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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, OOO 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 MILITARYSERVICE. 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 [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], 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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TO CLRWPX

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (44-38861)

DATE: 4/19/68

FROM : SAC, Kansas City (44-760)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

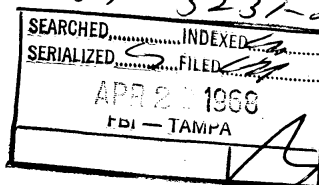
Enclosed to the Bureau are six copies and to each office one copy of the following photographs:

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.

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TELETYPE PLAINTEXT

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DEFERRED

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAN FRANCISCO (173-65)
MURKIN, OO: MEMPHIS

RE LOS ANGELES TELETYPE TO SAN FRANCISCO THREE TWENTY SIX
SIXTY-EIGHT.

JACK A. WIGHOLM, INSURED DRIVEAWAY SYSTEM INC. SAN LEANDRO,
CALIFORNIA PROVIDED COPY OF DRIVER APPLICATION, NUMBER A ONE SEVEN
ZERO ZERO SEVEN, FOR INSURED DRIVEAWAY DATED AUGUST EIGHT SIXTY-SIX
PERTAINING TO JAMES W. WRAY (NOT JAMES EARL WRAY). ORIGINAL APPLI-
CATION FILED WITH AGENT, LUCY M. BARRON EIGHT TWO SIX EIGHT FOURTY
STREET N. PINELLAS PARK, FLORIDA. APPLICATION SHOWS WRAY RESIDES
AT EIGHT TWO SIX EIGHT FOURTY STREET N. PINELLAS PARK, FLORIDA.
OCCUPATION LISTED AS SALEMAN AND DRIVER. FORMERLY EMPLOYED WITH
INSURED TRANSPORTERS, PINELLAS PARK, FLORIDA FOR THREE YEARS.
PERSONNEL REFERENCES INCLUDE RALPH KELLY, LAKEWOOD, CALIF.,
LUCY BARRON, PINELLAS PARK, Fla, TOM FINNEY, EIGHT SIX AVENUE,
PINELLAS PARK, FLORIDA, AND RELATIVES LISTED AS CHARLES WRAY,
BROTHER, FIVE SEVEN TWO ZERO AUTRY AVENUE, LAKEWOOD, CALIF. WRAY
LISTED DRIVER LICENSE NUMBER F FIVE EIGHT SIX ONE ONE D (PROBABLY
FLORIDA), ISSUED OCTOMBER SIX SIXTY FIVE. DESCRIPTION SHOWS DOB
[REDACTED] FIVE NINE, ONE SEVEN ZERO, BLOND

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HAIR, BLUE EYES, SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

WIGHOLM STATES ORIGINAL APPLICATION WITH FINGERPRINTS ON BOTTOM LOCATED WITH LUCY M. BARRON, PINELLAS PARK, FLORIDA. HE NOTED THAT WRAY HAS WORKED FOR W.G. CAMERON, AGENT, ONE TWO FIVE SEVEN ONE GARDEN GROVE BOULEVARD, GARDEN GROVE, CALIF., AND M. L. HALBERT, AGENT, ONE ZERO FOUR THREE N. E. NINE FIVE STREET, SEATTLE, WASHINGTON. HOWEVER DATES OF EMPLOYMENT UNKNOWN SINCE DRIVERS ARE HIRED BY AGENT AS A "CASUAL" AND PAID DIRECTLY BY THE AGENT. AUTO ACCIDENT REPORT DATED SIX FOURTEEN SIXTY-SEVEN WHILE EMPLOYED BY CARMON AT GARDEN GROVE, CALIF. SHOWS THAT JAMES WILLARD WRAY LISTED HOME ADDRESS AS EIGHT TWO SIXTY-EIGHT FOURTY STREET N, PINELLAS PARK, FLORIDA AND HAD CALIF. LICENSE NUMBER F SIX ZERO ZERO TWO TWO SIX. WIGHOLM STATES THAT BARRON KNOWS ALL BACKGROUND INFO AND KNOWS WHEREABOUTS OF WRAY.

WRAY APPARENTLY NOT IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT THEREFORE NO LEADS BEING SET OUT FOR TAMPA TO OBTAIN FINGERPRINTS OR CONDUCT ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION.

AIR MAIL COPIES TO MEMPHIS AND TAMPA, INFO.

SAM/mg

4/17/68

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-388612)
FROM: SAC, PITTSBURGH (44-576) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR

Re Tampa teletype to the Bureau, dated 4/13/68;
and Newark teletype to the Bureau, dated 4/12/68.

Regarding MORRIS CLAYTON SKAGGS:

MORRIS C. SKAGGS was arrested for motor violation
4/15/68 and confined to Beaver County Jail. He was born
[redacted] at Jonesboro, Arkansas, is 6'2", and then weighed
215 pounds. He has a tattoo on his left forearm and has
FBI Number 294 864 P.

A photograph of SKAGGS has been obtained and will
follow.

Mrs. BETTY KIPPENEGGER, Van Buren House, Beaver,
Pa., SKAGGS' mother-in-law, advised neither she, her husband,
or her daughter, SKAGGS' wife, have had any contact from
SKAGGS and are unaware of his whereabouts or activities.
She pointed out that her telephone number and her daughter's
telephone number and address are unpublished primarily for
the reason of avoiding contact with SKAGGS. She stated
her mother-in-law, Mrs. BETH HARRIS, recently had an early
morning telephone call believed to be from SKAGGS, but
his whereabouts at the time of the call were unknown.

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The composite drawings of unsub were exhibited to Mrs. HIPPENEGGER, and she stated they did not, in her opinion, look like SKAGGS. She stated SKAGGS' parents reside in Jonesboro, Arkansas, but that family members here have no contact with them primarily to avoid disclosing SKAGGS' wife's address.

Mrs. RUTH HARRIS, Beaver, Pa., advised that sometime during the week prior to 4/13/68, at exactly 4:50 a.m., she received a telephone call from an individual whom she did not initially recognize by his voice, but he mentioned CAROL, and she then determined it to be MORRIS SKAGGS. She stated she talked to another individual who was with SKAGGS, but told them she did not want to talk to them and hung up. She then contacted the operator in an effort to determine where the call had been placed from and the operator told her she could not determine this since it was an out of the district call. Mrs. HARRIS stated the last contact she had was a similarly foolish call in the early hours from SKAGGS prior to Thanksgiving of 1967. She stated her number is the only published telephone number of family members in Beaver County, and the only contact point SKAGGS has.

CAROL SKAGGS resides at 1284 Chapel Road, Monaca, Pa., unlisted telephone 773-8957, and is a high school teacher at Rochester High School. Efforts to locate her, both at her residence and telephonically, the afternoon and evening of 4/16/68, were unsuccessful; however, since a photograph of SKAGGS has been obtained, and based on the contact with CAROL SKAGGS' mother, no further effort will be made to locate her.

4/19/68

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AIRMAIL

TO SAC, JACKSON
FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
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OO: Memphis
Bufile 44-38861

Re Suspect Division

On 4/18/68 Miss JEAN WHITTINGTON, Manager, Indices Section, Arson and Fraud Division, American Insurance Association, Regional Office, 161 Peachtree Street, NE, Atlanta, Georgia, advised SA CHARLES PAUL ROSE that the records of her office failed to reflect any listing for ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMEYER, or HARVEY LOWMYER.

