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the name ERIC STARVO GALT, and pointed out that his last name is spelled GAULT and not GALT. EVERETT GAULT observed photographs of ERIC STARVO GALT and advised that he had never seen this individual, and that this person is definitely not a member of his family or a relation thereof. He stated that he has a brother by the name of CURTIS HOPE GAULT, and his last known address was Pioneer, Louisiana. EVERETT GAULT stated that his brother, CURTIS GAULT, was employed by the Ford Bacon and Davis Construction Company, Monroe, Louisiana. He stated he has not been in contact with his brother for some period of time, and is not sure of his present whereabouts.

He also commented that MALCOLM A. GAULT and EZRA GAULT are both brothers of his. EVERETT GAULT stated he could furnish no information concerning anyone who resembles the person in the photograph identified as ERIC STARVO GALT. EVERETT GAULT advised his brother, CURTIS HOPE GAULT, is not identical with ERIC STARVO GALT.

No lead to locate and interview CURTIS HOPE GAULT, Pioneer, Louisiana, is being set out, and this matter is being left to the discretion of the office of origin.

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Brief description of activity or material <u>Information pertaining to trial of LUCILE YUNT at Laurel, Miss. on or about 4/19/68. Had no information that SAM BOWERS had been in Harrison County recently. Information indicating that some explosives may be moved from Laurel, Miss. to Harrison county in the future.</u>		where original is located if not attached 170-430-SF-1-37

Informant advised that the information to the effect that BOB MC COY has some M-16 weapons for sale is completely false and his offer to sell VINCENT PURSER one was in an effort to test PURSER and see if he told anyone else. If so then then VINCENT PURSER could be shown as being unreliable and possibly cause distrust in him among the other klan members.

INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE ENCLOSED REPORT, IF BEING USED IN A REPORT PREPARED FOR DISSEMINATION, SHOULD BE SUITABLY PARAPHRASED IN ORDER TO ADEQUATELY PROTECT THE IDENTITY OF THIS INFORMANT.

1-170-430-SF-1
1-157-1077 (BYRON DE LA BECKWITH)
1-157-9586 (MURKIN)
1-157-18 (SAM BOWERS)
1-157-8102 (RALPH STRICKLAND)
1-157-8151 (LUCILE YUNT)
1-88-1303 (ROY STRICKLAND)
1-157-4663 (CHARLES HALL)
1-157-1476 (VINCENT PURSER)
1-157-7019 (BOB MC COY)
1-157-992 (ACQUISITION OF WEAPONS AND
EXPLOSIVES BY KLAN AND HATE TYPE
ORGANIZATION)
1-157-5484 (ROY STRICKLAND)
1-44-1512 (DABURN)
1-157-534 (WKKKKOM, HARRISON CO.)
1-157-5409 (TRAVIS BUCKLEY)
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Informant advised that he has received no further information as to the whereabouts of BYRON DE LA WECKWITH but felt sure that if BYRON DE LA WECKWITH returned to the Mississippi Gulf Coast area he would learn of this.

Informant advised he is personally acquainted with SAM HOLLOWAY BOWERS, JR. and has had information concerning trips BOWERS has made to the Mississippi Gulf Coast. He has not received any information which would indicate that SAM BOWERS has been on the Mississippi Gulf Coast since 3/25/68. The informant stated that should he learn that SAM BOWERS had left JONE COUNTY, Mississippi, he would notify the FBI.

Informant learned that BOB MC COY, owner of the Oaklawn Motel, Mississippi City, Mississippi, had been in telephone contact with RALPH STRICKLAND of Laurel, Mississippi. At the time MC COY reportedly offered his services in connection with the trial of LUCILE "BUDDY" YUNT which is to take place at Laurel on or about 4/19/68. This trial also involves TRAVIS BUCKLEY and ROY STRICKLAND who are also subjects in this case.

