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TO EL PASO, HOUSTON, SAN ANTONIO

FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 1P

MURKIN

DURING AUTOMOBILE TRIP OF SUBJECT RAY AND CHARLES STEIN DEPART-
ING LOS ANGELES ON DECEMBER FIFTEEN SIXTY-SEVEN AND ARRIVING NEW
ORLEANS ON DECEMBER SEVENTEEN SIXTY-SEVEN, SUBJECT RAY MADE
APPROXIMATELY SIX TELEPHONE CALLS FROM VARIOUS PAY STATIONS IN TEXAS.

THEY TRAVELED VIA AUTOMOBILE ON INTERSTATE TEN THROUGH EL PASO
TO VAN HORN, TEXAS, AND WENT SOUTH ON ROUTE NINETY TO SAN ANTONIO,
THEN ROUTE NINETY OR INTERSTATE TEN TO HOUSTON, TEXAS, AND TO NEW
ORLEANS.

EACH OFFICE SHOULD CHECK WITH TELEPHONE COMPANY AND DETERMINE
THE LONG DISTANCE CALLS PLACED AT EACH PUBLIC TELEPHONE ON THE
ABOVE MENTIONED ROUTES DURING PERIOD OF DECEMBER FIFTEEN, SIXTEEN AND
SEVENTEEN, SIXTY-SEVEN AND HAVE EACH CALL CHECKED OUT. ARMED AND
DANGEROUS. COPIES MAILED BIRMINGHAM, MEMPHIS AND LOS ANGELES.

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)
AND ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES

FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) (P)

MURKIN

OO: Memphis

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2-Kansas City
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To SAC

From SA Ryan
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The following investigation was conducted by SA's JOHN LEONARD RYAN and GEORGE T. SULLIVAN on 4/19/68, on Nasa Highway 1. All bars, restaurants, and cafeterias on Nasa #1 were contacted to determine if the proprietors or employees of these establishments knew a waitress by the name of LOU, who is described as a white female, age 40, 5'4", brown hair with red tint. The following individuals were also contacted to determine if they had ever seen the individual known as ERIC STARVO GALT, JOHN WILLIARD, or LOWMYER. These individuals were unable to furnish any positive information.

LEON DYER
JAMES H. ROSSER, proprietor
1705 Second Street
Seabrook, Texas

Paul's Cafeteria
1913 NASA #1
ELLEN PERRY, Waitress
PAUL HAYES, Manager

Lake Side Seafood
6031 NASA #1
P. C. LARRYBEE, Proprietor

The Lake House
5500 NASA #1
Mrs. HAROLD LEHMAN, Assistant Manager

Clear Lake Motel
5222 Nasa #1
H. W. WHITE, Manager

Eric Restaurant
5014 NASA #1
ERIC WILLIAMS and JAMES BOIBS, proprietors

Pier 7 Diner
4525 NASA #1
EVELYN SMITH, Manager

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The Landing Apartments
4420 NASA Road #1
ED RAY, Manager

Port of Call Apartments
#1 Porifito Strip
MARION PETERS, Manager

Ramada Inn Restaurant
NASA Road #1
V. LITTLE, Manager
DIANA HANDS, Bookkeeper

At ERIC's Restaurant, 5014 NASA Road #1, JESSIE WILSON, after viewing the photo of ERIC STARVO GALT, advised that an individual resembling the photo of GALT came into his restaurant. WILSON described this individual as white male, early 30's, 5'10", medium build, dark hair, and dark eyes, probably brown. This person was wearing a dark suit with white shirt and tie. WILSON noticed no other unusual features of this individual. WILSON has never seen this individual before and has not seen him since he was in the restaurant April 5 or 6, 1968.

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FBI-HOUSTON

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TO DIRECTOR; ATLANTIC; BIRMINGHAM; MEMPHIS; NEW ORLEANS; .

LOS ANGELES; SAN ANTONIO

FROM HOUSTON 44-1509

MURKIN

RE: LOUIS LOMAX - CHARLES STEIN

REMYTEL LAST P.M.

