

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, EL PASO (157-186)

DATE: 4-23-68

FROM : SA FRANCIS J. PRASEK & SA WALLACE A. CROSSMON

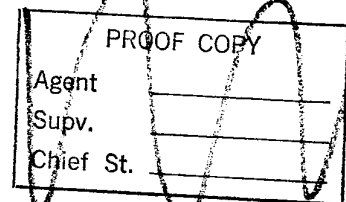
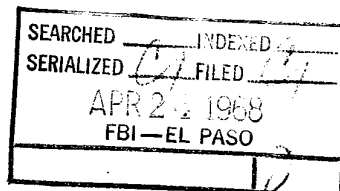
SUBJECT: MURKIN

At approximately 8:00 AM 4-23-68 WESLEY E. SHAVER, Ass't. Chief Clerk, received a call from an individual who gave his name as "PHILLIP WHITE". He stated that about a half an hour ago a man resembling ERIC STARVO GALT was in the Aztec Bar, 500 South Stanton, El Paso.

ROSA ONTEVEROS, Barmaid, Aztec Bar, advised that she was alone in the bar, that no customers had been in this morning, that no one used the pay telephone in the bar, and that she did not know anyone by the name of PHILIP WHITE.

A copy of the I.O. relating to GALT was shown to her and she could not identify it as resembling anyone she knew. A copy was left with her to place under the bar in the event someone resembling GALT did come in.

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FBI PHOENIX

1012AM URGENT 4-24-68 LEG

TO EL PASO

FROM PHOENIX (44-371) (1P)

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MURKIN

RE PHOENIX AND EL PASO PHONE CALLS, YESTERDAY.

BY TELETYPE INSTANT DATE, SAN ANTONIO ADVISED THAT
TEXAS DEPT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, AUSTIN, TEXAS, FAILED TO
REFLECT ANY RECORD OF TEXAS DRIVERS LICENSE BEING ISSUED
TO LON R. HUMMEL.

EL PASO CONDUCT CREDIT AND CRIMINAL AND OTHER APPROPRIATE
CHECKS TO IDENTIFY AND LOCATE LON R. HUMMEL AND ELIMINATE
HIM AS POSSIBLE IDENT WITH SUSPECT JAMES EARL RAY.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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1229PM URGENT 4-24-68 WPS

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM EL PASO (157-186) -P- 1P

MURKIN

RE MEMPHIS AIRTEL APRIL NINETEEN LAST.

LAUNDRY MARKINGS ON PILLOW CASE AND BED SHEET.

RUSSELL NORTON, MANAGER, ODESSA LAUNDRY AND CLEANERS, ODESSA, TEXAS, ADVISED ON APRIL TWENTYTHREE LAST, THAT HIS THERMO SEAL MARKING MACHINE ONLY USED NUMBERS, DID NOT USE LETTERS, AND, THEREFORE, COULD NOT HAVE MARKED PILLOW CASE AND BED SHEET IN QUESTION.

NO OTHER THERMO SEAL MARKING MACHINES KNOWN TO BE LOCATED IN EL PASO DIVISION.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FBI BIRMGHAM

To WA 12:24 PM, Initialed by BJP
To ME 12-27 PM, Initialed by SAB

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
SACs, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)
MEMPHIS (44-~~186~~) (P)
1987

FROM: SAC, EL PASO (157-186) (P)

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MURKIN

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Special Agent in Charge

to WA 12:24 P.M.
to BH 12:29 P.M.
to ME 12:27 P.M.

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3	85	80	78
4	88	82	78
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TO ALL SACS - RELAY MESSAGE PLAN

FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 2P

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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
SHOULD BE DISPLAYED APPROPRIATELY.
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ALL OFFICES SHOULD CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION
AT ALL "HIPPIE" ROOMING HOUSES AND SIMILAR ESTABLISHMENTS TO
OBTAIN ANY INFORMATION WHATSOEVER CONCERNING RAY.

APPROPRIATE LEGATS BEING ADVISED SEPARATELY.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : ALL AGENTS

FROM : SAC, EL PASO (157-186) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/24/68

Noted that Butel dated 4/22/68, set out below, was read at an all Agents Conference on the morning of 4/23/68:

"You are reminded that all leads in this case must be covered within 24 hours, and all leads must be set forth by telephone or teletype. All border offices covering entry into Mexico and Canada and exit therefrom should insure that appropriate stops are maintained re subject and all names known to be used by him at respective offices of U. S. Immigration and Border Patrol. You should also insure that previous stops placed with any facility should include all names used by the subject."

