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CHECKED FOR REGISTRATION OF RAY UNDER HIS TRUE NAME AND KNOWN ALIASES. PERIOD CHECKED WAS FROM MARCH SEVENTEEN THRU TWENTY FOUR SIXTYEIGHT. RECORDS OF HOTELS AND MOTELS CONTAINED NO INFO IDENTIFIABLE WITH RAY.

HOUSTON OFFICE AT HOUSTON TEXAS. WILL LOCATE AND INTERVIEW ED HUMPHREY THROUGH HILL AND HILL COMPANY AND DETERMINE IF HE PLACED CALL ON DECEMBER SIXTEEN LAST FROM ALPINE, TEXAS TO C. L. HALLITE AT GREENWOOD, LA. AND EXHIBIT PHOTO OF RAY.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING AT NEW ORLEANS. AM COPIES TO MEMPHIS, KANSAS CITY, ATLANTA, DALLAS BIRMINGHAM, AND LOS ANGELES. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plain text or code)Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, EL PASO (157-186) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE: PASSENGER RESEMBLING RAY ON AMERICAN AIRLINES
FLIGHT 122 FROM LOS ANGELES TO EL PASO

Re LA tel to EP, 5/1/68.

Suspect deplaned, El Paso, Texas, and identified himself to Agents as ERNIE M. SNYDER. SNYDER exhibited U. S. Passport and Army Identification Card showing that he was a member of the U. S. Army, serial number RA 16 616 573, and was attached to Headquarters, Third Brigade, Ft. Bliss, Texas, having just returned from Bangkok, Thailand. SNYDER bore strong resemblance to RAY, however, SNYDER was six feet, three inches tall.

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1-Atlanta (Info)
1-Birmingham (Info)
1-El Paso

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
SACs, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
DALLAS (44-2649)

FROM: SAC, EL PASO (157-186)

MURKIN

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

RE BUTEL, APRIL TWENTYFIVE, LAST, AND DALLAS TELETYPES APRIL THIRTY AND MAY ONE, LAST.

RECORDS WEST TEXAS TELEPHONE COMPANY, PECOS, TEXAS, AND SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY, LUBBOCK, TEXAS, REFLECT ABOUT SEVENTYSEVEN TELEPHONE CALLS WERE MADE ON DECEMBER FIFTEEN, SIXTEEN, AND SEVENTEEN, SIXTYSEVEN, FROM PHONE BOOTHS AND PAY STATIONS ON INTERSTATE TEN AND HIGHWAY NINETY BETWEEN SIERRA BLANCA AND SANDERSON, TEXAS, TO OTHER COMMUNITIES IN THE GENERAL AREA AND BETWEEN

1 - El Paso
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COMMUNITIES ON THE ABOVE MENTIONED ROUTE. FOR EXAMPLE, TEN CALLS WERE MADE FROM MARFA, TEXAS, TO ALPINE, TEXAS, SEPARATED BY ABOUT TWENTYSIX MILES ON ROUTE.

IT IS BELIEVED THESE TELEPHONE CALLS BETWEEN VARIOUS POINTS IN THE LOCALIZED AREA IN WEST TEXAS HAVE NO BEARING ON THIS CASE. THEREFORE, THESE CALLS WILL NOT BE CHECKED OUT, UACB.

AIRMAIL COPY BIRMINGHAM.

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Dallas note that Mc Kinney, Texas, mentioned in Dallas tel May one last is in Dallas territory.

5/2/68

AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, BUFFALO (44-374)

MURKIN

Re Bureau airtel with enclosures, dated 4/26/68,
copy to Memphis with enclosures.

Mrs. VIOLA V. BOHYS, 38 Church St., Waterloo,
N.Y., advised on 5/1/68 that the individual referred to
in her letter to the Bureau on 4/22/68 is not known to
her personally, and she has not seen him since. She
stated she had never seen this person before, does not
know where he lives, or what his employment might be.
She stated she has made inquiries concerning this indi-
vidual; however, has been unable to determine his identity.

BOHYS described this individual as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	30-35
Height	5'6"
Weight	140-150
Hair	Black, wavy
Speech	Normal (no accent)

She advised that this individual was driving a
red NGB, year not known, containing New York License OA 5560.

3 - Bureau (AM)
① - Birmingham (44-1740) (Info) (AM)
1 - Kansas City (44-760) (Info) (AM)
2 - Memphis (44-1987) (AM)
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On 5/1/68, a check of the New York State registrations through the Seneca County SO, Waterloo, N.Y., indicated New York License OA 5660 is issued to DARWIN STONE, 581 Geneva-Waterloo Road, Waterloo, N.Y. for a 1965 black Austin-Healey. His employment was shown as Seneca Army Depot (SAD), Romulus, N.Y.

