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THE 44-157 AND 44-158
NOT YET THE NAME OF THE LETHALITY PROGRAM BUT INDICATED BY
DEAR. THE BUREAU ADVISED AT ONE TIME LETHALITY WAS RUN AT NO.
JOHN HOSPITAL, SPRINGFIELD, MO., FOR SOME TYPE OF OPERATION. AND
ARRIVED DURING SIXTYFOUR, PRIOR TO HIS LEAVING FOR MEXICO, LEAVING
AND JAILLED AT WISE CO., VA., FOR ASSAULT FOR SEVENTEEN DAYS. AND
RECEIVED A PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN IN APRIL, SIXTYFOUR, OF LETHALITY
WHICH WILL BE AVAILABLE AT RICHMOND.
LETHALITY IS DESCRIBED AS A WHITE MALE, FIVE FEET SIX INCHES
TO FIVE FEET SEVEN INCHES, ONE HUNDRED FIFTY POUNDS, BROWN EYES,
STAYING IN THE MIDDLE OF THE ROAD. INTELLIGENT SPEAKER. BUT
AND TALK WITH "BILLY" IN MANNER AS IF HE WERE AN
GENERAL.
CAN DIEGO - ADVISE IN ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION REQUIRED.
BILLY STONE, VA.
RICHMOND WILL CONTACT LETHALITY'S COUSIN, EDWARD LETHALITY, JR.
BETH ST., BILLY STONE, VA., FOR FURTHER INFO. LETHALITY, JR.
ALSO CONTACT ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL, HORTON, VA., FOR ANY LETHALITY
BACKGROUND INFO BY LETHALITY.
-P- WILL COPY TO WISCONSIN STATE.
END
APR
BY WASH DC

The Attorney General

July 1, 1968

Director, FBI

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. McDonough

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

New Scotland Yard has advised that on June 4, 1968, an armed robbery was committed by a man with a revolver who entered the London Trustees Savings Bank, Fulham, England, and held up members of the bank staff obtaining ninety-five pounds, ten shillings (approximately \$239). The man handed the bank cashier a pink paper bag on which was printed "Place all five and ten pound notes in this bag." The man was given a bundle of five pound notes. He then departed the bank and left the bag behind.

A right thumb fingerprint impression developed on the bag has been positively identified by New Scotland Yard as being identical with the right thumb fingerprint of James Earl Ray. Additionally, on the basis of interviews with the bank staff and a salesman in a tailor shop which the man entered after the robbery, all descriptions of the robber fit that of James Earl Ray. New Scotland Yard states that the evidence is sufficient to prove the robbery offense was committed by Ray.

New Scotland Yard is also concerned that Ray may have committed other offenses in England, in particular a bank robbery at Plymouth, England, on May 31, 1968, where a similar modus operandi was used and the artist's conception bears a likeness to Ray. New Scotland Yard is also checking into the attempted robbery of the National Provincial Bank in London, England, on June 29, 1967, in which a similar modus operandi was used. During the ensuing chase a man was shot dead. New Scotland Yard doubts Ray was in England at that time.

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It is noted that Ray escaped from the Missouri State Penitentiary on April 23, 1967, and information developed to date shows he next appeared in Montreal, Canada, on July 18, 1967, using the name Eric S. Galt.

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REC'D DE LOACH
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REC'D-TOLSON'S OFFICE
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FBI

The Attorney General

The foregoing information was furnished by New Scotland Yard on a confidential basis and should not be disseminated outside the Department.

You will continue to be kept advised of any pertinent developments.

1 - The Deputy Attorney General

**1 - Mr. Stephen J. Pollak
Assistant Attorney General**

**1 - Mr. Fred M. Vinson, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General**

NOTE:

Above information furnished on confidential basis by New Scotland Yard. We are checking out unsolved bank robberies in United States from period of Ray's escape 4/23/67 from Missouri State Penitentiary for similar modus operandi and will pursue any developed. Royal Canadian Mounted Police requested by Legal Attache to do likewise. All aspects being vigorously pursued.

Minnich advises permission received from Scotland Yard that above information may be furnished to Department of Justice on need-to-know basis and under no circumstances should it be released outside of Department. Minnich will inform AAG Vinson in London on same basis a. m. of July 2 next.