

4/22/68

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, BALTIMORE (44-669)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re telephone call from ASAC, Atlanta to Baltimore,  
4/15/68.

Referenced communication reflected that General Delivery, Atlanta, Georgia was a large manila envelope addressed to ERIC GALT, 1533 Hollywood Boulevard, Hollywood, California which address had been crossed out and in turn had been forwarded to General Delivery, Atlanta, Georgia. There was no postmark on the envelope but the reverse side was stamped 4/13/68, Hollywood. The envelope appeared to contain a regular size sheet of paper and a booklet with return address of HEW, Social Security Administration, Baltimore, Maryland.

The files of BA CS-4 were checked and they revealed that a letter postmarked 2/29/68, Los Angeles, California had been mailed to Social Security Administration, Baltimore, Maryland, with return address of ERIC GALT, 5533 Hollywood Boulevard, Hollywood, California 90028. The letter itself is dated 2/29/68, is typewritten except for the written signature ERIC GALT and is as follows:

"Dear Sir:

"Could you tell me what effect the amendments to the Social Security Act 1956, 1960, 1961, 1965. Had in regards two who was covered, such as number of employees a firm could hire without

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"paying social security and when the employer  
himself had to have social security.  
Also when the military came under social security.  
If you don't have this type of information  
could you tell me who site. Thanks.

Sincerely

ERIC GALT

5533-Hollywood Blvd.

Hollywood, California.

90028."

By letter dated 4/8/68 from the Department of  
Health, Education and Welfare was directed to GALT,  
5533 Hollywood Boulevard answering his request and forwarding  
informational pamphlets.

Enclosed for Memphis are xerox copies of the  
envelope and letter from ERIC GALT to Social Security  
Administration; HEW, Form 30 Route Slip and HEW reply  
letter to GALT.

LEAD:

LOS ANGELES DIVISION

AT HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA

Will conduct investigation at 5533 Hollywood  
Boulevard for any additional information which would be  
of value in locating subject of this case.

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Date: 4/19/68

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TO: SAC, ALBANY

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P

MURKIN

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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1 MEMPHIS

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sold to one HARVEY LOWMEYER on 3/30/68 by Aeromarine 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. MACEY 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.**

**ARMED & DANGEROUS.**

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TO: SAC, BALTIMORE

FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703) (P)

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At 8:00 p.m., 4/19/68, LESTER L. KIMBLE (retired Lt. in the U.S. Navy) who resides at Box 109, Clarksburg, Maryland, telephone number 301-926-3522, furnished SA LOUIS A. CRESCIOLI the following information:

At 7:30 p.m. on 4/19/68, KIMBLE was in the Midway Diner, which is located on the left hand side of Maryland Route Number 355, as you go north from Gaithersburg, Maryland. The owner of this diner, who is about 40 years old, six feet tall, dark hair, medium build, 190 lbs., and sallow complexion, resembles the photo of ERIC STARVO GALT. The owner's name is unknown to KIMBLE.

KIMBLE requested that his identity not be revealed as the source of the above information.

Baltimore, at Gaithersburg, Maryland, will conduct appropriate investigation re owner of Midway Diner.

Above data telephonically furnished to Steno PAT ROWLAND of BA Office at 8:17 a.m. on 4/20/68 by SA TOLLEF JACOBSON, JR., of WFO.

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FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703)

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NATALIE MAZZELLA (protect by request), 5703 21 Place, Hillcrest Heights, Maryland, whose home telephone is 894-9060, telephonically contacted WFO 4/20/68 and stated she saw a man about eight weeks ago named JIM CRAIG who she thinks resembles somewhat the newspaper photograph of JAMES EARL RAY, suspect in instant matter. MAZZELLA stated she was driving alone through Georgia and met CRAIG at an unrecalled restaurant. CRAIG was accompanied by a white male age 40 by the name of BUDDY CHRISTIAN, and a white male age about 28 who claimed to be CHRISTIAN's younger brother, name unknown.

MAZZELLA stated she became friendly with the three men and drove along the same highway they were traveling for about eight hours until she left them at Deland, Florida. During this period MAZZELLA learned that the CHRISTIAN brothers claimed to have jumped bail in some northern state possibly Illinois or Wisconsin. They also claimed they had served time in prison on robbery or similar charges. CRAIG claimed he

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was also a bail jumper and was wanted in the same areas (Illinois or Wisconsin) for charges relating to alimony payments.

