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LISTED FOR MOTHER. RAY LISTED TWO BROTHERS, JOHN, AGE SIXTEEN, AND JERRY, AGE FOURTEEN, BOTH RESIDING AT HOME.

RAY GAVE FOLLOWING ACCOUNT OF HIMSELF AT TIME HE WAS CHARGED WITH VAGRANCY; ENLISTED IN U.S. ARMY IN FEBRUARY, NINETEEN FORTYSIX, AT ALTON, ILL. SERVED IN GERMANY TWO YEARS FIVE MONTHS. RECEIVED HONORABLE DISCHARGE. THEREAFTER WORKED IN CHICAGO THREE MONTHS AT DRYDEN RUBBER CO. LOCATED, ROOSEVELT ROAD AND KILADAIRE AVE., CHICAGO.

WENT TO LOS ANGELES WHERE WORKED FOR BRYNES SHEET METAL CO. LOCATED LOS ANGELES AVE. AS DRILL PRESS OPERATOR. WHILE WORKING FOR BRYNES SHEET METAL WAS ARRESTED BY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, LOS ANGELES, ON A MESDEMEANOR CHARGE, ILLEGAL ENTRY OF BUILDING. STAYED IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY JAIL FOR SEVENTYEIGHT DAYS AWAITING TRIAL AND THEN WAS SENTENCED TO NINETY DAYS IN COUNTY JAIL. ON RELEASE WAS PLACED ON PROBATION TO C. E. GLASCO, DEPUTY PROBATION OFFICER, LOS ANGELES COUNTY, TWO ZERO FIVE SOUTH BROADWAY, LOS ANGELES, WHO GAVE RAY PERMISSION TO LEAVE LOS ANGELES AND PROCEED TO HIS HOME AT QUINCY, ILL. RAY CLAIMED TO BE EN ROUTE QUINCY, ILL., AT TIME WAS REMOVED FROM FREIGHT TRAIN AT MARION, IA.

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RAY STATED HE HAD BEEN BUMMING RIDES ON TRAINS FROM LOS ANGELES TO MARION AND HAD BEEN THROUGH NEEDLES, ARIZ., AND LAS VEGAS, NEV. RAY CLAIMED HE MET MAN NAMED BILL HOLLAND AND GAMBLED WITH BILL HOLLAND AT LAS VEGAS WHERE HE LOST MONEY, BUT DID RETAIN SEVERAL ROLLS OF SILVER WHICH HE HAD IN HIS POSSESSION AT TIME OF ARREST. FROM LAS VEGAS, STATED HE WENT BY TRAIN TO SALT LAKE CITY AND WAS EN ROUTE FROM SALT LAKE CITY TO QUINCY, ILL., AT TIME OF HIS ARREST AT MARION, IA. HE STATED BILL HOLLAND RESIDED SALT LAKE CITY BUT GAVE NO DESCRIPTIVE DATA REGARDING BILL HOLLAND.

WHILE RAY WAS BEING HELD IN LINN COUNTY JAIL, CEDAR RAPIDS, THE LINN COUNTY SO CONTACTED ALL CITIES WHERE HE WAS KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN PREVIOUSLY IN AN EFFORT TO DETERMINE IF THE SILVER HE HAD IN HIS POSSESSION COULD BE STOLEN. ALL REPLIES WERE NEGATIVE, AND NO INDICATION RAY WAS WANTED IN ANY OF THOSE CITIES.

RAY WAS PHOTOGRAPHED ON APRIL EIGHTEEN, NINETEEN FIFTY, BY LINN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE. A COPY OF THIS PHOTOGRAPH HAS BEEN OBTAINEN. THE NOSE OF THE SUBJECT, THE EARS AND THE MOUTH BEAR

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RESEMBLANCES TO WANTED FLYER NO. FOUR FOUR TWO RE GALT. RAY  
WAS RELEASED BY LINN COUNTY SO, MAY EIGHT, NINETEEN FIFTY,  
AFTER BEING GIVEN FOUR MONTHS SUSPENDED SENTENCE ON VAGRANCY  
CHARGE. NO INDICATION IN RECORDS OF SO, CEDAR RAPIDS, THAT  
RAY WAS ACQUAINTED WITH ANY PERSON IN CEDAR RAPIDS DASH MARION,  
IOWA, AREA, OR THAT HE HAD BEEN IN THIS PRIOR TO HIS  
ARREST.

UNLESS PREVIOUSLY COVERED BY RESPECTIVE OFFICES, CHICAGO,  
SPRINGFIELD, LOS ANGELES AND SALT LAKE CITY WILL CONDUCT  
APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION REGARDING ABOVE.

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TO DIRECTOR, BIRMINGHAM, KANSAS CITY, LOS ANGELES, NEW ORLEANS,  
MEMPHIS, AND SPRINGFIELD  
FROM ATLANTA (44-2386)

MURKIN

SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED ATLANTA APRIL NINETEEN  
SIXTYEIGHT:

RE REPORTED IDENTIFICATION OF GALT AS JOHN WILLARD:

JOHN WILLARD PREVIOUSLY EMPLOYED ATLANTA APRIL OR MAY SIXTYSEVEN  
IN TELEPHONE SALES. SOURCE ALSO MADE AVAILABLE A CARD HANDLED  
BY WILLARD AND BEARING RECORD OF SALES IN WILLARD'S HANDWRITING.

LABORATORY REPORTS HANDWRITING COMPARISON AS REFLECTED  
ON CARD IS NOT IDENTICAL WITH THAT IN LOWMYER SIGNATURE OR OTHER  
KNOWN SPECIMENS AVAILABLE.

BUREAU LABORATORY REPORTED EXAMINATION OF CARD COMPLETED  
BY WILLARD, LOCATED THREE LATENT FINGERPRINTS WHICH PRINTS HAVE  
BEEN IDENTIFIED AS PRINTS OF WALTER A. WILLARD, FBI # FOUR FOUR  
EIGHT ZERO NINE FIVE NINE. WALTER WILLARD EMPLOYED AS JOHN  
WILLARD COMPLETELY ELIMINATED BY PRINTS AND HANDWRITING.

RE LAUNDRY MARK INVESTIGATION.

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ALL LEADS COVERED IN THIS AREA OF INVESTIGATION.  
SAMPLE MARKINGS, WHERE PERTINENT, FORWARDED LABORATORY  
FOR EXAMINATION.

RE DRIVER LICENSE:

INVESTIGATION OF THOSE PERSONS HAVING GEORGIA OPERATOR'S  
LICENSE IN NAME OF GALT HAS BEEN COMPLETED WITHOUT DEVELOPING  
PERTINENT DATA.

RE CITY MAP OF ATLANTA WITH INKED NOTATIONS:

EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION COMPLETED IN AREA ENCOMPASSING  
HIGHLAND VIEW DRIVE AND PONCE DE LEON TERRACE VICINITY.  
THIS INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED USING PHOTOGRAPH OF RAY, AKA.  
GALT, AND NO PERTINENT INFORMATION DEVELOPED.

ADDITIONAL INQUIRY BEING MADE IN THAT AREA ENCOMPASSING  
FOURTEENTH STREET DASH PEACHTREE AREA UTILIZING PHOTOGRAPHS.  
THUS FAR, NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION DEVELOPED.