LOMAX AND STEIN ARRIVED HOUSTON FOUR FIFTEEN P.M.,
APRIL TWENTYFIVE LAST AND ACCORDING TO EVERETT COLLIER,
VP AND EDITOR, HOUSTON CHRONICLE, LOMAX AND STEIN SEARCHED
FOR APPROXIMATELY FIVE HOURS WITH A CHRONICLE REPORTER
ATTEMPTING TO LOCATE THE PHONE BOOTH WHERE SUBJECT RAY
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LAKE CHARLES, LA.

NEW ORLEANS SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CHECK OUT THIS TELEPHONE
NUMBER.

BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED OF DEVELOPMENTS.
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
ATTN: THOMAS E. BISHOP
CRIME RECORDS DIVISION

FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Enclosed are three copies of an editorial entitled, "FBI Loses Some of Its Shine" which was in the Houston Chronicle evening of 4/25/68.

I immediately contacted Mr. EVERETT D. COLLIER, Vice President and Editor of the Houston Chronicle and discussed this editorial. I told Mr. COLLIER that I was at a loss to understand his reason for the editorial and wanted to set the record straight on just what had been done. Mr. COLLIER immediately stated that as the SAC well knew, he was an outstanding admirer of the Director and of the FBI, and his main reason for writing this editorial was because he was just upset about the entire case. He stated that everyone knows that the Attorney General talks too much, and he could not understand why the Attorney General kept saying on a day-to-day basis right after it happened, that "We are very close." Mr. COLLIER stated he believed it would have been much better if Mr. HOOVER would have made daily statements concerning the progress of the case because of the respect with which the Director is held by all Americans. In addition, he stated he was still concerned about the recent policy adopted by the American Bar Association against pre-trial publicity and

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felt this might have unduly influenced the FBI's releases. I told Mr. COLLIER in no uncertain terms that this matter had been handled promptly and releases given when the facts warranted same. I told him Mr. HOOVER had never approved releasing of information concerning possible suspects, but always insisted that the full facts be furnished when a subject was identified and warrant obtained. COLLIER stated he realized this and appreciated the reason for same. He said it was hard for the public to understand why it took so long to identify the fingerprints of GALT and RAY. I explained the manner in which the latents were obtained, the great investigative time taken to identify the latents, and here again I felt that our Identification Division had done an outstanding job in doing this so promptly. After these facts were presented to Mr. COLLIER he stated he understood.

He also believed that we had identified GALT and RAY the same day, but had released the information on GALT and two days later released it on RAY. Here again I pointed out the facts that were released, and had been set forth in his newspaper, that a warrant was obtained on the person using the name of GALT on 4/17/68, and after an exhaustive search of over 53,000 fugitive prints, RAY was identified on 4/19/68, just two days later. Of course, at the Director's instructions he was promptly placed on our "Ten Most Wanted Fugitives List."

It was obvious at the conclusion of the conversation that Mr. COLLIER was impressed with our results and appreciated being straightened out on the matter. In conclusion I told Mr. COLLIER that if he had any further questions in the future about our operations, all he had to do was to let me know and I would give him the full facts. He stated he certainly appreciated this and could reassure us that he would call the SAC in the future. He restated many times during the conversation that he had the greatest respect for Mr. HOOVER and realized that no other investigative agency could have done such a thorough job of investigating.

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-3861)
FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
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ReKctel, 4/24/68, and Hotel, 4/25/68.

JUDY CAROL PETERS, nee Thomas, aka Judy Carol Aeby, 10205 W. Hardy, Houston, no telephone, interviewed this date and furnished the following information:

She was married to NEAL EDGAR AEBY for approximately two years in 1960 and 1961. When he was arrested and returned to Missouri in 1961, she came to Houston and has not seen AEBY since that time. She last contacted him on 4/19/62, advising him of the birth of their daughter. She has divorced AEBY and has not corresponded with him since that date. Subject RAY is unknown to her and she has not been contacted by any of AEBY's associates during the past six years. She stated AEBY does not know her exact address and could not locate her himself.

The only relative of AEBY who subject RAY might contact would be brother AUBREY AEBY, Dallas. She does not know the whereabouts of AEBY's relatives and never closely associated with them.

PETERS promised complete cooperation and will immediately advise the FBI of any information received regarding Subject RAY.

