

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-493) ATTENTION SA LEVAN

DATE: 4/27/68

FROM : SA EDWARD A. MC SHANE, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Confirming our conversation, there are no adult dancing schools in
Plattsburgh RA area.



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An Arrest in King Murder

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

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KNICKERBOCKER NEWS
ALBANY, N.Y.

Date: 4-25-68
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Suspect Held in Mexico

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Police in northwest Mexico say they are questioning a U.S. citizen who they said resembles James Earl Ray, wanted on a charge of slaying Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. But in Baltimore the man's mother said, "There is just no connection. He doesn't even look like him."

Lt. Roberto Fletcher of the judicial police investigation office in Caborca said the man carried a U.S. passport issued to Daniel David Kennedy. Fletcher said the man denied any connection with King's assassination and said he was from Baltimore.

In Baltimore, Mrs. Pearl E. Kennedy said an FBI agent told her Mexican authorities were holding her son, Daniel David, because a Mexican police officer said he resembled the man accused of killing the Negro civil rights leader.

"It was impossible for him to do it," said Mrs. Kennedy. "He wouldn't even kill a fly, let alone kill a human being."

Mrs. Kennedy said her 41-year-old son left Baltimore March 24 to go to Mexico—"he

Fletcher said earlier that the man he was holding made a telephone call this week to Baltimore asking that money be sent him in Caborca.

Agents of the Sonora state police were en route to Caborca to return the man to Hermosillo, the state capital, Fletcher said. He added that FBI agents were on their way to Hermosillo from Arizona, but in Phoenix, John Mull, in charge of the FBI in Arizona, said he had heard nothing from Mexican authorities and none of his agents were en route to Hermosillo.

The U.S. consulate general in Hermosillo said it had no information on the matter.

Fletcher said he picked the man up about 6 p.m. Wednesday in a cafe in Caborca, which is about 80 miles southwest of Nogales, Ariz. The officer said he took the man in because of his similarity to published photographs of Ray.

Fletcher said the man crossed the border at Nogales on April 7 and told him he had walked to Caborca.

Police in Ciudad Victoria detained another man briefly 10 days ago because he fit the general description of Ray. There have also been reports from several other Mexican cities of persons spotting men resembling Ray.

Conspiracy Hinted by Abernathy

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wanted to take off, that's all"—and that he telephoned her from there on Sunday.

"He was so happy when he talked to me," said Mrs. Kennedy. "He said people were so friendly to him there, because everything was so peaceful and quiet."

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Memorandum

TO : SAC 44-493

FROM : SA G.A. Perkins

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/24/68

Re Dance studios

On 4/15/68 following contacted, had no record and advised that they cater to children, alho they do try to get adults without success. They knew of no others in area who actually taught adults.

SANDRA DANZIG, Danzig School, McClellan St
J. Ferrera, Ferrara School 1925 Curry Rd
Helen Marmein, Marmein Ballet 8 Wash Ave.
M Ramsey, Ramsey School 1303 Union
Inq-Orlando School 1765 State St.

Re News release

On 4/19 the news rooms of the Sctdy Gazette and Union Star were contacted. All had recd release.

This matter is being followed.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, MIAMI (44-1854) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
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(OO: Memphis)

Re Bureau airtel to all offices dated 4/19/68,
and Miami airtel to the Bureau dated 4/23/68.

Re: Laundry Marking Machine and Code 20R-3.

ROBERT BERMAN, proprietor, Famous Cleaners, 3454 N. W. 7th Avenue, Miami, completed a review of his records dating back to April, 1967, and determined that only two yellow tapes bearing code 20R-3 were used for the Royal Palm Cleaners, 4016 Royal Palm Avenue, Miami Beach, since April, 1967. These tapes were used on 9/28/67 and 10/24/67.

ROBERT ROTH, proprietor, Royal Palm Cleaners, reviewed his records for 4/28/67 and 10/24/67 and determined that code 20R-3 was used on three undershirts and six handkerchiefs in the name of Mr. LAURENT on 9/28/67. His records further indicated that on 10/24/67 code 20R-3 was used on two shirts in the name of Mr. COHEN. At no time was code 20R-3 on a yellow tape used on any bedsheets or pillow cases.

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All other laundries using a Thermo Seal Marking Machine in the Miami Division were contacted and advised they do not use code 20R-3 on their laundry tapes.

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FBI WASH DC

506PM URGENT 4/26/68 CAB

TO ALBANY

FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 1P

MURKIN

REURTEL APRIL TWENTY-FOUR LAST.

INASMUCH AS A COMPLETELY UNEQUIVOCAL DETERMINATION HAS NOT BEEN MADE BY THE LABORATORY RELATIVE TO THE IDENTIFICATION OF THE LAUNDRY MACHINE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MARKING ON THE SHORTS AND TEE SHIRT, NAMELY, O TWO B DASH SIX, AND THE POSSIBILITY STILL EXISTS THAT A SIMILAR MARKING COULD HAVE BEEN PRODUCED BY ANOTHER SUCH MACHINE, YOU SHOULD CONTINUE TO HANDLE APPROPRIATE LEADS RELATIVE TO THESE LAUNDRY TAPES.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS. AIR MAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS.

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-3886), MEMPHIS (44-1987) and CHICAGO (44-1114)
FROM: SAC, BUFFALO (44-374)

MURKIN

RE ALBANY TEL APRIL TWENTYTHREE LAST.

RECORDS OF ~~THE~~ BUFFALO, NEW YORK PD MADE AVAILABLE BY
WILLIAM J. COLLINS, IN CHARGE OF THE MICRO SECTION, DISCLOSED
THAT ON MAY TWO, NINETEEN FIFTYNINE, PRECINCT NUMBER ONE, ANSWERED
A CALL WHICH DISCLOSED THAT EARL E. RAY'S BODY WAS FOUND UNDER
THE RAILROAD BRIDGE AT THE FOOT OF COMMERCIAL STREET, BUFFALO,
NEW YORK, UNDER THE D L AND W RAILROAD BRIDGE. NO RESCUE SQUAD
RESPONDED. DR. LEE, EMERGENCY HOSPITAL, PRONOUNCED THE INDIVIDUAL
DEAD, AND EARL E. RAY'S BODY WAS TAKEN TO ~~THE~~ ERIE COUNTY MORGUE.

NICHOLAS SALINARDO IN CHARGE OF THE MORGUE, MADE AVAILABLE
RECORDS WHICH DISCLOSED THE BODY WAS BROUGHT TO THE MORGUE BY
~~THE~~ ROBERTS FUNERAL HOME, AND AFTER LAYING IN THE MORGUE FOR
TWO DAYS, THE BODY WAS CLAIMED BY MRS. FRANK FULLER, A SISTER,
RESIDING AT TWO SIX ZERO ONE CHESTNUT, QUINCY, ILLINOIS, CLAIM
BEING MADE BY TELEGRAM.

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MR. GEORGE ROBERTS, OPERATOR ~~OF THE~~ ROBERTS FUNERAL HOME, TWO FOUR ZERO ZERO MAIN STREET, ADVISED HE TOOK THE BODY TO ERIE COUNTY MORGUE ON MAY TWO, NINETEEN FIFTYNINE, AND HIS COPY OF THE DEATH CERTIFICATE DISCLOSED LAST PLACE OF RESIDENCE FOR RAY WAS WESTERN ROAD, ALBANY, NEW YORK, PLACE OF BIRTH QUINCY, ILLINOIS, DATE OF BIRTH [REDACTED], AGE AT TIME OF DEATH FIFTYFOUR YEARS, ELEVEN MONTHS, TWENTYEIGHT DAYS, OCCUPATION ~~AS~~ STEWARD, PRESENT EMPLOYMENT UNEMPLOYED, MARITAL STATUS DIVORCED, FATHER JAMES RAY, AND MOTHER LILLIAN MATTHEWS. THE PHYSICIAN SIGNING DEATH CERTIFICATE WAS DR. ROCCO DE DOMINICIS.