RE NATIONAL NEWS RELEASE APRIL NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT:

INFORMATION MADE AVAILABLE NATIONAL NEWS RELEASE WAS  
DISTRIBUTED TO ALL WIRE SERVICES, RADIO DASH TELEVISION  
STATIONS, NEWSPAPERS, POLICE DEPARTMENTS, AND OTHER MEDIA  
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REACHING THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

AS A RESULT OF SECOND NATIONAL NEWS RELEASE AND PREVIOUS NEWS RELEASE AND ATTENDANT PUBLICITY, PRESS INQUIRIES RECEIVED AND ANSWERED WITH NO ADDITIONAL COMMENTS.

AS A RESULT OF EXTENSIVE PUBLICITY GIVEN TO NEWS RELEASES THE GENERAL PUBLIC HAS MADE AN EXTREMELY LARGE NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS AND ALLEGATIONS THAT SUBJECT HAS BEEN SEEN AT VARIOUS POINTS. THE COMPLAINTS HAVE BEEN CHECKED OUT WITH NO PERTINENT INFORMATION DEVELOPED AS TO THE WHEREABOUTS OF SUBJECT.

RE CONTACT WITH SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC):

CONTACTS CONTINUE WITH SCLC OFFICE IN EFFORT TO INTERVIEW PERTINENT STAFF MEMBERS UPON THEIR AVAILABILITY. TO DATE, NONE ARE AVAILABLE FOR SUCH INTERVIEWS AND DISPLAY OF PHOTOGRAPHS.

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1025PM URGENT 4-19-68 RFJ/GGE/TAB

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, KANSAS CITY, MEMPHIS  
SAN FRANCISCO, SPRINGFIELD, ST. LOUIS  
FROM CHICAGO (44-1114)

MURKIN.

REBUTEL TO ALL OFFICES INSTANT.

INTERVIEW OF BROTHER JERRY RAY.

JERRY WILLIAM RAY, BORN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AT QUINCY, ILLINOIS, WHO IS DIVORCED FROM HIS WIFE, GJEREIS, NEE OLSON, AND WHO IS EMPLOYED AT SPORTSMAN COUNTRY CLUB, NORTHBROOK, ILLINOIS, RECEIVES MAIL THROUGH BOX TWENTY TWO, WHEELING, ILLINOIS, WAS EXHAUSTIVELY INTERVIEWED AT CHICAGO OFFICE TODAY AND ADVISED THAT OVER THE YEARS HE HAS HAD VERY LITTLE CONTACT WITH HIS OLDEST BROTHER, SUBJECT, JAMES EARL RAY. HE FURNISHED FOLLOWING FAMILY TREE:

FATHER, JAMES GERALD RAY, DECEASED, NINETEEN FIFTY ONE HANNIBAL, MISSOURI; MOTHER LUCILLE MARY RAY, NEE MAHER, WHO CHANGED HER NAME IN ABOUT NINETEEN FORTY NINE TO LUCILLE RYAN AND DECEASED JANUARY, NINETEEN SIXTY ONE, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI. PARENTS HAD EIGHT CHILDREN AS FOLLOWS:  
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ONE. SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY.

TWO. JOHN LARRY RAY, AGE THIRTY FIVE, NEVER MARRIED, LAST KNOWN TO BE IN MC ARTHUR HOTEL, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, ABOUT FEBRUARY TWO NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT. EMPLOYED AS SOME TYPE OF TRAVELING SALESMAN AND APPARENTLY A "GENERAL DRIFTER."

THREE. JERRY WILLIAM RAY. BARTENDER.

FOUR. CAROL ANN PEPPER, NEE RAY, AGE TWENTY SEVEN, HUSBAND ALBERT PEPPER, RESIDENCE MAPLEWOOD, MISSOURI, SUBURB OF ST. LOUIS.

FIVE. FRANK DELANO RAY, WHO WOULD NOW BE TWENTY TWO YEARS, DECEASED NINETEEN SIXTY THREE ACCIDENTALLY DROWNED, WEST QUINCY, MISSOURI.

SIX. SUSAN (LNU), AGE ABOUT TWENTY ONE, WHO WAS ADOPTED OUT IN QUINCY, ILLINOIS, IN ABOUT FALL, NINETEEN FIFTY TWO.

SEVEN. [REDACTED] WHO WAS [REDACTED] NINETEEN FIFTY TWO.

EIGHT. MELBA RAY RYAN, AGE THIRTY, RESIDES QUINCY, ILL., ON STATE DISABILITY, MENTAL.

MATERNAL AND PATERNAL GRAND PARENTS OF SUBJECT DECEASED. MATERNAL UNCLE, WILLIAM MAHER, AGE ABOUT SIXTY, LAST KNOWN TO BE IN SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, AND WORKED IN  
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GUAM AFTER WORLD WAR TWO IN ABOUT NINETEEN FORTY SIX OR SEVEN. POSSIBLY NOW DECEASED.

PATERNAL UNCLE, EARL RAY, WHO WOULD BE ABOUT SEVENTY AND WHO SERVED A TERM IN MENARD, ILLINOIS STATE PENITENTIARY, REPORTEDLY DECEASED AT SYRACUSE, NEW YORK, IN ABOUT NOVEMBER , NINETEEN FIFTY EIGHT.

IDENTITY AND LOCATION OF SUSAN MAY BE KNOWN TO CAROL PEPPER WHO HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN INTERVIEWED IN FUGITIVE INVESTIGATION TO LOCATE SUBJECT.

JERRY STATES LAST SEEN SUBJECT APPROXIMATELY NINETEEN SIXTY FOUR WHEN IN PRISON, HAS HAD LITTLE CONTACT WITH HIM DURING HIS ENTIRE LIFE AND IS UNABLE TO MAKE AN EDUCATED GUESS AS TO SUBJECT'S POSSIBLE WHEREABOUTS.

BELIEVES SUBJECT WOULD BE AN ACTIVE WALLACE SUPPORTER.

STATES ERIC STARVO GALT PHOTOGRAPH OBTAINED FROM BARTENDER SCHOOL IN CALIFORNIA LOOKS GOOD DEAL LIKE SUBJECT.  
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PARTICULARLY IN THE PHOTOGRAPH WITH HIS EYES CLOSED,  
BUT DOES NOT LIKE THE PHOTOGRAPH WITH THE EYES DRAWN  
IN BY ARTIST. UNABLE TO FURNISH BETTER DRAWING INFO.  
JERRY WAS EMPLOYED ON ALL PERTINENT DATES THIS  
CASE. VERIFIED WITH EMPLOYER.

JERRY REQUESTIONED CONCERNING DISCREPANCY RE FATHER'S  
DEATH AND LOCATION. REITERATED ABOVE INFORMATION CORRECT  
TO BEST OF HIS KNOWLEDGE AS TOLD TO HIM BY HIS MOTHER AND  
UNAWARE OF WHERE CAROL MIGHT HAVE OBTAINED HER INFORMATION  
AS SHE LEFT MOTHER'S HOME ABOUT NINETEEN FIFTY SIX AT  
AGE FIFTEEN. ALSO ADVISED THAT PRIOR TO DEATH OF FATHER  
IN NINETEEN FIFTY ONE, HE WAS EMPLOYED BY THE RAILROAD  
AND WORKED ON A FARM VICINITY HANNIBAL, MISSOURI.

