

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-493)

FROM : SA JOHN F. CURRAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

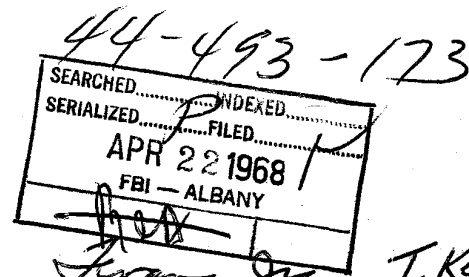
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This will confirm the oral reply for requests of the following investigation.

1. There are no dance studios as such in the Burlington area.
2. Voters lists are maintained by the towns in Vermont (263).
3. Names, GALT, LOWMEYER, LOWMYER were checked on 4/9/68 with negative results with credit bureaus, state and local police, telephone and city directories and MVB records as pertain to registrations and operator's licenses.
4. Informants have reported negatively.



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TO ALL SACS RELAY MESSAGE PLAN

FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 1P

MURKIN

YOU ARE REMINDED THAT ALL LEADS IN THIS CASE MUST BE COVERED WITHIN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS, AND ALL LEADS MUST BE SET FORTH BY TELEPHONE OR TELETYPE. ALL BORDER OFFICES COVERING ENTRY INTO MEXICO AND CANADA AND EXIT THEREFROM SHOULD INSURE THAT APPROPRIATE STOPS ARE MAINTAINED RE SUBJECT AND ALL NAMES KNOWN TO BE USED BY HIM AT RESPECTIVE OFFICES OF U. S. IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PATROL. YOU SHOULD ALSO INSURE THAT PREVIOUS STOPS PLACED WITH ANY FACILITY SHOULD INCLUDE ALL NAMES USED BY THE SUBJECT.

DISTRIBUTE SUFFICIENT QUANTITIES OF WANTED FLYERS AND IO'S TO NARCOTIC INVESTIGATIVE AGENCIES IN ORDER THAT THEIR INFORMANTS MAY BE CONTACTED. YOU SHOULD CONTACT ALL CRIMINAL INFORMANTS AND APPROPRIATE RACIAL AND SECURITY INFORMANTS. LEGATS OTTAWA AND MEXICO CITY BEING ADVISED SEPARATELY.

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, ALBANY (44-493)

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REBUTEL, APRIL TWENTYTWO INSTANT.

BUREAU REQUESTED TO FURNISH ALBANY TWO HUNDRED ADDITIONAL
WANTED FLYERS AND/OR IO'S FOR DISTRIBUTION ALONG CANADIAN
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Special Agent in Charge

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(C) ILLEGAL WEARING OF THE UNIFORM -- During the recent racial disturbances following the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., four subjects were arrested in Chicago, Illinois, for Illegal Wearing of the Uniform. Another subject was arrested in Northern Virginia when it was determined he illegally wore a U. S. Army Captain's uniform during the disturbance in Washington, D. C. In each instance the interested United States Attorney's Office authorized prosecution under the Illegal Wearing of the Uniform Statute.

It is evident that where Federal troops or National Guard units are utilized for riot duty, excellent opportunities arise for participants in the disturbances to disguise themselves in the uniform of the Armed Forces. Wherever these racial disturbances arise, we should be particularly alert for violations of the Illegal Wearing of the Uniform Statute.

Insure local police departments are cognizant of our jurisdiction in these matters and that all such matters discovered are promptly referred to your office for appropriate investigative attention.

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TO : SAC (44-493) ATT: IC HICKEY

DATE: 4/22/68

FROM : SPC RONALD W. PALMER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE ALBANY TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR AND SACS MEMPHIS, CHICAGO
KANSAS CITY AND SPRINGFIELD 4/22/68.

SA WILLIAM ROBERTS, SPRINGFIELD OFFICE CALLED AND STATED
THE FOLLOWING INFO ON EARL RAY;

EARL RAY aka EARL EVERETT RAY, JAMES RYAN, JAMES PATRICK CLANCY.
HE IS A WHITE MALE DOB [REDACTED], HIS DISCRPTION AS OF 1949 IS
5'9½", 178 lbs., HAIR DARK GREY, EYES LIGHT BLUE.

EARL RAY WIFE NAME IS AUDREY RAY, DIVORCED 1950. LAST KNOWN
ADDRESS OF EARL RAY WAS 1439 CHERRY STREET, QUINCY, ILLINOIS.

SA ROBERTS STATED A TELETYPE WILL FOLLOW AM 4/23/68.
SA REA ADVISED OF THE ABOVE.

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TO : SAC (44-493)

FROM : SA RAYMOND L. SORROWS (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/22/68

Re Bureau teletypes dated 4/8/68 and 4/10/68.

On 4/8 and 10/68, DOLORES KLUDAS, Clerk, Credit Bureau of Oneonta, New York, stated her records were negative concerning ERIC STARVO GALT and HARVEY LOWMYER and all similar last names.

On 4/8 and 10/68, HELEN ANDERSON, Credit Bureau of Cobleskill, N. Y., was contacted negatively regarding these two names.

On 4/8 and 10/68, the following Commissioners of Elections were contacted negatively concerning the two above-named individuals:

WILLIAM A. REYNOLDS, Schoharie, New York;
SYRUS SCOONMAKER, Delhi, New York;
ROYAL J. KRETZINGER, Cooperstown, New York.

A check with the New York State Police, Investigator WALDO ROY, Oneonta, New York, and Investigator WILLIAM TOLBERG, Duanesburg, N. Y., was negative concerning GALT and LOWMYER.

Patrolman JERRY PLATT, Oneonta, N. Y., Police Dept., stated his records were negative concerning either individual.

The City Directory at Oneonta, New York, and telephone directories on the Oneonta Road Trip were checked with negative results concerning these individuals.

Informants on the Oneonta Road Trip were negative concerning these individuals.

The following financial institutions were contacted from 4/10/68 regarding GALT and LOWMYER with negative results:



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ANN GABRIELLE, National Bank of Delaware Co.,
Andes, N. Y., Branch;

GARLAND GLADSTONE, First National Bank of Norwich,
at Margaretville, N. Y.;

RAYMOND J. ROACH, Delaware National Bank of Delhi,
N. Y.;

GEORGE MORSE, National Bank of Stamford, N. Y.;

ROBERT JONES, National Commercial Bank and Trust
Company, Cobleskill, N. Y.;

GERALD SKODA, National Bank of Delaware Co.,
Walton, N. Y.;

MARTIN BULL, First National Bank of Downsville,
N. Y.;

HERBERT ECKERT, First National Bank of Hamden,
N. Y.;

BILL STAPLETON, Wilbur National Bank, Oneonta,
N. Y.

It is to be noted that individuals contacted at
these banks also checked other branches of their banks in
the small communities on the Oneonta Road Trip with negative
results.

On 4/15/68, Investigator WALDO ROY, BCI, NYSP,
Oneonta, New York, stated there were no dancing schools in
this area.

