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The Department of Motor Vehicles, Sacramento, California, telephonically advised that California license VRG 245 is registered for a 1968 Ford sedan, VIN 8P01C108167, to Consolidated Leasing Corporation, 507 South Flower, Los Angeles, California.

An ITSP investigation has been initiated concerning a \$100 check given to National Car Rental; therefore, leads to further identify checks passed by SCHNEIDERMAN are not being set out.

The city and telephone directories of the San Francisco Bay Area were reviewed without locating any listing for Equipment Engineers.

Photographs of JAMES EARL RAY were exhibited to LYON and CRISPI and both advised that although there was some similarity they did not believe SCHNEIDERMAN could be identical with RAY as he was shorter and several years younger.

Enclosed for the assistance of the Los Angeles Office is a xeroxed copy of referenced Atlanta airtel.

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THE LOS ANGELES OFFICE

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA: Conduct appropriate investigation at Consolidated Leasing Corporation, 507 South Flower, concerning possible rental of 1968 Ford bearing California license VRG 245.

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Date: 5/22/68

Transmit the following in PLAIN TEXT
(Type in plain text or code)Via AIRTEL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
 FROM: SAC, EL PASO (157-186) (P)
 SUBJECT: MURKIN

LA *James Bob F74*
Informant
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OO: MEMPHIS

Re Knoxville teletype to the Director dated
 5/18/68.

RE: FRANK BRICKLEY OF CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE

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- 2 - Memphis (44-1987)
- ② - Knoxville (44-696)
- 1 - El Paso

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Date: 5/31/68

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

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

Re Atlanta airtel to the Bureau dated 5/23/68,
 and San Francisco airtel to the Bureau dated 5/29/68.

The following investigation was conducted by
 SA WILLIAM N. HEARD and SA JAMES R. PACE:

On 5/31/68, Mr. EDWARD MANLEY, Night Manager, National Car Rentals, a subsidiary of Consolidated Leasing Corporation, 507 South Flower, Los Angeles, California, advised that he personally rented a 1968 light green Mustang, California License Number VRG 245, to a SAMUEL M. SCHNEIDERMAN, 6535 North Richmond, Chicago, Illinois, on the night of 4/18/68. He vividly recalls SCHNEIDERMAN because due to a lack of a driver's license, MANLEY believed SCHNEIDERMAN to be a bad risk. On receiving an approval to rent the car from a superior, he rented the car to

- 3 - Bureau (RM)
- 2 - Atlanta (RM)
 - (1 - 44-2386)
 - (1 - 25-43489)
- 1 - Chicago (44-1114) (INFO) (AM) (RM)
- 1 - Jacksonville (INFO) (AM) (RM)
- ① - Knoxville (INFO) (AM) (RM)
- 1 - Memphis (44-1987) (INFO) (AM) (RM)
- 1 - Tampa (INFO) (AM) (RM)
- 2 - San Francisco
 - (1 - 173-65)
 - (1 - 87-29695)
- 4 - Los Angeles
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SCHNEIDERMAN whom he described as a White male in early thirties, 5'8-5'9", 140 to 150 pounds, slender build, and wearing glasses, probably prescription type. He was provided a group of assorted pictures containing a photo of JAMES EARL RAY, and he stated that none of the photos was identical with SCHNEIDERMAN. SCHNEIDERMAN provided a local address of the Holiday Inn, Olympic and Figueroa, Los Angeles, California.

Mr. GENE BERRY, Manager, Holiday Inn, 1020 South Figueroa Street, Los Angeles, California, advised on 5/31/68 that a SAMUEL S. SCHNEIDERMAN was a guest at their motel from 1:58 AM, 4/10/68, until his room was found vacant on 4/21/68. SCHNEIDERMAN left owing a \$105.98 motel bill. He described SCHNEIDERMAN as being a white male, age 40, 5'6" to 5'7", 140 to 150 pounds, slender face and with black curly hair. The motel had no record of a car. He was provided a group of assorted pictures containing a photo of JAMES EARL RAY and he stated that none of the photos was identical with SCHNEIDERMAN. Miss MARGE POTTS, who had seen SCHNEIDERMAN several times on desk clerk business, advised that none of above photos was identical with SCHNEIDERMAN.

The address - 715 South Hope Street, Los Angeles, California - is the address of the YMCA.

The Los Angeles Office is opening an ITSP case inasmuch as individual identifying himself as SCHNEIDERMAN passed at least two out of state checks in Los Angeles.

No further investigation is being conducted by the Los Angeles Office in this phase of MURKIN.

5/31/68

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

FROM: SAC, ALBANY (44-493) (P)

RE: MURKIN
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Re Los Angeles airtel to Bureau 5/22/68.

RAYMOND ANDREW YOUNG was recontacted 5/29/68, at Docktor's Pet Center, Fairmount Shopping Center, Syracuse, N.Y., and he identified the photograph of LESTER EDWARD PACKETT, FBI #827170A as being the individual he met at the bar in the vicinity of the Clark Hotel on 4/17/68. He stated that he recalled this individual had a southern accent and made some comment about being from Tennessee.

In view of this identification no further investigation being conducted regarding this aspect of case.

2-Los Angeles
2-Memphis (44-1987) **ARMED AND DANGEROUS**
1-Atlanta (44-2386) (Info)
1-Birmingham (44-1740) (Info)
1-Charlotte (Info)
1-Detroit (Info)
1-Kansas City (Info)
1-Knoxville (Info)
1-Las Vegas (Info)
1-Miami (44-1864) (Info)
1-Mobile (Info)
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SAC (26-20032) (C)

5/28/68

SA HENRY A. QUINN, Jr.

UNSUB;
1968 Chevrolet
VIN 164398D104115
ITSMV

Re memo of SA JAMES F. POLATTIE dated 4/30/68
entitled "ITSMV MATTERS - MURKIN".

Efforts were made to locate Trooper FRED BROWN,
Tennessee Highway Patrol on May 8 and 9 and 14, 1968; however,
on the latter date it was determined that Trooper BROWN was
away on vacation.

Check of the Anderson County Sheriff's Office and
Highway Patrol by Trooper DAVE KING revealed no identifying
information concerning a 1968 Chevrolet, four-door sedan,
VIN 164398D104115 bearing 1967 Georgia License 1J-72304.

On May 15, 1968, Trooper FRED BROWN was contacted
at Clinton, Tennessee and he advised that he made inquiries
of the Georgia authorities concerning the above mentioned
automobile which on April 16, 1968 was in the possession of
one ROBERT L. DISNEY and RONNIE WHITE. As they did not have
the right papers for this vehicle, he arrested DISNEY for
violation of Tennessee State Automobile Registration Laws.
He stated that he did not place a hold on this automobile
as the report back from Georgia was that this automobile
was not stolen and DISNEY made a cash bond which was forfeited.

Trooper BROWN advised that ROBERT L. DISNEY is
described as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	31
Residence	10 Alden Avenue, Atlanta, Georgia
Height	5'10"
Weight	180 pounds

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He advised that he had no written description of RONNIE WHITE but he was a young boy approximately 18 years old who lived in the vicinity of Edgemore Bride, Route 1, Powell, Tennessee.