The informant learned from MC COY that ROY STRICKLAND claimed they were not worried about this trial as they had the prosecutor and some members of the jury on their side. MC COY added that in his opinion the klan in Laurel had gotten a list of the prospective members of the jury and had contacted them like the recently did in Jackson County.

Informant stated that he had not been able to develop any information as to the whereabouts of ROY STRICKLAND and did not know if any relatives of his in Laurel knew of his whereabouts or not. Information had previously come to his attention that ROY STRICKLAND would reportedly give himself up prior to the trial so as to clear LUCILE "BUDDY" YUNT who is a relative of him. Informant said that if ROY did not then LUCILE YUNT might have to go to jail and if so RALPH STRICKLAND and other relatives would be mad at ROY STRICKLAND. Where they might condone or even help ROY STRICKLAND to remain a Federal fugitive they would not want LUCILE YUNT to take the blame for something ROY did.

Informant received some information to the effect that possibly some explosives will be moved from Jones County to Harrison Co. in the immediate future. This will reportedly be done by some one in the WKKKKOM but the informant was unable to learn who would do this. Informant was of the opinion that if the explosives were moved to

Harrison County he would be in a position to learn where they would be stored. Informant was instructed to attempt to develop further information regarding this and immediately advised the FBI of anything he learned.

Informant learned that a short time ago VINCENT PURSER of Gulfport, Mississippi had a meeting with BOB MC COY. This meeting took place after the meeting on 3/29/68 at which time MC COY, PURSER, DWIGHT SMITH and BYRON DE LA BECKWITH held a meeting. At the second meeting MC COY reportedly offered to sell VINCENT PURSER an M-16 as he MC COY claimed he had several. MC COY instructed PURSER to tell no one about this. Informant learned that several days later MC COY was talking with CHARLES HALL, who operates a ice cream place on Teagarden Rd. in Mississippi City, and HALL inquired of MC COY information about the weapons he had for sale. MC COY asked HALL how he had learned of the weapons and he said CECIL PRENTICE told him. At this point MC COY told HALL that he had offered to sell VINCENT PURSER a weapon for \$250. but had told PURSER not to mention it to anyone and apparently PURSER had told PRENTICE of the offer and therefore VINCENT PURSER could not be trusted as he is unreliable and he is getting too old. HALL indicated that he agreed with MC COY.

Informant advised that in the past he had seen an AR-15 hanging over the living room door in the residence of BOB MC COY. This weapon has since disappeared and informant inquired of MC COY as to what happened to it. According to MC COY he gave the weapon to DR. JOHN RUSSELL who has his offices at 1202 Broad Avenue, Gulfport, Mississippi. He reportedly gave or traded the weapon to Mayor MEADOWS of Gulfport. The last information the informant could develop was that MEADOWS still has the weapon, possibly aboard his boat, and that he and Chief of Police H. L. HOBBS of Gulfport use the weapon for target practice.

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348PM URGENT 4-23-68 LMB

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987) AND JACKSON
FROM DALLAS (44-2649) 5P

MURKIN. OO MEMPHIS.

ON APRIL TWENTYTWO, LAST, MYRTIS RUTH HENDRICKS, AKA "JITTERBUG"
EIGHT SEVEN THREE MESQUITE STREET, ABILENE, TEXAS, (WHO REQUESTED
HER IDENTITY BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL), FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING INFORMA
TION:

SHE WENT TO WORK ON MARCH THIRTYONE, LAST, FOR AN INDIVIDUAL
KNOWN TO HER AS DEVILISH NICK, OWNER AND OPERATOR OF "JOHN'S
RESTAURANT", LOCATED JUST OFF FIRST STREET, BEFORE THE UNDERPASS
IN LAUREL, MISSISSIPPI, AND WORKED THERE UNTIL APRIL NINE, LAST.