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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:

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

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

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

2 - Bureau (Encs. 24) (AM)
2 - Each Field Office (Enc. 4) (AM)
2 - Kansas City
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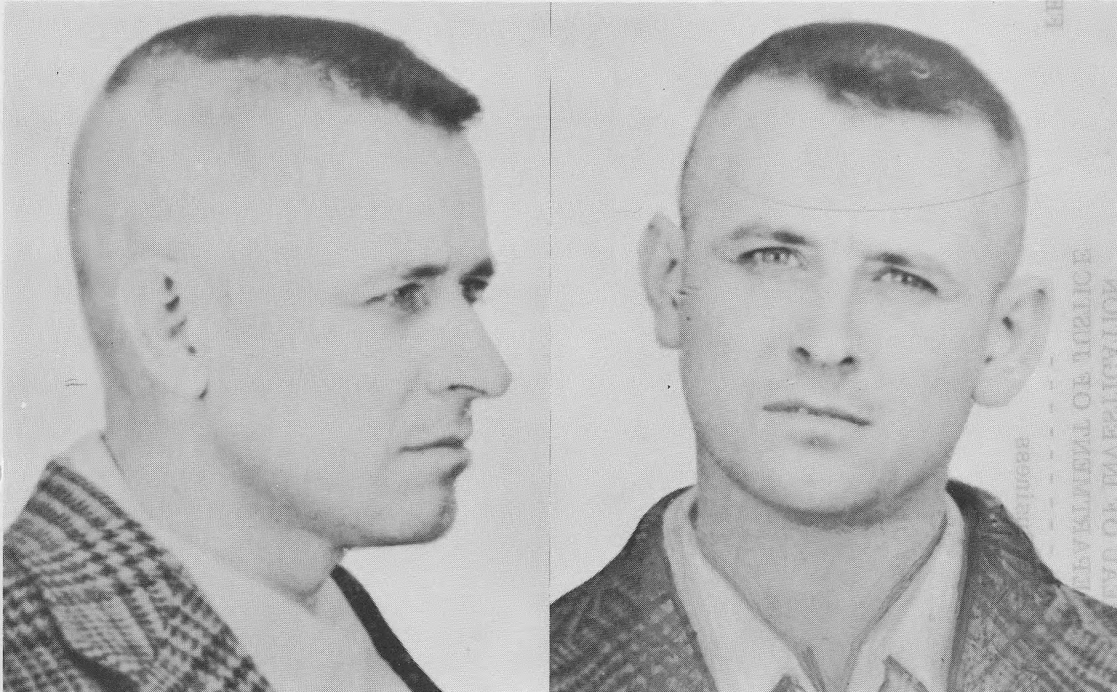


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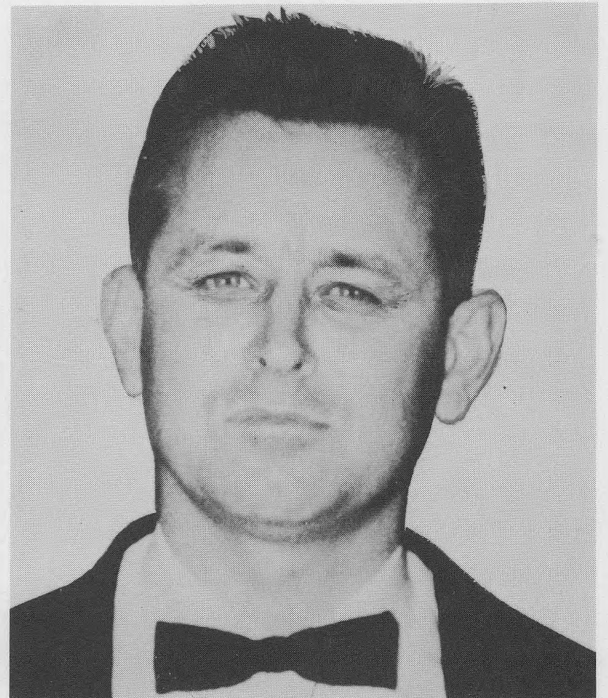
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CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY INTERSTATE FLIGHT - ROBBERY JAMES EARL RAY

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)
Height: 5' 10"
Weight: 163 to 174 pounds
Build: Medium
Hair: Brown, possibly cut short
Eyes: Blue
Complexion: Medium
Race: White
Nationality: American

Occupations: Baker, color matcher, laborer

Scars and Marks: Small scar on center of forehead and small scar on palm of right hand

Remarks: Noticeably protruding left ear; reportedly is a lone wolf; allegedly attended dance instruction school; has reportedly completed course in bartending.

Fingerprint Classification: 16 M 9 U 000 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.

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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535
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CITY	BUILDING	TELEPHONE
ALBANY, New York 12207	502 U. S. Post Office and Court House	518 465-7551
ALBUQUERQUE, New Mexico 87101	4303 Federal Office Building	505 CH 7-1555
ANCHORAGE, Alaska 99501	Room 204, Federal Building	272-6414
ATLANTA, Georgia 30303	275 Peachtree Street, N. E.	404 JA 1-3900
BALTIMORE, Maryland 21202	408 U. S. Post Office Building	301 LE 9-6700
BIRMINGHAM, Alabama 35203	Room 1400 - 2121 Building	205 322-7711
BOSTON, Massachusetts 02203	John F. Kennedy Federal Office Building	617 RI 2-5533
BUFFALO, New York 14202	400 U. S. Court House Building	716 856-7800
BUTTE, Montana 59701	400 Thornton Building	406 792-2304
CHARLOTTE, North Carolina 28202	1120 Jefferson Standard Life Building	704 333-4126
CHICAGO, Illinois 60604	Room 905, U. S. Court House & Federal Office Bldg	312 431-1333
CINCINNATI, Ohio 45202	415 U. S. Post Office & Court House Building	513 421-4310
CLEVELAND, Ohio 44199	3005 Federal Office Building	216 522-1400
COLUMBIA, South Carolina 29201	1529 Hampton Street	803 252-1911
DALLAS, Texas 75201	Room 200, 1810 Commerce Street	214 RI 1-1851
DENVER, Colorado 80202	Room 18218, Federal Office Building	303 222-5981
DETROIT, Michigan 48226	913 Federal Building & U. S. Court House	313 WO 5-2323
EL PASO, Texas 79901	202 U. S. Court House Building	915 533-7451
HONOLULU, Hawaii 96813	206 Dillingham Building	59546
HOUSTON, Texas 77002	6015 Federal Building & U. S. Court House	713 CA 8-1414
INDIANAPOLIS, Indiana 46207	1221 North Pennsylvania Street	317 632-6415
JACKSON, Mississippi 39201	Room 800 - First Federal Savings Building	601 948-5000
JACKSONVILLE, Florida 32202	414 U. S. Court House & Post Office Building	904 355-1401
KANSAS CITY, Missouri 64106	707 U. S. Court House Building	816 BA 1-6100
KNOXVILLE, Tennessee 37902	617 Walnut Street, Southwest	615 524-2721
LAS VEGAS, Nevada 89101	Room 2-011 Federal Office Building	702 385-1281
LITTLE ROCK, Arkansas 72201	215 U. S. Post Office Building	501 FR 2-3157
LOS ANGELES, California 90017	1340 West 6th Street	213 483-3551
LOUISVILLE, Kentucky 40202	Room 701, Bank of Louisville Building	502 583-3941
MEMPHIS, Tennessee 38103	841 Federal Office Building	901 525-7373
MIAMI, Florida 33137	3801 Biscayne Boulevard	305 379-2421
MILWAUKEE, Wisconsin 53202	735 U. S. Post Office, Cust. & Ct. House Bldg.	414 276-4684
MINNEAPOLIS, Minnesota 55401	392 Federal Building	612 FE 9-7861
MOBILE, Alabama 36602	520 Federal Building	205 438-3674
NEWARK, New Jersey 07101	U. S. Post Office & Court House Building	201 622-5613
NEW HAVEN, Connecticut 06510	510 The Trust Company Building	203 787-1217
NEW ORLEANS, Louisiana 70113	701 Loyola Avenue	504 522-4671
NEW YORK, New York 10021	201 East 69th Street	212 LE 5-7700
NORFOLK, Virginia 23510	420 U. S. Post Office & Court House Building	703 625-1631
OKLAHOMA CITY, Oklahoma 73118	5104 N. Francis Street	405 VI 2-7471
OMAHA, Nebraska 68102	1010 Federal Office Building	402 348-1210
PHILADELPHIA, Pennsylvania 19107	500 Widener Building	215 LO 3-5300
PHOENIX, Arizona 85013	244 West Osborn Road	602 CR 9-5511
PITTSBURGH, Pennsylvania 15222	1300 Federal Office Building	412 471-2000
PORTLAND, Oregon 97205	423 U. S. Court House Building	503 224-4181
RICHMOND, Virginia 23220	200 West Grace Street	703 644-2631
SACRAMENTO, California 95814	2020 J Street	916 441-1275
ST. LOUIS, Missouri 63103	2704 Federal Building	314 CH 1-5357
SALT LAKE CITY, Utah 84111	3203 Federal Building	801 EL 5-7521
SAN ANTONIO, Texas 78206	433 Federal Building	512 CA 5-6741
SAN DIEGO, California 92103	3211 Fifth Avenue	714 297-3361
SAN FRANCISCO, California 94102	450 Golden Gate Avenue, Box 36015	415 552-2155
SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico 00917	Pan Am Bldg., 255 Ponce deLeon Ave.	765-6000
SAVANNAH, Georgia 31405	5401 Paulsen Street	912 354-9911
SEATTLE, Washington 98104	1015 Second Avenue	206 MA 2-0460
SPRINGFIELD, Illinois 62701	421 South Sixth Street	217 522-9675
TAMPA, Florida 33602	Room 610, Federal Office Building	813 228-7661
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535	506 Old Post Office Building	202 393-7100

