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FROM: SA ROBERT L. JOHNSTON
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FROM : SE RICHARD R. WALSH

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/30/68

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Compl. employed at Degraff Memorial Hospital, North Tonawanda, N.Y.

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AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

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

MURKIN

Transmitted hereto to the Bureau are three Multilith reproductions of photographs of JAMES EARL RAY. These were produced on a Multilith machine from a Xerox master and enabled the Buffalo Office to disseminate all known photographs of RAY to all Agents. Considerable economy was effected by utilizing this process. The Bureau may desire to advise other Offices of this method of reproducing photographs.

JAMES EARL RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND
EXTREMELY DANGEROUS.

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Date April 29, 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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DRAGGING FEET?

FBI CAN'T KEEP STORIES STRAIGHT

IN INVESTIGATION OF KING'S MURDER

PRECEDENT: IS THE FBI BUNGLING THE INVESTIGATION OF CIVIL RIGHTS LEADER DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.? IT WOULD APPEAR SO FROM THIS, THE FOURTH IN A SERIES BY FAMED NEGRO REPORTER LOUIS LOMAX, NOW RETRACING THE STEPS OF JAMES EARL RAY ON HIS JOURNEYS WITH HOLLYWOOD SONGWRITER CHARLES STEIN FROM LOS ANGELES TO NEW ORLEANS. THE FBI HAS BEEN FORCED TO ADMIT THAT FINGERPRINTS, CIRCULATED AS THOSE OF RAY, WERE IN FACT OF SOMEONE ELSE. THIS IS BUT ONE OF A SERIES OF CONTRADICTIONS AND CONFUSIONS EMANATING FROM THE FEDERAL AGENCY.

BY LOUIS LOMAX

NORTH AMERICAN NEWSPAPER ALLIANCE

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SAN ANTONIO, TEX., APRIL 29 (NANA)--AN FBI SEARCH OF THE 1966 WHITE MUSTANG DRIVEN BY JAMES EARL RAY, ALIAS STARVO GALT, AND THE ALLEGED SLAYER OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR., UNEARTHED GREEN STAMPS THAT WERE ISSUED AS A RESULT OF A PURCHASE AT A BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA GAS STATION IN MID-FEBRUARY OF 1968. THIS REPORTER LEARNED OF THE GREEN STAMPS WHILE HERE IN SAN ANTONIO AND WAS ABLE TO CONFIRM THE ITEM BY TELEPHONE. THE BIRMINGHAM GAS STATION OWNER SAID THE STAMPS WERE ISSUED AT HIS STATION, AND HE ALSO IDENTIFIED A PICTURE OF RAY AS THAT OF THE MAN INVOLVED IN THE TRANSACTION. THE STATION OWNER RECALLS THE TRANSACTION BECAUSE THE WHITE MUSTANG HAD A CLUTCH PROBLEM.

FBI REPORTS CONSISTENTLY PLACE RAY IN LOS ANGELES AS A STUDENT AT DANCING AND BARTENDING SCHOOLS AT THE TIME OF THE GAS STATION TRANSACTION. HOWEVER, THESE REPORTS ARE BOLDLY CHALLENGED BY THE STATEMENT OF THE BIRMINGHAM GAS STATION OWNER. THIS IS BUT ONE OF A SERIES OF DISTURBING CONTRADICTIONS AND APPARENT "FBI" DISTORTIONS OF FACTS DISCOVERED DURING THIS REPORTER'S FOUR-DAY RETRACING OF RAY'S DECEMBER, 1967 AUTOMOBILE TRIP FROM LOS ANGELES TO NEW ORLEANS. RAY MADE THE TRIP ON DEC. 15 WITH THE HOLLYWOOD SONGWRITER CHARLES STEIN AS A DRIVING COMPANION. STEIN IS MAKING THE DRIVE OVER THE SAME ROUTE WITH THIS REPORTER.

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NANA-LOMAX-KING--ADD ONE

THE FBI REPORTS INDICATE THAT CIGARETTE BUTTS AND ASHES WERE FOUND IN THE ASH TRAY AND ON THE FLOOR OF THE WHITE MUSTANG WHEN IT WAS RECOVERED IN ATLANTA, GA. I HAVE BEEN ON THE ROAD WITH STEIN, RAY'S DECEMBER DRIVING COMPANION FOR TWO DAYS AND HE DISTINCTLY RECALLS THAT RAY DID NOT SMOKE.

THE FBI REPORTS INDICATE THAT RAY WAS IN LOS ANGELES UNTIL MARCH 27TH; HE IS REPORTED TO HAVE BOUGHT THE FATAL WEAPON IN BIRMINGHAM, ALA., ON MARCH 30TH. THIS REPORTER DISCLOSED LAST WEEK THAT RAY DELIVERED A PACKAGE TO THE NEW ORLEANS FAMILY OF ONE OF HIS HOLLYWOOD GIRL FRIENDS DURING HIS LAST WEEK THERE. THE SEQUENCE OF EVENTS, THEN, IS CLEARLY IMPOSSIBLE. THE FBI INTERVIEWED THE FAMILY FOLLOWING MY DISCLOSURE OF THE INCIDENT AND CONFIRMED THAT RAY HAD DELIVERED THE PACKAGE. THE TRIP FROM LOS ANGELES TO BIRMINGHAM VIA NEW ORLEANS IS IN EXCESS OF 2,500 MILES. RAY COULD NOT HAVE DRIVEN THAT ROUTE, PARTICULARLY IN A MUSTANG IN THE SHORT PERIOD BETWEEN MARCH 27TH AND MARCH 30TH. THERE IS AN OUTSIDE CHANCE THAT THE TRIP COULD HAVE BEEN ACCOMPLISHED IF RAY HAD A DRIVING COMPANION AS HE DID IN DECEMBER. THERE HAVE BEEN NO INDICATIONS THAT HE DID HAVE A COMPANION.

