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AT BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA. Will attempt to identify, locate, and interview Mr. COLE, supposedly owner of the Arthur Murray Studio in 1960, at Lafayette and Baton Rouge, and review any available records to determine if GALT attended these schools.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

DATE: 4/18/68

FROM : SA's JOHN E. DECKER and  
THOMAS E. DUHADWAY

SUBJECT: MURKIN

MARCUS FELOS, furnished the names of the former dance instructors at the Continental Dance Studio.

The teachers are BOB STERLING, currently in Alabama, and MYERS should know exact address. CHARLES HART, Chicago, should be connected with dancing business in Chicago. CHAVELLE (PHONETIC) (LNU), FRANK D, and JANET KAISER. 1966 phone number for KAISER 887-9431. KAISER and FRANK D are now married. YVONNE BENOIT (PHO) parent's run an auto or machine shop in Houma, La.

Students at the Continental Dance Studio during FELOS's employment are (FNU) JONES, a white female in her 50's, who is a close friend of Mrs. LUTZ, and also purchased a life-time membership in Continental Dance Studio, frequents the Macombo club. (FNU) VAN SCOOTER (PHO), an older fat female. (FNU) GALIANO, a short stocky white female, with black hair. This individual was a transferee student from Mr. MYERS and MYERS may have additional information concerning her. (FNU) BARTH, (FNU) WEBER, a white female in her late 40's, who was a cocktail waitress at the Fountain Lounge at the Roosevelt Hotel. D. A. BAUER, (FNU) ANDREWS, a golden key dancer with the Arthur Murray Studio.

## Potential leads

Interview Mrs. LUTZ - Los Angeles, re (FNU) JONES, and re interview Mr. MYERS in Birmingham re (FNU) GALIANO.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-10673)

FROM : SA EDWARD J. CARNEY, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
OO: MEMPHIS

DATE: 4/18/68

SA WILLIAM F. KUSCH telephonically advised instant date that in connection with his inquiries at the Murray School of Dancing he had been advised that Mrs. JOHN ANDREWS, aka Dixie Andrews, 3317 Colorado Avenue, Kenner, La., telephone 721-6508, is an individual who "frequents" dancing schools in the Louisiana area and normally attends many of the social dances put on by these schools.

SA KUSCH's source stated that ANDREWS possessed a wide range of acquaintances in the dancing fraternity in New Orleans and that there would be ample opportunity for her to have become acquainted with ERIC S. GALT or perhaps have come into contact with individuals who might have known GALT.

## LEAD

AT KENNER, LA., Contact DIXIE ANDREWS, 3317 Colorado Avenue, and conduct appropriate interview to determine if she ever knew ERIC S. GALT and possesses any information concerning him.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-10673)

FROM : ASAC SYLVESTER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/19/68

Los Angeles teletype 2:20 a.m., 4/18/68, contained reinterview of LOUELLA LUTZ.

Knoxville teletype 6:30 p.m., 4/18/68, contains interview of Mrs. VINSANT (JACQUELINE) CUTOLO nee CORVILLE.

This teletype set out leads to Atlanta to determine if JUANITA WELCH was known as a dance instructor; to Birmingham for reinterview of MARLIN MYERS; to Miami at Congress Inn Dance Studio to identify JUANITA WELCH.

Houston teletype, 9:24 a.m., 4/19/68 reflected negative on HOWARD O. OWENS.

Miami teletype 11:14 p.m., 4/18/68, reflected HARRY A. DUNN, dance instructor, was interviewed. Teletype set out leads to interview CHARLES HARTZEL. Lead to New Orleans to interview LOUISE ANGLIN (this lead already assigned).

LA teletype 2:20 a.m., 4/18 set out lead to Chicago to locate CHARLES HARTZEL and ARTHUR D. WOLFSON; lead Houston to locate HOWARD O. OWENS; lead Miami to locate WILLIAM LANPHERE; JACQUELINE CUTOLO and HARRY DUNN; lead to New Orleans to locate MARCOS FELOS, CORBETT DUHON, RAY E. FARRIS, SAMUEL CALON, EVA BOROS, SANDRA LOVIN; at Baton Rouge, CHARLES L. MILLER; (?) at Rayne, La., BERNICE CONSTANTINE; at Lafayette, JOAN MOORE.

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# Memorandum

TO : ASAC

FROM : SAC (157-10673)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/19/68

This will record the fact that Mr. C. L. McGOWAN discussed captioned case with me from 6 p.m. to approximately 7 p.m. on the evening of 4/18/68.

He pointed out it looked very much like the "wooden nickel" was on New Orleans. He pointed out that there was no information as to GALT's real identity and no information as to GALT's whereabouts beyond August, 1967 except information indicating that he took dancing lessons in New Orleans, La. during the latter part of 1964 and a statement that he had a 1962 expired Louisiana driver's license.

He instructed that all existing leads be handled immediately and in addition, instructed the following leads be handled:

1) They have noted in their investigation to date that GALT has not had any female associates. This raises the possibility of him being a homosexual, therefore, they want our homosexual sources contacted and his picture exhibited. (In view of information developed by Atlanta during early morning of 4/19/68, it is suggested this lead be expanded to include lesbians.)

2) Display GALT's photo in connection with all previously conducted waterfront leads (by this I mean barges, unions, maritime commission, seamen's halls, etc.) and to exhibit his picture in connection with any remaining leads in this area.

3) It appears rather certain that GALT is an assumed identity for an individual and the possibility comes to mind that he may have been in prison, released and at that time, for some reason, assumed a completely false identity, therefore, Bureau desires that all releasees from State Pen at Angola be checked by reviewing the releasee's background and photo to see if an identification can be effected. Mr. McGOWAN gave no time period to be covered in this check.

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therefore, I would suggest for a start that we begin with the releasees 1/1/64 forward. This period, of course, being adjusted as information and good judgment indicates in the future.

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FROM : SA L. M. SHEARER, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

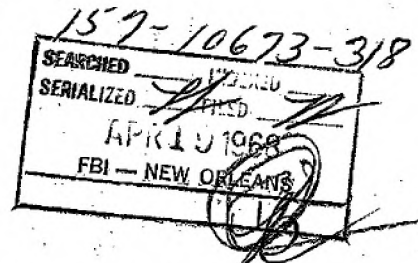
Wanted Flyer on ERIC STARVO GALT, WF442, was furnished to the following individuals at Moisant International Airport, Kenner, La.