SHE WORKED AS A COOK AND ON THE DAY AFTER SHE STARTED WORK FOR
HIM, DEVILISH NICK HAD SEXUAL RELATIONS WITH HER. HE THEN

STARTED HER WORKING AT A PLACE HE HAD OUTSIDE OF TOWN. ON APRIL
TWO, LAST, SHE OVERHEARD NICK SAY " I GOT A CALL ON THE KING", BUT
DID NOT HEAR ANY MORE OF THE CONVERSATION. ON THE EVENING OF APRIL
THREE, LAST, TWO MEN NEATLY DRESSED, WITH SHORT, STOCKY BUILDS, CAME
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TO NICK'S PLACE WHERE SHE STARTED WORK AT THREE P.M. AND WORKED NIGHTS. WHILE GOING TO THE BATHROOM, SHE OBSERVED A RIFLE WITH A TELESCOPIC SIGHT, IN A CASE IN NICK'S OFFICE. LATER, THE TWO MEN TOOK THE RIFLE AND A LONG BOX, WHICH TOOK THREE MEN TO CARRY OUT, AND PUT THEM IN A SIXTYFOUR MARRON DODGE WITH A FAKE "CONTINENTAL KIT" ON THE BACK.

ON APRIL FOUR, LAST, WHILE ON DUTY, SHE OVERHEARD NICK RECEIVE A TELEPHONE CALL ON HIS PHONE WHICH IS CLOSE TO THE KITCHEN. AFTER THIS CALL, NICK SAID, "MARTIN LUTHER KING IS DEAD." THIS WAS BEFORE THE NEWS CAME OVER THE RADIO ABOUT THE MURDER.

NICK HAD MEETINGS EVERY NIGHT IN HIS OFFICE, AND SHE WAS TOLD BY THE OTHER EMPLOYEES THAT NICK IS THE HEAD OF THE KLU KLUX KLAN IN THAT AREA. A WHITE MALE, KNOWN TO HER ONLY AS BIG WILL ADAMS' SON, WAS IN ON THE ACTIVITY AT THE RESTAURANT. FROSTENE, (PHONETIC) A LARGE, FAT NEGRO GIRL, WHO WORKS FOR NICK, AND TWO WHITE WAITRESSES WHO WERE ASSOCIATED WITH THE TWO MEN WHO TOOK THE GUN, KNEW OF THE ACTIVITIES AT NICK'S.

FROM WHAT SHE OVERHEARD SHE FEELS THAT NICK HAD SOME PART IN THE ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, BUT SHE HAS NO DEFINITE PROOF OF ANYTHING. SHE BECAME SO FRIGHTENED SHE TOLD NICK SHE HAD

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A VERY SICK RELATIVE IN ABILENE, TEXAS. SHE LEFT ON APRIL NINE, LAST, AND CAME TO ABILENE, TEXAS, WHERE SHE MET THOMAS MC GEE. SHE HAS BEEN GOING WITH MC GEE FOR FOUR YEARS AND HE CAME TO ABILENE SHORTLY BEFORE CHRISTMAS TO LOOK FOR WORK. SHE COULD NOT IDENTIFY THE PHOTO OF JAMES EARL RAY AS EVER BEING AT JOHN'S RESTAURANT OR EVER SEEING HIM. ON APRIL TWENTYTWO, LAST, THOMAS MC GEE FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

HE WORKED AT JOHN'S RESTAURANT ABOUT A YEAR AGO FOR A MONTH AS A CARNOP. HE WAS TOLD THE RESTAURANT WAS A MEETING PLACE FOR THE KU KLUX KLAN AND DEVILISH NICK, THE PROPRIETOR OF THE RESTAURANT, WAS THE HEAD OF THE KKK IN THAT ATEA. HE ALSO DETERMINED THAT THE WOMEN EMPLOYEES WORKED AS PROSTITUTES FOR NICK DURING OFF HOURS AND THE TWO WHITE WOMEN WHO WORK AS WAITRESSES, ONE BRUNETTE AND ONE BLONDE, LIVE IN THE MOST EXPENSIVE HOTEL IN LAUREL, NAME UNKNOWN.

