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SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: April 24, 1968

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-203)

DATE: 4/22/68

FROM : SA BARRY SIKES

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re ASAC memo 4/22/68 re lead at Loveland Memorial Hospital, Loveland, Colorado.

The following investigation was conducted at Loveland, Colorado by SA BARRY SIKES:

Records reflect that ALBERT H. JAMES, DBO 11/23/29 was admitted to the hospital on 4/7/68 at 1:45 am after appearing there complaining of acute chest pains. He was examined by DR. R. B. PATTERSON, who diagnosed the illness as plurisy. He gave addresses of 6480 W. 5th Place, Lakewood, Colo., and 10020 W. 13th Place, Lakewood, Colo., and alleged to be a gunsmith. He was reportedly driving a 1965 Maroon Mercury Colorado lic. RY 5225. He listed next of kin, Mrs. RUTH JAMES, 1108 Hillside Ave., Norfolk, Va., mother. *He also referred to himself as "Josse."*

Numerous nurses at the hospital were contacted and none identified the I.O. OF subject of this case as being identical although several of the nurses indicated a close resemblance. From descriptions furnished by the nurses it does not seem possible that subject of instant matter is identical with ALBERT H. JAMES, as their observations overall tended to place JAMES as an individual over 6' and 20 or more lbs heavier than subject.

LEAD: Denver at Lakewood, Colorado

Will make pertinent inquiry to verify that ALBERT H. JAMES is not identical to subject.

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LEAD

AT BOULDER, COLORADO

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TO ALL SACS - RELAY MESSAGE PLAN

FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 2P

MURKIN

CONTACTS SHOULD BE MAINTAINED WITH ALL MASS COMMUNICATIONS MEDIA IN YOUR TERRITORY TO INSURE THAT THERE IS FREQUENT REFERENCE TO RAY AND HIS CONNECTION WITH THIS CASE.

SINCE YOU HAVE PREVIOUSLY BEEN ADVISED THAT JAMES EARL RAY IS IDENTICAL WITH ERIC STARVO GALT AND YOU HAVE BEEN FURNISHED IO'S AND WANTED FLYERS ON RAY, YOU ARE TO BE CERTAIN THAT ALL APPROPRIATE STOPS HAVE BEEN RENEWED ON JAMES EARL RAY AND UNDER ALL OF HIS KNOWN ALIASES AS SET FORTH ON THE IO'S AND WANTED FLYERS. THIS IS TO INSURE THAT THE BUREAU WILL BE IMMEDIATELY NOTIFIED IF THE SUBJECT IS ARRESTED OR COMES TO THE ATTENTION OF AUTHORITIES WITH WHOM STOPS PLACED.

OFFICES COVERING DEPARTURE OR ARRIVAL OF OVERSEAS FLIGHTS SHOULD HAVE RENEWED STOPS AND SUBJECT'S PHOTOGRAPH SHOULD BE DISPLAYED APPROPRIATELY.

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*Det. John Gray*

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APPROPRIATE LEGATS BEING ADVISED SEPARATELY.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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Gunter - } Notified  
Vince Vance - } the ending  
No 7211 - }  
Dats John Gray DPD notified  
+ Lantz  
to Pettit & Lantz  
Room 600 Block 17th  
check out by 6:00

BT - FLC - 5<sup>50</sup> P  
SU - LES - 5<sup>55</sup> P  
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# King Suspect Fled After Visit by Kin

By JACK NELSON

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JEFFERSON CITY, Mo.—James Earl Ray, the suspected assassin of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King was visited in the Missouri State Penitentiary by his brother, John, a day before escaping last year, Warden Harold Swenson said Tuesday.

An FBI complaint filed April 17 accused Eric Starvo Galt, whom the FBI has since identified as Ray, of conspiring with "an

individual whom he alleged to be his brother," to violate King's civil rights. The complaint did not name the individual.

Swenson said prison records showed it was the eighth time John Ray had visited his brother, who was serving 20 years for robbery. Reporters have been unable to locate John Ray and the FBI refuses to say anything about him.

Memphis police also have accused James Earl Ray, in the name of Galt, with murder.

Swenson said prison records show that Jerry Ray, another of the suspect's brothers, visited him five times. Two known relatives of the suspect have said he has one other living brother, Max, a teen-ager.

Meanwhile, the FBI continued a nationwide search for the suspect, who is believed to have abandoned a white Mustang in Atlanta 12 to 14 hours after the April 4 assassination of King in Memphis.

There is no report of his having been seen since early April 5 when several witnesses reported seeing a man park the Mustang and walk off.

## Gave St. Louis Address

Prison records from 1960 listed John and Jerry Ray as residing with their grandmother, Mrs. Mary Maher in St. Louis, but an investigation showed they had not lived there for several years.

