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	3781	INVESTIGATION AT		2	2				✓								RELEASE
	3782	DALLAS AT		3	3				✓	✓							
	3783 JC	SAN DIEGO AT		4	4				✓								RELEASE
	3783 OG	AT TO SAN DIEGO		1	1				✓								RELEASE
	3784	LOS ANGELES AT		2	2				✓								RELEASE
	3785	CIA DOCUMENT		2													CIA
	3786	DALLAS AT		2	2				✓	✓							RELEASE
	3787	DALLAS AT		1	1				✓								RELEASE
	3788	WASH AT		1	1				✓								RELEASE
	3789	DALLAS AT		1	1				✓								EXCISE
	3790	MEMPH AT		2	2				✓								RELEASE
	3791	SEATTLE AT		6	6				✓								EXCISE
	3792	LEGAT OTTAWA AT		9	1				✓								EXEMPT
	3793	LETTER FROM OTTAWA		1	1				✓								RELEASE
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	3794 OG	AT TO CHARLOTTE		1	1				✓								RELEASE
	3795	NEW ORLEANS AT		1	1				✓								EXCISE
	3796	INTERNAL MEMORANDUM		1	1				✓								RELEASE
	3797	MOBILE AT		2	2				✓								RELEASE
	3798	MEMPHIS TIT		2	2				✓								RELEASE
	3799	LETTER TO ALABAMA		1	1												
	3800	AT TO ATLANTA		1	1				✓								RELEASE
	3801 IC	ATLANTA LETTER		1	1												
	3801 OG	AT TO ATLANTA		1	1												
	3802	OKLAHOMA CITY AT		2	2				✓								RELEASE
	3803	BIRMINGHAM TIT		1	1				✓								RELEASE
	3804	CHICAGO TIT		1	1				✓								RELEASE
	3805	ATLANTA TIT	.	2	2				✓								RELEASE
	3806	AT TO ATLANTA		1	1												
	3807	WASH AT		1	1				✓								RELEASE

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	3809	CHICAGO TIT		1	1				✓							Release
	3810	CINCINNATI TIT		1	1				✓							Release
	3811	MIAMI TIT		2	2				✓							Release
	3812	ST. LOUIS TIT		3	3				✓	✓						Release
	3813	KANSAS CITY TIT		1	1				✓							Release
	3814	INDIANAPOLIS TIT		1	1				✓							Release
	3815	KNOXVILLE TIT		2	2				✓							Release
	3816	KANSAS CITY TIT		2	2				✓							Release
	3817	SAN FRANCISCO TIT		1	1				✓							Release
	3818	HT TO NEWARK		1	1											
	3819	LOS ANGELES TIT		2	2				✓							Release
	3820	HT TO SAVANNAH		2	2				✓	✓						Excise
	3821	JACKSONVILLE HT		2	2				✓							Excise
	3822	INTERNAL MEMORANDUM		3	3				✓							Release
	3823	COLUMBIA HT		2	2				✓							Release
	3824	ALBANY TIT		2	2				✓						b6	Excise

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	3828	SAN FRANCISCO AT		4	4				✓							RELEASE
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	3842	MEMPHIS TIT		4	4				✓								Release
	3843	LOS ANGELES TIT		1	1				✓								Release
	3844	WASH TIT		2	2				✓								Release
	3845	CHICAGO TIT		2	2				✓								Release
	3846	AT TO BUFFALO		2	2												
	3847	INTERNAL MEMORANDUM		1	1												
	3848	LETTER TO AG		2	2				✓	✓							Release
	3849	ST LOUIS AT		2	2												
	3850	MEMPHIS AT		2	2												
	3851	KANSAS CITY AT		1	1												
	3852	AT TO JACKSONVILLE		2	2												
	3853	INTERNAL MEMORANDUM		1	1												
	3854	CHARLOTTE LETTER		1	1												
	3855	WASH TIT		5	5			✓	✓								Release
	3856	KANSAS CITY TIT		2	2				✓								Excise
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	3859	RG TO ALL SACS		2	2				✓								RELEASE
	3860	KNOXVILLE AT		1	1				✓								RELEASE
	3861	SACRAMENTO AT		1	1				✓								RELEASE
	3862	TAMPA TIT		1	1												
	3863 IC	LITTLE ROCK AT		2	2				✓								RELEASE
	3863 OB	AT TO LITTLE ROCK		1	1												
	3864 IC	MEMPHIS TIT		3	3				✓								RELEASE
	3864 OB	AT TO MEMPHIS		1	1												
	3865	LAS VEGAS TIT		1	1												
	3866	MIAMI TIT		7	7				✓								RELEASE
	3867 IC	LETTER FROM CITIZEN		3	3				✓								RELEASE
	3867 OB	LETTER TO CITIZEN		1	1				✓								RELEASE
	3868	TIT TO SAN DIEGO		1	1				✓								RELEASE
	3869	REPORT TO ATLANTA		3	3				✓								RELEASE
	3870 IC	LOS ANGELES TIT		2	2				✓								
	3870 OB	AT TO LOS ANGELES		1	1												

