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MILTON ZAVALCOFSKI, Moberly Training Center for Men, #01658, served from November 1960 until April 1968 at the Missouri State Penitentiary as a portion of his 20 year sentence for armed robbery. Subsequently he was transferred to his current place of confinement.

He knew JAMES EARL RAY as an inmate and remembers his hiding in the penitentiary as well as his escape.

He could furnish no information concerning his present whereabouts or close associates.

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CHARLES CALVIN BOOKMAN possesses FBI #892355 and resides in Room 201, Belmont Apartments, 948 South Figueroa, South Los Angeles.

BOOKMAN served time at Leavenworth with JAMES EARL RAY, becoming acquainted during the latter part of 1956 when both were in the kitchen of the trusty farm. He believes RAY was from the Biloxi - Gulfport, Mississippi, area and was able to pilot an airplane.

In August 1967 BOOKMAN returned to Los Angeles, California, from a trip and met JAMES EARL RAY at the Amber Room, Figueroa Hotel, Los Angeles. He estimated this to be August 12, 1967. RAY went with him to his room in the Belmont Apartments and he did not hear again from him until April 19, 1968, at around noon or 4:00 P.M. when he received a telephone call and states the person calling was JAMES EARL RAY.

Interview of BOOKMAN contained many inconsistencies and conflicts in his story and therefore no credibility could be given to the alleged phone call received by him from JAMES EARL RAY.

BOOKMAN has stated that he will contact the FBI should he again hear from JAMES EARL RAY.

The substance of the telephone call allegedly received from JAMES EARL RAY on April 19, 1968, was that he was "hotter than a cow marshal's pistol" and made a request of BOOKMAN for money, which was denied.

JOHN R. KELLER possessed Leavenworth Prison #72614-L.

He was located at 2150 Apache Boulevard, Mesa, Arizona, and stated he formerly served time at Leavenworth from 1955 to 1957. He denies any knowledge or association with JAMES EARL RAY and disclaims recognition of the photograph of RAY as a former inmate at Leavenworth. He states he has no knowledge of RAY's present whereabouts.

WALTER TERRY RIFE, FBI #4558766, was located at Quincy, Illinois, and disclaims having seen JAMES EARL RAY since he was incarcerated at Leavenworth, Kansas, in 1957. He has no information concerning the current whereabouts of JAMES EARL RAY nor his close associates.

When arrested with RAY in 1955, he fabricated the name WILLIARD J. MC BRIDE as the individual from whom they purchased stolen money orders obtained in the Kellerville, Illinois, Post Office burglary. He also used the name VERNON ELMO RIFE on his first arrest.

RIFE stated that RAY was prejudiced against Negroes in a general way and he has never known RAY to belong to any organization or to make any threat against Negroes.

Both he and RAY were sentenced on July 1, 1955, to Leavenworth and RIFE was released in 1960.

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DYRELL DENNIS, located at the Towne Hotel, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, listed her home address to be 1151 Wilcox, Los Angeles, California. When initially contacted on April 25, 1968, she advised she had no knowledge of JAMES EARL RAY and through viewing his photographs said she did not know him or anyone named ERIC STARVO GALT.

Subsequently, she was recontacted on April 27, 1968, at the Belmont Hotel, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. She advised she had resided at the St. Francis Hotel, Los Angeles, California, from March 1 to March 9, 1968. One night in the Sultan Room, Hollywood Boulevard, she was approached by a man who introduced himself as ERIC (Last Name Unknown). She described him as follows:

Race White Sex Male Age Late 30's or early 40's Height 5'10" Build Slender Hair Salt and pepper Eves Light blue Wearing apparel Dressed very neatly Characteristics Appeared very nervous; pointed facial features; spoke with a nasal twang.

This person drank screwdrivers and claimed to have worked with computers. He had in his possession a large sum of money in \$10 and \$20 bills. She talked him into giving her a \$20 bill after which they left the Sultan Room and went to another club where they continued to drink and then went to ERIC's room, #403 in the St. Francis Hotel. As they drank he told her on more than one occasion that he could become violent. She began to fear that he might possibly be a psychopath and decided against having relations with him. Under pretext, she left the St. Francis Hotel.

Subsequently, she again encountered ERIC at the Sultan Room at which time he asked for and she returned his \$20 bill.

She stated she has not seen this person since that time.

ANITA LOUISE KATZWINKEL, Apartment 9, 1727 North Garfield Place, Hollywood, California, was unable to identify photographs of ERIC STARVO GALT as anyone she knew. She also did not know CHARLES J. STEIN.

KATZWINKEL stated she has never made any obscene films although SUE HARRIS had told her that she had made a nude film with a female named LOU (Last Name Unknown).

GINGER DAY, also known to her as GINGER NANCE, like the news broadcasts concerning GALT, favored beer and vodka and would listen only to country and western music.

KATZWINKEL has no knowledge of the location of JAMES EARL RAY, known as ERIC STARVO GALT.

MARIE MARTIN, residing at the St. Francis Hotel, room 201, Los Angeles, California, listed her original name to be MYRIAL TOMASO, and she has also used the names MARIE DENNINO and MARIE MARTINELLO. She is a cocktail waitress at the Sultan Room in the St. Francis Hotel.

