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OF ERIC STARVO GALT AND IN THE ABSENCE OF ANY RECORDED
CREWMAN NAMED GALT, IT IS SUGGESTED NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION
BE CONDUCTED TO LOCATE THIS INDIVIDUAL.

AIR MAIL COPIES TO BIRMINGHAM, CHICAGO, HOUSTON, MOBILE,
NEW YORK AND WFO.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS. P.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) AND SAC, PHILADELPHIA

FROM: SAC, WFO (44-763)

MURKIN - CR

RE ERNEST S. GAULT.

THOMAS A. TINSLEY, DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, WASHINGTON, D.C., ADVISED ERNEST S. GAULT
RECEIVED COMPENSATION IN CONNECTION WITH INJURY SUSTAINED WHILE
WORKING INLAND WATERWAYS, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, APRIL EIGHT FIFTYTWO,
CASE NUMBER X - SEVEN TWO EIGHT EIGHT THREE ONE.

MR. FRANK J. DONOVAN, ASSISTANT TO TINSLEY, ADVISED JOHN F.
WILLARD, INJURED MARCH ONE FIFTYFOUR WORKED DEFENSE AIR MATS,
WESTOVER AFB MASSACHUSETTS, CASE NUMBER X - EIGHT NINE EIGHT SEVEN
SEVEN EIGHT. RECORDS AVAILABLE THROUGH REFERENCE SERVICE, ROOM
THREE ZERO EIGHT, FPO NAVAL SUPPLY DEPOT, MECHANICSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA.

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PHILADELPHIA REVIEW FILES CONCERNING CAULT AND WILLARD.

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, DALLAS (44-2849) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
OO: MEMPHIS

RE: ERIC STARVO GALT

On 4/16/68, YERN TRUCKENWILLER, 1247 Vine Street, Abilene, Texas, advised that she has worked closely with her brother-in-law, GLEN E. DUGAN, 1247 Vine Street, an amateur Genealogist's in the study of descendants in their respective family. She advised that all of the records such as they maintain are in the hands of Mr. DUGAN who could best furnish the data concerning same.

On 4/16/68, GLEN E. DUGAN, 1247 Vine Street, advised that their studies of family descendants reflects the name of GAULT and GAUT in the early histories of the family. He went on to state that his family originated in Scotland and migrated to this country in the early 1800s. He stated that his last trace of the family shows them to be in Pennsylvania. He advised that nowhere in his checking has he found the name to be GALT but always GAULT or GAUT. He stated that the names of ERIC and STARVO are completely foreign to him and in no instance can he find them entering into the family name.

He advised that the only information he has on the GALT family is the private publication "The GALT Families Notes on their Origin and their History with Genealogical Lists by HOWARD SPILMAN GALT, DL Ed D. Dept. of Ed. Yenchung University, Peking, China, and Printed by the Sheffield Print Shop Yenchung University, Peking".

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Mr. DUBIN advised that as far as he can tell this publication was made in about 1900 and there has since, no doubt, been at least two generations of GALT, which makes the information in this printing somewhat obsolete.

Mr. DUBIN advised that it is his belief that the name of GALT appeared in Vermont back in 1837 and there followed a migration to Scotland and thence to America. He stated that it is his belief that some of the individuals being unable to spell their name or through misunderstanding in recordings of the name, the names of GALT and GALT appeared.

Mr. DUBIN pointed out that the most recent source of information on the name in question is through the records of the Library of Congress, Local History and Genealogy Section, Washington, D.C., and the Latter Day Saints, Library of the Mormon Church, Salt Lake City, Utah.

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N.Y.
April 16 '68

Fed. Bureau of Investigation
Wash
D.C.

Gentlemen

The killer of Rev. King might have a record.

Five years ago. (Sept 21 1963 to be exact)
MICHAEL LEE FARLEY Age 17 and LARRY JOE SIMS Age 16
murdered an 8 yr. Negro boy in cold blood on streets of
Birmingham. Both arrested and charged with murder.
Let off with a mere slap on the wrist. Sims & Farley
were eagle scouts. It might pay you to trace them.

Thomas S Bates

Envelope:

THOMAS S. BATES
R. D. No. 2
Berkshire, New York 13736

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WASHINGTON
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Memorandum

TO : SAC **Birmingham (137-1374)**

DATE: **April 18, 1968**

FROM : SA **ROLAND O. STAHR**

☒ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: **BH 424-C**

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Dates of Contact		
4/5/68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted		
MURKIN	BH 44-1740	
Purpose and results of contact		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE	CI was advised of the Bureau's interest in locating and apprehending the individual responsible for the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. CI advised he could furnish no information concerning this matter; however, he would attempt to make inquiry among his sources in an effort to develop any information regarding same, and any information developed by CI would be immediately forwarded to the Case Agent.	
<input type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE		
<input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating Good	Coverage Same

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC **BIRMINGHAM (137-1349)**

DATE: **April 18, 1968**

FROM : SA **ROLAND O. STAHR**

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☒ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: **SOLOMAN ETHRIDGE**

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Dates of Contact 4/5/68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted MURKIN BH 44-1740		
Purpose and results of contact <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE <input type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE <input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC PCI was advised of the Bureau's interest in obtaining information concerning the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. PCI advised he could furnish no information concerning this matter but stated the Negro community was quite shocked by the incident.		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating Good	Coverage Same

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DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

4/19/68

ATTN: FBI LABORATORY

SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386)(P)

MURKIN

There are being submitted herewith the following items for examination by the Lab and to be processed for latent fingerprints:

1) Eastern Airlines ticket envelope for flight 399Y, Atlanta to Memphis, which was furnished by DANNY BATES, 484 Broyles Street, S.E., on 4/18/68, and was found by him in the area of the abandoned 1966 Mustang.

2) 2 x 5 card recording contact sale made by JOHN WILLARD in approximately May, 1967 or June, 1967. Handwriting of WILLARD is on the face of card.

The Bureau is requested to advise Atlanta, Memphis and Birmingham of the results of examination.

3 - Bureau (Enc. 2)(RM)

① - Birmingham (Info)

1 - Memphis (Info)

2 - Atlanta

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)

FROM : SA NEIL P. SHANAHAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/20/68

A press release concerning ERIC STARVO GALT was disseminated at 5:00 P.M., 4/17/68, telephonically, as follows:

DAVENPORT SMITH, WBRC - TV, Channel 6
PEGGY ROBERTSON, "Birmingham News"
WENDALL HARRIS, WAPI - TV, Channel 13
DAN BRAMMAN, WVOK - Radio
HARRY MABRY, WBRC - Radio
BILLY MOBLEY, "Birmingham Post-Herald"
JOE ALOIA, WSGN - TV, Channel 42
FRAN WHITLEY, WATV - Radio

Copies of photographs were offered to all news media and most of these called for and received photographs.

