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4/11/68

SAC, KNOXVILLE (44-696) (P)

MURKIN
CIVIL RIGHTS
(OO: Memphis)

On 4/10/68, HOWARD McCUSITON, Knoxville Parking Service, 5601 North Broadway, Knoxville, Tennessee, telephonically contacted SA HOWARD A. McKANEY and indicated he had some information concerning the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING.

On the same date SA McKANEY contacted McCUSITON, and he provided the following information indicating that he desired that this information remain confidential.

He stated that approximately three years ago he was a member of the American Nazi Party (ANP) at Washington, D. C., and lived in the ANP barracks in that city. He stated he disassociated himself from the ANP three years ago and returned to Knoxville. While in Washington, D. C., he became acquainted with ALLEN WELCH who at that time was the national secretary or the national treasurer of the ANP in Washington, D. C., and worked full time at the ANP headquarters. He stated that WELCH at one time worked with an insurance company in Texas and that he is from either Houston or Dallas, Texas.

He stated he observed a photograph in the local newspaper indicating this individual was the murderer of KING. When he observed this photograph, ALLEN WELCH immediately came to his mind and at this time he looked through some ANP literature and obtained a photograph of WELCH which appeared in some literature he obtained just prior to his leaving Washington, D. C.

He stated that WELCH is a white male, age 32, weight 160 lbs., and has receding light brown or blonde hair, medium complexion, and 6 ft. to 6 ft. 1 in. in height. He stated that WELCH has sharp features and no visible scars or marks. He further advised that WELCH is of the emotional type and that one time in Washington, D. C., he threatened to kill himself.

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Enclosed to the Memphis Division is the above-mentioned photograph for any action that they may desire.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, WFO

DATE: 4-22-68

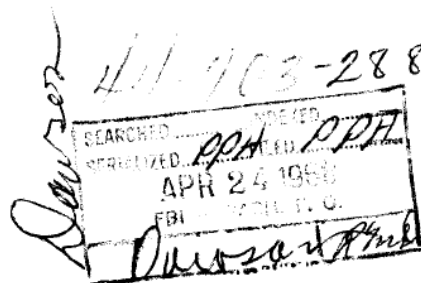
FROM: SAC, Memphis (44-1987) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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Re Knoxville letter to Memphis dated 4-11-68.

Enclosed herewith for WFO is one copy of referenced Knoxville letter as it appears that the information contained therein has no significance in regard to MURKIN but will be of interest to the WFO. This letter pertains to ALLEN WELCH, who allegedly was National Secretary of the American Nazi Party several years ago.

2- Washington Field (enc. 1)
1- Knoxville (44-696) (info)
1- Memphis
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FBI presses hunt for King's assassin

Attorney General Ramsey Clark announced Wednesday that Eric Starvo Galt is being sought by the FBI as a fugitive on a Federal charge arising from the fatal shooting of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., in Memphis, Tenn., April 4.

FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover stated that a Federal complaint was filed by the FBI in Birmingham, Ala., charging Galt with conspiring to violate the civil rights of Dr. King in violation of Title 18, Section 241, of the United States Code.

The FBI complaint charges that "on or about March 29, 1968, at Birmingham, Ala., ... Eric Starvo Galt and an individual whom he alleged to be his brother, entered into a conspiracy which continued until on or about April 5, 1968, to injure, oppress, threaten, or intimidate Martin Luther King Jr. ... in the free exercise or en-

joyment of a right secured to him by the Constitution or laws of the United States; namely, the right to freely travel from state to state. In furtherance of this conspiracy, Eric Starvo Galt did, on or about March 30, 1968, purchase a rifle at Birmingham, Ala.

According to Mr. Hoover, a 30.06 rifle equipped with a telescopic sight was found near a rooming house on South Main St. in Memphis immediately after the fatal shooting of Dr. King occurred. The rooming house overlooks the Lorraine Hotel and Motel where Dr. King was staying.

Mr. Hoover said that FBI agents determined that the 30.06 rifle had been purchased from a gun dealer in Birmingham, Ala., on March 30, 1968. The telescopic sight also was purchased from this dealer, he said.

The FBI director also

stated that Galt, who has used the names of John Willard and Harvey Lowmyer in the past, is the owner of a 1966 white Mustang bearing Alabama license plates which was located abandoned in Atlanta, Georgia, on April 11. Investigation disclosed that Galt purchased this car from a private citizen in Birmingham on August 30, 1967. The Mustang's odometer showed that it had been driven more than 19,000 miles between late August, 1967, and early April, 1968.

According to Mr. Hoover, Galt's travels in the Mustang included trips to Los Angeles, Calif.; New Orleans, La.; Birmingham, Ala.; and Mexico, as well as to Memphis, Tenn., and Atlanta, Ga. Galt was reported to have been in Memphis on April 3 and 4, 1968, and to have departed from there for Atlanta.

Intensive investigation by the FBI has disclosed that Galt has claimed to have been employed as a cook on Mississippi River vessels and as a Merchant Seaman.

He is said to be an avid dancer and took dancing lessons in New Orleans in 1964 and 1965; in Birmingham during September and October, 1967; and in Long Beach, Calif., from December, 1967, to February, 1968.

Galt left Los Angeles on December 15, 1967, and drove his white Mustang to New Orleans, where he claimed he contacted either an engineering or a contracting firm, FBI said. He left New Orleans on December 19 and arrived back in Los Angeles on December 21, 1967.

