

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : MR. TROTTER *S. F. Latona*

FROM : S. F. Latona *S. F. Latona*

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/27/68

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LATENT PRINT TESTIMONY

An envelope postmarked "Hoboken, NJ May 17, 1968," and addressed to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Q345, and accompanying greeting card, Q346, have been examined, but no latent impressions of value developed.

The envelope and greeting card, which are attached, are being retained in Bufiles.

Laboratory is setting forth the results of its examination in a separate memorandum.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information. *af*

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MARTIN L. KING
Rog at 71 Columbus Ave.
North of Dutton St
Memphis, Tenn.
call at 77 Charles H.

God grant me the
serenity to accept the
things I cannot change,
the courage to change
the things I can, and
the wisdom to know
the difference.

Serenity Prayer

May you be
strengthened every day
by the knowledge of God's
loving presence.

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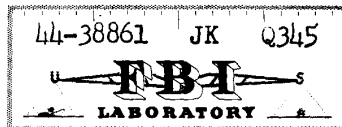
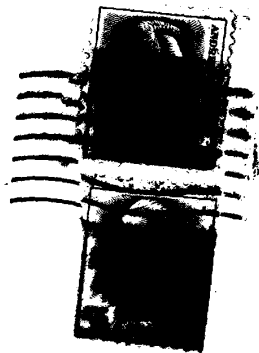


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For You



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Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE EL PASO	OFFICE OF ORIGIN MEMPHIS	DATE 5/31/68	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 4/5/68 - 5/28/68
TITLE OF CASE MURKIN		REPORT MADE BY DAVID J. REID	TYPED BY CLB
		CHARACTER OF CASE CIVIL RIGHTS	

REFERENCES

Bureau airtel to all offices dated 5/7/68.

Report of SA DAVID J. REID dated 5/24/68
at El Paso.

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Stop card regarding stops placed by the El Paso
Office, which are listed on Page 53 of instant report.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

Racial, Security, and Criminal Informants and Sources were contacted regarding JAMES EARL RAY. None of these Informants and Sources were acquainted with RAY, nor did they have any information regarding him. The identities of the informants and sources contacted are recorded in the El Paso file.

In regard to telephone calls made by subject RAY in December, 1967, while en route from Los Angeles, California, to New Orleans, Louisiana, the El Paso Office checked out more than 115 telephone calls made to individuals residing in the El Paso Division which had originated from telephone booths and pay stations along the route in question during the pertinent period. None of these individuals contacted were acquainted with JAMES EARL RAY. None of them had any information regarding RAY. This information is not being included in the body of the report in view of the fact that the information regarding the telephone calls in question was obtained from the confidential records of various telephone companies.

In regard to telephone calls made from telephone booths at the St. Francis Hotel, Los Angeles, California, one such call was received at the Del Camino Motel in El Paso. The identity of the recipient of the telephone call was not determined. This information is not being included in the body of the report in view of the confidential nature of records of the telephone company.

In those instances where information was received by the El Paso Office regarding suspects and it was subsequently determined that the suspects were not identical with JAMES EARL RAY, such information has not been included in the body of this report.

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It is noted that the El Paso Office has no known bombing suspects in its division.

In connection with the checks made under the names HARRY LOWMEYER or LOWMYER and ERIC STARVO GALT, the San Antonio Office advised by teletype dated 4/9/68 that it would cover state-wide checks for the Selective Service System, Texas Department of Public Safety (Identification Division and Drivers License Records).

The additional inquiries made in an effort to locate Mrs. RUTH RETZOLKA, Route 80, Clint, Texas, as noted on Page 37, were contacts on 4/11/68 with Mrs. FERN C. FIELDS, U.S. Post Office, Clint, Texas, and Mrs. BERNICE CORNWALL, U.S. Post Office, Fabens, Texas, (protect identities) neither of whom had any information regarding Mrs. RETZOLKA.

The identities of the persons contacted in connection with the checks regarding HARRY LOWMEYER or LOWMYER and ERIC STARVO GALT are maintained in the El Paso Office file and were not included in the body of this report.

El Paso teletype to the Director, Dallas, and Los Angeles (air mail copy to Memphis) dated 5/23/68 set out the following information:

Mrs. NORMA KIRKPATRICK (protect identity) 1007 West Griffin Street, Midland, Texas, advised SA PAUL D. SJODAL on 5/23/68 that when she boarded the Greyhound bus at Tulsa, Oklahoma, on 5/22/68, a white male whom she described to be age 35 to 38, 6', 185 to 190 pounds, who had small brown speck marks on face, slightly slanted eyes and mouth, 1½" V-shaped scar on back of head, brown crew-cut hair, brown eyes, wearing old brown suit, brown knit sweater, dark blue sport shirt, was sitting in the aisle seat about

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two thirds of the way back in the bus on the left side as one walks to the rear. Mrs. KIRKPATRICK stated that about one hour en route from Tulsa to Dallas this individual made the remark in a loud manner so that the other bus passengers could hear, "I killed one man. I am wanted in 48 states, but they will never catch me. I'll tell you about MARTIN LUTHER KING. There are 20 of us in on that. We are in law enforcement and who would suspect us?" This individual stated "I am going back to old L.A." He also discussed presidential history.