NICK BEAT UP CERTAIN EMPLOYEES WHILE HE WAS THERE, AND HE, MC GEE, DECIDED TO LEAVE. WHEN HE LEARNED THAT MYRTIS RUTH HENDRICKS WAS WORKING FOR NICK, WHO WAS MAKING A PROSTITUTE OUT OF HER, HE HAD HER COME TO ABILENE.

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HE ADMITTED THAT HE IS ON PROBATION OUT OF GULFPORT, MISS., FOR MOONSHINING AND HAS PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED INFORMATION TO THE FBI THROUGH A ONE-LEGGED MAN WHO RUNS A BARBER SHOP NEXT DOOR TO KITCHEN'S GROCERY IN SEMINARY, MISS.. THIS MAN COULD VOUCH FOR HIS RELIABILITY.

HE FEELS THAT SHOULD DEVILISH NICK KNOW THAT HE AND MYRTIS HAVE TALKED TO THE FBI, HE WOULD HAVE THEM LOCATED AND KILLED, AND WOULD TAKE SOME ACTION AGAINST THEIR FRIENDS AND RELATIVES IN LAUREL, MISSISSIPPI. HE THEREFORE REQUESTED, AS DID HENDRICKS, THAT THEIR IDENTITIES BE PROTECTED AND KEPT VERY CONFIDENTIAL. HE INTIMATED THAT IF INVESTIGATION BY THE FBI REFLECTS THAT THE INFORMATION ON DEVILISH NICK IS OF ANY VALUE, HE WOULD BE WILLING TO RETURN TO LAUREL AND OBTAIN INFORMATION FOR THE FBI ON A PAID BASIS.

HE ADVISED THAT HE AND HENDRICKS WILL MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH THE FBI.

THE FOLLOWING IS DESCRIPTION OF DEVILISH NICK AS FURNISHED BY THE ABOVE INDIVIDUALS:

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WHITE MALE, ABOUT THIRTYTHREE YEARS OF AGE, FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES, TWO HUNDRED POUNDS, BLACK HAIR, RED FACED, DRINKS A LOT, MARRIED TO BLONDE WIFE, ABOUT THIRTY THREE YEARS OLD.

THE FOLLOWING IS A DESCRIPTION OF MYRTIS RUTH HENDRICKS AS OBTAINED THROUGH OBSERVATION:

NEGRO FEMALE, ABOUT TWENTYFIVE YEARS ODS, FIVE FEET SEVEN INCHES, ONE EIGHTFIVE POUNDS, BLACK HAIR, CUT SHORT, BROWN EYES, LIGHT BROWN SKIN, RESIDENCE -- ROOMING AT EIGHT SEVEN THREE MESQUITE STREET, ABILENE, TEXAS, TELEPHONE SIX SEVEN SEVEN - SIX FOUR THREE FOUR.

THE FOLLOWING IS A DESCRIPTION OF THOMAS MC GEE , AS OBTAINED THROUGH OBSERVATION AND INTERVIEW:

NEGRO MALE, THIRTY - FIVE YEARS OF AGE, FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES, ONE FIFTY POUNDS, BLACK CURLY HAIR, BROWN EYES, LIGHT BROWN COMPLEXION TWO AND ONE - HALF INCH DEEP SCAR, DIAGONALLY ACROSS LEFT CHEEK, AS WOODEN RIGHT LEG.

JACKSON, AT LAUREL, MISSISSIPPI, CONDUCT INVESTIGATION OF DEVILISH NICK RE ANY COMPLICITY HE, OR PERSONS ASSOCIATED WITH HIM, MAY HAVE IN THIS CAE. P

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FROM: JACKSON (157-9586)

MURKIN.

