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John Edgar Hocyar Director FBI INDAPOLS

735PM URGENT 4-24-68 BJP

TO ALL SACS - RELAY MESSAGE PLAN

FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 2P

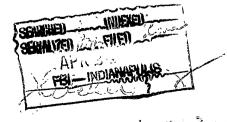
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CONTACTS SHOULD BE MAINTAINED WITH ALL MASS COMMUNICATIONS
MEDIA IN YOUR TERRITORY TO INSURE THAT THERE IS FREQUENT
REFERENCE TO RAY AND HIS CONNECTION WITH THIS CASE.

SINCE YOU HAVE PREVIOUSLY BEEN ADVISED THAT JAMES EARL
RAY IS IDENTICAL WITH ERIC STARVO GALT AND YOU HAVE BEEN
FURNISHED IO'S AND WANTED FLYERS ON RAY. YOU ARE TO BE
CERTAIN THAT ALL APPROPRIATE STOPS HAVE BEEN RENEWED ON
JAMES EARL RAY AND UNDER ALL OF HIS KNOWN ALIASES AS SET
FORTH ON THE IO'S AND WANTED FLYERS. THIS IS TO INSURE THAT
THE BUREAU WILL BE IMMEDIATELY NOTIFIED IF THE SUBJECT IS
ARRESTED OR COMES TO THE ATTENTION OF AUTHORITIES WITH WHOM
STOPS PLACED.

OFFICES COVERING DEPARTURE OR ARRIVAL OF OVERSEAS
FLIGHTS SHOULD HAVE RENEWED STOPS AND SUBJECT'S PHOTOGRAPH
SHOULD BE DISPLAYED APPROPRIATELY.
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ALL OFFICES SHOULD CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION
AT ALL "HIPPIE" ROOMING HOUSES AND SIMILAR ESTABLISHMENTS TO
OBTAIN ANY INFORMATION WHATSOEVER CONCERNING RAY.

APPROPRIATE LEGATS BEING ADVISED SEPARATELY.

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LS 44-947 The above information telephonically furnished to SA SEAMAN JONES of the Jeffersonville Resident Agency by SA EDWIN H. EILERS. **LEADS INDIANA POLIS** AT JEFFERSONVILLE, INDIANA. Will ascertain registered owner of car bearing Indiana plate 10A1120 and thereafter attempt to resolve the identity of the party driving this vehicle as related by MASON. ARMED AND DANGEROUS - 2 -2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

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Date: **4/24/68**

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TO DIRECTOR (44-	-3861), KANSAS CITY, MEMPHIS (44-1987), SPRINGFIELD
FROM INDIANAPOLI	18 (44-303)
RE SAN FRAI	NCISCO TELE. BUREAU, CHICAGO, INDIANAPOLIS, KANSAS
CITY, MEMPHIS, 1	NEW YORK AND ST. LOUIS, APRIL TWENTYTWO LAST.
RE: JOHN 1	LARRY RAY, BROTHER SUBJ. JEWIS WARLE THY.
RECORD, IN	D. STATE REFORMATORY, PENDLETON, IND., DISCLOSES
"JOHN LARRY RAY	NS", AKA JACK, PRISON REGISTRY NO. THREE FIVE TWO
NINE SEVEN, SENT	TENCED TO TWO - FIVE YRS. FOR SECOND DEGREE BURGLAR
IN KOSCIUSKO CO	., IND., ON JAN. TWENTYTHREE FIFTY AND RECEIVED AT
IND. REFORMATORY	Y JAN. TWENTYFOUR FIFTY. RAYNS DESCRIBED AS WM,
BORN	ALTON, ILL., FIVE FT. SEVEN ONE HALF
IN., ONE TWENTY	EIGHT LBS., DARK CHESTNUT HAIR, HAZEL EYES, SALLOW
COMPLEXION, SLE	NDER BUILD, BURN SCAR LEFT JAW, CUT SCAR TOP MIDDLE
FINGER, LEFT HA	ND, THIRD JOINT, PECULARITY - STUTTERS. ATTENDED
•	UNICY, ILL., THIRTYEIGHT TO FORTYEIGHT. HAD WORKED
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FURNISHED OTHER RELATIVES AS FOLLOWS: GRANDMOTHER, MRS. MARY MAHER, ALTON, ILL.; BROTHERS JERRY RAYNS, JR., AND FRANK RAYNS, BOTH RESIDING WITH PARENTS; SISTERS MELBA, CAROL AND JANE RAYNS, ALL RESIDING WITH PARENTS.

HE WAS PAROLED MARCH TWENTYONE FIFTYTWO TO ST. OF ILL. TO
RESIDE WITH UNCLE WILLIAM E. MAHER, ONE ONE ONE EIGHT E. SEVENTH
ST., ALTON, ILL., AND TO WORK FOR LEE R. MOREHEAD, TWO ONE EIGHT
WILLIAMS ST., ALEON. PAROLE OFFICER WAS HARVEY L. LONG, ADMINISTRATIOR,
INTERSTATE PAROLE COMPACT, THREE ZERO NINE ARMORY BUILDING,
SPRINGFIELD, ILL. HE VIOLATED THIS PAROLE BY ABSCONDING FROM
PAROLE SUPERVISOR ON APRIL TWO FIFTY TWO BY BEING ARRESTED IN
HOLTVILLE, CALIF. ON DEC. THREE FIFTYTWO AS A SLEEPER ACCORDING TO
FBI REPT. USING ALIAS "JOHNNY LARRY RAY; ALSO BY BEING ARRESTED EOR
LARCENY APRIL SEVEN FIFTYTHREE AT QUINCY. THIS ARREST RESULTED IN
A ONE TO TWENTY YR. COMMITTMENT TO ILL. STATE PENITENTIARY AT MENARD,
ILL.

HIS IND. DELINQUENTYPAROLE STATUS WAS WAIVED ON SEPT. TWO FIFTYTWO AND THE IND. SENTENCE EXPIRED JAN. TWENTYTHREE FIFTYFIVE. HE RECEIVED HIS FINAL DISCHARGE ON MAY NINE FIFTYNINE.

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LETTER IN FILE DATED JAN. ELEVEN FIFTYFOUR FROMEREV. J. L. STRZELEC, CATHOLIC CHAPLAIN, MENARD, ILL., ILL. STATE PENITENTIARY, ADDRESSED TO IND. REFORMATORY ADVISES THE CHAPLAIN WAS WRITING ON BEHALF OF "JOHN RYAN." THE CHAPLAIN STATED THAT JOHN WAS CONCERNED THAT IND. WOULD FILE A HOLD ON HIM AT ILL. PENITENTIARY. IND. REFORMATORY ADVISED CHAPLAIN THEY HAD HAD NO PRESONER NAMED JOHN RYAN AND THE CHAPLAIN THEN ADVISED HE WAS WRITING CONCERNING JOHN RAYN, IND. REFORMATORY NO. THREE FIVE TWO NINE SEVEN. THE CHAPLAIN ADVISED THAT JOHN WAS SERVING FIVE TO TEN YRS. AT MENARD. THE CHAPLAIN ADVISED JOHN'S MOTHER WAS ANSEMI-INVALID WITH FOUR SMALL CHILDREN. JOHN RAYN'S REGISTRY NO. AT THE ILL. STATE PENITENTIARY, MENARD, WAS TWO THREE FOUR ZERO ONE.

