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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)
AND ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES

FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) (P)

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To: SAC,

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Re your teletype, 4/26/68, "MURKIN", I. O.'s sent to you on 4/26/68, AMSD.

Photographs enclosed, but due to the urgent nature description wasn't put on the backs.

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N. P. Callahan

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Date April 26, 1968

RE:

MURKIN

- ☐ For information ☐ Retention optional ☒ For appropriate action ☐ Surep, by _____
- ☐ The enclosed is for your information. If used in a future report, ☐ conceal all sources, ☐ paraphrase contents.
- ☐ Enclosed are corrected pages from report of SA _____ dated _____

Remarks:

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

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

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-374)

FROM : SPC John Thurston

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/28/68

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The caller abruptly hung up while talking about being neighbors with this individual for no apparent reason.

Above submitted for information.

JHT;jht
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*Lois Alcock
Reserve Attorney*

*44-374-131
Mr. N
Wm. E. Gilly E*



5010-108-02

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

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TO: ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) -P-
RE: MURKIN
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Re ME airtel to All Continental Offices, 4/19/68, requesting that all laundries determined to be using Thermo-Seal laundry marking machines be contacted in effort to locate laundry marking "20R-3", and LA teletype to Bureau, 4/18/68.

All offices discontinue efforts to locate inasmuch as laundry mark identified as coming from laundry in Culver City, California, per Los Angeles teletype to Bureau, 4/18/68.

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2 - Memphis

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The Mystery of James Earl Ray

It has been three weeks since the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King and the mystery surrounding his killer grows steadily deeper.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation first placed a federal charge of conspiracy to violate Dr. King's civil rights against a man they identified as Eric Starvo Galt, an escaped convict. The FBI said Galt was in Memphis at the time of the murder and that he conspired with a man who may have been his brother. Later, other bureau reports said Galt and the other man are the same person; that Galt really is one James Earl Ray who carefully prepared the figure some persons knew as Galt.

Next the report by Attorney General Ramsey Clark made plain that Dr. King's murder was not a spur-of-the-moment act stemming from emotions aroused by the civil rights leader's participation in the Memphis garbage men's dispute. He said it was carefully planned by at least two persons who went to great lengths to hide their identities and movements.

Then, to add to the mystery, a convict who knew Ray in prison said he never showed any racial bigotry but was always interested in ways to make a fast dollar. He said Ray told him there was an "association" willing to pay \$1 million for the slaying of Dr. King and that if he

ever got out of prison he would try to collect it.

Obviously, the FBI isn't telling all it knows. But the gnawing question looms ever larger—who would have offered a \$1 million "contract" for the killing of Dr. King? Certainly not the usual "contractors," the Mafia, certainly not a white group which had the most to gain from Dr. King's non-violent approach, Russia would have nothing to gain—but what of Communist Cuba with its frequent pledges to create turmoil and strife all over the Americas by any means? (That's an indication of how the mind can wander as the plot thickens).

And there the mystery begins to parallel the assassination of President Kennedy by Lee Harvey Oswald. Both men were loners, both had long series of involvements with the law, both traveled to Mexico, both were in New Orleans, both used similar scope-mounted sniper's rifles and in both cases the question arose—were they hired killers and, if so, by whom? There probably isn't the slightest trace of significance in these parallels but you can't help wondering.

And the mystery will continue to grow until the FBI, an organization of vast resources and proven skill, hopefully quickly picks up the suspect and provides the full, true story.

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

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DEMOCRAT & CHRONICLE,
ROCHESTER, NEW YORK

Date: 4/26/68
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Editor: NORRIS W. VAGG,
Title: Managing Editor

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TO : SAC, BUFFALO (170-²⁰⁸~~133~~)

FROM : SA DUNCAN C. LIVINGSTONE

SUBJECT: ROBERT CHARLES AUGUSTUS MILLER

DATE: 4/25/68

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☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R
☒ PRI-GHETTO

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TO : SAC, BUFFALO (170-193)

FROM : SA DUNCAN C. LIVINGSTONE

SUBJECT: SALVATOR E. SALERNO

DATE: 4/25/68

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TO : SAC, BUFFALO (170-189)

DATE: 4/25/68

FROM : SA DUNCAN C. LIVINGSTONE

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: MARION CLYDE MILLER, aka

☒ PRI-GHETTO

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Mrs Viola V. Borys
38 Church, St.
Waterloo, N.Y.
April 22, 1968

Dear Sir;