"Distribute sufficient quantities of Wanted Flyers and IO's to narcotic investigative agencies (Customs Agency Service) in order that their informants may be contacted. You should contact all criminal informants and appropriate racial and security informants."

Noted that this is the third time that the Bureau has instructed that criminal informants and appropriate racial and security informants be contacted in this matter. THIS LEAD SHOULD AGAIN BE COMPLIED WITH BY ALL AGENTS.

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- 1 - ASAC
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Burad dated 4/23/68, to all offices, contains the following information:

Subject should be considered possible suspect in any unsolved bank robberies, burglaries or armed robberies (possible ITSP violations) occurring after 4/23/67. 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 handprinting 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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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : ALL AGENTS

FROM : SAC, EL PASO (157-186) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN - COST DATA

DATE: 4/24/68

Memphis airtel to Albany dated 4/19/68, contained the following information:

"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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ALL AGENTS

All Agents are requested to submit to SA REID by the close of business on 4/30/68, and the last day of succeeding months, the above-mentioned information in order that this information may be relayed to the Memphis Division within two work days after the close of each month.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, EL PASO (157-186)

DATE: 4-24-68

FROM : SA JOHN J. GORMAN

SUBJECT: ✓ MURKIN
(OO:MEMPHIS)

The following individuals were contacted 4-24-68 and stated they have no record of any auto being recovered in their respective areas which was stolen in Georgia after 4-1-68:

STANTON, TEXAS

Sheriff DAN SAUNDERS, SO *Walter*
COP JAKE BAUTON, PD

FT. STOCKTON, TEXAS (also covers Iraan, Sheffield and Imperial, Tex.)
Deputy Sheriff JIM SULLIVAN, SO *James*
COP STANLEY HARRISON, PD

RANKIN, TEXAS (also covers McCamey, Texas)
Sheriff GENE ECKOLS, SO *John*

MCCAMEY, TEXAS
COP CARL LOCKER

CRANE, TEXAS
Sheriff RAY WEATHERBY, SO *Ray*
COP JOHNNY LANDIS

MIDLAND, TEXAS
Officer BILL STRIBLING, Dispatcher, PD
Chief Deputy Sheriff GUY FLETCHER, SO *Walter*

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-186)

FROM : John R. Maurer, SA

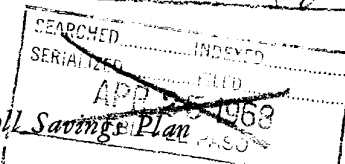
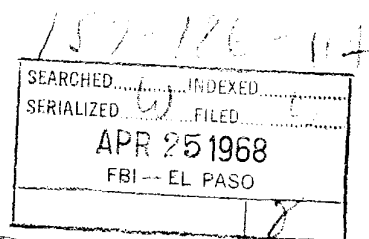
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DATE: 4/24/68

Re: Possible location of a Ga. auto.

on 4/24/68 contact made with Bob Patterson, C of P, Monahan & Lep Shiff Men Store, Reeves Co., Texas & both advised that to their knowledge no Ga car has been located in Ward, Reeves or Loving counties during April, 1968.

JRM:



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Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-186)

DATE: 4/25/68

FROM : SA ROBERT N. FOLTZ

SUBJECT: ✓ MURKIN

On 4/15,23/68, PCI's Glynn E. Nelson and Benny Frank were furnished current wanted flyers on the suspect in this case and instructed to immediately advise in the event any information in this matter comes to their attention.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, EL PASO (157-186)

DATE: 4/24/68

FROM : SA JOHN R. MAURER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DANCING SCHOOLS

There are no dancing schools in the part of the Midland Resident Agency covered by me. Therefore, no inquiries were made regarding this matter in my territory.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, EL PASO (157-186)

DATE: 4/24/68

FROM : SA RICHARD H. PICKEN

SUBJECT: ✓ MURKIN

RE: DANCING SCHOOLS

There are no dancing schools in the road trip territory covered by me. For this reason, no contacts were made by me in my road trip territory in regard to this matter.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, EL PASO (157-186)

DATE: 4/25/68

FROM : SA DAVID J. REID

SUBJECT: ✓MURKIN

Noted that copies of the attached memorandum dated 4/19/68, along with copies of the 1960, 1966 and 1968 photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, were furnished to all Agents of the El Paso Office on the night of 4/22/68. In addition, all Agents were furnished a copy of the photograph of WALTER TERRY RIFE on 4/25/68.

