

MO 157-2627

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RE: JOSEPH M. PRITCHETT

On April 11, 1968, GILMER P. STAFFORD, United States Coast Guard, Alexandria, Virginia, advised that he had served in the United States Navy aboard the USS Alan M. Sumner with JOSEPH M. PRITCHETT who was described as 26-27 years of age at present, blond sandy hair, receding hairline, blue or green eyes, 5'9", 160 pounds, oval face and prominent ears. He reportedly is from Montgomery, Alabama. STAFFORD said that he feels that PRITCHETT resembles the artist's conception of the killer of MARTIN LUTHER KING.

On the date of April 13, 1968, the files of the Navy Personnel Records Center, St. Louis, Missouri, reflected that JOSEPH MALLOY PRITCHETT, Navy Serial Number 540-84-40, served on active duty with the United States Navy from November 17, 1959, to August 27, 1963, when honorably discharged. His parents were Mr. and Mrs. JOSEPH A. PRITCHETT, 261 South Boulevard, Montgomery, Alabama.

It is noted that JOSEPH MALLOY PRITCHETT, 261 South Boulevard, Montgomery, Alabama, was interviewed in connection with another matter on August 24, 1964. At that time it was determined that he was employed as a policeman with the Montgomery Police Department. In addition, the following descriptive and background data was obtained on him:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	
Height	5'9"
Weight	165 pounds
Eyes	Hazel
Hair	Blond
Marital Status	Single
Military Service	United States Navy November, 1959, to August 27, 1963

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The following investigation was conducted by  
Special Agent DAN O. STEPHENS:

The Montgomery City Directories for the years 1964 to 1968 list only one JOSEPH M. PRITCHETT. The 1964 directory lists JOSEPH M. PRITCHETT, 261 South Boulevard, Montgomery, as being a police officer with the Montgomery Police Department. The 1968 directory lists JOSEPH M. PRITCHETT, 608 Belvedere Street, Montgomery, as being a Trooper, Alabama Highway Patrol.

Major JOHN CLOUD (National Academy), Chief, Alabama Highway Patrol, advised on April 12, 1968, that JOSEPH MALLOY PRITCHETT, 608 Belvedere Street, Montgomery, is still assigned to the Montgomery Station, Alabama Highway Patrol. He further advised that Trooper PRITCHETT was formerly employed by the Montgomery Police Department.

CLOUD stated that his records reflect that PRITCHETT was on duty March 29, 1968, from 3:00 p.m., to 11:00 p.m. and was not on duty March 30, 1968. He was on duty April 4, 1968, from 3:00 p.m. to 12:00 p.m.

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AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
FROM: SAC, MOBILE (157-2627) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CR  
(OO: MEMPHIS)

JOSEPH M. PRITCHETT  
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

Re WFO teletype to Bureau, 8:34 p.m., 4/11/68,  
suggesting JOSEPH M. PRITCHETT, Montgomery, Ala., as a  
possible suspect.

Enclosed for Memphis are twenty-five (25)  
copies of an insert reflecting investigation at Montgomery,  
including identification of JOSEPH MALLOY PRITCHETT, 608  
Blevedere St., Montgomery, an Alabama State Trooper, who  
was determined to have been on duty at Montgomery, 3/29/68  
and 4/4/68.

Accordingly no further investigation is being  
made concerning PRITCHETT.

2-Memphis (Encs 25)

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1044PM URGENT 4-19-68 CDC

TO MOBILE

FROM: NEW ORLEANS 157-10673.

MURKIN.

LEONARD SPEARS, FORMER EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH SHERIFF'S  
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LIKE PHOTOGRAPH OF SUBJECT WHICH HE HAD TORN FROM BATON ROUGE  
NEWSPAPER PREVIOUS DATE AND WAS CARRYING IN FRONT SEAT  
OF HIS CAR. HE CLOSELY OBSERVED DRIVER OF VOLKESWAGEN WHEN  
BOTH AT RED LIGHT ON AIRLINE HIGHWAY. DRIVER PUT HAND UP  
BESIDE FACE IN WHAT APPEARED TO BE EFFORT TO BLOCK SPEARS VIEW.  
SPEARS STATED HE PARTICULARLY NOTED THE THIN LONG NOZE AND  
SQUINTY EYES. THE MAN WAS NEATLY DRESSED AND APPEARED TO BE  
ABOUT THIRTYFIVE YEARS OF AGE.

