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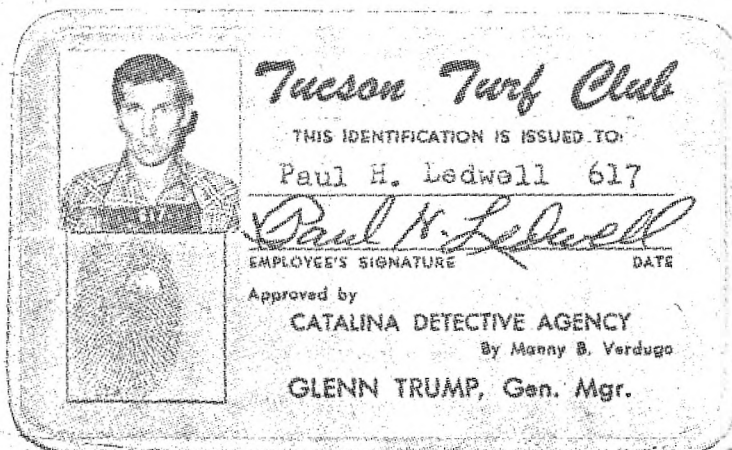
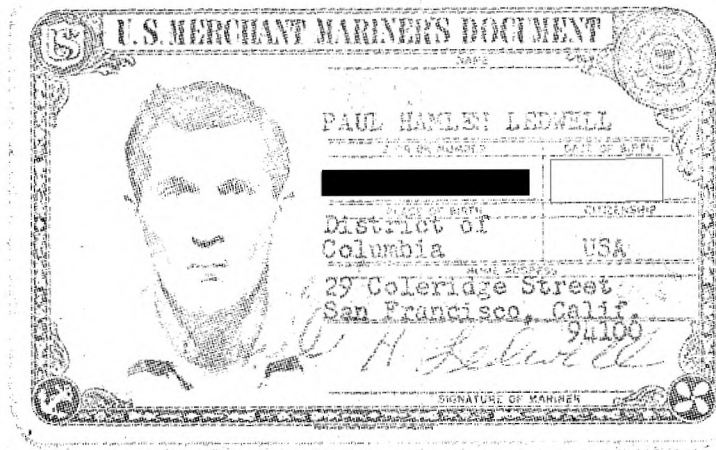
HOADLEY said that just as a matter of conversation while talking with LEDWELL on 4/17/68, concerning the dexatrene, he happened to think that he had read in the newspapers about GALT being a merchant seaman and for this reason remarked to LEDWELL, "Do you know the man who killed KING?". He said LEDWELL stated he did not know GALT but that he had written his name on a piece of paper which he had in his billfold. GALT then located this piece of paper. HOADLEY made available a xerox copy of this note which is as follows:

HOADLEY said LEDWELL had in his possession two other small pieces of paper which contained the telephone number 632-6224 of the FBI Resident Agency Office at Cheyenne, Wyoming and the ~~xxxxxxx~~ telephone number 222-5981 and address of the Denver Office of the FBI and "COBLE SA".

HOADLEY advised that in his opinion LEDWELL is definitely a mental case. He said that while talking with LEDWELL he remarked that he could hear a motor running and that it was "causing pressure on him from all sides". He said LEDWELL said he also had some "ideas on how to drill a hole through the center of the earth", and when asked to explain these remarks LEDWELL became angry and upset and said he did not care to discuss it further. He also said LEDWELL would eat his meals and then ask for the dexatrene rather than taking it before eating to curb his appetite.

xerox

HOADLEY made available/copies of U. S. Merchant Mariner's Document No. [REDACTED], Tucson Turf Club ID Card No. 617, and teletype from the PD and SO, Carson City, Nevada, dated 4/17/68, which are set out as follows:




1967-68 Season

DATE NATURALIZED		NATURALIZATION No.		DATE FIRST PAPERS		ALIEN REGISTRATION No.	
+		+		+		+	
HEIGHT	WEIGHT	COMPLEXION	COLOR HAIR	COLOR EYES	SOCIAL SECURITY No.		
5-2 1/2	122	Ruddy	Brown	Blue			

ISSUED BY U. S. COAST GUARD

At San Francisco, California
ON 2-23-68 FOR

Ordinary Seaman
Lifeboatman


SIGNATURE OF ISSUING OFFICER
By Division, Chief of Charge, Marine Inspection
TITLE
COMMANDER USCG

V
PD CARSON CITY NEVADA 4-17-68 0130AM PDT

POLICE DEPARTMENT LARAMIE WYOMING

REFER SGT BROWN

REFER YOUR 53 LRP 4-16-68 ON SUBJECT PAUL HAWLEN LEDWELL DOB [REDACTED]

WASHINGTON D C BRN BLU 5FT3 155LBS FBI NO 89-214-B

SS NO [REDACTED] RECORD AS FOLLOWS

12-14-46 US ARMY AWOL NO DISP

5-11-52 GREELEY COLO DIST PEACE \$65.00 AND 30 DYS

MAQUATE LOS ANGELES CALIF SUBP R. PD NO DISP

5-5-53 LARAMIE WYO DRUNK FINED \$10.00

2-8-62 LAS VEGAS NEVADA MENTAL INV AND VIE NO DISP

4-6-62 RAWLINS WYO DISORDERLY PERSON \$30.00 AND 60 DYS

10-6-64 OCALA FLORIDA TRESPASSING \$17.00 AND 30 DYS

5-17-65 SALINA KANSAS VAG NO DISP

5-29-65 SPRINGFIELD ILLINOIS PATIENT NO DISP

7-20-65 NOWATA OKLAHOMA EXCESSIVE USE NARCOTICS RELEASED

8-29-65 SAN DIEGO CALIF INV ROBE POSS DRUGS DANGEROUS DRUGS WAS
PLACED ON DETENTION ONLY NOT AN ARREST

9-18-66 MARTINEZ CALIF BURG 4 MONTHS AND 4 MONTHS PROB

7-28-67 LAS VEGAS NEVADA UNLAWFUL WEAR OF ARMED FORCES UNIFORM. *earned 60 days*

~~NO DISPS GIVEN~~ *in Clark County Jail per message from Clark County Co on 4/17/68.*

12-30-67 SAN DIEGO CALIF POSS DANGEROUS DRUGS FOUND NOT GUILTY

1-27-68 SAN BERNARDINO CALIF TRAFFIC VIOL NO DISPO

2-8-68 SPARKS NEVADA DEFR INMATEPER \$50.00 AND 12 DYS

MAQIAYI CARSON CITY NEVADA SLEEPER

2-21-68 RANTHORNE NEVADA SLEEPER

THIS IS ALL ON SUBJECT THIS DEPT HAS NO WANTS THIS DEPT

R & HUMPHREY SHERIFF ORMSBY COUNTY CARSON CITY NEVADA

RCW

Hoadley also made available a photo of Ledwell made by
Taramie PD on 4/18/68.