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	3764	INTERNAL MEMORANDUM	.	2	2												
	3765	WASH AT		1	1												
	3766	WASH AT		1	1				✓								RELEASE
	3767	BIRMINGHAM REPORT		59	59				✓	✓							EXCISE
	3768	MEMPHIS AT		3	3												
	3769	BALTIMORE AT		1	1				✓								RELEASE
	3770	CLEVELAND AT		4	4				✓	✓							EXCISE
	3771	SAN ANTONIO TT		1	1				✓								RELEASE
	3772	LOS ANGELES AT		1	1				✓								RELEASE
	3773	HOUSTON AT		1	1				✓								RELEASE
	3774	DALLAS AT		3	3				✓								EXCISE
	3775	DENVER AT		1	1				✓	✓							RELEASE
	3776	LOS ANGELES TT		3	3				✓	✓							Release
	3777	MEMPHIS AT		1	1				✓								RELEASE
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# Memorandum

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TO : Mr. Mohr

DATE: May 10, 1968

FROM : J. J. Casper

SUBJECT: MURKIN

JUNE

As shown in attached memorandum of May 9, 1968, from Mr. Rosen to Mr. DeLoach, consideration is given to microphone installations on certain properties of Albert and Carol Pepper. The proposal raises a question concerning the legality of any action taken against the subject of this case on the basis of information obtained from the microphones.

We believe these microphones can be installed and used without prejudicing the case against the subject. In a very recent decision of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, a listening device was installed on the premises of one Levine. Later, a subject named Granello, an associate of Levine, came up for trial and claimed that the listening device installed on Levine's premises, which was installed by trespass, was illegal as to him, Granello. It was not contended that any information obtained from the Levine microphone was used as evidence against Granello at trial either directly or as a lead. The court held that since Granello had no interest in the Levine premises, the monitor was not illegal as to him and he could not obtain a new trial or dismissal of the indictment. U.S. v. Granello, 280 F. Supp. 482 (1968).

Applied to instant case, this rule of law could work out in different ways. Assuming that the subject of this case is not on the premises to be surveilled by the means suggested, and has no possessory or other right in those premises, any information disclosed by the surveillance in some way, such as conversation among the Peppers, could be used to learn the whereabouts of the subject for purposes of arrest. The problem becomes somewhat more complicated, however, if the subject of this case made a telephone call to those premises and that telephone call were recorded and used as the basis for his apprehension. He then could claim that the surveillance violated his right of privacy in the telephone communication he made to that place, citing the Katz decision in the Supreme Court.

Enclosure

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Conrad
- 1 - Mr. Gale
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Malley
- 1 - Mr. McGowan
- 1 - Mr. Long

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Memorandum J. J. Casper to Mr. Mohr  
RE: MARKIN

The worst that could happen in either of the above circumstances, however, - assuming that we follow the precautionary measures listed below - is that we illegally learn where the subject is located and thus are able to arrest him on that knowledge. The rule that comes into play here, established in the last century by the Supreme Court in Ker v. Illinois, 30 U.S. 347 (1886), is that an illegal arrest is no bar to prosecution. Wong Sun v. U.S., 371 U.S. 471 (1963); U.S. v. Hoffman, 385 F2d 501 (1967); Keegan v. U.S., 385 F2d 260 (1967). A person may be arrested unlawfully and actually kidnapped into the court having jurisdiction of the criminal case, yet the court still retains jurisdiction to try the person for the offense. The court would not allow the prosecution to use as evidence any information obtained through the illegal surveillance but the illegal surveillance would not taint the use of any other evidence obtained either before or after and which was gotten in a legal manner. Nor, to repeat, would the illegality of the arrest alone, resulting from whereabouts disclosed by unlawful surveillance, prevent the court from trying the subject for the offense.

If the action being considered is taken, we strongly suggest three precautionary measures, as follows:

(1) That all recordings be preserved intact. It may be necessary to disclose some of them to the court or even to the defense.

(2) That no use be made of any information obtained against anyone whatsoever or in any way whatsoever except for the single purpose of locating the subject in this case. As we well know by this time, evidence of the offense obtained in this manner is not admissible. It would not be admissible against the subject and it would not be admissible against the Peppers on a charge of harboring.

(3) Be aware that since this search and seizure is unconstitutional as to the Peppers, they have at least a theoretical cause of action for damages against those who installed the devices by trespass. Here again, however, if nothing learned by this surveillance is used against the Peppers in any way, their cause of action is diminished to the lowest possible degree, becoming that for a technical violation only rather than one of substantial harm to them. Moreover, in any such case the government of the United States should surely be willing to pick up the tab for any judgment had against those who installed the microphones.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

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# Memorandum

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Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

TO : Mr. DeLoach *DR*

DATE: May 9, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen *AR*

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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

1 - Mr. Gale

**PURPOSE:** To recommend the installation of a technical surveillance (TESUR) on the telephones of Albert and Carol Pepper, St. Louis, Missouri, and the telephone listed to the Grapevine Tavern in St. Louis, Missouri, owned by Carol Pepper, subject's sister, and operated by John Larry Ray, subject's brother, and the installation of a microphone surveillance at the residences of Carol Pepper, and John Larry Ray, and at the Grapevine Tavern. These installations could assist in the early apprehension of the subject, which could possibly be instrumental in reducing the stresses and tension placed on our national security subsequent to the death of Martin Luther King, Jr. *Loft*