MOBILE CHECK AND DETERMINE IF ANY REPORT OF STOLEN, DETER-  
MINE OWNER OF VEHICLE IN EFFORT TO ELIMINATE DRIVER OF  
VOLKESWAGEN AS LOOK ALIKE OF RAY. AIRMAIL COPY YO MEMPHIS.

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# WANTED BY THE FBI

## CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY ERIC STARVO GALT

FBI No. 405,942 G



Photograph taken 1968  
(eyes drawn by artist)



Photograph taken 1968

**Aliases:** Harvey Lowmyer, John Willard

### DESCRIPTION

<b>Age:</b>	36, born July 20, 1931 (not supported by birth records)	<b>Eyes:</b>	Blue or hazel
<b>Height:</b>	5'8" to 5'11"	<b>Complexion:</b>	Medium
<b>Weight:</b>	160 to 175 pounds	<b>Race:</b>	White
<b>Build:</b>	Medium		
<b>Hair:</b>	Brown, possibly cut short		
<b>Occupation:</b>	Has claimed employment as seaman		
<b>Remarks:</b>	Noticeably protruding left ear; reportedly is a lone wolf; allegedly attended dance instruction school; has reportedly completed course in bartending.		

### CAUTION

SHOT. CONSIDER ARMED AND EXTREMELY DANGEROUS.

A Federal warrant was issued on April 17, 1968, at Birmingham, Alabama, charging Galt with conspiring to interfere with a Constitutional Right of a citizen (Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 241).

**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.**

Wanted Flyer 442  
April 17, 1968

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
DIRECTOR  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535  
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-2627)

DATE: 4/19/68

FROM : SA DAN O. STEPHENS

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 4/16/68, NORMAN PHIPPS, Montgomery Music Co., Inc., Montgomery, Ala. telephonically advised as follows:

At noon 4/13/68, he was having lunch at Susie's Drive-in, West Fairview Ave., Montgomery, and he observed a white male sitting at the lunch counter who strongly resembled the artists conception drawing of the individual involved in captioned case. This individual was drinking coffee at that time. He appeared to be about 30-34 years old, 5'8", sandy hair, receding hair-line. He also bore a "silly" grin on his face most of the time.

When this individual left the drive-in, he was in a compact car, American make, not further identified, bearing 1968 Alabama license #3-41901.

He has never seen this individual before.

The following investigation was conducted telephonically by the writer at Montgomery, Ala. on same date.:

FRANCES JONES, Motor Vehicle Division, Ala. Dept. of Revenue, advised that 1968 license #3-41901 was issued 11/8/67 to JAMES A. DAVIS, 3702 Duquesne Dr., Montgomery, Ala. for a 1966 Valiant, 4 dr., VIN VH41D62503586.

VESTA GOINS, Driver's License Division, Ala. DPS, advised that she was unable to locate a record for above individual. She stated that a date of birth would be necessary before an accurate check could be completed.

Current Montgomery City Directory reflects that JAMES A. DAVIS, wife DIANA, resides 3702 Duquesne Dr., Montgomery, and that he is employed as sales manager, Kirby Vacuum Cleaner Co.,

On 4/18/68, PHIPPS telephonically advised that he has seen photo of GALT in local newspaper and that the man he observed 4/13/68 does not resemble him. He stated that the man he saw is definitely not identical with GALT.

In view of foregoing, no further investigation being conducted in this regard.



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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CIVIL RIGHTS  
(OO: MEMPHIS)

ReBirmingham teletype to the Director dated 4/17/68 with copies for Atlanta, Houston, Jackson, Memphis, Mobile, New York and which pertains to THOMAS JOSEPH COX.

Enclosed for Newark are two copies of referenced teletype.

On 4/18/68, Mr. RUDY J. MAYER, Accountant, American Bulk Carriers, 711 Third Avenue, New York, New York, stated to SA FRANCIS L. CASHIN that THOMAS JOSEPH COX sailed on the SS "Kent" which left Houston, Texas, on 4/28/67, went to Bombay, India and was there from 6/7/67 to 6/22/67, and returned to Destrehan, Louisiana on 8/1/67. He has no record of COX since then.