On 5/1/68, Mrs. PHILIP STONE, 581 Geneva-Waterloo Road, Waterloo, N.Y., advised that DARWIN STONE is her son, and that he currently owns a red MGB automobile, New York License OA 5560. She stated her son is only home on weekends, as he currently attends the University of Syracuse, Syracuse, N.Y.

On 5/2/68, EUGENE HELFARD, General Investigator, Provost Marshal's Office, Seneca Army Depot, Romulus, N.Y., advised the only record at SAD concerning STONE is that he worked as a civilian employee from 2/67 to 9/67. has Social Security No. [redacted] and was born [redacted]. When STONE left SAD, he indicated he was going back to college.

On 5/2/68, EDWARD DAILOR, Collections Manager, Credit Bureau of Geneva, N.Y., advised that DARWIN STONE, 581 Geneva-Waterloo Rd., Waterloo, N.Y., has been known to his files since 12/60.

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Date: 5/2/68

Transmit the following in _____
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TO: SAC, BIRMINGHAM
FROM: SAC, SAVANNAH (44-1768) (P)
RE: MURKIN
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Re Savannah airtel to Birmingham dated 4/17/68.

Mr. RICHARD WILLIAMSON, 10 Cardinal Road, Savannah, Ga., reappeared at the Savannah Office on 4/30/68 at which time he confidentially advised that he had another nephew, DAVID KENNEDY, residing in Birmingham, Ala, and who is a member of the National Guard in the State of Alabama. He stated that while he does not know KENNEDY's address, he is aware of the fact that KENNEDY has expressed bitterness toward the Negroes in the area in view of his claim that they caused him to be called to active duty in the National Guard on several occasions to quell disturbances.

He pointed out that in addition, he has another nephew, (FNU) RAY, who is married to a sister's daughter by the name of ALVINA and that they reside in Birmingham, Ala., at an unknown address. He said that the only reason he was bringing this information to the attention of this Office regarding RAY was because of his last name being the same as subject RAY being sought in this case.

He pointed out that to the best of his recollection, RAY is white male, between 28 and 32 years of age, slender build, approximately 5'8".

② - Birmingham
1 - Memphis (44-1987)
2 - Savannah
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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

DATE: May 3, 1968

FROM : SA Lawrence G. Gettings

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On May 3, 1968 Thomas Edward Wrenn, Alabama Christian Movement for Human Rights, 1616 4th Avenue North, Birmingham advised that Mrs A.C. Givner 432 Kappa Avenue South (322-7956) has information she would like to furnish to the FBI. Wrenn stated that Mrs Givner believes she saw a man fitting the description of James Earl Ray on March 20 at the Paramount Barbecue Stand 800 6 Avenue South. The man ~~was~~ had a rifle in his hand when he was in the restaurant.

Lead

It is recommended that Mrs A.C. Givner be interviewed to determine complete details.



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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)

DATE: 5/6/68

FROM : SA ROBERT M. BARRETT

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Reference memo SA LAWRENCE JEFFINGS, 5/3/68.

On 5/6/68 Mrs. A. C. GIVENER, 432 Kappa St. So., Birmingham, advised that during the period 3/21 through 3/26/68, she was employed as a part time employee at the Paramount Cafe, 6th Ave. So. and 9th St. So. On about 3/22/68 she recalled seeing a white male enter the restaurant carrying a long box, which contained a rifle, which he showed to several other customers with whom he was acquainted. Mrs. GIVENER is sure it was a rifle, as the white male so identified it. Mrs. GIVENER described this person as a WMA, age about 40, 5'6", 145 pounds. She had never seen him in the cafe prior to this nor since.

The date was affixed through a check of her pay receipts as 3/22/68. In view of this date, it is recommended no further action concerning this info be taken.

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

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FBI BIRMGHAM

FBI NEW YORK

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TO DIRECTOR, BIRMI NGHAM, MEMPHIS AND KNOXVILLE
FROM NEW YORK (44-1609) 2P

MURKIN.

RE LETTER FROM ERIC S. GALT, DATED NINE TWENTY SIX SIXTY
SEVEN TO MODERN PHOTO BOOKSTORE.

REKXTEL TO NEW YORK, FIVE THREE LAST.