The Los Angeles Times has learned that John Ray's school records in Ewing, Mo., show he was born Feb. 14, 1933. An uncle, William E. Maher of Alton, Ill., told a Times reporter he thought John was a migrant farm worker.

John, who apparently also went by the nickname Jack, has a middle name which Maher said he thought was "William." However, Swenson said that on an application card for his prison visitor's pass John signed his name "and the middle name looks like 'Larry.'"

## Visits Recalled

Swenson said John visited his brother at the prison once in 1962, three times in 1963, three times in 1966, and once in 1967—on April 22, the day before the escape.

He said he didn't know the significance of the last visit, "but we saw no evidence that John had anything to do with the escape." Ray, who worked as a baker in the prison, was believed to have escaped by hiding in a bakery truck.

Swenson said Jerry Ray visited his brother twice in 1963 and three times in 1965. Jerry is believed to be in his mid-20s. Reporters also have been unable to locate him.

Although prison rules provide that a prisoner may see two visitors at once, neither of the brothers ever visited Ray at the same time, the warden said.

## Eldest of 9 Children

William Maher has said that James Earl Ray is the eldest of nine children and that as far as he knows six of Ray's brothers and sisters still are living.

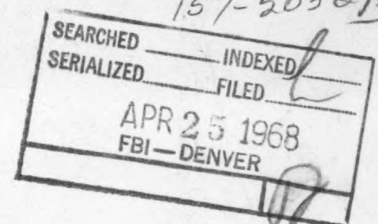
Cole County (Jefferson City) prosecutor Byron Kinder, who once considered prosecuting Ray for an earlier escape attempt, calls the suspect "a run-of-the-mill convict whose IQ was 105, relatively high for such a common criminal."

"He was a Catholic who didn't go to church," Kinder said. "He didn't appear to be violent and had no reputation at the penitentiary for being violent. I talked to a Negro ex-con who knew him and who said that as far as he knew he was not anti-Negro."

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## Paper Traces Suspect Ray's Army Career

WASHINGTON, April 24—(AP)—James Earl Ray, in his 3-year Army career, served in turn as a quartermaster, military policeman and infantryman, according to the Army Times.

The weekly newspaper, an unofficial military service journal, thus provided another piece in the jigsaw of the life of Ray, 40, now sought in connection with the April 4 assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The Times account noted, as the FBI did earlier, that Ray's military career ended in a general discharge in December 1948 due to stated ineptness and lack of adaptability for military service. It is a discharge under honorable conditions.

### Sequence Listed

According to the Army Times out Wednesday, this was the sequence of Ray's military service that took him from Illinois to Missouri to Virginia to New Jersey and to Europe:

He entered the Army Feb. 19, 1946, at Ft. Sheridan, Ill., and is believed to have received his basic training at Camp Crowder, Mo., where he was stationed from March to May 1946.

He served at the quartermaster center at Ft. (then Camp) Lee, Va., from May until June 1946, en route to Europe.

Ray arrived in Europe in July 1946 and was processed through the 3d replacement depot. He was assigned in August 1946 to the 626th quartermaster refrigeration co., in which he served until his assignment in December 1946 to the 382d military police battalion.

### With 362d

He served with the 362d from December 1946 until April 1948 when he was sent to the 789th infantry regiment. He was transferred in June 1948 to the 16th infantry regiment with which he served until December 1948, when he was discharged from service.

The FBI account had mentioned that while in the Army, Ray served a 3-month sentence at hard labor for being drunk and breaking arrest.

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# King Suspect 'Lured by \$1 Million Bounty'

DALTON, Ga. — (AP) — James Earl Ray was quoted by former fellow convict Tuesday as saying he would be willing to kill the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. for a \$1 million bounty.

Ray, 40, is sought in connection with the April 4 assassination of King in Memphis, Tenn.

Raymond Curtis, 40, now in Whitfield County Jail here, discussed Ray while awaiting action on appeal of a murder conviction.

Curtis said the talk about a bounty on King's life came up while he and Ray were prisoners at the Missouri State Penitentiary at the time of John F. Kennedy's assassination Nov. 22, 1963, in Dallas, Tex.

"Another boy said, 'Well, there's a million-dollar bounty to get King.' King was running his mouth pretty good then. Ray said, 'If there is a million-dollar bounty on King, I believe I can collect it,'" Curtis said.

No new developments were reported Tuesday in the nationwide search for the fugitive.

In Florida, Robert Gebhardt, special agent in charge of the FBI office in Jacksonville, said a report that the FBI was looking for Eric Starvo Galt in

Florida was based on old information.

Gebhardt said the report apparently was based on distribution of information on

Galt, whom the FBI says is an alias of Ray, received by the Florida Highway Patrol.