**BACKGROUND:** We are presently conducting exhaustive and extensive investigation to determine the present whereabouts of the subject James Earl Ray, who is one of the TEN MOST WANTED FUGITIVES. Although many hundreds of interviews have been conducted and leads run out, we have not been able to locate the subject nor have we located any person who can furnish us any information as to the subject's present whereabouts. It has been determined that Carol Pepper, the sister of the subject, and John Larry Ray, the brother of the subject, are the closest relatives to him. Carol is married to Albert Pepper and they reside at 2025 Belleview, St. Louis, Missouri, telephone number 645-2948. John Larry Ray resides at 1900 A Cherokee, St. Louis, Missouri, no telephone listed. Carol presently owns the Grapevine Tavern, 1982 Arsenal, St. Louis, Missouri, telephone number PR 6-9417. This tavern is operated by John Larry Ray. *pa*

John Larry Ray has expressed a cooperative attitude; however, it is felt that he is not giving us complete and accurate information. Carol Pepper refuses to submit to interview and is not cooperative. It is felt that if the subject telephones or personally contacts any of the relatives, it will most likely be Carol Pepper or brother John Larry Ray.

Enclosure *sent 5-13-68*

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Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach  
RE: MURKIN

**RECOMMENDATION:** That a technical surveillance be installed on the telephones of Albert and Carol Pepper and the Grapevine Tavern and a microphone surveillance be installed at the residences of Albert and Carol Pepper and John Larry Ray and at the Grapevine Tavern.

Attached for approval is a memorandum to the Attorney General requesting authority for this coverage.

*Ejm* *Chm* *JK* *L*  
*R* *JHM*

*It is doubtful that  
A.G. will approve.  
There could be of  
great assistance.*  
*D*

*OK*  
*D*

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MURKIN

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Upon instituting this project there were approximately 2,153,000 passport applications in file since 3/1/67. Applications are received at the rate of about 20,000 per day. As of 5 p.m., this date, about 12 % of this project has been completed. Approximately 3 % of this project is being completed each work day and it is estimated that approximately six weeks will be required to complete this project.

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Enclosed herewith for the FBI Lab are two United States Postal Money Orders bearing signature ERIC S. GALT.

Number one Money Order # 1,916,211,078, dated 3/8/68, in amount of \$15.00 purchased Los Angeles, California, payable to Locksmithing Institute, Little Falls, New Jersey. GALT lists address as 5533 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California.

Number two Money Order # 5,615,057,923, dated 3/28/68, purchased Atlanta, Georgia, in amount of \$7.50, payable to Locksmithing Institute, Little Falls, New Jersey. GALT lists address as 113 14th Street, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia.

Money orders furnished to SA SIDNEY H. ROCHE on 5/22/68, by JOHN R. TAKACH, Chief, Money Order Branch, Government Accounting Office, Washington, D.C.

Laboratory requested to compare signature on money orders with known handwriting of ~~RAY~~ to determine if identical.  
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TITLE OF CASE  <b>JAMES EARL RAY, aka - FUGITIVE IO #4182 WF #442-A TOP TEN FUGITIVE; DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM</b>		REPORT MADE BY  <b>SA HENRY A. SNOW</b>	TYPED BY  <b>cap</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>CR - CONSPIRACY; UFAC - ROBBERY</b>	

**REFERENCES:**

Report of SA HENRY A. SNOW at Birmingham, dated 4/17/68, and numerous communications and reports.

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Will continue efforts to locate fugitive RAY.

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No leads are being set forth in this report as all have been handled by telephone or teletype during the period covered in this report.

One extra copy is being furnished to the Memphis Office marked "Hold" for the U. S. Attorney, Memphis, which may be released only upon Bureau authority.

The voluminous negative information is not being reported herein as it would serve no useful purpose. However, in separate volumns of the Birmingham file related to this matter, all such investigation is recorded including elimination of numerous "look-alikes" and suspects.

In accordance with Bureau instructions each informant including CI's and PCI's as well as logical racial informants and sources of information have all been contacted personally during the period covered herein and each such individual has been supplied a copy of the Identification Order for RAY together with exhibition of several views of his photographs. This has resulted negatively to date.

The confidential source whose interview is set forth in this report at length who was a former inmate of subject RAY at the Missouri State Penitentiary is THOMAS BRITTON who resides at 1710 Alabama Avenue, Jasper, Alabama, and is presently employed at Foster's Cabinet Shop, Haleyville, Alabama. He is being contacted on a regular basis and it is believed that should he receive a call from subject RAY that he will notify the Birmingham Office immediately. It was deemed advisable not to

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disclose his identity in this report since he is apprehensive of possible retaliation by former inmates should it become known that he is being contacted by FBI Agents. Contacts with him have been had after his regular work-day hours in order that he not be compromised.

In connection with the information furnished in the body of this report by the above-mentioned confidential source regarding the possibility that subject RAY may have known that Walker County, Alabama was dry but that there were "beer joints" just over the neighboring county line of Jefferson near Birmingham, the following is noted:

The location of the "beer joints" described by the confidential source is in close proximity to the terminus of the navigable Warrior River upon which large tow barges operate to port Birmingham and Cordova, Alabama. The Warrior River is navigable from those locations through the length of Alabama to Mobile thence by inter-coastal canal to New Orleans and from there up the Mississippi River. Birmingham contemplates additional investigation on the possibility that RAY during the period 1958 to 1960 may have, in fact, been employed as a deck hand or cook on one of the barge lines operated on the Mississippi-Warrior system.