HE ALSO ADVISED THAT EACH OF THE CHILDREN LEFT HOME  
UPON REACHING AGE FIFTEEN TO SIXTEEN AND VERY LITTLE  
FAMILY CONTACT THEREAFTER. AFTER PARENTS SEPARATED IN  
APPROXIMATELY NINETEEN FORTY NINE, ALL OF THE YOUNGER  
CHILDREN WHO WERE AT HOME LIVED WITH MOTHER.

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JERRY QUESTIONED AS TO REASON FOR BROTHER'S ACTION AND UNABLE TO FURNISH ANY REASON, STATED DURING THE THREE OR FOUR TIMES HE TALKED WITH BROTHER IN THE LAST FIFTEEN YEARS, HE EXPRESSED NO PARTICULAR OUTWARD DISLIKE FOR THE NEGRO RACE, HOWEVER, JERRY HAD FEELING THAT SUBJECT WAS NOT FOND OF NEGROES. HE STATED THERE IS NO MEMBER OF THE FAMILY THAT SUBJECT WOULD LIKELY CONTACT INASMUCH AS HE IS A "LONER". THE ONLY OCCUPATION FOR SUBJECT KNOWN TO JERRY IS THAT LEARNED BY SUBJECT WHILE IN PRISON AS A BAKER. HE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF ASSOCIATES OTHER THAN HE WAS ARRESTED WITH AND SERVED IN PRISON WITH WALTER TERRY RIFE. RIFE ALSO KNOWN TO JERRY AS HE SERVED TIME IN ISP, MENARD, ILLINOIS, AT SAME TIME RIFE INCARCERATED. JERRY HAS NO KNOWLEDGE AS TO RIFE'S PRESENT LOCATION AND HAS NOT SEEN HIM SINCE HIS RELEASE FROM PRISON IN NINETEEN SIXTY, BUT IS OF OPINION RIFE COULD HAVE RETURNED TO QUINCY, ILLINOIS. IT IS NOTED JERRY SERVED TIME FOR BURGLARY AT ISP, MENARD, AND ARMED ROBBERY AT MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY.

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JERRY ADVISED TO HIS KNOWLEDGE NEVER INFORMED SUBJECT OF HIS RESIDENCE ADDRESS, HOWEVER, HAS RECEIVED MAIL FROM SUBJECT WHILE IN PRISON ADDRESSED TO POST OFFICE BOX TWENTY TWO, WHEELING, ILLINOIS. HE HAS NO REASON TO BELIEVE SUBJECT WOULD CONTACT HIM AND EXPRESSED COOPERATION.

MAJOR CASE PRINTS, PHOTOGRAPHS AND HANDWRITING SAMPLES OBTAINED AND FORWARDED TO BUREAU AND INTERESTED OFFICES.

LEADS

ALBANY AT SYRACUSE, NEW YORK. VERIFY DEATH OF PATERNAL UNCLE EARL RAY.

ST. LOUIS. ATTEMPT TO RECTIFY DISCREPANCY RE DEATH OF FATHER. ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RE BROTHER JOHN.

SPRINGFIELD. VERIFY DEATH OF BROTHER FRANK DELANO RAY. CONTINUE EFFORTS TO LOCATE SUSAN RYAN LNU, AND [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] LOCATE AND INTERVIEW [REDACTED]. ATTEMPT TO LOCATE  
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WALTER RIFE AT QUINCY, ILLINOIS.

SAN FRANCISCO. ATTEMPT TO LOCATE MATERNAL UNCLE  
WILLIAM MAHER.

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1150 PM URGENT 4/19/68 GFH  
TO KANSAS CITY 44-760 MEMPHIS 44-1987  
FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 1P

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REKCTEL APRIL NINETEEN.

UNIDENTIFIED LATENT FINGERPRINTS AND LATENT IMPRESSIONS THIS  
CASE NOT IDENTICAL FINGERPRINTS VERNON ELMO RIFE AKA WALTER TERRY  
RIFE, FBI NUMBER FOUR FIVE FIVE EIGHT SEVEN SIX SIX. NO PALM PRINTS  
HERE FOR RIFE.

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TO DIRECTOR, KANSAS CITY, MEMPHIS, AND ST. LOUIS  
FROM SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

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REBUTEL ALL SACS FOUR NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT.

FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY INVESTIGATION SPRINGFIELD DIVISION  
FOLLOWING RECEIPT NATIONAL PRESS RELEASE:

CERTIFICATE OF BIRTH LOCATED SHOWING JAMES EARL RAY BORN  
[REDACTED] AT ALTON, ILLINOIS TO JAMES  
RAY AND LUCIE MAHER. BUREAU PRESS RELEASE MADE AVAILABLE  
ALL RADIO, TELEVISION, NEWSPAPERS AND POLICE DEPARTMENTS AND  
LEADS RESULTING THEREFROM GIVEN IMMEDIATE COVERAGE.

STATE AND FEDERAL PAROLE AND PROBATION RECORDS REVIEWED  
FOR JAMES EARL RAY, PHOTOS OBTAINED.

BARGE LINES PREVIOUSLY CHECKED REGARDING GALT RECHECKED  
WITH NAME AND ALIASES OF RAY, NEGATIVE RESULTS.

DRIVERS LICENSE AND MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION, SELECTIVE  
SERVICE RECORDS, STATE OF ILLINOIS, CHECKED AND LEADS FURNISHED  
CHICAGO DIVISION.

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INVESTIGATION HARRISBURG, ILLINOIS TO LOCATE MRS. MONAN LEE CRAWFORD, SISTER OF WALTER TERRY RIFE, NEGATIVE.

WALTER TERRY RIFE LOCATED QUINCY, ILLINOIS, COOPERATIVE CLAIMS HAS NOT SEEN JAMES EARL RAY SINCE INCARCERATED LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS, APPROXIMATELY NINETEEN FIFTY-SEVEN. NO INFORMATION REGARDING CURRENT WHEREABOUTS. RIFE CLAIMS IN QUINCY ILLINOIS THROUGHOUT PERTINENT PERIOD, VERIFIED THROUGH THREE OTHER INTERVIEWS.

RAY'S SISTER, MELBA MARIE RYAN, LOCATED QUINCY, ILLINOIS INTOXICATED, MENTALLY RETARDED, HYSTERICAL, ATTEMPTS TO INTERVIEW NOT PRODUCTIVE. ADDITIONAL ATTEMPTS TO BE MADE FOUR TWENTY INSTANT. RESULTS WILL BE FURNISHED BUREAU AND INTERESTED OFFICES.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING.

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220AM URGENT 4-20-68 RJK

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), KANSAS CITY, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM,  
SPRINGFIELD, CHICAGO.

FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775) 3P

MURKIN.

RE CHICAGO TEL TO BUREAU FOUR NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT.

