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Via TELETYPE URGENT  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, MEMPHIS

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) (P 2)

MURKIN, CR.

RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE TO BUREAU APRIL TWELVE LAST AND WFO TELETYPE TO BUREAU APRIL SEVENTEEN LAST.

KENNETH NEWBLE, ONE EIGHT ONE SEVEN N. NORTH STREET, PEORIA, ILLINOIS, VIEWED THIS DATE A COMPOSITE PHOTOGRAPH OF ERIC STARVO GALT. HE ADVISED THIS INDIVIDUAL IS DEFINITELY NOT THE CREWMAN WHICH HE HAD REFERENCE TO ABOARD THE SS HUDSON DECEMBER, NINETEEN SIXTYONE TO FEBRUARY, NINETEEN SIXTYTWO. HE ADVISED THERE IS DISTINCT DIFFERENCES IN THE HAIR AND FACIAL FEATURES. NEWBLE IS OF THE OPINION HE KNEW THE CREWMAN AS RICHARD GALT AND CANNOT OFFER EXPLANATIONS OR SUGGESTIONS AS TO WHICH CREWMAN HE MAY HAVE REFERENCE TO. HE ADVISED HE RECALLS RICHARD SANTAMOUR, ALSO A CREWMAN, WHO IS DEFINITELY NOT IDENTICAL WITH THE INDIVIDUAL HE HAD REFERENCE TO. BASED ON NEWBLES STATEMENTS AFTER VIEWING A COMPOSITE PHOTOGRAPH

- 1 - Springfield (44-561)
- 1 - Birmingham (AM)
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OF ERIC STARVO GALT AND IN THE ABSENCE OF ANY RECORDED  
CREWMAN NAMED GALT, IT IS SUGGESTED NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION  
BE CONDUCTED TO LOCATE THIS INDIVIDUAL.

AIR MAIL COPIES TO BIRMINGHAM, CHICAGO, HOUSTON, MOBILE,  
NEW YORK AND WFO.

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TO : ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES  
FROM : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CIVIL RIGHTS  
(OO: ME)

Re Albany airtels 4/10/68 and 4/11/68, setting forth concerns who purchased Thermo-Seal marking machines, and Bureau teletype to Memphis, 4/12/68.

The FBI Laboratory advised that pillowcase and bed sheet were found in trunk of 1966 white Mustang registered to ERIC STARVO GALT, which was located at Atlanta 4/11/68. These items contain Thermo-Seal laundry tapes of approximately same size as tapes on items previously recovered, but are yellow in color and contain code, "20R-3." In opinion of Textile Marking Machine Company, Syracuse, New York, the tapes were produced by a different machine than previous tapes since the first three characters are 15 point type and the last two characters are 18 point type.

The Textile Marking Machine Company suggests the twenty in above code would be the lot number, the R may mean that this was a return of a batch of laundry, and the three is the bundle number.

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ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES

Will recontact laundries determined to be operating Thermo-Seal Marking Machines in an effort to locate laundry using the code, "20R-3."

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TO WFO

FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987)

MURKIN, CIVIL RIGHTS, OO: ME.

INVESTIGATION MEMPHIS REVEALS THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUAL WAS REGISTERED INTO THE LORRAINE HOTEL DASH MOTEL, FOUR ZERO SIX MULBERRY AVE., MEMPHIS, ON EITHER APRIL THREE OR FOUR, LAST, OR BOTH DATES. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THE LORRAINE HOTEL IS WHERE DR. KING WAS ASSASSINATED:

STERLING TUCKER, ROOM THREE ELEVEN, APRIL THREE AND FOUR, LAST, ADDRESS, SIX TWO SIX THIRD ST., N.W., WASHINGTON, D.C.

INTERVIEW TUCKER RE ANY INFO HE MIGHT HAVE CONCERNING ASSASSINATION.

FOR INFO OF WFO, DR. KING WAS SHOT WHILE STANDING WITH HIS BACK TO HIS ROOM ON THE BALCONY ON THE SECOND FLOOR LEVEL AT APPROXIMATELY SIX O'CLOCK P.M. THE SHOT CAME FROM A DIRECTION IN FRONT OF HIM. INTERVIEWING AGENTS SHOULD ENDEAVOR TO OBTAIN ONLY FACTS FROM INDIVIDUALS INTERVIEWED,

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RESULT OF THE ASSASSINATION, WHICH MAY AFFECT THE INDIVIDUAL'S  
ABILITY TO FACTUALLY RELATE WHAT HE OBSERVED AT TIME OF  
ASSASSINATION.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, WFO (44-703)

FROM : SA WILLIAM R. MCCARTHY

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/13/68

On 4/13/68, GIRARD HIRSHMAN advised that the artists sketch of the killer of MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr. which appears in the Washington Post of 4/13/68, closely resembles an individual presently in Ward 4-East of Cafritz Hospital.

According to HIRSHMAN, [REDACTED], this individual whom he recalls as FNU ANDERSON arrived about three days after the death of Dr. KING.

HIRSHMAN stated he does not have an address in WASHINGTON but is staying at a friends house and can be reached on LI3-8420. He did not give the address except it was at 13th and H Sts., NE., WDC.

Since HIRSHMAN is apparently [REDACTED] and due to the problems inherent in checking administrative records at hospitals, it is suggested this lead be handled Monday

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, WFO

FROM : SA WALTER E. THOMAS

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CR

DATE: 4/19/68

Pursuant to telephonic information received by SA GEORGE NORTHUP on this date, he and SA WALTER E. THOMAS interviewed the party calling, ANNA MAE HARRINGTON, phone 296-4177, the manager of the apartments at 1400 20th St., N.W., Washington, D.C., and she furnished the following information: On April 7, 1968, a white male came into her apartment with many clothes, and a few pieces of luggage, and wanted to rent an apartment. She said that she did not take renters until she had checked out the references, but he said that he needed an apartment, and he left with her an expensive \$500 Omega watch as evidence of good faith, saying that he did not have any cash on hand. He made out an application, and the next day, came back with his clothing and 175 dollars for an apartment. She agreed to let him in on a temporary basis. He continued to live in Apartment 606, and on this date, said that he is going to move from the apartment to # 1 Washington, circle.

She said that, coming in as he did, she thought that he might have had some connection with the MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. ~~Murder~~.

She was shown wanted flyer # 442 on ERIC STARVO GALT, and she said that he did not resemble this person. She described him as being a white male, 5' 8" tall to 5' 10" tall, 175 pounds, blue eyes, fair colored hair, possibly described as light brown. He had balanced ears, and mild pit marks on his face. She said that he was working at the Eagles Nest Restaurant prior to this time that he came to her address for an apartment.

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She furnished additional information reflecting background on this person. She said that his name was given by him as WAYNE KOFFS, that he was a bar-tender, and that she thought that he had come from California.

The totality of background is not set out in view of what was learned at the Eagles Nest Restaurant.

On 4/19/68, SAs NORTHUP and THOMAS interviewed the manager of the Eagles Nest Restaurant, CHRIS KRIKRIS, 2121 P St., N.W., Georgetowne Apartment House. He said that KOFFS, who said that he was retired from the Marine Corp arrived on April 1, 1968, saying that he was a bar-tender at the officer's club in Quantico, and that he wanted a job. He was hired as a bartender. He said the GALT photo did not resemble KOFF in any way.

Mr. KRIKRIS said that KOFFS is no longer employed with the Eagles Nest, having left to take another job, where he allegedly made more money. He said that he could personally verify that KOFFS worked from 9 AM until 6 PM on April 4, 1968.

In view of the fact that KING was Killed at Memphis, Tennessee, at 6:03 PM on April 4, 1968, investigation of this instant matter was discontinued.