She first met a person who introduced himself as ERIC GALT on approximately December 4, 1967, in the Sultan Room. He had been drinking at the bar and carried on a conversation with her while she was waiting on other customers.

She obtained GALT's agreement to drive her cousin, RITA STEIN to New Orleans, Louisiana, to pick up RITA's two children and return them to Los Angeles. GALT agreed to make the trip if MARIE MARTIN and RITA STEIN and her brother, CHARLES STEIN, would register to vote and list the political party sponsoring former Governor GEORGE C. WALLACE as their political candidate.

The day after the group registered for the WALLACE political party, MARIE MARTIN, RITA STEIN and CHARLES STEIN were issued registration receipts. Subsequently, MARIE MARTIN went to her room and brought a box of clothing

down to GALT's car which she had requested to be delivered to her mother, LORRAINE CALLAWAY, at New Orleans. At this point, RITA and CHARLES STEIN and GALT left.

About one week later, she again saw GALT at the St. Francis Hotel, and he gave her a \$20 bill after asking her if she were short of money. GALT told her he had visited some friends who lived in the Industrial Canal area of New Orleans near Chef Menteur Highway. GALT became a regular customer at the Sultan Room and on her recommendation, he moved into the St. Francis Hotel.

On February 14, 1968, GALT came to her room and they arranged to trade television sets. He took her portable set and gave her his set and a \$20 bill. He told her he was going south and agreed to drop off another package at her mother's house at New Orleans.

She said that GALT used Spanish phrases on occasion, though he told her he could not speak Spanish. He told her he had lived in Mexico for about six years and knew a girl in Guadaljara.

Referring back to her portable television set, she described it as a 21 inch General Electric set of plastic material with built in rabbit ear antennas and a handle on top.

The last time MARIE MARTIN saw GALT was on the day they traded television sets, February 14, 1968.

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RITA STEIN resides at 5666 Franklin Avenue, Los Angeles, California, and first met ERIC S. GALT in mid-December 1967 at the Sultan Room, St. Francis Hotel, Los Angeles, California. In conversation with GALT relative to her two children residing at her mother's home in New Orleans, Louisiana, she was able to determine that GALT would drive to New Orleans in his own car and return the children to Los Angeles. He agreed to take her brother, CHARLES STEIN, with him on the trip. Conditions for making this trip were that she, her brother and her cousin, MARIE MARTIN, all register with GEORGE WALLACE's party in California.

The following morning GALT drove the three of them to a location where they registered for the WALLACE party. Following this, they all returned to her residence, after which her brother left for New Orleans with GALT.

She next saw GALT when he returned with her two children approximately one week. He entered her house upon his return but stayed only a few moments and then departed. He returned again the next day to bring one of her children's toy blackboard which had been left in his car the previous day.

Following this, she saw GALT in the Sultan Room in mid-January 1968 and had no conversation with him. This was the last time she saw him.

A photograph of ERIC S. GALT obtained from the International School of Bartendering, Los Angeles, California, when displayed to RITA STEIN, reflected that this indeed was the ERIC S. GALT known to her.

JEROME WALLIS VERNON, known also as Jay Wallis Vernon, resides in Apartment B, 1246 Woodbury Court, Upland, California.

He operated the Home Service Laundry and Dry Cleaning Company, Los Angeles, from January 16 to March 23, 1968, and a man by the name of GALT was a regular customer at the laundry. He believes GALT came in each Saturday afternoon.

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He first saw GALT on Saturday, January 20, 1968, and last recalled seeing him on March 16, 1968. GALT would always leave a bundle of laundry consisting of underwear, T-shirts and dress shirts, and he would pick up the finished laundry the following Saturday. Photographs of the T-shirts and shorts recovered near the scene of the assassination were similar to the ones brought in by GALT, according to VERNON, but he could not be sure whether the two pieces belonged to him. The laundry markings on the underwear were identified by him as being similar to the mark used by his laundry.

GALT always paid for his laundry in cash, using \$10 and \$20 bills.

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GINGER LEE NANCE (nee CUVNINGHAM) resides 405 First Street, Dixon, Illinois, On the first Saturday or Sunday of May, 1967, she and ANITA KATZWINKEL left Dixon, Illinois, and proceeded to Los Angeles, California, where they established residence at the Palms Apartments on Sunset Boulevard, Hollywood.

After about three weeks, she and KATZWINKEL moved to 1535 Serrano and resided there for about a month and a half.

In June, 1967, she hitchhiked back to Dixon, Illinois, accompanied part of the way by her boy friend, JIM LEEHY. She cannot recall writing her name and address on any paper nor did she give any name and address on a paper to any of the people who gave her a ride in a car. She did enjoy several rides across country during her hitchhiking trip in Mustangs.

She stated that SUE HARRIS and ANITA KATZWINKEL were working as prostitutes in California, working out of SUE's apartment.

NANCE further advised the name ERIC S. GALT is unknown to her.

CHARLES J. STEIN resides at 5666 Franklin Avenue, Los Angeles, California, and first met ERIC S. GALT at the Sultan Room of the Saint Francis Hotel, Los Angeles, California, on December 24, 1967. His sister, RITA STEIN, was present along with his cousin, MARIE MARTIN, at the time of the meeting.

