

April 20, 1968

Memo:SAC

SA Carl A. Ekblad

MURKIN

At 1:00pm this date, Mr. ~~Stanford Koblentz~~, Mgr., Akers Folkman Travel Agency, 1903 E. 9th st CV called to advise that his office had sold an airline ticket to a person who could be the subject, James Earl Ray, in this matter. This person had a small circular scar on his forehead, and ~~xxx~~ very closely fit the description published in the newspapers. This person called himself ~~xxxxx~~ MOATS stating he had arrived in CV by bus and purchased a ticket to Washington, DC. He wanted to go to Clarksburg, W.VA., but connections could not be made at CV, so he bought the ticket and would make the necessary changes when he arrived at Washington.

Mr. Koblentz stated he has a copy of the ticket at his office, and will make all information available at any time. His secretary actually handled the matter and would have more information about it. Mr. K. stated that he purchased a North West Airline ticket and that this occurred on last Thursday. Mr. K. does not know what flight the person took, but that such information would be available.

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TO : SAC, CLEVELAND ([REDACTED])

DATE: 4-20-68

FROM : SPC MICHAEL J. BAGA

SUBJECT: MURKIN

AT APPROXIMATELY 1:30 AM, INSTANT DATE, MR. HOWARD PORTER
1329 RT. 7 NORTH, PIERPORT, OHIO, TELEPHONE NO. 577-1444,
~~TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED THIS OFFICE AND STATED THAT BETWEEN~~
2:30 PM AND 3:00 PM, 4-19-68, HE AND HIS WIFE SAW WHAT COULD
HAVE BEEN THE SUBJECT, JAMES EARL RAY, HITCHING.

MR. PORTER STATED THAT HE AND HIS WIFE WERE LOOKING OUT THE
WINDOW OF THEIR HOME AND THEIR DOG WAS IN THE FRONT YARD. MR.
PORTER STATED THAT THEIR DOG BARKED AT THE SUBJECT WHO WAS HITCH-
HIKING IN THE FRONT OF THEIR HOME AT THE TIME. MR. PORTER STATED
THE UNSUB TURNED TO LOOK AT THE DOG AND THAT'S WHEN HE AND HIS
WIFE THOUGHT THEY RECOGNIZED THE SUBJECT FROM THE PICTURE IN THE
NEWSPAPERS.

MR. PORTER STATED THAT THE UNSUB WAS HITCHING ALONG RT. 7 AND
WAS GOING SOUTH MAYBE TO TOLEDO OR YOUNGSTOWN. MR. PORTER STATED
THE UNSUB WAS WEARING A BROWNISH TWEED SUIT COAT AND BLUE OR
GRAY WORK PANTS. MR. PORTER STATED THAT THE UNSUB WAS A LITTLE
GRAY ALONG THE TEMPLES.

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FROM : SA CHARLES A. HARVEY

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/20/68

At 5:06 PM on 4/20/68 MR. JESSIE JACOBS, 1631 East 73rd St., Cleveland, Ohio (telephone 361-5903), telephonically contacted this office to advise as follows:

During the afternoon of 4/20/68 JACOBS boarded the rapid transit at the Windermere Station on Cleveland's east side. Getting on the rapid at the same station was a white male who sat next to Jacobs. This individual asked JACOBS for directions and in the conversation which ensued the white male told JACOBS that he had recently arrived in Cleveland from Arizona, that he is unemployed and is having difficulty obtaining work because he lacks identification papers. JACOBS noted that the unknown male displayed a bulge in his clothing which appeared to be a gun and when he mentioned this the unknown male replied to the effect that you need protection the way things are today.

JACOBS, who works as an engineer with the New York Central Railroad, suggested that the railroad is hiring and perhaps the unknown male would be able to obtain employment there. He stated that the unknown male got off the bus before he did so he, JACOBS, does not know where he went or whether he contacted the New York Central employment office or not.

JACOBS advised that after viewing the photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, wa. Eric Galt, which have appeared in local newspapers, he is of opinion that the unknown male with whom he talked on 4/20/68 closely resembles the fugitive JAMES RAY.

JACOBS stated he can be contacted at his residence or at the NYC railroad shops located just south of St. Clair Ave. and East 152nd St., Cleveland, Ohio.