3- Bureau  
2- Memphis (44-1987)  
2- Newark (Encls. 2)  
1- Atlanta (INFO)  
2- Houston  
1- Jackson (INFO)  
① Mobile (INFO)  
1- Birmingham (44-1740) (INFO)  
1- New York (44-1609)

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Special Agent in Charge

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On 4/27/67, COX gave his address as Hotel De George, Houston, Texas.

COX was described as follows in MAYER's records:

Name: THOMAS JOSEPH COX  
Book or Cert: #Z-976491-d3  
Rating: Able Seaman  
Date Began: April 27, 1967  
Place Began: Houston, Texas  
Social Security #:   
Citizenship: USA  
Birthplace: New Jersey  
Birthdate:   
Age: 41  
Height: 6'2"  
Weight: 205 pounds  
Hair: Brown  
Eyes: Blue  
Complexion: Fair  
Next of Kin: Mother - Mrs. ANNA COX  
206 Mill Road, Somerdale,  
New Jersey

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NY 44-1609

LEADS:

HOUSTON

AT HOUSTON, TEXAS: Check at Hotel De George for COX as set out in referenced teletype.

NEWARK

AT SOMMERDALE, NEW JERSEY: Interview COX's mother for information requested in referenced teletype.

4/15/68

AIRTEL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (44-1809)

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CIVIL RIGHTS  
(OO: MEMPHIS)

ReNYairtel to Bureau, 4/17/68 and NY telephone call to Springfield 4/10/68.

Re RICHARD GALT.

PAUL KERR, Secretary-Treasurer, SIU, NYC, advised that he has determined that the crew of the G.S. HUDSON signed on 12/7/61 and signed off 2/10/62. The location of signing off was one of three: Houston, Galveston or Port Arthur, all Texas. He has determined through his records that there was no one named GALT aboard and, further, the only crew member with the first name of RICHARD was RICHARD BANTAMORE, Social Security Number [REDACTED].

KERR stated that if KENNETH NEWBLE is reinterviewed for further information he should be asked to furnish copies of his, NEWBLE's, termination papers for the particular voyage about which he is furnishing information. KERR stated that such papers will facilitate any further search of SIU's records.

- 3- Bureau
- 1- Memphis
- 1- Mobile
- 1- Springfield
- 1- Washington Field
- 1- New York

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FBI CHICAGO

419PM URGENT 4/20/68 JLS

TO MOBILE (44- ), MEMPHIS (44-1987), NEW ORLEANS (157-10678)  
AND SPRINGFIELD (44-561).  
FROM CHICAGO (44-1114) 3P

MURKIN. CR.

RE SPRINGFIELD TEL TO NEW ORLEANS AND CHICAGO APRIL  
NINETEEN LAST, RE JOSEPH CLAYTON MONTAGNE (LOOK-ALIKE).

FOR INFORMATION MOBILE, INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM JACKSON  
DIVISION APRIL NINETEEN LAST THAT PASCAGOULA, MISS., PD, STOPPED  
INDIVIDUAL DRIVING WHITE CORVAIR BEARING SIXTY EIGHT ILL. LICENSE  
DG THREE ONE ZERO NINE. DRIVER IDENTIFIED SELF AS JOSEPH CLAYTON  
MONTAGNE. MONTAGNE ACCOMPANIED BY ANOTHER WHITE MALE, IDENTITY NOT  
DETERMINED. MONTAGNE INDICATED HE WAS A MUSICIAN AND OTHER  
PERSON INDICATED HE WAS A SEAMAN AND THEY WERE BOTH HEADING FOR  
NEW ORLEANS.

OFFICER WHO STOPPED INDIVIDUALS SAID MONTAGNE RESEMBLED  
PHOTO OF GALT AND AFTER HEARING A DESCRIPTION OF JAMES EARL RAY  
HAVING SCAR IN MIDDLE OF FOREHEAD, HE BELIEVED MONTAGNE MIGHT  
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*Comm. advised  
for Chicago reference*

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BE RAY AS HE RECALLED MONTAGNE HAVING SUCH A SCAR. NO FURTHER DESCRIPTION AVAILABLE ON MONTAGNE OR OTHER PERSON.

AUTO REGISTRATION RECORDS, SPRINGFIELD, REVEAL NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT ILL. LICENSE D G THREE ONE ZERO NINE REGISTERED TO RAYMOND HILLBURN, SIX ZERO THREE NINE NORTH RIDGE, CHICAGO, ILL., FOR A NINETEEN FIFTY SIX DODGE, FOUR DOOR, VIN THREE TWO TWO THREE THREE ONE THREE NINE. AUTO REGISTRATION AND DRIVERS LICENSE CHECKS RE MONTAGNE NEGATIVE.