GALT offered to drive STEIN to New Orleans to pick up RITA's two children, and return them to Los Angeles.

The morning after the initial meeting, the three of them registered at GALT's request in the political party of GEORGE WALLACE.

STEIN and GALT traveled to New Orleans along the southern route through Yuma, Tucson and El Paso. While en route, GALT made several telephone calls, mostly while traveling through Texas and these calls were made from pay telephones.

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GALT mentioned that he had recently returned from Mexico where he had formerly had a part ownership in a bar and that his former partner, a Nexicon, had bought out his interest in the bar. This bar was located near a seaport or boats.

At New Orleans, GALT expressed the desire not to stay at STEIN's mother's residence, but to stay at a motel and he was directed to a motel in the 1000 block of Charter Street (determined to be the Provincial Motel), New Orleans. They had driven straight through from Los Angeles, arriving on December 17, 1967.

On the following day, he met GALT in the street near the residence of CLOVINA ALONZO, 1907 Royal Street, STEIN's mother, and GALT told him he had contacted the individuals he needed to contact and wanted to begin the trip back to Los Angeles. Subsequently, he telephoned STEIN and delayed the departure due to a storm blocking their present route.

They returned to Los Angeles on December 19, 1967, with RITA STEIN's two children. GALT paid for all expenses of food and gasoline in cash.

STEIN stated that a girl, with blond hair, about 5'2", by the name of JERI, according to information developed by he and LOUIS LOMAX, a Los Angeles newspaper man, had lived with GALT while GALT resided in Los Angeles. JERI is presently in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and had used several names in the past, one of which he believed to be DYRELL.

STEIN further stated that he learned, following his initial meeting with GALT, that GALT must have thought he was being set up for a robbery because MARIE MARTIN told STEIN that GALT had made the comment following STEIN's departure from the Sultan Room that "He would hate to have to kill someone."

When STEIN loaded his suitcase into the trunk of GALT's Mustang, he noticed GALT's blue suitcase there, as well as what appeared to be a Kodak camera box. This box was yellow and black in color, two and one-half feet long and a foot wide.

Driving through New Orleans, STEIN told GALT he was grateful to him for driving down to pick up the children of RITA STEIN, but GALT mentioned that he was not doing anyone a favor because he had business to conduct in New Orleans, himself, and he mentioned an Italian-sounding name, which he cannot recall, but is a well-known name in New Orleans and the street he mentioned gave STEIN a mental picture of the Chalmette-Industrial Canal area of New Orleans.

Near El Paso, Texas, GALT purchased a used tire for the Mustang at a tire store. Later in the evening of the same date, December 16, 1967, STEIN recalled that he awoke from a sleep and found they had stopped and GALT was making a lengthy telephone call from a public coin box telephone booth. He believes this call was made somewhere in the vicinity of Houston, Texas, and since it was dark, he could recall the light in the telephone booth shining down on GALT while he made the call.

Later in the day, after arriving at New Orleans and GALT's going to the Provincial Motel, STEIN went for a walk with his sons through the French Quarter and over near the new Trade Mart Building on Canal Street. Later in the day, during the evening, GALT commented that he had seen STEIN and the two boys earlier that day near the Trade Mart Building while he was having a beer at a bar in the area. This was at the home of his sister, MARIE LEE, that the conversation with GALT took place.

On the evening of December 19, 1967, GALT, STEIN and RITA STEIN's two children departed New Orleans for Los Angeles. They drove straight through, arriving on December 21, 1967, in the morning.

After this trip, STEIN did observe GALT on a couple of occasions in the Sultan Room of the Hotel Saint Francis. On one of these occasions, GALT mentioned the fact that he had "just finished bartending school." Sometime after this, either RITA STEIN or MARIE MARTIN

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STEIN did advise that he had helped LOUIS LOMAX, the newspaper reporter, identify DYRELL DENNIS, who is now in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, who allegedly dated GALT on one occasion while he resided in Los Angeles. STEIN feds that LOUIX "Used" him for publicity purposes, identifying STEIN as the "Mey to the case." This upset STEIN because he felt wheever shot KING might take a shot at him.

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JOHN EUGENE GAWRON, residing at 1807 South 11th Street, St. Louis, Missouri, was born on at Chicago, Illinois, and estimates that he has spent about 45 years of his life in penal institutions.

Paroled in 1954 to a Soldier's Home, Quincy, Illinois, GAWRON became acquainted at a tavern in Quincy with LUCILLE RYAN who was separated from her husband, JERRY RAYNES. LUCILLE had a daughter named CAROL, then living with her; a son named JERRY, who was also living with her; a son named JIMMY (JAMES EARL RAY), who was then serving a Federal sentence in the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas: a son named FRANKLIN DENNIS RAYNES, deceased: a daughter named MELBA, who was in a mental hospital in Jacksonville. Illinois:

; a daughter named SUSAN, who was in a Catholic orphanage located at Alton, Illinois; and a son named JOHN (JACK), who was serving a sentence in the Illinois State Penitentiary, Menard, Illinois.