JIMMY D. BUSH, U. S. Customs  
R. W. MC ALLISTER, U. S. INS  
Capt. J. CAMBRE, Kenner Police Station at airport  
T. E. HOLLIS, Braniff  
DONALD ANDERSON, Southern  
R. L. WATTS, United  
D. OWENS, Continental  
CHARLES GEMELLI, National  
F. DREISS, Pan American  
CARL JUNEAU, Trans Texas  
R. L. JACOB, Delta  
HARRY HOOVER, Eastern  
JOSE CONTRERAS, Aviatec  
BENJAMIN ESPARZA, Taca  
SAMUEL DIAZ, Sahsa

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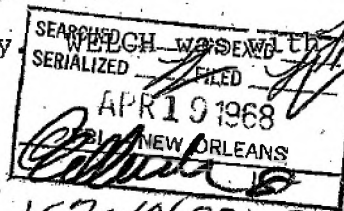
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Mrs. SANDRA LOVIN, formerly employed as receptionist at Continental Dance Studios on Common street, furnished the following background information concerning the operation of the business.

She advised that a blonde woman who lived in Claiborne Towers financed the business to the extent of at least \$65,000.00, and that the place was losing money because everyone was taking money out of it. She said the woman knew this, but when the place discontinued business, most of the records were burned to cover up the taking of money out of the business by those running it.

She said that the management ~~was~~ was a Mr. MYERS, first name similar to MYRON, and a Mr. (FNU) DUNN, a white male about 32 years of age. MYERS and DUNN were also dance instructors and she recalled that both had worked in similar business in or near Miami, Fla.

She advised that JUANITA WELCH, believed at Arthur Murray in Cincinnati, was an instructor and was a very conscientious person, probably the only one who taught dancing for the pleasure for it rather than for the money.



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Arthur Murray in New Orleans before going to Cincinnati.

A male instructor, Denny (LNU) a latin-type, is believed currently instructing at Arthur Mannay in New Orleans.

Another instructor was a female with long black hair who worked at the Macombo.

Another female instructor was a stripper known as "Tina Louise" a red head who stripped at Poppa Joe's when it was a strip place.

She advised that Continental had a place on Gentilly that closed up and some of those customers came to the studio on Common street, each paying individually various amounts for each appearance.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Mrs. SANDRA LOVIN, 918 Kelerec street, advised that she worked as a receptionist for Continental Dance on Common street during the latter part of December, 1964 and possibly through February, 1965, exact dates of employment unknown. She said she recalls the approximate time as she was married to ROGER LOVIN in November, 1964.

She said that in addition to being a receptionist, she was receiving instruction in teaching dancing.

She said she does not recall anyone named ERIC STARVO GALT or similar name, ~~xxxxxxx~~ as having been a student at the school.

She said however that she has definitely seen an individual who appears to be identical with the photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT. She said she associates the photograph with no name, neither can she associate the photograph with the dance studio. She said she has worked in several places in the French Quarter, however in only two of the places would she have had occasion to remember faces of customers, these places being the 809 Club, a nite club, at 809 St. Louis, ~~XXXX~~ where she would sit with customers and talk with them, and at the Attic, also known as the slave quarters, at St. Louis

On 4-18-68 at New Orleans, La.

by SA L. M. SHEARER, SR.

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and Chartres, where she worked behind the bar.

She advised that prior to coming to New Orleans in October, 1963, she was reared at Lafayette, La., attended school there, and worked for a time at Toby's Oak Grove supper club.

She said she feels that she observed the individual who appears to be identical with the photograph of GALT at one of the entertainment places rather than at the dance school, however she could not estimate when she observed this individual.

She described the individual she recalls as being in the 30 to 40 year-old group, 5'8 or 5'9", 165 lbs., dark brown hair, rounded shoulders and rounded hips rather than a square and erect appearing person. This slight individual had a/southern accent, but not southern Louisiana or Texas accent, nor Mississippi accent, but possibly North Louisiana or "hill billy" accent.

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TO : SAC (157-10673)

FROM : SA EDWARD J. CARNEY, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/19/68

Per ASAC instructions, the following Agents were designated on the afternoon of 4/19/68 to cover the following terminals:

Greater Int'l Airport	SA MILLWARD SA DENTE SA HINKLE SA JOHNSON
Greyhound Station	SA WOOD SA DREILING
Trailways Station	SA HENSEL SA LOS
Railroad Station	SA McLAUGHLIN SA PETLEY

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673) (P)  
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Enclosed herewith are twenty-five (25) copies each of the following described investigative inserts which pertain to investigation conducted at the Department of Public Safety, Louisiana Drivers License Division, Baton Rouge, Louisiana:

(1) 18-page insert of investigation conducted by SA RICHARD K. BUTZ at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on 4/5/68, relative to records at the Department of Public Safety, Louisiana Drivers License Division.

(2) 1-page investigative insert concerning investigation conducted at the Drivers License Division, State of Louisiana, Baton Rouge, La., by SA LONDON M. HOWARD on 4/7/68.

(3) 6-page investigative insert setting forth results of investigation conducted by SA BUTZ at the Louisiana Drivers License Division, Baton Rouge, La., on 4/10/68.

(4) 1-page investigative insert concerning investigation conducted by SA BUTZ on 4/11/68, at Louisiana Drivers License Division, Baton Rouge, La.

(5) 1-page investigative insert concerning investigation conducted at the Louisiana Department of Motor Vehicles, Baton Rouge, La., by SA MICHAEL BARON on 4/10/68.

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GALT

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Address

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Birthplace

Race

Sex

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C. R. Galt

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-105, 106

Elmer Francis Galt

Francis Galt

100-17040\* (not)

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Eric Starvo Galt

Elmer Cowart Galt

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Jack Petty Galt

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Karl Galt

Eric Starvo Galt

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Lowell Thulman Galt

✓ 116-19879 \* 3 ✓

Lyndel Hubbard Galt

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Melinda Galt

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Ralph Galt

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<u>Bob Gault</u>		<u>Pierre Gault</u>	
<u>52-5270 *</u>		<u>100-1577-64</u>	
<u>Charles B. Gault</u>		<u>James Sumner Gault</u>	
<u>62-0-6838</u>		<u>116-2508 *</u>	
<u>Curtis H. Gault</u>			
<u>157-8958 *</u>			
<u>Eleanor Hosnell Gault</u>			
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# Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-10673)

FROM : SA STEPHEN M. CALLENDER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/19/68

At approximately 2:15 p.m. today Inspector JOSEPH A. SULLIVAN telephonically furnished the following information from Atlanta.

