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NOTE: Birmingham requested authority to disseminate approximately 6,500 establishments licensed to serve food and/or "minstrels" at a cost of approximately \$8.1 million. It is felt that this is not necessary at this time because it is not being needed. However, Birmingham should, in their daily operations, provide copy of the information to the Bureau and others.

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Date: 5/18/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
 FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)  
 SUBJECT: MURKIN  
 RM  
 OO: MEMPHIS

SAC JOSEPH H. GAMBLE while in Montgomery, Alabama, on other official business on 5/16/68, secured a list of approximately 4500 licensees of the Alabama Alcoholic Beverage Control Board which establishments are licensed to serve beer and/or "minatures" at their premises. Birmingham is considering distribution of Identification Order of subject RAY to each of these establishments. Arrangements may be effected through the Auto Typist Letter Service of Birmingham for addressing the IO's at a rate of \$30 per 1,000 which is considered reasonable and cheaper than it could be done by Bureau personnel.

Bureau advice is requested as to whether the above distribution is considered warranted and whether the expenditure is authorized.

As regards the State controlled and operated liquor stores in the wet counties of Alabama, arrangements were effected for distribution of Identification Orders to each store without problem through the use of Addressograph plates.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

3 - Bureau  
 1 - Memphis (44-1987) (Info)  
 2 - Birmingham  
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Approved: E. D. Bishop  
 Special Agent in Charge

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Date: 5/22/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
(Priority)

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

Re Los Angeles airtel to Bureau dated 5/16/68.

CSLA 4143-S advised on this date that all records of overseas telephone calls made from Santa Barbara and San Bernardino, California during March and April 1968 have been reviewed. One call to Auckland, New Zealand, was located. This call was made by EDWIN WEISMAN, 1833 La Coronilla Drive, Santa Barbara, telephone number 962-9239, to M. J. MC CLAREN, Auckland, telephone 18291. The call was placed on 4/28/68 at 4:03 P.M. and the duration was three minutes.

The above call does not appear to be either call described in Auckland, New Zealand press of 3/14/68 or 4/30/68. Los Angeles will not interview or further identify EDWIN WEISMAN at this time.

Los Angeles will check with established sources at Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company, Los Angeles, and determine if any further action can be taken to identify call to Auckland.

Bureau and Memphis will be advised.

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3 - Bureau  
 2 - Memphis (44-1987)  
 2 - Los Angeles  
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Approved: [Signature]  
 2 MAY 28 1968 Special Agent in Charge

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AIR MAIL

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)  
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On 5/16/68, advised on this date that all records of overseas telephone calls made from Santa Barbara and San Bernardino, California during March and April 1968 have been reviewed. One call to Auckland, New Zealand, was located. This call was made by HELEN WHISMAN, 1033 La Graciosa Drive, Santa Barbara, telephone number 962-9272, to M. J. M. CLARK, Auckland, telephone 18891. The call was placed on 4/26/68 at 4:03 P.M. and the duration was three minutes.

The above call does not appear to be either call described in Auckland, New Zealand press of 5/16/68 or 5/17/68. Los Angeles will not interview or further identify HELEN WHISMAN at this time.

Los Angeles will check with established sources in Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company, Los Angeles, and determine if any further action can be taken to identify call to Auckland.

Bureau and Memphis will be advised.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

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Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: May 23, 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. Mohr  
1 - Mr. Bishop  
1 - Mr. Conrad  
1 - Mr. Gale  
1 - Mr. Sullivan  
1 - Mr. Trotter

SEE NOTE ON REVERSE SIDE

This case involves the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Cecil Clayton Lillibridge, Cole County (Missouri) Jail, was a cellmate of Ray's at Missouri State Penitentiary and has previously furnished background information regarding Ray. Lillibridge has been reinterviewed and has advised as follows.

When they were cellmates, Lillibridge and Ray discussed a newspaper article concerning the escape of an Italian criminal from the United States to Italy through the use of a Canadian passport. Ray was aware that a Canadian passport may be readily obtained under a false identity. (This appears to be true and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police are checking all passports issued since Ray's escape from prison.)

Ray expressed more interest in hiding in Mexico than in Canada and did not seem impressed when Lillibridge suggested it would be easier for an American to blend into the scene in Canada. Ray said he had once considered Australia as a place to hide and sometime prior to 1962 had written to Queensland inquiring about employment opportunities but had lost interest in Australia because it is sparsely populated and there are few tourists.

Ray spoke to Lillibridge about changing the color of his eyes by wearing colored contact lenses. He also said he had experimented on darkening his skin with a walnut dye that had to wear off.

Lillibridge described Ray as too tight to play poker but said he loaned money to poker players and required repayment of \$3 for every \$2 loaned.

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RE MLK  
FOR REVIEW AT FBIHQ AND FOR DELIVERY  
TO RICH. RE REQUEST DATED 5-23-68.  
(SEE BUFILE 62-117295)

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Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach  
RE: MURKIN

In addition to the widespread investigation being conducted throughout the United States, Mexican and Canadian authorities are conducting extensive inquiries at our request and specific inquiries have also been made in various other foreign countries including England, Rhodesia, the Netherland Antilles, Guatemala, Venezuela, New Zealand, and Australia. Newspaper publicity of Ray's fugitive status has literally blanketed the free world with articles appearing in such disparate areas as Germany and Hong Kong.

ACTION:

This investigation is being afforded top priority.

*Chen* *James* *Sam* *✓* *✓* *✓*



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATION SECTION

MAY 23 1968

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TELETYPE

11:21PM URGENT 5-22-68 REF

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
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Mr. Conrad	_____
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Mr. Trotter	_____
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Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

REBUTEL MAY TWENTY TWO INSTANT, CONCERNING "LOCAL SWINGER" LIST.