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At approximately 10:30 PM on 4/20/68 MRS. ERNE FERGUSON, Mahoning County Sheriff's Office, telephonically contacted this office to advise as follows:

The Mahoning County SO received a call from one MARY SOKARA, 1913 South Heights, Youngstown, Ohio (phone SE 2-5730), during the evening of 4/20/68 at which time SOKARA advised she had observed an unknown male who resembled newspaper photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, wa. ERIC GALT. She saw this person hitch-hiking near the intersection of State Route 224 and Southern Blvd., Boardman, Ohio, at 7:30 PM. The unknown male was trying to hitch a ride in an eastern direction toward Poland, Ohio.

SOKARA reported unknown male was wearing a heavy, loose fitting brown overcoat and charcoal grey trousers which were long and baggy. He was short and stocky and had dark brown hair. His most prominent physical feature was an odd hairline in the form of a long "widow's peak" at the forehead. 5'2"

The above is for information and such action as may be deemed necessary by the case agent.



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FROM : SA MARTIN P. MC CANN, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/22/68

On this date, SAC CHARLES G. CUSICK and SA MARTIN P. MC CANN, JR. met with Mayor CARL E. STOKES, Safety Director JOSEPH F. MC MANAMOM and Assistant Safety Director RICHARD MC KEON.

The purpose of this meeting was to inform Mayor STOKES and the Safety Director's Office as to a complaint received by this office concerning a look-alike who was frequenting Miller's Drugstore on Shaker Square. It is to be noted during the investigation with employees at the Miller's Drugstore they had advised that Mayor STOKES is a regular customer in the store and ~~the~~ "look-alike" had, in fact, on the Wednesday following the funeral of Dr. KING, had shook hands with Mayor STOKES when he came into the store.

Inasmuch as the question of the identity of this individual who, according to the employees, resembles ERIC STARVO GALT, for security reasons this matter was brought to the attention of Mayor STOKES.

Mayor STOKES viewed the photo available of JAMES EARL RAY and stated he could not recall ever having seen the individual, however, it was his habit when people came up to him in public places not to make a study of their faces and for this reason he stated he could not be sure he had seen this person *OR NOT*.

Mayor STOKES stated he appreciated the FBI's advising him of this matter and that he and his staff would take necessary precautions in the event the above-described individual could possibly be the subject.

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TO DIRECTOR [REDACTED] (MAIL) AND RICHMOND
FROM CLEVELAND [REDACTED] 1P

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AARON STARBOIN, ONE TWO TWO THREE EAST GLENBROOK ROAD,
BAYSIDE, WISCONSIN, AN ATTORNEY, TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED
THE CLEVELAND OFFICE AND ADVISED THAT ON APRIL NINETEEN
NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT, HE AND HIS FAMILY STOPPED AT ARTHUR'S
GRILL, LOCATED ON THE MAIN STREET IN CHARLOTTESVILLE,
VIRGINIA.

STARBOIN ADVISED THAT THE COUNTERMAN AT ARTHUR'S GRILL
VERY STRONGLY RESEMBLES THE PHOTOGRAPH OF ERIC STARVO GALT.

STARBOIN ADVISED THAT THE COUNTERMAN HAD GRAY HAIR,
CREWCUT, FIVE FEET TEN, ONE SEVENTYFIVE POUNDS.

RICHMOND AT CHARLOTTESVILLE WILL ATTEMPT TO LOCATE,
IDENTIFY, AND ELIMINATE ABOVE DESCRIBED MALE.

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To: SAC's, Cleveland [REDACTED]
Memphis [REDACTED]

✓ From: Director, FBI [REDACTED]

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Re Cleveland teletype 4/17/68.

The remaining unidentified latent fingerprints and the latent impressions in this case are not identical with the fingerprints of Quinton Robert McClure, Army service [REDACTED] No palm prints are available in our Identification Division files for McClure.

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TO : ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES

FROM : SAC, MEMPHIS [REDACTED] (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CIVIL RIGHTS
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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."

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Approved: [Signature]
Special Agent in Charge

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TO DIRECTOR, CLEVELAND, AND MEMPHIS
FROM PITTSBURGH [REDACTED]

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RE CLEVELAND TELETYPE , FOUR TWENTY LAST.