Mrs. KIRKPATRICK stated this individual left the bus at Dallas and boarded a Greyhound bus at Dallas at about 11:10 p.m., 5/22/68. Mrs. KIRKPATRICK knew no other individuals on the bus from Tulsa to Dallas. She stated that the photograph on the Wanted Flyer on JAMES EARL RAY was definitely not identical with the individual on the bus.

Leads were set out for the Dallas and Los Angeles Offices in the above-mentioned teletype.

In regard to STAYNER DUGAN, mentioned on Page 29, a lead was set out for the Dallas Office in this matter.

In regard to the 1966 Oldsmobile 98, mentioned on Page 31, the Atlanta and Savannah Offices conducted investigation in this matter.

In regard to J. R. KELLER, mentioned on Page 34, the Phoenix Office requested investigation by the El Paso Office in this matter.

In regard to ROBERT DALE PORTER, mentioned on Page 35, the Oklahoma City Office requested investigation by the El Paso Office in this matter.

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In regard to FRANK BRICKLEY, mentioned on Page 36, the Knoxville Office requested investigation by the El Paso Office in this matter.

In regard to the man who resembled ERIC STARVO GALT, mentioned on Page 38, a lead was set out for the Albuquerque Office in this matter.

In regard to LON R. HUMMEL, mentioned on Page 41, the Phoenix Office requested investigation by the El Paso Office in this matter.

In regard to ERIC RAY, aka., EARL RAY, mentioned on Page 43, the Richmond and Knoxville Offices conducted investigation in this matter.

In regard to CARL RAY, mentioned on Page 50, the Los Angeles Office instituted investigation in this matter.

In regard to WILLIAM A. MARSHALL, mentioned on Page 51, the San Diego Office instituted investigation in this matter.

On 5/3/68, Deputy Sheriff ROBERT PHELPS, Reeves County Sheriff's Office, Pecos, Texas, advised SA RICHARD H. PICKEN that he had checked at the United States Post Office in Pecos and none of the employees had any recollection of receiving any mail bearing the names of C. RAY, CARL RAY, Mrs. C. RAY, or Mrs. CARL RAY. (See Page 50).

Leads regarding information contained in the body of this report were previously set out by teletype or airtel and are not being restated at this time.

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LEADS

EL PASO DIVISION

AT EL PASO, TEXAS

Will continue efforts to locate and apprehend
subject JAMES EARL RAY.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: **DAVID J. REID**
Date: **5/31/68**

Office: **EL PASO**

Field Office File #: **157-186**

Bureau File #: **44-38861**

Title: **JAMES EARL RAY, AKA;
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM
CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY**

Character:

Synopsis: No record regarding JAMES EARL RAY located in the West Texas area. Stops placed. SUBJECT RAY HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF ROBBERY WITH DEADLY WEAPON, WAS CONFINED IN STATE HOSPITAL, FULTON, MISSOURI, IN 1966, AND SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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Details:

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AT EL PASO, TEXAS

CHECKS RE HARRY LOWMEYER OR
LOWMYER OR ANYONE BY THE NAME
OF LOWMEYER OR LOWMYER

The below-listed agencies and sources of information were checked in an effort to develop information regarding anyone with the above-captioned names. No pertinent information was developed as a result of these checks.

The following investigation was conducted by
SA WALLACE A. CROSSMON on April 9, 1968:

AT EL PASO, TEXAS

Credit Bureau of El Paso;

El Paso Police Department;

El Paso County Sheriff's Office;

El Paso County Tax Office (Voter Registration
Records);

El Paso City Directories;

El Paso Telephone Directories.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA FRANCIS J. PRASEK on April 9, 1968:

AT FORT BLISS, EL PASO, TEXAS

Post Locator Records of the United States
Army Training Center and the United States Army
Air Defense Center;

Records of the Civilian Personnel Office.

The following investigation was conducted by
SA JOHN R. MAURER on April 10, 1968:

AT PECOS, TEXAS

Retail Merchants Credit Bureau;

Pecos Police Department;

Reeves County Sheriff's Office;

Reeves County Tax Office (Voter Registration
Records);

Pecos Telephone and City Directories;

Security State Bank;

First National Bank.

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AT MONAHANS, TEXAS

Retail Merchants Credit Bureau;

Monahans Police Department;

Ward County Sheriff's Office;

Ward County Tax Office (Voter Registration
Records);

First State Bank;

First National Bank;

Monahans Telephone and City Directories.