Curtis said he was sent to the Missouri State Penitentiary to serve a 10-year armed robbery sentence and Ray was there on a 20-year armed robbery term. Prison records confirm the two were inmates at the same time. Curtis said he saw Ray "almost daily."

After the Kennedy assassination, Curtis said, a new prisoner told Ray that the bounty had been put on King by a "K-K businessman's association."

Ray mentioned a King bounty several times in the ensuing weeks, Curtis said.

And at one point, he added, Ray referred to the Kennedy assassination by saying, "Boy, probably somebody made a nice little penny off of that. I sure wish it was me."



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**TO: DIRECTOR**  
**FROM: BOSTON (157-644)**

**MURKIN. CR. OO: MEMPHIS.**

**RE DENVER TEL APRIL NINETEEN LAST.**

**JOSEPH ANTHONY MURPHY, FOUR SEVEN SAMOSET, BOSTON, MASS., INTERVIEWED THIS DATE. MURPHY BORN**   
 **BOSTON, AND IS TEACHER AND HEAD BASKETBALL COACH AT BOSTON TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL. MURPHY AT SCHOOL ON APRIL FOUR LAST. ATTENDANCE THEREAT SUPPORTED BY RECORDS. MURPHY IN COLORADO ON VACATION AS STATED BY FATHER.**

**MURPHY DOES NOT RESEMBLE PHOTOGRAPHS OF ERIC STARVO GALT.**

**BOSTON TERMINATING INQUIRIES RE MURPHY.**

**CC BY MAIL DENVER AND MEMPHIS.**

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TO DIRECTOR  
FROM SAC, BOSTON (157-644) (P)

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HENRY P. MURPHY, FOUR SEVEN SAMOSET ST., DORCHESTER, MASS., ADVISED INSTANT DATE HIS SON, JOSEPH ANTHONY MURPHY, AGE TWENTYSEVEN, SAME ADDRESS, DEPARTED BOSTON, MASS., ON OR ABOUT APRIL FOURTEEN LAST, PRESUMABLY VIA BUS ON VACATION TRIP TO COLORADO. SUBSEQUENTLY CORRESPONDENCE FROM SON

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INDICATED JOSEPH MURPHY'S TOUR INCLUDED COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO. MURPHY EXPECTED TO RETURN HOME APRIL TWENTYONE NEXT. MURPHY IDENTIFIED SON AS TEACHER - COACH, BOSTON TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL, BOSTON, MASS. MURPHY ASSERTED HIS SON'S FACIAL FEATURES IN NO WAY RESEMBLE CIRCULATED PHOTOGRAPH OF ERIC STARVO GALT.

BOSTON TERMINATING INQUIRY RE JOSEPH ANTHONY MURPHY.

CC BY MAIL DENVER AND MEMPHIS.

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FROM : SA G. HOWARD CARTER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/25/68

Re memo of SA LAWRENCE L. LOCKWOOD, 4/23/68.

On 4/23/68 Agents BOYD D. ADSIT and G. HOWARD CARTER responded to a call from DAVID THURSTON, Continental Finance Company, 1444 Chester Street, Aurora, Colorado, at which time THURSTON indicated he had seen a person who looked very much like subject sitting in a booth at the White Spot Restaurant on East Colfax and Chester Streets, Aurora. SA CARTER and ADSIT arrived at the White Spot at approximately 3:10 PM, at which time they observed no such person in the White Spot.

Interview with THURSTON disclosed his residence as 5941 Oak Street, Arvada, Colorado, telephone 422-2267. THURSTON stated a man with a similar description and appearance as the one he had noted in the newspapers had been sitting in a booth at the White Spot at about 2:30 PM that day, wearing a heavy coat, gray in color and a white shirt. THURSTON said he did not obtain a description or license number from any vehicle possessed by this person and that he had never seen him before.

Inquiry at the above-mentioned White Spot directed to LOUISE WILSON, residence 13396 East Colfax, Aurora, Colorado, who was the waitress waiting on the booths the afternoon of 4/23/68, and exhibition of wanted flier bearing subject's photograph produced negative results.

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TO : All Investigative Employees

DATE: April 22, 1968

*FOR*  
FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: JAMES EARL RAY, aka - FUGITIVE  
I.O. #4182; W. F. #442-A  
CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY  
INTERSTATE FLIGHT - ROBBERY  
"TEN MOST WANTED FUGITIVES" PROGRAM  
RELEASE DATE: SATURDAY P.M., APRIL 20, 1968

THE CRIMES: Ray escaped from the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, on April 23, 1967, while serving a 20-year sentence for armed robbery and operating a motor vehicle without the owner's permission. He subsequently allegedly conspired, under the alias Eric Starvo Galt, to violate the civil rights of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., shot to death on the balcony of a Memphis, Tennessee, motel on April 4, 1968.