The indices reflect that one JOHN M. WILLARD, 1227 Baggan Drive, Tupelo, Mississippi, reported an injury in an accident on 11/21/63. He was described as a white male, age 28 years, and married. It was alleged he sprained his back lifting a wrecked car in Tupelo, Mississippi and was seen by Dr. MALCOLM MOORE, Tupelo, Mississippi. The insurance company in this matter was U. S. Fidelity Guaranty, Tupelo, Mississippi and their file number is 142C3226.

The indices further reflect that JOHN E.

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AT 44-2386

WILLARD, Post Office Box 178, Zephyrhills, Florida, was involved in an accident receiving an abrasion on his face on U. S. 301, Zephyrhills, Florida, on 7/27/66.

At that time JOHN E. WILLARD was a white male, 26 years of age, and the insured in the accident was RILEY HARRIS, insured by State Farm Mutual, 5207 North Lois, Tampa, Florida. State Farm Mutual's case file number is 591073-036.

Jackson and Tampa will conduct logical investigation to ascertain if JOHN M. WILLARD, Tupelo, Mississippi and JOHN E. WILLARD, Zephyrhills, Florida, should be considered as logical suspects in captioned matter.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, TAMPA

DATE: 4/25/68

FROM : SA S. J. LABADIE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE: Memo NC ROBERT J. O'BRIEN 4/19/68.

On the night of 4/19/68 Sgt. HANSEN, Tampa PD was contacted telephonically at the Kash and Karry Store, 1725 N. Dale Mabry, Tampa and he advised he was working off duty in such store and a customer, who was a "real petite dinky peanut" started talking away to him and mentioned she had seen the picture of ERIC GALT in the paper and several days before she saw the picture she had seen a man who had looked something like it. He said he did not think there was anything to the matter but to just show the girl he had contacts with the FBI he got her name, address and telephone number and said he would tell the FBI about it anyway.

On the night of 4/19/68 Mrs. MARSHA GOWAN, in the presence of her mother, was interviewed at her mother's residence, 6803 Larmon Ave., Tampa, Florida. She advised she is also known as MARSHA ANN HUDSON and she is in the process of being divorced. Her mother and father are Mr. and Mrs. JOHN T. HUDSON. She is twenty years of age and is employed as a saleswoman for SARA CAVENTRY Jewelry which has headquarters in NYC and they work to sell jewelry as the Tupper Ware people, having parties in neighborhood to get women together to sell to.

Mrs. GOWAN advised that on Tuesday afternoon, time unknown, April 16, 1968 she had gone to Madison Drug Store, Northgate Shopping Center, Tampa and while sitting at a food counter she noticed a white, male sitting at the counter also, about ten stools away from her. She said she could not tell how tall he was, nor his weight because he never stood up. She said he had "crooked eyes" and was "twitchy". She said the waitress gave the customer a glass of iced tea, and when asked if could have been iced coffee, she said no it was iced tea. This unknown w,m, just sat there and looked around. His hair was "all messed up". She did not talk to him and merely observed him for about a few minutes. She said she was attracted to this male because he appeared "nervous" and gave a furtive appearance. She has only been in the Drugstore on one occasion. She did not know anything more about this male and she happened to see a photograph of GALT in a local



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newspaper several days later and thought he could have been this male she had seen in the Drugstore. She said the only thing that she could think of was that she noticed his eyes and they "got her" and therefore she noticed the eyes in GALT's photo and she thought they looked like the unknown customers's eyes.

Mrs. GOWAN stated she could not "tell what the man word". She stated she did remember the male had a real "red complexion". Wanted Flyer of GALT and JAMES RAY exhibited to Mrs. GOWAN resulted in her stating that she could not identify GALT as being identical to unknown male.

Mrs. GOWAN rambled on for about two hours and really had no concrete information that could establish subject identical to an unknown male she had noticed for a few minutes.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC TAMPA 157-3231

DATE: 4-19-68

FROM : NC ROBERT J. O'BRIEN

SUBJECT: MURKING CR 00;me

At 7:50PM Sgt W.G. Hansen, TPED, telephonically contacted this office and furnished the following information. He was working his after hours job at Cash n Carry when Marsha Gowan, 6803 Larmen Ave, Tampa Fla, 884-1104, told him of seeing an individual in Madison Drugs, Northgate Shopping Center last Tuesday morning at 11:00AM whom she believed to be Eric Starvo Galt. She recognized the picture in last nights paper and has felt uneasy about it since. She asked Hansen what she should do about it and Hansen decided to advise the FBI.

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Belanger advised 7:55 PM PAB
SA Sabodie 7:59 PM PAB

*Individual not ident
memo being submitted
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Memorandum

TO : SAC, TAMPA 157-3231

DATE: 4/19/68

FROM : SPC AL L. WITH

SUBJECT: MURKIN; CR.
(OO:ME)

At 6:50 PM this date, Mrs. ROBERT C. HASSARD, 3316
Flametree Rd., Orlando, Fla., telephone 855-5001, contacted
this office and advised that she wished to speak with an
agent re captioned matter and the pictures that have been
appearing in the local newspapers re subject of captioned
matter.

Supervisor Belange advised and assigned SA Tindle,
Orlando RA, to handle. SA Tindle advised.

Submitted for information.

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individual not ident
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157- 3231)

DATE: 4/20/68

FROM : SA Dennis Joyce

SUBJECT: Murkin

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OO: Memphis

Willie Harris, 1907 West Norfolk, Tampa
admitted his father-in-law, who is his wife's
step-father is named James Ray.

He said he heard James Ray was wanted
by the FBI and thought he should inform us
of the connection. He said Ray was a w/m
about 50. He provided the name of Sney
Ray, 3420 East Elliott, Tampa as one
who could give more information concerning
this particular James Ray. He was unable to
provide any more than sketchy background since
he had limited contact with this individual.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, TAMPA (157-3231)

DATE: 4/19/68

FROM : AL L. SMITH

SUBJECT: MURKIN;
CR.
(OO:ME)

Glenn 55-0-51?

At 9:00 PM this date Mr. GLENN HOENIG, Family Diner, Wildwood, Fla., telephone 748-8571, telephonically advised that he had noted the news account of the search for the assassin of Dr. King and noted that one HARVEY LOWMEYER had been mentioned as a possible suspect or person using same name. In this regard Mr. Hoenig recalled that about 1957-58 he paroled one Harvey Lowmeyer from the Illinois State Prison and Lowmeyer worked in his, Hoenig's, restaurant after being released. The Lowmeyer that Hoenig stated he paroled out was also from Quincy, Ill., and was believed to have a sister living in El Cajon, Calif. El Cajon is believed to be on or near the California-Mexico border.

Mr. Hoenig advised that he was furnishing this information for any possible assistance it may have in locating subject and indicated that he had no objection to being contacted re further information regarding ~~his~~ his recollection of Lowmeyer.