GAWRON, allegedly involved in a burglary at Quincy, Illinois, in 1956, had his parole revoked and was returned to the Illinois State Penitentiary, but in 1959 he escaped from this institution. After a few days, he went to the home of LUCILLE RYAN (RAYNES) where her mother, MARY MAHGR, was operating a rooming house, and GAWRON resided with LUCILLE at 1913 Hickory, St. Louis, Missouri.

During a period of several months in 1959, he was closely associated with JAMES EARL RAY and taught him to be a burglar and they went together on a number of burglaries, estimated to be twelve. They were committed outside St. Louis in the northern part of Missouri, in Iowa, and in Illinois. GAWRON taught JHMMY (JAMES EARL RAY) to always wear gloves on any kind of a job, and he was surprised that he would now go on any job without wearing gloves at the risk of leaving fingerprints.

Together they spend a great deal of time, and in St. Louis they frequented a tavern known as Ruby's Bar, later known as the Haven Bar, lake the Street, just west of 18th.

HAY generally drank bourbon, which he mixed with sweet soda. He did not drink beer or smoke. He meeting any girl for the first time, he (RAY) had a tendency to lisp or stutter in his speech. When RAY wanted a girl GAWEON usually found a girl for him and on such occasions, his relationship with the girl was only brief and temporary at some second or third rate hotel room.

RAY dresses extremely well when he has money, likes good food, and buys expensive clothes, but he always chooses a second or third rate hotel or a cheap rooming house in which to live.

GAWRON, RAY, and JAMES OVERS, with whom RAY was arrested and sentenced to the Missouri State Ponitentiary, cased the Kroger Store in East St Louis, Illinois, for a robbery. GAWRON declined to participate because of the danger involved.

The following day RAY and OWERS were arrested and subsequently RAY was transferred to the Missouri State Penitentiary. GAWRON has not seen RAY since that time.

In 1961, GAWRON, ALBERT PEPPER, and JOHN RAY, brother-in-law and brother of JAMES FARL RAY, respectively, were arrested at Louisiana, Missouri, and while his parole was revoked, the other two persons received sentences of ten days in jail. He does not believe that JAMES FARL RAY knows ALBERT PEPPER, who is married to RAY's sister.

GAVRON is on friendly terms with JERRY RAY and CAROL RAY PEPPER. All of RAY's family referred to him as "Uncle JACK," although he has no family relationship. The PEPPERs have two young sons, the youngest being named The PEPPERs operate the Grapevine Tavern, and JOAN RAY is active in the operation of this tavern at St. Louis, Hissouri.

GAWRON stated that insofar as he knows, the subject has not been in St. Louis since his escape from the

Missouri State Penitentiary in view of the fact he is too well known. CAWRON has not seen JAMES EARL RAY since 1959.

GAWRON believes JAMES EARL RAY trafficed in drugs or barbiturates at the Missouri State Penitentiary and also had a loan shark business there. On three different occasions, he made purchases of inhalers, normally used for colds, at the request of RAY. His request, though originating from RAY in prison, was relayed to him by CAROL PEPPER. On each of these occasions, GAWRON purchased a gross of these inhalers (probably Benzedrine) and on three separate occasions, he was contacted by a guard from the prison at Jefferson City, Missouri, who would pick up the inhalers and take them to RAY at the prison. Reportedly, the guard told GAWRON that each trip was worth a "C" to the guard.

GAWRON recalls being told by JOHN RAY that JAMES EARL RAY was in Omaha, Nebraska, during well, making good money as some sort of a salesman. This was in June, 1967. Shortly thereafter, JOHN RAY told GAWRON that JAMES was now in Los Angeles, California. GAWRON had no knowledge as to how JOHN RAY and CAROL PEPPER would have come into possession of information relative to the location of JAMES EARL RAY in June, 1967.

V. IDENTIFICATION RECORD AND DESCRIPTION

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The following is subject's identification record as furnished by the FBI Identification Division on April 23, 1968, under FBI # 405 942 G:

CONTRIBUTOR O FINGERPRINTS		ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
Army	James Earl Ray #16 163 129	2/19/46		
Sheriff's Office Los Angeles, Calif.	James Earl Ray #6-119908	10/11/49	suspicion of burglary	
PD, Los Angeles Calif	James Earl Ray #139648	10/11/49	suspicion 459 Penal (burglary)	8 months County Jail suspended; 2 years proba- tion served; first 90 days County Jail; 146 12/30/49 Cs129438
SO Cedar Rapids, Iowa	James E. Ray #5937	4/18/50	vagrancy	
PD Alton,	James Earl Ray #7514	7/23/51	no opera- tor's lic- ense - no City Licens	
PD Chicago	James Ray #D90696	5/6/52	robbery (Gun)	Grand Jury \$3000
Cook County Jail Chicago Ill	James Ray #131165	5/9/52	robbery	6/13/52 sen- tenced to peni- tentiary 1 to 2 years
State Peni- tentiary, Joliet, Ill.	James E. Ray #32419	6/13/52	robbery	1 to 2 years

CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGER PRINTS		ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
State Peni- tentiary Pontiac, III.	James E. Ray #19121	7/7/52 1952 in transfer from foli	robbery	1 to 2 years 3/12/54 discharged
SO Edwards- ville, Ill.	James Earl Ray #2540	8/30/54	burglary & larceny	9
Missouri	James E. Ray #40714	3/23/55	investigati of breaking entering Po Office	52
State Wigh- way Patrol Macon, Mo.	James Earl Ray #B-3376	3/23/53	cashing stolen pos- tal money orders	released to Postal Inspector Kansas City Mo., 3/24/55
CSM Knusas City, Mo.	James Barl Pay #12018	3/28/55	forgery U.S. Postal Money Order	seutenced to 15 months custody Attorney General
So Kansas City Mo.	James Earl Ray #29637	3:28/55	forgery - Government	3/7/55, 3 years and 9 months
U. S. Peni- tentiary Leavenworth, Kan.	James Earl Ray #72498-L	7/7/53	Post Office laws Forge Money Orders	months 5/20/58, conditional release 3/31/59, maximum 4/5/58, conditional release on charge of Post Office
				forgery Post Office Money Orders
PD St. Louis, Mo.	James Earl Ray #81071	10/16/59	suspicion of robbery	

CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGER PRINTS		ARRESTED OR BECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
PD St. Louis	James Earl Ray #81071	10/16/59	suspicion of robbery stealing & fugitive other authorities	
State Peni- tentiary Jefferson City, Mo.	James Earl Ray #00416	3/17/60	"TC" operating motor vehi- cle without permission of owner robbery fir "b/m DDW" (2 charges)	current)

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The following is a description of the subject, because from sources set out also where in this report:

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FROM LOS ANGELES 44-1574

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RE LOS ANGELES TELS, MAY SEVENTEEN, EIGHTEEN, TWENTY TWO, AND TWENTY NINE LAST.

BUREAU HAS INSTRUCTED REASONABLE EFFORT BE EXPENDED TO A TO LOCATE LESTER EDWARD PACKETT AND RESOLVE ALLEGATIONS

FURNISHED LOS ANGELES TIMES. EFFORTS TO LOCATE PACKETT LOS 76

ANGELES NEGATIVE. PACKETT HAS FOLLOWING RELATIVES: MOTHER,

This may now be Collie Caffey Tel. 331-7775

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SISTER, CALLIE MAE HAMILTON, THREE TWO FOUR ZERO SUNSET DRIVE,

KNOXVILLE.

KNOXVILLE CONTACT RELATIVES TO DETERMINE LESTER'S PRESENT ADDRESS.

FRANK BRICKLEY WAS IN LOS ANGELES FROM WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4

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FIVE LAST, THROUGH SUNDAY, JUNE NINE LAST, LOOKING FOR "BOB", WHO WHITE HAS IDENTIFIED AS IDENTICAL TO LESTER EDWARD PACKETT. WHITE REPORTS BRICKLEY'S SEARCH NEGATIVE.

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The Case Of James Earl Ray

The nation was gratified over the weekend by the fact that Britain's Scotland Yard, acting on the basis of passport information turned up by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Canadian national police, had arrested in London the suspected slayer of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Information released by authoristics suggests that the suspect, exconvict James Earl Ray, had done a great deal of traveling since April 4, the date on which Dr. King was assassinated in Memphis. Traveling on a forged passport, he had been having a time in Portugal and on the day of his arrest was headed for Brussels via London.

What his final destination was, had he not been apprehended, re-

mains to be revealed if authorities can get the information from him.

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Ray's fate, from here on out, now becomes a matter of the weight of evidence which law enforcement agencies in several countries are able to bring to bear. He is wanted on a Tennessee charge of murder, a federal charge of conspiracy to deny the slain Dr. King) his civil rights and a Missouri charge that he escaped from prison there on April 23, 1967. At most he could receive a death sentence on the Tennessee charge and at the least he faces a return to the Missouri penitentiary for the expiration of his term of 20 years, of which he has more than 12 yet to serve, plus additional time for the prison break.

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RE:

JAMES EARL RAY, aka -FUGITIVE

CR - CONSPIRACY; UFAC - ROBBERY

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OO: MEMPHIS

Re report of SA JOE C. HESTER 6/5/68 at Memphis.

Page 17, paragraph 4, line 6 - 12/17/67, should

be 12/7/67.

Please correct your copies.

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TO:

SAC, LOS AMGELES (44-1574)

FROM:

SAC, KNOXVILLE (44-696)

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Re Los Angeles teletype dated 6/12/68.

Referenced teletype advises the Eureau has instructed reasonable efforts be expended to locate LESTER EDMARD PACKETT.

On 6/12/68, Mrs. CALLIE CATHEY, 1110 Wright Street, Sweetwater, Tennessee, advised she was fermerly married to LESTER FACIETY, who is deceased, and that LESTER EDWARD MCKET is her son. She advised she last actually saw PACKETT approximately four years ago but has not seen him since that time. She did, however, receive a birthday card from him during March, 1968 and is of the opinion that the envelope containing the birthday card was postmarked Chicago, Illinois. She further stated MCKETT telephoned her during Pebruary, 1968 indicating that he was in the State of Illinois.

Mrs. CATHET described her son as a drifter and that she has no idea as to his present whereabouts except as indicated above. She stated that another son, ARANTS HUBERT PACKETT, had been employed as a cook in a restaurant in Chattanboga, Tennessee up until three weeks ago. At that time he telephoned her and indicated that he was going North inactuch as he is not receiving as much pay at the restaurant as had been premised him. She has no idea as to the whereabouts of ARANTS HUBERT PACKETT.