A press release concerning JAMES EARL RAY, aka ERIC STARVO GALT, was disseminated at approximately 1:50 P.M., 4/19/68, telephonically, as follows:

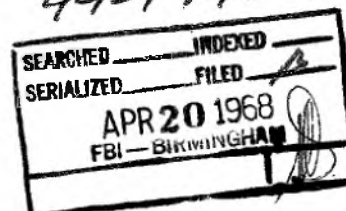
WENDALL HARRIS, WAPI - TV
PEGGY ROBERTSON, "Birmingham News"
BILLY MOBLEY, "Birmingham Post-Herald"
JOE ALOIA, WSGN - TV
HARRY MABRY, WBRC - TV
BEANIE REACH, WVOK - Radio
Miss WALKER, Associated Press
SANDRA FRANSTED, WYAM - Radio
GENE STEVENS, United Press International

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

April 17, 1968

Mr. Thomas S. Bates
Route 2
Berkshire, New York 13736

Dear Mr. Bates:

This is to acknowledge receipt of
your letter dated April 10, 1968.

Thank you for your interest in
bringing this matter to my attention.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

- ② - Birmingham (Enclosures - copies of incoming)
2 - Memphis (Enclosures - copies of incoming)

NOTE SACS: Murkin. Birmingham consider Michael
Lee Farley and Larry Joe Sims suspects and account
for their whereabouts during the pertinent period
2/29/68 through 4/4/68.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)

DATE: 4/19/68

FROM : SA ERIC L. WILSON

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On this date, Rev. THOMAS LINTON, President, Tuscaloosa Citizens for Action Committee, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, and liaison source of the Birmingham Division, advised he had learned from LEE JENKINS, 1004 12th Avenue, Tuscaloosa, telephone 752-7775, that JENKINS had talked to a taxi cab driver from Bessemer, Alabama, by the name of HOMER AARON. AARON had advised JENKINS that he picked up two white men in Bessemer, Alabama, approximately a week and a half ago and had driven these two men to the airport in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. AARON had stated to JENKINS that one of these white men strongly resembled the sketch of KING's assassin that was then appearing in the local papers.

LINTON advised he had ascertained from Mr. JENKINS that AARON had been very scared about telling people about this experience, and this is why he had waited so long before he notified the authorities.

LEADS:

BIRMINGHAM

AT BESSEMER, ALA.

Will locate and interview HOMER AARON for the details of his story.

Porter and Sons
Radio MCabs
2029 16th St

AT TUSCALOOSA, ALA.

Will locate and interview LEE JENKINS concerning the details in this matter.

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)
FBI LABORATORY
IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

FROM: SAC, MOBILE (44-1114)

SUBJECT:

JERRY WILLIAM RAY interviewed this date at [redacted] he voluntarily furnished handwriting and major case prints. Summary [redacted] set forth this date in separate [redacted] his brother in 1964, when JAMES [redacted] in Missouri.

JERRY denies any positive knowledge of or participation in any manner in captioned case. He states he definitely not seen **EARL** outside of prison since 1958.

JERRY WILLIAM RAY is described as WMA, DOB [redacted] Quincy, Illinois, 5'8", 175 pounds, medium build, brown eyes, brown hair, high receding hairline.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau is one stand-up and mug photo of **JERRY RAY**. Also are the major case prints for him, as well as six sheets of handwriting and hand printing samples which he furnished.

The Identification Division is requested to compare the enclosed fingerprints with the remaining unidentified latent prints in captioned case.

The FBI Laboratory is requested to compare the handwriting samples furnished by **JERRY** with the handwriting material and the hand printing material previously submitted.

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1 - Memphis (Enc. 4) (AMSD) (44-1987)
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1 - Atlanta (Enc. 4) (AMSD) (44-2388)
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Enclosed for the other offices receiving copies
this communication are two stand-up and two mug photos of
JERRY WILLIAM RAY. Consideration should be given to hold
in abeyance any display of these photographs pending
results of the examinations requested of the Bureau in
this airtel, and also that JERRY does not particularly
resemble JAMES EARL RAY.

DAWSON.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (44-38861)

DATE: 4/19/68

FROM : SAC, Kansas City (44-760)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Enclosed to the Bureau are six copies and to each office one copy of the following photographs:

JAMES EARL RAY, Missouri Department of
Correction #00416, dated 3/17/60 and
9/8/66

WALTER TERRY RIFE, Kansas City SO #29636
FBI #4558766

Stand up photographs of RAY on the left, Kansas City SO
#29637 and RIFE, Kansas City SO 29236, taken 3/28/55.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)

DATE: 4/19/68

FROM : SA NEIL G. MARTIN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re SAC rough draft memo, 4/12/68.

Attached for information regarding JAMES BERTRAM MC ARTHUR HUBKA is one copy of Hubka's prior arrest record and one copy of his presentence report dated 12/10/62 for the violation of Title 18, Section 871, U. S. Code.

On 4/14/68, Officer CONAWAY and Sergeant CORN, Birmingham Police Department, Ensley Division, were contacted and interviewed regarding their possible knowledge of HUBKA but they advised that the only record of anyone of that name arrested by their division was one DAVID HUBKA, age 56, who had been previously arrested for drunkenness on many occasions who had been a trustee at the Ensley Jail when it was in operation. Officer CONAWAY advised that he could locate no record in his files of JAMES HUBKA.

On 4/15/68, Special Agent in Charge ADOLPH M. DOWNING, U. S. Secret Service, advised that he was familiar with the JAMES HUBKA matter because HUBKA had written letters which contained threats against the life of JOHN F. KENNEDY, President of the United States, in 1962. Mr. DOWNING advised that his records indicate that JAMES HUBKA presently resides at 2121 Avenue H, Ensley, Alabama, with his father and mother. He advised that he had interviewed HUBKA on several previous occasions and had learned of HUBKA's intents, personal dislikes for members of the Negro

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race and his obsession to insure a separation of the races in all aspects of living. Mr. DOWNING advised that he had had no recent discussions with HUBKA but understood from discussions with USA MACON L. WEAVER, Birmingham, that HUBKA was attempting to initiate criminal prosecution against Dr. A. B. STEPHENS, JR., with regard to STEPHENS psychiatric diagnosis of him in 1962.