Telephone or telegraph. e Special Agent in Charge at the above address. (4-17-68)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-493)

FROM : SA CHARLES F. HURLEY

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/23/68

On 4/9/68, City Telephone Directories and City Directories for the Binghamton, New York Metropolitan area were reviewed under the name LOWMEYER and LOWMYER and no such name was located in the directories.

On 4/9/68, Miss ETHEL BUZZARD, Clerk, Triple Cities Credit Bureau, Miss BETTY HANON, Clerk, Binghamton, New York Police Bureau, and Mrs. EVELYN LORD, Clerk, Broome County Election Commissioner's Office, County Building, each advised after a search of their records that they could not locate any reference to the name LOWMYER or LOWMEYER in the files of their offices.

On 4/11/68, the name ERIC STARVO GALT was searched through Binghamton telephone books and city directories and no reference was found to this name.

On 4/11/68, Miss ETHEL BUZZARD, Clerk, Triple Cities Credit Bureau, Miss BETTY HANON, Clerk, Binghamton, New York Police Bureau, Records Department, and Mrs. EVELYN LORD, Clerk, Broome County Election Commissioner's Office each advised that they could not locate any record of the name ERIC STARVO GALT in the files of their respective offices.

On 4/11/68, Mr. JAMES OAKLEY, Marine Midland Bank, JOHN CONSEY, Binghamton Savings Bank, Miss PHYLLIS MC DONALD, Industrial Bank of Binghamton, and ROBERT SWEARENGEN, First City National Bank, each advised

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that they could not locate any reference to the name ERIC STARVO GALT in the files of their respective banks.

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DATE: 4/23/68

The following investigation was conducted by the writer on 4/9/68:

At 1:05 a.m., Detective RAYMOND MARTIN, Binghamton, New York Police Bureau, Detective Division, telephonically contacted the writer at home to advise that one CLIFFORD BROWN, 1002 River Road, Chenango Bridge, New York, telephone 648-4004 had telephonically contacted the Binghamton Police Department as short time before to advise that he had seen a man driving an automobile in Binghamton, about Midnight, that resembled the composite drawing of the assassin of subject that had appeared in the local press a couple of days before. He stated that this individual was driving a 1968 Chevrolet with Tennessee K01526, which was parked on St. Cyril Avenue in Binghamton.

Investigation reflected that this license is issued to DWIGHT S. HENDERSON, 1520 Theodore Street, Memphis, Tennessee, with a current address of St. Cyril Avenue, Binghamton, New York. A check of the NCIC teletype system reflected that this was not listed as a stolen automobile. Credit bureau files of the Triple Cities Credit Bureau reflect that DWIGHT S. HENDERSON, wife MARJORIE GUTHRIE, was in the US Marine Corps SN 2133044, reading E-4, was 19 years old in January, 1966, and had a former address in Binghamton at 278½ Main Street in 1964.

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An address in September, 1967, was 170 Mesa Vista Home, Yuma, Arizona, and a former employment in 1964 was listed as John's Atlantic Service Station on Main and Oakdale Road in Binghamton, New York.

On 4/9/68, Captain PHILIP VANDERBECK, Binghamton, New York Police Department, Detective Bureau, advised that he had determined through investigation that in the glove compartment of his was papers bearing the name of DWIGHT S. HENDERSON, USMC SN 2133044 and a Binghamton address of 28 St. Cyril Avenue, Binghamton.

Mr. JOSEPH POLLSKY, 23 St. Cyril Avenue, the father of a patrolman in the Binghamton PD, advised on 4/9/68, that he had lived at that address for more than 25 years and had seen a new Chevrolet sport coupe, black over yellow, bearing Tennessee plates, parked in front of 28 St. Cyril Avenue, almost every day during the past week or two and did not know the identity of the individuals driving it. He stated that the car had been there most of the time during the day and a young couple with a little baby had gotten into the car at different times and driven away and returned.

Detective MILT FROBEL and Detective JACK COLLETT of the Binghamton Police Bureau advised that they had observed the car parked in front of 28 St. Cyril Avenue during the morning of 4/9/68, and no one had gotten into the car and driven away.

On 4/9/68, the writer in the company of Detectives FROBEL and COLLETT interviewed DWIGHT S. HENDERSON at 28 St. Cyril Avenue, with his wife and they furnished the following information:

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He is the United States Marine Corps, rating of Sergeant, SN 2133044 and displayed identification papers and card including photograph.

It was noted that this individual did not resemble the composite drawing that had appeared in the Binghamton papers a few days previously. His DOB is [REDACTED], he is 6' tall, 160 pounds, brown eyes, brown hair, and wears glasses. His glasses were checked and it was apparent he had bad eyesight and claimed that he had worn glasses since he was eight years of age and must wear them all the time and his license so indicated. His wife is MARJORIE GUTHRIE, father, FRANK M. GUTHRIE, JR., 1250 Theodore Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee, and his wife's father was a policeman in Memphis for 21 years. He is presently employed at a GE plant near Memphis. HENDERSON stated that he had been stationed in Yuma, Arizona, for the last several months and had been visiting in Memphis, Tennessee, at his wife's people's house for the past few weeks and had purchased a new automobile at Memphis, Tennessee. He stated that the 1968 Chevrolet parked in front of his home was his car and he had driven the car from Memphis to Savannah visiting friends and to Binghamton, New York, and had arrived in Binghamton, New York on 4/1/68, and has been staying at that address with his parents since that time. His mother and step-father are Mr. and Mrs. BARTON PETRANY, and Mr. PETRANY works at Endicott Johnson Show Factory and his mother works at Buckingham's on Broad Street, on the east side of Binghamton. He is under transfer from Yuma, Arizona, to New York City, in the Marine Corps and has to report at New York on 4/17/68. He stated that on the night that MARTIN LUTHER KING was assassinated he was with his wife at home and they attended a movie to see Gone with the Wind and he thought it was Thursday night or possibly Friday night. His wife stated that it was Thursday night because she recalls on the way home from the movie they listened to the news on the radio in the car and heard that KING had been assassinated.