On 4/18/68, PAUL HAMLEN LEDWELL was interviewed at the Laramie, Wyoming PD. He said he is a jockey and ordinary Merchant Seaman Lifeboatman by profession and has spent a lot of time breaking thoroughbred horses. He said he applied for and obtained a new Merchant Marine ID card at San Francisco on 2/23/68. He said his last sea voyage was from 11/64, to 5/65.

LEDWELL said he uses a good deal of dexadrene to keep his weight down since he is a jockey. LEDWELL appeared extremely nervous and when asked questions he would appear not to understand the meaning of the question and, when he would answer, his answers either did not relate to the questions asked or he was non-specific generally. He denied having ever been committed to any mental institution but admitted he had been picked up on other occasions in connection with alleged narcotic violations, however on each occasion it was because he was using dexadrene.

LEDWELL said he was in the county jail at Las Vegas, Nevada for about two months from July to September 1967, and thereafter worked for about two months for LEE THOMISON, Tucson, Arizona, breaking horses, and lived on THOMISON's ranch. He said that since about December 1967, he has either been in jail or slept outside in his bedroll ~~except~~ except for what time he stayed at the residence of BURT CLARK, 29 Coleridge Street, San Francisco, California in March 1968, and eleven days which he worked for FRANK HILL, rancher at Saratoga, Wyoming subsequent to leaving Saratoga on 4/15/68, and hitchhiking to Laramie, Wyoming. He said he has had no other regular employment, having worked for a day or two in several ^{various} restaurants in Nevada, ~~and~~ California and Arizona just to obtain some money to buy meals and dexadrene.

LEDWELL said he has read in the newspapers where ERIC STARVO GALT was a suspect in the murder of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr., and that GALT was supposed to have been a former merchant seaman. He said that upon his arrival in Laramie on 4/15/68, from Saratoga, Wyoming, he wrote the name of GALT ~~and wrote~~ on a piece of paper which he retained in his billfold. He said he quite often writes down names and FBI office numbers when he sees a name in newspapers in which the FBI has an interest, and later drops these notes, sometimes signing his name to them, in trash cans in Federal Building trash cans and hopes the FBI will find them. He remarked, ~~his~~ "I'll bet they just ignore my codes". He explained that what appears to be "F. B. I." on the piece of paper made available by Detective HOADLEY is not really "F.B.I." but is "F.3.I.", and that the "B." only looks like a "B." because he extended the "T" in the word "entered" down through the "B." as part of his private code. *He said he obtained name of SA Coble + Denver FBI file number about 10 days ago when he called Denver office from Saratoga & inquired if Coble's office was to what qualifications were necessary for FBI employment at which time SA Coble was out of the office.*

LEDWELL said he never heard of GALT until he saw the name in the newspapers recently, has never seen a picture of GALT, and knows nothing about him. He further stated he has been only in the States of Arizona, Utah, Nevada, California, and Wyoming during the past two years. He said he was last at Littleton, Colorado in the summer of 1964, and at that time he was acquainted with IVAN THOMAS, General Manager, Centennial Race Track, and he planned to contact THOMAS when he gets out of jail at Laramie to see if he can go to work in the Littleton area breaking horses and possibly getting his weight down so he can work as a jockey. He said he was barred from the Sunland Park Race Track at El Paso, Texas during the racing season 1962-1963. He said that in the summer of 1966 he was self-employed ~~during~~ breaking horses around Craig, Colorado.

In view of the obvious poor mental condition of LEDWELL and no indication he knows GALT no additional investigation being conducted and information obtained from Laramie PD and GALT are submitted for information of the file.

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LEDWELL furnished the following background and descriptive data:

Name	PAUL HAMLEN LEDWELL, Jr.
Race	white
Sex	male
Born	[redacted], Washington, D. C.
Height	5' 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Weight	136
Complexion	Ruddy
Hair	dark brown
Eyes	blue
Soc. Sec. No.	[redacted]
Intelligence	
Marital status	divorced
Relatives	Ex-wife, DONNA BELL KENDRICK LEDWELL HUGHES, resided at 319 Buffalo, Rawlins, Wyoming, 7/67, but present address unknown. LEDWELL claimed he was unable to locate her during past 2 months while in Saratoga-Rawlins area. Father, PAUL HAMLEN LEDWELL, Sr., divorced many years and whereabouts unknown for at least 30 years; Step-father, HARRY JOUBERT, and Mother, Mrs. HARRY JOUBERT, resided somewhere in Jacksonville, Florida in 1964, when LEDWELL last heard from them; Sister, DELORES LEDWELL, formerly DELORES LEDWELL PETIT (divorced), employed by Vanguard Private Detective Agency, New York City, 1964, when LEDWELL last heard from her.
Children	LEDWELL claims he has 5 children which are in custody of their mother, DONNA HUGHES.

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TO: SAC, ALBANY

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

SUBJECT: MURKIN - COST DATA

ReButel to ME 4/17/68.

For information of all offices, the Bureau by retel requested of the Memphis Division as follows:

"Please furnish following information on above matter compiled or estimated through 4/30/68, and thereafter submit cumulative totals through the end of each month until further notice:

- 1) Number of man hours spent on case broken down as to regular hours, overtime hours, and total man hours by following employees (separate figures for each class of employees shown):
 - A. Special Agents
 - B. Clerical Employees
- 2) Total mileage (estimated or actual) traveled by Bucars used on case. Include mileage for cars traveling to and from other field offices on special assignment and any personally-owned cars.
- 3) Any unusual or out-of-ordinary costs, such as cost of chartering airplane, rental of special office space, leased telephone lines, etc. These should be itemized and cost of each item shown.

① - Each Office
 2 - Memphis
 HEG:LF
 (59)

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 office
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 Special Agent in Charge

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- 4) Peak number of Special Agents working on case during month for which report is submitted.

You should promptly request all Bureau offices involved in this case to furnish information requested herein to you and it should be included in your report."

Each office is requested to expeditiously furnish the Memphis Division with the above designated data within two work days after the close of each month. Secondly, each office is also requested to advise the Memphis Division even in the event each category is zero or no work is performed on this case during the month.

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(OO: ME)

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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,

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LEADSALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES

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

2 - All Continental Offices *DN*
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This investigation, predicated upon a specific request from the Attorney General of the United States, disclosed that the fatal shot had been fired from the bathroom of a cheap rooming house located at 422½ South Main Street, Memphis, which bathroom was located at the rear of the rooming house, and had a window overlooking the Lorraine Motel.