On 4/18/68, Mr. JOHN W. MC INTOSH, U. S. Probation Officer, Birmingham, Alabama, advised that he was familiar with JAMES HUBKA due to the fact that he had had long interviews with him on many past occasions. Mr. MC INTOSH said that in his opinion HUBKA was capable of anything and would not be surprised if HUBKA actually attempted to carry out some of his plans using violent methods. Mr. MC INTOSH further stated that he believed HUBKA had sympathies toward Nazi groups and groups which favored segregation of the races. MC INTOSH stated that he believed that HUBKA was presently collecting antique weapons but did not know to the extent which this activity had reached. A review of JAMES HUBKA's file at the U. S. Probation Office indicated that he has a paranoid personality and has been diagnosed as follows by A. H. MILOSKEY, MD, Staff Psychiatrist, Federal Prison, Springfield, Missouri, March 1, 1963:

Schizophrenic reaction; chronic undifferentiated type manifested by looseness of associations, flattening of the affect, impoverished relationship with people, chronic enuresis, history of bizarre thinking (e.g., experimenting with his own feces to see if they would attract mosquitos, while in the service - presentence report), and lack of evidence of progression from adolescent identity confusion.

This agent observed a photograph of JAMES HUBKA taken in 1962 and eliminated him as

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possible look-alike to ERIC STARVO GALT in that HUBKA was born [] has a thin build, pale complexion, and thick black hair.

FBI BIRMGHAM

FBI CHICAGO

1039PM URGENT 4-19-68 RFJ/GGE/TAB

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, KANSAS CITY, MEMPHIS
SAN FRANCISCO, SPRINGFIELD, ST. LOUIS
FROM CHICAGO (44-1114)

MURKIN.

REBUTEL TO ALL OFFICES INSTANT.

INTERVIEW OF BROTHER JERRY RAY.

JERRY WILLIAM RAY, BORN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AT QUINCY, ILLINOIS, WHO IS DIVORCED FROM HIS WIFE,
GJEREIS, NEE OLSON, AND WHO IS EMPLOYED AT SPORTSMAN COUNTRY
CLUB, NORTHBROOK, ILLINOIS, RECEIVES MAIL THROUGH BOX
TWENTY TWO, WHEELING, ILLINOIS, WAS EXHAUSTIVELY INTERVIEWED
AT CHICAGO OFFICE TODAY AND ADVISED THAT OVER THE YEARS
HE HAS HAD VERY LITTLE CONTACT WITH HIS OLDEST BROTHER,
SUBJECT, JAMES EARL RAY. HE FURNISHED FOLLOWING FAMILY
TREE:

FATHER, JAMES GERALD RAY, DECEASED, NINETEEN FIFTY ONE
HANNIBAL, MISSOURI; MOTHER LUCILLE MARY RAY, NEE MAHER,
WHO CHANGED HER NAME IN ABOUT NINETEEN FORTY NINE TO
LUCILLE RYAN AND DECEASED JANUARY, NINETEEN SIXTY ONE,
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI. PARENTS HAD EIGHT CHILDREN AS FOLLOWS:
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ONE. SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY.

TWO. JOHN LARRY RAY, AGE THIRTY FIVE, NEVER MARRIED, LAST KNOWN TO BE IN MC ARTHUR HOTEL, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, ABOUT FEBRUARY TWO NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT. EMPLOYED AS SOME TYPE OF TRAVELING SALESMAN AND APPARENTLY A "GENERAL DRIFTER."

THREE. JERRY WILLIAM RAY. BARTENDER.

FOUR. CAROL ANN PEPPER, NEE RAY, AGE TWENTY SEVEN, HUSBAND ALBERT PEPPER, RESIDENCE MAPLEWOOD, MISSOURI, SUBURB OF ST. LOUIS.

FIVE. FRANK DELANO RAY, WHO WOULD NOW BE TWENTY TWO YEARS, DECEASED NINETEEN SIXTY THREE ACCIDENTALLY DROWNED, WEST QUINCY, MISSOURI.

SIX. SUSAN (LNU), AGE ABOUT TWENTY ONE, WHO WAS ADOPTED OUT IN QUINCY, ILLINOIS, IN ABOUT FALL, NINETEEN FIFTY TWO.

SEVEN. [REDACTED] (LNU), AGE ABOUT [REDACTED] WHO WAS [REDACTED]

EIGHT. MELBA RAY RYAN, AGE THIRTY, RESIDES QUINCY, ILL., ON STATE DISABILITY, MENTAL.

MATERNAL AND PATERNAL GRAND PARENTS OF SUBJECT DECEASED. MATERNAL UNCLE, WILLIAM MAHER, AGE ABOUT SIXTY, LAST KNOWN TO BE IN SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, AND WORKED IN
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GUAM AFTER WORLD WAR TWO IN ABOUT NINETEEN FORTY SIX OR SEVEN. POSSIBLY NOW DECEASED.

PATERNAL UNCLE, EARL RAY, WHO WOULD BE ABOUT SEVENTY AND WHO SERVED A TERM IN MENARD, ILLINOIS STATE PENITENTIARY, REPRTEDELY DECEASED AT SYRACUSE, NEW YORK, IN ABOUT NOVEMBER , NINETEEN FIFTY EIGHT.

IDENTITY AND LOCATION OF SUSAN MAY BE KNOWN TO CAROL PEPPER WHO HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN INTERVIEWED IN FUGITIVE INVESTIGATION TO LOCATE SUBJECT.

JERRY STATES LAST SEEN SUBJECT APPROXIMATELY NINETEEN SIXTY FOUR WHEN IN PRISON, HAS HAD LITTLE CONTACT WITH HIM DURING HIS ENTIRE LIFE AND IS UNABLE TO MAKE AN EDUCATED GUESS AS TO SUBJECT'S POSSIBLE WHEREABOUTS.

BELIEVES SUBJECT WOULD BE AN ACTIVE WALLACE SUPPORTER.

STATES ERIC STARVO GALT PHOTOGRAPH OBTAINED FROM BARTENDER SCHOOL IN CALIFORNIA LOOKS GOOD DEAL LIKE SUBJECT.
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PARTICULARLY IN THE PHOTOGRAPH WITH HIS EYES CLOSED, BUT DOES NOT LIKE THE PHOTOGRAPH WITH THE EYES DRAWN IN BY ARTIST. UNABLE TO FURNISH BETTER DRAWING INFO. JERRY WAS EMPLOYED ON ALL PERTINENT DATES THIS CASE. VERIFIED WITH EMPLOYER.