MAZZELLA said that BUDDY CHRISTIAN tried to persuade her to accompany him and live with him but she refused. She said she exchanged addresses with JIM CRAIG and learned that the men were going to Naples, Florida, to do construction work where CRAIG said he could be located in care of a relative MAC RICHARDS, 2364 Bayside Drive, Naples, Florida, phone MI9-9058. MAZZELLA also stated CRAIG claimed to have a grandparent residing in Deland, Florida. She also recalled the three men were traveling in a red Dodge, about three or four years old, license unknown.

MAZZELLA furnished the following description of CRAIG after revealing her fears in this matter and being assured that the FBI would treat the information in the strictest confidence:

Name:	HIM CRAIG
Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Age:	35
Height:	5'7"
Weight:	150 lbs.
Hair:	Dark brown
Characteristics:	Beard cut short
Clothing:	Plaid sport shirt with light tan jeans
Other:	Sharp features, clean shaven

WFO indices contain numerous references on JIMMY, HIM and JAMES CRAIG but no main fugitive file. Indices negative re MAZZELLA and one applicant reference located on a BUDDY CHRISTIAN.

BA cognizant.



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LEADS

BALTIMORE

AT HILLCREST HEIGHTS, MARYLAND. Interview MAZZELLA  
for further details of her contact with CRAIG and associates.

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TO : SAC, BALTIMORE (44-669)

FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703) (P)

MURKIN

The following information was telephonically furnished to SA JAMES GORDON HALL of the Baltimore Divisions Hyattsville, Maryland, RA by SA JOHN M. FLATLEY on 4/22/68:

On 4/22/68 Lt. ROBERT CALDWELL, Commanding, Robbery Squad, Metropolitan Police Department advised SA JOHN M. FLATLEY, WFO that a Negro male about 65 years old who did not identify himself came to the Robbery Squad and said he saw a man who resembled the FBI Wanted Flyer of ERIC STARVO GALT. The man told CALDWELL he saw the man working as a Chef or cook at the Golden Rule Restaurant, in Riverdale, Md., a day or two before. He said he himself has been a cook all his life and the man resembling GALT didn't seem to know what he was doing as a cook.

The Metropolitan Washington phone book, Maryland section, reflects a Golden Rule Dairy in Beltsville, Md., but no reference to a Golden Rule Restaurant.

- ② -- Baltimore  
2 - Memphis (44-1987) (AM)  
2 - Kansas City (88-9449) (AM)  
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AT HEATTSVILLE, MARYLAND

Attempt to locate and process the cook at the  
Golden Rule Restaurant to eliminate.

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

SUBJECT: MURKIN - COST DATA

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Van D. - Tinn -

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Waters -

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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.

① - Each Office BA

2 - Memphis

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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.**

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TO : ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES  
 FROM : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)  
 SUBJECT: MURKIN  
 CIVIL RIGHTS  
 (OO: ME)

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.

LEADSALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES

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

2 - All Continental Offices BA  
 2 - Memphis  
 GMR:jms (118)

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FBI PHILA

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TO ALL SACSEXCEPT KANSAS CITY, ANCHORAGE, HONOLULU AND SAN JUAN  
MESSAGE RELAY PLAN.

FROM DIRECTOR 5P

MURKIN. OO: MEMPHIS.

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

JAMES EARL RAY, INMATE, MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY, JEFFERSON  
CITY, MO., ESCAPED PEN APRIL TWO THREE, SIXTY-SEVEN. INVESTIGATION  
INDICATED RAY CONCEALED HIMSELF IN A BREAD BOX AND ESCAPED FROM  
TRUCK MAKING DELIVERY TO AN AUXILIARY FARM. RAY WAS SERVING TWENTY  
YEARS ON CHARGE OF ARMED ROBBERY - FIRST DEGREE AND FOR OPERATING A  
VEHICLE WITHOUT OWNER'S CONSENT. ON JULY TWENTY, SIXTY-SEVEN,  
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*MES advised  
4/20/68  
10:20 am*

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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-IVE, IN NUMEROUS STATES, WITH THE RESULT THAT BOTH WERE SENTENCED IN U.S.D.C., KANSAS CITY, MO., ON JULY ONE, FIFTY-FIVE, TO USP, LEAVENWORTH, END PAGE TWO



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KANSAS. SUBJECT RAY HAS BEEN DESCRIBED AS A LONER AND RIFE 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 ONE SIX ONE SIX THREE ONE TWO NINE, 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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TO BOSTON

FROM BALTIMORE (44-669)

MURKIN, CR.