MR. ROBERTS STATED ~~THE~~ BODY ~~WAS~~ SHIPPED TO THE DUKES BROTHERS FUNERAL HOME, EIGHT TWO THREE BROADWAY, QUINCY, ILLINOIS, ON MAY FOUR, NINETEEN FIFTYNINE, THIS SHIPMENT BEING ORDERED BY MRS. FRANK FULLER, ~~TWO ONE ZERO ONE GREEN MOUNTAIN CEMETERY~~, QUINCY, *ILL.* BODY ^{INTERRED} WAS ~~REMOVED~~ MAY FOUR, NINETEEN FIFTYNINE GREEN MOUNTAIN CEMETERY, QUINCY, ILLINOIS.

A CHECK AT THE BUFFALO GENERAL HOSPITAL, RECORDS BEING CHECKED BY PERSONNEL DIRECTOR, MR. TOM MICHAEL, DISCLOSED

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NO RECORD OF RAY EVER BEING EMPLOYED BUFFALO GENERAL HOSPITAL.
MISS ELLEN JONES, PERSONAL OFFICE, BUFFALO STATE HOSPITAL,
FOREST AVENUE, BUFFALO, NEW YORK, ~~ARMED DANGEROUS PERSONS~~, ADVISED
THEY HAVE NO RECORD OF RAY EVER BEING EMPLOYED THERE. ADDRESS
OF FOUR SEVEN SIX FRANKLIN NONEXISTENT, AS ROOMING HOUSE THIS
ADDRESS TORN DOWN IN NINETEEN SIXTY.

RESULTS OF CREDIT CHECK ON RAY NOT COMPLETE AT THIS TIME,
AND INVESTIGATION CONTINUING.

AIR MAIL COPIES ~~BEING~~ FURNISHED KANSAS CITY, ALBANY AND
SPRINGFIELD.

RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND EXTREMELY DANGEROUS.

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FBI ALBANY

FBI MIAMI

8:08PM EST 5-2-68 URGENT RGT
TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) ATLANTA AND ALBANY
FROM MIAMI (44-1854) (P)

MURKIN - CR.

RE ATLANTA TEL TO DIRECTOR, APRIL THIRTY LAST, AND KANSAS
CITY TEL TO DIRECTOR, MAY FIRST LAST.

RE MICHEL ST. PIERRE.

NEIGHBORHOOD CHECKS VICTINITY OF TWO ONE FIVE ONE NW ONE
HUNDRED NINETEENTH ST., RE MICHEL ST. PIERRE NEGATIVE. CHECKS WITH
POSTAL AUTHORITIES, MIAMI, NEGATIVE. NO FORWARDING ADDRESS FOR
MICHEL ST. PIERRE ON RECORD WITH MIAMI POSTAL AUTHORITIES.

MICHEL ST. PIERRE, TWO TWO FOUR ZERO COULONGES VILLE DE AND
THIRTY FOUR PRUDENTIAL - VEMONT (LOCAL ADDRESS TWO ONE FIVE ONE NW
ONE HUNDRED NINETEENTH STREET, MIAMI) RENTED BOATS FROM CRAFTS LTD.,
INC., FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, SEPTEMBER TWO AND THREE, SIXTYSEVEN.
HE USED SHELL CREDIT CARD FIVE FIVE FIVE ZERO FOUR SEVEN ZERO SIX
SEVEN IN PAYMENT OF RENTALS, GAS AND OIL.

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RENTAL CONTRACTS SIGNED BY "SAL LAPI" AND "GORDON KNOLL" AGENTS FOR CRAFTS LTD., INC. LAPI SHOWN PHOTO OF JAMES EARL RAY AND STATES DUE TO LAPSE OF TIME AND PHOTOS, COULD NOT SAY IF IDENTICAL. NOTATION ALSO APPEARED ON CONTRACT OF FIVE ONE FOUR DASH SIX SIX THREE DASH TWO TWO EIGHT EIGHT. FIVE ONE FOUR AREA CODE FOR MONTREAL, CANADA.

JENNIFER WARREN, TITLE CLERK, SCOTT MOTORS, HALLANDALE, FLORIDA, ADVISED SHE HANDLED TRANSFER OF TITLE FOR MICHEL ST. PIERRE AT REQUEST OF ANGELO CIULLA, OWNER, AUTORAMA, FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA. AUTORAMA NO LONGER IN EXISTENCE AND CIULLA BEING SOUGHT FOR INTERVIEW IN CAR RING CASE INVOLVING CANADIAN CARS. HIS PRESENT WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN.

MRS. FLORENCE BLAKENEY, FORMER EMPLOYEE, SCOTT MOTORS, NOTARIZING FLORIDA TITLE FOR ST. PIERRE NO LONGER EMPLOYED THERE AND EFFORTS TO CONTACT AT RESIDENCE NEGATIVE.

MIAMI FILE TWENTY SIX DASH THREE TWO EIGHT SIX FOUR, ENTITLED "ROBERT ALLARD; ANDRE BEAUDIN; JEAN CLAUDE BEAUDOIN; FRANK COTRONI; JEAN CLAUDE BISSONNETTE, AKA CLAUDE DAOUST, JEAN DES MARAIS, REGGIE LALONDE; WILLIAM POMERLEAU; FRANK SAVARIA; STEVE SMITH,

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ITSMV", ALBANY FILE TWENTY SIX DASH ONE TWO FOUR NINE SIX,
REFLECTS IN ALBANY TEL TO MIAMI DATED SEPTEMBER THIRTEEN
SIXTYSEVEN, THAT QUEBEC PROVINCIAL POLICE, MONTREAL, ADVISED
CLAUDE DAOUST, AKA BISSONETTE, ARRESTED EVENING SEPTEMBER TWELVE
LAST IN POSSESSION WHITE SIXTY SEVEN OLDSMOBILE CONVERTIBLE.
WHEN ARRESTED DAOUST HAD CANADIAN SHELL CREDIT CARD OF MICHAEL
ST. PIERRE, TWO ONE FIVE ONE NW ONE HUNDRED NINETEENTH ST.,
MIAMI, FLORIDA, AND HAD FLORIDA REGISTRATION ISSUED AUGUST THIRTY
ONE LAST, FOR SIXTYSEVEN CADILLAC CONVERTIBLE, ID F SEVEN ONE
ONE TWO SEVEN NINE FIVE, FLORIDA REGISTRATION ONE W ONE SEVEN
NINE ONE THREE ZERO.

ALBANY DETERMINE SUBSCRIBER TO PHONE FIVE ONE FOUR DASH
SIX SIX THREE DASH TWO TWO EIGHT EIGHT. INTERVIEW BISSONETTE
CONCERNING BOAT RENTALS, FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, WHO ACCOMPANIED
HIM TO FLORIDA AND DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT HE IS IDENTICAL TO
SUBJECT RAY AND/OR MICHEL ST. PIERRE. ALBANY ALSO INTERVIEW
BISSONETTE RE THEFT OF CADILLAC, IF NOT ALREADY DONE.