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On 4/9/68, Mrs. LINDA KROUSANSKI, 18 Margaret Street, Johnson City, New York, advised that she is a cousin of DWIGHT HENDERSON and that he is in the Marine Corps and is visiting at his residence with his wife from Tennessee for a period of a couple of weeks before reporting for duty in New York City. She stated that she babysat for the HENDERSONs at their residence on St. Cyril Avenue, on Friday night, 4/5/68, when DWIGHT and his wife went to see the movie *Gone with the Wind*. They have a young daughter less than a year old and Mrs. KROUSANSKI stated that she recalls talking to DWIGHT on the telephone Thursday afternoon 4/4/68, and coming over late Friday afternoon, 4/5/68, in order to babysit.

Mrs. EDWARD BYRON, 23 Carhart Street, Johnson City, New York, advised that she is the grandmother of DWIGHT HENDERSON and that he is in the Marine Corps and is in Binghamton for a couple of weeks on leave before reporting for duty in New York City someplace. He is staying on St. Cyril Avenue with his mother and with his wife and baby. She stated that she recalls talking to HENDERSON on Thursday, April 4, 1968, and recalls he stopped at her house sometime during the day Thursday for a few minutes just to visit. She recalls seeing him again Sunday, 4/7/68, and knows that he and his wife went to see the movie *Gone with the Wind* from conversations with them.

A check of the 1965 Binghamton City Directory reflects that a DWIGHT HENDERSON was residing at 278½ Main Street in Binghamton, New York, in 1964 and 1965.

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TO DIRECTOR AND ALBANY

FROM SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

MURKIN, CR, (OO: MEMPHIS)

RE ALBANY TELETYPE APRIL TWENTY TWO, LAST AND SPRINGFIELD
TELEPHONE CALL TO ALBANY, SAME DATE.

RE: EARL RAY

BILL KAUFMAN, ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF PROBATION AND PAROLE,
ADVISED OF THE FOLLOWING RE CAPTIONED INDIVIDUAL SUBJECT'S
UNCLE: EARL RAY, AKA EARL EVERETT RAY, JAMES RYAN, JAMES
MC CARTHY, JAMES PATRICK CLANCY, JOE ROE, WHITE, MALE, DOB
[REDACTED] POB, QUINCY, ILLINOIS, AND AS OF
NINETEEN FORTY NINE FIVE FEET NINE AND ONE QUARTER INCHES IN
HEIGHT, ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH EIGHT POUNDS, DARK GRAY HAIR, LIGHT
BLUE EYES, WIF - AUDREY, DIVORCED NINETEEN FIFTY, LAST KNOWN
ADDRESS FOURTEEN THIRTY NINE CHERRY STREET, QUINCY, ILLINOIS,
CRIMINAL RECORD DATING BACK TO NINETEEN SIXTEEN, MENARD, ILL.
STATE PRISON NUMBERS SIX FIVE EIGHT EIGHT AND TWO ONE ZERO TWO
FIVE. INCARCERATED AT MENARD NINETEEN TWENTY FIVE TO THIRTY THREE
(ASSAULT TO KILL), AND NINETEEN FORTY EIGHT TO FIFTY FIVE (ASSAULT
TO MAYHEM - THREW ACID IN WIFE'S FACE), NO FBI NUMBER AVAILABLE.

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BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO FURNISH IDENTIFICATION RECORD FOR
EARL RAY FOR POSSIBLE LEAD INFORMATION.

AIRMAIL COPY SENT CHICAGO, KANSAS CITY AND MEMPHIS.

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, BOSTON (157-644)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
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Re Albany airtel to Director 4/11/68.

Officials of Ametek, Inc., South Portland, Maine, successors of Prosperity, Inc., on 4/22/68 stated they were unable to furnish any information concerning the textile marking machines described on page 25 of referenced airtel.

For information of Albany, the Textile Marking Machine Co., Inc., in advising units were shipped to Pantex-Prosperity, South Portland, Maine, said they were using a billing name which was not authorized prior to March of 1964. Prosperity was a division of Ward Industries, between 1956 and May of 1963, when it was taken over by Ametek. Pantex Corporation was taken over by Ametek in April, 1963. These companies were operated by Ametek as separate units until March of 1964; consequently, Ametek officials cannot locate records relating to the units shipped on the dates indicated in referenced airtel.

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Albany is requested to recontact Textile Marking Machine Co., Inc., locate the Prosperity Company purchase orders relating to the units involved, determine from a review of these purchase orders the name and location of the company to which the marking machines were shipped, as policy of Prosperity was to have machines shipped direct by Textile Marking Machine Co., Inc., to the location where the equipment would be used by some cleaning establishment. If purchase orders of Prosperity are located and the shipping destinations of the units cannot be determined, obtain and furnish copy of these orders to Boston Division for recontact with Anetek at South Portland, Maine.

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FROM - DIRECTOR-FBI

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REMYAIRTEL TO ALL OFFICES APRIL ONE NINE LAST
FURNISHING BACKGROUND DATA CONCERNING JAMES EARL RAY.

SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED POSSIBLE SUSPECT IN
ANY UNSOLVED BANK ROBBERIES, BURGLARIES OR ARMED ROBBERIES
(POSSIBLE ITSP VIOLATIONS) OCCURRING AFTER APRIL 23, 1967.
RAY SHOULD ALSO BE CONSIDERED SUSPECT IN ANY FUTURE SUCH
VIOLATIONS AND BUREAU ADVISED TELEPHONICALLY OF ANY
TENTATIVE IDENTIFICATION.

PERTINENT LEADS DEVELOPED DURING REVIEW OF PAST
VIOLATIONS SHOULD BE EXPEDITIOUSLY RUN OUT AND BUREAU
ADVISED.

SUBJECT'S HANDWRITING AND HAND PRINTING NOT IDENTIFIED
IN BANK ROBBERY NOTE FILE AND HIS FINGERPRINTS ARE BEING
SEARCHED AGAINST LATENTS SUBMITTED IN UNSOLVED BANK
ROBBERY AND BURGLARY VIOLATIONS.

SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

FROM: SAC, ALBANY (44-493)

MURKIN

RE ALBANY TEL, APRIL TWENTYTWO LAST AND SPRINGFIELD
TEL, APRIL TWENTYTHREE INSTANT.

FOR INFO BUFFALO, EARL EVERET RAY, BORN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], QUINCY, ILL., IDENTIFIED AS BEING UNCLE OF SUBJECT
JAMES EARL RAY. INVESTIGATION AT NYS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH,
BVS, ALBANY, NY, DISCLOSED CERTIFICATE OF DEATH NO. TWO SIX
SEVEN FIVE REVEALED EARL EVERET RAY, BORN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] W/M, DIED MAY TWO, NINETEEN FIFTYNINE IN BUFFALO,
NY. BODY WAS FOUND UNDER RAILROAD BRIDGE AT FOOT OF COMMERCIAL
DRIVE, BUFFALO, NY. DEATH CERTIFICATE SET FORTH FOLLOWING INFO:
FATHER'S NAME: JAMES RAY; MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME: LILLIAN MATTHEWS;
MARITAL STATUS: DIVORCED; OCCUPATION: STEWARD; USUAL RESIDENCE:
ALBANY, NY, STREET ADDRESS: WESTERN RD.

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PERSON FURNISHING INFO CONTAINED ON DEATH CERTIFICATE WAS NORMAN J. ROBERTS, TWO FOUR ZERO ZERO MAIN ST. (CITY UNKNOWN). CERTIFICATE INDICATES RECORDS FROM GEORGE J. ROBERTS AND SONS, F.H., UNDERTAKER. BODY WAS REMOVED TO GREENMONT CEMETERY, QUINCY, ILL. BY ^{George J.}ROBERTS, ^{SONS} TWO ZERO FIVE LINWOOD AVE., QUINCY, ILL. IT SHOULD BE NOTED CERTIFICATE OF DEATH ALSO LISTS ADDRESS OF TWO FOUR ZERO ZERO MAIN ST., CITY NOT GIVEN, AFTER NORMAN J. ROBERTS' SIGNATURE. CAUSE OF DEATH LISTED AS CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE.

