

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1365)

DATE: 4/18/68

FROM : SA LINARD D. BOGATY

SUBJECT: MURKIN

The following financial institutions were contacted with regards to accounts in the name of HARVEY LOWMEYER & all variations of the last name & the name ERIC STARVO GALT with negative results:

Nat'l Bank of Alamance
Burlington, N.C.

Mrs. RITA JONES
Nat'l Bank of Alamance
Graham, NC

Mrs. BETTY COVINGTON
NCNB
Burlington NC

Mrs. VICKIE CAROL
North State Bank
Burlington NC

Mrs. SYLVIA FOSTER
Northwestern Bank
Graham NC

Mrs. IDA LOU BEAKER
Wachovia B&TC
Burlington NC

On 4/10/68, Mrs. LINDA CASPARIAN, Credit Bu., Burlington, N.C., which covers all of Alamance Co., N.C., advised she had no listings for HARVEY LOWMEYER & all variations of last name or ERIC STARVO GALT. 44-1365-379

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On the same date, Miss SARA RANEY, Records Dept., Burlington PD, advised her traffic & criminal files were negative for the names HARVEY LOWMEYER & all variations of last name & ERIC STARVO GALT.

A check of the current City Directory & telephone directory for Burlington NC & Alamance Co. NC, were negative concerning the above-mentioned names.

On the same date, Mr. E. L. IVEY, JR., D/S, Alamance Co. SO, Graham, NC., advised his records were negative concerning the names HARVEY LOWMEYER & all variations of the last name plus ERIC STARVO GALT.

On 4/11/68, the following individuals were contacted & stated records of their respective business establishment concerning their companies use of laundry tag on washable type laundry were negative:

Mr. JESSE KINGSLAND
Alamance Laundry & Dry Cleaners
Burlington NC

Mr. CHARLIE WRIGHT
Boston Cleaners & Laundry
Burlington NC

Mr. WALTER EVANS
Burlington Dry Cleaners
Burlington NC

Mrs. RUBY PEAGRAM
City Laundry & Cleaners
Burlington NC

Mr. WILLIAM CROSS
W.D. Cross Cleaners
Burlington NC

Mrs. HELEN SLADE
Dutch House Cleaners
Graham, NC

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Mr. BOONE stated that he uses tags for no other laundry except his coding system is not composed of letters & numbers but is composed of a 5 digit coding.

FBI ATLANTA

10:51 PM IMMEDIATE 4-19-68 LLD

TO ALL SACSEXCEPT KANSAS CITY, ANCHORAGE, HONOLULU AND SAN JUAN

MESSAGE RELAY PLAN

FROM DIRECTOR SP

MURKIN. OO: MEMPHIS.

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make sure all included*

JAMES EARL RAY, AKA. EARL JAMES RAY, MR. 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

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 MARCH TEN, TWENTY-EIGHT OR TWENTY-NINE, 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,
M OVER M, NINE OVER FOUR, U OVER W, OOO OVER IOI, TWELVE, REF NINE
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-SIX, AT EAST ST. LOUIS, ILL., AND SERVED ON ACTIVE DUTY UNTIL
DECEMBER 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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RIFE
FOUR FIVE FIVE EIGHT SEVEN SIX SIX, AS OBTAINED FROM FILES OF USP,
LEAVENWORTH: WHITE MALE, AGE FORTY-FOUR, DOB APRIL NINETEEN,
TWENTY-FOUR, 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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Date: **4-18-68**Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via **airtel** **air mail** _____
(Priority)**To: SAC, Charlotte (44-1365)****From: Director, FBI (44-38861)****MURKIN****Reurtel 4-18-68.**

Unidentified latent fingerprints and latent impressions
this case are not identical with fingerprints of **ROBERT FRANKLIN
WILLIAMS, FBI #372 433 F.** No palm prints here for Williams.

- 2 - Memphis (44-1987)
- 1 - Atlanta (44-2386)
- 1 - Norfolk
- 1 - Indianapolis

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TO : SAC (44-1365)

DATE: 4/19/68

FROM : SA Mark J. Howe

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Agent's Memo # 154, Series 1968, 4/18/68.

On 4/19/68, the following individuals at the indicated newspapers were furnished photos and press release information in this matter:

Mrs. Patricia Tannery, The News and Observer, Raleigh, NC.

Ed Rowland, The Raleigh Times, Raleigh, NC

P.R. Jervay, The Carolinian, Raleigh, NC.

William Minor, Henderson Daily Dispatch, Henderson, NC

Tom W. Johnson, Oxford Public Ledger, Oxford, NC.

Clint Fuller, Franklin Times, Louisburg, NC.

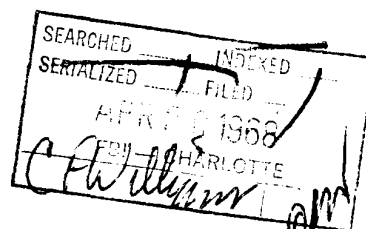
Bob Allen, Wake Weekly, Wake Forest, NC.

Thomas J. Lassiter, Smithfield Herald, Smithfield, NC.

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AIRTEL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM : SAC, CHARLOTTE (44-1365) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Memphis airtel to Charlotte 4/17/68, and Bureau airtel to Charlotte 4/18/68.

RE: BEDSPREAD

In referenced Memphis airtel, a lead was set forth for the Charlotte Office to contact all textile manufacturers in an effort to determine the source or manufacturer of the bedspread abandoned at Memphis by the subject.