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Mrs. CATHEY described LESTER RIMARD PACKETT in the following measur: white male; date of birth at Monroe County, Tennessee; height - 6'; weight 170 pounds; medium build; dark brown hair; blue eyes; has served in U. S. Army.

On 6/13/68, Mrs. CLARENCE T. HAMILTON, JR., Route 6, Knoxville, Tennessee, advised that LESTER EUNARD PACKETT was her hrother. The last time she heard from PACKETT was several months ago when he telephonically contacted her from someplace in California. Mrs. HAMILTON said PACKETT telephonically contacts her from time to time, however, she has not seen him for a long time and she has no idea where he might be at the present time. According to Mrs. HAMILTON, PACKETT travels from place to place, and as far as she knows he has no regular employment of any kind. In the event she hears of his whereabouts, she will immediately advise the FBI.

6-13-68

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UMSUB, aka Samuel M. Schneiderman ITSP

Re Jacksonville airtel to San Francisco 5-6-68.

DRINIE PHILLIPS, Inn Keeper, Holiday Inn Downtown, Knoxville, Tennessee, advised that the Unsub had registered under the name SAMMEL M. SCHMEIDERMAN on 4-30-68, driving a green 1966 Dodge, Georgia license ID 48283. He attempted to cash a check but the manager could not be located to approve it. While he was waiting for the manager to come back, a warning came over the Holiday Inn teletype system regarding this individual and he fadd. He left behind a briefcase containing numerous blank checks and some personal items. The motel threw away the personal items and turned the checks over to the Knoxville Police Department.

On 5-23-68, Detective DALE GOIMS, Knoxville Police Department Check Squad, advised that he had been called to the Holiday Inn and at that time had confiscated several envelopes containing checks on different banks in California. Mr. GOIMS further advised that he had no knowledge of any check passing activity by this subject in Knoxville.

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Search for Real Answers In King Case Now Begins

The long search for the chief suspect in the Martin Luther King assassination is over. James Earl Ray, alias Eric Starvo Galt, alias Ramon George Sneyd, alias who-knows-what-else, has been arrested in London for moving across national boundaries on an illegally obtained passport.

Now begins the still longer process of judicial determination of this guilt or innocence.

Shelby County, in which Dr. King was shot down April 4 as he stood on the balcony of a Memphis motel, has indicted him on charges of murder. The State of Tennessee, through Federal channels, is seeking his extradition and return for trial.

Ray's capture was a remarkable example of international police cooperation. The FBI, of course, initiated the search for him; when there were indications he had fled the country, the agency sought the aid of its counterparts in other governments.

The Royal Canadian Mounted on the shadowy Police—whose members don't alforces behind him.

ways wear scarlet tunics or ride spirited horses in searching out their quarry—looked through literally hundreds of thousands of passport photographs before spotting the one that led to Ray. He had obtained a Canadian passport under the assumed identity of Mr. Sneyd, a policeman.

Word flashed to Scotland Yard brought about his apprehension as he prepared to leave Britain for Belgium, reportedly seeking ways to enlist as a mercenary in some part of Africa.

The ability of Ray, a small times criminal wanted for escaping from a Missouri penitentiary, to obtain faisified credentials and travel widely with no apparent lack of funds, suggests aid from if not employment by well-heeled sources.

He has indicated he will fight extradition, but it is not likely he can delay for long the turning of the wheels of justice. Sooner or later, he will have to answer the charges lodged against him. Then, perhaps, some light will be shed on the shadowy suggestions of forces behind him.

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TO

All Investigative Employees

DATE: June 18, 1968

FROM

Director, FBI

SUBJECT:

JOHNNY RAY SMITH, aka - FUGITIVE

I.O. #4197

INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF A

STOLEN AUTOMOBILE

"TEN MOST WANTED FUGITIVES" PROGRAM

5010-108

RELEASE DATE: THURSDAY P.M., JUNE 20, 1968

THE CRIMES: On April 16, 1968, Smith and two fellow inmates escaped from the Escambia County Jail, Pensacola, Florida, fleeing through a second story cell window, the bars of which had been sawed through. Smith had been awaiting prosecution since his arrest on February 5, 1968, when he was forcibly disarmed while resisting arrest for armed robbery. When arrested, a car stolen in Houston, Texas, and several money orders taken in a Pensacola armed robbery, were recovered in his possession.

THE CRIMINAL: A 45-year-old white American reportedly born in Monroe County, Alabama, Smith is a trigger-happy escape artist who has had gun battles with FBI Agents and local police while fleeing arrest. When he and accomplices shot their way out of a Panama City, Florida, jail in 1949, a policeman was wounded and a hostage was kidnaped to transport the escapees interstate. Smith, who may wear a wig for disguise purposes, is known as a glib and convincing "con" man who dresses neatly and usually secures transportation by stealing used cars which he procures on the guise of taking a demonstration ride.

PROCESS: A Federal warrant was issued February 12, 1968, at Pensacola, Florida, charging Smith with interstate transportation of a stolen motor vehicle.