JERRY REQUESTIONED CONCERNING DISCREPANCY RE FATHER'S DEATH AND LOCATION. REITERATED ABOVE INFORMATION CORRECT TO BEST OF HIS KNOWLEDGE AS TOLD TO HIM BY HIS MOTHER AND UNAWARE OF WHERE CAROL MIGHT HAVE OBTAINED HER INFORMATION AS SHE LEFT MOTHER'S HOME ABOUT NINETEEN FIFTY SIX AT AGE FIFTEEN. ALSO ADVISED THAT PRIOR TO DEATH OF FATHER IN NINETEEN FIFTY ONE, HE WAS EMPLOYED BY THE RAILROAD AND WORKED ON A FARM VICINITY HANNIBAL, MISSOURI.

HE ALSO ADVISED THAT EACH OF THE CHILDREN LEFT HOME UPON REACHING AGE FIFTEEN TO SIXTEEN AND VERY LITTLE FAMILY CONTACT THEREAFTER. AFTER PARENTS SEPARATED IN APPROXIMATELY NINETEEN FORTY NINE, ALL OF THE YOUNGER CHILDREN WHO WERE AT HOME LIVED WITH MOTHER.

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JERRY QUESTIONED AS TO REASON FOR BROTHER'S ACTION AND UNABLE TO FURNISH ANY REASON, STATED DURING THE THREE OR FOUR TIMES HE TALKED WITH BROTHER IN THE LAST FIFTEEN YEARS, HE EXPRESSED NO PARTICULAR OUTWARD DISLIKE FOR THE NEGRO RACE, HOWEVER, JERRY HAD FEELING THAT SUBJECT WAS NOT FOND OF NEGROES. HE STATED THERE IS NO MEMBER OF THE FAMILY THAT SUBJECT WOULD LIKELY CONTACT INASMUCH AS HE IS A "LONER". THE ONLY OCCUPATION FOR SUBJECT KNOWN TO JERRY IS THAT LEARNED BY SUBJECT WHILE IN PRISON AS A BAKER. HE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF ASSOCIATES OTHER THAN HE WAS ARRESTED WITH AND SERVED IN PRISON WITH WALTER TERRY RIFE. RIFE ALSO KNOWN TO JERRY AS HE SERVED TIME IN ISP, MENARD, ILLINOIS, AT SAME TIME RIFE INCARCERATED. JERRY HAS NO KNOWLEDGE AS TO RIFE'S PRESENT LOCATION AND HAS NOT SEEN HIM SINCE HIS RELEASE FROM PRISON IN NINETEEN SIXTY, BUT IS OF OPINION RIFE COULD HAVE RETURNED TO QUINCY, ILLINOIS. IT IS NOTED JERRY SERVED TIME FOR BURGLARY AT ISP, MENARD, AND ARMED ROBBERY AT MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY.

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JERRY ADVISED TO HIS KNOWLEDGE NEVER INFORMED SUBJECT OF HIS RESIDENCE ADDRESS, HOWEVER, HAS RECEIVED MAIL FROM SUBJECT WHILE IN PRISON ADDRESSED TO POST OFFICE BOX TWENTY TWO, WHEELING, ILLINOIS. HE HAS NO REASON TO BELIEVE SUBJECT WOULD CONTACT HIM AND EXPRESSED COOPERATION.

MAJOR CASE PRINTS, PHOTOGRAPHS AND HANDWRITING SAMPLES OBTAINED AND FORWARDED TO BUREAU AND INTERESTED OFFICES.

LEADS

ALBANY AT SYRACUSE, NEW YORK. VERIFY DEATH OF PATERNAL UNCLE EARL RAY.

ST. LOUIS. ATTEMPT TO RECTIFY DISCREPANCY RE DEATH OF FATHER. ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RE BROTHER JOHN.

SPRINGFIELD. VERIFY DEATH OF BROTHER FRANK DELANO RAY. CONTINUE EFFORTS TO LOCATE SUSAN RYAN LNU, AND [REDACTED] LNU. LOCATE AND INTERVIEW [REDACTED] LNU. ATTEMPT TO LOCATE
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WALTER RIFE AT QUINCY, ILLINOIS.

SAN FRANCISCO. ATTEMPT TO LOCATE MATERNAL UNCLE
WILLIAM MAHER.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P

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In connection with investigation being conducted in Canada, based on the Montreal address furnished, it is suggested that the following additional leads be set forth for Legat, Canada, if Bureau has not already done so.

(1) Inquiry should be made of Canadian Merchant Marine and check of appropriate records.

(2) Inquiry should be made at dance studios in Montreal.

(3) In view of St. Lawrence Seaway and large amount of traffic thereon, inquiry should be made of appropriate Canadian shipping firms.

(4) In event suspect did have automobile in Canada, suggest inquiry be made of appropriate car sales, both new and used lots, and car rental agencies.

(5) In event an automobile is established, inquiry should be made at gas stations in and around area of residence.

In the event that suspect instant case did have residence in Canada and is American citizen, inquiry should be made of the appropriate Canadian agency, presumably Immigration or some comparable agency which may issue work permits, tourist visas, or other type documents for Americans who stay in Canada for an extended period of time.

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TO ALL SACSEXCEPT KANSAS CITY, ANCHORAGE, HONOLULU AND SAN JUAN
MESSAGE RELAY PLAN
FROM DIRECTOR 5P

MURKIN. OO: MEMPHIS.

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

JAMES EARL RAY, INMATE, MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY, JEFFERSON
CITY, MO., ESCAPED PEN APRIL TWO THREE, SIXTY-SEVEN. INVESTIGATION
INDICATED RAY CONCEALED HIMSELF IN A BREAD BOX AND ESCAPED FROM
TRUCK MAKING DELIVERY TO AN AUXILIARY FARM. RAY WAS SERVING TWENTY
YEARS ON CHARGE OF ARMED ROBBERY - FIRST DEGREE AND FOR OPERATING A
VEHICLE WITHOUT OWNER'S CONSENT. ON JULY TWENTY, SIXTY-SEVEN,
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FEDERAL COMPLAINT AUTHORIZED BY AUSA WILLIAM A. KITCHEN, WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI, KANSAS CITY, MO., FILED BEFORE USC, JEFFERSON CITY, MO., CHARGING RAY WITH VIOLATION TITLE EIGHTEEN, SECTION ONE ZERO SEVEN THREE, USC. WARRANT ISSUED.

