

NANA-1. LOMAX-KING (NATIONAL)

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FBI BUNGLES JOB

J. EDGAR HOOVER CALLED UNFIT
TO LEAD SEARCH FOR KING'S KILLER

PRECEDE: THIS IS THE LAST OF A SERIES BY FAMED NEGRO REPORTER LOUIS LOMAX, WHO HAS BEEN INVESTIGATING THE SEARCH FOR JAMES EARLE RAY, WANTED FOR THE MURDER OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING.

END PRECEDE.

BY LOUIS E. LOMAX

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LOS ANGELES, MAY 3 (NANA)--THE SEARCH FOR THE SLAYER OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. IS MORE THAN A MANHUNT FOR JAMES EARLE RAY, ALIAS ERIC STARVO GALT. FOR THE SEARCH IS THAT OF A TROUBLED NATION TRYING TO LOCATE ITS SOUL, OF A REPUBLIC IN SEARCH OF ITS OWN VALUE SYSTEM.

PRESIDENTIAL ASPIRANT HUBERT HUMPHREY CAME CLOSE TO THE TRUTH A FEW DAYS AGO WHEN HE SAID WE ARE NOT LOST, THAT WE ARE A NATION GROWING UP AND TRYING TO FIND BETTER WAYS. THE ASSASSINATION OF DR. KING HAS INTENSIFIED THE SEARCH FOR BETTER WAYS AND I SUSPECT THERE WILL BE A GOOD DEAL OF FOUNDATION SHAKING, IN HIGH PLACES AT THAT, BEFORE THE ENTIRE MATTER IS PUT TO REST.

I AM SPEAKING SPECIFICALLY OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION AND ITS DIRECTOR, J. EDGAR HOOVER.

"MOST NOTORIOUS LIAR"

IT IS OPEN PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE THAT HOOVER DEEPLY DISLIKED MARTIN LUTHER KING. HE ONCE REFERRED TO KING AS "THE MOST NOTORIOUS LIAR IN THE NATION." NOW HOOVER IS CALLED UPON TO LOCATE KING'S ASSASSIN.

THERE ARE A FEW BLACK PEOPLE INDEED WHO BELIEVE HOOVER WILL WORK OVERTIME IN THIS SEARCH. THE FEELING IS NOT WITHOUT SOME FOUNDATION; EITHER THE FBI IS INEPT OR THE BUNGLING OF THE KING CASE IS INTENTIONAL.

. THE FBI ISSUED A REPORT THAT JAMES EARLE RAY TOOK DANCING LESSONS IN NEW ORLEANS IN 1964-65. THE FBI'S OWN FILES SHOW THAT RAY WAS IN PRISON AT THE TIME.

. SOMEBODY, SOMEHOW, MANAGED TO CIRCULATE THE WRONG FINGERPRINTS FOR RAY. UP UNTIL THE LATTER PART OF THIS WEEK THE GEORGIA BUREAU OF INVESTIGATIONS HAD WRONG PRINTS FOR RAY; HAD HE BEEN ARRESTED IN ATLANTA ON THE DAY HE ABANDONED THE WHITE MUSTANG HE WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AS RAY.

LOCAL POLICE SHOVED ASIDE

. THE FBI HAS PREEMPTED LOCAL POLICE FROM THE CASE BY DECLARING THE KING MURDER A CONSPIRACY. THUS THE FULL BURDEN OF THE INVESTIGATION (MORE)

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RESTS WITH THE FBI. IT GUARDS IT JEALOUSLY; KING HAS BEEN DEAD A MONTH NOW AND THE FBI IS YET TO ASK THE COOPERATION OF LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT. YET RAY LIVED IN LOS ANGELES FOR SEVERAL MONTHS AND IT IS KNOWN THAT HE MADE AT LEAST THREE TRIPS FROM LOS ANGELES TO NEW ORLEANS AND THAT HE CARRIED A LOS ANGELES MAN WITH HIM ON ONE OCCASION.

. SHORTLY AFTER I DISCOVERED TELEPHONE BOOTHS IN LOS ANGELES FROM WHICH RAY ALLEGEDLY MADE PHONE CALLS, THE FBI MOVED IN AND CONFISCATED THE TELEPHONE COMPANY RECORDS. THEY AND ONLY THEY KNOW WHAT THOSE RECORDS REVEAL.