AT MENTONE, TEXAS

Loving County Sheriff's Office (Voter's Registration
checked through Sheriff)

The investigation as set out above conducted
by SA MAURER, also included checks under the name of
ERIC STARVO GALT.

The following investigation was conducted by
SA PAUL D. SJODAL on April 10, 1968:

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AT ODESSA, TEXAS

Retail Merchants Association;
Odessa Police Department;
Ector County Sheriff's Office;
Ector County Tax Office (Voter Registration records);
Odessa City and Telephone Directories;
First National Bank;
American Bank of Commerce;
National Bank of Odessa;
First State Bank;
Home Savings Association;
Odessa Savings and Loan Association;
First Savings and Loan Association.

AT ANDREWS, TEXAS

Retail Merchants Association of Andrews;
Andrews Police Department;
Andrews County Sheriff's Office

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Andrews County Tax Office (Voter Registration records);

Andrews Telephone Directory;

Commercial State Bank;

First National Bank;

Andrews Savings and Loan Association.

The above-mentioned investigation by SA SJODAL included checks under the name of ERIC STARVO GALT.

The following investigation was conducted by SA JOHN J. GORMAN on April 9, 1968:

AT MIDLAND, TEXAS

Midland Police Department;

Midland County Sheriff's Office;

Retail Merchants Association;

Midland County Tax Office (Voter Registration records);

Midland City and Telephone Directories.

AT STANTON, TEXAS

Stanton Police Department;

Martin County Sheriff's Office;

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Martin County Tax Office (Voter Registration records);

Stanton Telephone Directory.

AT FORT STOCKTON, TEXAS

Retail Merchants Association;

Fort Stockton Police Department;

Pecos County Sheriff's Office;

Pecos County Tax Office (Voter Registration records);

Fort Stockton Telephone and City Directories

(Pecos County Sheriff's Office covers Iraan, Sheffield, and Imperial, Texas, as does the Retail Merchants Association of Fort Stockton. Telephone Directories of Iraan, Sheffield, and Imperial were also checked.)

AT RANKIN, TEXAS

Upton County Sheriff's Office;

Upton County Tax Office (Voter Registration records);

Rankin Telephone Directory.

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AT McCAMEY, TEXAS

Retail Merchants Association (covers Rankin, Texas);

McCamey Police Department;

McCamey Telephone Directory.

AT CRANE, TEXAS

Retail Merchants Association;

Crane Police Department;

Crane County Sheriff's Office;

Crane County Tax Office (Voter Registration records);

Crane Telephone Directory.

The following investigation was conducted by
SA RICHARD H. PICKEN on April 9, 1968:

AT ALPINE, TEXAS

Alpine Credit Bureau (also covers Marfa, Sierra Blanca, Fort Davis, Presidio, and Van Horn, Texas)

Alpine Police Department;

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Brewster County Sheriff's Office;

Brewster County Tax Office (Voter Registration records);

Alpine Telephone Directory.

AT MARFA, TEXAS

Marfa City Marshal;

Presidio County Sheriff's Office;

Presidio County Tax Office (Voter Registration records);

Marfa Telephone Directory.

AT SIERRA BLANCA, TEXAS

Hudspeth County Sheriff's Office;

Hudspeth County Tax Office (Voter Registration records);

Sierra Blanca Telephone Directory.

AT FORT DAVIS, TEXAS

Jeff Davis County Sheriff's Office;

Jeff Davis County Tax Office (Voter Registration records);

Fort Davis Telephone Directory.

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AT VAN HORN, TEXAS

Culberson County Sheriff's Office;

Culberson County Tax Office (Voter Registration records);

Van Horn Telephone Directory.

The following investigation was conducted by
SA ROBERT B. LYONS on April 9, 1968:

AT JUAREZ, CHIHUAHUA, MEXICO

Mexican Immigration Service (Tourist Visa Files);

Juarez Police Department;

Chihuahua State Police;

United States Consulate;

Juarez Telephone Directory.

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CHECKS RE ERIC STARVO GALT

The below-listed agencies and sources of information were contacted regarding any information under the name ERIC STARVO GALT. No pertinent information was developed:

The following investigation was conducted by SA FRANCIS J. PRASEK on April 10, 1968:

AT EL PASO, TEXAS

Credit Bureau of El Paso;

El Paso Police Department;

El Paso County Sheriff's Office;

El Paso County Tax Office (Voter Registration records);

El Paso City and Telephone Directories

Post Locator Records of the United States Army Training Center and the United States Army Air Defense Center and the records of the Civilian Personnel Office, all Fort Bliss, Texas.