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TO ALL SACS RELAY MESSAGE PLAN

FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 1P

MURKIN

YOU ARE REMINDED THAT ALL LEADS IN THIS CASE MUST BE COVERED WITHIN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS, AND ALL LEADS MUST BE SET FORTH BY TELEPHONE OR TELETYPE. ALL BORDER OFFICES COVERING ENTRY INTO MEXICO AND CANADA AND EXIT THEREFROM SHOULD INSURE THAT APPROPRIATE STOPS ARE MAINTAINED RE SUBJECT AND ALL NAMES KNOWN TO BE USED BY HIM AT RESPECTIVE OFFICES OF U. S. IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PATROL. YOU SHOULD ALSO INSURE THAT PREVIOUS STOPS PLACED WITH ANY FACILITY SHOULD INCLUDE ALL NAMES USED BY THE SUBJECT.

DISTRIBUTE SUFFICIENT QUANTITIES OF WANTED FLYERS AND IO'S TO NARCOTIC INVESTIGATIVE AGENCIES IN ORDER THAT THEIR INFORMANTS MAY BE CONTACTED. YOU SHOULD CONTACT ALL CRIMINAL INFORMANTS AND APPROPRIATE RACIAL AND SECURITY INFORMANTS. LEGATS OTTAWA AND MEXICO CITY BEING ADVISED SEPARATELY.

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*officer Clyde Rice*  
*WFO 4/24/68*  
*ASAC Robert Stitt*  
*FED Bureau Narcotics*  
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*Per 7413*  
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TO : SAC, WFO (44-703)

FROM : SA DONALD R. GOCHNOUR

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
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DATE: 4 /21/68

At approximately 11:53 a.m., 4/21/68, Bureau Supervisor RICHARD E. LONG, General Investigative Division, called to advise he had been contacted by TAYLOR RUDD, Special Agent, Secret Service Intelligence Division, WDC, re above case. RUDD said Secret Service was then interviewing one FRANCIS DORSEY HARRIS who claimed JAMES EARL RAY had been in HARRIS' home and RAY had admitted to him RAY had shot MARTIN LUTHER KING. RUDD thought the FBI might want to have an Agent present during this interview with HARRIS which was continuing.

*aka  
Joe  
Woods*

LONG requested WFO send Agent to participate in this interview which was being conducted at Secret Service Field Office, 1825 H. St. N. W., WDC. Secret Service Agent CREAMER was handling the interview with HARRIS and could be contacted at telephone number Code 184, ext. 8063. LONG said he would advise RUDD an FBI Agent would be so detailed.

SA JOHN PATRICK BYRNE subsequently determined from Secret Service Agent HAROLD E. CREAMER that it had been decided HARRIS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] No further interview with HARRIS was being conducted by Secret Service. CREAMER RELATED THAT HARRIS HAS HAD PREVIOUS COMMITMENT AT D.C. GENERAL HOSPITAL.

WFO indices disclose one FRANCIS HARRIS, bartender, Lexington Park, Md., was interviewed by WFO in 1957 re GEORGE CAMPBELL PRATHER case (115-28-589); however, lack of background information made identification impossible.

Above for information.

*DRG* - WFO  
DRG

*On 4/22/68 Secret Service agent Creamer advised Harris' story definitely a fabrication and an interview would be useless. He stated he would furnish Bureau with copy of S.S. report re Harris. fmd*

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SA PHILIP E. COGHLAN

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Bureau Supervisor CLEMENT L. MC GOWAN, JR., General Investigative Division, telephonically advised at 4:30 p.m., instant, that Bureau received telephone call from one RICHARD LYONS, employee U.S. Government, presently at Room 4650-A, 441 G Street, N.W. Subsequent to 5:00 p.m., LYONS will be at Apartment Number 6, 400 21st Street, N.E.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

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

MURKIN

Re ERIK STARVO GALT.

Re Bureau telephone call to WFO 4/18/68.

On 4/18/68, Mrs. VIRGINIA GUY, a photographer and journalist with Flair News Service, 1028 Connecticut Avenue, NW, telephonically advised WFO that while covering the funeral of MARTIN LUTHER KING in Atlanta, Georgia, she took pictures during the procession from the church to Morehouse College. Among these pictures were 3 of a group of people standing on an overpass above the procession. It was her impression that one of these individuals in the photographs resembled the FBI poster photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT.

She had furnished the above information to JERRY O'LEARY of the "Evening Star," who suggested that she contact the FBI.

On 4/19/68, Mrs. GUY appeared at WFO with her attorney, PHILIP HIRSCHCOP, 110 North Royal, Alexandria, Virginia. Mrs. GUY brought with her the above-mentioned

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photographs, which she stated were taken approximately ten minutes prior to the funeral procession passing the point in the photograph. Mrs. GUY pointed out one individual whom she believed may be identified as ERIK STARVO GALT. She also had blown-up shots of this individual.

Mrs. GUY's attorney was of the opinion that the individual mentioned by GUY was a much younger man than GALT. SAs JOHN J. CREAMER and JOHN BLAZEK observed these photographs and determined they did not resemble GALT's photograph as it appears on the wanted poster. Mrs. GUY advised that she did not wish to release her photographs, but stated they would be available in the future if a better likeness was obtained and appears to be the same as the individual in her picture.

WFO is taking no further action concerning photographs taken by Mrs. GUY of the unidentified individual, UACB.

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APR 21 1968

# Galt Had Money While in Birmingham but F.B.I. Finds No Evidence of a Job

By MARTIN WALDRON

Special to The New York Times

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., April 20 —The man whom the Federal Bureau of Investigation has accused of conspiracy in the murder of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., seemed well supplied with money when he lived in Birmingham last fall creating a fictitious identity.

Agents have found that he spent more than \$4,000, but they have been unable to find where he worked during that period, or whether he worked at all.

The F.B.I. has said that the man named in their warrant as Eric Starvo Galt in actuality was a habitual criminal, James Earl Ray, who escaped from the Missouri State Penitentiary in April of 1967 where he had been since 1960 after being caught in a \$120 grocery store holdup.

The operator of a Birmingham rooming house where Galt lived for six weeks last summer and fall said that Galt did not work during that time and spent most of his days sitting around talking about the weather.

### Trip to California

After Galt left Birmingham in October of 1967, the F.B.I. said he drove to California and spent most of his time either there or driving to and from New Orleans.

While he was in Birmingham, Galt apparently kept his money in a safety deposit box at the Birmingham Trust National Bank.

On Aug. 27, 1967, William D. Paisley, the sales manager of a Birmingham lumber company, ran the following advertisement under the automobile-for-sale classification in The Birmingham News:

Mustang, '66, V-8, auto trans, Radio, W.W. tires, factory warranty. Individual, \$1,995-592-0448."

Mr. Paisley said that a man introducing himself as Eric Galt had responded to the advertisement and bought the car on Aug. 30, paying the \$1,995 asking price.

"He didn't try to cut the price at all," said Mr. Paisley. "He just drove the car around

the block once and said he'd buy it."

Mr. Paisley said that Galt went to a bank, got the money and paid cash.

During the six weeks that he resided in the Birmingham rooming house Galt's living expenses averaged at least \$50 a week. He paid \$27 a week for his room, which included dinner, but much of the time he ate elsewhere.

### Repairs on Car

He bought gasoline and had minor repairs done on his car at a service station near the rooming house.

At \$50 a week, a figure that a source in the Justice Department said was probably low, Galt spent \$1,650 for rooms, meals and incidentals from Aug. 27 through April 4, the date that Dr. King was shot to death in Memphis.

The F.B.I., which impounded Galt's Mustang in Atlanta on April 11, said that it had been driven more than 19,000 miles from late last August through the time it was abandoned in Atlanta the day after Dr. King's murder.

At a cost of 4 cents a mile, Galt spent more than \$750 in operating the automobile.

The F.B.I. said that on March 30, 1968, Galt bought a .30-'06-caliber rifle at a Birmingham gun store.

The management of the store, the Aeromarine Supply Company, refused to comment. But the Remington Arms Company

of Bridgeport, Conn., said that it was a Remington rifle.

A new Remington .30-'06 rifle with a telescope sight such as the one that Galt had mounted on the rifle would cost more than a \$150.

