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STATE NO KNOWLEDGE OF ASSASSINATION EXCEPT FROM READING  
AND WATCHING NEWS MEDIA. VINCENT ADVISED AFTER VIEWING  
PHOTO OF RAY HAD SEEN IN NEWSPAPER AND TV BUT NO OTHER  
KNOWLEDGE. MRS. LIBERTO AND ANTHONY VIEWED PHOTOGRAPH  
AND STATED LOOKED FAMILIAR BUT COULD NOT IDENTIFY IT.  
SALVATORE LIBERTO UNAVAILABLE TO DATE AND WILL BE  
INTERVIEWED EARLY AM APRIL TWENTYTHREE, NEXT.  
THREE ZERO TWO'S FOLLOW.

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RE NEW YORK TELETYPE TO BUREAU, APRIL TWENTY, SIXTYEIGHT.

ADVISE NEW YORK OFFICE OF RESULTS OF INTERVIEW OF

JOHN J. CONNELLEY, JR., ON APRIL TWENTY, SIXTYEIGHT.

CONNELLEY, JR., ADVISED THAT HE HAD BEEN CONTACTED BY

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TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM SAN ANTONIO (44-1242)

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RE SAN ANTONIO TEL TO BUREAU AND MEMPHIS TODAY REGARDING  
ANGEL STICKELBAULT.

RECORDS, MEXICAN IMMIGRATION, NUEVO LAREDO, MEXICO, REVIEWED  
FOR APRIL FIVE AND SIX, LAST, BUT CONTAINED NO RECORD OF JAMES  
EARL RAY OR ANY OF HIS LISTED ALIASES.

TRANSPORTES DEL NORTE, NUEVO LAREDO, MEXICO, MAINTAINS NO  
PASSENGER MANIFEST. HOWEVER, THEY DO MAINTAIN RECORD OF PASSENGER  
WHO CHECK BAGGAGE BUT THESE RECORDS FAILED TO CONTAIN THE NAME  
JAMES EARL RAY OR ANY OF HIS KNOWN ALIASES. THEY DO CONTAIN THE  
NAME A. STICKELBAULT WHICH INDICATES HE DEPARTED NUEVO LAREDO,  
MEXICO, FOR MEXICO D.F., THREE TWENTY A.M. ON APRIL SIX, LAST.

GREYHOUND BUS DEPOT IN LAREDO, TEXAS, ALSO MAINTAINS SIMILAR  
RECORD OF PASSENGER WITH BAGGAGE GOING TO MEXICO AND A REVIEW OF  
THEIR RECORDS FOR APRIL FIVE AND SIX, LAST, FAILS TO SHOW NAME  
JAMES EARL RAY OR ANY OF HIS ALIASES.

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# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Bishop

DATE: 4-22-68

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: JAMES EARL RAY, aka - FUGITIVE  
I.O. #4182; W. F. #442-A  
CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY  
INTERSTATE FLIGHT - ROBBERY  
"TEN MOST WANTED FUGITIVES" PROGRAM  
RELEASE DATE: SATURDAY P.M., APRIL 20, 1968

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Attached is a proposed memorandum to All Investigative Employees advising of Ray's addition to the list of "Ten Most Wanted Fugitives."

A similar memorandum bearing different letterhead will be forwarded to all FBI National Academy graduates currently active in law enforcement.

## RECOMMENDATION:

Attached proposed memorandum be approved and expeditiously returned to the Crime Research Section for further processing.

## Enclosure

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach - Enclosure
- 1 - Mr. Bishop - Enclosure
- 1 - Mr. Gale - Enclosure

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All Investigative Employees

April 22, 1968

Director, FBI

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**THE CRIMES:** Ray escaped from the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, on April 23, 1967, while serving a 20-year sentence for armed robbery and operating a motor vehicle without the owner's permission. He subsequently allegedly conspired, under the alias Eric Starvo Galt, to violate the civil rights of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., shot to death on the balcony of a Memphis, Tennessee, motel on April 4, 1968.

**THE CRIMINAL:** A 40-year-old white native of Illinois, who is known as a "loner" and "drifter" and has taken elaborate steps to establish a false identity, Ray has an extensive criminal record, including convictions for burglary, robbery and forging U. S. Postal Money Orders. Outstanding characteristics include a straight narrow nose, straight and even teeth, a noticeably protruding left ear and a nervous habit of tugging at an ear lobe. He has taken dancing lessons, attended bartending school, enrolled in a correspondence course in locksmithing and traveled widely in a 1966 Mustang recovered in Atlanta, Georgia, a week after Dr. King's murder. Ray likes western and country music, drinks vodka and beer and has worked as a baker, laborer and color matcher.

**PROCESS:** A Federal warrant issued at Jefferson City, Missouri, on July 20, 1967, charges Ray with unlawful interstate flight to avoid confinement for robbery. Another Federal warrant, issued at Birmingham, Alabama, on April 17, 1968, charges Ray, as Eric Starvo Galt, with conspiring to interfere with a Constitutional Right of a citizen.

