

no, entraron en una conspiración" que comenzó aproximadamente el 29 de marzo en Birmingham y finalizó alrededor del 5 de abril para "lesionar, oprimir, amenazar o intimidar a Martin Luther King".

Galt fue acusado de conspirar para violar los derechos civiles de King.

Un comunicado de la Oficina Federal de Investigaciones dice que Galt dio como su fecha de nacimiento la del 20 de julio de 1931; tiene cabello castaño y muy corto, se dice que tiene ojos azules, nariz fina y recta, entre un metro setenta y un metro setenta y siete centímetros de estatura y pesa entre 72 y 80 kilogramos.

La FBI dice que "el fugitivo tiene, según se informa, el hábito nervioso de tirarse ocasionalmente del lóbulo de la oreja con su mano izquierda. Su oreja izquierda está más separada de la cabeza que la derecha".

La declaración de la FBI dice que Galt, el treinta de marzo o en una fecha inmediata, compró un fusil en Birmingham. La oficina no indicó que el arma fuera utilizada para asesinar a Luther King.

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~~Las agentes de la~~ FBI han determinado que el fusil fue comprado a un negociante de armas de Birmingham el 30 de marzo. Se dijo que la mira también había sido adquirida con el mismo negociante, al que la oficina no identificó.

La FBI dijo que Galt es propietario de un "Mustang" blanco, de 1966, con placas de Alabama, que fue encontrado abandonado en Atlanta, Georgia, el 11 de abril. Fue comprado a un ciudadano de Birmingham el pasado 30 de agosto.

El cuentamillas del automóvil reveló que había circulado más de 19,000 millas (30,577 kilómetros) entre agosto de 1967 y principios de este mes.

La oficina dijo también que "los recorridos de Galt en el "Mustang" incluyeron viajes a Los Angeles, California, Nueva Orleans, Louisiana, Birmingham, Alabama y México, así como a Memphis, Tennessee y Atlanta, Georgia. Se ha informado que Galt estuvo en Memphis el 3 y 4 de abril de 1968 y que salió de allí para Atlanta.

La oficina advierte que "Galt debe ser considerado armado y peligroso" y cualquier información relativa a él debe ser transmitida en seguida al FBI.

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DERECHOS CIVILES - CONSPIRACION ERIC STARVO GALT

Nº de FBI 405,942



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También conocido por: Harvey Lowmyer, John Willard

DESCRIPCION

Edad: 36, nacido el 20 de julio de 1931 (fecha no confirmada por documentos de nacimiento)

Estatura: 5'8" (170 cm.) hasta 5'11" (177.5 cm.)

Peso: de 160 hasta 175 libras (73 - 80 kg.)

Talla: Mediana

Cabello: Castaño, posiblemente corto

Profesión: Dijo que es marino

Rasgos Característicos: La oreja izquierda sobresale perceptiblemente. Es persona de índole solitaria. Se dice que frecuentó cursos de baile. Se dice también que completó un curso de barman.

Ojos: Azules o café

Tez: Mediana

Raza: Blanca

PRECAUCION

SE BUSCA A GALT EN RELACION A UN ASESINATO EN QUE LA VICTIMA MURIO DE UN BALAZO DE ARMA DE FUEGO. SE LE DEBE CONSIDERAR ARMADO Y SUMAMENTE PELIGROSO

Una orden Federal de arresto se emitió el 17 de abril de 1968 en Birmingham, Alabama, acusando a Galt de conspiración para interferir con un Derecho Constitucional de un ciudadano (Título 18, Código de los EE. UU., Sección 241).