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- 1 - Dallas (Info)
- 1 - Kansas City (Info)
- 1 - Memphis (Info)
- 1 - Oklahoma City (Info)
- 1 - Houston

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
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Re Dancing Schools, Houston Division.

Investigation to determine if JAMES EARL RAY, aka had ever attended a dancing school, Houston Division, has been completed. Numerous leads were developed, but were negated when run out.

Houston investigation produced no information that the subject had attended a dancing school in this division.

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On April 19, 1968 the following persons were contacted at their respective establishments by SAs WILLIAM G. MORRISSEY and JOHN MICHAEL MC CABE in Seabrook, Texas with negative results. Wanted Flyer 442 dated April 17, 1968 was exhibited to these individuals and they were questioned regarding subject's possible whereabouts in Seabrook during April, 1967 and their knowledge of a waitress named "LOU" who allegedly is from the Texas Gulf Coast area:

C.J. ESHLEMAN
1309 Todville Road

B.A. HEIMANN
1618 Todville Road

R.A. MILLER
1705 Todville Road

HARRY FRIEDMAN
1901 Todville Road
Spaceway Apartments

B.L. GUNDERSON
1921 Todville Road

ALICE JACKSON
Bayview Apartments, Incorporated.
1822 Todville Road

Todville Apartments
905 Todville Road
RICHARD E. PEACOCK

Wes Nuecke's Bar
618 Todville Road

J.S. FOVILE
519 Todville Road

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RACHEL MC DOWELL's Restaurant
Box 342-906 Todville Road

LEON DYER's Bar
313 Todville Road

JOSEPH HACK's Beer Lounge
112 11th Street

LEO MASTERS
Pier 8 Market
104 Houston Street

Regatta Inn
Highway 146
PHILLIP LONG

OSCAR SCHWARTZ
Crossroads Coffee House
1011 Meyer Street

A.L. WILCOX
Chief, Seabrook Police
Department

RALPH ANGELINO
Fox and Hounds Club
Highway 146

On April 19, 1968 the following persons were contacted at their respective establishments by SAs WILLIAM G. MORRISSEY and JOHN MICHAEL MC CABE in Kemah, Texas with negative results:

R.B. OLIVER
Constable, Kemah, Texas, Precinct 7
6th Street and Harris Street

BEN BLACKLEDGE, Mayor of Kemah
Rocket Lounge, 610 2nd Street
Bradford Apartments, 610 3rd Street.

TIM HOMER
JIMMIE WALKER's Edgewater Inn

JAMES COOPER
Key Largo Restaurant

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WESLEY VAN COURT
Clear Creek Inn
606 3rd Street

SYLVIA D. Motel
Texas Avenue
L.E. MARTIN

DONALD FRY
Don's Place
312 Texas

DON COURTS
406 Texas

HAZEL CONTLIN
Chatterbox
401 Texas

Kemah Motel
503 Kipp
EDNA OLIVER

SAM ATLEDGE
Halls Lounge
701 Highway 146

STEVE ROBINSON
Robinson's Restaurant

DEL MAR Lounge
601 2nd Street
JAMES BREWSTER

Moonshot Cafe
605 2nd Street
I.P. DICKSON

Cabana Motel
Kipp Street
MARY CEDAR

Pirate's Cove
609 2nd Street
JACK CAMPBELL
LOUIS WILSON

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)

FROM : ~~K~~ASAC KARL V. HETHERINGTON

SUBJECT: MURKIN, CR

DATE: 4/26/68

At 9:10 AM today, MORRIE GARRISON, Security Supervisor, Baltimore Office, telephonically advised that SHIRLEY CARROLL, formerly associated with the Itaska Studios, had been interviewed and shown the photograph of subject GALT and RAY. CARROLL advised that she did not recognize the photograph of subject as any one she ever met, does not know the name of JOHN WILLARD or associate that name with anyone she ever had any dealings with at the Itaska Studio. In fact, as far as the interview was concerned, it was completely negative in connection with associating JOHN WILLARD with subject of this case.

