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: Mr. DeLoach

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SUBJECT: MURKIN

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This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Extensive investigation is continuing to locate and apprehend James Earl tax who has been identified as the individual that has been using the name Eric Starvo Galt.

Walker Terry Rife, an ex-convict, Quincy, Illinois, advised he knew Ray from 1942 until 1957. During that period Rife said Ray was a thief with no close associates and no permanent fixed address. Rife believed Ray disposed of stolen property through an unknown fence in Peoria. Illinois.

Melba Marie Ryan, sister of Ray, Quincy, Illinois, admits a history of mental illness and was rambling in her conversation when interviewed. She denied any recent knowledge of Ray but thought he might return to Germany because he had enjoyed his military duty there and had a girl friend in Germany. Stops are being placed with appropriate German officials.

James T. Bond, presently an inmate in Cuyahoga County Jail, Cleveland, Ohio, states he knew Ray in Missouri State Penitentiary from October, 1962, until December, 1965. Bond, who requested his identity be protected, claims Ray frequently took injections of a solution made from amphetamine powder and consequently was highly nervous and ate little.

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Bond also claimed that Ray was a dealer in amphetamine. Once or twice a month Ray would smuggle a letter out of prison arranging for a check to be sent directly to Jim Bradley, an inmate described by Bond as the "top con," and as soon as the check cleared Bradley would give Ray a spoonful of amphetamine which Ray would package in smaller amounts and sell to other inmates. Ray allegedly paid Bradley \$50 to \$100 for a spoonful. These allegations are being thoroughly checked out.

Bond described Ray as a lone wolf who never discussed his background but he did make many anti-Negro statements. He was also an avid reader of sex books and "girlie" magazines. Bond did not know of any homosexual activities by Ray.

It has previously been reported that when Ray was in Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico, 10/19/67 - 11/13/67, he asked a Mexican bartender about buying marijuana. Elisa Arellano Torres has now been located at Guadalajara, Jalisco, and has furnished the following information.

Elisa met Ray at Puerto Vallarta where she was working as a cigarette girl at Hotel Posada Vallarta. They lived together for five days but broke up because he wanted her to buy marijuana for him. Ray made several trips to Yalapa, a nearby resort area frequented by hippies, allegedly to buy marijuana. Elisa described Ray as a complete introvert, always tired, and a possible mental case. He spoke no Spanish and constantly used a dictionary to converse with her. He said he could remain in Puerto Vallarta for as long as two months if he wanted to. Investigation in Mexico is continuing.

On 4/20/68, Sergeant Ed Schaff, St. Louis Police Department, who requested his identity be protected, advised he received the following information from an attorney he would not name. James David Dailey harbored Ray for a brief time after his escape from prison in April, 1967, and that if Ray is now in Missouri, he would probably be on a farm owned by Dailey near Portageville or Wardell, Missouri.



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Dailey operated the Halfway Cafe, St. Louis, until about six weeks ago when he moved to Portageville and purchased a gasoline station and restaurant. Upon interview Dailey denied any knowledge of the subject and denied ever harboring or knowing him. Dailey also denied ever owning or having access to a farm. Dailey admitted that he had once given \$100 to Thomas B. Crews, a childhood friend who was an escapee at the time, and that Homer Towensley, a St. Louis bondsman, was aware of this. He suspects Towensley of being an informant for the police department and suspects Towensley has falsely alleged he is harboring Ray. Extensive investigation has not developed any indication that Ray is in the Portageville or Wardell areas.

Raymond Louis Curtis, under life sentence for murder at Dalton, Georgia, advised he served three different sentences with Ray in Missouri. Curtis stated that when Ray was in the County Jail at Kansas City, Missouri, (1955), Ray had a close friend who had previously served time with Ray at Menard, Illinois. This friend visited Ray frequently and supplied him with spending money. Curtis also said Ray had an Italian contact who was a big man in the Syndicate between Kansas City and Chicago and who handled stolen money orders and travelers checks. Another friend of Ray's, according to Curtis, was a fence in New Orleans who was fiftyfive or sixty years old in 1955.

When Curtis was at Missouri State Penitentiary from 1960 to 1962 Ray allegedly mentioned on numerous occasions that there was a bounty of \$1,000,000 on Martin Luther King and if he got out of prison before King was killed he would make every effort to make the necessary contacts to collect the bounty.

Curtis requested his identity be protected but it is known that he has also been talking to the press. His allegations are being checked out.

ACTION:

All aspects of this investigation are being vigorously pursued.

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The remaining unidentified intent fingerprints and the latest impressions in this case are not identical with the fingerprints of Fertitta.

No palm prints are available in our identification Division files for Fertitta.

The fingerprints of Fertilla are being temporarily retained in the Latent Fingerprint Section, Identification Division.