Galt also bought an expensive pair of binoculars in Memphis on the day that Dr. King was killed.

There was an indication in Birmingham that Galt may have taken one or more airplane trips during the seven months preceding the assassination of Dr. King.

An employee of Welta Airlines said that F.B.I. agents had confiscated some airline records and had asked luggage

handlers whether they recalled a certain piece of luggage being loaded on to a Birmingham-to-Memphis flight on April 3, 1968.

The confiscated records were said to have included a copy of a ticket from Birmingham to Chicago for April 3. The ticket was used only as far as Memphis, a source said.

The F.B.I. continued to refuse to amplify its statement of last Wednesday that Eric Starvo Galt and another man, alleged in a complaint by the bureau to be Galt's brother, conspired to injure Dr. King and violate his civil rights under a 1909 law. The Tennessee authorities have sworn out an arrest warrant charging Galt with murder.

A bureau theory that more than one man may have used the name of Eric Starvo Galt was bolstered today.

The bureau said last Wednesday, when it issued a warrant for Galt's arrest, that in February of 1968 Galt was in California attending a bartender's school.

In Birmingham last night, two service station attendants said they had seen Galt in Birmingham in February. They said they remembered his purchasing gasoline several times last September.

The Birmingham Trust National Bank would not give details of the rental of the safety deposit box by Galt, but it did

say that Galt's key to his safety deposit box was returned to the bank last December.

The F.B.I. said that last December Galt was either in California or driving between California and New Orleans.

Earlier, witnesses who had known Galt since last August gave widely varying descriptions of him to the F.B.I.

The description from Memphis witnesses said that Galt was a man in his late 20's. The description from Birmingham witnesses said that Galt was a man in his mid-30's.

The F.B.I. said that James Earl Ray was 40 years old.

The bureau has not issued a

warrant in Ray's name. Joseph H. Gamble, the agent in charge of the Birmingham office, said that the original warrant in Galt's name was legally sufficient on which to arrest Ray because Galt was an alias of Ray.

The F.B.I. said yesterday that it had determined that Galt was Ray after comparing his fingerprints with more than 53,000 sets of prints of wanted criminals.

### On Most Wanted List

WASHINGTON, April 20 (UPI) — The FBI placed the name of James Earl Ray today on its list of 10 most wanted fugitives.

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# Suspect Described as a Drifter Who Was Failure at Everything



James Earl Ray at Missouri Penitentiary Jan. 4, 1966.



Ray in a 1959 St. Louis police photo. Later he was convicted of armed robbery.

## Constantly in Trouble, Often Because of Drunkenness, Ray Left Trail of Violence

James Earl Ray, the man suspected of killing the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., was described yesterday as a drunken drifter, prone to thievery and violence, a failure at everything.

Ray was born in Alton, Ill., a manufacturing town of 43,000 persons along the Mississippi River 20 miles north of St. Louis.

His father, James Ray, was born in Carthage, Ill., and worked mainly as a laborer. His mother, the former Lucie Maher, was born in Alton. Both parents are dead.

Records of Madison County show that James Earl Ray was one of several Rays, believed to be either brothers or other relatives, who constantly caused trouble.

### Oldest of 3 Brothers

The oldest of three brothers, he grew up in Alton and Quincy, Ill., and left school in the 10th grade.

"I just didn't want to go any more," Ray told a probation officer in Los Angeles years later. According to the probation

report, Ray began a life of drifting that took him first to Hartford, Ill., where he went to work at the International Shoe Company for 77 cents an hour. He was laid off in December of 1945 and several months later joined the Army.

Ray served for more than two years, mostly in Germany, as an infantryman and military policeman. He was given a general discharge in December, 1948, because of "ineptness and lack of adaptability to military service."

While in service he spent three months at hard labor for drunkenness and resisting arrest.

### Losses His Job

Ray was no more able to adapt to civilian life. After five months, he took a job operating a rubber mold in the Dryden Rubber Company in Chicago for \$45 a week but soon lost it.

A 1947 Mercury he had bought in St. Louis was repossessed and a bank account in Alton of more than \$1,000 was used up by June of 1949.

Ray then moved on to Los Angeles, and on Oct. 4, 1949, Ray, then 21 years old, was surprised in the office of Forum Cafe by the assistant manager. A typewriter had been placed on the fire escape.

He dashed away, but in trying to elude a parking attendant, he dropped his identification. Several days later he was seen in the same area by the cafe manager and arrested.

He was convicted on one count of second-degree burglary and sentenced to eight months in the County Jail, but the term was suspended on the condition that Ray spend at least 90 days in jail and stay away from alcohol.

### 'I Had Some Beers'

He told a probation officer that he had not entered the Forum Cafe to commit a crime. He said he knew nothing about the typewriter or about why he had been arrested.

Asked why he had entered the building he said:

"I guess I had some beers or something."

Ray told the officer that several times in Illinois he had tried to enter houses after drinking too much, but never knew what he was doing.

Ray then returned to Chicago, where he worked as a laborer at a publishing company. On May 6, 1952, he entered a taxi and after several blocks put a gun against the driver's head and fled with \$11.

A passerby gave chase, but Ray seemed to be escaping. Then he ducked into an alley, which proved to be a dead end. He tried to climb a wall but was shot by the police.

Robert Everhart, the man who chased Ray, recalled yesterday that Ray had said when he was captured, "What the hell are you getting out of this?"

Ray was sentenced to one to two years and released from the State Reformatory in Pontiac, Ill., on March 12, 1954. He also served time in Joliet, Ill., before next appearing in Kan-

sas City, Mo., where he was convicted in 1955 of cashing forged money orders.

### Arrested Again

After three more years in prison, Ray moved to St. Louis, where he lived in a dilapidated boarding house in the once fashionable Lafayette Park area. He was arrested in his 10-by-10-foot room in 1959 after a grocery store hold-up.

The armed robbery conviction carried a 20-year sentence. He was also facing charges for robbery and auto theft at the time, and the jury deliberated just 20 minutes.

As he was led away from court Ray tried to escape by jumping into an elevator, but he was recaptured and sent to the Missouri State Penitentiary. Twice he tried to escape, the second time by hiding in a ventilator shaft.

He was confined for a time in the maximum security ward at the state hospital in Fulton, Mo., but was back at the penitentiary last year when he finally succeeded in escaping by hiding under a batch of bread.

Ray's travel since his escape are uncertain.

Harold Swenson, the Missouri prison's warden, said yesterday that Ray's stay at the hospital for mental observation had turned up no personality problems not common to confined men.

"He just had the usual type of problems," Mr. Swenson said.

The State Board of Probation however, recommended that he "not be seriously considered for parole" until he underwent psychiatric care.

Warden Swenson called Ray a "constant disciplinary problem" because of his repeated attempts to escape but an otherwise "innocuous" prisoner.

"He always seemed to work alone," the warden said. "If he hid or did anything he never seemed to have anybody with him."

There was also no evidence, Mr. Swenson said, that Ray had displayed any animosity toward Negroes.

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# HOW MANY 'GALTS'? WITNESSES DIFFER

### Three Earlier Descriptions of Suspect Vary Widely

By MARTIN WALDRON  
Special to The New York Times

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., April 19—The descriptions given the police and the F.B.I. of the assassin of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. have varied so widely it appears that as many as four men may have been under suspicion.

A source in the Justice Department said that credible witnesses in Memphis and in Birmingham who saw Eric Starvo Galt, now identified as James Earl Ray, the accused murderer of Dr. King, seemed to be describing different men.

This, observers believe, is why the Federal Bureau of Investigation changed its view and decided that death of the civil rights leader may have resulted from a conspiracy.

Shortly after the murder, Attorney General Ramsey Clark said that there was no evidence of a conspiracy.

Before the bulletin on Ray, there were at least three separate descriptions from witnesses who had known a Galt in the last six months.

Galt had been described as follows:

QA long-nosed man in his late 20's who was seen in a Memphis rooming house from which the shot was fired that killed Dr. King April 4.