DRIVERS LICENSE RECORDS RE HILLBURN DESCRIBE HIM AS RAYMOND MITCHEL HILLBURN, RECENT ADDRESS ONE TWO FIVE FOUR LELAND, CHICAGO, ILL., DOB [REDACTED] FIVE FEET TEN, ONE SIXTY FIVE POUNDS, BROWN HAIR, BLUE EYES, DRIVERS LICENSE NUMBER H FOUR ONE SIX SEVEN THREE THREE FOUR ZERO ONE EIGHT SEVEN, SUSPENDED SINCE MARCH TEN LAST.

MARIA HILLBURN, FORMER WIFE OF RAYMOND HILLBURN, FOUR SEVEN ZERO ZERO MAGNOLIA, CHICAGO, ILL., ADVISED INSTANT DATE THAT HILLBURN PURCHASED WHITE CORVAIR CONVERTIBLE, MODEL UNKNOWN, APPROXIMATELY TWO WEEKS AGO AND DEPARTED FOR ALABAMA ON APRIL FIVE LAST.

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MARIA HILLBURN STATED SHE WAS CONTACTED TELEPHONICALLY  
YESTERDAY BY FORMER HUSBAND WHO IS NOW RESIDING WITH  
LUCILLE HASSEY, ONE THREE ZERO PATTON STREET, MONTGOMERY,  
ALABAMA, TELEPHONE NUMBER TWO SIX FIVE FOUR EIGHT THREE SIX.

MOBILE ATTEMPT TO LOCATE HILLBURN AND DETERMINE ANY  
INFORMATION RE MONTAGNE AND WHITE CORVAIR IN AN EFFORT TO  
ELIMINATE HIM AS JAMES EARL RAY AND ADVISE INTERESTED OFFICES.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P

MURKIN.

Extensive investigation to date has not specifically established residence or whereabouts of ERIC STARVO GALT prior to mid-summer 1967. Investigation has disclosed that his presence has been established in Alabama, California, Georgia, Louisiana, and Tennessee.

Possibility exists that prior to mid-summer, 1967, UNSUB may well have been a recent releasee of a Federal Penitentiary, a State Penitentiary, or some county correctional institution. In addition, the possibility that he may have been a recent releasee from a mental institution of some kind cannot be overlooked.

It is therefore requested that all offices receiving this Airtel check records of custodial institutions, penal and otherwise, in their respective divisions, for any information regarding releasees in May, June, and July 1967. Offices should be guided by the descriptive data and birth data furnished on Alabama driver's license. This set forth birthdate [redacted] Descriptive data available on license will assist in eliminating many of the names that might appear. Use of current photo, which is dated March 1968, would also be of assistance in further eliminating any suspects included in group. If unable eliminate on basis of birth data and use of photo, receiving offices should secure from custodial institution identifying numbers which will assist in establishing identification record and thereafter request elimination by fingerprints of Bureau. ARMED & DANGEROUS.

3 BUREAU	2 NEW ORLEANS
2 ATLANTA	2 SAN FRANCISCO
2 BIRMINGHAM	2 SAN DIEGO
2 KANSAS CITY	2 SACRAMENTO
2 LOS ANGELES	2 SAVANNAH
② MOBILE	1 MEMPHIS

RGJ:BN

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Approved: *RC Jensen*  
Special Agent in Charge

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TO: SAC, MOBILE

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

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CR  
(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re: Roominghouse at 113 14th St., N. E., Atlanta, Georgia

Re Mobile teletype to Bureau, 4/16/68.

On 4/18/68, Mr. M. J. WILSON, Personnel Department, Square D Electronics Co., Inc., 1401 Marietta Boulevard, N. W., Atlanta, Georgia, advised that BILLY JOE FAULKNER terminated his employment with the Square D Electronics Co., Inc. on 8/11/67. He stated that he has had no recent inquiries or received any information as to current employment or residence in Atlanta for FAULKNER.

On 4/19/68, a check of the records of the Credit Bureau of Atlanta and the Police Department, Atlanta, were conducted concerning FAULKNER with negative results.