SPRINGFIELD AT MENARD AT ILL. STATE PENITENTIARY, REVIEW FILE JOHN LARRY RAYN OR RYAN REGISTRY NO. TWO THREE FOUR ZERO ONE.

AT ADAMS, ALTON AND QUINCY, ILL. LOCATE ABOVE RELATIVES AND INTERVIEW RE BACKGROUND AND WHEREABOUTS OF JOHN LARRY RAY.

THE CHECK SCHOOL RECORDS FOR JOHN LARRY RAY AT ADAMS FOR PERTINENT INFO. Review UR File 25-6938.

AT SPRINGFIELD CHECK ANY PERTINENT PEROLE RECORDS RE JOHN

LARRY RAY UNDER HIS TRUE NAME AND ALIASES. ARMED AND DANGEROUS. P

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7:37 PM URGENT 4/22/68 KCK

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), CHICAGO, INDIANAPOLIS, KANSAS CITY,

MEMPHLS (44-1987), NEW YORK AND ST. LOUIS

FROM SAN FRANCISCO (173-65) (2P)

MURKIN

RE: JOHN LARRY RAY.

RE CGTEL, APRIL NINETEEN, LAST.

RECORDS OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE BUREAU OF CRIMINAL IDENTIFICATION AND INVESTIGATION (CII) REFLECTED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION RE JOHN LARRY RAY:

HE HAS CII, NUMBER SEVEN FOUR ONE SEVEN FOUR ZERO, FBI
NUMBER THREE SIX EIGHT SEVEN TWO FIVE A, AND WAS BOOKED AS A
"SLEEPER" AT HOLTVILLE, CALIFORNIA, ON DECEMBER THREE, ONE NINE
FIVE TWO, HOLTVILLE PD NUMBER ONE THREE FOUR ONE, AT WHICH TIME
HE WAS DESCRIBED AS WMA, FIVE FEET TEN INCHES, ONE FIVE FIVE

POUNDS, BROWN HAIR, BROWN EYES, DATE OF BIRTH

HE LISTED HIS HOME ADDRESS AS ONE NINE

THREE SEVEN LINCOLN AVENUE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, AND HIS MOTHER

AS LUCILLE RAY. SAME ADDRESS.

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CII RECORDS REFLECT JOHN LARRY RAY WAS ARRESTED BY
INDIANA STATE POLICE ON DECEMBER THIRTY, ONE NINE FOUR NINE, AT
LIGONIER AND WAS CONFINED TO THE INDIANA STATE REFORMATORY AT
PENDLETON, INDIANA, ON JANUARY TWO FOUR, ONE NINE FIVE ZERO,
THEIR NUMBER THREE FIVE TWO NINE SEVEN, ON A SECOND DEGREE BURGLARY
CHARGE.

ON NOVEMBER TWO F	IAF' ONE W	INE DIV DE AFIN	H KECOKD	CUECY	
RECEIVED BY CII FROM A	DETECT I VE	THORNBERRY OF	THE ST.	LOUIS PD	ON
JOHNNY LARRY RAY, AKA	JERRY WILL	IAM RYAN, DOB			
	RECORD OF	ST. LOUIS PD	INDICATED	RAY LIST	ĒĎ
PREVIOUS RESIDENCES AT	MAPLEWOOD	AND ST. LOUIS	MISSOURI	BLOOMIN	G-
DALE, ILLINOIS; CONCOR	D HOTEL, K	IAMESHA LAKE.	NEW YORK;	AND ONE	FOUR
SIX ZERO SUTTER STREET	. SAN FRAN	CISCO, CALIFOR	NIA.		

LEADS: CHICAGO, INDIANAPOLIS, NEW YORK, AND ST. LOUIS:
ATTEMPT TO LOCATE JAMES EARL RAY'S BROTHER IN YOUR DIVISION OR
INFORMATION AS TO HIS PRESENT WHEREABOUTS.

SAN FRANCISCO: WILL DETERMINE AT ONE FOUR SIX ZERO SUTTER STREET ANY INFORMATION ON JOHN LARRY RAY.

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TO:

DIRECTOR, FBI AND SACS MEMPHIS, CINCINNATI, NEWARK AND ST. LOUIS

FROM:

SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)

SUBJECT: C

MURKIN

(OO:MEMPHIS)

RE CINCINNATI TELETYPE TO BUREAU, APRIL NINTH,

NINFTEEN SIXTY EIGHT.

RE UNKNOWN MALE LEAVING COLUMBUS OHIO VIA GREYHOUND

BUS.

RONALD WEISZ, THREE ZERO ONE EAST MAIN STREET, SMITH-TOWN, NY, A SEVENTEEN YEAR OLD SENIOR AT STONY BROOK PREP SCHOOL, STONY BROOK, NY, ADVISED AS FOLLOWS ON APRIL TWENTIETH, NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT:

l - Cleveland
I - Indianapolis
I - Los Angeles

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NY 44-1609

AT APPROXIMATELY THREE THIRTY AM ON APRIL NINETEENTH. NINETY SIXTY EIGHT, HE AND TWO OTHERS, GARY S. GOODMAN, CALDWELL. NEW JERSEY, AND LENNIE (LNU), A FRIEND OF GOODMAN'S FROM UPSTATE NY, WERE SLEEPING IN WAITING ROOM AT PORT COLUMBUS AIRPORT AWAITING SEVEN THIRTY PM TWA FLIGHT TO NY. A TWA CLERK WAS ONLY OTHER PERSON PRESENT IN WAITING ROOM. WEISZ WAS AWAKENED BY AN UNKNOWN MALE WHO ASKED IF HE COULD BUY A SHIRT. WEISZ SOLD HIM FOR ONE DOLLAR A TAN AND GREEN BLAID BUTTON DOWN, LONG SLEEVE SPORT SHIRT, SIZE MEDIUM, BRAND J. C. PENNEY COMPANY. UNKNOWN MALE PAID FROM A LARGE ROLL OF BILLS AND WHILE PAYING DROPPED THREE WRAPPED ROLLS OF COINS ON THE FLOOR. UNKNOWN MALE CHANGED FROM WHITE DRESS SHIRT HE WAS WEARING IN WAITING ROOM AND PLACED THE WHITE SHIRT IN A LOCKER THERE. ABOUT TWENTY MINUTES LATER, HE WENT OUTSIDE AND A CAB DRIVER ENTERED WHO ASKED TWA CLERK TIME THE NEXT FLIGHT LEAVES. HE WAS TOLD FIVE TEN AM AND LEFT. UNKNOWN MALE THEN RETURNED AND ASKED CLERK SAME QUESTION AND RECEIVED SAME ANSWER. UNKNOWN MALE ASKED THE CLERK IF HE COULD LEAVE COLUMBUS ANY OTHER WAY BECAUSE HE SAID HE HAD TO LEAVE IMMEDIATELY. HE WAS TOLD TO TRY A BUS OR TRAIN. AND PROCEEDED TO TELEPHONICALLY CONTACT THE GREYHOUND BUS COMPANY AND A NUMBER OF RAILROADS. HE WAS OVERHEARD BY WEISZ TO SAY THE ONLY TRANSPORTATION SOON ENOUGH FOR HIM WAS A FOUR THIRTY AM GREYHOUND BUS TO LOS ANGELES OR SAN FRANCISCO. THE UNKNOWN MALE HAD A CONVERSATION WITH THE THREE