Mr. SULLIVAN informed that New Orleans should discontinue any investigation regarding BILL WILLARD which related to him allegedly receiving a \$20 payment as a result of working for a telephone soliciting firm.

He said in this regard that in further check it had been determined that RAY was confined to the Missouri State Pen and, therefore, could not have received this money.

Mr. SULLIVAN informed that Kansas City had been instructed to completely review the subject's file at the Missouri State Penitentiary as well as provide a summary of investigation in regard to their pending 88 case.

Mr. SULLIVAN informed that the present 88 case involving RAY and attempts to locate him have centered in the St. Louis - Springfield, Mo. areas as well as Kansas City, and their 88 investigation had not shown that RAY had been in the south.

Mr. SULLIVAN stated that RAY has a past history of being an escape artist and that on occasions in the past while confined he did hide out in various areas of the prison and then would turn up a few days later. While in Missouri State Pen, RAY was assigned to work in the bakery. Mr. SULLIVAN stated it appears that RAY had hidden on the prison grounds of the Missouri State Pen. for possibly several days and it was not noticed that he was gone and it appears he probably got out of prison in the prison bakery truck.

Kansas City's investigation has determined that subject has a brother in the Chicago area.

Mr. SULLIVAN stated that Kansas City is going to interview inmates who are acquainted with RAY while he was in



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prison to determine if there was any racial connotation to the murder of Dr. KING and possibility of conspiracy in prison. Kansas City has determined that there was a cell of the Minutemen at the Missouri State Pen.

Mr. SULLIVAN stated that the AP has a prison photo of RAY, which is an excellent photograph, and is very close to the photo in the wanted flyer.

Mr. SULLIVAN stated that because there was a possibility that RAY may have been influenced by the Minutemen who are in the Missouri State Pen, it was possible that RAY, while he is fleeing, might have names and addresses of Minutemen throughout the country.

Mr. SULLIVAN stated, therefore, he wanted the following New Orleans racial informants, who are familiar with Minutemen activities in the Ferriday, La. - Natchez, Miss. area contacted and alerted:

JN 306-R  
NO 1325-R (PEGGS & WOOTEN)  
NO 1508-R (PEGGS & WOOTEN)

Mr. SULLIVAN stated that we should discontinue all investigation in regard to any dancing schools.

Mr. SULLIVAN stated he would probably be leaving Atlanta in the near future and travelling to Detroit where he would be headquartered again. //

ADDENDUM BY SAC RIGHTMYER, 4/9/68:

SAC ROY K. MOORE, Jackson, was advised of the above and he will handle JN 306-R.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, MEMPHIS,  
SPRINGFIELD, KANSAS CITY, AND NEW ORLEANS

FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574)(3P)

MURKIN

REMYTEL APRIL NINETEEN LAST.

DR. MARK O. FREEMAN, PH.D., CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST,  
INTERVIEWED TONIGHT. HE PRODUCED APPOINTMENT BOOK NOTING  
SIX APPOINTMENTS FOR ONE JAMES E. RAY, COVERING PERIOD OF  
NOVEMBER TWENTY-SEVEN THROUGH DECEMBER FOURTEEN LAST. HE  
ALSO HAD LISTING FOR ADDITIONAL CONSULTATION ON DECEMBER  
EIGHTEEN LAST, WHICH WAS CROSSED THROUGH; AND HE EXPLAINED  
THAT RAY HAD TELEPHONICALLY CALLED TO CANCEL THAT VISIT,  
INDICATING HE HAD HEARD FROM [REDACTED] AND LATTER HAD  
OBTAINED JOB FOR HIM IN [REDACTED] IN NEW ORLEANS.

DR. ALSO HAD LEAF FROM HIS CONSULTATION NOTEBOOK,  
WHICH HE SAID HE MADE ENTRIES IN ON OCCASION OF RAY'S FIRST  
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*as per advised*

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*Carry E.*

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VISIT IN NOVEMBER. NOTATIONS IN THIS INDICATED PATIENT'S NAME TO BE JAMES E. RAY, ADDRESS ONE FIRE THREE FIVE NORTH SERRANO, LOS ANGELES, AND TELEPHONE NUMBER FOUR SIX NINE EIGHT ZERO NINE SIX. DATE OF BIRTH GIVEN AS

SAID HE WAS FROM EAST ST. LOUIS.

RAY WAS SEEKING PSYCHOLOGICAL HELP IN NATURE OF SELF-HYPNOSIS TO GAIN CONFIDENCE, OVERCOME SHYNESS, LEARN TO RELAX, SLEEP BETTER, AND BE ABLE TO TALK TO PEOPLE. WAS SHY, INTROVERTED, AND WITHDRAWN, BUT NOT PSYCHOTIC OR PLAGUED WITH NEUROSES. DURING SECOND OR THIRD VISIT, DR. ASKED RAY IF HE HAD ANY DEEP SEATED SECRETS HE WANTED TO GET OFF HIS CHEST, TO ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE IF PATIENT HAD ANY CRIMINAL BACKGROUND OR SEXUAL PROBLEMS OR ABERATIONS. RAY ANSWERED NEGATIVELY.

RAY HAD VERY LITTLE TO CONTRIBUTE ABOUT FAMILY BACKGROUND. MOST VISITS LIMITED TO DR. PLACING RAY IN HYPNOTIC STATE AND TALKING WITH HIM TO REASSURE HIM AND HELP HIM GAIN SOCIAL CONFIDENCE.

DR. STATES CURRENT PHOTOS OF ERIC GALT EXCELLENT LIKENESS TO PATIENT RAY. BELIEVES RAY WAS REFERPED BY WILSHIRE  
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BOOK COMPANY, EIGHT SEVEN EIGHT SEVEN SUNSET BOULEVARD, LOS ANGELES; OPERATED BY MELVIN POWERS, WHO DOES EXTENSIVE ADVERTISING ABOUT POWER OF SELF-HYPNOSIS. INQUIRIES AT LATTER LOCATION INDICATE MELVIN POWERS NOT AVAILABLE. INVESTIGATION CONTINUING TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW POWERS.

