BOULEVARD, LOS ANGELES, EARLY FEBRUARY NINETEEN SIXTY-EIGHT, LEAVING NO FORWARDING. DESCRIBED BENDERAVAGE AS WHITE MALE AMERICAN, APPROXIMATELY TWENTY SEVEN YEARS, SIX FEET FIVE INCHES, ONE HUNDRED FORTY FIVE POUNDS, LIGHT COMPLEXION, SANDY HAIR AND MUSTACHE, AND BEARING NO RESEMBLANCE TO GALT PHOTOS. GALT PHOTOS UNFAMILIAR TO KNOX. USPO, CULVER CITY, ADVISED BENDERAVAGE FURNISHED FORWARDING OF GENERAL DELIVERY, PLACITAS, NEW MEXICO, ON FEBRUARY EIGHT LAST.

LEAD RE FORWARDING BEING LEFT DESCRETION RICHMOND.

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TO DIRECTOR, WFO, PITTSBURGH AND MEMPHIS

FROM CLEVELAND (44-565) 3 P

MURKIN.

MR. STANFORD KOBLENTZ, MANAGER, AKERS FOLKMAN TRAVEL AGENCY, ONE NINE ZERO THREE EAST NINTH STREET, CLEVELAND, OHIO, PHONE M A ONE - NINE THREE TWO THREE, AND MISS LINDA WANTZ, ONE THREE ZERO WEST BOULEVARD, APARTMENT FIVE ZERO THREE - C, CLERK, TRAVEL AGENCY, STATED A MAN, WHO APPEARED TO BE IDENTICAL WITH JAMES EARL RAY, WAS IN THEIR OFFICE APRIL EIGHTEENTH, LAST, AT NINE FORTY FIVE A.M. USING THE NAME CHARLES MOATS. THEY STATED PHOTOGRAPHS IN NEWSPAPER AND PHOTOGRAPHS EXHIBITED TO THEM BY AGENTS OF RAY APPEARED TO BE IDENTICAL WITH THE INDIVIDUAL USING THE NAME CHARLES MOATS. THEY STATED MOATS STATED HE WANTED TO GO TO CLARKSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA, IN A HURRY, AND DID NOT CARE HOW MANY STOPS THE PLANE MADE EN ROUTE.

MOATS WAS GIVEN A TICKET FOR NORTHWESTERN FLIGHT NUMBER THREE TWO SIX, WHICH FLIES NON-STOP TO NATIONAL AIRPORT, WASHINGTON, D.C.,
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NOTE: lead for WFO at National Airport should have been sent to Richmond. I telephoned SA Richard H. Daly, Alex Rankin RA re lead at National Airport & he later advised these records not available at Lake Central Airlines (in Indianapolis, Ind.) until morning of 4/22/68. Alex RA will handle on 4/22/68 per SA Daly.

ASAC Tom Farrow, Pittsburgh Office called on am of 4/21/68 re coverage of National Airport lead herein. He was subsequently advised results of SA Daly's check re Farrow flight lead was directly related to PH lead of Doehman

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LEAVING AT ELEVEN TEN A.M. ON APRIL EIGHTEENTH, SIXTYEIGHT, AND WAS GIVEN A TICKET FOR TRANSFER OUT OF WASHINGTON ON LAKE CENTRAL AIRLINES FLIGHT NUMBER FIVE THREE FOUR FROM D.C. NATIONAL AIRPORT AT ONE FIFTY FIVE P.M., ARRIVING CLARKSBURGH THREE TWELVE P.M..

WANTZ STATED MOATS INDICATED HE ARRIVED IN CLEVELAND, OHIO, VIA BUS ON THAT A.M. AND THAT HIS LUGGAGE WAS AT SOME UNKNOWN TERMINAL.

WANTZ AND KOBLENTZ DESCRIBED MOATS AS FOLLOWS:

HEIGHT:	FIVE FEET, ELEVEN INCHES.
WEIGHT:	ONE SIXTY-FIVE TO ONE SEVENTY.
HAIR:	DARK BROWN.
BUILD:	MEDIUM.
AGE:	MID-THIRTIES.
CHARACTERISTICS:	CLEAN SHAVEN
SCARS:	ONE-HALF INCH SCAR IN MIDDLE OF FOREHEAD FOREHEAD CURVED TOWARDS LEFT EYE STOPPING APPROXIMATELY ONE INCH ABOVE EYE.

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THEY STATED HE WAS ATTIRE IN A DARK TWEED SPORTS JACKET WITH SPORT SHIRT OPEN AT NECK, AND NOT HAT. THEY STATED SPORTS JACKET LOOKED LIKE HE MAY HAVE SLEPT IN IT AND WAS IN NEED OF CLEANING AND PRESSING. THEY STATED HE TALKED WITH A HILLBILLY ACCENT, BUT USED GOOD ENGLISH. BOTH STATED SUBJECT APPEARED TO BE EXTREMELY NERVOUS.

CHECK WITH NORTHWEST AIRLINES SERVICE SUPERVISOR, MISS SHIRLEY ERRIES, CLEVELAND, OHIO, REFLECTS RESERVATION MADE BY CHARLES MOATS FOR FLIGHT NUMBER THREE TWO SIX EN ROUTE NATIONAL AIRPORT, WASHINGTON, D.C., NON-STOP.

WFO, AT NATIONAL AIRPORT, WILL ASCERTAIN IF MOATS CONTINUED TO CLARKSBURG AND WILL ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE IF IDENTICAL WITH RAY BY CONTACTING LAKE CENTRAL AIRLINES.

PITTSBURGH, AT CLARKSBURG, WILL CONTINUE INVESTIGATION TO IDENTIFY AND LOCATE CHARLES MOATS TO DETERMINE IF IDENTICAL WITH RAY.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING AT CLEVELAND.