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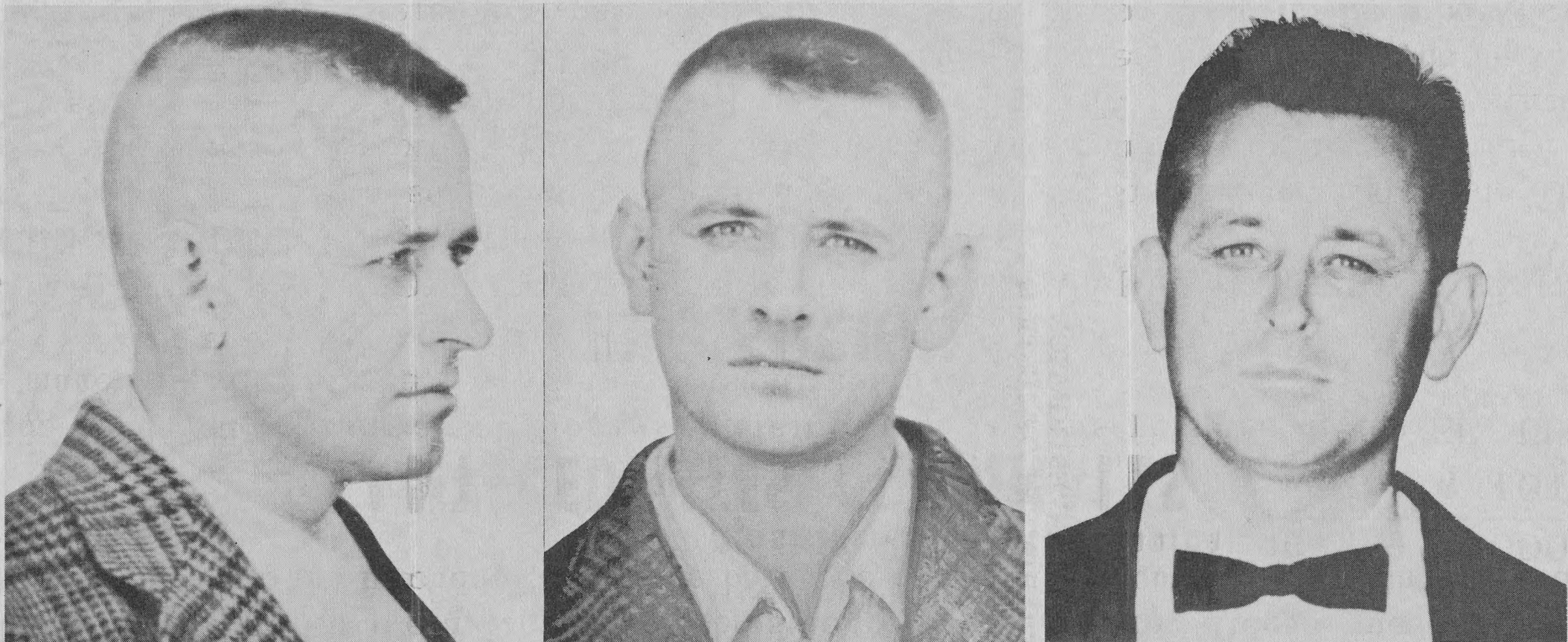
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BUSCADO POR EL FBI

DERECHOS CIVILES - CONSPIRACION FUGA INTERESTATAL - ROBO JAMES EARL RAY

Nº de FBI 405,942 G



Fotografías tomada en 1960

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(Los ojos son dibujados por un artista.)

También conocido por: Eric Starvo Galt, W. C. Herron, Harvey Lowmyer, James McBride, James O'Conner, James Walton, James Walyon, John Willard, "Jim."

DESCRIPCION

Edad: 40 años, nacido el 10 de marzo de 1928 en Quincy o Alton, Estado de Illinois (fecha y lugar de nacimiento no confirmados por documentos)

Estatura: 5'10" (175 cm.)

Peso: de 163 hasta 174 libras (73 - 79.5 kg.)

Complexión: Mediana

Cabello: Castaño, posiblemente corto

Profesión: Hornero, cotejador de colores para igualarlos, jornalero

Cicatrices y Otras Señas: Pequeña cicatriz en el centro de la frente y pequeña cicatriz en la palma de la mano derecha.

Rasgos Característicos: La oreja izquierda sobresale perceptiblemente. Alegan que es persona de índole solitaria. Se dice que frecuentó cursos de baile. Se dice también que completó un curso de "barman" (cantinero).

Ojos: Azules

Tez: Mediana

Raza: Blanca

Nacionalidad: Norteamericana

Clasificación Dactiloscópica: 16 M 9 U 000 12

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ANTECEDENTES CRIMINALES

Ray ha sido condenado por escalamiento, robo, falsificación de giros postales de los EE. UU., robo armado, y manejo de vehículo de motor sin el consentimiento del dueño.

PRECAUCION

SE BUSCA A RAY EN RELACION CON UN ASESINATO EN QUE LA VICTIMA MURIO DE UN BALAZO. SE LE DEBE CONSIDERAR ARMADO Y SUMAMENTE PELIGROSO.

Una orden Federal de arresto se emitió el 17 de abril de 1968 en Birmingham, Estado de Alabama, acusándose a Ray, bajo el nombre de Eric Starvo Galt, del delito de conspiración para interferir con un Derecho Constitucional de un ciudadano (Título 18, Código de los EE. UU., Sección 241). Otra orden Federal de arresto se había emitido el 20 de julio de 1967 en Jefferson City, Estado de Missouri, acusándose a Ray de fuga interestatal para evitar encarcelamiento por el delito de robo (Título 18, Código de los EE. UU., Sección 1073).