JAMES E. O'DOWD, CO-OWNER "LOCAL SWINGER" DID NOT HAVE THE ORIGINAL LIST OF SWINGERS FROM WHICH JAMES EARL RAY SELECTED PATRICIA ANDERSON. O'DOWD STATED HE HAD TAKEN MOST OF THESE ADVERTISEMENTS FROM THE LOS ANGELES FREE PRESS AND OTHER LISTS. THE LIST WHICH O'DOWD MADE AVAILABLE WAS OF THOSE INDIVIDUALS WHO HE RECALLED HAD COMMUNICATED WITH THE CLUB AND WHO MIGHT POSSIBLY HAVE BEEN CONTACTED BY RAY, BUT HE DOES NOT HAVE ANY INFORMATION ON HOW ANDERSON WAS ADVERTISED IN THE "LOCAL SWINGER" INASMUCH AS ORIGINAL LIST IS NO LONGER IN EXISTENCE. IT SHOULD BE NOTED ANDERSON HAS ADVISED THE SWINGER CLUB MUST HAVE GOTTEN HER NAME FROM OLD SUBSCRIPTION LIST INASMUCH AS SHE HAD NEVER CONTACTED THEM. ANDERSON'S NAME IS NOT INCLUDED IN NEW LIST OF THE "LOCAL SWINGER."

MEMPHIS ADVISED AIR MAIL.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

DATE: 5/23/68

FROM : SAC, DENVER (105-203)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 5/22/68, JOHN WESLEY MEWBOURNE, inmate #37548, Colorado State Penitentiary, Canon City, Colorado, was interviewed by SA WALLACE G. HAGUE at the request of MEWBOURNE.

MEWBOURNE, who has FBI #470625 A, stated he desired an interview inasmuch as he was acquainted with JAMES EARL RAY as an inmate of the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, during 1955. He stated he is of the opinion RAY was hired by members of the Ku Klux Klan and was killed by Klan members after the shooting of MARTIN LUTHER KING.

MEWBOURNE advised he is from Birmingham, Alabama, and in view of the fact he has been a criminal most of his life is acquainted with most bootleggers, criminals and Klan members in the Alabama, Georgia and Mississippi areas. He stated he will be transferred to the U. S. Penitentiary at Atlanta, Georgia, in approximately two months to serve the remainder of his sentence, and upon his release in about one year plans to locate the body of RAY, which he feels he can accomplish in approximately three weeks. He stated the only reason he is furnishing the above information is the fact he is certain RAY is dead and if not dead would furnish no information concerning RAY. He stated his only contact with RAY was at Leavenworth and he knows nothing concerning RAY's habits, associates, hangouts or possible whereabouts.

The above information is being furnished in the event the name of MEWBOURNE should come to the attention of the Bureau in the future.

2-Bureau  
1-Memphis (44-1987)  
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Date: 5/23/68

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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
 FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114) (P)  
 SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Bureau airtel to Chicago, et al except Newark,  
 dated 5/22/68 and Chicago teletype to the Bureau, Newark,  
 and Kansas City dated 5/10/68.

RE CORRESPONDENCE LOCKSMITHING COURSES

Previous contact with Nelson-Hall, Inc., 325 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois, revealed that their firm publishes a book, "Modern Locksmithing," which was sold to the Locksmithing Institute, Little Falls, New Jersey. The book is also sold to individual answering advertisements in "Popular Mechanics" magazine. Records have been reviewed against the name of the subject and known aliases for the period of 1/1/67 to 5/10/68 with negative results. This firm does not offer a correspondence course in locksmithing.

No stop will be placed against individuals ordering the book, "Modern Locksmithing," since it is assumed that this book was furnished to the subject by the Locksmithing Institute, Little Falls, New Jersey, when the subject enrolled in the locksmithing correspondence course.

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- 3 - Bureau  
 1 - Buffalo (44-374) (AM)  
 1 - Kansas City (44-760) (AM)  
 1 - Memphis (44-1987) (AM)  
 1 - Newark (44-854) (AM)  
 1 - Sacramento (AM)  
 1 - Chicago  
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 J. J. G.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
 62 MAY 28 1968 Special Agent in Charge

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATION SECTION

MAY 24 1968

TELETYPE

FBI KNOXVLE

11-21 AM URGENT 5-24-68 CKH

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

SAC, ATLANTA;

SAC, MEMPHIS

SAC, LOS ANGELES

FROM: SAC, KNOXVILLE (44-696) 1P

MURKIN

RE INDIANAPOLIS TEL TO BUREAU DATED MAY TWENNY THIRD,  
LAST; KNOXVILLE TEL TO BUREAU MAY TWENTY, LAST; ATLANTA  
TEL TO BUREAU DATED MAY EIGHTEEN, LAST.

INDIANAPOLIS TELETYPE LEAD TO INTERVIEW BIRDIE LEE  
(ARCHIE) HOLLAND WAS SET OUT AS LEAD BY TELETYPE FROM KNOXVILLE  
TO BUREAU AND ATLANTA DATED MAY TWENTY, LAST.

ATLANTA TELETYPE DATED MAY EIGHTEEN, LAST ADVISES  
ROY BRICKLEY, JR. RESIDES ROSSVILLE, GEORGIA. EDNA WILBURN,  
SISTER OF FRANK WILLIAM BRICKLEY INTERVIEWED CHATTANOOGA, TENN.  
MAY EIGHTEEN, LAST AND SHE ADVISES THAT SHE DID NOT KNOW THE  
PRESENT WHEREABOUTS OF FRANK BRICKLEY.

