

The Attorney General

April 22, 1968

Director, FBI

ADDITION OF JAMES EARL RAY
TO THE FBI'S LIST OF 'TEN
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Enclosed is a copy of a press release concerning
the special addition on Saturday, April 20, 1968, of James Earl
Ray to the FBI's list of Ten Most Wanted Fugitives.

Enclosure

1 - The Deputy Attorney General - Enclosure
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1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Bishop
1 - Mr. Gale
1 - Mr. Rosen

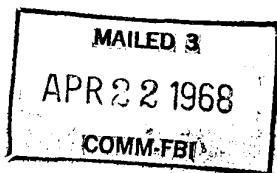
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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 5/8/68

FROM : SAC, Birmingham (44-1740) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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Enclosed for the Bureau is one copy of the April, 1968, issue of the publication captioned "A-SSA NEWS" published by the Alabama Service Station Association, Inc., (A-SSA) 1102 South 20th Street, Birmingham, Alabama 35205.

On page five of this publication is an article captioned "WANTED BY THE FBI" regarding JAMES EARL RAY. This article, prepared by the Birmingham Division was given to Mrs. HELEN SPIVEY, Office Secretary of the A-SSA, and through her cooperation, was published in their publication. This enclosure, received by this office from Mrs. SPIVEY, is being furnished to the Bureau for information purposes.

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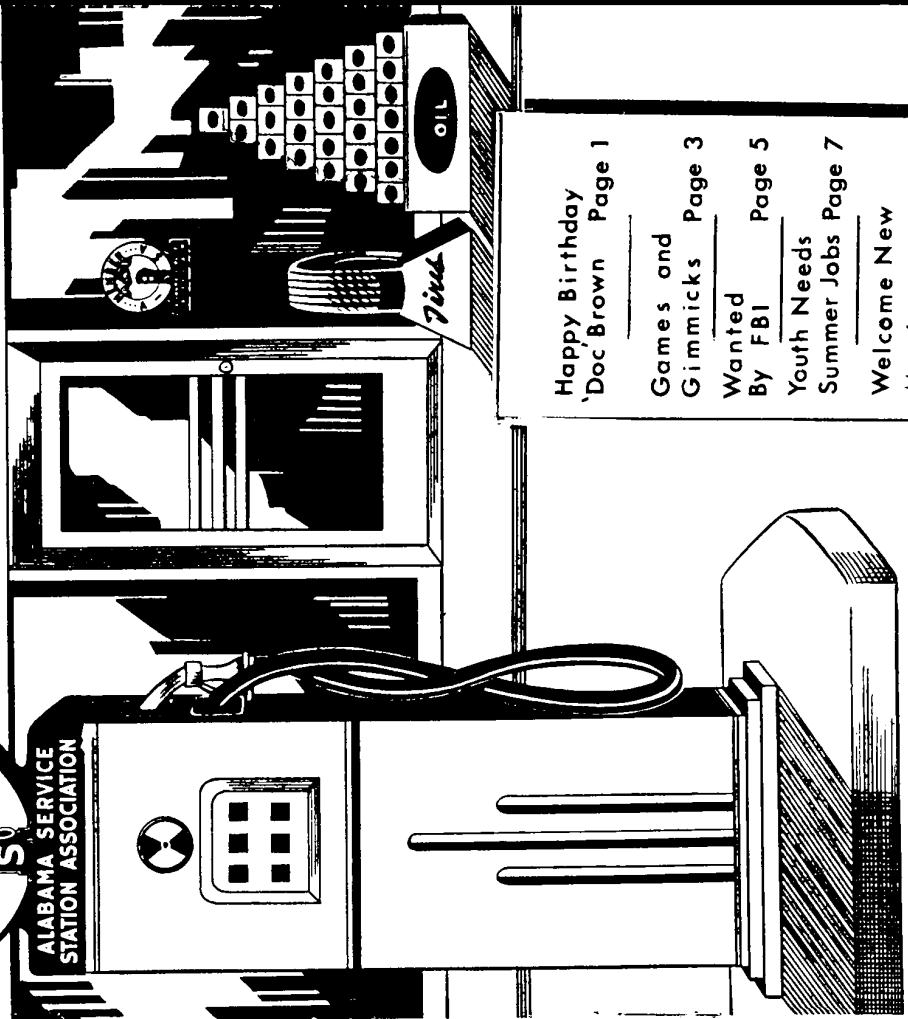
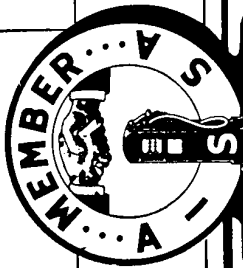
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H. L. "Doc" Brown