INVESTIGATION HAS BEEN CONDUCTED BY CHICAGO, SPRINGFIELD, ST. LOUIS, AND KANSAS CITY OFFICES IN UNPRODUCTIVE EFFORT TO LOCATE THIS FUGITIVE. KANSAS CITY IS INSTITUTING A FULL AND COMPLETE REINVESTIGATION IN AN EFFORT TO DEVELOP BACKGROUND DATA, RELATIVES, AND ASSOCIATES OF SUBJECT, WHO MIGHT BE IN A POSITION TO ASSIST IN HIS LOCATION.

IN THIS CONNECTION, JAMES EARL RAY AND WALTER TERRY RIFE ON MARCH SEVEN, FIFTY-FIVE, BURGLARIZED THE U. S. POST OFFICE AT KELLERVILLE, ILL., AND STOLE SIXTY-SIX BLANK U. S. POSTAL MONEY ORDERS WHICH THEY PASSED DURING MARCH, FIFTY-FIVE, IN NUMEROUS STATES, WITH THE RESULT THAT BOTH WERE SENTENCED IN U.S.D.C., KANSAS CITY, MO., ON JULY ONE, FIFTY-FIVE, TO USP, LEAVENWORTH,
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KANSAS. SUBJECT RAY HAS BEEN DESCRIBED AS A LONER AND RIFE APPARENTLY IS ONE OF HIS FEW CLOSE ASSOCIATES, SUGGESTING POSSIBILITY THEY COULD HAVE BEEN ASSOCIATES IN MURDER OF DR. KING, AND INVESTIGATION ALSO INSTITUTED IN KANSAS CITY AIRTEL TO SPRINGFIELD MARCH ELEVEN LAST TO DEVELOP BACKGROUND INFO RE RIFE AND TO LOCATE HIM FOR INTERVIEW. THIS INVESTIGATION SHOULD ALSO BE RECOVERED AND EXPEDITED TODAY, IT BEING NOTED RIFE AND RAY HAVE BACKGROUND HISTORY IN THE QUINCY, ILL., AREA.

PHOTOS OF JAMES EARL RAY AND WALTER TERRY RIFE ARE BEING FORWARDED AMSD TO BUREAU AND ALL OFFICES.

FOLLOWING IS DESCRIPTION OF JAMES EARL RAY AS FURNISHED BY FBI IDENTIFICATION DIVISION UNDER FBI NO. THREE ZERO SIX FOUR FOUR THREE A: WHITE MALE, DOB [REDACTED] AT DECATUR, QUINCY OR ALTON, ILL.; APPROXIMATELY FIVE FEET TEN; ONE SEVEN FOUR LBS., IN SEPTEMBER SIXTY-SIX; RUDDY COMPLEXION; BLUE EYES; BROWN HAIR; MEDIUM BUILD; OCCUPATIONS LABORER AND BAKER; SCARS AND MARKS--SMALL SCAR ON CENTER OF FOREHEAD AND SCAR IN PALM OF RIGHT HAND. ADDRESSES--ST. LOUIS, MO., MARCH SIXTY, TWO ZERO ONE FIVE PARK, ST. LOUIS, MO., OCTOBER FIFTY-NINE; QUINCY, ILL., JULY FIFTY-FIVE, MARCH FIFTY-FIVE, AND APRIL FIFTY; HOTEL QUINCY, QUINCY, END PAGE THREE

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ILL., MARCH FIFTY-FIVE; VICTOR HOTEL, QUINCY, ILL., MARCH FIFTY-FIVE;
EIGHT FIVE THREE WEST FULLERTON, CHICAGO, ILL., MAY FIFTY-TWO; EIGHT
ZERO FIVE ALBY STREET, ALTON, ILL., JULY FIFTY-ONE. FPC--SIXTEEN,
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OVER TWELVE. NCIC FPC--ONE SIX ONE THREE ONE ONE ZERO ZERO ONE TWO
ONE TWO I I ONE TWO I I ONE SEVEN. MILITARY RECORD--JAMES EARL RAY,
SN ONE SIX ONE SIX THREE ONE TWO NINE, ENLISTED U. S. ARMY FEBRUARY
FORTY ^{2/46}SIX, AT EAST ST. LOUIS, ILL., AND SERVED ON ACTIVE DUTY UNTIL
DECEMBER ^{12/23/48}TWENTY-THREE, FORTY-EIGHT, AT WHICH TIME GIVEN GENERAL
DISCHARGE AS PRIVATE FIRST CLASS AT CAMP KILMER, N. J., BY REASON
OF INEPTNESS AND LACK OF ADAPTABILITY FOR MILITARY SERVICE. RECORDS
ALSO INDICATE HE RECEIVED TREATMENT FOR GONORRHEA AND SYPHILIS WHILE
A MEMBER OF THE MILITARY.

FOLLOWING IS A DESCRIPTION OF WALTER TERRY RIFE, FBI NO.
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FOUR FIVE FIVE EIGHT SEVEN SIX SIX, AS OBTAINED FROM FILES OF USP,
LEAVENWORTH: WHITE MALE, AGE FORTY-FOUR, DOB [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] FIVE FEET NINE AND ONE HALF, ONE SIX ONE LBS., BROWN
HAIR, EYES BLUE GRAY.

KANSAS CITY IS SETTING OUT ALL PERTINENT LEADS TODAY BY
TELETYPE AND TELEPHONE FOLLOWED UP BY TELETYPE CONFIRMATION.
ALL LEADS MUST BE COVERED WITHIN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS WITH BUREAU,
KANSAS CITY, AND MEMPHIS BEING KEPT ADVISED BY APPROPRIATE
COMMUNICATION OF PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS.

SUGGEST BUREAU MAKE IMMEDIATE COMPARISON OF ANY LATENT
FINGERPRINTS DEVELOPED DURING KING INVESTIGATION WITH THOSE
OF WALTER TERRY RIFE TO DETERMINE IF IDENTICAL.

AIR MAIL COPIES SENT ANCHORAGE, HONOLULU AND SAN JUN.
LEGAT MEXICO CITY AND OTTAWA ADVISED.

SUBJECT RAY HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF ROBBERY WITH DEADLY
WEAPON, HAS BEEN CONFINED IN STATE HOSPITAL, FULTON, MO., IN
SIXTY-SIX, AND SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), KANSAS CITY, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM,
SPRINGFIELD, CHICAGO.
FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775) 3P

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RE CHICAGO TEL TO BUREAU FOUR NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT.