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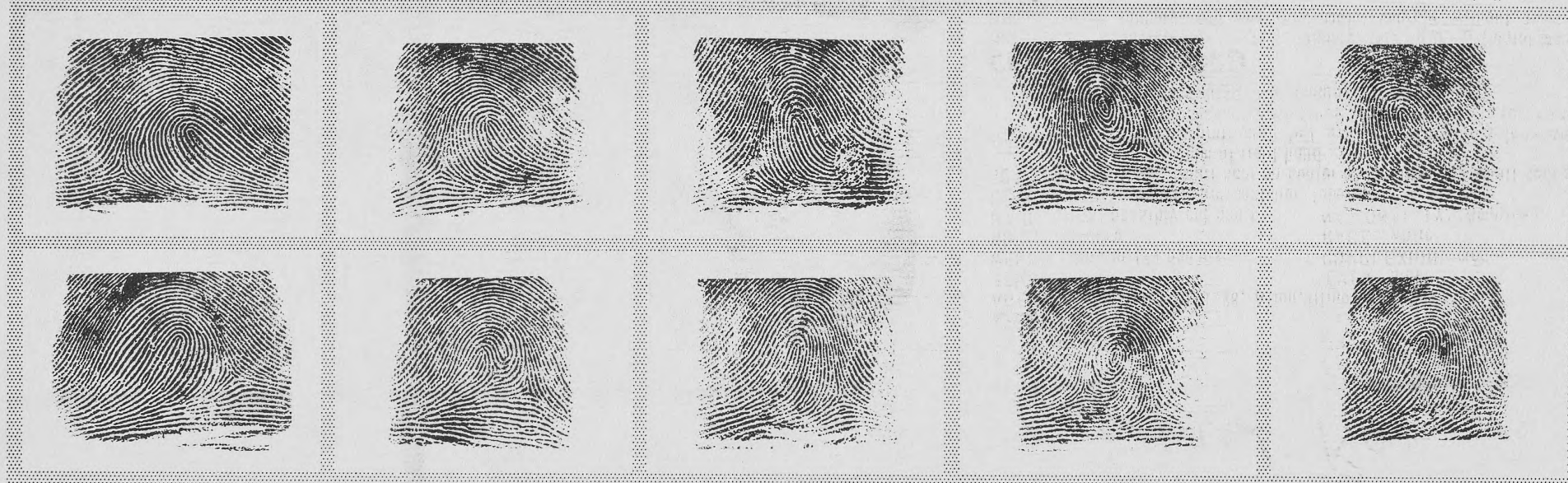
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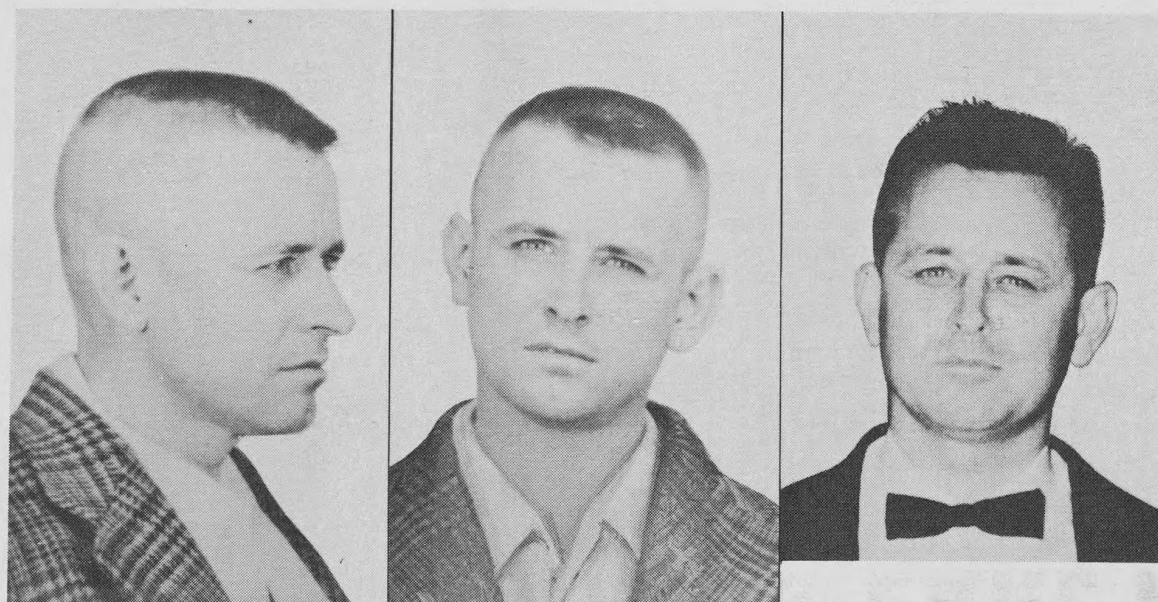
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James Ray

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.