BLACKS DON'T TRUST HOOVER

LET ME MAKE IT PLAIN, VERY PLAIN: AMERICA'S BLACKS NEVER HAVE AND DO NOT NOW TRUST EITHER J. EDGAR HOOVER OR THE FBI. THOSE OF US WHO HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED TO COVER CIVIL RIGHTS STORIES IN THE SOUTH KNOW ALL TOO WELL HOW MUCH THE FBI CAN FUMBLE WHEN IT DOES NOT WISH TO SOLVE A CASE.

THE SUSPICION IS DEFENDED BY THE FACT THAT THE FBI "LEAKED" A STORY TO NEWSMEN THAT SUGGESTED THAT A NEGRO WITH AN ANIMUS TOWARD KING WAS BEHIND THE ASSASSINATION. THE STORY WAS COMPLETELY FALSE, BUT IF NEWSMEN HAD WRITTEN IT, DR. KING WOULD HAVE BEEN SMEARED EVEN IN HIS GRAVE.

THE FBI ATTEMPT TO DISCREDIT THE DEAD CIVIL RIGHTS LEADER WAS SO BLATANT THAT EVEN WHITE REPORTERS WHO KNEW OF THE STORY RECOILED IN FURY.

J. EDGAR HOOVER WOULD DO HIS NATION A GREAT SERVICE IF HE WERE TO ADMIT PUBLICLY HIS DISLIKE FOR DR. KING AND THEN SHARE THE HUNT FOR THE ASSASSIN WITH A LESS PREJUDICED AGENCY.

WANTED: A MIXED COMMISSION

PERHAPS THE CAUSE OF JUSTICE WOULD BE BETTER SERVED IF THE INVESTIGATION WAS PLACED UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF A WARREN-TYPE COMMISSION COMPOSED OF BOTH BLACK AND WHITES.

THE MURDER OF DR. KING WAS AN ORGANIZED AND WELL PLANNED EXERCISE. THIS WAS NOT THE DEED OF "SOME WHITE NUT." RATHER THERE IS A SENSE IN WHICH SOCIETY ITSELF COMMITTED THE ACT; AND IT IS CERTAIN THAT POWERFUL MEN IN AMERICAN SOCIETY WERE PART OF THE DEED MOST FOUL.

UNLIKE CAESAR'S WIFE, J. EDGAR HOOVER IS NOT ABOVE REPROACH WHEN IT COMES TO THE CIVIL RIGHTS ISSUE. LET MR. HOOVER THEN CLEAR THE AIR BY EITHER REMOVING HIMSELF FROM THE INVESTIGATION OR SHARING THE HUNT WITH MEN AND ORGANIZATIONS THAT COMMAND THE FAITH OF THOSE WHOSE CAUSE KING CHAMPIONED.

END LOMAX-KING-NANA-68

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Mr. Neil J. Welch
Federal Bureau of Investigation
400 U. S. Court House
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Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-374)

FROM : SA ROBERT W. BUCHER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/3/68

Re Latent Fingerprint Examinations

On 5/2/68, the following contacts were made by the writer concerning this matter in accordance with instructions set forth in memo of SA R. GORDON EDDY, 4/30/68:

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Elmira, N.Y. PD

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~~Elmira Heights, N.Y.~~ PD Horseheads, N.Y. PD

no unidentified latents maintained

COP LLOYD ROBERTS
Elmira Heights, N.Y. PD

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) AND SACS CHICAGO (44-1114)
 MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: SAC, BUFFALO (44-374)

MURKIN

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

RE BUFFALO TELETYPE, MAY ONE LAST.

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 UNDER KNOWN NAME OR ALIASES.

PORTER ADVISED A REVIEW OF REPAIR RECORDS COULD BE MADE
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COMPANY.

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REGIONAL CENTERS AND REPAIR SHOPS. *SUBJECT ARMED*
AND DANGEROUS.
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Special Agent in Charge

FBI MEMPHIS

FBI-BUFFALO

10:25AM URGENT 5/7/68 SKC

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), CHICAGO (44-1114) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)
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10:21AM FBI WASH DC JMS

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Memorandum

TO : SAC

DATE

5/3/68

FROM : SA

Richard F. Schally

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SUBJECT:

John Cool Hunt

Dates of Contact		
5/1 + 2/68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted		
Unsub - Liberty Bank - Jefferson Ave.	91-3041	
611F	94-300A	
Murkin	44-374	
Purpose and results of contact		
<input type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE <input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC		
Unsub - Liberty Bank - Jefferson Ave. 91-3041 PCI advised he has spent each day for the past week visiting bars & poolrooms to develop info re unsubs but has not obtained info of value. 611F 94-300A "Jocho", N.M., 40, 5'9", 170# and "Sam" N.M., 45, 5'7", 150# both are numbers runners and both operate		
<input type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating Excellent	Coverage 611F, BR, Paris 44-374-178

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out of the Pine Grill selling numbers and Communications by phone with the numbers books. Each will have numbers slips in their possession between 1⁰⁰_{PM} & 3⁰⁰_{PM} each day.

