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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, AQ 44-715

FROM : SA MAURICE J. KELLY

SUBJECT: MURKIN

CR

OO MEMPHIS

DATE: 4/19/68

On 4/18/68 a stop regarding ERIC STARVO GALT was placed in the files of the AQ PD regarding subject.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, ALBUQUERQUE (44-715)

DATE: 4/18/68

FROM : SA JEAN G. HUGHES

SUBJECT: MURKIN

The following investigation was conducted on the indicated dates at the indicated places by SA JEAN G. HUGHES:

On 4/16/68, the current telephone directories and city directories were reviewed for listings of schools that teach dancing in Eunice, Jal and Hobbs, New Mexico. Only the CAROL LLOYD Dancing Studio, 410 North Turner, Hobbs, was found.

On 4/16/68, CAROL LLOYD, advised her only students are children and she teaches only tap, jazz and ballet dancing. She advised there are no schools such as Arthur Murray or Fred Astaire that teach ballroom type dancing in Hobbs, New Mexico.

On 4/17/68, the current Lovington and Tatum city directories and telephone books were reviewed for listings of dancing schools of any type with negative results.

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TO: SAC, ALBUQUERQUE
FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (P)
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(OO: MEMPHIS)
BUFILE: 44-38861

Atlanta is currently attempting to eliminate individuals with surnames of GALT in the Atlanta territory who may be identical with subject, ERIC STARVO GALT.

On 4/12/68, Lt. A. W. BARTLETT, Lockheed-Georgia Company, Marietta, Georgia, advised that information concerning HARRY OLIVER GALT revealed GALT had two brothers, STEPHEN D. GALT, Cartersville, Georgia, who is employed as a U. S. mail carrier, and RICHARD V. GALT, Carlsbad, New Mexico, who is employed as a U. S. forest ranger.

LEADSALBUQUERQUEAT CARLSBAD, NEW MEXICO

Will locate and interview RICHARD V. GALT, eliminate as a suspect, and attempt to determine any information regarding ERIC STARVO GALT.

②-Albuquerque
2-Atlanta
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*cco: Group lead at Carlsbad
to smart - No need to send
serial as he has been advised
by phone*

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AT 44-2386

ATLANTA

AT CARTERSVILLE, GA.

Will conduct similar lead as set forth above
for interview of STEPHEN D. GALT.

FBI ALBUQUEE

FBI WASH DC

244PM URGENT 4-19-68 SAA

TO ALL SACS

FROM DIRECTOR 4P

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MURKIN

THE FOLLOWING PRESS RELEASE HAS JUST BEEN ISSUED AT WASHINGTON THIS AFTERNOON AND YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO MAKE IT IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE TO THE LEADING NEWSPAPERS AND RADIO AND TV STATIONS IN YOUR DIVISION. EVERY EFFORT MUST BE MADE TO INSURE REPEATED AND WIDESPREAD DISTRIBUTION OF THIS INFORMATION. COPIES OF THE 1968 PHOTOGRAPH OF SUBJECT ALREADY IN YOUR POSSESSION AND WANTED FLYERS SHOULD ALSO BE MADE AVAILABLE TO MEDIA CONTACTS. NO ELABORATION WHATSOEVER MAY BE MADE REGARDING THIS RELEASE. ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING INVESTIGATIVE LEADS WILL FOLLOW SHORTLY.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

APRIL 19, 1968

ATTORNEY GENERAL RAMSEY CLARK ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THE FBI HAS IDENTIFIED JAMES EARL RAY, AN ESCAPEE FROM THE MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY, AS ERIC STARVO GALT, AGAINST WHOM A FEDERAL COMPLAINT WAS FILED LAST WEDNESDAY IN CONNECTION WITH THE FATAL SHOOTING OF THE REVEREND DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

DIRECTOR J. EDGAR HOOVER SAID THAT A SYSTEMATIC AND EXHAUSTIVE SEARCH OF LATENT FINGERPRINTS UNCOVERED IN THE DR. KING CASE AGAINST THE FINGERPRINTS OF THE OVER 53,000 PERSONS FROM WHOM "WANTED NOTICES" HAVE BEEN POSTED IN THE FILES OF THE FBI'S IDENTIFICATION DIVISION LED TO THE DETERMINATION THAT GALT AND RAY ARE IDENTICAL.

MR. HOOVER SAID THAT RAY, WHO IS 40 YEARS OF AGE, WAS REPORTED MISSING FROM THE MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI, SINCE APRIL 23, 1967. HE HAD BEEN RECEIVED AT THAT INSTITUTION ON MARCH 17, 1960, TO SERVE A 20-YEAR SENTENCE FOLLOWING CONVICTION IN ST. LOUIS FOR ARMED ROBBERY AND FOR OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE WITHOUT PERMISSION OF THE OWNER.

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IN SEPTEMBER, 1966, WHILE SERVING THIS SENTENCE, HE WAS CONFINED FOR A TIME IN THE MAXIMUM SECURITY WARD AT THE STATE HOSPITAL AT FULTON, MISSOURI.

ACCORDING TO MR. HOOVER, RAY HAS A KNOWN ARREST RECORD DATING BACK TO 1949. PRIOR TO THE 1960 CONVICTION FOR WHICH HE RECEIVED THE 20-YEAR TERM, RAY HAD BEEN CONVICTED OF BURGLARY IN LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, IN 1949; ARMED ROBBERY IN CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, IN 1952; AND FORGING UNITED STATES POSTAL MONEY ORDERS IN MISSOURI IN 1955.

HE HAS SERVED TERMS IN THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY JAIL IN 1949; IN STATE PRISONS AT JOLIET AND PONTIAC, ILLINOIS, IN 1952-54; AND IN THE FEDERAL PENITENTIARY AT LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS, IN 1955-58.