Noted that copies of the attached blind memorandum dated 4/19/68 were also furnished to the following, along with Wanted Flyerson JAMES EARL RAY and photographs of WALTER TERRY RIFE:

- ✓ Mr. Gerald O'CONNOR, In Charge, USINS, Santa Fe Bridge, El Paso, on 4/23/68 by SA PRASEK (10- blind memo; 8- Wanted Flyer; 4- photos of RIFE)
- ✓ Capt. LLOYD PETERSON, EPPD, on 4/23/68 by SA NAGEL (14- blind memo; 15- Wanted Flyers; 3- photo of RIFE)
- ✓ Capt. DON WHITLEY, EPCSO, on 4/23/68 by SA NAGEL (3- blind memo; 8- Wanted Flyer; 1- photo of RIFE)
- ✓ Acting SAIC JACK SALTER, Customs Agency Service, El Paso (6- blind memo; 10- Wanted Flyer; 2- photo of RIFE)(SA PRASEK-4/23/68)
- ✓ HERMAN MOORE, Chief Patrol Inspector, El Paso Sector, U.S. Border Patrol, El Paso, by SA DUNNAM on 4/23/68 (4- blind memo; 10- Wanted Flyer; 1- photo of RIFE)
- ✓ GLYNN BYRD, Dispatcher, Texas DPS, El Paso, by SA PICKEN on 4/23/68, who put out an "all points, all officers, all stations bulletin on Ray (7- blind memo; 15- Wanted Flyer; 3- photo of RIFE)
- ✓ THOMAS B. WHITE, Sunland Racetrack, by SA BOYCE on 4/23/68 (WF)
- ✓ JOHN CASEBOLT, USINS, Presidio, by SA PICKEN by mail on 4/23/68 (1 cppy each of blind memo, Wanted Flyer and Photo of RIFE)
- ✓ Chief O. D. STEVENS, Chief Patrol Inspector, Marfa Sector, U. S. Border Patrol, Marfa, by SA PICKEN by mail on 4/23/68 (2- blind memo; 5- Wanted Flyer; 2- photo of RIFE) 157-186-117

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SA ELLISON was given 10 copies of the blind memo, 20 copies of the Spanish language Wanted Flyer on JAMES EARL RAY and 5 copies of the photograph of WALTER TERRY RIFE on 4/23/68 for delivery to all appropriate agencies in Juarez, including Mexican Immigration and all police agencies, where stops should be logically placed regarding subject RAY.

In addition, 20 copies of the blind memo, 40 copies of the Wanted Flyer and 3 copies of the photo of WALTER TERRY RIFE were mailed to the Midland Resident Agency on the night of 4/22/68 for delivery to Regional Headquarters of DPS in Midland and to other appropriate police agencies in the Midland Resident Agency.

On the afternoon of 4/19/68, copies of the 4/19/68 press release (Serial 77) were delivered to the El Paso newspapers, radio and tv stations. SA PARSEK prepared a memo (Serial 79) regarding deliveries made by him. In addition, the following deliveries were made:

El Paso Times and El Paso Herald Post, by SA DAILEY
KTSM Radio and TV, KROD Radio and TV ~~and KHEY Radio and TV~~
~~TV~~, by SAs DUNNAM and CROSSMON
KHEY Radio, KINT Radio and KSET Radio by SA FOLTZ

In addition, copies of the above-mentioned ~~blind~~ press release dated 4/19/68, along with a copy of the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY, taken in 1968, were mailed on the night of 4/19/68 to the 21 newspapers on the mailing list of the El Paso Office located in the El Paso Division.

Noted that the IOs and Wanted Flyers on JAMES EARL RAY were mailed by the Night Clerk (PETE MUNOZ) to the appropriate agencies on the mailing list on 4/23/68.

Noted that extra copies of the Wanted Flyer on ERIC STARVO GALT, WF 442, were delivered on the morning of 4/19/68 to the various police agencies in El Paso and Juarez, including the Mexican and United States Immigration authorities. Extra copies were mailed to the Midland RA for distribution to appropriate agencies. This Wanted Flyer, #442, was mailed by the Night Clerk to the appropriate agencies on the mailing list on 4/20/68.

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APRIL 19, 1968

ATTORNEY GENERAL RAMSEY CLARK ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THE FBI HAS IDENTIFIED JAMES EARL RAY, AN ESCAPEE FROM THE MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY, AS ERIC STARVO GALT, AGAINST WHOM A FEDERAL COMPLAINT WAS FILED LAST WEDNESDAY IN CONNECTION WITH THE FATAL SHOOTING OF THE REVEREND DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

DIRECTOR J. EDGAR HOOVER SAID THAT A SYSTEMATIC AND EXHAUSTIVE SEARCH OF LATENT FINGERPRINTS UNCOVERED IN THE DR. KING CASE AGAINST THE FINGERPRINTS OF THE OVER 53,000 PERSONS FROM WHOM "WANTED NOTICES" HAVE BEEN POSTED IN THE FILES OF THE FBI'S IDENTIFICATION DIVISION LED TO THE DETERMINATION THAT GALT AND RAY ARE IDENTICAL.