**"TEN MOST WANTED FUGITIVES":** Ray is a special addition to the list of "Ten Most Wanted Fugitives." The list as of Saturday p. m., April 20, 1968, was:

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| Howard Callens Johnson   | I. O. #4039    | George Edward Wells  | I. O. #4175 |
| George Benjamin Williams | I. O. #4072    | David Evans          | I. O. #4177 |
| Gordon Dale Ervin        | I. O. #4087    | Franklin Allen Paris | I. O. #4178 |
| Carmen Raymond Gagliardi | I. O. #4101    | David Stuart Neff    | I. O. #4179 |
|                          | James Earl Ray | I. O. #4182          |             |

**THEY ARE ALL ARMED AND DANGEROUS.** If you receive any information, give it at once to your SAC or appropriate supervisor. **ENCLOSURE**

**PHOTOGRAPHS, FINGERPRINTS AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA OF ALL FUGITIVES ON THE LIST ARE ON THE REVERSE SIDE.** JRH:djr (8)



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| Gordon Dale Ervin        | I. O. #4087    | Franklin Allen Paris | I. O. #4178 |
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DAVID EVANS, also known as:  
"Pee Wee."  
N; born [redacted] 5'7-5'8"; 140-150 lbs;  
med bld; blk hair; brn eyes; lt comp;  
occ - lab, upholsterer. Wanted by FBI  
for BANK ROBBERY and UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO  
AVOID PROSECUTION (Burglary, Larceny,  
and Receiving Stolen Goods).  
IDENTIFICATION ORDER #-4177  
FBI#-388 901 E  
DATE PHOTO TAKEN: 1966

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CHARLES LEE HERRON, also known as:  
Lee Jones.  
N; born [redacted] (?); 5'7"-5'8"; 145-  
150 lbs; sldr bld; blk hair; brn eyes;  
dk comp; occ - clerk. Wanted by FBI  
for UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID PROSECUTION  
(Murder; Assault with Intent to  
Commit Murder).  
IDENTIFICATION ORDER #-4163  
FBI#-313 926 G  
DATE PHOTO TAKEN: UNKNOWN

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GEORGE EDWARD WELLS, also known as:  
George W. Cox, Lloyd Kuczmarski.  
W; born [redacted] 5'8"; 165-175 lbs;  
med bld; brn hair, gr; brn eyes; med  
comp; occ - maintenance worker, painter.  
Wanted by FBI for UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO  
AVOID PROSECUTION (Armed Robbery);  
INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF STOLEN  
PROPERTY.  
IDENTIFICATION ORDER #-4175  
FBI#-1 467 173  
DATE PHOTO TAKEN: 1967

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CARMEN RAYMOND GAGLIARDI, also known as: 17 M 29 W IOM  
Carmelo Raimondo Gagliardi (true name), I 32 W OOI 20  
Carmen R. Gagliardi.  
W; born [redacted] 5'10 1/2"; 185-200 lbs;  
hvy bld; blk hair; brn eyes; med comp;  
occ - lab. Wanted by FBI for UNLAWFUL  
FLIGHT TO AVOID PROSECUTION (Murder).  
IDENTIFICATION ORDER #-4101  
FBI#-566 944 D  
DATE PHOTO TAKEN: 1965



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GEORGE BENJAMIN WILLIAMS, 23 M 21 W IMO AMP Ref: 22  
also known as: Allen I 31 W OOO 19 31  
Benjamin Colby, Ben Jackson,  
George Benjamin William.  
W; born [redacted] 5'6"; 155 lbs;  
med bld; brn hair, gr, balding;  
bl eyes; rdy comp; rt ring fnger  
amp; occ - constr worker, dairy  
worker, mech, miner, pipe fitter.  
Wanted by FBI for BANK ROBBERY.  
IDENTIFICATION ORDER #-4072  
FBI#-497 062  
DATE PHOTO TAKEN: 1965



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JAMES EARL RAY, also known as:  
Eric Starvo Galt, W. C. Herron,  
Harvey Lowmyer, James McBride,  
John Willard "Jim."  
W; born [redacted] 5'10"; 163-174 lbs;  
med bld; brn hair, poss cut short; bl  
eyes; med comp; occ - baker, color matcher,  
lab. Wanted by FBI for CONSPIRING TO  
INTERFERE WITH A CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT OF  
A CITIZEN AND UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID  
CONFINEMENT (Robbery).  
IDENTIFICATION ORDER #-4182  
FBI#-406 942 G  
DATE PHOTO TAKEN: 1968



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FRANKLIN ALLEN PARIS, also known as: MLM  
Franklin Allen Morrison, Al Paris, MLM  
Allie Paris, Frank Allen Paris, 11 S 1 U OOO 14 Ref: 9  
Franklen Allen Paris. M 1 U OOI 12 1  
W; born [redacted] 6'2"; 190-210 lbs;  
med bld; brn hair; brn eyes; med comp;  
occ - horse trader, horse trainer,  
rancher. Wanted by FBI for UNLAWFUL  
FLIGHT TO AVOID PROSECUTION (Burglary).  
IDENTIFICATION ORDER #-4178  
FBI#-595 084 A  
DATE PHOTO TAKEN: 1966



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HOWARD CALLENS JOHNSON, also known as: W  
"Dirty Red." W  
N; born [redacted] (?); 5'9"; 160-170  
lbs; med bld; blk hair; brn eyes;  
med comp, freckled; occ - brickmason,  
carpenter, lab. Wanted by FBI for  
UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID PROSECUTION  
(Murder).  
IDENTIFICATION ORDER #-4039  
FBI#-1 501 726  
DATE PHOTO TAKEN: 1959



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JOHN WILLIAM CLOUSER, also known as: MML  
Jack Clauser, John William Clauser, MML  
Chuck A. Williams. 25 L 1 R OOO 8  
W; born [redacted] 5'9"; 175-200 lbs;  
stky bld; blond hair, may be dyed blk;  
bl eyes; rdy comp; occ - clerical  
worker, stock clerk. Wanted by FBI  
for INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF  
STOLEN MOTOR VEHICLE.  
IDENTIFICATION ORDER #-3837  
FBI#-229 125 C  
DATE PHOTO TAKEN: 1963