34 East Wilkinson Street
Alabama City Station
Gadsden, Alabama 35904
April 5, 1968

Dear Sam:

I wanted to write a little bit for the A-ssa Bulletin but I am not physically able so I am sending you some copies of articles. You know it has always been my ambition to promote friendship among the gasoline dealers of Alabama. I realize we must work together for our own political and economical rights and Sam, I feel like I have done just that; man's greatest gift is friendship.

I have just come home from the hospital but feeling very well. I will be eighty-nine years of age April 6.

Wishing continued success for the gasoline dealers over Alabama, I am

Sincerely yours,

H. L. (Doc) Brown

Editors Note: 'Doc' retired a few years ago and was presented A-ssa's Life Membership Award in 1955, for his outstanding loyalty, devotion and service. 'Doc' was a "regular" at all Chapter Meetings and enjoyed attending several of the conventions. Where people gather to talk, think, plan and laugh a lot is where 'Doc' always likes to be.

We deem it a genuine pleasure to say,

"Happy 89th Birthday, 'Doc' Brown!"

and we of A-ssa are proud to be your friend.

(See Page 8 for an article 'Doc' sent in)

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: May 1, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: MURKIN

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long
1 - Mr. McDonough
1 - Mr. Martindale
1 - Mr. Bishop
1 - Mr. Gale

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

Cecil Clayton Lillibridge, Cole County, Missouri, Jail, requested his identity be concealed and advised as follows. In 1966 Lillibridge was a cell mate of Ray's at Missouri State Penitentiary. Ray had aspirations of making a big haul and retiring to Mexico where he intended to live frugally on beans and beer.

Ray told Lillibridge he wanted to stay off the beaten path in Mexico and avoid American Colonies. He implied he had gone to Mexico twice to cool off after robberies and had once lived with peasants on the outskirts of Campeche, near the Yucatan Peninsula, where he rented a three-room shack. Ray continually emphasized his desire to make one big score and then live frugally in Mexico. He said Mexico City and Acapulco were too expensive; however, he made reference to Torreon in North Central Mexico where he said there were low priced prostitutes in the red-light district.

Ray also told Lillibridge he had earned money smuggling appliances such as television sets and washing machines which he sold to peasants in Mexico. The smuggling was done from Brownsville, Texas, by a fishing boat owned by Mateo Lopez Garcia or Mateo Garcia Lopez who formerly lived in the United States and spoke English. Ray could speak very little Spanish.

Lillibridge believes Ray went to Mexico in the late nineteen fifties by car and on another occasion went by boat from Brownsville. The Legat, Mexico City, and the San Antonio Office are conducting appropriate investigation concerning the information provided by Lillibridge.

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Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach
RE: MURKIN

Leo Barnett states he knew Ray in Missouri State Penitentiary from 1962 until August, 1966, but only saw him about once a week. He described Ray as a loner with no close friends, having a bad nervous condition and definitely having a mental problem.

Barnett suspected Ray of using large quantities of amphetamine when it was available and bases this opinion on the rapidity with which Ray's weight would fluctuate with losses or gains of ten to fifteen pounds in very short periods of time. Barnett says such a weight loss is characteristic of the use of a large amount of amphetamine and the subsequent rapid gain would occur when amphetamine was not available.

It is noted Ray gave a Montreal, Canada, address when he enrolled in a correspondence locksmithing course, 7/31/67. The address is in an apartment project which does not maintain accurate records and no record of Ray's tenancy can be found. Employees of the apartment project recall Ray resided there about six weeks paying \$150 when he arrived. He left about Labor Day and a week or two before he left he had been gone for two or three days, supposedly on a trip to the United States.

Investigation at a Los Angeles neighborhood where Charles Stein formerly resided indicates he may be involved in narcotics activity. Investigation is being conducted to determine if Ray was more closely associated with Stein than Stein has admitted.