DR. FREEMAN STATES RAY PAID IN CASH FOR ALL BUT ONE CONSULTATION, AND HAS RECOLLECTION RAY'S LAST PAYMENT WAS BY MONEY ORDER. INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED TO LOCATE MONEY ORDER. FEE PAID WAS TWENTY FIVE DOLLARS PER APPOINTMENT. RAY SAID HE WAS UNEMPLOYED, BUT NEVER SEEMED TO LACK MONEY DURING PERIOD OF CONSULTATIONS. ALSO SAID HE WAS SINGLE.

DR. FREEMAN INDICATED HIS OWN PROFESSIONAL TRAINING WAS AT UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS, UNIVERSITY OF ZURICH, AND UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.

SUBJECT ARMED AND EXTREMELY DANGEROUS.

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1:25PM IMMEDIATE 4-19-68 LLD

TO ALL SACSEXCEPT KANSAS CITY, ANCHORAGE, HONOLULU AND SAN JUAN  
MESSAGE RELAY PLAN  
FROM DIRECTOR 5P

MURKIN. OO: MEMPHIS.

JAMES EARL RAY, AKA. EARL JAMES RAY, W. C. HERRON, EARL JAMES,  
JAMES MC BRIDE, JAMES O'CONNER, JAMES WALTON, JAMES WALYON, JIM  
- FUGITIVE; UFAC - ROBBERY FIRST, BUFILE 88-41730. OO:KANSAS  
CITY, KC FILE 88-9449; DETERMINED TODAY BY BUREAU TO BE IDENTICAL  
WITH ERIC STARVO GALT, AGAINST WHOM FEDERAL COMPLAINT FILED APRIL  
SEVENTEEN LAST IN CONNECTION WITH FATAL SHOOTING OF DR. MARTIN  
LUTHER KING JR.

JAMES EARL RAY, INMATE, MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY, JEFFERSON  
CITY, MO., ESCAPED PEN APRIL TWO THREE, SIXTY-SEVEN. INVESTIGATION  
INDICATED RAY CONCEALED HIMSELF IN A BREAD BOX AND ESCAPED FROM  
TRUCK MAKING DELIVERY TO AN AUXILIARY FARM. RAY WAS SERVING TWENTY  
YEARS ON CHARGE OF ARMED ROBBERY - FIRST DEGREE AND FOR OPERATING  
A VEHICLE WITHOUT OWNER'S CONSENT. ON JULY TWENTY, SIXTY-SEVEN,  
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advised  
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*allby  
men allegry*

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copy  
FEDERAL COMPLAINT AUTHORIZED BY AUSA WILLIAM A. KITCHEN, WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI, KANSAS CITY, MO., FILED BEFORE USC, JEFFERSON CITY, MO., CHARGING RAY WITH VIOLATION TITLE EIGHTEEN, SECTION ONE ZERO SEVEN THREE, USC. WARRANT ISSUED.

INVESTIGATION HAS BEEN CONDUCTED BY CHICAGO, SPRINGFIELD, ST. LOUIS, AND KANSAS CITY OFFICES IN UNPRODUCTIVE EFFORT TO LOCATE THIS FUGITIVE. KANSAS CITY IS INSTITUTING A FULL AND COMPLDTE REINVESTIGATION IN AN EFFORT TO DEVELOP BACKGROUND DATA, RELATIVES, AND ASSOCIATES OF SUBJECT, WHO MIGHT BE IN A POSITION TO ASSIST IN HIS LOCATION.

IN THIS CONNECTION, JAMES EARL RAY AND WALTER TERRY RIFE ON MARCH SEVEN, FIFTY-FIVE, BURGLARIZED THE U. S. POST OFFICE AT KELLERVILLE, ILL., AND STOLE SIXTY-SIX BLANK U. S. POSTAL MONEY ORDERS WHICH THEY PASSED DURING MARCH, FIFTY-FIVE, IN NUMEROUS STATES, WITH THE RESULT THAT BOTH WERE SENTENCED IN U.S.D.C., KANSAS CITY, MO., ON JULY ONE, FIFTY-FIVE, TO USP, LEAVENWORTH, END PAGE TWO

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KANSAS. SUBJECT RAY HAS BEEN DESCRIBED AS A LONER AND RIFE 111  
APPARENTLY IS ONE OF HIS FEW CLOSE ASSOCIATES, SUGGESTING POSSIBILITY  
THEY COULD HAVE BEEN ASSOCIATES IN MURDER OF DR. KING, AND  
INVESTIGATION ALSO INSTITUTED IN KANSAS CITY AIRTEL TO SPRINGFIELD  
MARCH ELEVEN LAST TO DEVELOP BACKGROUND INFO RE RIFE AND TO LOCATE  
HIM FOR INTERVIEW. THIS INVESTIGATION SHOULD ALSO BE RECOVERED AND  
EXPEDITED TODAY, IT BEING NOTED RIFE AND RAY HAVE BACKGROUND HISTORY  
IN THE QUINCY, ILL., AREA. PHOTOS OF JAMES EARL RAY AND WALTER  
FORWARDED AMSD TO BUREAU AND ALL OFFICES.

FOLLOWING IS DESCRIPTION OF JAMES EARL RAY AS FURNISHED BY FBI  
IDENTIFICATION DIVISION UNDER FBI NO. THREE ZERO SIX FOUR FOUR THREE  
A: WHITE MALE, DOB [REDACTED] @T  
DECATUR, QUINCY OR ALTON, ILL.; APPROXIMATELY FIVE FEET TEN; ONE  
SEVEN FOUR LBS., IN SEPTEMBER SIXTY-SIX; RUDDY COMPLEXION; BLUE EYES;  
BROWN HARI; MEDIUM BUILD; OCCUPATIONS LABORER AND BAKER; SCARS AND  
MARKS--SMALL SCAR ON CENTER OF FOREHEAD AND SCAR IN PALM OF RIGHT HAN  
ADDRESSES--ST. LOUIS, MO., MARCH SIXTY, TWO ZERO ONE FIVE PARK,  
ST. LOUIS, MO., OCTOBER FIFTYNINE; QUINCY, ILL., JULY FIFTY-FIVE,  
MARCH FIFTY-FHVE, AND APRIL FIFTY; HOTEL QUINCY, QUINCY.  
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*RAY*  
ILL., MARCH FIFTY-FIVE; VICTOR HOTEL, QUINCY, ILL., MARCH FIFTY-FIVE;  
EIGHT FIVE THREE WEST FULLERTON, CHICAGO, ILL., MAY FIFTY-TWO; EIGHT  
ZERO FIVE ALBY STREET, ALTON, ILL., JULY FIFTY-ONE. FPC--SIXTEEN,  
M OVER M, NINE OVER FOUR, U OVER W, 000 OVER IOI, TWELVE, REF NINE  
OVER TWELVE. NCIC FPC--ONE SIX ONE THREE ONE ONE ZERO ZERO ONE TWO  
ONE TWO I I ONE TWO I I ONE SEVEN. MILITARY RECORD--JAMES EARL RAY,  
SN [REDACTED] ENLISTED U. S. ARMY FEBRUARY  
FORTY-SIX, AT EAST ST. LOUIS, ILL., AND SERVED ON ACTIVE DUTY UNTIL  
DECEMBER TWENTY-THREE, FORTY-EIGHT, AT WHICH TIME GIVEN GENERAL  
DISCHARGE AS PRIVATE FIRST CLASS AT CAMP KILMER, N. J., BY REASON  
OF INEPTNESS AND LACK OF ADAPTABILITY FOR MILITARY SERVICE. RECORDS  
ALSO INDICATE HE RECEIVED TREATMENT FOR GONORRHEA AND SYPHILIS WHILE  
A MEMBER OF THE MILITARY.