While in the Los Angeles Area early this year, Galt took a course at a school of Bartending and was graduated on March 2, 1968.

The FBI gave this description:

The fugitive is described as a white male. FBI said he is approximately 5 feet 8 inches to 5 feet 11 inches tall and weighs between 160 and 175 pounds. He is said to be a neat dresser and has a medium build.

Galt has brown hair, which he wears in a "brush" cut. He reportedly has blue eyes; his nose is straight and narrow; his

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teeth are straight and clean; and he has given his date of birth as

The fugitive is said to have a nervous habit of occasionally pulling at an ear lobe with his hand. His left ear protrudes farther from his head than his right ear.

According to Mr. Hoover, persons who have met Galt, describe him as a "loner" and state his language and diction have a "rural" quality and suggest that he probably does not have a high degree of education. He is said to drink alcoholic beverages and has a preference for vodka and beer. He is a fan of western and country music.

The Federal statute under which Galt has been charged provides a maximum penalty of ten years' imprisonment and/or \$5,000 fine. Bond of \$50,000 has been recommended.

FBI said Galt should be considered armed and dangerous and any information concerning him should be furnished immediately to the nearest FBI office.

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WANTED — The FBI has identified this man, Eric Starvo Galt, as a prime suspect in the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The FBI described him as a graduate of a bartending school and said he had used the names John Willard and Harvey Lowmyer. (The eyes of this picture were drawn in by an FBI artist.)

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ALERT FAILS TO LINK GALT WITH RAY

FBI Turns to Florida in Search for King Suspect

TALLAHASSEE, April 23 (UPI) — The search for the slayer of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. has taken another mysterious twist and was turned toward Florida today.

The FBI last night issued a pickup order for prime suspect Eric Starvo Galt and asked that it be transmitted to all law enforcement agencies in Florida. The order said Galt was wanted for "civil rights conspiracy" and had used the aliases of Harvey Lowmyer and John Willard.

ONE AND THE SAME

It made no mention of James Earl Ray, the 40-year-old escaper from the Missouri State Pris-

on whom FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover said fingerprints had proved was the same person as Galt. "Ray and Galt are identical," Mr. Hoover said last week.

The FBI in Miami refused comment. Earlier yesterday, the FBI clamped a lid on any public progress report on the manhunt. The policy was expected to prevail until a suspect is captured or some dramatic new development occurs.

Ray was placed on the list of the FBI's 10 most wanted criminals Saturday, and alerts have been issued in Canada and Mexico as well as the United States.

The Florida alert was the state's second in 12

days for Galt. on April 11, the day a white Mustang car registered to Galt was found abandoned in Atlanta, the FBI issued a "locate and observe" order for Galt in Florida. About five hours later, it was canceled and the FBI indicated later the order was a mistake.

A Miami police official was skeptical of the current alert's failure to mention Ray's name.

"Maybe in about another week the correction will catch up with the message," he said.

A federal warrant charging conspiracy has been issued against Galt and police in Memphis, where Dr. King was slain by a white sniper April 4, have charged Galt with murder.

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FBI Makes TV Appeal ^C in Search for Ray

The FBI appealed on national television last night for any information regarding fugitive James Earl Ray, charged with conspiracy and murder in the slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The FBI said Ray, alias Eric Starvo Galt, was armed and "must be considered extremely dangerous." Earlier the FBI said the search "is going along with all possible vigor." Ray, 40, a 1967 escaper from the Missouri state prison, was named to the FBI's list of most wanted criminals Saturday.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CIVIL RIGHTS
(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re unidentified chauffeur for MARTIN LUTHER KING, who was required to carry over \$200,000.00 in cash in a black bag.

The following information was received by the NYO from HENRY MAC FARLANE, Director of Security, J.C. Penney Corporation and former Special Agent. MAC FARLANE received the information from GEORGE STONE, Corporate Director of J. C. Penney, Inc., who received it from ROBERT F. BENNETT, Washington Representative, Public Relations, J.C. Penney. BENNETT is the son of Senator WALLACE BENNETT of Utah and Senator BENNETT furnished this information to ROBERT F. BENNETT:

ROBERT F. BENNETT stated that on the day before MARTIN LUTHER KING's assassination, his father was attending a testimonial dinner for top industrialists in Chicago, Illinois. At this dinner an executive, not further identified, stated that a man who used to work for him, was the personal chauffeur for KING and this man contacted him for his advice. He stated that KING required

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him to carry over \$200,000.00 in cash in a black bag at all times. This man was concerned about his job as chauffeur inasmuch as he recognized the possibility of being robbed or KING himself being killed for the money.

Washington Field Office at Washington, D.C., will contact ROBERT F. BENNETT, care/of J.C. Penney and interview him in detail regarding the above.

JAMES EARL RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) AND SACS CHICAGO
MINNEAPOLIS
PHILADELPHIA
ST. LOUIS

FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703)

MURKIN

RE WFO TELETYPE APRIL TWENTYFOUR INSTANT.

TODAY VETERANS ADMINISTRATION HEADQUARTERS, WASH., D.C.
ADVISED JAMES EARL RAY BORN [REDACTED] HAS BEEN
ASSIGNED VETERANS ADMINISTRATION (VA) CLAIM NUMBER SEVEN SIX
SIX ONE THREE FOUR ZERO. RE TELETYPE STATED FILE LOCATED
VA REGIONAL OFFICE, CHICAGO, ILL.. LATER INFORMATION FROM
VA INDICES FILE IN VA RECORDS AT FEDERAL RECORDS CENTER,
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI. ST. LOUIS REVIEW VA FILE.