It being noted that the Wildwood, Fla. area is in the Jacksonville Division, N.O. Tony Napoli relayed ~~the~~ the above information telephonically VIA WATS., Per Suprv. # 4 and SAC.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, TAMPA (157-3231) (P)

FROM : SA BARRY WILLIAM RYAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/26/68

On 4/21/68, the writer contacted Mrs. D.M. MC LENNAN, 204 Jefferson Ave., Cape Canaveral, Fla., at her residence. Mrs. MC LENNAN had telephonically contacted the FBI office in Tampa, Fla. on 4/21/68 at 5:30 AM. Mrs. MC LENNAN advised that on the day previous, 4/20/68, she and her husband had attended a wedding and subsequent to that festivity, both went out for more drinks and dinner at the Lamp Post Restaurant, Cape Canaveral, Fla. Mrs. MC LENNAN advised that at approximately 3:30 AM, when she was "three sheets to the wind", she engaged in conversation with a young white male, whom she thought to be about 25 years of age and who told her that he was an unemployed merchant seaman. Mrs. MC LENNAN was then shown a series of photographs which included Top Ten Fugitives, other Bureau fugitives, gambling subjects and the photograph of JAMES RAY, aka., Eric Starvo Galt. She stated that none of the photographs shown her were identical to the individuals she had observed at the Lamp Post Restaurant who identified himself as the unemployed merchant seaman. She advised that she had seen RAY's photograph in the newspaper and on TV and believed that she was actually talking with GALT the night she was inebriated. She could not, in effect, recognize the photograph of GALT or JAMES RAY being identical with the merchant seaman with whom she had conversation at the Lamp Post on 4/21/68 in the early AM.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Tampa (157-3231)

DATE: 4/21/68

FROM : SPC Millard J. Roberts, Jr.

SUBJECT: MURKIN; CR. 00:JE

At 5:50 AM, this date, Mrs. D. M. MCLENNAN, 204 Jefferson, Cape Canaveral, Fla., telephone number 784-0768, telephonically contacted this office. Mrs. MCLENNAN advised that she met W/M, resembling JAMES RAY, last night at the Laap Post Bar on Monroe St., Cape Canaveral, Fla., and wanted to advise the FBI. She stated that this individual mentioned to her that he was an unemployed merchant seaman.

Mrs. MCLENNAN was advised that the information would be given to a supervisor for appropriate action.

4 Super. L.E. Belong advised @ 8:55 AM

Benny Ryan advised @ 8:55 AM

Contact negative, will Summo.
Complainant apparently intoxicated at time of call.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, TAMPA (157-3231)

DATE: 4/20/68

FROM : SPC AL L. WITH

SUBJECT: MURKIN;
CR.
(OO:ME)

Tonight at 9:05 PM, an individual identifying himself as GEORGE SANFORD telephonically contacted this office and furnished the following information:

Mr. Sanford advised that he is a former college professor and presently employed by the City of Lakeland, Fla., as Director of Planning Department. Sanford furnished address of 539 W. Maxwell, Lakeland, Fla., and telephone 686-4953. Tonight after returning to Tampa from Jacksonville Sanford advised that he dined at BARTKE's Restaurant at the International airport and while there noticed an individual with a female companion who, according to Sanford, had identical features as subject being sought in this case as depicted in today's, 4/20/68, issue of the Tampa Tribune. Sanford alleged that he called the manager of the Restaurant over to his table and asked if he, the manager, did not agree that the individual in question appear identical and the manager allegedly disagreed with Sanford; however, Sanford indicated that he felt the manager did not agree as he, the manager, did not wish to become involved in the matter nor bring any adverse publicity to the restaurant. Sanford continuously contended that the individual, in his opinion, was identical enough in features that he felt this agency should by all means "check him out" to determine his identity.

Supervisor Belanger advised and assigned SAs Burgett and Oyler to handle. SAs Burgett and Oyler advised.

Submitted for information.

*Mgr. Bartke's, advised
Sanford appeared to be intimidated
and would place no credence in
his call. Will summarize
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-3231)

DATE: 4/22/68

FROM : SA JOHN J. RUTLAND

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Rebutel, 4/22/68.

Re: DENNIS HOLT, Suspect

On April 22, 1968, a review of the City Directory, Clearwater, Florida, revealed that ^{A.}DENNIS HOLT, wife NETTIE L., operator of Holt's Motors, resides at 3261 San Pedro Street, Clearwater, Florida.

Directory of the General Telephone Directory of Florida, Clearwater, has listing for DENNIS HOLT, 3261 San Pedro, Clearwater, Florida, Telephone 726-2348. Holt Motors used cars, 2107 Highway 19 South, Clearwater, has two listing 531-2939 and 531-3162.

On April 22, 1968, pretext inquiry was made a Holt Motors, 2107 Highway 19 South, and it was learned that HOLT has been on vacation for several days and is not expected to return for possibly one week.

~~In view of the above no further inquiry was made.~~

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FBI NEW YORK

1:10 PM URGENT 4-22-68 EMP

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, TTAMPA, AND MIAMI 44-1854
FROM NEW YORK 44-1609

MURKIN; CIVIL RIGHTS; OO: MEMPHIS

WHILE ON A LAY DASH OVER IN NEW YORK CITY, PAN AMERICAN AIRLINES PURSERETTES MISS NICOLLE O'CONNOR AND MISS PETERA CHUITA, HOME BASE MIAMI, FLORIDA, STATED THAT ON THURSDAY, APRIL EIGHTEEN, NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT, AT SIX FORTY FIVE P.M. PAN AMERICAN FLIGHT NUMBER FOUR FOUR ONE WHICH ORIGINATED IN MIAMI, LEFT MIAMI FOR CARACUS, VENEZUELA; RIO DE JANEIRO; AND SAO PAULO, BRAZIL. THERE WERE SIX PASSENGERS IN THE TOURIST SECTION OUT OF MIAMI. OF THESE, THREE IN THE FIRST CLASS SECTION AND SIXTEEN OR SEVENTEEN IN THE TOURIST SECTION WENT THE COMPLETE TRIP AND DEPARTED THE PLANE AT SAO PAULO.

THREE OF THOSE IN THE TOURIST SECTION WHO WENT FROM MIAMI TO SAO PAULO WERE WHITE MALE SOUTHERNERS WHO WERE TRAVELLING
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TOGETHER. ONE OF THE THREE FIT THE HENERAL DESCRIPTION OF JAMES EARL RAY. HE IDENTIFIED HIMSELF TO THE PURSERETTES THROUGH A BUSINESS CARD AS DENNIS HOLIT, OWNER OF HOLT MOTORS, TWO ONE ZERO SEVEN U.S. HIGHWAY NINETEEN SOUTH, CLEARWATER, FLORIDA, TELEPHONE NUMBER FIVE THREE ONE DASH TWO NINE THREE NINE. HE TOLD THE PURSERETTES THAT HE LEFT CLEARWATER THAT DAY AND FLEW FROM TAMPA TO MIAMI BUT THAT HE DID NOT TELL ANYONE HE WAS LEAVING. HE LEFT THE PURSERETTES WITH THE IMPRESSION THAT HE DID NOT KNOW JUST WHERE HE WAS GOING OR WHY HE WAS FOING AND SEVERAL THINGS HE SSAID WERE INCONSISTENT WITH PREVIOUS STATEMENTS MADE BY HIM. HE SAID HE WOULD BE IN SAO PAULO FOR THREE WEEKS TO A MONTH.

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not deny

HE WAS ASSIGNED SEAT NUMBER FOUR B OUT OF MIAMI. HE SAID BOTH HIS FRIENDSTRAVELING WITH HIM WERE PREACHERS.

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CHUITA TOOK A PICTURE OF HOLT; THE FILM WHICH HAS NOT BEEN DEVELOPED, CAN BE OBTAINED FROM NICLOLLE O'CONNOR, TWO SEVEN EIGHT ZERO TIGER TAIL AVENUE, COCONUT GROVE, FLORIDA, TELEPHONE NUMBER FOUR FOUR SIX DASH ONE FIVE NINE EIGHT OR PETERA CHUITA, ONE ONE ZERO EAST TENTH STREET, APARTMENT TWENTY, HIALEAH, FLORIDA, TELEPHONE NUMBER EIGHT EIGHT SEVEN DASH FIVE SIX ZERO TWO IF IT IS NEEDED.