The following investigation was conducted by SA EDWARD JOSEPH MURPHY on April 10, 1968:

AT EL PASO, TEXAS

State National Bank;

Southwest National Bank;

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Bassett National Bank;
First State Bank;
American Bank of Commerce;
Coronado State Bank;
Northgate National Bank;
El Paso Federal Savings and Loan Association;
First Savings and Loan Association.

The following investigation was conducted by
SA JOHN J. CLYNICK on April 10, 1968:

AT EL PASO, TEXAS

Mutual Federal Savings and Loan Association;
Surety Federal Savings and Loan Association;
Chelmont State Bank;
Citizens State Bank of Ysleta;
El Paso National Bank.

The following investigation was conducted by
SA RICHARD H. PICKEN on April 10, 1968:

AT ALPINE, TEXAS

Alpine Credit Bureau;

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Alpine Police Department;
Brewster County Sheriff's Office;
Alpine Telephone Directory;
First National Bank of Alpine.

AT MARFA, TEXAS

Presidio County Sheriff's Office;
Marfa Telephone Directory;
Marfa National Bank.

AT VAN HORN, TEXAS

Culberson County Sheriff's Office;
Van Horn Telephone Directory;
Van Horn State Bank.

AT FORT DAVIS, TEXAS

Jeff Davis County Sheriff's Office;
Fort Davis Telephone Directory;
Fort Davis State Bank.

AT FABENS, TEXAS

First National Bank of Fabens;
Fabens Telephone Directory.

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AT SIERRA BLANCA, TEXAS

Hudspeth County Sheriff's Office;

Sierra Blanca Telephone Directory.

AT VALENTINE AND PRESIDIO, TEXAS

Valentine and Presidio Telephone Directories.

The following investigation was conducted by
SA JOHN R. MAURER on April 10, 1968:

(See information set out above under LOWMEYER
caption).

The following investigation was conducted by
SA PAUL D. SJODAL on April 10, 1968:

(See information set out under the
LOWMEYER caption).

The following investigation was conducted by
SA JOHN J. GORMAN on April 10, 1968:

AT MIDLAND, TEXAS

Retail Merchants Association;

Midland Police Department;

Midland County Sheriff's Office;

Midland Telephone and City Directories;

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Bank of the Southwest;
Commercial Bank and Trust Company;
First National Bank;
Midland National Bank;
First Savings and Loan Association;
Citizens Savings and Loan Association;
Midland Savings Association.

AT STANTON, TEXAS

Stanton Police Department;
Martin County Sheriff's Office;
Stanton Telephone Directory;
First National Bank.

AT RANKIN, TEXAS

Upton County Sheriff's Office;
Rankin Telephone Directory;
First State Bank.

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AT McCAMEY, TEXAS

Retail Merchants Association;
McCamey Police Department;
McCamey Telephone Directory;
Security State Bank.

AT FORT STOCKTON, TEXAS

Retail Merchants Association;
Fort Stockton Police Department;
Pecos County Sheriff's Office;
Fort Stockton Telephone and City Directories;
First National Bank;
Pecos County State Bank;
First Savings and Loan Association.

AT CRANE, TEXAS

Retail Merchants Association;
Crane Police Department;
Crane County Sheriff's Office;
Crane Telephone Directory;
First State Bank.

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AT IRAAN, TEXAS

Iraan Telephone Directory;

Iraan State Bank.

AT IMPERIAL AND SHEFFIELD, TEXAS

Imperial and Sheffield Telephone Directories.

The following investigation was conducted by
SA ROBERT B. LYONS on April 10, 1968:

AT JUAREZ, CHIHUAHUA, MEXICO

Mexican Immigration Service (Tourist Visa Files);

Juarez Police Department;

Chihuahua State Police;

United States Consulate;

Juarez Telephone Directory.

LAUNDRY MARKINGS

The below-listed laundries were contacted on the dates noted in an effort to ascertain if any laundries used a Thermo-Seal Marking Machine manufactured by the Textile Marking Machine Company, Syracuse, New York, to mark laundered clothing, in view of the fact that among articles recovered at the scene of the shooting of Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr., were a pair of brownish checkered print undershorts and white Jockey T-shirt bearing cloth laundry tags made by a Thermo-Seal Marking Machine. These tags were one quarter inch wide and one and one sixteenth inches long, red in color, and bear marking which appeared to be "02B-6", or "D2B-6". None of the laundries contacted made use of Thermo-Seal Marking Machines, except as otherwise indicated below:

The following investigation was conducted by
SA WALLACE A. CROSSMON on April 9, 1968:

AT EL PASO, TEXAS

A-Better Cleaners and Laundry;

AAA Cleaners and Laundry;

Acme Laundry and Cleaners;

American Laundry and Cleaners;

Angelus Cleaners;

Four Hour Shirt Service;

Wash Well Laundry;

Crystal Cleaners;

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Montview Cleaners;

Circle K Cleaners;

Texas Cleaners and Laundry;

Dyer Laundry;

Spring Laundry.