Mr. BROWN was shown a wanted flyer on JAMES EARL RAY and he stated that positively neither ROBERT L. DISNEY nor RONNIE WHITE was identical with RAY.

Inasmuch as there is no indication that this automobile is stolen, it is recommended that this case be closed.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-696)

DATE: 6/4/68

FROM : ASAC THOMAS W. KITCHENS, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN -
COST DATA

SAC JOSEPH H. GAMBLE, Birmingham Office, advised at 12:05 PM, this date, that Knoxville should within the next two hours furnish cost figures to the Memphis Office. SA FLEMING furnished the following figures:

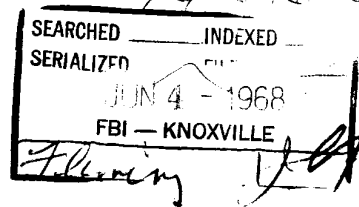
(1)	<u>Man Hours</u>	<u>Regular</u>	<u>O.T.</u>
	Special Agent	143	29
	Clerical	126	0
(2)	Total Mileage - 1,158		
(3)	No unusual costs		
(4)	14 Special Agents		

This information was furnished to Special Agent THOMAS RONAN at 12:40 PM, this date.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, KX (44-696)

DATE: 6-4-68

FROM : SA JOHN C. QUINN

SUBJECT: MURKIN
PUBLICITY ON REWARDS OFFERED

Rebulet, 5-20-68, entitled as above.

On 6-3-68 the following established cooperative news sources were reminded, in a discreet and tactful manner, of substantial reward money offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING--now totaling at least \$100,000. They were cautioned not to publicize the FBI as the source of this reminder:

WILLIAM FREEHOFF, Radio Station WKPT, Kingsport, Tenn.
JOHN MOLLEY, City Editor, Kingsport Times-News, Kpt, Tenn.



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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, KNOXVILLE (44-696)

DATE: 6/1/68

FROM : SA JOSEPH L. FLEMING

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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Reference the memo of SA POLATTIE, 4/30/68.

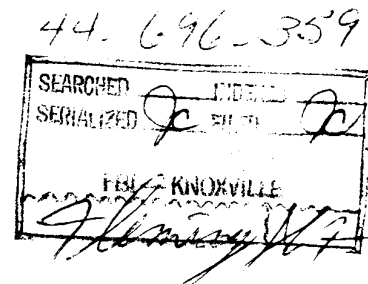
On 6/1/68, Miss JANE C. ARTHUR, Clerk, KUB, Knoxville advised that she inquired concerning Ga. license 2-41534 as the result of an auto accident at Merchants Road and Clinton Hwy. An auto bearing above license ~~xxxx~~ plate, reportedly struck and damaged some KUB poles and KUB was attempting to determine the identity of the driver.

Miss ARTHUR COULD not locate her record concerning this incident but said she recalls the driver was identified as WILLIAM BREEDLOVE.

1-Knoxville
JLF



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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, KNOXVILLE (44-696)
MURKIN
CR

Re San Antonio airtel to the Director 5/21/68.

On 5/24/68, Mrs. LILLIAN GRIFFIN, 1132 Manoe Drive, Knoxville, Tennessee, advised she did not know who could have called her telephone number at Knoxville from any place in Texas.

On 5/27/68, Mrs. JOHN HOWELL, whose residence is 12041 Beauvoir Beach Apartments, West Beach, Biloxi, Mississippi, advised that her husband, Lieutenant JOHN HOWELL, had been in Officers Training School, USAF, San Antonio, Texas, in December, 1967, and that he had called her at her mother's telephone, Knoxville, 615-588-2564. Although she did not recall the specific telephone number from which her husband called, she said the number 674-9914 seemed familiar to her.

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2 - San Antonio (44-1242)
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TO ALL SAC
FROM DIRECTOR

6/6/68

MURKIN

FOR INFORMATION ALL OFFICES AND NOT TO BE DISCLOSED TO ANYONE
OUTSIDE OF OFFICE IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THROUGH INVESTIGATION THAT
SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY RESIDED IN CANADA FROM APRIL EIGHT SIXTY EIGHT
UNTIL MAY SIX SIXTY DASH EIGHT UNDER NAMES PAUL BRIDGMAN AND RAMON
GEORGE SNEYD. SUBJECT DEPARTED CANADA FOR LONDON, ENGLAND, ON MAY SIX
LAST SNEYD AND IS BELIEVED USING CANADIAN PASSPORT IN THAT NAME. SUBJECT
BELIEVED TO BE WEARING GLASSES.

IN VIEW OF ABOVE DEVELOPMENTS REVIEW OF DRIVER'S LICENSE BUREAU
RECORDS AS REQUESTED IN BUREAU RADIOGRAM MAY TWO ONE LAST MAY BE
DISCONTINUED.

OFFICES COVERING POINTS OF ENTRANCE INTO U.S. SHOULD PLACE APPROPRIATE
STOPS WITH BORDER AND CUSTOM AUTHORITIES UNDER NAME OF RAMON GEORGE
SNEYD. NO INDICATION WHATSOEVER SHOULD BE GIVEN THAT THERE IS ANY
CONNECTION BETWEEN SNEYD AND KING ASSASSINATION. YOU MAY ADVISE AUTHORITIES
THAT INDIVIDUAL USING NAME SNEYD IS BEING SOUGHT BY FBI FOR UNLAWFUL
FLIGHT TO AVOID CONFINEMENT FOR CHARGE OF ROBBERY,

FOR INFORMATION OF BORDER OFFICES THERE IS ACTUAL PERSON RESIDING
IN TORONTO, CANADA, WHO IS EMPLOYED BY TORONTO POLICE DEPARTMENT

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☐ Teletype

NAMED RAMON GEORGE SNEYD. THIS INDIVIDUAL'S NAME AND DATE OF BIRTH
USED BY SUBJECT IN OBTAINING PASSPORT. THIS IS FOR YOUR INFORMATION
IN EVENT BORDER STOPS DISCLOSE THAT INDIVIDUAL NAMED SNEYD IS ENTERING
YOUR TERRITORY. COPIES MAILED WFO.

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FBI MEMPHIS

FBI ATLANTA

730PM URGENT 6-6-68 LCS
TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS
FROM ATLANTA 44-2386

MURKIN

RE MIAMI TEL TO BUREAU JUNE FIVE LAST AND BUTEL TO
ATLANTA, JUNE SIX INSTANT.

SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED JUNE SIX INSTANT.

REVIEW OF RECORDS OF DELTA AIRLINES AND SOUTHERN AIRWAYS,
ATLANTA, REFLECTS FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON PERSONS TRAVELLING
FROM ATLANTA TO CANADA BETWEEN APR. FIVE AND APR. TWELVE LAST
ON EAL FLIGHTS BUT TICKETED BY DELTA AND SOUTHERN AIRWAYS.