I am not sure how to start this. But it concerns the one you are looking for. Thurs. 18 of April, I done some shopping. I bough 4 new dresses. Later that day my neighbor wanted to see them, this is a res-
turant near my home. I went over and later in the evening a man came in. He tried to talk to me and find out where i lived. I thought it was just one those guys looking for a pick up. He later wanted to dance with me. He wanted slow music, i said i didn't want to dance. So later just he and the owner and i were there. I was trying to leave so he could not follow me, So i got near the door and talk-
ed to the owner for a minute, then i ran out fast and got home and left my four dresses on the table. So i went right back and this man was in his car going down the Street. I went in to get my dresses and one was gone. So i ask the owner and she didn't know. She had left the roome and the man left. So my son and i got in our car and went to find him. We seen the car and gave chase he would not stop for us we pulled beside him and blew the horn and called to him, he turned up a sidesteet near the cemetary. So i had to wait for traffic to turn around. When i got turned around i spotted him. So i went after hom again this time he stoped. So i ask about my dress he said he didn't have it. I told him he was the only one who could of took it. I said i wanted it back, or i was turnin g him in. I said if he return it no question would be ask. So i left and called the owner of the restaurant and told her what happened. Than iwent to our local police. When i returned back to the place, The owner said while she was talking to me she heard the door closed but she looked out but no one was there. When she came back the dress was hanging over the chair. I was told the same car was pulling away. While i was talking to our local police the officer saw the car i toldhim about turn up our way. So we were pretty sure it was him who took the dress. But now to get to what i wanted to tell you is i showed the pictures to my son, there were six different shots of James Earl RAY, i ask my son if any of them looked like any one he saw, He pointed one out said it looked like the one who took my dress. I could not say for sure if it was him or not. This man ask me my name. i gave him my first name, he said his name was Dave. He has a red sports car with black top. Licence number was, OA-5660 GM Or atriump or what ever you call that make of car, Up to date model. I am sorry that i had to go in so maney details. Please do not give out my information. Do hope you get him soon. If you need me for any more information, you have my address.

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AIR MAIL - REGISTERED MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
(ATTN: FBI LABORATORY)

FROM: SAC, BUFFALO (44-374) (P)

MURKIN

Re Buffalo airtel to the Bureau, 4/23/68.

Transmitted herewith via registered mail is the original envelope and letter received by Mrs. MARY GROOMS, Rochester, New York, on 4/19/68.

The letter reads as follows:

"Mrs. Grooms -

"I read your column regularly they are good and factual, with lots of common sense. The King plot was hatched recently in Detroit by Black Nationalists, Muslims, and Commies (I was there). The job was done by a hired professional killer. The Commies paid for the job. The authorities will eventually find out.

"An anonymous black man"

The FBI Laboratory is requested to have this letter processed ~~for~~ latent prints and latents compared with any latents in captioned matter.

The FBI Laboratory is also requested to examine typing to determine what type of typewriter prepared this specimen and to examine paper and envelope in an effort to determine source of each.

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- 1 - Birmingham (44-1740) (Info) (AM)
- 1 - Kansas City (Info) (AM) - 1 - Detroit (AM)
- 2 - Memphis (44-1987) (AM)
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Documents should be returned to Buffalo.

RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FBI NEW YORK

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TO ALL SACS - RELAY MESSAGE PLAN

FROM DIRECTOR, 44-38861 1P

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
April 20, 1968

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

FUGITIVE

CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY;
INTERSTATE FLIGHT - ARMED ROBBERY

"TEN MOST WANTED FUGITIVES" PROGRAM

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ray is a 40-year-old white male, reportedly born in Illinois on March 10, 1928. He is approximately 5'10" inches tall, weighs from 163 to 174 pounds, has blue eyes and brown hair which he has worn cut short. He has a small scar on the center of his forehead and a scar on the palm of his right hand. He has been described as having a straight, narrow nose and straight and even teeth and to have a nervous habit of occasionally tugging at an ear lobe. His left ear protrudes noticeably.

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

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

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

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



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

April 20, 1968

JAMES EARL RAY

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

FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover ordered the special addition of Ray to the "Ten Most Wanted Fugitives" list, which already contains ten fugitives, to insure the widest possible dissemination of Ray's photograph and description to help effect his prompt location. Ray has been the subject of a massive search since the gunshot slaying of Dr. King on April 4, 1968, as he stood on the balcony of a Memphis, Tennessee, motel.

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A 40-year-old white male, reportedly born in Illinois on March 10, 1928, Ray is approximately 5'10" tall, weighs from 163 to 174 pounds, has blue eyes and short brown hair. He has a nervous habit of tugging at an ear lobe and his left ear protrudes noticeably.