CHICAGO ASCERTAIN IF VA REGIONAL OFFICE CHICAGO, ILL.
HAS ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING RAY.

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2-Teletype Unit
1-Memphis (Info) (AM)
1-Kansas City (Info) (AM)

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PHILADELPHIA AND MINNEAPOLIS ATTEMPT TO LOCATE VA
INSURANCE RECORDS CONCERNING RAY WHO HAS VA INSURANCE POLICY
NUMBER N ONE NINE EIGHT SIX EIGHT THREE THREE SIX.

AIR MAIL COPIES TO MEMPHIS AND KANSAS CITY.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND SAC'S MEMPHIS (44-1987)
LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703)

MURKIN; OO MEMPHIS

RE LOS ANGELES TELETYPE TO BUREAU APRIL TWENTY-TWO LAST.
JAMES M. BONES, INSPECTOR, UNITED STATES POST OFFICE (USPO),

ADVISED REQUESTED MONEY ORDER SERIES SEARCH CAN NOT COMMENCE PRIOR
TO APRIL TWENTY-FIVE NEXT BECAUSE OF FILING PROCEDURE UTILIZED BY
USPO. MONEY ORDERS ARE NOT KEPT IN NUMERICAL SEQUENCE BUT ARE
PLACED ACCORDING TO DATE RECEIVED INTO BOXES OF TWO THOUSAND EACH.

ACCOUNTING PERIOD NUMBER NINE COMMENCING WITH SERIES NUMBER
ONE, NINE ONE SIX, TWO ONE ZERO, ONE NINE FIVE THROUGH ONE, NINE
ONE SIX, TWO ONE ONE, ONE TWO SIX AND PERTINENT MONEY ORDER CARDS
AVAILABLE TO DATE IN ACCOUNTING PERIOD NUMBER TEN COMMENCING WITH
ONE, NINE ONE SIX, TWO ONE ONE, ONE TWO SEVEN BEING REVIEWED
INASMUCH AS SERIES NUMBER ONE, NINE ONE SIX, TWO ONE ONE, ZERO
SEVEN EIGHT HAS BEEN USED BY GALT.

APPROXIMATELY TWO HUNDRED BOXES CONTAINING TWO THOUSAND MONEY
ORDER CARDS EACH WILL REQUIRE REVIEWING. REVIEW BEING LIMITED

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On April 19, 1968, SA ROBERT F. PETTY picked up an air-mail package from CAPTAIN HUMPHREY, Eastern Airline pilot, and delivered same to SA BILL GRIFFIN, Federal Bureau of Investigation Laboratory, room 7601, Washington, D.C.

Package arrived on flight #130, National Airport, Washington, D.C., at 11:49 a.m. and delivered 12:15 p.m. Federal Bureau of Investigation Laboratory, Washington, D.C.

On 4/19/68 at Washington, D. C.File # WFC 44-703-295by SA ROBERT F. PETTY: ^{RFP}jvcDate dictated 4/22/68

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Date 4/22/68

On April 19, 1968, SA ROBERT F. PETTY picked up a package from Captain CARATHEURS, American Airline, pilot, and delivered same to SA MC GOWAN, Room 2712, Justice Building, Washington, D.C.

Package arrived on flight Number 463, National Airport, Washington, D.C. at 1:37 p.m. and delivered 2:00 p.m. Justice Building, Washington, D. C.

On 4/19/68 at Washington, D. C. File # WFO 44-703 290
by SA ROBERT F. PETTY: ^{RF}jvc Date dictated 4/22/68

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FBI JACKSVLE

1113 AM URGENT 4/25/68 MMH

TO WFO /44-703/

FROM JACKSONVILLE /44-769/ 1P

MURKIN.

RE WFO TELETYPE APRIL TWENTYFOUR LAST RE SUSPECT DRIVING VEHICLE
WITH FLORIDA LICENSE TWO ONE SIX SIX NINE THREE.

RECORDS, MVB, TALLAHASSEE, REFLECT TWO ONE - SIX SIX NINE THREE
IS NOT A CORRECT NUMBER. TWO - ONE SIX SIX NINE THREE IS REGISTERED
TO STEVE LONE ZERO FOUR TWO WEST TWENTY-SEVENTH STREET, JACKSON-
VILLE, FOR NINETEEN SIXTYTWO FORD. LOVES ARE NEGROES AND CAR HAS NOT
LEFT FLORIDA RECENTLY.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI, SAC, CLEVELAND, AND SAC, MEMPHIS

FROM: SAC, PITTSBURGH (44-578)

MURKIN

RE CLEVELAND TELETYPE, FOUR TWENTY LAST.

CHARLES WILLIAM MOATS, JR., LOCATED FOUR TWENTYTWO LAST, AT DIXIE HOTEL, WESTON, W. VA. HE SUPPLIED SUFFICIENT INFORMATION TO IDENTIFY HIM AS PERSON MENTIONED RE CLEVELAND TELETYPE. MOATS EMPLOYED ON AN ORE BOAT "MIDDLETON" OUT OF TOLEDO, OHIO, THREE ELEVEN THROUGH FOUR EIGHTEEN LAST. FROM DESCRIPTION AND IDENTIFICATION IN HIS POSSESSION, MOATS DETERMINED AS NOT IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT THIS CASE.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, WFO (44-703)

DATE: 4/26/68

FROM : SA PHILIP E. COGHLAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

BERT MILLER, Manager, of TELE-TEMP-LABOR INC.,
(a new employment Agency since 4/15/68) 929 I Street N.W.,
telephonically advised 10:45 A.M., instant that he has
an employee presently working for his organization that
resembles subject RAY so strongly that he felt obliged
to call WFO. Telcal received by SA GEORGE LEX.