COPY SENT KANSAS CITY BY MAIL.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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END.CAB

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC WFO (44-703)

FROM : Charles F. Moore

SUBJECT: Murkin
CR

DATE: 4/21/68

On afternoon of 4/21/68 Mr. David Eccleston, producer of radio station at the American University on Massachusetts and Nebraska Avenue N.W. WDC called WFO concerning a fan letter which had been sent to their Country Music Program handled by Spots Wood, disc jockey. The letter was signed William John Willard and his address was; 131 South Madiera St. Balt. 31, Md.

The letter did not have any date on it and had been at the radio station approximately a week. The handwriting appears to be that of a child.

Eccleston said he was furnishing this information to the FBI for whatever action deemed advisable since one of the aliases used by James Earl Ray, suspect in MURKIN was William John Willard.

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Refer to C-3 squad for handling.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, WFO (44-703)

DATE: 4/20/68

FROM : SA PAUL D. LAMBERTH

SUBJECT: MURKIN-CR

Writer received anonymous telephone call this date in which caller claimed he saw an unknown white male riding through a shopping center in Fairfax, Virginia, on a motorbike this date and he believes this individual resembled the newspaper photographs of JAMES EARL RAY. Caller stated he obtained the license number of the motorbike, which is a current Virginia license number 6258.

It is recommended the owner of this license be ascertained and a determination made as to his identity.

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Memorandum

TO : WEEKEND DUTY AGENTS

DATE: 4/19/68

FROM : SA KENNETH J. HASER

SUBJECT: JAMES EARL RAY, aka - FUGITIVE
UFAC

This is to advise that on 4/19/68, the writer perfected arrangements with the Passport Office, Department of State, to notify this office in the event that a Passport Agency anywhere in the United States receives a Passport application or a reference for a waiver of the Passport requirement from captioned subject, whereas the Duty Officer of the Passport Office, Mrs. NELL ALLEN, will telephone the Weekend Duty Agent at WFO.

If she receives any information concerning the present whereabouts of subject or his travel plans, immediate action must be taken, inasmuch as it will be of the essence.

SA HASER should also be notified at home.

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SA WARREN L. ROWLANDS

STOKLEY CARMICHAEL
IS-RM

On this date Mr. BERNARD RESNICK, owner, Admiral Limousine Service, 623 Elm Street, Takoma Park, Maryland, telephonically contacted WFO. He stated that he runs this limousine service out of his home, and at the time he called was working and did not have his records with him. He stated that he could be contacted at 270-3233 on a 24 hour basis, and would be glad to furnish any details or information that he has in his records.

RESNICK stated that approximately one week prior to the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. he received a call about midnight from MARIAN MAKEBA to make a reservation for the following date for a limousine to be at 1800 12th Street NW, WDC, at 10am. RESNICK did not personally chauffeur the limousine the next day, however the driver picked up STOKELY CARMICHAEL at the 12th Street address and took him to Friendship airport where CARMICHAEL was believed to catch a plane for California. MAKEBA accompanied CARMICHAEL to the airport.

RESNICK advised that he has read about the search for KING's killer in the California area, and thought that possibly there might be some connection between the trip by CARMICHAEL and the killing.

RESNICK said the best time to contact him would be in the evening, and he should be called to make certain he is home and available if anyone would like to go to his home to talk with him.

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Memorandum

TO : TO:SAC, WFO 44-730

DATE: 4/20/68

FROM : SA JOHN PATRICK BYRNE

SUBJECT: MURKIN -CR

At 2:37 P.M. 4/20/68 Sgt. Suagart #3 Precinct MPD contacted Washington Field Office and advised the had arrested an individual for being drunk who might possibly be identical with JAMES EARL RAY. Sgt SUGART was advised that if they would make available this individual's fingerprint the FBI would make an immediate check to determine whether or not it was RAY. SA JOHN PATRICK BYRNE picked up the attached fingerprints from the third precinct and took them to the single fingerprint section where W.H.BELL immediately compared them to the prints of RAY and advised that these prints were not identical with RAY's. At 3:18 P.M. SGT SUAGART was advised of this fact.

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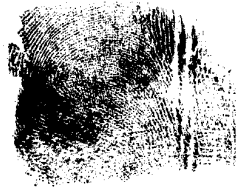
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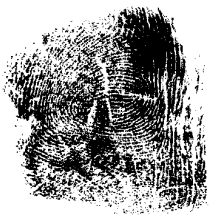
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Dr. A. L. Ball
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, WFO (44-703)

DATE: 4/20/68

FROM : SA PAUL D. LAMBERTH

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR

Writer received call at 9:40 a.m. this date from a sales clerk, Woodward and Lothrop, Mr. MELVIN B. ATKINSON, who is in the Major Appliance Section, 2nd floor, North Building, 11th and G, S. W., Washington, D.C. ATKINSON said he noticed an individual who is similar in appearance to the newspaper photos of JAMES EARL RAY, suspect in instant matter. This person came through his area of the store and went to the men's room on two occasions, once in the late morning of 4/18/68, and again at the same time on 4/19/68. ATKINSON said the man acted suspiciously, appeared unkempt (as if he had been sleeping in his clothes) and was dressed on 4/19/68 in khaki trousers, white shirt with tie, and dirty shoes, although he was clean shaven. The man was about 6' tall, and fits the general description of RAY.

ATKINSON could furnish no information to further identify this individual, but stated that he (ATKINSON) is an ex-policeman and felt it was important enough to call the FBI. He was advised to immediately advise the FBI and his store police if the above described man returns. ATKINSON gave his phone number as 347-5300, X678 or 654.

SA COGHLAN was advised of above call.

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