CHARLES WILLIAM MOATS, JR., LOCATED FOUR TWENTYTWO LAST,
AT DIXIE HOTEL, WESTON, W.VA. HE SUPPLIED SUFFICIENT
INFORMATION TO IDENTIFY HIM AS PERSON MENTIONED RE CLEVELAND
TELETYPE. MOATS EMPLOYED ON AN ORE BOAT "MIDDLETON" OUT OF
TOLEDO, OHIO, THREE ELEVEN THROUGH FOUR EIGHTEEN LAST. FROM
DESCRIPTION AND IDENTIFICATION IN HIS POSSESSION, MOATS
DETERMINED AS NOT IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT THIS CASE. MAIL
COPY TO WFO AND KANSAS CITY.

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FBI No. 405,942 G



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(eyes drawn by artist)

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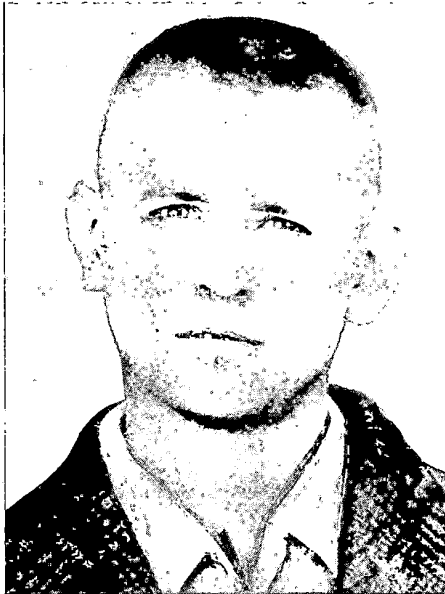
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Aliases: Eric Starvo Galt, W. C. Herron, Harvey Lowmyer, James McBride, James O'Conner, James Walton, James Walyon, John Willard, "Jim,"

DESCRIPTION

Age: 40, born March 10, 1928, at Quincy or Alton, Illinois (not supported by birth records)

Height: 5' 10"

Weight: 163 to 174 pounds

Build: Medium

Hair: Brown, possibly cut short

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.

Fingerprint Classification: 16 M 9 U 000 12

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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 Confinement for the crime of Robbery (Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 1073).

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

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Subject's name and aliases

MURKIN

Character of case

Complainant

THOMAS CHAMPION

Complaint received

☐ Personal

☒ Telephonic

Date 4-22-68 Time 3:50P

Address of subject

Complainant's address and telephone number

3726 PENNINGTON, OHIO (561-5633) SHAKER HGT.

Subject's Description	Race	Sex	Height	Hair	Build	Birth date and Birthplace
	W	☒ Male ☐ Female	5'9"-5'11"			
			Weight	Eyes	Complexion	
			175	Blue		
Scars, marks or other data						

Facts of complaint

Compl. stated that 2 or 3 weeks ago male resembling subj. RAY came to pick up his TV set to be repaired.

On 4-20-68 subj. came back to pick up TV set, as it didn't work correctly.

Subj. stated he has fished in Mexico with his wife in the past.

Compl. was asked name of TV shop. and all he had was tel # 462-2373.

Prompt TV Service Co
2264 Grandview

Harold B. Latuker

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TO ALL SACS

FROM DIRECTOR 4P

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THE FOLLOWING PRESS RELEASE HAS JUST BEEN ISSUED AT WASHINGTON THIS AFTERNOON AND YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO MAKE IT IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE TO THE LEADING NEWSPAPERS AND RADIO AND TV STATIONS IN YOUR DIVISION. EVERY EFFORT MUST BE MADE TO INSURE REPEATED AND WIDESPREAD DISTRIBUTION OF THIS INFORMATION. COPIES OF THE 1968 PHOTOGRAPH OF SUBJECT ALREADY IN YOUR POSSESSION AND WANTED FLYERS SHOULD ALSO BE MADE AVAILABLE TO MEDIA CONTACTS. NO ELABORATION WHATSOEVER MAY BE MADE REGARDING THIS RELEASE. ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING INVESTIGATIVE LEADS WILL FOLLOW SHORTLY.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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ATTORNEY GENERAL RAMSEY CLARK ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THE FBI HAS IDENTIFIED JAMES EARL RAY, AN ESCAPEE FROM THE MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY, AS ERIC STARVO GALT, AGAINST WHOM A FEDERAL COMPLAINT WAS FILED LAST WEDNESDAY IN CONNECTION WITH THE FATAL SHOOTING OF THE REVEREND DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

DIRECTOR J. EDGAR HOOVER SAID THAT A SYSTEMATIC AND EXHAUSTIVE SEARCH OF LATENT FINGERPRINTS UNCOVERED IN THE DR. KING CASE AGAINST THE FINGERPRINTS OF THE OVER 53,000 PERSONS FROM WHOM "WANTED NOTICES" HAVE BEEN POSTED IN THE FILES OF THE FBI'S IDENTIFICATION DIVISION LED TO THE DETERMINATION THAT GALT AND RAY ARE IDENTICAL.