WADE HAMPTON ESTEP, Date of birth [redacted] place of birth
Elizabethon, Tenn., residence 1123 14th St. N.W., Apartment 5,
W.D.C., Brown eyes, brown hair, 180-190 pounds was located by
SA JOHN J. HINCHCLIFFE on 4/24/68 at the Columbia Restaurant,
12th and I N.W., Washington, D.C. He was determined to be not
identical to JAMES EARL RAY through a comparison of his
fingerprints to those on I.O. 4182. In addition his eyes are
brown and his left ear does not protrude.

BERT MILLER advised SA HINCHCLIFFE that WADE HAMPTON ESTEP
was the individual about whom he called.

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HINCHCLIFFE *[Signature]*



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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

**Informant Says King
Was on Death List**

KANSAS CITY, April 19
(AP)—The Federal Government has taken cognizance of a report that the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was among persons marked for assassination if Robert Boliver DePugh ever went to jail. The U.S. District Attorney's office mailed a motion to the

Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals in St. Louis, urging dismissal of appeals by DePugh and Walter Patrick Peyson because they are now fugitives.

DePugh of Norborne, Mo., is leader of the Minutemen, a militant right wing organization. Peyson is a member. Both are appealing a 1966 conviction for National Firearms violations. The Government says they disappeared in January and may be in Canada.

The District Attorney's office, in its motion, quoted an informant "of apparent reliability" as saying that "DePugh has issued orders to other Minutemen that, if he goes to jail, certain persons connected with his prosecution and others are to be assassinated, including Martin Luther King."

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Army	James Earl Ray #16 163 129	February 19, 1946		
Sheriff's Office Los Angeles, California	James Earl Ray #B-119908	October 11, 1949	suspicion of burglary	
Police Department Los Angeles, California	James Earl Ray #139648	October 11, 1949	suspicion 459 Penal Code (burglary)	8 months County Jail suspended; 2 years probation served; first 90 days County Jail; 146 December 30, 1949 Cs129438
Sheriff's Office Cedar Rapids, Iowa	James E. Ray #5937	April 18, 1950	vagrancy	
Police Department Alton, Illinois	James Earl Ray #7514	July 23, 1951	no operator's license - no State License - no City License	released to pay later
Police Department Chicago, Illinois	James Ray #D90696	May 6, 1952	robbery (Gun)	Grand Jury \$3000
Cook County Jail Chicago, Illinois	James Ray #131165	May 9, 1952	robbery	June 13, 1952 sentenced to penitentiary 1 to 2 years
State Penitentiary Joliet, Illinois	James E. Ray #32419	June 13, 1952	robbery	1 to 2 years
State Penitentiary Pontiac, Illinois	James E. Ray #19121	July 7, 1952 in transfer from Joliet	robbery	1 to 2 years March 12, 1954 discharged

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John Edgar Hoover
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Sheriff's Office Edwardsville, Illinois	James Earl Ray #2640	August 30, 1954	burglary and larceny	
Police Department Hannibal, Missouri	James E. Ray #40714	March 23, 1955	investigation of breaking and entering Post Office	
State Highway Patrol Macon, Missouri	James Earl Ray #B-3376	March 23, 1955	cashing stolen postal money orders	released to Postal Inspector Kansas City, Missouri March 24, 1955
United States Marshal Kansas City, Missouri	James Earl Ray #12018	March 28, 1955	forgery United States Postal Money Order	sentenced to 15 months custody of Attorney General
Sheriff's Office Kansas City, Missouri	James Earl Ray #29637	March 28, 1955	Forgery - Government	July 7, 1955 3 years and 9 months
United States Penitentiary Leavenworth, Kansas	James Earl Ray #72498-L	July 7, 1955	Post Office Laws Forge Money Orders	3 years and 9 months May 20, 1958 conditional release March 31 1959 maximum April 5, 1958 conditional release on charge of Post Office forgery Post Office Money Orders
Police Department Saint Louis, Missouri	James Earl Ray #81071	October 10, 1959	suspicion of robbery	

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

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	WANTED BY BUREAU: James Earl Ray, also known as, James McBride, James Walyon, W.C. Herron, James O'Conner, Jim, for unlawful flight to avoid custody-robbery first Fugitive Index #121426 Bureau file #88-41730 Office of Origin Kansas City information received July 27, 1967. CAUTION: ARMED AND DANGEROUS Alias: James Walton WANTED BY BUREAU: Eric Starvo Galt, also known as Harvey Lowmyer, John Willard, Civil Rights-Conspiracy Fugitive Index #127540 Bureau File #44-38861 Office of Origin Memphis. Information received April 19, 1968. CAUTION: ARMED AND DANGEROUS			
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John Edgar Hoover
Director

WASHINGTON D.C.

EXAMINER

Vol. 1, No. 34

April 25-27, 1968

Galt killed?

The FBI is checking out the possibility that Eric Starvo Galt is dead, sources in Birmingham told the Examiner today.

Galt, charged with a conspiracy to violate the civil rights of Dr. Martin Luther King, may have been killed by those who hired him for the King assassination, the sources said.