The following investigation was conducted by
SA HAROLD H. BOYCE on April 9, 1968:

AT EL PASO, TEXAS

Supreme Laundry;

El Paso Laundry.

The following investigation was conducted by
SA ROBERT C. NAGEL on April 9, 1968.

AT EL PASO, TEXAS

Mr. J. LLOYD GORE, Owner, Laun-Dry Supply Company, 3800 Durazno Street, said he could make the statement without hesitation that there were no Thermo-Seal Marking Machines used by any laundries in El Paso at the present time. He said that the Elite Laundry, which is no longer in business, was formerly located in El Paso and used a Thermo-Seal Marking Machine up to about four or five years ago, but it had not been known to have been used since that time.

A representative of the Edmunds Chemical Company, 1616 Bassett Street, telephonically advised that this company

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had no information to indicate that any Thermo-Seal Marking Machines were used by any laundries in the El Paso area.

The following investigation was conducted by
SA JOHN R. MAURER on April 9, 1968:

AT PECOS, TEXAS

Airlawn Laundrette; .

EZY-Way Laundry.

AT MONAHANS, TEXAS

Monahans Steam Laundry.

The following investigation was conducted by
SA JOHN J. GORMAN on April 9, 1968:

AT MIDLAND, TEXAS

CARRIEL NIPP, Manager, Snowwhite Laundry and Cleaners, advised that none of the laundries in Midland used a Thermo-Seal Marking Machine. Hi said that his laundry used such a machine until about three years ago, but that it did not use red tags when the machine was in use.

AT FORT STOCKTON, TEXAS

Stockton Steam Laundry.

AT ANDREWS, TEXAS

Andrews Steam Laundry.

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AT KERMIT, TEXAS

Oak Street Laundry;

Monarch Professional Laundry.

AT ODESSA, TEXAS

Troy Laundry and Cleaners;

Sunshine Laundry and Cleaners;

Monarch Laundry and Cleaners;

Nu-Way Cleaners.

Mr. RUSSELL NORTON, Manager, Odessa Laundry and Cleaners, 1107 West 10th Street, advised that this was the only laundry in Odessa that was currently using a Thermo-Seal Marking Machine. He said that his machine used only numbers and no letters, that the tags used by the machine are one third inch by three quarters inch, and that only white tags are used, with the exception of rush orders, when orange tags are used. He stated that the machine is not used to mark rough dry work, such as shorts and T-shirts.

The telephone directories for McCamey, Crane, Rankin, Stanton, and Iraan, Texas, were checked and no listing was located for any laundries, except for self-service laundries.

The following investigation was conducted by SA RICHARD H. PICKEN on April 9, 1968:

AT ALPINE AND MARFA, TEXAS

ED DeVOLIN, Elite Laundry and Cleaners, Marfa,

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and BILL WINTERS, Winters Cleaners, Alpine, advised that they operated the only laundries covering Hudspeth, Culberson, Jeff Davis, Presidio, and Brewster Counties in West Texas. They advised that their laundries do not use Thermo-Seal Marking Machines.

The only two laundries in the West Texas area which have Thermo-Seal Marking Machines, according to the records of the Textile Marking Machine Company, Syracuse, New York, are as follows:

Elite Laundry and Cleaners
412 South Oregon Street
El Paso, Texas

Odessa Laundry
1107 West 10th Street
Odessa, Texas

(Information is set out above regarding the Odessa Laundry and Cleaners.)

The following investigation was conducted by SA DAVID J. REID on the dates noted:

AT EL PASO, TEXAS

On April 15, 1968, Mr. IRV BERRY, Manager, Red Top Linen and Industrial Supply Company, 412 South Oregon Street, advised that the Elite Laundry and Cleaners was formerly located at this address and went out of existence in 1963. He said he did not know what disposition was made of the Thermo-Seal Marking Machines used by the Elite Laundry and Cleaners. He noted that some of the

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machinery was sold to other laundries in the community, but no record had been maintained regarding the disposal of any of the machinery.

The below-listed individuals were contacted in an effort to ascertain what disposition had been made of the Thermo-Seal Marking Machines formerly used by the Elite Laundry and Cleaners in El Paso. These individuals advised that they did not recall what disposition had been made of these machines:

WILLIAM JONES, Red Top Linen and Industrial Supply Company, contacted April 15, 1968;

BERNARD MUNOZ, Red Top Linen and Industrial Supply Company, contacted April 15, 1968, (former employee of Elite Laundry and Cleaners);

LORENZO ORTEGA, Red Top Linen and Industrial Supply Company, contacted on April 17, 1968, (former employee of Elite Laundry and Cleaners);

PAUL OLSEN, Secretary, W. R. Weaver Company, contacted on April 17, 1968, (the W. R. Weaver Company owned the Elite Laundry and Cleaners when the latter went out of existence);

HAROLD LEVY, Owner, Angelus Cleaners, contacted on April 17, 1968;

JAIME AYALA, Griffin Cleaners, contacted on April 17 and 18, 1968, (former Cleaning Department Foreman of Elite Laundry and Cleaners).