MR. HOOVER SAID THAT RAY, WHO IS 40 YEARS OF AGE, WAS REPORTED MISSING FROM THE MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI, SINCE APRIL 23, 1967. HE HAD BEEN RECEIVED AT THAT INSTITUTION ON MARCH 17, 1960, TO SERVE A 20-YEAR SENTENCE FOLLOWING CONVICTION IN ST. LOUIS FOR ARMED ROBBERY AND FOR OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE WITHOUT PERMISSION OF THE OWNER.

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IN SEPTEMBER, 1966, WHILE SERVING THIS SENTENCE, HE WAS CONFINED FOR A TIME IN THE MAXIMUM SECURITY WARD AT THE STATE HOSPITAL AT FULTON, MISSOURI.

ACCORDING TO MR. HOOVER, RAY HAS A KNOWN ARREST RECORD DATING BACK TO 1949. PRIOR TO THE 1960 CONVICTION FOR WHICH HE RECEIVED THE 20-YEAR TERM, RAY HAD BEEN CONVICTED OF BURGLARY IN LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, IN 1949; ARMED ROBBERY IN CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, IN 1952; AND FORGING UNITED STATES POSTAL MONEY ORDERS IN MISSOURI IN 1955.

HE HAS SERVED TERMS IN THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY JAIL IN 1949; IN STATE PRISONS AT JOLIET AND PONTIAC, ILLINOIS, IN 1952-54; AND IN THE FEDERAL PENITENTIARY AT LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS, IN 1955-58.

RAY WAS AN ENLISTED MAN IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY FROM FEBRUARY, 1946, TO DECEMBER, 1948, AT WHICH TIME HE WAS GIVEN A GENERAL DISCHARGE DUE TO INEPTNESS AND LACK OF ADAPTABILITY FOR MILITARY SERVICE. WHILE IN THE ARMY, HE RECEIVED A THREE-MONTH SENTENCE AT HARD LABOR FOR BEING DRUNK AND BREAKING ARREST.

MR. HOOVER SAID THAT DURING HIS CRIMINAL CAREER, RAY HAS ALSO USED THE NAMES OF JAMES MCBRIDE, JAMES WALTON, W. C. HERRON AND JAMES O'CONNER. HE IS A WHITE MALE; CLAIMS TO HAVE

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BEEN BORN [REDACTED] IN ILLINOIS; IS APPROXIMATELY 5 FEET
10 INCHES TALL AND WEIGHS ABOUT 163 TO 174 POUNDS. HE HAS BLUE
EYES AND BROWN HAIR. THERE IS A SMALL SCAR ON THE CENTER OF
HIS FOREHEAD AND A SCAR ON THE PALM OF HIS RIGHT HAND.

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RAY HAS CLAIMED THAT HE ATTENDED SCHOOL THROUGH THE
10TH GRADE IN ALTON, ILLINOIS. HE HAS HAD THE REPUTATION OF
BEING A "DRIFTER" SINCE LEAVING SCHOOL. HIS VOCATIONAL EXPER-
IENCE INCLUDES WORKING AS A BAKER, LABORER AND COLOR MATCHER.

IN CONNECTION WITH HIS ESCAPE FROM THE MISSOURI STATE
PENITENTIARY, AN FBI COMPLAINT WAS FILED IN JEFFERSON CITY,
MISSOURI, ON JULY 20, 1967, CHARGING RAY WITH UNLAWFULLY FLEEING
FROM THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO AVOID CONFINEMENT. HE HAS BEEN A
FEDERAL FUGITIVE SINCE THEN.

RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND EXTREMELY DANGEROUS.
ANYONE HAVING INFORMATION CONCERNING HIM SHOULD IMMEDIATELY
CONTACT FBI HEADQUARTERS IN WASHINGTON, D. C., OR THE NEAREST
FBI OFFICE.