JOHN RODGERS, CASHIER, CENTER STATE BANK ADVISED FOUR NINETEEN LAST THAT JERRY RAYNES, FATHER OF SUBJECT HAS RESIDED SOUTH EAST OF CENTER, MISSOURI, ON PROPERTY PURCHASED BY HIM SEPT. SIX, SIXTYSEVEN AT SHERIFFS SALE. RODGERS SUGGESTED CONTACT WITH RAYNES NEXT DOOR NEIGHBOR HAROLD MAIDEN, ROUTE TWO, CENTER. MAIDEN ADVISED FOUR NINETEEN LAST RAYNES PURCHASED PRESENT PROPERTY IN FALL OF SIXTYSEVEN AND LIVES ALONE. RAYNES OPERATES SIXTYSEVEN NASH RAMBLER TAN, AND WHITE OVER RED SIXTYONE PLYMOUTH. RAYNES IS RETIRED, HAS EIGHT CHILDREN, BEEN MARRIED TWICE. THE MOTHER OF HIS CHILDREN IS DECEASED. A YOUNGER WOMAN WITH TWO SMALL CHILDREN VISITES RAYNES ON OCCASSIONAL WEEKENDS, BUT NO OTHER PERSONS HAVE VISITED TO HIS KNOWLEDGE. OBSERVATION OF RAYNES PROPERTY FOUR NINETEEN LAST  
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REFLECTED NO UNUSUAL ACTIVITY. RAYNES SUBSEQUENTLY INTERVIEWED AFTER THOROUGH CHECK OF THE PROPERTY, ADVISED HE IS SIXTYNINE, DOB: [REDACTED] WAS MARRIED TO LUCILLE MAHER NOW DECEASED. SEVEN CHILDREN WERE BORN TO THIS MARRIAGE WHICH RAYNES DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, BUT WAS FUZZY IN HIS ABILITY TO THINK, AND COULD NOT RECALL SPECIFICS. RAYNES DOUBTS ALL THE CHILDREN ARE HIS, KNOWS NOTHING OF JOHN, BUT IS SURE SUBJECT IS HIS OWN CHILD.

FRANKLIN AKA BUZZY DECEASED (KILLED IN BRIDGE ACCIDENT AT QUINCY, ILL., ABOUT NINETEEN FIFTYEIGHT.); JAMES EARL, BORN ALTON, ILL., [REDACTED] CAROL PEPPER, NOW RESIDING ON BELLEVUE AVENUE, ST. LOUIS; MELBA RAY, QUINCY, ILL., A MENTAL CASE AT ILLINOIS STATE HOSPITAL, JACKSONVILLE, ILLINOIS; [REDACTED] AND SUSIE ADDRESS UNKNOWN. LATTER TWO CHILDREN WERE GIVEN AWAY BY MOTHER AFTER THEIR SEPARATION; JERRY, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS; AND JOHN LOCATION UNKNOWN.

RAYNES ADVISED HE HAS HAD LITTLE CONTACT WITH CHILDREN DURING PAST SEVENTEEN YEARS EXCEPT FOR CAROL. LAST SAW SUBJECT SEVENTEEN YEARS AGO AND HAD NO DIRECT CONTACT SINCE. NAME OF RAYNES ALWAYS USED BY HIM, BUT SOME OF CHILDREN USED NAME OF RAY INCLUDING

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SUBJECT. RAYNE STATED HE KNEW NOTHING OF HIS SONS INVOLVEMENT THIS MATTER UNTIL PHONE CALLS RECEIVED FROM CAROL PEPPER STATING FBI HAD CONTACTED HER CONCERNING SUBJECT. RAYNE RECEIVED TWO CALLS NIGHT OF FOUR NINETEEN LAST, ONE FROM CAROL, SECOND FROM MELBA EACH INDICATING THAT NEWS ITEMS HAD INDICATED JAMES INVOLVEMENT. RAYNES UNAWARE OF HOW MELBA LEARNED OF WHEREABOUTS AS HAS NOT SEEN OR HEARD FROM HER IN SEVEN OR EIGHT YEARS. RAYNES EXPRESSED FEAR OF HIS SON, IS BARRING HIS HOUSE, AND WANTS NOTHING TO DO WITH SUBJECT. HE PROMISED COOPERATION SHOULD HE RECEIVE INFORMATION CONCERNING SUBJECTS WHEREABOUTS.

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153AM URGENT 4-20-68 RJM

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, MEMPHIS,  
SPRINGFIELD, KANSAS CITY, AND NEW ORLEANS  
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574)(3P)

MURKIN

REMYTEL APRIL NINETEEN LAST.

< DR. MARK O. FREEMAN, PH.D., CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST,  
INTERVIEWED TONIGHT. HE PRODUCED APPOINTMENT BOOK NOTING  
SIX APPOINTMENTS FOR ONE JAMES E. RAY, COVERING PERIOD OF  
NOVEMBER TWENTY-SEVEN THROUGH DECEMBER FOURTEEN LAST. HE  
ALSO HAD LISTING FOR ADDITIONAL CONSULTATION ON DECEMBER  
EIGHTEEN LAST, WHICH WAS CROSSED THROUGH: AND HE EXPLAINED  
THAT RAY HAD TELEPHONICALLY CALLED TO CANCEL THAT VISIT,  
INDICATING HE HAD HEARD FROM HIS BROTHER AND LATTER HAD  
OBTAINED JOB FOR HIM IN MERCHANT MARINE IN NEW ORLEANS.

DR. ALSO HAD LEAF FROM HIS CONSULTATION NOTEBOOK,  
WHICH HE SAID HE MADE ENTRIES IN ON OCCASION OF RAY'S FIRST  
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< VISIT IN NOVEMBER. NOTATIONS IN THIS INDICATED PATIENT'S NAME TO BE JAMES E. RAY, ADDRESS ONE FIRE THREE FIVE NORTH SERRANO, LOS ANGELES, AND TELEPHONE NUMBER FOUR SIX NINE EIGHT ZERO NINE SIX. DATE OF BIRTH GIVEN AS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SAID HE WAS FROM EAST ST. LOUIS.

RAY WAS SEEKING PSYCHOLOGICAL HELP IN NATURE OF SELF-HYPNOSIS TO GAIN CONFIDENCE, OVERCOME SHYNESS, LEARN TO RELAX, SLEEP BETTER, AND BE ABLE TO TALK TO PEOPLE. WAS SHY, INTROVERTED, AND WITHDRAWN, BUT NOT PSYCHOTIC OR PLAGUED WITH NEUROSES. DURING SECOND OR THIRD VISIT, DR. ASKED RAY IF HE HAD ANY DEEP SEATED SECRETS HE WANTED TO GET OFF HIS CHEST, TO ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE IF PATIENT HAD ANY CRIMINAL BACKGROUND OR SEXUAL PROBLEMS OR ABERATIONS. RAY ANSWERED NEGATIVELY.

RAY HAD VERY LITTLE TO CONTRIBUTE ABOUT FAMILY BACKGROUND. MOST VISITS LIMITED TO DR. PLACING RAY IN HYPNOTIC STATE AND TALKING WITH HIM TO REASSURE HIM AND HELP HIM GAIN SOCIAL CONFIDENCE.

DR. STATES CURRENT PHOTOS OF ERIC GALT EXCELLENT LIKENESS TO PATIENT RAY. BELIEVES RAY WAS REFERRED BY WILSHIRE >  
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BOOK COMPANY, EIGHT SEVEN EIGHT SEVEN SUNSET BOULEVARD, LOS ANGELES; OPERATED BY MELVIN POWERS, WHO DOES EXTENSIVE ADVERTISING ABOUT POWER OF SELF-HYPNOSIS. INQUIRIES AT LATTER LOCATION INDICATE MELVIN POWERS NOT AVAILABLE. INVESTIGATION CONTINUING TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW POWERS.