FOLLOWING IS A DESCRIPTION OF WALTER TERRY RIFE, FBI NO.  
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FOUR FIVE FIVE EIGHT SEVEN SIX SIX, AS OBTAINED FROM FILES OF USP,  
LEAVENWORTH: WHITE MALE, AGE FORTY-FOUR, DOB

FIVE FEET NINE AND ONE HALF, ONE SIX ONE LBS., BROWN  
HAIR, EYES BLUE GRAY.

KANSAS CITY IS SETTING OUT ALL PERTINENT LEADS TODAY BY  
TELETYPE AND TELEPHONE FOLLOWED UP BY TELETYPE CONFIRMATION.  
ALL LEADS MUST BE COVERED WITHIN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS WITH BUREAU,  
KANSAS CITY, AND MEMPHIS BEING KEPT ADVISED BY APPROPRIATE  
COMMUNICATION OF PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS.

SUGGEST BUREAU MAKE IMMEDIATE COMPARISON OF ANY LATENT  
FINGERPRINTS DEVELOPED DURING KING INVESTIGATION WITH THOSE  
OF WALTER TERRY RIFE TO DETERMINE IF IDENTICAL.

AIR MAIL COPIES SENT ANCHORAGE, HONOLULU AND SAN JUAN.

LEGAT MEXICO CITY AND OTTAWA ADVISED.

SUBJECT RAY HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF ROBBERY WITH DEADLY  
WEAPON, HAS BEEN CONFINED IN STATE HOSPITAL, FULTON, MO., IN  
SIXTY-SIX, AND SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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CORR: PAGE THREE FIRST PARA 2ND TO LAST LINE SHD READ PHOTOS OF  
JAMES EARL RAY AND WALTER RXXXXXX TERRY RIFE ARE BEING

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MO LPB

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), AND SACS MEMPHIS AND NEWORLEANS

FROM SAN ANTONIO (44-1242) 3P

MURKIN MY PHONE CALLS TO DALLAS, MEMPHIS, AND NEW ORLEANS, TODAY.  
RE DALLAS PHONE CALL INDICATING ATTU AGENT JOE KALISTER RECEIVED

INFORMATION FROM SHERIFF, CENTERVILLE, TEXAS, THAT INDIVIDUAL IN  
JAIL MADE STATEMENTS CONCERNING KING ASSASSINATION.

ON THIS DATE SHERIFF ROYCE WILSON, CENTERVILLE, TEXAS, ADVISED  
THAT ON PARIL SEVENTEEN, LAST, HE PICKED UP HERMAN PETER KACKENMESTER  
WHITE MALE, SIX FOOT TWO INCHES, TWO THIRTY POUNDS, BROWN HAIR AND  
EYES, DOB [REDACTED] MOLE ON RIGHT CHEEK, WEARS  
GLASSES, HOME ALLEGEDLY NEW JERSEY, OCCUPATION AUTHOR, ENGINEER  
FOR QUESTIONING IN CONNECTION WITH SALE OF NEW BOAT AND MOTOR AT  
CENTERVILLE. KACKENMESTER DRIVING LIGHT BLUE SIXTYFOUR CHEVROLET  
WIDE SIDE PICKUP, SIXTYEIGHT LOUISIANA LICENSE EIGHT ZERO DASH  
SEVEN FOUR FIVE, WITH IRON, WOOD BURNING STOVE IN BACK. HE HAD NO  
IDENTIFICATION PAPERS OR DRIVERS LICENSE, CLAIMED THESE HAD BEEN  
STOLEN. HE WAS RAMBLING, MADE NO SENSE IN HIS CONVERSATION. SHERIFF  
NOTICED KACKENMESTER HAD WRITTEN IN RED PENCIL ON HOUSTON POST  
NEWSPAPER WORDS TO THE FOLLOWING EFFECT.

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SOT Baron  
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CKM MOVEMENT, THIS IS ONLY THE BEGINNING, JOHN F. KENNEDY, DATE, MR. X, DATE, MRS. X, DATE, AIRPLANE CRASH, DATE, AIRPLANE CRASH AGAIN, DIFFERENT DATE, MR. KING, APRIL SIXTYEIGHT. BY THE WAY THERE WERE FIVE MEN KILLED IN PRISON LAST NIGHT. I PAID TWENTYSIX CENTS FOR THIS NEWSPAPER AND LEFT IT IN A LAUNDRY. DRAWN ON THE BOTTOM OF NEWSPAPER WAS PICTURE OF GARBAGE TRUCK BACKING OVER A LIGHT POLE.

BASED ON ABOVE SHERIFF QUESTIONED KACKENMESTER REGARDING KING ASSASSINATION. KACKENMESTER SAID HE DID NOT KILL KING BUT SAID HE WAS INVOLVED, LATER SAID HE KNEW WHO DID KILL KING. HE RAMBLED IN CONVERSATION MAKING NO SENSE. SHERIFF ASKED HIM WHAT CKM MOVEMENT WAS AND KACKENMESTER TOLD HIM IT WAS "HYPOTHETICAL." HE ALSO TOLD SHERIFF IN RECENT PAST HE TOOK BUS FROM NEW JERSEY TO SAN FRANCISCO, WENT TO SLEEP, WOKE UP IN CORPUS CHRISTI AND WORKED HIS WAY BACK TO NEW ORLEANS AND BOUGHT A PICKUP TRUCK FOR SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS. HE HAD NINE HUNDRED SEVENTY DOLLARS; SEVEN HUNDRED DOLLARS WAS IN AMERICAN EXPRESS MONEY ORDERS. HE HAD LETTER WRITTEN TO FOREIGN MINISTER IN CANADA AND A LETTER STATING HE HAD FILED SUIT AGAINST PENTAGON IN AMOUNT OF TEN THOUSAND

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DOLLARS PLUS ONE DOLLAR AND A QUARTER FOR CAUSING PRESIDENT JOHNSON TO SEND TROOPS TO VIETNAM.