LOS ANGELES. REQUESTED TO ADVISE KNOXVILLE WHETHER EDITOR  
THOMAS, "LOS ANGELES TIMES" IDENTIFIED PHOTOGRAPH OF BRICKLEY  
AS BOB LNU.

END PENDING.

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Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
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Mr. Rosen	_____
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Mr. Trotter	_____
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Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

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14 MAY 24 1968

REC'D TELETYPE UNIT

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Date: 5/23/68

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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (44-565)

RE: MURKIN  
(OO: ME)

680527001

Re Philadelphia airtel to Bureau and interested offices, 5/20/68; CV airtel to Bureau, 4/29/68, and MM airtel to Bureau, 4/11/68.

LETTER BEARING RETURN ADDRESS,  
CLOUD 13, PUEBLO, NORTH KOREA,  
SIGNED ERIC S. GALT, POSTMARKED  
MANSFIELD, OHIO, 4/23/68

In Philadelphia airtel to Bureau, 5/20/68, a letter and envelope were enclosed that had been addressed to Rev. HAL LLOYD, United Presbyterian Church, Germantown, Pa., dated 4/17/68, bearing the return address of Cloud 13, Pueblo, North Korea, signed ERIC S. GALT, bearing the postmark of Mansfield, Ohio, 4/23/68.

In CV airtel to Bureau, 4/29/68, CV advised that the individual who wrote the note "Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING will be dead by 4/14/68", which had first been brought to the attention of the Bureau by MM airtel dated 4/11/68, was identified as GEORGE CHARLES GRAY, DOB [REDACTED] 514 Ohio St., Ashland, Ohio.

(4)-Bureau  
2-Memphis (44-1987) REAEE  
1-Philadelphia (info)  
2-Cleveland

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D. G. Bishop

4 MAY 24 1968

Approved: *[Signature]*  
Special Agent in Charge

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79 MAY 29 1968

5/23/68

AIR MAIL

ALRTE

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (44-265)

RE: MURKIN  
(OO: ME)

680523001

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Ohio, 4/23/68.

In CV airtel to Bureau, 4/29/68, CV advised that the  
individual who wrote the note "DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING WILL BE  
KILLED BY 4/11/68" had been brought to the attention  
of the Bureau by [redacted] dated 4/11/68, was identified as  
GEORGE CHARLES GRAY, DOB [redacted] 214 Ohio St., Ashland, Ohio.

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4-Bureau  
2-Memphis (44-1987)  
1-Philadelphia (Info)  
2-Cleveland

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[Signature]

CV 44-565

It is suggested that since Ashland, Ohio, is in rather close proximity to Mansfield, Ohio, the location where the above described letter was mailed, that a comparison of the contents of the letter and the note enclosed with MM airtel to Bureau, 4/11/68, be made to determine if GEORGE CHARLES GRAY might possibly be the writer of the letter and envelope enclosed in Philadelphia airtel to Bureau, 5/20/68.

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Date: 5/24/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
ATTN: FBI LABORATORY

680527062

FROM: SAC, BALTIMORE (44- )

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CIVIL RIGHTS

Re Baltimore airtel, 5/14/68.

RE: THERMO SEAL LAUNDRY TAPES

Enclosed for the Laboratory are five samples of Thermo Seal Laundry Tapes which contain the code 02B-6 and which were obtained from Textile Marking Machines.

The Laboratory is requested to compare the enclosed tapes bearing the code 02B-6 with specimens previously submitted in this case.

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20 MAY 25 1968

C. C. Bishop

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- 3 - Bureau (Enc. 5) (REGISTERED MAIL)  
2 - Memphis (44-1987) (REGISTERED MAIL)  
1 - Baltimore

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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Special Agent in Charge

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-441111)  
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-158741)  
SUBJECT: MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
RE: NEW YORK TELETYPE TO BUREAU, MAY 24, 1968.  
ENCLOSED FOR THE BUREAU ARE TWO COPIES OF A  
REPORT OF THE NEW YORK POLICE DEPARTMENT (NYPD)  
DATED MAY 24, 1968, AND A COPY OF A LETTER  
FROM THE NEW YORK POLICE DEPARTMENT TO THE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION (FBI) DATED  
MAY 24, 1968.

ADMINISTRATIVE:  
ACTION: SAC, NEW YORK (100-158741)  
ADMIN: SAC, NEW YORK (100-158741)  
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-441111)

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE <b>PORTLAND</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>MEMPHIS</b>	DATE <b>5/23/68</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>4/4/68 - 5/13/68</b>
TITLE OF CASE <b>MURKIN</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>RONALD E. SHERK</b>	TYPED BY <b>abk</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY; UFAC - ROBBERY</b>	

**REFERENCE:** Memphis letter to Bureau and Portland, 5/20/68

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**ADMINISTRATIVE**

Two copies of this report are furnished to the Bureau and three copies to Memphis, in accordance with current instructions in Civil Rights cases. Two copies are furnished to Kansas City.

However, the extra copies of the inserts will be retained by Portland for 30 days, should the Bureau or Memphis request additional copies of this report.

No copies are furnished to other offices since all possible leads have been set out in full by appropriate

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED <b>NONE</b>						ACQUIT-TALS	CASE HAS BEEN:
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2-Bureau (44-38861) (AM) 2-Kansas City (44-760) (AM) 3-Memphis (44-1987) (AM) 2-Portland (157-380)						"NOT TO BE DISSEMINATED" Dissemination Record of Attached Report	
Agency						Notations SEE NOTE ON REVERSE SIDE FUG. SUP. STAT. SECT.	
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By							

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U.S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE

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FOR REVIEW AT FIELD AND FOR DELIVERY  
TO HSCA RE REQUEST DATED 5-4-78  
(SEE BUFILE 62-117290)

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PD 157-380

communication on date of receipt.