THE FOLLOWING IS LISTING OF PASSENGERS, DATES OF FLIGHT,
AND ORIGIN OF PASSENGERS VIA DELTA AIRLINES: DICK LAYTON,
CHATTANOOGA, TENN., APR. EIGHT LAST, ATLANTA TO TORONTO; MRS.
A. BOUTON, COLUMBIA, S.C., ATLANTA TO MONTREAL, APR. SIX LAST;
MR. C. A. DELRIO, NEW YORK CITY, ATLANTA TO TORONTO, APR.
EIGHT LAST; R. BALFOUR, AUGUSTA, GA., ATLANTA TO MONTREAL,
APR. SEVENTEEN LAST; MARK ELLERBEE AND BEN NEWBERRY, YACON,
GA., ATLANTA TO TORONTO, APR. SEVENTEEN LAST.

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VIA SOUTHERN AIRWAYS: MR. AND MRS. P. O'CONNOR, MONTREAL,
ATLANTA TO MONTREAL, APR. TEN AND ELEVEN LAST; MISS M. C.
NICOLAS, PANAMA CITY, FLA., ATLANTA TO MONTREAL, APR. FOURTEEN
LAST; MRS. C. LARSON, PANAMA CITY, FLA., ATLANTA TO MONTREAL,
APR. SEVEN LAST.

DELTA STILL ATTEMPTING TO LOCATE TWO OTHER TICKETS.

AM COPIES SENT COLUMBIA, KNOXVILLE, NEW YORK, SAVANNAH,
AND JACKSONVILLE.

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FBI WASH DC

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)
SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1986)
NORFOLK (44-286)
RICHMOND

FROM KNOXVILLE (44-696)

MURKIN; CR.

RE KNOXVILLE TELETYPE TO BUREAU MAY TWO LAST AND
NORFOLK AIRTEL TO BUREAU MAY SIX LAST RE FRANK HENRY
NILES.

FRANKLIN EDWARD LEWIS, FIVE FIVE ZERO NINE PINELAWN
AVE., CHATTANOOGA, TENN., ADVISED THIS DATE HE RECEIVED
POSTCARD FROM FATHER-IN-LAW, FRANK HENRY NILES, POST
MARKED JUNE THREE, WILLIAMSBURG, VA. STATING: "I AM
LEAVING HOSPITAL TOMORROW. I AM GOING TO HEADQUARTERS
IN ARLINGTON, VA. SIGNED DAD."

INFORMATION BEING FURNISHED ABOVE OFFICES IN VIEW
OF PARTY AFFILIATION OF NILES WITH AMERICAN NAZI PARTY.

A & D.

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Special Agent in Charge

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4:38 P.M. *MS*
4:45 P.M. *Per*

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC

DATE: 6/7/68

FROM : SA JOHN E. COOK (44-696)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

The following investigation was conducted to determine the identity of DICK LAYTON, Chattanooga, Tenn. who reportedly traveled via Eastern Air Lines to Toronto, Canada on 4/8/68.

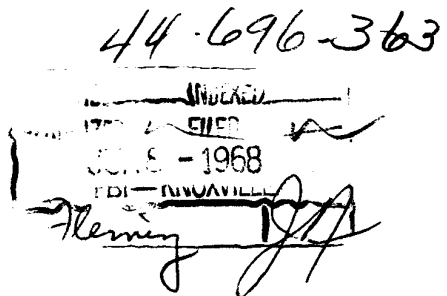
On 6/7/68 Mr. JAMES R. LAYTON, Assistant Sales Manager, D. M. Stewart Manufacturing Co., Chattanooga, Tenn. advised that he is known as Dick Layton and that he was the person who traveled from Atlanta to Toronto on 4/8/68 via EAL.

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FBI ATLANTA

1-12URGENT 6/8/68 GJM

TO ALL SACS

FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861

MURKIN

SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY APPREHENDED AT LONDON,
ENGLAND, JUNE EIGHT INSTANT. DISCONTINUE EFFORTS TO LOCATE
AND REMOVE ALL STOPS.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FBI KNOXVLE

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Remove stops

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U. S. SEEKS EARLY RETURN OF RAY

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KNOXVILLE
KNS-SENTINEL

Photo Search Led to Capture

Compiled From Press Dispatches

Scotland Yard Saturday arrested James Earl Ray, accused of murdering Civil Rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., after a painstaking international manhunt that involved examination of 300,000 passport photos. Officers said Ray had a loaded pistol and two Canadian passports fraudulently obtained in the name of a Toronto policeman.

Ray was seized at London's Heathrow Airport shortly after he arrived on a flight from Lisbon, Portugal, in a culmination of an operation that involved top detectives of the U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and Scotland Yard.

Ray, a 40-year-old former Missouri convict indicted for murder in the shooting of King in Memphis April 4, was jailed in London's Cannon Street Police Station near the houses of Parliament where he was charged with possessing a forged passport and carrying a deadly weapon without a permit.

'Faded Into Wallpaper'

Scotland Yard said Ray would appear in London's Bow Street Court Monday morning on the charges. They would make no comment on when Ray might be extradited back to the United States although FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover said in Washington that extradition proceedings would be initiated soon.



Yard authorities said that when he was detained at the airport, Ray—described as a plain-looking man “who completely faded into the wallpaper”—was carrying a loaded pistol and two Canadian passports bearing the name of Raymond George Sneyd, 35, of Toronto, Canada.

Canadian authorities identified Sneyd as a Toronto patrolman with 14 years service in that city's police forces. They said Ray had fraudulently applied for a passport in the name of Sneyd, but had used his own photo.

It was the passport application that proved to be Ray's undoing and finally cracked the case, authorities in Washington and Ottawa said.

Passports Checked

Among the questions raised by Ray's extensive travels since the shooting is where he got the money.

He had escaped from prison at Jefferson City about a year before King's murder. An extensive check of his activities during that year showed he rarely worked and had no apparent income but appeared to be well supplied with money.

The Canadian passports he was carrying when arrested described him as 35, unemployed, born in Toronto and having no fixed address.

Officials in Washington said the investigation that put police on Ray's trail was started by the FBI in Washington shortly after King was shot on the terrace of a Memphis Motel. It involved going through every photo of every passport issued since April 5.

KNOXVILLE, TENN.

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Editor: RALPH L. MILLETT

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The FBI had no luck in its efforts, but since it was known that Ray once had visited Canada, the FBI asked the Canadian Mounted Police to institute a similar search.

Early in May, Canadian officials said, a Canadian passport form bearing Ray's photo but under the name of Sneyd was discovered. The hunt focused on Toronto where police located Patrolman Sneyd who quickly

—UPI Telephoto
JAMES EARL RAY
 Trapped by passport

established knowing nothing about the passport application.

Officials Alerted

But Ray was traced to a Toronto rooming house where he had taken up residence early in April. On May 2, he picked up his ticket and passport and bought a round trip 21-day-economy excursion airline trip to London. He flew to the British capital May 6.

The following day, Ray turned in the return half of his ticket and booked a flight to Lisbon. In the Portuguese capital he obtained a second Canadian passport from the embassy there May 16 and then dropped out of sight.

Police and government officials, and airline personnel had been alerted to be on the lookout for anyone using a passport in the name of Sneyd. Ray was taken into custody Saturday morning after he flew into London Airport on a British European Airways flight from Lisbon.