SHERIFF FEELS KACKENMESTER IS A QUOTE NUT END QUOTE AND RELEASED HIM NINE FIFTEEN A.M. THIS DATE RETURNING ALL PAPERS TO HIM.

KACKENMESTER DID NOT SAY WHERE HE WAS GOING BUT ASKED DIRECTIONS TO DALLAS, TEXAS. SHERIFF HAS SEEN ERIC STARVO GALT'S PHOTOGRAPH. STATES KACKENMESTER DEFINITELY NOT GALT.

NEW ORLEANS CHECK INDICES; MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION FOR ABOVE PICKUP, TO IDENTIFY KACKENMESTER AND DETERMINE IF KACKENMESTER INVOLVED IN KING'S ASSASSINATION.

OBTAIN IDENTIFYING NUMBER TO COMPARE WITH FINGERPRINTS. DETERMINE HIS WHEREABOUTS DURING PERTINENT PERIOD.

AIRMAIL COPY FURNISHED DALLAS FOR INFORMATION.

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4:10PM URGENT 4-19-68 LLR

TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, NEW ORLEANS,  
SAN ANTONIO, HOUSTON, AND INDIANAPOLIS  
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN, CR - POSSIBLE SUSPECT DONALD D. TANNER.  
RE INDIANAPOLIS TEL TO MEMPHIS, LOS ANGELES AND  
NEW ORLEANS APRIL SEVENTEEN LAST, TWELVE ZERO THREE P.M.  
CST.

SHIRLEY KAHN ADVISED DONALD TANNER FRIEND OF HER SON.  
TANNER IS NOT IDENT WITH PHOTO OF GALT.  
NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION AT LA.

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TO: SPRINGFIELD

FROM: NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

MURKIN  
n.e.o.CLATON  
Re: JOSEPH CLATON MONTAGNE (LOOK ALIKE)

INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM JACKSON DIVISION THIS DATE THAT PASCAGOULA, MISS PD STOPPED AN INDIVIDUAL DRIVING A WHITE CORVAIR BEARING SIXTY EIGHT ILLINOIS LICENSE DG THREE ONE ZERO NINE. DRIVER IDENTIFIED SELF AS ~~JOSEPH~~ JOSEPH CLATON MONTAGNE MONTAGNE ACCOMPANIED BY ANOTHER WHITE MALE WHOSE 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 THE ABOVE INDIVIDUALS SAID THAT MONTAGNE RESEMBLE PHOTO OF GALT AND THAT ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ AFTER HEARING A DESCRIPTION OF JAMES EARL RAY HAVING A SCAR IN THE MIDDLE OF HIS FOREHEAD HE BELIEVED THAT MONTAGNE MIGHT BE RAY AS HE RECALLED MONTAGNE HAVING SUCH A SCAR. NO FURTHER DESCRIPTION AVAILABLE ON MONTAGNE OR OTHER PERSON.

SPRINGFIELD DETERMINE THROUGH DMV TO WHOM ABOVE LICENSE REGISTERED TO AND ANY RECORD IN DMV OF MONTAGNE.

and any necessary information to identify Montague  
on ~~and James Earl Ray~~

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-10673)

FROM : SA STEPHEN M. CALLENDER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/19/68

This is to advise that at 4:20 p.m. SAC ROY MOORE of the Jackson Office provided the following information:

Captain WILLIAM POPE of the Pascagoula PD at 9:30 a.m. this date had stopped two white men in a white Corvair convertible bearing Ill. license DG3109. The reason was because the driver subsequently determined to be JOSEPH CLATON MONTAGNE bore a resemblance to the photo of GALT he had seen in the papers.

Captain POPE informed that the other unknown white male was in the car and that POPE had let these two individuals go. They had told POPE they were heading for New Orleans.

MONTAGNE indicated he was a musician and the other individual indicated he was a seaman.

MR. MOORE stated that he had no further description of these individuals and that Detective POPE after hearing the description of JAMES EARL RAY having a scar in the middle of his forehead said that he believed MONTAGNE might be RAY as he recalled MONTAGNE having such a scar.

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TO DIRECTOR AND ATLANTA  
FROM NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

MURKIN.

REBUTEL APRIL NINETEEN INSTANT WITH PRESS RELEASE  
CONCERNING IDENTIFICATION OF JAMES EARL RAY WITH ERIC STARVO  
GALT.

A CHECK OF ALL NAMES AND ALIASES OF JAMES EARL RAY UNDER  
DATE OF BIRTH , ARE NEGATIVE  
AT DRIVERS LICENSE BUREAU, BATON ROUGE, LA.  
END.

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*A. R. Dwyer*

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FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

MURKIN.

*Re: Scott Nordal look-alike.*FOLLOWING INFORMATION DEVELOPED, BASED ON REPORT OF  
LOOK-ALIKE, FOLLOWING PUBLICATION OF GALT PHOTOGRAPH.SCOTT NORDAL, WM, RESIDED SIX TWO THREE ROYAL STREET,  
NOLA, FOUR ONE THROUGH FOUR SEVENTEEN, BUT MAID STATES HE  
WAS ABSENT MOST OF TIME.NORDAL EMPLOYED AS WAITER, COURT OF TWO SISTERS, SIX  
ONE THREE ROYAL STREET, FROM THREE TWENTY FOUR UNTIL FOUR  
THIRTEEN, WITH ABSENCES ON FOUR FOUR AND POSSIBLY OTHER  
DATES. APPLICATION REFLECTS BORN   
SSN  HAS CALIFORNIA DRIVERS LICENSE G DASH TWO THREE FOUR  
SEVEN THREE TWO ONE, EXPIRES ONE FIVE SEVENTY. ATTENDED  
LINCOLN GRAMMAR, COMPTON, CALIFORNIA, FORTY SEVEN TO FIFTY;  
PARAMOUNT HIGH SCHOOL, PARAMOUNT, CALIFORNIA; FIFTY TO FIFTY  
FOUR; UCLA, FIFTY EIGHT TO SIXTY SIX, CLAIMS GRADUATED.  
EMPLOYED COVE RESTAURANT, SAN GABRIEL, CALIFORNIA, SIXTY

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FOUR TO SIXTY FIVE AND JANUARY TO MAY, SIXTY TWO. MOTHER,  
MRS. ANN NORDAL, RESIDES FIVE SIX ZERO TWO, PINE, LOS  
ANGELES.