Therese was furnished the Lt. Kevin Connors who was aware of the identity of "Jack" + "Lena". He felt this information was of particular value since it would enable him to ~~obtain~~ ~~numbers~~ time the arrests of these individuals so as to obtain the numbers slips as evidence.

PC advised a crap game is operated after 6⁰⁰_{PM} on weekends and Sunday afternoon at the Metropolitan Diner on Jefferson Ave. This was also furnished by Lt. Connors.

PC advised the auto repair shop located 2 stores north of E. Ferry on Jefferson operates as a fence and purchases stolen merchandise.

This information was furnished to
Detective Jerry Bennett, Lefor, Burlington, Ind.

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PCI not acquainted with James
Earl Ray but promised to be alert for
him

Recommendation

It is recommended PCI be paid
\$25.00 for the above GIFF information.

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FBI NEW YORK
7:13PM URGENT 5/7/68 LCC
TO ALL SACS RELAY MESSAGE PLAN
FROM DIRECTOR 1P

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, BUFFALO (44-374) (P)
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The following are estimated totals through 4/30/68:

	Regular Hours	Overtime Hours	Total
1. A. Special Agents	100	40	140
B. Clerical Employees	10	--	10
	<u>110</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>150</u>
2. Estimated mileage:	300 miles		
3. Unusual Costs:	None		
4. Peak Number of SAs:	55		

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

To: **FBI, Buffalo (44-374)**

Date: **May 6, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN
CR**

FBI File No. **44-38861**

Lab. No. **D-562101 JK**

Specimens received **5/2/68**

**Q304 White envelope postmarked "ROCHESTER, N.Y. 1A PM 17
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beginning "MRS. GROOMS - I READ...."**

Result of examination:

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**Q304 and Q305 were searched in the Anonymous Letter
File without effecting an identification. Copies have been
added to this file for future reference.**

**Except for the printing "FREE PARKING" on the reverse
side of Q305, no watermarks, indented writing or other
identifying characteristics were noted on the submitted material
by which the source of these specimens could be definitely deter-
mined.**

**Q304 and Q305 have been photographed and are being
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To: **FBI, Buffalo (44-374)**

Date: **May 6, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis**

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-562101 JK**

Examination requested by: **Buffalo**

Reference: **Airtel 4/29/68**

Examination requested: **Document - Fingerprint**

Remarks:

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TO : SAC (44-374)

DATE: 5/7/68

FROM : SA RICHARD W. RUDY

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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Ref memo of SA R. Gordon Eddy, 4/30/68.

On dates indicated the following persons each advised their respective agency does not maintain a latent fingerprint file nor do they currently possess any latents from unsolved crimes:

- 5/3/68 - Carl Roosa, COP, Hornell, N. Y. PD
- Lt. James Gilbert, Corning, N. Y. PD
- 5/6/68 - Pamela Weigand, Guard and Dispatcher, Steuben Co. SO,
 Bath, N. Y. (she checked by radio with Bath, N. Y. PD
 and determined they also do not possess any latents
 from unsolved crimes)
- Thomas Stull, Painted Post, N. Y. PD

Route this memo to SA Eddy.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI AND SACS ATLANTA, 44-2386
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FROM: SAC, BUFFALO (44-374)

MURKIN

SGT. C. A. FLYNN, N.Y. STATE POLICE, WATERLOO, N.Y.,
FURNISHED FOLLOWING INFORMATION THIS DATE:

OTIS DUNHAM, BORDER CITY ROAD, GENEVA, N.Y., FURNISHED
INFO RECEIVED FROM SON, CHARLES DUNHAM, IN TELEPHONE
CALL ON MAY SIX LAST AND MAY SEVEN LAST, WHEREIN CHARLES
DUNHAM INDICATED HE HAD INFO CONCERNING ASSASSINATION OF
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING AND THAT PRESENT IDENTIFICATION OF
KING MURDERER WAS WRONG AND THAT MURDERER IS NAMED EITHER
WESLEY, WELSTON, WESTON, OR NAME SIMILARLY SOUNDING.