The Examiner learned that the FBI in Birmingham was told the assassination conspiracy involved at least four persons from New Orleans and Memphis.

The sources told the FBI that Galt was killed before he was paid the \$5,000 promised for the shooting of Dr. King.

FBI officials in Washington refused to comment, other than to say it still has no information as to Galt's whereabouts. The Examiner has learned that more manpower is being turned loose on the Galt manhunt since a national release of photographs has failed to locate him.

The Birmingham sources have named names for the FBI, but the bureau is having a difficult time tying those named directly to the King murder. However, the sources did not tell FBI agents who informed them of Galt's death.

It is expected the FBI will be able to decide by this weekend whether to charge one source with conspiracy in connection with the King crime, or to write him off as a reward-seeker.

In its latest bulletins, the FBI has made no mention of James Earl Ray, a 40-year-old escapee from a Missouri prison. The bureau has identified Ray as Galt's real identity, and still maintains it has no doubts that the two persons are the same.

Fake police radio reports immediately after the King shooting have apparently convinced the FBI that a conspiracy was behind the murder. The radio reported a chase through one portion of Memphis, while the killer was escaping in the other direction.

Other steps pointing to a conspiracy include Galt's total disappearance after the crime, the confusion as to his description, and the fact that the killer knew where King was shot.

The crime so
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Galt-Ray has also been known to use the aliases of Harvey Lowmyer and John Willard. Persons who he knows in Los Angeles this winter say he was a racist, and have connected him with a Wallace campaign headquarters in Hollywood.

The FBI is also still attempting to tie up the loose ends of the Galt-Ray discrepancies. Slight descriptive differences, the classification of Ray as a non-drinker and Galt as fancying beer and vodka, and the statement that Galt was taking dancing lessons while Ray was supposedly in prison have been described as minor differences overlooked in the haste of getting a press release ready on Galt's description.

Ray is 40, stands 5 feet 10 inches tall, weighs about 175 pounds, has blue eyes and brown hair. There is a small scar in the middle of his forehead and another on the palm of his right hand.

An FBI press release says Ray has a nervous habit of pulling at his left ear, which sticks out further from his head than does the right ear.

They warn that he must be considered armed and dangerous. Should any persons connected with

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Atlanta, Georgia
April 24, 1968

COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF SOUTHERN
CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

ASSASSINATION OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
RACIAL MATTER

On April 22, 1968, a confidential source advised he had recently learned that subsequent to the death of Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., Bernard Lafayette, Program Administrator, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), and Hosea Williams, Director of Voter Registration and Political Education, SCLC, have on more than one occasion commented to SCLC Executive Staff members that it can be anticipated other members (not identified) of SCLC's Executive Staff might die as a result of violence in the continuing civil rights struggle. They have pointed out that the continuing civil rights struggle will require the utilization of economic pressures (not specified) which will result in conflicts of interests in the Nation's economy.

With reference to the death of Reverend King, some members of the SCLC Executive Staff feel the shooting of Reverend King was the work of a mentally unbalanced person. While others appear to have an open mind regarding this matter, a minority of the staff feel it is quite plausible that the shooting of Reverend King was directly or indirectly instigated by President Lyndon B. Johnson and/or members of his administration. In support of this line of thinking these members maintain that Reverend King's status as a powerful civil rights leader, his staunch opposition to the Viet Nam War, and potential to embarrass the current administration through SCLC's pending Poor People's Campaign, have undoubtedly irked the President and his administration for an appreciable time.

Source could furnish no further details regarding the above matter, but expressed the opinion that such thinking might be the result of an emotional reaction to a catastrophe, coupled with a distrust of "the establishment".

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HOSEA WILLIAMS

During October, 1964, a confidential source advised that on October 3, 1964, RUTH BAILEY, then an employee of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, (SCLC), Harlem, New York Office, while discussing several SCLC personalities with one CONNIE CAMPBELL, referred to WILLIAMS. BAILEY said WILLIAMS had mentioned to her (date not specified) that on a prior occasion (date not specified) HUNTER PITTS O'DELL had told him more about politics than he could read.

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HUNTER PITTS O'DELL

In July, 1962, HUNTER PITTS O'DELL, also known as JACK H. O'DELL, was considered by the Communist Party, USA, as a member of its National Committee.

HUNTER PITTS O'DELL told EDWINA SMITH December 27, 1963, he would not go back to the Southern Christian Leadership Conference on the same basis because he is now a "left person" and if they cannot accept him the way he is then they will have to forget about him.

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ASSASSINATION OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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Atlanta Memorandum dated and captioned
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA

COMINFIL OF SCLC

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BuFile 100-438794

ATfile 100-5718

ASSASSINATION OF DR.
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

RM

ATfile 157-3094

Re Atlanta teletype to Bureau 4/23/68 captioned as
above.Enclosed for the Bureau is the original and eight
copies, for Chicago, Memphis, New York, and WFO two copies
of LHM.

Source referred to is AT 1387-R.

Source utilized to characterize HOSEA WILLIAMS
NY 4171-S*. Sources utilized to characterize HUNTER
are NY 4171-S* and NY 694-S*.NO ACTION SHOULD BE PREDICATED UPON INFORMATION FURNISHED
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FURNISHED BY AT 1387-R MUST BE CLASSIFIED CONFIDENTIAL. THE FORE-
GOING RESTRICTION AND CLASSIFICATION ARE JUSTIFIED BECAUSE THIS
SOURCE ENJOYS AN EXTREMELY DELICATE RELATIONSHIP WITH SCLC.The enclosed LHM has been classified Secret because it
contains information furnished by NY 694-S*. It is felt this classi-
fication is necessary in order not to jeopardize the valuable position
of the informant in furnishing information of this nature.