JOHN RODGERS, CASHIER, CENTER STATE BANK ADVISED FOUR NINETEEN LAST THAT JERRY RAYNES, FATHER OF SUBJECT HAS RESIDED SOUTH EAST OF CENTER, MISSOURI, ON PROPERTY PURCHASED BY HIM SEPT. SIX, SIXTYSEVEN AT SHERIFFS SALE. RODGERS SUGGESTED CONTACT WITH RAYNES NEXT DOOR NEIGHBOR HAROLD MAIDEN, ROUTE TWO, CENTER. MAIDEN ADVISED FOUR NINETEEN LAST RAYNES PURCHASED PRESENT PROPERTY IN FALL OF SIXTYSEVEN AND LIVES ALONE. RAYNES OPERATES SIXTYSEVEN NASH RAMBLER TAN, AND WHITE OVER RED SIXTYONE PLYMOUTH. RAYNES IS RETIRED, HAS EIGHT CHILDREN, BEEN MARRIED TWICE. THE MOTHER OF HIS CHILDREN IS DECEASED. A YOUNGER WOMAN WITH TWO SMALL CHILDREN VISITES RAYNES ON OCCASSIONAL WEEKENDS, BUT NO OTHER PERSONS HAVE VISITED TO HIS KNOWLEDGE. OBSERVATION OF RAYNES PROPERTY FOUR NINETEEN LAST
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REFLECTED NO UNUSUAL ACTIVITY. RAYNES SUBSEQUENTLY INTERVIEWED AFTER THOROUGH CHECK OF THE PROPERTY, ADVISED HE IS SIXTYNINE, DOB: [REDACTED] WAS MARRIED TO LUCILLE MAHER NOW DECEASED. SEVEN CHILDREN WERE BORN TO THIS MARRIAGE WHICH RAYNES DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, BUT WAS FUZZY IN HIS ABILITY TO THINK, AND COULD NOT RECALL SPECIFICS. RAYNES DOUBTS ALL THE CHILDREN ARE HIS; KNOWS NOTHING OF JOHN, BUT IS SURE SUBJECT IS HIS OWN CHILD.

FRANKLIN AKA BUZZY DECEASED (KILLED IN BRIDGE ACCIDENT AT QUINCY, ILL., ABOUT NINETEEN FIFTYEIGHT.); JAMES EARL, BORN ALTON, ILL., [REDACTED] CAROL PEPPER, NOW RESIDING ON BELLEVUE AVENUE, ST. LOUIS; MELBA RAY, QUINCY, ILL., A MENTAL CASE AT ILLINOIS STATE HOSPITAL, JACKSONVILLE, ILLINOIS; MARK AND SUSIE ADDRESS UNKNOWN. LATTER TWO CHILDREN WERE GIVEN AWAY BY MOTHER AFTER THEIR SEPARATION; JERRY, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS; AND JOHN LOCATION UNKNOWN.

RAYNES ADVISED HE HAS HAD LITTLE CONTACT WITH CHILDREN DURING PAST SEVENTEEN YEARS EXCEPT FOR CAROL. LAST SAW SUBJECT SEVENTEEN YEARS AGO AND HAD NO DIRECT CONTACT SINCE. NAME OF RAYNES ALWAYS USED BY HIM, BUT SOME OF CHILDREN USED NAME OF RAY INCLUDING

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SUBJECT. RAYNE STATED HE KNEW NOTHING OF HIS SONS INVOLVEMENT THIS MATTER UNTIL PHONE CALLS RECEIVED FROM CAROL PEPPER STATING FBI HAD CONTACTED HER CONCERNING SUBJECT. RAYNE RECEIVED TWO CALLS NIGHT OF FOUR NINETEEN LAST, ONE FROM CAROL, SECOND FROM MELBA EACH INDICATING THAT NEWS ITEMS HAD INDICATED JAMES INVOLVEMENT. RAYNES UNAWARE OF HOW MELBA LEARNED OF WHEREABOUTS AS HAS NOT SEEN OR HEARD FROM HER IN SEVEN OR EIGHT YEARS. RAYNES EXPRESSED FEAR OF HIS SON, IS BARRING HIS HOUSE, AND WANTS NOTHING TO DO WITH SUBJECT. HE PROMISED COOPERATION SHOULD HE RECEIVE INFORMATION CONCERNING SUBJECTS WHEREABOUTS.

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TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, CHICAGO, MEMPHIS, KANSAS CITY,
SAN FRANCISCO AND ST. LOUIS.

FROM SPRINGFIELD (44-561) 5PP

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FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION SPRINGFIELD DIVISION,
APRIL TWENTY, SIXTYEIGHT.

SUBJECT'S SISTER, MELBA MARIE RYAN, INTERVIEWED, QUINCY,
ILLINOIS. ADMITS HISTORY OF MENTAL ILLNESS AND ALTHOUGH SOBER,
WAS AT TIMES RAMBLING IN CONVERSATION. MELBA DENIES ANY
RECENT CONTACT WITH SUBJECT OR KNOWLEDGE OF CURRENT WHEREABOUTS.
SHE STATED SUBJECT NON-COMMUNICATIVE RE PERSONAL LIFE, BUT ABOUT
NINETEEN FIFTY EIGHT VISITED MELBA AND HER MOTHER FOR PERIOD OF
SIX MONTHS AT BOARDING HOUSE OPERATED BY MOTHER ON HICKORY STREET,
ST. LOUIS. MELBA SPECULATED SUBJECT MIGHT RETURN TO GERMANY
WHERE HE ENJOYED MILITARY DUTY AND HAD GIRLFRIEND.

WALTER TERRY RIFE RE-INTERVIEWED, DESCRIBED ACQUAINTANCE
LASTED FROM NINETEEN FORTY TWO TO NINETEEN FIFTY SEVEN, DURING
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THE TIME, SUBJECT WAS A THIEF WITH NO CLOSE ASSOCIATES, NO PERMANENT FIXED ADDRESS, ALTHOUGH HE RESIDED FOR A SHORT PERIOD WITH UNCLE, EARL RAY, WHO LATER MOVED TO CALIFORNIA AND IS NOW DECEASED. SUBJECT ALSO RESIDED VICTOR HOTEL, QUINCY, ILLINOIS, NINETEEN FIFTY FIVE. THIS HOTEL NOW OUT OF BUSINESS. RIFE BELIEVED SUBJECT USED UNKNOWN FENCE TO DISPOSE OF STOLEN PROPERTY AT PEORIA, ILLINOIS.

PHOTO OF RIFE OBTAINED AND FORWARDED INTERESTED OFFICES BY AIRTEL. NUMEROUS INDIVIDUALS CONFIRMED RIFE'S PRESENCE AT QUINCY DURING PERTINENT PERIOD AND RIFE DENIES BEING OUT OF QUINCY SINCE DECEMBER, SIXTY SEVEN.