CHARLES DUNHAM INDICATED HE HAS WORKED IN ATLANTA, GA.
COFFEE HOUSE, HOWEVER, IS BELIEVED PRESENTLY UNEMPLOYED
AND LIVING IN SO-CALLED HIPPIE CIRCUMSTANCES. DUNHAM'S
EMPLOYER AT COFFEE HOUSE ARRESTED ON NARCOTICS CHARGE
SUBSEQUENT TO KING MURDER AND PRESENTLY CONFINED IN MENTAL
HOSPITAL OR SOME PENAL INSTITUTION IN ATLANTA, GA. NAME OF
COFFEE HOUSE OR OWNER NOT KNOWN, BUT OWNER SUPPOSEDLY HAS
KNOWLEDGE OF KING MURDER.

1 - Kansas City (Info) (AM)

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Special Agent in Charge

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OTIS DUNHAM INDICATED HIS SON SEEMED TO BE SCARED IN TELEPHONE CONVERSATION AND FEELS THAT HIS SON MAY POSSIBLY HAVE SOME INFO CONCERNING THIS MATTER. HE ADVISED HIS SON CALLED FROM ATLANTA TELEPHONE AREA CODE FOUR ZERO FOUR DASH EIGHT SEVEN FIVE DASH FIVE FOUR THREE SEVEN, WHICH IS A ROOMING HOUSE AT FOUR ONE SIX SEVENTH ST., ATLANTA, GA.

CHARLES DUNHAM DESCRIBED AS BORN MAY NINE, NINETEEN FORTYTHREE, /ROME, N.Y.; SIX FEET; TWO HUNDRED LBS.; BROWN EYES AND BROWN HAIR, AND WEARS THICK GLASSES. DUNHAM FORMERLY A MEMBER OS U.S. NAVY, HOWEVER, RECEIVED UNDESIRABLE DISCHARGE IN NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR IN VIEW OF HOMOSEXUAL TENDENCIES.

OTIS DUNHAM REQUESTED HIS NAME NOT BE MENTIONED AS FURNISHING ABOVE INFO.

ATLANTA ATTEMPT TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW CHARLES DUNHAM CONCERNING THIS MATTER RE ANY INFO HE MAY HAVE.

RAY IS CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

ONE AM CC TO KANSAS CITY.

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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

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FBI-BUFFALO

11:41 URGENT 5/8/68 DJL

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, ATLANTA 44-2386 AND MEMPHIS 44-1987
FROM BUFFALO (44-374) 2P

MURKIN

SGT. C. A. FLYNN, N.Y. STATE POLICE, WATERLOO, N.Y.,
FURNISHED FOLLOWING INFORMATION THIS DATE:

OTIS DUNHAM, BORDER CITY ROAD, GENEVA, N.Y., FURNISHED
INFO RECEIVED FROM SON, CHARLES DUNHAM, IN TELEPHONE
CALL ON MAY SIX LAST AND MAY SEVEN LAST, WHEREIN CHARLES
DUNHAM INDICATED HE HAD INFO CONCERNING ASSASSINATION OF
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING AND THAT PRESENT IDENTIFICATION OF
KING MURDERER WAS WRONG AND THAT MURDERER IS NAMED EITHER
WESLEY, WELSTON, WESTON, OR NAME SIMILARLY SOUNDING.

CHARLES DUNHAM INDICATED HE HAS WORKED IN ATLANTA, GA.
COFFEE HOUSE, HOWEVER, IS BELIEVED PRESENTLY UNEMPLOYED
AND LIVING IN SO-CALLED HIPPIE CIRCUMSTANCES. DUNHAM'S
EMPLOYER AT COFFEE HOUSE ARRESTED ON NARCOTICS CHARGE
SUBSEQUENT TO KING MURDER AND PRESENTLY CONFINED IN MENTAL
HOSPITAL OR SOME PENAL INSTITUTION IN ATLANTA, GA. NAME OF
COFFEE HOUSE OR OWNER NOT KNOWN, BUT OWNER SUPPOSEDLY HAS
KNOWLEDGE OF KING MURDER.
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OTIS DUNHAM INDICATED HIS SON SEEMED TO BE SCARED IN TELEPHONE CONVERSATION AND FEELS THAT HIS SON MAY POSSIBLY HAVE SOME INFO CONCERNING THIS MATTER. HE ADVISED HIS SON CALLED FROM ATLANTA TELEPHONE AREA CODE FOUR ZERO FOUR DASH EIGHT SEVEN FIVE DASH FIVE FOUR THREE SEVEN, WHICH IS A ROOMING HOUSE AT FOUR ONE SIX SEVENTH ST., ATLANTA, GA.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-374)

DATE: 5/7/68

FROM : SA DON FRITZ HEIM

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re memo of ASAC WASON G. CAMPBELL, 5/3/68.