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TO DIRECTOR. MEMPHIS. KANSAS CITY. AND CHICAGO

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MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

April 20, 1968

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Information was received that John McFerren, a Negro of Somerville, Tennessee, had reported to "Time" magazine information concerning an individual possibly involved in the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr. Mr. McFerren allegedly overheard one end of a telephone conversation while at a produce market in Memphis on April 4, 1968. According to the report, Mr. McFerren overheard the individual state, "Shoot the S.G.B. on the balcony. Bon't worry about the money. Your brother will get it in New Orleans." Mr. McFerren allegedly was contacted on April 18, 1968, by a white man formerly of Somerville who now resides in Louisians. It was indicated that as a result of this visit Mr. McFerren feared for his own safety.

On April 8, 1968, Mr. McFerren advised Agents of this Bureau that he had picked up supplies for his grocery store at the LL and L Produce Company, Hemphis, Tennessee, on April 4, 1968. At that time he overheard a heavyset white male talking on the telephone say, "Kill the S.G.B. on the beloony and get the job done. You will get your \$5,000." Mr. McFerren stated another white male with a scar on his right cheek came by at this time and told him to go on to the back of the produce company and help himself.

After completing his business Mr. McFerren heard the telephone ring again as he was passing the office and the man with the sear answered the telephone. He then handed the telephone to the heavyset man. Mr. McFerren heard this man say, "Don't come out hory. Go to Now Orleans and get your money. You know my brother."

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Each of the individuals denied receiving any telephone call wherein mention was made of Martin Lather King or the chooting of Martin Lather King. They stated they did not have any knowledge concerning the shooting of Martin Luther King, Jr., while at work at the produce company on April 4, 1968. Mr. Liberto advised he frequently makes trips to New Orleans, Louisians, for produce. He stated it is comen knowledge thoug employees and customers of his produce company that members of his family reside in New Orleans and he frequently mentions sers of his trips to New Orleans. He stated that most of the produce is purchased through telephone conversations and this involves talking about large sums of money over the telephone. Mr. Liberto stated he always employs Negro males as believe in the produce department and had not had in his employment at the produce company any individual fitting the description of the unknown individual previously described by Mr. McFerren. In this connection, Mr. McFerren was not identified at any time to Mr. Liberto as being the source of the information.

Mr. Liberto's brother in New Orleans is being interviewed for any information he may have concerning this matter.

- 1 The Deputy Attorney General
- 1 Mr. Stephen J. Pollak Assistant Attorney General

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McFerren has participated in civil rights activities in and around Somerville, Tennessee, for a number of years. He has previously reported many incidents to our Memphis Office, many of which were found to be without any substance in fact. McFerren was interviewed by Bureau Agents on 4/8/68 and 4/18/68 and he furnished information essentially along the lines of the above. Although there does not appear to be any substance to McFerren's information, we are completely running this out.

ACTION:

Attached for the Attorney General, the Deputy Attorney General, and the Civil Rights Division is a memorandum setting forth details of the information received from McFerren.

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This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

The principal suspect in this case, Eric Starvo Galt, has been identified as being James Earl Ray, a Missouri prison escapee. Ray was identified as a result of an exhaustive search of fingerprint records in which the latent fingerprints developed in the King case were being compared with the more than 53,000 persons on whom wanted notices have been posted in our Identification Division.

Ray's fingerprints have been identified with the latent finger-prints on the rifle and telescopic sight which were purchased by the slayer in Birmingham, Alabama, as well as with the latent fingerprints appearing on the binoculars bought in the Memphis, Tennessee, area. Ray's fingerprints also match up with the latents from the newspaper, on the after shave lotion bottle and on one of the Schlitz beer cans which all were recovered along with the above-mentioned items abandoned by the subject as he fled from the rooming house in Memphis after the shooting. In addition, two latent fingerprints appearing on the map of Mexico recovered from the "hippie" rooming house in Atlanta, Georgia, match with Ray's fingerprints.

With the identification of Ray as being the previously unknown subject, Galt, the full facilities of the Bureau are now directed toward locating and apprehending this fugitive. Wanted Flyers have been prepared and distributed and he has been included as a special addition to the "Ten Most Wanted Fugitives" list to insure the widest possible dissemination of his photograph and description to help in effecting his early location and apprehension.

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Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach

RE: MURKIN

Jerry William Ray, brother of James Earl Ray, who is employed at the Sportsman Country Club, Northbrook, Illinois, advised that James Earl Ray is the eldest of a family of eight children. Jerry William Ray stated that their father, James Gerald Ray, died in 1951 in Hannibal, Missouri. Their mother was Lucille Mary Ray, nee Maher. The parents separated after which the mother changed her name in 1949 to Lucille Ryan and she died in January, 1961, at St. Louis, Missouri. Jerry Ray stated he last saw the subject in approximately 1964 when the subject was in prison and he has had little contact with him during his entire life and is unable to furnish any information as to the subject's present whereabouts. Jerry Ray expressed full cooperation and advised he would immediately contact the Bureau if he receives any information concerning the subject's whereabouts.