QA 30-year-old quiet-spoken man who talked about the weather at a Birmingham rooming house last fall.

QA 36-year-old "avid dancer" who bought a rifle in Birmingham and who took dancing lessons in New Orleans at the time James Earl Ray was imprisoned in Missouri.

#### Ray Is Described

James Earl Ray, a five-time convict, was described by the F.B.I. as being 40 years old, 5 feet 10 inches tall, 163 to 174 pounds, with blue eyes and brown hair. He has a scar in the center of his forehead and on the palm of his right hand.

The witnesses who saw a Galt at a Memphis rooming house the day Dr. King was slain said that he was 5 feet 11 inches tall, slender,

165 pounds, with sandy hair. The highest estimate of his age was 32 years, the lowest 26. He was said to have a long pointed nose and a Southern accent.

At a Birmingham rooming house where a Galt lived for six weeks last fall, he was described as being 5 feet 10 inches tall, 175 pounds, with brown hair and a slightly Southern accent. He was described as being about 30 years old.

The first F.B.I. description of Galt, which came principally from a gun dealer in Birmingham, from whom a Galt bought a rifle, and a gun dealer in Memphis, from whom he bought a pair of binoculars, was not precise.

The description, which was released Wednesday night, said that Galt was between 5 feet 8 inches and 5 feet 11 inches tall, weighed 160 to 175 pounds, was of medium build, and had brown hair and blue eyes.

#### A 'Rural' Accent

His birth date was given as a date that the bureau apparently got from an application that a Galt had made for an Alabama driver's license. The bureau said that Galt's voice had a "rural" accent.

Newsmen showed copies of a picture released Wednesday of Galt to the people who had seen him in Birmingham and in Memphis.

Almost every witness said that the picture did not resemble Galt.

Two developments have tended to bolster the speculation that more than one man used the name Eric Starvo Galt.

On March 1, 1968, an Eric Galt telephoned the Alabama Highway Patrol to ask for a duplicate copy of the driver's license he got in September of 1967. The copy was mailed to a Birmingham address and a bill for 25 cents that was enclosed with the duplicate was returned to Montgomery on March 6 with the 25 cents.

The F.B.I. had said that Galt had been in California during this time.

In its bulletin describing Galt as an avid dancer, the F.B.I. said that he had taken dancing lessons in New Orleans in 1964 and 1965.

Today's bulletin said that Galt, under the name James Earl Ray, had been in prison in Missouri from 1960 until he escaped in April, 1967.

#### No Mention of Brother

It did not mention Galt's "alleged brother," who the F.B.I. had said entered into a conspiracy with Galt in Birmingham on March 29, 1968, to deprive Dr. King of his civil rights.

Statements by officials of the Justice Department have indicated confusion within the F. B. I.

The day after the assassination, Attorney General Ramsey Clark said that there was no conspiracy to kill Dr. King. He repeated this assertion three days after the slaying and again the following day.

Last Wednesday, the F. B. I. charged that Galt had "conspired" with an "alleged brother" to violate Dr. King's civil rights by injuring him.

On several occasions, the bureau has been reported as knowing the identity of the killer

and being close to arresting him. On April 7, for instance, Mr. Clark said that the killer was "on the run" many miles from Memphis with F. B. I. agents close behind him.

A poster from the Missouri authorities stated that Ray's grandmother, Mrs. Mary Maher, and a brother John lived in St. Louis, while another brother, Jerry, resided in Wheeling, Ill.

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# F.B.I. Says 'Galt' Is an Escaped Convict



Photos from Federal Bureau of Investigation show James Earl Ray at left in 1966 and at center in 1960, in prison. At right, he is shown this year under alias Eric Starvo Galt.

authorities have sworn out an arrest charge for the murder.

Bureau spokesmen declined to say whether Ray had a brother or to comment on reports that the bureau had the "brother" in custody.

## No New Warrant Planned

Special to The New York Times

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., April 19 —The F.B.I. does not plan to issue a new warrant for the arrest of Ray.

Joseph H. Gamble, the agent in charge of the Birmingham office, said that because Galt was an alias used by Ray, the warrant issued on Wednesday was legally sufficient.

A source said that the bureau thought that Galt's "alleged brother" probably was not a relative. Galt had reportedly told a gun store clerk in Birmingham that he and his brother planned to go hunting with a rifle he was purchasing.

The .30-'06 caliber Remington rifle was found on a Memphis street on April 4 near the site of Dr. King's murder.

By FRED P. GRAHAM  
Special to The New York Times

WASHINGTON, April 19—

The Federal Bureau of Investigation announced today that an escaped convict named James Earl Ray was the man being sought under the alias of Eric Starvo Galt for the murder of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The bureau pictured Ray as a trouble-prone driftor with a long record of erratic and violent behavior.

Galt's true identity was discovered after latent fingerprints uncovered in the King investigation were compared with the prints of more than 53,000 persons listed as wanted by the bureau.

Attorney General Ramsey Clark and J. Edgar Hoover, the director of the bureau, said in a joint announcement that Ray escaped from the Missouri State Penitentiary on April 23, 1967.

Ray, a 34-year-old native of Illinois, had served seven years

of a 20-year sentence for armed robbery and car theft in St. Louis.

The bureau released front and side "mug" photographs of Ray that were taken by Missouri prison officials in 1960. They bear a close resemblance to pictures of Galt, taken in 1968, that the bureau released Wednesday.

Ray had close-cropped hair and a leaner face than the Galt

photo shows, but the protruding left ear, which the bureau emphasized in its initial description of Galt, appears to be the same in both photographs.

The F.B.I. announced Ray's identity after an around-the-clock check of fingerprint records.

Fingerprints can be matched quickly by an elaborate classification and filing system when the full 10 prints of the person to be identified are available and it is known which finger and hand each print represents.

But when only a few prints are available and it is not known which fingers or thumbs made them, they can be checked only by comparing each latent print with all 10 prints on the card of each wanted person.

This can be a monumental task, since the bureau's wanted list includes a cumulative file of all persons who have been reported as fugitives by the local police forces around the country and who have not yet been caught.

Latent fingerprints are not readily apparent and are discovered only by careful search and sometimes chemical development. There was no indication by the authorities where these prints were found.

Ray was said to have used the names of James McBride, James Walton, W. C. Herron and James O'Connor during his criminal career. When the F.B.I. filed formal charges against Galt on Wednesday, it gave two other aliases, John Willard and Harvey Lowmyer.

The identification of Galt as the escaped convict explains some of the circumstances that led to speculation Galt might have established a false identity in contemplating the assassination of Dr. King.

On Wednesday a fugitive warrant was obtained by the bureau accusing Galt of having conspired with a person "whom he alleged to be his brother" to injure Dr. King and violate his civil rights.

Dr. King was killed by a sniper on April 4 as the civil rights leader stood on the balcony of the Lorraine Motel in Memphis. The Tennessee au-

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## What Is a Conspiracy? A-24

The most troubling aspect of the charge laid by the Federal Government against the suspected murderer of Dr. Martin Luther King is that it is drawn in terms of a conspiracy. To the non-lawyer, a conspiracy means a plot hatched by many men, worked out in great detail, and executed with precision. This meaning may attach particularly to that word's use in the King case because of the charge by Negro extremists that white America conspired to kill Dr. King. But the legal meaning of a charge of conspiracy, and the reason such a charge is used in cases like this one, are often quite different from the image the word conspiracy is likely to raise.

In legal terms, a plot laid by two men to commit a crime is just as much a conspiracy as a plot hatched by two hundred. So far, no information has been released that indicates this conspiracy against Dr. King involved more than two men—one of them allegedly Eric Starvo Galt and the other a man described as one the accused said was his brother. If that is the extent of any conspiracy, it is a far cry from the kind of conspiracy the extremists have been shouting about.