RETEL ADVISED POSTAL INSPECTOR, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, WAS
RETURNING TO POSTAL INSPECTOR, NEW YORK, A LETTER ADDRESSED TO ERIC
S. GALT, TWO SIX ZERO EIGHT HIGHLAND AVENUE, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA,
BEARING RETURN ADDRESS OF MODERN PHOTO BOOKSTORE, NEW YORK CITY.

INVESTIGATION AT NEW YORK REVEALS ERIC S. GALT ORDERED A BOOK
TITLED, "FOCAL ENCYCLOPEDIA OF PHOTOGRAPHY", FROM MODERN PHOTO
BOOKSTORE, AND SUBSEQUENTLY BY LETTER DATED NINE TWENTY SIX SIXTY
SEVEN REQUESTED THE BOOK NOT BE MAILED. THE LSTTER STATES GALT WAS
MOVING AND WOULD LATER SEND CORRECT ADDRESS. MODERN PHOTO BOOKSTORE
HAS NOT HEARD FROM GALT SINCE LETTER DATED NINE SIXTY SEVEN.

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COUPON AND LETTER OBTAINED FROM BOOKSTORE AND BEING SUBMITTED
TO LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION.

AIRTEL FOLLOWS.

SUBJECT RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FBI BIRMGHAM

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FBI ATLANTA

7 42 PM URGENT 5-4-68 ARK

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MIAMI (44-1854), MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM AND
JACKSONVILLE.

FROM ATLANTA (44-2386) 2P

MURKIN

RE MIAMI TEL MAY THREE CONCERNING LETTER RECEIVED BY
BIRMINGHAM OFFICE ON FOUR TWENTYNINE FROM HAZEL V. PEACOCK,
OKEECHOBEE, FLA.

BOTH EMPLOYERS OF CARPENTER AND SMITH POSITIVELY CONFIRM
THAT THEY WERE AT WORK IN GRAY, GEORGIA APRIL FOUR LAST.

SMITH'S EMPLOYER, LEE WILLIAMS NURSERY, ADVISED SMITH TOLD
HIM ON APRIL FIVE OR SIX LAST THAT CARPENTER HAD PLAYED JOKES ON
GIRL FRIEND IN OKEECHOBEE, FLORIDA. STATED CARPENTER SAID HE AND
SMITH HAD KILLED DR. KING AND NEEDED TO BE PUT UP AND HIDDEN
OUT. WILLIAMS ADVISES HE REPRIMANDED SMITH STATING THAT THIS KIND OF
JOKING STATEMENTS WOULD CAUSE TROUBLE.

SMITH INTERVIEWED. CONFIRMED JOKE PHONE CALL AND ALSO
THAT CARPENTER HAS BEEN TELLING GIRL FRIEND HAZEL PEACOCK HORROR
STORIES AND ALL IS FALSE ABOUT SECRET ORGANIZATION, MURDERS, ETC.
SMITH REPRIMANDED BY AGENTS AND APOLOGIZED AND PROMISED TO DISASSOCIATE
SELF FROM CARPENTER. CARPENTER IS SHACKED UP WITH INIDENTIFIED
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AT 44-2386

FEMALE MACON, GEORGIA, NOT TO RETURN TO GRAY, GEORGIA UNTIL MAY
SIX SIXTYEIGHT. CARPENTER WILL BE CONTACTED.

END.

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FBI BIRMGHAM.

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FBI ATLANTA

809 PM URGENT 5-4-68 ARK

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, LOS ANGELES, KANSAS CITY
FROM ATLANTA (44-2386) (P) 1P

MURKIN

SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION MAY FOUR INSTANT.

NUMEROUS LOOK-ALIKE COMPLAINTS CONTINUE TO BE RECEIVED AND
ARE THOROUGHLY CHECKED OUT.

INTERVIEW OF TAXI DRIVERS IN CONNECTION WITH EXPANDED
TAXI CAB CHECK CONTINUING. NO PERTINENT INFORMATION RECEIVED.

EXPANDED AIRLINES CHECK CONTINUING AND NEGATIVE TO DATE.

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TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)
SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN.

RE LA AIRTEL MAY THREE LAST SUBMITTING LETTER AND ENVELOPE
ADDRESSED TO "THE LOS ANGELES TIMES NEWSPAPER."

TYPEWRITING ON ABOVE ITEMS NOT IDENTICAL WITH THAT RECEIVED
IN THIS CASE ATTRIBUTED TO ERIC S. GALT.

SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCES INDICATE JAMES RAY SIGNATURE ON
LETTER PROBABLY NOT BY JAMES EARL RAY. OVERWRITING OF PORTION
OF SIGNATURE AND LIMITED QUESTIONED HANDWRITING PRECLUDED
DEFINITE OPINION.