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TO: DIRECTOR

FROM: MEMPHIS [REDACTED]

MURKIN.

RE CINCINNATI TEL SIX FIFTEEN P.M., APRIL SEVENTEEN
INSTANT.

REFERENCE TELETYPE FURNISHED DATA RE ONE JOHN WARNER
WILLARD, JR. IN EVENT BUREAU HAS NOT CHECKED IDENTIFICATION
RECORD UNDER FBI NO. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] E AGAINST
LATENTS INSTANT CASE, BUREAU REQUESTED TO DO SO AT THIS TIME.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY
LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

FROM: SAC, MIAMI [REDACTED] (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR

Re Bureau airtel to Miami dated 4/15/68.

Referenced airtel states that one latent fingerprint on Q126 is identical with a finger impression of SA DANIEL NIEL JELLISON of the Miami Office.

Enclosed for elimination purposes are a set of palm prints taken from SA DAVID N. JELLISON of the Miami Division and a set of fingerprints and palm prints taken from KATHRYN HOBSON, Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company, Miami, Florida.

HOBSON advised that she has no idea how many other persons may have handled Q126 since the package came through a regular delivery service.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, CLEVELAND [REDACTED]

DATE: 4/23/68

FROM : SA JAMES O. LANG

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CIVIL RIGHTS

On April 15, 1968, the records of the Arthur Murray Dancing School in Lima, Ohio, were gone over by Mr. JOHN B. BUTHERUS and SA JAMES O. LANG for the various names indicated in this matter with negative results.

Mr. BUTHERUS was contacted both on April 15 and again on April 16, 1968, and could furnish no information indicating that subject GALT had taken lessons from Arthur Murray in Lima.

On April 15, 1968, Mr. DAVID MC COOL, Star School of Dancing, 543 West Elm Street, Lima, Ohio, was contacted by SA LANG with negative results as to the individuals in connection with this matter.

On April 15, 1968, the following individuals were contacted as these names were listed in the Lima Telephone Directory as having dancing schools:

BETTY JANE DIRMEYER
Betty Jane School of Dancing
Lima, Ohio

JANIS KETTEMAN
Janis School of Dancing
Lima, Ohio

LINDA LEE STERLING
Linda Lee Dance Studio
Lima, Ohio

PATTI RUNSER
Patti Runser Dance Studio
Lima, Ohio

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DEBBIE MILLADY
Toni School of Dancing
Lima, Ohio

Mrs. H. L. COURTNEY
Esther Toy CDancing School
Lima, Ohio

None of these individuals operate a school for adults and all of them are engaged in teaching children dancing and usually all of the dancing pupils were girls.

Also contacted was BARBARA LLOYD, Barbara Lynn School of Dance, Lima, Ohio.

On April 16, 1967, Mr. and Mrs. MAURICE GREAR, Spencerville, Ohio, advised SA JAMES O. LANG that they conducted the dancing schools at the American Legion in St. Marys, Ohio, the YWCA in Lima, Ohio and the Carousel Supper Club, south of Celina, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. GREAR advised they were completely familiar with all the pupils at the YWCA and none of these individuals were identical with the names furnished by SA LANG in connection with this matter.

It is noted that SA HOMER K. MILLER contacted Mrs. WILLIAM JAMES in charge of the American Legion Dancing Post in St. Marys and also a Mrs. CLETUS SIEGRIST of the Carousel Supper Club.

Mr. and Mrs. GREAR advised that ~~BOB~~ BOB and RUTH TINNERMAN, of 705 South Jay Street in West Milton, Ohio, conducted dancing lessons at New Bremen, Ohio and possibly elsewhere and maintained their own records.

A communication was sent to Cincinnati to contact the TINNERMANS.

Mr. and Mrs. GREAR advised that a TED WAGNER of New Bremen, Ohio also conducts dancing schools in Coldwater.

CV [REDACTED]

It is noted that SA MILLER contacted the WAGNERS at New Bremen, Ohio with negative results.

It is noted that inquiry was made at the Van Wert, Ohio Police Department relative to any dance studios in that city with negative results.

It is further noted that the GREARS who are acquainted with the various dancing people, could furnish no information about any instruction at Van Wert, Ottawa or Findlay, Ohio.