In connection with the information furnished by BRITTON, it was thought advisable to check the long distance telephone calls made from his home telephone to determine whether there might be any possibility of his having been contacted by such means by subject RAY.

On May 8, 1968, SA JOHN H. KRESEK secured from Mrs. ELAINE DOWNEY, Assistant Manager, Southern

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Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, Jasper, Alabama, whose identity should be protected, a list of all such toll calls made to BRITTON's home telephone 387-7988 beginning on September 18, 1967, through April 4, 1968. The identity of the individuals called have been established and reflect no possibility of RAY being the recipient of any call. A record of this is maintained in the Birmingham file.

Information copies of this report are being furnished the auxiliary offices indicated due to their investigation conducted in this matter and possible future requests for additional investigation.

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1Date May 15, 1968

Mrs. BEATRICE BRITTON, 1710 Alabama Avenue, Jasper, Alabama, furnished the following:

She is married to THOMAS BRITTON, a former inmate at the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri. Mrs. BRITTON stated her husband never identified JAMES EARL RAY as a person known to him after or during the time when RAY's photograph and name were appearing frequently on TV and in newspapers and also stated her husband had never commented anything about RAY until about May 3, 1968, when Mrs. BRITTON was first contacted by the FBI in an effort to locate her husband. Her husband then told her that the FBI was seeking him concerning a man he had known in the penitentiary who had carried hot water to the prisoners' cells.

Mrs. BRITTON stated that neither she nor her husband, to her knowledge, has ever received any telephone calls from any unknown men who were attempting to contact her husband and who could be identical with JAMES EARL RAY. She stated she has never been contacted at her residence by anyone resembling RAY who was looking for her husband. She was unable to identify any photograph of RAY as a person ever seen by her at any time.

She stated that from June, 1967, until January, 1968, she and her family had not resided at 1710 Alabama Avenue, Jasper, but had resided in a rural area outside of Jasper. During the same time, however, they had kept the same telephone number they had had prior to moving from 1710 Alabama Avenue. In January, 1968, they moved back into the house at 1710 Alabama Avenue.

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In connection with the information received from THOMAS BRITTON that JAMES EARL RAY had identified to BRITTON several bars and night clubs in Northwest Jefferson County, Alabama, the following investigation was conducted on May 8, 1968, by Special Agents ROBERT M. BARRETT and WILLIAM A. SAUCIER:

GLADYS KEY, who was formerly known as GLADYS HAYWOOD, wife of C. C. HAYWOOD, and also known as "MAMA" HAYWOOD, stated she operated, along with her former husband, C. C. HAYWOOD, the Riverview Night Club from July, 1958, until 1964. This place is located on the Warrior River in northwest Jefferson County. Mrs. KEY stated she could not recall any former customer during the period 1958 - 1960 who was identical with JAMES EARL RAY. She further advised that the photographs of RAY were not identical with any person she recalls seeing at the Riverview Night Club from 1958 to 1960 or at her present bar from April, 1967, to the present time.

Mrs. KEY is presently operating the "Little Warrior River Cafe," which is located one-half mile from the Riverview. Mrs. KEY's employee, MARLENE KILGORE, also was unable to identify the photograph of RAY as a customer she has ever seen in the Little Warrior River Cafe.

Mr. C. C. HAYWOOD, owner of the Riverview Night Club since 1958, advised he was unable to identify photographs of JAMES EARL RAY as a customer who came to his place either in 1958 to 1960 or since April, 1967. The photographs of RAY were also shown to HAYWOOD's barmaid, Mrs. ELLEN SICKLES, and to Mrs. C. C. (PHYLLIS) HAYWOOD, who were unable to identify photographs of RAY as anyone they had seen in the Riverview.

MAMIE MITCHELL, Manager of Rose's Place on Old U. S. Highway 78, Route One, Dora, Alabama, advised she has operated this "beer joint" since 1963. In 1958 it was known as "Johnny's Place" and in 1960 it was known as "Parker's Place." When MITCHELL took over in 1963, she named it "Mamie's Place" and changed the name to "Rose's" in 1964. Mrs. MITCHELL was unable to identify a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY as a person she has ever seen in her bar.

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ED HOLLIS, operator of the Allstate Cafe, U. S. Highway 78, advised he and his brother, HAROLD HOLLIS, had been operating the Allstate Night Club and Allstate Cafe as two separate businesses since 1957. HOLLIS stated he could not identify any of the photographs of JAMES EARL RAY as a person he had ever seen at the Allstate Cafe either during the period 1958-1960 or since April, 1967. HAROLD HOLLIS was also unable to identify subject RAY after viewing the photographs.

ELEANOR HOLLIS, wife of ED HOLLIS and who works as a waitress at the Allstate Cafe, identified the 1967 and 1968 photographs of JAMES EARL RAY as a person she has seen at the Allstate Cafe. She stated that quite frankly she is unable to furnish any other information whatsoever about the person she identified as RAY, as to description, time seen at the cafe, automobile used, or anything else. She was quite definite in that she had seen RAY at the cafe.

