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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, WFO (44-703)

FROM : *CL* CLERK, CONRAD RING

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/13/68

At 7:15 PM, this date, BETON CUNNINGHAM, 951 14th St. S.E., WDC (no phone), telephonically advised the WFO of the following:

CUNNINGHAM stated he hacks for Yellow Cab in WDC; cab #84, generally at night. He had occasion at 2:00 AM, this date, to pick up a fare at the Trailways bus terminal, NY Ave NW, and transport him to the Burlington Hotel, 1120 Vt. Ave NW.

CUNNINGHAM stated this individual strongly resembled the artist conception of the killer he saw in the newspaper, with the exception that his fare's hair was darker. CUNNINGHAM further stated that the man seemed in "left field" and thought maybe under the influence of narcotics as no intoxicants evident. This person stated he had come from New York. He wore what was believed to be a new suit, shoes, billfold, etc. Once at the hotel CUNNINGHAM went inside as the man had to break a large bill. CUNNINGHAM stated that the man was carrying approximately \$700 - \$1000 in cash, mostly in \$100 dollar bills. He gave a different name to the hotel clerk, and further stated he had come from "down south". He deposited \$40 and is expected to be there until Monday next. He had given CUNNINGHAM the name of BENNELI (PH). He had three apparently new suitcases plus a suit box from a store in Jacksonville, North Carolina. CUNNINGHAM stated that the man made no mention of DR. KING or any racial overtones. He did think it a shame for troops to be on the street of WDC.

Above for info purposes

Might Clerk Wm S. Swine advised Relief Night Clerk Daniel Hersh, not available at time, was on duty during above period. He checked Registration Card for 4/13 & was unable identify any guest from above info. above contact by Lt. Lawrence G. Candatos 4/14

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TO : SAC, WFO (44-703) P

DATE: 4/25/68

FROM : SA JOHN L. PATTERSON

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Memo of Clerk Conrad Ring to SAC, WFO, 4/13/68.

On 4/15/68 Daniel Hirsh, clerk, Burlington Hotel, 1120 Vermont Ave., advised he was on duty at 2:00 am, 4/13/68. Hirsh was displayed an artists conception of the assassin and stated that he remembered checking into the hotel no person resembling the sketch. He remembered cashing a large bill for someone during the night but this person raised no suspicions in Hirsh and Hirsh was unable to remember the persons name. Hirsh could offer no description of the individual.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, WFO (44-703)

DATE: 4/24/68

FROM : SA ROBERT W. DAWSON

SUBJECT: MURKIN - CR

RE: JAMES EARL RAY, aka - FUGITIVE
IO # 41882
WF # 442-A
TOP TEN
CR - CONSPIRACY
UFAC - ROBBERY

Above is caption of case relating to the assassination of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr. The Bureau has instructed that under no circumstances should anyone be told this investigation is in connection with captioned matter.

Rev. MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr., was murdered at Memphis, Tennessee at about 6:03 p.m., on 4/4/68, by a single shot from a 30.06 rifle fired from a rooming house in the vicinity of KING's motel. KING was standing on a second floor deck at the time he was shot. The rifle and other items possessed by the killer who registered in the rooming house as JOHN WILLARD were abandoned at or near the rooming house. The killer is reported to have fled in a white Mustang automobile. The gun was purchased in Birmingham, Alabama by a HARVEY LOWMEYER or LOWMYER.

Investigation has disclosed one ERIC STARVO GALT was in Birmingham during the Fall of 1967 and was registered at a motel near Memphis the night before KING's murder.

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ERIC STARVO GALT was identified as JAMES EARL RAY by the FBI Identification Division and is now considered the subject of this case. His whereabouts are unknown.

The following is a description of RAY:

Name:	JAMES EARL RAY aka EARL JAMES RAY W.C. HERRON EARL JAMES JAMES MC BRIDE JAMES O'CONNER JAMES WALTON JAMES WALYON ERIC STARVO GALT JOHN WILLARD HARVEY LOWMYER "JIM"
Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Birth data:	Born At Decatur, Quincy, or Alton, Illinois
Height:	5'10"
Weight:	174
Complexion:	Ruddy
Eyes:	Blue
Hair:	Brown
Build:	Medium
Occupations:	Laborer and Baker
Scars and marks:	Small scar on center of forehead Scar in palm of right hand
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All Agents promptly contact all informants or potential informants and advise case Agent by routing slip of negative results. Positive information should receive immediate and preferred handling utilizing teletypes.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/26/19681

JAMES BONES, Postal Inspector, Room 3026, Main Post Office Building on April 26, 1968 delivered one mail order form addressed to the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office from ERIC S. GALT, E Street, Elberta, Alabama to HARRY J. HUMPHREY, Administrative Assistant to the Public Printer, Government Printing Office. The form ~~was~~ postmarked April 22, 1968, Pensacola, Florida.

BONES added the Postmaster in Elberta, Alabama said there is no such address. The above form was not in an envelope and so the form was postmarked and treated as a item of mail. No money was attached to the form for the cost of the book requested "Federal Income Tax".

J. ROBERT SIMS, Assistant Postal Inspector In Charge, Chattanooga, Tennessee forwarded it in an envelope to A. J. MURRAY, Postal Inspector In Charge, Washington, D. C. JAMES BONES, Postal Inspector received it on April 26, 1968.