Referenced memo advised that Professor JOSEPH LONERO, Room 208, Sturgess Hall, Geneseo College, Geneseo, N.Y. telephonically contacted the Buffalo Office on 5/2/68 concerning an anonymous letter in his possession. According to LONERO this letter claims that ERIC STARVO GALT is currently residing in Asantee (Ashantee). There is no place by the name of Asantee located in Livingston County, N.Y., however, Ashantee is located in the Town of Avon, N.Y. on New York State Route 39 south of the Village of Avon, N.Y. There is no Post Office located at Ashantee.

LONERO contacted on 5/2/68 at Geneseo College at which time he made available a copy of the letter he referred to in his telephone call. The letter indicates that there is a group calling themselves "Knights of the Valley" and that they are arming themselves against future rioting and violence by Negroes.

LONERO advised that he has no idea as to who may have sent him this letter and is not acquainted with anyone who lives in the Ashantee area. However, he stated that he is very active in civil rights matters and feels that this is the reason he received this letter. LONERO advised that he has no idea as to what the word Nitschie in the first line of this letter means and knows no one by this name. LONERO advised that he does not have any information to indicate that an organization know as "Knights of the Valley" actually exists.

On 5/2/68, DOUGLAS WELCH, Chief Deputy, Livingston County SO, Geneseo, N.Y., advised that he has no information concerning an organization know as "Knights of the Valley", however, he understands that LONERO has received other letters signed "Knights of the Valley". WELCH stated that LONERO is not well liked by several of the students and faculty at Geneseo College and feels that someone from the college may have sent the letters to LONERO.

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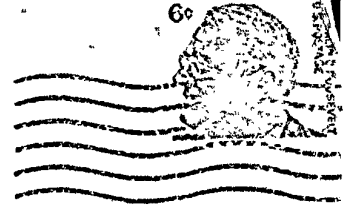
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Dear Lonera,

We note that you olde friend Nitschie was the trigger man in Kingie's untimely demise! I would say that is poetic justice. Eric Starvo Galt is alive and well and livin in Asantee. We have many fine freinds in the Williamson area who will see to it that the newest ploy of the Red-Black scourge will be halted!!!! RESPECT LAW AND ORDER LICENSE CRIMINALS, NOT GUNS WHEN GUNS ARE OUTLAWED, ONLY OUTLAWS WILL HAVE GUNS... these common-sense slogans are everywhere and they represents the RIGHT THINKIN MAJORITY. Next on the list are H. Rap Brown and Stoakley Carmichael; both of the bunnies are livin on borrowed time and both will soon be in "That Cabin in the Sky". We salute Dick Daley, Enoch Poweel, Eric Starvo Galt, Anthony Imperiale, Leander Perez, and Buull Connor for their couragein the face of the pipsqueek sould brothers. We predick a black summer for the black poer boys. The black panthers will be caged, the SCLC will be fried in the streets of Washington, the CORE will be driven to the wall, the NAACP will become Gator bait, and Adam Clayton will see the East River--from the bottom up. Our people are fully armed and will take NO NONSENSE from the vlack scum that tries to seep into our well -kept neighborhoods. Et is open season on Junglebunnies; let them come, we are reay for their cowardly faces to appear. Since when can 12% ever help to defeat 88 %; this shows how dumb the bunny really is. One false move and the coon is treed!!!! And we will be there when they tree the coon!!!!

Our organization(s) have every bunny in Livingston Co. under strick cover; when the blacks start scratchin, they will taste lead, fast!

Our newest chapters in Livingston, Wayne and Monroe are:

Eric Starvo Galt Chapter	Wayne
Enoch Powell Chap.	Monroe
Lester Maddox Chap.	Monroe
Anthony Imperiale Chap.	EastxxRochester (Monroe)

Our organizations is stronger now than ever, and we need some target practice. So let the Black Power Boys start marchin in our direction and we'll have us a real struttin coon show to watch!!!

The American public are fed up with the Nigger nonsense goin on. This summer we challenge the shines to start struttin, and their asses will be sore before July four. The dumb bastards have burned down most of they own houses, so they is tunning out of firewood-serves them right.

Your perticipatiin in the Travelin Circus will be remembered. That Travelin Circus thats comin to Washington is the laugh of the town.