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Mr. LLOYD GORE, Owner, Laun-Dry Supply Company, contacted on April 17, 1968, (he stated he personally serviced the Thermo-Seal Marking Machines at the Elite Laundry and Cleaners, but did not recall what happened to them);

Mrs. PERRY STIGLER, Perry's Cleaners and Shirt Laundry, contacted on April 18, 1968;

ANTONIO GALINDO, Mesa Cleaners, contacted on April 18, 1968;

REFUGIO PARTIDA, Texas Cleaners, contacted on April 18, 1968;

RALPH THURMOND, Regal Supply Company, contacted on April 18, 1968.

On April 18, 1968, Miss CELIA F. JIMINEZ, Bookkeeper, Laun-Dry Supply Company, advised that she recalled that this company sold the Elite Laundry and Cleaners its two Thermo-Seal Marking Machines. She said it was her recollection that these machines used the old style tape, which was five sixteenths of an inch in width, not one quarter inch tape. Miss JIMINEZ reviewed the records of the Laun-Dry Supply Company and located information in the records indicating that the Thermo-Seal Marking Machines used by the Elite Laundry and Cleaners made use of five sixteenths inch tape.

The FBI Laboratory determined that the pillowcase and bedsheet found in the trunk of the 1966 white Mustang registered to ERIC STARVO GALT, which was located at Atlanta, Georgia, on April 11, 1968, contained Thermo-Seal laundry tapes of approximately the same size as tapes on items previously recovered, but were yellow in color and contained the code, "20R-3".

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The following investigation was conducted
by SA PAUL D. SJODAL on April 23, 1968:

Mr. JAMES R. NORTON, Manager, Odessa Laundry
and Cleaners, Odessa, Texas, stated that the Thermo-
Seal Marking Machine used by the laundry does not use
letters and only uses numbers. He said the machine
uses white tape except for rush orders, when any colored
tape is used.

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DANCING SCHOOLS

The below-listed dancing schools were contacted in an effort to ascertain if anyone using the names ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMYER, or JOHN WILLARD, had ever attended these schools and registered under these names or any variations thereof. No information was developed to indicate that anyone using any of the above-mentioned names had ever attended any of these schools.

The following investigation was conducted by
SA JOHN J. GORMAN on April 15, 1968:

AT MIDLAND, TEXAS

E. F. BINGHAM, Owner, Bingham Dance Studio;

Mrs. MARY RUTH DILTZ, Mary Ruth Diltz Dance
Studio;

GEORGIA GOSS HARSTON, Harston School of Dance.

AT PECOS, TEXAS

Mrs. SHELIA MARTIN, Shelia Martin Dance Studio.

The following investigation was conducted by
SA PAUL D. SJODAL on April 15, 1968:

AT ODESSA, TEXAS

Mrs. BETTY MOOSHER, Manager, Arthur Murray Dance Studio;

Mrs. MARJORIE MONTILLA, Owner, Montilla Studio
of Ballroom Dancing.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA DAVID J. REID on the dates noted:

AT EL PASO, TEXAS

Miss PAT STUART, Supervisor, Arthur Murray Dance
Studio, contacted on April 15, 1968;

Mrs. B. H. GARLAND, Garland Dance Studio,
contacted on April 15, 1968;

Mr. GUILLERMO AGUILAR, Aguilar Dance Studio,
contacted on April 15, 1968;

Mr. GORDON C. JOHNSON, Owner, Bassett Dance
Studio, contacted on April 17, 1968;

Mrs. INGEBORG HEUSER, Ballet Centre, contacted on
April 17, 1968;

Mrs. VIRGINIA M. WEAVER, Manager, The Lively
Arts, contacted on April 17, 1968;

Mr. GORDON C. JOHNSON, supra, recontacted on
April 18, 1968.

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STAYNER DUGAN, MIDLAND, TEXAS,
CLAIMED HE HAD RELATIVES BY
NAME OF GALT

AT MIDLAND, TEXAS

On April 15, 1968, Mr. STAYNER DUGAN, 1900 Sparks Street, advised SA JOHN J. GORMAN as follows:

He had relatives by the name of GALT. Some of these relatives spell their name as "GUALT" and some spell the name as "GUAT". His father, GLENN E. DUGAN, 1247 Vine Street, Abilene, Texas, has the hobby of genealogy and would know if there was anyone in the family by the name of ERIC STARVO GALT. His aunt, FERN TRUCKENMILLER, who was visiting with his father in Abilene, also was in possession of information regarding the GALT family tree.