THE CRIMINAL: A 40-year-old white native of Illinois, who is known as a "loner" and "drifter" and has taken elaborate steps to establish a false identity, Ray has an extensive criminal record, including convictions for burglary, robbery and forging U. S. Postal Money Orders. Outstanding characteristics include a straight narrow nose, straight and even teeth, a noticeably protruding left ear and a nervous habit of tugging at an ear lobe. He has taken dancing lessons, attended bartending school, enrolled in a correspondence course in locksmithing and traveled widely in a 1966 Mustang recovered in Atlanta, Georgia, a week after Dr. King's murder. Ray likes western and country music, drinks vodka and beer and has worked as a baker, laborer and color matcher.

PROCESS: A Federal warrant issued at Jefferson City, Missouri, on July 20, 1967, charges Ray with unlawful interstate flight to avoid confinement for robbery. Another Federal warrant, issued at Birmingham, Alabama, on April 17, 1968, charges Ray, as Eric Starvo Galt, with conspiring to interfere with a Constitutional Right of a citizen.

"TEN MOST WANTED FUGITIVES": Ray is a special addition to the list of "Ten Most Wanted Fugitives." The list as of Saturday p. m., April 20, 1968, was:

John William Clouser	I. O. #3837	Charles Lee Herron	I. O. #4163
Howard Callens Johnson	I. O. #4039	George Edward Wells	I. O. #4175
George Benjamin Williams	I. O. #4072	David Evans	I. O. #4177
Gordon Dale Ervin	I. O. #4087	Franklin Allen Paris	I. O. #4178
Carmen Raymond Gagliardi	I. O. #4101	David Stuart Neff	I. O. #4179
	James Earl Ray	I. O. #4182	

THEY ARE ALL ARMED AND DANGEROUS. If you receive any information, give it at once to your SAC or appropriate supervisor.  
PHOTOGRAPHS, FINGERPRINTS AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA OF ALL FUGITIVES ON THE LIST ARE ON THE REVERSE SIDE.

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DAVID EVANS, also known as:  
"Pee Wee."  
N: born [redacted] 5'7"-5'8"; 140-150 lbs;  
med bld; blk hair; brn eyes; lt comp;  
occ - lab, upholsterer. Wanted by FBI  
for BANK ROBBERY and UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO  
AVOID PROSECUTION (Burglary, Larceny,  
and Receiving Stolen Goods).  
IDENTIFICATION ORDER #-4177  
FBI#-388 901 E  
DATE PHOTO TAKEN: 1966

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CHARLES LEE HERRON, also known as:  
Lee Jones.  
N: born [redacted] (?); 5'7"-5'8"; 145-  
150 lbs; sldr bld; blk hair; brn eyes;  
dk comp; occ - clerk. Wanted by FBI  
for UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID PROSECU-  
TION (Murder; Assault with Intent to  
Commit Murder).  
IDENTIFICATION ORDER #-4163  
FBI#-313 926 G  
DATE PHOTO TAKEN: UNKNOWN

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GEORGE EDWARD WELLS, also known as:  
George W. Cox, Lloyd Kuczmarski.  
W: born [redacted] 5'8"; 165-175 lbs;  
med bld; brn hair, gr; brn eyes; med  
comp; occ - maintenance worker, painter.  
Wanted by FBI for UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO  
AVOID PROSECUTION (Armed Robbery);  
INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF STOLEN  
PROPERTY.  
IDENTIFICATION ORDER #-4175  
FBI#-1 467 173  
DATE PHOTO TAKEN: 1967

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CARMEN RAYMOND GAGLIARDI, also known as: 17 M 29 W IOM  
Carmelo Raimondo Gagliardi (true name), I 32 W OOI 20  
Carman R. Gagliardi.  
W: born [redacted] 5'10 1/2"; 185-200 lbs;  
hvy bld; blk hair; brn eyes; med comp;  
occ - lab. Wanted by FBI for UNLAWFUL  
FLIGHT TO AVOID PROSECUTION (Murder).  
IDENTIFICATION ORDER #-4101  
FBI#-566 944 D  
DATE PHOTO TAKEN: 1965



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GEORGE BENJAMIN WILLIAMS, 23 M 21 W IMO AMP Ref: 22  
also known as: Allen I 31 W OOO 19 31  
Benjamin Colby, Ben Jackson,  
George Benjamin William.  
W: born [redacted] 5'6"; 155 lbs;  
med bld; brn hair, gr, balding;  
bl eyes; rdy comp; rt ring fnger  
amp; occ - constr worker, dairy  
worker, mech, miner, pipe fitter.  
Wanted by FBI for BANK ROBBERY.  
IDENTIFICATION ORDER #-4072  
FBI#-497 062  
DATE PHOTO TAKEN: 1965