--CONTRADICTIONS--

THESE CONTRADICTIONS AND CONFUSIONS ARE COMPOUNDED BY OTHERS THAT HAVE OCCURRED DURING THE INVESTIGATION INTO THE SLAYING OF DR. KING. THE FBI ISSUED A REPORT THAT RAY HAD TAKEN DANCING LESSONS IN NEW ORLEANS DURING A TIME THE AGENCY'S OTHER REPORTS AND RECORDS SHOWED THAT RAY WAS IN PRISON.

THE FBI HAS BEEN FORCED TO ADMIT THAT THE FINGERPRINTS, CIRCULATED DURING THE EARLY DAYS OF THE MANHUNT WERE NOT THOSE OF RAY. THE BLAME FOR THIS, ACCORDING TO THE FBI, MUST BE ASSUMED BY THE WARDEN OF THE MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY. THE WARDEN, THE FBI CLAIMED, ISSUED MISTAKEN FINGERPRINTS ON RAY WHEN THE CONVICT ESCAPED FROM PRISON IN APRIL, 1967. THIS MEANS TWO THINGS: (1) HAD RAY BEEN ARRESTED AFTER HIS ESCAPE FROM PRISON; HE WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN HELD BY THE LOCAL ARRESTING OFFICERS AS A FUGITIVE; (2) HAD RAY BEEN ARRESTED IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE SLAYING OF DR. KING THE MISTAKEN FINGERPRINTS WOULD HAVE CONFUSED THE INVESTIGATION AND POSSIBLY WOULD HAVE LED TO HIS RELEASE.

THE SIGNIFICANT FACT IS THAT THE GEORGIA BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION (CAPS G,B,I) HAD MISTAKEN FINGERPRINTS OF RAY UP UNTIL LAST WEDNESDAY. HAD RAY BEEN ARRESTED IN ATLANTA, THEN, ON THE DAY HE PARKED THE WHITE MUSTANG, THE GEORGIA AUTHORITIES WOULD HAVE BEEN ATTEMPTING TO IDENTIFY HIM BY MATCHING HIS FINGERPRINTS AGAINST A SET OF PRINTS THAT BELONGED TO SOMEBODY ELSE.

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NANA-LOMAX-KING--ADD TWO

THEN THERE ARE THE CREDIBLE OMISSIONS THAT HAVE BEEN DISCOVERED DURING THIS REPORTERS TRIP BACK INTO THE LIFE AND ACTIVITIES OF RAY. APPARENTLY IT NEVER OCCURED TO THE FBI TO RETRACE RAY'S TRIP WITH STEIN AS THIS REPORTER IS DOING IN SEARCH OF THE PHONE BOOTH FROM WHICH RAY MADE HASTY CALLS TO SOMEONE IN NEW ORLEANS. APPARENTLY IT ALSO DID NOT OCCUR TO THE FBI TO INVESTIGATE THE POSSIBILITY THAT RAY WAS IN TELEPHONE CONTACT WITH NEW ORLEANS WHILE HE WAS STILL IN LOS ANGELES. THIS REPORTER LOCATED THE PHONE BOOTH USED BY RAY IN THE LOBBY OF THE ST. FRANCIS HOTEL LAST WEDNESDAY. THE WALLS OF THE BOOTH WERE COVERED WITH GRAFFITI. ONE LINE READ "DOWN WITH MEXICANS, NIGGERS, AND MARTIN LUTHER COON."

--FATAL OVERSIGHT--

THE MOST FATAL OVERSIGHT WAS THE FBI'S FAILURE TO UNCOVER THE CONSOLE TELEVISION SET RAY GAVE TO A HOLLYWOOD GIRL FRIEND IN RETURN FOR HER PORTABLE. THE SWAP OCCURED AROUND VALENTINE'S DAY--FEBRUARY 14--AND RAY TOLD THE GIRL HE WAS LEAVING TOWN. THIS REPORTER FOUND BOTH THE GIRL FRIEND AND THE TELEVISION SET. THE BACK OF THE TELEVISION SET CONTAINED HANDWRITING BELIEVED TO BE THAT OF RAY AND CAN BE MATCHED AGAINST THE GRAFFITI ON THE WALLS OF THE TELEPHONE BOOTH.

A CLEAR READING OF THIS MAKES IT ALL BUT CERTAIN THAT RAY TOOK THREE TRIPS TO NEW ORLEANS BETWEEN DEC. 15 AND THE END OF MARCH. THERE WAS THE TRIP OF DEC. 15 WHICH STEIN AND I ARE NOW RETRACING; THERE WAS A SECOND TRIP THAT BEGAN ON VALENTINE'S DAY. FINALLY THERE WAS THE TRIP THAT BEGAN A FEW DAYS BEFORE THE END OF MARCH AND CULMINATED IN THE DEATH OF DR. KING.

THE VALENTINE'S DAY TRIP EXPLAINS THE GREEN STAMP TRANSACTION IN THE MIDDLE OF FEBRUARY. IT ALSO EXPLAINS THE MYSTERIOUS PHONE CALL TO THE ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES REQUESTING THAT A DUPLICATE OF "GALT'S" DRIVERS LICENSE BE SENT TO A BIRMINGHAM BOARDING HOUSE. THE LICENSE WAS MAILED ON MARCH 1, THE DAY BEFORE RAY IS ALLEGED TO HAVE GRADUATED FROM A LOS ANGELES DANCING SCHOOL. IT IS CLEAR THAT RAY "DROPPED OUT" FROM THE SCHOOL FOR SEVERAL DAYS TO MAKE THE SECOND TRIP.