TYPING HABITS, SPELLING AND PUNCTUATION AT VARIANCE WITH
TYPEWRITTEN LETTERS RECEIVED IN GALT NAME AND KNOWN HANDWRITING
OF SUBJECT RAY.

NO LATENTS DEVELOPED ON SPECIMENS.

SPECIMENS ARE TEMPORARILY RETAINED IN THE LABORATORY.

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air mail copies to SAC'S Birmingham ✓
Atlanta

1-Mr. Rosen Room 5706 JB
1-Mr. Conrad Room 7621 JB
1-J. Mortimer Room 7613 JB
1-Mr. Trotter Room 4130 IB

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE NEW ORLEANS	OFFICE OF ORIGIN MEMPHIS	DATE 4/29/68	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 4/5 - 23/68
TITLE OF CASE JAMES EARL RAY aka - FUGITIVE IO #4182, WF #442-A TOP TEN FUGITIVE; Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. (DECEASED) - VICTIM		REPORT MADE BY STEPHEN M. CALLENDER	TYPED BY epk
		CHARACTER OF CASE CR - CONSPIRACY; UFAC - ROBBERY	

REFERENCES: Los Angeles teletype to Director, et al 4/14/68
 Los Angeles teletype to Director, et al 4/15/68
 New Orleans teletype to Director, et al 4/14/68
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 New Orleans teletype to Director, et al 4/23/68

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED					None		ACQUIT- TALS	CASE HAS BEEN: PENDING OVER ONE YEAR <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
CON VIC.	AUTO.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES			
APPROVED						SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		
COPIES MADE:						DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW		
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LEADS:

No leads are being set forth in this report as all are being handled by telephone and teletype during progress of this investigation.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

One copy of this report is being provided to the Atlanta, Birmingham, and Los Angeles Offices for information purposes and any possible assistance and in anticipation of subsequent investigation.

An extra copy of this report is being furnished to the Birmingham and Memphis Offices marked "Hold." These extra copies have been designated for the USA at Memphis and Birmingham and should be released only upon Bureau authority.

All criminal and appropriate security and racial informants in the New Orleans Division are being contacted on a continuing basis. To date, no information has been developed through these contacts. Identities of informants and contacting Agents are not being set forth, but are being maintained in the New Orleans file in this matter.

At the inception of this investigation, an enormous volume of investigative effort was conducted in an effort to identify ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMYER, JOHN WILLARD. Throughout the State of Louisiana, records of banking institutions, credit bureaus, city and telephone directories, records of Louisiana State Police, sheriffs' offices, city police, libraries, divorce records, voter registration records, Selective Service records, utility companies' records, records of various state and Federal agencies, records of various seamen's unions, barge lines, waterfront employees' associations records, state employment service, as well as welfare records, companies who supply employees working on barges, tugs, records of companies supplying day laborers, however, no information identifiable could be located.

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Identities of companies and individuals contacted are not being set forth, but are being retained in the New Orleans file in this matter.

On three separate occasions, all of the records on file at the Louisiana Driver's License Division, Baton Rouge, La., were checked for any current or past record of a driver's license issued to ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMYER, or JOHN WILLARD; however, no information identifiable could be located. The results of this negative investigation is not being set forth in this report, but is being maintained in the New Orleans file in this matter.

At the inception of this investigation, laundries throughout Louisiana were contacted in an attempt to identify the laundry tag found on the man's shorts and T-shirt at Memphis. These contacts were conducted with negative results. Identities of persons contacted are not being set forth in this report, but are being maintained in the New Orleans file.

As a result of an allegation that the subject attended the Continental Dance Studio, New Orleans, La., in 1964, investigation was conducted to identify, locate, and interview any former instructor and pupil at this school. The names of numerous former instructors and pupils were obtained, some of whom were interviewed. Subsequently, when it was determined that JAMES EARL RAY was incarcerated in the Missouri State Penitentiary in 1964, this phase of the investigation was discontinued. The identities of former dance instructors and pupil and those interviewed are not being set forth in this report, but are being maintained in the New Orleans file.