MYRTLE NELSON, cook at the Allstate Cafe, identified the 1967 and 1968 photographs of JAMES EARL RAY as a person she had seen in the Allstate Cafe as a customer. She stated, however, she could not furnish any other information whatsoever concerning this person.

Both Mrs. HOLLIS and MYRTLE NELSON stated they would give the matter considerable thought in an effort to recall any other information concerning the individual they identified.

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Date: 5/20/68

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Title: JAMES EARL RAY;  
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. -  
VICTIM

Character: CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY; UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID  
CONFINEMENT - ROBBERY

Synopsis: Proprietor of the "Gun Rack", Birmingham, a store dealing in the sale of firearms, is of opinion that subject spent considerable time examining high power rifles in his place on 3/27/68, which was two days prior to his appearance at the Aeromarine Supply Company where murder weapon was purchased. Record located of bank draft purchased by subject, as GALT, on 9/28/67, in amount \$337.24, payable to Superior Bulk Film Company, Chicago, for photographic equipment. Son of seller of Mustang to subject believed photograph of subject identical to purchaser. Same opinion of photograph expressed by operator and cook at the Economy Rooming House, Highland Avenue, Birmingham, where subject resided from 8/26/67 to 10/7/67. JAMES W. BROWN, Reform, Alabama, who was well acquainted with subject RAY while both confined in Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, recalled that RAY was considerably upset during demonstrations led by KING and about the Fall of 1963 RAY made the statement that he was going to kill KING when he got out and was under the impression that some organization would pay \$10,000.00 for KING's murder. BROWN also identified several former and present inmates who knew subject. Similiar information secured from another former inmate, who is now a parolee from Missouri State Penitentiary, residing near Birmingham, but who desired his identity not be made known. RAY eliminated as possible suspect in any bank robbery committed in Birmingham Office territory. Since

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submission of last report and since issuance of Identification Order and wanted flyer for RAY's apprehension, extensive investigation has continued in Birmingham territory without securing any additional information as to his whereabouts, although numerous "look-a-likes" and suspects eliminated. This investigation included personal contacts and delivery of Identification Orders to all employees in the following business categories: outlets of salacious books, rooming houses, hotels and motels, bus stations, railroads, airline facilities, car rental agencies, public luggage lockers, laundries and dry cleaners, "lonely heart" type organizations, and bank safe deposit box departments. Classified ads of used cars for sale which appeared in Birmingham newspapers during pertinent period, 3/21-4/2/68, were reviewed and 486 cars advertised eliminated as having been sold to subject. Subject's photographs published in periodical distributed to all service stations in state. No record located of subject having applied for employment at any country club. No record of any unidentified deceased male who might be subject located. Check of marriage and divorce records of all counties in Birmingham territory negative. SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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The following signed statement was furnished by CLYDE R. MANASCO, Route 9, Box 602, Birmingham, Alabama, clerk at the Gun Rack located at 1507 S.W. 31st Street, Birmingham, Alabama:

"Birmingham, Alabama  
April 18, 1968

"I, CLYDE MANASCO, having viewed seven photographs exhibited to me by Special Agent J. T. ARNETT of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, have selected the photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT as appearing similar to the man who came to The Gun Rack Store, Birmingham, Alabama, where I am employed, and made inquiry regarding high-powered rifles and scopes. I believe the date the man appeared at The Gun Rack was March 27, 1968. The photograph of a man identified as ERIC STARVO GALT appears identical to this man with the exception in the photograph ERIC STARVO GALT's face appears slightly broader than I recall the man who was in The Gun Rack.

"I have read this statement and it is true to the best of my knowledge.

/s/ CLYDE R. MANASCO

"Witnessed:

Special Agent J. T. ARNETT (/s/), FBI, Birmingham, Ala.  
April 18, 1968"

In addition to information furnished in the signed statement, Mr. MANASCO advised that as he had previously stated, the man who was in The Gun Rack making inquiry regarding high-powered rifles had light brown hair.

Photographs exhibited to Mr. MANASCO were as follows:

JOHN OSCAR LUCK, Jefferson County Sheriff's Office

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by SA J. T. ARNETT:scb/epg Date dictated 4/25/68

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#102955, Birmingham, Alabama, photograph taken April 21, 1962;

ROBERT CROSS, Birmingham FBI #91-1803;

CHARLES NEWMANT GAULT, Birmingham FBI #26-22408;

ERIC STARVO GALT, true name JAMES EARL RAY;

THOMAS FRANKLIN BRADY, Birmingham FBI #26-22408;

ERNEST GEORGE BLAND, Birmingham FBI #44-1740;

JAMES ROBERT LUKE, Atlanta Police Department  
#251309, photograph taken October 20, 1967.

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QUINTON B. DAVIS, 912 Ann Street, Birmingham, Alabama, owner of The Gun Rack, 1507 31st Street, S.W., Birmingham, Alabama, viewed the following photographs:

JOHN OSCAR LUCK, Jefferson County Sheriff's Office #102955, Birmingham, Alabama, photograph taken April 21, 1962;

ROBERT CROSS, Birmingham FBI #91-1803;

CHARLES NEWMANT GAULT, Birmingham FBI #26-22408;

ERIC STARVO GALT, true name JAMES EARL RAY;

THOMAS FRANKLIN BRADY, Birmingham FBI #26-22408;

ERNEST GEORGE BLAND, Birmingham FBI #44-1740;

JAMES ROBERT LUKE, Atlanta Police Department #251309, photograph taken October 20, 1967.