For the information of the Bureau, there are 45 textile manufacturers in the city of Charlotte alone, and over 100 textile manufacturers in Gastonia, N. C. Throughout the state of North Carolina, there are hundreds of textile manufacturers.

On 4/19/68, JIM OAKLEY (former SA), Security Officer of Beaunit Mills, Gastonia, N. C., advised that it would be extremely helpful if a swatch of the material in the bedspread could be made available for examination by experts in the textile field in determining the manufacturer.

In the event the Bureau desires that this lead be pursued, even though JAMES EARL RAY has been identified as the subject, it is requested that a swatch of the bedspread be furnished Charlotte for display to textile manufacturers.

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1 - Memphis (44-1987)
2 - Charlotte
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Date: 4/19/68

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TO: SAC, CHARLOTTE
FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (P)
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(OO: MEMPHIS)

RE: AIRLINE PHASE OF INVESTIGATION

Re Miami teletype to Bureau dated 4/12/68.

Eastern Airline tickets reviewed and aliases
used by unsub revealed the following information of value:

Ticket 007-222-748-263 was issued to Mr. N.
P. GAULT for Flight 387, Raleigh to Atlanta, departing
9:35 a.m.; departing Atlanta Flight 249 at 9:20 p.m.
for Raleigh. Contact point indicated as Atlanta Telephone
Number 875-3411, Extension 619. Investigation determined
above phone number belongs to Coca Cola, 310 North Avenue,
Atlanta, where inquiry determined that N. P. GAULT is
District Manager, Coca Cola, Raleigh, N. C.

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2-Atlanta
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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

AT 44-2386

AT RALEIGH, N. C.

Will conduct investigation to eliminate N.
P. GAULT as suspect in this matter.

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Date:

Transmit the following in _____
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(Priority)

To: Director, FBI

RE: DEFERMENT OF PROSECUTION

From: SAC,

☐ Initial Report (at time of deferment)☐ Supplemental Report (to record action
taken by authority deferred to)

Title: _____

Brief statement of facts of Federal violation: _____

Age of subject:

☐ Juvenile (not attained 18th birthday) ☐ Young adult (18-20) ☐ Adult (21 and over)Subject: ☐ Civilian ☐ MilitaryDate presented, identity of U. S. Attorney or Assistant and reason for declination.

_____U. S. Attorney will reconsider prosecution: ☐ Yes ☐ NoRecommend discussion with Department: ☐ Yes ☐ NoOpinion in compliance with Memorandum of Understanding: ☐ Yes ☐ No☐ Local or state _____
Prosecution deferred to: (Identify)☐ Military _____Result of local, state, military prosecution: (Set forth whether prosecutive or administrative action taken,
declined or dismissed, include prosecutive results, i.e., conviction and sentence or acquittal; identify date, place
and tribunal. Indicate if any Agent testimony involved and results of any rediscussion with U. S. Attorney.)

_____☐ Lead: Follow with indicated local, state or military authority and submit supplemental FD-387 to Bureau.Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 18, 1968

FREDERICK LEON DUNSTON, Route 5, Box 150, Whiteville, North Carolina, advised that he is employed as a longshoreman and works at the Sunny Point, North Carolina, Terminal as well as the State Port Docks in Wilmington, North Carolina.

DUNSTON advised that he did not go to work as a longshoreman on April 8, 1968, inasmuch as he had been drinking earlier and that he was also drinking on the day of April 8, 1968. He advised that he was sitting on the front porch at his residence and about five or five fifteen P.M., April 8, 1968, an unknown white individual walked up to the porch where he was sitting.

DUNSTON advised that this individual was walking in an easterly direction and going towards Whiteville, North Carolina. He advised that this individual asked for a drink of water and that he gave this unknown white individual a drink of water.

DUNSTON further advised that after a few minutes this unknown individual made the remark that he was in bad trouble and when asked what kind of trouble, this unknown white individual asked DUNSTON if he knew Dr. KING and DUNSTON stated that he replied in the affirmative.

DUNSTON advised that this unknown white individual started crying and on several occasions, repeated "I'm in trouble".

DUNSTON stated he was also asked by this individual not to tell anyone and further that the individual made the statement "I didn't want to do it".

On 4/9/68 at Whiteville, N.C. File # CE 44-1365 - 385
by SA DAVID W. WATSON;mfd Date dictated 4/16/68

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DUNSTON advised that approximately 6:30 or 7:00 O'clock after talking with the unknown white individual and determining that this individual was planning to go to Washington, D.C., to surrender himself to the Department of Justice, DUNSTON told the individual that he would call Washington, D.C., for him.

DUNSTON advised that this appeared alright with the unknown white male and that he called the Department of Justice and told a secretary there that this individual was at his residence. DUNSTON remarked that this male individual was scared and did not want to be apprehended by local authorities.

DUNSTON advised that this unknown white individual remained at his residence until sometime after midnight that night and that he knew he was there at midnight but DUNSTON said that this unknown individual was in a small house to the rear of his residence and when he went there between 1 and 2:00 A.M. on April 9, 1968, this unknown white individual was no longer there.

DUNSTON advised that he gave this unknown individual \$3.50 and this person had remarked that he needed \$2 and DUNSTON was not sure whether this individual was going to continue walking bumming or catch a bus at Whiteville, North Carolina.