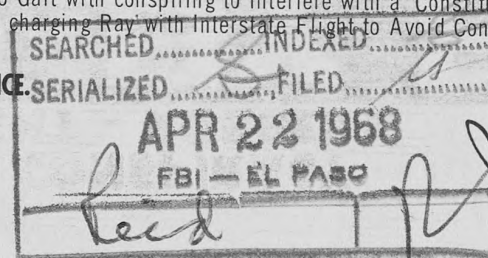
CAUTION

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 Containment for the crime of Robbery (Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 1073).

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Photograph taken 1968
(eyes drawn by artist)

Aliases: Eric Starvo Galt, W. C. Herron, Harvey Lowmyer, James McBride, James O'Conner, James Walton, James Walyon, John Willard, "Jim,"

DESCRIPTION

Age: 40, born March 10, 1928, at Quincy or Alton, Illinois (not supported by birth records)

Height: 5' 10"

Weight: 163 to 174 pounds

Build: Medium

Hair: Brown, possibly cut short

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.

Fingerprint Classification: 16 M 9 U 000 12

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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 ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS PERSON, PLEASE NOTIFY ME OR CONTACT YOUR LOCAL FBI OFFICE. TELEPHONE NUMBERS AND ADDRESSES OF ALL FBI OFFICES LISTED ON BACK.

J. Edgar Hoover
DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535
TELEPHONE, NATIONAL 8-7117

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To: SAC, St. Louis (44-775)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

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Reurtele 4-18-68.

Unidentified latent fingerprints and latent impressions
this case are not identical with fingerprints of DAVID MARSH
HANKINS, Army service #0853004203, born [redacted], Wellborn, Florida.
No palm prints here for Hankins.

This confirms and supplements telephone call of 4-18-68,
to El Paso Division.

- 2 - Memphis (44-1987)
- 1 - Jacksonville (44-700)
- 1 - El Paso
- 1 - Miami

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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.

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

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

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

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

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."

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Approved: *[Signature]*
Special Agent in Charge

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TO: SAC, ALBANY

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P

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At about 6 p.m. on 4/4/68, while standing on the second floor balcony outside Room 306 of the Lorraine Motel, 406 Mulberry Street, Memphis, Tennessee, Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. was struck in the right side of the face by a single bullet fired from a 30-06 rifle. The bullet severed KING's spinal cord and death was almost instantaneous.

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.

Found abandoned in front of 424 South Main Street was a 30-06 Remington model 760 rifle which was determined to have been

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2 ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES

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sold to one HARVEY LOWMEYER on 3/30/68 by Aeromarine Supply Co., Birmingham, Alabama.

Investigation at Memphis disclosed that an individual had purchased a set of binoculars at the York Arms Company in Memphis on 4/4/68. These binoculars were among the material abandoned with the rifle and recovered in Memphis. Also recovered was a brown and green herringbone bedspread. The items abandoned in Memphis were all wrapped in this bedspread. The blue bag which was inside the bedspread contained numerous items, among which were the binoculars and a set of underwear consisting of a T-shirt and shorts. The T-shirt and shorts are those on which appears the laundry mark which has been a matter of interest in this case.

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.

On 4/17/68, AUSA R. MACEY TAYLOR, Birmingham, authorized the filing of a complaint charging ERIC STARVO GALT with a conspiracy to violate Section 241, Title 18, U. S. Code, and

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recommended bond in the amount \$50,000. On that same date, SAC JOSEPH H. GAMBLE filed a complaint before USC MILDRED F. SPRAGUE, Birmingham, and warrant was issued that same date.

For further information re JAMES EARL RAY, all offices are directed to press release furnished them by the Bureau on 4/19/68.

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Galt-Ray Real Identity Becoming More Puzzling

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — FBI agents have been given a new identification for the man they seek in the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., but the new identification seems to have muddled even more the mystery of who fired the single shot that killed King here the night of April 4.

The FBI had issued a conspiracy warrant last Wednesday for Eric Starvo Galt. Two days later the agency said a comparison of fingerprints found in the King investigation revealed that Galt in reality was James Earl Ray, a 40-year-old escapee from a Missouri prison.

A murder warrant issued here in Galt's name subsequently was amended to carry the name of Ray.

The second identity was only the latest in a series of puzzles which have surrounded the few known facts of the investigation.

Witnesses who said they saw the alleged assassin in the flophouse from which the fatal bullet was fired said he appeared to be between 26 and 32 years of age. The FBI's Wednesday announcement said Galt had given his birth date as July 20, 1931—which would make him 36. Friday the FBI said Ray was 40.