THE ONE UNASSAILABLE FACT IS THAT RAY DID MAKE THESE TRIPS. AND THAT HE WAS IN TELEPHONE CONTACT WITH SOMEONE IN NEW ORLEANS. RAY TOLD STEIN THAT HIS CONTACT WAS AN IMPORTANT PERSON, A CONTRACTOR AND BUILDER. THE KEY, THEN, LIES IN LOCATING THE PHONE BOOTH ALONG THE HIGHWAY FROM WHICH THESE CALLS WERE MADE. TELEPHONE COMPANY OFFICIALS BELIEVE THEY CAN TRACE THE CALLS IF THE BOOTH CAN BE LOCATED.

CHARLES STEIN REMEMBERS GRAPHICALLY THE GAS STATION FROM WHICH THE CALLS WERE MADE. WE ARE NOW IN THE GENERAL AREA OF THE STATION. OUR HOPE IS TO LOCATE THESE PHONE BOOTHS BEFORE COMPLETING THE JOURNEY.

END-LOMAX-KING NO. 4-NANA-68

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BUREAU INSTRUCTS THIS MUST BE GIVEN TOP PRIORITY
AND ALL LEADS MUST BE COVERED BY TELETYPE TO THOROUGHLY
RESOLVE. NO INDICATION TO BE GIVEN THAT THIS LEAD IS IN
CONJUNCTION WITH MURKIN CASE.

LEADS

RESIDENT AGENTS AND ROAD TRIP AGENTS

Will make appropriate record checks within
their territory.

SE WALSH

1. Will review all city directories in Buffalo
Office and all telephone directories for Buffalo territory.
2. Will telephonically check Buffalo financial
institutions re GALT.

SE KELLEY

Will make credit and criminal checks as outlined
above.

Results of these checks should be furnished to
SA R. GORDON EDDY.

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Credit & Criminal

The following individuals administered
search of their records on 4-13-68. Unusual
no record identifiable with the subject
Miss Ruth HICKLER, RMC
John Schott, Patrolman, BPD
John BORDOWARO, Dep. Sec, CCSSO

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Memorandum

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ASAC advised of above. SA Foley and SA Higgins investigating.

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HERE'S CLUE FOR FBI

RAY'S PHONE BOOTH LOCATED;
CALL TO CASHMAN TRACEABLE

PRECEDE: THIS IS THE FIFTH OF A SERIES OF REPORTS BY LOUIS LOMAX, FAMED NEGRO REPORTER, WHO HAS BEEN RETRACING THE ROUTE OF JAMES EARL RAY AND HOLLYWOOD SONGWRITER CHARLES STEIN FROM LOS ANGELES TO NEW ORLEANS, SEEKING CLUES TO RAY'S ACTION. WITH THE CLUE HERE REVEALED, THE FBI SHOULD HAVE NO DIFFICULTY IN IDENTIFYING RAY'S NEW ORLEANS CONTACT.

BY LOUIS E. LOMAX

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SAN ANTONIO, TEX., APRIL 30 (NANA)--THE GAS STATION PHONE BOOTH FROM WHICH JAMES EARL RAY, THE ALLEGED SLAYER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING TALKED LONG DISTANCE WITH HIS NEW ORLEANS CONTACT ON THE NIGHT OF DEC. 16, 1967, HAS BEEN LOCATED.

THE CALL WAS ONE OF TWO TELEPHONIC CONTACTS RAY MADE THAT NIGHT WITH THE NEW ORLEANS MAN WHO IS BELIEVED TO BE THE "CASHMAN" BEHIND RAY, THEN KNOWN AS ERIC STARVO GALT.

CHARLES STEIN, THE HOLLYWOOD SONGWRITER WHO MADE THE DEC. 15 TRIP WITH RAY, AND THIS REPORTER LOCATED THE GAS STATION AT ABOUT 1 O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING. IDENTIFICATION OF THE PHONE BOOTH CLIMAYED A 24-HOUR SEARCH IN THE AREA.

TELEPHONE COMPANY OFFICIALS IN TEXAS ARE NOW ATTEMPTING TO LOCATE RECORDS THAT WILL SHOW PRECISELY WHOM RAY WAS CALLING. FROM CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN RAY AND STEIN AS THEY DROVE FROM LOS ANGELES TO NEW ORLEANS, IT HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED THAT RAY SAID HIS CONTACT WAS A NEW ORLEANS INDUSTRIALIST.

THE EXACT LOCATION OF THE PHONE BOOTH IS BEING WITHHELD UNTIL TELEPHONE COMPANY OFFICIALS CAN LOCATE THE RECORDS.

BEFORE LEAVING LOS ANGELES, STEIN GAVE ME A DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE GAS STATIONS WHERE THE TWO PHONE CALLS WERE MADE. THE FIRST CALL WAS PLACED AT APPROXIMATELY 8 O'CLOCK ON THE EVENING OF DEC. 16 AT A GAS STATION IN A RELATIVELY SMALL TOWN. HIGHWAY 90 RAN THROUGH
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THE TOWN AND STEIN RECALLED THAT RAY DROVE INTO THE STATION, WHICH IS ON THE RIGHT HAND SIDE OF THE ROAD.

--"RACED" TO PHONE--

RAY, ACCORDING TO STEIN, GOT OUT OF THE CAR, TOLD THE ATTENDANT THAT HE DID NOT WANT GAS, AND RACED TO THE PHONE BOOTH LEFT OF THE STATION AND OUT OF STEIN'S VIEW. STEIN RECALLED THE STATION HAD A LONG ROOF THAT JUTTED OUT FROM THE MAIN BUILDING TO THE GAS PUMP AREA. HE SAID THE JUTTING ROOF AREA WAS FLOODED WITH CONTINUOUS LIGHT.