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AT PORTLAND, OREGON. Continue logical investigation  
in this case.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

CONTACTS WITH INFORMANTS

All symbol number criminal informants, all potential criminal informants, and appropriate security and racial informants and sources of the Portland Division have been contacted three times since April 4, 1968.

The first time was immediately after April 4, 1968, when only the name "LOWMEYER" was known. The second time was after arrival of the photographs of "ERIC STARVO GALT" taken at the bartender school in California in 1968. The third time was after identification of "GALT" as JAMES EARL RAY and the arrival of additional photographs of RAY.

All contacts with informants were completely negative as to identification of photographs or any knowledge of the name and all known aliases of JAMES EARL RAY.

Number of criminal informants and potential criminal informants contacted was 124. Number of security and racial sources contacted was 15.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: RONALD E. SHERK  
Date: 5/23/68

Office: Portland, Oregon

Field Office File #: 157-380

Bureau File #: 44-38861

Title: JAMES EARL RAY;  
Murder of DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING,  
April 4, 1968

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

Synopsis: Investigation to identify person or persons responsible for murder of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, 4/4/68; or to locate and apprehend JAMES EARL RAY, negative to date, State of Oregon. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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DETAILS:

AT PORTLAND, OREGON, AND THROUGHOUT STATE OF OREGON

PD 157-183  
ME 44-1987  
RES:jms  
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ERNEST EMIL JOSELLIS - SUSPECT - ELIMINATED

JOSELLIS shot himself, not seriously, on the early morning of April 16, 1968 while seated in his car in the southeast section of Portland. He claimed to Portland Police officers that he had been shot by "Communists" and to have been sent to the United States from East Germany by "Communists" to murder Negro civil rights leaders.

JOSELLIS, who is Portland Police Number 50226-M, was recently released from Dammasch State Mental Hospital, Wilsonville, Oregon, after voluntary commitment and is considered psychotic and dangerous.

Investigation at his place of employment shows he was working the graveyard shift at Columbia Steel and Casting Company from 11:30 p.m., March 30, 1967 to 6:00 a.m., March 31, 1968. He quit his employment at Columbia Steel and Casting Company at noon, April 2, 1968.

His ex-wife, LUCILLE MARCONI, stated to Special Agent RONALD E. SHERK on April 17, 1968, that JOSELLIS has telephoned her or seen her nearly every day since April 2, 1968 and was never out of Portland, Oregon, during April, 1968.

JOSELLIS was under sedation and could not be interviewed April 17, 1968, but Special Agent RONALD E. SHERK observed him in the Portland Sanitarium Hospital, Portland, Oregon. He has a pug nose, very long wavy blond hair, and facial characteristics entirely dissimilar from those of JAMES EARL RAY.

JOSELLIS is considered positively eliminated as a suspect in this case.

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RUTH E. GALT and LOWELL T. GALT - SUSPECTS - ELIMINATED

On April 12, 1968, Mrs. MARITA BUTLER, First National Bank of Oregon, Tillamook Branch, Tillamook, Oregon, telephoned Special Agent in Charge W. B. SOYARS, JR., Portland FBI Office, in response to Portland circular letters to all financial institutions concerning ERIC STARVO GALT. She stated that one RUTH E. GALT had on April 3, 1968, opened a checking account giving the address "house on hill", Oceanside, Oregon. This is a motel.

Subsequently, on the same day, Mrs. BUTLER called again stating that additional checking had been done by the bank and that RUTH E. GALT was married to LOWELL T. GALT who had been employed for 20 years by the U. S. Census Bureau.

In view of the fact that the name GALT has been determined to be an alias of JAMES EARL RAY, no further action will be taken concerning this lead.

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ERICK GAULT - SUSPECT SUGGESTED BY GEORGE F. WICK, PORTLAND, OREGON

AT PORTLAND, OREGON

On March 19, 1968 at about 6:00 p.m., GEORGE F. WICK, a new car salesman for Fred Bauer Chevrolet Company, 1850 N. Lombard Street, Portland, Oregon, telephoned Special Agent in Charge W. B. SOYARS, JR., FBI Portland Office, and stated he had been contacted by an ERICK GAULT on March 11, 1968, concerning the purchase of a used car.

Special Agent RONALD E. SHERK immediately went to the Fred Bauer Chevrolet Company and interviewed Mr. WICK. WICK who is age 62 and apparently a sober and solid citizen, has sold cars in the Portland area for many years. At about 7:30 p.m., March 11, 1968, WICK received a telephone call from a person who wanted to talk to a salesman. The caller stated that his name was ERICK GAULT, that he was passing through town, was calling from a bar and was stopping at a motel on Union Avenue, Portland, Oregon. He said he did not know the name of the address of the motel. He stated he was looking for a 1964 Chevrolet station wagon with air conditioning and had \$1600 in cash. He said he had a Mustang, but did not desire to trade it in as he was going to give it to his brother. WICK told the caller that he thought he knew where he could get such a car and invited the caller to the showroom. WICK then called BOB INMAN, 5406 N. E. Jessup Street, Portland, Oregon, telephone 282-0409; but found that the station wagon INMAN had for sale was a 1963 Ford Country Squire and had no air conditioning.