SISTER "SUSIE" IDENTIFIED THROUGH FOSTER PARENTS, MR. AND MRS. ROMAN KLINNER, AS SUSAN JANE RYAN, NOW KNOWN AS MRS. MICHAEL DONIAN, WHOSE LAST ADDRESS, DECEMBER, SIXTY SEVEN, WAS THREE FOUR ONE FOUR BRYN MAR, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, WHERE HUSBAND WORKED AS MUSICIAN, UNKNOWN BAND OR COMBO. SUSAN WORKED AS GO-GO DANCER, CHICAGO, AND ATTENDED PATRICIA STEVENS MODELING SCHOOL, CHICAGO, WITH ASSOCIATE, JANET VIAR. KLINNER BELIEVES SHE HAS BABY, MAY POSSIBLY HAVE GONE TO SAN FRANCISCO AND HAVE NO INFORMATION CONCERNING ANY CONTACTS

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OVER PAST SEVERAL YEARS BETWEEN SUSAN AND SUBJECT.

MRS. MABLE FULLER, NEE RAY, PATERNAL AUNT OF SUBJECT, QUINCY, ILLINOIS, STATED VERY LITTLE CONTACT WITH ANY MEMBER OF FAMILY. NO INFORMATION REGARDING SUBJECT'S WHEREABOUTS OR BACKGROUND. LAST HEARD THAT SUSAN, SISTER, IN CHICAGO AND MARRIED. UNCLE, WILLIAM MAHER, AN ADVERTISING SERVICE MAN AND PAINT CONTRACTOR AS OF NINETEEN SIXTY, BELIEVED EITHER DECEASED OR IN SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA. WILLIAM MAHER BORN [REDACTED] HAS FBI NUMBER SEVEN SIX EIGHT SIX FOUR TWO.

RELATIVES OF HARVEY LOWMEYER, QUINCY, ILLINOIS, RECONTACTED AND FURNISHED NO PERTINENT INFORMATION.

FORMER GIRLFRIEND OF WALTER TERRY RIFE, KATHERINE DORRIS BUSKIRK, NOW MRS. WILBUR CONNORS, QUINCY, ILLINOIS, INTERVIEWED. SHE WAS IN PRESENCE OF RIFE AND RAY WHEN ARRESTED NINETEEN FIFTY FIVE, BUT DENIES KNOWING RAY AT THAT TIME, OTHER THAN CASUALLY AND HAS NO BACKGROUND OR CURRENT INFORMATION CONCERNING HIM. PROMISED TO COOPERATE IF SEEN.

CHICAGO DIVISION. LOCATE AND INTERVIEW SUBJECT'S SISTER, SUSAN DONIAN, THREE FOUR ONE FOUR BRYN MAR, CHICAGO, CONCERNING
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WHEREABOUTS OF SUBJECT, FAMILY BACKGROUND, AND WHEREABOUTS OF BROTHER, JOHN RAY.

BUREAU REQUESTED TO PROVIDE INTERESTED OFFICES IDENTIFICATION RECORD FOR WILLIAM MAHER, FBI NUMBER SEVEN SIX EIGHT SIX FOUR TWO, TO ASSIST IN LOCATING AND INTERVIEWING HIM.

ST. LOUIS DIVISION. CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION TO IDENTIFY BOARDING HOUSE, FORMERLY OPERATED BY SUBJECT'S MOTHER, HICKORY, NINETEEN FIFTY EIGHT. CONDUCT NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION, ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY ASSOCIATES OF THAT PERIOD.

ST. LOUIS ALSO REVIEW SUBJECT'S MILITARY SERVICE RECORD, UNDER SERVICE NUMBER RA ONE SIX ONE SIX THREE ONE TWO NINE, AT WHICH TIME HE WAS IN COMPANY B, THREE EIGHTY SECOND BATTALION. ASCERTAIN DUTY STATION WHILE IN GERMANY. SET FORTH LEAD FOR LEGAT BONN, TO RECONSTRUCT BACKGROUND OVER SEAS AND IDENTIFY GIRLFRIEND.

ALL OFFICES NOTE DESCRIPTIVE BACKGROUND INDICATES SUBJECT AS "COLOR MATCHER". NOTE SUBJECT FORMERLY EMPLOYED IN SHOE MANUFACTURING COMPANIES AND COPIES OF MILITARY RECORD, QUINCY, PD INDICATE SUBJECT AS CIVILIAN COLORED HIDES. BE ALERT FOR
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BACKGROUND INDICATING SUBJECT EMPLOYED BY SHOE MANUFACTURING COMPANIES YOUR DIVISION.

SPRINGFIELD INVESTIGATION CONTINUING TO IDENTIFY FENCE AT PEORIA AND FURTHER DEVELOP BACKGROUND INFORMATION QUINCY-ALTON AREA.

FOR INFORMATION ALL OFFICES, REMAINING UNIDENTIFIED [REDACTED] [REDACTED] BELIEVED [REDACTED] NAME UNKNOWN, DETAILS UNKNOWN, AND ANY INFORMATION WHICH WOULD ASSIST IN FULLY IDENTIFYING [REDACTED] SHOULD BE EXPEDITIOUSLY FURNISHED SPRINGFIELD.

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FBI BIRMGHAM

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - APRIL 17, 1968

Attorney General Ramsey Clark announced today 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 April 4, 1968.

Director J. Edgar Hoover stated that a Federal complaint was filed by the FBI at Birmingham, Alabama, today, 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 March 29, 1968, 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 April 5, 1968, 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 March 30, 1968, purchase a rifle at Birmingham, Alabama...."

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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.

Mr. Hoover said that FBI Agents determined that the 30.06 rifle had been purchased from a gun dealer in Birmingham, Alabama, on March 30, 1968. The telescopic sight also was purchased from this dealer.

The FBI Director stated that 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 April 11, 1968. Investigation disclosed that Galt purchased this car from a private citizen in Birmingham on August 30, 1967. 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 include 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 April 3 and 4, 1968, and to have departed from there for Atlanta.

Intensive investigation by the FBI has disclosed that 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 December 15, 1967, and drove his white Mustang to New Orleans, where he claimed he contacted either an engineering or a contracting firm. He left New Orleans on December 19 and arrived back in Los Angeles on December 21, 1967.

While in the Los Angeles area early this year, Galt took a course at a school of bartending and was graduated on March 2, 1968.