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Date 4/26/19681

HARRY J. HUMPHREY, Administrative Assistant to the Public Printer, Government Printing Office, furnished a Mail Order Form to the Government Printing Office postmarked Pensacola, Florida, April 22, 1968, requesting a Federal Income Tax Book to be sent to ERIC STARVO GALT, E Street, Elberta, Alabama.

The above form was retained in the possession of SA ASHLAND until turned over to SA JAMES H. MORTIMER, FBI Laboratory on April 26, 1968.

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CARPER BUCKLEY, Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office said they do not have an account in the name of ERIC STARVO GALT. He added in answer to a request, the Government Printing Office sent today, a copy of the book "Federal Income Tax" to ERIC STARVO GALT, E Street, Elberta, Alabama. They also enclosed a letter stating the cost of the book and explaining the book was sent due to the nature of the request concerning income tax. An envelope addressed to the Government Printing Office was enclosed. BUCKLEY added he would advise the FBI if they receive a reply.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

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SAC, WFO (44-703)

ATTN: FBI LABORATORY

MURKIN

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A fingerprint and handwriting examination is requested of enclosed Mail Order Form.

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King Slaying Suspect Held Racist, Drug User

By JEREMIAH O'LEARY
Star Staff Writer

Convicts who served time with James Earl Ray, the man wanted in the slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., have told authorities Ray was a racist and a habitual user of amphetamines while in prison, it was learned today.

Ray, object of a manhunt that extends as far away as Mexico and West Germany, served sentences in Illinois, California, Missouri and the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kan. Some of his fellow prisoners have described him as an anti-Negro loner, who spent much of his time in jail reading sex books and girlie magazines.

The FBI declined comment on the accounts of Ray as a racist and user of pep pills.

The FBI also had nothing to say about reports that his sister, Melba Ryan of Quincy, Ill., thought he might have gone back to Germany where he served part of his three-year Army hitch from early 1946 until he was given a general discharge in late 1948 for lack of adaptability to GI life.

Mrs. Ryan said her brother, now 40, thoroughly enjoyed his tour of duty in Germany. She thought it likely he might have returned there if he was trying to hide.

The FBI has printed thousands

of wanted posters in Spanish for distribution in Mexico where Ray is known to have gone at some point after his escape on April 23, 1967, from the Missouri State Penitentiary in Jefferson City.

Ray's far-ranging travels after his escape is one of the major question marks facing investigators.

During the year from the date of his escape until April 4 when King was shot to death in Memphis, Tenn., Ray is said to have journeyed 19,000 miles.

He paid more than \$2,000 for a white Mustang, took expensive lessons in dancing studios and bartending schools and traveled from Birmingham to New Orleans, to California, to Mexico, to New Orleans again, then to Atlanta, and finally to Memphis, investigators say.

He has been connected with the car and rifle believed to have been used by King's slayer by his fingerprints and is wanted by the FBI on a warrant charging conspiracy in the death of King as well as for being a fugitive from the Missouri prison system.

Investigators do not know how Ray financed his purchases, his day-by-day expenses or his travels without any known job during the period after his escape.

Investigators are hopeful that widespread circulation of his photos and fingerprints, plus the \$150,000 in reward money offered for his apprehension, will lead them to Ray. Thousands of leads have been received and all are being checked out.

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Minuteman Gone A Year Probably Slain, Wife Says

SAN DIEGO, Calif. (AP) — Troy Houghton, head of California's Minutemen, has been missing for almost a year, says his wife, Bettie, and she believes the only "logical explanation is that he has been killed."

Houghton, 34, leader of the secret, superpatriotic armed organization, was free on bail and appealing his 1967 conviction and three-year prison sentence for a Firearms Act violation when she last heard from him in a telephone call last May from Independence, Mo., she said.

"I'd rather not go into who might have done it because there are so many possibilities," Mrs. Houghton said.

She said personal friends have investigated her husband's disappearance.

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ROBERT F. BENNETT, Washington Representative, Public Relations Office, J. C. Penney, Incorporated, Executive Building, 1030 15th Street, North West said he learned from his father Senator WALLACE BENNETT of Utah, the following:

On April 3, 1968, the day before the assassination of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, a group of industrialists in the Chicago area who have business interests in Utah gave a cocktail reception for Senator WALLACE BENNETT. Afterwards a smaller group of five or six of these industrialists had dinner with Senator BENNETT. One of these persons said a man who used to work for him was the personal chauffeur for Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING and this man came to him for advice. The chauffeur for KING said KING required him to carry over \$200,000.00 in cash in a black bag at all times. The chauffeur was concerned about his job as a chauffeur 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 CHARLEY BARR, Standard Oil of Indiana, telephone 312 431-6314, Chicago, Illinois. Also BARR was present at the dinner and could furnish the names of the persons present including the name of the person who formerly employed KING's chauffeur and related the information about a black bag containing \$200,000.00. ROBERT BENNETT added he had contacted his father Senator BENNETT for the name of the person but his father could not recall the name of the individual who related the incident.

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King 'Bounty' Claim Reported

DALTON, Ga. (UPI) — Fugitive James Earl Ray once said he would collect a "million-dollar bounty" put up by a mysterious "businessmen's association" for the death of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., according to a prison friend.

Ray, who escaped from the Missouri State Prison, has been charged with conspiracy and murder in the assassination of King at Memphis April 4.

Raymond Curtis, in jail here awaiting an appeal of a murder conviction, said he had served time with Ray in jail once and in prison twice and the matter of King first came up shortly after President John F. Kennedy was assassinated in 1963.