MEMPHIS ADVISED AM. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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TO ALL SACS - RELAY MESSAGE PLAN

FROM DIRECTOR, 44-38861 1P

MURKIN

ALL OFFICES HAVING LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES IN THEIR TERRITORIES WHICH MAINTAIN UNIDENTIFIED LATENT FINGERPRINTS IN CONNECTION WITH MATTERS UNDER THEIR JURISDICTION SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CONTACT THESE AGENCIES AND REQUEST THAT THE FINGERPRINTS OF SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY AS SET FORTH ON THE IO BE COMPARED WITH LATENTS OBTAINED SINCE HIS ESCAPE FROM MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY ON FOUR TWENTY-THREE SIXTY-SEVEN.

THIS IS FOR THE PURPOSE OF POSSIBLY ESTABLISHING RAY'S PAST WHEREABOUTS AND SOURCE OF FUNDS. LEGATS OTTAWA AND MEXICO CITY REQUESTED TO DO LIKEWISE. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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Contact all appropriate
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4408 PM URGENT 5/2/68 TSJ

TO DIRECTOR, BOSTON, ALABAMNY, CINCINNATI, AND NEW YORK
FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987)

MURKIN

RE ALBANY TEL FIVE PM. MAY TWO INSTANT.

OFFICER NORMAN GADUE, BENNINGTON, VERMONT PD,
APPARENTLY IN ERROR CONCERNING HIS IDENTIFICATION. INFO
AVAILABLE MEMPHIS DISCLOSES SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY DID COMPLETE
SALE FOR MUSTANG ON AUGUST THIRTY, SIXTYSEVEN, IN BIRMINGHAM.
THEREFORE APPEARS UNLIKELY THAT HE COULD HAVE BEEN IN BENNINGTON.
VT. SAME DATE.

UACB, ALL OFFICES DISCONTINUE LEADS.

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*Holiday advised
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Date April 29, 1968

RE:

MURKIN

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☐ For information ☐ Retention optional ☒ For appropriate action ☐ Surep, by _____

☐ The enclosed is for your information. If used in a future report, ☐ conceal all sources, ☐ paraphrase contents.

☐ Enclosed are corrected pages from report of SA _____ dated _____

Remarks:

Enclosed are copies of photographs taken by a woman companion of the subject while he was in Mexico in the Fall of 1967.

These are for your further assistance in connection with efforts to locate the subject.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/23/68

Mrs. BEATRICE BARTLETT, 4 Valentine Street, telephonically contacted the Utica resident agency of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and furnished the following information:

At approximately 4:30 p.m., April 19, 1968, she observed a man sitting in the Kewpie Drive-In, Oneida Square, Utica, New York, who resembled the photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT, which she saw in one of the Utica newspapers.

She advised that the individual was drinking coffee and described him as a white male, 5'9", 160-170 pounds, dark brown hair, no part, combed straight back, wearing a light colored shirt and dark pants.

Shortly after observing this individual, he left the drive-in driving a black, late model Ford, bearing New York State HK license plate.

Mrs. BARTLETT concluded by advising she had never observed this individual previously and was not sure she could identify him if she ever saw him again.

On 4/19/68 at Utica, New York File # Albany 44-493 -138A
by SA MICHAEL G. POTKONJAK *WSP* kdf Date dictated 4/22/68

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-493)

FROM : SPC WILLIAM E. BARDON

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/1/68

At 8:15pm, 5/1/68, THEODORE BECK, 727 DeCamp Ave., Schenectady, N.Y. telephonically contacted this office and advised that when he first heard the name of the suspect "ERIC STARVO GAULT" he immediately told some friends that this had to be false as it sounded as though it came from a James Bond novel. He advised that on checking he found in "You Only Live Twice" the recurring "super vilian" is a ERNST STARVO BLOFELD". Mr. BECK advised that some friends told him he should make known this similiarity to the FBI as maybe the killer has or is using James Bond Novels as examples.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Albany

DATE: April 29, 1968

JRM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: JAMES EARL RAY, aka - FUGITIVE
I. O. #4182; W. F. #442-A
CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY;
INTERSTATE FLIGHT - ARMED ROBBERY
"TEN MOST WANTED FUGITIVES" PROGRAM
NEWSPAPER MAT

Being forwarded under separate cover is a supply of newspaper mats and proofs for expeditious distribution to all cooperative daily and weekly newspapers in your territory. Additional publications such as shoppers' guides should not be overlooked in obtaining the greatest possible publicity regarding this fugitive.

In most cases, these mats and proofs may be distributed by mail but when circumstances warrant they may be personally delivered by Special Agents. A form letter over the signature of the Special Agent in Charge may be utilized in distributing this material by mail and this letter should point out that the FBI is requesting the aid of the Nation's press in bringing about the prompt apprehension of this badly sought fugitive.

Prompt distribution should be made and additional supplies, if needed, are available at the Bureau. The following number of mats and proofs are being forwarded to your office under separate cover: 200.

As an additional means of securing widespread publicity concerning Ray, offices covering the place of publication of magazines which have previously cooperated in publicizing FBI fugitives should request the assistance of such publications in carrying an article on captioned fugitive. The Bureau press release, copies of which are available in each office, along with a glossy photograph of this fugitive can be furnished. The earliest possible utilization of this material should be encouraged and special attention should be given to publications aimed at minority groups.



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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**

Date: **April 25, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis**

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-561304 JK
D-561273 JK**

Examination requested by: **San Francisco, Atlanta**

Reference: **Airtel, 4/19/68, Letter, 4/19/68**

Examination requested: **Document**

Remarks:

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

1 - San Francisco (173-65) Enclosure (Lab report)

1 - Albany (44-493) Enclosure (Lab report)

1 - Atlanta (44-2386) Enclosure (Lab report)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**

Date: **April 25, 1968**

FBI File No. **44-38861**

Re: **MURKIN
CR**

Lab. No. **D-561273 JK
D-561304 JK**

Specimens received **4/22/68, from FBI, San Francisco**

- K178 Four sample laundry tapes received from Carlos Laundry, San Carlos, California**
- K179 Twelve sample laundry tapes (the type used on work clothes) received from Del Monte Laundry, Pacific Grove, California**
- K180 Twelve pieces of white cloth each containing a sample of laundry tape received from Carmel - Monterey Laundry, Monterey, California**
- K181 Thirty sample laundry tapes (from three machines) received from Sainte Claire Laundry, Santa Clara, California**
- K182 Six buff colored cards each containing five sample laundry tapes received from Bariteau's Cleaners, San Jose, California**
- K183 Two yellow cards, each containing five sample laundry tapes received from Diamond Laundry, San Jose, California**
- K184 Ten sample laundry tapes received from Wil Rec Cleaners, Campbell, California**
- K185 Twenty sample laundry tapes (from two machines) received from Individual Laundry, Santa Clara, California**
- K186 Thirty yellow cards, each containing one sample laundry tape (from three machines) received from American Laundry, San Jose, California**

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me by MS 4/29*

- K187 Two buff colored small envelopes containing nine sample laundry tapes, received from Willow Laundry, San Jose, California**
- K188 Three white cards each containing ten sample laundry tapes (from three machines) received from Economy Laundry, San Jose, California**
- K189 Four Customer Care Invoice tickets each containing six sample laundry tapes received from Austin's Fremont Laundry, Mt. View, California**
- K190 Thirty sample laundry tapes received from Mission Linen Supply, Santa Cruz, California**

Specimens received 4/22/68, from FBI, Atlanta

- K193 White handkerchief containing nine gray tape samples obtained from Thermo-Seal machine, Serial No. 32794, Model HSM4B1, located at Chamblee Sunshine Cleaning Center, Chamblee, Georgia**
- K194 White handkerchief containing ten yellow laundry tape samples obtained from Thermo-Seal machine, Serial No. 34209, located at Shallowford Sunshine Cleaning Center, Shallowford Plaza, Atlanta Georgia**

Result of examination:

It was concluded that the questioned laundry tapes appearing on the Q69 and Q70 items of clothing were not prepared by any of the machines used in the preparation of specimens K178 through K190, K193 and K194.