Louis Lomax was at the penitentiary at Joliet, Illinois, on larceny charges from 2/19/50 until 5/9/56. Ray was at Joliet from 6/13/52 until 7/19/52. It is not known whether they were acquainted.

Louis Lomax has released another story for publication in which he claims he and Charles Stein found the telephone booth in Texas from which Ray made a call to the "cashman" in New Orleans at 8 p. m., 12/16/67. Lomax states that with this clue Ray's New Orleans contact will be identified as soon as telephone company officials can locate the record of the call. We have previously determined that no call to New Orleans was made from this telephone during the entire month of December.

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RE: MURKIN

Lewie Raymond Dowda, in custody in Georgia after being convicted of murder, knew Ray at Missouri State Penitentiary from 1963 to 1966. Dowda says there were two gangs in the prison and Ray associated with the leaders of the St. Louis gang. He also says Ray was close to an inmate who was the main supplier of drugs within the prison. He does not remember this prisoner's name but believes he was serving a long sentence for killing a St. Louis policeman. Dowda alleges this prisoner had six or eight other prisoners selling drugs for him. Dowda believes the drugs were obtained from a guard and says on one occasion one-half pound of amphetamine was found in this prisoner's cell.

In December, 1966, Ray was examined by a psychiatric consultant for the Missouri Board of Probation and Parole. The examiner described Ray as an interesting and rather complicated individual who stated that within the past year he had various physical complaints including "pain in the 'solar plexes,' tachycardia and 'intracranial tension'." The examiner commented to Ray that he was using rather large words and Ray replied that he had been reading medical literature.

The psychiatrist found that Ray's basic problem appeared to be an increasingly severe obsessive compulsive trend. Ray had stated that at the age of ten he awoke one night believing he had lost his eyesight and became quite fearful. It was stated that various fears confront Ray from time to time "in a typical obsessive compulsive way" and he feels he must do certain things to avoid what he feels will occur and harm him. For instance, Ray described a feeling of fear which could be alleviated if he took a glass of water from which he was drinking, placed it on the table and moved it back and forth several times.

The psychiatrist found evidence of a rather deep underlying obsessive compulsive personality trend. The psychiatrist stated that Ray's problem was not psychotic but was severely neurotic and Ray was fearful that his anxiety and tension might lead him into more serious difficulties. The psychiatric report expressed the opinion that Ray was in need of psychiatric help.

Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach
RE: MURKIN

ACTION:

All aspects of this investigation are being vigorously
pursued on a top priority basis.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: May 2, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long
1 - Mr. Bishop

SUBJECT: MURKIN
(KING MURDER CASE)

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This is a memorandum concerning Louis Emanuel Lomax.

Louis Emanuel Lomax, a Negro who was born in Georgia in [redacted] is a free lance writer and reporter currently writing articles for the North American Newspaper Alliance. He previously conducted a controversial television program which originated in Los Angeles.

An investigation of Lomax was conducted in 1963 when he traveled to Cuba from Mexico. Bufiles reflect that Lomax is no good and that he has repeatedly proven his antagonism toward the FBI. For example, in November, 1964, he appeared on David Susskind's "Open End" television program with Edward M. Keating (publisher of "Ramparts," the rotten magazine which has former SA William W. Turner on its staff) and William Kunstler (attorney who is absolutely no friend of ours). On this program Lomax was very critical of the FBI's role in the civil rights movement and stated there would be no solution to the problem in Mississippi as long as Mr. Hoover remains as head of the FBI.

On his October 17, 1965, television program, Lomax had as guests Helen Sobell (wife of Morton Sobell, who was convicted in the Rosenberg case), as well as Walter Schneir, author of a book based on the theme that the Rosenberg case subjects were railroaded.

Bufiles further reflect that in August, 1967, former Agent Norman T. Ollestad, author of the vicious book, "Inside the FBI," appeared on Lomax' television program and used this occasion to further spread his lies and distortions. Lomax, as expected, did absolutely nothing to present the Bureau's side.