The individual who called himself ERICK GAULT arrived at the Fred Bauer Chevrolet showroom alone about 8:00 p.m. the same night and said he was not interested in the Ford. He stayed only a short time and said he would contact WICK on the following day. Nothing further was ever seen of GAULT by WICK.

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WICK saw the car "GAULT" was driving and thinks it was a light colored Mustang with California plates, but could not be sure about either since he was not planning to take the car in trade.

WICK was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and stated that the above suspect is definitely not identical with RAY. He described the above suspect as follows:

Name	ERICK GAULT	RAY 1/33-174
Sex	Male	
Race	White	
Age	28-35 years	
Height	5'7" (possible one inch shorter)	
Weight	185 pounds (obese with a large paunch)	
Eyes	Not noted	
Hair	Light brown (receding noticeably at temples)	
Complexion	Medium (sunburned or tanned)	
Dress	Light sports shirt, open collar, color not noted; plaid sports jacket, varied colors, colors not noted; dark trousers; shoes not noted; sloppy appearance; accent not noted.	

WICK is an Oregonian by birth.

Although the description does not fit and RAY's Mustang had already been recovered in Atlanta, Georgia before March 11, 1968, a squad of Agents checked all motels on Union Avenue, Portland, on March 20, 1968, looking for an "ERICK GAULT" registration or an out-of-state Mustang registration on pertinent dates which might fit with the information furnished by WICK. Results were entirely negative.

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ALVIN A. ~~X~~JOHNSON - SUSPECT

On April 23, 1968, GLENDORA SMITH, Postmaster, Grass Valley, Oregon, stated that one ALVIN A. JOHNSON came to her post office seeking to obtain a letter, which he had written from WINTERHAVEN, CALIFORNIA in care of General Delivery to a friend of his. He said the friend was not coming to Grass Valley, Oregon as he had thought and he wanted to get the letter back. She did not give him the letter because of postal regulations. She believed JOHNSON resembled photographs she had seen of JAMES EARL RAY.

Sheriff LEO ROBERTS, Sherman County, Wasco, Oregon, stated on April 23, 1968, that he had at that date stopped an old Chevrolet pickup truck and checked JOHNSON out. Sheriff ROBERTS stated that JOHNSON had proper identification for the vehicle, which bore Washington license GOO-072. The sheriff, who has photographs and identifying data concerning RAY, stated JOHNSON did not resemble RAY in any respect in that he was shorter, lighter, has black-greying hair and definitely hazel eyes.

However, in view of the importance of this matter Seattle was requested by communication dated April 24, 1968, to determine the registered owner of Washington license GOO-072 and if JOHNSON is the registered owner, determine if the vehicle was registered to JOHNSON prior to April, 1967, the month in which RAY escaped from confinement.

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UNKNOWN SUSPECT SUGGESTED BY  
ARTHUR BROWN, CRESCENT CITY, CALIFORNIA

On April 29, 1968, at approximately 3:10 p.m. ARTHUR BROWN, Post Office Box 1032, Crescent City, California, telephone Crescent City 4163, telephonically contacted the Medford, Oregon FBI Resident Agency and informed SA JAMES J. MULLANEY as follows:

At 2:45 p.m. on April 29, 1968, he was having lunch at Glenn's Bakery and Coffee Shop, 3rd and H Street, Crescent City, California. An individual resembling JAMES EARL RAY sat next to him and drank a cup of coffee and left.

He stated this suspect was wearing a checkered gray sports coat with gray slacks and white shirt. He said the suspect had dark hair and fit the description and appearance of RAY as set forth in the newspapers and on television.

Mr. BROWN stated he was unable to determine what type of vehicle this suspect was driving since he had to pay his bill for his lunch and by the time he did that the man had gone. He stated the suspect appeared very nervous and that he had a side and front view of the man and felt he look just like RAY. The above information was furnished to the San Francisco Office by communication dated April 29, 1968.



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JAMES ALLEN JOHNSTON - SUSPECT - ELIMINATED

On May 13, 1968, Mr. AL JOHNSON, 6341 S.W. Wilbur Street, telephone 244-8456, telephoned SAC WILLIAM B. SOYARS, JR. He stated that he is a retired police officer and works part-time at Alpenrose Dairy, Portland, Oregon.

He stated that sometime last week the dairy hired a new man who JOHNSON thinks resembles photographs of JAMES EARL RAY. He stated that this suspect has a large black mustache and fits the general description of RAY.

SAs RONALD E. SHERK and KARL B. MC LEOD went to the Alpenrose Dairy, 6140 Shaddock Road, Portland, Oregon, on May 13, 1968. The new employee with the mustache was determined to be JAMES ALLEN JOHNSTON. JOHNSTON was located and interviewed. He bears a superficial resemblance to photographs of RAY in that his nose is similar; however, he is much younger having been born [redacted] at Detroit, Michigan and is 23 years of age. He has no dimple or cleft in his chin and is six feet tall. He is definitely not identical with RAY. He served four years in the U.S. Air Force and his Air Force serial number is 16747588.

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UNKNOWN SUSPECT SUGGESTED BY JAMES STANTON LEONARD, EUGENE, OREGON

AT EUGENE, OREGON

On April 16, 1968, JAMES STANTON LEONARD, 1188 Cottonwood Street, Eugene, who is a chemical engineer at Weyerhaeuser Company, Springfield, Oregon, contacted Special Agent JAMES R. JAY at the Eugene, Oregon Resident Agency of the FBI and furnished the following information:

In early April, 1968, Mr. LEONARD was attending an American Chemical Society meeting at San Francisco, California. On the night of April 4, 1968, at approximately 12 midnight, LEONARD stopped at the Extension Twenty One, a tavern on Gary Street.