DUNSTON stated that he did not discuss with anyone in his house of this unknown individual being there and admitted to him that he was responsible for the one that killed Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING.

DUNSTON described this individual that appeared at his house on the afternoon of April 8, 1968, as being a white male, aged 23 to 25, blue eyes, black hair, 5'10", dark complexion, tattoo Heart with Born To Lose on upper right arm, appeared to be intelligent speaker and this individual did not tell his name or where he was from and according to DUNSTON, he could not tell from his speech what region of the country he was from.

DUNSTON stated this unknown individual was wearing blue dungarees with a white short sleeve sport shirt with yellow stripes running up and down and that this person was carrying green jacket and had a pair of glasses in his shirt pocket but

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advised he did not know if these were sunglasses or prescription glasses.

DUNSTON stated that this individual did not have any luggage and appeared to him to be an intelligent man but very scared and that this person whad some scratches on his left side of his face and as a result of these scratches, told DUNSTON that someone had grabbed him but he had gotten away.

DUNSTON stated that he had not lived in Whiteville long but lived there because his wife was a school teacher and stated after school was out, he and his wife would return to Raleigh, North Carolina, and he would not do any more longshoreman work until the fall of 1968. He pointed out that he only liked to work three or four days each month and admitted that he had served time in the prison department for receiving stolen property.

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DWW:mfd

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent DAVID W. WATSON on April 8, 1968, at Whiteville, North Carolina:

The following individuals were contacted and advised that they knew of no individual by the name of FREDDIE or FREDRICK DUNSTON. All advised that they knew of no Route 350 at Whiteville, North Carolina, and stated that as far as they knew there was no highway numbered 350 in the vicinity of Whiteville, North Carolina, or Columbus, County, North Carolina.

On April 9, 1968, inquiry at the Whiteville Post Office, Whiteville, North Carolina, determined that one FREDERICK DUNSTON received his mail at Route 5, Box 150, Whiteville, North Carolina.

On April 9, 1968, after interview was had with FREDERICK LEON DUNSTON, an attempt was made to locate the unknown individual that reportedly talked with DUNSTON on the afternoon of April 8, 1968, with negative results. An attempt was made to locate this individual by patrolling east and west of Whiteville, North Carolina, on U.S. Highways 74 and 76 and north and south on U.S. Highway 701 from Whiteville, North Carolina, as well as on North Carolina Highway 130.

It was determined that the first bus leaving Whiteville, North Carolina, for Washington, D.C., from the Whiteville Bus Terminal would depart at 10:40 A.M. and the unknown individual was not at the Whiteville Bus Station nor on this bus when it departed from Whiteville, North Carolina, on the morning of April 9, 1968.

On April 9, 1968, Mr. HORACE SHAW, Superintendent, Columbus County Bureau of Identification, Columbus County Courthouse, Whiteville, North Carolina, was advised of the FBI's interest in locating the unknown white individual that was reportedly in Whiteville, North Carolina, during the afternoon and night of April 8, 1968. The radio message was dispatched over the facilities of the Columbus County Sheriff's Office in an attempt to locate this individual.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (44-1365) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Bureau telephone call to Charlotte, 4/19/68.

On 4/19/68, RAYMOND HIGGINS, 300 East Worthington Ave., Charlotte, N. C., was interviewed concerning his telephone call to the Bureau regarding ERIC STARVO GALT.

HIGGINS described the individual he saw and thought was GALT as 5'7", 200 lbs., 30 to 35 years old, dark complexion, short hair and a white male.

HIGGINS was shown a photograph of GALT and without hesitation advised that this was not the man he saw in Charlotte on the night of 4/18/68.

In view of the above, no further action being taken by Charlotte.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA DONALD M. MURRAY at Raleigh, North Carolina:

RE ERIC STARVO GALT

On April 15, 1968, Mrs. SARAH ARNETTE advised ENSLIE NICHOLSON GAULT, JR., Apartment 30, Tara Apartments, Raleigh, has rented this apartment since February 1, 1968. According to her records he is employed by Coca Cola Bottling Company and is single. He appears to be a good resident but she knows nothing further concerning him.

On April 15, 1968, ENSLIE NICHOLSON GAULT, JR., Apartment 30, Tara Apartments, advised he is employed as a Coca Cola bottling sales representative for Coca Cola, Inc., out of Atlanta, Georgia, and lives and works in the Raleigh area. On April 4, 1968, he specifically recalled during the afternoon hours contacting Mr. LUKE ALLEN, Sales Manager, Raleigh Coca Cola Plant, and later, at approximately 8:30 or 9:00 p.m., talking with a neighbor, EMMA JONES. On Friday, April 5, 1968, he flew to a meeting at the Coca Cola office in Atlanta and returned the same day, as he recalls.

He is described as a white male, born [redacted]

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[redacted] White Plains, New York, 5'10" tall, 165 pounds, light brown hair, blue eyes, medium complexion, single, graduate of University of Virginia in 1963, employed by Coca Cola, Inc., since May, 1966, formerly in Charleston, South Carolina, telephone number 782-2934.

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Contact with EMMA JONES, Tara Apartments, Raleigh, and Mr. LUKE ALLEN, Sales Manager, Coca Cola Bottling Company, Raleigh, on April 15, 1968, revealed these individuals had observed ENSLIE NICHOLSON GAULT on April 4, 1968. ALLEN saw him at the Coca Cola Bottling Plant in Raleigh at about 2:30 or 3:00 p.m. and EMMA JONES observed him in her apartment at about 8:30 or 9:00 p.m. on that date.