RE DALLAS TELETYPE TO BUREAU, APRIL TWENTY THREE, LAST,
REGARDING INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM MYRTIS RUTH HENDRICKS,
AKA "JITTERBUG", EIGHT SEVEN THREE MESQUIT STREET, ABILENE,
TEXAS.

DEAVOURS NIX, BUFILE ONE FIVE SEVEN DASH FOUR FOUR ONE SIX
~~AND JACKSON FILE ONE FIVE SEVEN DASH THREE FOUR EIGHT FOUR~~ IS
IDENTICAL WITH DEVILISH NICK MENTIONED IN RE TEL. NIX IS
PROPRIETOR OF JOHN'S CAFE AND DRIVE-IN RESTAURANT, ONE ONE SIX
TERESA STREET, LAUREL, MISSISSIPPI. HE IS THE FORMER STATE
INVESTIGATOR (KBI) OF THE WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
OF MISS. (WKKKKOM), BUT IS REPORTED TO HAVE RECENTLY RESIGNED
THAT POSITION.

NIX IS PRESENTLY UNDER FEDERAL INDICTMENT ALONG WITH

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FIFTEEN OTHER KLAN MEMBERS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FIRE-BOMB SLAYING OF VERNON FERDINAND DAHMER, SR., NEGRO MALE, NEAR HATTIESBURG, MISS., ON JANUARY TEN, SIXTY SIX. HE HAS ALSO BEEN INDICTED BY STATE COURT, HATTIESBURG, MISS., CHARGED WITH ARSON IN CONNECTION WITH THE ABOVE ACTIVITY. NIX AND FOUR OTHERS ARE UNDER INDICTMENT, PASCAGOULA, MISSISSIPPI, CHARGED WITH KIDNAPPING, ASSAULT AND BATTERY, IN CONNECTION WITH THE KIDNAPPING AND BEATING OF JACK WATKINS, WHITE MALE, OF PASCAGOULA. NIX AND THE OTHERS ATTEMPTED TO GET A CONFESSION FROM WATKINS STATING THAT HE KIDNAPPED LAWRENCE BYRD, ONE OF THE DEFENDANTS IN THE DAHMER CASE AND BEAT A CONFESSION OUT OF HIM ABOUT THE SUBJECTS IN THE DAHMER CASE.

ON APRIL FIVE, SIXTY EIGHT, JN THREE FOUR ZERO DASH R (PROB), NIGHT MANAGER AND WAITRESS AT JOHN'S CAFE, REPORTED SEEING NIX AROUND FIVE PM, APRIL FOUR, SIXTY EIGHT, AND SAM

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BOWERS, IMPERIAL WIZARD, WKKKKOM, BETWEEN SEVEN THIRTY AND EIGHT PM SAME NIGHT. SOURCE HAS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED CONTACTS OF VARIOUS INDIVIDUALS WITH NIX AND BOWERS IN JOHN'S CAFE.

SOURCE RECONTACTED THIS AM AND ADVISED TWO WHITE MALES AT JOHN'S RESTAURANT NIGHT OF APRIL THREE, LAST. SOURCE VIEWED VARIOUS PHOTOGRAPHS AND IDENTIFIED ONE INDIVIDUAL AS L. E. MATTHEWS, ^{KNOWN KLANSMAN} ~~JACKSON FILE ONE FIVE SEVEN DASH FOUR ZERO NINE SIX AND BUFILE ONE FIVE SEVEN DASH FIVE EIGHT ZERO FOUR,~~ WHO HAS BEEN IN RESTAURANT ON PREVIOUS OCCASIONS.