RECORDS, ALBANY PD, NEGATIVE RE EARL EVERET RAY. LESLIES CREDIT BUREAU, ALBANY, NY, SHOWS EARL EVERET RAY RESIDED AND WORKED AT ALBANY COUNTRY CLUB, ALBANY, NY, IN NINETEEN FIFTY SEVEN. RAY CAME TO ALBANY IN NINETEEN FIFTYSEVEN FROM FOUR SEVEN SIX FRANKLIN ST., BUFFALO, NY, WHERE HE WAS EMPLOYED AT BUFFALO HOSPITAL.

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BUFFALO DIVISION WILL CONTACT BUFFALO PD FOR INFO RE RAY, ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY PERSONS IN NEIGHBORHOOD FOUR SEVEN SIX FRANKLIN ST., IN EFFORT TO DETERMINE IF SUBJECT EVER VISITED AREA OR KNOWN TO THEM.

WILL IDENTIFY HOSPITAL WHERE RAY EMPLOYED AND ATTEMPT TO LOCATE PERSONS ACQUAINTED WITH HIM.

WILL CHECK CITY DIRECTORIES FOR NORMAN J. ROBERTS, TWO FOUR ZERO ZERO MAIN ST. FOR PERTINENT INFO. BUFFALO SHOULD NOTE ROBERTS PROBABLY AFFILIATED WITH UNDERTAKING FIRM. WILL CHECK CREDIT BUREAU FOR ADDITIONAL INFO RE RAY.

SPRINGFIELD CONTACT GEORGE J. ROBERTS AND SONS, TWO ZERO FIVE LINWOOD AVE., FOR ANY ADDITIONAL PERTINENT INFO RE RAY.

ALBANY DIVISIN WILL CONDUCT NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION AT ALBANY COUNTRY CLUB TO DETERMINE ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND INFO RE DECEASED. RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND EXTREMELY DANGEROUS.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC 44-493

DATE: April 22, 1968

FROM : SA CHARLES F. HURLEY

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re memo 4/9/68

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FBI Now Identifies Galt As James Ray,

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Drifter, 40, Hunted as King Killer



JAMES EARL RAY
Penitentiary Escapee Sought

Associated Press Wirephoto

WASHINGTON (AP) — The elusive Eric Starvo Galt, who is wanted for the killing of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., was identified by the FBI Friday as a 40-year-old drifter and ex-convict named James Earl Ray.

The FBI said Galt's real identity was traced through "a systematic and exhaustive search of latent fingerprints" developed in the King case against the fingerprints of more than 53,000 persons for whom wanted notices are on file in the bureau's identification division.

Galt is only one of the names Ray has used in brushes with the law which began, according to the FBI dossier, when he was 21.

The FBI said he has used the names of James McBride, James Walton, W. O. Herron and James O'Connor.

He was described as about 5 feet 10, weighing 163 to 174 pounds, with blue eyes and brown hair and two scars: a small scar in the center of the forehead and another on the palm of his right hand.

At the time King was shot and killed by a sniper in Memphis, Tenn., April 4, Ray was being sought on a jail breaking charge.

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The FBI said he escaped on April 22, 1967, from the Missouri State Penitentiary at Jefferson City, where he was serving a 20-year sentence for armed robbery in St. Louis.

Ray, who is now being sought on a Tennessee murder charge in the King slaying, has an arrest record dating at least to 1949 when he served time in Los Angeles on a burglary charge.

This followed his discharge from the Army. The FBI said he served as an enlisted man from February 1946 to December 1948 when he received a general discharge for ineptness and lack of adaptability.

His Army record showed a three-month sentence at hard labor for being drunk and

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breaking arrest, the FBI said.

The bureau's dossier on Ray indicates he has been a drifter since he left school in the 10th grade at Alton, Ill.

He has worked as a baker, laborer and color matcher.

In 1952, according to the FBI, he was convicted in Chicago for armed robbery and served two years in Joliet and Pontiac, Ill. state prisons. In 1955, the FBI said, he was convicted of forging U.S. postal money orders in Missouri and was confined to Leavenworth penitentiary until 1958.

The FBI said Ray was sent to the Missouri State Penitentiary on March 17, 1960, and spent some time in September 1966 in the maximum security ward at the state hospital in Fulton, Mo.

The FBI said Ray has listed his birth date as [redacted] and his birthplace as Illinois.

The city clerk at Alton, Ill., Paul A. Price, said a James Earl Ray was born there on [redacted] the son of a laborer.

The principal at Alton Senior High School said his records showed three James Rays attended the school during the period Ray would have been there, and he was trying to determine whether any of them was the man identified by the FBI as Galt.

The bureau did not say what set of fingerprints in the King case was matched with those of Ray, but it is presumed that prints were found on a rifle dropped near the scene of the killing as well as in the furnished room occupied by the sniper.

The FBI also has reported recovering a white Mustang automobile in Atlanta, Ga., believed to have been used by the killer.

In a warrant obtained by the FBI Wednesday, the fugitive was accused of conspiring with an individual "alleged to be his brother" to "injure, oppress, threaten, or intimidate Martin Luther King Jr."

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FBI Indicates Brother Held King Suspect Kin Aids Hunt

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Rooming Houses Checked

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (UPI)—FBI sources indicated today that the "alleged brother" of Eric Starvo Galt may be in their custody, helping them search for the man accused of slaying Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

A check of rooming house operators in Birmingham revealed that within the past three days, FBI agents have been making the rounds asking them if a man answering Galt's description had stayed with them in the past two weeks.

In Washington, an FBI spokesman said "The FBI has no one in custody in connection with Dr. King's slaying." The "brother" has not been formally charged with any part in the slaying.

A source in the FBI said that after Galt purchased a gun at a Birmingham sporting goods store about a week before King was killed, he took it to the man he said was his brother.

His brother, the source said, told him "that's not the gun we need." The source refused to say whether the knowledge of this conversation meant that the unnamed second man in the alleged conspiracy was in their custody.

The FBI also released a photograph of Galt, 36, described as a "loner" with a "rural quality" in his voice. There was immediate conflict or uncertainty among witnesses who said they had seen Galt.

"No, that's not him," said Peter Cherpes, operator of a rooming house where Galt stayed from Aug. 26 to Oct. 7, 1967.

"I can't be sure," said Percy Strickland, a roomer at the house.

The woman who runs the Memphis flophouse from where the killer shot King as the Negro leader stood on his motel balcony also was undecided about the picture. "I just don't know if it's him," said Mrs. Bessie Brewer.

But the FBI insisted the picture was of Galt. "It's him, all right," said Joseph H. Gamble, special agent in charge of the Birmingham FBI office. He said the photograph was taken this year, "in March, I think."

The FBI issued two pictures of Galt, also known as Harvey Lowmeyer and John Willard. Galt's eyes were closed in one photo. The other featured eyes sketched in by an FBI artist.

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UPI Telephoto

ERIC STARVO GALT
Charged with Murder

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The FBI complaint, filed in Birmingham, charged that Galt and an individual "whom he alleged to be his brother entered into a conspiracy" to harm King, and Galt purchased a rifle in Birmingham about March 30.

According to the FBI, Galt claimed to be a riverboat cook and merchant seaman and was an avid dancer with a preference for country and western music. He also likes beer and vodka, the FBI said, and "probably does not have a high degree of education."