RAY WAS AN ENLISTED MAN IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY FROM FEBRUARY, 1946, TO DECEMBER, 1948, AT WHICH TIME HE WAS GIVEN A GENERAL DISCHARGE DUE TO INEPTNESS AND LACK OF ADAPTABILITY FOR MILITARY SERVICE. WHILE IN THE ARMY, HE RECEIVED A THREE-MONTH SENTENCE AT HARD LABOR FOR BEING DRUNK AND BREAKING ARREST.

MR. HOOVER SAID THAT DURING HIS CRIMINAL CAREER, RAY HAS ALSO USED THE NAMES OF JAMES MCBRIDE, JAMES WALTON, W. C. HERRON AND JAMES O'CONNER. HE IS A WHITE MALE; CLAIMS TO HAVE

26-10345
88-285

12-0-996
15-773
52-464
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70-1235

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BEEN BORN [REDACTED] IN ILLINOIS; IS APPROXIMATELY 5 FEET 10 INCHES TALL AND WEIGHS ABOUT 163 TO 174 POUNDS. HE HAS BLUE EYES AND BROWN HAIR. THERE IS A SMALL SCAR ON THE CENTER OF HIS FOREHEAD AND A SCAR ON THE PALM OF HIS RIGHT HAND.

RAY HAS CLAIMED THAT HE ATTENDED SCHOOL THROUGH THE 10TH GRADE IN ALTON, ILLINOIS. HE HAS HAD THE REPUTATION OF BEING A "DRIFTER" SINCE LEAVING SCHOOL. HIS VOCATIONAL EXPERIENCE INCLUDES WORKING AS A BAKER, LABORER AND COLOR MATCHER.

IN CONNECTION WITH HIS ESCAPE FROM THE MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY, AN FBI COMPLAINT WAS FILED IN JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI, ON JULY 20, 1967, CHARGING RAY WITH UNLAWFULLY FLEEING FROM THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO AVOID CONFINEMENT. HE HAS BEEN A FEDERAL FUGITIVE SINCE THEN.

RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND EXTREMELY DANGEROUS. ANYONE HAVING INFORMATION CONCERNING HIM SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CONTACT FBI HEADQUARTERS IN WASHINGTON, D. C., OR THE NEAREST FBI OFFICE.

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FBI ALBUQUEE

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4/19/68

AIRTEL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM : SAC, ALBUQUERQUE (44-715) P
SUBJECT: MURKIN RE: CHECK OF BARTENDING SCHOOLS
CR
OO: MEMPHIS

Re New York teletype to the Bureau and other offices,
4/16/68.

A check of the bartending school at Albuquerque was
made for any record regarding ERIC STARVO GALT, JOHN WILLARD, and
HARVEY LOWMEYER, with negative results.

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2 - Memphis
2 - Birmingham
2 - Albuquerque
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SA Farrell advised on 4/21/68
negative
re: contacting
bartenders

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AIRTEL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM : SAC, ALBUQUERQUE (44-715) P
SUBJECT: MURKIN RE: CHECK OF DANCING SCHOOLS
CR ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION
OO: MEMPHIS

Re Bureau teletype to all offices, 4/14/68.

A check of all dancing schools in the territory covered by the Albuquerque Office for a record of ERIC STARVO GALT, JOHN WILLARD, or HARVEY LOWMYER, was made with negative results.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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2 - Memphis
2 - Birmingham
2 - Albuquerque
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AIRTEL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM : SAC, ALBUQUERQUE (44-715) P
SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
OO: MEMPHIS

RE: CHECK OF BIRTHS ON [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] FOR ERIC STARVO GALT

Re Bureau teletype to Albuquerque and other offices,
4/12/68.

A check of the Bureau of Vital Statistics for all male
births on [REDACTED] specifically for ERIC STARVO GALT, JOHN
WILLARD, and HARVEY LOWMYER, in the State of New Mexico, was made
with negative results.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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2 - Memphis
2 - Birmingham
2 - Albuquerque
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AIRTEL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM : SAC, ALBUQUERQUE (44-715) P
SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
OO: MEMPHIS

RE: WHITE 1966 MUSTANG,
VIN 6T07C190647, BEARING
ALABAMA LICENSE 1-38993

Re Birmingham teletype to Director and all SACs, 4/10/68,
re captioned white Mustang.

Motor Vehicle Division records of New Mexico checked with
negative results.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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2 - Memphis
2 - Birmingham
2 - Albuquerque
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AIRTEL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM : SAC, ALBUQUERQUE (44-715) P
SUBJECT: MURKIN RE: SUSPECT ERIC STARVO GALT
CR
OO: MEMPHIS

Re Bureau teletype to all offices, 4/10/68, requesting check of indices, state Selective Service headquarters, city and telephone directories, Driver's License Bureau, Motor Vehicle Divisions, financial institutions, credit and criminal checks, and other logical sources, for any information re suspect GALT.

These checks made in the territory covered by this office with negative results.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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2 - Memphis
2 - Birmingham
2 - Albuquerque
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AIRTEL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM : SAC, ALBUQUERQUE (44-715) P
SUBJECT: MURKIN RE: HARVEY LOWMEYER, or
CR LOWMYER
OO: MEMPHIS

Re Bureau teletype to all offices, 4/8/68, requesting check of indices, city directories, telephone directories, driver's license records, automobiles registration records, voter registration records, and credit and criminal records for the surname of LOWMEYER and LOWMYER. This check conducted with negative results in the territory covered by this office.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

3 - Bureau
2 - Memphis
2 - Birmingham
2 - Albuquerque
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AIRTEL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM : SAC, ALBUQUERQUE (44-715) P
SUBJECT: MURKIN RE: Cloth Laundry Tags
CR
OO: MEMPHIS

Re Bureau teletype to All Continental Offices, dated 4/9/68; and Albany airtel to the Director, dated 4/10/68.