"Well, somebody made a pretty penny on that," Ray told Curtis after hearing of Kennedy's death.

About a week later, in the yard of the Jefferson City Prison, Curtis said a "new man just in off the street" told them "the businessmen's association has a million dollar bounty out for Martin Luther King."

He said Ray smiled and said: "If there's a million dollars out on King, I believe if I ever get out I'll collect it."

Curtis said the subject of King came up "a couple of times" thereafter. Curtis finally was freed and Ray fled the prison last year by hiding in a bread truck.

Curtis said he had no idea what the "businessmen's association" was. Authorities said yesterday they were pursuing several reports — some circulating in prisons — that there was a "contract" out for King's death.

Curtis said FBI agents have questioned him about his talks with Ray.

He said Ray used to talk about how he would handle an assassination. "He said he would buy a gun under a false name and have everything ready for an escape," Curtis said.

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Who Hired Dr. King's Assassin?

Who hired the assassin of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.? This is the challenging question being discussed behind the scenes as the law enforcement agencies of the federal, state and local governments are combining their efforts to capture the fugitive.

Suspicion points in the direction of Castro's Cuba, where the Red Chinese brand of communism is popular. It relies heavily on terrorism, political bombings and guerrilla tactics. A small clique of criminals has been engaging in conspiracies to carry on these activities in other countries in this hemisphere.

Within the past three years there have been attempted assassinations in Brazil and Bolivia and actual assassinations in Venezuela and Guatemala. In each case, a high official or former official active in public affairs was the target.

The FBI on Monday night sent out an order to police in Florida to be on the lookout for and pick up Eric Starvo Galt, the prime suspect in the killing of Dr. King.

An exhaustive check of fingerprints shows that Galt is the same person as James Earl Ray, who escaped from the Missouri state penitentiary in April 1967. An examination of Ray's crime record—covering a number of years and imprisonment several times—gives the impression that he is not an overly intelligent individual. His fellow prisoners say he was fanatically eager to accumulate money by any means possible. He was the type of man who might readily

have been enticed by the prospect of being paid a large sum if he disposed of King.

It seems unlikely that any of the racial groups inside the United States would have taken the risk of hiring someone to kill the Negro minister, particularly when there are so many other leaders to carry on with even more intensity the campaign he started. The search for a motive, therefore, turns toward the international side.

What advantage would it be to the Communists, for example to trigger Negro resentment by the killing of King and thus provoke disorders throughout the United States? Obviously, the assassination of one of the principal Negro leaders would cause deep emotion to be manifested and increase bitterness between the races. The Communists would look upon this as the fulfillment of one of their objectives.

The Red Chinese especially would like to see America in such great disorder that the government here would turn its attention from military operations in Vietnam and be compelled to concentrate on the home front.

Cuba as a base of operations is rather handy for the Communists. Their agents can come and go almost at will throughout the hemisphere. Several times in recent weeks planes have been hijacked over Florida and flown to Havana. Definite proof has been obtained that some of the troublemakers, detected in dif-

ferent Latin American countries, had come from Cuba and had been trained in provoking disorders. It is natural, therefore, for law enforcement agencies here to assume that the killer of King either has escaped to Cuba or is hiding in Florida in the hope of being smuggled to Havana.

A large amount of reward money, totaling more than \$100,000, has been offered for the capture of the assassin. Many people do not realize that a portion of the fund would go to anyone who furnished a clue which could lead to the capture of either Eric Starvo Galt or his fellow conspirators.

A small bit of information might prove very significant and result directly or indirectly in the arrest of the murderer. The wide publicity given the pictures of the suspected assassin is part of the effort to remind people who may have had some contact with the killer that the knowledge they possess could be of value in piecing together the story of what happened prior to the assassination.

A belief prevails here that Galt or Ray—whatever the name he uses—was not himself capable of planning the crime and that he must have had the guidance, if not the assistance, of other persons in a conspiracy. The general feeling now among those officials studying the case is that the killer was hired and was promised a large sum of money to perpetrate the crime.

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'If America wants to push Dr. King's method, it's got to push his purpose'

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Black Power militants are redefining the "nonviolence" slogan which leaders hailed for their civil rights movement during its formative days in the south.

To the militant "separatists," slain Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. is still their "man," they made clear recently at a Black Power rally held in a playground in Washington's Georgetown section.

But the militants offered few meanings for King's "nonviolence" slogan. They put the meanings on an oratorical parade at their rally held in the wake of Dr. King's death and the rioting that followed.

For a rally on the announced subject of "Why Did Washington Burn," they chose as their site an all-white residential area that was not touched by the rioting.

THE PANEL of speakers used the back of a truck for their platform. They addressed 500 persons who sat crosslegged on the grass. Most were young white couples in hippie garb.

There was only a scattering of colored people in the audience except for a solid row of tiny youngsters down front. Loudspeakers carried the words to standing onlookers who surrounded the playground, and also to clusters of police and soldiers on its fringes.

The general conclusion of the speakers, both white and colored, was that past rioting had all been caused by the racism of the nation's "sick" institutions. They were not worried about private "white racism" which the Kerner Report singled out.

THEIR AIM is to rebuild ghettos physically so they will exist for and by colored people and to rebuild the institutions that control them so they will have a voice in their own affairs.

But this was but a side issue in comparison to the weight of oratory on the subject of violence.