TAMPA, AT CLEARWATER, DETERMINE IF DENNIS HOLT HAS RECENTLY DEPARTED THE CLEARWATER AREA FOR A SOUTH AMERICAN TRIP OR ELSEWHERE.

A COPY OF THIS TELETYPE HAS BEEN DESIGNATED OR MIAMI FOR FURTHER INVESTIGATION IF THE STORY AS TO DENNIS HOLT OF CLEARWATER IS NOT VERIFIED BY TAMPA.

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MEMPHIS ADVISED BY MAIL.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, TAMPA (157-3231)

DATE: 4/20/68

FROM : JTC AL L. MITT

SUBJECT: MURKIN; CR,
(OO:ME)

At 6:10 PM this date Mr. Arthur De Witt, 6431 - 34th Terrace, North, St. Petersburg, Fla., telephone 345-7837, advised that his wife informed him today that she had observed an individual earlier today at the intersection of 38th Ave. and 49th St., No. which she felt bore a striking resemblance to subject being sought in this case. De Witt advised that his wife indicated that the individual was driving what appeared to be a 1957 Ford bearing Kentucky license 127-634. The only feature Mrs. De Witt questioned was the fact that the individual she observed had blond hair and the subject in this case has been described as having dark hair.

Supervisor Belanger advised and assigned SA Pieper to handle and if investigation developed information of importance considerations should be given to transmit teletype to Louisville Division to attempt through MVC to identify person observed by Mrs. De Witt. SA Pieper advised.

Submitted for information.

*Individual not identical
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RODRIGUEZ, Special Agent, Florida State Bureau of Law
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informants and continuation of alert.

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Airport Authority Police, were all furnished New wanted Flyers on
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FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 1P

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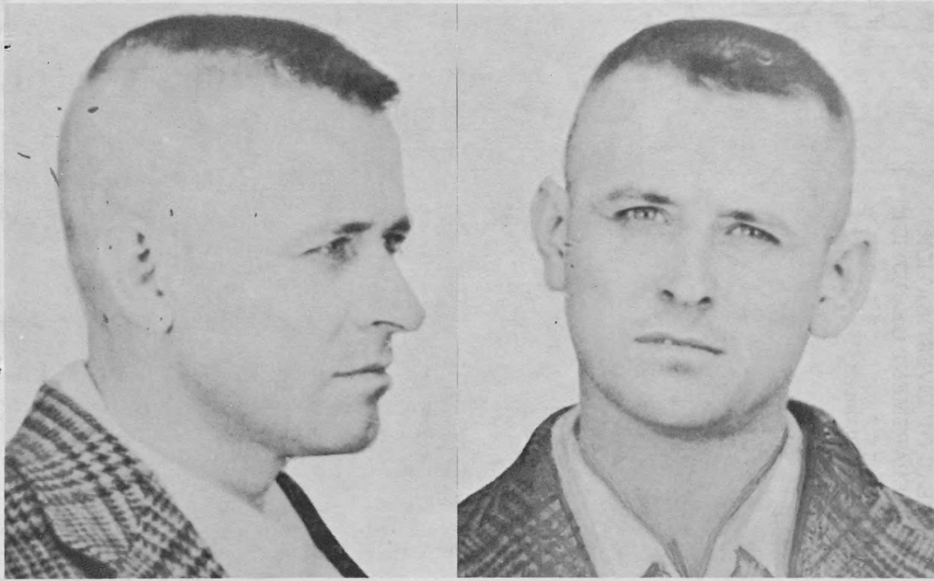
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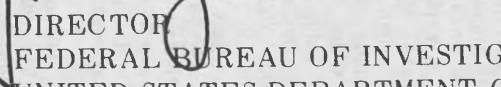
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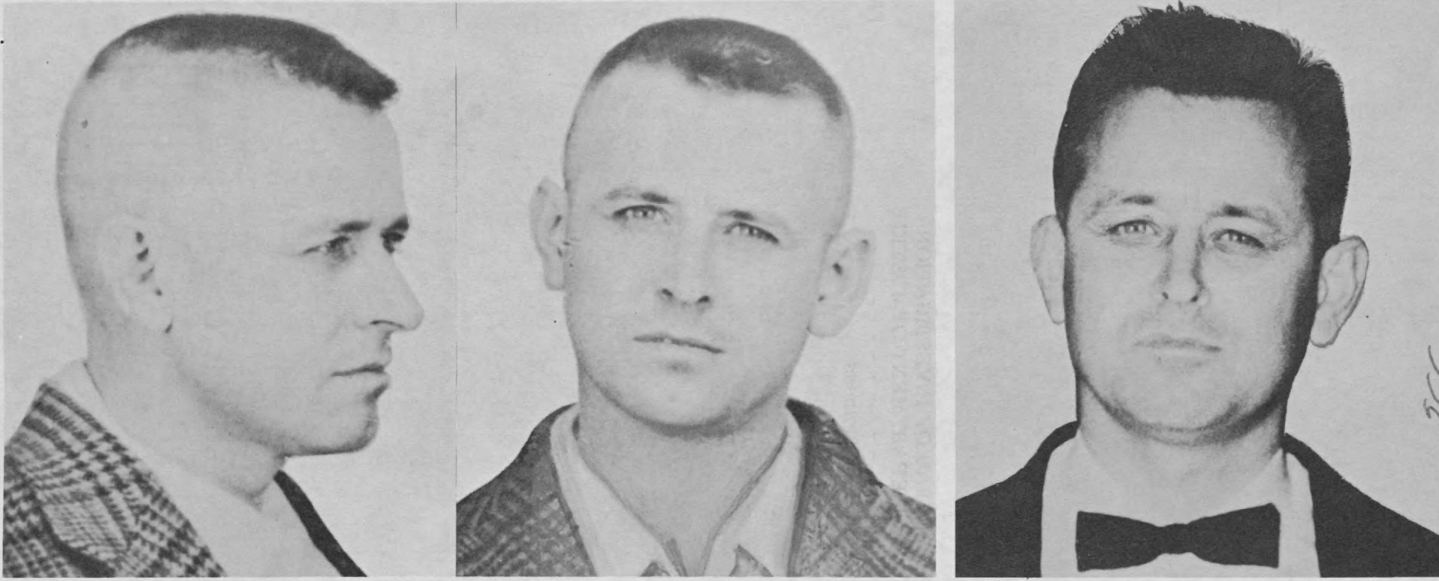
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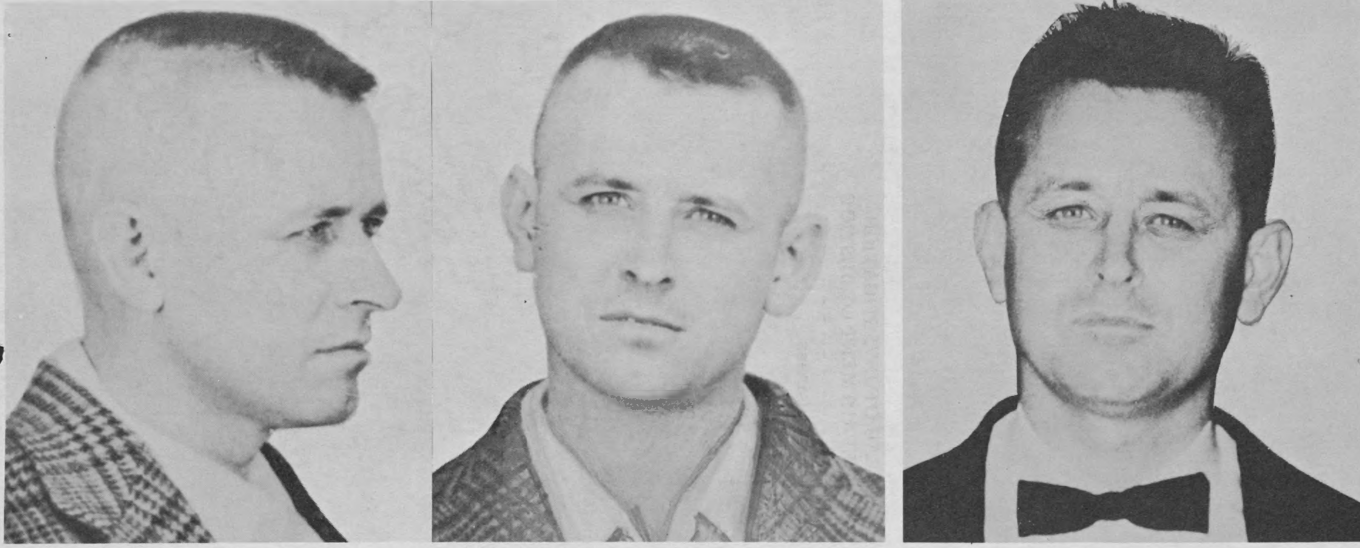
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CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY INTERSTATE FLIGHT - ROBBERY JAMES EARL RAY