At about 3 p.m. on 4/4/68, an individual using the name JOHN WILLARD had rented Room 5-B in the rooming house at 422½ South Main Street and had paid one week's rent. After hearing the rifle shot at about 6 p.m. on that same day, other tenants in the rooming house observed a man presumably identical with WILLARD, fleeing from the rooming house carrying a large package which was subsequently abandoned by him on the sidewalk in front of the Canipe Amusement Co., 424 South Main Street, Memphis. A neighborhood investigation in the vicinity of 424 South Main Street disclosed that the subject had fled from the scene in a white Mustang.

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A search of motel records in the Memphis area disclosed that an individual using the name ERIC S. GALT had spent the night of 4/3/68 at the Rebel Motel, Memphis, Tennessee, and was driving a 1966 white Mustang bearing Alabama License 1-38993. Investigation at Birmingham disclosed that this automobile had been purchased by ERIC S. GALT on August 30, 1968, from a private person in response to a newspaper ad. He paid a total of \$1995 cash. While in Birmingham he furnished the address of 2608 South Highland Avenue, Birmingham. This is also the address which appeared on a driver's license issued to him by the State of Alabama. The driver's license identifying data listed his birth date as [redacted] his height as 5'11", his weight as 170 and his eyes blue and hair brown.

The automobile in question, the white Mustang bearing the Alabama tags mentioned above, was recovered in Atlanta on 4/11/68 and determined to have been abandoned there prior to 9 a.m. on 4/5/68.

In connection with the evidence submitted by Atlanta, Birmingham, and Memphis, identifiable latent prints were recovered. It was on the basis of these latents that identification was made of JAMES EARL RAY. In handling future leads, all offices should be particularly interested in securing an identifying number, military, police, or FBI, in connection with suspects so that the necessary check can be made through the Identification Division.

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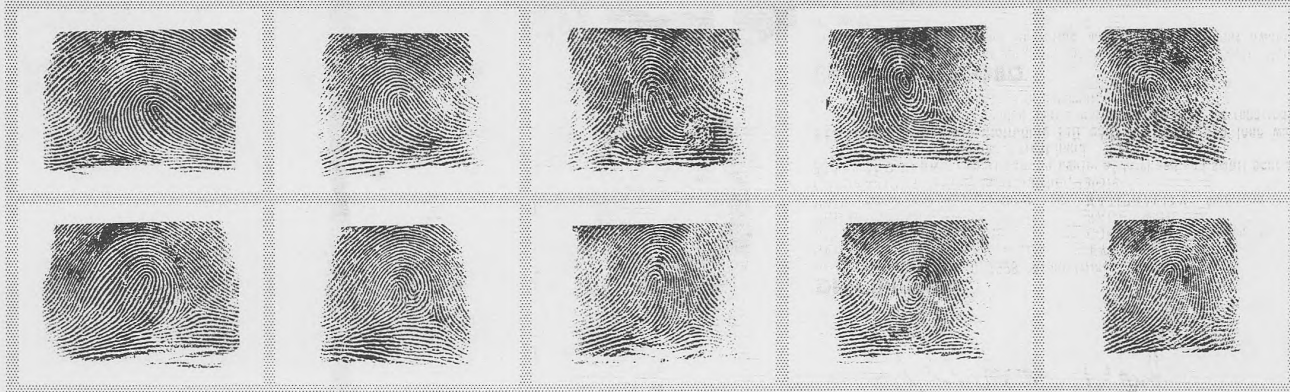
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**CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY
INTERSTATE FLIGHT - ROBBERY**

**WANTED BY FBI
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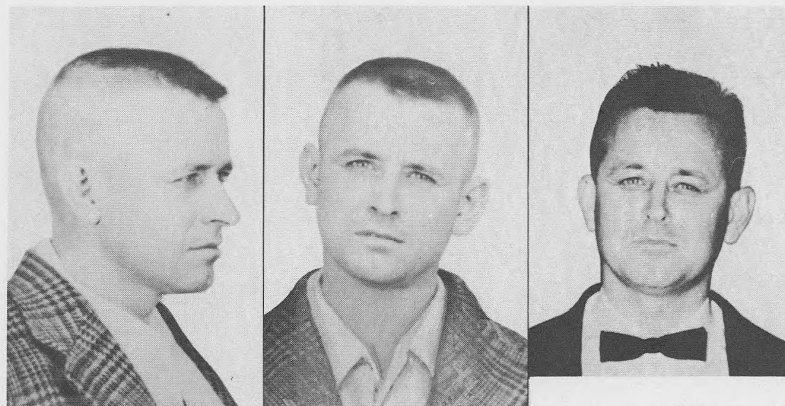
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ALIASES: Eric Starvo Galt, W. C. Herron, Harvey Lowmyer, James McBride, James O'Conner, James Walton, James Walyon, John Willard, "Jim"



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.

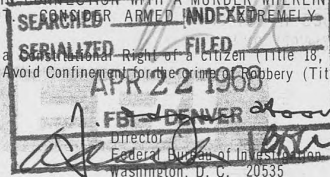
CAUTION

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



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
OFFICIAL BUSINESS

SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

(1/12/68)