More importantly, however, the Justice Department may or may not think it has a valid conspiracy charge in the works when it uses that charge in this kind of case. There is probably no Federal charge other than conspiracy that can be laid against the killer of Dr. King. A murder charge

can be filed only by a state, not by the Federal Government. In several civil rights cases in the past, the Government has used the conspiracy charge as a way of keeping full control of the investigation and of bringing its full resources into play. A few years ago, for example, a conspiracy charge was filed in the murder of Medgar Evers, but once the suspect was arrested the conspiracy charge was dropped and no evidence was ever presented to indicate that more than one man participated in that murder. The only other handle the Federal Government has in cases like this is to turn its evidence over to state officials, let them obtain a murder warrant and then ask the FBI to pursue the man as a fugitive. And the FBI is always reluctant to let go of its evidence until a case is sewed up.

It may, of course, turn out that two or more persons were involved in planning the murder of Dr. King. But, on the basis of the information released so far and on the kind of charge placed against Eric Galt, it is presumptuous to leap to such a conclusion.

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# New Light Cast On Galt Identity

Los Angeles Times

HOLLYWOOD, April 18— the presidential bid of former Eric Starvo Galt, prime suspect in the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King, emerged today as:

• A fervent supporter of

the presidential bid of former Alabama Gov. George C. Wallace.

• A man with anti-Negro attitudes who once got into a wild argument at a Hollywood cocktail lounge with a girl who defended Negroes.

• A man who made at least one mysterious trip in recent months to New Orleans, a fact which appears to be of great interest to the FBI.

• A steady drinker, alternately moody and contentious in public.

This picture came into focus as the result of a series of interviews conducted by the Los Angeles Times with persons who knew Galt when he lived here.

A songwriter whom Galt drove to New Orleans and back in a white Mustang in December said he had a strong impression that the suspect was not using his right name.

The statement was made by Charles Stein, 38, who was offered the free ride after he agreed to add his signature to the drive by Wallace to qualify for a place on the California June primary ballot.

Stein said his sister, Rita, had made the arrangements. While at the Sultan room, a lounge on Hollywood Blvd.,

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# New Clues Define Identity

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she had let it be known that her two children had to return soon from her sister's place in New Orleans. Galt let it be known that he would be going there.

Stein appeared at the Sultan room that same night and Galt agreed to take him along to fetch the children if Stein would sign up for Wallace.

The next day, Stein said, Galt picked him up at the sister's home and drove him to the Wallace headquarters.

"I thought he was some kind of politician," Stein recalled. "I got the impression they all knew him."

## Statement Disputed

Robert Walters, campaign coordinator for Wallace in California, disputed this. "We checked all of our name files here—particularly those from the North Hollywood office—and found nothing under the name of Galt or the other names he reportedly used," Walters said.

Stein said that after he had registered for Wallace's American Independent Party, he and Galt departed that afternoon on the two-day trip to New Orleans.

Galt did not disclose why he was making the drive. He told his passenger he "knew some people there." He said he had been there before.

While passing through Texas, according to the songwriter, Galt made several long-distance calls from phone booths, but declined to discuss any of them.

Stein said Galt went to uncommon pains to impress upon him his name, emphasizing it in unnecessary ways, such as when they checked in at motels.

## Establishing Identity?

"I think he was establishing a fictitious identity," Stein said.

Stein said that he brought up the subject of race with his companion, commenting that the same creator made everybody and that color is just incidental. He said Galt was noncommittal.

Stein said he believes the suspect made a subsequent trip to New Orleans. "I heard he was asking people if they wanted him to drop anything off while he was down there," Stein said.

Stein said FBI agents have been visiting him almost every day, showing great interest in the suspect's activities in New Orleans.

He said, however, that he and Galt went their separate ways while in that city, and he had no idea what his companion was up to.

At the time of the trip, Galt was staying in a Los Angeles apartment. Residents there either did not know or remained tightlipped about him.

## Moved to Hotel

However, Galt subsequently moved to a hotel, the St. Francis, at 5533 Hollywood Blvd. One block away is a cocktail lounge known as the Rabbits Foot Club, at 5623 Hollywood Blvd.

The crowd there remembers Eric Starvo Galt very well.

Until three or four weeks ago, according to bartender Bo Del Monte, Galt was a nightly patron.

He would come in at around 9 p.m., perch on a stool near the door, and order the first of several screwdrivers (vodka and orange juice).

The thing everybody at the Rabbits Foot Club remembers most about Galt is the big dispute he got into.

Jim Morrison, who was the bartender that night, recalled that Galt had begun talking with a young woman named Pattie. Somehow the conversation turned to Negroes, and she declared them to be "good people."

Suddenly, Galt began dragging her by the arm toward the door.

"I'll drop you off in Watts and we'll see how you like it there!" Galt shouted.

Del Monte said another customer who had been dating the girl followed the pair outside, and Galt fled.

A short time later, according to Del Monte, a Negro was struck in the head by a rock while in a nearby parking lot.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, WFO (44-703)

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FROM : SA JOHN F. CUNNINGHAM

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
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On 4/16/68 Sgt. MARFIZO, Central Cellblock, 300 Indiana Ave., WDC advised that one JAMES TROY GOOCH, JR. was arrested for unauthorized use of automobile and carrying concealed weapon i.e. .38 caliber pistol. GOOCH had on his person a plane ticket which indicated he arrived in D.C. at 10:12 p.m., 4/4/68, the night of KING's assassination. GOOCH's origination point was unknown. Date of GOOCH's arrest was either 4/4 or 4/5/68.

GOOCH had a Kansas City driver's license which showed his residence as 5210 Crest Drive, Kansas City, Kansas.

Sgt. MARFIZO said that GOOCH was acting very strange in that he wanted to be arrested, and for this reason, together with the fact that GOOCH came into D.C. by plane on the evening of KING's murder, he felt the F.B.I. might be interested in GOOCH as a possible suspect in the KING assassination.

GOOCH is described as follows:

Name:	JAMES TROY GOOCH, JR.
Race:	White
Sex:	Male
DOB:	<input type="text"/>
POB:	Kansas City, Kansas
Marital Status:	Single
Arrest Record:	No previous arrest record in D.C.

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TO DIRECTOR, WFO, AND LOS ANGELES

FROM NEW ORLEANS 157-10673 2P

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RE SCOTT NORDAL (LOOK-ALIKE).

RE NEW ORLEANS LETTERS TO BUREAU, ATTENTION FBI LAB.,  
APRIL TWENTYTWO, SIXTYEIGHT.

EXAMINATION OF ALL TIME CARDS, COURT OF TWO SISTERS  
RESTAURANT, FRENCH QUARTER, NEW ORLEANS, ON APRIL TWENTYTHREE,  
SIXTYEIGHT, SHOWS THAT SCOTT NORDAL WORKED FROM TEN THIRTYFIVE  
AM TO TEN FIFTYONE PM ON MARCH TWENTYNINE, SIXTYEIGHT, AND ON  
MARCH THIRTY, SIXTYEIGHT, WORKED FROM TEN THIRTYFIVE AM UNTIL  
TWELVE ZERO FIVE AM ON APRIL ONE, SIXTYEIGHT. NORDAL DID NOT  
WORK ON APRIL THREE, SIXTYEIGHT, AND ON APRIL FOUR, SIXTYEIGHT  
WORKED FROM TEN FORTYSIX AM TO TWO THIRTY PM AND FROM FOUR  
FORTYFOUR PM TO TEN PM THAT EVENING. NORDAL CALLED IN SICK  
DURING THE AM OF APRIL FIVE, AND WORKED ON APRIL FIVE, SIXTYEIGHT,  
FROM FOUR THIRTYEIGHT PM TO TEN THIRTY PM.

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ANYONE TO PUNCH IN FOR NORDAL. EMPLOYEES OF COURT OF TWO SISTERS ADVISED THAT NORDAL'S LEFT EYE WAS CROOKED AND POINTED INWARD AND THAT NORDAL DID NOT CLOSELY RESEMBLE THE PHOTO OF SUSPECT RAY.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, WASHINGTON FIELD,  
NEW YORK, ATLANTA, AND KANSAS CITY  
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN

RE WILSHIRE BOOK COMPANY.