The Rev. James Bevil, a King aide from Atlanta, said, "The word 'nonviolence' was taken from Gandhi and according to

translation means political psychiatry."

King's doctrine, long credited with being modeled after Gandhi's "passive resistance" policy, has come under attack by his critics and foes in the south for a decade.

AT THE time of the rally Washington conservative groups had begun recirculating printed copies of a long criticism of King taken from the Congressional Record of Oct. 4, 1967.

Rep. John M. Ashbrook, R-Ohio, criticized King for 12 pages in the record on that date, citing instances of violence which occurred at the scenes of King's nonviolence demonstrations.

"While preaching nonviolence," Ashbrook concluded, "I believe the record clearly shows him to be an apostle of violence."

THE ORATORS at the black power rally batted the word nonviolence back and forth like a shuttlecock until they seemed almost to support Ashbrook's opinion but for entirely different reasons.

Then Dick Gregory, the

entertainer, took over as the featured speaker. Wearing blue coveralls, a lavender shirt with cufflinks, long black beads and boots, Gregory unveiled the "groovy" idea that there are "degrees of nonviolence."

"You white people got to decide what degree you want us to give you," he said.

His oratorical hour was an hour of bitter mockery with only occasional humor. At one point he sarcastically intoned words of the Declaration of Independence and ended with a prolonged, stage laugh, "Ha, Ha, ha, ha, ha, ha, ha, ha, ha, ha, ha, ha, ha, ha, ha."

IN A rare bit of clearly intended humor he feigned unfamiliarity with the word "martyr," which has been widely applied to King since his death.

He said of the underprivileged people in ghettos, whom he alternately called "N—" or "Cats": "They can't spell martyr. He (King) was their 'man,' baby!"

The student-aged, seated crowd laughed when Grego-

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ry mockingly apologized for Washington's ghetto dwellers who rioted early this month instead of waiting for the long hot summer.

He added, now leaving it questionable whether he was being literal or making a joke:

—"Don't kill no more colored leaders in the spring if you don't want to have riots until summer. . ."

—"If you think you can stop a riot by calling the National Guard — nature don't play games. A tight shoe makes a bunion. The bunion soon wears out the shoe."

—After explaining how pent up water behind a hydroelectric dam generates electric power — "If you bottle up 22 million colored people they'll light up a town, too."

RETURNING to King's nonviolence slogan, Gregory said it represented King's method of trying to obtain justice for Black America.

Gregory then shouted: "Damn the method. If America wants to push his method it's got to push his purpose."

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Suspect in 'Top Ten'

WASHINGTON — As the FBI placed pen escapee James Earl Ray on the "Top 10" most wanted list as a suspect in Dr. Martin Luther King's death, the conspiracy angle was taking on new importance.

Authorities learned that Ray, also known as Eric Starvo Galt, was a strong supporter of the presidential ambitions of Alabama's segregationist former governor, George Wallace.

It also was learned that Ray had made trips to New Orleans, focal point in the continued investigation into the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

The FBI reportedly has shown keen interest in Ray's trips to New Orleans.

QUESTIONS ABOUT whether Dr. King's killer was paid took on a new significance.

Buying new cars and traveling about the country at will did not seem to be the type thing a partially unemployed could handle without funds coming in from some source.

Meanwhile, working now with a positive identification the FBI pushed an international hunt for the suspect.

There is still over \$150,000 in reward money being offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the killer and a number of private sleuths have joined the search.

Ray reportedly gave California family a free ride to New Orleans after

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talking them into signing a petition to help get Wallace on the ballot.

FBI DIRECTOR, J. Edgar Hoover said Ray was a special addition to the "ten most wanted fugitives" list "to insure the widest possible dissemination" of pictures and description "to help effect his earliest possible location."

Ray, who has been sought under the alias Eric Starvo Galt, has been the subject of an intensive search since King was felled by a bullet as he stood on the balcony of a Memphis, Tenn., motel April 4.

On Wednesday, the FBI obtained a warrant in Birmingham, Ala., charging Galt with conspiring to interfere with the constitutional right of a United States Citizen. Friday, the law enforcement agency identified Galt as Ray, who escaped from the Missouri State Prison system April 23 1967.

The FBI SAID it was Ray who had registered in a rooming house near the motel where King was staying and was assigned the room from which the fatal shot was fired.

A comparison of the latent fingerprints uncovered in the Room with 53,000 in FBI files determined Galt and Ray are identical.

The FBI files determined Galt and Ray are identical.

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

RAY, NOW 40, was reportedly born in Alton, Ill. He has a criminal record dating to 1949. At the time of his escape from the Mis-

souri State Prison he was serving a 20-year, habitual criminal sentence from armed robbery and automobile theft.

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

The officer described Ray as a "Catholic who did not attend church services."

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

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

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

Sources close to the investigation of King's slaying theorized the name Eric Starvo Galt may have been a code name for the murder of King at Memphis.

The name appears in too many scattered places at about the same time under varying descriptions of its user to be one man, these sources said.

U.S. and Mexican officials were reported Friday to be hunting "unofficially" for Ray in Mexico, where rumors have spread of his presence in the past two

weeks.

An FBI alert has been issued in Southeast California, adjacent to Arizona and Mexico, for a man fitting Ray's description.

RAY WAS working in the food service section of the Missouri State Prison when he fled by hiding in a bread truck. A year earlier, he had tried to escape by hiding in the prison's ventilator system, but he was discovered.