As indicated in the details of this report, investigation determined that there were a total of fifty-three oceangoing ships which left the Port of New Orleans, between April 4 - 9, 1968. The identities of these ships and persons contacted are not being set forth in the details, inasmuch as this investigation was conducted with negative results. Identities of ships and persons contacted are being maintained in the New Orleans file.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

The following investigation was conducted by SA JOHN E. DECKER at New Orleans, Louisiana:

On April 15, 1968, JOSEPH SCHMIDT (Protect Identity) Security Officer, Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, New Orleans, Louisiana, furnished the following information:

SCHMIDT advised that a review of toll calls for the pay phone, telephone number 523-8802, located at the Provincial Motel, 1024 Charters Street, for the period December 17, 18, and 19, 1967, revealed one long distance phone call on December 18, 1967, to Los Angeles, California, telephone number 934-2328. This call was for three minutes and there were no names or notations made on the toll ticket.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA's
DANIEL P. MC LAUGHLIN and LEONARD A. STEINBACH on April 18, 1968
at New Orleans, Louisiana:

JOHN J. FLAHERTY 830 North Rampart Street, New Orleans,
(FBI protect identity) advised as follows:

A young white boy, about 15 years old, named [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] appeared at his store, which is named Juan's Hot
Tamale Restaurant, and talked as if he was acquainted with
ERIC STARVO GALT. He said that [REDACTED] is a pathological liar
and that he has known him for about two years. He said that
[REDACTED] is 14-15 years old, is probably on probation and gets
money by "hustling queers". He said that [REDACTED] spoke as if
he was very familiar with GALT and related the following facts
about GALT to him:

He said that he has ridden in GALT's Mustang on many
occasions and that on one occasion, when the Mustang either
ran out of gas or had a flat tire on Royal Street in front of
Mintz's Furniture Company, GALT gave him \$1.50 to take a taxi
home because GALT did not want him ([REDACTED]) to see the guns he
had in the back of the Mustang. He said that [REDACTED] told him
that his aunt introduced GALT to his brother. He said that
when GALT brought his brother to New Orleans, he (GALT) left
a few days later for Los Angeles and had his [REDACTED] nieces
with him. He said that GALT is afraid to use his own name
and that he is using his [REDACTED] brother's name to register
in hotels around town. He said that [REDACTED] told him that when
he was in the FBI Office, he did not identify GALT, but that
the first picture that was shown to him by the FBI was GALT.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: U. S. Attorney, Birmingham, Alabama
U. S. Attorney, Memphis, Tennessee

Report of: SA STEPHEN N. CALLENDER **Office:** NEW ORLEANS
Date: 4/29/68

Field Office File #: 157-10673 **Bureau File #:** 44-38861

Title: JAMES EARL RAY;
Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM

Character: CIVIL RIGHTS

Synopsis:

Investigation at Provincial Motel, New Orleans, determined that ERIC S. GALT registered at motel on 12/17/67. Interviews of motel officials and employees in regards to GALT negative. Registration for GALT, as well as indented writing found on paper in motel room rented by GALT, obtained and forwarded to FBI Laboratory. Laboratory examination of the registration card conducted; however, no latent fingerprints obtained and the handwriting appearing on this registration card does not sufficiently augment previous writings of GALT to permit a satisfactory comparison of the "HARVEY LOWMYER" signature. Indented writing found on paper in room contained telephone numbers and names of persons. These individuals subsequently identified and advised they belonged to organization known as "Parents Without Partners" and had recently been contacted by another member from Pontiac, Mich. Motel records indicated this person from Pontiac, Mich., used same room as previously used by GALT on 3/25-27/68. Relatives of CHARLES J. STEIN of Los Angeles, Calif., who reside in New Orleans, La., recall STEIN appearing in New Orleans shortly before Christmas, 1967. They could furnish no information as to the individual who had driven STEIN from Los Angeles to New Orleans. STEIN's mother advises the purpose of this trip was to pick up the children of a cousin residing in California. Engineering and contracting firms, Chalmette, La., area, as well as steamship and airline companies, New Orleans, contacted with negative results. New Orleans members of family of FRANK LIBERTO, Memphis, Tenn., state they have no knowledge of any disparaging remarks made by FRANK LIBERTO in regards to MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. ARMED AND DANGEROUS

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CITY MAPS OF NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA AREA
SHOWING ALLEGED POINTS OF CONTACT BY
ERIC S. GALT



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INVESTIGATION AT PROVINCIAL MOTEL,
1024 CHARTRES STREET,
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA,
WHERE ERIC S. GALT STAYED FROM
DECEMBER 17 - 19, 1967

The Los Angeles Office of the FBI advised on April 14, 1968, that according to CHARLES J. STEIN, he and ERIC GALT had arrived in New Orleans, December 17, 1968, and GALT registered at a motel in the 1000 block of Charten Street.