Mr. DAVIS advised, after viewing the above photographs on April 18, 1968, that he could not make a positive statement as to whether the photograph of any of the above individuals was identical to the photograph of the individual who had been in The Gun Rack making inquiry regarding the high-powered rifle and had specifically made inquiry regarding a Model 264 Browning automatic rifle.

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JOHN MICHAEL KOPP, 1420 35th Street, Ensley, Birmingham, Alabama, employed as the manager of the Firearms Department, Long Lewis Hardware Store, Bessemer, Alabama, viewed photographs of the following individuals on April 18, 1968:

JOHN OSCAR LUCK, Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, #102955, Birmingham, Alabama, photograph taken April 21, 1962;

ROBERT CROSS, Birmingham FBI #91-1803;

CHARLES NEWMANT GAULT, Birmingham FBI #26-22408;

ERIC STARVO GALT, true name JAMES EARL RAY;

THOMAS FRANKLIN BRADY, Birmingham FBI #26-22408;

ERNEST GEORGE BLAND, Birmingham FBI #44-1740;

JAMES ROBERT LUKE, Atlanta Police Department #251309, photograph taken October 20, 1967.

After viewing photographs of the above individuals, Mr. KOPP advised that he could not identify photograph of either of the above individuals as being the photograph of the customer who was in Long Lewis Hardware on March 29, 1968 making inquiry concerning purchasing a high-powered rifle.

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Date April 17, 19681

A review of records of the Exchange Security Bank, Birmingham, disclosed that on September 28, 1967, ERIC S. GALT purchased a bank draft #04012FPS, from the Exchange Security Bank's Five Points South Branch Office.

This draft was dated September 28, 1967, made payable to Superior Bulk Film Company, in the amount of \$337.24, and was drawn on the City National Bank of New York, New York, and authorized signature contained thereon was BOB SELLERS. This draft did not contain any endorsement.

In the event the above document is to be introduced in court, a subpoena duces tecum should be addressed to BOB CRADDOCK, Exchange Security Bank, Birmingham, Alabama.

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Date April 17, 19681

WAYNE RUSSELL, Assistant Auditor, Exchange Security Bank, Birmingham, Alabama, advised that when a customer purchases a bank draft, the customer will fill out a requisition form or application, or may submit to the teller a piece of paper containing necessary information for the preparation of a bank draft, and that this will be submitted to a teller, who will then type out the original and two copies of the bank draft, and will then have one of the bank officers sign the draft as the authorized signer.

The original draft and one copy will be returned to the customer and the second copy will be retained by the bank for their records. The application or requisition form or piece of paper handed to the teller will then be destroyed at the end of the day.

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WILLIAM DAVID PAISLEY, SR., 701 South 48th Street, after viewing a photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT, said that there was a resemblance between this man and the ERIC STARVO GALT who purchased PAISLEY's 1966 white Mustang in August, 1967. PAISLEY said he could not make a positive identification and added that the man in the photograph has a fatter face than the ERIC STARVO GALT who bought the Mustang.

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Mrs. WILLIAM DAVID PAISLEY, SR., 701 South 48th Street, after viewing photographs of ERIC STARVO GALT, said she could not be sure if this is the man she observed buy a white 1966 Mustang from her husband in August, 1967. She stated that her recollection of this man is admittedly vague as she paid no attention to him, but, as best she could recall, the photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT did resemble the purchaser, except that the man in the photograph has a fuller face than the purchaser and the hair in the photograph is too dark. She said the mouth and the nose in the photograph definitely remind her of the purchaser.

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WILLIAM DAVID PAISLEY, JR., 701 South 48th Street, Birmingham, after viewing photographs of ERIC STARVO GALT, advised that the photographs showing GALT's eyes as being shut resembles the person known to PAISLEY as ERIC STARVO GALT, who purchased a 1966 white Mustang from PAISLEY's father in August, 1967. PAISLEY commented that it appeared GALT had put on some weight since PAISLEY had last seen him in August, 1967, as GALT's face in the photograph appears fatter than what PAISLEY recalls. After studying the photographs of GALT for several minutes, PAISLEY commented that the more he looked at the photographs the more he believed that they were identical with the ERIC STARVO GALT who purchased the Mustang.

PAISLEY added that he did not wish to make a positive identification at this time based on the photographs, and stated he could probably make a more definite identification if he could see GALT in person.

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Mrs. J. D. (ELIZABETH) WEEKS, 2201 Pioneer Drive, was interviewed at her place of employment, Sears Roebuck, Vestavia Hills, Birmingham, Alabama, and stated that she is the sister of MARLIN C. MYERS, who owns the Continental Dance Studios, 7960 Crestwood Boulevard, Birmingham, Alabama. Mrs. WEEKS stated that she took dance lessons between September 12, 1967, and October 3, 1967, at the Friendship Club, Graymont Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama, on Tuesday evenings between 7:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Mrs. WEEKS advised that her brother and sister-in-law were the instructors at these dance lessons. Mrs. WEEKS advised that the only reason she recalls an individual named ERIC GALT attending dance lessons at the Friendship Club, is that her sister, DORIS LADNER, told her his name. Mrs. WEEKS advised from what she can recall of this individual, he spoke very little and did not mingle with the other students. Mrs. WEEKS advised she never saw this individual in an automobile and does not recall if she ever saw him smoking.