Agents said Galt took a course at a bartending school in Los Angeles this year and graduated March 2.

The FBI said Galt had a nervous habit of occasionally pulling at an earlobe with his hand.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-493)

FROM : SA ROBERT S. REA

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/23/68

Re Chicago teletype to Director dated 4/20/68.

Re teletype stated that interview of JERRY WILLIAM RAY by Chicago on 4/19/68, resulted in setting out of all known relatives of JAMES EARL RAY, who has been identified by the Bureau as being identical to ERIC STARVO GALT.

JERRY RAY stated that the subject was last seen in 1964 when he was in prison in Missouri. Among other relatives identified was a paternal uncle EARL RAY whom JERRY stated would be about 70 years of age and who served a term in Illinois State Prison, Menard, Illinois. JERRY stated that his uncle, EARL, reportedly died at Syracuse, New York, about November, 1958. Chicago set out lead to verify the death of EARL RAY at Syracuse. On 4/22/68, SA JOHN L. KELLY checked records of Bureau of Vital Statistics, Department of Health, City of Syracuse, and that they disclosed no record of any EARL RAY having been deceased subsequent to 1942 to the present date. Further check of Syracuse and Syracuse Suburban City Directories disclosed no record of anyone by the name of EARL RAY prior to 1958.

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AT ALBANY, NEW YORK

Will immediately check records of the New York State Department of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics, to locate any record of one EARL RAY who would be born in approximately 1898 and who may have died in the vicinity of Syracuse, New York, in November, 1958.

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King Suspect Picked Alias From Books

By LESLIE H. WHITTEN
Special to The Times-Union

WASHINGTON. — The assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King has spawned a weird literary mystery with undertones of murder, conspiracy and even suicide.

At the heart of it are two aliases used by James Earl Ray, 40, sought nationwide by the FBI in the slaying of the civil rights leader in Memphis on April 4. The false names are "Eric Starvo Galt" and "Harvey Lowmyer."

Eric Starvo Galt is the most intriguing for "Galt" is the last name of a character in Ayn Rand's "Atlas Shrugged," a 1957 novel that has nearly become a bible for some ultra-rightists.

The literary Galt saw politicians, pseudo-intellectuals, bureaucrats and many others as destroyers of America who must be eliminated. Galt is a brilliant man, a leader of "loners," although a loner and individualist himself.

"Starvo" sounds suspiciously like "Stavro" in Ernst Stavro Blofeld, the super-fiend of Ian Fleming's "On Her Majesty's Secret Service," "Thunderball" and "You Only Live Twice."

The blurb in "On Her Majesty's Secret Service" quickly established what sort of man Blofeld is: "In a closely guarded bastion of evil high in the Swiss Alps, Ernst Stavro Blofeld puts the finishing touches to a most fiendish plot . . . a most diabolical plot for murder on a mass scale." In "You Only Live Twice," Blofeld constructs a garden of evil in which poisonous snakes and plants are provided for suicides.

"Eric" is the code name of "Matt Helm," Donald Hamilton's super-tough secret agent.

"A quiet mission of assassination is no sweat for Matt Helm," advises the cover of "The Ambushers," which goes on to tell how the secret agent is a man "who has to play God."

Harvey Lowmyer, of course, raises the ghost of Lee Harvey Oswald, assassin of President John Kennedy in 1963. The name "Harvey Lowmyer" was believed to have been used by the killer of King sometime after Kennedy was shot to death, like King, with a rifle.

Many of the other aliases are non-literary, common names like "James O'Conner," "James McBride," "James Walton" — names a man named "James Ray" might pick up at a moments notice.

But the Galt and Lowmyer names have a strange quality that has given the FBI sleuths cause to pause. Every fact of the literary mystery is being considered by the FBI, but a spokesman was as bewildered as newsmen over what twisted mind would have developed names so loaded with death and with the bizarre.

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King Suspect On Top 10 List

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Escaped convict James Earl Ray was given an extraordinary emergency listing on the FBI's roster of 10 most wanted criminals Saturday, intensifying the nationwide manhunt for the accused assassin of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Ray, who masqueraded as Eric Starvo Galt at the time King was slain in Memphis, was placed on the list even though there are 10 fugitives already on it. This has happened but once before in the history of the 10 most wanted.

FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover decided to add Ray as an 11th most wanted to insure the widest possible dissemination of the 40-year-old criminal's picture and description to the police and the public.

Special Alert

In addition, a special alert was set up in the Mexican border area in the event Ray

tries to flee the country. Mexican police officials also were said to be looking for Ray on an unofficial basis.

Special arrangements were made to show Ray's picture on the ABC-TV show, "The FBI," Sunday evening.

The only other criminal ever given emergency listing on the 10 most wanted roster was Richard Lawrence Marquette, who was sought for the butcher knife murder of a Portland, Ore., housewife in June, 1961. The day after Marquette was listed, as an 11th 10 most wanted, he was arrested in California.

Even before Ray was identified as the mysterious Galt, there was an assured \$100,000 in rewards for anyone providing information leading to the capture and conviction of King's slayer. The Memphis City Council has voted to underwrite that amount.

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FBI: King Suspect 'Galt'

Is Escaper Named Ray

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The FBI said Friday that the "Eric Starvo Galt" who was sought across the nation for murdering Dr. Martin Luther King was in fact James Earl Ray, who escaped from the Missouri State Penitentiary 51 weeks ago.

FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover said a systematic search of fingerprints uncovered in the case against the prints of more than 53,000 persons led to the determination "that Galt and Ray are identical."

But the announcement raised some perplexing questions. On Wednesday, when Hoover identi-

fied Galt as the man sought for conspiracy in the slaying, he said that Galt had taken dancing lessons in New Orleans in 1964 and 1965. But Friday's FBI announcement said Ray was in prison between 1960 and April 23, 1967, when he escaped.

Suspect Sentenced

Ray was sentenced to 20 years on Dec. 18, 1959, on a charge of armed robbery in St. Louis Circuit Court. He and another ex-convict, James Owens, were convicted of robbing a St. Louis supermarket of \$190.

Convicted by a jury which

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deliberated 20 minutes, Ray attempted to escape from the court room by jumping into an elevator. He made two unsuccessful attempts to escape from the Missouri Penitentiary before he succeeded last year.

Hoover did not mention the discrepancies between his statement Wednesday and his latest announcement. FBI officials handed the announcement to reporters but would answer no questions.

The FBI handed out two pictures of Ray taken in 1960. In several ways, they matched pictures of Galt taken in 1968.

In both pictures, deep lines ran from the subject's nose to his mouth. The ears looked identical and so did the lines around the eyes.

In its announcement Wednesday the FBI said a warrant had been filed charging that Galt entered into a conspiracy with "an individual whom he alleged to be his brother." It said the conspiracy "continued until on or about April 5, 1968, to injure, oppress, threaten or intimidate Martin Luther King Jr."

Shot From Ambush

King was slain on the porch of a motel in Memphis on April

4. He was shot from ambush by a man in a rundown rooming house across the street. The man escaped in a white Mustang, later found abandoned in Atlanta.

No mention of the alleged brother was made in the new announcement. It was reported Thursday that an informer, cooperating with the FBI, led to a belief that King's slayer was in California.

A reliable source told UPI that FBI agents were in communication with Galt's "alleged brother."

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JAMES EARL RAY

King Case Suspect Galt Is Escaper Named Ray

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Out of its belief that an arrest was imminent on Wednesday, the FBI had filed its charges against Galt. Officials in Memphis followed up by swearing out a murder warrant for his arrest.

But if the manhunt—one of the most intensive in American history—was in fact closing around Galt, he apparently managed to escape it.