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

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

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FROM CHICAGO (44-1114) 3P

MURKIN

RE PHOTOGRAPHIC EQUIPMENT ORDERED BY SUBJECT FROM
SUPERIOR BULK FILM COMPANY, CHICAGO, UNDER NAME ERIC S. GALT.

RE BIRMINGHAM TELETYPE TO BUREAU AND CHICAGO APRIL TWENTY
NINE LAST.

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IN RETEL BIRMINGHAM REQUESTED TO DETERMINE WHETHER PROJECTOR HAS RECORDED SERIAL NUMBER AND IF SO LIST WITH NCIC. ALSO IF SERIAL NUMBER AVAILABLE, SUGGEST ADVISE BUREAU IN ORDER THAT DETERMINATION BE MADE WHETHER IT WOULD BE ADVISABLE TO REQUEST ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES TO FURNISH SAME TO MAJOR PDS FOR USE IN PAWN SHOP DETAILS CHECKING POSSIBILITY THIS ITEM MAY NOW HAVE BEEN PAWNED. ALSO IF SN AVAILABLE, CHICAGO SHOULD REQUEST HEADQUARTERS OF EASTMAN KODAK, ROCHESTER, NEW YORK, FOR PURPOSE PLACING STOP IN EVENT ANY INQUIRIES RECEIVED AND ESPECIALLY IF STILL UNDER WARRANTY.

CONTACT WITH SUPERIOR BULK FILM CO., CHICAGO, THIS DATE, REVEALED FIRM DOES NOT MAINTAIN SERIAL NUMBERS OF CAMERAS OR PROJECTORS ON INCOMING OR OUTGOING SHIPMENTS.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, (44-374)

FROM : SA EUGENE A. HEVERON

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/29/68

Re memo of SA R. GORDON EDDY, dated 4/23/68.

The following criminal informants were contacted on 4/26/68, with negative results :

BU 266-C
BU 356-C
BU 377-C
BU 403-C
ANTHONY J. FALZONE, PCI

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BU 377-C
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BENJAMIN MILLER, PCI
JESSIE PURITT, PCI
EDDIE MASSEY, PCI
DAVID W. JACKSON, PCI
MACON LEE, PCI

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CLAUDE JAMES ROBINSON, PRI (GHETTO)
LULA GRACE ROBINSON, PRI (GHETTO)

It is suggested the above information be routed to SA R. GORDON EDDY.

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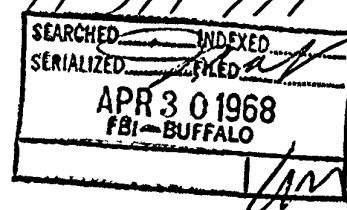
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Date: 4/30/68

Transmit the following in Plain Text
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TO: DIRECTOR (ATTN PHOTO UNIT, ADMIN. DIV.)
FROM: SAC, BUFFALO (44-374)

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BUREAU REQUESTED FURNISH BUFFALO ADDITIONAL FIVE
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Special Agent in Charge

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-374)

FROM : SA JAMES A. COMFORT

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/30/68

Re Atlanta tel to Buffalo, 4/23/68.

On 4/23/68, the following individuals were contacted at the respective airlines at Buffalo International Airport, Cheektowaga, N.Y., and IOs of JAMES EARL RAY were shown to personnel and left with their respective airlines:

MARSHALL J. ROWLETTE,
Supervisor,
Eastern Airlines

HAROLD J. ROLLER,
Supervisor,
American Airlines

RICHARD HODDER,
Manager,
Mohawk Airlines

P. J. GERNER,
Ticket Counter Supervisor,
and CHARLES HULL,
Flight Operations,
United Airlines

All of the above individuals advised that they have no recollection of ever having seen an individual resembling RAY in that airport.

They further stated that they do no recall having seen RAY or anyone resembling him on April 5, 1968.

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*Additional
IOs left with all
airlines by J. Manting
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TO : SAC (170-209)

FROM : SA EUGENE A. HEVERON

SUBJECT: LULA BRACE ROBINSON

DATE: 4/29/68

☐ CI ☐ SI ☒ R (Prob)
☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Buffalo

DATE: April 29, 1968

JEM : Director, FBI

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

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

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

Prompt distribution should be made and additional supplies, if needed, are available at the Bureau. The following number of mats and proofs are being forwarded to your office under separate cover: 150.

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



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TO : SAC ~~4135~~ (170-149),

FROM : SA EUGENE A. HEVERON

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SUBJECT: CLAUDE JAMES ROBINSON

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