All laundries contacted in Albuquerque Division and none were located using the code of the laundry mark in instant case.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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3 - Bureau
2 - Memphis
2 - Birmingham
2 - Albuquerque
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, ALBUQUERQUE (44-715)

DATE: 4/18/68

FROM : SA WALTER W. SMART, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

ReAlbany Airtel 4/10/68.

ADELLE

Mrs. ~~HELEN~~/THOMAS, Lee-Mack Laundry, Roswell, N.M., advised on 4/10/68, and again on 4/18/68, that their laundry does not utalize a tape in marking laundry. She said they mark with a machine, manufactured by the Textile Marking Machine Co., Inc. but that their machine is utalized much like a typewriter and that the identifying numbers used by them is affixed directly on to the individual garment and not on a tape.

On 4/17/68, the Alcorn Academy of Dance, the Dance Arts School of Ballet and the Lance Studio, Roswell, N.M., ~~was~~^{were} contacted. They advised they do not have adult students. Mrs. HELEN LANCE, Lance Studio, advised that she had a telephonic inquiry concerning ball-room lessons from an adult male, whose identity she does not know. This person said he would recontact her after Easter, 1968. She was advised of the names utalized by the subject. She said she formerly taught the children of on PHILLIP J. WILLARD, who was then residing at 5411 Panon, telephone 623-3887, and that this person was a tall slender man in his late 20s. His wife is a nurse, who did work at Hagerman, N.M. and they have two children, Shirley, age 4, and Windy, age 3.

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AIR MAIL

TO: SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386)
FROM: SAC, ALBUQUERQUE (44-715)(P)

RE: MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis
Bufile 44-38861

Re: Elimination of individuals with
surname of GALT

Re Atlanta airtel to Albuquerque, 4/17/68.

Albuquerque was instructed to contact RICHARD V.
GALT, U. S. Forest Ranger, Carlsbad, New Mexico.

Mrs. RICHARD V. GALT, 916 Alameda, Carlsbad,
New Mexico, advised that her husband was killed in 1945. She
said that she knows of no one in the family utilizing the
name ERIC STARVO GALT.

Mrs. GALT said that her deceased husband had three
brothers and one sister - HARRY, Kennesaw, Georgia; DEWEY,
Cartersville, Georgia; ED, an unknown address in Chicago;
and Miss GEORGIA LEE GALT, Marietta, Georgia.

The above is for information of Atlanta and Memphis.

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2-Memphis (44-1987)(AM)
2-Albuquerque
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Date: 4/18/68

Transmit the following in PLAIN TEXT
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TO: SAC, ALBUQUERQUE
FROM: SAC, EL PASO (157-186) (P)
SUBJECT: ~~MURKIN~~

Re El Paso phone call this date.

At approximately 1:30 P.M. today, a Mr. MOSE MATHEWS, 1113 Cuba Street, El Paso, telephonically advised ASAC JAY COCHRAN that he had just seen a red Chevrolet Convertible, 1963 or 1964, bearing Alabama license plates #19-96__, proceeding West on Interstate 10 toward New Mexico. He stated that he had followed his car for some distance in El Paso and had observed it was occupied by two men, the driver of which "strongly resembled" suspect ERIC STARVO GALT. He based this conclusion on his observation of this morning's El Paso newspaper which carried the photograph, description and press release issued by the Bureau. He was unable to get the full license number of the car. He advised should further contact be necessary he is employed at the Border Steel Rolling Mills, El Paso, and has no home phone.

MATHEWS had no further information with regard to the car or individuals riding therein.

The above information was telephonically furnished your office immediately following receipt for appropriate handling.

2 - Albuquerque
1 - El Paso

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*State Police
Advised on 4/22/68
to be on look out
for above car*

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TO ALL SACS EXCEPT KANSAS CITY, ANCHORAGE, HONOLULU AND SAN JUAN
MESSAGE RELAY PLAN

(FROM DIRECTOR SP)

MURKIN. OO: MEMPHIS.

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

JAMES EARL RAY, INMATE, MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY, JEFFERSON
CITY, MO., ESCAPED PEN APRIL TWO THREE, SIXTY-SEVEN. INVESTIGATION
INDICATED RAY CONCEALED HIMSELF IN A BREAD BOX AND ESCAPED FROM
TRUCK MAKING DELIVERY TO AN AUXILIARY FARM. RAY WAS SERVING TWENTY
YEARS ON CHARGE OF ARMED ROBBERY - FIRST DEGREE AND FOR OPERATING A
VEHICLE WITHOUT OWNER'S CONSENT. ON JULY TWENTY, SIXTY-SEVEN,
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FEDERAL COMPLAINT AUTHORIZED BY AUSA WILLIAM A. KITCHEN, WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI, KANSAS CITY, MO., FILED BEFORE USC, JEFFERSON CITY, MO., CHARGING RAY WITH VIOLATION TITLE EIGHTEEN, SECTION ONE ZERO SEVEN THREE, USC. WARRANT ISSUED.