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Lomax is now writing for the North American Newspaper Alliance in connection with the recent trip of Lomax and Charles Stein to possibly determine the location of the telephone stations used by Ray and Stein in their trip to [redacted]

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RE: MURKIN

New Orleans in December of 1967. The articles as written by Lomax are grossly distorted and without foundation in fact. The Los Angeles Office feels that Lomax hopes to use his articles regarding the King case as a vehicle to get back in "big time" television.

Our Los Angeles Office advises that Lomax was sentenced to the penitentiary at Joliet, Illinois, on larceny charges from 2/19/50 until 5/9/56.

ACTION:

None. For information. Identification Record on Lomax attached.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20537

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

April 23, 1968

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1 - Mr. Hudson

To: SAC, New York

From: Director, FBI 5(44-38861) — 317

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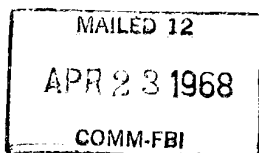
There are enclosed for New York two copies of a letter from Jack L. Douglas which has been referred to the Bureau. One copy is enclosed for Memphis.

New York should immediately locate and interview Douglas in an effort to identify the individual who was riding in his cab with the victim approximately two months ago. Unless information in your files would preclude doing so, interview that person in an effort to obtain any information she may have relating to this case.

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Brooklyn, N. Y. 11203

New York Daily Column Inc.
21 Hempstead Avenue
Lynbrook, N. Y. 11563

Att: Walter Winchell

Dear Mr. Winchell:

I am a New York City cab driver, Hack License
78379.

About two months ago I picked up Dr. Martin
Luther King, his aide and a very attractive
white woman at the International Hotel at
Kennedy Airport.

I drove King and his aide to LaGuardia Airport.
When we arrived, Dr. King and his aide left the
cab with two bags and departed, leaving the
white woman in the cab for me to drive her to
a midtown townhouse, (the address which I can't
recall now, but can be verified on my trip sheet.)
When Dr. King left my cab both he and the woman
fondly embraced, and kissed. (not fatherly)

Mr. Winchell, if she had a jealous husband and
he is the guy, do you think it would be right
to name Newark Airport after him?

If I can be of any other assistance, please
contact me.

Very truly yours,

Jack L. Douglas
Jack L. Douglas

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Richard N. Davis, D.V.M.
337 East 82nd Street
New York, N.Y. 10028

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Walter Winchel
New York Daily Column
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Winchel

Martin Luther King is not needed. We have our ways without Young Wilkens and people who think like King" said Roy Innes, a national director of CORE, at a meeting last week of the Cornell Medical Student Forum. He said also, " We can't wait for how long they want us to wait. We cant wait for them to satisfy our needs. It's no longer our problem. It's your problem. It's the white man's problem. We don't wonder any more how this white man's problem is going to be solved. We Know, yes we know how to make you come across. Not even since Washington was anything accomplished without violence. Even looting is part of your early history. Th tea wasn't dumped in the Boston harbor looters took it home and used it. Black people arent doing anything different from history. Looting took place before we even got here. If we make it costly enough we'll get what we want. It will be cheaper to give us our own schools, our own books, our own institutions, even our own nation. We know the way. I ain't saying we're going to burn your citics, loot your stores or rape your women, but I ain't saying either it won't happen!"

When Innes was asked by a third year medical student who confessed sympathy for the black man's cause, why the blacks now reject the support of liberals, the CORE leader answered" We want no white help

We want no one but blacks to help us structure our methods. We don't want no support from liberals or Jews except maybe their money. The only way you can help is to make your mothers and fathers realize they better help us get what we want. They got to help get us the institutions and the money controlled by the whites. And until we satisfy these needs it will just become more and more costly.

A member of the audience not a student, a negro Core member further reinforced Innes' position that one may have to die to live in Harlem with this declaration witnessed the hundreds of students and said also that if his very good white friend and roommate opposed his black views he would just have to kill him.

It is my view that those people who had the very least use for Martin Luther King were this or other militant members of CORE and other black national gangs. Negroes killed Malcom X . Is it improbable the same power hungry set had King assassinated. With so many of their sympathies reflecting the worst Stalinist and Maoist philosophies, could not his death be not only justified, but necessary. Is it improbable a white boy needing money or dope would draw the line at King. Does a thug or a hoodlum sense morality, justice or human decency. A target like King would just make the price of his chore higher or the achievement more satisfying.