Most congressmen won't budge before the hymn singin, hand clappin, grit eatin, hallalujak shoutin negra. The American public is getting a good entertaining show from these emotional clowns who appear every so often. They will taste mace, gas, and lead. KNIGHTS OF THE VALL EY

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO :SAC (44-374)
ATT: SA EDDY

DATE: 5/8/68

FROM :SA RAYMOND D. ANGLE JR

SUBJECT:MHRKIN

RE Memo of SA Eddy dated 4/30/68.

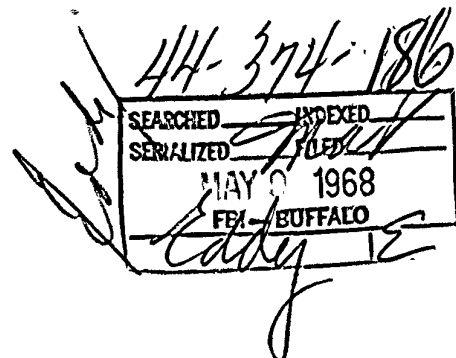
The following were contacted on the dates indicted and advised that their departments do not maintain an unidentified latent fingerprint file. They advised that any latents obtained at the scene of a crime are ~~maintained~~ maintained in the case file. All stated that when latents are found in the future they will be compared with those of JAMES EARL RAY.

DEC'T LAURITZ NELSON, Jamestown PD	5/6/68
DEPUTY CHARLES COCHRAN, Chaut. CO SO	5/7/68
LEE KELLOGG, Chief, Lakewood PD	5/8/68
CONRAD NOWAK, Lt., Ident Officer, Dunkirk	"

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☐ Paris
☐ Rome
☐ Santo Domingo
☐ Tokyo

Date 5/3/68

RE: JAMES EARL RAY, also known as - FUGITIVE
Identification Order 4182; Wanted Flyer 442A
CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY; INTERSTATE
FLIGHT - ROBBERY

☐ 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 five smooth finished copies of the photograph of James Earl Ray. The Memphis Division is the office of origin in this investigation. Memphis Office file number is 44-1987.

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**JAMES EARL RAY**

... in Mexico last November; in California in January

2 New Ray Photos Distributed by FBI

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The FBI distributed yesterday two more photographs of the accused killer of Dr. Martin Luther King — one of them "an extremely good likeness."

Both were snapshots of James Earl Ray, alias Eric Starvo Galt, an escaped convict accused of shooting Dr. King to death in Memphis April 4.

The "extremely good likeness" is a candid photograph of Ray in a business suit and tie and shows almost his full face, taken in late January or early February somewhere in California.

The other, which the FBI said was taken last November somewhere in Mexico, shows him wearing sun glasses and what appears to be a white sports shirt.

The two new photographs —

the FBI refused to say where or how they were obtained — will be displayed throughout the country along with three others now appearing on FBI wanted posters.

One of the earlier photographs was taken when Ray was graduated from bartending school in Los Angeles early this year. His eyes were closed when the shutter snapped, but they were sketched in by an FBI artist.

The other two photographs were made when Ray entered the Missouri State Prison in 1960 to serve a 20-year sentence for armed robbery.

Ray, who escaped from prison April 23, 1967, by hiding in a truck, is wanted by the FBI for illegal flight to avoid prosecution in Tennessee for Dr. King's murder.

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DEMOCRAT & CHRONICLE,
ROCHESTER, NEW YORK

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✓ From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

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According to officials of Eastman Kodak Company a review of the repair records could be made, however, this would involve quite a lengthy checking procedure.

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Armed and dangerous.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, PHOENIX (44-371)(P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

TELEPHONE CALLS BY SUBJECT RAY EN ROUTE
FROM LOS ANGELES TO NEW ORLEANS

For information of the Buffalo Division, in an airtel dated 4/30/68 the El Paso Division advised that a check of the telephone booths located along the route RAY was alleged to have autoed during the period 12/15, 16 and 17/68 from Los Angeles to New Orleans indicated numerous out-of-state toll calls from such booths.

One of these out-of-state toll calls was on 12/15/67 to Tucson, Arizona, telephone number 602-299-6532, which is listed to a GILBERT J. PEDERSON, 5565 North Via Alcalde, Tucson. Investigation by SA DUNCAN M. DEW, III, determined that GILBERT J. PEDERSON is en route from an unknown address in New Orleans to Buffalo, New York, where he is a member of the law firm of Smith, Kendall and Pederson, 1407 Gevesee Bldg., Buffalo, New York. He maintains a residence at 99 Forest Drive, Orchard Park, New York, telephone number NN 2-3025.