THE FIRST 24 HOURS OF THE SEARCH PROVED FRUITLESS BECAUSE OF THE MANNER IN WHICH STEIN'S MEMORY WORKS. HE NEVER WEARS A WATCH AND HAS GREAT DIFFICULTY RECALLING IF AN EVENT OCCURED IN THE MORNING OR IN THE AFTERNOON. HE KNEW, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT HE LEFT LOS ANGELES ON FRIDAY, DEC. 15, AND ARRIVED IN NEW ORLEANS ON SUNDAY, THE 17TH, BUT HE COULD NOT RECALL THE APPROXIMATE DEPARTURE OR ARRIVAL TIMES.

CROSS CHECKS WITH STEIN'S FAMILY IN LOS ANGELES ESTABLISH THAT HE AND RAY DEPARTED AT ABOUT NOON ON DEC. 15. A CHECK WITH STEIN'S MOTHER IN NEW ORLEANS DISCLOSED THAT HE AND RAY ARRIVED AT HER HOME SHORTLY AFTER NOON ON SUNDAY.

--RECONSTRUCTED TIMETABLE--

AFTER HAVING PLOTTED THE TRIP AS CARRIED OUT WITH THE TWO MEN TAKING TURNS AT THE WHEEL, WE DETERMINED APPROXIMATELY WHERE THEY WOULD HAVE BEEN AT 9 O'CLOCK ON THE EVENING OF DEC. 16, THE NIGHT THE TWO CALLS WERE PLACED.

THIS TIMETABLE POINTED THE HOUSTON AREA. ONLY AFTER A SEARCH OF THAT AREA FAILED TO LOCATE THE GAS STATIONS INVOLVED DID STEIN BEGIN TO COMPLETELY RELIVE THE TRIP. HE REMEMBERED THAT AFTER THE LAST PHONE CALL HE, STEIN, TOOK OVER THE DRIVING AND IMMEDIATELY HIT A ROAD UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

AFTER THREE HOURS OF DRIVING AND COVERING MORE THAN 125 MILES, WE FOUND THE STRETCH OF HIGHWAY. THE LOCATION OF THE "BUMPY ROAD" SUGGESTED THAT OUR ORIGINAL CALCULATIONS WERE OFF BY SOME 500 MILES.

THEN STEIN'S MEMORY PRODUCED THESE FACTS: HE AND RAY DROV THROUGH A SNOW STORM ON THIR FIRST NIGHT OUT, DEC. 15. MORE, THEY DETOURED SOUTH DEEPER INTO NEW MEXICO TO GET OUT OF THE STORM.

THE TWO MEN ATE BREAKFAST AT LAS CRUCES, N.M., EARLY ON THE MORNING OF DEC. 16. THEY THEN DROVE INTO EL PASO, SOME 30 MILES, WHERE RAY BOUGHT A NEW TIRE FOR THE WHITE MUSTANG. THE TIRE WAS NOT PUT ON THE CAR THERE. RAY DROVE ON INTO SAN ANTONIO AND SKIDDED OFF THE ICY ROAD. STEIN TOOK THE WHEEL THERE AND DROVE TO THE NEXT SMALL TOWN, WHERE THEY PULLED INTO A SMALL GAS STATION. RAY HAD THE NEW TIRE PUT ON, REASONING THAT HIS SKID HAD BEEN CAUSED BY A SMOOTH TIRE.

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NANA-5-LOMAX-KING--ADD TWO

--AREA BLOCKED OUT--

A CHECK WITH THE WEATHER BUREAU CONFIRMED THE SNOW STORM AND THE ICY ROADS. GIVEN THE BREAKFAST IN LAS CRUCES AND THE WEATHER FACTORS, IT BECAME CLEAR THAT THE PHONE CALLS WERE MADE SOMEWHERE AFTER EL PASO RATHER THAN BETWEEN SAN ANTONIO AND HOUSTON AS FIRST THOUGHT.

STEIN, STRUGGLING TO RECALL DETAILS OF A FIVE-MONTH-OLD TRIP THAT MEANT NOTHING TO HIM AT THE TIME, REMEMBERED THAT RAY WAS SHORT ON GAS AS HE DROVE THROUGH A SMALL TOWN. AS THEY PASSED THE LAST GAS STATION IN THE TOWN, RAY REMARKED THAT THE STATION WAS ACROSS THE ROAD, WHICH HAD A DIVIDER, AND THAT HE WOULD GET GAS AT THE NEXT STATION, WHICH HE GUESSED WOULD BE A FEW MILES DOWN THE HIGHWAY. RAY DROVE ABOUT THREE MILES WITHOUT COMING UPON A GAS STATION.

STEIN RECALLED THIS CLEARLY BECAUSE ONCE THEY RETURNED TO THE HIGHWAY THEY INDEED DID COME UPON A GAS STATION ABOUT A MILE FROM WHERE RAY MADE THE U-TURN BACK TO THE SMALL TOWN.

STEIN AND I FOUND THE TOWN. THE ROAD DIVIDER IS THERE AND WE BOUGHT OUR GAS AT THE SAME PHILLIPS 66 STATION WHERE RAY BOUGHT HIS.

--MEMORY RETURNS--

FROM THESE FIXED POINTS IT WAS JUST A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE STEIN, WHO WAS DRIVING MY RENTED CAR AT THE TIME, SLAMMED ON BRAKES AND THEN PULLED INTO A GAS STATION.

"THIS," HE SHOUTED, "IS IT. THANK YOU, JESUS!"

THE STATION HAS THE JUTTED ROOF. THE LIGHTS ARE CONTINUOUS. AND AS I SAT IN THE CAR, AS STEIN HAD DONE WITH RAY IN DECEMBER, AND WATCHED STEIN RACE AROUND THE LEFT SIDE OF THE STATION TO THE HIDDEN PHONE BOOTH, I BECAME CONVINCED THAT INDEED THIS WAS THE PLACE.