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)	Eyes:	Blue
Height:	5' 10"	Complexion:	Medium
Weight:	163 to 174 pounds	Race:	White
Build:	Medium	Nationality:	American
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 OOO 12

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CRIMINAL RECORD

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

CAUTION

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

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

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

J. Edgar Hoover
DIRECTOR

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He advised that he had told PERSONS about it, without identifying his informant, as he felt it would make a good local story to effectively point out that it takes "a sick mind" to do a thing like that, and this particular crank was such a person. Further, ~~PERSONS XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ JANE explained that PERSONS has furnished him, JANE, with "confidential tips" which have been helpful to him, JANE, in his business, so JANE passed this "story" on to PERSONS as a way of paying him back for past favors. He said he realized that PERSONS was always trying to "scoop" the Orlando Daily Newspapers (his former employers) with timely news stories having a local angle, and he felt that this incident would provide PERSONS with a story of current interest.

Due to the unreliability of the Corner Cupboard, and particularly Reporter TODD PERSONS, who is accustomed to "making up stories" which have no factual basis, it is felt that no further action is necessary in this matter.

JBH/

Crank Call To Memphis

About 45 minutes after the assassination of Civil Rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King in Memphis, Tenn. last week, a telephone call was placed from a pay phone in Orlando to a large Memphis newspaper.

The call was made collect by the man who gave the telephone operator a bland, easily-made up name.

The newspaper, grasping as everyone else was, at any clues at all to the crime, accepted the charges.

Then the voice from Orlando said, "We got him tonight. But don't worry, we'll get (Civil Rights

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CRANK CALL

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militant) Rapp Brown within a week."

Since the call was made from a pay booth, it was impossible to trace it past that point, and although it was felt the call was nothing more than a cruel prank, the national news services report many of this type of calls made after the death from other parts of the country.

It merely points up the sickness that prevails in segments of our society, and that Orlando is not exempt.

Numerous special church services were held throughout Orlando in predominantly white and black attended churches, in memory of the slain Nobel Prize winner. There were no incidents, just general grief and mourning.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, TAMPA (157-3231) (P)

DATE: 4/12/68

FROM : SA JAMES B. HAFLEY

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re the news article in the 4/11/68 issue of "The Corner Cupboard" weekly newspaper, Orlando, relating to the crank phone call allegedly made from Orlando to Memphis about 45 minutes after MURKIN occurred.

Pursuant to Supervisor # 4's instructions, on 4/11/68 I contacted GROVER MCCLURE, Gen. Mgr., Corner Cupboard News, Orlando. He explained that his reporter, TODD PERSONS, had written the story in question, and that PERSONS was temporarily out of the city. MCCLURE said it was his understanding that the call had been made by an unidentified crank, and that the purpose of PERSONS's story on the incident was to point out the fact that there are a lot of "sick" people in this country, even in Orlando. MCCLURE said there was no reason to believe that the caller had any remote connection with MURKIN.

This info was related to Supervisor BELANGER by the writer on 4/11/68, and he instructed that I interview PERSONS for details.

On 4/12/68 PERSONS advised me that he had gotten his information in this matter from ROBERT JANE, a local private detective and bill collector who has an office at 2218 Edgewater Drive, Orlando. (JANE resides in Seminole County and is currently running for the office of Constable there.)

I interviewed JANE on 4/12/68 and he explained that a confidential informant of his, who is a telephone operator at Southern Bell, Orlando, told him the night MURKIN occurred, that while she was on duty about 45 minutes after KING was killed, an unidentified man placed a collect long distance call from a public pay phone located somewhere in the Pine Hills area of Orlando, telephone number not recorded by the Orlando operator. He gave her some very common name, similar to WILLIAM HOWARD or HOWARD WILSON, and said he wanted to make a collect call to "the largest newspaper in Memphis, Tennessee." Through the Memphis Information operator, she identified the newspaper (possibly the "Memphis Press-Scimitar"), rang the number, and ascertained that the paper would accept the charges of the collect call. The man at the paper said he would, and the Orlando caller briefly said "We got KING tonight and we'll get RAP BROWN next," or words to that effect. The caller then hung up abruptly, without saying anything else. 157-3231-265

JANE said he could not under any circumstances identify the operator, as she would lose her job if it ever became known that she had listened in on the conversation about it.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, TAMPA (157-3231)

DATE: 4/11/68

FROM : SA JAMES B. HAFLEY

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Today's issue of the "Corner Cupboard", weekly newspaper (April 11, 1968), Orlando, Fla., contains the following news item regarding a crank telephone call allegedly made from Orlando to a large Memphis newspaper the night KING was murdered.

Under the caption, "Crank Call to Memphis", the article reads as follows:

"About 45" after the assassination of civil rights leader Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING in Memphis, Tenn., last week, a telephone call was placed from a pay phone in Orlando to a large Memphis newspaper.

"The call was made collect by the man who gave the telephone operator a bland, easily made up name.

"The newspaper, grasping as everyone else was, at any clues at all to the crime, accepted the charges.

"Then the voice from Orlando said, 'We got him tonight. But don't worry, we'll get (civil rights militant) RAPP BROWN within a week'.

"Since the call was made from a pay booth, it was impossible to trace it past that point, and although it was felt the call was nothing more than a cruel prank, the National News Service report many of this type of calls made after the death from other parts of the country.

"It merely points up the sickness that prevails in segments of our society, and that Orlando is not exempt.

"Numerous special church services were held throughout Orlando in predominantly white and black attended churches, in memory of the slain Nobel prize winner. There were no incidents, just general grief and mourning."