MR. HOOVER SAID THAT RAY, WHO IS 40 YEARS OF AGE, WAS REPORTED MISSING FROM THE MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI, SINCE APRIL 23, 1967. HE HAD BEEN RECEIVED AT THAT INSTITUTION ON MARCH 17, 1960, TO SERVE A 20-YEAR SENTENCE FOLLOWING CONVICTION IN ST. LOUIS FOR ARMED ROBBERY AND FOR OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE WITHOUT PERMISSION OF THE OWNER.

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IN SEPTEMBER, 1966, WHILE SERVING THIS SENTENCE, HE WAS CONFINED FOR A TIME IN THE MAXIMUM SECURITY WARD AT THE STATE HOSPITAL AT FULTON, MISSOURI.

ACCORDING TO MR. HOOVER, RAY HAS A KNOWN ARREST RECORD DATING BACK TO 1949. PRIOR TO THE 1960 CONVICTION FOR WHICH HE RECEIVED THE 20-YEAR TERM, RAY HAD BEEN CONVICTED OF BURGLARY IN LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, IN 1949; ARMED ROBBERY IN CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, IN 1952; AND FORGING UNITED STATES POSTAL MONEY ORDERS IN MISSOURI IN 1955.

HE HAS SERVED TERMS IN THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY JAIL IN 1949; IN STATE PRISONS AT JOLIET AND PONTIAC, ILLINOIS, IN 1952-54; AND IN THE FEDERAL PENITENTIARY AT LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS, IN 1955-58.

RAY WAS AN ENLISTED MAN IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY FROM FEBRUARY, 1946, TO DECEMBER, 1948, AT WHICH TIME HE WAS GIVEN A GENERAL DISCHARGE DUE TO INEPTNESS AND LACK OF ADAPTABILITY FOR MILITARY SERVICE. WHILE IN THE ARMY, HE RECEIVED A THREE-MONTH SENTENCE AT HARD LABOR FOR BEING DRUNK AND BREAKING ARREST.

MR. HOOVER SAID THAT DURING HIS CRIMINAL CAREER, RAY HAS ALSO USED THE NAMES OF JAMES MCBRIDE, JAMES WALTON, W. C. HERRON AND JAMES O'CONNER. HE IS A WHITE MALE; CLAIMS TO HAVE

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BEEN BORN [REDACTED], IN ILLINOIS; IS APPROXIMATELY 5 FEET 10 INCHES TALL AND WEIGHS ABOUT 163 TO 174 POUNDS. HE HAS BLUE EYES AND BROWN HAIR. THERE IS A SMALL SCAR ON THE CENTER OF HIS FOREHEAD AND A SCAR ON THE PALM OF HIS RIGHT HAND.

RAY HAS CLAIMED THAT HE ATTENDED SCHOOL THROUGH THE 10TH GRADE IN ALTON, ILLINOIS. HE HAS HAD THE REPUTATION OF BEING A "DRIFTER" SINCE LEAVING SCHOOL. HIS VOCATIONAL EXPERIENCE INCLUDES WORKING AS A BAKER, LABORER AND COLOR MATCHER.

IN CONNECTION WITH HIS ESCAPE FROM THE MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY, AN FBI COMPLAINT WAS FILED IN JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI, ON JULY 20, 1967, CHARGING RAY WITH UNLAWFULLY FLEEING FROM THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO AVOID CONFINEMENT. HE HAS BEEN A FEDERAL FUGITIVE SINCE THEN.

JAMES EARL RAY AND WALTER TERRY RIFE ON MARCH 7, 1955, BURGLARIZED THE U.S. POST OFFICE AT KELLERVILLE, ILLINOIS, AND STOLE 66 BLANK U.S. POSTAL MONEY ORDERS WHICH THEY PASSED DURING MARCH, 1955, IN NUMEROUS STATES, WITH THE RESULT THAT BOTH WERE SENTENCED IN U.S. DISTRICT COURT, KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, ON JULY 1, 1955, TO THE U.S. PENITENTIARY, LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS. SUBJECT RAY HAS BEEN DESCRIBED AS A LONER AND RIFE APPARENTLY IS ONE OF HIS FEW CLOSE ASSOCIATES.