Mrs. WEEKS described this individual as follows:

Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Age:	Early 30's
Hair:	Brown, crew-cut
Height:	6'
Weight:	185 lbs.
Build:	Medium
Complexion:	Medium

Mrs. WEEKS advised she could not furnish any additional information concerning this individual.

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MARLIN C. MYERS, Owner, Continental Dance Studios, 7960 Crestwood Boulevard, stated he is positive ERIC GALT took dance lessons at Continental Dance Studios, New Orleans, Louisiana, in 1964, under the name of ERIC S. GALT.

MYERS stated Continental Dance Studios, New Orleans, Louisiana, did not have any employees and the turnover in dance instructors was very rapid. MYERS furnished the following names of dance instructors who possibly were at Continental Dance Studios, New Orleans, Louisiana, during 1964, but cannot furnish their addresses:

FRANK DESIMONE, New Orleans, Louisiana

JANET KISER, possibly married to DESIMONE

MARCUS FELOS, address unknown

SANDRA BANKSON, Telephone No. 945-4612

MYERS stated that FRANK DESIMONE would possibly be able to furnish current addresses for the above dance instructors and names and addresses of other dance instructors.

MYERS stated the only student he can recall is one ORLENA MILLER, who owns a costume shop on Drier Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, and is a very good friend of JIMM GARRISON.

MYERS stated that all dance instructors were paid by checks drawn on the Whitney Bank, New Orleans, Louisiana.

MYERS stated that Mrs. LOUELLA LUTZ would possibly have records for Continental Dance Studios, containing names and addresses of all dance instructors, employed at Continental Dance Studios, New Orleans, Louisiana, during 1964.

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In connection with the above information furnished by Mr. MARLIN C. MYERS, Continental Dance Studios, Birmingham, to the effect that he believed subject, who was then known as GALT, had taken dance lessons at the Continental Dance Studio, New Orleans, Louisiana, during 1964, it is pointed out that extensive investigation conducted at New Orleans revealed no such record of attendance by GALT during 1964 or during any other year.

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Date 5/8/68

JAMES W. BROWN, Route 1, Box 176-B, Reform, Alabama, advised that he was sentenced to the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, in April of 1960 and was released on June 15, 1965. He stated that he knew JAMES EARL RAY while he was in prison and first met him sometime in 1963. He stated that he had been in groups where RAY was talking on several occasions and had talked to him personally a few times.

BROWN stated that RAY made the statement that he was glad when JOHN F. KENNEDY was killed, and had made some statements at this time to the effect "That is one 'Nigger'-loving S.O.B. that got shot." He stated that RAY did not like Negroes and that during the time MARTIN LUTHER KING was leading some of his demonstrations and this information was being published in the newspapers, RAY used to curse KING and the Negroes. The news of the demonstrations and marches used to aggravate him considerably. He stated that RAY made the statement that KENNEDY was running the country and especially in the racial field, and that MARTIN LUTHER KING could get the Federal Government to do anything he wanted them to. BROWN further advised that he had heard some prison rumors that RAY was supposed to have killed three Negroes while he was in the Missouri State Penitentiary.

BROWN advised that sometime in the Fall of 1963, RAY made the statement that he was going to get MARTIN LUTHER KING when he got out. He stated that he heard him say something about COOLEY (phonetic) or COOLEY'S organization would pay \$10,000.00 to have KING dead. He stated that he could furnish no further information concerning this and RAY did not mention it again in his presence.

BROWN further advised that RAY seemed to have a sufficient supply of money and that he gambled with the other convicts continuously in the prison yard. The convicts used chips made from bottle caps or gambled for cigarettes and they would settle their gambling losses at the end of the month. He stated that RAY indicated at one time that he got

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a check or money regularly from some source on the outside. He stated that RAY did drink some and he had detected alcohol on his breath on different occasions. The convicts made whiskey in the prison and some of the guards sold whiskey to the convicts also. He stated there was a lot of narcotics passed around in the prison and the guards would bring some of it in and some of it was being brought in by visitors. He never had any personal knowledge that RAY used narcotics. He was unable to name any specific guard that sold contraband to the convicts; however, he did say that one guard was caught selling contraband to the convicts in 1962 or 1963 and was fired. He stated that RAY did talk to one particular guard a lot; however, he does not remember the guard's name.

BROWN stated that he has not seen RAY since he left prison and has no idea where he might have gone. He stated that RAY had talked about tunnelling out of prison and going to Virginia and hiding in a cave. He heard RAY say that he had a large supply of guns before he was in prison and heard him mention a submachine gun. The only foreign country he ever heard RAY mention was Liberia, Africa, and RAY stated that he had a brother-in-law working there and that he was making a lot of money.

BROWN advised that RAY was not too friendly; however, he would talk in groups. RAY told BROWN once that he had been in Birmingham, Alabama, and that ~~BROWN~~ <sup>RAY</sup> had stated that Birmingham was a good town to steal in. He never discussed his past life in BROWN'S presence and BROWN has no idea where RAY is from or anything about his family.