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ATLANTA, Georgia 30303	275 Peachtree St., N.E.	Jackson 1-3900
BALTIMORE, Maryland 21202	408 U. S. Post Office Bldg.	Lexington 9-6700
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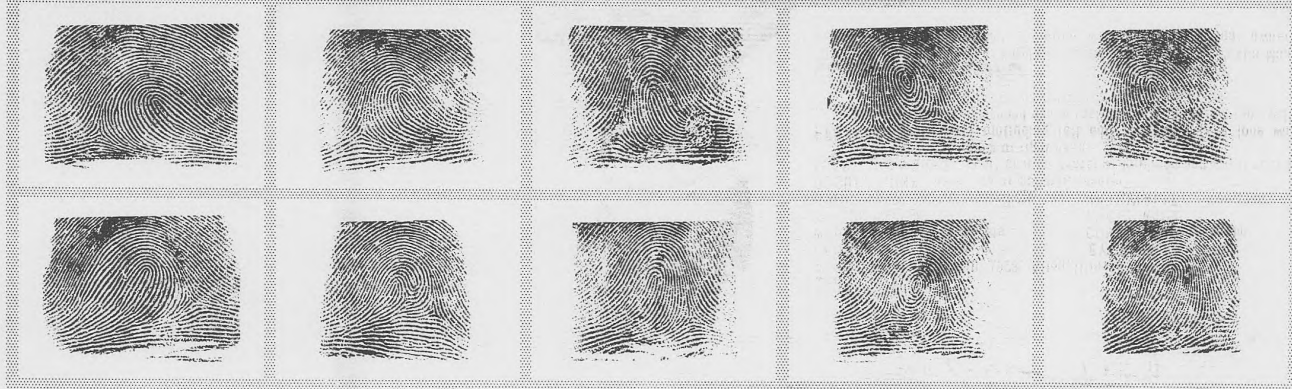
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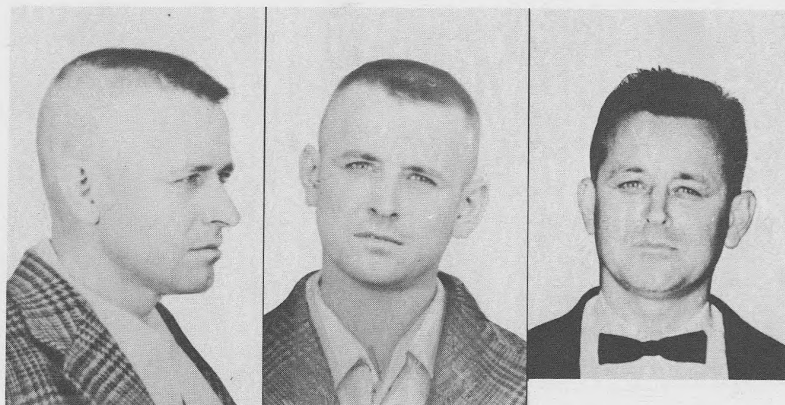
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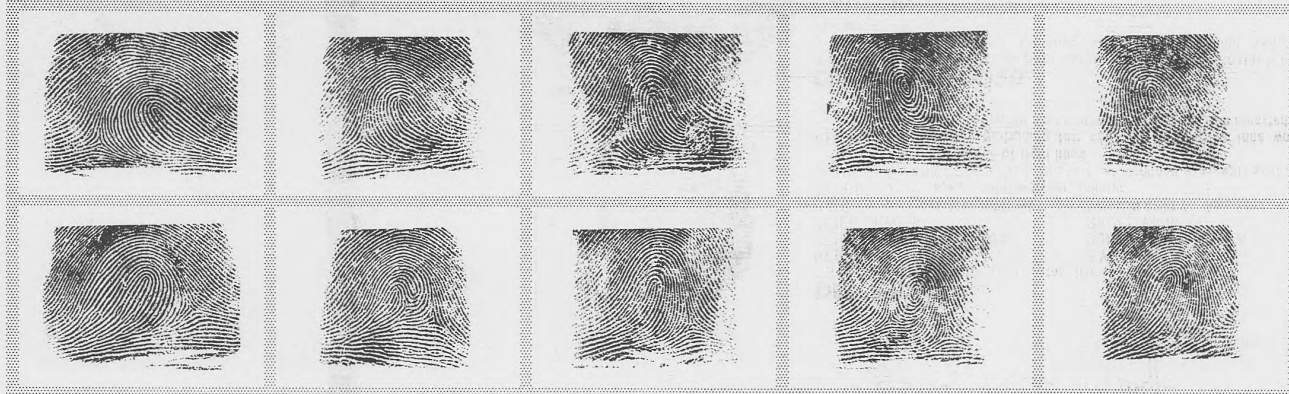
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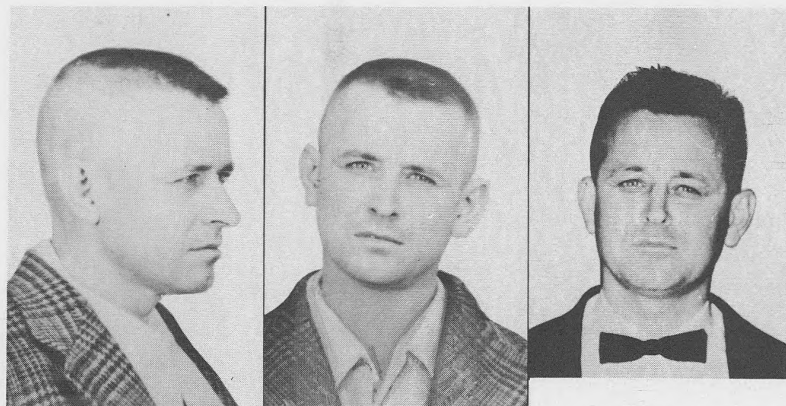
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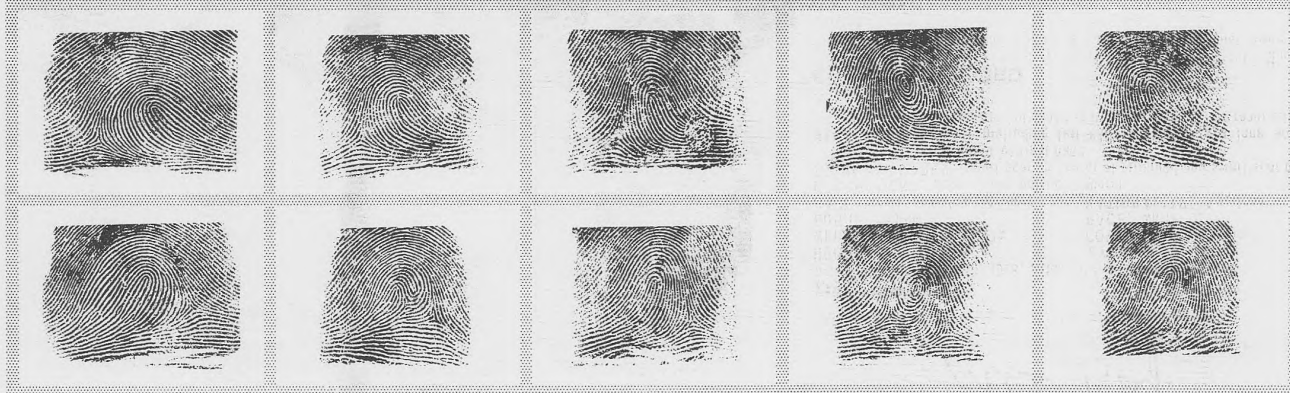
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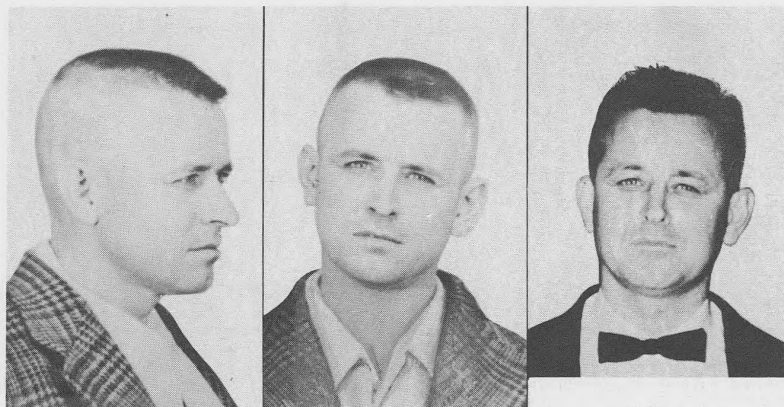
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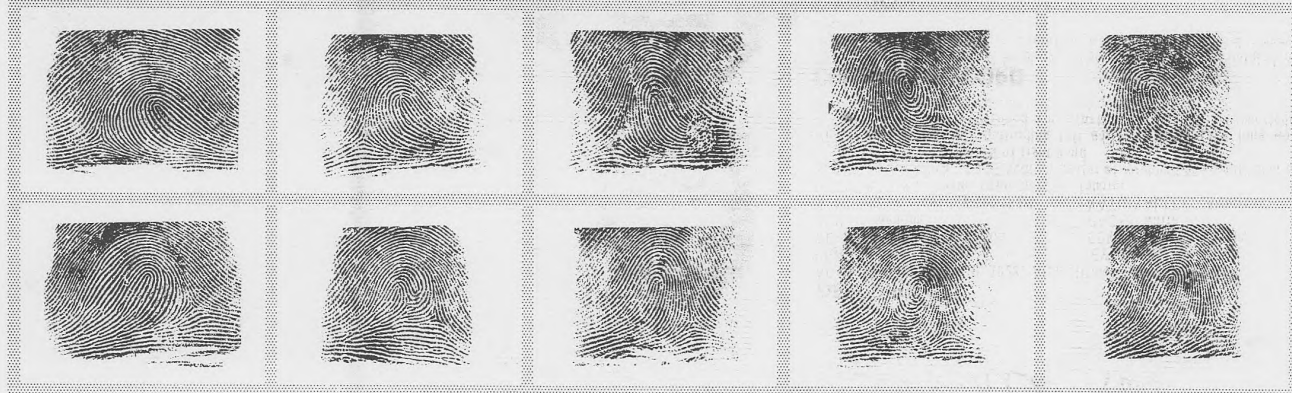
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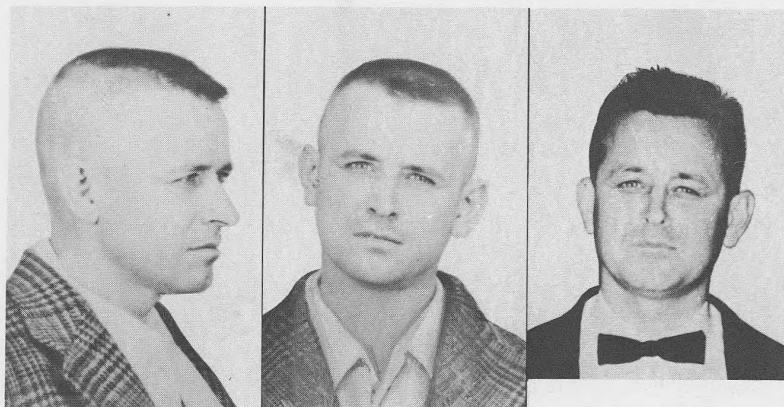
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TELEPHONE NUMBERS AND ADDRESSES OF ALL FBI OFFICES LISTED ON BACK.**