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703)

MURKIN

RE NEW YORK TELETYPE TO BUREAU APRIL TWENTY-FOUR LAST.

RE: ALLEGED ONE HUNDRED DOLLAR BET ON DR. KING'S LIFE.

ROBERT ROULSTON, CITY MANAGER, AMERICAN AIRLINES, NATIONAL AIRPORT, PRESENTLY MOVING FROM CHICAGO AREA TO WASHINGTON, D.C., AREA. HE WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW ON APRIL TWENTY-NINE NEXT. WFO WILL HANDLE. AIRMAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, WFO (

DATE: 4/18/68

FROM : SA ROBERT L. KUHN

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
CIVIL RIGHTS

At 12:25 p.m., this date, an anonymous phone caller called and stated he had just seen a man ~~resembling the~~ photograph in the newspapers of the suspect in the slaying of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING. The caller refused to give his name saying he didn't want to get involved. He said he had never seen the man before and didn't know where he went. He said he saw the man leave the Drug Fair at the corner of K and 17th Street N.W. He described the man as a white male, about 45, 6 feet tall, reddish hair, dressed like a bum with extremely baggy pants that were several sizes too large for him. He said the man was carrying two bundles of what appeared to be clothes.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC WFO (44-703)

FROM : SA MARVIN E. LEWIS

SUBJECT: MURKIN - CR

DATE: 4/18/68

At approximately 3:15pm on 4/18/68 an individual who identified himself as REUBEN ALRIDGE address 5129 16th Ave. Hyattsville, Md., Apt 203, telephone 277 - 8587, age 28, wife VIVIAN LEAK, employed as an oil salesman for a major oil company, called the office and spoke to the writer. ALRIDGE indicated he had called the office shortly after noon this date, spoke to an agent (name unknown) but did not identify himself at that time. ALRIDGE stated that at approximately noon this date, he was at the Drug Fair at 17th and K streets NW where he had stopped to get a copy of "the Washington Post." As he searched the news stand for the paper, he noticed a man standing nearby with a copy of the Post and watching him intensely. When he questioned the crook as to his interest, the two of them exchanged a few words. ALRIDGE said he left the store as he was unable to find a copy of the Post on the news stand and subsequently located a paper in the next block. While reading same, he noticed a picture of GALT (ERIC STARVO GALT) and immediately recognized a close facial resemblance with the man at the Drug Fair. ALRIDGE stated the unsub at the drug store was wearing baggy pants and was carrying a small cloth bag similar to that carried by hobos. He saw the unsub leave the drug store accompanied by another individual.

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DATE: 4/26/68

FROM : SA JOHN L. PATTERSON

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Memo of SA ROBERT L. KUHN and memo of SA MARVIN E. LEWIS to SAC, WFO 4/18/68.

The area around Drug Fair, K and 17 St N.W. was observed at approximately 12:30PM, 4/19/68, and no person resembling the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY was observed.

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230PM URGENT 4/24/68 VSC

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, MEMPHIS 44-1987, AND WFO

FROM ATLANTA 44-2386

✓
MURKIN

RE: JAMES EARL RAY

complaint
MRS. VIRGINIA SWANN, AUSTRIAN CONSULATE, ATLANTA, ADVISED
APR. TWENTYFOUR INSTANT, THAT THIS YEAR, EXACT DATE UNRECALLED,
SHE RECEIVED CALL FROM MAN WHO WANTED TO GO TO AUSTRALIA AND
ASKED WHAT INVOLVED IN GETTING PERMISSION. CALLER WAS
ADVISED HE HAD AUSTRIAN CONSULATE INSTEAD OF AUSTRALIAN, A
COMMON ERROR, AND GIVEN ADDRESS OF AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY, WASH.,
DC. CALLER ASKED IF HIS PRISON RECORD SHOULD BE BROUGHT UP
WHEN APPLYING. STATED WANTED OUT U.S. AS HE HAD BEEN IN PRISON.
WAS TOLD RECORD WOULD LIKELY BE DISCOVERED IN PROCESSING APPLI-
CATION.

WFO ENDEAVOR TO DETERMINE IF RAY EVER APPLIED FOR VISA TO
AUSTRALIA.

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FBI WASH DC*

TU@BRG

FBI WFO

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advised
+ Bureau
requested.
Rmd*

*5:55 PM 4/25/68
Sup. Edm. Darnage
advised above
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URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) AND SACS CHICAGO
MEMPHIS
NEW YORK

FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703)

MURKIN, CIVIL RIGHTS, OO:MEMPHIS.

RE NEW YORK AIRTEL TO BUREAU APRIL TWENTYTHREE LAST.