The FBI also said Galt was said to be an avid dancer and took dancing lessons in New Orleans in 1964 and 1965, in Birmingham during September and October, 1967, and Long Beach, Calif., from December, 1967, to February 1968.

But during the time Galt allegedly took dancing lessons in New Orleans, Ray was serving part of a 20-year term for armed robbery in the Missouri State Penitentiary at Jefferson City.

At the time Galt was attending a bartending school in California, a duplicate Alabama driver's license was mailed to him at a rooming house in Birmingham.

The woman who runs the flophouse here said the man to whom she rented a room just three hours before King was slain had a Southern drawl. The FBI said Galt liked country and Western music and drank beer and vodka.

In Jefferson City, an inmate of the Missouri prison, who said he "ran around" with Ray, said Ray—listed as a native of Illinois—did not have a Southern accent. "Jim didn't drink, except a little prison home brew," said the convict, who asked not to be identified. "He never talked about himself very much and never expressed any liking for music, dancing and he was too tight to gamble."

Galt seemingly was a free spender. Aside from the dancing lessons, which cost him about \$500 in California alone, he paid \$2,000 cash for a white Mustang that is now impounded in Atlanta, and attended the bartending school.

"He was tight as a tick," the Missouri convict said of Ray. "Boy, if you owed him money, even a few cents, he'd bug you to death."

The penitentiary inmate said he did not think Ray was the kind of man who would kill for profit. And the warden, Harold Swenson, who remembers Ray, added, "It's odd, but I won't believe he did it (killed King) until it is proven."

"None of the inmates gave us any feedback after the first pictures of Ray were published. They usually talk about an inmate after he's done something. They really blab about it. But while he's doing something, you don't hear a word."

Ray was examined at State Hospital No. 1 at Fulton, Mo., from Sept. 8, 1966 to Oct. 17, 1966. Dr. Donald B. Peterson, hospital superintendent, said they had been asked only to determine whether Ray was mentally capable of standing trial.

"He showed no more nervousness than the average person awaiting trial," Dr. Peterson said. "He was rather reserved, but we just didn't find anything unusual."

"There was nothing in his mental makeup or background to indicate anything but a decidivistic (habitual criminal) whose crimes were all associated with money. We didn't find anything to indicate he was a killer or had tendencies to kill."

The official report from the hospital said Ray had "no hallucinations or illusions, was oriented as to time, place and person." His "mood effect" was described as "somewhat tense and anxious and at times showed mild depressions, but not of psychotic proportions."

Ray's IQ was listed as 105, considered normal.

In a separate psychological report, Dec. 20, 1966, for the Missouri State Board of Probation and Parole, Ray was

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

**1A EL PASO TIMES
EL PASO, TEXAS**

Date: **4/22/68**
Edition: **MORNING**
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Editor: **W. J. HOOTEN**
Title:

Character:

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Submitting Office: **EL PASO**

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reported to have a number of complaints, such as pain in the "solar plexus (pit of the stomach), tachycardia (rapid heart action), and intracranial (inside the skull) tension."

"When we commented that these were rather large words, he said he had been reading up in the medical literature," the report said. It added that at certain times, Ray thought he had cancer or heart trouble.

Ray was never married, but lived for brief periods with women, the report said. It added: "This man's basic problem revolves around what appears to be an increasingly severe obsessive, compulsive trend."

"He states that at the age of 10 he awoke one night and thought he had lost his eyesight. He became quite fearful. These various fears confront him from time to time and in a typical obsessive way. He feels he must do certain things in order to undo what he feels is going to occur and might result in harm to him."

The report recommended that Ray not be granted parole.

Ray tried unsuccessfully to escape from the penitentiary on Nov. 19, 1961, eight months after he was admitted, and on April 11, 1966. He succeeded between 2 and 3 p.m. on April 23, 1967, apparently by hiding in a three-by-five foot wooden bread box. He was working in the penitentiary bakery at the time.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC(157-186)

FROM : SA JOHN E. DAILEY

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/23/68

On 4/23/68, the following PCIs were contacted with negative results regarding MURKIN:

1. PCI Roberto Rojas Gomez(137-1248)
2. PCI W.W. Peterson(137-1299)
3. PCI Marvin J. Nicchio(137-1295)

On the same date, inquiry reflected that Jerry Stewart, 137-1290, is out of town until the end of the week. He will be contacted then.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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(OO: MEMPHIS)

For the information of receiving offices, Subject JAMES EARL RAY, Aka. was last known to be in the Atlanta, Georgia, area on 4/5/68. Intensive investigation by the Atlanta Office to date has not established mode of transportation utilized by RAY after 4/5/68 through checks with transportation companies, car rental agencies, etc.