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**RECOVERY OF STOLEN CARS
FROM THE STATE OF GEORGIA**

The below-listed individuals were contacted on April 24, 1968, at which time they advised that, to the best of their knowledge, no stolen automobiles with license plates of the State of Georgia have been recovered in their respective territories subsequent to April 4, 1968:

Sheriff DAN SAUNDERS, Martin County Sheriff's Office, and Chief of Police JAKE BRUTON, both of Stanton, Texas, contacted by SA JOHN J. GORMAN.

Deputy Sheriff JAMES SULLIVAN, Pecos County Sheriff's Office, and Chief of Police STANLEY HARRISON, both of Fort Stockton, Texas, contacted by SA GORMAN.

Sheriff GENE ECKOLS, Upton County Sheriff's Office, Rankin, Texas, contacted by SA GORMAN.

Chief of Police CARL LOCKER, McCamey, Texas, contacted by SA GORMAN.

Sheriff RAY WEATHERBY, Crane County Sheriff's Office, and Chief of Police JOHNNY LANDIS, both of Crane, Texas, contacted by SA GORMAN.

Chief Deputy Sheriff GUY FLETCHER, Midland County Sheriff's Office, and Officer WILLIAM STRIBLING, Dispatcher, Midland Police Department, both of Midland, Texas, contacted by SA GORMAN.

Chief of Police BOB PATTERSON, Monahans, Texas, and Deputy Sheriff KEN STROUD, Reeves County Sheriff's Office, Pecos, Texas, both contacted by SA JOHN R. MAURER.

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WEYLAND COFFEY, Dispatcher, Texas Department of Public Safety, El Paso, Texas, contacted by SA RICHARD H. PICKEN.

ANTONIO GARCIA VALENCIA, Chihuahua State Traffic Department, JOSE RUBALCABA, State Judicial Police, and AMBROCIO GUTIERREZ, Inspector, Juarez Police Department, all Juarez, Chihuahua, Mexico, contacted by SA ROBERT B. LYONS.

Captain OLAN MILES, Detective GLENN WALLACE, and Assistant Chief JACK TOMLIN (NA), all of the Odessa Police Department, Odessa, Texas, contacted by SA PAUL D. SJODAL.

Captain DON REAVES (NA), and Deputy SONNY HOLDERMAN, Ector County Sheriff's Office, Odessa, Texas, contacted by SA SJODAL.

Sheriff BUD GREGORY, Andrews County Sheriff's Office, Andrews, Texas, contacted by SA SJODAL.

Detective JOE AVALOS, Auto Theft Detail, El Paso Police Department, El Paso, Texas, contacted by SA DONN K. SICKLES.

RAY MONTES, Sergeant, El Paso County Sheriff's Office, El Paso, Texas, contacted by SA SICKLES.

On April 25, 1968, GEORGE CONNOR, Manager, El Paso Wrecker Service, 428 Frederick Street, El Paso, advised SA SICKLES that the only automobile located at the lot of the wrecker service which had Georgia license plates was a 1966 Oldsmobile 98 four door hardtop, Vehicle Identification Number 384393M242814, 1967 Georgia License Plates 56A471. He said that this automobile had been

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impounded at the wrecker service lot since April 20, 1968. He noted that the Airport Police at the El Paso International Airport had placed a ticket on the automobile for over-parking on April 20, 1968, and that the automobile had been removed from the parking lot of the airport and impounded at the wrecker service lot on that date. He noted that on the rear seat of the automobile was located 1968 Georgia license plates 56A357.

The individuals listed above who were contacted on April 24, 1968, regarding the recovery of stolen automobiles from the State of Georgia, were recontacted by the same Special Agents during the period from April 26 through 29, 1968, at which time they advised that no information was contained in the files of their respective offices regarding the recovery of stolen automobiles with Georgia license plates during the period from March 23, 1968, to April 4, 1968.

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COMPARISON OF FINGERPRINTS
OF JAMES EARL RAY WITH
UNIDENTIFIED LATENT FINGERPRINTS
BY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

On April 30, 1968, the below-listed individuals advised that they would compare the fingerprints of JAMES EARL RAY with the unidentified latent fingerprints maintained in the files of their respective offices in an effort to ascertain if any of the unidentified latent fingerprints belonged to JAMES EARL RAY:

Detective V. R. FRANCO, Identification Division, El Paso Police Department, El Paso, Texas, contacted by SA HARREL LEON DAVIS.

Lieutenant ROGER MEURER, Midland Police Department, Midland, Texas, contacted by SA JOHN J. GORMAN.

Captain BYRON HAWTHORNE, Odessa Police Department, Odessa, Texas, contacted by SA PAUL D. SJODAL.