4/15/68

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Mr. BRYAN DUPEPE, Owner Manager, Provincial Motel, 1024 Chartres Street, was contacted concerning guests residing at the motel during the period of December 17-19, 1967.

DUPEPE furnished the motel work sheets for that period which contain motel room numbers, last names of occupants of each room, the day of registration, and the expected length of stay at the motel. It was determined from the work sheets that an individual by the name GALT registered at the motel on December 17, 1967, and was assigned room 126.

DUPEPE then furnished the registration cards for December, 1967, and a registration card was found which contained the name ERIC S. GALT, address of 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama, automobile - Mustang, and Alabama license number 138993.

The card indicated that there was only one person assigned to that room. The card further indicated that GALT checked out of the motel before 1:00 PM, on December 19, 1967, although no check-out time was indicated on the card. The card further indicated that the room rented for \$12.00 per day. DUPEPE advised that this was their minimum room rate at the motel. He advised that the room contains two beds and that there are two floors in that room. DUPEPE advised that the room was very small and that the ground floor room measures ten feet by ten feet, with a captains ladder (spiral staircase) to a second bedroom, identical size, above.

DUPEPE stated that they maintain separate logs for all outgoing long distance and local telephone calls made by the guests. DUPEPE furnished the log of long distance telephone calls made, which contained all of December, 1967 calls, and it was determined that no calls were made by ERIC S. GALT and no calls were made from room 126 during the period from December 17-19, 1967.

DUPEPE advised that the log of local telephone calls for any time preceding April 4, 1968, has been destroyed.

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DUPEPE advised that they maintain duplicate bills for a period of about sixty (60) days and that the bills covering December, 1967, had already been destroyed. He advised that these bills would itemize all of the charges billed to the guests during their stay, which would include telephone calls, room service, or any other expenses incurred by the guests.

DUPEPE advised that the following employees would have been working at the motel during the period of December 17-19, 1967:

WILL BERDON, Assistant Manager;

SVENN RONN, Desk Clerk;

BENJAMIN J. DUKE, Desk Clerk;

EUGENE RAMEL, Desk Clerk;

INEZ KRIEGER, Housekeeper;

LUBY CARSON, Housekeeper;

STANLEY J. MORRIS, Porter;

JOSEPH CLEMENTS, Porter;

GLORIA BARETT, Maid;

EVELYN REVERTIGA, Owner Manager of Provincial Cafe;

YVONNE RILEY, Waitress;

BEVERLY WILLIAMS, Waitress;

GLORIA YOUNG, Waitress.

DUPEPE advised that he has no record of any unusual activity concerning the rental of room 126 during the period of December 17-19, 1967, and unless there was something unusual occurring in connection with that room, he would not be contacted regarding the occupant.

DUPEPE advised that he does not recall GALT and he does not recall any of his employees making any mention of GALT.

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He advised that GALT could have parked his automobile in the motel parking lot which is an off-street parking lot. He advised that it is difficult to find parking space in the French Quarter, near the motel, and that more than likely, he would have utilized the motel parking area.

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Mrs. IRENE KRIEGER, 4224 North Rampart Street, advised she is employed in the housekeeping section of the Provincial Motel, 1024 Chartres Street, New Orleans, Louisiana. Mrs. KRIEGER advised that she is in charge of the section of the motel that should include Room 126.

Mrs. KRIEGER advised that she seldom enters the motel rooms as this work is performed by the maids and she merely over sees the work of the maids.

Mrs. KRIEGER advised that anything left in the motel room would be turned over to her by the maids and she in turn would package it for mailing and the front office of the motel would then mail the package. She stated that she would not know if the front office maintained a record of all items mailed to individuals that had rented rooms at the motel.

Mrs. KRIEGER was shown the three composite pictures of the unknown subject in this case along with the following artist conceptions obtained from the National Bank Robbery Album:

#5A

#7A

#13

#87

#97

#131

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Mrs. KRIEGER was not able to identify any of the above photographs which were exhibited to her. She further stated she can not recall anything being left in Room 126 during the month of December, 1967.

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INEZ KRIEGER, Housekeeper, Provincial Motel,
1024 Chartres Street, furnished the following information:

She advised that they have not had any bed spreads or blankets taken from room 126 and she advised that they do not have any property in their custody which would have been left by occupants of room 126.

KRIEGER displayed a bed spread which would have been identical to the type of bed spread used in room 126 between December 17 and 19, 1967, and it was determined that this bed spread was striped and multi-colored, having the colors red, white and blue pin strips with red border cord.