The submitted items have been retained.

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716PM URGENT 4/26/68 LCC

TO ALL SACS RELAY MESSAGE PLAN

FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 1P

MURKIN.

THE MAIN FILE ON KING HAS BEEN REVIEWED AT THE BUREAU AND LEADS ARE BEING SENT OUT CONCERNING PERSONS INVOLVED IN PRIOR THREATS AGAINST KING. THESE LEADS AS WELL AS LEADS CONCERNING ANY OTHER SUSPECTS DEVELOPED FROM ANY SOURCE MUST BE GIVEN IMMEDIATE AND THOROUGH HANDLING ON A TOP PRIORITY BASIS. PROCESS HAS BEEN OBTAINED AGAINST JAMES EARL RAY AND EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION IS CONTINUING TO LOCATE RAY AND TO ESTABLISH MOTIVE OF CRIME. YOU HAVE BEEN AND WILL BE FURNISHED INFORMATION RELATING TO OTHER POSSIBLE CONSPIRATORS. THESE MUST ALL BE THOROUGHLY RESOLVED NO MATTER HOW REMOTE.

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309PM URGENT 4-27-68 KOB
TO DIRECTOR AND ALBANY
FROM HOUSTON (44-1509) 2P

MURKIN.

JAKE STEVENS, MANAGER, TREASURE ISLE MOTEL, PORT
ARANSAS, TEXAS, ADVISED THAT ONE JOHN J. DE SANTIS, JR.,
CHECKERBOARD HILL LODGE, WILMINGTON, VERMONT, REGISTERED
AT MOTEL APRIL TWENTY ONE, LAST, AND WAS DRIVING VOLKSWAGEN
SIXTEEN HUNDRED BEARING VERMONT LICENSE ONE FOUR ONE NINE
TWO NINE. DE SANTIS HAD NO AMERICAN MONEY AND INDICATED
THAT HE HAD SEVEN HUNDRED MEXICAN PESOS.

DE SANTIS SKIPPED OWING BILL OF FIFTEEN DOLLARS AND
NINETY EIGHT CENTS ON APRIL TWENTY TWO, LAST. STEVENS
ADVISED THAT DE SANTIS RESEMBLED SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY,
HOWEVER, DID NOT BELIEVE DE SANTIS IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT.

CASHIER AT TREASURE ISLE MOTEL ADVISED DE SANTIS
NEEDED SHAVE, HAIR WAS UNKEMPT, HE MUMBLED WHEN HE TALKED
AND HAD SCAR OVER LEFT EYE ON FOREHEAD.

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ALBANY WILL AT MONTPELIER, AND WILMINGTON, VERMONT,
CHECK VERMONT LICENSE ONE FOUR ONE NINE TWO NINE FOR REGISTRATION
INFO AND CONDUCT INVESTIGATION TO IDENTIFY JOHN J. DE SANTIS, JR.
AND THEREAFTER ESTABLISH WHETHER DE SANTIS IDENTICAL WITH
SUBJECT THIS CASE. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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Date: 4/27/68

Transmit the following in PLAINTEXT
(Type in plaintext or code)Via TELETYPE URGENT
(Priority)

TO DIRECTOR ~~44-38861~~ AND HOUSTON (44-1509)
FROM ALBANY (44-493)

MURKIN

RE HOUSTON TEL TO DIR. AND AL THIS DATE.

JOHN J. DE SANTIS, JR. IDENTIFIED BY TROOPER JAMES,
VERMONT SP, AS PART OWNER "FAT CITY", WILMINGTON, VT. AND DESCRIBED
AS WM, THIRTY YRS., FIVE FT. EIGHTTEN FIVEEETEN TEN, ONE SIX FIVE
LBS., LONG DARK BROWN HAIR, NICE WHITE TEETH, QUIET AND SOFT SPOKEN,
PERSONABLE MANNERISMS AND DESCRIBED AS VERY NEAT AS A RULE.

DE SANTIS ACCORDING TO TRP. JAMES HAS BEEN GONE FROM
RESIDENCE AT WILMINGTON FOR ABOUT ONE MONTH AND IS REPORTEDLY IN
ACAPULCO, MEXICO AND IS NOT SCHE DULED TO RETURN TO WILMINGTON FOR
AT LEAST ONE WEEK.

REGISTRY OF MOTOR VEHICLES, MONTPELIER, VT. INDICATES VT.
REG. ONE FOUR ONE NINE TWO NINE LISTED IN NAME OF DE SANTIS.

TRP. JAMES STATES DE SANTIS HAS SOME FEATURES RESEMBLING
JAMES EARL RAY BUT IS DEFINITELY NOT IDENTICAL WITH RAY.

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Approved: RVH
Special Agent in Charge

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(B) WHITE MILITANT GROUPS - RACIAL MATTERS

(ORGANIZATION) -- In view of increasing militancy in the racial field, neighborhood groups whose members are of the white race, have been springing up throughout the United States. Some of these groups appear to be militant in nature and some urge the white man to arm himself as a means of protection against racial violence. Some of these groups are known to sponsor demonstrations against integration and against the bussing of Negro students to white schools. Others appear to advocate more violent methods of opposition to integration. The appearance of these groups is noted mostly in the white ghetto areas of the large cities which border on minority group living areas.

In order to fulfill our responsibilities in the racial intelligence field we must be cognizant of the groups and their aims and purposes. Upon receipt of information as to the formation or existence of such a group, a preliminary investigation should be immediately initiated to determine the aims and purposes of the organization, its leaders, approximate membership, as well as any pertinent background data which will assist in determining the militancy of the group.

From information presently available, it appears that many of these organizations have been founded on principles of fear rather than hate and as such, they cannot be classified as hate groups. Your investigations should, therefore, be discreet and most circumspect. You should limit your inquiries to a review of Bureau files, contacts with Bureau informants, and established sources, and the use of public source information.

Upon completion of your investigations, a communication in form suitable for dissemination should be forwarded to the Bureau together with a recommendation as to whether additional investigation is warranted under Section 122A of the Manual of Instructions as it pertains to the investigation of Klan and white hate groups.

In addition to the above, I wish to point out to you the possibility of reactions by the Klan, white hate groups, and residents of white ghetto areas to the recent wave of racial disorders resulting from the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr. You should remain alert to this possibility. Informant coverage of the Klan, white hate groups, and white ghetto areas must be intensified so that plans of retaliation or overt action are known to the Bureau prior to their taking place.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, ALBANY (44-493)

DATE: 4-30-68

FROM : SA J. LEWIS KELLY

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Attn - SA Rea

ReButel 4-29-68 requesting that all law enforcement agencies that maintain unidentified latent prints be requested to compare those subsequent to the 4-23-67 prison escape of Subject JAMES EARL RAY ~~to compare those~~ with those prints of RAY's on the latter's IO.

On this date, the writer made the above request to Identification Officer WALTER HOETZER, Utica, NY PD and Sgt. EDWARD CRETARO, Identification Officer, Rome, NY PD and both stated they would definitely make such comparisons and report any positive results.