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

IN THIS CONNECTION, JAMES EARL RAY AND WALTER TERRY RIFE ON MARCH SEVEN, FIFTY-FIVE, BURGLARIZED THE U. S. POST OFFICE AT KELLERVILLE, ILL., AND STOLE SIXTY-SIX BLANK U. S. POSTAL MONEY ORDERS WHICH THEY PASSED DURING MARCH, FIFTY-FIVE, IN NUMEROUS STATES, WITH THE RESULT THAT BOTH WERE SENTENCED IN U.S.D.C., KANSAS CITY, MO., ON JULY ONE, FIFTY-FIVE, TO USP, LEAVENWORTH,
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KANSAS. SUBJECT RAY HAS BEEN DESCRIBED AS A LONER AND RIFE APPARENTLY IS ONE OF HIS FEW CLOSE ASSOCIATES, SUGGESTING POSSIBILITY THEY COULD HAVE BEEN ASSOCIATES IN MURDER OF DR. KING, AND INVESTIGATION ALSO INSTITUTED IN KANSAS CITY AIRTEL TO SPRINGFIELD MARCH ELEVEN LAST TO DEVELOP BACKGROUND INFO RE RIFE AND TO LOCATE HIM FOR INTERVIEW. THIS INVESTIGATION SHOULD ALSO BE RECOVERED AND EXPEDITED TODAY, IT BEING NOTED RIFE AND RAY HAVE BACKGROUND HISTORY IN THE QUINCY, ILL., AREA.

PHOTOS OF JAMES EARL RAY AND WALTER TERRY RIFE ARE BEING FORWARDED AMSD TO BUREAU AND ALL OFFICES.

FOLLOWING IS DESCRIPTION OF JAMES EARL RAY AS FURNISHED BY FBI IDENTIFICATION DIVISION UNDER FBI NO. THREE ZERO SIX FOUR FOUR THREE A: WHITE MALE, DOB [REDACTED] AT DECATUR, QUINCY OR ALTON, ILL.; APPROXIMATELY FIVE FEET TEN; ONE SEVEN FOUR LBS., IN SEPTEMBER SIXTY-SIX; RUDDY COMPLEXION; BLUE EYES; BROWN HAIR; MEDIUM BUILD; OCCUPATIONS LABORER AND BAKER; SCARS AND MARKS--SMALL SCAR ON CENTER OF FOREHEAD AND SCAR IN PALM OF RIGHT HAND. ADDRESSES--ST. LOUIS, MO., MARCH SIXTY, TWO ZERO ONE FIVE PARK, ST. LOUIS, MO., OCTOBER FIFTY-NINE; QUINCY, ILL., JULY FIFTY-FIVE, MARCH FIFTY-FIVE, AND APRIL FIFTY; HOTEL QUINCY, QUINCY, END PAGE THREE

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ILL., MARCH FIFTY-FIVE; VICTOR HOTEL, QUINCY, ILL., MARCH FIFTY-FIVE;
EIGHT FIVE THREE WEST FULLERTON, CHICAGO, ILL., MAY FIFTY-TWO; EIGHT
ZERO FIVE ALBY STREET, ALTON, ILL., JULY FIFTY-ONE. FPC--SIXTEEN,
M OVER M, NINE OVER FOUR, U OVER W, OOO OVER IOI, TWELVE, REF NINE
OVER TWELVE. NCIC FPC--ONE SIX ONE THREE ONE ONE ZERO ZERO ONE TWO
ONE TWO I I ONE TWO I I ONE SEVEN. MILITARY RECORD--JAMES EARL RAY,
SN [REDACTED] ENLISTED U. S. ARMY FEBRUARY
FORTY-SIX, AT EAST ST. LOUIS, ILL., AND SERVED ON ACTIVE DUTY UNTIL
DECEMBER TWENTY-THREE, FORTY-EIGHT, AT WHICH TIME GIVEN GENERAL
DISCHARGE AS PRIVATE FIRST CLASS AT CAMP KILMER, N. J., BY REASON
OF INEPTNESS AND LACK OF ADAPTABILITY FOR MILITARY SERVICE. RECORDS
ALSO INDICATE HE RECEIVED TREATMENT FOR GONORRHEA AND SYPHILIS WHILE
A MEMBER OF THE MILITARY.

FOLLOWING IS A DESCRIPTION OF WALTER TERRY RIFE, FBI NO.
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FOUR FIVE FIVE EIGHT SEVEN SIX SIX, AS OBTAINED FROM FILES OF USP,
LEAVENWORTH: WHITE MALE, AGE FORTY-FOUR, DOB [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] FIVE FEET NINE AND ONE HALF, ONE SIX ONE LBS., BROWN
HAIR, EYES BLUE GRAY.

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

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

AIR MAIL COPIES SENT ANCHORAGE, HONOLULU AND SAN JUAN.

LEGAT MEXICO CITY AND OTTAWA ADVISED.

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

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FBI ALBUQUEE

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (44-38861)

FROM : SAC, Kansas City (44-760)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/19/68

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

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

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

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

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TO : ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES

FROM : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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Re Albany airtels 4/10/68 and 4/11/68, setting forth concerns who purchased Thermo-Seal marking machines, and Bureau teletype to Memphis, 4/12/68.

The FBI Laboratory advised that pillowcase and bed sheet were found in trunk of 1966 white Mustang registered to ERIC STARVO GALT, which was located at Atlanta 4/11/68. These items contain Thermo-Seal laundry tapes of approximately same size as tapes on items previously recovered, but are yellow in color and contain code, "20R-3." In opinion of Textile Marking Machine Company, Syracuse, New York, the tapes were produced by a different machine than previous tapes since the first three characters are 15 point type and the last two characters are 18 point type.

The Textile Marking Machine Company suggests the twenty in above code would be the lot number, the R may mean that this was a return of a batch of laundry, and the three is the bundle number.

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Will recontact laundries determined to be operating Thermo-Seal Marking Machines in an effort to locate laundry using the code, "20R-3."

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TO: SAC, ALBANY

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN - COST DATA

ReButel to ME 4/17/68.