Identification Order 4182
April 20, 1968

J. Edgar Hoover
Director
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The following investigation was conducted by
SA DON H. PIPPIN:

(1) Clear Creek County Sheriff's Office, Georgetown, Colorado

On April 10, 1968, a check of the criminal records at the Clear Creek County Sheriff's Office failed to reveal any record of ERIC GALT or LOWMEYER or LOWMYER.

Sheriff HAROLD BRUMBAUGH advised that there is no credit reporting agency in Clear Creek County; therefore, no credit was conducted.

The telephone directories for the cities of Georgetown, Central City, and Idaho Springs, Colorado, also failed to reveal GALT, LOWMEYER or LOWMYER living in these cities.

The First State Bank, 15th and Miner Streets, Idaho Springs, Colorado, is the only commercial bank in Clear Creek County. Mrs. COLEEN BARBER, Secretary to the President, advised that there is no record in their files of any of the names mentioned above.

(2) Gilpin County Sheriff's Office, Central City, Colorado

On April 10, 1968, Sheriff PETE REDMOND, advised that he has no records in his files of any of the above mentioned names. REDMOND also advised that there was no records of any of the names at the Central City Police Department.

REDMOND stated that there is no commercial bank in Gilpin County nor is there a credit agency.

A check of the telephone directories of Central City and Black Hawk, Colorado, did not disclose any of the above names.

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(3) Grand County, Hot Sulphur Springs, Colorado

On April 10, 1968, Deputy Sheriff BOB BROWN advised that he had no record in his files of any of the above mentioned names. Deputy BROWN advised that the telephone book of Grand County included the cities of Hot Sulphur Springs, Grandby, Fraser, Kremmling, Grand Lake, and Parshall, Colorado, and the above names did not appear in any of the cities' telephone numbers.

Deputy BROWN advised that there is no credit reporting agency in Grand County. Deputy BROWN advised that the only commercial bank in Grand County was at Kremmling, Colorado.

On April 10, 1968, Mr. HARRY JONES, Cashier, Bank of Kremmling, Kremmling, Colorado, advised that he had no record of any of the above names in his files.

(4) Jackson County, Walden, Colorado

On April 10, 1968, Sheriff MARBLE J. PARKER, advised that he had no record in his files of any of the above mentioned names. Sheriff PARKER advised that he had no record of any of the names in the telephone directories of Cowdrey, Coalmont, Walden, or Gould, Colorado.

Sheriff PARKER advised that there is no credit reporting agency in Jackson County. He advised that DEWEY PECK of the North Park State Bank, Walden, Colorado, advised him that he had no record of any of the above names in the files of his bank.

(5) Summit County, Breckenridge, Colorado

On April 10, 1968, Sheriff CHARLES CLARKE, advised he had no record of any of the above mentioned names in his files. CLARKE advised that none of the above names appear in the telephone directories of Breckenridge, Frisco, or Dillon, Colorado.

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Sheriff CLARKE advised that the Bank of Frisco, Frisco, Colorado, is the only bank in Summit County and stated that the bank had no record of any of the above names in their files. Sheriff CLARKE advised that there is no credit reporting agency in Summit County.

Sheriff CLARKE advised that he made a check with the Climax Molybdenum Company at Climax, Colorado, and received information that they had employed a ROBERT EDWARD LOWRIMORE, a white male; date of birth, [REDACTED] 5'10"; 178 pounds; brown hair; blue eyes; place of birth, Bell County, Kentucky; prior record, breaking and entering, 1958, Flat Rock, Michigan; statutory rape, Leadville, Colorado; fighting, 1961, charges dismissed. Subject was employed by the Climax Molybdenum Company until February 5, 1962. Subject's mother was shown as LILLIAN BEAVER, Box 142, Flat Rock, Michigan.

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Character of Galt Emerges

By DAVID LARSEN

(C) 1968, Denver Post-Los Angeles Times
HOLLYWOOD — Eric Starvo Galt, prime suspect in the murder of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., emerged Thursday as:

—A fervent supporter of the presidential bid of former Alabama Gov. George C. Wallace.