NORDAL PUT SECOND LOCK ON ROOM AND PERMITTED NO  
ACCESS WHILE ABSENT. HAD LARGE QUANTITY OF CLOTHING AND  
LUGGAGE. ONE OCCASION MAID SAW LARGE QUANTITY OF CURRENCY  
IN PACK IN BED, SHOWING ONE HUNDRED DOLLAR BILL ON TOP.

NORDAL IMMEDIATELY STOPPED HER WORK.

*Lead Source*CONDUCT NECESSARY INVESTIGATION TO IDENTIFY NORDAL, *and Chicago*

AND SUTEL.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.*James Earl Ray*

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TO MEMPHIS (44-1987) AND NEW ORLEANS  
FROM DALLAS (44-2649) 2P

MURKIN. OO-MEMPHIS.

RE SAN ANTONIO TEL TO DALLAS TODAY.

RE: HERMAN PETER KACKENMESTER.

KACKENMESTER INTERVIEWED CORSICANA, TEXAS, TODAY BUAGENTS  
AND FOUND TO BE DEFINITE MENTAL CASE, ADMITTEDLY HAVING BEEN IN  
THREE MENTAL INSTITUTIONS. W/M, BORN [REDACTED]  
WEEHAWKEN, N. J., SIX FEET TWO AND ONE HALF INCHES, TWO HUNDRED  
FORTY, BROWN HAIR AND EYES, U. S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS NINETEEN  
FORTYFOUR - FORTYSIX, HONORABLE DISCHARGE. HAD ASN [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

CLAIMS IN GUATEMALA CITY RECENTLY WHEN PASSPORT, ETC. STOLEN.  
REPORTED TO AMERICAN CONSULATE AND EVENTUALLY SENT BACK TO NEW  
ORLEANS ABOUT APRIL FIVE LAST.

MOTHER, MARIE E. KACKENMESTER, RESIDES ONE EIGHT ZERO THREE  
BRYAN AVENUE, WANAMASSA, N. J.

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IN VIEW OF DENIAL OF ANY KNOWLEDGE OF MURKIN CASE AND  
OBVIOUS MENTAL DISORDERS, NEW ORLEANS AND MEMPHIS SHOULD DISCONTINUE  
INVESTIGATION.

SAN ANTONIO ADVISED AM. -P-

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948 PM URGENT 4-19-68 ARK

TO DIRECTOR, BIRMINGHAM, KANSAS CITY, LOS ANGELES, NEW ORLEANS,  
MEMPHIS, AND SPRINGFIELD  
FROM ATLANTA (44-2386)

MURKIN

SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED ATLANTA APRIL NINETEEN  
SIXTYEIGHT:

RE REPORTED IDENTIFICATION OF GALT AS JOHN WILLARD:

JOHN WILLARD PREVIOUSLY EMPLOYED ATLANTA APRIL OR MAY SIXTYSE  
IN TELEPHONE SALES. SOURCE ALSO MADE AVAILABLE A CARD HANDLED  
BY WILLARD AND BEARING RECORD OF SALES IN WILLARD'S HANDWRITING.

LABORATORY REPORTS HANDWRITING COMPARISON AS REFLECTED  
ON CARD IS NOT IDENTICAL WITH THAT IN LOWMYER SIGNATURE OR OTHER  
KNOWN SPECIMENS AVAILABLE.

BUREAU LABORATORY REPORTED EXAMINATION OF CARD COMPLETED  
BY WILLARD, LOCATED THREE LATENT FINGERPRINTS WHICH PRINTS HAVE  
BEEN IDENTIFIED AS PRINTS OF WALTER A. WILLARD, FBI # FOUR FOUR  
EIGHT ZERO NINE FIVE NINE. WALTER WILLARD EMPLOYED AS JOHN  
WILLARD COMPLETELY ELIMINATED BY PRINTS AND HANDWRITING.

RE LAUNDRY MARK INVESTIGATION.

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*John Willard*

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ALL LEADS COVERED IN THIS AREA OF INVESTIGATION.  
SAMPLE MARKINGS, WHERE PERTINENT, FORWARDED LABORATORY  
FOR EXAMINATION.

RE DRIVER LICENSE:

INVESTIGATION OF THOSE PERSONS HAVING GEORGIA OPERATOR'S  
LICENSE IN NAME OF GALT HAS BEEN COMPLETED WITHOUT DEVELOPING  
PERTINENT DATA.

RE CITY MAP OF ATLANTA WITH INKED NOTATIONS:

EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION COMPLETED IN AREA ENCOMPASSING  
HIGHLAND VIEW DRIVE AND PONCE DE LEON TERRACE VICINITY.  
THIS INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED USING PHOTOGRAPH OF RAY, AKA.  
GALT, AND NO PERTINENT INFORMATION DEVELOPED.

ADDITIONAL INQUIRY BEING MADE IN THAT AREA ENCOMPASSING  
FOURTEENTH STREET DASH PEACHTREE AREA UTILIZING PHOTOGRAPHS.  
THUS FAR, NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION DEVELOPED.

RE NATIONAL NEWS RELEASE APRIL NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT:

INFORMATION MADE AVAILABLE NATIONAL NEWS RELEASE WAS  
DISTRIBUTED TO ALL WIRE SERVICES, RADIO DASH TELEVISION  
STATIONS, NEWSPAPERS, POLICE DEPARTMENTS, AND OTHER MEDIA  
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AT 44-2386

REACHING THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

AS A RESULT OF SECOND NATIONAL NEWS RELEASE AND PREVIOUS NEWS RELEASE AND ATTENDANT PUBLICITY, PRESS INQUIRIES RECEIVED AND ANSWERED WITH NO ADDITIONAL COMMENTS.