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JAMES EARL RAY, also known as:  
Eric Starvo Galt, W. C. Herron,  
Harvey Lowmyer, James McBride,  
John Willard, "Jim."  
W: born 3-10-28; 5'10"; 163-174 lbs;  
med bld; brn hair, poss cut short; bl  
eyes; med comp; occ - baker, color matcher,  
lab. Wanted by FBI for CONSPIRING TO  
INTERFERE WITH A CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT OF  
A CITIZEN AND UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID  
CONFINEMENT (Robbery).  
IDENTIFICATION ORDER #-4182  
FBI#-405 942 G  
DATE PHOTO TAKEN: 1968



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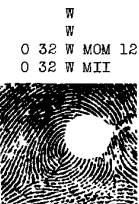
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Franklin Allen Morrison, Al Paris, MLM  
Allie Paris, Frank Allen Paris, 11 S 1 U OOO 14 Ref: 9  
Franklen Allen Paris. M 1 U OOI 12 1  
W: born [redacted] 6'2"; 190-210 lbs;  
med bld; brn hair; brn eyes; med comp;  
occ - horse trader, horse trainer,  
rancher. Wanted by FBI for UNLAWFUL  
FLIGHT TO AVOID PROSECUTION (Burglary).  
IDENTIFICATION ORDER #-4178  
FBI#-595 084 A  
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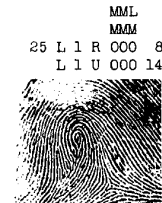
HOWARD CALLENS JOHNSON, also known as:  
"Dirty Red."  
N: born [redacted] (?); 5'9"; 160-170  
lbs; med bld; blk hair; brn eyes;  
med comp, freckled; occ - brickmason,  
carpenter, lab. Wanted by FBI for  
UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID PROSECUTION  
(Murder).  
IDENTIFICATION ORDER #-4039  
FBI#-1 501 726  
DATE PHOTO TAKEN: 1959



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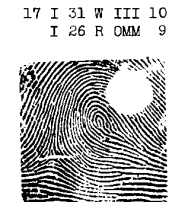
JOHN WILLIAM CLOUSER, also known as:  
Jack Clauser, John William Clauser,  
Chuck A. Williams.  
W: born [redacted] 5'9"; 175-200 lbs;  
stky bld; blond hair, may be dyed blk;  
bl eyes; rdy comp; occ - clerical  
worker, stock clerk. Wanted by FBI  
for INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF  
STOLEN MOTOR VEHICLE.  
IDENTIFICATION ORDER #-3837  
FBI#-229 125 C  
DATE PHOTO TAKEN: 1963



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GORDON DALE ERVIN, also known as:  
Dale Ervin.  
W: born [redacted] 5'11"-6'0"; 170 lbs;  
med bld; brn hair; bl eyes; med comp;  
occ - carpenter, lifeguard, mach shop  
worker, locomotive fireman, salesman,  
shipyard worker, typist. Wanted by  
FBI for UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID  
CONFINEMENT (Armed Robbery).  
IDENTIFICATION ORDER #-4087  
FBI#-290 533 A  
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DAVID STUART NEFF, also known as: LL  
Steven Andrews, Solomon Baker, Steven LM  
Greene, George Medina, David J. Neff, 19 O 17 W IOO 18  
David Stewart Neff, Donald O'Brien. L 19 W OOO 16  
W: born [redacted] 5'8"-5'9"; 190-200 lbs;  
hvy bld; brn hair; brn eyes; med comp;  
occ - horse trainer, lab, painter,  
plumber, surveyor. Wanted by FBI for  
BANK ROBBERY.  
IDENTIFICATION ORDER #-4179  
FBI#-524 874 D  
DATE PHOTO TAKEN: 1965



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Walton, W. C. Herron and James  
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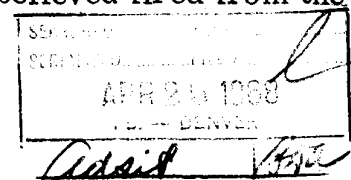
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INTERSTATE FLIGHT - ARMED ROBBERY

"TEN MOST WANTED FUGITIVES" PROGRAM

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Ray has been the subject of a massive and intensive search since the brutal gunshot slaying of Dr. King on April 4, 1968, as he stood on the balcony of a Memphis, Tennessee, motel. One rifle bullet, believed fired from the window of a nearby rooming house, felled the victim.



An exhaustive FBI fingerprint search, comparing latent fingerprints uncovered in the Dr. King case against fingerprints of over 53,000 persons on whom wanted notices have been posted in the FBI's Identification Division, succeeded in determining that Galt and Ray are identical.