"TEN MOST WANTED FUGITIVES": Smith replaces James Earl Ray who was taken into custody in London, England, on June 8, 1968. The list as of June 20, 1968, will be:

John William Clouser	I.O. #3837	Charles Lee Herron	I.O. #4163
George Benjamin Williams	I.O. #4072	George Edward Wells	L.O. #4175
Gordon Dale Ervin	LO. #4087	Taylor Morris Teaford	LO. #4185
Carmen Raymond Gagliardi	I.O. #4101	Phillip Morris Jones	LO. #4194
George Michael Gentile	I, O. #4155	Johnny Ray Smith	I.O. #4197

THEY ARE ALL ARMED AND DANGEROUS. If you receive any information, give it at once to your SAC or appropriate supervisor.

PHOTOGRAPHS, FINGERPRINTS AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA OF ALL FUGITIVES ON THE LIST ARE ON THE REVERSE SIDE.

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JOHNNY RAY SMITH, also known as: John Biondi, Jr., Lewis W. Meyers, Carl C. Penton, Johnnie Rae Smith, Clifford E. Tuttle, "Boots," Chuck." W; born (?); 5'll": 180 lbs; med bld; gr hair, balding; haz eyes; rdy comp; one - cook, Salesman, trucker, welder. Wanted by FBI for INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF STOLEN MOTOR VEHICLE. IDENTIFICATION ORDER #-4197 FBI#-2 251 191 DATE PHOTO TAKEN: 1968



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CHARLES LEE HERRON, also known as: Lee Jones. (?); 5'7"-5'8"; 145-N: born 150 lbs; sldr bld; blk hair; brn eyes; dk comp; occ - olerk. Wented by FRT for UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID PROSECU-TION (Murder: Assault with Intent to Commit Murder). IDENTIFICATION ORDER #-4163 FBI#-313 926 G DATE PHOTO TAKEN: UNKNOWN



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GEORGE EDWARD WELLS, also known as: George W. Cor. Lloyd Kuczmarski. W: horn 5'8"; 165-175 lbs; m; born bld; brn heir, gr; brn eyes; med comp; oce - maintenance worker, painter. Wanted by FBI for UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID PROSECUTION (Armed Robbery); INTERSTATE TRANSFORTATION OF STOLEN PROPERTY. IDENTIFICATION ORDER #-4175 FBI#-1 467 173 DATE PHOTO TAKEN: 1967



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CHEORGE EENJAMIN WILLIAMS, 23 M 21 W IMO AMP Ref; 22 also known as: Allen 1 31 W 000 19 Benjamin Colby, Ben Jackson, George Benjamin William.
W; born 5'6": 155 lbs;
med bld; brn heir, gr, balding; bl eyes; rdy comp; rt ring fngr amp; occ - constr worker, dairy worker, mech, miner, pipe fitter. Wanted by FBI for BANK ROBHERY. IDENTIFICATION ORDER #-4072 FBI#-497 062 DATE PHOTO TAKEN: 1965

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PHILLIP MORRIS JONES, also known as: Philip Morris, Dennis James Mummert. 6'1"; 195-210 lbs; W: born large bld; dk brn hair; bl. gr eyes; med comp; oco - aircraft worker, bartender, farm worker, lab, short order cook. Wented by FBI for BANK ROBBERY. IDENTIFICATION ORDER #-4194 FBT#-902 784 D DATE PHOTO TAKEN: 1967

GEORGE MICHAEL GENTILE, also known as:



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George Foster, George Centry, George Michael Lee, George Thomas, Lester W: born lbs; med bld; brn hair, gr; bl eyes; fair nomp: occ - appliance salesman, house painter, merchant mariner, stat engineer. Wanted by FBI for INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION IN AID OF HACKETEERING - EXTORTION. IDENTIFICATION ORDER #-4155 FBT#-841 196 DATE PHOTO TAKEN: 1960



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JOHN WILLIAM CLOUSER, also known as: Jack Clauser, John William Clauser, Chuck A. Williams.
7; born 5'9"; 175-200 lbs; stky bld; blond hair, may be dyed blk; bl eyes; rdy comp; oco - clerical worker, stook clerk. Wanted by FBI for INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF STOLEN MOTOR VEHICLE. IDENTIFICATION ORDER #-3837 FRT#-229 125 C DATE PHOTO TAKEN: 1963



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GORDON DALE ERVIN, also known as: Dale Ervin.
5'll"-6'0"; 170 lbs; W; born 5'll"-6'0"; 170 lbs; med bld; brn hair; bl eyes; med comp; occ - carpenter, lifeguard, mach shop worker, locomotive fireman, salesman, shippard worker, typist. Wanted by FRI for UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID CONFINEMENT (Armed Robbery). IDENTIFICATION ORDER #-4087 FBI#-290 533 A DATE PHOTO TAKEN: 1965



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TAYLOR MORRIS TEAFORD, also 7 S 1 A--a Ref: T--t U--a known as: Morris Teaford, S 1 A--a Taylor Melvin Teaford. 5'11"-6'0": Ind; born 5'11"-6'0"; 170-175 lbs; med bld (muscular); blk hair; brn-haz eyes; lt brn comp; coc - lab (lumber-logging), remoher. Wanted by FBI for UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID PROSECUTION (Murder and Assault to Commit Murder). IDENTIFICATION ORDER #-4185 FRI#-806 823 B DATE PHOTO TAKEN: 1967