SECOND INDIVIDUAL, DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, STOCKY BUILD, THIRTY FIVE TO FORTY YEARS OLD, FIVE FEET NINE INCHES TO FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES, WEARING GRAY WORK CLOTHES, NOT KNOWN TO SOURCE. MEETING HELD IN OFFICE OF JOHN'S RESTAURANT BETWEEN MATTHEWS, NIX, SAM BOWERS, AND UNKNOWN INDIVIDUAL. SOURCE ADVISED NO PACKAGE BROUGHT IN OR OUT OF CAFE. NO WEAPONS

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OBSERVED. NO WAITRESSES WORKING THAT NIGHT OBSERVED WITH THIS GROUP. SOURCE STATES UNKNOWN INDIVIDUAL NOT IDENTICAL WITH PHOTOGRAPHS OF JAMES EARL ^{RAY}~~LEE~~. SOURCE ADVISED NEGRO COOK NAMED "MYRTIS" PREVIOUS EMPLOYEE BUT NOT WELL KNOWN TO SOURCE. Jackson will ^{attempt} identify unknown individuals with Group.

ON APRIL FOUR, LAST, JN THREE THREE SEVEN DASH R (PROB) WHO FREQUENTS JOHN'S CAFE REPORTED SEEING NIX AND BOWERS AT JOHN'S CAFE DURING LATE AFTERNOON PRIOR TO THE SLAYING OF KING.

INDIVIDUAL REFERRED TO BY THOMAS MC GEE BELIEVED TO BE TRUMAN WEBBER ROGERS, A FORMER MEMBER OF THE WKKKKOM, JONES COUNTY, MISS., AND WHO FREQUENTED JOHN'S RESTAURANT, ROGERS RECENTLY TESTIFIED AT STATE COURT, HATTIESBURG, DURING THE TRIAL OF CECIL SESSUM WHO IS CHARGED WITH MURDER IN CONNECTION WITH THE DAHMER CASE. SESSUM FOUND GUILTY AND SENTENCED TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT. CASE ON APPEAL. REGUL

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JACKSON extremely interested in Nix's activities
AND DALLAS IS requested to
~~DISCREPANCY~~ *POINTS* IN RE TEL. HENDRICKS STATED THAT ON DAY AFTER

SHE STARTED TO WORK FOR DEAVOURS NIX, HE HAD SEXUAL RELATIONS WITH HER. SHE STATED NIX THEN STARTED HER WORKING AT A PLACE HE HAD OUTSIDE OF TOWN. HENDRICKS THEN STATED ON APRIL TWO, LAST, SHE OVERHEARD NIX SAY "I GOT A CALL ON THE KING."

CLARIFY SECOND PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT. ALSO LOCATION AT TIME SHE HEARD NIX MAKE THIS STATEMENT AND WHO ELSE PRESENT.

IT APPEARS HENDRICKS STATED SHE WAS WORKING OUTSIDE OF TOWN BUT YET HEARD THE STATEMENT ON APRIL TWO AND FOUR, LAST, AT JOHN'S CAFE.

AIRMAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS.

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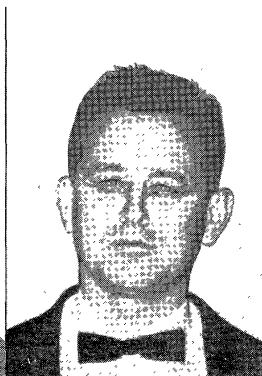
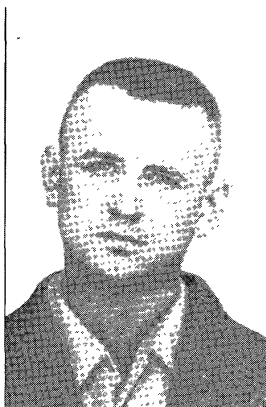
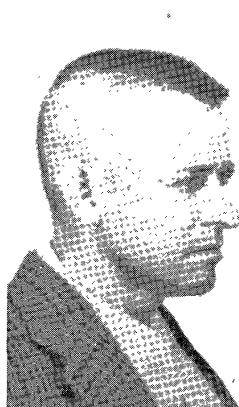
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Photographs taken 1960

Photograph taken 1968
(eyes drawn by artist)