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

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

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

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

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

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

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC(44-715)

FROM : SA Wirt R. Jones

SUBJECT: *MURKIN*
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DATE: 4/21/68

On 4/21/68 Lt. Alfred Lucero, Santa Fe, PD advised me via telephone that someone at the service station near the Yucca Club on South Cerrillos Road had reported seeing two men in a Hertz owned Lincoln Continental at the station on 4/20/68. One of these men closely resembled published photo of James Earl Ray. The vehicle bears New Mexico license 2C 4578 and was reportedly rented at the Hertz office in Albuquerque.

It is suggested Hertz Office be contacted in Albuquerque be contacted for identity of person or persons who rented a Lincoln bearing above license number and thereafter this person be contacted.

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At about 6 p.m. on 4/4/68, while standing on the second floor balcony outside Room 306 of the Lorraine Motel, 406 Mulberry Street, Memphis, Tennessee, Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. was struck in the right side of the face by a single bullet fired from a 30-06 rifle. The bullet severed KING's spinal cord and death was almost instantaneous.

This investigation, predicated upon a specific request from the Attorney General of the United States, disclosed that the fatal shot had been fired from the bathroom of a cheap rooming house located at 422½ South Main Street, Memphis, which bathroom was located at the rear of the rooming house, and had a window overlooking the Lorraine Motel.

At about 3 p.m. on 4/4/68, an individual using the name JOHN WILLARD had rented Room 5-B in the rooming house at 422½ South Main Street and had paid one week's rent. After hearing the rifle shot at about 6 p.m. on that same day, other tenants in the rooming house observed a man presumably identical with WILLARD, fleeing from the rooming house carrying a large package which was subsequently abandoned by him on the sidewalk in front of the Canipe Amusement Co., 424 South Main Street, Memphis. A neighborhood investigation in the vicinity of 424 South Main Street disclosed that the subject had fled from the scene in a white Mustang.

Found abandoned in front of 424 South Main Street was a 30-06 Remington model 760 rifle which was determined to have been

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sold to one HARVEY LOWMEYER on 3/30/68 by Aeronarine Supply Co., Birmingham, Alabama.

Investigation at Memphis disclosed that an individual had purchased a set of binoculars at the York Arms Company in Memphis on 4/4/68. These binoculars were among the material abandoned with the rifle and recovered in Memphis. Also recovered was a brown and green herringbone bedspread. The items abandoned in Memphis were all wrapped in this bedspread. The blue bag which was inside the bedspread contained numerous items, among which were the binoculars and a set of underwear consisting of a T-shirt and shorts. The T-shirt and shorts are those on which appears the laundry mark which has been a matter of interest in this case.

A search of motel records in the Memphis area disclosed that an individual using the name ERIC S. GALT had spent the night of 4/3/68 at the Rebel Motel, Memphis, Tennessee, and was driving a 1966 white Mustang bearing Alabama License 1-38993. Investigation at Birmingham disclosed that this automobile had been purchased by ERIC S. GALT on August 30, 1968, from a private person in response to a newspaper ad. He paid a total of \$1995 cash. While in Birmingham he furnished the address of 2608 South Highland Avenue, Birmingham. This is also the address which appeared on a driver's license issued to him by the State of Alabama. The driver's license identifying data listed his birth date as [REDACTED] his height as 5'11", his weight as 170 and his eyes blue and hair brown.

The automobile in question, the white Mustang bearing the Alabama tags mentioned above, was recovered in Atlanta on 4/11/68 and determined to have been abandoned there prior to 9 a.m. on 4/5/68.

In connection with the evidence submitted by Atlanta, Birmingham, and Memphis, identifiable latent prints were recovered. It was on the basis of these latents that identification was made of JAMES EARL RAY. In handling future leads, all offices should be particularly interested in securing an identifying number, military, police, or FBI, in connection with suspects so that the necessary check can be made through the Identification Division.

On 4/17/68, AUSA R. MAGEY TAYLOR, Birmingham, authorized the filing of a complaint charging ERIC STARVO GALT with a conspiracy to violate Section 241, Title 18, U. S. Code, and

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recommended bond in the amount \$50,000. On that same date, SAC JOSEPH H. GAMBLE filed a complaint before USC MILDRED F. SPRAGUE, Birmingham, and warrant was issued that same date.

For further information re JAMES EARL RAY, all offices are directed to press release furnished them by the Bureau on 4/19/68.

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1:30PM URGENT 4/22/68 GJM

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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REMYAIRTEL TO ALL OFFICES APRIL 19 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 BE CONSIDERED SUSPECT IN ANY FUTURE SUCH VIOLATIONS AND BUREAU ADVISED TELEPHONICALLY OF ANY TENTATIVE IDENTIFICATION.

ANY 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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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, AQ (44-715-163)

DATE: 4-22-68

FROM : SA JOHN M. FEENEY

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 4-19-68, as result of information furnished AQ office, writer observed US 66 at intersection of NM 18, looking for '57 black Buick, Tenn. license GL 9654, from about 12:20PM until about 1:40AM next date. Above car not observed.

On 4-20-68, Undersheriff CLAUDE MONCUS, Quay County S/O, advised that he learned from JEWEL BURNHAM, Tucumcari, that an individual fitting the description of subject RAY had been seen in the 24 hour diner at the Fina service station, east US 66, Tucumcari. She described this person to MONCUS as 5'8", 140 or so pounds, and similar in appearance to a picture of subject she had seen in a paper. She saw this person between 1:00 and 2:00PM, Friday, 4-19-68, and had seen the picture on Saturday, 4-20-68. Also named as seeing the individual was MARY ANDRADA, cook at the diner.

On 4-21-68, MARY ANDRADA was shown 4 photographs of subject RAY, and she could not identify any as being the person above described. She stated she recalled this person as a rather large man, but was unable to further describe him.