Warden Harold Swenson said in 1966 mental examination Ray had no personality troubles or adjustment difficulties not common to confined men. "He was an evasive type person," said Swenson. "I don't think anybody either liked him or disliked him."

After quitting school he drifted for several years, once working as a 77-cent-an-hour laborer in a Hartford, Ill., show company, and joined the army in 1946. He spent two years and four months in Germany as an infantryman and military policeman and received a general discharge in 1948 due to ineptness and lack of adaptability for military service. He received a three-month sentence in the army for being drunk and breaking arrest.

He was unemployed until 1949, when he held a job briefly in a Chicago rubber company. He went to Los Angeles and his trouble with the law began.

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

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

MURKIN

Re telephone calls to BA (Hyattsville RA), 4/23, 24, and 25/68; and BA telephone call to WFO 4/25/68.

Re CHARLES LEROY SELL

On 4/25/68, Mr. BEN R. WALLS, Assistant Business Manager, American Council on Education, 1735 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., advised that SELL had been regularly employed by this company since 6/26/67 as a computer programmer. WALLS advised that SELL is approximately 28 years of age, 5 feet 6 inches, 175 pounds, heavy build, and did not fit the description of subject, JAMES EARL RAY.

Inasmuch as SELL has been regularly employed in the Washington area since June, 1967, he is not identical with RAY and no further investigation is being conducted by WFO.

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TO ALL SACS RELAY MESSAGE PLAN

FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 1P

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MURKIN.

THE MAIN FILE ON KING HAS BEEN REVIEWED AT THE BUREAU AND LEADS ARE BEING SENT OUT CONCERNING PERSONS INVOLVED IN PRIOR THREATS AGAINST KING. THESE LEADS AS WELL AS LEADS CONCERNING ANY OTHER SUSPECTS DEVELOPED FROM ANY SOURCE MUST BE GIVEN IMMEDIATE AND THOROUGH HANDLING ON A TOP PRIORITY BASIS. PROCESS HAS BEEN OBTAINED AGAINST JAMES EARL RAY AND EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION IS CONTINUING TO LOCATE RAY AND TO ESTABLISH MOTIVE OF CRIME. YOU HAVE BEEN AND WILL BE FURNISHED INFORMATION RELATING TO OTHER POSSIBLE CONSPIRATORS. THESE MUST ALL BE THOROUGHLY RESOLVED NO MATTER HOW REMOTE.

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URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI, SAC'S ATLANTA
MEMPHIS
RICHMOND

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

MURKIN

RE ATLANTA TEL TO BUREAU, MEMPHIS, KNOXVILLE, RICHMOND,
AND WFO, 4/25/68, AND WFO AIRTEL TO BUREAU, 4/23/68.

ON APRIL TWENTY-SIX, NINETEEN SIXTY-EIGHT, HANNAH FORD,
SUPERVISOR, PAN AMERICAN AIRLINES, WASHINGTON, D.C., ADVISED
THAT PAN AMERICAN HAS NO INFORMATION CONCERNING THE NAMES NORMA
PERRY, NORM PERRY, N. PERRY OR PERRY ON FLIGHT ONE, ZERO, SIX,
APRIL SIX, NINETEEN SIXTY-EIGHT. SHE SAID THAT IF PERRY HAD
BOOKED PASSAGE THROUGH DELTA AIRLINES, ONLY DELTA, AT ATLANTA,
WOULD HAVE THE BACKGROUND INFORMATION.

MISS FORD ADVISED THAT SHE WOULD CHECK ON PASSENGER
J. C. VAUGH, WASH. D.C., FLIGHT NUMBER ONE ZERO SIX FROM

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ATLANTA TO LONDON, ON APRIL FIVE, NINETEEN SIXTY-EIGHT, AND SHE WOULD HAVE THE INFORMATION ON APRIL TWENTY-NINE, NINETEEN SIXTY-EIGHT.

WFO IS CHECKING TELEPHONE NUMBERS RELATED TO VAUGH.

ATLANTA CONTACT DELTA AIRLINES, ATLANTA, FOR INFO CONCERNING NORMA PERRY.

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

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

MURKIN

ReLAtel 4/22/68 and WFOtel 4/23/68, concerning review of U. S. Postal Money Orders.

Review of Postal Money Orders as set forth in referenced WFO teletype completed 4/26/68 with negative results.

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Capt. William O. Wood, ASI
31 Calvert Street, N. W.,
Washington, D. C. 20009

April 22, 1968

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th N. W.
Washington, District of Columbia

Subject: INVESTIGATION OF DR. KING'S ASSASSIN, RE: GALT-RAY.

My Dear Mr. Hoover:

I wish to inform you that I have some very 'hot' leads on your 11th most wanted man, James Earl Ray; alias Eric Starvo Galt, John Willard, Harvy Lowmyer and obviously many others.

I do not believe that this man you are really searching for is the true assassin of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., who was gunned down in Memphis, Tennessee on the evening of April 4, 1968. It is quite possible he may be connected with a conspiracy plot of which was well planned some time prior to the shooting.

Here are some detailed pointers that have puzzled me in many ways:

1. In the first place when Attorney General Clark went to Memphis after King was slain immediately said there was no conspiracy involved. Later on Galt was charged in conspiring to King's death by a single rifle shot.