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GORDON DALE ERVIN, also known as: 17 I 31 W III 10  
Dale Ervin. I 26 R OMM 9  
W; born [redacted] 5'11"-6'0"; 170 lbs;  
med bld; brn hair; bl eyes; med comp;  
occ - carpenter, lifeguard, mach shop  
worker, locomotive fireman, salesman,  
shipyard worker, typist. Wanted by  
FBI for UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID  
CONFINEMENT (Armed Robbery).  
IDENTIFICATION ORDER #-4087  
FBI#-290 533 A  
DATE PHOTO TAKEN: 1965



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DAVID STUART NEFF, also known as: LL  
Steven Andrews, Solomon Baker, Steven IM  
Greene, George Medina, David J. Neff, 19 O 17 W IOO 18  
David Stewart Neff, Donald O'Brien. L 19 W OOO 16  
W; born [redacted] 5'8"-5'9"; 190-200 lbs;  
hvy bld; brn hair; brn eyes; med comp;  
occ - horse trainer, lab, painter,  
plumber, surveyor. Wanted by FBI for  
BANK ROBBERY.  
IDENTIFICATION ORDER #-4179  
FBI#-524 874 D  
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TO DIRECTOR AND BALTIMORE

FROM BIRMINGHAM 844-1740) (P)

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RE NEW YORK AIRTEL TO BUREAU, APRIL ONE EIGHT, SIXTYEIGHT.

THOMAS JOSEPH COX, SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], BORN NEW JERSEY, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WAS REPORTED BY BIRMINGHAM INFORMANTS TO BE IN CONTACT WITH  
RAY SEPTEMBER ONE FIVE, SIXTYSEVEN. AMERICAN BULK CARRIERS,  
NEW YORK, NEW YORK, ADVISED COX EMPLOYED BY THAT COMPANY AS ABLE  
SEAMAN, RETURNED TO DESTREHAN, LOUISIANA, AUGUST ONE, SIXTYSEVEN.  
NO RECORD SINCE THAT DATE. BALTIMORE THROUGH SOURCE FOUR WILL  
OBTAIN MOST RECENT EMPLOYMENT OF COX AND ADVISE UACB. ———

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1 - Mr. Thompson

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TO ALL FIELD OFFICES

FROM DIRECTOR FBI (44-38861)

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REMAIRTEL TO ALL OFFICES APRIL ONE NINE LAST FURNISHING  
BACKGROUND DATA CONCERNING JAMES EARL RAY.

SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED POSSIBLE SUSPECT IN ANY  
UNSOLVED BANK ROBBERIES, BURGLARIES OR ARMED ROBBERIES  
(POSSIBLE ITSP VIOLATIONS) OCCURRING AFTER APRIL TWO THREE  
ONE NINE SIX SEVEN. RAY SHOULD ALSO BE CONSIDERED SUSPECT IN  
ANY FUTURE SUCH VIOLATIONS AND BUREAU ADVISED TELEPHONICALLY  
OF ANY TENTATIVE IDENTIFICATION.

ANY PERTINENT LEADS DEVELOPED DURING REVIEW OF PAST  
VIOLATIONS SHOULD BE EXPEDITIOUSLY RUN OUT AND BUREAU ADVISED.

SUBJECT'S HANDWRITING AND HAND PRINTING NOT IDENTIFIED  
IN BANK ROBBERY NOTE FILE AND HIS FINGERPRINTS ARE BEING  
SEARCHED AGAINST LATENTS SUBMITTED IN UNSOLVED BANK ROBBERY AND  
BURGLARY VIOLATIONS.

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TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, MIAMI  
FROM JACKSONVILLE /44-769/ 1P

MURKIN.

RE CHARLOTTE TEL TO JACKSONVILLE, APRIL EIGHTEEN, LAST; MIAMI  
TEL TO BUREAU, ETAL, APRIL TWENTYSECOND, LAST.

RE NINETEEN FIFTYFIVE OR FIFTYSIX DODGE BEARING FLA. LICENSE  
WITH PREFIX NUMBER TEN W OBSERVED BY HIGHWAY PATROL, NEWTON, N. C.

MVB, TALLAHASSEE, ADVISED THEY ARE NOT COMPUTERIZED AND IT WOULD  
BE NECESSARY TO PHYSICALLY PULL AND REVIEW SOME ONE HUNDRED FIFTEEN  
THOUSAND REGISTRATION CARDS TO SEGREGATE FIFTYFIVE AND FIFTYSIX AUTOS  
REGISTERED IN BROWARD COUNTY

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: *[Signature]* SAC, LOUISVILLE (44-947) (P)

RE: MURKIN

Re Louisville airtel 4/16/68, enclosing FD-302s incorporating data furnished by Mrs. JASPER WARD and Mrs. NORMA DAVIS, who, together with Rev. A. D. WILLIAMS KING of Louisville, Kentucky, were registered in the Lorraine Motel in Memphis 4/4/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau and Atlanta each is one copy of an FD-302 and for Memphis nine copies, recording information furnished on 4/22/68 by Rev. A. D. WILLIAMS KING.

As a matter of information, it might be noted that during the interview Rev. A. D. WILLIAMS KING was very pleasant and indicated that he felt confident that the FBI would be successful in apprehending the murderer of his brother and only hoped that once in custody, sufficient protection will be afforded the individual to insure he lives to stand trial. It was explained to Rev. KING that the matter of the protection of a prisoner would be the responsibility of the prison officials in whose custody the prisoner might be. Rev. KING stated he understood this.