James Ray



DESCRIPTION

AGE: 40, born March 10, 1928, Alton, Illinois
HEIGHT: 5' 10" EYES: blue
WEIGHT: 163 to 174 pounds COMPLEXION: medium
BUILD: medium RACE: white
HAIR: brown, possibly cut short NATIONALITY: American
OCCUPATIONS: baker, color matcher, laborer
SCARS AND MARKS: small scar on center of forehead and small scar on palm of right hand
REMARKS: noticeably protruding left ear; reportedly is a lone wolf; allegedly attended dance instruction school; has reportedly completed course in bartending

CRIMINAL RECORD

Ray has been convicted of burglary, robbery, forging U. S. Postal Money Orders, armed robbery, and operating motor vehicle without owner's consent.

CAUTION

RAY IS SOUGHT IN CONNECTION WITH A MURDER WHEREIN THE VICTIM WAS SHOT. CONSIDER ARMED AND EXTREMELY DANGEROUS.

A Federal warrant was issued on April 17, 1968, at Birmingham, Alabama, charging Ray as Eric Starvo Galt with conspiring to interfere with a constitutional right of a citizen (Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 241). A Federal warrant was also issued on July 20, 1967, at Jefferson City, Missouri, charging Ray with interstate flight to avoid confinement for the crime of Robbery (Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 1073).

IF YOU HAVE INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS PERSON, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR LOCAL TELEPHONE NUMBERS AND ADDRESSES OF ALL FBI OFFICES LISTED ON BACK.

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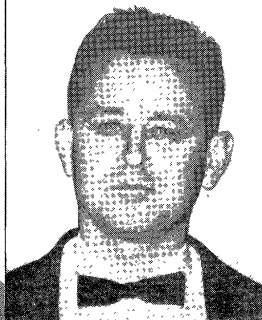
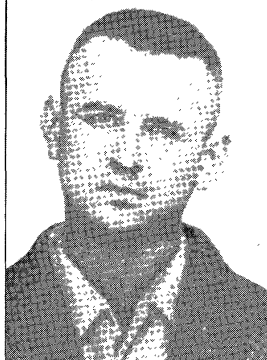
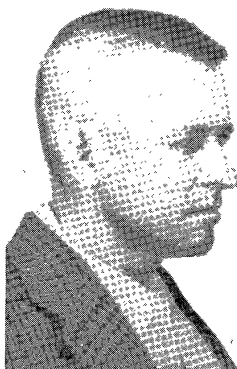
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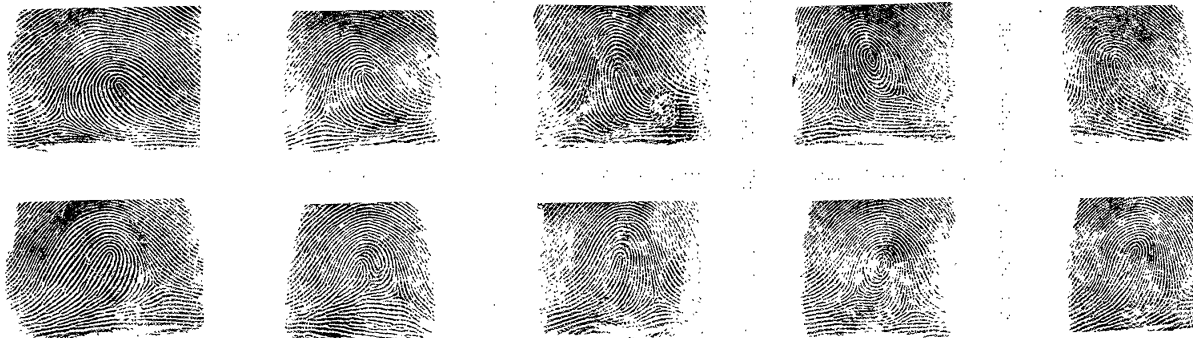
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Army	James Earl Ray #16 163 129	February 19, 1946		
Sheriff's Office Los Angeles, California	James Earl Ray #B-119908	October 11, 1949	suspicion of burglary	
Police Department Los Angeles, California	James Earl Ray #139648	October 11, 1949	suspicion 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 Joliet	robbery	1 to 2 years March 12, 1954 discharged