—An anti-Negro 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 exclusive interviews conducted by the Los Angeles Times with persons who knew Galt when he lived here.

ALIAS SUSPECTED

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 and his sister, Rita, made the arrangements. While at the Sultan Room, a lounge at 5533½ Hollywood Blvd., 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."

VIEW 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.

"I think he was establishing a fictitious identity," Stein said. "I got these vibrations. I don't think it was his real name."

Galt told his passenger he had just sold a bar in Mexico. "I didn't believe it," Stein said. "His Spanish was too touristic."

LIKED TO HUNT

During the drive the suspect also remarked that he liked to hunt, Stein said.

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 tight lipped about him.

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.

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).

Adele Lewis, who was working there at the time, recalled that Galt often got into arguments when he tried to strike up conversations.

"He once asked if he could buy me a drink," she said. "Since I was working, I said no."

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"Huh, you think you're too good," Galt bristled.

DISPUTE RECALLED

But 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.

Morrison remembered that as Galt would sit at the bar, sipping his screwdriver, he often preached his support of Wallace.

"He's the man we want," the bartender quoted Galt as saying.

Del Monte said Galt once tried to begin a conversation with a Negro girl, but that she walked away from him.

Nobody interviewed at the Rabbits Foot Club remembered Galt furnishing his name. In fact, nobody realized who he was until his picture appeared in newspapers on Thursday.

Del Monte said the photo of Galt with his eyes closed caused an immediate recollection.

"That's the way he sat here," the bartender said. "When he wasn't talking, he would sit sort of dozing."

DePugh Threat to King Told

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — (UPI)

-- Robert Bolivar DePugh, fugitive leader of the right-wing Minutemen, allegedly ordered the assassination of several persons, including the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., if he ever went to prison, the U.S. attorney's office said Thursday.

Anthony P. Nugent Jr., assistant U.S. attorney, said an informant of "apparent reliability" told the federal government of DePugh's alleged threats some time before King was murdered April 4 in Memphis.

DePugh, 43, convicted in 1966

of violating the National Firearms Act and sentenced to four years in prison, disappeared late last year. He is free on \$5,000 bond while appealing his conviction.

'CERTAIN PERSONS'

In a motion filed with the Eighth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in St. Louis, the U.S. attorney's office quoted the informant as saying:

"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."

Nugent said the purpose of the motion was to strengthen the government's effort to nullify DePugh's appeal and didn't imply that the Minutemen chief-tain was involved in King's slaying.

"Nobody to my knowledge considers DePugh a suspect in the King murder," Nugent said.

If the court grants the government's motion to remove DePugh's appeal from the docket, Nugent said, the government will file a motion asking for dismissal of the appeal. If granted, the sentence — four years' imprisonment — then would stand.

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TV Will Show Photo of Ray

A color photograph of James Earl Ray, alias Eric Starvo Galt, charged in connection with the murder of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., will be shown to national television audiences on ABC-TV's "The FBI" at 6 p.m. Sunday on KBTU, Channel 9. FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover requested that the photo be shown, a Channel 9 spokesman said.

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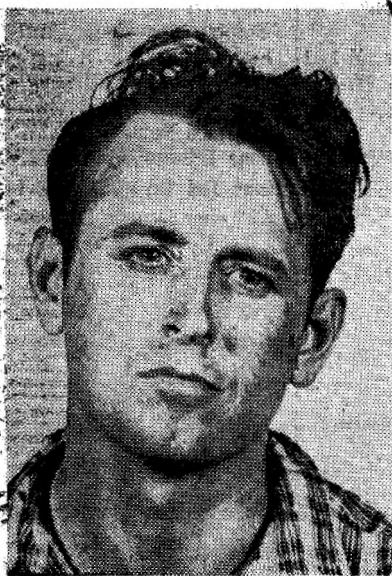
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FUGITIVE JAMES EARL RAY

Pinpointed in King slaying search.

Army Reject Is Suspect in Death of King

WASHINGTON —(AP) The FBI has pinpointed an ex-convict, high school dropout and Army reject as the phantom fugitive Eric Starvo Galt, target of a massive manhunt in the slaying of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The FBI said Friday a "systematic and exhaustive search" through its fingerprint files revealed Galt and 40-year-old James Earl Ray — drifter, loner, avid dancer and prison escapee — as the same man.

Armed, Dangerous

In its first positive identification of the man sought by the FBI since the April assassination of King in Memphis, Tenn., the bureau further pictured Ray as a 40-year-old white man in trouble with the law since his youth — and one who "should be considered armed and extremely dangerous."

There was no indication the FBI was any closer to catching Ray than it was Wednesday when it put the name Galt on a fugitive warrant charging him "and an individual whom he alleged to be his brother" with conspiring to deprive King of his civil right to travel from state to state.

In addition a warrant charging Galt with first-degree murder has been issued by state authorities in Memphis.

Ray fled the Missouri Penitentiary — where he was serving the seventh year of a 20-year sentence for a 1959 market holding and auto theft in St. Louis — on April 23, 1967.

Truck Used

Prison officials, who said a 1966 escape try by Ray was thwarted when he was discovered in a ventilator shaft, indicated he succeeded the next year by hiding in a truck carrying bread from the penitentiary bakery to its honor farms.

The earlier escape attempt landed Ray in a Fulton, Mo. prison hospital facility for a mental checkup.

"We gave him our Grade A, Class I workup," recalled Dr. Donald B. Peterson, hospital superintendent. "We found no mental disease or defect within the law."

Prison and police records showed Ray was born in Alton, Ill., son of a laborer of the same name.

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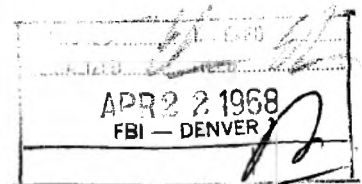
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FBI Stepping Up Hunt for Slayer

WASHINGTON, April 21—(UPI)—The FBI said Sunday it was hunting the assassin of 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 try and 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 Sunday the search "is going along with all possible vigor."

Statement Denied

Meanwhile, it was reported that Warden Harold Swenson of the Missouri State Prison, from which Ray escaped a year ago, said Ray might have been a hired killer. But Swenson said Sunday he never made any such statement.

FBI director J. Edgar Hoover put Ray on the most-wanted list to insure the widest possible dissemination of the 40-year-old criminal's picture and description to the police and public.

In addition, he made arrangements to have Ray's picture shown Sunday evening on the American Broadcasting Co.'s television program, "The FBI."

The FBI, sifting through vast amounts of fingerprints, identified Ray as the mysterious Eric Starvo Galt, which it said was the fictitious name used by the man who shot Dr. King to death in Memphis April 4.