## ENCLOSURE

- 3- Bureau (Enc. 1) (RM)  
 1- Atlanta (44-2386) (RM) (Enc. 1)  
 1- Memphis (44-1987) (Enc. 9) (RM)  
 4- Louisville (2-44-947)  
     (1-157-259)  
     (1-157-90)

WLW/pam  
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G. C. Bishop

cc - Long & Assoc.  
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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK  
SUBJECT: [illegible]  
[illegible text follows]

RE: [illegible]  
[illegible text follows]

ADVISE: [illegible]  
[illegible text follows]

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As noted in re airtel, as of 4/15/68, Rev. A. D. WILLIAMS KING reportedly was in Atlanta, Ga., and was scheduled to return to Louisville late 4/17/68. Telephonic efforts by SA WARREN L. WALSH on the morning of 4/18/68 to reach Rev. KING at his home in Louisville were negative. A message was left with his son for Rev. KING to telephonically contact SA WALSH on his return to Louisville.

Later on the morning of 4/18/68, SA WALSH telephonically contacted the Zion Baptist Church in Louisville where Rev. KING is pastor and was advised that Rev. KING had not yet returned to Louisville. At 5:15 p.m. on 4/18/68, SA WALSH telephonically reached Rev. KING's wife at his residence, and she advised that Rev. KING had not yet returned to Louisville, but was expected momentarily. SA WALSH explained to Mrs. KING that he desired to talk with Rev. A. D. WILLIAMS KING because of the report that Rev. KING had been in Memphis, Tenn., at the Lorraine Motel on the date that his brother had been shot. Accordingly, it was felt he might possibly have information of value in connection with instant investigation. Mrs. KING stated she would have her husband promptly contact SA WALSH upon his return to Louisville.

Not having heard from Rev. A. D. WILLIAMS KING as of 10 a.m. 4/22/68, SA WALSH telephonically contacted his home and reached him there. Rev. KING advised he had received the message for him to call SA WALSH, but he had been so busy he had not as yet had the opportunity to set up the appointment. He advised he would be available in the office of his church at noon, 4/22/68, for interview.

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| Mr. Trotter  | ✓ |
| Tele. Room   | ✓ |
| Miss Holmes  | ✓ |
| Miss Gandy   | ✓ |

1244 Alameda Ave.  
Glendale Calif. 91201  
April 16, 1968

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover Director of the FBI.  
Washington D. C.

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Very Sincerely

Leon J. Brown

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

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TO : Mr. Bishop *[initials]*

FROM : D. C. Morrell *[initials]*

SUBJECT: LEON J. BROWN  
1244 ALAMEDA AVENUE  
GLENDALE, CALIFORNIA

DATE: 4/23/68

By letter dated 4/16/68, Brown in a rude manner implied laxity on the part of the Bureau in the King case stating "I am wondering how much effort by your organization is being made to capture the murderer." He also rudely stated that the Director showed "much hate" when King was called a liar and added "I had hoped President Johnson would fire you and I wonder how much politics was involved in letting you stay on." His letter also contains his theory on the assassination of King and ends up by stating he does not believe the murderer will be found.

Bufiles reflect an in-absence outgoing to correspondent 7/28/64 in reply to his letter indicating that he saw the Director on TV when the Director got back from Mississippi. He stated he was surprised that the Director compared killing in the South with other cities and states. He also indicated no one white has been convicted or punished for anything against a Negro in the South and again implied laxity on the part of the Bureau by stating "I wonder how hard these people are working to solve the disappearance of those three young people" (apparently referring to the three murdered civil rights workers).

## OBSERVATIONS:

Brown appears to have fixed unwarranted opinions particularly implying that the Bureau would not make every effort to fulfill its responsibilities. He is also rude when he makes the statement that he hoped the Director will be fired because of his statement regarding King and implying that the King murderer would not be identified. As he obviously has made a pre-judgement and <sup>has</sup> fixed opinions, it does not appear any useful purpose would be served in acknowledging his letter. Therefore, it is recommended:

## RECOMMENDATION:

That no acknowledgement be made of Brown's letter of

4/16/68.

66-1- Mr. DeLoach  
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639 PM URGENT 4-23-68 DND

TO DIRECTOR, BIRMINGHAM, AND ATLANTA  
FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987)

MURKIN.

ALL AGENTS FORMERLY ASSIGNED MEMPHIS DIVISION ON  
SPECIAL HAVE NOW DEPARTED. NO EXTRA PERSONNEL REMAINING MEMPHIS  
DIVISION. SEPARATE COMMUNICATIONS SUBMITTED BUREAU AND INTERESTED  
OFFICES.

NUMEROUS LOOK-ALIKE LEADS HANDLED AND ELIMINATED MEMPHIS  
DIVISION.

ATLANTA REQUESTED CHECK NEWSPAPERS FOR POSSIBLE SALE  
OF AUTOMOBILES BY INDIVIDUALS, IT BEING NOTED SUBJECT DID  
PURCHASE AUTOMOBILE IN THIS MANNER IN BIRMINGHAM DIVISION.

ATLANTA WILL PURSUE LEAD.

NO OTHER PERTINENT ACTIVITY MEMPHIS DIVISION.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING.

A & D. P.

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Date: 4-24-68

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM : SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

1 On the night of 4-24-68, WALTER TERRY RIFE, Quincy, Illinois was interviewed on a Quincy TV Station re JAMES EARL RAY, at 6 P.M. Two telephone calls were later received by wife, MARY RIFE, at the Virginia Hotel, in which the caller a male negro voice asked for WALTER RIFE. MARY stated that RIFE was asleep. Both times the caller stated "Tell him that we will be seeing him." The caller then hung up.

The Quincy, Illinois Police Department was contacted, and the Virginia Hotel and the Quincy PD have requested a trap be placed by the Telephone Company to locate the caller.