LEAD:

MOBILE

AT MIDLAND CITY, ALABAMA

Will maintain contact with the father of BILLY JOE

2 - Mobile  
3 - Atlanta  
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AT 44-2386

FAULKNER in continued effort to determine his residence and employment.

ATLANTA

AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA

Will maintain contact with roominghouse owner at 113 14th Street, N. E., in continued efforts to ascertain location of FAULKNER.

4/18/68

AIRTEL

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
FROM : SAC, BOSTON (157-644)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN  
SUSPECT - LYNN STALNAKER  
2 Islington Street  
Allston, Mass.

4/11/68. Re Mobile teletype to Boston and Memphis,

LYNN STALNAKER, 2 Islington St., Allston, Mass., was interviewed on 4/18/68 and he was eliminated as a suspect by virtue of his physical description and by virtue of the fact that he did not in any way resemble the most recent photographs of ERIC STARVO GALT.

2 - Memphis  
1 - Mobile (157-2627) (Info)  
1 - Boston  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, MEMPHIS

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) (P 2)

MURKIN, CR.

RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE TO BUREAU APRIL TWELVE LAST AND  
WFO TELETYPE TO BUREAU APRIL SEVENTEEN LAST.

KENNETH NEWBLE, ONE EIGHT ONE SEVEN N. NORTH STREET,  
PEORIA, ILLINOIS, VIEWED THIS DATE A COMPOSITE PHOTOGRAPH  
OF ERIC STARVO GALT. HE ADVISED THIS INDIVIDUAL IS DEFINITELY  
NOT THE CREWMAN WHICH HE HAD REFERENCE TO ABOARD THE SS HUDSON  
DECEMBER, NINETEEN SIXTYONE TO FEBRUARY, NINETEEN SIXTYTWO. HE  
ADVISED THERE IS DISTINCT DIFFERENCES IN THE HAIR AND FACIAL  
FEATURES. NEWBLE IS OF THE OPINION HE KNEW THE CREWMAN AS  
RICHARD GALT AND CANNOT OFFER EXPLANATIONS OR SUGGESTIONS AS  
TO WHICH CREWMAN HE MAY HAVE REFERENCE TO. HE ADVISED HE  
RECALLS RICHARD SANTAMOUR, ALSO A CREWMAN, WHO IS DEFINITELY  
NOT IDENTICAL WITH THE INDIVIDUAL HE HAD REFERENCE TO. BASED  
ON NEWBLES STATEMENTS AFTER VIEWING A COMPOSITE PHOTOGRAPH

- 1 - Springfield (44-561)
- 1 - Birmingham (AM)
- 1 - Chicago (AM)
- 1 - Houston (AM)
- ① - Mobile (AM)
- 1 - New York (AM)
- 1 - WFO (44-703) (AM)

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OF ERIC STARVO GALT AND IN THE ABSENCE OF ANY RECORDED  
CREWMAN NAMED GALT, IT IS SUGGESTED NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION  
BE CONDUCTED TO LOCATE THIS INDIVIDUAL.

AIR MAIL COPIES TO BIRMINGHAM, CHICAGO, HOUSTON, MOBILE,  
NEW YORK AND WFO.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS. P.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

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Date: 4/19/68

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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."

2 - All Continental Offices *mc*  
2 - Memphis  
GMR:jms (118)

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Special Agent in Charge

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## CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY INTERSTATE FLIGHT - ROBBERY JAMES EARL RAY

FBI No. 405,942 G



Photographs taken 1960

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

**Eyes:** Blue

**Complexion:** Medium

**Race:** White

**Nationality:** American

### 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

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Telephone or telegraph the Special Agent in Charge at the above address.

(4-17-68)

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SUPV CONNORS

FROM : SPC AVINGER

SUBJECT: MURKIN. CR.

DATE: 4/21/68

Instant date, Robert Anderson, Moss Point, Mississippi,  
at 3:40pm.  
Phone number GR5-3928 telephonically/contacted  
the Mobile office and requested that an agent  
contact him as he had some information regarding  
the case.

Supv. Connors advised at 3:44pm, 4/21/68.

SPC Ken Howard, Jackson office advised at 3:50pm.

Above for information.



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PHILADELPHIA  
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DETROIT  
CHICAGO  
LOS ANGELES  
DENVER  
SAN FRANCISCO

FROM DIRECTOR FBI

RELAY MESSAGE PLAN.