On April 30, 1968, Detective V. R. FRANCO, El Paso Police Department, supra, and on May 3, 1968, Lieutenant ROGER MEURER, Midland Police Department, and Captain BYRON HAWTHORNE, Odessa Police Department, both supra, advised the contacting agents that the comparison of the fingerprints of JAMES EARL RAY with unidentified latent fingerprints maintained in their respective files had been completed and that they had been unable to match RAY's prints with any of these unidentified latent fingerprints.

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J. R. KELLER, REPORTED ASSOCIATE
OF JAMES EARL RAY AT LEAVENWORTH

AT ANTHONY, TEXAS

On April 30, 1968, Mr. W. R. BEASLEY, Supervisor, La Tuna Federal Correctional Institution, advised SA DUANE THOMAS STEWART as follows:

Two individuals by the name of JOHN R. KELLER have been released from the Federal Correctional Institution in Florence, Arizona, in the past and he did not know which one was identical with J. R. KELLER, Leavenworth Prison Number 72614-L. JOHN R. KELLER, Florence Correctional Institution Number 7574, was released from Florence in about 1962 and his record was sent to the Federal Records Center, Denver, Colorado, in Agency Container Number 12.

JOHN R. KELLER, Florence Correctional Institution Number 4977, was released from Florence in 1957 and his record was transferred in 1963 to the Federal Records Center, Bell, California, Container Number 83449, Agency Container Number 5, Accession Number 64-A-61.

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ROBERT DALE PORTER, ACQUAINTANCE
OF JAMES EARL RAY AT THE MISSOURI
STATE PENITENTIARY

AT VAN HORN, TEXAS

On April 30, 1968, Sheriff ORVAL CAPEHART, Culberson County Sheriff's Office, telephonically advised SA RICHARD H. PICKEN as follows:

He checked the records of the Clark Hotel, Van Horn, on April 30, 1968, at which time it was determined that one ROBERT DALE PORTER, white, male, American, age about 40, height about 6', weight about 175 pounds, arrived on foot at the Clark Hotel at about 7:00 p.m. on April 3, 1968. PORTER rented Room 7, paid \$2 for the room, and stated to the clerk at the Clark Hotel that \$2 was all the money that he had. PORTER spent the night in Room 7, listing the address of 103 $\frac{1}{2}$ East Balmer, Waverly, Iowa. PORTER was not known to have made any telephone calls while at the Clark Hotel, and did not inquire as to where he could make a telephone call away from the hotel. PORTER was alone and had no visitors while at the hotel. PORTER left the hotel at about 10:00 a.m. on April 4, 1968, was on foot, but his direction of departure was not known by the employees of the hotel.

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FRANK BRICKLEY, CHATTANOOGA,
TENNESSEE, ALLEGEDLY INVOLVED
WITH JAMES EARL RAY

AT EL PASO, TEXAS

On May 21, 1968, Mr. G. A. LICON, Operations Supervisor, Greyhound Bus Lines, 212 San Francisco Street, was furnished a photograph of FRANK WILLIAM BRICKLEY, FBI Number 197796C, by SA DAVID J. REID, at which time he advised that the photograph would be displayed to the employees at the bus depot in an effort to ascertain if any of the employees recalled seeing FRANK WILLIAM BRICKLEY at the bus depot on about April 8 or 9, 1968.

On May 22, 1968, Mr. L. I. DAVIS, Cashier, Greyhound Bus Lines, 212 San Francisco Street, advised SA REID that the photograph of FRANK WILLIAM BRICKLEY had been displayed to the employees of the bus depot and that none of the employees recalled having seen ~~FRANK BRICKLEY~~ WILLIAM BRICKLEY at the bus depot on about April 8 or 9, 1968, or at any time in the past.

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SUSPECT - UNIDENTIFIED MAN OBSERVED
ON HIGHWAY NEAR EL PASO, TEXAS,
ON APRIL 9, 1968, WHO RESEMBLED SKETCH
OF THE UNKNOWN SUBJECT

AT CLINT, TEXAS

On April 9, 1968, at approximately 6:00 p.m., Mrs. RUTH RETZOLKA, Route 80, telephonically advised Security Patrol Clerk LEROY M. TEITSWORTH that she had seen a man on Interstate Highway 10 on the outskirts of El Paso who resembled the sketch of the unknown subject.

The following investigation was conducted by SA FRANCIS J. PRASEK in an effort to locate and interview Mrs. RETZOLKA, supra:

On April 11, 1968, the telephone directories for Clint, Fabens, and El Paso, all Texas, were reviewed and no listing was located for anyone by the name of RETZOLKA.

The names on the mailboxes along Highway 80 en route from El Paso to Clint and Fabens, Texas, were checked and no mailbox was located under the name of RETZOLKA.

Additional inquiries were made in Clint and Fabens, Texas, but no information was developed regarding the whereabouts of Mrs. RETZOLKA.