RIFE continues to display a cooperative attitude with the Bureau concerning MURKIN.

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2 - Memphis (44-1987)  
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C. C. Bishop

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MEMO  
TO : DIRECTOR (100-441111)  
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-100000)  
SUBJECT: [illegible]

RE: NEW YORK TELETYPE TO BUREAU, APRIL TWENTY, LAST.  
[illegible text]

NEW YORK OFFICE HAS BEEN ADVISED THAT [illegible]  
[illegible text]

ADMINISTRATIVE: [illegible]  
ACTION: [illegible] (100-441111)  
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ADMINISTRATIVE: [illegible]

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND KANSAS CITY  
FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987)

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MURKIN: CR.

LOCAL NEWSPAPER AT MEMPHIS, TENN., CARRIED TODAY A UPI  
RELEASE REFLECTING STATEMENTS MADE BY ONE RAYMOND CURTIS,  
FORMER INMATE OF THE MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY (MSP), WHO  
CLAIMS THAT A NEW MAN AT THE PENITENTIARY HAD TOLD HIM AND  
THE SUBJECT RAY ABOUT AN ALLEGED ONE MILLION DOLLAR BOUNTY  
PLACED ON MARTIN LUTHER KING BY A BUSINESSMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

LARRY SERO, FORMER MSP INMATE NO. ZERO ONE NINE ZERO THREE  
J, NOW RESIDING MEMPHIS, TENN., VOLUNTARILY CONTACTED MEMPHIS  
OFFICE TODAY AND OFFERED TO FURNISH INFORMATION PROVIDED HIS  
IDENTITY COULD BE KEPT STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL. SERO STATED HE  
RESIDED IN MEMPHIS DURING NINETEEN SIXTYTWO WHILE A PAROLE  
VIOLATOR FUGITIVE FROM THE MSP. HE LEFT MEMPHIS DURING  
NOVEMBER, NINETEEN SIXTYTWO, MOVING AROUND THE COUNTRY UNTIL HE  
WAS ARRESTED AT TULSA, OKLA., DURING FEBRUARY, NINETEEN  
SIXTYFOUR, AND RETURNED TO THE MSP. HE REMAINED AT THE MSP  
FROM FEBRUARY, NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR UNTIL BEING EXTRADITED TO  
TENNESSEE DURING JUNE, NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR. DURING THIS FOUR

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MONTH PERIOD AT MSP HE WAS ACQUAINTED WITH SUBJECT RAY AND WITH INMATE RAYMOND CURTIS MENTIONED IN THE UPI NEWS RELEASE. SERO ~~STATED~~ HE MENTIONED TO RAY AND TO CURTIS ON ONE OCCASION THAT HE HAD HEARD SPECULATION TO THE EFFECT THAT IF MARTIN LUTHER KING EVER ATTEMPTED A BOYCOTT MOVEMENT IN MEMPHIS, IT WOULD BE WORTH A LOT OF MONEY TO THE LOCAL BUSINESSMEN TO HAVE KING MURDERED. SERO STATED HE CANNOT RECALL WHO FIRST MENTIONED THIS TO HIM BUT HE DOES RECALL THAT IT WAS MERE SPECULATION, THAT NO PARTICULAR GROUP OF BUSINESSMEN WAS MENTIONED AND THAT THE STATEMENT ITSELF HAD ABSOLUTELY NO BASIS IN FACT. HE SAID THAT IF RAYMOND CURTIS AND RAY INTERPRETED IT OTHERWISE THEY WERE READING MORE INTO THE STATEMENT THAT WAS INTENDED.

SERO STATED HE HAS HEARD NOTHING FROM RAY SINCE SERO LEFT THE MSP IN NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR AND HE HAS NO IDEA WHERE HE MIGHT BE EXCEPT THAT RAY MENTIONED HAVING FRIENDS OR CONTACTS IN KANSAS CITY. SERO STATED RAY IS NOT A LONER BUT SIMPLY DOES NOT KNOW HOW TO MAKE FRIENDS. HE STATED RAY HAS A HATRED FOR NEGROES AND HAS A STRONG DESIRE TO PERFORM SOME

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NOTORIOUS ACT THAT WILL MAKE HIM FEEL IMPORTANT. HE DESCRIBED RAY AS A BORN LOSER AND QUESTIONED RAY'S ABILITY TO PLAN AND EXECUTE EVEN THE SIMPLEST CAPER. SERO IS AGREEABLE TO ASSISTING THE FBI IN ANY WAY POSSIBLE.

KANSAS CITY HAS INDICATED THAT A PCI OF THEIR OFFICE AND FORMER PRISON MATE OF THE SUBJECT IS WILLING TO TRAVEL TO ANY PLACE WHERE HE MIGHT ASSIST IN THIS MATTER. MEMPHIS HAS NO REASON TO BELIEVE SUBJECT RAY IS IN ANY PARTICULAR PLACE AND IS UNABLE TO SUGGEST ASSIGNMENT FOR THE KANSAS CITY PCI.

NUMEROUS LOOK ALIKES BEING INVESTIGATED AND ELIMINATED.

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FBI LITTLE R

5:11

PM URGENT 4-24-68 DRM

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

MEMPHIS (44-1987), ST. LOUIS, AND KANSAS CITY

FROM: LITTLE ROCK (157-1215)

RE: MURKIN

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*McDonnell*  
*Long*

RE LITTLE ROCK TELETYPE TO BUREAU AND ABOVE-LISTED OFFICES,  
APRIL TWENTYTWO SIXTYEIGHT, AND BUREAU TELETYPE TO LITTLE ROCK  
THIS DATE.