It is further noted that all of the above dance instructions at these various halls require that two people come together, namely, one male and one female and no single individuals are admitted to any of the lessons.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, CLEVELAND [REDACTED]
(Attention SA MCCANN)

FROM : XX IC WILLIAM HEGEDUS

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/22/68

Re Memo SAC, Cleve., SA ELLER, 4/16/68)

Records, State of Ohio, Auto License Bureau, Cuyahoga County, Cleveland, Ohio lists 1967 Ohio License Plate number [REDACTED] registered for 1966 Cadillac, to ELSIE ROTHSTEIN, 2667 Edgewood Rd., Beachwood, Ohio.

Records also reveal 1967 Ohio License Plate number [REDACTED] registered for 1962 Oldsmobile, to IRVING ROTHSTEIN, 2667 Edgewood Rd., Beachwood, Ohio.

Miss DONNA BIEHL, Secretary, Protection Division, Cleveland Reataila Credit Men's Co., Cleve., O., made available the attached Credit Report for one IRVING ROTHSTEIN, wife ELSIE ROTHSTEIN, 2667 Edgewood Rd., Beachwood, O., showing satisfactory credit rating since 1949 through 3/68, listing employment as Sales Representative since 1938 for Lord Jeff Knitting Co., 5830 64th St., Maspeth, New York, coming to the Cleveland area PII during the latter part of 1949; showing date of birth as [REDACTED]

No arrest record located at Cleveland, or Beachwood, Ohio identifiable with IRVING ROTHSTEIN or wife ELSIE ROTHSTEIN.

Cleveland files contain no record identifiable with IRVING or ELSIE ROTHSTEIN.

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TO: DIRECTOR [REDACTED]
AND SACS, BIRMINGHAM
MEMPHIS

FROM: SAC, BUFFALO [REDACTED]

MURKIN

SGT. ROBERT E. MUIR, RCMP, NIAGARA FALLS, ONTARIO,
ADVISED THIS DATE ^{SUBJECT} ~~SUSPECT~~, ERIC STARVO GALT, POSSIBLY
SEEN BY ONE OF THEIR INFORMANTS IN NIAGARA FALLS, ONTARIO
ON APRIL TWELVE, LAST.

VICTOR KRSTIC, OWNER, VICTOR'S MEN'S SHOP, NIAGARA
FALLS, ONTARIO, RCMP INFORMANT, WHO IS DESCRIBED AS OF
KNOWN RELIABILITY, WAS INTERVIEWED BY A BUAGENT AND SGT.
MUIR THIS DATE.

KRSTIC ADVISED THAT, AFTER VIEWING PHOTO AND ACCOMPANYING
PRESS RELEASE OF ERIC STARVO GALT, WHICH APPEARED IN "NIAGARA
FALLS EVENING REVIEW," NIAGARA FALLS, ONTARIO, DATED APRIL,
EIGHTEEN, LAST, HE RECOGNIZED IT AS THAT OF A CUSTOMER WHO
WAS IN HIS STORE ON THE MORNING OF APRIL TWELVE, LAST.
DESCRIPTION OF GALT WAS IN THE NEWSPAPER.

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- 1 - Detroit (AM)
- ② - Cleveland (AM)
- 1 - Minneapolis (AM)
- 1 - Butte (AM)
- 1 - Seattle (AM)

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KRSTIC FURTHER ADVISED THAT AT APPROXIMATELY TEN AM ON APRIL TWELVE, A WHITE MALE, AGE EARLY THIRTIES, FIVE FEET SEVEN INCHES, ONE FIFTYFIVE TO SIXTY POUNDS, MEDIUM BUILD, DARK BROWN HAIR, FAIR COMPLEXION, CLEAN SHAVEN, APPEARED AT HIS STORE. KRSTIC SAID THE UNKNOWN MALE WAS WEARING A DARK OLIVE GREEN SUMMER WEIGHT SUIT, WHITE SHIRT, AND NO TIE. HE SAID THAT HE COULD NOT FURNISH ANY ADDITIONAL PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OR OF THE CLOTHING THE UNKNOWN MALE WAS WEARING. KRSTIC ADVISED UNKNOWN MALE PURCHASED THE FOLLOWING ITEMS AND PAID FOR THEM WITH TWO AMERICAN TEN DOLLAR BILLS:

ONE PAIR OF SLACKS, COMBED COTTON, ANTELOPE COLOR, WAISTE THIRTYFOUR, LENGTH TWENTYNINE, WITH LABEL ON INSIDE WAISTEBAND "VICTOR'S MEN'S SHOP, VICTORIA AVENUE AT CENTER STREET, NIAGARA FALLS, ONTARIO."