RE NK TELE., APRIL FIFTEEN, SIXTY-EIGHT.

RE ERIC STARVO GALT - LOCKSMITHING INSTITUTE RECORDS.

RETEL REPORTED THAT DIRECTOR OF LOCKSMITHING INSTITUTE (LI) FURNISHED ENVELOPE USED BY GALT TO REQUEST ENROLLMENT IN LI COURSE. ENVELOPE BEARING RETURN ADDRESS OF MONTREAL, CANADA FORWARDED TO BUREAU BY AIRTEL, APRIL FIFTEEN, SIXTY-EIGHT. DIRECTOR FURNISHED LIST OF PUBLICATIONS USED BY LI TO ADVERTISE, WHICH INCLUDED NATIONAL OBSERVER - CLASSIFIED, DOW JONES AND COMPANY, COLUMBIA PIKE, SILVER SPRING, MARYLAND.

CHARLES PACE, DOW JONES AND COMPANY, ADVISED THAT RECORDS OF SUBSCRIBERS MUST BE CHECKED THROUGH NATIONAL OBSERVER CIRCULATION AND ACCOUNTS DIVISION, P.O. BOX TWO HUNDRED, CHICOPEE, MASSA., CONTACT ROBERT WILSON OR WILLIAM RUSSELL.

RETEL ADVISED THAT UACB BY CLOSE OF BUSINESS, APRIL SIXTEEN NEXT, OFFICES CONTACT MAGAZINES THEIR AREAS TO DETERMINE IF THERE ARE ANY SUBSCRIBERS USING NAME ERIC S. GALT AND

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RUN OUT ANY LOGICAL LEADS DEVELOPED. NO MENTION SHOULD BE  
MADE THAT THIS INQUIRY HAS TO DO WITH CAPTIONED MATTER.

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Special Agent in Charge

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NEWARK ---01---

BALTIMORE ---01---

PHILADELPHIA ---01---

432 AM RDR

URGENT 4-22-68 RNK  
TO ALL SACS PLAINTEXT

SENT BY CODED TELETYPE

FROM DIRECTOR (44-38861) 1P

MURKIN

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

SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED POSSIBLE SUSPECT IN ANY  
UNSOLVED BANK ROBBERIES, BURGLARIES OR ARMED ROBBERIES  
(POSSIBLE ITSP VIOLATIONS) OCCURRING AFTER APRIL TWO THREE  
ONE NINE SIX SEVEN. RAY SHOULD ALSO 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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DMV ck. 4/23/68  
FA 4384 1965 Ford 2-door Sedan

THELMA ALMEDA <sup>0</sup>CAPINO  
SECOND AVENUE  
BRUNSWICK, MARYLAND  
(FREDERICK COUNTY)

URGENT 4-23-68 ECK

TO BALTIMORE (PLAINTEXT)

FROM PHILADELPHIA (44-1368) 1P

MURKIN

ATTORNEY EDWARD MORRIS, PHILA, PA, ADVISED WHILE HE AND HIS WIFE WERE AT CLUB BAR AT GOLF CLUB, YARDLEY, PA, FOUR TWENTY-ONE SIXTY-EIGHT THEY OBSERVED AN INDIVIDUAL THEY THOUGHT RESEMBLED JAMES EARL RAY. MORRIS ADVISED THIS INDIVIDUAL WAS ACCOMPANIED BY A WHITE FEMALE. MORRIS ADVISED HE AND HIS WIFE FOLLOWED THIS COUPLE TO PARKING LOT WHERE COUPLE ENTERED AND DROVE AWAY IN A BLACK COMPACT CAR BEARING MARYLAND REGISTRATION F A FOUR THREE EIGHT FOUR.

