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Attached hereto is a copy of a press release made by Bureau in captioned case on 4/19/68. Release states that ERIC STARVO GALT has been positively identified as JAMES EARL RAY who was reported missing from the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, since 4/23/67. He had been received there on 4/17/60 to serve a 20-year sentence following conviction for Armed Robbery and operating a motor vehicle without permission of the owner.

On 7/20/67, a complaint was filed at Jefferson City, Missouri charging GALT with Unlawful Flight from the State of Missouri to Avoid Confinement in connection with his escape from the Missouri State Penitentiary.

BUREAU HAS INSTRUCTED THAT EVERY EFFORT MUST BE MADE TO INSURE REPEATED AND WIDESPREAD DISTRIBUTION OF THIS PRESS RELEASE. COPIES OF THE 1968 PHOTOGRAPH OF RAY AND WANTED FLIER SHOULD ALSO BE MADE AVAILABLE TO IMMEDIATE CONTACTS. NO ELABORATION WHATSOEVER MAY BE MADE REGARDING THIS RELEASE.

The following descriptive data was obtained

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Extra copies of the wanted fliers have been furnished to all Resident Agencies and one set of photographs.

Bureau has been requested to furnish additional photographs and fliers by teletype.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE APRIL 19, 1968

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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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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. LILINOIS, IN 1952; AND FORGING UNITED STATES POSTAL MONEY ORDERS IN MISSOURI IN 1955.

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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.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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FBI No. 405,942 G







Photographs taken 1960

Photograph taken 1968 (eyes drawn by artist)

American

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

DESCRIPTION

40, born March 10, 1928, at Quincy or Alton, Illinois (not supported by birth records) : sgA

5' 10" Height:

Eyes: Blue 163 to 174 pounds Weight: Complexion: Medium Build: Medium Race: White

Hair: Brown, possibly cut short Occupations: Baker, color matcher, laborer

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

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

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DATE: 4/19/68

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FROM ;

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Earl James Ray,
James Walton,
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John Willard,
Jim - FUGITIVE
CR; UFAC - ROBBERY, 1st

Bureau has advised that on 7/20/67, a complaint authorized by AUSA WILLIAM A. KITCHEN, Western District of Missouri, Kansas City, Missouri, was filed before USC, Jefferson City, Missouri, charging RAY with violation of Title 18, USC, Section 1073, in connection with his escape from the Missouri State Penitentiary, on 4/23/67. Warrant was issued.

As you have been previously advised, a warrant was issued at Birmingham, Alabama on 4/17/68 charging RAY as ERIC STARVO GALT with violation of Title 18, USC. Section 241.

Bureau has advised that on 3/7/55, RAY with one WALTER TERRY RIFE burglarized the Post Office in Kellerville, Illinois and stole 66 blank U.S. Post Office Money Orders which they passed in several states. On 7/1/55, RAY and RIFE were sentenced in USDC, Kansas City, Missouri to the U.S. Penitentiary at Leavenworth.

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RAY has been described as a loner with RIFE as one of his few associates (RIFE should be considered as possible co-conspirator in captioned matter).

> Bureau has furnished following description of Elimination

RIFE:

Name WALTER TERRY RIFE Race White Sex Male. 4/19/24, age 44 5'92" DOB Height 161 pounds Weight Hair Brown Eyes Blue-gray FBI Number 4 558 766

Following is a composite description of RAY:

Name JAMES EARL RAY, aka

Eric Starvo Galt, W. C. Herron, Earl James,

Harvey Lowmyer, James McBride, James O'Conner, Earl James Ray, James Walton,

James Walyon, John Willard,

Jim Race White Sex Male

3/10/28 or 3/10/29 DOB

(age 39 or 40)

POB Decatur, Quincy, or Alton,

Illinois Height

Approximately 5'10"
174 pounds in September, 1966 Weight

Complexion Ruddy Eyes Blue

Hair Brown (brush cut)

Build Medium

Occupations Laborer, baker, Graduate of Bartending school, Los Angeles, 3/2/68 Scars Small scar on center of forehead; Scar on palm of right hand Education Claims 10th grade Characteristics Avid dancer, but described by some as poor dancer; Loner - described by some as introvert: Neat dresser: Drinks alcoholic beverages, with preference for vodka and beer; Fan of country and western music; Language and diction rural quality; Has nervous habit of pulling on ear lobe; Left ear protrudes farther from head than right ear ASN 16163129 Military Record Enlisted U.S. Army 2/46; given general discharge 12/23/48 by reason of ineptness and lack of adaptability for military service FBI Number 306 443 A 16 <u>M 9 U 000</u> 12 M 4 W 101 FPC Ref 9

NCIC FPC Medical History 161311001212II12II17
Treated for gonorrhea and syphilis while in service;
Has been confined in State Hospital, Fulton, Missouri

Buffalo indices are negative on RAY and all his aliases and on RIFE.

BUREAU HAS ADVISED THAT ALL PERTINENT LEADS ARE BEING SET OUT BY TELETYPE AND TELEPHONE FOLLOWED BY TELETYPE CONFIRMATION. ALL LEADS MUST BE COVERED WITHIN 24 HOURS WITH BUREAU, KANSAS CITY AND MEMPHIS BEING KEPT ADVISED BY APPROPRIATE COMMUNICATION OF PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS.