2. It was reported that Ray was in the Missouri State Prison during the years of 1964-65. Remember at this same time Galt was taking dancing lessons in New Orleans, Louisiana.

3. How about the true age of the suspect? I believe witnesses at the Lorraine Motel estimated his age at around 25 to 30. Your office in issuing the warrent for Galt gave his date of birth as [redacted]. My calculation by this account would say that he is now 36 years of age. On Friday, April 19, 1968 your headquarters announced he was 40.

4. I have through good sources discovered that Ray was very careless and did not give much of a 'hoot' about his appearances. On the other hand Galt tried his very best to appear very neat and well dressed at all times.

5. Also Galt was quite fond of beer and vodka while Ray was non-drinker.

6. Last but not least Ray was born in Alton, Illinois with obviously no Southern accent wherefore Galt was noted as quite Southern and good ole' Hill-Billy music.

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In order that I will be able to conduct a proper investigation that may perhaps lead to the apprehension and arrest of this 'dangerous criminal', I must first have full authority in the form of a Commission issued by your Department or the President of the United States. It must be necessary that I have a proper permit to carry a weapon as authorized for Special Investigators in such cases. I will further need a clear photo (front and side view) of the suspect.

My commission was denied by the Metropolitan Police Department over two (2) years ago. I have written several letters to Chief of Police Layton, Director of Safety Murphy, D. C. Mayor Washington, U. S. President Johnson along with many other high officials. I failed to receive any response whatsoever in most cases. In other words I have not been properly informed as to the reason why my commission is being denied in this instance.

Many times within the past Mr. Hoover, I have had the opportunity to help in the apprehension of criminals, but without the authority, I am more or less just like the other average citizens, "I do not care to get involved".

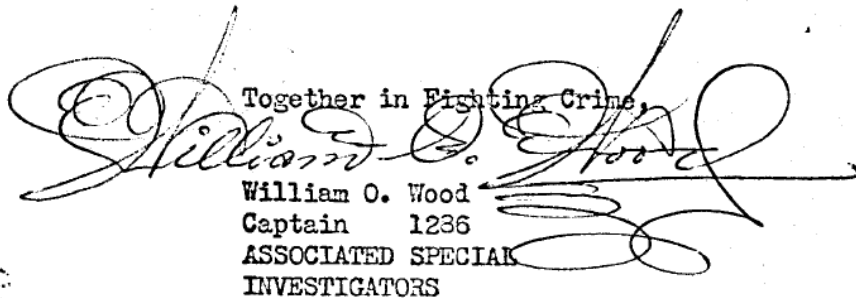
Another point I would like to mention here if I may; I do not approve of the "Poor Peoples Campaign March" on Washington early in May. Although it is intended as non-violent, it is quite evident that we will witness a lot more looting, rioting and burning. I herewith predict that the worse will come to happen around Monday, May 13, 1968, the week after "MOTHER'S DAY".

If something isn't soon done in order to combat crime and disorder within our cities, we are heading for one of the worse revolutions of our time. The so called Militant leaders are teaching (behind closed doors) their followers just how they can win by breaking law and order.. They must be punished for the crimes they have committed regardless of the cost.

I honestly believe Mr. Hoover, you and your staff of some 6,000 Special Agents are doing a magnificent job. This is one great reason I would be highly honored to work with you.

I will be expecting a prompt answer along with my Official Credentials before it is too late.

I thank you Mr. Hoover.

Together in Fighting Crime,

William O. Wood
Captain 1236
ASSOCIATED SPECIAL
INVESTIGATORS

F B I

Date: 4/26/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via Airtel _____
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To: SAC, Washington Field

✓ From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re William O. Wood - Complainant.

Enclosed for Washington Field are two copies of a letter from William O. Wood dated 4/22/68. One copy is enclosed for Memphis.

Washington Field should immediately contact Wood and interview him for any information he may have in his possession regarding this case or any other information he may have which would fall within the Bureau's investigative jurisdiction. Submit reply under appropriate caption.

At time of interview, orally acknowledge receipt of his letter and impress upon him that the Bureau can in no way assist him in obtaining a permit to carry a weapon. Also stress that the Bureau cannot grant or award him any "commission." Be certain that he understands he is not to consider himself an employee of the FBI.

See your letter to the Bureau dated 11/16/65, captioned, "William Odus Wood, Identification (Fingerprint Matters)."

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, WFO(44-703)

DATE: 4/27/68

FROM : SA Haskell L. Broyles(Duty Agent)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CIVIL RIGHTS

See serial 429
At 10:20 PM Mr John Loepscher, 1801 "F" St., NW, WDC, Telephone ME 8-1801, who is the butler for Mrs Roberto Low Bacon at the above address called and advised that he saw an individual that he believed to be identical with James Earl Ray. He stated that this individual was wearing over-sized horn-rimmed glasses, tan hat, new tan raincoat and a Sherlock Holmes-type pipe. He stated that he saw this person on the street near the YMCA on 19th St., around the corner from the residence during his evening walk. He stated that from a side view the person resembled Ray and that about 8:20 PM he went into the Athletic Club. *Wickinson*

At 10:55 PM Mr Daniel Schwartz, 354 39th St., N.W., IDC, Apt. 509E, Telephone 966-3596, called and advised that at about 10:30 PM he was driving down Massachusetts Ave., and he noticed a light off-white mustang with an individual driving which appeared to be lost or looking for an address. He stated that this individual turned off Mass. Ave. at 15th Street and was driving into the business section of town. He stated that the Mustang had Georgia License BY 8673. There were no other occupants in the car and that the driver appeared to fit the description of Ray. He stated that what made him suspicious was the fact that the driver of the car appeared to be lost, did not know his way around and appeared to be looking for an address. *See serial 346*



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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) (P)

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

MURKIN

Re: NORM FERRY, look-a-like.