Ray escaped from the Missouri State Prison April 23, 1967, by hiding in a bread truck. He had been serving a 20-year term for armed robbery. The high school dropout also had served sentences in the federal prison at Leavenworth, Kan., and in Illinois prisons at Joliet and Pontiac.

Armed, Dangerous

The FBI said he should be considered armed and dangerous.

In addition to Galt, the FBI said Ray had been known as Harvey Lowmyer, John Winant, James McBride, James Walton, W. C. Herron and James O'Conner.

He also was described as:

- About 5 feet 10 inches tall and weighing between 163 and 174 pounds; blue eyes and brown hair frequently cropped short; a neat dresser.

- Formerly worked as a baker and laborer and has claimed to be an unemployed seaman and cook on Mississippi River boats.

- A fan of Western music who likes vodka and beer; a 1968 graduate of a Los Angeles bartending school.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, DENVER (157-203)

DATE: 4/22/68

FROM : SA BOYD D. ADSIT

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re memo from SA JERRY A KING, 4/20/68, concerning driver of car bearing 1968 Colo. lic. plates RS 9108.

RUDY H. WITEK, head of Rudy H. Witek and Associates, 1170 Elati, was contacted by writer this date. While his general build fits that of JAMES EARL RAY, his facial features vary considerably. His hair is thinning and wavy. His teeth are irregular. He has been in business in Denver for a number of years. He did recall that he had lunch at the Pizza Hut near Speer Blvd and Grant one day last week, and drove there in his 1966 Olds with Colo lic. RS 9108.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-203)

DATE: 4/22/68

FROM : SA BOYD D. ADSIT

SUBJECT: MURKIN

At 3:45 P.M. on 4/9/68, DAVID STOLBERG, "Rocky Mountain News," telephoned and advised SA RICHARD L. CAMPBELL that he had just received a call from one ALLEN MIMS, 2610 Newport, who was calling the office from a neighbor's telephone. MIMS told STOLBERG that at 3:10 P.M. on 4/9/68, he saw a 1966 white Fairlane Ford with Georgia plates starting with the numeral 7 going north on Colorado Boulevard from 26th Avenue. He stated that the occupant resembled a sketch of KING's assassin.

A note was left at the residence of MIMS by SA ADSIT on 4/9/68, when attempts to contact him there failed. Subsequently, on 4/9/68, MIMS telephonically contacted SA ADSIT and related the following:

He stated that he was in his own car traveling north on Colorado Boulevard when he stopped at a red light at 29th Street. Two of his children were in the car with him. Alongside his car and to his right was a 1965 or 1966 two-door white Ford bearing Georgia plates starting with the numeral 7. Two men were in the car. The driver had long dark hair and a blue shirt. The rider he could describe only as chubby. He stated that when he looked over at the car it appeared as though the chubby man was talking to the driver about MIMS and as he pulled off, the chubbyman appeared to keep his eye on MIMS. He stated that after leaving the next intersection he attempted to hold back so as to lose the other car but the Ford kept abreast of him. At the intersection of 34th and Colorado Boulevard, the rider (the chubby man) appeared to reach down on the floorboard of the car and pick up something. MIMS tried at that point to turn off of Colorado Boulevard. He stated that he has not seen the car or its occupants since that time.

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MIMS stated that in later thinking about the situation, he felt the driver of the car faintly resembled KING's assassin.

No further action on this matter is recommended.

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TO : SAC (157-203)

FROM : EDWARD N. HAWKINS

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/22/68

This date writer was telephonically contacted by one DONALD JOHANNES, 3046 South Washington, Englewood, Colorado, telephone number 789-3083.

Mr. JOHANNES (Protect Identity) advised that he noticed a male individual who, from a distance, fit the description of JAMES EARL RAY. He advised that this individual moved into a residence, 3071 South Washington, some time last week and at the time of moving in, it was noted by JOHANNES that the vehicle this individual was driving might of had a Tennessee license on it. But as of this date the vehicle this individual is driving has a Nebraska license, 59-G930, on it.

Mr. JOHANNES advised that the above individual is presently residing with another male individual at above residence.

Mr. JOHANNES advised that he did not want to cause any trouble with the neighbors, but it was felt by him that this individual could fit the description publicized even though he has only seen this individual from a distance.

Mr. JOHANNES was kindly thanked for the information given to this office.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, Denver

DATE: April 23, 1968

FROM : JOHN S. SMITH

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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At 7:15 A.M. this date writer was contacted by Bill Pierce,
Hawk Motel, South Santa Fe Drive. Mr. Pierce advised that
he observed two individuals at the High Spot ~~Bar~~ in Englewood,
Colorado, one that looked like James Earl Ray, the other looked
like his brother. Each was driving a 1967 or 1968 Dodge 100
pickup red in color, bearing Colorado license TF 481, and temporary
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-203)

FROM : SA JERRY A. KING

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/23/68

Re Denver memo of JOHN R. WARDS, dated 4/21/68

Inquiry at the Argonaut Hotel, Grant and Colfax, Denver, Colorado on 4/22/68 failed to show any person by the name of WALT DISNEY registered there. Mr. O. H. SCHAAABE, Owner was shown a photo of JAMES EARL RAY. SCHAAABE stated that he was positive there was no one registered in the Argonaut Hotel that was similar to this person. SCHAAABE was given a copy of the wanted flyer of RAY and he advised that this would be shown to all employees and if any information was received pertinent to this matter, the FBI would be contacted immediately.

On 4/22/68, L. E. SOLBERG, Division of Motor Vehicles Denver, Colo. advised that the listing for 1968 Colorado license # XL 936 was not contained in their Master Files at this time, due to it being a new listing. SOLBERG did state that this license was a Montezuma County listing and probably could be located through Cortez, Colo at the County Seat.

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WE RECIEVED A CALL FROM A SHAMROCK STATION OPERATOR IN BROOMFIELD
REPORTING A MAN THAT IS A DEAD RINGER OF ERIC GALT THIS MAN IS DRIVING
A 1953 OR 54 PLYMOUTH 4 DOOR 2 T GREEN LEFT SIDE IS MASHED IN CAR
ALSO HAS LAST YEARS INSPECTION STICKER ON IT VEHICLE BEARS COLO PLATES
XL-936 THIS MAN TOLD THE STATION OPERATOR THE CAR BELONGED TO WALT
DISNEY HE ALSO HOCKED A RADIO FOR SOME GASOLINE
HE INFORMED THE OPERATOR THAT IF THEY WANTED TO FIND HIM HE WOULD
BE AT THE ARGONAUT HOTEL IN DENVER HE TRIED TO MAKE A PHONE CALL FROM
THIS STATION BUT DID NOT COMPLETE IT

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987),
DALLAS, JACKSONVILLE, KANSAS CITY, LITTLE ROCK.

FROM: PHOENIX (44-371) (PAGES)

MURKIN. CIVIL RIGHTS. OO MEMPHIS.