ROBERT F. BENNETT, WASHINGTON REPRESENTATIVE, PUBLIC
RELATIONS, J. C. PENNY, INC., ADVISED HE LEARNED FROM HIS
FATHER, SENATOR WALLACE BENNETT OF UTAH THE FOLLOWING:

ON APRIL THREE LAST, THE DAY BEFORE THE ASSASSINATION
OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, A GROUP OF INDUSTRIALISTS IN
THE CHICAGO, ILL. AREA WHO HAVE BUSINESS INTERESTS IN UTAH
GAVE A COCKTAIL RECEPTION FOR SENATOR WALLACE BENNETT.
AFTERWARDS A SMALL GROUP OF PROBABLY SIX OR SEVEN INDUSTRIALISTS
HAD DINNER AT A RESTAURANT WITH SENATOR BENNETT. ONE OF THESE
PERSONS SAID A MAN WHO USED TO WORK FOR HIM WAS THE PERSONAL
CHAUFFEUR FOR MARTIN LUTHER KING. AND THIS MAN CONTACTED

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HIM FOR ADVICE. THE CHAUFFEUR STATED KING REQUIRED HIM TO CARRY OVER TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS IN CASH IN A BLACK BAG AT ALL TIMES. THE CHAUFFEUR WAS CONCERNED ABOUT HIS JOB INASMUCH AS HE RECOGNIZED THE POSSIBILITY OF BEING ROBBED OR KING HIMSELF BEING KILLED FOR THE MONEY. THE INDUSTRIALIST ADVISED THE CHAUFFEUR TO QUIT BUT TO FURNISH KING ANOTHER REASON FOR QUITTING. ROBERT BENNETT SAID THE HOST OF THE DINNER WAS CHARLIE BARR OF THE STANDARD OIL COMPANY OF INDIANA, TELEPHONE THREE ONE TWO - FOUR THREE ONE - SIX THREE ONE FOUR, CHICAGO, ILL., WAS PRESENT AND COULD FURNISH THE NAME OF THE PERSON WHO ATTENDED THE DINNER AND FORMERLY EMPLOYED KING'S CHAUFFEUR. THIS INDIVIDUAL ALSO RELATED THE INFORMATION ABOUT THE BLACK BAG CONTAINING TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS. ROBERT BENNETT CONTACTED HIS FATHER, SENATOR BENNETT, FOR THE NAME OF THE INDIVIDUAL WHO RELATED THE ABOVE INCIDENT, BUT HIS FATHER COULD NOT RECALL THIS PERSON'S NAME.

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LEAD: CHICAGO AT CHICAGO, ILL. WILL CONTACT CHARLIE
BARR, STANDARD OIL OF INDIANA AND INTERVIEW HIM IN DETAIL
REGARDING THE ABOVE.

JAMES EARL RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

4/22/68

AIRTEL

REGISTERED MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, BALTIMORE (44-669)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re phone calls from Bureau to Baltimore and from Baltimore to Bureau, 4/20/68 and Hyattsville RA phone call to WFO, 4/22/68.

Information received from Bureau supervisor late p.m., 4/20/68 that individual driving Ford Fairlane bearing Maryland license DN 4120, bore strong resemblance to JAMES EARL RAY.

Records, Department of Motor Vehicles, Glen Burnie, Maryland, checked 4/20/68 reflect Maryland license DN 4120 was listed to CHARLES LEROY SELL, 4107 Southern Avenue, Suitland, Maryland.

Mrs. RAMONA WEST, Resident Manager, Penn Southern Apartments, 4135 Southern Avenue, Suitland, Maryland, advised late p.m., 4/20/68 that her records reflect CHARLES LEROY SELL formerly resided at 4107 Southern Avenue; however, he moved sometime in March, 1968 to an unknown address. All records relative to former occupants of apartments are maintained at the W&H Investment Company, 2015 15th Street, Washington, D.C., at the new Dunbar Hotel. Mrs. WEST could not furnish any description of SELL.

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WFO at 2015 15th Street, Washington, D.C., ascertain all information relative to SELL and conduct necessary investigation as to who was driving his vehicle p.m., 4/20/68.

Ascertain if there is any connection between SELL and JAMES EARL RAY.

SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

FBI WFO

FBI WASH DC

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FBI ATLANTA

10:50 PM URGENT 4/25/68 VSC

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, KNOXVILLE, RICHMOND, AND WFO
FROM ATLANTA 44-2386 2P

✓
MURKIN

RE ATLANTA TEL TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND RICHMOND, APR.
TWO TWO, 'SIXTYEIGHT.

FOR INFO OF RICHMOND, ADDITIONAL CHECKS WITH DELTA AIRLINES,
ATLANTA, REFLECTS NAME NORM PERRY (SET OUT IN REFERENCED
TEL) IS ACTUALLY NORMA PERRY AND APPROPRIATE CHANGES SHOULD BE
MADE WHEN MAKING INQUIRY OF CUSTOMS AGENT, DELTA INTERNATIONAL.
IN ADDITION, PASSENGERS MANIFEST LIST FOR DELTA AIRLINES, ATLANTA
FLIGHT ONE ZERO SIX, APR. FIVE, 'SIXTYEIGHT (OVERSEAS FLIGHT TO
LONDON, ENGLAND, AND FRANKFURT, GERMANY) ALSO LISTS A PASSENGER
BY NAME A. BURNE (PARTY OF ONE) WITH PASSAGE BOOKED FOR LONDON,
ENGLAND, APR. SIX, 'SIXTYEIGHT.

NO ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND DATA OR INFO ON THIS INDIVIDUAL
AVAILABLE DELTA.

MANIFEST PASSENGER LISTS ALSO SHOW THE FOLLOWING AS

PASSENGERS WHO BOARDED AT ATLANTA, GA., WITH OVERSEAS FLIGHTS

k J. C. VAUGHN, WASH., D.C., HOME PHONE F L FOUR DASH SIX EIGHT ZERO ONE ONE; BUSINESS PHONE SIX TWO EIGHT DASH FIVE EIGHT ZERO FIVE
4 - 313 338 333 424 434

PASSAGE TO LONDON, APR. FIVE, 'SIXTYEIGHT; MRS. J. CHANCE, BOUNTY F.O.