It is noted that SAs REESE, RYAN and POTKONJAK of the Utica RA are being requested to make similiar requests of the police departments within the areas of their assigned territories.

Above for record purposes.

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\$1 Million on King

He Sought Bounty, Prison Pal Says

DALTON, Ga. (AP) — James Earl Ray was quoted by a former fellow inmate Tuesday as saying he would be willing to kill Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. for a \$1 million bounty.

Ray, 40, is now sought in connection with the April 4 assassination of King in Memphis, Tenn.

Raymond Curtis, 40, now in Whitfield County jail here, discussed Ray while awaiting action on appeal of a murder conviction.

Curtis said the talk about a bounty on King's life came up while both he and Ray were prisoners at the Missouri state penitentiary at the time of John F. Kennedy's assassination Nov. 22, 1963, in Dallas, Tex.

"Another boy said, 'Well, there's a million-dollar bounty to get King.' King was running federal prison in Atlanta and his mouth pretty good then. Ray did not see Ray again until late said, 'If there is a million-dollar bounty on King, I believe I can met at the Missouri institution collect it,'" Curtis said.

No new developments were reported Tuesday in the nationwide search for the fugitive.

In Florida, Robert Gebhardt, special agent in charge of the

FBI office in Jacksonville, said a report that the FBI was looking for Eric Starvo Galt in Florida was based on old information.

Gebhardt said the report apparently was based on distribution of information on Galt, whom the FBI says is an alias of Ray, received by the Florida highway patrol.

Curtis said he first met Ray in 1955 when they shared a cell for seven months in the Jackson County jail at Kansas City, Mo. Curtis said he served with Ray again at the Leavenworth federal prison and at the Missouri state penitentiary.

At Leavenworth, he said, he and Ray lived in the same cell building and for a time were in adjoining cells.

After about six months, he said, he was transferred to the federal prison in Atlanta and he did not see Ray again until late 1961 or early 1962 when they met at the Missouri institution.

Curtis said he was sent to the penitentiary to serve a 10-year armed robbery sentence and Ray was there on a 20-year armed robbery term. Prison records confirm the two were in-

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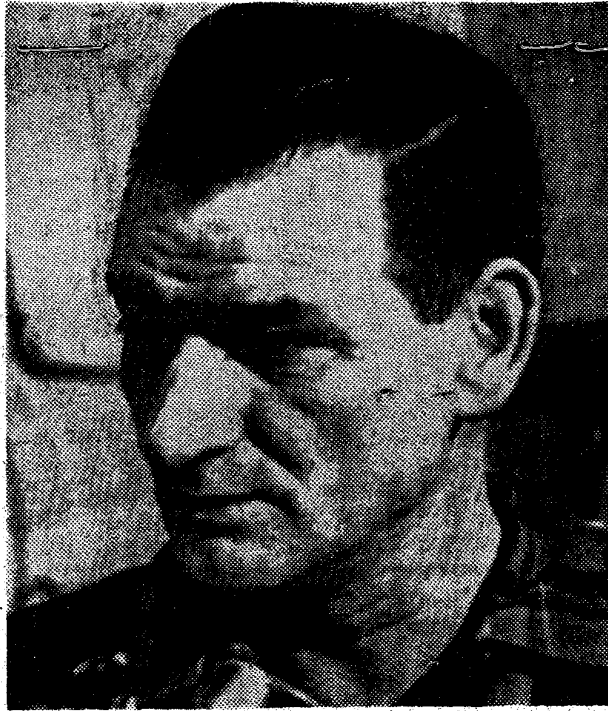
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RAYMOND CURTIS
... Convict Tells of King Bounty

mates at the same time. Curtis said he saw Ray "almost daily." little penny off of that. I sure wish it was me."

After the Kennedy assassination, Curtis said, a new prisoner told that a \$1-million bounty had been put on King by a "K-K Businessman's association."

Ray mentioned a King bounty several times in the ensuing weeks, Curtis said.

And at one point, he added, Ray referred to the Kennedy assassination by saying, "Boy, probably somebody made a nice time together."

Curtis said Ray's statements about King were made to him personally and not in a group.

FBI agents questioned Curtis Sunday and Monday. Talking to newsmen, he described Ray as a loner who did not associate freely with other inmates and had only one visitor, to his knowledge, during their prison time together.

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RAYMOND CURTIS

Convict Says King Death Fee Was \$1 Million

DALTON, Ga. (AP) — A convicted murderer who was in prison with the mysterious James Earl Ray, now hunted in the slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., said Tuesday he heard Ray say he would be willing to try to collect \$1 million for killing the civil rights leader.

Raymond Curtis, 40, the same age as Ray, is serving a life sentence at Whitfield County jail. Curtis said he and Ray were prisoners at the Missouri State Penitentiary when John F. Kennedy was assassinated Nov. 22, 1963, in Dallas, Tex.

"Another boy said, 'Well, there's a million-dollar bounty to get King.' King was running his mouth pretty good then. Ray said, 'If there is a million-dollar bounty on King, I believe I can collect it,' " Curtis said in an interview.

Curtis said he met Ray in 1955 when both were prisoners in Jackson County jail at Kansas City, Mo. He said they shared a cell for seven months.

Then, Curtis said, Ray was transferred to the Leavenworth federal prison to serve a term for forging postal money orders. Curtis said that two weeks later he also was sent to Leavenworth.

Curtis said he and Ray were in the same 281-cell building at Leavenworth and at one point were in adjoining cells.

He said after about six months he was transferred to the Atlanta prison and did not see Ray again until late 1961 or early 1962, when Curtis went to the Missouri State Penitentiary on a 10-year armed robbery sentence.

Ray was there, Curtis said, serving a 20-year armed robbery sentence. Prison records confirm that Curtis and Ray were inmates at the same time.

The two saw each other "almost daily" Curtis said.

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It was in the prison yard ~~Curtis said~~ that he and Ray saw television news reports of Kennedy's assassination. A few days later, he said, a new prisoner came in and said that a \$1 million bounty had been put on King by a "K-K businessman's association."

Curtis said Ray did not associate freely with other inmates. "You could pick him out of a crowd of 2,000 men in the prison yard. He would be off to himself walking and his mind would be somewhere else."

"The only thing he would make a long conversation out of was when he was planning something and you were a part of it," Curtis said. "Anything he did was thoroughly planned. He never went off half-cocked."

Curtis said he heard Ray mention a King bounty several times. At one point, Curtis said, Ray referred to the Kennedy assassination by saying, "Boy, probably somebody made a nice little penny off of that. I sure wish it was me."

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : All Investigative Employees

DATE: April 22, 1968

For FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: JAMES EARL RAY, aka - FUGITIVE
I.O. #4182; W. F. #442-A
CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY
INTERSTATE FLIGHT - ROBBERY
"TEN MOST WANTED FUGITIVES" PROGRAM
RELEASE DATE: SATURDAY P.M., APRIL 20, 1968

THE CRIMES: Ray escaped from the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, on April 23, 1967, while serving a 20-year sentence for armed robbery and operating a motor vehicle without the owner's permission. He subsequently allegedly conspired, under the alias Eric Starvo Galt, to violate the civil rights of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., shot to death on the balcony of a Memphis, Tennessee, motel on April 4, 1968.