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WILL BERDON, Assistant Manager, Provincial Motel, 1024 Chartres Street, advised that he could not recall the individual who stayed in room 126 at the motel during the period December 17 to 19, 1967. He advised that he could not recall seeing a white Mustang with an Alabama license tag parked in the motel lot.

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BEN J. DUKE, Desk Clerk, Provincial Motel, 1024 Chartres Street, advised that he could not recall the individual who stayed in room 126 at the motel during the period December 17 to 19, 1967. He advised that he could not recall anyone who used the name ERIC S. GALT and he could not recall seeing a white Mustang with an Alabama license tag parked in the motel lot.

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JOSEPH CLEMENTS, Porter, Provincial Motel,
1024 Chartres Street, advised that he could not recall
the individual who stayed in room 126 at the motel during
the period December 17 to 19, 1967. He advised that he
could not recall anyone who used the name ERIC S. GALT and
he could not recall seeing a white Mustang with an Alabama
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STANLEY JOSEPH MORRIS, Porter, Provincial Motel, 1024 Chartres Street, advised that he could not recall the individual who stayed in room 126 at the motel during the period December 17 to 19, 1967. He advised that he could not recall anyone who used the name ERIC S. GALT and he could not recall seeing a white Mustang with an Alabama license tag parked in the motel lot.

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SVEN RON, Desk Clerk, Provincial Motel, 1024 Chartres Street, advised that he could not recall the individual who stayed in room 126 at the motel during the period December 17 to 19, 1967. He advised that he could not recall anyone who used the name ERIC S. GALT and he could not recall seeing a white Mustang with an Alabama license tag parked in the motel lot.

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GLORIA BARRET, Maid, Provincial Motel,
1024 Chartres Street, advised that she could not recall
the individual who stayed in room 126 at the motel during
the period December 17 to 19, 1967. She advised that she
could not recall anyone who used the name ERIC S. GALT and
she could not recall seeing a white Mustang with an
Alabama license tag parked in the motel lot.

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BRYAN DUPEPE, Owner-Manager, Provincial Motel,
1024 Chartres Street, furnished their motel registration
cards for all the guests who stayed at the motel between
December 17 and 19, 1967:

12/17/67	Mrs. HENRY J. SHERRILL, 301 Woodland Avenue, Mobile, Alabama Room 117 Two in party
12/17/67	ROBERT A. CONEY, Judge, 311 Fayette Street, Peoria, Illinois Car - Buick License - Illinois 3281 Room 212 Three in party
12/17/67	Mr. and Mrs. E. S. KNUTH, 514 Ebony, Duluth, Minnesota Room 112 Two in party
12/17/67	Mr. and Mrs. CUTTEN J. CARLSON, 200 Collinworth Drive, Rochester, New York, Room 222 Two in party
12/18/67 - 12/23/67	Mr. and Mrs. W. G. PINKER 2261 Rolling Green Road, Saginaw, Michigan Car - Oldsmobile License - Michigan LP 5907 Room 118 Two in party

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12/18/67	GERSON POLASKY, 123 North McNichen Cincinnati, Ohio
12/18/67	G. L. POSTLETHWAIT, General Delivery, Daytona Beach, Florida Car - Dodge License - California VF 451 Room - 214 Two in party
12/18/67	JOE PARISH, Belle Chasse, Louisiana, Room 108
12/18/67	W. H. RUNGLER (?) 2899 Columns Avenue, Miami, Florida, Car - Cadillac License - Florida 1WW11380
12/18/67	Dr. and Mrs. DAVID L. ROSNER, 87 Soundview Drive, Port Jefferson, New York Car - Oldsmobile License - New York Room 101 Two in party
12/18/67	Mr. and Mrs. WENDELL H. WAYNE, Post Office Box 975, Evanston, Illinois, Car - Pontiac License - Illinois 85299 Room 215

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12/18/67

STEVE FULLER,
4077 Hamilton Street,
San Diego, California
Car - Volkswagen
License - California VOD 912
Room 109
Two in party

12/18/67

RAY EASTERWOOD,
139 Briar Lane,
Atlanta, Georgia
Room 219
One in party

12/18/67

Mr. and Mrs. MIKE EPPLES,
1231 South Owasso,
Tulsa, Oklahoma
Car - Oldsmobile
License - Oklahoma D8762
Room 231
Two in party

12/18/67

Mr. and Mrs. WALDORF PLITCHER,
10820 Georgia Avenue,
Wheaton, Maryland
Car - Chevrolet
License - Maryland AE 2099
Room 225
Two in party

12/19/67

MARCIA JOSEFA MOVA DE GIREO,
Calle 5 f AN;
48-31
Meddlin, Colombia
Room 103
Two in party