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It should be noted that GAULT advised he has no relatives by the name ERIC STARVO GALT and had no idea who this individual might be.

(F Williams)

4/19/68

AIRTEL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (44-1365) (P)
MURKIN
(OO: ME)

Re Miami teletype to Bureau, Atlanta, Charlotte,
Houston, Mobile, Memphis and Birmingham, 4/12/68.

Enclosed for Memphis are nine copies of insert
re ERIC STARVO GALT.

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① - Charlotte
DMM:jwr
(3) *jwr*

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (44-38861)

FROM : SAC, Kansas City (44-760)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/19/68

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.

2 - Bureau (Encs. 24) (AM)
2 - Each Field Office (Encs. 4) (AM)
2 - Kansas City
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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 *cc*
2 - Memphis
GMR:jms (118)

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Approved: *[Signature]* Sent _____ M Per _____
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TO: SAC, ALBANY
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN - COST DATA

ReButel to ME 4/17/68.

For information of all offices, the Bureau by retel requested of the Memphis Division as follows:

"Please furnish following information on above matter compiled or estimated through 4/30/68, and thereafter submit cumulative totals through the end of each month until further notice:

- 1) Number of man hours spent on case broken down as to regular hours, overtime hours, and total man hours by following employees (separate figures for each class of employees shown):
 - A. Special Agents
 - B. Clerical Employees
- 2) Total mileage (estimated or actual) traveled by Bucars used on case. Include mileage for cars traveling to and from other field offices on special assignment and any personally-owned cars.
- 3) Any unusual or out-of-ordinary costs, such as cost of chartering airplane, rental of special office space, leased telephone lines, etc. These should be itemized and cost of each item shown.

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2 - Memphis
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- 4) Peak number of Special Agents working on case during month for which report is submitted.

You should promptly request all Bureau offices involved in this case to furnish information requested herein to you and it should be included in your report."

Each office is requested to expeditiously furnish the Memphis Division with the above designated data within two work days after the close of each month. Secondly, each office is also requested to advise the Memphis Division even in the event each category is zero or no work is performed on this case during the month.

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Date: 4/19/68

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TO: SAC, ALBANY

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P

MURKIN

At about 6 p.m. on 4/4/68, while standing on the second floor balcony outside Room 306 of the Lorraine Motel, 406 Mulberry Street, Memphis, Tennessee, Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. was struck in the right side of the face by a single bullet fired from a 30-06 rifle. The bullet severed KING's spinal cord and death was almost instantaneous.

This investigation, predicated upon a specific request from the Attorney General of the United States, disclosed that the fatal shot had been fired from the bathroom of a cheap rooming house located at 422½ South Main Street, Memphis, which bathroom was located at the rear of the rooming house, and had a window overlooking the Lorraine Motel.

At about 3 p.m. on 4/4/68, an individual using the name JOHN WILLARD had rented Room 5-B in the rooming house at 422½ South Main Street and had paid one week's rent. After hearing the rifle shot at about 6 p.m. on that same day, other tenants in the rooming house observed a man presumably identical with WILLARD, fleeing from the rooming house carrying a large package which was subsequently abandoned by him on the sidewalk in front of the Canipe Amusement Co., 424 South Main Street, Memphis. A neighborhood investigation in the vicinity of 424 South Main Street disclosed that the subject had fled from the scene in a white Mustang.

Found abandoned in front of 424 South Main Street was a 30-06 Remington model 760 rifle which was determined to have been

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sold to one HARVEY LOWMEYER on 3/30/68 by Aeronarine Supply Co., Birmingham, Alabama.

Investigation at Memphis disclosed that an individual had purchased a set of binoculars at the York Arms Company in Memphis on 4/4/68. These binoculars were among the material abandoned with the rifle and recovered in Memphis. Also recovered was a brown and green herringbone bedspread. The items abandoned in Memphis were all wrapped in this bedspread. The blue bag which was inside the bedspread contained numerous items, among which were the binoculars and a set of underwear consisting of a T-shirt and shorts. The T-shirt and shorts are those on which appears the laundry mark which has been a matter of interest in this case.

A search of motel records in the Memphis area disclosed that an individual using the name ERIC S. GALT had spent the night of 4/3/68 at the Rebel Motel, Memphis, Tennessee, and was driving a 1966 white Mustang bearing Alabama License 1-38993. Investigation at Birmingham disclosed that this automobile had been purchased by ERIC S. GALT on August 30, 1968, from a private person in response to a newspaper ad. He paid a total of \$1995 cash. While in Birmingham he furnished the address of 2608 South Highland Avenue, Birmingham. This is also the address which appeared on a driver's license issued to him by the State of Alabama. The driver's license identifying data listed his birth date as [redacted], his height as 5'11", his weight as 170 and his eyes blue and hair brown.

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The automobile in question, the white Mustang bearing the Alabama tags mentioned above, was recovered in Atlanta on 4/11/68 and determined to have been abandoned there prior to 9 a.m. on 4/5/68.

In connection with the evidence submitted by Atlanta, Birmingham, and Memphis, identifiable latent prints were recovered. It was on the basis of these latents that identification was made of JAMES EARL RAY. In handling future leads, all offices should be particularly interested in securing an identifying number, military, police, or FBI, in connection with suspects so that the necessary check can be made through the Identification Division.