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, BECAUSE OF DIFFICULTY SETTING UP  
TELETYPE CONFERENCES FOR MESSAGES ADDRESSED TO ALL SACS  
DURING TELEPHONE STRIKE, ADDRESSEE OFFICES WILL BE RESPONSIBLE  
FOR TELETYPE RELAY OF ALL SAC TELETYPES TO OTHER OFFICES AS  
FOLLOWS WHEN MESSAGE "TO LINE" APPEARS "TO ALL SACS-- RELAY  
MESSAGE PLAN": NEW YORK RELAY TO BOSTON, NEW HAVEN, NEWARK,  
ALBANY AND BUFFALO. PHILADELPHIA RELAY TO PITTSBURGH,  
BALTIMORE, RICHMOND AND NORFOLK. ATLANTA RELAY TO CHARLOTTE,  
1 - ALL OFFICES EXCEPT ADDRESSEE OFFICES, ANCHORAGE, HONOLULU,  
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RELAY MESSAGE PLAN

COLUMBIA, KNOXVILLE, BIRMINGHAM AND SAVANNAH.

MIAMI RELAY TO JACKSONVILLE, TAMPA, MOBILE, NEW ORLEANS  
AND JACKSON. DALLAS RELAY TO LITTLE ROCK, OKLAHOMA CITY,  
HOUSTON, SAN ANTONIO AND EL PASO.

DETROIT RELAY TO CLEVELAND, CINCINNATI, LOUISVILLE,  
INDIANAPOLIS AND MEMPHIS.

CHICAGO RELAY TO MILWAUKEE, MINNEAPOLIS, SPRINGFIELD, ST.  
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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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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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FBI ATLANTA

12:38 PM EST URGENT 4/22/68 VSC

TO MOBILE AND MEMPHIS

FROM ATLANTA 44-2385

MURKIN

THE FOLLOWING TELETYPE RECEIVED FROM SAN ANTONIO THIS DATE  
IN ERROR:

"ON INSTANT DATE, AN ANONYMOUS CALLER TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED  
SAN ANTONIO OFFICE ON APRIL TWENTYONE, LAST, BETWEEN HOURS OF  
THREE AND FOUR P.M., HE HAD FOLLOWED A LATE MODEL DARK GREEN  
COLORED VEHICLE BEARING ALABAMA LICENSE FOUR DASH FOUR ONE SIX  
THREE FOR SEVERAL MILES ON EXPRESSWAY SYSTEM IN SAN ANTONIO.

"THE UNKNOWN CALLER STATED HAD NUMBER OF OCCASIONS TO OBSERVE  
THE DRIVER OF INSTANT VEHICLE AND STATED THE MAN STRONGLY  
RESEMBLED PHOTOS OF JAMES EARL RAY PUBLISHED IN LOCAL NEWSPAPERS.

"THE DRIVER OF THE VEHICLE WAS DESCRIBED AS A WHITE MALE,  
BADLY IN NEED OF SHAVE WITH LIGHT COLORED HAIR WORN IN A CREW  
CUT. UNKNOWN CALLER STATED INSTANT VEHICLE AND DRIVER LAST SEEN  
HEADED NORTH OUT OF SAN ANTONIO ON U.S. HIGHWAY EIGHTYONE.

"ATLANTA ASCERTAIN REGISTRATION DATA INSTANT LICENSE.

"FURTHER LEADS BEING LEFT TO DISCRETION MEMPHIS."

MOBILE HANDLE LEAD SET FORTH FOR ATLANTA.

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*Stephen Adams*

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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



Fotografía tomada en 1968

(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).

SI TIENE ALGUNA INFORMACION RELACIONADA A ESTA PERSONA, TENGA LA BONDAD DE NOTIFICARME O DE PONERSE EN CONTACTO CON LA OFICINA LOCAL DEL FBI (BURO FEDERAL DE INVESTIGACIONES). EL NUMERO DE TELEFONO Y DIRECCION DE TODAS LAS OFICINAS ESTAN ANOTADOS AL DORSO.