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12/19/67

A. A. CASBARIAN,
716 Governor Nichols
New Orleans, Louisiana
Car - Jaguar
License - Louisiana 29B986
Room 205
Two in party

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Mr. and Mrs. R. C. MATHEWS, JR.,
2126 Mobry Road NE
Atlanta, Georgia
Car - Pontiac
License - Georgia 2J11476
Room 214
Two in party

12/19/67

MARIA MERCEDEN BOTERO,
Carrena 43
54-53 Medellin, Colombia
Room 101
Three in party

12/19/67

GORDON WELLMAN,
132 Forest Court,
Irwin, Pennsylvania
Room 110

12/19/67

Mr. and Mrs. VINTON P. OSTRANCHER,
126 Meadow Lane,
Buffalo, New York
Car - Cadillac
License - New York TP3035
Room 207
Two in party

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12/19/67	Mr. and Mrs. N. M. JONES, JR., 213 Hutcheson, Houston, Texas, License - Texas MYN 249 Room 106 Two in party
12/19/67	AUSTIN L. CONWAY, 328 Highland Pines Drive, Pittsburgh 37, Pennsylvania Room 102 One in party
12/19/67	EMIL F. MEIER, 2514 Pioneer Road, Evanston, Illinois Car - Buick License - Illinois BX1449 Room 211 Two in party
12/19/67	Lieutenant Colonel WILLIAM P. FISHER, 610 A 7th Street, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama Car - Pontiac License - Alabama 32541 Room 108 Two in party
12/19/67	N. R. HINEC, 1610 Southland Avenue Atlanta, Georgia One in party

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E. D. ELLIOTT,
1610 Southland Circle NW,
Atlanta, Georgia,
Room 202,
One in party

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BRYAN DUPEPE, Owner Manager, Provincial Motel, 1024 Chartres Street, advised that the room 126 was not presently being rented and that it would be permissible to look at the room and to take anything which might be of value in the investigation.

DUPEPE introduced the interviewing Special Agents of the FBI to Miss LUBY CARSON, Housekeeper, Provencial Motel, and advised her to show the interviewing Agents room 126.

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Miss LUBY CARSON, Housekeeper, Provincial Motel, 1024 Chartres Street, advised that she could not recall the individual who stayed in room 126 at the motel during the period December 17 to 19, 1967. She advised that she could not recall anyone who used the name ERIC S. GALT and she could not recall seeing a white Mustang with an Alabama license tag parked in the motel lot.

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LUBY CARSON, Housekeeper, Provincial Motel, 1024 Chartres Street, accompanied the interviewing Special Agents to room 126 of the Provincial Motel and accompanied the Agents inside during their search of the room.

It was determined from physical observation that the ground floor was approximately ten feet by ten feet and contained one studio couch, one portable television set, and one small dresser. A bathroom was located on the ground floor. A spiral staircase led to a second bedroom of identical size, which contained a studio couch, a French Provincial desk, a chair, and a small clothes rack.

A December, 1967, New Orleans telephone book was located in the top center drawer of the French Provincial desk and it was determined that the following pages in the "white section" of the telephone book were "dogeared" in the upper right hand corner:

Pages 47; 375; 376, and 377.

Two sheets of blue Provincial Motel stationery were found at page 47, and both sheets appeared to have indented writing thereon. These sheets were removed by the interviewing Agents in the presence of Miss CARSON.

Nothing else was located in the room other than the two blue sheets of stationery.

Miss CARSON advised that room 126 had been rented many times since December 19, 1967, and that the room is thoroughly cleaned between each occupancy.

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Two sheets of blue Provincial Motel stationery and a Provincial registration card in the name ERIC S. GALT were furnished to Special Agents THOMAS E. DUHADWAY and PIERRE D. FOURNIER at 1:05 p.m. The above items were tagged with the initials of Special Agents HENSEL and HILL, and were dated April 14, 1968.

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At 2:00 p. m., Central Standard Time, Special Agent THOMAS E. DU HADWAY accompanied by Special Agent PIERRE D. FOURNIER handed Captain JOHN H. ZEDTWITZ, Delta Airlines Flight # 106, an envelope containing the registration card for ERIC S. GALT at the Provincial Motel and two slips of blue paper. Captain ZEDTWITZ was advised by Special Agent DU HADWAY that a Special Agent of the FBI would meet him at Dulles International Airport, Washington, D. C., upon his arrival and that he should turn this envelope over to the Agent after the Agent exhibits proper identification.

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