THE CRIMINAL: A 40-year-old white native of Illinois, who is known as a "loner" and "drifter" and has taken elaborate steps to establish a false identity, Ray has an extensive criminal record, including convictions for burglary, robbery and forging U. S. Postal Money Orders. Outstanding characteristics include a straight narrow nose, straight and even teeth, a noticeably protruding left ear and a nervous habit of tugging at an ear lobe. He has taken dancing lessons, attended bartending school, enrolled in a correspondence course in locksmithing and traveled widely in a 1966 Mustang recovered in Atlanta, Georgia, a week after Dr. King's murder. Ray likes western and country music, drinks vodka and beer and has worked as a baker, laborer and color matcher.

PROCESS: A Federal warrant issued at Jefferson City, Missouri, on July 20, 1967, charges Ray with unlawful interstate flight to avoid confinement for robbery. Another Federal warrant, issued at Birmingham, Alabama, on April 17, 1968, charges Ray, as Eric Starvo Galt, with conspiring to interfere with a Constitutional Right of a citizen.

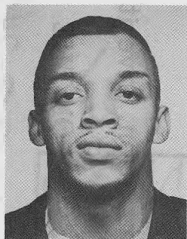
"TEN MOST WANTED FUGITIVES": Ray is a special addition to the list of "Ten Most Wanted Fugitives." The list as of Saturday p. m., April 20, 1968, was:

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| John William Clouser | I. O. #3837 | Charles Lee Herron | I. O. #4163 |
| Howard Callens Johnson | I. O. #4039 | George Edward Wells | I. O. #4175 |
| George Benjamin Williams | I. O. #4072 | David Evans | I. O. #4177 |
| Gordon Dale Ervin | I. O. #4087 | Franklin Allen Paris | I. O. #4178 |
| Carmen Raymond Gagliardi | I. O. #4101 | David Stuart Neff | I. O. #4179 |
| | James Earl Ray | I. O. #4182 | |

THEY ARE ALL ARMED AND DANGEROUS. If you receive any information, give it at once to your SAC or appropriate supervisor
PHOTOGRAPHS, FINGERPRINTS AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA OF ALL FUGITIVES ON THE LIST ARE ON THE REVERSE SIDE.

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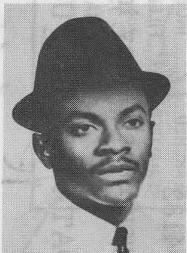


DAVID EVANS, also known as:
"Fee Wee."
N; born 10-11-44; 5'7-5'8"; 140-150 lbs;
med bld; blk hair; brn eyes; lt comp;
occ - lab, upholsterer. Wanted by FBI
for BANK ROBBERY and UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO
AVOID PROSECUTION (Burglary, Larceny,
and Receiving Stolen Goods).
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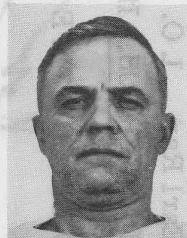


CHARLES LEE HERRON, also known as:
Lee Jones.
N; born 4-21-37 (?); 5'7"-5'8"; 145-
150 lbs; sldr bld; blk hair; brn eyes;
dk comp; occ - clerk. Wanted by FBI
for UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID PROSECU-
TION (Murder; Assault with Intent to
Commit Murder).
IDENTIFICATION ORDER #-4163
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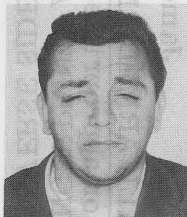


GEORGE EDWARD WELLS, also known as:
George W. Cox, Lloyd Kuczmarski.
W; born 5-14-16; 5'8"; 165-175 lbs;
med bld; brn hair, gr; brn eyes; med
comp; occ - maintenance worker, painter.
Wanted by FBI for UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO
AVOID PROSECUTION (Armed Robbery);
INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF STOLEN
PROPERTY.
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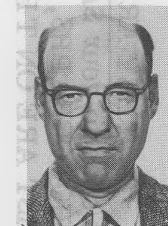
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CARMEN RAYMOND GAGLIARDI, also known as: 17 M 29 W IOM
Carmelo Raimondo Gagliardi (true name), I 32 W OOI 20
Cerman R. Gagliardi.
W; born 10-1-40; 5'10 1/2"; 185-200 lbs;
hvy bld; blk hair; brn eyes; med comp;
occ - lab. Wanted by FBI for UNLAWFUL
FLIGHT TO AVOID PROSECUTION (Murder).
IDENTIFICATION ORDER #-4101
FBI#-566 944 D
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GEORGE BENJAMIN WILLIAMS, 23 M 21 W IMO AMP Ref: 22
also known as: Allen I 31 W OOO 19 31
Benjamin Colby, Ben Jackson,
George Benjamin William.
W; born 6-15-11; 5'6"; 155 lbs;
med bld; brn hair, gr, balding;
bl eyes; rdy comp; rt ring fnger
amp; occ - const worker, dairy
worker, mech, miner, pipe fitter.
Wanted by FBI for BANK ROBBERY.
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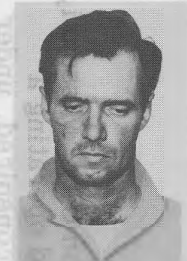
JAMES EARL RAY, also known as:
Eric Starvo Galt, W. C. Herron,
Harvey Lowmyer, James McBride,
John Willard, "Jim."
W; born 3-10-28; 5'10"; 163-174 lbs;
med bld; brn hair, poss cut short; bl
eyes; med comp; occ - baker, color matcher,
lab. Wanted by FBI for CONSPIRING TO
INTERFERE WITH A CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT OF
A CITIZEN AND UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID
CONFINEMENT (Robbery).
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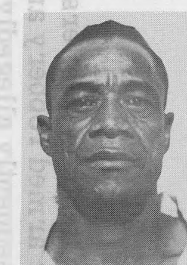
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FRANKLIN ALLEN PARIS, also known as: MLM
Franklin Allen Morrison, Al Paris, MLM
Allie Paris, Frank Allen Paris, 11 S 1 U OOO 14 Ref: 9
Franklin Allen Paris. M 1 U OOI 12 1
W; born 1-20-34; 6'2"; 190-210 lbs;
med bld; brn hair; brn eyes; med comp;
occ - horse trader, horse trainer,
rancher. Wanted by FBI for UNLAWFUL
FLIGHT TO AVOID PROSECUTION (Burglary).
IDENTIFICATION ORDER #-4178
FBI#-595 084 A
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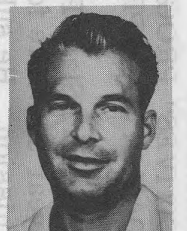
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HOWARD CALLENS JOHNSON, also known as: W
"Dirty Red." W
N; born 4-14-16 (?); 5'9"; 160-170
lbs; med bld; blk hair; brn eyes;
med comp, freckled; occ - brickmason,
carpenter, lab. Wanted by FBI for
UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID PROSECUTION
(Murder).
IDENTIFICATION ORDER #-4039
FBI#-1 501 726
DATE PHOTO TAKEN: 1959



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JOHN WILLIAM CLOUSER, also known as: MML
Jack Clouser, John William Clouser, MML
Chuck A. Williams. 25 L 1 R OOO 8
W; born 3-29-32; 5'9"; 175-200 lbs;
stky bld; blond hair, may be dyed blk;
bl eyes; rdy comp; occ - clerical
worker, stock clerk. Wanted by FBI
for INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF
STOLEN MOTOR VEHICLE.
IDENTIFICATION ORDER #-3837
FBI#-229 125 C
DATE PHOTO TAKEN: 1963