*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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CITY	BUILDING	TELEPHONE
ALBANY, New York 12207	502 U. S. Post Office and Court House	518 465-7551
ALBUQUERQUE, New Mexico 87101	4303 Federal Office Building	505 CH 7-1555
ANCHORAGE, Alaska 99501	Room 204, Federal Building	272-6414
ATLANTA, Georgia 30303	275 Peachtree Street, N. E.	404 JA 1-3900
BALTIMORE, Maryland 21202	408 U. S. Post Office Building	301 LE 9-6700
BIRMINGHAM, Alabama 35203	Room 1400 - 2121 Building	205 322-7711
BOSTON, Massachusetts 02203	John F. Kennedy Federal Office Building	617 RI 2-5533
BUFFALO, New York 14202	400 U. S. Court House Building	716 856-7800
BUTTE, Montana 59701	400 Thornton Building	406 792-2304
CHARLOTTE, North Carolina 28202	1120 Jefferson Standard Life Building	704 333-4126
CHICAGO, Illinois 60604	Room 905, U. S. Court House & Federal Office Bldg	312 431-1333
CINCINNATI, Ohio 45202	415 U. S. Post Office & Court House Building	513 421-4310
CLEVELAND, Ohio 44199	3005 Federal Office Building	216 522-1400
COLUMBIA, South Carolina 29201	1529 Hampton Street	803 252-1911
DALLAS, Texas 75201	Room 200, 1810 Commerce Street	214 RI 1-1851
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DETROIT, Michigan 48226	913 Federal Building & U. S. Court House	313 WO 5-2323
EL PASO, Texas 79901	202 U. S. Court House Building	915 533-7451
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KANSAS CITY, Missouri 64106	707 U. S. Court House Building	816 BA 1-6100
KNOXVILLE, Tennessee 37902	617 Walnut Street, Southwest	615 524-2721
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LITTLE ROCK, Arkansas 72201	215 U. S. Post Office Building	501 FR 2-3157
LOS ANGELES, California 90017	1340 West 6th Street	213 483-3551
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MEMPHIS, Tennessee 38103	841 Federal Office Building	901 525-7373
MIAMI, Florida 33137	3801 Biscayne Boulevard	305 379-2421
MILWAUKEE, Wisconsin 53202	735 U. S. Post Office, Cust. & Ct. House Bldg.	414 276-4684
MINNEAPOLIS, Minnesota 55401	392 Federal Building	612 FE 9-7861
MOBILE, Alabama 36602	520 Federal Building	205 438-3674
NEWARK, New Jersey 07101	U. S. Post Office & Court House Building	201 622-5613
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SAVANNAH, Georgia 31405	5401 Paulsen Street	912 354-9911
SEATTLE, Washington 98104	1015 Second Avenue	206 MA 2-0460
SPRINGFIELD, Illinois 62701	421 South Sixth Street	217 522-9675
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TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, BIRMINGHAM 44-1740, MEMPHIS 44-1987 AND MOBILE  
FROM MIAMI 44-1854

MURKIN

RE AUTOMOBILE BEARING ALA. LICENSE THREE ONE TWO DASH NINE ONE  
EIGHT EIGHT, DRIVEN BY INDIVIDUAL RESEMBLING SUBJECT, MIAMI, FLA.,  
APRIL TWENTYONE, LAST.

SAMUEL RIVERO, WHO IS EMPLOYED AT HUDSON SERVICE STATION, NW  
EIGHTYFIFTH ST., AND SEVENTH AVE., MIAMI, ADVISED THAT ON APRIL  
TWENTYONE, LAST, HE OBSERVED TWO WHITE MALES, ONE FITTING THE  
DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT RAY, DRIVING A FIFTYTWO OR FIFTYTHREE BLUE  
DODGE AUTOMOBILE WITH ALA. LICENSE AS ABOVE. ONE OF THE OCCUPANTS  
INQUIRED AS TO ROUTE TO HIGHWAY FORTYONE BYPASSING MIAMI.

MOBILE AT MONTGOMERY, DETERMINE REGISTERED OWNER OF ABOVE LICENSE  
PLATE AND SET OUT APPROPRIATE LEAD TO IDENTIFY AND/OR ELIMINATE.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)  
~~MIAMI~~

FROM MOBILE (157-2627)

MURKIN. OO: MEMPHIS.

RE MIAMI TEL, APRIL TWENTYTWO INSTANT.