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Ray, who has an arrest record dating back to 1949 and has been convicted of burglary, armed robbery and forging United States Postal Money Orders, has also been confined in the Los Angeles County Jail, the Joliet and Pontiac, Illinois, State Prisons and the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas.

He served in the Army between February, 1946, and December, 1948, received a three-month sentence at hard labor for being drunk and breaking arrest and was given a General Discharge due to ineptness and lack of adaptability for military service.



Ray is a 40-year-old white male, reportedly born in Illinois on [REDACTED] He is approximately 5'10" inches tall, weighs from 163 to 174 pounds, has blue eyes and brown hair which he has worn cut short. He has a small scar on the center of his forehead and a scar on the palm of his right hand. He has been described as having a straight, narrow nose and straight and even teeth and to have a nervous habit of occasionally tugging at an ear lobe. His left ear protrudes noticeably.

Acquaintances describe him as a "loner" and "drifter" whose language and diction reflect a "rural" quality and indicate he has had limited education.

He is reportedly a fan of western and country music, drinks vodka and beer, dresses neatly and claims past employment as a merchant seaman and cook on Mississippi River vessels. He is known to have worked as a baker, laborer and color matcher.

He is known as an avid dancer who has taken dancing lessons. He also completed a course at a school of bartending in the Los Angeles area early in 1968.

Ray should be considered armed and extremely dangerous. Anyone with information concerning this fugitive is requested to immediately contact the nearest office of the FBI, the telephone number of which may be found on the first page of local telephone directories.



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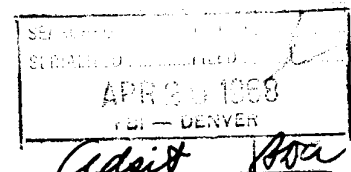
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Described as a "loner and "drifter," with a "rural" quality in his speech, Ray has worked as a baker, laborer and color matcher. He has taken dancing lessons and completed a course at a school of bartending.

Consider Ray armed and extremely dangerous. Report any information concerning him to the nearest FBI office.



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(Type in plaintext or code)Via Airtel \_\_\_\_\_  
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✓ From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

**MURKIN**Re Denver airtel 4-20-68, submitting driver's license and driver's license application relating to Gary Lee Smith.

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The print on the driver's license is also not identical with the fingerprints of several individuals using the name Gary L. or Gary Lee Smith with birth dates similar to the one appearing on the driver's license for Smith.

The driver's license and driver's license application are enclosed to Denver.

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# Memorandum

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DATE: 4/25/68

FROM : ASAC MORLEY

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Mr. (FNU) MOORE, Associated Press, telephone number 825-6353, telephonically contacted ~~SA BOYD ADSIT~~ <sup>the switchboard</sup> at 2:30 p.m. today, and said he heard JAMES EARL RAY was currently in jail in Wheatland, Wyoming, and asked for a comment concerning it. No comment was made to MOORE by ~~SA ADSIT~~ <sup>the switchboard</sup>.

Upon receipt of this information SA JESSE C. HORNBACK was advised by SA ADSIT and the former immediately contacted Sheriff EINAR MICKELSEN at the Platte County Sheriff's Office in Wheatland.

The Sheriff advised SA HORNBACK that an individual who insists his name is JAMES EARL RAY was arrested 4/22/68, on a bad check charge and is being held until May 14, for trial unless he makes bail in the meantime.

The Sheriff said this individual has no resemblance whatsoever to the Identification Order on RAY, which the Sheriff has seen. The Sheriff said this individual only has an application for Social Security by way of identification, and is a WMA, age 48, 5'11", 170 pounds, brown eyes, brown hair that is receding very much in the center. He also said he does not have a scar on his forehead and his left ear does not protrude. The Sheriff indicated the fingerprints on RAY have been sent to the Identification Division at the Bureau.

At 2:50 p.m. I contacted SA EUGENE WHITWAM of the Identification Division in the absence of Inspector McDANIEL, gave him the above information, and asked him to check the fingerprints of the real JAMES EARL RAY against those which were submitted by Sheriff MICKELSEN and advise me as soon as possible, and Mr. WHITWAM said he would do so.

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*- If advised 4/25/71*  
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I advised Mr. NAKKULA we have received many leads concerning the KING killing and each of these leads receives immediate and thorough attention, but I made no comment to him concerning this lead. It is noted we had received nothing from Sacramento concerning this.

NAKKULA indicated he was going to check with the City Mission and the Harbor Light Mission.

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I advised RIDEL of my call from NAKKULA, and RIDEL said he would send us a teletype today setting out pertinent information as furnished by DINKENS, and indicating therein that Sacramento investigation had been negative.