The fugitive is described as a white male. He is approximately 5 feet eight inches to five feet eleven 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

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.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date April 16, 1968

ALBERT HANN, Attendant, Arnold Truck Stop, Rural Route, Tuscumbia, Alabama, advised as follows:

Sometime between March 27 and April 4, 1968, possibly on March 29, 1968, an individual generally answering the description of a person depicted in a sketch exhibited to him, who was driving a white Mustang automobile with Arkansas tags, stopped at Arnold Truck Stop between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. This person purchased gasoline and paid for it with a courtesy card which was turned over to the Sheffield Office of Standard Oil Company, Sheffield, Alabama, on April 1, 1968. HANN described this person as a white male, approximately twenty to twenty-five years of age, wearing suit and tie; height, 5'10"; weight, about 160; hair, light.

Memo for file
hss

On 4/9/68 at Tuscumbia, Alabama File # BH 44-1740

by SA HORACE H. WILLIS / hss

Date dictated

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Birmingham

DATE: 4-19-68

FROM : Stephen Pierce, clerk

SUBJECT: MURKIN

JERALD T. BUSH who is employed by Adamson Ford, in Birmingham, advised that a man who fit the description of James Earl Ray purchased a car from him with a bogus check, drawn on the First National Bank of Guntersville, Ala. BUSH advised that the check is in his possession, along with other hand writing samples.

BUSH may be contacted at the following number: 822-5913, address: 468 Park Terrace, Birmingham, Ala.

Jerald Bush called SA Shanahan again Saturday at 1:5 PM. He advised that this individual resembled the photo of James Earl Ray (the middle picture in today's paper w/ no hair). He said he remembered that the man gave the name Richard D. Case Rt 2 Guntersville, Ala and showed him Social Security card # [redacted]. He said it was good because they gave it to him when he got out of Leavenworth. Bush also remembered that the man gave him a phone number 753-2311. The car he swindled them out of is 1966 Olds Cutlass 2 door med blue, w/ blue wall tires 68 Ala tag # 1-44513 VIN 3380 76 M 308974. Bush said man also gave him Wisconsin driver license # C200 744 151 39. He said phone # no good in Ala. 44-1740-1099

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FROM : SAC, SAVANNAH (44-1768) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Mr. RICHARD WILLIAMSON, 10 Cardinal Road, Savannah, Ga., confidentially advised this office that he believed his nephew, DONALD WILLIAMSON, 203 Lake Drive Circle, Birmingham, Ala., fits the description of the suspect in this case. He further advised that his nephew owns a .30-06 rifle and has numerous times in the past volunteered that he and his friends have used violence against Negroes in Negro areas for enjoyment.

Suspect has a cousin living in Atlanta, Ga., the daughter of Mrs. AUGUST WINTERS, 9800 Red Cliff Road, Birmingham, whose married name and address Mr. WILLIAMSON does not know.

Mr. WILLIAMSON described DONALD WILLIAMSON as follows:

Age:	18-19
Height:	6'1"
Weight:	185
Hair:	Brown, crewcut

Mr. WILLIAMSON states DONALD WILLIAMSON is an excellent marksman.

LEAD:

Birmingham at Birmingham, Ala., ascertain whereabouts of DONALD WILLIAMSON on 4/4/68.

② Birmingham
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*This individual
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was ASAC Rampton*

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TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, BIRMINGHAM 44-1740, MEMPHIS 44-1987 AND MOBILE
FROM MIAMI 44-1854

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RE AUTOMOBILE BEARING ALA. LICENSE THREE ONE TWO DASH NINE ONE
EIGHT EIGHT, DRIVEN BY INDIVIDUAL RESEMBLING SUBJECT, MIAMI, FLA.,
APRIL TWENTYONE, LAST.

SAMUEL RIVERO, WHO IS EMPLOYED AT HUDSON SERVICE STATION, NW
EIGHTYFIFTH ST., AND SEVENTH AVE., MIAMI, ADVISED THAT ON APRIL
TWENTYONE, LAST, HE OBSERVED TWO WHITE MALES, ONE FITTING THE
DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT RAY, DRIVING A FIFTYTWO OR FIFTYTHREE BLUE
DODGE AUTOMOBILE WITH ALA. LICENSE AS ABOVE. ONE OF THE OCCUPANTS
INQUIRED AS TO ROUTE TO HIGHWAY FORTYONE BYPASSING MIAMI.

MOBILE AT MONTGOMERY, DETERMINE REGISTERED OWNER OF ABOVE LICENSE
PLATE, AND SET OUT APPROPRIATE LEAD TO IDENTIFY AND/OR ELIMINATE.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FBI BIRMGHAM

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MURKIN. OO: MEMPHIS

RE MIAMI TEL APRIL TWENTYTWO INSTANT.

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KATHLEEN DEININGER, MVD, ALA. DEPT. OF REVENUE,
MONTGOMERY, ALA., ADVISED SIXTYEIGHT LICENSE THREE ONE DASH
TWO NINE ONE ~~EIGHT~~ EIGHT WAS ISSUED NOV. THIRTEEN LAST
29148
TALMADGE NORRIS, RT. FOUR, AIRPORT ROAD, GASDEN, ALA. FOR
FIFTYNINE RAMBLER TWO DOOR VIN ~~M~~ EIGHT FIVE A ONE FIVE
29148
NO REPLACEMENT TAG HAS BEEN ISSUED FOR THIS VEHICLE.

DEININGER ALSO ADVISED NO OTHER REGISTRATION LOCATED UNDER
SERIES OF NUMBERS FURNISHED RE TEL.

NO STOLEN THIS LICENSE AST, MONTGOMERY.

BIRMINGHAM AT GASDEN. WILL FURTHER IDENTIFY NORRIS
AND DETERMINE IF IN MIAMI.

AM COPY TO BUREAU AND MEMPHIS.

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TO : ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES

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

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CIVIL RIGHTS
(OO: ME)

Re Albany airtels 4/10/68 and 4/11/68, setting forth concerns who purchased Thermo-Seal marking machines, and Bureau teletype to Memphis, 4/12/68.

The FBI Laboratory advised that pillowcase and bed sheet were found in trunk of 1966 white Mustang registered to ERIC STARVO GALT, which was located at Atlanta 4/11/68. These items contain Thermo-Seal laundry tapes of approximately same size as tapes on items previously recovered, but are yellow in color and contain code, "20R-3." In opinion of Textile Marking Machine Company, Syracuse, New York, the tapes were produced by a different machine than previous tapes since the first three characters are 15 point type and the last two characters are 18 point type.

The Textile Marking Machine Company suggests the twenty in above code would be the lot number, the R may mean that this was a return of a batch of laundry, and the three is the bundle number.

LEADSALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES

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

2 - All Continental Offices
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