SUBJECT RAY HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF ROBBERY WITH DEADLY WEAPON, HAS BEEN CONFINED IN STATE HOSPITAL, FULTON, MISSOURI IN 1966 AND SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

Galt Identified

as Prison

Escapee

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

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FBI — BUFFALO

Suspect in Slaying Of Dr. King Fled Pen in Missouri

Fugitive James Ray Had Been Serving 20-Year Sentence For Armed Robbery

By United Press International WASHINGTON, April 19
The photograph was identified as that of James Earl Ray, also known as Eric Starvo Galt. Eric Starvo Galt, sought in Harvey Lownyer, John Willard, the murder of Dr. Martin James McBride, James Walton, Luther King, as James Earl Ray, an escapee from the John Willard was the name Missouri State Penitentiary, used by the man who checked A warrant, was issued into a Memphis rooming house Wednesday for a man iden Dr. King apparently was fired. Or, King apparently was fired.

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"Brother" Charged

As Galt, Ray has been the object of a cross-country search which extended into Mexico.
Dr. King was shot to death

from ambush as he stood on the

balcony of a Memphis motel.

The FBI; in a warrant issued eather this week, charged Galt and an "alleged brother" with conspiracy in King's slaying. Memphis officials have sworn out a murder warrant for Galt.

The FBI released two front and side view photos of Ray ap-parently taken at the Missouri prison, where he had been an inmate since 1960. It said the photograph was taken in 1960. The photograph was identified

In Memphis, Tenn. A known arrest record dating back FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover to 1949. Prior to his 1960 convictant fingerprints uncovered in victed of burglary in Los Anthe case against the prints of geles in 1949; armed robbery in more than 53,000 persons led to Chicago in 1952; and forging the determination that Galt United States postal money or and Ray are identical.

He also served time in the Los Angeles County Jail in 1949; state prisons at Joliet and Pontiac, Ill., from 1952 to 1954; and the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth. Kan., from 1955 to

The FBI said Ray was an en-listed man in the army from February 1946 to December 1948, when he was given a general discharge due to ineptness and lack of adaptability for military

service.

History of Memphis Suspect — Ruthless Man, Always on Run

By JOE CAPPO Special to Buffalo Evening News

CHICAGO, April 20—The nationwide manhunt for ex license. convict James Early Ray-believed by the FBI to be the real name of Eric Starvo Galt—seems to be a des-holdup. Five months after his tined development in a life filled with trouble, crime parole on the sentence, Ray was

and running.

The man accused of murdering of at least conspiring to kill Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. is described by the FBI as being a "haer" and a "drifter," not unlike some other names in recent history, names like Richard Franklin Speck and Lee Harvey Oswald.

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

Gun to Driver's Head

Warden Harold Swensen of Missouri State Prison, from which Ray escaped, said: "There is no doubt in my mind that Ray could be a paid assassin. He is extremely dangerous, coldblooded and ruthless."

Ray came to Chicago late in 1951 and moved into a North Side room in property owned by Ray had a "superior" mental Seminary.

When they reached the destination, the driver, Louis Knox said Ray put a pistol to his head and demanded money. As Knox turned over \$11 to the in Alton, Ill. He attended a rural bandit, a witness hailed a pass- grammar school near Alton, but ing squad car.

being transferred to jail.
Ray, then 24, pleaded guilty to a job and never get involved spent 90 days in jail. with the law again." spent 90 days in jail. In 1950 he was a

eports made there indicate was picked up in Alton, Ill., for bathroom.



JAMES EARLY RAY He Promised to Go Straight

h. McCormick Theological arange and an IQ of 120 to 128. B t other sections of the report About 1:30 AM on May 6, 1952, were not so favorable: "Use of Ray hailed a taxicab and alcohol: intemperate; personaliordered the driver to take him ty rating: unstable; psychiatric living in a Birminghan. (Ala.) to State and Delaware Sts. in the prognosis; problematic to rooming Rush St. night club district. doubtful; social type: socially October.

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Ray was wentenced to 1 to 2 vagrancy in Cedar Rapids, Ia., house after shooting Dr. King, but released. The next year he through the narrow window of

driving without an operator's

Some time after that he came picked up in East Alton for burglary of a cleaning shop. The charge was later dropped.

Tried to Break Away

The record then points to Kansas City, Mo., where he was arrested for forging U. S. postal money orders and subsequently served 1955 to 1958 in the federal penitentiary at Ft. Leavenworth,

In 1959 Ray and an accomplice, James Owens, were convicted of the \$120 armed robbery of a St. Louis supermarket.