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THE SOLUTION TO THE ASSASSINATION OF DR. KING, THEN, NOW LIES IN THE HANDS OF GOD AND THE TELEPHONE COMPANY.

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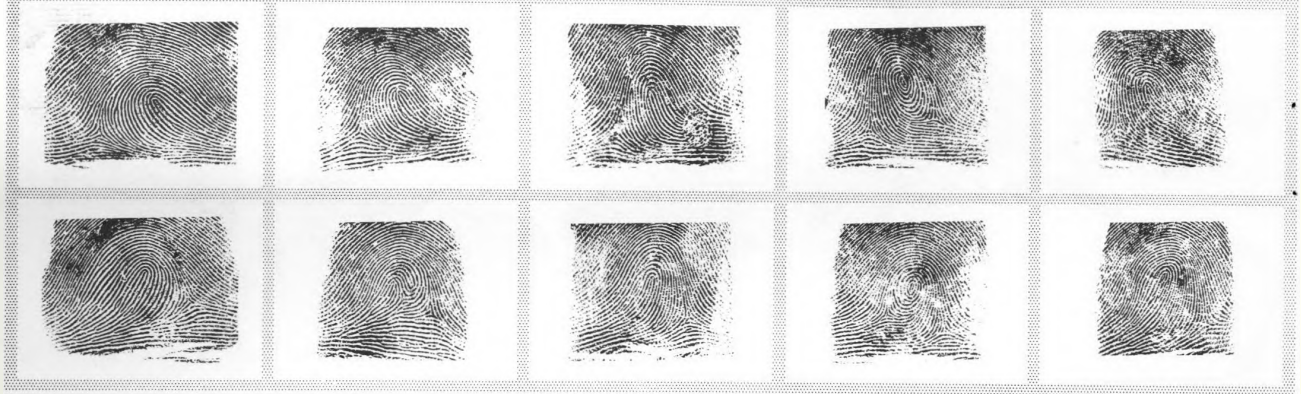
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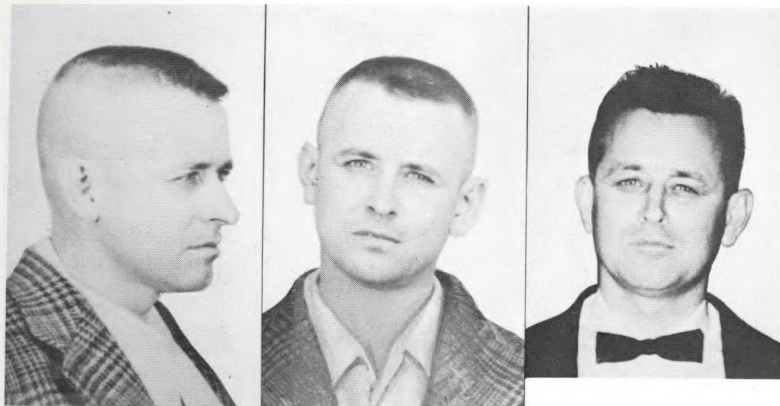
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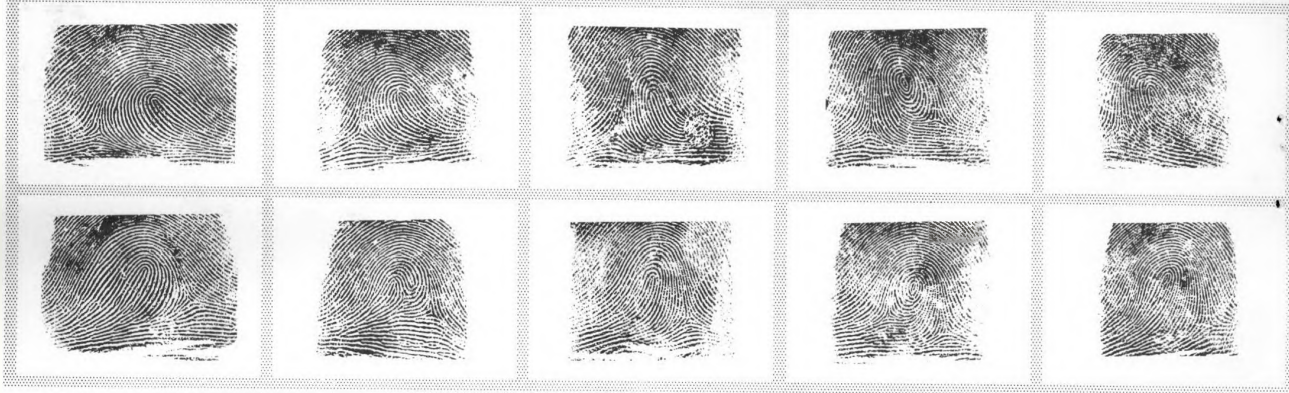
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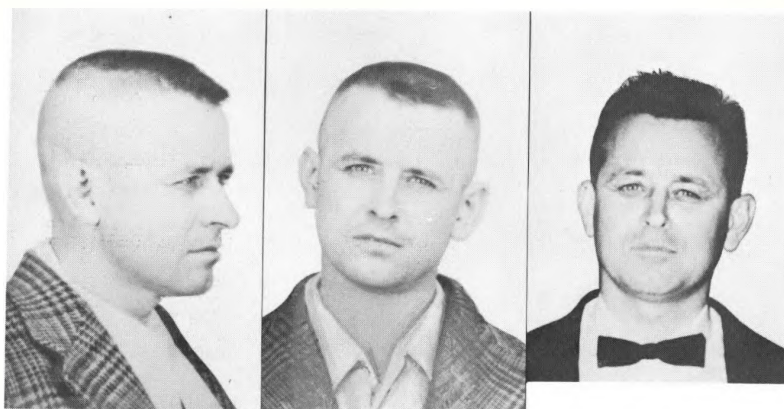
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LEADS

ALL RESIDENT AGENTS AND
ROAD TRIP AGENTS

Will make appropriate contacts and by memorandum identify agencies contacted and the dates thereof and whether these agencies maintain a latent fingerprint file. If so, the memorandum should show that unidentified latents were compared with RAY's fingerprints and the results of this comparison.