TO THEIR QUESTIONS HE TOLD AT TIMES THREE DIFFERENT STORIES; HE HAD NO LUGGAGE, HE LOST IT, AND IT WAS ROUTED TO ANOTHER AIRPORT. HE ALSO TOLD THEM HE HAD AN UNUSED AIRLINE TICKET TO REDEEM BUT DID NOT HAVE TIME TO DO SO. TWA CLERK SAID HE HAD NO TICKET. UNKNOWN MALE THEN CALLED A CAB AND LEFT ALLEGEDLY FOR GREYHOUND BUS TERMINAL.

ABOUT FOUR THIRTY AM, TWO YELLOW CAB COMPANY DRIVERS ENTERED WAITING ROOM AND THREE BOYS OVERHEARD CONVERSATION REGARDING UNKNOWN MALE THAT ONE DRIVER HAD DRIVEN FROM AIRPORT. DRIVER SAID HE WAS SUSPICIOUS OF THIS PERSON WHO SAID HE WAS FROM ST. LOUIS AND WHOM HE HAD DRIVEN TO A PRIVATE RESIDENCE IN THE AREA. DRIVER SAID HE WAS PAID WITH A ROLL OF DIMES WHICH HAD CINCINNATI ON THE WRAPPER. DRIVER SAID HE WAITED OUTSIDE RESIDENCE TO SEE IF SOMEONE WOULD LET THE UNKNOWN MALE ENTER AT THAT EARLY HOUR, AND WAS TOLD BY THE UNKNOWN MALE NOT TO WAIT BUT TO LEAVE. THE DRIVER DID NOT OBSERVE THE UNKNOWN MALE RING A BELL OR ATTEMPT TO ENTER THIS HOUSE. CAB DRIVER ALSO STATED THIS PERSON RESEMBLED PHOTOGRAPH OF JAMES EARL RAY THAT HE HAD SEEN IN THE NEWSPAPER.

WEISZ ESTIMATED HE OBSERVED AND TALKED TO UNKNOWN MALE FOR ABOUT AN HOUR AND AFTER OVERHEARING CAB DRIVER'S CONVERSATION, THE THREE BOYS, TWO CAB DRIVERS AND TWA CLERK DISCUSSED UNKNOWN MALE AND AFTER VIEWING PHOTOGRAPH OF JAMES EARL RAY IN NEWSPAPER, DECIDED THE UNKNOWN MALE CLOSELY RESEMBLED RAY.

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SOMETIME AFTER FIVE AM, THEY DECIDED TO CONTACT THE FBI WITH THIS INFORMATION. GOODMAN TELEPHONICALLY RELATED THE ABOVE CIRCUMSTANCES TO THE CINCINNATI OFFICE. HE WAS INFORMED SOMEONE WOULD BE OUT TO OBTAIN THE DETAILS FROM HIM, BUT HE EXPLAINED THAT THEY HAD RESERVATIONS TO LEAVE FOR MY AT SEVEN THIRTY AM AND COULD NOT WAIT AT THE AIRPORT. GOODMAN ALSO RETRIEVED THE UNKNOWN MALE'S WHITE SHIRT FROM THE LOCKER WHICH HE HAS IN HIS POSSESSION NOW IN NEW JERSEY.

WEISZ DESCRIBED THE UNKNOWN MALE AS WHITE, MALE, ABOUT FORTY FIVE YEARS OLD, FIVE FEET TEN INCHES, ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY POUNDS, MEDIUM-HEAVY BUILD, STRAIGHT, MEDIUM LENGTH, LIGHT BROWN HAIR, THIN LIGHT MUSTACHE, TAN COMPLEXION, NO GLASSES, NO NOTICEABLE ACCENT BUT NOT FROM EASTERN OR NORTH EASTERN US. NO NOTICEABLE SCARS, MARKS OR TATTOOS. DRESS DIRTY WHITE SHIRT, CHINO TROUSSERS, BLACK SHOES, NO JACKET, NO HAT.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

CLEVELAND, INDIANAPOLIS AND LOS ANGELES ADVISED BY
AIRMAIL.

FBI MEMPHIS
451 PM URGENT 4-24-68 DND
TO INDIANAPOLIS
FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987)

MURKIN

RECORDS OF LOCAL RIVERBOAT HIRING CO. REFLECT JAMES RAY, EIGHT FOUR EIGHT S. BELLEVE PLACE, INDIANAPOLIS, TELEPHONE SIX THREE EIGHT - NINE EIGHT ZERO ZERO, OR SIX THREE EIGHT - SIX SEVEN FOUR THREE, INTERESTED IN WORKING ABOARD MISSISSIPPI RIVER BOATS. BROTHER, CHARLES RAY, NINE ONE NINE LA SALLE, WAS TO ACCOMPANY HIM IN AUG., SIXTY SEVEN, TO MEMPHIS TO OBTAIN EMPLOYMENT IF AVAILABLE.

INDIANAPOLIS CONTACT RAY TO DETERMINE IF SUBJECT.
ARMED AND DANGEROUS. P.

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
MAY 1982 EDITION
GSA FPMR (41 CFR) 101-11.6

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

то : SAC (44-563)

DATE: 4/24/68

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FROM:

MA ERIC C. WILLIAMS

SUBJECT:

MURKIN

On 4/22/68, Lt. MIKE ARRENDONDO, East Chicago, Ind. PD, contacted the Gary RA by phone and advised an individual was at his office and possessed information possibly concerning instant matter.

On 4/22/68, SA WILLIAMS went to the East Chicago, Ind. PD and met one HAVEN TUBBS, 4833 Mellville, East Chicago, Ind. He advised as follows:

TUBBS stated on 4/14/68, he was driving from Alabama to his home in East Chicago, Ind. He stated he picked up a hitchhiker on Rt. 31 in Alabama, about 40 miles from the Tennessee State line. He stated the individual was a whitem male, 5'll" to 6', 165 lbs., 40 years, thin build, blond hair, wearing blue jeans and a light shirt. He stated this individual was carrying a cardboard box, with "Kentucky" written on the side. He stated this individual, whose name he does not recall, said he had just come from Florida, where he had been working on some farms. He advised his mother lived in Ky. TUBBS stated he told the man he was going to northern Ind., at which time the individual asked if he could ride all the way, since he has a sister living near New Buffalo, Michigan and he could obtain farm work there. TUBBS stated he drove straight through to N. Indiana, and dropped the man off at the Hammond, Ind. Greyhound Bus station, about 1:10AM on 4/15/68. TUBBS stated he told the man he could get a bus to Michigan first thingin the morning.