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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 #29637	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 charge of Post Office forgery Post Office Money Orders
Police Department Saint Louis, Missouri	James Earl Ray #81071	October 10, 1959	suspicion of robbery	

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Police Department Saint Louis, Missouri	James Earl Ray #81071	October 16, 1959	suspicion of robbery stealing and fugitive other authorities	
State Penitentiary Jefferson City, Missouri	James Earl Ray #00416	March 17, 1960	"TC" operating motor vehicle without permission of owner robbery first "b/m DDW" (2 charges)	20 years (20, 7, 5, concurrent)
State Hospital Number 1 Fulton, Missouri	James Earl Ray #37045 C-5	September 8, 1966	Patient	

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	WANTED BY BUREAU: James Earl Ray, also known as, James McBride, James Walyon, W.C. Herron, James O'Conner, Jim, for unlawful flight to avoid custody-robbery first Fugitive Index #121426 Bureau file #88-41730 Office of Origin Kansas City information received July 27, 1967. CAUTION: ARMED AND DANGEROUS Alias: James Walton WANTED BY BUREAU: Eric Starvo Galt, also known as Harvey Lowmyer, John Willard, Civil Rights-Conspiracy Fugitive Index #127540 Bureau File #44-38861 Office of Origin Memphis. Information received April 19, 1968. CAUTION: ARMED AND DANGEROUS			
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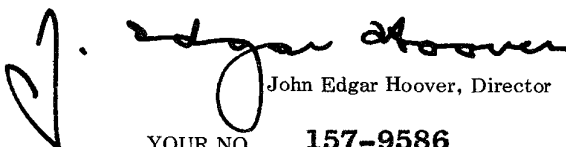


**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.**

To: **SAC, Jackson**

April 23, 1968

Re: **MURKIN
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OO: Memphis**


John Edgar Hoover, Director

YOUR NO. **157-9586**
FBI FILE NO. **44-38861**
LAB. NO. **D-561044 JK**

Reference **Airtel dated April 16, 1968**

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FM: DIRECTOR F.B.I. 4-23-68

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : ALL AGENTS

FROM : SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/24/68

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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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. MACKEY 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

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.

The 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 identifications.

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.

The Bureau has advised that all leads must be set out by telephone or teletype.

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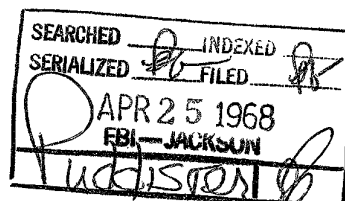
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Brief description of activity or material <u>Advised BOB MC COY, Mississippi City, Miss. received letter from BYRON DE LA BECKWITH postmarked Gainesville, Fla. on 4/9/68.</u>		File where original is located if not attached <u>170-430-SF-1 - 36</u>

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Informant advised that he had learned that ROBERT MC COY, owner of the Oaklawn Motel, Mississippi City, Mississippi, had received a letter from BYRON DE LA BECKWITH. This letter was postmarked at Gainsville, Fla., on April 9, 1968. In the letter BECKWITH indicated that he was aware of the murder of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING but did not indicate that he had any idea who may have done it. According to what the informant learned BECKWITH was in Fla. in connection with his employment with the Barrentine Mfg. Co. of Greenwood, Mississippi and planned to return to the Mississippi Gulf Coast in several weeks.

Informant advised that no information had come to his attention with regard to the murder of Rev. MARTIN LUTHER KING Jr. and should he receive any information in the future he would immediately notify the FBI.

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Date: **4/24/68**Transmit the following in _____
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