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2 - Baltimore	2 - Mobile
2 - Birmingham	2 - Newark
2 - Charlotte	2 - New Orleans
2 - Chicago	2 - New York City
2 - Cincinnati	2 - Norfolk
2 - Cleveland	2 - Philadelphia
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2 - Houston	2 - Richmond
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All receiving offices are requested to check car recoveries within their respective divisions of cars stolen from the State of Georgia subsequent to 4/4/68, and consider same to have been possible mode of transportation for Subject RAY. The same consideration should be given to any cars recovered in the near future that were stolen from the State of Georgia after 4/4/68. In those instances where cars were stolen from Georgia and where the transporter of same cannot otherwise be accounted for, investigation should be conducted to determine if RAY was person who may have stolen and transported same.

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 TO ALL FIELD DIVISIONS
 FROM DIRECTOR
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REMYAIRTEL TO ALL OFFICES APRIL 19 LAST FURNISHING BACKGROUND
 DATA CONCERNING JAMES EARL RAY.

SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED POSSIBLE SUSPECT IN ANY UNSOLVED
 BANK ROBBERIES, BURGLARIES OR ARMED ROBBERIES (POSSIBLE ITSP
 VIOLATIONS) OCCURRING AFTER APRIL 23, 1967. RAY SHOULD ALSO BE
 CONSIDERED SUSPECT IN ANY FUTURE SUCH VIOLATIONS AND BUREAU ADVISED
 TELEPHONICALLY OF ANY TENTATIVE IDENTIFICATION.

ANY PERTINENT LEADS DEVELOPED DURING REVIEW OF PAST VIOLATIONS
 SHOULD BE EXPEDITIOUSLY RUN OUT AND BUREAU ADVISED.

SUBJECT'S HANDWRITING AND HAND PRINTING NOT IDENTIFIED IN BANK
 ROBBERY NOTE FILE AND HIS FINGERPRINTS ARE BEING SEARCHED AGAINST
 LATENTS SUBMITTED IN UNSOLVED BANK ROBBERY AND BURGLARY VIOLATIONS.

SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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DATE 10-10-68

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF THE FBI

TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE FBI

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URGENT 4/23/68
TO ALL FIELD DIVISIONS
FROM DIRECTOR

MURKIN.

REMYAIRTEL TO ALL OFFICES APRIL 19 LAST FURNISHING BACKGROUND DATA CONCERNING JAMES EARL RAY.

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James Earl Ray: Man On The Run

James Earl Ray, alias Eric Starvo Galt, who is being sought in the killing of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., is a man described as a loner. Yet he is known as an avid dancer.

He has been convicted of armed robbery and automobile theft, but less than a year ago he applied for and received a legal license to drive a newly purchased white Mustang.

Ray has lived as far west as California, as far south as New Orleans—and in Memphis, Tenn., where on April 6, 1968, Dr. King was assassinated.

Here is the most current information available on Ray:

Description: Height, 5 feet 10, weight, 163 to 174 pounds. Brown hair. Blue eyes. A small scar on his forehead and right palm. His left ear protrudes further from his head than his right ear does. White male about 40.

Relatives: Born in Alton, Ill., March 10, 1928, son of a laborer of the same name. Hospital records in Fulton, Mo., indicate his parents are deceased but prison records list his mother as Mrs. Lucille Ryan of 1913 Hickory St., St. Louis. A brother, Jerry, reportedly has an address of Box 22, Wheeling, Ill. It is claimed James Ray has a wife living in the Rocky Ridge section of Birmingham, Ala.

Aliases: Two aliases listed on FBI warrant—John Willard and Harvey Lowmyer. Other names used are James McBride, James Walton, W.C. Herron and James O'Connor.

Education: High school dropout in 10th grade. Graduate of International School of Bartending in Hollywood, Calif., on March 2, 1968. Took dancing lessons in New Orleans in 1964 and 1965, in Birmingham during September and October 1967, and in Long Beach, Calif., from December, 1967 to February, 1968.

Military record: Served as an enlisted man in the U.S. Army from February 1946 to December 1948 when he was given a general discharge for ineptness and lack of adaptability. While in the Army he received a three-month sentence at hard labor for being drunk and "breaking" arrest.

Aliases: Two aliases listed on FBI warrants as a baker, laborer and color matcher. On a driver's license application he put "merchant seaman, unemployed." Claimed to have been a cook on a Mississippi riverboat and to have worked in shipyards.

Mental history: Sent for mental observation in connection with a charge of attempted escape from Missouri State Penitentiary. Hospital officials found "no mental disease or defect within the law."