TUBBS stated further he saw a photo of JAMES RAY, in the 4/22/68 edition of the Chicago Sun Times. He stated this individual looked a little like the man he gave the ride to, except for the dark hair, TUBBS was shown two FBI photos of RAY with a bow tie. He stated this was not, in his mind, the individual.

On 4/22/68, two photos of RAY in a bow tie were shown to BOB HARAKAL and PAULETTE JOHNSON, employees of Greyhound Bus Co., Hammond, Ind. They advised they were working the morning of 4/15/68 and could provide no information re any individual meeting description of RAY. They stated they did not observe anyone like him at the station.

No further action recommended $\mathcal{N}_{\gamma}^{\nu}$. 2-44-563

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FBI NEW YORK

6:25 PM URGENT 4/25/68 WPK

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861 AND MEMPHIS, LOS ANGELES, SAN FRANCISCO, CINCINNATI, CHICAGO, DALLAS, INDIANAPOLIS, DETROIT, KANSAS CITY AND SEATTLE
FROM NEW YORK 44-1609

MURKIN

RE WHLSIRE BOOK COMPANY, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.
RE LA TEL TO BUREAU, APRIL TWO SEVEN, LAST.

MAILING LIST OF WILSHIRE BOOK COMPANY FOR ONE NINE SIX
SIX, ONE NINE SIX SEVEN, AND ONE NINE SIX EIGHT CONSISTING
OF APPROXIMATELY THIRTY THOUSAND NAMES FURNISHED ON APIL
TWO FOUR, LAST, BY BERNARD LANDE, PRESIDENT, RESEARCH PROJECTS
COMPANY, ONE SEVEN ZERO SIX ROCKAWAY AVENUE, LYNBROOK, NY, TO
SAS JOHN F. CURRAN, NORMAN A. MURRAY, AND ROBERT G. OFTEDAL.
END PAGE ONE





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SEARCH BY SAS FOR NAMES, GAULT AND JAMES E. RAY,
NEGATIVE. LIST REFLECTED INDIVIDUALS NAMED RAY AS FOLLOWS.
DATE REFLECTS YEAR, LIST COMPLETED:

MR. R. L. MAY. THREE FIVE FOUR SEVEN SOUTH FEDERAL STREET, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS (ONE NINE SIX EIGHT).

DONALD J. KAY, NINE NINE FOUR SOUTH ROYS AVENUE, COLUMBUS, OHIO (ONE NINE SIX SIX).

RONNIE MAY, FOUR ZERO SIX WEST FRANKLIN STREET, ELECTRA, TEXAS (ONE NINE SIX EIGHT).

ANGIE RAY, NINE FOUR TWO AND ONE-HALF SOUTH CLALA, LOS ANGELES. CALIFORNIA, MOVED IN ONE NINE SIX SEVEN OR ONE NINE SIX EIGHT, NO FORWARDING ADDRESS INDICATED.

B.J. MAY, THREE TWO SEVEN FIRST AVENUE EAST, PACIFIC WASHINGTON (ONE NINE SIX EIGHT.)

MARVIN L. MAY, EIGHT ONE ONE BOYER AVENUE, WALAWALA, WASHINGTON (ONE NINE SIX EIGHT).

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JACK D. RAY, FIVE ZERO ZERO FIVE EAST ORION, INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA (ONE NINE SIX SEVEN).

W.S. RAY, FIVE TWO FOUR SEVEN COLLEGE AVENUE,

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA (ONE NINE SIX SEVEN).

FLOYD PAY, BOX SEVEN ZERO EIGHT SEVEN FLINT, MICHIGAN COME NINE SIX SEVEN).

ROBERT G. PAY, ONE FIVE TWO SIX EAST SIXTY SIXTH PLACE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS (ONE NINE SIX SEVEN).

DELMA BAY, NINE TWO THREE WEST GRAND, HAYSVILLE, KANSAS (ONE NINE SIX SEVEN)

DEBBIE RAY, SIX SIX THREE THREE DERBY AVENUE, APARTMENT FOUR, RESEDA, CALIFORNIA (ONE NINE SIX SEVEN).

RECEIVING OFFICES INSTRUCTED TO DETERMINE IF ANY OF
ABOVE ARE IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT. JAMES E. RAY. OR A
RELATIVE. SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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TO CHICAGO AND INDIANAPOLIS

FROM DETROIT (44-989) 2P

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RE CHICAGO TELETYPE TO DETROIT, APRIL TWENTY THREE, LAST.

FOR THE INFO INDIANAPOLIS, REFERENCED TELETYPE REQUESTED DETROIT
INTERVIEW RAYMOND SHERMAN ROBBINS, RICHARD DIX SCHERMERHORN AND
GARY JAMES SMITH REGARDING AN UNSUB, MEL (LNU), ALLEGEDLY
INVOLVED WITH THOSE THREE IN BRS IN DETROIT DIVISION, IN EFFORT
TO DETERMINE IF MEL MIGHT BE IDENTICAL WITH JAMES EARL RAY.

MEL (LNU) DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, TWENTY TO TWENTY FIVE YEARS, FIVE FOOT NINE, ONE HUNDRED SIXTY LBS., LIGHT BLOND HAIR.

ROBBINS AND SCHERMERHORN PICKED MEL (LNU) UP IN MAY, SIXTY SEVEN, WHILE HE WAS HITCHHIKING ON OHIO. MEL INDICATED HE WAS EN ROUTE HOME, POSSIBLY BUFFALO, NY, OR CHICAGO, ILL. MEL SUBSEQUENTLY TOOK PART IN THE AR OF GENESEE MERCHANTS BANK AND TRUST, FLINT, MICH., MAY FOUR, SIXTY SEVEN, AND AMERICAN SAVINGS AND LOAN, DETROIT, MAY FIVE, SIXTY SEVEN.

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SCHERMERHORN WAS SHOWN PHOTOS OF JAMES EARL RAY APRIL
TWENTY FOUR, LAST, AND HE INDICATED JAMES EARL RAY AND MEL (LNU)
WERE NOT IDENTICAL.

A REVIEW OF THE DETROIT FILE INDICATES RAYMOND, SHERMAN ROBBINS WAS SENTENCED, USDC, DETROIT, FEBRUARY FOURTEEN, LAST, FOR BR AND IS NOW AN INMATE OF US PRISON, TERRE HAUTE, IND. FILE ALSO INDICATES GARY JAMES SMITH NEVER VISUALLY OBSERVED MEL (LNU), AND WOULD NOT BE IN A POSITION TO ADVISE WHETHER MEL AND JAMES EARL RAY WERE IDENTICAL.