Ray was due to take off for Brussels from London aboard another BEA jet that left less than two hours after he had been arrested.

Scotland Yard said two of its

King Killing Suspect Seized

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top men—nicknamed the "Terrible Twins" for their detective exploits, were involved in the arrest. They are Detective Chief Inspector Thomas Butler and Chief Inspector Kenneth Thompson.

Butler is one of the Yard's most famous men. He was in charge of tracking down the gang that made off with \$7.3 million in cash in Britain's Great Train Robbery. Only one of the gang has eluded Butler.

The arrest of Ray was first announced in Washington by Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark and Hoover and then confirmed in London by the Yard.

Hoover praised the cooperation of the Canadian police and Scotland Yard but said Ray's arrest was the direct result of an intensive investigation by the FBI that covered all 50 states, Canada, Mexico, Portugal, England and other countries.

As the trail appeared to grow dim, there were complaints from Civil Rights leaders, particularly followers of King, that the G-men were not pursuing the investigation vigorously enough. Among law enforcement people there was some fear also that Ray had been killed by others involved in a conspiracy to murder King.

Rewards totaling \$155,000 have been offered or the capture of King's killer. The rewards include \$100,000 established by the Memphis City Council; \$50,000 by Scripps-Howard Newspapers through the Memphis Press-Schimitar and The Memphis Commercial Appeal and \$5000 from a number of individuals.

THE KNOXVILLE NEWS SENTINEL

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RALPH L. MILLETT

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RAY CAUGHT IN KING KILLING

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London Arrest Made by Yard

BULLETIN

WASHINGTON, June 8 (UPI)—Atty Gen. Ramsey Clark today announced James Earl Ray, accused of the murder of Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., was arrested this morning in London.

Clark said Ray was taken into custody by Scotland Yard detectives.

Ray has been hunted for 65 days by police and the FBI. He was placed on the FBI's list of 10 most wanted criminals on an emergency basis April 20—16 days after King was assassinated while standing on a motel balcony in Memphis, Tenn.

FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover said Ray who has used the name of Eric Starvo Galt was detained at 11:15 a.m. London time. He said Ray had two Canadian passports in the name of Raymon George Sneyd and he was travelling under that name at the time.

Extradition To Be Initiated Soon

Hoover said extradition proceedings for Ray's return to the United States will be initiated soon.

The FBI said one of the passports Ray was carrying had been issued April 24 in Ottawa, Canada. The other had been issued May 16 by the Canadian embassy in Lisbon, Portugal.

Hoover said Ray was detained as he passed through British Immigration, planning to fly to Brussels, Belgium.

He was reportedly wearing glasses and attired in a light colored raincoat over grey trousers and a sports jacket.

In London, Scotland Yard refused to confirm or deny that Ray had been arrested at London airport as announced in Washington. However, a spokesman for Scotland Yard said: "We are aware of these reports but we can neither confirm nor deny them at this time."

Police officials at the Cannon Row Station said simply: "We have no information. Any comment will have to come from Scotland Yard."

The U.S. Embassy said a man had been arrested in London at the request of the Embassy. But it would not make any comment on the Washington announcement that identified the man as Ray.

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In a brief announcement by the Embassy said only: "A man has been arrested in London at the request of the legal section of the U.S. Embassy. Any further statement will be issued in Washington."

Held Under Maximum Security

Hoover said Ray was in custody at London's Cannon Row Police Station under maximum security conditions.

He said Ray was carrying a fully loaded pistol in his hip pocket.

Ray is under indictment for first degree murder. The indictment was returned May 7 by a Grand Jury in Memphis.

The 40-year-old fugitive was identified by fingerprints as the man who had posed as Eric Starvo Galt on the West Coast and in Memphis prior to the murder.

He had previously been hunted by the FBI for escaping from Missouri State Penitentiary at Jefferson City on April 23, 1967. He was serving a 20-year sentence for armed robbery when he escaped by concealing himself in a truck.

A native of Illinois, Ray had served previous jail sentences in Los Angeles, Illinois State prisons in Joliet and Pontiac and the Federal Penitentiary in Leavenworth, Kan.

He was discharged from the Army in December, 1948, after serving three months at hard labor for being drunk and resisting arrest.

The accused assassin claimed to have worked aboard Mississippi river boats and as a baker, laborer and color matcher. While on the West Coast early this year, he took a course as a bartender at a Los Angeles school.

Hoover said Ray was detained by British authorities as a result of his use of fraudulent passport and on the fact that he was carrying the concealed weapon.

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It should be noted that during interviews with certain of the subject's associates and former prison mates, their stories have varied from time to time. Some of their stories may have varied after this report was prepared. This is recognized but could not be avoided. Any more recent information obtained from them will be set out in subsequent reports.

LEADS:

All offices will continue to conduct investigation in this matter and will set out all leads which appear to be appropriate.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Title: JAMES EARL RAY;
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM

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

Synopsis: JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #405 942 G, escaped Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP) 4/23/67, and on 7/20/67 a complaint was filed before USC W. C. SHELEY, Jefferson City, Mo., charging RAY with unlawful flight to avoid confinement in violation of Title 18, USC, Section 1073. On 4/17/68 an authorized complaint was filed against ERIC STARVO GALT for violation of Title 18, USC, Section 241, charging that he did conspire to injure, oppress, threaten, or intimidate MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., in the free exercise and enjoyment of his rights secured by the Constitution of the United States. Complaint was filed before USC, Birmingham, Ala., by SAC JOSEPH H. GAMBLE, and a warrant was issued for the arrest of GALT. Recommended bond is \$50,000. On 5/7/68 Shelby County CJ. Memphis, returned a secret indictment charging JAMES EARL RAY with murder in the first degree. Chronological listing of subject's activities from 4/67 to 4/68 set forth and reflects he resided briefly at Montreal, Province of Quebec, Canada. He traveled to Birmingham, Ala., purchased a 1966 Ford Mustang, then traveled to Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico, for a brief residence, and then to Los Angeles, Calif. Subject made 2 round trips by automobile from Los Angeles to New Orleans and in 3/68 established residence in Atlanta, Ga. Using the name HARVEY LOWMEYER, a Remington, Model 760, rifle was purchased 3/30/68 Birmingham, Ala. At 6:00 P.M., 4/4/68 Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., was shot and killed by a single bullet fired from the bathroom of a nearby rooming house while he was standing on the balcony of the Lorraine Motel, Memphis. Same Remington rifle identified above recovered at scene along with other items and personal belongings of the subject. Results of Laboratory examinations of all evidence described herein. Interviews of relatives of JAMES EARL RAY, fellow prisoners, and associates set forth. Subject is described as a loner with no close associates, reportedly on amphetamine, and selling drugs at MSP while incarcerated there. Identification record and description also set forth. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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I. CRIMES COMMITTED FOR WHICH
FEDERAL PROCESS OUTSTANDING

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The subject, JAMES EARL RAY, was received at the Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP), Jefferson City, Missouri, March 17, 1960, from the St. Louis City Circuit Court to serve a sentence of 20 years after conviction for robbery first degree by means of a dangerous and deadly weapon (2 counts) and for operating a motor vehicle without permission of the owner. He was given sentences of 20, 7, and 5 years, all to run concurrently.