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THE FOLLOWING IS A DESCRIPTION OF JAMES EARL
RAY UNDER FBI NO. 306443A:

Names used	JAMES EARL RAY EARL JAMES RAY W. C. HERRON EARL JAMES JAMES MC BRIDE JAMES O'CONNOR JAMES WALTON JAMES WALYON JIM ERIC STARVO GALT HARVEY LOWMYER JOHN WILLARD
Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of birth	<div></div> at Decatur, Quincy, or Alton, Illinois
Height	5'10" (approximately)
Weight	174 pounds (in September, 1966)
Complexion	Ruddy
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Brown
Build	Medium
Occupations	Laborer and baker
Scars & Marks	Small scar on center of forehead and scar in palm of right hand.
Addresses	St. Louis, Missouri, March, 1960, 2015 Park, St. Louis, Missouri, October, 1955; Quincy, Illinois, July, 1955, March, 1955, and April, 1950;

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	Hotel Quincy, Quincy, Illinois, March, 1955; 853 West Fullerton, Chicago, Illinois, May, 1952; 805 Alby Street, Alton, Illinois, July, 1951
Fingerprint	16 M 9 U 000 12 Ref 9
Classification	M 4 W IOI 12
National Crime Information Center	16131100121211121117
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Military record	JAMES EARL RAY, serial number 16163129, enlisted in the United States Army February, 1946, at East St. Louis, Illinois, and served on active duty until December, 23, 1948, at which time he was given a general discharge as Private First Class at Camp Kilmer, New Jersey.

The following is a description of WALTER TERRY RIFE, FBI number 4548766, as obtained from files of U.S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	44
Date of birth	<input type="text"/>
Height	5'9 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Weight	161
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Blue gray

SUBJECT RAY HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF ROBBERY WITH A DEADLY WEAPON, HAS BEEN CONFINED IN A STATE HOSPITAL, FULTON, MISSOURI, IN 1966, AND SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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JAMES WALYON

W. C. HERRON

JAMES O'CONNER

JIM

JAMES WALTON

ERIC STARVO GALT

HARVEY LOWMYER

JOHN WILLARD

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Army	James Earl Ray #16 163 129	February 19, 1946		
Sheriff's Office Los Angeles, California	James Earl Ray #B-119908	October 11, 1949	suspicion of burglary	
Police Department Los Angeles, California	James Earl Ray #139648	October 11, 1949	suspicion 459 Penal Code (burglary)	8 months County Jail suspended; 2 years probation served; first 90 days County Jail; 146 December 30, 1949 Csl29438
Sheriff's Office Cedar Rapids, Iowa	James E. Ray #5937	April 18, 1950	vagrancy	
Police Department Alton, Illinois	James Earl Ray #7514	July 23, 1951	no operator's license - no State License - no City License	released to pay later
Police Department Chicago, Illinois	James Ray #D90696	May 6, 1952	robbery (Gun)	Grand Jury \$3000
Cook County Jail Chicago, Illinois	James Ray #131165	May 9, 1952	robbery	June 13, 1952 sentenced to penitentiary 1 to 2 years
State Penitentiary Joliet, Illinois	James E. Ray #32419	June 13, 1952	robbery	1 to 2 years
State Penitentiary Pontiac, Illinois	James E. Ray #19121	July 7, 1952 in transfer from Jail	robbery	1 to 2 years March 12, 1953 discharged

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Sheriff's Office Edwardsville, Illinois	James Earl Ray #2640	August 30, 1954	burglary and larceny	
Police Department Hannibal, Missouri	James E. Ray #40714	March 23, 1955	investigation of breaking and entering Post Office	
State Highway Patrol Macon, Missouri	James Earl Ray #B-3376	March 23, 1955	cashing stolen postal money orders	released to Postal Inspector Kansas City, Missouri March 24, 1955
United States Marshal Kansas City, Missouri	James Earl Ray #12018	March 28, 1955	forgery United States Postal Money Order	sentenced to 15 months custody of Attorney General
Sheriff's Office Kansas City, Missouri	James Earl Ray #29837	March 28, 1955	Forgery - Government	July 7, 1955 3 years and 9 months
United States Penitentiary Leavenworth, Kansas	James Earl Ray #72498-L	July 7, 1955	Post Office Laws Forge Money Orders	3 years and 9 months May 20, 1958 conditional release March 31 1959 maximum April 5, 1958 conditional release on ch of Post Office forgery Post Office Money Orders
Police Department Saint Louis, Missouri	James Earl Ray #1071	October 10, 1950	suspicion of robbery	

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