BALTIMORE DETERMINE OWNER OF ABOVE CAR AND INTERVIEW TO DETERMINE IDENTITY PERSON USING CAR FOUR TWENTY-ONE SIXTY-EIGHT AND IF IDENTICAL TO RAY.

END

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, BALTIMORE (44-669)

DATE: 4-21-68

FROM : (Clerk) REESE E. MORGAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN,  
CIVIL RIGHTS  
OO: MEMPHIS

At 1:15 AM, Mrs. Mary Augustine, Baltimore PD, Communications, advised anonymous woman caller advised she had seen an individual fitting description of JAMES EARL RAY, aka, at about 5:00 PM, while driving north on Rt. 40 at Ebenezer Rd., Baltimore County. This individual was ~~XXXXXX~~ driving a 1956 Plymouth, faded green, Virginia license A 326-924. Caller stated this individual put on ~~XXXXXX~~ sunglasses, and a hat and pulled it down over his eyes when he noticed caller looking at him. Caller followed until she turned off at Aberdeen, Md.

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Date: 4/23/68

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

TO: RICHMOND

FROM: BALTIMORE (44-669)

MURKIN; RE JAMES EARL RAY

ANONYMOUS FEMALE CALLER ADVISED BALTIMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT THAT ABOUT FIVE P.M., APRIL TWENTY LAST, SHE OBSERVED INDIVIDUAL WHO FITTED DESCRIPTION OF JAMES EARL RAY OPERATING NINETEEN FIFTY-SIX FADED GREEN PLYMOUTH, VIRGINIA LICENSE A THREE TWO SIX NINE TWO FOUR. INDIVIDUAL WAS DRIVING NORTH ON ROUTE FORTY, VICINITY ABERDEEN, MARYLAND. HE WAS WEARING SUNGLASSES AND PULLED HAT DOWN OVER EYES WHEN HE NOTICED CALLER LOOKING AT HIM.

RICHMOND DETERMINE IF OWNER OF PLYMOUTH IS IDENTICAL WITH RAY. MAIL COPY SENT TO MEMPHIS.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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1 - MEMPHIS (BY MAIL)  
① - BALTIMORE  
JJG:km V.M.  
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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Agent in Charge

Sent \_\_\_\_\_

Jm.w. M 3:00 PM

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**  
**WASHINGTON, D.C. 20537**

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**WITH AGENCY CONTRIBUTING THOSE FINGERPRINTS.**

CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
Army	James Earl Ray #16 163 129	February 19, 1946		
Sheriff's Office Los Angeles, California	James Earl Ray #B-119908	October 11, 1949	suspicion of burglary	
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 Csl29438
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
State Penitentiary Pontiac, Illinois	James E. Ray #19121	July 7, 1952 in transfer from Joliet	robbery	1 to 2 years March 12, 1954 discharged

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John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
Sheriff's Office Edwardsville, Illinois	James Earl Ray #2640	August 30, 1954	burglary and larceny	
Police Department Hannibal, Missouri	James E. Ray #40714	March 23, 1955	investigation of breaking and entering Post Office	
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
Sheriff's Office Kansas City, Missouri	James Earl Ray #29637	March 28, 1955	Forgery - Government	July 7, 1955 3 years and 9 months
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
Police Department Saint Louis, Missouri	James Earl Ray #81071	October 10, 1959	suspicion of robbery	

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
Police Department Saint Louis, Missouri	James Earl Ray #81071	October 16, 1959	suspicion of robbery stealing and fugitive other authorities	
State Penitentiary Jefferson City, Missouri	Janes Earl Ray #00416	March 17, 1960	"TC" operating motor vehicle without permission of owner robbery first "b/m DDW" (2 charges)	20 years (20, 7, 5, concurrent)
State Hospital Number 1 Fulton, Missouri	James Earl Ray #37045 C-5	September 8, 1966	Patient	

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
	<p>WANTED: James Earl Ray for escape April 23, 1967                      (operating motor vehicle without permission of owner; robbery first degree "b/m of a D &amp; DW")                      (will extradite) Notify Warden State Penitentiary                      Jefferson City, Missouri information received May 10, 1967.</p>			