DR. FREEMAN STATES RAY PAID IN CASH FOR ALL BUT ONE CONSULTATION, AND HAS RECOLLECTION RAY'S LAST PAYMENT WAS BY MONEY ORDER. INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED TO LOCATE MONEY ORDER. FEE PAID WAS TWENTY FIVE DOLLARS PER APPOINTMENT. RAY SAID HE WAS UNEMPLOYED, BUT NEVER SEEMED TO LACK MONEY DURING PERIOD OF CONSULTATIONS. ALSO SAID HE WAS SINGLE.

DR. FREEMAN INDICATED HIS OWN PROFESSIONAL TRAINING WAS AT UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS, UNIVERSITY OF ZURICH, AND UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.

SUBJECT ARMED AND EXTREMELY DANGEROUS.

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FBI KAN CITY

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-760)

FROM : SA WILLIAM C. PIPER (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
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DATE: 4/22/68

On 4/11/68, the records of the Colby, Kansas, PD and SO were checked with negative results for information concerning ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMEYER or LOWMYER and JOHN WILLARD.

On 4/17/68, the records of the Goodland, Kansas, SO and PD and the Credit Bureau of Goodland, Kansas, were checked with negative results concerning the above-mentioned names.

On 4/16/68, a review of all telephone directories covering the Colby RA territory were reviewed with negative results concerning the previously set forth names. It was further noted that none of the telephone directories within the Colby RA territory contained a listing for any dance studio.

On 4/17/68, Mr. RALPH BOYINGTON, owner, Model Steam Laundry, Goodland, Kansas, advised he owns two Textile Marking Machines which are used by him in connection with the operation of the Model Steam Laundry and also one is used by the laundry he owns in Colby, Kansas, The Careful Laundry and Cleaners. After conferring with appropriate laundry personnel, Mr. BOYINGTON stated that the Thermo-Seal Tapes bearing the characters, 02B-6 or -2B-6, were definitely not laundry identification markings used by the Model Steam Laundry. Mr. BOYINGTON noted his laundry identification tapes always begin with a number.

On 4/17/68, Mr. LLOYD CHICK, Manager, Careful Laundry and Cleaners, Colby, Kansas, advised his firm does use a machine issued by the Textile Marking Machine Company for laundry identification tapes. Mr. CHICK stated, however, that the laundry identification characters, 02B-6 or -2B-6, were not tapes used by Careful Laundry and Cleaners.

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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND MEMPHIS

FROM: KANSAS CITY (44-760)

MURKIN. OO MEMPHIS.

## DAILY TELETYPE SUMMARY

RE SUMMARY TEL TO BUREAU AND ALL OFFICES TODAY.

EXTENSIVE REINVESTIGATION OF PRIOR LEADS, KANSAS CITY  
DIVISION, REGARDING JAMES EARL RAY AND WALTER TERRY RIFE,  
NEGATIVE.

EXTENSIVE KANSAS CITY FILE REVIEW COMPLETED, ALONG WITH  
REVIEW OF RECORDS AT MISSOURI STATE PEN, JEFFERSON CITY, USP  
LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS, U. S. PROBATION OFFICE, AND U. S. POSTAL  
INSPECTORS, KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT  
AGENCIES, CREDIT BUREAU AND OTHER LOGICAL AGENCIES, THIS DIV.  
HANDWRITING SAMPLES OF RAY HAVE BEEN OBTAINED FROM MENTAL  
HOSPITAL, FULTON, MISSOURI, AND BEING FORWARDED BUREAU  
SEPARATELY.

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EXTENSIVE COVERAGE BEING MADE THROUGH NEWS MEDIA, LOGICAL  
INFORMANTS ALERTED, AND ALL PERTINENT INFO HAVING LEAD VALUE  
TELEPHONICALLY FURNISHED AUXILIARY OFFICES.

REFERENCED SUMMARY TEL SUBMITTED TO BUREAU AND ALL  
OFFICES WITH APPROPRIATE BACKGROUND FROM REVIEW OF CASE FILE  
AND RECORD CHECKS, KANSAS CITY DIVISION.

PHOTOS OF RAY AND RIFE BEING EXPEDITIOUSLY DISPATCHED,  
ALL DIVISIONS, AND EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION CONTINUING.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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Special Agent in Charge

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Date: 4/19/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plain text or code)Via AIRTEL AM  
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P

MURKIN. ✓

Extensive investigation to date has not specifically established residence or whereabouts of ERIC STARVO GALT prior to mid-summer 1967. Investigation has disclosed that his presence has been established in Alabama, California, Georgia, Louisiana, and Tennessee.

Possibility exists that prior to mid-summer, 1967, UNSUB may well have been a recent releasee of a Federal Penitentiary, a State Penitentiary, or some county correctional institution. In addition, the possibility that he may have been a recent releasee from a mental institution of some kind cannot be overlooked.

It is therefore requested that all offices receiving this Airtel check records of custodial institutions, penal and otherwise, in their respective divisions, for any information regarding releasees in May, June, and July 1967. Offices should be guided by the descriptive data and birth data furnished on Alabama driver's license. This set forth birthdate [redacted] Descriptive data available on license will assist in eliminating many of the names that might appear. Use of current photo, which is dated March 1968, would also be of assistance in further eliminating any suspects included in group. If unable eliminate on basis of birth data and use of photo, receiving offices should secure from custodial institution identifying numbers which will assist in establishing identification record and thereafter request elimination by fingerprints of Bureau. **ARMED & DANGEROUS.**

3 BUREAU	2 NEW ORLEANS
2 ATLANTA	2 SAN FRANCISCO
2 BIRMINGHAM	2 SAN DIEGO
2 KANSAS CITY	2 SACRAMENTO
2 LOS ANGELES	2 SAVANNAH
2 MOBILE	1 MEMPHIS

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Approved: *RGJ*  
Special Agent in Charge

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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

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

FROM: KANSAS CITY (44-760) P

MURKIN  
OO Memphis

Enclosed for the Bureau is original and one copy of letter in the handwriting of JAMES E. RAY dated 10/24/66. Also, two copies of a two-page report of psychiatric examination dated 10/24/66.

Two copies each of the above are also being enclosed for the Memphis Office.

It is requested that the FBI Laboratory compare the handwriting samples in this letter of JAMES E. RAY to handwriting samples already furnished the Bureau of any other suspects in this matter.

The letter from JAMES E. RAY is to Dr. EARL C. KEPLER, Biggs Building, Fulton, Mo., and was furnished to SA ROWEN B. AYERS by Dr. G. B. PETERSON, Fulton State Hospital No. 1, Fulton, Missouri, on 4/19/68. Dr. PETERSON also furnished the report of psychiatric examination to SA AYERS at this time. Dr. PETERSON advised that the psychiatric examination was confidential for the FBI only and could not be released outside of the Department of Justice without a court order. Dr. PETERSON further requested that the original letter from JAMES E. RAY dated 10/24/66 be returned to the hospital when it is of no further value to the FBI.

3 Bureau (Enc. 4) (RM)

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, (44-760)

FROM : SA SHEA W. AIREY -P-

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/19/68

At 3:30 p.m., Friday, 4/19/68, SA SHEA W. AIREY telephonically contacted ASAC BROWN of the Chicago Office. SA AIREY informed ASAC BROWN that the Bureau had identified subject JAMES EARL RAY, the subject of KC 88-9449, as subject GALT in captioned case and directed that all leads in the RAY UFAC case be given immediate and continuous attention in an effort to locate and apprehend RAY.