MELVIN POWERS, OWNER-MANAGER, WILSHIRE BOOK COMPANY,  
EIGHT SEVEN TWO ONE, SUNSET BOULEVARD, LOS ANGELES: HIS OFFICE  
SECRETARY, FRIEDA FREEDMAN, AND FIVE OTHER EMPLOYEES (ENTIRE  
STAFF) WERE INTERVIEWED AND PHOTOS OF RAY WERE EXHIBITED TO THEM.  
NONE HAS ANY RECOLLECTION OF RAY AS EVER HAVING BEEN PATRON OF WILSHIRE  
BOOK COMPANY. POWERS SAID BECAUSE MANY OF BOOK TITLES THEY  
PUBLISH DEAL WITH SELF-HYPNOTISM, WILSHIRE BOOK COMPANY RECEIVES  
TELEPHONE INQUIRIES SEEKING HELP IN THAT FIELD. THESE CALLERS ARE  
REFERRED TO DR. MARK O. FREEMAN, WHICH POWERS FEELS WAS PROBABLY  
PROCEDURE FOLLOWED WITH REGARD TO JAMES E. RAY.

RECHECK OF ALL AVAILABLE BOOK ORDERS COVERING PERIOD OF  
DECEMBER SIXTY SEVEN TO PRESENT FAILED TO REFLECT ANY ORDERS UNDER  
NAMES OF RAY OR GALT.

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POWERS SAID HIS PREVIOUS LISTS, COVERING ALL MAIL ORDER PURCHASES, PRIOR TO DECEMBER LAST, ARE CURRENTLY MAINTAINED BY KEN OLSEN, OF WILLA MADDERN, INC., TWO ONE FIVE PARK AVENUE SOUTH, NEW YORK CITY, TELEPHONE SPRING SEVEN SEVEN FOUR SIX ZERO. HE SAID NY OFFICE SHOULD BE SURE AND MENTION IN CONTACTING OLSEN THEY WISH TO CHECK MAILING LISTS BOTH FOR MELVIN POWERS AND WILSHIRE BOOK COMPANY, AS HE IS NOT SURE WHETHER OLSEN MAINTAINS ONE OR TWO SEPARATE LISTS.

NEW YORK REQUESTED TO ASCERTAIN IF SUBJECT AS RAY OR GALT IS ON MAIL ORDER LIST.

RE MONEY ORDER PHASE, BANK OF AMERICA, LOS ANGELES

HELOISA KELLER, INDIVIDUAL WHO SOLD SUBJECT MONEY ORDERS AT BANK OF AMERICA, HOLLYWOOD AND WESTERN BRANCH, ON FEBRUARY TWO SIX LAST, WAS SHOWN PHOTOGRAPHS OF RAY. SHE STATES SHE COULD NOT RECALL THE TRANSACTION OR WAS THE INDIVIDUAL IN THE PHOTOGRAPH FAMILIAR TO HER.

RE RABBITS FOOT CLUB PHASE

BO DELMONTE AND JAMES E. MORRISON, BARTENDERS, RABBITS FOOT CLUB, HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA ADVISED INDIVIDUAL RESEMBLING SUBJECT FREQUENT CUSTOMER AT BAR. THEY STATES THIS INDIVIDUAL BELIEVED TO HAVE USED NAME QUOTE DOUG COLLINS END QUOTE WHEN PURCHASING KEY TO  
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KEY CLUB OPERATION AT BAR. NO KNOWLEDGE AS TO ASSOCIATES OR PRESENT LOCATION.

RE LARSON BOOK STORE PHASE

LOUISE LARSON, LARSON BOOK STORE, HOLLYWOOD, ADVISED AFTER VIEWING PHOTOGRAPHS OF SUBJECT THAT HE WAS FORMER CUSTOMER AT STORE. SHE COULD NOT RECALL ANY SPECIFIC TRANSACTIONS REGARDING SUBJECT NOR ANY DESCRIPTIVE DATA OTHER THAN THAT ALREADY KNOWN.

ST. FRANCIS HOTEL PHASE

MANAGER, ST. FRANCIS HOTEL, ADVISED THAT NO INDIVIDUAL IDENTIFIABLE WITH SUBJECT HAS BEEN IN HOTEL SINCE HIS DEPARTURE ON OR ABOUT MARCH SEVENTEEN LAST. ANONYMOUS COMPLAINANT HAD ADVISED THAT SUBJECT WAS AT ROOM FIVE ZERO SEVEN. MANAGER STATES TENANT AT ROOM FIVE ZERO SEVEN IS FEMALE NURSE HAD BEEN TENANT FOR APPROXIMATELY TEN YEARS.

U.S. POSTAL MONEY ORDER PHASE

JAMES EARL RAY, AKA ERIC S. GALT, UTILIZED U.S. POSTAL MONEY ORDER NUMBER ONE NINE ONE SIX TWO ONE ONE ZERO SEVEN EIGHT OF THE AMOUNT FIFTEEN DOLLARS IN PAYMENT TO THE LOCKSMITHING INSTITUTE, BLOOMFIELD, NEW JERSEY. THIS MONEY ORDER DATED MARCH EIGHT LAST. THIS MONEY ORDER WAS ONE OF SERIES SOLD AT U.S. POST OFFICE,  
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SANTA MONICA - WESTERN STATION. DURING PERIOD FEBRUARY ONE LAST  
THROUGH APRIL FOUR LAST U.S. POSTAL MONEY ORDER SERIES ONE NINE ZERO  
EIGHT ONE EIGHT THREE EIGHT FIVE SIX THROUGHT ONE NINE ZERO EIGHT  
ONE EIGHT THREE NINE NINE NINE WERE SOLD AS WELL AS U.S. POSTAL  
MONEY ORDER SERIES ONE NINE ONE SIX TWO ONE ZERO ZERO ZERO ZERO  
THROUGH ONE NINE ONE SIX TWO ONE ONE NINE NINE NINE. FURTHER  
INVESTIGATION DETERMINED THAT INFORMATION CONCERNING THE PURCHASER  
OF U.S. POSTAL MONEY ORDER AND TO WHOM THE FUNDS WERE TO BE  
RECEIVED AS WRITTEN ON THE MONEY ORDER, COULD BE OBTAINED ONLY  
BY REVIEW OF THE CANCELLED MONEY ORDERS AT MONEY ORDER DIVISION,  
U.S. POST OFFICE, G.A.O. BUILDING, FOUR FOUR ONE G STREET, WASHINGTON,  
D.C.

WFO REQUEST TO REVIEW BOTH SERIES OF MONEY ORDERS FOR  
ANY THAT MAY HAVE BEEN UTILIZED BY SUBJECT.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING.

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TO WFO

FROM NEW ORLEANS 157-10673

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RE: SCOTT NORDAL (LOOKALIKE)

INVESTIGATION AT NEW ORLEANS ON APRIL NINETEEN AND  
APRIL TWENTYTWO LAST REVEALS JAMES EARL RAY LOOKALIKE,  
SCOTT NORDAL, WORKED COURT OF TWO SISTERS RESTURANT IN  
NEW ORLEANS FRENCH QUARTER UNTIL APRIL THIRTEEN LAST WITH  
ABSENCE ON APRIL FOUR LAST AND POSSIBLY OTHER DATES. BACKGROUND  
INFORMATION FURNISHED BY NORDAL ON EMPLOYMENT APPLICATION  
REFLECTING LOS ANGELES BACKGROUND PROVED TO BE ENTIRELY  
FALSE BY LOS ANGELES. DIVISION. INVESTIGATION AT NEW ORLEANS  
TO DATE REVEALS ONE SCOTT NORDAL REGISTERED AT CHALMETTE  
HOTEL, NEW ORLEANS, FROM MARCH TWENTYTWO TO MARCH TWENTYTHREE  
LAST. AT THIS TIME, NORDAL FURNISHED STREET ADDRESS AS  
ONE EIGHT THREE SIX NINETEENTH, WASHINGTON , D.C. SECTION  
OF CITY AND WHETHER STREET OR AVENUE NOT SPECIFIED  
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SCOTT NORDAL, LOOKALIKE, AND SUTEL.