INDIANAPOLIS INTERVIEW RAYMOND SHERMAN ROBBINS AND ASCERTAIN IF HER FEELS MEL MIGHT BE IDENTICAL TO JAMES EARL RAY.

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RE CV TEL TO IP, APRIL TWENTYFIVE INSTANT AND SI TEL TO CV. APRIL TWENTYFIVE INSTANT.

WILLIAM JOSEPH KRAMZAR SERVING SENTENCES FOR WSTA, ITSMV, AT U. S. PENITENTIARY, TERRE HAUTE, IND. ADVISED TODAY WAS NEVER CONFINED STATE PENITENTIARY, JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI. KRAMZAR STATED RAY AND RIFE UNKNOWN TO HIM BY NAMES, ALIASES, PHOTOS. KRAMZAR STATES WAS CONFINED COUNTY JAIL, CARTHAGE, MISSOURI FROM OCT. SIXTYFOUR TO FEB. SIXTYFIVE, AWAITING ITSMV TRIAL. KRAMZAR SAID WAS ARRESTED SIXTYFOUR, SELMA, ALA. WITH JESSE RAY CARSON, WHO USED ALIAS JESSE RAY. STATES CARSON DEFINITELY NOT IDENTICAL TO JAMES EARL RAY.

KRAMZAR'S FILE REVIEWED, SHOWED NOTHING INDICATING WAS EVER CONFINED JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM INDIANAPOLIS (44-563)

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MARJORIE GOMEZ, MANAGER, PROSPERITY CLEANERS AND
LAUNDRY, SEVENTEEN ZERO ONE BROADWAY, E. CHICAGO, IND.,
ADVISED THIS DATE AFTER THREE DAY SEARCH SHE LOCATED AN ORDER
BILL WHICH BORE YELLOW THERMO-SEAL LÄUNDRY MARK NO. TWENTY RTHREE. GOMEZ STATED THIS ORDER WAS FOR TWO SHIRTS FOR
EUGENE COFFMAN, THREE FIVE ONE NINE ELM (ELMHURST APARTMENTS),
E. CHICAGO, IND. GOMEZ ADVISED COFFMAN IS REGULAR CUSTOMER
AND IS SON OF OWNER OF ELMHURST APARTMENTS. GOMEZ STATED
EACH INDIVIDUAL ORDER IS ASSIGNED NEW LAUNDRY MARKING AND
THAT MARKING TWENTY R-THREE WAS ONLY USED ON ONE OCCASION,
SEPT. TWENTYFIVE SIXTYSEVEN, ON ABOVE TWO SHIRTS FOR COFFMAN
AND WAS NEVER USED ON ANY OTHER ITEM BY HER LAUNDRY OR FOR ANY
OTHER CUSTOMER.

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TO INDIANAPOLIS

FROM CLEVELAND (44-565) 1P

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RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE TO CLEVELAND. APRIL TWENTYFIVE INSTANT.

DASH C ADVISED THAT HE FORMERLY KNEW

JAMES EARL RAY, BUT THAT HE HAD NOT SEEN HIM IN APPROXIMATELY

SEVEN OR EIGHT YEARS. INFORMANT RECALLED THAT RAY WAS CONFINED

TO THE JEFFERSON CITY, MISS'OURI, PENITENTIARY, WITH ONE

WILLIAM JOSEPH KRAMZER, HE BELIEVED IN SIXTYTHREE OR SIXTYFOUR.

INFORMANT STATED KRAMZER SUPPOSEDLY IN PRISON AFTER CONVICTION

IN CLEVELAND FOR WHITE SLAVERY.

USM OFFICE, CLEVELAND, ADVISED THIS DATE THAT
WILLIAM JOSEPH KRAMZER PRESENTLY INCARCERATED UNITED STATES
FEDERAL PENITENTIARY, TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA.

INDIANAPOLIS AT TERRE HAUTE WILL INTERVIEW KRAMZER CON-CERNING ANY KNOWLEDGE OR INFORMATION HE MAY HAVE CONCERNING JAMES EARL RAY.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), ST. LOUIS, SANEFRANCISCO, LOS ANGELES FROM INDIANAPOLIS(44-563)

MURKIN, OO: MEMPHIS.

RE: THREATS TO MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. IN CHICAGO AND BOSTON TELETYPES, APRIL TWENTYSIX, SIXTYEIGHT.

TELEPHONE WA FIVE - EIGHT NINE SIX FIVE WAS ASSIGNED TO FORD MOTOR CREDIT CO.; C. DEMPSEY, THIS DATE, ADVISED STOUT DELIVERED A MAYFLOWER MOVING VAN TO INDIANAPOLIS IN REPOSSESSION FOR INDIANAPOLIS DEALER. NO RECORD HERE RE BACKGROUND. STOUT RECOMMENDED BY LOS ANGELES OFFICE, FMC CO., ONE THREE SEVEN ZERO ONE RIVERSIDE DR., SHERMAN OAKS, CALIF.

NO EASTERN STATES FREIGHT LINES, TERRE HAUTE, IND.

STOUT MAYBE IDENTICAL TO LAWRENCE DONALD STOUT, FBI NO.

FOUR NINE FIVE NINE THREE EIGHT ZERO. SAN FRANCISCO AND LOS

ANGELES IN POSSESSION OF ST. LOUIS AIRTEL, FEB. TWENTYSIX SIXTYFOUR

RE LAWRENCE DONALD STOUT, AKA L. D. STOUDT, DONALD L. STOUDT, ITSMV.

ST. LOUIS FILES TWENTYSIX - ONE FOUR ONE FIVE SIX AND FORTY TWO - FOUR THREE ONE SIX ARE STOUT WITH SAME FBI NO.

ST. LOUIS FORWARD SAN FRANCISCO PHOTO OF STOUT FOR EXHIBIT
TO LINDH.

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LOS ANGELES CONTACT FMC CO., SHERMAN OAKS, FOR BACKGROUND.

OBJECT IS TO IDENTIFY STOUT SO DETERMINATION CAN BE MADE

AS POSSIBLE CO-CONSPIRATOR.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-989),

FROM INDIANAPOLIS (44-563)

MURKIN - CR, OO: MEMPHIS

RE DETROIT TELE. TO CHICAGO AND INDIANAPOLIS, APRID TWENTY FIVE LAST.

INMATE RAYMOND SHERMAN ROBBINS INTERVIEWED US PENITENTIARY,
TERRE HAUTE, IND., TODAY. ADVISED MEL (LNU) BLOND-HEADED AND YOUNGER
THAN JAMES EARL RAY. ROBBINS STATED PHOTOS OF RAY AND WALTER T.
RIFE DEFINITELY NOT IDENTICAL TO MEL; FURTHER HAS NEVER SEEN
EITHER BEFORE. ROBBINS STATES MEL LAST SEEN BUS STATION, DETROIT,
MICH., MAY SIX SIXTYSEVEN.