JAMES EARL RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND
EXTREMELY DANGEROUS.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : ALL AGENTS

FROM : SAC NEIL J. WELCH

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/30/68

EACH AGENT IS REQUESTED TO CAREFULLY READ THIS MEMORANDUM AND TO BE ALERT TO DISCUSS THIS CASE WITH EACH PERSON CONTACTED. SINCE THIS CASE IS RECEIVING NATION-WIDE PUBLICITY, IT IS OF THE UTMOST IMPORTANCE THAT EVERY AGENT TAKE EVERY POSSIBLE STEP TO BRING THIS CASE TO A SPEEDY SOLUTION.

Attached hereto for all Agents are extra copies of the Identification Order (IO) on JAMES EARL RAY, as well as five photographs. Additional copies of each are being ordered from the Bureau.

Each Agent is requested during his daily investigation to exhibit RAY's photograph to persons interviewed and where appropriate, to furnish copies of the IO to persons interviewed. As soon as additional copies of the IO are received from the Bureau, they will be made available for these contacts.

It is emphasized that it is extremely important to exhibit RAY's photograph or leave copies of the IO in making the following contacts:

Rooming houses
Hotels
Motels
Race tracks
Sports arenas
Stadiums

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Taverns
Transient labor pools,
 such as Manpower and Nugents
Unions
Dancing schools
Bartenders and bartending schools
Banking and other financial institutions
New and used car dealers
Automobile repair services
Gas stations
Car rental agencies
Railroad, bus and train ticket agents
Hippie rooming houses
Hippie nightclubs
Law enforcement officers
Immigration officers
Border patrol officers
News media personnel
Personnel officers in plants,
 industry and other businesses
Union stewards or business agents

In each of these contacts, persons should be furnished with RAY's full name plus all known aliases. In any recontacts, they should again be shown RAY's photograph and the matter rediscussed with them.

**ARMED ROBBERIES
AND BURGLARIES**

RAY should be considered a suspect in all local armed robberies and burglaries and in all bank robberies and burglaries. Agents handling contacts with local Robbery and Burglary Squads should maintain close liaison and furnish investigating officers with photographs of RAY to exhibit to any witnesses they may have. If latent fingerprints are developed, it should be assured that RAY's fingerprints are compared with these unidentified prints.

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AUTO THEFTS

Agents handling ITSMV matters should carefully review all their unsub cases, particularly those since 4/5/68, for any information indicating RAY may have stolen the car involved. Particular emphasis is placed on any car case where a car stolen in the State of Georgia has been recovered within the Buffalo Division. Any latent fingerprints developed should be submitted to the Bureau for comparison with RAY's fingerprints.

In any future ITSMV case, RAY should be considered a prime suspect and every recovered vehicle should be processed for latent fingerprints. Leads set out for other offices should remind them of the possibility that RAY might be involved in the theft.

IMMIGRATION, CUSTOMS, AND BORDER PATROL

Although stops have been placed with all points of entry from the United States into Canada, both with Canadian Immigration and American Immigration, each Agent, in contacting any Border Patrol Officers, Immigration Inspector, or Customs Official, should make sure that he has available a photograph or IO of RAY and is again requested to be alert for RAY's attempt to enter or leave the United States. In this regard, ticket takers at the bridges should also be alerted to be on the lookout for RAY.

NEW YORK STATE THRUWAY

In any contacts had with Thruway ticket takers, Thruway repairmen, Thruway repair service trucks, and Thruway tow trucks, IOs should be furnished and they should be requested to be on the lookout for RAY. New York State Troopers, who patrol the Thruway, should also be furnished IOs when contacted.

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CAR RENTAL AGENCIES

In contacts with car rental agencies, IOs should be made available so that if RAY attempts to rent a car, a likeness is readily available for personnel. Rental agencies should also be asked if they have any unreturned automobiles. Careful consideration should be given to the possibility that RAY is in possession of one of these vehicles. In addition, arrangements should be made for all employees of the rental agencies to view RAY's photograph to determine if he has at any time rented an automobile from that agency. In recontacts, this matter should be rediscussed.

TRANSIENT LABOR POOLS AND MIGRANT LABOR CAMPS

In each contact with personnel supplying transient labor, IOs of RAY should be made available to appropriate personnel and in recontacts, they should be realerted to be on the lookout for RAY.

ROOMING HOUSES, MOTELS, AND HOTELS

In contacts with operators or managers of these establishments, they should be requested to advise whether RAY has ever stayed in their place. Appropriate photographs should be made available with a request that the Buffalo Office be notified if anyone they believe to be RAY attempts to register. In recontacts, this matter should be rediscussed.

TAVERNS AND NIGHTCLUBS

Since RAY attended bartending school, he may seek employment as a bartender. In contacts with taverns, bartenders, and other employees, as well as operators of bars, they should be queried concerning RAY and photographs made available.

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UNIONS, UNION STEWARDS,
AND BUSINESS AGENTS

In contacts with any union officials, particularly unions representing bartenders, IOs or photographs of RAY should be made available, and they should be requested to review their current membership to see if he could presently be a member of the union. They should also be alerted to possible future membership by RAY.

RACE TRACKS, STADIUMS,
AND SPORTS ARENAS

Contacts with race track security personnel, ticket takers, cashiers should include making available RAY's photograph or IO and personnel should be requested to be on the alert for RAY. Similar action should be taken at stadiums and sports arenas. This would include alerting concession operators and parking lot attendants.