On 4-21-68, JEWEL BURNHAM, apt 4, La Nora Lodge, 409 E. Gaynell, was shown the above mentioned photo's and stated that the individual she had talked to in the diner was not similar to any of the photo's, except in one photo subject had long hair and she noted the person she talked to had long hair in front. She stated this person was about 5'8" or 5'9", and weighed about 150 pounds. He had a tattoo of a cross on his left wrist, was in his late 20's or early 30's, talked with a Southern accent, but not "hill billy", and had light brown hair. This person told her that he had been in AQ and that his car had broken down. He was enroute Amarillo, Texas, and had with him a cardboard sign on which was printed the word Amarillo. When last seen this person was hitch hiking west on US 66.

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FBI Issues Warrant In Galt 'Conspiracy'

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — The mysterious Eric Starvo Galt has been charged with conspiracy and murder in the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The FBI said in a fugitive warrant issued Wednesday night in Birmingham, Ala., that Galt, 36, conspired with a man "whom he alleged to be his brother" to violate King's civil rights.

The state charge of first-degree murder was filed against Galt in Memphis where King, 39, Nobel Prize winning civil rights leader, was shot to death on a motel balcony April 4 by a sniper who fled from a nearby rooming house.

First-degree murder in Tennessee carries the death penalty although the electric chair has not been used in the state since 1960.

The maximum penalty under the federal charge of conspiracy to violate a person's civil rights is a \$5,000 fine and 10-year prison sentence.

There was no further mention in the FBI statement about the alleged brother and no charge was filed against him.

FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover announced in Washington that the conspiracy to "injure, oppress, threaten or intimidate" King began "on or about March 30" in Birmingham.

The FBI statement said a .30.06 rifle equipped with a telescopic sight found near the rooming house shortly after King was slain, was purchased March 30 in Birmingham.



FBI picture of Eric Starvo Galt

The statement did not connect Galt directly with the rifle.

The FBI released a photograph of Galt and solicited public aid in finding him. Whether this appeal meant the trail had become cold was unclear, but U.S. Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark told a reporter in Washington that he felt this was not the situation.

The FBI started hunting Galt a week ago. Agents even contacted persons named Galt in several states in an attempt to find him.

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

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Santa Fe, N.M.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC(44-715)

DATE: 4/22/68

FROM : SA Wirt R. Jones

SUBJECT: Murkin

On 4/19/68 the records of Driver Services, MVD, Santa Fe were searched at my request by Mary Ann Romero concerning James Ray, aka, but no application identifiable with him was found.

A check of radio stations disclosed they were broadcasting the information on Ray.

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3:22PM URGENT 4-23-68 MMW
TO ALBUQUURQUE
FROM NEW ORLEANS 157-10673

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RE: ERNEST H. GAULT

ON APRIL TWENTYTHREE, INSTANT, MAJOR JAMES DUMIGAN,
BATON ROUGE POLICE DEPAITEMENT MADE AVAILABLE RECORD PORTION OF
A SOCIAL SECURITY CARD TURNED OVER TO HIM ON APRIL TWENTY, LAST
BY ONE CLARENCE POUNDERS, RUSSELLVILLE, ALABAMA. POUNDERS'
SECURITY CARD BORN NAME ERNEST H. GAULT, GENERAL DELIVERY,
CLOVIS, NEW MEXICO, NUMBER [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] POUNDERS CALIMED HE FOUND CARD ON STREET IN
HOMESTEAD, FLORIDA, SEPTEMBER, NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN. HE HAD
NO KNOWLEDGE OF GAULT.

POUNDERS ELIMINATED AS SUSPECT IN THIS MATTER THROUGH
FINGERPRINT COMPARISONS BY BATON ROUGE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

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ALBUQUERQUE AT CLOVIS, NEW MEXICO, WILL IDENTIFY GAULT
TO DETERMINE IF IDENTICAL WITH JAMES EARL RAY.

AIRMAIL COPIES TO MEMPHIS AND MIAMI.

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AIR MAIL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS
FROM: SAC, ALBUQUERQUE (44-715) (P)
RE: MURKIN

Re New Orleans teletype to Albuquerque, 4/23/68.

Re: ERNEST H. GAULT

The following investigation was telephonically conducted by SA FRANK W. HAINES:

AT CLOVIS, NEW MEXICO

On 4/23/68 Mr. E. L. CARPENTER, General Delivery Window, U. S. Post Office, (CONCEAL IDENTITY) advised that he has been employed in this position since 12/4/67 and does not recall anyone by the name of ERNEST H. GAULT. CARPENTER advised that he caused a search of his General Delivery records and was unable to find any record or forwarding address of ERNEST H. GAULT. He advised GAULT was unknown to him.

On 4/23/68 GEORGE PATTERSON, U. S. Post Office, (CONCEAL IDENTITY) advised that he caused a check of available transfer records dating back to 7/1/67 and was unable to locate any record for ERNEST H. GAULT.

On 4/23/68 DORIS MAXWELL, Credit Bureau of Clovis, advised she was unable to locate any credit record identifiable with ERNEST H. GAULT.

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On 4/23/68 Detective J. T. WARREN, Clovis Police Department, advised that the Clovis Police Department No. 10131 was concerning ERNEST HAZER GAULT described as a white male, 5'9½", 150 pounds, brown hair, blue eyes, born [REDACTED] at Lebanon, New Hampshire. WARREN advised that GAULT had been arrested for drunk in 1962 and 1963, at which time he was fingerprinted and photographed. WARREN compared the photograph of ERNEST HAZER GAULT, Clovis Police Department No. 10131, to the wanted flyer of JAMES EARL RAY and advised that there was absolutely no likeness.