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TO ALL FIELD OFFICES

FROM DIRECTOR FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

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

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

*None fitting per name*

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 DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, LOS ANGELES, KANSAS CITY,

SPRINGFIELD, SAVANNAH, WFO

FROM ATLANTA 44-2386

MURKIN

SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION, APRIL TWENTYTWO, SIXTYEIGHT:

USED AND NEW CAR DEALERS IN ATLANTA AND SUBURBAN AREAS BEING CANVASSED, SHOWN PHOTOGRAPHS OF SUBJECT RAY, NEGATIVE TO DATE.

REPORTS OF CARS STOLEN IN ATLANTA, MARCH TWENTYFOUR DASH APRIL EIGHT LAST OBTAINED AND BEING CHECKED OUT. COMMUNICATION SUBMITTED THIS DATE TO APPROPRIATE OFFICES TO CONSIDER ANY STOLEN CAR FROM GEORGIA SUBSEQUENT TO APRIL FOUR LAST AS SUSPECT THIS CASE.

CHARTERED FLIGHTS OF AIRPLANES AT THREE LOCATIONS COVERING ATLANTA AREA BEING CHECKED. NOTHING PERTINENT OBTAINED. POLICE DEPARTMENTS, CREDIT BUREAUS, NEW AND USED CAR DEALERS, AIRLINES, BUSES, TAXICABS, AND CAB RENTALS IN ALL RESIDENT AGENCIES OF ATLANTA DIVISION BEING CHECKED AND SUBJECT'S PHOTOGRAPH DISPLAYED.

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SUBJECT RAY'S NAME AND ALIASES CHECKED FOR AUTO REGISTRATION AND DRIVERS LICENSE FOR STATE OF GEORGIA WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED NEIGHBORHOOD WEST OF FOURTEENTH STREET AND PEACHTREE, INCLUDING COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS. NOTHING OF PERTINENCE OBTAINED.

DOCTORS OF PSYCHIATRY AND PSYCHOLOGY IN BROAD AREA SURROUNDING FOURTEENTH AND PEACHTREE STREET INTERVIEWED BUT NO INDICATION SUBJECT RAY WAS PATIENT.

JIMMIE DELTON GARNER, OWNER ROOMINGHOUSE WHERE RAY LIVED IN ATLANTA, REINTERVIEWED THIS DATE, WAS INTOXICATED. SHOWN ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS OF RAY WHICH HE COULD NOT IDENTIFY. DID STATE PICTURE ERIC STARVO GALT AS FURNISHED BY LOS ANGELES FROM BARTENDER'S SCHOOL WAS PERSON WHO STAYED AT HIS ROOMINGHOUSE.

CHECK AT POST OFFICE COVERING ROOMINGHOUSE AT ONE ONE THREE FOURTEENTH STREET, N.E., DID NOT REVEAL ANY MAIL FOR GALT.  
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PAGE THREE

WFO, IF NOT ALREADY DONE, REQUESTED TO CHECK PASSPORT  
RECORDS AGAINST SUBJECT'S NAME AND ALL ALIASES.

CASE CONTINUES RECEIVE TOP PRIORITY ACTION.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703)

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Re JAMES EARL RAY.

On 4/19/68, WFO initiated check<sup>of</sup> files of the Passport Office, United States Department of State concerning JAMES EARL RAY, nothing identifiable with RAY was located. A further check is underway at the Washington National Record Center at Suitland, Maryland. In retired passport files and anything of interest located will be reported.

In order to cover the possibility that subject RAY may have recently been issued a passport and the record thereof had not been received in Washington, Mr. EDWARD STOKEN, Passport Office, sent a teletype message to all passport agencies. The Passport Office in Honolulu was checked telephonically with negative results. On 4/19/68, Mr. ROBERT D. JOHNSON, Acting Director, Passport Office, telephonically advised SA KENNETH HASER that all passport agencies had teletyped Washington that their records are negative concerning RAY.

- 3-Bureau
- 2-Memphis (44-1987)
- 1-Kansas City (44-760) (info)
- 1-WFO (44-703)

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Mr. JOHNSON further advised that he had issued instructions whereby the Account Duty Officer of the Passport Office was alerted concerning RAY and instructions were made to all passport agencies to refer immediately to the nearest FBI office any information concerning RAY and his intended travel.

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4/18/68

AIRTEL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CIVIL RIGHTS  
(OO: MEMPHIS)

ReNYairtel to Bureau, 4/17/68 and NY telephone call to Springfield 4/18/68.

Re RICHARD GALT.

PAUL KERR, Secretary-Treasurer, SIU, NYC, advised that he has determined that the crew of the S.S. HUDSON signed on 12/7/61 and signed off 2/10/62. The location of signing off was one of three: Houston, Galveston or Port Arthur, all Texas. He has determined through his records that there was no one named GALT aboard and, further, the only crew member with the first name of RICHARD was RICHARD SANTAMOUR, Social Security Number [redacted]

KERR stated that if KENNETH NEWBLE is reinterviewed for further information he should be asked to furnish copies of his, NEWBLE's, termination papers for the particular voyage about which he is furnishing information. KERR stated that such papers will facilitate any further search of SIU's records.

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- 3- Bureau
- 1- Memphis
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**TO : SAC, BALTIMORE (44-669)**

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

**MURKIN**

The following information was telephonically furnished to SA JAMES GORDON HALL of the Baltimore Divisions Hyattsville, Maryland, RA by SA JOHN M. FLATLEY on 4/22/68:

On 4/22/68 Lt. ROBERT CALDWELL, Commanding, Robbery Squad, Metropolitan Police Department advised SA JOHN M. FLATLEY, WFO that a Negro male about 65 years old who did not identify himself came to the Robbery Squad and said he saw a man who resembled the FBI Wanted Flyer of ERIC STARVO GALT. The man told CALDWELL he saw the man working as a Chef or cook at the Golden Rule Restaurant, in Riverdale, Md., a day or two before. He said he himself has been a cook all his life and the man resembling GALT didn't seem to know what he was doing as a cook.

The Metropolitan Washington phone book, Maryland section, reflects a Golden Rule Dairy in Beltsville, Md., but no reference to a Golden Rule Restaurant.

- 2 - Baltimore
- 2 - Memphis (44-1987) (AM)
- 2 - Kansas City (88-9449) (AM)
- ① - WFO

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AT HEATTSVILLE, MARYLAND

Attempt to locate and process the cook at the  
Golden Rule Restaurant to eliminate.



**Around the Nation**

# Search for Ray Pressed by FBI

The FBI said yesterday that it was hunting the assassin of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King with "all possible vigor," but that there was nothing new to report in the Nation's largest manhunt—now in its 17th day.

With prison escapee James Earl Ray given an extraordinary emergency listing on the FBI's roster of most wanted criminals, a special alert was ordered along the Mexican border to prevent him from leaving the country.

But the FBI, which is directing the massive search, had nothing new to report since Saturday, when it made Ray—alias Eric Starvo Galt—the 11th man on its 10 most wanted list. It would only say the search "is going along with all possible vigor."

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, WFO (44-703)

DATE: 4/23/68

FROM : SA ELMER LEE TODD

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Bureau Supervisor RICHARD BATES telephonically advised he recieved a telephone call at 12:40 a.m., 4/23/68, from MARSHALL STANSELL, Resident Manager, Hillside Terrace Apartments, who stated he may have information re the subject of this case. STANSELL resides at Apartment 62-C 1818 23rd Street, S.E. He requested to be contacted on 4/23/68, at 11:00 a.m.

SA WALTER B. SAVAGE is handling.