Re Alexandria telephone call to WFO, 4/24/68.

On 4/24/68, SA E. STEVEN POLACHEK contacted Miss HANNAH FORD, Supervisor, Pan American Airlines, 16th and K Streets, N.W., WDC, regarding NORM FERRY, who had been a passenger aboard Delta flight number 106 from Atlanta to WDC on 4/6/68. FERRY had a stopover at Dulles Airport, Virginia, and then continued on to London, England, on a Pan American flight.

Miss FORD advised that it would take two days for her to obtain the Pan American record on FERRY.

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AT WASHINGTON, D.C. Will contact Miss HARRIET FORD,
Pan American Airlines, WDC on 4/26/68, re information concern-
ing NORM FERRY.

DAVID LAWRENCE

Who Hired Dr. King's Assassin?

Who hired the assassin of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.? This is the challenging question being discussed behind the scenes as the law enforcement agencies of the federal, state and local governments are combining their efforts to capture the fugitive.

Suspicion points in the direction of Castro's Cuba, where the Red Chinese brand of communism is popular. It relies heavily on terrorism, political bombings and guerrilla tactics. A small clique of criminals has been engaging in conspiracies to carry on these activities in other countries in this hemisphere.

Within the past three years there have been attempted assassinations in Brazil and Bolivia and actual assassinations in Venezuela and Guatemala. In each case, a high official or former official active in public affairs was the target.

The FBI on Monday night sent out an order to police in Florida to be on the lookout for and pick up Eric Starvo Galt, the prime suspect in the killing of Dr. King.

An exhaustive check of fingerprints shows that Galt is the same person as James Earl Ray, who escaped from the Missouri state penitentiary in April 1967. An examination of Ray's crime record—covering a number of years and imprisonment several times—gives the impression that he is not an overly intelligent individual. His fellow prisoners say he was fanatically eager to accumulate money by any means possible. He was the type of man who might readily

have been enticed by the prospect of being paid a large sum if he disposed of King.

It seems unlikely that any of the racial groups inside the United States would have taken the risk of hiring someone to kill the Negro minister, particularly when there are so many other leaders to carry on with even more intensity the campaign he started. The search for a motive, therefore, turns toward the international side.

What advantage would it be to the Communists, for example to trigger Negro resentment by the killing of King and thus provoke disorders throughout the United States? Obviously, the assassination of one of the principal Negro leaders would cause deep emotion to be manifested and increase bitterness between the races. The Communists would look upon this as the fulfillment of one of their objectives.

The Red Chinese especially would like to see America in such great disorder that the government here would turn its attention from military operations in Vietnam and be compelled to concentrate on the home front.

Cuba as a base of operations is rather handy for the Communists. Their agents can come and go almost at will throughout the hemisphere. Several times in recent weeks planes have been hijacked over Florida and flown to Havana. Definite proof has been obtained that some of the troublemakers, detected in dif-

ferent Latin American countries, had come from Cuba and had been trained in provoking disorders. It is natural, therefore, for law enforcement agencies here to assume that the killer of King either has escaped to Cuba or is hiding in Florida in the hope of being smuggled to Havana.

A large amount of reward money, totaling more than \$100,000, has been offered for the capture of the assassin. Many people do not realize that a portion of the fund would go to anyone who furnished a clue which could lead to the capture of either Eric Starvo Galt or his fellow conspirators.

A small bit of information might prove very significant and result directly or indirectly in the arrest of the murderer. The wide publicity given the pictures of the suspected assassin is part of the effort to remind people who may have had some contact with the killer that the knowledge they possess could be of value in piecing together the story of what happened prior to the assassination.

A belief prevails here that Galt or Ray—whatever the name he uses—was not himself capable of planning the crime and that he must have had the guidance, if not the assistance, of other persons in a conspiracy. The general feeling now among those officials studying the case is that the killer was hired and was promised a large sum of money to perpetrate the crime.

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TO : DIRECTOR (44-38861) SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) SAC, ATLANTA
(44-2386)
FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

MURKIN

RE WFO TEL TO DIRECTOR, CHICAGO, MINNEAPOLIS AND PHILADELPHIA,
APRIL TWENTY-FOUR LAST; WFO TEL TO DIRECTOR, CHICAGO, MINNEAPOLIS,
PHILADELPHIA AND ST. LOUIS, APRIL TWENTY-FOUR LAST AND ST.
LOUIS TEL TO DIRECTOR, CHICAGO AND MEMPHIS, INSTANT DATE.

MORT ROTHSTING, ATTORNEY OF VA REGIONAL OFFICE, CHICAGO,
^{SUBJECT'S}
ADVISED TODAY, VA CLAIM FILE NUMBER [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] INACTIVE SINCE MARCH FIFTEEN, FIFTY-FIVE AND
RETIRED TO FEDERAL RECORDS CENTER, CHICAGO, AND SUBSEQUENTLY
FORWARDED TO VA RECORD PROCESSING CENTER, FOUR THREE ZERO ZERO
GOODFELLOW BOULEVARD, BUILDING ONE ZERO FOUR E, ST. LOUIS,
MISSOURI.