Other than the militant groups, who would have more to gain by having Martin Luther King removed from negro leadership. Was not the impending black man's national strike designed by King the most probable force yet conceived to underscore the negroe's participation, contribution and value to our economy..... Was not the success of this ingenious plan the greatest threat to the violent black power advocates of a separate nation?

Roy Innes spoke as the associate national director of CORE. His complete approval of "burn baby burn" and other violence was unmistakable. His group's desire to have the opportunity to rewrite American History is in only a small way clouded in their thrust to control the schools. The smell of federal funds that can be hidden or diverted for their secret use is an aphrodisiac and hallucinogen to them. They want to make their own nation starting in the "model" Harlem and spreading who knows where. As a separate nation, with separate treaty powers, should we fail to invite Castro or Mao they would have their black armies with weapons paid for by federal grants, invade New York.

In my view Innes appears as a 5th Columnist. As he is assured an executive position in the new nation he may stop at nothing to gain his goal. Killing Martin Luther King would for his ambition be no more undesirable than it may have been to kill Christ.

Would you help by keeping your eye, ear and pen on black nationalism

Sincerely,

Richard N. Davis

33 West 56 Street
New York, New York

April 16, 1968

Mr. Richard N. Davis D.V.M.
337 East 82 Street
New York, New York 10028

Dear Mr. Davis:

Many thanks for your recent letter which I found
very interesting.

Good wishes.

Sincerely,

Walter Winchell

March 28, 1968

Dear Mr. Winchell

I have just finished reading an article in Readers Digest (by Mr. William Schulz) about Martin Luther Kings March on Washington in April.

Why is this defiant rabble rouser allowed to carry out his plan?

What is wrong with the people who can stop this sort of thing from happening. I get so mad when some one say's -- it would be un-constitutional to stop free assembly and free speech well believe me they have gone beyond that.

This man isn't a Minister of God, he is evil to do such a terrible thing, it will only end in disaster, a lot of innocent people will get hurt if these herds of these so called Americans (they are scum in my way of thinking) invade DC by the thousands.

Believe me Mr. Winchell a lot of Americans are getting sick to death of these Marchs & Protesters.

I was poor, didn't get much of an education and many night went to bed hungry -- my father died when I was very young (there was five children) so being next to the oldest, I started working when I was fifteen years old, I started as a bundle wrapper in a dep't store (in D. C.) went to a candy store for a job after that because they paid me 50¢ more a week and so of course kept going from one kind of employment to another until I married.

I studied as much as I could to improve myself and our income.

I am still a housewife with a steady working husband, with a nice nest egg.

I paint in oil and keep busy with many interest's -- so I think everybody can improve their lot if they use their brain's that God gave them and keep trying, one rung up the ladder at a time its just these lazy stupid jerks who think everything should be handed to them.

They don't believe in working and struggling like most
of the American people have done to get where they are

Please say something in your column about this Skunk's
thank's

Sincerely

Mrs. Betty Jewell
320 S. 2nd Ave
Arcadia Cal 91006

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March 28, 1968.

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T. J. E. Haver

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because they paid me 50¢ more a week and
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people have done to get where they are
Please say something in
your column about this I think thank's

Sincerely

Mrs Betty Jewell
320 - P. 2nd Ave
Arcadia Cal
91006

OFFICE OF DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

April 17, 1968

The attached letters were sent to the
Director from Walter Winchell,
33 West 56th Street, New York,
New York.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 5/6/68

FROM : T. E. Bishop

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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This case involves the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King.

In a United Press International (UPI) story dated 5/3/68, which does not quote the FBI, the following sentences are included: "Officials said there were no indications that (James Earl) Ray had left the country despite a rash of reports from Mexico, Canada, Australia, Hong Kong and West Germany. The officials pointed out international travel requires identification papers that can easily be checked." On this UPI story the Director has noted: "Please stop talking & speculating to the press. H."

In a UPI story dated 5/4/68, which does not quote the FBI, the following sentence is included: "Officials said there were no indications Ray had left the country despite a rash of reports to the contrary from Mexico, Canada, Australia, Hong Kong and West Germany." On this story the Director noted: "I must insist that we stop giving off the cuff comments re Ray case."