RE: INTERVIEW OF RUSSELL LEE MARTIN.

MARTIN INTERVIEWED THIS DATE AND STATED WELL ACQUAINTED  
JAMES EARL RAY WHILE BOTH INCARCERATED MISSOURI STATE  
PENITENTIARY. MARTIN RECEIVED PARDON AFTER HELPING SOLVE  
NARCOTICS RING OPERATING IN MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY AND  
RELEASED APPROXIMATELY THREE MONTHS AGO. MARTIN STATED PRIOR  
TO RAY'S ESCAPE, RAY SOLD NARCOTICS TO OTHER INMATES AND THAT  
HE, MARTIN, RAN A GAMBLING GAME. MARTIN STATED RAY WAS A  
"LONER" AND HAD VERY FEW FRIENDS, BUT WAS CLOSELY ASSOCIATED  
WITH TWO OTHER INMATES WHO WERE BROTHERS, ONE NAMED CARL  
DRAKE, FIRST NAME OF OTHER BROTHER NOT KNOWN, BOTH SUPPOSEDLY

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*cc - Long*  
*Thermo - Rosen*

*for*

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WELL KNOWN TO ST. LOUIS, MO., PD. DRAKE BROTHERS ARE BOTH SUPPOSED TO BE OUT OF PRISON AND PRESUMED TO BE IN ST. LOUIS BY MARTIN.

MARTIN STATED THAT BASED UPON HIS OBSERVATION, RAY AND THE DRAKE BROTHERS WERE ACQUAINTED BEFORE THEY WERE SENT TO PRISON.

MARTIN STATED THAT IF RAY WERE IN BLYTHEVILLE, ARK., AREA AND KNEW THAT HE, MARTIN, WAS IN BLYTHEVILLE, RAY WOULD CONTACT HIM. MARTIN STATED THAT IF ANY INFORMATION WAS RECEIVED BY HIM REGARDING WHEREABOUTS OF RAY, HE WOULD IMMEDIATELY CONTACT RA AT BLYTHEVILLE, ARK. MARTIN EXPRESSED COMPLETE COOPERATION WITH REGARDS TO RAY.

MARTIN STATED THAT TWO BROTHERS BY THE NAME OF DALEY(PH) WHO WERE FROM ST. LOUIS WOULD ALSO KNOW RAY, BUT HE DID NOT KNOW HOW CLOSE THEY WERE TO RAY.

MARTIN STATED THAT THE YOUNGER DRAKE BROTHER WAS SUPPOSED TO BE A NARCOTICS ADDICT.

ST. LOUIS AT ST. LOUIS, MO., ATTEMPT TO LOCATE DRAKE BROTHERS AND DALEY BROTHERS THROUGH ST. LOUIS PD.

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KANSAS CITY AT JEFFERSON CITY, MO., REVIEW PRISON RECORDS  
FOR IDENTITIES OF DRAKE BROTHERS AND DALEY BROTHERS AND ADVISE  
ST. LOUIS.

LITTLE ROCK WILL MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH MARTIN.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM

LEGAT, OTTAWA (44-4) (P)

SUBJECT

MURKIN

OO: MEMPHIS

Enclosed are three copies of RCMP "C" Division report April 19, 1968 with enclosures.

ENCLOSURE

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# The Montreal Star

THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 1968

Warrant issued

## Witnesses doubt Galt killed King

United Press International

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., April 18 — Murder and conspiracy warrants have been issued for Eric Starvo Galt, a mysterious riverboat cook, merchant seaman and bartender accused in the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



**Hunted:** This photograph was released in Washington yesterday and identified by the FBI as Eric Starvo Galt. In the original picture, his eyes were closed. An artist painted them in for identification purposes.

The FBI charged Galt and his "alleged brother" in a warrant yesterday with conspiring to injure King, shot to death by a white sniper in Memphis, Tenn., April 4. Memphis police later filed a murder charge against Galt.

The FBI also released a photograph of Galt, 36, described as a "loner" with a "rural quality" in his voice. There was immediate conflict or uncertainty among witnesses who said they had seen Galt.

The picture — which had to have the eyes "opened" by an artist — brought uncertain responses from witnesses who were acquainted with Galt or saw the fleeing sniper.

"Unless he was wearing a wig or had a face lift or something, it's not the man I saw," said Charles Q. Stevens, who lives at the rooming house from which the fatal shot apparently was fired.

"The hair is too full and the face is too young," he said.

A source in Birmingham said the photograph was taken within the last three months, although the FBI did not specify when it was made. The photo was sharp contrast, making hair and features dark.

"It's very near, but I'm not sure," was the reaction of Peter Cherpes, owner of a Birmingham boarding house where an Eric Galt stayed from Aug. 26 to Oct. 7 last year.

"I don't really know," Cherpes said. "It's so hard to tell. His hair seemed to be lighter."

### Undecided

The woman who runs the Memphis flophouse from where the killer shot King as the Negro leader stood on his motel balcony also was undecided about the picture. "I just don't know if it's him," said Mrs. Bessie Brewer.

In Atlanta, the cab driver reported driving Galt from a hippie neighborhood the night after King was slain said the FBI photograph "doesn't resemble" his passenger. "The man was younger and had shorter hair and a thinner face," the driver said.

But the FBI insisted the picture was of Galt. "It's him, all right," said Joseph H. Gamble, special agent in charge of the Birmingham FBI office. He said the photograph was taken this year, "in March, I think."

The FBI issued two pictures of Galt, also known as Harvey Lowmyer and John Willard. Galt's eyes were closed in one photo. The other featured eyes sketched in by an FBI artist.