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PITTSBURG, TENN., CHATTANOOGA, TENN. HOME PHONE EIGHT THREE SEVEN
DASH SEVEN TWO ZERO SEVEN, PASSAGE TO LONDON, APR. FIVE, 'SIXTYEIGHT.

RICHMOND AT DELTA INTERNATIONAL WILL CONTACT CUSTOMS AGENTS
AND EMPLOYEES DELTA AIRLINES TO DETERMINE IF A. BURNE FLEW TO
LONDON FROM DULLES AIRPORT, APR. SIX, 'SIXTYEIGHT, AND ATTEMPT TO
DEVELOP SUFFICIENT BACKGROUND TO ELIMINATE AS SUBJECT.

KNOXVILLE AT CHATTANOOGA, AND SOUTH PITTSBURG, TENN., IDENTIFY
MRS. J. CHANCE AND VERIFY FLIGHT.

WFO AT WFO, IDENTIFY J. C. VAUGHN AND VERIFY FLIGHT.

A & D. P

END

VCH

FBI WFO

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Date: 4-23-68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
 FROM: SAC, RICHMOND (44-657) -P-
 MURKIN
 CR

Re Atlanta teletype to Bureau, Memphis and Richmond,
 4-22-68.

For information WFO, retel advised individual as NORM PERRY took Delta flight #106 from Atlanta, Ga., on 4-6-68 en route to London, England, with stop-over Dulles International Airport. Gave Georgia phone number 462-2382. Atlanta unable to verify phone number.

On 4-22-68, JERRY TIERNEY, Passenger Service Representative, Pan American Airlines, Dulles International Airport, Chantilly, Va., advised that a review of his manifest sheet for Delta Airlines flight 106 for 4-6-68, revealed one PERRY (no initials) emplaned at Atlanta, Ga., en route to London, England. PERRY was flying economy class. He advised the flight originated New Orleans, La., with stop at Atlanta and Dulles. At Dulles, the Delta crew was relieved by Pan American crew for continuation of the flight. He stated it was not necessary for the passengers to deplane at Dulles for Customs check.

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Mr. TIERNEY advised more information re PERRY might possibly be available at the Pan American Computer Center, 16th and K Sts., NW, Washington, D. C., phone RE 7-8900.

He advised Pan American crew members for the flight were as follows:

- Capt. W. W. HESTER;
- Co-pilot D. D. ECKER;
- Flight Engineer J. J. BUTLER;
- Navigator F. W. RAPPETOE, all based Kennedy International Airport, New York

The pursor was J. P. BOT

Stewardesses were:

- T. X. RANDERS;
- C. A. HEGARDT;
- C. MIRANDA;
- K. B. TALLROTH and
L. B. SIGBE, all based Dulles International Airport.

LEAD:

WASHINGTON FIELD

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

Contact Pan American Computer Center, 16th and K Sts., NW, for any identifying data re NORM PERRY.

All of the above data, plus the lead, was telephonically furnished directly to WFO by Alexandria RA.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, WFO (44-703)

DATE: 4-25-68

FROM : SA KENNETH J. HASER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DANIEL DAVID KENNEDY, Suspect

This is to advise that news broadcasts this date on the radio carried stories from Mexico about 80 miles south of Nogales, Arizona to the effect that DANIEL DAVID KENNEDY, an American with an American passport, had been taken into custody by the Mexicans as a look-alike of JAMES EARL RAY. He was said to be from Baltimore, Md. and being taken to the provincial capital for checking by FBI.

On this date a check was made of the files of the Passport Office with no identifiable record being located. One DANIEL DAVID KENNEDY, born [redacted] at St. Paul, Minn., 1009 3rd St., Farmington, Minn., was issued passport [redacted] at Chicago 12-12-66 to include his daughter, DIANA LYNN KENNEDY, born [redacted] at Farmington. This individual does not appear to be identical with JAMES EARL RAY from his photograph. It is noted that since his daughter was born in 1966, he couldn't very well be the father if he were RAY.

The UPI called State Department to advise that the KENNEDY in Mexico had passport [redacted]. This number has never been used on a US passport. Investigation at Passport Office has eliminated the number [redacted] prefixed with [redacted] through [redacted] as having no relation with KENNEDY.

Mr. WILLIAM E. DUGGAN, ~~xxx~~ Chief, Legal Division, Passport Office later advised the writer that he had heard from some State Department official that the KENNEDY suspect had been released in Mexico after elimination by FBI with any connection in the case.

It is recommended that this be filed in case file.



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RICHARD LYONS, employee Maritime Administration 441 G Street, N.W., WDC, advised SA JOHN L. PATTERSON on 4/22/68, that he had discovered the name JAMES E. RAY in checking the general files of the Maritime Administration. It was determined that the JAMES E. RAY in the Maritime Administration records was born [] at Zion, Illinois.

It has been previously determined through fingerprint comparison that the JAMES E. RAY, born [] at Zion, Illinois, is not identical with JAMES EARL RAY, subject of instant case.

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CONFIRMING TEL CONVERSATION BETWEEN SA DONALD L.
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J. ROBERT SIMS, ASSISTANT POSTAL INSPECTOR IN CHARGE,
CHATTANOOGA, THENNESSEE, THIS DATE FORWARDING UNDER PERSONAL
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D. C., ORIGINAL OF GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE ORDER FORM
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