On 4/17/68, AUSA R. MACEY TAYLOR, Birmingham, authorized the filing of a complaint charging ERIC STARVO GALT with a conspiracy to violate Section 241, Title 18, U. S. Code, and

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recommended bond in the amount \$50,000. On that same date, SAC JOSEPH H. GAMBLE filed a complaint before USC MILDRED F. SPRAGUE, Birmingham, and warrant was issued that same date.

For further information re JAMES EARL RAY, all offices are directed to press release furnished them by the Bureau on 4/19/68.

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4/19/68

TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR (MAIL)
MIAMI

FROM: JACKSONVILLE (44-769)

MURKIN.

RE CHARLOTTE TEL TO JACKSONVILLE, APRIL EIGHTEEN,
LAST.

REFERENCED TELETYPE READS AS FOLLOWS:

TODAY, N. C. HIGHWAY PATROL TROOPER HARRY L.
WILLIAMS, CATAWBA COUNTY, N. C., SEVENTEEN YEARS
EXPERIENCE, ADVISED AFTER VIEWING PHOTOGRAPH OF ERIC
STARVO GALT WHICH APPEARED IN TODAY'S PAPER, THAT HE
RECALLED ON NIGHT OF APRIL NINE LAST, NCHP WAS CONDUCTING
ROAD CHECK AT NEWTON, N. C. BETWEEN NINE AND NINE THIRTY
P.M. WHILE MALE DRIVING FIFTY-FIVE OR FIFTY-SIX DODGE,
FOUR DOOR, THREE TONE, WAS STOPPED AT ROAD CHECK. CAR
HAD OFF WHITE TOP, DARK GREEN ON SIDES, HOOD AND TRUNK
AND OFF WHITE BOTTOM. CAR HAD SIXTY-EIGHT FLORIDA LICENSE
WITH PREFIX ONE ZERO W DASH, FOLLOWED BY FOUR OR FIVE

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DIGITS NOT RECALLED. DRIVER WAS IN CAR ALONE AND CAR WAS HEAVILY LOADED WITH LUGGAGE, POSSIBLY FIVE OR SIX SUITCASES.

DRIVER PRODUCED A VALID FLORIDA DRIVERS LICENSE. DOES NOT RECALL NAME ON LICENSE, BUT SAID IT WAS UNCOMMON NAME IN THIS AREA AND WAS A VERY SHORT NAME WITH ABOUT FOUR LETTERS. LICENSE REVEALED THE DRIVER WAS EMPLOYED AS AN AIRPLANE PILOT, AND HE ASKED DRIVER WHAT AIRLINE HE FLEW FOR AND DRIVER NAMED AN AIRLINE, NOT WELL KNOWN, WHICH WILLIAMS CANNOT RECALL. AIRLINE HAD TWO NAMES.

ON SEAT NEXT TO DRIVER WAS A FOLDED MAP OF SEVERAL SOUTHEASTERN STATES, WHICH WAS NEATLY MARKED SHOWING A ROUTE FROM SOMEWHERE IN DEEP CENTRAL GEORGIA TO WYTHEVILLE, VA., AND WILLIAMS ASKED DRIVER WHERE HE WAS GOING AND DRIVER STATED HE WAS GOING TO WYTHEVILLE TO VISIT FRIENDS AND WAS THEN GOING TO CHARLESTON OR BLUEFIELD, W. VA., TO VISIT FRIENDS AND OR RELATIVES. HE DID NOT MENTION ANYONE BY NAME. HE INSTRUCTED DRIVER AS TO HOW TO GET ON HIGHWAY SEVENTEEN, NORTH.

WILLIAMS STATED, AFTER LOOKING AT PHOTOGRAPH OF GALT,

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HE IS CERTAIN THAT GALT WAS THE DRIVER OF THIS CAR. HE SAID THERE IS NO DOUBT IN HIS MIND THAT THIS WAS GALT. HE STATED THE DRIVERS CHEEKS WERE NOT AS FULL AS IN THE PHOTOGRAPH. HE HAD SHARP FEATURES AND HIS FACE WAS NARROWER AND LONGER THAN IN THE PHOTOGRAPH. HE HAD A LONG, NARROW, POINTED NOSE AND LARGE EARS. FACE WAS LESS FLESHY THAN PHOTOGRAPH OF GALT. HE DESCRIBED DRIVER AS AGE ABOUT THIRTY, NOT LARGE FRAME, BROWN HAIR, NOT DARK, WHICH WAS SHORT, RECEDING AND MUCH SHORTER THAN IN PHOTOGRAPH AND BRUSHED STRAIGHT BACK. DID NOT VOLUNTEER, INFORMATION BUT ANSWERED QUESTIONS. GAVE IMPRESSION OF BEING PRECISE AND IMMACULATE. WAS WELL GROOMED AND NEAT.

TROOPER MARVIN WRIGHT, NCHP, WAS PRESENT AT THE ROAD CHECK AND DESCRIBED THE CAR AS FADED GREEN. HE DID NOT TALK WITH DRIVER, BUT RECALLED TROOPER WILLIAMS MENTIONING THE CAR HAD FLORIDA LICENSE BEGINNING WITH ONE ZERO W AND DRIVER HAD AN EXTREMELY SHORT NAME.