AS A RESULT OF EXTENSIVE PUBLICITY GIVEN TO NEWS RELEASES THE GENERAL PUBLIC HAS MADE AN EXTREMELY LARGE NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS AND ALLEGATIONS THAT SUBJECT HAS BEEN SEEN AT VARIOUS POINTS. THE COMPLAINTS HAVE BEEN CHECKED OUT WITH NO PERTINENT INFORMATION DEVELOPED AS TO THE WHEREABOUTS OF SUBJECT.

RE CONTACT WITH SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC):

CONTACTS CONTINUE WITH SCLC OFFICE IN EFFORT TO INTERVIEW PERTINENT STAFF MEMBERS UPON THEIR AVAILABILITY. TO DATE, NONE ARE AVAILABLE FOR SUCH INTERVIEWS AND DISPLAY OF PHOTOGRAPHS.

END. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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MURKIN

LEONARD SPEARS, FORMER EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH SHERIFF'S DEPUTY, ADVISED THAT AT APPROXIMATELY EIGHT FORTYFIVE PM, FOUR NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT, HE PULLED UP BESIDE GRAY VOLKESWAGEN BEARING SIXTYEIGHT ALABAMA LICENSE THREE ONE SEVEN TWO THREE NINE HEADING SOUTHERLY DIRECTION AIRLINE HIGHWAY, BATON ROUGE. SPEARS ADVISED THAT DRIVER OF VOLKESWAGEN LOOKED VERY MUCH 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 NOSE 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, DETERMINE OWNER OF REGISTERED VEHICLE, DRIVERS LICENSE INFORMATION CONCERNING OWNER OF VEHICLE IN EFFORT TO ELIMINATE DRIVER OF VOLKESWAGEN AS LOOK ALIKE OF RAY. AIRMAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS.

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TO NEW ORLEANS AND CHICAGO

FROM SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

MURKIN; CR.

RE NO TEL INSTANT, AND SI TEL CALLS TO NO AND CG INSTANT.

RE JOSEPH CLAYTON MONTAGNE (LOOK ALIKE)

FOR INFORMATION CHICAGO, INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM JACKSON DIVISION THIS DATE THAT PASCAGOULA, MISS. PD STOPPED AN INDIVIDUAL DRIVING A WHITE CORVAIR BEARING SIXTYEIGHT ILL. LICENSE D G THREE ONE ZERO NINE. DRIVER IDENTIFIED SELF AS JOSEPH CLAYTON MONTAGNE. MONTAGNE ACCOMPANIED BY ANOTHER WHITE MALE WHOSE 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.

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AVAILABLE ON MONTAGNE OR OTHER PERSON.

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

~~RAYMOND MITCHEL HILLBURN~~ DRIVERS LICENSE RECORDS RE HILLBURN DESCRIBE HIM AS ~~RAYMOND MITCHEL HILLBURN~~, RECENT ADDRESS ONE TWO FIVE FOUR LELAND, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, DOB  FIVE FEET TEN, ONE HUNDRED SIXTYFIVE POUNDS, BROWN HAIR, BLUE EYES, DRIVERS LICENSE NUMBER H FOUR ONE SIX SEVEN THREE THREE FOUR ZERO ONE EIGHT SEVEN, SUSPENDED SINCE THREE TEN SIXTYEIGHT.

CHICAGO ATTEMPT TO LOCATE HILLBURN AND DETERMINE ANY INFO RE MONTAGNE AND WHITE CORVAIR IN AN EFFORT TO ELIMINATE HIM AS JAMES EARL RAY, AND ADVISE NEW ORLEANS.

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

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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.

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INFORMATION RE MONTAGNE AND WHITE CORVAIR IN AN EFFORT TO  
ELIMINATE HIM AS JAMES EARL RAY AND ADVISE INTERESTED OFFICES.

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FROM NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

MURKIN

RE JACKSON TEL CALL THIS DATE.

RE: JOSEPH CLATON MONTAGNE (LOOKALIKE)

SPRINGFIELD OFFICE ADVISED THAT NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT ILLINOIS  
LICENSE D G THREE ONE ZERO NINE IS REGISTERED TO RAYMOND HILLBURN,  
SIX ZERO THREE NINE NORTH RIDGE, CHICAGO, FOR A NINETEEN FIFTYSIX  
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CHICAGO REQUESTED TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW HILLBURN RE MONTAGNE.  
JACKSON CONTACT CAPTAIN ON PASCAGOULA, MISS. PD, ORIGINAL  
SOURCE OF INFORMATION AND THOURGHLY INTERVIEW.

AIRMAIL COPIES TO SPRINGFIELD AND CHICAGO.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-10673)

FROM : SA MICHAEL BARON

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/19/68

A check of all names and aliases of JAMES EARL RAY under date of birth [redacted] are negative at Drivers License Bureau; office closed for the day (4:30 p.m.).

Check under name HERMAN PETER KACKENMEISTER at LSP is negative.

Check of license tag, 1968 Louisiana 80-745 is negative as the 1968s have not been issued yet.

Check of above number for 1967 was also checked.

1967 Louisiana license was issued to a 1964 Chevrolet pickup, VIN 4C254S198565, in name JAMES LOKEY, 3429 St. Ferdinand Street, New Orleans, La.

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TO JACKSON  
FROM NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)  
MURKIN

RE: JAMES EARL RAY (LOOK ALIKE)

INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM BRAD SWOLKIN, NEW ORLEANS, LA.,  
THIS DATE THAT ON EVENING OF APRIL NINETEEN LAST HE OBSERVED  
INDIVIDUAL RIDING IN A NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT CHEVROLET  
CAMERO, BLUE WITH BLACK VINYL TOP, BEARING NINETEEN SIXTY-  
EIGHT MISSISSIPPI LICENSE G B EIGHT ONE FOUR EIGHT.

UPON VIEWING LATEST PICTURES OF RAY IN TODAY'S NEW  
ORLEANS NEWSPAPER, HE STATED THAT UNKNOWN INDIVIDUAL  
BORE A RESEMBLANCE TO RAY. SWOLKIN COULD FURNISH NO  
DESCRIPTION OF EITHER DRIVER OF VEHICLE OR PASSENGER OTHER  
THAT THEY WERE WHITE.

JACKSON DETERMINE IDENTITY OF OWNER OF VEHICLE, LOCATE  
AND INTERVIEW AND ASCERTAIN IDENTITY OF PASSENGER IN ORDER  
TO ELIMINATE AS BEING IDENTICAL TO RAY.

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