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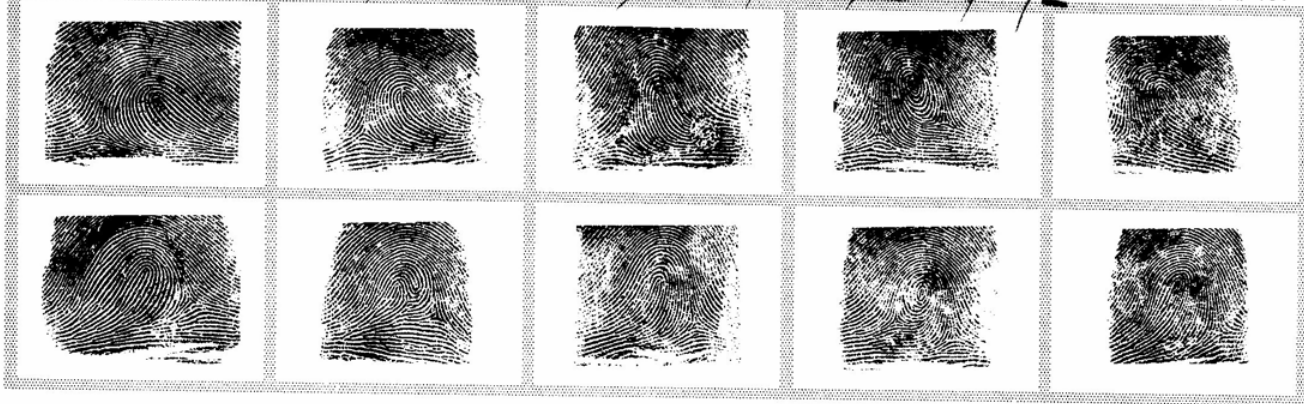
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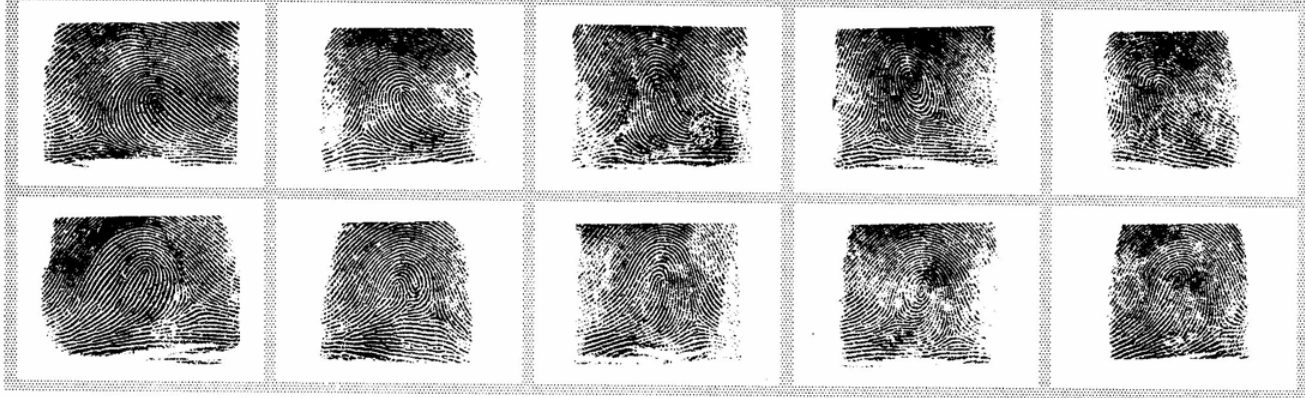
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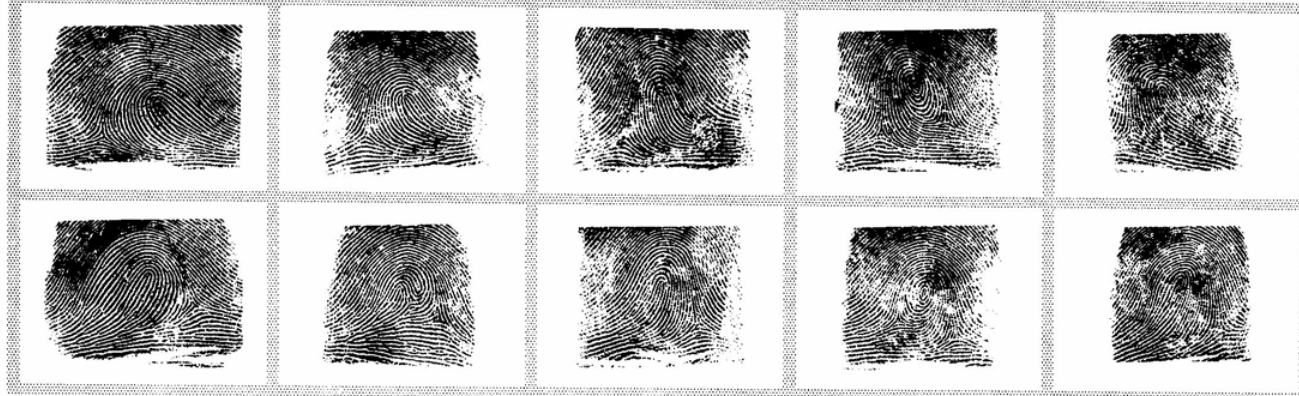
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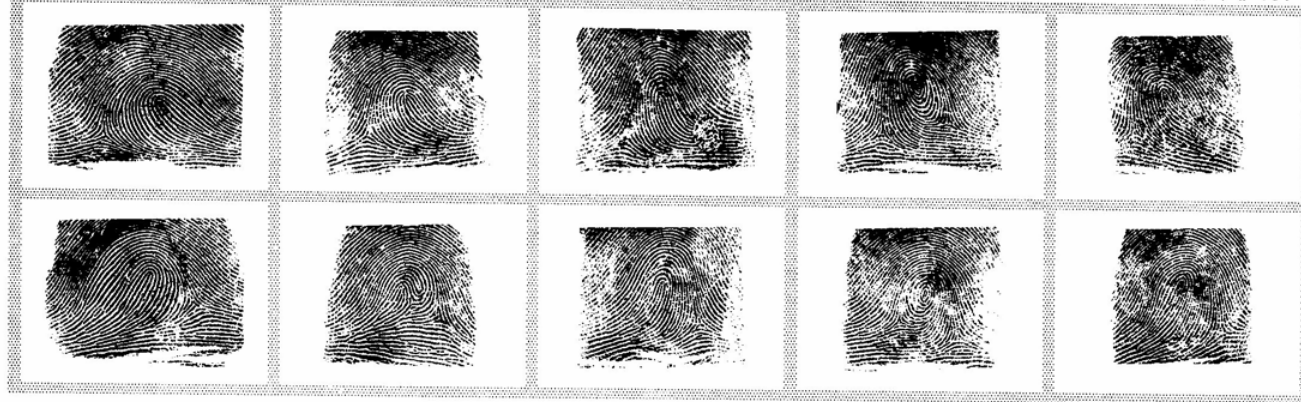
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**CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY  
INTERSTATE FLIGHT - ROBBERY**

**WANTED BY FBI  
JAMES EARL RAY**

FBI No. 405,942 G  
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ALIASES: Eric Starvo Galt, W. C. Herron, Harvey Lowmyer, James McBride, James O'Conner, James Walton, James Walyon, John Willard, "Jim"



Photographs taken 1960



Photograph taken 1968  
(eyes drawn by artist)



*James Ray*

**DESCRIPTION**

AGE: 40, born March 10, 1928, Alton, Illinois  
HEIGHT: 5' 10" EYES: blue  
WEIGHT: 163 to 174 pounds COMPLEXION: medium  
BUILD: medium RACE: white  
HAIR: brown, possibly cut short NATIONALITY: American  
OCCUPATIONS: baker, color matcher, laborer  
SCARS AND MARKS: small scar on center of forehead and small scar on palm of right hand  
REMARKS: noticeably protruding left ear; reportedly is a lone wolf; allegedly attended dance instruction school; has reportedly completed course in bartending

**CRIMINAL RECORD**

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

**CAUTION**

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

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

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

Identification Order 4182  
April 20, 1968

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C. 20535

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