The subject, who was MSP inmate #00416, was assigned to the Bakery Unit of the Food Service Department. Just prior to the 5:00 P.M. count on April 23, 1967, he was discovered missing and could not be found within the penitentiary. It was not until some 10 days later that prison officials determined that the subject had escaped by being concealed in a large bread box being taken by open truck from the main prison to Renz Farm, a prison farm that lies outside the prison walls and about 5 miles north of the main prison. This method of escape has not been positively verified and remains largely a matter of conjecture.

Federal assistance was requested to locate the subject, and on July 20, 1967, a complaint was filed before U. S. Commissioner W. C. SHELEY at Jefferson City, Missouri, charging the subject with Unlawful Flight to Avoid Confinement following a conviction for robbery first degree, this being in violation of Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 1073.

On April 24, 1968, an amended complaint was filed by SA ROWEN B. AYERS before U. S. Commissioner SHELEY.

At about 6:00 P.M. on April 4, 1968, while standing on the second floor balcony outside Room 306 of the Lorraine Motel, 406 Mulberry Street, Memphis, Tennessee, Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., was struck in the right side of the face by a single bullet. Investigation disclosed that this shot was fired from the bathroom of a rooming house located at 422½ South Main Street, Memphis, which bathroom was located at the rear of the rooming house and which had a window overlooking the Lorraine Motel. It is 207 feet from the bathroom window to the spot where KING was shot.

It was determined that on the afternoon of April 4, 1968, a man using the name JOHN WILLARD rented Room 5B at 422½ South Main Street, paying one week's rent. After hearing the rifle shot at about 6:00 P.M. on April 4, 1968, other tenants in the rooming house observed the man known as WILLARD fleeing from the rooming house carrying a large package which was subsequently abandoned by him on the sidewalk in front of 424 South Main Street. Further investigation disclosed that WILLARD fled from the scene in a white Mustang parked a few feet south of 424 South Main Street.

Found abandoned in front of 424 South Main was a 30-06 Remington, Model 760, rifle, a small plastic suitcase containing numerous toilet articles, undershorts, a T-shirt, binoculars, a newspaper, an after shave lotion bottle, 2 cans of Schlitz beer, and a brown and green bedspread in which all of these items were partially wrapped.

Investigation at motels in the vicinity of Memphis, Tennessee, to identify persons who might be driving a white Mustang automobile disclosed that ERIC S. GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama, had spent the night of April 3, 1968, at the Rebel Motel, 3466 Lamar Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee, and was driving a Mustang with Alabama license 1-38993. Subsequent investigation at Birmingham, set out in more detail elsewhere in this report, indicated that ERIC STARVO GALT was responsible for the murder of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., and on April 17, 1968, Assistant U. S. Attorney R. MACEY TAYLOR, Birmingham, Alabama, authorized the filing of a complaint against ERIC STARVO GALT for violation of Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 241, charging that GALT did conspire to injure, oppress, threaten or intimidate MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., in the free exercise and enjoyment of his rights secured by the Constitution of the United States, namely, the right to freely travel from state to state. Assistant U. S. Attorney TAYLOR recommended bond be set in the amount of \$50,000.

This complaint was filed by SAC JOSEPH H. GAMBLE before U. S. Commissioner MILDRED F. SPRAGUE, Birmingham, on April 17, 1968, and Mrs. SPRAGUE issued a warrant of arrest for ERIC STARVO GALT.

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On May 7, 1968, a Shelby County Grand Jury, Memphis, Tennessee, returned a secret indictment charging the subject, JAMES EARL RAY, with murder in the first degree. While this indictment has not been made public, the local press is aware of its existence and has commented on it.

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II. CHRONOLOGICAL LISTING OF KNOWN
ACTIVITIES OF JAMES EARL RAY SINCE
HIS ESCAPE AND LABORATORY EXAMINATION
OF EVIDENCE ATTENDANT THERETO

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4/12/67

JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #405 942 G, escaped from the Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP), Jefferson City, Missouri.

7/18/67

A man using the name ERIC S. GALT signed a lease for an apartment in the Harkay Apartments, 2589 Notre Dame East, Montreal, Canada. The apartment was to rent for \$75 monthly, and one month's rent was to be forfeited in the event the lease was terminated prior to January 18, 1968.

GALT is not known to have made any telephone calls from the telephone in the hall, #532-0094, and interviews have been unproductive with other tenants, nearby stores, garages, parking lots, and other places where GALT might have parked his car.

An employee at the apartment house has reported that during GALT's stay he was visited on one occasion by 2 women, both described as being aged 40 to 42, one woman had black hair, the other had reddish brown hair. They reportedly stayed overnight, one left the following day, and the other stayed for a few days.

7/24/67

ERIC GALT purchased a Canadian Postal Money Order #C31,600,648, from Station "C," Montreal, Canada. This money order was in the amount of \$9 and was made payable to Futura Books, Inc., 4533 Lennox, Inglewood, California.

On July 26, 1967, a Canadian Money Order in the amount of \$9 was received at Futura Books, Inc., Inglewood, California, from ERIC GALT, 2589 Notre Dame East, Montreal, Canada, as payment for three books entitled "Sexual Anatomy," "Unusual Female Sex Practices," and "Sex Feeling in Men and Women." Futura Books is able to state that the ad answered by GALT had appeared in "Men's Real Adventure" magazine. This order was received and mailed on the same date, July 26, 1967.

7/28/67

ERIC GALT purchased a Canadian Postal Money Order #C31,600,868 at Station "C," Montreal, Canada. This money order was in the amount of \$17.50 and was made payable to Locksmithing Institute, Little Falls, New Jersey.

A photostat copy of this money order was examined by the FBI Laboratory. The FBI Laboratory reported that the photostat copy of this money order lacks the quality necessary for a satisfactory comparison; however, some differences were noted between the writing appearing on the face of this item when compared with writing appearing on other specimens submitted in this case under the name of ERIC GALT.

ERIC S. GALT, 2589 Notre Dame East, Montreal, Canada, enrolled in the Locksmithing Institute, 1500 Cardinal Drive, Little Falls, New Jersey, a correspondence school whose records reflect that his first payment was received July 31, 1967, and the last payment was by money order dated March 28, 1968. During the period of his enrollment, GALT showed in addition to the Canadian address the following addresses:

1535 South Serrano
Los Angeles, California

2608 Highland Avenue
Birmingham, Alabama

113 14th Street, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

The enrollment form of Locksmithing Institute, Little Falls, New Jersey, dated July 31, 1967, in the name of ERIC S. GALT; the confidential information form of the Locksmithing Institute bearing the signature ERIC S. GALT; and the white envelope postmarked Montreal P.Q., VII, 1967, bearing the return address ERIC S. GALT, 2589 Rue Notre Dame Est., Montreal, Canada, Quebec, and handprinted address "Locksmithing Institute, Little Falls, New Jersey, USA 07424" were forwarded to the FBI Laboratory.