The FBI complaint, filed in Birmingham, charged that Galt and an individual "whom he alleged to be his brother entered into a conspiracy" to harm King, and Galt purchased a rifle in Birmingham about March 30.

More pictures on the search for the slayer of Dr. Martin Luther King will be found on page 55.

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# The Montreal Star

THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 1968



**KNEW GALT AS STUDENT OF DANCING AND BARTENDING:** Kathy Norton, a dance instructor, and Rod Arvidson, manager of a dance school at Long Beach, Calif., look at a picture of Eric Starvo Galt, the man accused of murder and conspiracy in connection with the killing of Dr. Luther King.



AP Wirephotos

They said Galt appeared to be a man of the same name who attended the dance school earlier this year. In photo at right, Tomas R. Lau, director of Los Angeles' International School of Bartending, tells reporters that Eric Starvo Galt was a student at the bartending school and graduated March 2.

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1. Further to this sections report dated the 18 APR 68, please be advised of the following:

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2. On the above noted date pictures of Galt were forwarded to this office and to Windsor Detachment by the F.B.I. in Washington. Following their press release a release was also made, on our part, to the Q.P.P. and M.C.P. for their information and assistance. Wanted circulars have been circulated to all Detachments and Police Forces in this Province by our C.I.S.

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3. On the above date the following information was received from Windsor Detachment: Positive identification of Galt was made by Quintal from the photo supplied by the F.B.I. Mr. Quintal was questioned with regards to a telephone in Galt's apt., Quintal advised that there never was a phone in the apartment and that he had to use a pay phone in the hall. The number of this phone is 532-0094. To Quintal's knowledge Galt never received or made any long distance phone calls from the apartment, and only one call was received, this is believed to be local.

4. Further questioning of Quintal revealed that all utilities were paid by the owner of the apartment building. This would exclude the possibility of obtaining any information from the various utilities. A complete report of the info contained in para. 3 and 4 is forthcoming from our Windsor Detachment.

5. Continued investigation in this area netted the following: At Harkay Apts. the room which was rented by Galt was checked. There was no phone, nor was there a plug for a phone. This would corroborate Quintal's statement. Attempts were made to interview anyone who resided close to Apt. 18. Apt. 17 was empty and there was no sign of anyone having lived there at the same time as Galt. Apartment 17A was occupied only on the 12 NOV 67, again this was not during the time Galt was there. Apartment 18 was rented by a person named DUNCAN on the 11 SEP 67 to the 18 NOV 67. However nothing could be obtained which would lead us to the identify of this person. It is highly unlikely any information could be obtained from this Duncan as he took up residence only 1 week after Galt had disappeared. The only person residing permanently at this apartment building was a Mr. O. Tindall. He is presently residing in apartment #19, as he was when Galt was living there. Tindall was interviewed, however, no information could be obtained.

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It should be noted that Tinsall is an elderly gentleman who is hard of hearing and does not mix or associate with other people. He vaguely remembers someone living in the apartment but could not identify Galt or supply any further information.

6. Checks were made at all garages, parking lots, and other places where Galt may have rented space to park his car. Same met with negative results. Cst. Donnelle, who canvassed this area, exhibited Galt's photo to all garage owners and parking lot attendants within approximately a four block area with negative results. As there are no dry-cleaning establishments in the immediate area this possibility could not be canvassed. All grocery stores in this area were also canvassed and our subject's photo exhibited to the owners and clerks, however, again no results were obtained. With respect to Galt's vehicle it should be noted that in the area of Harkay Apts. there is almost unlimited street parking and this would eliminate the use of any parking lot.

7. Tip Top Tailors on St-Catherine St. was also approached concerning this matter. The Manager, Mr. Andre Lanthier was interviewed as well as the sales staff and Galt's photo was exhibited to them. Again no results were obtained. Mr. Lanthier was asked if there were any other of their stores in the proximity of Harkay and he advised that the only Branches were at Fairview Shopping Center in Beaconsfield and on Jean Talon in Montreal. A phone check was made to these stores by the Manager with negative results, however, personal patrols to these stores will be made and Galt's photograph exhibited to the Managers and their sales staff.

8. Cst. Cartland interviewed the owner of Harkay Apts., Mr. H. Rothman. From Mr. Rothman the following information was received: he pays all utilities at Harkay Apts. Also there was never a phone in Apt. #18. A lease made out to and signed by Eric S. Galt was also obtained. The lease was dated the 19th day of July 1967 and was made out for the period of time between the 18 JUL 67 and the 18 JAN 68. The lease was made out for the sum of four hundred and fifty dollars, payable in seventy five dollar monthly payments commencing the 18 JUL 68. Also a payment of \$75.00 was made for the period of 18 DEC 67 to 18 JAN 68 which was to be forfeited to the Lessor in the event the lease was broken. According to Rothman the subject, Galt, skipped out on the 2 SEP 67 thereby forfeiting the \$75.00 and also losing part of his monthly rent. The aforementioned was corroborated by Quintal in his interview with our members in Windsor. Mr. Rothman voluntarily handed over the original copy of the lease and same will be retained on our Section's File. Copies of lease are appended hereto. No further information of value could be obtained from Rothman. According to him there were no references or passed addresses or for that fact no information whatsoever given regarding Galt's past.

9. Further to press releases made by the F.B.I. and the composite picture which appeared in the Montreal Gazette on April 13th a Mr. Henri Magnan Jr. contacted this office and claimed he had information which would be of interest to us.