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TO ALL SACS RELAY MESSAGE PLAN
FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 1P

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THE MAIN FILE ON KING HAS BEEN REVIEWED AT THE BUREAU

AND LEADS ARE BEING SENT OUT CONCERNING PERSONS INVOLVED IN

PRIOR THREATS AGAINST KING. THESE LEADS AS WELL AS LEADS

CONCERNING ANY OTHER SUSPECTS DEVELOPED FROM ANY SOURCE

MUST BE GIVEN IMMEDIATE AND THOROUGH HANDLING ON A TOP PRIORITY

BASIS. PROCESS HAS BEEN OBTAINED AGAINST JAMES EARL RAY AND

EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION IS CONTINUING TO LOCATE RAY AND TO

ESTABLISH MOTIVE OF CRIME. YOU HAVE BEEN AND WILL BE

FURNISHED INFORMATION RELATING TO OTHER POSSIBLE CONSPIRATORS.

THESE MUST ALL BE THOROUGHLY RESOLVED NO MATTER HOW REMOTE.

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TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, CHICAGO 44-1114, MEMPHIS 44-1987
INDIANAPOLIS, AND NEW YORK

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FROM BOSTON 157-644

RE THREATS TO MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

RE CHICAGO TEL THIS DATE CONCERNING DONALD STOUT.

RE PITTSBURGH AIRTEL TO BUREAU SEPT. NINE, NINETEEN
SIXTY SIX, CC BOSTON, CHICAGO, INDIANAPOLIS, AND BOSTON AIRTEL
TO DIRECTOR, INDIANAPOLIS AND OTHER OFFICES, SETP. TWENTY THREE,
NINETEEN SIXTY SIX, ENTITLED "MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., SM - C."

NINETEEN SIXTY SIX MASSACHUSETTS LICENSE P EIGHT THREE D
FOUR SEVEN THREE LISTED TO NATIONAL CAR RENTALS. BOSTON MASS.

INVESTIGATION NATIONAL CAR RENTALS, BOSTON, NEGATIVE
ON SEPT. THIRTEEN, SIXTY SIX CONCERNING RENTAL OF CAR
BY DONALD STOUT ALTHOUGH MANAGER OF RENTAL AGENCY HAD FREQUENT
CONTACT WITH STOUT AT THAT TIME.

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MANAGER STATED ROBERT GUNDY, NATIONAL CAR RENTALS,

JFK AIRPORT, NYC, WAS FAIRLY WELL ACQUAINTED WITH STOUT.

GUNDY CONTACTED STOUT THROUGH TELEPHONE NO. INDIANAPOLIS,

INDIANA, WA. FIVE, EIGHT NINE SIX FIVE. STOUT DESCRIBED AS

"BIG TALKER WHO LIKES TO HEAR HIMSELF TALK." HE HAS

TRANSPORTED CARS FOR RENTAL AGENCIES AT MUCH LOWER RATE THAN

OTHER CAR JOCKEYS. STOUT HAS NO RECORD AT MASS. STATE POLICE

ALTHOUGH TROOPER HARDIN, MSP, LOGAN AIRPORT, BOSTON, RECALLS

STOUT QUESTIONED CONCERNING THEFT OF PERSONAL BELONGINGS FROM

RIDERS HE ABANDONED IN KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI.

RECORDS, BERLIN, NEW HAMPSHIRE, PD REFLECT DONALD L.

STOUT, EIGHT TWO SIX SOUTH WABASH, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, DOB

NO LOCATION GIVEN, ARRESTED

BERLIN PD, APRIL TEN, NINETEEN FIFTY EIGHT FOR OPERATING

UNREGISTERED VEHICLE. STOUT DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, FIVE FEET

EIGHT, MEDIUM BUILD, BLUE EYES. FINGERPRINTS SUBMITTED FBI

IDENT. DIV. AND MATCHES FBI NO. FOUR NINE FIVE NINE THREE EIGHT

ZERO ACCORDING TO BERLIN PD. STOUT PAID FIVE DOLLAR FINE ON ABOVE CHARGE AND RELEASED APRIL ELEVEN, NINETEEN FITY EIGHT.

NO PHOTO TAKEN. NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE POLICE HAS NO FURTHER INFO RE STOUT.

CHICAGO IMMEDIATELY ATTEMPT TO LOCATE STOUT AT EIGHT TWO
SIX SOUTH WABASH AND CONDUCT OTHER INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE
WHETHER STOUT COULD BE CO-CONSPIRATOR THIS CASE.

INDIANAPOLIS DETERMINE SUBSCRIBER TO TELEPHONE NO.
WA. FIVE, EIGHT NINE SIX FIVE, IN SEPT., NINETEEN SIXTY SIX.

NEW YORK CONTACT ROBERT GUNDY, NATIONAL CAR RENTALS, JFK AIRPORT, FOR INFO RE PRESENT LOCATION STOUT.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), BOSTON, INDIANAPOLIS, MEMPHIS (44-1987), AND SAN FRANCISCO.

FROM CHICAGO (44-1114)

MURKIN. OO MEMPHIS.

RE THREATS TO MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

BOSTON AND INDIANAPOLIS IS REFER TO PITTSBURGH AIRTEL SEPTEMBER SEVEN, SIXTYSIX, CAPTIONED "MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.; SM-C" AND LHM CONCERNING DONALD STOUT, WHO SAID HE WAS GOING TO SHOOT KING.

INVESTIGATION INITIATED TO DETERMINE WHETHER STOUT COULD BE CO CONSPIRATOR THIS CASE. FIRST STEP IS TO DEFINITELY IDENTIFY STOUT.

BOSTON REFER RE LHM, DETERMINE REGISTRATION MASSACHUSETTS
SIXTYSIX LICENSE P EIGHT THREE FOUR SEVEN THREE. STOUT POSSIBLY
IDENTICAL LAWRENCE DONALD STOUT, AKA DONALD LAWRENCE STOUT,
FBI NO. FOUR NINE FIVE NINE THREE EIGHT ZERO, LAST ARRESTED PER
BUTEL TODAY, ON APRIL TEN, FIFTYEIGHT, POLICE, BERLIN, NEW
HAMPSHIRE, THEIR NUMBER FOURTEEN. IF PHOTO TAKEN AT BERLIN..
FORWARD COPY AMSD TO SAN FRANCISCO TO SHOW STEWART LINDH.

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CHICAGO (44-1114)

BOSTON IMMEDIATELY INITIATE INVESTIGATION TO LOCATE
STOUT, WHO WAS ARRESTED BERLIN, AND DETERMINE WHETHER HE IS SAME
STOUT WHO HAS CAR MENTIONED RE LHM.

INDIANAPOLIS REFER RE LHM, AND AT EASTERN STATES FREIGHT LINES, TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA, OBTAIN ANY INFO RE DONALD STOUT TO IDENTIFY AND LOCATE HIM.