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GORDON DALE ERVIN, also known as: 17 I 31 W III 10
Dale Ervin. I 26 R OMM 9
W; born 5-30-26; 5'11"-6'0"; 170 lbs;
med bld; brn hair; bl eyes; med comp;
occ - carpenter, lifeguard, mach shop
worker, locomotive fireman, salesman,
shipyard worker, typist. Wanted by
FBI for UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID
CONFINEMENT (Armed Robbery).
IDENTIFICATION ORDER #-4087
FBI#-290 533 A
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DAVID STUART NEFF, also known as: LL
Steven Andrews, Solomon Baker, Steven LM
Greene, George Medina, David J. Neff, 19 O 17 W IOO 18
David Stewart Neff, Donald O'Brien. L 19 W OOO 16
W; born 12-26-36; 5'8"-5'9"; 190-200 lbs;
hvy bld; brn hair; brn eyes; med comp;
occ - horse trainer, lab, painter,
plumber, surveyor. Wanted by FBI for
BANK ROBBERY.
IDENTIFICATION ORDER #-4179
FBI#-524 874 D
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**REPORT
of the**



**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: April 24, 1968

Re: MURKIN
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FBI File No. 44-38861

Lab. No. D-560792 JK
D-560790 JK
D-560788 JK

Specimens received 4/15/68, from FBI, Savannah

K36 Piece of paper bearing five specimens of laundry tape taken from a machine used by the Taylor-Hulse Dry Cleaning and Laundry, Augusta, Georgia

Specimen received 4/15/68, from FBI, Richmond

K37 Two pieces of paper bearing six specimens of laundry tape obtained from a Thermo Seal marking machine used by the Bonnie Bright Laundry, Arlington, Virginia

Specimen received 4/15/68, from FBI, Jackson

K38 Seventeen specimens of laundry tape taken from a Thermo Seal marking machine located at the Ellisville State School, Ellisville, Mississippi

K39 Eleven pieces of laundry tape five of which bear samples taken from a Poly Mark machine of the Crescent Laundry, Hattiesburg, Mississippi

K40 Two pieces of cloth bearing specimens obtained from a Thermo Seal marking machine located at Long's Laundry and Cleaners, Tupelo, Mississippi

K41 Two pieces of cloth bearing specimens obtained from a Poly Mark machine located at the University of Mississippi

K42 Thirty-eight specimens of laundry tape taken from a Thermo Seal marking machine located at the Keesler Air Force Base Laundry, Biloxi, Mississippi

K43 Eighteen specimens of laundry tape taken from a Poly Mark machine located at Rex's Southern Cleaners, Hattiesburg, Mississippi

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Result of examination:

It was concluded that the laundry tags appearing on the Q69 and Q70 articles of clothing were not prepared by any of the machines used to prepare the specimens represented by K36 through K43.

K36 through K43 have been retained.

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D-560788 JK



**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: April 24, 1968

Re: MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

Examination requested by: Jackson, Savannah,
Richmond

FBI File No. 44-38861
Lab. No. D-560792 JK
D-560790 JK
D-560788 JK

Reference: Airtels, 4/12/68

Examination requested: Document

Remarks:

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Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

- 1 - Jackson (157-9586) Enclosure (Lab report)
- 1 - Richmond (44-657) Enclosure (Lab report)
- 1 - Savannah (44-1768) Enclosure (Lab report)
- ① - Albany (44-493) Enclosure (Lab report)

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J. Edgar Hoover
Director.

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| CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS | NAME AND NUMBER | ARRESTED OR RECEIVED | CHARGE | DISPOSITION |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|--|--|
| Illinois St Ref | Earl Ray #A-2632 | 3-27-20 | petty larceny | 1 yr |
| PD Quincy Ill | Earl Ray #-- | 6-1-21 | vag | sent to WH for 134½ das |
| PD Sacramento Calif | Earl Ray #9782-A | 7-3-22 | inv | rel 7-5-22 |
| PD Keokuk Iowa | Earl Everett Ray #38 | 12-17-22 | rape and rob (at Quincy Ill) | taken to Quincy Ill by Sheriff of Adams County |
| SP Menard Ill | Earl Ray #5786 | 2-18-23 | rape | 1 yr |
| PD Lincoln Nebr | Earl Ray #1083 | 7-14-24 | inv stole car in Foul Co Kans robbed 4 homes in Kans and Nebr | turned over to St Sheriff Lincoln Nebr |
| SP Menard Ill | Earl Ray #6588 | 2-11-25 | assault to kill | 1 to 14 yrs *8 yrs and 3 mos disch |
| SO Bloomington Ill | Earl Ray #-- | 8-23-33 | carrying concealed weapon | |
| SF Vandalia Ill | Earl Ray #B-370 | 9-4-33 | carrying concealed weapons | 6 mos |
| PD Quincy Ill | James Ryan #-- | 3-4-34 | grand larceny | \$1000 bond to circuit court |
| SF Vandalia Ill | Earl Ray #B-1202 | 5-25-34 | tamp with motor vehicle | 6 mos |

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| PD Alton Ill | Joe Ray #414 | 2-5-25 | not given | |
| SO Edwardsville Ill | Joe Ray #-- | 2-9-35 | suspect | |
| PD Peoria Ill | Earl Everette Ray #14439 | 8-15-41 | hold - inv | rel by Capt |
| Alaska Travel Control Seattle Wash | Earl Everett Ray #B-1289-E | inquiry 6-18-43 | | |
| ASF War Dept | Earl Everett Ray #88-MHK-25 | Second Cook 6-5-43 | | |
| PD Wilmington Del | Earl Everett Ray #DU644238 | Laborer 1-29-44 | | |
| PD Ft Worth Texas | James Patrick Clancy #EX-64465 | 11-27-47 | inv | rel'd |
| PD Kans City Mo | Earl E. Ray #62428 | 7-5-48 | Inv unlawful flight to avoid pros | 7-8-48 rel to Fed |
| SO Kans City Mo | Earl Everett Ray #18476 | 7-7-48 | unlawful flight | 7-13-48 hold for gov't |
| USM Kans City Mo | Earl Everette Ray #9819 K C Mo | 7-7-48 | unlawful flight fr Justice | Pending 7-13-48 ret to USM So Dist Ill Springfield Ill |
| PD Springfield Ill | Earl E. Ray #10785 | 7-13-48 | unlawful flight | |
| SP Menard Ill | Earl Ray #21025 | 10-4-48 | aslt to comm mayhem | 3-10 yrs 1-3-55 disch exp of sent |
| PD Kans City Mo | Earl Everett Ray #62428 | 11-13-55 | Inv Operating Veh with No Lic | rel to Mo St Hwy Pat 11-14-55 |

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| CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS | NAME AND NUMBER | ARRESTED OR RECEIVED | CHARGE | DISPOSITION |
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| | WANTED BY BUREAU: As Earl Everette Ray, wa, James Ryan, (#14439 PD Peoria Ill) Fug index #20364 Bu file #88-3463, OO. Springfield Ill inf rec 9-8-47 NO LONGER WANTED per Bu memo dated 7-6-48 | | | |
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being possibly identical with subject of this record.

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20537

TO:

Date 4-23-68

SAC, Springfield

Your inquiry 4-23-68
Re: SI Tel 11:24 A.M.