For the information of the Director, the unnamed officials quoted as the sources in the above two stories are not Bureau representatives. In accordance with the Director's instructions, the men in my office have maintained a strict "no comment" policy with regard to inquiries being received concerning the above-captioned case or the hunt for James Earl Ray. We will continue this policy. It appears that our policy of not commenting on this case is frustrating some newsmen and they are resorting to the technique of writing stories with unnamed "officials" or "government sources," etc., as the source for their speculative stories.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. For information.

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Gale
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UPI-27

(MANHUNT)

WASHINGTON--ONE MONTH AFTER A SNIPER KILLED DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR., THE FBI IS "STILL LOOKING HARD" FOR THE MAN IT SUSPECTS DID IT--AN EX-CONVICT WHO APPARENTLY SPENT NEARLY A YEAR ESTABLISHING A FALSE IDENTITY.

THERE WERE NO INDICATIONS FRIDAY OF ANY IMMINENT BREAK IN THE SEARCH FOR JAMES EARL RAY, ALIAS ERIC STARVO GALT, ALTHOUGH THE MANHUNT HAS REACHED AT TIMES, AROUND THE WORLD.

OFFICIALS SAID THERE WERE NO INDICATIONS RAY HAD LEFT THE COUNTRY DESPITE A RASH OF REPORTS TO THE CONTRARY FROM MEXICO, CANADA, AUSTRALIA, HONG KONG AND WEST GERMANY.

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Please stop talking & speculating to the press -

UPI-175

(MANHUNT)

WASHINGTON--A MONTH AFTER A SNIPER KILLED MARTIN LUTHER KING, THE FBI WAS "STILL LOOKING HARD" TODAY FOR THE MAN IT SAYS DID IT--AN EX-CONVICT WHO SPENT NEARLY A YEAR ESTABLISHING A FALSE IDENTITY.

THERE WERE NO INDICATIONS OF ANY IMMINENT BREAK IN THE SEARCH FOR JAMES EARL RAY, ALIAS ERIC STARVO GALT, ALTHOUGH THE MANHUNT FOR HIM HAD FOCUSED AT TIMES AROUND THE WORLD.

OFFICIALS SAID THERE WERE NO INDICATIONS THAT RAY HAD LEFT THE COUNTRY DESPITE A RASH OF REPORTS FROM MEXICO, CANADA, AUSTRALIA, HONG KONG AND WEST GERMANY. THE OFFICIALS POINTED OUT INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL REQUIRES IDENTIFICATION PAPERS THAT CAN EASILY BE CHECKED.

THE FBI HAS A FULL DOSSIER ON RAY, INCLUDING A FULL SET OF FINGERPRINTS, A DETAILED PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION FROM HIS TERMS IN VARIOUS PRISONS AND AN AMAZING ASSORTMENT OF PERSONAL HABITS.

BUT GALT, THE MAN THE FBI SAYS RAY WORKED ON ESTABLISHING FOR A YEAR BEFORE THE APRIL 4 ASSASSINATION OF KING, LEFT BEHIND LITTLE STATISTICAL DATA, PROBABLY BY DESIGN.

THERE IS GROWING BELIEF IN SOME OFFICIAL CIRCLES IN WASHINGTON THAT RAY ACTED ALONE IN ASSASSINATING KING IN MEMPHIS, ALTHOUGH THE ORIGINAL FBI WARRANT FOR HIS ARREST WAS BASED ON A CIVIL RIGHTS CONSPIRACY CHARGE.

RAY ALREADY IS WANTED ON A FEDERAL FUGITIVE WARRANT FOR ESCAPING THE MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY APRIL 23, 1967. DESPITE HIS RECORD OF ATTEMPTS TO ESCAPE, RECORDS FROM THE VARIOUS PRISONS WHERE HE SERVED SHOW HE WAS A MODEL PRISONER.

BUT THE RECORDS SHOW THAT TWICE, AT LEVENWORTH PRISON IN 1957 AND DURING HIS TERM IN MISSOURI PRISON, RAY TURNED DOWN OFFERS OF TRANSFERS TO MINIMUM CUSTODY SECTIONS BECAUSE THE HONOR CAMP DORMITORIES WERE INTEGRATED.