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AT BUFFALO, NEW YORK

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SUBJECT RAY ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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All other offices will record the results in appropriate form and transmit 15 copies of each to the office of origin for inclusion in reports submitted by the Memphis Office. Should investigation increase in any such area warranting submission of individual report, do so and advise the Bureau and Memphis.

LEGATs are to submit results of investigation which can be disseminated in letterhead memorandum form suitable for dissemination. Any administrative data which cannot be disseminated is to be set forth in the administrative section of your transmittal communication. Look-alikes and other leads resolved and reported by cablegram or other communication need not be rereported as copies of these communications are being forwarded office of origin by the Bureau for administrative handling of the case.

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TO : SAC, Memphis (44-1987)
FROM : SAC, New Orleans (157-10673)(P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
(OO: Memphis)

Rerep SA STEPHEN M. CALLENDER dated 4/29/68 at New Orleans.

Memphis and Atlanta can refer to pages 19 through 24 of rerep, which sets forth a list of all guests who were registered at the Provincial Motel, 1024 Chartres Street, New Orleans, La., between 12/17 and 19/67.

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Other Offices receiving copies of this airtel were not furnished rerep and so the following background information is being set forth to assist these Offices in conducting the requested investigation:

Investigation has determined that the subject, using the name of ERIC GALT, left Los Angeles, Calif., on 12/15/67, driving his Mustang automobile, in the company of CHARLES J. STEIN, of Los Angeles. STEIN had formerly been a resident of New Orleans and the alleged purpose of this trip was for STEIN to pick up two children of his sister's who were residing in New Orleans and return them to California. According to STEIN, they arrived in New Orleans on 12/17/67 and left New Orleans on 12/19/67. STEIN stayed with relatives and investigation has determined that subject registered at the Provincial Motel, 1024 Chartres Street, New Orleans, on 12/17/67 as ERIC S. GALT and was assigned room 126. The registration card indicated GALT's automobile to be a Mustang bearing Alabama license 1-38993 and his address as 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Ala. The subject, as GALT, stayed at the motel until 12/19/67 when he checked out.

Interviews of motel employees in regards to the subject have been negative in that they cannot recall him.

There is set forth under a caption for each Office the identity or identities of persons staying at the Provincial Motel from 12/17 through 19/67. The identities of these persons were obtained from the motel registration cards as well as other information which is set forth under the name. The date listed under each name is the date the individual or individuals stayed at the motel. Each Office should locate and interview these individuals for any knowledge or contact they may have had with the subject. Various photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, which have been furnished to all Offices, should be displayed to these individuals to ascertain if they recall RAY.

In order to assist Memphis, the Office of Origin in this matter, each Office should set forth the results of this investigation in report form with copies of the reports designated for the Bureau and Memphis.

NO 157-10673

In the preparation of these reports, it is suggested that an appropriate predication for this part of the investigation be utilized in the details prior to reporting the results of contacts with these individuals. As an example, the following information might be used for this predication:

Information was Received from the New Orleans Office of the FBI that (insert name and address of person) had registered on (insert date) at the Provincial Motel, 1024 Chartres Street, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Of course, if any pertinent information is developed as a result of these contacts, this information should be brought to the attention of the Bureau and Memphis by the most expeditious means.

Each Office is reminded that previous Bureau instructions are that leads in captioned matter should be covered within 24 hours.

ATLANTA

RAY EASTERWOOD
139 Briar Lane, Atlanta, Ga.
Room 219
One in Party
12/18/67

E. D. ELLIOTT
1610 Southland Circle, N.W.,
Atlanta, Ga.
Room 202
One in party
12/19/67

N. R. HINEC
1610 Southland Avenue
Atlanta, Georgia
One in party
12/19/67

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Mr. and Mrs. R. C. MATTHEWS, JR.
2126 Mobry Road, Northeast
Atlanta, Ga.
Car - Pontiac, Georgia license 2511476
Room 214
Two in party
12/19/67

BALTIMORE

Mr. and Mrs. Waldorf Plitcher
10820 Georgia Avenue
Wheaton, Maryland
Car - Chevrolet, Maryland license AE 2099
Room 225
Two in party
12/18/67

BUFFALO

Mr. and Mrs. CUTTEN J. CARLSON
200 Collinworth Drive
Rochester, New York
Room 222
Two in party
12/17/67

Mr. and Mrs. VINTON P. OSTRANCHER
126 Meadow Lane
Buffalo, New York
Car - Cadillac, New York license TP 3035
Room 207
Two in party
12/19/67