RE: MURKIN

- ☒ Attached furnished in reply to your inquiry.
- ☐ Attached furnished in compliance with request from
- ☐ Only record available attached.
- ☐ This matter is receiving attention and you will be advised at an early date.
- ☐ Supplementing FBI Laboratory report dated
- ☐ Records FBI #
- ☐ are furnished since there is a possibility that one may pertain to the subject in whom you are interested.
- ☐ Fingerprint files fail to disclose
- ☐ Confirming FBI wire of
- ☐ A wanted notice has not been placed as subject appears to be in custody.
- ☐ When you no longer desire your notice maintained, please advise.
- ☐ If you determine subject to be in custody, please advise so that your notice may be canceled.
- ☐ Subject of your inquiry searched in name indices only. Enclosed record(s) possibly identical. If identical, resubmit request and wanted (or flash) notice will be placed.
- ☐ If it is determined that the subject of this record is not the individual in whom you are interested, please advise.
- ☐ Your communication is returned.
- ☐

☒ Enc. (2)
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John Edgar Hoover
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: April 24, 1968

Re: MURKIN
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FBI File No. 44-38861

Lab. No. D-560879 JK
D-560878 JK
D-560662 JK

Specimens received 4/12/68, from FBI, Miami

K155 Eight sample laundry tapes, four bearing code 02B-6 and four bearing code D2B-6, obtained from Thermo-Seal marking machine, Prather's Laundry, Naples, Florida

Specimens received 4/16/68, from FBI, Cincinnati

K158 Four sample laundry tapes from Thermo-Seal, Model No. H5L4, SN 32481 marking machine located at B & B Cleaners and Curtain Service, Columbus, Ohio

K159 Four sample laundry tapes from Thermo-Seal marking machine, Model No. H5L4, SN 32462, located at Pal's Laundry and Shirt Service, Columbus, Ohio

Specimens received 4/16/68, from FBI, Memphis

K160 Piece of white cloth containing six samples of laundry tapes from Thermo-Seal Machine, Serial No. R 31883, located at Lamar Laundry, 1172 Lamar, Memphis, Tennessee

K161 Piece of white cloth containing six samples of laundry tapes from Thermo-Seal Machine, Serial No. R 31875, located at Lamar Lanudry, 1172 Lamar, Memphis, Tennessee

K162 Laundry list form containing six samples of laundry tapes from Thermo-Seal Machine, Serial No. 32439, located at Naval Exchange Laundry, Millington, Tennessee

K163 Laundry list form containing seven samples of laundry tapes from Thermo-Seal Machine, Serial No. 32044, located at Naval Exchange Laundry, Millington, Tennessee

K164 Laundry list form containing six samples of laundry tapes from Thermo-Seal Machine, Serial No. 32040, at Naval Exchange Laundry, Millington, Tennessee

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Result of examination:

It was determined that the laundry tags appearing on the Q69 and Q70 articles of clothing were not prepared by any of the machines responsible for preparing the laundry tags designated K155 and K158 through K164.

The submitted items have been retained.

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Date: April 24, 1968

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OO: Memphis

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

Examination requested by: Miami, Cincinnati, Memphis

FBI File No. 44-38861
Lab. No. D-560879 JK
D-560878 JK
D-560662 JK

Reference: Airtels, 4/11/68, 4/13/68 and
4/13/68

Examination requested: Document

Remarks:

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

1 - Cincinnati (157-1893) Enclosure (Lab report)

1 - Miami (44-1854) Enclosure (Lab report)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC 44-493

DATE: 4/25/68

FROM : SA JAMES C. MEE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re the request to check all dance studios. There are no dance studios for adults in the Rutland area.

Contacts with PCI KENNETH R. CROSBY and AL 3051-C have been negative.



Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

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File—Serial Charge Out
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c48-16-83475-1 GPO

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Serial #257
inadvertently
skipped.

Employee _____

RECHARGE

Date _____

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Date Charged _____

Employee _____

Location _____



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
April 20, 1968

JAMES EARL RAY, also known as
Eric Starvo Galt, Harvey Lowmyer,
John Willard, James McBride, James
Walton, W. C. Herron and James
O'Conner

FUGITIVE

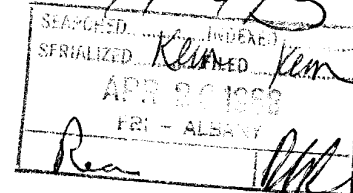
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INTERSTATE FLIGHT - ARMED ROBBERY

"TEN MOST WANTED FUGITIVES" PROGRAM

James Earl Ray, a Missouri prison escapee who has been sought under the alias Eric Starvo Galt in connection with the gunshot slaying of civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., has been added to the FBI's list of "Ten Most Wanted Fugitives."

FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover ordered the special addition of Ray to the "Ten Most Wanted Fugitives" list, which already contains ten fugitives, to insure the widest possible dissemination of Ray's photograph and description to help effect his earliest possible location.

Ray has been the subject of a massive and intensive search since the brutal gunshot slaying of Dr. King on April 4, 1968, as he stood on the balcony of a Memphis, Tennessee, motel. One rifle bullet, believed fired from the window of a nearby rooming house, felled the victim.



An exhaustive FBI fingerprint search, comparing latent fingerprints uncovered in the Dr. King case against fingerprints of over 53,000 persons on whom wanted notices have been posted in the FBI's Identification Division, succeeded in determining that Galt and Ray are identical.

A Federal warrant, issued at Birmingham, Alabama, on April 17, 1968, charges Ray, under the alias Eric Starvo Galt, with conspiring to interfere with a Constitutional Right of a United States citizen. Ray is also sought for unlawful interstate flight to avoid confinement after conviction for armed robbery, based on a Federal warrant issued on July 20, 1967, at Jefferson City, Missouri. He had been confined at the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, in March, 1960, with a 20-year sentence following conviction for armed robbery and operating a motor vehicle without permission of the owner. In September, 1966, while serving the sentence, he was confined for a time in the maximum security ward at the State Hospital, Fulton, Missouri. He was reported missing from the Missouri State Penitentiary since April 23, 1967.

Ray, who has an arrest record dating back to 1949 and has been convicted of burglary, armed robbery and forging United States Postal Money Orders, has also been confined in the Los Angeles County Jail, the Joliet and Pontiac, Illinois, State Prisons and the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas.

He served in the Army between February, 1946, and December, 1948, received a three-month sentence at hard labor for being drunk and breaking arrest and was given a General Discharge due to ineptness and lack of adaptability for military service.

Ray is a 40-year-old white male, reportedly born in Illinois on [REDACTED]. He is approximately 5'10" inches tall, weighs from 163 to 174 pounds, has blue eyes and brown hair which he has worn cut short. He has a small scar on the center of his forehead and a scar on the palm of his right hand. He has been described as having a straight, narrow nose and straight and even teeth and to have a nervous habit of occasionally tugging at an ear lobe. His left ear protrudes noticeably.

Acquaintances describe him as a "loner" and "drifter" whose language and diction reflect a "rural" quality and indicate he has had limited education.

He is reportedly a fan of western and country music, drinks vodka and beer, dresses neatly and claims past employment as a merchant seaman and cook on Mississippi River vessels. He is known to have worked as a baker, laborer and color matcher.

He is known as an avid dancer who has taken dancing lessons. He also completed a course at a school of bartending in the Los Angeles area early in 1968.

Ray should be considered armed and extremely dangerous. Anyone with information concerning this fugitive is requested to immediately contact the nearest office of the FBI, the telephone number of which may be found on the first page of local telephone directories.



In Reply, Please Refer to
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

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Described as a "loner and "drifter," with a "rural" quality in his speech, Ray has worked as a baker, laborer and color matcher. He has taken dancing lessons and completed a course at a school of bartending.

Consider Ray armed and extremely dangerous. Report any information concerning him to the nearest FBI office.

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