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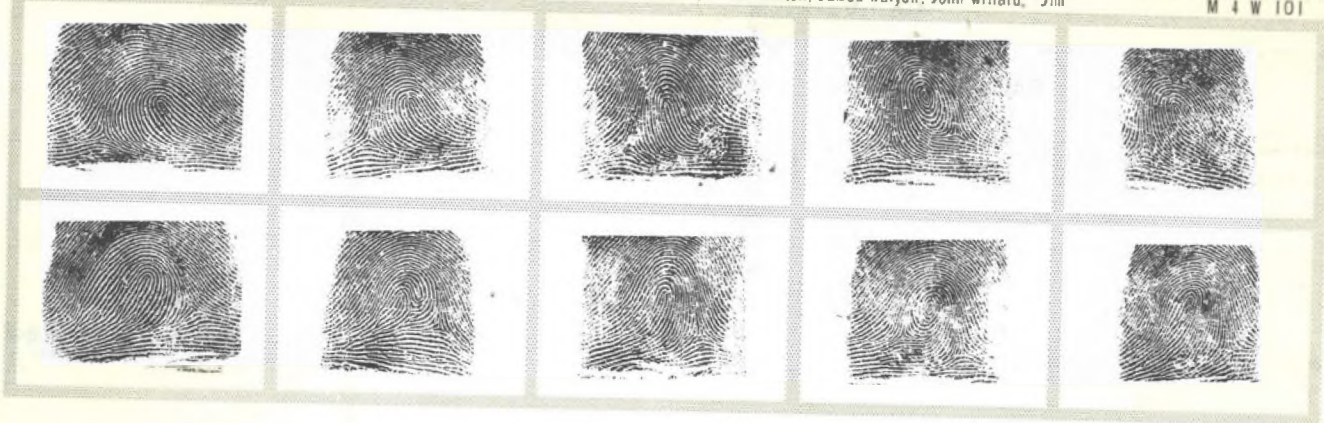
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**VIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY
INTERSTATE FLIGHT - ROBBERY**

**WANTED BY FBI
JAMES EARL RAY**

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

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Photographs taken 1960

Photograph taken 1968
(eyes drawn by artist)



James Ray

DESCRIPTION

AGE: 40, born March 10, 1928, Alton, Illinois
HEIGHT: 5' 10" EYES: blue
WEIGHT: 163 to 174 pounds COMPLEXION: medium
BUILD: medium RACE: white
HAIR: brown, possibly cut short 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

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 Prosecution 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
TELEPHONE NUMBERS AND ADDRESSES OF ALL FBI OFFICES LISTED ON BACK.**