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WTVT Newsroom — Mr Collins

WFLA Newsroom — Fred Worthington

AP — Rich Oppel
no ans.
WLCY, St Pete — Carol Ballew
Tampa Tribune

WESH-TV Orlando

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Sarasota Herald-Tribune — no ans 5:10 PM

WLCY-TV — Pigeon (had from AP)

St. Pete Evening Independent — Strouse (they have)

St Pete Times — Fox (they have)
WDBO-TV — Nick Weaver (they have)
WFTV, Orlando Jim Austin (read to him)

WLOF, Orlando (no answer)

WKIS, Orlando

WHOO

Orlando Sentinel newspaper Ken Guthrie

Men Smith (have)

Bill Love "

~~note~~

Radio WOWN (no answer)
WLAZ Radio, Lakeland
Lakeland Ledger
WEZY, Cocoa
Cocoa Tribune
Melbourne Daily Times
Evening Tribune

Rick Allen (have)
Larry Vershel "
John Stems "
Jack Cort "
Bill Peterson "
Erik Parker

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TO: DIRECTOR (MAIL)
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FROM: JACKSONVILLE (44-769)

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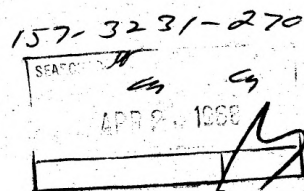
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RE SUSPECTS: EARL HARTLEY, W.C. HARTLEY, AND I. SANDERS;
RE TAMPA TEL TO DIRECTOR TODAY.

TODAY REVIEW OF DUNNELLON, FLORIDA, TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES
REFLECT TELEPHONE NUMBERS FOUR EIGHT NINE - TWO ZERO NINE ONE,
TWO ZERO ZERO NINE, FOUR TWO THREE SIX, PROPERLY REGISTERED TO
INDIVIDUALS IN ORDER CAPTIONED. TODAY BETTY LEONHARDT, CITY
CLERK, DUNNELLON, FLORIDA, ADVISED THREE CAPTIONED INDIVIDUALS
WELL KNOWN BY HER AND EACH IS EMPLOYED BY OCALA PRECISION
INSTRUMENTS, AND THEY TRAVEL FREQUENTLY BY COMMERCIAL AIR.
LEONHARDT OBSERVED PHOTOGRAPH OF ERIC STARVO GALT AND ADVISED
IT DOES NOT RESEMBLE ANY OF THE CAPTIONED INDIVIDUALS.

BIRMINGHAM AND TAMPA ADVISED AIRMAIL.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-3231)

DATE: April 22, 1968

FROM : SA Joseph J. Pieper

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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Mrs. Arthur De Witt, 6431 34th Terrace North, St. Petersburg, Florida, telephone 345-7837, advised on 4/20/68 that on the afternoon of 4/20/68 she was stopped behind a car at 49th Street North and 38th Avenue, when she observed a man in the car in front of her waiting for the light to change to turn left.

He took a glance to the right and from his profile she thought it resembled Galt. From the momentary opportunity she had of observing him his shoulders looked heavy; his neck was short and thick. He wore a very short crew cut, and his hair was very light colored, tow-headed. She is a beautician and the color of the hair looked natural, not dyed, or bleached. He had a short pointed nose.

She thought he resembled the photo in the St. Pete Times in which the eyes had been drawn in. She was not positive in her identification and would not have called the FBI on her own initiative, because she was not that certain of the identification, but when she related the incident to her husband he insisted that she call.

The unident man was driving a old Ford Sedan, and as she described it to her husband, he thought it would be about a 1957. It bore Kentucky license tag, ~~127-634~~.

ACTION SUGGESTED:

Too non-specific to warrant further check.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-3231)

DATE: 4/22/68

FROM : SA GORDON W. TINDLE

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR

Re tel call Fri., Pm . 4/19/68.

On 4/19/68, Mr. ROBERT C. HASSARD, 3316 Flowertree Rd. Orlando, Fla., who had obviously been drinking, advised that he had encountered an individual in MAC'S BAR on South Orange Blossom Trail Orlando, Fla. just south of Sand Lake Rd. about 7:30PM on the previous evening and he had gotten to thinking about him and felt he bore some similarity to the published photograph of GALT who was being sought in connection with the shooting of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING. He said that the individual he had seen had a thinner face than the person in the photograph and described him as a white, male, about 5'8½" or 9", thin black hair, wavy on top, and appearing suntanned. He carried a cheap, cardboard type suitcase. He came into the bar about 7:30 pm 4/18/68, and was served one beer by MRS. DIANNE HAINIE, wife of the owner of the bar. He said he did not know where this individual had gone from the bar. He could not make a positive identification from photograph of GALT, saying he had mostly observed his profile.

On 4/20/68, Mr. WILLIAM HAINIE owner of Mac's Bar, South Orange Blossom Trail and Sand Lake Rd., Orlando, Fla. advised his wife was working the bar on the evening of 4/18/68. He said that ROBERT C. HASSARD was in the bar on 4/19/68, and he was drinking and pretty far along toward being drunk. He said he had left a message to contact Mrs. HAINIE about the KING matter and an individual who was in the bar on 4/18/68, but Mrs. HAINIE did not feel he was the same person as published in photographs of GALT.

On 4/20/68, Mrs. DIANNE HAINIE said she could not identify the stranger who had come into the bar on the evening of 4/18/68 with the photographs of GALT. She said that this individual was carrying a cheap type suitcase which was light tan with brown stripes around it. He ordered two beers instead of one as HASSARD recalled, giving her a \$5.00 bill which she changed. He did not have short brown hair of a crew cut but had longer hair which came to a peak in front at his forehead, it was black, curly and a curl hung down slightly on his forehead. He asked about bus service and left after drinking his two beers. He was a white, male, possibly being 5'10" or 11", medium build, about in his late 20's or possibly early 30's, he was about 170 to 180 lbs., he was not seen to put his hands about his ear, one ear was not noticed to protrude farther from his head than the other, he did appear sun tanned, but his hair was not noticed to be graying according to Mrs. HAINIE.

Sgt. LEE BUNYARD, USAF, MC COY AFB, Orlando, Fla. advised on 4/20/68, he is a steady customer in MAC'S BAR and was there on the evening of 4/18/68, and recalled the stranger coming into the bar with a cheap type suitcase. He could not identify this individual with the photographs of GALT and said he had paid little attention to the stranger as he had paid little attention to him. *157-3231-273*

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, TAMPA
XAX (157-3231) (P)

DATE: 4/20/68

FROM : SA JAMES B. HAFLEY

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 4/19/68 Mrs. ADA HAYES, 530 W. Columbia, tel. # 423-7479, Orlando, telephonically contacted the Orlando SA and advised as follows:

Approximately four years ago she had dated a man named EARL SHANNON LEE at Orlando. It was her understanding that this man had used the alias JAMES EARL RAY, and had been arrested by the Orange County SO at Orlando about two years ago on a state probation violation charge. She said this person was a white male, about 5'5" tall, 150 lbs., brown hair, blue eyes, and she estimated he would be about 30 years old now. He is alleged to have an ex-wife, JOAN G. LEE, living at Webster, Fla.

The writer, on 4/19/68, checked the Orange County SO records, and ascertained that EARL SHANNON LEE, aka. James Earl Ray, who has FBI # 435 728 E, was arrested by that office on 3/3/66, their number 38479, on a local state probation violation charge. He was delivered to the Florida State Penitentiary at Raiford on 3/21/66. The records of the Orange County S.O. reflect this person is a white male, born [REDACTED] at McKenzie, Alabama, 30 years old, 5'5½", 152 lbs., brown hair, blue eyes, in U. S. Army 1957-58 under ASN RA 24559836, Social Security # [REDACTED] Occupation - Roofer, Father - HOUSTON LEE, McKENZIE, ALA., Divorced wife - JOAN G. LEE, P. O. Box 267, Webster, Ala.