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4:02 PM URGENT 4/25/68 CLV

TO: DENVER AND OMAHA

FROM: SACRAMENTO (100-427)

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ON APRIL TWENTY FIVE INSTANT, MR. ROBERT E. DINKINS, FOUR TWO NINE SANTA ANA AVENUE, SACRAMENTO, CALIF, ADVISED THAT ON APRIL TWENTY FOUR LAST HE OBSERVED A MAN IN PARKING LOT OF BIGG'S MARKET, WHO RESEMBLED JAMES EARL RAY. HE DESCRIBED INDIVIDUAL AS FIVE FEET TEN, MEDIUM BUILD, IN EARLY FORTIES, AND SITTING IN FIFTY ONE BROWN PLYMOUTH STATIONWAGON.

DINKINS ADVISED THIS INDIVIDUAL AND RAY REMINDED HIM OF PERSON HE HAD KNOWN IN FIFTY FOUR AND FIFTY FIVE WHOM HE MET IN HOBBO JUNGLE IN OROVILLE, CALIF. THEY LEFT THERE VIA FREIGHT CAR, WENT TO DENVER WHERE ENROLLED IN CITY MISSION, SIX ONE TWO LAMIER STREET AND HAD ODD JOBS FOR APPROX FIVE DAYS. FROM THERE WENT TO LINCOLN, NEBRASKA, ENROLLED CITY MISSION AND GOT JOB IN BURLINGTON CAFE AS DISHWASHERS. FROM THERE WENT TO ST. JOSEPH, MISSOURI, WHERE SPLIT COMPANY. DINKINS ADVISED THIS

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INDIVIDUAL USED NAME RAY, BUT DID NOT KNOW WHETHER WAS FIRST OR LAST NAME.

MR. BING UNG, OWNER, BING'S MARKET, MAIN AND RIO LINDA BLVD., ADVISED NO ONE SIMILAR IN APPEARANCE TO PICTURE OF RAY IN MARKET ON APRIL TWENTY FOUR LAST. HELPER BY NAME OF HON UNG ADVISED SIMILARLY.

DENVER AND OMAHA CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION AT CITY MISSIONS. NO NEGATIVE REPLY NECESSARY. AM COPY MEMPHIS.

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DINKINS ADVISED THIS INDIVIDUAL AND RAY REMINDED HIM OF PERSON HE HAD KNOWN IN FIFTY FOUR AND FIFTY FIVE WHOM HE MET IN HOBBO JUNGLE IN OROVILLE, CALIF. THEY LEFT THERE VIA FREIGHT CAR, WENT TO DENVER WHERE ENROLLED IN CITY MISSION, SIX ONE TWO LAMIER STREET AND HAD ODD JOBS FOR APPROX FIVE DAYS. FROM THERE WENT TO LINCOLN, NEBRASKA, ENROLLED CITY MISSION AND GOT JOB IN BURLINGTON CAFE AS DISHWASHERS. FROM THERE WENT TO ST. JOSEPH, MISSOURI, WHERE SPLIT COMPANY. DINKINS ADVISED THIS

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DENVER AND OMAHA CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION AT CITY MISSIONS. NO NEGATIVE REPLY NECESSARY. AM COPY MEMPHIS.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, DENVER (157-203)

FROM : WILLIAM JOHN SPRING

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: April 26, 1968

On this date at 3:30pm, ADA RIDDLE, 63 S. Logan St., Denver, Colorado, 733-0055, telephonically advised that she rents rooms to borders in her house.

On April 18, 1968, an individual with the name of RONNIE EMBERTON rented one of her rooms and said that he had no money at the present time but would obtain it in the near future and pay her the rent.

She stated that this man resembles JAMES EARL RAY as pictured in the photograph with the eyes drawn in by an artist, but has "wider" cheeks. She advised that he was born during the month of July and is about 40 years old.

She advised that this man talked about owning a white Mustang at one time and having to leave it somewhere and also he said he lost \$1500 at the same time. He also told her that he lost his clothing and he told her this last night, 4/25/68. He stated that he had been in Illinois, Florida, Memphis, Tenn., and Long Beach, California and anticipates moving to California or Arizona at some time in the future.

He began work today at 2:00pm as a used car salesman for Dodge City, West Colfax. He also told her that he had been in the Aurora, Colorado Jail for drunk charge.

He gave her his 1961 Dodge for her to use while he stays at the house in return for the rent money for the time being. He mentioned that he is an out-patient at Denver General Hospital, 5th Floor. He appears to be a nervous person. He stays in room most of the time, doesn't seem to watch TV or listen to the radio and wants to be alone. At one time, he made a bad remark about a Negro to her, while they were coming back from the laundry.

She advised that she is seldom alone and doesn't want to discuss it by phone in the presence of someone else, at which time she will tell the agent if he should call.