LEONARD described the tavern as follows:

When you enter, directly facing the bar there are approximately six stools along the front side of the bar. LEONARD sat in the second stool from the left next to the bar. There were two white males seated in the third and fourth stools from the left. The males are described as follows:

Number 1:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Nationality	American
Weight	180 pounds (muscular)
Complexion	Very ruddy and weather beaten
Face	hook nose
Age	early 50's
Dress	Leather or corduroy waist length jacket; dirty shirt and pants (color unknown, work-type clothes); work-type cowboy boots (low heel); cowboy hat

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Characteristics	East Texas accent; may be missing teeth; ranch-type person and spoke in the idiom of a rancher
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Number 2:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Nationality	American
Weight	Approximately 180 pounds
Build	Stocky, muscular
Age	Early 40's
Hair	Black, slightly curly, looked shiny and greasy
Face	Round
Dress	Sports shirt and slacks, color unknown
Characteristics	Louisiana accent; more intelligent looking than Number 1

The pair were apparently slightly drunk and were having an altercation with the bar maid. They talked of putting a shotgun across the bar at the bar maid and wondered what her reaction would be. They further talked of guns in general. The conversation turned to the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. LEONARD overheard Number 1 state "He said he would do it, but I didn't think he would." Number 2 stated, "I didn't think he would do it." The conversation continued.

LEONARD only heard parts of the conversation and at another time, Number 2 stated to Number 1 "Now you are talking like a "cajon". For a time, they spoke in Ranch Spanish.

LEONARD explained this is a type of Spanish utilized by ranch people in Texas who employ Mexicans. It is a form of "pidgeon" Spanish.

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LEONARD attempted to engage the pair in conversation without success. LEONARD further stated that the bar was very dark and he could not provide a better description of the two. He does not feel the bar maid knew the pair but would surely remember them as she had a definite argument with them and at one time walked away in anger.

LEONARD stated he is from Texas and is almost certain that they spoke with an East Texas and Louisiana accent respectively.

The above information was furnished to the San Francisco Office by communication dated April 16, 1968.

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INTERVIEW WITH MRS. GLADYS HARRISON, COOS BAY,  
OREGON, WHOSE MAIDEN NAME WAS GAULT

By communication dated April 15, 1968, the Sacramento Office stated that they had interviewed a Mr. and Mrs. WESLEY I. GAULT at Salmon River, California, who did not know of any relative by the name of ERIC STARVO GALT. They suggested that WESLEY GAULT's older sister, Mrs. GLADYS HARRISON, whose maiden name was GAULT, be interviewed since she has the names and address of all of their relatives.

AT COOS BAY, OREGON

Mrs. GLADYS HARRISON, 815 Elrod Street, informed SA LE ROY R. ELLIOTT on April 17, 1968, that her maiden name is GAULT (not GALT) and she knows of no family named GALT or any member of her family who may have dropped the "u" from their name. She said she knows no member of her family named ERIC or STARVO.

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CHESTER JOHN LIS - SUSPECT - ELIMINATED

AT PORTLAND, OREGON

Mr. ROBERT M. HOOKER, a Portland businessman, 1365 Northwest 94th Avenue, came to the Portland Office on April 12, 1968, and suggested as a suspect one CHESTER J. LIS because of his resemblance to the artist's conception then appearing in the newspapers. HOOKER knew LIS in the Army in Korea in 1953. LIS, who was then psychotic and had an extreme hatred of Negroes, went berserk in Korea and in the summer of 1953 was court martialed and allegedly sentenced to twenty years imprisonment in Leavenworth Penitentiary. He is believed to be now at large, but HOOKER has had no contact with him since 1953. LIS was from the State of New Jersey.

HOOKER described LIS as a white male American, age approximately 26 years in 1953, 5'10" to 6'0" tall, light complexion, sandy brown hair, 160 to 170 pounds, wiry build. HOOKER has no other information concerning LIS.

By communication dated April 14, 1968, the FBI Identification Division furnished the FBI Identification Record of one CHESTER JOHN LIS, FBI number 497 555 B, who was convicted of aggravated assault while in the United States Army in 1953 and hence is probably the same CHESTER J. LIS named as a suspect by Mr. HOOKER.

The FBI Identification Record of this individual shows arrests in New Jersey in 1961, 1964, and 1965, and he therefore can not be identical with JAMES EARL RAY who was confined in the Missouri State Penitentiary during those years.

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UNKNOWN SUSPECT IN SAN FRANCISCO REPORTED BY  
KENSAL E. VAN HOLDE, CORVALLIS,  
OREGON, APRIL 12, 1968

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AT CORVALLIS, OREGON

On April 12, 1968, KENSAL E. VAN HOLDE, Professor, Biophysics, Oregon State University, 229 North 32nd Street, stated that at 9:45 AM, April 10, 1968, he left Palo Alto, California, on a commuter bus, company unknown, arriving at the Seventh Street Station, San Francisco, California, at 11:00 AM.

As he was standing in the aisle to leave the bus he observed a man who appeared similar to the pencil drawing of the unknown subject which appeared in newspapers early in this investigation. This suspect occupied a window seat about three seats in front of the long lateral seat on the left side of the bus. The bus stopped several times between Palo Alto and San Francisco, and Mr. VAN HOLDE does not know whether the suspect boarded at Palo Alto or later.

The suspect got off the bus at the Seventh Street Station, San Francisco, California, apparently without luggage or packages and was not seen thereafter by Mr. VAN HOLDE.