On 4/19/68 the writer contacted FRED SHEPHERD, Florida Parole Commission, Orlando, and he advsed that the above EARL SHANNON LEE, aka. James Earl Ray, is presently incarcerated at the Apalachee Correctional Institution, Chattahoochee, Fla., and is receiving consideration for parole at the present time.

Inasmuch as the above EARL SHANNON LEE, aka. James Earl Ray, has been incarcerated in Florida since 3/21/66, and is ten years younger than the JAMES EARL RAY who is sought in the MURKIN case, no further action in this particular matter is indicated.

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Re Tampa teletype to Birmingham and Memphis dated
4/8/68.

The following investigation was conducted by
SA M. BARRY CARBOUY and SA LEONE J. FIOSI at Nashville,
Tennessee:

On 4/10/68 a review of the Nashville telephone
directory reflected that W. R. THOMPSON resides at 1097 Lynwood.

On 4/10/68 a negative attempt was made to contact
O. B. THOMASON, residence 1095 Lynwood, JOHN J. BRADY, JR.,
1099 Lynwood, and JAMES DILL, 1101 Lynwood.

On 4/11/68 Mrs. O. B. THOMASON, 1095 Lynwood,
advised that the residence at 1097 Lynwood was occupied by
the W. R. THOMPSON family and that THOMPSON is presently
on a Florida vacation with his family. Mrs. THOMASON advised
that on 4/4/68 and 4/5/68 she noted that Mr. THOMPSON was
working in his yard at his residence at 1097 Lynwood.
Mrs. THOMASON advised that Mr. THOMPSON was working in
his yard until approximately 6:00 p.m. on 4/4/68.

On 4/11/68 Mrs. JOHN J. BRADY, JR., 1099 Lynwood,
advised that the occupants of the residence at 1097 Lynwood
were the W. R. THOMPSON family and they are presently in
Florida on a vacation. Mrs. BRADY advised that Mr. THOMPSON
was a successful businessman and was employed by GENESCO,
Nashville, Tenn., and that Mr. THOMPSON was highly respected
as a very civic minded man. Mrs. BRADY advised that she
recalls that Mr. THOMPSON was working in his yard cutting
the grass on the date of 4/4/68 and 4/5/68. Mrs. BRADY
could not recall the exact time.

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On 4/11/68 GEORGINA HARPER, Clerk, Metropolitan Police Department, advised that they had no identification record on THOMPSON.

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Tip Fails in Hunt For King Slayer

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (UPI) — The FBI reportedly has an informer — apparently the conspirator of fugitive Eric Starvo Galt — in their nationwide search for the assassin of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

A tip from the alleged informer led the FBI to believe it could arrest the mysterious Galt in California Wednesday. The belief led federal authorities to rapidly obtain a conspiracy warrant against Galt. Memphis, Tenn., officials swore out a murder warrant.

BUT THE tip either was wrong or Galt eluded authorities, sources close to the investigation disclosed yesterday. A good part of the investigation apparently still centers in California, where Galt attended a bartending school in February and March.

The FBI in its warrant charged Galt and his "alleged brother" with conspiring to harm King, shot to death by a white sniper in Memphis April 4. The conspirator was not charged in the federal warrant or in the murder warrant.

The FBI in Washington yesterday said it "has no one in custody in connection with Dr. King's slaying," but a reliable source said agents either were in communication with or questioning Galt's "alleged brother."

THE INFORMER, according to sources, had rejected a 243 Remington rifle purchased by Galt in Birmingham as "not the gun we need." Galt returned to a sporting goods store and exchanged the gun for a .30-06 Remington pump rifle March 30. Such a gun was found abandoned near the Memphis flophouse from where King was shot. It was traced through the Remington firm to the Birmingham store and Galt.

The FBI has traced Galt's activities to Birmingham, Memphis, Atlanta and Los Angeles. He lived in a South Birmingham, rooming house before the King murder and agents have questioned numerous landlords in Birmingham, apparently on the theory Galt may have returned to Alabama after the killing.

A picture of Galt, 36, described as "armed and extremely dangerous," was obtained by the FBI from the International School of Bartending in Los Angeles, where Galt graduated March 2. School director Thomas Reyes Lau said the picture was taken for Galt's graduation.

"HE WAS A nice fellow with a nice personality, very intelligent," said Lau of Galt. "I don't believe he did this. There must be some mistake somewhere."

Lau said Galt was desperate for a job, but refused one he offered with the explanation: "Well, I have to leave to go see my brother. What good would it do for me to work for only two or three weeks? I'd better wait until I return to town and get a permanent job."

A devotee of hillbilly music and an avid dancer, Galt took lessons at several dance studios in Los Angeles.

"He showed no signs of racial prejudice," said dance instructor Kathy Nolan, 21. "He was repressed and withdrawn and no swinger."

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TAMPA, FLORIDA

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Aliases: Harvey Lowman, Eric Starvo Galt

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Weight:	175 lbs.	Complexion:	Fair	Race:	White
Build:	Slender				
Hair:	Dark, wavy				
Occupation:	Unknown				
Remarks:	Subject is a white male, born [redacted], [redacted], [redacted]. Subject is a member of the [redacted] and is active in the [redacted] movement. Subject is a [redacted] and is a [redacted] of the [redacted].				