He stated that she vaguely recalled an individual who appeared bashful and quite backward, but is sure that this individual is not JOHN WILLARD who took lessons at this studio.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)

FROM : SA JOHN THOMAS KESLER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/26/68

On 4/24/68, JOE PATTERSON, waitress, Office Lounge, 5365 North 11th Street, Beaumont, Texas, advised she was on duty on the evening of 4/15/68. She advised after viewing a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY, that to the best of her knowledge RAY has never been in the Office Lounge. PATTERSON advised that the Office Lounge is a neighborhood and she knows practically all of her customers by name and she would have noticed a stranger should she have appeared at the lounge.

On 4/24/68, WILLIAM STONEHAM, Stoneham Texaco Service Station, Beaumont, Texas, advised he had telephonically contacted the Houston Office of the FBI on 4/22/68 and also the Beaumont, Texas, PD. He stated the person he had thought to be JAMES EARL RAY had been eliminated by the Beaumont, Texas, PD in this matter.

On 4/23/68, Mrs. W. L. ROZELL, 405 Threadneedle, Beaumont, Texas, telephone TE 3-3127, advised she has a son by the name of TOM ROZELL who is supposed to be en route to San Francisco, California, and in all probability should be in that city at the present time. She stated her son, TOM ROZELL, is a barber by occupation.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)

DATE: 4/26 68

FROM : SA G. R. SCHWEICKHARDT

SUBJECT: MURKIN

The following dance studios were contacted by SA SCHWEICKHARDT on 4/15/68, and furnished a description of subject and names GALT, LOWMYER, and WILLIARD, and all advised that they had never had anyone by that name take dance lessons at their studio.

1. Arthur Murray Dance Studio
1945 West Gray
per BEA DE MARCO
2. Asbury School of Dancing
2819 Hillcroft
per HUGH F. ASBURY
3. FRED ASTAIRE DANCE
5734 Richmond
per BETTY GILBERTSON
4. Ballet of Houston
3416 Louisiana
per THELMA SEMENONA
5. Emma Mae Horn Dance Studio
2707 Sage Road
Houston
per EMMA MAE HORN
6. Houston Get Acquainted Dance Club
5134 Richmond
per BETTY GILBERTSON
7. Joy's School of Dance
3102 Beauchamp
per Mrs. CHARLES FRENCH

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8. Vivian King Dance Studio
5283 Palm Center
Per VIVIAN KING ADAMS
9. Niland School of Dance
7150 Bellfort
per MARY NILAND
10. HALLY R. PRICHARD School of Dance
per HALLY PRICHARD

HALLY stated 15 years ago they had a TOMMY GAITS, who is a long-time Houston Resident.

11. Barbara Lee Rankin Ballet
2010 Peden
Per CLARA KOTCHETOUSKY
12. Taylor Dance Art Studio
1616 Gessner
Per DON TAYLOR
13. Vergie Lee Dance Studio
1520 Foley
per ETHEL EMMONS
14. The Wickerth School
3706 Colgate
per AILEEN LANGERMAN
15. The Whitney School of Dance
per DERIDRE WHITNEY
16. Stevens of Hollywood
Westheimer
per LAD STEVENS

The following investigation was conducted by
SA G. R. SCHWEICKHARDT and SA JOHN H. SCHULTE:

On 4/19/68, Sgt. JERRY FOWLER and Court Dispatcher JINNY GILLASPIE of the Webster PD, advised that they checked their records under the names GALT, WILLIARD, and LOWMYER and could find no one having been arrested by the Webster PD.

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FOWLER advised that they have only one rooming house in Webster, and that is Mrs. LUCILLE ADLER's rooming house. He also advised that there are no restaurants or bars off the main highway passing through Webster.

Mrs. LUCILLE ADLER, 305 Houston Street, was exhibited photograph of subject and furnished the three aliases of subject, and advised she has never rented to anyone by that name.

The following individuals were contacted at League City, Texas, furnished aliases, description, and exhibited photo of subject, and all advised that they had never seen him or heard of his name. All were asked about a waitress by the name of LOU and none could furnish any information as to her.