Pastimes: Beer and vodka drinker. Fond of hillbilly and Western music. Avid dancer.

Characteristics: Rural speech. Nervous habit of pulling at an ear lobe with left hand. Described as quiet, a loner, and a neat dresser.

Criminal record: In 1949 served eight months in county jail in Los Angeles on a burglary charge. In 1952 convicted in Chicago of armed robbery and served two years in Joliet and Pontiac, Ill., state prisons. In 1955 convicted of forging U.S. postal money orders in Missouri and confined to Ft. Leavenworth, Kan., penitentiary until 1958. In 1960 sent to the Missouri State Penitentiary for a 20-year sentence for armed robbery and car theft in St. Louis and, on April 23, 1967, escaped.

Occupation: Has worked as a baker, laborer and color matcher. On a driver's license application he put "merchant seaman, unemployed." Claimed to have been a cook on a Mississippi riverboat and to have worked in shipyards.

Last known address: 2068 Highland, a boarding house, in Birmingham.

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Ex-Con Sought In King Death

WASHINGTON (AP) — The elusive Eric Starvo Galt, who is wanted for the killing of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., was identified by the FBI Friday as a 40-year-old drifter and ex-convict named James Earl Ray.

The FBI said Galt's real identity was traced through "a systematic and exhaustive search of latent fingerprints" developed in the King case against the fingerprints of more than 53,000 persons for whom wanted notices are on file in the bureau's identification division.

Galt is only one of the names Ray has used in brushes with the law which began, according to the FBI dossier, when he was 21.

The FBI said he has used the names of James McBride, James Walton, W. O. Herron and James O'Connor.

He was described as about 5 feet 10, weighing 163 to 174 pounds, with blue eyes and brown hair and two scars: a small scar in the center of the forehead and another on the palm of his right hand.

At the time King was shot and killed by a sniper in Memphis, Tenn., April 4, Ray was being sought on a jail breaking charge.

The FBI said he escaped on April 23, 1967, from the Missouri State Penitentiary at Jefferson City, where he was serving a 20-year sentence for armed robbery in St. Louis.

Ray, who is now being sought on a Tennessee murder charge in the King slaying, has an arrest record dating at least to 1949 when he served time in Los Angeles on a burglary charge.

This followed his discharge from the Army. The FBI said he served as an enlisted man from February 1946 to December 1948 when he received a general discharge for ineptness and lack of adaptability.

His Army record showed a three-month sentence at hard labor for being drunk and breaking arrest, the FBI said.

The bureau's dossier on Ray indicates he has been a drifter since he left school in the 10th grade at Alton, Ill.

He has worked as a baker, la-

borer and color matcher.

In 1952, according to the FBI, he was convicted in Chicago for armed robbery and served two years in Joliet and Pontiac, Ill. state prisons. In 1955, the FBI said, he was convicted of forging U.S. postal money orders in Missouri and was confined to Leavenworth penitentiary until 1958.

The FBI said Ray was sent to the Missouri State Penitentiary on March 17, 1960, and spent some time in September 1966 in the maximum security ward at the state hospital in Fulton, Mo.

The FBI said Ray has listed his birth date as March 10, 1928, and his birthplace as Illinois.

The city clerk at Alton, Ill., Paul A. Price, said a James Earl Ray was born there on March 10, 1928, the son of a laborer.

The principal at Alton Senior High School said his records showed three James Rays attended the school during the period Ray would have been there, and he was trying to determine whether any of them was the man identified by the FBI as Galt.

The bureau did not say what set of fingerprints in the King case was matched with those of Ray, but it is presumed that prints were found on a rifle dropped near the scene of the killing as well as in the furnished room occupied by the sniper.

The FBI also has reported recovering a white Mustang automobile in Atlanta, Ga., believed to have been used by the killer.

In a warrant obtained by the FBI Wednesday, the fugitive was accused of conspiring with an individual "alleged to be his brother" to "injure, oppress, threaten, or intimidate Martin Luther King Jr."