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		B. Clerical Employees	
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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

SAC (44-374) (P)

DATE:

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FROM :

SE JOSEPH C. WILLIAMS

SUBJECT:

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The following Buffalo area laundries were telephonically contacted concerning the laundry tags on the recovered shorts and tee shirt, with negative results:

> Allen Laundromat Did not want to give name 886-8729 Do not use tags

The Avenue Launderette Not in service 877-9203

Beckham's Complete Laundry Service Mrs. CAROLINE BECKHAM 885-0899 Do not use tags

Big Four Dry Cleaning Co. Mr. FRED TRIPI 875-5360 Do not use tags

College Laundry Shoppe Mrs. ROSE ROWELL 833-0060 No markings used

Consolidated Laundries Corp. Mrs. DOROTHY FORD 884-4657
Do not do that type of work

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Custom Cleaners Mr. MARSHALL FALK 875-4144 Do not use tags

D'Arcy's Cleaning and Laundry Service Mr. DAVID SEGEL 877-6262 Do not use tags

Dates Laundry
Mr. HENRY WACHOWIAK
877-0123
Do not use tags

Englewood Half Hour Laundry Mrs. CHARLOTTE MOELLER 835-4995 Do not use tags

Famous Linen Supply Co., Inc. All commercial work 856-6400 Do not use tags

Kenmore Laundrycenter Temporarily disconnected 877-9882

Kwik Kleen, Inc. Same as Sweet Kleen (See below) TF 4-6100

Launderette
Mrs. FELIMINA ROTUNDO
883-1478
Do not use tags

Liberty Laundry, Inc. ISRAEL BERNHARDT 893-3636 Do not use tags Mayfair Laundry Mrs. FLORENCE KLINE 892-4640 Do not use tags

Metropolitan Cleaners and Laundry Mrs. WALTER THOMPSON 882-1010 Do not use tags

One Hour Martinizing
Mr. SIMON WALLENS
836-9501
Do not use tags

Parkhill & Hart Laundry, Inc. Mr. JOSEPH KUHN, JR. 883-4400
Do not use tags

Pendrick Laundry Mrs. KATHERINE BUTLER 885-7600 Do not use tags

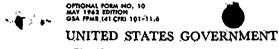
Peoples Laundry CARMEN CIAMBELLA 854-8570 Do not use tags

Pet's Laundromat Mrs. JANET HULING 885-2252 Do not use tags

Ray Cleaners, Inc. Mr. MARVIN GROSS 838-2910 Do not use tags

Sweet Kleen Laundry Mr. JAMES FINNERTY 834-6100 Do not use tags BU 44-374

Wash 'n Shop Laundry Not in service 884-7055



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FROM :

SA R. GORDON EDDY

SUBJECT:

RE: MURKIN

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Informant	Date	Contacting Agent
BU 67-C	4/9/68	SA R. GORDON EDDY
PRI JAMES VALENTINE	4/9/68	SA R. GORDON EDDY
BU 278-S	4/9/68	SA KENNETH P. GLENNON
BU 442-PRI	4/9/68	SA CHARLES E. SANDALL
BU 248-S	4/11/68	SA JACK W. SUNDERLAND
BU 362-S	4/11/68	SA JACK W. SUNDERLAND
MELVIN HAWARD, PCI	4/11/68	SA WALTER J. SAMELSTAD
NAPOLEON SINGLETON, PCI	4/11/68	SA WALTER J. SAMELSTAD
BU 369-C	4/11/68	SA WALTER J. SAMELSTAD
ELLIOTT BARKLEY, PCI	4/11/68	SA WALTER J. SAMELSTAD
JEFF WILLIAMS, PCI	4/11/68	SA WALTER J. SAMELSTAD
ALFRED QUAMINA, PCI	4/11/68	SA WALTER J. SAMELSTAD
ROBERT WILLIAMS, PCI	4/11/68	SA WALTER J. SAMELSTAD
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BU 403-C	4/12/68	SA EUGENE A. HEVERON
ALPHONSE LOCKETT, PCI	4/12/68	SA EUGENE A. HEVERON
BU 270-C	4/12/68	SA EUGENE A. HEVERON
DONALD CAULEY, PCI	4/11/68	SA THOMAS M. SHAUGHNESSY
BU 382-C-TE	4/11/68	SA THOMAS M. SHAUGHNESSY
ARTHUR SCALES, PCI	4/11/68	SA THOMAS M. SHAUGHNESSY
BU 370-R	4/11/68	SA THOMAS J. MOORE, JR.
BU 371-R	4/11/68	SA THOMAS J. MOORE, JR.
BU 433-R	4/11/68	SA THOMAS J. MOORE, JR.
BU 435-R	4/11/68	SA THOMAS J. MOORE, JR.
HOWARD CALES, PRI (GHETTO)	4/11/68	SA THOMAS J. MOORE, JR.
PHILLIP FRED BOCKMIER, PCI	4/11/68	SA THOMAS J. MOORE, JR.
BU 49-C	4/15/68	SA RAYMOND D. ANGLE, JR.
BU 323-0	4/15/68	SA RAYMOND D. ANGLE, JR.
BU 287-C	4/15/68	SA RAYMOND D. ANGLE, JR.
DOUGLAS WILLIAMS, PCI	4/15/68	SA RAYMOND D. ANGLE, JR.
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BU 444-C	4/16/68	SA DONALD CHESWORTH, JR.
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LINDA SANKS, PRI	4/18/68	SA DONALD CHESWORTH, JR.