Mr. VAN HOLDE knew no one on the bus. He described the suspect as a white male American, age middle or late twenties, 5'8" to 5'10" tall, 130 to 140 pounds, frail build in appearance. Hair lightish brown, but some strands darker, slightly wavy on top, brushed straight back, receding moderately, giving widow's peak appearance, not newly cut, but not long, no sideburns. Eye color unknown. Complexion pinkish. Trace of small reddish mustache. Nose long, slim and slightly turned up. Face thin and delicate looking. Chin fairly long and pointed, but not prominent. Mouth.

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small, petulant, with slightly puffy lower lip. Tattoo on back of right hand, probably diagonal, "Ku Klux Klan" in squared block capitals, 1/4 to 3/8 inches high, usual blue tattoo color. Another complex design tattoo, nature unknown, on right forearm. Wore light weight, light colored sport shirt, not highly patterned; light weight, light tan slacks; light weight, light colored cloth jacket.

The above information was furnished to the San Francisco Office by communication dated April 12, 1968.

By communication dated April 15, 1968, the San Francisco Office advised that CLARENCE HUTCHINSON, 227 St. Charles Avenue, San Francisco, California, who was the driver of the Greyhound Bus which departed Palo Alto, California, at 9:45 AM, April 10, 1968, which is the only transportation company furnishing commuter service between San Francisco and Palo Alto, stated that none of the passengers on this trip resembled the drawing of the unknown subject which appeared in the newspapers insofar as he can recall. He stated that he did not know the identity of any passengers on this trip.



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INTERVIEW WITH MARTIN H. GALT

AT PORTLAND, OREGON

By communication dated April 11, 1968, the Salt Lake City Office requested interview with MARTIN H. GALT, who formerly resided at Kanab, Utah, and left that area approximately four years ago and presently resides at 950 Southwest 21st Avenue, Portland, Oregon. MARTIN H. GALT is said to be an employee of the United States Bureau of Land Management.

MARTIN H. GALT, 950 Southwest 21st Avenue, Portland, Oregon, a retired employee of the United States Bureau of Land Management, was interviewed on April 11, 1968, by SA RONALD E. SHERK. He is over 65 years of age and definitely not identical with the subject. He stated that he is not acquainted with any ERIC STARVO GALT or person of similar name.

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LOOK-ALIKE GREYHOUND BUS PASSENGER FROM SAN  
FRANCISCO NORTH ON APRIL 29, 1968

By communications from Sacramento, May 7, 1968, and from Seattle, May 10, 1968, information was received that a woman at Olympia, Washington, stated on May 3, 1968, that she traveled from San Francisco to Olympia, Washington, via Greyhound Bus leaving Gate 22 at San Francisco, California, at 10:20 PM, April 29, 1968. A man, allegedly resembling JAMES EARL RAY entered the bus after waiting at Gate 23 for the Portland bus with several other passengers.

The woman said that this suspect did not proceed beyond Portland, Oregon. She described the suspect as a white male American, 35 to 40 years of age, 5'8" to 5'10" tall, thin build, dark brown hair, in need of a hair cut and hair down back of neck, sprinkled with gray, definite widow's peak in front. He needed shaving and his beard was dark brown with a light brown mustache covering most of his upper lip with a "phony" appearance. His face was thin and tanned with an oily forehead, possibly coated by suntan makeup. He had sky blue eyes with a nose which appeared sharper than on the Identification Order. He wore buckskin colored shirt and pants and a sweater or jacket, with suede type casual shoes. He talked to no one on the bus and sat near the rear.

Portland was requested to interview bus driver THERON E. NAUTA who drove the bus from Redding, California, to Klamath Falls, Oregon, and STANFORD A. GOTTER, who drove the bus from Klamath Falls, Oregon, to Portland, Oregon.

The informant was of the opinion that this look-alike passenger disembarked at Portland, Oregon, and did not proceed north to Olympia on the same bus as the informant.

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AT KLAMATH FALLS, OREGON

On May 10, 1968, THERON E. NAUTA, Warden Road, who is a Greyhound Bus Driver, informed SA WILLIAM H. GRAY that he did drive the above bus from Redding, California, to Klamath Falls, Oregon, in the early morning hours of April 30, 1968. He was furnished a description of the unknown man who was observed by the informant on this bus and was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY.

He was unable to identify the suspect and stated that he has seen no one resembling JAMES EARL RAY riding on that bus or any other bus driven by him.

AT PORTLAND, OREGON

STANFORD A. GOTTER, Route 2, Box 191 B, Hillsboro, Oregon, informed SA RONALD E. SHERK on May 13, 1968, that he did drive the above bus from Klamath Falls, Oregon, to Portland, Oregon, in the early morning hours of April 30, 1968. He was furnished a description of the unknown man observed by the informant on this bus and was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY. He stated that he is unable to identify the suspect suggested by the informant and does not recognize photographs of JAMES EARL RAY as anyone who rode on that bus or any other bus driven by him.

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JOHN ~~KELLY~~, ALSO KNOWN AS  
JIMMY - SUSPECT

On April 5, 1968, Mrs. GEORGIA HARDY, 4746 NE 91st Avenue, Portland, Oregon, furnished the following information, stating that ~~this~~ is of the utmost importance that she remain anonymous.

She has a brother, EDWARD E. O'FALLIN, address unknown in Memphis, Tennessee, telephone #362-1015, who is employed by the City of Memphis Water Department. O'FALLIN's wife's brother, JOHN KELLY, also known as JIMMY, is suspected by Mrs. HARDY as possibly being the assassin because of news reports that the assassin wore a grin.