Ray was identified in the FBI announcement as having used the aliases of Eric Starvo Galt, Harvey Lowmyer, John Willard, James McBride, James Walton, W. C. Herron and James O'Conner.

The man who checked into the Memphis rooming house a few hours before King was shot used the name John Willard.

The latest development strengthened the theory that King's slayer had carefully created the personality of "Eric Starvo Galt" in the months before the murder in a careful plan to escape after the crime was committed.

Hoover said Ray's criminal record dated back to 1949 when he was convicted of burglary in Los Angeles. He was convicted of armed robbery in Chicago in 1952 and of forging U.S. postal money orders in Missouri in 1955.

He had served time in the Los Angeles County jail in 1949; in state prisons at Joliet, Ill., and Pontiac, Ill., from 1952 to 1954; and in the Federal penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kan., from 1955 to 1958.

The FBI attributed a number of characteristics to Galt which it did not mention in its

It said Galt had a nervous habit of pulling on an earlobe, a taste for beer and vodka and a love for dancing.

It had identified Galt by profession as a cook on Mississippi River vessels and as a seaman. It said Ray worked as a baker, laborer and "color matcher."

No mention was made of Galt's graduation last March 2 from a Los Angeles dancing school in the announcement about Ray.

But the physical description issued under Galt's name fit

Ray. Galt was described as having given his age as 36; Ray was reported as 40.

Galt was described as white, between 5 feet 8 inches and 5 feet 11 inches tall, weighing between 160 and 170 pounds. Ray was described as white, approximately 5 feet 10 inches tall, weighing between 163 and 174 pounds, with blue eyes and brown hair.

Galt was described as a "loner" and Ray as a "drifter."

Warden Harold Swenson of the Missouri State Prison in Jefferson City, said Ray was "an evasive type of person."

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Galt a Loner in Slaying of Dr. King, FBI Believes

By JACK NELSON

Washington Post / Los Angeles Times
News Service

ATLANTA — The mysterious Eric Starvo Galt is the lone subject of the FBI's investigation into Martin Luther King's assassination despite an FBI complaint charging that Galt conspired with his alleged brother in the slaying.

A federal source pointed out to a Los Angeles Times reporter that the complaint alleging a conspiracy could have been based on nothing more substantial than testimony by a witness that he had heard Galt say he and a brother planned to kill Dr. King or to use the rifle believed to be the murder weapon.

The FBI apparently knows little about the man called Galt — probably not even whether he has a brother. The complaint charges that "on or about March 29, 1968, at Birmingham . . . Galt and an individual whom he alleged to be his brother, entered into a conspiracy which continued until on or about April 5, 1968," to violate King's civil rights.

The civil rights law does not authorize federal prosecution unless there is evidence of a conspiracy.

SEVERAL SOURCES have said Galt purchased two rifles from a Birmingham sporting goods store on March 29 and made a remark to the sales clerk that could have formed the basis for the conspiracy charge. He reportedly purchased a .243 Remington rifle, then returned later in the day and exchanged it for a 30.06 rifle, declaring that he and his brother had decided the .243 was a heavier cartridge load and not suited for their hunting purposes.

Dr. King was injured fatally by a sniper on April 4 while standing on a balcony outside his Memphis motel room. A white Mustang registered in Galt's name and resembling one witnesses said fled the assassination scene was found abandoned in a public housing parking lot in Atlanta on April 11. Witnesses here said a man parked the car and left it early on the morning of April 5.

Indications are that Galt left a cold trail, but a federal source in Birmingham close to the investigation said the government has "a very strong case" if the subject can be apprehended. The assassin left a trail of clues, including the 30.06 rifle equipped with a telescopic site, but the FBI apparently has been unable to establish whether Galt is his real name or to locate anyone who knew anything about him prior to recent years.

MEANWHILE, THE SEARCH for Galt continues with scores of FBI agents scouring the Birmingham, Memphis and Atlanta areas for persons who ~~have~~ have seen him. In Birmingham,

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<p>one witness, Jimmy Phillips, told reporters he had informed FBI agents that a man who looked like Galt visited a gas station where he (Phillips) worked last February and talked with him for about an hour.</p>	<p>subject, Phillips said, "it looks like him."</p>	<p>given his date of birth as [redacted] and noted that persons who had met him said his language had rural quality and "suggests" that he probably does not have a high degree of education.</p>
<p>Phillips said that from the conversation he judged Galt was from Georgia. "He talked about it a lot," Phillips said, and added that the white Mustang Galt was driving at the time had Georgia license plates on it, although earlier it had Alabama plates on it. The Mustang abandoned in Atlanta had Alabama plates.</p>	<p>The filing of the conspiracy complaint and issuance of an FBI press release on the investigation Wednesday apparently were designed to solicit public help in locating Galt. The FBI urged that any information concerning him be supplied to the nearest FBI office.</p>	<p>Some information Galt had passed on to other persons who have talked to the FBI apparently was false. He was quoted as saying he had been employed as a shipyard worker in Pascagoula, Miss., and as a merchant seaman but extensive checking of records has produced no evidence that he ever held either job.</p>
<p>Shown the FBI photo of the</p>	<p>SUCH A NEWS release normally would include information about a subject's birth date, places of residence, education and occupation, but the release on Galt contains scant background information and some of it was based solely on what Galt had told other persons.</p>	<p>The FBI release makes no mention of his occupation except to say he claims to have been a</p>
<p></p>	<p>The release reported Galt had</p>	<p></p>

<p>merchant seaman and a cook on Mississippi River boats.</p>	<p>who had identified FBI sketches of Galt as being the man they</p>
<p>The conspiracy theory in the case was strengthened somewhat Wednesday when witnesses took</p>	<p>knew by that name said a photograph the FBI released did not look like him.</p>



UPI Telephoto

SUSPECT RECOGNIZED—Thomas Reyes Lau holds in Los Angeles an FBI wanted poster on Eric Starvo Galt, charged with conspiracy in the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Lau says a man called Eric S. Galt and answering the wanted man's description was graduated from the International School of Bartending, that he directs.

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FBI Names Killer of Dr. King

WASHINGTON (AP) — The FBI Friday identified Eric Starvo Galt, wanted for the killing of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., as James Earl Ray, 40, an escapee from the Missouri State Penitentiary.

The FBI said he was identified through "a systematic and exhaustive search of latent fingerprints" uncovered in the King case against the fingerprints of the more than 53,000 persons for whom wanted notices are on file in the bureau's identification division.

Ray was reported missing from the Missouri State Penitentiary at Jefferson City April 23, 1967. He was serving a 20-year sentence for an armed robbery in St. Louis and operating a motor vehicle without the owner's permission.

Ray, who had been at the prison since March 17, 1960, spent some time in September 1966 in the maximum security ward at the state hospital in Fulton, Mo.

The man known as Galt was charged Wednesday with the first-degree murder of King April 4 in Memphis, Tenn. He also is charged in a federal warrant with conspiracy and murder in the King assassination.

The FBI said Ray has an arrest record dating at least to 1949, when he was convicted for

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burglary in Los Angeles. He also was convicted in 1952 for armed robbery in Chicago and in 1955 for forging U.S. postal money orders in Missouri.

He has served terms in a Los Angeles County jail, state prisons at Joliet and Pontiac, Ill., and a federal penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kan.

The FBI said Ray has used the names of James McBride, James Walton, W. C. Herron and James O'Conner.

Ray claims to have been born March 10, 1928 in Illinois—but the FBI did not say where. He is about 5-feet-10, weighs 163 to 174 pounds, has blue eyes and brown hair and two scars: A small one on the center of his forehead and another on the palm of his right hand.