POLICE SCHOOLS, MUTUAL
AID GROUPS, AND LAW
ENFORCEMENT CONFERENCES

Police school instructors and others who appear before police groups should discuss this case with these officers and ask them to be on the alert for RAY and to alert their personnel to be on the lookout for RAY.

Attached to this memorandum is background data concerning this case which the Bureau has made public and this information can be utilized in discussing this case.

With regard to police schools, even though a preceding instructor may have discussed this case with the group, each instructor should rediscuss it and if there is additional data which can be made public, it should be furnished to them.

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LAW ENFORCEMENT
OFFICERS

In individual contacts with local, County, State, and Federal law enforcement officers, IOs should be made available wherever possible; and this case should be discussed with these officers with a request that they be alert for RAY and that they ask their fellow officers to be on the alert for him also. In recontacts, this case should be re-discussed.

RAILROAD, BUS AND TRAIN
TICKET AGENTS AND TAXICAB
OPERATORS

Although IOs have been disseminated to all airlines, bus and railroad stations, in each contact with any personnel of any transportation service, RAY's photograph should be exhibited and his name and all aliases should be furnished. Personnel contacted should also be requested to advise whether they have seen RAY and to be on the alert for him in the future. In recontacts, the matter should be rediscussed.

PERSONNEL OFFICERS AND
EMPLOYMENT AGENCIES

In contacts with personnel officers in any industrial plants, businesses, restaurant, and chain stores, they should be furnished an IO on RAY, his name and all aliases and should be asked whether RAY could be presently employed by their agency, as well as alerted to any future application for employment he might make.

NEW AND USED CAR DEALERS, CAR
REPAIR AGENCIES, GARAGES AND
SERVICE STATIONS, AND AUTOMOBILE
AUCTIONS

In contacts with personnel associated with any of the above businesses, they should be furnished an IO or

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photograph of RAY and interviewed to determine whether they have any information concerning him. They should also be requested to be on the alert for RAY.

NEWS MEDIA

The Bureau has requested that all news media in radio, television, and the press publicize RAY's photograph and description as frequently as possible. Resident Agents and Road Trip Agents in particular are to insure that all news media in their territories have been furnished photographs of RAY, his description, and background information concerning him. (Any necessary photographs and IOs should be requested of SA R. GORDON EDDY.)

The Bureau's public statements with regard to this case are attached to this memorandum as is a description of RAY.

BANKING AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

In contacts with banking officials, bank tellers, and other personnel in banking institutions, photographs of RAY should be made available and personnel should be alerted to be on the lookout for RAY.

It is known RAY had a safety deposit box in Birmingham, Alabama, at a banking institution. Since he seems to have access to funds, he may be obtaining them by robbery or burglary. He has previously served time for stealing postal money orders and passing them and, therefore, the possibility that he may pass bad checks should be passed on to banking and financial institution officials.

POST OFFICE BURGLARIES

In the past, RAY burglarized the Post Office and obtained a number of Postal money orders, which he passed

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in the mid-West. RAY should be considered a suspect in any Post Office burglary or in the passing of any stolen Post Office money orders. Postal Inspectors should be furnished IOs of RAY and in any unsolved Post Office burglaries where latent prints are available or cashed stolen money orders are in possession of Postal Inspectors, any latent fingerprints or handwriting developed should be submitted to the Bureau for comparison.

ITSP MATTERS

In all unsub bad check cases and credit card cases (note Bureau's jurisdiction in credit card cases), RAY should be considered as a suspect. His propensity for check passing should be called to the attention of hotel, motel, tavern, and restaurant operators, as well as officials and employees of banking institutions.

Similar information should be furnished to automobile dealers, department store personnel, and other individuals with whom RAY may attempt to cash a check or utilize a credit card. Any latent fingerprints or handwriting developed should be compared with RAY's.

DANCE STUDIOS AND BALLROOMS

Since RAY has taken dancing lessons in California and Birmingham, the possibility exists he may continue such lessons. In contacts with dance studio operators and personnel, as in contacts with night spots and dance ballrooms, appropriate personnel should be requested to be on the lookout for RAY. In recontacts, the matter should be rediscussed.

PROCESS

On 7/20/67, a complaint authorized by AUSA WILLIAM A. KITCHEN, Western District of Missouri, Kansas City, Missouri,

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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. A warrant was issued on 7/20/67.

On 4/17/68, AUSA R. MACEY TAYLOR, Birmingham, authorized the filing of a complaint charging ERIC STARVO GALT (an alias of RAY) with Conspiracy to violate Section 241, Title 18, USC, and recommended bond in the amount of \$50,000. On that same date, SAC JOSEPH H. GAMBLE filed a complaint before USC MILDRED F. SPRAGUE, Birmingham, and a warrant was issued at that time.

INFORMANTS

In every contact with every CI, PCI, RI, SI or PRI, he should be requested to be alert to any and all information concerning RAY or RAY's whereabouts. It is emphasized that this matter should be brought up in EVERY contact and not just once.

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DESCRIPTION

The following is a composite description of
JAMES EARL RAY;

Name	JAMES EARL RAY, Also known as 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
Born	3/10/28 or 3/10/29
Age	39 or 40
Place of Birth	Decatur, Quincy or Alton, all Illinois
Height	Approximately 5'10"
Weight	174 pounds in 9/66
Complexion	Ruddy
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Brown (brush cut)
Build	Medium
Occupations	Laborer; baker; graduate of bartending school, Los Angeles, California, 3/2/68
Scars	Small scar center of forehead; scar on palm of right hand

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Education
Characteristics

Claims 10th grade
Avid dancer, but described
by some as poor dancer;
Loner, but described by
some as introvert;
Neat dresser;
Drinks alcoholic beverages,
but has preference for
vodka and beer;
Fan of country and western
music;
Language and diction of
rural quality;
Has nervous habit of pulling
on ear lobe;
Left ear protrudes farther
from head than right ear;
Drifter;
In some photos, appears to
have cleft chin

Army Serial No.
Military Record

16163129
Enlisted in Army 2/46; given
general discharge 12/23/48
by reason of ineptness and
lack of adaptability for
military service

FBI No.
FPC

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Medical History

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Treated for gonorrhea and
syphilis while in service;
Has been confined State
Hospital, Fulton, Missouri

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PUBLICITY

The following publicity was released by the Bureau on 4/17/68:

"Attorney General RAMSEY CLARK announced on 4/17/68 that ERIC STARVO GALT is being sought by the FBI as a Fugitive on a Federal charge arising from the fatal shooting of the Rev. Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., in Memphis, Tennessee, on 4/4/68.