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5'5 1/2 "

140

Reddish hair thinning

Blue eyes

50 yrs old

On 10/1/68, I was advised that a man resembling James Earl Ray had been seen in the area of the house at 1111 N. 1st St. in the city of St. Louis, Missouri. The man was described as being approximately 50 years old, 5'5 1/2" tall, weighing 140 lbs, with reddish thinning hair and blue eyes. He was wearing a dark suit and a light-colored shirt. The man was seen walking alone in the area of the house at 1111 N. 1st St. in the city of St. Louis, Missouri. The man was seen walking alone in the area of the house at 1111 N. 1st St. in the city of St. Louis, Missouri. The man was seen walking alone in the area of the house at 1111 N. 1st St. in the city of St. Louis, Missouri.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, DENVER (157-203)

FROM : SA DON H. PIPPIN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/26/68

On April 22, 1968, ELMER JOSEPH DRIELING, 6996 Newport advised that he is employed by the Amick Transfer and Storage Company, 1030 Santa Fe Drive, Denver, Colorado. Mr. DRIELING advised that on the day MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. was killed, he was working at the above company, and was not involved in the assassination of KING. Mr. DRIELING advised that HARRY BERMAN or TOM GOODMAN could vouch for his working all day on April 4, 1968.

On April 24, 1968, Mr. TOM GOODMAN, Manager, Amick Transfer and Storage Company, Denver, Colorado, advised that ELMER DRIELING is a truck driver for him, and on April 4, 1968, worked all day. Mr. GOODMAN advised that DRIELING and JIM ANDERSON moved a family from 1455 South Hudson Street to 8366 Girard Street, finishing work at about 4:45 PM.

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# Mexicans Release 'Ray' Suspect

**HERMOSILLO, Mexico, April 25—(AP)—An American arrested by Mexican officials because they thought he resembled pictures of the man wanted in the slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King was released Thursday after questioning.**

Daniel David Kennedy, 41, of Baltimore, had nothing but praise for Mexicans upon his release.

According to police in Hermosillo, an FBI agent identified only as Smith said Kennedy did not look like James Earl Ray, the fugitive wanted on charges of slaying King.

He had been detained 24 hours after police in nearby Caborca arrested him.

"I guess anyone else would be mad, but I can't be angry with these people," Kennedy said. "They thought I looked like James Ray, and they

were only doing their duty."

Kennedy arrived in Mexico March 27 and was hiking to Baja, Calif., when he was arrested 80 miles south of the border.

"I just hope Americans don't think Mexico is a bad place to go after this. I've never met people like the ones who have given me their homes these past few weeks."

Kennedy, a World War II veteran, said he had done various jobs throughout the country since he received his medical discharge from the Army.

"I was a tax investigator, a

steel worker and even played in a band, but I was sick of seeing the way my fellow Americans lived," he said.

"When I decided to come down here a lot of people, including my mother, thought I was crazy. They said Mexico

was a dangerous place to go. They've never known sincere people."

After police finished questioning Kennedy they took him to a restaurant for breakfast and then drove him back to Caborca.

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# Mixup Reported In Fingerprints Of King Suspect

ATLANTA, April 25 — (UPI) — The Georgia Bureau of Investigation Thursday said fingerprints it received from the FBI supposedly belonging to James Earl Ray, accused slayer of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., were different from prints received from the Missouri State Prison.

Both the FBI and Missouri prison officials immediately replied there had been a mixup in the prints the prison had sent out almost a year ago, and the FBI prints were correct.

Harold R. Swanson, warden of the Missouri State prison, said Kansas City police discovered the mistake almost

*Traveler arrested in Mexico as possible King slaying suspect is cleared and released, Page 41.*

immediately and that corrected prints were distributed. He said the Georgia bureau should have long ago received a corrected set of prints.

Maj. Barney Ragsdale, head of the FBI, said the discrepancy in the prints was discovered in a routine check.

"Evidently most every department in the country has an incorrect set, Ragsdale said. He said Georgia had not received a correction from Missouri.

Meanwhile, it was revealed in Hong Kong that the FBI has launched an international search for information on the whereabouts of Ray. The U.S. consul general issued a statement saying the FBI has asked assistance in "giving the fullest possible publicity" to information on the ex-convict suspect. A consulate spokesman said similar requests were made through U.S. diplomatic missions in a number of countries.

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**TO: SAC, Memphis**  
**FROM: SAC, Omaha (44-310) (P)**  
**SUBJ: MURKIN**  
**OO: MEMPHIS**

Re **SAM MASBY**, suspect in Denver teletype to Omaha, dated 4/20/68.

Enclosed for Memphis is one copy of referenced teletype.

Investigation, Omaha, reflects that there is not an address in Omaha of 28 Harney Street, and there are no buildings in 2800 block of Harney. Omaha Police Department files reflect no record of suspect.

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