Although Jerry William Ray advised that his father was dead, we located and interviewed his father. The subject's father, Jerry Raynes, who resides southeast of the town of Center, Missouri, was contacted and advised he is 69 years of age and was married to Lucille, nee Maher, and he has always used the name of Raynes with the stated that seven children used the name of Ray, including the subject. He stated that seven children were born to this marriage but stated he was "fuzzy" in his ability to think and could not recall specifics. Raynes doubted that all of the children are his and knows nothing of a son John (named by the brother, Jerry William Ray) but he is certain the subject James Earl Ray is his own child. He stated he last saw the subject 17 years ago and has had no direct contact with him since.

Raynes stated he knew nothing of his son's involvement in this matter and expressed fear of the subject, is barring his house and wants nothing to do with the subject. He promised full cooperation should he receive any information concerning the subject's whereabouts.

Jerry Ray was requestioned concerning the discrepancy he furnished regarding his father's death and present location. He reaffirmed that the information he had furnished was correct; and was to the best of his knowledge based on information furnished by his mother.

Extensive investigation is continuing to locate and interview all members of the family and vigorously pursue any leads developed as a result of interviews with these individuals.

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Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach RE: MURKIN

Dr. Mark O. Freeman, Ph.D, clinical psychologist, Los Angeles, California, was interviewed on 4/19/68 and he produced an appointment book noting six appointments for one James E. Ray covering the period from 11/27/67 through 12/14/67. He also had a listing for an additional consultation on 12/18/67 which was crossed through. Dr. Freeman said that Ray had telephonically called to cancel that visit indicating he had heard from his brother who had obtained a job for him in the Merchant Marines in New Orleans. Notations in Dr. Freeman's consultation notebook indicated the patient's name to be James E. Ray, 1535 North Serrano, and date of birth was given as Ray indicated he was from East St. Louis.

Dr. Freeman stated that the current photograph of James Earl Ray, also known as Eric Galt, is an excellent likeness of the patient known to him as Ray. According to Dr. Freeman, Ray was seeking psychological help in the nature of self-hypnosis to gain confidence, overcome shyness, learn to relax, sleep better and be able to talk to people. Ray was shy, introverted and withdrawn but not psychotic or plagued with neuroses. During the second or third visit Dr. Freeman asked Ray if he had any deep seated secrets he wanted to get off his chest to determine if the patient had any criminal background or sexual problem and Ray answered negatively. According to Dr. Freeman, Ray had very little to contribute about his family background and most of the visits were limited to placing Ray in a hypnotic state and talking with him to reassure him and help him gain social confidence. Dr. Freeman stated Ray paid in cash for all but one consultation and has a recollection the last payment was by money order. This as well as all other pertinent information furnished by Dr. Freeman is being thoroughly run out.

It is noted that this is the first occasion during our investigation wherein the subject has used his true name and birth date, namely

A certificate of birth has been located showing James Earl Ray was born

It Alton, Illinois, to James Ray and Luci Maher.

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We are continuing to afford this investigation top priority attention and every effort is being made to locate and apprehend the subject.

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Memorandum

TO Mr. Bishop

FROM : M. A. Jones MAN

SUBJECT: JAMES EARL RAY
aka ERIC STARVO GALT, etc.

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Concerning the press release made on Ray in the early afternoon of 4/19/68, all radio and television stations in the Washington area were monitored from 2:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. on that date. At various intervals throughout the afternoon and evening, programs were interrupted to bring the press release to listeners and viewers.

The press release constituted the lead-in story on radio and television broadcasts. There was extensive coverage on all news broadcasts from 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. Radio coverage throughout the evening was excellent, with the release serving to dominate all other reports. Photographs released of Ray were widely publicized on television. Both at 10:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. radio and television stations repeated the information previously publicized, with TV programs documenting the broadcasts with photographs.

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None. For information.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE APRIL 19, 1968

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 for 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

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.

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 experience includes working as a baker, laborer and color matcher.

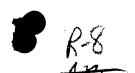
In connection with his escape from the Missouri State

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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SHO-65 should be submitted immediately when a subject becomes a Bureau fugitive (including escaped Federal prisoners) except where subject wanted as a parole or conditional release violator or deserter. In these latter cases form letter should be submitted by office of origin 60 days after the date of the Bureau communication forwarding the case to the field office.