The FBI Laboratory reported that the signature appearing on the confidential information form was prepared by the writer of the signatures in this name appearing on items submitted in this case. It was determined that the handprinting appearing on the enrollment form and white envelope was prepared by the same individual who prepared handprinting on other items submitted attributed to ERIC S. GALT.

8/9/67

ERIC GALT purchased a Canadian Postal Money Order #C35,273,307 from Station "C," Montreal, Canada. This money order was in the amount of \$1 payable to E. Z. Formula, Hollywood, California. E. Z. Formula, 6311 Yucca Street, Hollywood, California, is a subsidiary of Barnett and Hersh and concerns only a magazine mail order business selling a single formula for making glass into a 2-way mirror. They maintain no receipt or record of shipment and are therefore unable to further verify receipt of an order from GALT.

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Personnel at the Harkay Apartments, Montreal, Canada, are not certain as to the date ERIC S. GALT moved from that address; however, they are in agreement that it was shortly before Labor Day of 1967. Investigation at Birmingham, Alabama, has disclosed that on August 26, 1967, ERIC S. GALT registered in a rooming house known as Economy Rooms at 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama.

8/28/67

ERIC S. GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama, rented a safe deposit box #5517 at the Main Office, Birmingham Trust National Bank, Birmingham, Alabama. GALT surrendered this box by notification to the bank by undated, handwritten letter wherein he stated he was moving to the state of Louisiana. The record of access to the safe deposit box, contract for box, ledger card for box, and the undated, handwritten letter from GALT were forwarded to the FBI Laboratory. The FBI Laboratory concluded that the signature of ERIC S. GALT appearing on these items was prepared by the same individual who prepared the writing in the same name appearing on other items attributed to ERIC S. GALT.

8/29-30/67

ERIC GALT, in answer to an ad appearing in a local newspaper, contacted Mr. WILLIAM D. PAISLEY, 701 48th Street South, Birmingham, Alabama, regarding PAISLEY's offer to sell a 1966 white Mustang. On August 30, 1967, GALT met PAISLEY at the First National Bank Building, Birmingham, where GALT paid PAISLEY \$1995 in cash. A bill of sale was prepared indicating the car was sold to ERIC GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama, telephone #323-9487.

9/6/67

Records of the Drivers License Division, Department of Public Safety, State of Alabama, Montgomery, revealed that Alabama driver's license #2848947 was issued to ERIC STARVO GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue South, Birmingham, Alabama.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the signature of ERIC STARVO GALT appearing on his application for Alabama driver's license was prepared by the same individual who prepared other signatures in the same name attributed to ERIC S. GALT.

9/12/67

ERIC GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama, enrolled for 5 weekly classes in dance instruction at Continental Dance Club Studios, also known as the Friendship Club, Birmingham, Alabama. GALT attended classes on 4 consecutive Tuesday evenings but did not appear for the fifth class.

9/26/67

In September 1967 the Order Department - Modern Photo Book Store, Division of American Photographic Book Publishing Company, Inc., 166 Fifth Avenue, New York City, New York, received a coupon clipped from "Modern Photography Magazine," which coupon requested that Book #633 be sent to ERIC S. GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham. Book #633 referred to above is "Focal Encyclopedia of Photography." This department also received a letter dated September 26, 1967, signed ERIC S. GALT, with the same Birmingham, Alabama, address wherein GALT refers to his order for Book #633 and requested that the book not be sent as he was moving shortly and would send a corrected address later. Officials of the Modern Photo Book Store advised that they have received no further communications from GALT subsequent to the letter dated September 26, 1967.

The FBI Laboratory reported that the handwriting appearing on this coupon and letter was identical with the handwriting of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #405 942 G. The FBI Identification Division advised that one latent fingerprint of value was developed on the coupon and that this latent fingerprint is identical with the left thumb print of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #405 942 G.

9/28/67

ERIC S. GALT purchased Bank Draft #04012FPS from the Exchange Security Bank, 5 Points South Branch Office, Birmingham, Alabama, dated September 28, 1967, payable to Superior Bulk Film Company, Chicago, Illinois, in the amount of \$337.24.

10/2/67

ERIC S. GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama, was issued 1968 Alabama license 1-38993 for a 1966 Ford Mustang, VIN 6T07C190647.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the signature of ERIC S. GALT on the application for the Alabama license was prepared by the same individual who prepared other items under the same name attributed to ERIC S. GALT.

10/3/67

The Superior Bulk Film Company, 442-450 North Wells, Chicago, Illinois, received an order from ERIC S. GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama, for one Kodak Super 8 camera, Model M8; one Kodak Dual Projector, Model M95Z; one HPI Combination Splicer; and one 20 foot remote control cable for a total price of \$337.24. A bank draft was received with the order, and on October 3, 1967, a package was mailed to him via parcel post under invoice #179530. Since the Kodak Model M8 camera was not in stock, a Crestline Super 8 camera was substituted.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the handprinting appearing on this Superior Bulk Film Company order blank was prepared by the same individual who prepared other items submitted under the same name and attributed to ERIC S. GALT.

10/5/67

ERIC S. GALT sent a typewritten note dated October 5, 1967, to Superior Bulk Film Company, Chicago, acknowledging receipt of items ordered from them and by which he returned the Crestline Super 8 camera. He indicated the camera ordered by him was a four speed camera while the substituted one was a one film speed camera. GALT indicated he was leaving for Mexico on October 7, 1967, but would later send his Mexican address to that company.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the signature ERIC S. GALT appearing on this letter dated October 5, 1967, was prepared by the writer of the signatures in this name appearing on other items submitted in this case and attributed to ERIC S. GALT.

10/18/67

Superior Bulk Film Company, Chicago, Illinois, mailed to ERIC S. GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, via parcel post a Kodak Super 8, Model D38, camera, under invoice #179530.

10/19/67

On this date ERIC GALT registered in Room 212 of the Hotel Rio, Morelos 86, Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico.

The Document Section of the FBI Laboratory examined 2 photostat copies of the registration card of the Hotel Rio in the name of ERIC S. GALT and concluded that the questioned writings appearing on the registration card were prepared by the writer of other specimens received in this matter which have been attributed to ERIC S. GALT.

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A typewritten letter dated October 22, 1967, signed ERIC S. GALT was addressed to Superior Bulk Film Company, Chicago, Illinois, indicating that he could not wait for the originally ordered Kodak camera and requesting that his refund be mailed to the Hotel Rio, Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the ERIC S. GALT signature appearing on the typewritten letter dated October 22, 1967, was prepared by the writer of the signatures in this name appearing on items previously submitted in this case and attributed to ERIC S. GALT.

11/6/67

ERIC GALT checked out of the Hotel Rio, Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico.

11/7-13/67

ERIC GALT during this period of time was registered in Room 417 of the Hotel Tropicano, Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico.

During most of the period that he was in Puerto Vallarta, GALT associated with a prostitute, IRMA MORALES, true name MANUELA AGUIRRE MEDRANO. She was located and interviewed, and she furnished a photograph of GALT taken in Puerto Vallarta about November 3, 1967. She claims not to have seen GALT nor to have heard from him since November 9, 1967.