ASAC BROWN advised that the Bureau had telephonically apprised the Chicago Office of the above information the afternoon of 4/19/68, and Chicago was initiating an intensive effort to cover all leads in the RAY case. In this regard, subject RAY's brother, JERRY RAY, was at the time of this phone call, being interviewed in the Chicago Office by agents. According to ASAC BROWN, the information JERRY RAY was furnishing on this date was practically identical to the information he furnished when interviewed earlier, the substance of this being that he had only seen his brother three times in the past fifteen years and all of those occasions were when he visited JAMES RAY in prison.

SA AIREY advised ASAC BROWN that instant call would be confirmed by a written communication setting forth all leads in the Ray case which had been developed in the past for the Chicago Division.

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Date: 4/18/68

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(Priority)

TO : SAC, KANSAS CITY

FROM : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CIVIL RIGHTS  
(OO: ME)

On 3/18/68, CAROLYN PEYTON, 3190 Sharp, Memphis, Tennessee, telephonically advised the Memphis Office that after viewing the photograph in the newspaper of ERIC STARVO GALT, that she believes GALT would be identical with a person whom she saw in Kansas in 1966. She stated that in March, 1966, she was a nurse at Memorial Hospital, Manhattan, Kansas, and that in March, 1966, a Merchant Marine checked into the hospital who claimed to have a back injury. She stated that this individual advised the hospital that he was travelling from Los Angeles to Kansas City, and that the pain in his back became so intense, that he had to check into the hospital at Manhattan.

PEYTON stated this individual was in the hospital for several weeks, but that he was finally dismissed because he had attempted to get drunk while in the hospital. She further stated that the doctors could not find any injury to this individual's back, and that he was dismissed without any medication being administered. However, during the period of time he was in the hospital, he was constantly asking for drugs and pain reliever, although he was only supposed to receive this every three hours.

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Special Agent in Charge

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She described this individual as being a muscular person with dark brown hair and pretty blue eyes. She could not give a description of his height due to the fact that he was always in bed when she saw him.

LEADS

KANSAS CITY

AT MANHATTAN, KANSAS

Contact Memorial Hospital and determine if such an individual was in the hospital during the period of March or April, 1966, and if he is possibly identical with subject. Obtain all background information available at the hospital.

*Particularly any identifying numbers which  
can be used to locate Identification record  
which can be checked against latents in  
this case.*

*WAB  
KWB*

FBI Field Office Wanted-Flash-Cancellation Notice  
FD-165 (Rev. 1-25-65)

Attention: Identification Division

Date 4/20/68

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

RE: **MURKIN**  
**CR**

FROM: SAC, **KANSAS CITY (44-760)**

☐ Place, ☒ Cancel, stop (wanted or flash) in files of Identification Division.

If expiration date known, enter here \_\_\_\_\_ and cancellation will be automatic.

**WANTED**

☐ Wanted for \_\_\_\_\_

**FLASH**

☐ Security Index ☐ Reserve Index (Section A)

☐ Security Informant

☐ Criminal Informant

☐ Application for Pardon After Completion of Sentence

**CANCELLATION**

☐ Cancel because **Located and interviewed.**

Furnish: ☐ Photograph

☐ Identification Record

Name

**WALTER TERRY LIFE**

Aliases

FBI No.

**4558766**

Other No.

In all instances when FBI number is known it should be furnished. When it is not known, furnish following:

Date of birth	Place of birth	Occupation	Marital Status	
Residence	Race	Sex	Height	Nationality
Fingerprint class	Weight	Eyes	Hair	Complexion
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READ INSTRUCTIONS ON BACK OF THIS FORM

**44-760-226**

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

*If an application for pardon after completion of sentence flash is requested, indicate as source to be notified Employees Security and Special Inquiry Section, Special Investigative Division.*

*If flash is requested for any reason other than those preprinted on this form, utilize block on line provided and indicate specific type of flash notice desired.*

*If subject's fingerprints are submitted, they should be securely stapled to this form and forwarded to the Identification Division. Cover memo not necessary.*

*Form FD-165, when involving matters concerning security informants and the Security Index, should be forwarded to the Bureau by "Registered Mail."*



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FBI LOUISVLE

2:39 PM 4-20-68 URGENT BAW

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

KANSAS CITY

MEMPHIS (44-1987)

TAMPA (157-3231)

FROM LOUISVILLE (44-947) 1P

MURKIN. CR. 00: MEMPHIS.

RE TAMPA TEL APRIL NINETEEN, LAST.

INSTANT DATE, CHARLES LYON, MANAGER, HARRY'S AUTO PARTS, FOUR ONE TWO ZERO PINECROFT, LOUISVILLE, ADVISED HE MANAGES AUTO PARTS FOR HARRY KNIERIEM, A PROMINENT WELL RESPECTED BUSINESSMAN IN LOUISVILLE VICINITY. BOTH LYON AND EMPLOYEE, JERRY HESTER, STATED KNIERIEM BEARS ABSOLUTELY NO RESEMBLANCE TO PHOTOS OF SUBJECT. BOTH ADVISED KNIERIEM IN LOUISVILLE AT TIME OF SHOOTING OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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OTHER OFFICES TO BE ADVISED..

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-760)

DATE: 4-19-68

FROM : IC HAROLD H. UMSTEAD

SUBJECT: MURKIN

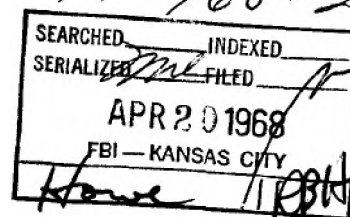
Re radio message from Kansas City Office to Topeka  
RA 4-19-68.

On 4-19-68 the following investigation was  
conducted by IC HAROLD H. UMSTEAD.

AT TOPEKA, KANSAS

Mr. L. A. (BUD) BILLINGS (NA), Superintendent of the  
Kansas Department of Motor Vehicles, was advised to discontinue  
efforts to have a list of all Kansas drivers licenses run on the  
IBM machine for all white males born ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ 7-20-31.

Lt. Col. ~~JA~~ JUNIOR ELDER, Administrative Officer,  
Kansas Selective Service Headquarters, was ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~  
advised that a list of all white male registrants born   
was  
~~XXXXXX~~ no longer needed.



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(Priority)TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
AND SACS, MEMPHIS AND SAN DIEGO

FROM: KANSAS CITY (44-760)

MURKIN.

LYLE ROBINSON, TEN SEVENTEEN ORCHARD, LIBERTY, MO., ADVISED HIS WIFE, ROSE ROBINSON, IS FIFTH GRADE TEACHER, FOREST HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, NORTH KANSAS CITY, MO., AND TAUGHT A BOY THAT MADE STATEMENTS TO EFFECT THAT MARTIN LUTHER KING SHOULD BE SHOT, AND IT WAS LEARNED THAT THE BOY'S FATHER, GERALD B. GERLT, RESIDING IN A TRAILER AT NINETEEN TEN ARMOUR ROAD, NORTH KANSAS CITY, MO., MADE TRIPS TO TENNESSEE MARCH FOUR-FIVE, SIXTYEIGHT, AND MARCH FOURTEEN-FIFTEEN, SIXTYEIGHT. ALSO, BOY REPORTED THAT THE FAMILY WAS MOVING TO CALIFORNIA, BUT WHEN TEACHER CONTACTED MOTHER, SHE DENIED THEY WERE MOVING. HOWEVER, THE FAMILY DID MOVE TO EL CAJON, CALIFORNIA, MARCH TWENTYNINE, SIXTYEIGHT. GERLT REPORTED TO HAVE CITIZENS BAN RADIO IN HIS TRUCK.