SAN FRANCISCO REFER RE LHM IN CONDUSTING INQUIRIES.
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AT 44-2386

For information those offices not receiving reairtel, it was pointed out therein that Subject JAMES EARL RAY, aka. was last known to be in the Atlanta, Georgia, area on 4/5/68. Intensive investigation by Atlanta to date has not established mode of transportation RAY may have used after 4/5/68. Receiving Offices were requested in reairtel to check cars recovered their division that were stolen from the State of Georgia subsequent to 4/4/68, and where the transporter of same was not identified or otherwise accounted for, investigation should be conducted to determine if RAY was person who may have stolen and transported same.

Investigation reflects Subject RAY can be placed in the Atlanta, Georgia, area 3/24/68.

In view of the above, all Continental Offices are requested to review car recoveries within their respective territories of cars stolen from the State of Georgia subsequent to 3/23/68, and where the transporter of same is not otherwise eliminated or accounted for, consider Subject RAY as suspect. Where there is any remote indication that Subject RAY may have been person transporting such a car, exhaustive and intensive investigation should thereafter be conducted.

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File No.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

. WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE April 20, 1968

JAMES EARL RAY, also known as Eric Starvo Galt, Harvey Lowmyer, John Willard, James McBride, James Walton, W. C. Herron and James O'Conner

FUGITIVE

CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY; INTERSTATE FLIGHT - ARMED ROBBERY

"TEN MOST WANTED FUGITIVES" PROGRAM

James Earl Ray, a Missouri prison escapee who has been sought under the alias Eric Starvo Galt in connection with the gunshot slaying of civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., has been added to the FBI's list of "Ten Most Wanted Fugitives."

FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover ordered the special addition of Ray to the "Ten Most Wanted Fugitives" list, which already contains ten fugitives, to insure the widest possible dissemination of Ray's photograph and description to help effect his earliest possible location.

Ray has been the subject of a massive and intensive search since the brutal gunshot slaying of Dr. King on April 4, 1968, as he stood on the balcony of a Memphis, Tennessee, motel. One rifle bullet, believed fired from the window of a nearby rooming house, felled the victim.

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An exhaustive FBI fingerprint search, comparing latent fingerprints uncovered in the Dr. King case against fingerprints of over 53,000 persons
on whom wanted notices have been posted in the FBI's Identification Division,
succeeded in determining that Galt and Ray are identical.

A Federal warrant, issued at Birmingham, Alabama, on April 17, 1968, charges Ray, under the alias Eric Starvo Galt, with conspiring to interfere with a Constitutional Right of a United States citizen. Ray is also sought for unlawful interstate flight to avoid confinement after conviction for armed robbery, based on a Federal warrant issued on July 20, 1967, at Jefferson City, Missouri. He had been confined at the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, in March, 1960, with a 20-year sentence following conviction for armed robbery and operating a motor vehicle without permission of the owner. In September, 1966, while serving the sentence, he was confined for a time in the maximum security ward at the State Hospital, Fulton, Missouri. He was reported missing from the Missouri State Penitentiary since April 23, 1967.

Ray, who has an arrest record dating back to 1949 and has been convicted of burglary, armed robbery and forging United States Postal Money Orders, has also been confined in the Los Angeles County Jail, the Joliet and Pontiac, Illinois, State Prisons and the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas.

He served in the Army between February, 1946, and December, 1948, received a three-month sentence at hard labor for being drunk and breaking arrest and was given a General Discharge due to ineptness and lack of adaptability for military service.

Ray is a 40-year-old white male, reportedly born in Illinois on He is approximately 5'10" inches tall, weighs from 163 to 174 pounds, has blue eyes and brown hair which he has worn cut short. He has a small scar on the center of his forehead and a scar on the palm of his right hand. He has been described as having a straight, narrow nose and straight and even teeth and to have a nervous habit of occasionally tugging at an ear lobe. His left ear protrudes noticeably.

Acquaintances describe him as a "loner" and "drifter" whose language and diction reflect a "rural" quality and indicate he has had limited education.

He is reportedly a fan of western and country music, drinks vodka and beer, dresses neatly and claims past employment as a merchant seaman and cook on Mississippi River vessels. He is known to have worked as a baker, laborer and color matcher.

He is known as an avid dancer who has taken dancing lessons. He also completed a course at a school of bartending in the Los Angeles area early in 1968.

Ray should be considered armed and extremely dangerous.

Anyone with information concerning this fugitive is requested to immediately contact the nearest office of the FBI, the telephone number of which may be found on the first page of local telephone directories.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535 April 20, 1968

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Consider Ray armed and extremely dangerous. Report any information concerning him to the nearest FBI office.

Report any information

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(2)-ATLANTA 2"- ME (44-1987) Rough Draft Airtal UST-GO OUT-SATURDAY File AS MEMU To: Director. FBL (44-38861) From SAC: IP (44-563) Sub: MURK IN enclosed for By one 2 samples of 202-3 Re: ME airtel to all continental offices. 4/19/68. IP teletype to BU & ME 4/25/68. As reported in referenced teletype. Margaret Gomez, Manager, Prosperity Cleaners and Launderers, aka advised on 4/25/68 that after a three day search of records, she located an order bill which bore a yellow "Thermo-Seal" laundry mark. "20R-3". GONEX stated that this order was for two shirts for a EUGENE COFFMAN. 3519 Elm Street, East Chicago, Indiana. She stated he is a regular customer, acti that address. She stated each individual order is given a new laundry mark and that the marking "20R-3" was only used once, on the above indicated shirts for GOFFMAN and never was used on any other MANAGER, PROSPERITY CLEANERS + CAUNDERERS, 2 23 laundry. On 4/26/68, MARGARET GOMEX, S. advised SA ERIC C. WILLIAMS that laundry mark "20R-3". made by a "Thermo-Seal" marking machine, was used on two shirts submitted for cleaning by EUGENE COFFMAN, 3519 Elm Street, East Chicago, Indiana. She stated the two shirts were picked up by a company driver at COFFMAN's address on 9/25/67. She provided the slip indicating only two shirts were submitted for cleaning. She stated the "20" indicated a lot number, the "R". indicated the week, and the "3", indicated the customer. She stated these were the only items on which that laundry mark were placed She stated further that their firm does not use these laundry marks 1968 on sheets or pillow cases. She stated on those are used paper tags

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On 4/26/68, EUGENE M COFFMAN, 3519 Elm Street, East Chicago, Indiana, was interviewed at his place of employment, Griffith Reddi-Mix Co., Griffith, Indiana. He advised he has his shirts laundered by the Prosperity Cleaners, East Chicago, Indiana. He was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, and advised he has never seen the subject. COFFMAN did not meet the description of RAY.

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"20 R-3" laundy much samples with

those found on sheet + pillow case in

Mustang:

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

: SAC, IP (44-563)

DATE: 4/26/63

SA DEMU G. NAVING

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 4/20/08 at P.45PM Dury Supervison H.E. HELGENON, 506, TEZE phinically advised that lead set leath in To TELETYPE desord 4/25/68 at 5:21pm, hos BEEN felly Cousard, and it is no longer recossing for To To ODTAND laundry AM MARKING SAMplings. Supravisur Tiller advissed and somed that Evidence ormund By SA FAMININEY Should NOT BE SENT INTO BURRAN.