11/19/67

On this date ERIC GALT rented Apartment #6 at 1535 North Serrano, Los Angeles, California.

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11/20/67

By typewritten letter dated November 20, 1967, signed ERIC S. GALT, the Superior Bulk Film Company, Chicago, Illinois, was requested to forward GALT's refund for the camera which he did not receive to 1535 North Serrano, Los Angeles, California. GALT indicated in his letter that he would be at the Los Angeles address for 5 months.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the signature ERIC S. GALT appearing on the typewritten letter dated November 20, 1967, was prepared by the writer of the signature in this name appearing on items submitted and attributed to ERIC S. GALT.

By letter dated November 30, 1967, mailed to GALT's Los Angeles address, Superior Bulk Film Company advised GALT that his refund check #32338 in the amount of \$142.89 had been remailed to GALT's Mexican address. The canceled refund check had not, as of March 29, 1968, been received by the company.

11/27 - 12/14/67

On this date Dr. MARK O. FREEMAN, Clinical Psychologist, 227 South Bedford Drive, Beverly Hills, California, received a telephone call from JAMES E. RAY, who said he wanted to overcome his shyness, gain social confidence, and to learn self-hypnosis in order that he could relax, sleep, and learn to remember things better. An appointment was made for him that same afternoon at the doctor's office, 9952 Santa Monica Boulevard, Beverly Hills, California. He gave his name as JAMES E. RAY and gave his address as 1535 North Serrano, telephone #469-8096. He furnished his date of birth as [REDACTED]. RAY had appointments with Dr. FREEMAN on November 27, November 30, December 4, December 6, December 11, and December 14, 1967. RAY canceled an appointment for December 18, 1967, stating he had received information from his brother that the brother had found a job for him as a merchant seaman at New Orleans, Louisiana.

Dr. FREEMAN said that RAY paid in cash \$25 per visit. Dr. FREEMAN found that RAY was shy, introverted, and withdrawn but not psychotic or plagued with any deep-seated neuroses.

12/5/67-2/12/68 ERIC GALT, 1535 North Serrano, Los Angeles, California, executed an enrollment agreement and contract for dancing instruction with the owner of the National Dance Studio, 2026 Pacific Avenue, Long Beach, California.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the ERIC S. GALT signature appearing on an interview card #66429 dated December 5, 1967, of the National Dance Studio was prepared by the writer of this signature appearing on other items previously submitted and attributed to ERIC S. GALT. The Laboratory concluded that the ERIC S. GALT signature appearing on the National Dance Studio enrollment agreement and contract dated December 14, 1967, was too distorted for any determination to be made.

Investigation revealed that GALT first appeared at the office of the National Dance Studio on December 5, 1967, at which time he took two lessons and made payments of \$29. GALT appeared at the studio again on December 17, 1967, and took two lessons, again on December 12, 1967, and took two lessons, and on December 14, 1967, and took one lesson.

On December 14, 1967, GALT agreed to take a course of dancing of a total of 50 hours in lessons for a total amount of \$499. The course consisted of 25 private hour lessons and 25 party or group technique hour lessons. According to this agreement, GALT was to pay \$100 on account on December 14, 1967, and was to pay \$149 on December 18, 1967, and \$50 per week thereafter until the contract was paid in full. According to the records,

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GALT did make a payment of \$100 on December 14, 1967, and on December 21, 1967, he made a payment of \$364.

According to these records, GALT took dancing lessons at the National Dance Studio on the following dates subsequent to December 14, 1967:

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12/25/67
12/26/67
12/27/67
12/28/67
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1/15/68
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1/22/68
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1/25/68
1/29/68
1/30/68
1/31/68
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2/5/68
2/6/68
2/8/68
2/12/68

12/15/67

Under ticket #31053 GALT left laundry at the Avalon Cleaners and Laundry, Inc., 5662 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, which laundry was marked "20R-3" by a Thermo Seal marking machine. IT IS NOTED THAT BED LINEN FOUND IN THE WHITE MUSTANG ABANDONED APRIL 5, 1968, AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA, BORE THE LAUNDRY MARK 20R-3.

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ERIC GALT and CHARLES J. STEIN, 5666 Franklin Avenue, Los Angeles, California, a new acquaintance, departed Los Angeles in GALT's 1966 white Mustang en route to New Orleans, Louisiana, to bring back 2 children belonging to CHARLES STEIN's sister, RITA STEIN. GALT's association with CHARLES J. and RITA STEIN is being set forth in a separate section of this report.

12/17 - 19/67

On December 17, 1967, ERIC S. GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama, registered in Room 126, Provincial Motel, 1024 Chartres Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, and checked out of the motel before checkout time of 1:00 P.M. on December 19, 1967. At time of registration GALT indicated on the registration card that he was driving a Mustang with Alabama license 1-38993.

The FBI Laboratory determined that the Provincial Motel registration card was prepared by the writer of the registration card which was subsequently located at the Rebel Motel in Memphis, Tennessee, under the name of ERIC S. GALT.

12/19/67

ERIC GALT, CHARLES J. STEIN, and RITA STEIN's 2 daughters, KIM and CHERYL, departed New Orleans, Louisiana, in GALT's 1966 white Mustang to return to Los Angeles, California.

12/22/67

ERIC GALT picked up laundry which had been left on December 15, 1967, at Avalon Cleaners and Laundry, Inc., 5662 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles.

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12/28/67

By letter dated December 28, 1967, ERIC S. GALT, 1535 North Serrano, Los Angeles, California, advised Mr. JOHN ACORD, Chairman, American - Southern Africa Council, 800 Fourth Street, S.W., Washington, D. C., that he was considering immigrating to Rhodesia and desired answers to certain questions. GALT indicated that:

"(1): The U. S. government will not issue a passport for travel to Rhodesia.

"(2): Would their be any way to enter Rhodesia legally (from the Rhodesian government point of view)

"I would appreciate any information you could give me on the above subject or any other information on Rhodesia."

Mr. ACORD replied to GALT's letter with a form letter enclosing literature on Rhodesia.

The FBI Laboratory determined that the ERIC S. GALT signature appearing on the typewritten letter dated December 28, 1967, was prepared by the writer of signatures in this name appearing on other items submitted and attributed to ERIC S. GALT.

1/8/68

ERIC S. GALT purchased a Bank of America Money Order #0799 18037 from the Hollywood Western Branch, Bank of America, Hollywood, California. This money order was in the amount of \$15 and was made payable to Locksmithing Institute.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the signature ERIC S. GALT appearing on this money order was prepared by the writer of the signatures in this name appearing on specimens previously submitted.

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1/19 - 3/2/68

ERIC S. GALT, 1535 North Serrano, Los Angeles, California, made application to attend the International School of Bartending, 2125 Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the ERIC S. GALT signature appearing on GALT's application to attend the International School of Bartending and his signature on the installment note dated January 19, 1968, were prepared by the writer of this signature appearing on other items previously submitted.

GALT attended class Monday through Friday from 10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. and from 2:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.