VINTON P. OSTRANDER
126 MEADOW LANE
KENMORE, N.Y.
877-4874

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CHICAGO

Mr. and Mrs. WENDELL H. WAYNE
P. O. Box 975, Evanston, Ill.
Car - Pontiac, Illinois license 85299
Room 215
12/18/67

EMIL F. MEIER
2514 Pioneer Road
Evanston, Ill.
Car - Buick, Illinois license BX 1449
Room 211
Two in party
12/19/67

CINCINNATI

GERSON POLASKY
123 North McNichen
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Two in party
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213 Hutcheson, Houston, Texas
License - Texas MYN 249
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Mr. and Mrs. MIKE EPPLES
1231 South Owasso
Tulsa, Oklahoma
License - Oklahoma D8762
Room 231
Two in party
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PITTSBURGH

GORDON WELLMAN
132 Forest Court
Irwin, Pennsylvania
Room 110
12/19/67

AUSTIN L. CONWAY
328 Highland Pines Drive
Pittsburgh 37, Pennsylvania
Room 102
One in party
12/19/67

SAN DIEGO

STEVE FULLER
4077 Hamilton Street, San Diego, Calif.
Car - Volkswagen, California license VOD 912
Room 109, two in party, 12/18/67

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SPRINGFIELD

ROBERT A. CONEY, Judge
311 Fayette Street
Peoria, Illinois
Car - Buick, Illinois license 3281
Room 212
Three in party
12/17/67

NEW ORLEANS

JOE PARISH
Belle Chasse, Louisiana
Room 108
12/18/68

A. A. CASBARIAN
716 Governor Nichols
New Orleans, Louisiana
Car - Jaguar, Louisiana license 29B986
Room 205
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Rerep SA STEPHEN M. CALLENDER dated 4/29/68 at New Orleans.

Memphis and Atlanta can refer to pages 19 through 24 of rerep, which sets forth a list of all guests who were registered at the Provincial Motel, 1024 Chartres Street, New Orleans, La., between 12/17 and 19/67.

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Other Offices receiving copies of this airtel were not furnished rerep and so the following background information is being set forth to assist these Offices in conducting the requested investigation:

Investigation has determined that the subject, using the name of ERIC GALT, left Los Angeles, Calif., on 12/15/67, driving his Mustang automobile, in the company of CHARLES J. STEIN, of Los Angeles. STEIN had formerly been a resident of New Orleans and the alleged purpose of this trip was for STEIN to pick up two children of his sister's who were residing in New Orleans and return them to California. According to STEIN, they arrived in New Orleans on 12/17/67 and left New Orleans on 12/19/67. STEIN stayed with relatives and investigation has determined that subject registered at the Provincial Motel, 1024 Chartres Street, New Orleans, on 12/17/67 as ERIC S. GALT and was assigned room 126. The registration card indicated GALT's automobile to be a Mustang bearing Alabama license 1-38993 and his address as 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Ala. The subject, as GALT, stayed at the motel until 12/19/67 when he checked out.

Interviews of motel employees in regards to the subject have been negative in that they cannot recall him.

There is set forth under a caption for each Office the identity or identities of persons staying at the Provincial Motel from 12/17 through 19/67. The identities of these persons were obtained from the motel registration cards as well as other information which is set forth under the name. The date listed under each name is the date the individual or individuals stayed at the motel. Each Office should locate and interview these individuals for any knowledge or contact they may have had with the subject. Various photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, which have been furnished to all Offices, should be displayed to these individuals to ascertain if they recall RAY.

In order to assist Memphis, the Office of Origin in this matter, each Office should set forth the results of this investigation in report form with copies of the reports designated for the Bureau and Memphis.

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In the preparation of these reports, it is suggested that an appropriate predication for this part of the investigation be utilized in the details prior to reporting the results of contacts with these individuals. As an example, the following information might be used for this predication:

Information was Received from the New Orleans Office of the FBI that (insert name and address of person) had registered on (insert date) at the Provincial Motel, 1024 Chartres Street, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Of course, if any pertinent information is developed as a result of these contacts, this information should be brought to the attention of the Bureau and Memphis by the most expeditious means.

Each Office is reminded that previous Bureau instructions are that leads in captioned matter should be covered within 24 hours.

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Room 202
One in party
12/19/67

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Atlanta, Georgia
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Room 225
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BUFFALO

Mr. and Mrs. CUTTEN J. CARLSON
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Room 222
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