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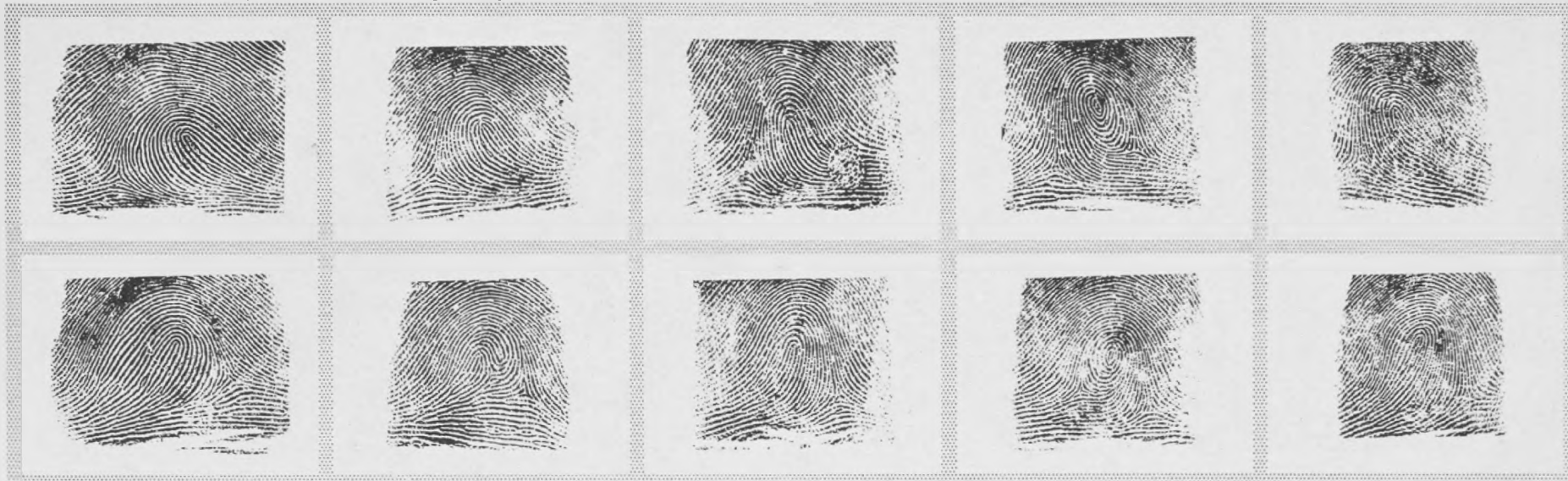
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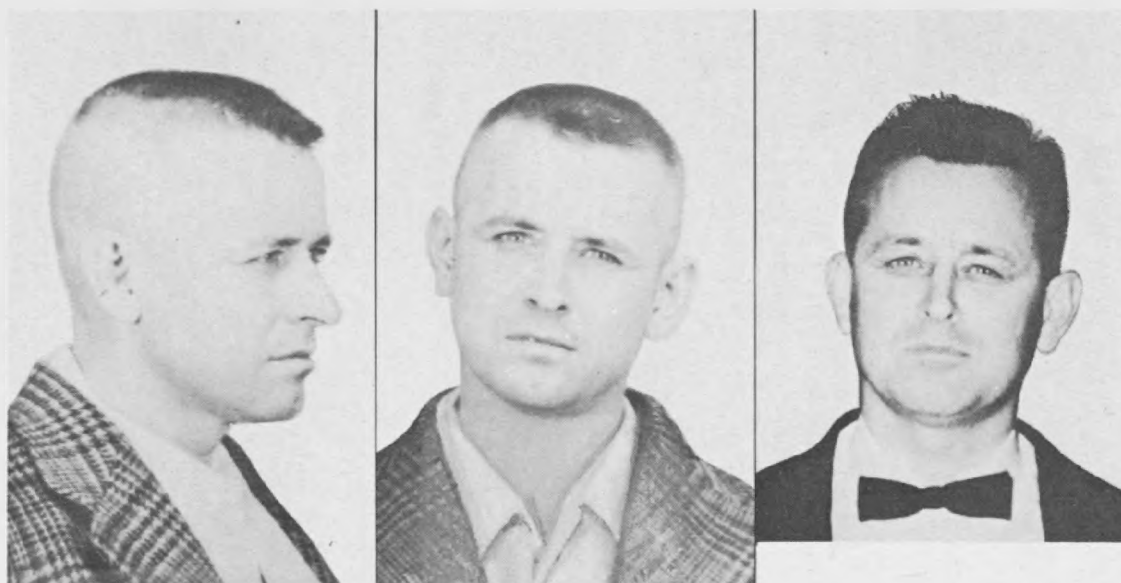
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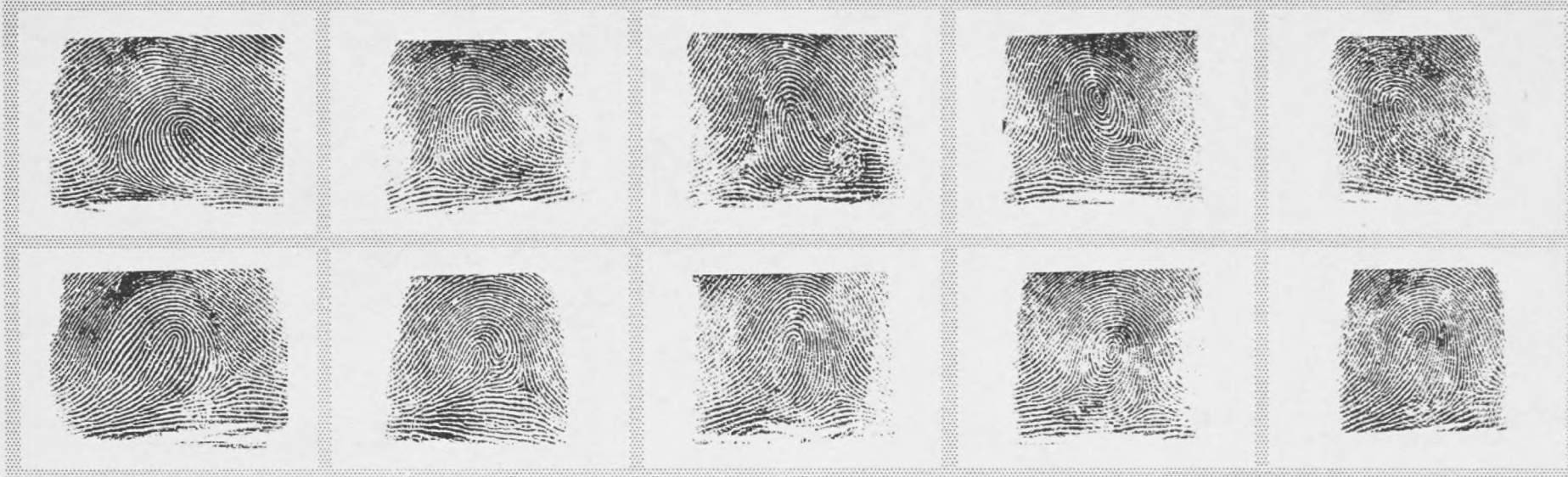
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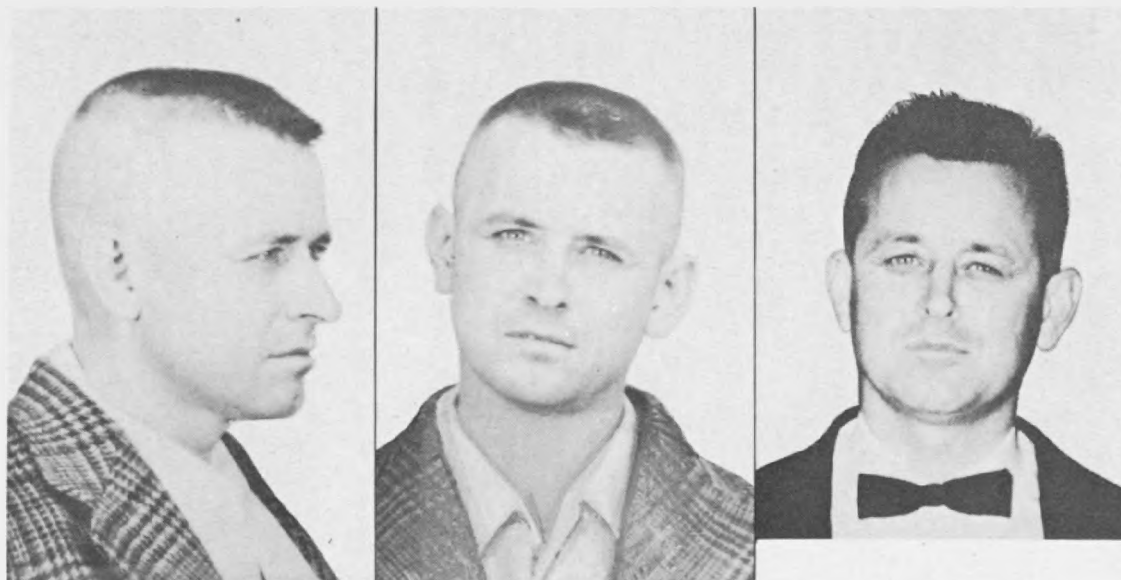
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