MIAMI REQUESTED TO CHECK REGISTRATION RECORDS FOR FIFTY FIVE OR FIFTY SIX DODGE BEARING LICENSE WITH PREFIX TEN W DASH, AT BROWARD COUNTY RATHER THAN JACKSONVILLE AT NVB TO ELIMINATE DUPLICATION OF WORK, LENGTHY COMMUNICATIONS

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REGARDING REGISTERED OWNERS, AND MORE ACCURACY NOTING
COUNTY RECORDS ARE CURRENT WHEREAS NVD RECORDS ARE AS
FAR AS TWO MONTHS BEHIND.

CHARLOTTE AND MEMPHIS ADVISED AM.

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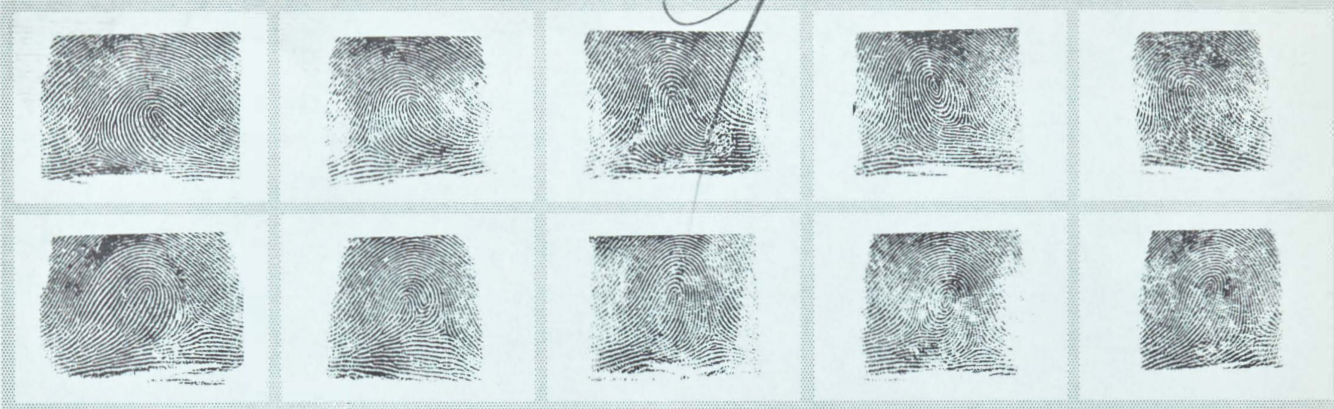
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**CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY
INTERSTATE FLIGHT - ROBBERY**

WANTED BY FBI
JAMES EARL RAY

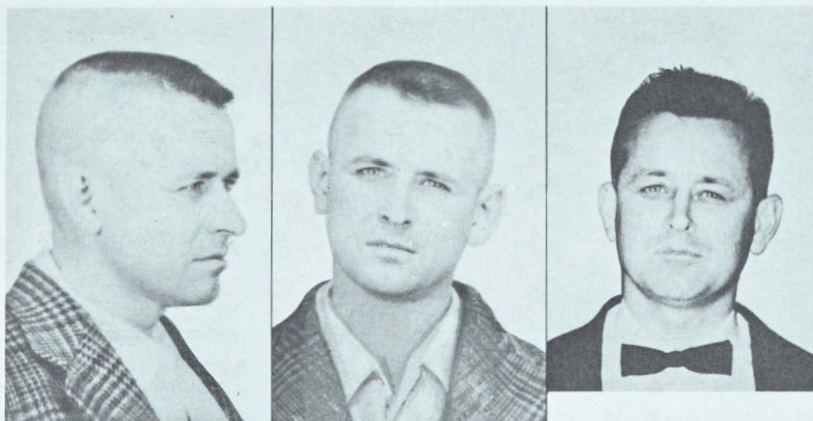
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ALIASES: Eric Starvo Galt, W. C. Herron, Harvey Lowmyer, James McBride, James O'Conner, James Walton, James Walyon, John Willard, "Jim"



Photographs taken 1960

Photograph taken 1968
(eyes drawn by artist)



James Ray

DESCRIPTION

AGE: 40, born March 10, 1928, Alton, Illinois
HEIGHT: 5' 10" EYES: blue
WEIGHT: 163 to 174 pounds COMPLEXION: medium
BUILD: medium RACE: white
HAIR: brown, possibly cut short NATIONALITY: American
OCCUPATIONS: baker, color matcher, laborer
SCARS AND MARKS: small scar on center of forehead and small scar on palm of right hand
REMARKS: noticeably protruding left ear; reportedly is a lone wolf; allegedly attended dance instruction school; has reportedly completed course in bartending

CRIMINAL RECORD

Ray has been convicted of burglary, robbery, forging U. S. Postal Money Orders, armed robbery, and operating motor vehicle without owner's consent.

CAUTION

RAY IS SOUGHT IN CONNECTION WITH A MURDER WHEREIN THE VICTIM WAS SHOT. CONSIDER ARMED AND EXTREMELY DANGEROUS.

A Federal warrant was issued on April 17, 1968, at Birmingham, Alabama, charging Ray as Eric Starvo Galt with conspiring to interfere with a Constitutional Right of a citizen (Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 241). A Federal warrant was also issued on July 20, 1967, at Jefferson City, Missouri, charging Ray with Interstate Flight to Avoid Prosecution for the crime of Robbery (Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 1073).