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From: Director, FBI

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Bureau has received requests from receiving field divisions to circularize various business establishments either on a state wide or nation wide basis. The requests have not been specific as to what is to be accomplished but have been general in nature.

The suggestions already submitted, as well as any future such suggestions, should be fully evaluated by you as to nature of the circularization, what is expected to be accomplished, scope of the circularization, any disadvantages as weighed against advantages, costs, if any, involved and any other factors on which the Bureau can base an evaluation of the suggestions.

Subject armed and dangerous.

TO: SENIOR RESIDENT AGENTS AT BLOOMINGTON, EVANSVILLE, FORT WAYNE, GARY, JEFFERSONVILLE, KOKOMO, LAFAYETTE, MUNCIE, RICHMOND, SOUTH BEND, TERRE HAUTE

FROM: SA PATRICK J. FLETCHER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

OO MEMPHIS

Memphis airtel 4/25/68, received 4/29/68

LEAD RE LAUNDRY MARK 20R-3, discontinue all efforts to locate same. Memphis advised this date that Los Angeles has located same.

Above confirms telephone conversation concerning this matter on morning of $4/29/68_{\circ}$

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FBI - INDIANAPOLIS

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FBI INDAPOLS

FBI DETROIT
THIS IS A RELAY

FBI WASH DC

449PM

PM URGENT 4/29/68 CAB

TO ALL SACS - RELAY MESSAGE PLAN

FROM DIRECTOR, 44-38861 1P

MURKIN.

ALL OFFICES HAVING LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES IN THEIR
TERRITORIES WHICH MAINTAIN UNIDENTIFIED LATENT FINGERPRINTS
IN CONNECTION WITH MATTERS UNDER THEIR JURISDICTION SHOULD
IMMEDIATELY CONTACT THESE AGENCIES AND REQUEST THAT THE
FINGERPRINTS OF SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY AS SET FORTH ON THE
10 BE COMPARED WITH LATENTS OBTAINED SINCE HIS ESCAPE
FROM MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY ON FOUR TWENTY-THREE
SIXTY-SEVEN.

THIS IS FOR THE PURPOSE OF POSSIBLY ESTABLISHING

RAY'S PAST WHEREABOUTS AND SOURCE OF FUNDS. LEGATS OTTAWA AND

MEXICO CITY REQUESTED TO DO LIKEWISE. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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TELETYPE

TO:

DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) AND

SAC, MINNEAPOLIS

PROM:

SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)

MURKIN

RETHREATS TO MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

BY TELETYPE DATED APRIL, INSTANT, THE BOSTON

OFFICE ADVISED AS FOLLOWS:

RE CHICAGO TEL THIS DATE CONCERNING DOWALD STOUT.

RE PITTSBURGH AIRTEL TO BUREAU SEPT. NINE, NINETEEN SIXTY SIX, CC BOSTON, CHICAGO, INDIANAPOLIS, AND BOSTON AIRTEL TO DIRECTOR, INDIANAPOLIS AND OTHER OFFICES, SETP.

TWENTY THREE, NINETEEN SIXTY SIX, ENTITLED 'MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., SM DASH C."

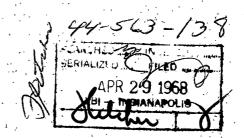
NINETEEN SIXTY SIX MASSACHUSETTS LICENSE P EIGHT THREE FOUR SEVEN THREE LISTED TO NATIONAL CAR RENTALS, BOSTON, MASS.

1 - Boston (157-644) (AM)

1 - Chicago (44-1114) (AM)

1) - Indianapolis (AM) 1 - Memphis (44-1987) (AM)

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INVESTIGATION NATIONAL CAR RENTALS, BOSTON,
NEGATIVE ON SEPT. THIRTEEN, SIXTY SIX CONCERNING RENTAL OF
CAR BY DONALD STOUT ALTHOUGH MANAGER OF RENTAL AGENCY HAD
FREQUENT CONTACT WITH STOUT AT THAT TIME.

MANAGER STATED RODERT GUNDY, NATIONAL CAR RENTALS,
JFK AIRPORT, NYC, WAS FAIRLY WELL ACQUAINTED WITH STOUT.
GUNDY CONTACTED STOUT THROUGH TELEPHONE NO. INDIANAPOLIS,
INDIANA, WA. FIVE, EIGHT MINE SIX FIVE. STOUT DESCRIBED AS
"BIG TALKER WHO LIKES TO HEAR HIMSELF TALK." HE HAS
TRANSPORTED CARS FOR RENTAL AGENCIES AT MUCH LOWER RATE THAN
OTHER CAR JOCKEYS. STOUT HAS NO RECORD AT MASS. STATE POLICE
ALTHOUGH TROOPER HARDIN, MSP, LOGAN AIRPORT, DOSTON, RECALLS
STOUT QUESTIONED CONCERNING THEFT OF PERSONAL BELONGINGS FROM
RIDERS HE ABANDONED IN KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI.

RECORDS, BERLIN, NEW HAMPSHIRE, PD REFLECT DONALD

L. STOUT, EIGHT TWO SIX SOUTH WABASH, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, DOB

NO LOCATION GIVEN, ARRESTED

BERLIN PD, APRIL TEN, NINETEEN FIFTY EIGHT FOR OPERATING

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UNREGISTERED VEHICLE. STOUT DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, FIVE FEET EIGHT, MEDIUM BUILD, BLUE EYES. FINGERPRINTS SUBMITTED FBI IDENT. DIV. AND MATCHES FBI NO. FOUR MINE FIVE NINE THREE EIGHT ZERO ACCORDING TO BERLIN PD. STOUT PAID FIVE DOLLAR FINE ON ABOVE CHARGE AND RELEASED APRIL ELEVEN, MINETEEN FIFTY EIGHT. NO PHOTO TAKEN. NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE POLICE HAS NO FURTHER INFO RE STOUT.

CHICAGO IMMEDIATELY ATTEMPT TO LOCATE STOUT AT EIGHT TWO SIX SOUTH WABASH AND CONDUCT OTHER INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE WHETHER STOUT COULD BE CO-CONSPIRATOR THIS CASE.

INDIANAPOLIS DETERMINE SUBSCRIBER TO TELEPHONE NO.
WA. FIVE, EIGHT NINE SIX FIVE, IN SEPT., NINETEEN SIXTY SIX.
NEW YORK CONTACT ROBERT GUNDY, NATIONAL CAR

RENTALS, JFK AIRPORT, FOR INDO RE PRESENT LOCATION STOUT.

INQUIRY AT NATIONAL CAR RENTALS AT JFK ALRPORT AND NEW YORK CITY HEADQUARTERS REFLECTED NO RECORD CONCERNING ROBERT GUNDY. OFFICIALS STATE THAT EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF NATIONAL CAR RENTALS ARE LOCATED AT FIVE THOUSAND NORMANDALE