DEPUTY SHERIFF RAY STOCK, COCONINO COUNTY SHERIFF'S
OFFICE, FLAGSTAFF, ARIZONA, ADVISED THAT AT TWO TWENTY A.M.
APRIL TWENTY LAST HE RECEIVED PHONE CALL FROM ANONYMOUS MALE
WHO STATED HE HAD DONE STATE TIME WITH RAY AKA GALT. CALLER
ALSO SAID HE HAD DONE FEDERAL TIME AT TEXARKANA TEXAS WITH
ONE DAVID WILSON WHO LATER MARRIED FLAGSTAFF ARIZONA GIRL
BY NAME OF HERNANDEZ. CALLER STATED RAY AND WILSON HAD
DONE TIME TOGETHER AND THAT DAY OR TWO PRIOR TO ASSASSINATION
OF KING HE, CALLER, MET WILSON ABOARD PLANE FROM PHOENIX TO
DETROIT, MICHIGAN AT WHICH TIME WILSON HAD TICKET TO NASHVILLE,
TENNESSESS EN ROUTE MEMPHIS. CALLER STATED HE HEARD LATER
THAT RAY WAS IN MEMPHIS THAT TIME BUT CALLER DID NOT KNOW
FOR SURE. CALLER INDICATED DURING CONVERSATION THAT WILSON
WANTED TO GET EVEN WITH RAY FOR SOMETHING THAT HAPPENED
IN PENITENTIARY. CALLER INDICATED THAT WILSON HATES "NIGGERS."

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CALLER INDICATED WILSON WAS IN FLAGSTAFF, ARIZONA AT TIME OF HIS CALL. CALLER AGREED TO PHONE BACK IN THIRTY MINUTES AND TALK TO FBI AGENT BUT NO CALL RECEIVED.

INVESTIGATION AT FLAGSTAFF DETERMINED DAVID L. WILSON IS WHITE MALE AMERICAN, BORN WESTBURN, TENNESSEE, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SIX FEET THREE, ONE NINETY POUNDS, BLUE EYES, BROWN HAIR, FBI SEVEN TWO NINE TWO FOUR TWO C.

WILSON EVADED ATTEMPTS TO BE CONTACTED BY FBI BUT MADE HIMSELF AVAILABLE THROUGH LIEUT. ROBERT JACKSON, FLAGSTAFF POLICE DEPARTMENT, A FRIEND. WILSON INTERVIEWED IN PRESENCE OF LIEUT. JACKSON BY BUAGENT AND EMPHATICALLY DENIED ANY RECENT TRIP TO MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE. HE CLAIMED EMPLOYMENT AT CONTINENTAL BODY SHOP, PHOENIX FOR APPROXIMATELY SIX MONTHS AND CHECK OF EMPLOYMENT RECORDS VERIFY HIS PRESENCE DURING PERIOD PRIOR TO AND FOLLOWING ASSASSINATION. WILSON STATED HIS WIFE HAS BEEN LIVING WITH HER SISTER AT FLAGSTAFF ARIZONA FOR PAST WEEK OR SO AND ON FRIDAY APRIL NINETEEN LAST HE RENTED CAR AT PHOENIX TO VISIT WIFE AT FLAGSTAFF.

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PRIOR TO LEAVING PHOENIX HE MET ANOTHER FORMER PRISON MATE, CLARENCE CLARK (PHONETIC) AT MAGOO'S NIGHT CLUB, PHOENIX, AND CLARK ACCOMPANIED WILSON TO FLAGSTAFF. WILSON SAID HE DROPPED CLARK ON CITY STREET IN FLAGSTAFF AND CLARK WAS BOUND FOR DENVER, COLORADO.

WILSON AGREED TO LISTEN TO TAPED PHONE CALL IN EFFORT TO IDENTIFY CALLER AND HALF WAY THROUGH CALL WILSON PANICKED AND LEFT THE ROOM REFUSING TO TALK FURTHER. LIEUT. JACKSON DROVE WILSON HOME AND ON RETURN STATED WILSON IN GREAT FEAR BLURTED THAT HE WAS FULLY INFORMED OF ASSASSINATION PLOT WHICH INVOLVED GROUP OF EXCONS ALL KNOWN TO HIM. WILSON STATED THAT VOICE ON TAPE NOT CLARK, BUT THAT OF AN EXCON FROM KANSAS CITY WHOM HE REFUSED TO IDENTIFY. WILSON SAID JACKSON WOULD KNOW CALLER'S IDENTITY BY TOMORROW, AS ONE PHONE CALL BY WILSON WOULD RESULT IN DEATH OF SQUEALER TOMORROW. WILSON ALSO TOLD JACKSON THAT RAY NOT ACTUAL KILLER. SAID RAY WAS ORIGINAL TRIGGER MAN BUT BACKED OUT DAY BEFORE AND OTHERS PINNED IT ON HIM IN VIEW OF HIS WANTED STATUS. SAID REAL KILLER STILL IN ATLANTA AND RAY PRESENTLY

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HIDING IN FAJORA (PHONETIC) MEXICO. WILSON LEFT JACKSON'S CAR IN PANIC AND STATED HEADING BACK TO PHOENIX TO MAKE PHONE CALL. WILSON DRIVING SIXTY FOUR YELLOW MERCURY COMET, ARIZONA LICENSE JXE THREE FOUR ZERO.

WILSON INTERVIEWED AT PHOENIX ON APRIL TWENTY ONE INSTANT. WILSON STATED HE LAST SAW RAY LAST SUMMER AT LUPTON OR LUFTON, MISSOURI WHERE WILSON WAS ARRESTED FOR DWI AND WAS IN COUNTY JAIL FOR THREE OR FOUR WEEKS UNTIL HE COULD PAY FINE. AT TIME OF ARREST WILSON STATED HE WAS WITH GENE BRISINDINE (PHONETIC) TRUCK DRIVER FOR WILLIS SHAW, ELM SPRINGS, ARKANSAS. ON RELEASE HE WENT TO BAR ABOUT FOUR BLOCKS FROM COUNTY JAIL TO USE PHONE AND RAN INTO RAY WHO RECOGNIZED WILSON AND WHOM WILSON SAID HE HAD SEEN BEFORE ALTHOUGH HE DID NOT REMEMBER WHERE. RAY ASKED HIM IF HE WEREN'T WILSON AND HE SAID HE WAS AND RAY INDICATED THAT THEY HAD DONE TIME TOGETHER. RAY LOANED HIM FIFTY DOLLARS WHICH HE USED THE FOLLOWING DAY AFTER SPENDING THAT NIGHT IN LOCAL MOTEL FOR BUS TICKET TO FLAGSTAFF, ARIZONA. WILSON QUESTIONED WHERE HE HAD SERVED TIME WITH RAY AND HE COULD