**IF YOU HAVE INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS PERSON, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR LOCAL FBI OFFICE.
TELEPHONE NUMBERS AND ADDRESSES OF ALL FBI OFFICES LISTED ON BACK.**

Identification Order 4182
April 20, 1968

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, **CHARLOTTE (137-3312)**

DATE: **4/18/68**

FROM : SA **GEORGE J. KLEIN**

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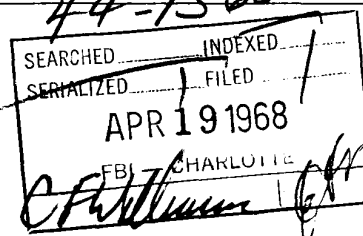
SUBJECT: **CE 2261-C**

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Dates of Contact		
3/26/68, 4/4/68, 4/9/68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted		
DAVID EUGENE HELMS		42-28295
EDDIE L. HOUGH		42-30154
MURKIN		44-1635
Purpose and results of contact		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE <input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC		
<p>Informant contacted regarding any information regarding two FUDEs and also on MURKIN. Informant advised he had nothing to furnish on HOUGH or MURKIN but stated he has determined through sources that HELMS is living in Marshville, N. C. (Exact whereabouts unknown at this time). Informant stated he would attempt to obtain HELMS' exact location in Marshville, N. C., and advise.</p>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating	Coverage

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHARLOTTE

DATE: 4/20/68

FROM : SA ANTHONY PALMISANO

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re memo of SA ANTHONY PALMISANO dated 4/16/68.

ELLEN O'QUINN, owner of Ellens School of Dancing, 3422 Old Grantham Road, Goldsboro, N.C. was recontacted on 4/16/68, concerning captioned matter, at which time she advised as follows:

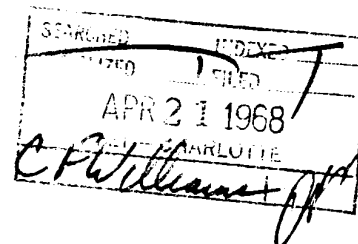
She advised that at about 6:00 pm, 4/16/68, a Mr. AL SMITH, appeared at her place of business, with his wife and two children. She stated that SMITH advised her he had called her the day before about obtaining a job in her dancing school. She advised she talked at great length with SMITH and his family and stated that he is not identical with ERIC GALT.

O'QUINN furnished the following description of AL SMITH,

Sex: Male
Color: White
Age: late 20's
Hair: Brown
Eyes: brown

O'QUINN stated SMITH was an excellent dancer, and that she is considering giving him a position with her school. She also advised that she was mistaken about her association with the name GALT and Mr. SMITH. ~~XX~~

The above information was furnished to SA C. Williams on 4/17/68.



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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHARLOTTE (44-1365)

FROM : SA KENNETH R. SMITH

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/20/68

Re telephone call from Headquarters 4/20/68, concerning JERRY WAYNE TREXLER, Box 58, East Spencer, North Carolina.

W. H. MORGAN, Mail Carrier, Spencer, advised this date that he is familiar with JERRY WAYNE TREXLER, who was a former resident of Spencer, N. C., who is presently residing somewhere in East Spencer, North Carolina. MORGAN was shown a picture of JAMES EARL RAY and he advised that there did not appear to be any resemblance between RAY and TREXLER.

Mrs. H. A. HARKEY, Postal Clerk, East Spencer, advised JERRY WAYNE TREXLER has resided in East Spencer for several months and that she was not familiar with TREXLER. She was shown a picture of JAMES EARL RAY and was not able to identify same.

Mrs. M. B. WINGATE, Clerk, Town Hall, East Spencer, North Carolina, advised that JERRY WAYNE TREXLER resides at 12 Spencer Street, East Spencer, N. C., and that on 12/29/67, he made an \$8 deposit on his water bill. Mrs. WINGATE was not familiar with TREXLER and was unable to identify photograph of JAMES EARL RAY.

CHARLES E. HERON, Chief of Police, East Spencer, advised that he is familiar with JERRY WAYNE TREXLER inasmuch as he has arrested him several times for drunkenness. East Spencer Police Department does not maintain records and the Chief was unable to recall exactly what dates he had arrested TREXLER. The Chief also advised that TREXLER is employed by the Tarheel Pavement Company, 601 Bypass, Salisbury, N. C. Chief HERON advised that TREXLER is a long-time resident of Spencer and East Spencer. HERON ADVISED PHOTO OF GALT DOES NOT RESEMBLE TREXLER.

Chief DAVE SHULER, Salisbury, N. C., Police Department, advised that JERRY WAYNE TREXLER was arrested on 4/8/63, after causing an accident (automobile) by passing a red light. At that time TREXLER was twenty years of age. SHULER DOES NOT KNOW TREXLER PERSONALLY.

JERRY WAYNE TREXLER does not appear to be identical with JAMES EARL RAY.

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405 403PM URGENT 4/22/68 GJM
TO ALL SACS RELAY MESSAGE PLAN
FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 1P

MURKIN

YOU ARE REMINDED THAT ALL LEADS IN THIS CASE MUST BE COVERED WITHIN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS, AND ALL LEADS MUST BE SET FORTH BY TELEPHONE OR TELETYPE. ALL BORDER OFFICES COVERING ENTRY INTO MEXICO AND CANADA AND EXIT THEREFROM SHOULD INSURE THAT APPROPRIATE STOPS ARE MAINTAINED RE SUBJECT AND ALL NAMES KNOWN TO BE USED BY HIM AT RESPECTIVE OFFICES OF U. S. IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PATROL. YOU SHOULD ALSO INSURE THAT PREVIOUS STOPS PLACED WITH ANY FACILITY SHOULD INCLUDE ALL NAMES USED BY THE SUBJECT.