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SA PATRICK J. LENMON

UMSUB; 1967 Mercury VIM 0Z32P544965 1967 Georgia Dealers License 12676 1967 Georgia License 69A 230 ITSMV - MURKIN

On 5/2 and 6/20/68, LARRY DAUGHERTY, THP, Madisonville, Tenn., advised he recalled that captioned vehicle had become disabled in Sweetwater, Tenn., and that upon examination he observed above dealers license lying on the seat of the car. The 1967 Georgia license was displayed on the rear of the car. DAUGHERTY stated that his reason for making an inquiry through the Georgia State Police was to determine whither or not the vehicle had been reported stolen. No stolen report was located. DAUGHERTY indicated that the owner of the car left the vehicle at Woods Mercury dealer in Sweetwater, Tenn., and that the owner has subsequently recovered the vehicle.

In view of the above, it is suggested that this case be closed administratively.

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6/25/68

SA PATRICK J. LENNON

UNSUB: 1963 Buick . VIN 8J3102088 Georgia License 7A-4685 ITSMV - MURKIN

Re memo SA JAMES F. POLATTIE dated 4/30/68.

On 5/2/68 and 6/20/68, LARRY DAUGHERTY, THP, Madisonville, Tenn., advised he recalled captioned vehicle was involved in an accident in Madisonville, Tenn., on 4/20/68, and that the reason for his making an inquiry through the Georgia State Police was to determine whether or not the above vehicle had been reported stolen. No stolen report was located.

In view of the above, it is suggested that this case be closed administratively.

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6/25/68

SAC, (26-20034) (C)

SA PATRICK J. LENNON

UNSUB: 1960 Thunderbird VIN H8YAll7024 Georgia License 15J4423 ITSMV - MURKIN

On 5/2/68 and 6/20/68, LARRY DAUGHERTY, THP, Madisonville, Tenn., advised he recalled captioned vehicle had been involved in anhit and run situation in Madisonville on 4/24/68, and that the car had been driven by a soldier. He stated the reason for his inquiry through the Georgia State Police was to determine whether or not the vehicle had been reported stolen. No stolen report was located.

In view of the above, it is suggested that this case be closed administratively.

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AIR MAIL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

SAC, KNOXVILLE (44-696) FROM:

MURKIN -COST DATA

The following statistics are furnished having been compiled from records of the Knoxville Division.

	Man Hours	Regular	O.T.
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(3)	No unusual costs		
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SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Bureau airtel to Memphis, 7/9/68.

The Bureau has requested that all divisions continue to submit monthly cost data until further notice.

In view of the above, all divisions are requested to comply with the Bureau's instructions, including offices who have negative cost data to report.

2 - ALL OFFICES

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, KNOXVILLE DATE: 7/24/68

FROM : SA DAVE J. COOK

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 7/24/68, ED BAKER, reporter, Chattanooga Post, advised he has received information that a HARVEY LOWEMEYER is incarcerated by the Georgia prison system.

He furnished this information for whatever value it may be as this was am alias that had been used by JAMES EARL RAY.

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MURKIN

ED BAKER, reporter, Chattanooga Post newspaper, advised SA DAVE J. COOK that a HARVEY LOWERFYER is incarcerated by the Georgia Prison System. Mr. BAKER had no other details concerning this HARVEY LOWINGYER.

It is being left to the effice of origin to determine whether it will be necessary to set out a lead in this instance.

- Knoxville

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AIR MAIL

TO:

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The following statistics are furnished having been compiled from records of the Enoxville Division.

Man Hours	Regular	0.1.
(1) Special Agent	1	0
Clerical	0	0
(2) Total Mileage - 0		

- (3) No unusual costs
- (4) 1 Special Agent

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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

Date 8-2-68

Name and F.P.C.	FBI No.	A.O.	LO.	W.F.	CC	Cancellation
George William Tyree, Jr. 20 L 1 U OIO 16 S 1 U OOO	4, 714, 268	3337	37 80			Federal process dismissed. (8-2-68)
Don Ferris McCall, Jr. 21 M 1 U 15 L 3 Wr	32 7, 089 B	3338	4092			Located Northridge, Calif., 7-17-68. (8-2-68)
James Earl Ray 16 M 9 U OOO 12 M 4 W IOI	405, 942 G	3339	4182	442 442 <i>A</i>		Extradited London, England to Memphis, Tenn., 7-19-68.
John Michael Walton 17 I 30 W OMI I 32 W IOI	356, 640 E	3340	4200			Located Lowndes Co. Alabama, 8-2-68. (8-2-68)
Robert Vance Walton 14 M 13 U OOM 12 Ref: 13 I 25 U OOO 26	361, 075 E	3341	4201			Located Lowndes Co. Alabama, 8-2-68. (8-2-68)
James Joseph Scully 2 M 21 W 19 Ref: 21 I 17 Ra 19	1, 170, 115	3342	4202			Located Arcadia, Calif., 7-23-68. (8-2-68)
Jimmie Johnson 20 L 1 Ut 6 Ref: U M 1 U T	11, 215 F	3343	4203			Located St. Louis, Missouri, 7-15-68. (8-2-68)

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