BILL CIRONE, ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION, VA REGIONAL OFFICE,
CHICAGO, ADVISED TODAY THAT INACTIVE REHABILITATION AND
EDUCATION FOLDERS INCLUDING RAY'S, WERE DESTROYED APPROXIMATELY
TWO YEARS AGO.

AM COPIES TO KANSAS CITY AND WFO.

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RICHMOND (

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

MURKIN OO: MEMPHIS

RE: THREATS TO MARTIN LUTHER KING

RE CHICAGO AIRTEL AND LHM DATED APRIL TWELVE, SIXTY EIGHT
CAPTIONED NSWPP; JOHN MEDIZER.

JOHN C. MEDIZER, WHITE MALE, BORN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES, ONE HUNDRED FORTY FIVE POUNDS,
BLOND HAIR, BLUE EYES, WAS ACTIVE IN CHICAGO UNIT NATIONAL
SOCIALIST WHITE PEOPLE'S PARTY (NSWPP) DURING SUMMER AND FALL,
NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN.

MEDIZER LIVED FOR TIME AT NSWPP HEADQUARTERS AND ALSO AT
DIPLOMAT HOTEL, CHICAGO. HE WORKED AT ROTO PRINT COMPANY,
CHICAGO UNTIL MARCH TWENTY NINE, SIXTY EIGHT, WHEN HE QUIT
HIS JOB.

CHICAGO NSWPP SOURCE ADVISED MEDIZER BELIEVED ORIGINALLY
FROM WEST FRANKFORT, ILLINOIS AND REPORTEDLY WORKED PRIOR TO

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CHICAGO AS DRUMMER IN NIGHT SPOTS IN DALLAS, TEXAS AREA.

WHILE ACTIVE IN NSWPP AFFAIRS MEDIZER PARTICIPATED IN DEMONSTRATIONS INCLUDING DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST ANTI VIETNAM PEACE DEMONSTRATIONS WASHINGTON, D.C., OCTOBER TWENTY, TWENTY ONE, SIXTY SEVEN.

VINCENT BURNELL, FORMER ROTO PRINT COMPANY, HAS ADVISED MEDIZER HAS SSN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WAS SHOP WORKER. MEDIZER FREQUENTLY BRAGGED TO COWORKERS ABOUT HIS NAZI PARTY ACTIVITIES AND DISPLAYED LITERATURE AND OTHER NAZI ITEMS. ON MARCH TWENTY, SIXTY EIGHT MEDIZER ADVISED HE WAS QUITTING JOB TO WORK FOR NAZIS IN ARGENTINA, REPORTEDLY ON "FORGED PASSPORT." HE INDICATED HE FIRST WOULD VISIT FRIENDS IN DALLAS.

MEDIZER ALSO DURING EMPLOYMENT MADE VAGUE THREATS AGAINST MARTIN LUTHER KING AND THAT HE WOULD "TAKE CARE OF HIM."

SUBSEQUENTLY MEDIZER PICKED UP PAYCHECK ON MARCH TWENTY NINE, SIXTY EIGHT, STATED HIS PRESENT PLANS INCLUDED A VISIT TO ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, THEN TRIP TO WASHINGTON, D.C. AREA WHERE HE WOULD DISCUSS HIS PLANS WITH MAJOR KOEHL (MATT KOEHL OF NSWPP) AT ARLINGTON AND DO WHAT EVER "THE MAJOR" WANTED HIM TO DO.

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HE INDICATED HIS PLANS MAY NOT INCLUDE A TRIP TO ARGENTINA
DEPENDING ON WHAT KOEHL HAD TO SAY.

PASSPORT RECORDS, CHICAGO NEGATIVE RE MEDIZER.

MRS. MORRIS, DIPLOMAT HOTEL, CHICAGO HAS ADVISED MEDIZER
LEFT HOTEL LAST OF MARCH STATING HE WAS GOING TO AUSTRALIA.
TALKED OF NAZI ACTIVITIES AT HOTEL, NOTHING SPECIFIC RECALLED.
LEFT NO FORWARDING ADDRESS.

CHICAGO NSWPP SOURCES HAVE NO INFORMATION RE MEDIZER'S
CURRENT WHEREABOUTS. HAVE NO INFORMATION RE MEDIZER INVOLVEMENT
RE MURKIN.

BASED ON STATEMENT MADE RE KING, MEDIZER SHOULD BE LOCATED
AND INTERVIEWED.

RICHMOND AT ARLINGTON CONTACT MATT KOEHL,
NSWPP TO DETERMINE IF MEDIZER LOCATED THERE AND INTERVIEW RE
POSSIBLE INVOLVEMENT MURKIN. IF NOT LOCATED SUTEL LEADS TO
LOCATE.

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WFO.**

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Date: 4/25/68

Transmit the following in _____
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(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) -P-
RE: MURKIN
CR

Re ME airtel to All Continental Offices, 4/19/68, requesting that all laundries determined to be using Thermo-Seal laundry marking machines be contacted in effort to locate laundry marking "20R-3", and LA teletype to Bureau, 4/18/68.

All offices discontinue efforts to locate inasmuch as laundry mark identified as coming from laundry in Culver City, California, per Los Angeles teletype to Bureau, 4/18/68.

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Dawson *Petty* *R.H.*

Approved: *R. Jensen*
Special Agent in Charge

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