KANSAS CITY INDICES AND KANSAS CITY, MO. POLICE DEPARTMENT RECORDS NEGATIVE. CREDIT BUREAU OF GREATER KANSAS CITY RECORDS SHOW GERALD B. GERLT, AGE THIRTYEIGHT, AND WIFE LOIS HELEN

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Special Agent in Charge

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GERLT, HAVE BEEN IN FILE SINCE NINETEEN FIFTYFIVE, AND WERE OPERATING JERRY'S NURSERY, SIX FIVE FOUR ZERO STATE, KANSAS CITY, KS., IN JANUARY SIXTYSEVEN. FROM FEBRUARY, SIXTYSEVEN TO SEPTEMBER, SIXTYSEVEN, GERLT OPERATED NORTHVIEW SKELLY STATION, FALLS CITY, NEBRASKA, AND IN NOVEMBER, SIXTYSEVEN, OPERATED CLAYCOMO RESTAURANT IN NORTH KANSAS CITY, MO.

SAN DIEGO, LOCATE AND INTERVIEW GERLT REGARDING HIS TRIPS TO TENNESSEE, AND HIS WHEREABOUTS ON DATE OF KING'S MURDER.

SUBJECT ARMED & DANGEROUS.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-760) P

FROM : SA RAYMOND B. HOWE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/19/68

SA ROWEN B. AYERS telephonically advised 4:15 PM this date that Dr. DONALD B. PETERSON, MD, State Superintendent, Hospital No. 1, Fulton, Mo., advised that JAMES EARL RAY was in the hospital there from 9/8/66 until 10/21/66. He was ordered there by the Circuit Court, Jefferson City, Mo., because of escape attempts from the Missouri State Penitentiary. Agent AYERS advised that PETERSON furnished him a full page of RAY's handwriting samples and negative of photo taken during September, 1966, at the hospital.

PETERSON also advised confidentially and not to be released under court order that their diagnosis revealed that "RAY had no mental disease or defects under terms of the Statute."

AYERS advised that he would immediately drive to Kansas City with the handwriting samples and photographic negative.

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① *Howe* RBH

② *R. Ayers* RB

*Pls submit 302 on records at Fulton*

*SH*

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-760)

DATE: 4/19/68

FROM : Eugene N. Thomeczek,  
Security Patrol Clerk

SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE: JAMES EARL RAY

Larry Duncan, Estill Hotel, 1018 Broadway, KCMO, VI 2-1695, telephonically contacted this office and furnished the following information:

On either 4/12 or 4/13/68, Duncan observed an unknown white male driving a fairly-new Volkswagen, Tenn. tag JO-0987. Duncan advised that he ~~xxx~~ spoke briefly with the unidentified male and he believes that this individual may be identical with "Eric Starvo Galt". He described the individual as WM, age 30's, 175-85#, 5'10"-6', short dark hair, not flatop or G.I. type, medium build, dark complexion and spoke with a drawl. The man was wearing a white shirt and smoked cigars.

Duncan advised it was his impression that the unidentified individual was passing through town and their conversation was nonspecific in nature.

This individual was seen at "lookout hill" near the Hereford Assoc. building.

NCIC is negative re the above license.

KC indices reflect ~~xxx~~ no record re Larry Duncan, however, Larry David Duncan refers to 26-42392, 26-26869.

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*Green, Jenkins*



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# Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-760) P

FROM : SA JAMES ALLEN BENBROOK

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/19/68

On 4/19/68, Mr. ED DEUSER, Business Representative and Financial Secretary-Treasurer, Bakery and Confectionary Workers International Union of America, Local 218, Room 714, VFW Building, 406 West 34th St., KCMO, advised SA BENBROOK that a search of all their records reveal they have no record of JAMES EARL RAY under his true name or known aliases; that RAY's true name and aliases are unknown to him, as well as co-workers in instant office, and on viewing photo of RAY, Mr. DEUSER and his co-workers advised that person depicted in photo of subject is unknown to them.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, (44-760)

FROM : SA GEORGE A. ARNETT

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/19/68

IC WILLIAM C. MC DONALD on 4/19/68, advised that a check of the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Jefferson City, Missouri failed to locate an operator's license for JAMES EARL RAY, born [REDACTED] MC DONALD advised records were also checked under the following known aliases of RAY:

W. C. HERRON  
EARL JAMES  
JAMES MC BRIDE  
JAMES O'CONNOR  
JAMES WALYOND  
JAMES WALTON.

He also advised that no record could be located for WALTER TERRY RIFE, born [REDACTED]

IC HAROLD H. UMSTEAD advised on 4/19/68, that a search of the Bureau of Motor Vehicles records at Topeka, Kansas, also failed to reflect a driver's license had ever been issued for either RAY or RIFE.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-760) P

FROM : SA GEORGE T. CRONIN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/20/68

The following investigation conducted by  
SAs GEORGE T. CRONIN & THOMAS F. JENKINS, on 4/20/68:

Mr. FLOYD BUDDY DORCH, Desk Clerk, Broadway Hotel, 1210 Broadway, was contacted and advised that the individual who resembled JAMES EARL RAY and that was reported to the KC FBI Office by Manager FRED WHITE registered on 5/18/67 with a woman under the name of Mr. & Mrs. CHARLES BALDWIN. After viewing a collection of photos including photos of JAMES EARL RAY, DORCH advised that BALDWIN was not identical with RAY.

DORCH advised that he believed BALDWIN was presently residing at Lahoma Hotel, KCMO.

Mr. JAKE HART & DAVE HILSOR were contacted at the Lahoma Hotel. Both advised that they were acquainted with BALDWIN. Both viewed a collection of photos including photos of JAMES EARL RAY and both advised that BALDWIN was not identical with RAY. HILSOR further advised that BALDWIN was present in the hotel on the afternoon of the shooting of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-760) P

DATE: 4/20/68

FROM : SA JOHN M. GATTIS, JR. *in - Jenkins*

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 4/20/68, Mr. FRED WHITE, Manager, Broadway Hotel, 1210 Broadway, KCMO, telephone VI 2-8933, telephonically contacted the Kc FBI Office and advised that he had a guest in the hotel during the summer of 1967 who resembled subject JAMES EARL RAY. He indicated this individual was living in a kitchenette apartment with a woman, whom he assumed was his wife, and that they got behind in their rent and also caused some trouble and he had to put them out of the hotel. He stated that he has not seen the white male since then, however, the woman living with him has been around in the last couple of months trying to get a room at the hotel, but he refused her. Mr. WHITE indicated that he would very much like to see a photo of subject RAY to ascertain if RAY could be identical with the individual who stayed in his hotel during the summer of 1967.

Mr. WHITE was advised that an Agent would contact him today.