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Mr. Magnan, District Sales Manager for Mack Truck Ltd., was interviewed at our office and he supplied the following information: On April the 1st and 2nd a Sales Meeting was held in Allentown, Pennsylvania. During this convention he met a man named Stanley Segal who is employed by Mack Trucks in Portland, Oregon. According to Magnan this Segal answers to the physical description of Galt and he has the same silly smile. Segal did not strike Magnan as the salesman type as he was not a pleasant or outgoing type. Segal mentioned he had only been with company two months and claimed to have been a seaman prior to this. He stated he lost his boat on a trip to Alaska. Segal during the course of the conversation with Magnan claimed to have friends in the Toronto area however no names were mentioned.

10. As we had no photograph of Galt at the time of the interview Mr. Magnan could not be asked for positive identification. Mr. Magnan is presently in Nassau with his wife and is not expected to return until the first week in May. Upon his return he will be re-interviewed and asked for positive identification of Galt.

11. Investigations in this matter will be continued and a report submitted as soon as any new information is received. Copy sent direct to Windsor Detachment with attachment.

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The COMMISSIONER, Ottawa:

Our File No. 68-C-190-19

1. FORWARDED for your information together with attachments.
2. This investigation was commenced as a result of a telephone conversation between Insp. MACAULEY, H.Q./Insp. DUCHESNEAU, "C" Div. Mtl., requesting that enquiries be conducted in this area in an effort to locate Eric Starvo GALT. It has been established that GALT did live at the Harkay Apts. in Montreal and he was positively identified by Mr. and Mrs. QUINTAL who were interviewed by members of our Windsor Detachment.
3. Mr. MAGNAN of this city contacted our office on the 13 APR 68 with regards to the composite picture which appeared in the Montreal Gazette on that date. He is presently in Nassau and will be re-interviewed on his return to this city. He will be shown GALT's photograph in an attempt to make positive identification in line with information that he gave to our investigating member.
3. Investigation is continuing and you will be further advised.

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MONTREAL  
22-4-68J.R. Duchesneau, Insp.  
A/Officer i/c C.I.B.44-38861-2140  
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# LEASE

MR. *Harkay Apartments*  
gives in rent to Mr. *Eric S. Gaer*, herein known  
as tenant, of the same place, with promise to permit the said tenant to peaceably enjoy for the space of *6*  
months, beginning the ~~first~~ *eighteenth* day of *July* 1967, till the ~~last~~ *eighteenth* day  
of *January* 1968, the use of a certain dwelling situated on *2589 Notre Dame St.*  
ward

bearing the number *Ap 18* of the same street, also, all that pertains thereto, without exception or reverse;  
the said tenant declaring himself fully cognizant of same, and requiring no further designation thereof, and of  
being satisfied therewith.

This present lease is moreover made for the sum of *Four hundred and Fifty Dollars*  
*\$450.00* dollars, in currency of this Province, for and  
during the said space of time with the said tenant, who promises to faithfully and duly pay or have disbursed  
to the said lessor, at his office, or to his legal representatives, by equal instalments of *\$75.00*  
dollars each, of which the first payment becomes due and payable on the ~~first~~ *eighteenth* day of *July* 1967  
current, in advance, and thence consecutively from month to month until the expiration of the present lease.  
Under no consideration has the tenant the right to give up the present lease.

To suitably heat the premises let during the cold season. To keep in good order the water-pipes  
throughout their entire length, the drains or sewers, water-taps, sinks, water-closets, etc. The said tenant shall  
make no change in the said rented premises without the consent of the lessor. To satisfy all the requirements  
exacted by the police and corporation authorities for which tenants in general are responsible. To have at  
his own expense the chimneys swept, the yard kept clean, and any damage resulting from negligence  
in doing same to be at his own cost and peril. To permit the lessor during the month  
that shall precede the termination of this present lease the right to have said rented premises visited by  
such persons as may desire renting them, between nine o'clock in the morning and five in the evening, as also,  
in this connection, or in case of sale, to allow the lessor the right of posting a notice of same.

To furnish said rented premises according to law.

The said lessor shall not be held to make any repairs whatever, not even repairs required by law  
unless such repairs be herein stipulated.

The said lessor shall not be responsible for any damage, trouble or nuisance that the neighbors may  
cause said tenant, nor for any damage resulting from the fall of snow or icicles upon any one whomsoever,  
the said tenant being alone responsible for such damage. He shall not keep on the premises rented either  
pigeons, dogs or fowl, or other animals whatever, and under penalty of damages shall not saw or split  
wood in said dwelling. The yard is in common with the other tenants. The said tenant, besides, shall pay  
the water-tax. All repairs or improvements made in the said rented premises and made by the tenant shall  
remain after the expiration of the term of his lease without any indemnity from the said lessor.

It is stipulated that should the said tenant abandon the premises rented before the expiration of his  
lease, the said lessor may then take immediate possession and let them to his own profit by right of damages  
and indemnity, without prejudices to his claims and legal recourse against the said tenant for the rents due  
and coming due by virtue of this lease. During the term of this present lease, the tenant is to keep said  
premises in such repair as devolves upon a tenant, and to return at the expiration of the present lease in  
good condition, and without the lessor being compelled to give any notice to such effect.

*The tenant assumes responsibility for any willful or damage*  
*to the property caused by his negligence or carelessness.*  
*Payment of \$75.00 from Dec 18 to Jan 18/68 to be lessor to be*  
Signed in duplicate, at *Montreal* this *Nineteenth* day of *July* 1967  
*in the event of his breaking*  
*the lease*

Landlord

Tenant

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2589 Notre Dame East Street  
Apt 18

## LEASE

From July 18-1967

To Jan 18-1968

Dated July 19th 1967

Commencing the July 18 1967

Ending the 18 Jan 1968

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