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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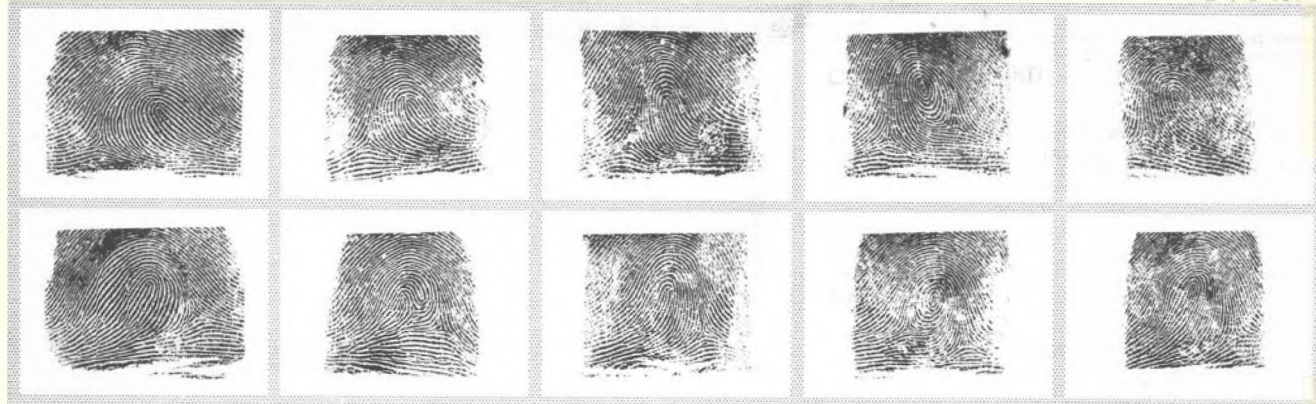
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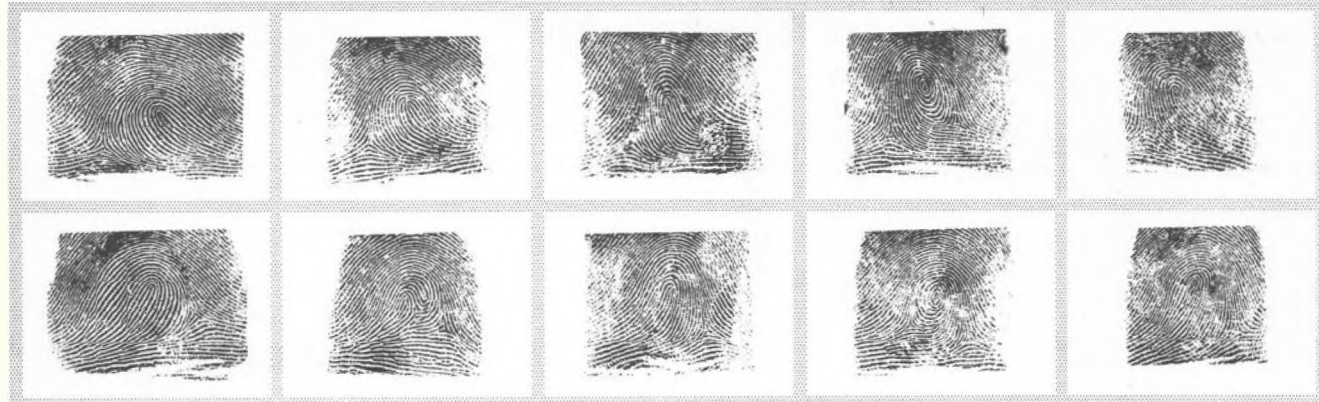
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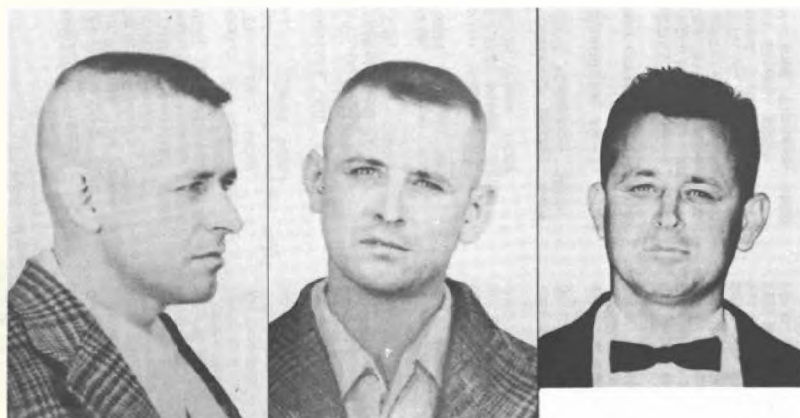
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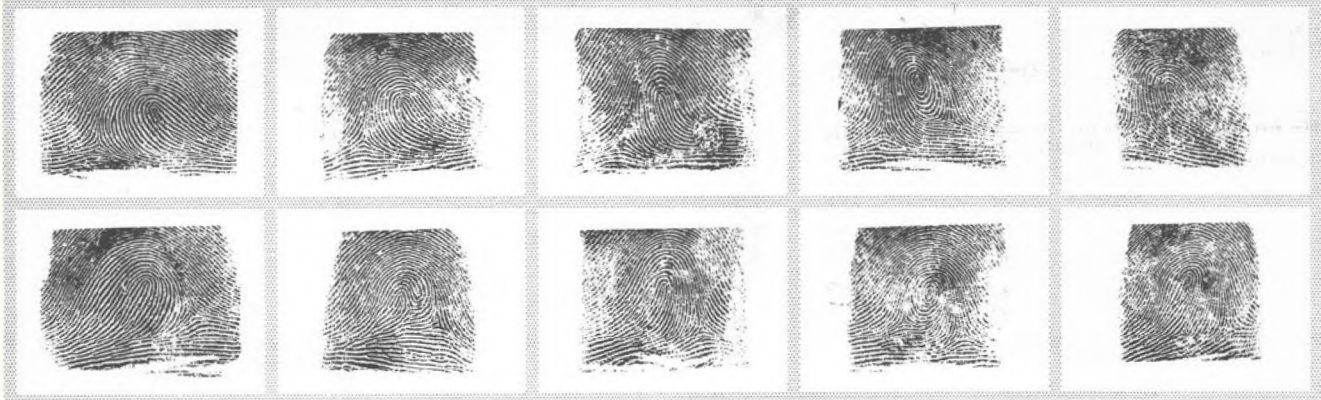
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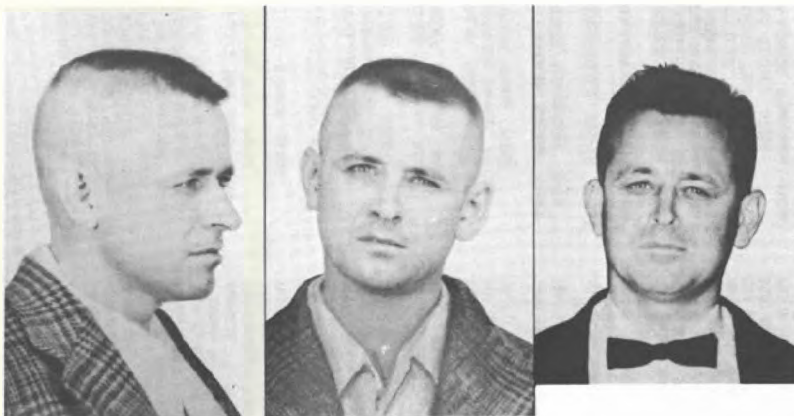
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Police Department Los Angeles, California	James Earl Ray #139648	October 11, 1949	suspicion 459 Penal Code (burglary)	8 months County Jail suspended; 2 years probation served; first 90 days County Jail; 146 December 30, 1949 Cs129438
Sheriff's Office Cedar Rapids, Iowa	James E. Ray #5937	April 18, 1950	vagrancy	
Police Department Alton, Illinois	James Earl Ray #7514	July 23, 1951	no operator's license - no State License - no City License	released to pay later
Police Department Chicago, Illinois	James Ray #D90696	May 6, 1952	robbery (Gun)	Grand Jury \$3000
Cook County Jail Chicago, Illinois	James Ray #131165	May 9, 1952	robbery	June 13, 1952 sentenced to penitentiary 1 to 2 years
State Penitentiary Joliet, Illinois	James E. Ray #32419	June 13, 1952	robbery	1 to 2 years
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State Highway Patrol Macon, Missouri	James Earl Ray #B-3376	March 23, 1955	cashing stolen postal money orders	released to Postal Inspector Kansas City, Missouri March 24, 1955
United States Marshal Kansas City, Missouri	James Earl Ray #12018	March 28, 1955	forgery United States Postal Money Order	sentenced to 15 months custody of Attorney General
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United States Penitentiary Leavenworth, Kansas	James Earl Ray #72498-L	July 7, 1955	Post Office Laws Forge Money Orders	3 years and 9 months May 20, 1958 conditional release March 31 1959 maximum April 5, 1958 conditional release on charge of Post Office forgery Post Office Money Orders
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