DISTRIBUTE SUFFICIENT QUANTITIES OF WANTED FLYERS AND IO'S TO NARCOTIC INVESTIGATIVE AGENCIES IN ORDER THAT THEIR INFORMANTS MAY BE CONTACTED. YOU SHOULD CONTACT ALL CRIMINAL INFORMANTS AND APPROPRIATE RACIAL AND SECURITY INFORMANTS. LEGATS OTTAWA AND MEXICO CITY BEING ADVISED SEPARATELY.

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TO: NEW ORLEANS AND SAN ANTONIO

FROM: CHARLOTTE (44-1365)

MURKIN

RE NEW ORLEANS TEL APR. NINETEEN LAST.

SUSPECT ~~JON DENNIS COWELL~~, FBI # TWO NINE SIX EIGHT SIX
FIVE E, FORMER PCI, CE DIVISION, AT JACKSONVILLE, NC, NOT
IDENTICAL WITH JAMES EARL RAY, FBI NO. THREE ZERO SIX FOUR FOUR THREE
THREE A.

NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED RE COWELL.

SAN ANTONIO & NEW ORLEANS DISCONTINUE.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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Date: 4/22/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987) AND MIAMI
FROM: CHARLOTTE (44-1365) (P)

MURKIN

^{HR}
PETER S. GILCHRIST, CHARLOTTE, NC, ADVISED APRIL TWELVE
LAST HE WAS TRAVELING FROM ATLANTA TO HOUSTON VIA EAL FLIGHT
ONE THREE THREE. HE LEFT ATLANTA AT ELEVEN ZERO FIVE AM.
HE ADVISED UPON VIEWING JAMES EARL RAY'S PHOTOGRAPH, THAT HE
WAS SURE THAT RAY WAS THE PASSENGER ON THIS FLIGHT. HE SAID
THIS INDIVIDUAL WAS TRAVELING WITHOUT LUGGAGE. ONLY DIFFERENCE
BETWEEN RAY AND PASSENGER WAS COLOR HAIR. INDIVIDUAL ON
PLANE HAD BLOND HAIR. HE ADVISED THERE WERE FORTY-FIVE TO
FIFTY INDIVIDUALS ON THE FLIGHT BUT INsofar AS HE KNOWS, THIS
INDIVIDUAL WAS THE ONLY PERSON TO LEAVE THE PLANE AT HOUSTON.
GILCHRIST DID NOT KNOW THE NAME THIS INDIVIDUAL WAS USING.
MIAMI, THROUGH EAL RECORDS ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE INDIVIDUALS
NAMES ON THIS FLIGHT FROM ATLANTA TO HOUSTON AND SET OUT
APPROPRIATE LEADS.

AM COPIES TO ATLANTA AND HOUSTON.

CFW:lrf

1 - Atlanta (44-2386)
1 - Houston

Approved: 2
Special Agent in Charge

Sent 11:20 to WA M

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12:10 to ME
1:30 to MM

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FBI MIAMI

715PM EST 4-22-68 URGENT RGT

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) ATLANTA (44-2386) CHARLOTTE (44-1365)

AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM MIAMI (44-18549 (P)

MURKIN ✓

RE CHARLOTTE TEL TO BUREAU, MEMPHIS AND MIAMI,
APRIL TWENTYTWO INSTANT.

CHARLOTTE STATES PETER S. GILCHRIST, CHARLOTTE, N.C.,
ADVISED APRIL TWELVE LAST HE TRAVELED ATLANTA TO HOUSTON BY
EAL FLIGHT ONE THREE THREE, LEAVING ATLANTA ELEVEN ZERO FIVE
AM. UPON VIEWING PHOTOGRAPH JAMES EARL RAY, ADVISED HE WAS SURE
RAY WAS PASSENGER ON THIS FLIGHT AND TRAVELED WITHOUT LUGGAGE.
ONLY DIFFERENCE WITH RAY AND PASSENGER WAS COLOR OF HAIR
WHICH WAS BLOND. HE ADVISED THERE WERE FORTYFIVE - FIFTY
PASSENGERS ON FLIGHT AND INsofar AS HE KNOWS INDIVIDUAL
BELIEVED TO BE RAY WAS THE ONLY PERSON TO LEAVE PLANE AT
HOUSTON. GILCHRIST DID NOT KNOWN NAME OF INDIVIDUAL.

EAL RECORDS FOR FLIGHT ONE THREE THREE, ATLANTA TO
HOUSTON, APRIL TWELVE LAST, INDICATED TWENTYEIGHT PASSENGERS
DEPARTED HOUSTON INCLUDING GILCHRIST.

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ATLANTA AT EAL, DETERMINE FLIGHT PERSONNEL OF FLIGHT
ONE THREE THREE, ATLANTA TO HOUSTON, APRIL TWELVE LAST,
AND EXHIBIT PHOTO OF SUBJECT IN ORDER TO DETERMINE IF SUBJECT
ON THIS FLIGHT.

MIAMI HAS LIST OF PASSENGERS USING EAL TICKETS AND
TICKET NUMBERS FOR EXCHANGE PASSENGERS IF NECESSARY THESE
PERSONS BE IDENTIFIED AND INTERVIEWED.

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