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*See if he can find  
registration*

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*SA*

*G. Morris & Jenkins*

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-760)

DATE: 4/20/68

FROM : SA ORVILLE N. THOMAS

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SUBJECT: MURKIN

At 9:10 am, 4/20/68, a female who advised that she is an elderly lady and is incapacitated to the extent that she is continuously in a wheel chair and lives alone stated that she orders her meals delivered to her in the Plaza area. She advised that she has her noon and evening meals delivered to her home and at 5:00 pm on 4/19/68, she ordered a dinner from Chicken Delight, 4220 or the 4200 block of Main Street, Kansas City, Missouri, which was delivered by a gentleman whom she considers fits the description of the artist's conception that she observed in the newspaper. She advised that he had a very pleasing personality and she has never seen him before, but she knows most of the employees there that deliver meals to her home, therefore he must be a new employee.

She stated that he was approximately 40 years old, 5'10", white, male, whom she tipped and he appeared to be very grateful. This female voice was questioned as to her desire to furnish her name and again she stated that her telephone number was WE 1-9546 and that she lives alone and would not want her name used publicly but if necessary to contact her that she would be the one to answer the phone.

LEAD

KANSAS CITY

AT KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

Will check with the owner of the Chicken Delight in the 4200 block of Main Street for any potential white male or for the one that delivered food at approximately 5:00 pm on 4/19/68 for clues as to being identical with subject in this case.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-760)

DATE: 4/20/68

FROM : Eugene N. Thomeczek  
Security Patrol Clerk

SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE: JAMES EARL RAY, aka.

Corporal Millsap, MSHP, Lee's Summit, Mo., telephonically contacted this office and furnished the following information:

Trooper John Cummings, Warsaw, Mo., had conversation this date with exconvict, name not known, who knew James Earl Ray at MSP. The exconvict related to Cummings that Ray frequently spoke of Rouge River Country in Oregon as the place that he would go if it was necessary for him to hideout.

Trooper Cummings has more information available and can be contacted 9 am 4/21/68.

SAC advised 10:35 pm.

SA Weaver <sup>was</sup> telephonically furnished the above at 12:10 am 4/21/68. *is handling.*

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TO : SAC (44-760) P

DATE: 4/20/68

FROM : SA GEORGE T. CRONIN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

The following investigation conducted by  
SAs GEORGE T. CRONIN & THOMAS F. JENKINS; on 4/20/68:

At 1:30 PM, ROBERT ~~OWEN~~WICK, Security Officer, Kline's Department Store, was personally contacted and viewed photos of JAMES EARL RAY and advised that the customer earlier that day bore a strong resemblance.

At 1:40 PM, STUART CLARE, Salesman, Kline's Department Store, viewed photos and advised that photo of RAY strongly resembled customer named STEVE NESTRO.

At 2:30 PM, Mr. STEVE NESTRO returned to Kline's Department Store and produced identification in the name GEORGE STEVE NESTRO, JR., 219 Creston, Pueblo, Colo., and advised that he was in town for the weekend with his wife and that he would be more than happy to cooperate with the FBI or any other law enforcement agency in any way.

It is to be noted that while NESTRO bore some resemblance to photo of RAY, he stated his weight at 220 lbs.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-760) P

FROM : SA RAYMOND B. HOWE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/20/68

At 1:00 PM this date ROBERT CHADWICK, Security Officer, Kline's Department Store, 1112 Walnut, telephone HA 1-7900, Ext. 200, telephonically advised that an individual matching subject's description was in their store this morning, picked out some merchandise which he put in layaway until he would return at 2:00 PM this afternoon to pick up. He gave his name as STEVE NESTRO, no further identification. CHADWICK said the only thing unusual was he was wearing a large black hat. CHADWICK further stated he would assist Agents in any way he could in this matter.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-760) P

FROM : SA ORVILLE M. THOMAS

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/20/68

At 9:25 AM, JOHN JONES, 3740 Olive St., telephone WA 3-8576, advised he is a cab driver working at night for Toedman Cab Co., 39th and Main.

He commented that he reported to work last night at 6:00 PM and plans to work until noon on 4/20/68. He advised that he is supposed to pick up a lady, who works for the Kansas City Star, at her home at 4:30 AM at 214 West 74th Terrace, and that he was en route to this address and was stopped at 73rd and Wornall and noticed a man and a woman in an automobile. The man jumped out of the car and came over to his cab and requested to be taken to the New Yorker Hotel. He advised the man that he was on his way to pick up a lady to take downtown and the fellow at this time entered the cab. He advised that he drove the lady to the Kansas City Star and then drove the man to the New Yorker Hotel.

He advised that the man talked about different cities that he had visited and that he arrived in town yesterday morning. He stated this man told him he had been to Memphis, Los Angeles, and Kansas City.

He advised that the man wore dress pants and shirt, no tie, no coat or hat. He obviously had been drinking, but was not intoxicated. He described the man as a white male, about 38 to 40 years old, with dark hair, may have been brown. He advised that the hair was longer than a crew-cut and stood up slightly. He further commented that the man showed him a key to his room, which stated New Yorker Hotel and he recalls that it was on the 9th floor, but he does not recall the room number.

He questioned as to whether there was a reward in this case and also stated that he feels there is a resemblance to the wanted subject that he observed in the newspaper.

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855 PM URGENT 4-20-68 ARK

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, LOS ANGELES AND KANSAS CITY  
FROM ATLANTA (44-2386) 2P

MURKIN

SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED AT ATLANTA.

RE CITY MAP OF ATLANTA WITH INKED NOTATIONS:

INVESTIGATION COMPLETED IN AREA ENCOMPASSING FOURTEENTH  
STREET - PEACHTREE STREET AREA UTILIZING PHOTOGRAPHS OF GALT.  
NO INFORMATION OF PERTINENCE OBTAINED.

RE AIRLINE CHECKS:

INVESTIGATION IN PROGRESS TO IDENTIFY INDIVIDUALS WHO  
MADE FLIGHTS TO FOREIGN COUNTRIES FROM ATLANTA APRIL FIVE  
LAST AND TO MEXICO CITY APRIL SIX LAST SINCE ATLANTA HAS ONLY  
ONE DIRECT FLIGHT WEEKLY TO MEXICO CITY. IDENTITY OF CREW  
MEMBERS ON THESE FLIGHTS OBTAINED AND INVESTIGATION CONTINUING  
TO LOCATE, INTERVIEW THESE INDIVIDUALS, AND DISPLAY PHOTOGRAPHS.  
THIS INVESTIGATION TO DATE NEGATIVE.

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AT 44-2386

RE NATIONAL NEWS RELEASE APRIL NINETEEN, SIXTYEIGHT:

AS RESULT NEWS RELEASE FURNISHED WIRE SERVICES, NEWSPAPERS, TV AND RADIO STATIONS AND WHICH HAS BEEN DISSEMINATED WIDELY BY THESE AGENCIES, ATLANTA OFFICE RECEIVING NUMEROUS COMPLAINTS AND ALLEGATIONS SUBJECT SEEN AT VARIOUS POINTS. THESE ARE BEING CHECKED OUT. NO PERTINENT INFORMATION HAS BEEN OBTAINED.

INVESTIGATION IS CONTINUING WITH TOP PRIORITY ATTENTION. UACB, ATLANTA WILL DISCONTINUE DAILY TELETYPE SUMMARIES OF INVESTIGATION; HOWEVER, ALL PERTINENT LEADS WILL BE HANDLED BY TELEPHONE AND CONFIRMED BY TELETYPE.

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