1. City Water Department
Mrs. W. B. HALEY
2. Mrs. H. W. HEWITT
1014 East Main
Rooming House
3. The League City PD
JANET WATERS
Dispatcher
Patrolman LINDSAY CARLTON
4. Dorothy's Kuntry Kitchen
DOROTHY SMITH
5. FRANK LUTRETE
224 Dallas
6. Mr. W. L. RIGSBY
300 Illinois
7. Mrs. LOUIS DAMMERNHAYNE
909 Louisiana
8. FAYE GUBERT
Oak Park Trailer Park
9. WAYNE MILES
League City Trailer Park
10. JOHN GHIRARDI
707 South Kansas

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11. Mrs. J. C. KNIGHT
621 Second Street
12. F. H. FERGUSON
117 South Kansas
13. C. B. MANLEY
Box 35
14. HENRY ANDERSON
Chart Room
15. Mrs. LEE BLACK
1824 East Main

16. LINDSEY CARLETON, Webster PD, advised that he arrested an ELEAN LUCRETIAN GALT at 223 Maple, Kemah, Texas, on 3/29/68, and issued her a traffic ticket.

On 4/19/68, SA's SCHWEICKHARDT, SCHULTE, and MC CABE interviewed ELEANIL GALT, and she advised that she is employed for General Electric, Apollo Division, at Seabrook, Texas. She has never known anyone fitting suspects description. She advised that she is from Harlingen, Texas, and her father's name is JOHN GALT, who she said has been already contacted by the FBI.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)

DATE: 4/26/68

FROM : IC KENNETH L. PAUL

SUBJECT: MURKIN

FRANK FLETCHER, Warrant Division, Houston Police Department, advised one FELIX D. CLARK was issued a traffic ticket on 3/16/68, at which time he was driving a Honda motorcycle with 1967 license X61716. CLARK at this time showed his date of birth as 8/29/36, and employed by Wade Machine Company, 8510 Tidwell, Houston, NE 3-0492. FLETCHER holds a traffic warrant on CLARK, and in attempting to locate CLARK's whereabouts, contacted Wade Machine Company. He was advised that CLARK left Houston for Memphis, Tennessee, a couple of days before KING was shot.

FLETCHER stated CLARK is a white male, and his last known Houston address was 8105 Flintridge.

He stated he was making this information available because when he inquired at Wade Machine Company the man he talked to whose name he does not have, gave him the impression that he expected CLARK to be in some kind of trouble over in Memphis, and for this reason FLETCHER thought there may be some connection between CLARK's trip to Memphis and the killing of MARTIN LUTHER KING.

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DATE: 4/26/68

LAWRENCE BRANDLEY, 3606 Zephyr, Houston, RI 7-3217, called this morning and advised he is employed by Cameron Iron Works.

He stated about a month ago a man known to him as DON or JOHN MOL who worked as a scraper at Cameron Iron Works suddenly quit. He stated the man had worked only a short time.

He stated MOL told him his wife was from Arkansas, and that they were returning to his wife's home because her father had got him a job in a steel mill some place in Arkansas. BRANDLEY stated MOL resembled JAMES EARL RAY very much.

He described MOL as a white male, in his early 30s, 5'11"-6', 160-170 pounds, black hair, had a pot belly, and was awkward in his movements.

Submitted for information.

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MERLE CAUSEY, National Car Rental, 6907 Telephone Road, Houston, MI 4-2781, called this morning and advised that yesterday the manager of the National Car Rental Agency in Mexico City called his office and advised that SA DICK CLARK of the FBI contacted him yesterday concerning one CHARLES EDGAR NORTON. CAUSEY stated the manager of the Mexico City Office advised he furnished the Agent with the following information on NORTON:

NORTON rented a 1968 Valiant four door manufactured in Mexico, serial # 807982, which contained Mexico paper license 15378. The date of the rental is not known by CAUSEY; however, the contract stated the car was to be returned on 4/24/68. NORTON allegedly called the National Car Rental agency, Acapulco, Mexico, date unknown, but believed to be prior to 4/24/68, and advised he would keep the car three more weeks.

NORTON, at the time he rented the car was with a woman believed to be his wife, whose name was MARIAN NORTON. This woman had Texas driver's license # 0200760. NORTON had Georgia driver's license 0120151. He furnished his address as Highlands Apartments, # 308, Las Mas Street, Dallas, Texas. He rented the car on National Car Rental credit card # [REDACTED]. He also presented U.S. Armed Forces card # A0887797.