KELLY

She described KELLY as follows:

Race	White
Age	About 37
Height	5'8"
Hair	Light Brown
Complexion	Reddish

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He is a veteran of the Korean War, a battle hero, fond of guns, "a little simple minded," and always wears a silly grin. KELLY resides with his parents, names and address unknown, in Forest City, Tennessee, and visits O'FALLIN in Memphis.

This information was furnished to the Memphis Office for evaluation by communication dated April 5, 1968.

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JOHN WILLIARD - SUSPECT

On April 6, 1968, Mrs. JOHN COCKRELL, 1112 East 20th Street, Eugene, Oregon, telephonically advised the Portland Office that after reading about the KING murder in the newspapers, she was reminded of JOHN WILLIARD that she knew at the University of Missouri during the late 1930's. He went from the University of Missouri to either the University of Arizona or Arizona State to set up a student bible class.

He was convicted of embezzling funds and was sent to Arizona State Penitentiary. She last saw him about 23 years ago in San Francisco, and has heard since that he is still residing there and spending most of his time in flop houses.

She described WILLIARD as follows:

Race	White	<i>RECORDED 1918-1920</i>
Sex	Male	
Age	Now 48 or 50 years of age	
Height	5'11"	
Build	Slender	
Hair	Dark	
Characteristics	Has silly grin, meticulous dresser, of religious nature, and psychotic	

Mrs. COCKRELL has no idea where WILLIARD may be located but states she feels he is capable of instant crime.

This information was furnished to Memphis for evaluation by communication dated April 6, 1968.

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UNKNOWN SUSPECT REPORTED BY  
JAMES BIGELOW, BILLINGS, MONTANA

By communications dated April 9, 1968 and April 10, 1968, the Butte Office stated that JAMES BIGELOW of Billings, Montana, stated that on April 5, 1968, at approximately 5:50 p.m., he observed an individual at the Portland, Oregon International Airport sitting in the front row of chairs near a telephone booth in the area of some television sets. He felt the individual might be identical with the subject in this case. BIGELOW gave only a general description and did not observe the suspect leave.

On April 12, 1968, SA RONALD E. SHERK contacted a large number of persons at the Portland International Airport and exhibited the photographs which were then available, namely, the ones taken at the bartender school at California in 1968.

After JAMES EARL RAY had been identified as the subject, additional photographs had been reviewed. Results were completely negative on both occasions.

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DONALD CHURCHILL SUSPECT - ELIMINATED

On April 11, 1968, information was received that one DONALD CHURCHILL appeared at Nehalem, Oregon, a small town on the Oregon coast, on the night of April 9, 1968, from Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. CHURCHILL reportedly was similar in appearance to the sketch of the unknown subject which had appeared in newspapers and talked about the KING murder. CHURCHILL was interviewed on April 11, 1968, by SA FREDERICK A. FLETCHER and stated that he was in Washington, D.C. on April 4, 1968, to confer with his attorney, FRED C. SACKS, concerning a divorce. CHURCHILL appeared to be possibly mentally disturbed.

By communication dated April 12, 1968, the Washington Field Office advised that attorney FRED C. SACKS stated DONALD CHURCHILL contacted him personally and by telephone on April 3. and April 4, 1968, and that Holiday Inn records, Washington, D.C., show that CHURCHILL was a guest there April 4, and April 5, 1968. CHURCHILL is considered eliminated as a suspect.

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UNKNOWN SUSPECT SUGGESTED BY  
SAMUEL J. LINDLEY, PORTLAND, OREGON

On April 10, 1968, Mr. SAMUEL J. LINDLEY, 5431 S.E. 41st Avenue, Portland, Oregon, telephoned the Portland Office and stated that at about 12:15 p.m. that date he had seen a person at the Chuck Wagon Cafe at 60th Avenue and S.E. Foster Road, that looked very much like the man we were looking for in the KING case.

SA RALPH P. HIMMELSBACH was immediately dispatched to the Chuck Wagon Cafe where he interviewed the manager and two waitresses, the only employees in the establishment then, and he also interviewed four individuals in adjacent establishments. None of the individuals could recall seeing any person resembling the description of the unknown subject in this case.



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UNKNOWN SUSPECT SUGGESTED BY  
GERALDINE MARIE TANNER

On April 10, 1968, GERALDINE MARIE TANNER, a prostitute then incarcerated in the Portland City Jail, Portland, Oregon, was interviewed by SA WILLIAM A. TENWICK. She made available a copy of a letter which she received from PEARL R. MILLER, also known as KATHY LAWTON, Room 52, London Lodge Motel, Broadway at 7th Street, Oakland, California. In the letter, the following quotation is contained: "I knew whites was going to kill that man," referring to Dr. KING.

This information was furnished on April 10, 1968, to the San Francisco Office.

By communication dated April 12, 1968, the San Francisco Office advised that they had located and interviewed PEARLIE REE MILLER, also known as KATHY LAWTON, who acknowledged that she was the author of the above-mentioned letter, but denied having any knowledge as to the identity of the subject.

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**PASSPORTS - IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE and INTERNATIONAL AIRLINES**

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In accordance with Bureau instructions issued April 18, 1968, personal contacts were made with the following on April 19, 1968:

Inspector LAWRENCE C. LURMO, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Portland, Oregon, by Special Agent in Charge W. B. SOYARS, JR.

U. S. District Court Clerk DONAL D. SULLIVAN, U. S. District Court, Portland, Oregon, who handles passport matters in Oregon.

All airlines, domestic and overseas at Portland International Airport, Portland, Oregon, including contacts with the Airport Police, car rental agencies, and the two bars at the airport.

Current wanted flyers concerning JAMES EARL RAY were left with all parties contacted. None recalled seeing RAY but promised to immediately contact the Portland FBI Office in the event he appears.