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'FBI Intensifies Search for Galt

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) —The FBI pressed one of the most massive manhunts in its history Thursday for shadowy Eric Starvo Galt, charged in the sniper slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

But little more was known publicly about the alleged assassin of the civil rights leader than when his name first arose a week ago. It was learned, however, that a man registered as Eric S. Galt in a Memphis motel a day before King was killed.

Police agencies continued their "no comment" handling of queries—including questions about a newspaper report that the search had spread outside the country, to Mexico or Cuba. And they were silent on any details at all about a man with whom Galt may have conspired in the slaying.

A murder warrant was issued here Wednesday night for the 36-year-old Galt, five hours after the FBI charged him with conspiracy to violate the civil rights of King. The FBI warrant charged him with conspiring with a man "whom he alleged to be his brother."

King was killed by a single

bullet the night of April 4 as he leaned over the second-floor railing of a Memphis motel. Police have said the shot was fired from the common bathroom of a low-cost hotel across the street.

The FBI said Galt had used the names of Harvey Lowmyer and John Willard. A man registered as "John Willard" checked into the hotel just three hours before King was killed.

Ivan B. Webb, night desk clerk at the Rebel Motel here, said a man registered there under the name of Eric S. Galt on April 3. Webb said a white mustang bearing Alabama license plates and Mexican tourist stickers was parked near the room occupied by Galt.

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SINCE YOU HAVE PREVIOUSLY BEEN ADVISED THAT JAMES EARL RAY IS IDENTICAL WITH ESIC STARVO GALT AND YOU HAVE BEEN FURNISHED IO'S AND WANTED FLYERS ON RAY, YOU ARE TO BE CERTAIN THAT ALL APPROPRIATE STOPS HAVE BEEN RENEWED ON JAMES EARL RAY AND UNDER ALL OF HIS KNOWN ALIASES AS SET FORTH ON THE IO'S AND WANTED FLYERS. THIS IS TO INSURE THAT THE BUREAU WILL BE IMMEDIATELY NOTIFIED IF THE SUBJECT IS ARRESTED OR COMES TO THE ATTENTION OF AUTHORITIES WITH WHOM STOPS PLACED.

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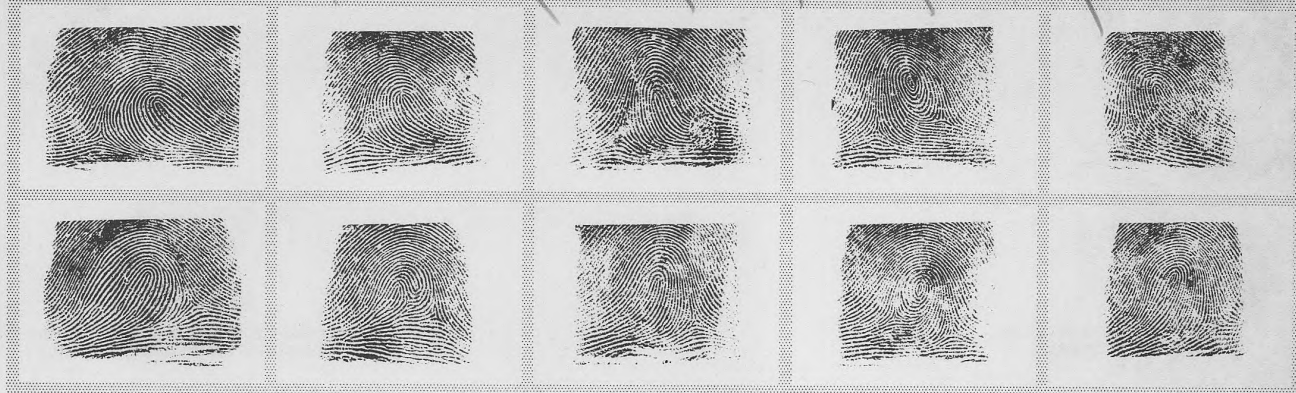
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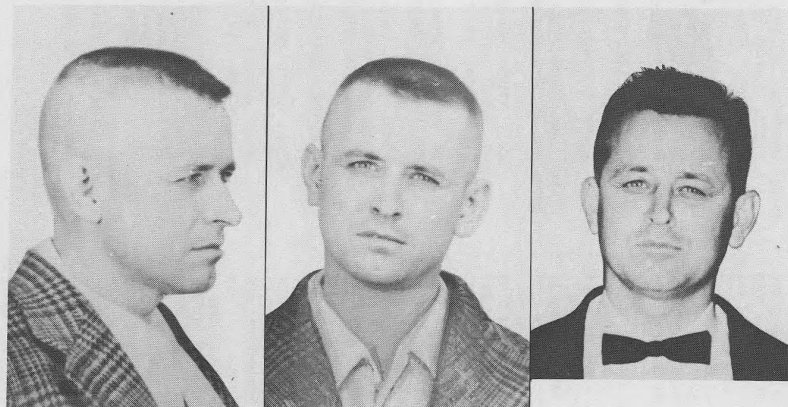
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ALIASES: Eric Starvo Galt, W. C. Herron, Harvey Lowmyer, James McBride, James O'Connor, James Walton, James Walyon, John Willard, "Jim"



Photographs taken 1960

Photograph taken 1968
(eyes drawn by artist)



James Ray

DESCRIPTION

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

CRIMINAL RECORD

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

CAUTION

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

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

**IF YOU HAVE INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS PERSON, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR LOCAL FBI OFFICE.
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'Discrepancies' Admitted in King Slayer Identity

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — A slaying. The nationwide man-hunt continues.

ranking Memphis police officer acknowledges there are "a whole lot of discrepancies" in official descriptions of the man sought as the sniper slayer of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Asst. Chief Bill Price referred to statements that James Earl Ray, 40, an escaped Missouri convict, and Eric Starvo Galt, first sought for King's April 4 assassination in Memphis, are the same person.

"You don't know what to look for," Price said Sunday as officers here and elsewhere continued their investigation of the

slaying. The nationwide man-hunt continues.

The FBI issued a conspiracy warrant Wednesday for Galt, then updated their case Friday by saying a fingerprint comparison showed Galt was really Ray.

The naming of Ray in the case caused confusion, primarily because earlier official statements indicate that Galt and Ray were in different places at the same time.

When Galt was charged as a conspirator in King's death by rifle bullet, the FBI said the man had taken dancing lessons in New Orleans in 1964-65. The

FBI said later the earlier description should have said Galt reportedly took dancing lessons rather than stating it flatly.

During that time, Ray was in the Missouri State Prison at Jefferson City, serving a 20-year sentence for a 1959 supermarket robbery.

The age of the man also was in conflict.

Witnesses who saw a man in a Memphis rooming house from where the fatal bullet was fired estimated his age as in the late 20s. The FBI, in issuing its warrant for Galt, said he had given his birthdate

That would make him 36. The FBI

said Friday Ray is 40.

The personalities of the two men are sometimes at odds. A prison pal described Ray as virtually a nondrinker. The FBI describes Galt as a fanciver of beer and vodka.

There were other differences:

Galt: neat appearance. Ray: careless appearance.

Galt: Southern accent. Ray: born in Alton, Ill. No Southern accent.

One theory within the Memphis department is that Eric Starvo Galt is a myth, painstakingly created by the conspirators as a smoke screen.

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Four different views of **James Earl Ray**, 40, being sought as the slayer of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Ray, also sought under the alias of Eric Starvo Galt, has been placed on the FBI's "10 Most Wanted" list. With a criminal record dating back to 1949, Ray is pictured in photos from various prisons—Joliet, Ill., Miami, Fla., and Jefferson City, Mo. (Story Page 1)

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