According to CAUSEY, SA CLARK was investigating NORTON as possibly being identical with JAMES EARL RAY.

CAUSEY stated his purpose in calling was to determine whether his office could be advised of the results of the driver's license checks in Texas and Georgia. I advised Mr. CAUSEY that this information could not be made available to him; however, if the location of the Valiant became known to this office, he would be advised.

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FROM SAN ANTONIO (44-1242)

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ROOT JOB VICINITY OF VENICE, LA. ~~NEW ORLEANS DECIDE IF~~
~~ADDITIONAL INFO NEEDED TO ELIMINATE DAVIS AS SUSPECT.~~

NO further action
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JAMES EARL RAY, also known as
Eric Starvo Galt, Harvey Lowmyer,
John Willard, James McBride, James
Walton, W. C. Herron and James
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"TEN MOST WANTED FUGITIVES" PROGRAM

James Earl Ray, a Missouri prison escapee who has been sought under the alias Eric Starvo Galt in connection with the gunshot slaying of civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., has been added to the FBI's list of "Ten Most Wanted Fugitives."

FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover ordered the special addition of Ray to the "Ten Most Wanted Fugitives" list, which already contains ten fugitives, to insure the widest possible dissemination of Ray's photograph and description to help effect his earliest possible location.

Ray has been the subject of a massive and intensive search since the brutal gunshot slaying of Dr. King on April 4, 1968, as he stood on the balcony of a Memphis, Tennessee, motel. One rifle bullet, believed fired from the window of a nearby rooming house, felled the victim.

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An exhaustive FBI fingerprint search, comparing latent fingerprints uncovered in the Dr. King case against fingerprints of over 53,000 persons on whom wanted notices have been posted in the FBI's Identification Division, succeeded in determining that Galt and Ray are identical.

A Federal warrant, issued at Birmingham, Alabama, on April 17, 1968, charges Ray, under the alias Eric Starvo Galt, with conspiring to interfere with a Constitutional Right of a United States citizen. Ray is also sought for unlawful interstate flight to avoid confinement after conviction for armed robbery, based on a Federal warrant issued on July 20, 1967, at Jefferson City, Missouri. He had been confined at the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, in March, 1960, with a 20-year sentence following conviction for armed robbery and operating a motor vehicle without permission of the owner. In September, 1966, while serving the sentence, he was confined for a time in the maximum security ward at the State Hospital, Fulton, Missouri. He was reported missing from the Missouri State Penitentiary since April 23, 1967.

Ray, who has an arrest record dating back to 1949 and has been convicted of burglary, armed robbery and forging United States Postal Money Orders, has also been confined in the Los Angeles County Jail, the Joliet and Pontiac, Illinois, State Prisons and the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas.

He served in the Army between February, 1946, and December, 1948, received a three-month sentence at hard labor for being drunk and breaking arrest and was given a General Discharge due to ineptness and lack of adaptability for military service.

Ray is a 40-year-old white male, reportedly born in Illinois on March 10, 1928. He is approximately 5'10" inches tall, weighs from 163 to 174 pounds, has blue eyes and brown hair which he has worn cut short. He has a small scar on the center of his forehead and a scar on the palm of his right hand. He has been described as having a straight, narrow nose and straight and even teeth and to have a nervous habit of occasionally tugging at an ear lobe. His left ear protrudes noticeably.

Acquaintances describe him as a "loner" and "drifter" whose language and diction reflect a "rural" quality and indicate he has had limited education.

He is reportedly a fan of western and country music, drinks vodka and beer, dresses neatly and claims past employment as a merchant seaman and cook on Mississippi River vessels. He is known to have worked as a baker, laborer and color matcher.

He is known as an avid dancer who has taken dancing lessons. He also completed a course at a school of bartending in the Los Angeles area early in 1968.

Ray should be considered armed and extremely dangerous. Anyone with information concerning this fugitive is requested to immediately contact the nearest office of the FBI, the telephone number of which may be found on the first page of local telephone directories.