1/20/68

JEROME WALLIS VERNON operated the Home Service Laundry and Dry Cleaning Company, 5280 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, from about January 16, 1968, to March 23, 1968. He said that a man named ERIC GALT was a regular customer who came in each Saturday afternoon with a bundle of laundry which usually consisted of underwear, T-shirts, and dress shirts. He believes he first saw GALT on Saturday, January 20, 1968, and he recalled seeing him for the last time on about March 16, 1968. VERNON was shown the laundry marks on the T-shirt and undershorts abandoned by the killer in front of 424 South Main Street, Memphis, Tennessee, on April 4, 1968. VERNON identified the laundry marking on the undershorts and T-shirt as being similar to the mark used at his laundry. Found in the records of the Home Service Laundry and Dry Cleaning Company was laundry list #3065 in the name of E. GALT with Thermo Seal sticker 02B-6.

IT IS NOTED THAT UNDERSHORTS AND T-SHIRT ABANDONED BY THE KILLER AT MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, ON APRIL 4, 1968, CONTAINED A THERMO SEAL LAUNDRY MARK 02B-6.

The Los Angeles Division forwarded to the FBI Laboratory a piece of paper and a cloth square, each containing 12 samples of laundry marking printed by a Thermo Seal marking machine manufactured by the Textile Marking Company, Syracuse, New York, and obtained from the Home Service Laundry and Dry Cleaners, 5280 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California.

The FBI Laboratory advised that these 12 laundry tapes are similar to the laundry tapes in color, construction, and composition to the laundry tapes appearing on the undershorts and T-shirt abandoned at 424 South Main Street, Memphis, Tennessee, by the killer of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. Five of these tapes have the same length (1 1/16") as those appearing on the undershorts and T-shirt. The other 9 are longer, either 1 3/32" or 1 1/8" in length.

The FBI Laboratory advised that no significant differences were noted between the laundry tapes appearing on the undershorts and T-shirt when compared with some of the laundry tape specimens submitted by Los Angeles indicating that they may have originated from the same machine.

1/21/68

On January 21, 1968, ERIC GALT rented Room 403 of the St. Francis Hotel, 5533 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, for a monthly rental rate of \$85. GALT remained a tenant there until March 17, 1968.

1/22/68

ERIC S. GALT, 1535 North Serrano, Los Angeles, California, sent a typewritten letter dated January 21, 1968, to DALE LEROY DYKEMA, 3325 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, receiver for the apartment building located at 1535 North Serrano, advising DYKEMA that GALT had moved from the Serrano address.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the ERIC S. GALT signature appearing on this letter dated January 21, 1968, was prepared by the writer of the signatures in this name on other items submitted.

1/29/68

ERIC GALT purchased a Bank of America Money Order #0799 18288 from the Hollywood Western Branch, Bank of America, Hollywood, California. This money order was in the amount of \$4.25 and was made payable to Free Press, Newspaper.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the ERIC GALT signature appearing on this Bank of America Money Order was prepared by the writer of the signatures in this name appearing on other specimens submitted.

The following advertisement ran in the February 2 - 8, 1968, issue of the "Free Press":

"Single male Cauc. 36 yrs, 5-11, 170 lbs Digs Fr. Cult. desire's discreet meeting with passionate married female for mutual enjoyment, and/or female for swing session apt. furn. will ex. photo. Write Eric S. 406 So. 2nd St., Alhambra, 91802."

It is noted that 406 South Second Street, Alhambra, California, is the address of a mail forwarding service which was subscribed to from February 1, 1968, to March 1, 1968, at a cost of \$3 by ERIC GALT, St. Francis Hotel, 5533 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles.

1/29/68

ERIC GALT purchased a Bank of America Money Order #0799 18289 from the Hollywood Western Branch, Bank of America, Hollywood, California. This money order was in the amount of \$3 and was made payable to Mr. HEDGPETH.

C. M. HEDGPETH is the operator of a mail forwarding service. GALT engaged this mail forwarding service for the purpose of

forwarding all mail to him in care of the St. Francis Hotel under the names ERIC S. GALT, ERIC S. or ESG. In connection with this service GALT executed a Post Office form #1583 dated February 1, 1968, authorizing the mail forwarding service to forward mail to GALT. GALT also directed a typewritten letter to this service signed ERIC S. GALT and received by HEDGPETH on January 30, 1968.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the ERIC GALT signature appearing on the above described Bank of America Money Order was prepared by the writer of the signatures in this name appearing on other specimens submitted.

The Laboratory concluded that the signatures ERIC S. GALT appearing on the Post Office form #1583 and the typewritten letter received by the mail forwarding service were prepared by the writer of the GALT signatures on other specimens submitted.

1/31/68

ERIC S. GALT purchased a Bank of America Money Order #0799 17281 from the Hollywood Western Branch, Bank of America, Hollywood, California. This money order was in the amount of \$7.50 and was made payable to the Locksmithing Institute, Little Falls, New Jersey.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the ERIC S. GALT signature appearing on this money order was prepared by the writer of the signatures in this name appearing on other specimens submitted.

2/13/68

A 1966 white Mustang bearing 1968 Alabama license 1-38993 which was later determined to be registered to ERIC STARVO GALT, Birmingham, Alabama, was serviced at the H. Beckman Chevron Service Station, 1506 North Normandie Avenue, Los Angeles, California. The mileage at the time of this service charge was noted to be 34,185 miles.

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It was also ascertained that this vehicle was serviced at the Cort Fox Ford Company, 4531 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, with mileage noted to be 34,291 miles; however, no date of servicing was noted.

2/17/68

Mrs. PATRICIA ANDERSON, 2800 Glenview Avenue, Los Angeles, California, received a letter dated February 17, 1968, from ERIC S. GALT. This letter was addressed to her under her maiden name, PATRICIA SCHUBERT, and is as follows:

"2-17-68

"DEAR MISS:

"I AM ANSWERING YOUR LISTING IN THE LOCAL SWINGER SINCE I THINK I SHARE MOST OF YOUR INTERESTS, WITH EMPHASIS ON FRENCH CULT. AND SWING SESSIONS. I HAVE JUST RETURNED FROM MEXICO AFTER FIVE YRS. AND THE FEW FEMALES I HAVE MET DON'T GO FOR THE SWING PARTIES AND IT TAKES TWO TO SWING. THE SAME ROUTINE GETS BORING, DON'T YOU THINK. WILL CLOSE UNTIL I HERE FROM YOU.

"SINCERELY
"ERIC S. GALT
"5533-HOLLYWOOD BLVD.
"HOLLYWOOD, CALIF.
"90028.
"PH. 464-1131."

"The Local Swinger" is a correspondence club operating from P. O. Box 3802, Downey, California. "The Local Swinger" placed an advertisement in the Los Angeles "Free Press" offering to send a list of local swingers to anyone who paid the price of \$1. In addition. it was understood that for each letter sent to "The Local Swinger" the sender would have to pay \$1. During February 1968 ERIC S. GALT sent \$1 and a request for a list of swingers and thereafter sent 5 letters to 5 individuals.