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
	<p>WANTED BY BUREAU: James Earl Ray, also known as, James McBride, James Walyon, W.C. Herron, James O'Conner, Jim, for unlawful flight to avoid custody-robbery first Fugitive Index #121426 Bureau file #88-41730 Office of Origin Kansas City information received July 27, 1967. CAUTION: ARMED AND DANGEROUS</p> <p>Alias: James Walton</p> <p>WANTED BY BUREAU: Eric Starvo Galt, also known as Harvey Lowmyer, John Willard, Civil Rights-Conspiracy Fugitive Index #127540 Bureau File #44-38861 Office of Origin Memphis. Information received April 19, 1968. CAUTION: ARMED AND DANGEROUS</p>			
	<p>THIS PAGE SHOULD NOT BE DISSEMINATED OUTSIDE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION.</p>			

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Director

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, BALTIMORE (44-669)

DATE: 4/24/68

FROM : SA JOHN J. GROGAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CR

RE: HARVEY LOWMYER OR LOWMEYER - SUSPECT

The following were checked with negative results concerning LOWMYER on 4/9-10/68:

Baltimore Police Department, Central Records  
Baltimore County Police Department, Central Records  
Department of Motor Vehicles, Glen Burnie, Maryland,  
Operators Permits and 1967 Registration Section per  
CELESTE SANDERS.  
Credit Bureau of Baltimore  
Voters Registration records, Baltimore City, per Miss ROSE  
Voters Registration records, Baltimore County, per Miss SLADE  
All available telephone and street directories for Maryland

RE: BOMBING SUSPECTS ROBERT SIDNEY TAYLOR,  
EDMUND LEVI HOLLAND and EDGAR FRANKLIN JOHNSTON

TAYLOR and HOLLAND accounted for, per SA MAYO, 4/9/68.  
JOHNSTON being checked out by WFO and Atlanta 4/9-10/68.

① - Baltimore (44-669)  
JJG:slz  
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# Memorandum

TO : ALL AGENTS

DATE: 4/23/68

FROM : SUPERVISOR MAURICE E. GARRISON

SUBJECT: MURKIN

The following airtel was received from Atlanta  
4/23/68:

"For the information of receiving offices, subject JAMES EARL RAY, aka. was last known to be in the Atlanta, Georgia, area on 4/5/68. Intensive investigation by the Atlanta Office to date has not established mode of transportation utilized by RAY after 4/5/68 through checks with transportation companies, car rental agencies, etc.

"All receiving offices are requested to check car recoveries within their respective divisions of cars stolen from the State of Georgia subsequent to 4/4/68, and consider same to have been possible mode of transportation for subject RAY. The same consideration should be given to any cars recovered in the near future that were stolen from the State of Georgia after 4/4/68. In those instances where cars were stolen from Georgia and where the transporter of same cannot otherwise be accounted for, investigation should be conducted to determine if RAY was person who may have stolen and transported same."

All Agents immediately review all cases open subsequent to 4/4/68, and determine if in any of these cases there are reports of cars stolen from the State of Georgia. If so, telephonically contact security supervisor so that immediate investigation can be conducted in captioned matter.

All Agents should note instructions in paragraph two, set forth above, concerning any future cases wherein cars are stolen from Georgia.

1 - EACH AGENT  
1 - 44-669

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*Signature:* [Handwritten signature]

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Date: 4/24/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_

(Type in plaintext or code)

Via TELETYPEURGENT

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
 MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
 KANSAS CITY

FROM: BALTIMORE (44-669) P

SENT BY CODED TELETYPE

MURKIN, OO:MEMPHIS.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE APRIL NINETEEN LAST.

CHECK OF DCII AND USAIRR FORT HOLABIRD, MARYLAND, TODAY  
 REFLECTS NO RECORD IDENTIFIABLE WITH SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY.  
 DCII HAS NO RECORD OF WALTER TERRY RIFE.

DO NOT DESTROY-PENDING LITIGATION

DO NOT DESTROY-PRESERVE FOR  
SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS

1-BALTIMORE  
 JEB:PR  
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Special Agent in Charge

Sent 3:58 PMPer PR

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