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TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

FROM: DIRECTOR FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

RELA AIRTEL MAY EIGHT SUBMITTING HANDWRITTEN LETTER
SIGNED J. RAY THREE ZERO FIVE GATE FIVE ROAD, SAUSALITO,
CALIFORNIA.

DETERMINED THAT HANDWRITING ON SUBMITTED LETTER WAS
NOT PREPARED BY JAMES EARL RAY, THE SUBJECT IN THIS CASE.
LATENT RESULTS AND REPORT BEING FURNISHED SEPARATELY.
COPY BEING SENT AIRMAIL TO MEMPHIS.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) ATTN: FBI Laboratory
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)
RE: MURKIN

CARBON COPY

Enclosed for the Bureau is handwritten letter received at "The Local Swinger" on 4/3/68, from J. RAY, 305 Gate "5" Road, Sausalito, California, 94965.

The Laboratory is requested to examine enclosure for any latent fingerprints which may be identifiable with subject and handwriting examination with other material previously submitted in this matter.

The enclosed was furnished SA JOHN C. O'NEILL on 5/8/68, by JAMES E. O'DOWD of "The Local Swinger." O'DOWD advised that enclosed has been handled by himself and an employee, ANN L. MEYERS. SA JOHN C. O'NEILL also handled enclosure.

It is requested that enclosure be returned to the Los Angeles Office for return to O'DOWD per his request for completion of his files.

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Special Agent in Charge

Dear Sirs,

Please send in Plain
Envelope The List of Women
& Couples in Calif. as
advertised in the
Berkeley Barb.

Inclosed \$1.⁰⁰ as Requested
in Ad.

Thank you,

J. Ray
305 Gate "E" Road
San Rafael, Calif. 94965

P. S.

Am especially interested
in any list covering
S.F. Bay Area.

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Enclosure
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MURKIN

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44-38861



May 8, 1968

AIRTEL

1 - Mr. Long

TO: SACs, Birmingham (44-1740)
Charlotte
Indianapolis
Memphis

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FROM: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

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ReBHairtel to the Bureau dated 4-30-68.

Bureau has taken the matter of having an article published in the "Journeyman Barber," which is published monthly by the Journeyman Barbers, Hairdressers, Cosmetologists and Proprietors International Union of America (JBHCP), 1141 North Delaware St., Indianapolis, Ind., and "Master Barber and Beauticians Magazine," published monthly by the Associated Master Barbers and Beauticians of America (AMBB), 219 Greenwich Road, Charlotte, N. C., re subject James Earl Ray under advisement. The publication of such an article should be held in abeyance at this time.

The Charlotte and Indianapolis Divisions should contact the publishers of the respective magazines to determine if the mats supplied by the Bureau would be suitable for an article to be included in the publication. You should also determine if any cost to the Bureau will be involved.

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NOTE:

Birmingham suggests that an article be published in two magazines as they feel that such an article would receive nationwide publicity with barbers and barber shop owners. Birmingham also states the results of such publication may be of great value in determining the whereabouts of subject since in all probability subject uses the services of a barber.

The Charlotte and Indianapolis Divisions are requested to determine if the mats, as prepared by the Bureau regarding subject Ray, can be utilized in the two publications and any cost to the Bureau is involved.

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Date: 4/30/68

Transmit the following in _____
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)
RE : MURKIN

ReBHTel to Bureau, 4/25/68 and Bureau airtel to Atlanta, 4/26/68.

Referenced Birmingham teletype suggested that Bureau consider having an article on JAMES EARL RAY prepared for publication in the publications captioned "Journeyman Barber," which is published monthly by the Journeyman Barbers, Hairdressers, Cosmetologists and Proprietors International Union of America (JBHCP), 1141 North Delaware St., Indianapolis, Ind., and "Master Barber and Beauticians Magazine," published monthly by the Associated Master Barbers and Beauticians of America (AMBB), 219 Greenwich Road, Charlotte, N. C.]

It is felt that such an article would receive nationwide publicity with barbers and barbershop owners since the JBHCP publication is sent to each member of the International within the U. S. and AMBB publication is sent to each barber-shop owner within the U. S.

The results of such publication may be of great value in determining whereabouts of subject since, in all probability, subject will use the services of a barber.

Since the above publications are printed by the JBHCP and the AMBB, the cost to the Bureau of having such

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