An original and green copy of a supplemental FD-65 should be submitted when additional pertinent information is obtained or there are changes in information previously furnished. When a supplemental FD-65 is submitted, only information added, changed or deleted need be shown except/that the name of the fugitive and the field office file number must be g green and a second shown in all instances. Product ton't reprint

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Where a name or alias is being added, changed or deleted, such addition, change or deletion should be briefly identified in the "Name and Aliases" block.

- Name and Aliases (NAM)-Include name and all aliases. Supplemental FD-65 necessary when there is a change in name or an alias is changed, added or deleted.
- Armed and Dangerous, Suicidal Tendencies (MKE)-When initially reported on FD-65, basis for caution statement should appear in this block.
- Sex (SEX)-Sex will be designated: M-Male; F-Female.
- Race (RAC)-Race will be described by abbreviations used in the Uniform Crime Reporting Program, i.e., White-W; Negro-N; Indian-I; Chinese-C; Japanese-J; all other-O. Mexicans who are not definitely Indian or other non-white should be described as "W".
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION Washington, D.C. 20535 April 11, 1968

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. CIVIL RIGHTS

On April 10, 1968, Private John A. Horstkamp, Precinct 12, Metropolitan Police Department (MPD), Washington, D.C. (WDC), advised Special Agents (SAs) of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) that at 6:55 a.m. on that date and based on information furnished a few minutes earlier by a confidential source that someone was loading rifles into an automobile at 3204 22nd Street, N.E., WDC, he and Private Paul R. Jones arrived at the above address to investigate.

Officer Horstkamp said that upon arrival they noticed a blue Pontiac, Maryland License Tags DZ 5648, being backed out of the alley near 3204 22nd Street, N.E. Officer Horstkamp stated that they then halted the vehicle and after initiating a search found two shotguns and two rifles in the car's trunk. B. APPRIVITE driver of the car, Robert Shirley Howerton, white male, 55 years of age, 4920 Taylor Road, Edmonston, Maryland, told the officers that he had only recently returned from a hunging trip; and rather than risk having his guns confiscated by authorities during a search of his car at a check-point while en route from the District of Columbia to his Maryland home, he had left the guns overnight with a friend who lives at 3204 22nd Street, N.E. He said he had just picked up the guns when the officers arrived.

> Officer Horstkamp stated that they confiscated the guns for police disposition in view of the civil disorder which has existed in the District of Columbia the past several days. In addition, he said that although not charged Howerton will be summoned to appear at a hearing on the matter before the United States Attorney, District of Columbia, on May 16, 1968, due to the restriction on firearms during an emergency situation.

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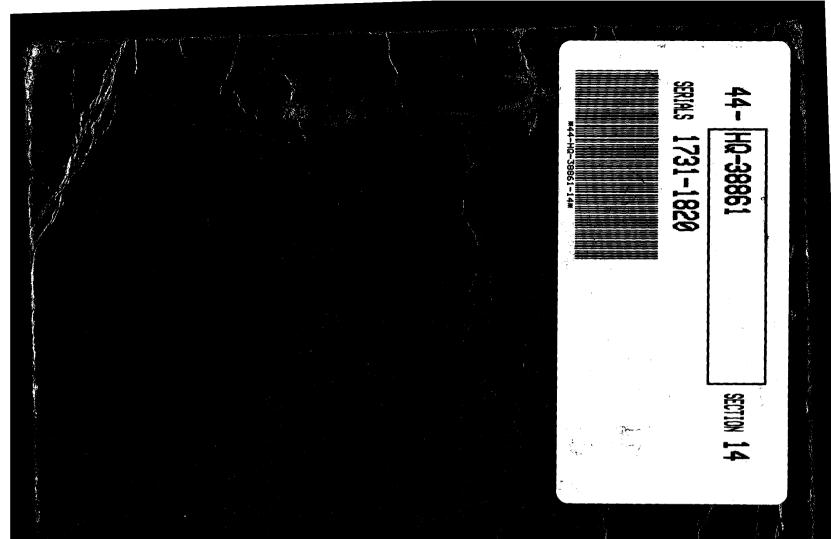
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	Source mentioned in LHM is FRED SHELTON, 3204 22nd Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. (WDC).	
	On 4/10/68, SHELTON contacted both the FBI and the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD), WDC, to furnish information on four weapons owned by an acquaintance of his. Subsequent investigation by MPD is set out in LHM. SHELTON, at his own request, is being treated as anonymous caller by MPD.	
	As indicated in LHM, ROBERT SHIRLEY HOWERTON, 4920 Taylor Road, Edmonston, Maryland, owner of weapons and person SHELTON furnished information regarding, has not been offi- cially charged but will be summoned to appear at a hearing on the matter before the U.S. Attorney, WDC, on 5/16/68.	
	WFO will follow and report pertinent details following HOWERTON's appearance at the hearing in May.	
	WFO indices contain no information identifiable with FRED SHELTON or ROBERT SHIRLEY HOWERTON.	
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