KATHLEEN DEININGER, MVD, ALA. DEPT. OF REVENUE,  
MONTGOMERY, ALA., ADVISED SIXTYEIGHT LICENSE THREE ONE DASH  
TWO NINE ONE EIGHT EIGHT WAS ISSUED NOV. THIRTEEN LAST  
TALMADGE NORRIS, RT. FOUR, AIRPORT ROAD, GADSDEN, ALA. FOR  
FIFTYNINE RAMBLER TWO DOOR VIN M EIGHT FIVE A ONE FIVE.  
NO REPLACEMENT TAG HAS BEEN ISSUED FOR THIS VEHICLE.  
DEININGER ALSO ADVISED NO OTHER REGISTRATION LOCATED UNDER  
SERIES OF NUMBERS FURNISHED RE TEL.

NO STOLEN THIS LICENSE AST, MONTGOMERY.

BIRMINGHAM AT GADSDEN. WILL FURTHER IDENTIFY NORRIS  
AND DETERMINE IF IN MIAMI.

AM COPY BUREAU AND MEMPHIS.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (44-38861)

DATE: 4/19/68

FROM : SAC, Kansas City (44-760)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Enclosed to the Bureau are six copies and to each office one copy of the following photographs:

JAMES EARL RAY, Missouri Department of  
Correction #00416, dated 3/17/60 and  
9/8/66

WALTER TERRY RIFE, Kansas City SO #29636  
FBI #4558766

Stand up photographs of RAY on the left, Kansas City SO  
#29637 and RIFE, Kansas City SO 29236, taken 3/28/55.

2 - Bureau (Encs. 24) (AM)  
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2 - Kansas City  
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## A Mystery Wrapped In An Enigma

# Eric Galt's Duplicate State Driver License Being Checked

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — One of the mysteries surrounding the mysterious Eric Starvo Galt concerns his Alabama driver's license. A duplicate license was mailed to him at a Birmingham address at a time when he reportedly was in California.

Records in the driver license division of the state Public Safety Department show the duplicate was mailed March 1,

apparently in response to a telephoned request.

The FBI says Galt, who has been charged with murder and conspiracy in the killing of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., was graduated from a bartender school at Hollywood, Calif., March 2.

Driver's license officials theorized Thursday that Galt telephoned from California to ask for a duplicate permit. The rec-

ords indicate the request came by telephone, four or five days before March 1. There is no known evidence that the former Birmingham resident was away from California at that time.

The department often receives telephoned requests for duplicate license from motorists who have lost theirs. If it appears to be a legitimate request, the practice is to mail the license and ask the motorist to remit 25 cents to cover the cost of issuance.

In Galt's case, the money was received promptly, by mail. A spokesman said there would be no reason to keep a record of where the money was mailed from, and no such record was kept.

Galt's duplicate license apparently was delivered to the Birmingham address, the spokesman said, since it was not returned to the department here. The post office in Birmingham says it has no record of a change of address notice to forward Galt's mail.

The mysterious Galt apparently returned to Birmingham after leaving California, the FBI says. Director J. Edgar Hoover says the man bought a rifle in Birmingham, about March 30.

It is possible that someone else asked for the duplicate license in Galt's name, driver's license officials said, but it is difficult to get one that way.

Before a duplicate is issued, the caller must answer certain

questions about the license holder's personal history, such as the date of birth. If the answers don't jibe with the information on record, no duplicate is issued.

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

Page 5A, "THE MOBILE REGISTER", Mobile, Alabama.

Date: 4/19/68  
Edition: Morning

Author:

Editor:

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FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN - COST DATA

ReButel to ME 4/17/68.

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

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

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

① - Each Office *MO*  
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Special Agent in Charge

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

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

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

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FBI BIRMGHAM

4:38PM URGENT 4-22-68 FAS

TO MOBILE 157-2627

FROM BIRMINGHAM 44-1740

MURKIN; CR.

RE MEMPHIS TEL TO BIRMINHGAM APRIL EIGHTEEN, SIXTYEIGHT.

MR. HUBERT ALLEN, THREE ONE ONE SIX LYNCHBURG, MEMPHIS ADVISED HE OBSERVED YOUNG MAN IN MEMPHIS TODAY WHO HE BLIEVES RESEMBLES PHOTO OF GALT. HE STATED YOUNG MAN DRIVING A LATE MODEL BLACK FORD WITH ALABAMA NATIONAL GUARD LICENSE TWO SIX NINE ONE.

MOBILE IDENTIFY, OBTAIN MILITARY SERIAL NUMBER AND REQUEST FINGERPRINT COMPARISON.

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*A. J. [unclear] advised*

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