His close associates in prison were:

JOHNNY VALENTI (phonetic)

VALENTI is believed to be from Baton Rouge, Louisiana and BROWN believes he is still in prison. VALENTI talked about Mexico a lot and could speak Spanish. RAY stated one time that he was going to visit a friend of his and VALENTI'S (this friend's name unknown) who was released from prison and got married and it is believed that he is running a cafe near Moberly, Missouri.

"TICK" WILSON, who was killed while in Missouri State Prison.

JOHNNY JOHNSON, who is from the Kansas City area and is believed to be still in prison as he was serving a twenty-year sentence.

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"NONEY" EDEN - EDEN was serving five years.

RICHARD BEEMAN

(FNU) MAYBERRY, from West Plains, Missouri.

BROWN was shown a copy of I.O. 4182 and he stated that the center picture looks exactly like he remembered him in prison and the other pictures resemble him also.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date May 8, 1968

JAMES W. BROWN, 305 South East Street, Talladega, Alabama, was reinterviewed and furnished the following information:

He was recently interviewed and furnished all the information to his knowledge as to his association with JAMES EARL RAY. As to the information he furnished concerning the fact that he heard RAY remark that the Cooley organization would pay \$10,000 to get MARTIN LUTHER KING killed, and he was going to kill KING upon his release, he said there were at least three persons whom he can recall who were present on this date and heard RAY make this statement. He said they were JOHNNY VALENTI, NOONIE EDEN (phonetic), and CHESTER EALEY (phonetic). He said he believes these three persons are still in prison in Missouri. He said this statement was made by RAY during the latter part of 1963. He said he would testify to this information.

He said he has no idea as to the identity of the Cooley organization and has never heard this organization mentioned by anyone other than RAY on this one occasion.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date May 15, 1968

JAMES W. BROWN, 305 East Street, Talladega, Alabama, was interviewed at the Rehabilitation Center, Talladega, and furnished the following:

BROWN entered the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, on March 25, 1960, after having been convicted in Kansas City, Missouri, for murder and receiving a twenty-year sentence. He stayed "inside the walls" at Jefferson City until February, 1964, when he was transferred to a branch of the Penitentiary System at Fordland, Missouri.

During his imprisonment, BROWN became acquainted with one JOHNNY VELANTI (phonetic). VELANTI had told BROWN that VELANTI had some relatives in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and VELANTI was serving a twenty-year sentence after being convicted in Kansas City, Missouri, for robbery. VELANTI had also claimed to BROWN that when he was arrested by the Kansas City Police Department he, VELANTI, had in his possession the name of a notorious Kansas City gangster, which had been given to VELANTI by a New Orleans friend. VELANTI did not identify either of these two names, but claimed he was questioned "thoroughly" by the Kansas City Police Department about this name VELANTI had in his possession.

BROWN claimed he and VELANTI became good friends during this time and sometime in either November or December, 1963, through VELANTI, BROWN met JAMES EARL RAY, another inmate at the penitentiary. This meeting took place in the prison yard at a time shortly after the assassination of President KENNEDY. At the time of the meeting, RAY was involved in a poker game and VELANTI told BROWN that he, VELANTI, was a personal friend of RAY's, who was doing twenty years for robbery. VELANTI introduced RAY to BROWN as "JAMES RAY" and told BROWN that everyone called him "RAY." Later, at an unrecalled time, VELANTI told BROWN that he, VELANTI, had known "RAY"

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in Atlanta, Georgia, and that they (VELANTI and RAY) had committed a robbery in Atlanta together. BROWN claimed VELANTI had told him that VELANTI and RAY had robbed a oil company about midnight after having watched it for about a week. VELANTI also told BROWN that VELANTI's wife and three children were then, 1963 or early 1964, living in Atlanta and that VELANTI's oldest son had been killed in an automobile accident in early 1964. About that time, early 1964, VELANTI's wife quit writing to him and VELANTI tried to get the Catholic Chaplain to contact his wife in an effort to have her resume writing. BROWN also recalled that VELANTI had told him he was serving a sentence for the robbery of a Kansas City hotel. BROWN and VELANTI had both been in the same jail at Kansas City, Missouri, at the same time but were in different tanks and did not actually meet until they got to prison.

BROWN stated he was present during about three or four conversations between VELANTI and RAY, but that BROWN and RAY never had any detailed conversation of any kind. BROWN recalls in one of these conversations in late 1963 RAY said to VELANTI that he, RAY, was going to escape from the "pen" and that RAY knew a "guy named COOLEY" who could hide RAY where no one could find him. BROWN claimed that RAY also stated that COOLEY would pay \$10,000 to anyone who would kill MARTIN LUTHER KING. In other conversations, BROWN recalled RAY talking about tunnelling out of the penitentiary, if he had to, and going to Liberia where RAY claimed he had a brother-in-law living, who was "making good money." BROWN recalls that at another time, in discussing the assassination of President KENNEDY, VELANTI stated he did not believe anyone should kill the President, to which RAY said that he, RAY, would have done it himself if he had had the chance and that KENNEDY "was nothing but a damn Catholic." According to BROWN, RAY often expressed his hatred for Catholics and Negroes.

BROWN also recalls RAY claiming he knew where a cave was located in Virginia, where RAY could hide upon his escape. BROWN believes that one of the prisoners who overheard some of these conversations was "NOONEY EDEN."