"Director J. EDGAR HOOVER stated that a Federal complaint was filed by the FBI in Birmingham, Alabama, on 4/17/68, charging GALT with conspiring to violate the civil rights of Dr. KING in violation of Title 18, Section 241, of the United States Code.

"The FBI complaint charges that 'on or about 3/29/68 at Birmingham, Alabama,...Eric Starvo Galt and an individual whom he alleged to be his brother, entered into a conspiracy which continued until on or about 4/5/68 to injure, oppress, threaten, or intimidate Martin Luther King, Jr.,...in the free exercise or enjoyment of a right secured to him by the Constitution or laws of the United States; namely, the right to freely travel from state to state. In furtherance of this conspiracy, Eric Starvo Galt did, on or about 3/30/68, purchase a rifle at Birmingham, Alabama...'

"According to Mr. HOOVER, a 30.06 rifle equipped with a telescopic sight was found near a rooming house on South Main Street in Memphis immediately after the fatal shooting of Dr. KING occurred. The rooming house overlooks the Lorraine Hotel and motel where Dr. KING was staying.

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"Mr. HOOVER said that FBI Agents determined that the 30.06 rifle had been purchased from a gun dealer in Birmingham, Alabama, on 3/30/68. The telescopic sight also was purchased from this dealer.

"The FBI Director said GALT, who has used the names of JOHN WILLARD and HARVEY LOWMYER in the past, is the owner of a 1966 white Mustang bearing Alabama license plates which was located abandoned in Atlanta, Georgia, on 4/11/68. Investigation disclosed GALT purchased this car from a private citizen in Birmingham on 8/30/67. The Mustang's odometer showed that it had been driven more than 19,000 miles between late August, 1967 and early April, 1968.

"According to Mr. HOOVER, GALT's travels in the Mustang included trips to Los Angeles, California; New Orleans, Louisiana; Birmingham, Alabama; and Mexico, as well as to Memphis, Tennessee, and Atlanta, Georgia. GALT was reported to have been in Memphis on 4/3 and 4/68 and to have departed from there for Atlanta.

"Intensive investigation by the FBI had disclosed GALT has claimed to have been employed as a Cook on Mississippi river vessels and as a Merchant Seaman. He is said to be an avid dancer and took dancing lessons in New Orleans in 1964 and 1965; in Birmingham during September and October, 1967; and in Long Beach, California, from December, 1967 to February, 1968.

"GALT left Los Angeles on 12/15/67 and drove his white Mustang to New Orleans where he claimed he contacted either an engineering or contracting firm. He left New Orleans on 12/19/67 and arrived back in Los Angeles on 12/21/67.

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"While in the Los Angeles area early this year, GALT took a course at a School of Bartending and was graduated on 3/2/68.

"The Fugitive is described as white male. He is approximately 5 feet 8 inches to 5 feet 11 inches tall and weighs between 160 and 175 pounds. He is said to be a neat dresser and has a medium build.

"GALT has brown hair, which he wears in a 'brush' cut. He reportedly has blue eyes; his nose is straight and narrow; his teeth are straight and clean; and he has given his date of birth as July 20, 1931.

"The Fugitive is said to have a nervous habit of occasionally pulling at an ear lobe with his hand. His left ear protrudes farther from his head than his right ear.

"According to Mr. HOOVER, persons who have met GALT describe him as a 'loner' and state his language and diction have a 'rural' quality and suggest that he probably does not have a high degree of education. He is said to drink alcoholic beverages and has a preference for vodka and beer. He is a fan of Western and Country music.

"GALT should be considered ARMED AND DANGEROUS. Any information concerning him should be furnished immediately to the nearest FBI Office.

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The following press release was made on 4/19/68:

"Attorney General RAMSEY CLARK announced on 4/19/68 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 for 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 4/23/67. He had been received at that institution on 3/17/60 to serve a 20-year sentence following conviction in St. Louis for Armed Robbery and operating a motor vehicle without permission of the owner.

"In 9/66, 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.

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"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 2/46 to 12/48 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 MC BRIDE, JAMES WALTON, W. C. HERRON, and JAMES O'CONNER. He is a white male; claims to have been born 3/10/28 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 7/20/67 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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The Bureau has specifically instructed that no expansion should be made on these press releases.

INSTRUCTIONS

AS CAN READILY BE REALIZED, THIS IS ONE OF THE BUREAU'S MOST IMPORTANT CASES AND EVERY AGENT IS EXPECTED TO EXERT EVERY EFFORT TO BRING IT TO A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION.

THE 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.

In preparing memoranda, teletypes or other correspondence, they should have a caption such as, "RE: SUSPICIOUS AUTOMOBILE, NEW YORK LICENSE 4E 000," or "INVESTIGATION RE JOSEPH SMITH, ASSOCIATE OF JAMES EARL RAY." The names and positions of persons contacted, including the date contacted and contacting Agent, along the lines set out in this memorandum, should be furnished to SA R. GORDON EDDY either by memorandum or routing slip but that this contacts are being made must be shown in captioned file.

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

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