ONE SPORT SHIRT DESCRIBED AS HAVING IMITATION SUEDE FRONT, LONG BLACK CLOTH SLEEVES, BLACK CLOTH TURTLE NECK WITH ZIPPER UP THE FRONT. LABEL ON INSIDE OF SHIRT IS "FLORIDA

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QUALITY KNITTING - MADE IN CANADA." NO CITY NOTED.

KRSTIC SAID THAT UNKNOWN MALE CHANGED INTO SLACKS AND SPORT SHIRT IN THE STORE DRESSING ROOM. KRSTIC OFFERED TO PUT HIS OTHER CLOTHES IN A BAG BUT UNKNOWN MALE REFUSED, ADVISING THAT HE WAS IN A HURRY AND THAT HE WOULD CARRY THEM. PRIOR TO UNKNOWN MALE'S DEPARTURE FROM THE STORE, HE ASKED FOR THE QUICKEST DIRECTION TO MONTREAL, CANADA.

KRSTIC TOLD HIM TO TAKE THE QUEEN ELIZABETH WAY, QEW, TO ROUTE TWENTYSEVEN NORTH TO TORONTO, FOUR ZERO ONE E FROM TORONTO TO MONTREAL. KRSTIC ASSUMES UNKNOWN MALE HAD CAR BUT SAW NONE. INVESTIGATION IN SHOPPING AREA ADJACENT TO VICTOR'S MEN'S SHOP FAILS TO REVEAL ADDITIONAL PURCHASES BY UNKNOWN MALE.

DRESSING ROOM SEARCH FAILS TO REVEAL ANY EVIDENCE LEFT BY UNKNOWN MALE.

BRIDGES LEADING FROM US TO CANADA AND NIAGARA FALLS AREA UNABLE TO ESTABLISH CROSSING OF VEHICLES, AS NO RECORD KEPT

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OF VEHICLES CROSSING INTO CANADA BY CANADIAN AUTHORITIES.

CANADIAN AUTHORITIES IN NIAGARA FALLS AND BUFFALO AREA
ALERTED FOR POSSIBLE RETURN TO AREA BY UNKNOWN MALE.

ALL OFFICES BE ALERT TO POSSIBILITY UNKNOWN MALE IN
CANADA AND POSSIBLE RE-ENTRY.

BUREAU ADVISE MONTREAL THROUGH LOUAT.

AM CC AL, DE, CV, MP, BT AND SE.

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Date: 4/19/68

Transmit the following in _____
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TO: SAC, ALBANY

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS [REDACTED] 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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2 ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES

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sold to one HARVEY LOWMEYER on 3/30/68 by Aeromarine 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.

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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 E. 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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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI [REDACTED]

DATE: 4/19/68

FROM : SAC, Kansas City [REDACTED]

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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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Cleveland [REDACTED]
Attn: SA MC CANN

DATE: 4-18-68

FROM : SA KELSEY A. LE BEAU

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 4-18-68, Mr. FRANCIS M. O'SHEA, Jr., residence 1356 Eleanor, an employee of the Cardinal Vending Company, 3116 South Street, was interviewed at the Owens - Illinois Technical Center, Westwood & Dorr. He stated he formerly worked ~~fer~~ as an undercover man for Pinkertons Detective, but is presently employed ~~stocking~~ and maintaining the Cardinal Vending Machines at the O-I Center. He stated that for some time in the past, when he services a ~~machin~~g in the South Teck Center of O-I, a man by the name of RONNIE BASARA has been coming to him and getting one dollars worth of change each morning. He stated BASARA is a white man, 6 ft tall, dark brown hair (wavy), dark eyes, sharp nose, pinched face, 30 years of age, 170 lbs. He stated that BASARA always talks to him, and inasmuch as he, O'SHEA workes for a service company, he has to be civil to BASARA. He stated that usually BASARA talks about his sex life, and appears to be quite ignorant.

He stated that on the morning of April 5, 1968 BASARA came up to him to get his change, and stated to O'SHEA that he had just returned from Memphis. O'SHEA stated that he didn't say anything at this time about this, but latter on, possibly during the week- following week he asked BASARA if he had shot KING, and BASARA stated "No, I didn't but I hate all those (curse), they are all(curse) and I hatethem all."



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