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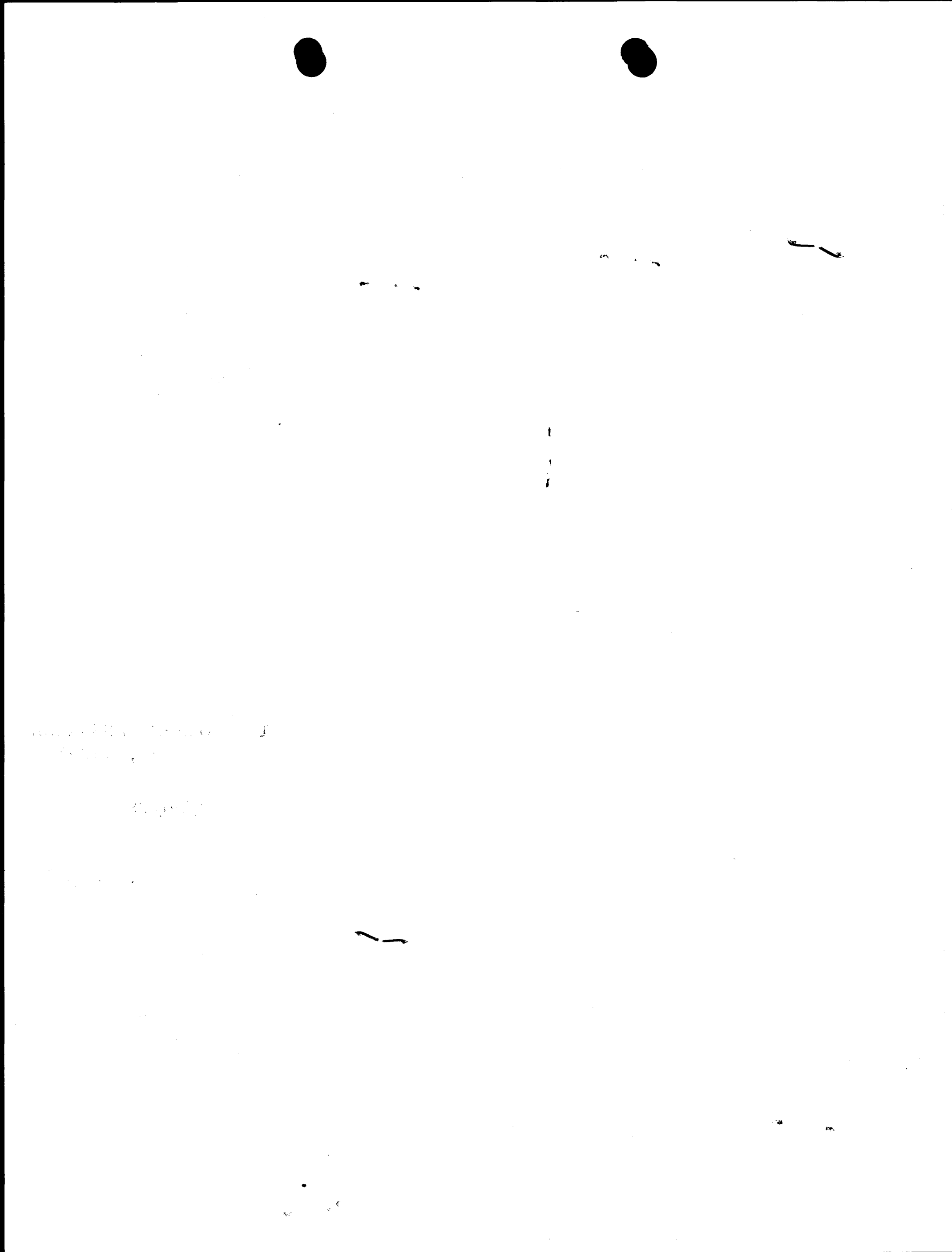
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FBI Asks Aid In Hunting Ray

United Press International

WASHINGTON, April 22. —

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

The FBI said Ray, alias Eric Starvo Galt, was armed and "must be considered extremely dangerous."

A picture of Ray accompanied the appeal at the end of the (ABC) television program, "The FBI."

EARLIER YESTERDAY, the FBI said the search for Ray "is going along with all possible vigor." Ray, 40, a 1967 escaper from the Missouri state prison, Saturday was named the 11th man on the FBI's list of 10 most wanted criminals. The usual move insured the widest possible dissemination of Ray's picture and description to police and the public.

Ray was established through FBI fingerprints as the elusive Galt, sought since shortly after King was shot at a motel in Memphis, Tenn., April 4. Ray also used several other alias, the FBI said, including John Willard, the name on the register of a rooming house from where the fatal shot was fired.

The fictitious Galt had been charged with conspiracy to injure King by the FBI and Memphis police charged him with murder.

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A Fleet Slayer

JUDGING BY INFORMATION given the public, law enforcement officers are somewhat confused concerning the actual identity of the slayer of Dr. Martin Luther King.

Charges of conspiracy originally were filed against Eric Starvo Galt. Then it was revealed that Galt and an escaped convict, James Earl Ray, were one and the same. But, according to what we have read, descriptions, including ages, of Galt and Ray do not coincide.

We are confident our law enforcement officers are doing everything within their power to catch the assassin of Dr. King. But it appears that the man who pulled the trigger is doing a good job of making himself scarce and hard to find.

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