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(Priority)TO: SAC, LOUISVILLE
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN

APRIL NINETEEN INSTANT, MAN RESEMBLING ERIC GALT
TURNED IN ONE HUNDRED TWENTY FIVE DOLLARS IN WRAPPED
CHANGE FOR BILLS AT SECURITY FIRST NATIONAL BANK, FORTY
NINTH AND WESTERN, LOS ANGELES, REFUSING TO FURNISH LOCAL
ADDRESS SAYING HE WAS VISITING FROM INDIANA. LISTED
NAME ROY OR RAY KENT ON WRAPPER. LEFT VICINITY OF
BANK IN LIGHT GREEN PONTIAC, KENTUCKY LICENSE L FOUR FIVE
SIX FOUR ZERO.

LOUISVILLE DETERMINE OWNER AND SET FORTH LEADS TO
DETERMINE IF IDENTICAL TO ~~GALT~~ James Earl Ray, aka

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RECORDS, POINSETTA GARDENS MOTEL, ONE THREE NINE TWO ONE SOUTH NORMANDIE, GARDENA, CALIFORNIA, REFLECT THAT ON OCTOBER SEVEN LAST, A JAMES SILLES, BILL SILLES, AND A JOHN WILLARD ALL REGISTERED IN ROOM ONE THREE ZERO AND STAYED AT ~~THIS~~ MOTEL UNTIL ~~THEY~~ CHECKED OUT ON OCTOBER FOURTEEN LAST. REGISTRATION CARD INDICATES THEY WERE DRIVING ~~ONE~~ ONE NINE SIX ZERO THUNDERBIRD WITH OHIO LICENSE PLATE SEVEN ZERO ONE EIGHT T T. LAST TWO LETTERS THIS LICENSE PLATE MAY BE INCORRECT AND LICENSE PLATE POSSIBLY SHOULD HAVE BEEN SEVEN ZERO ONE EIGHT T ONE. FIRM REPRESENTED SHOWN ON REGISTRATION CARD ~~SEVEN~~ AS MURREY AND SONS.

MANAGER AND ONE CLEANING MAID AT THIS MOTEL, AFTER VIEWING PHOTOGRAPH OF ERIC STARVO GALT ^(James Earl Ray) IN NEWSPAPERS WERE OF OPINION ~~THAT~~ THIS INDIVIDUAL ~~HAD~~ STAYED AT ~~THE~~ MOTEL
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SOMETIME IN PAST AND MANAGER THEREAFTER LOCATED ~~THE~~ REGISTRATION CARD IN ~~THE~~ NAME OF JOHN WILLARD.

MRS. JACKIE CLARKE, MAID, OF DEFINITE OPINION ~~THE~~ ONE OF THE THREE INDIVIDUALS WHO OCCUPIED ROOM ONE THREE ZERO IN OCTOBER, SIXTY-SEVEN WAS IDENTICAL WITH ~~THE~~ ARTIST CONCEPTION OF SUBJECT MADE IN MEMPHIS.

CINCINNATI ENDEAVOR TO IDENTIFY THROUGH DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND THROUGH LICENSE PLATES, THESE INDIVIDUALS AND DETERMINE IF THEY HAVE ANY CONNECTION WITH INSTANT CASE.

But and Memphis & Birmingham should be advised of any
~~CONSIDER~~ ARMED AND EXTREMELY DANGEROUS. *Positive information*

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RE ~~REDACTED~~ COLUMBIA TEL REGARDING CHIEF STEWARD
~~REDACTED~~ FOUR EIGHTEEN SIXTY EIGHT AND NEW YORK TEL TODAY.

CONTACTS WITH SELF REALIZATION CHURCH, FOUR EIGHT
SIX ZERO SUNSET BLVD., LOS ANGELES, ACROSS FROM KAISER
FOUNDATION HOSPITAL, NEGATIVE. ~~REDACTED~~

JAMES EARL RAY, AKA ERIC S. GALT, ~~REDACTED~~ IN PRISON FROM
ONE NINE SIX ZERO TO ONE NINE SIX SEVEN AND MAURICE
WOLVERTON WAS ON SHIP "SMITH TOURIST" IN ONE NINE SIX FOUR.

~~REDACTED~~
LOS ANGELES ~~REDACTED~~ DISCONTINUING, ~~REDACTED~~

~~REDACTED~~ re this lead.

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~~DIRECTOR, FBI (44-1574)~~
SACS, MEMPHIS
BIRMINGHAM
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SAN FRANCISCO

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN.

RE: MOTOR DRIVER JAMES EARL RAY, GARDEN GROVE,
CALIFORNIA.

RE MINNEAPOLIS TEL TO BUREAU, APRIL NINETEEN INSTANT.

FOR INFORMATION SAN FRANCISCO REFERENCED TEL RECEIVED
FROM MINNEAPOLIS STATES THAT JAMES EARL RAY, EMPLOYEE OF
INSURED DRIVEAWAY SYSTEM, ONE TWO FIVE SEVEN ONE, GARDEN
GROVE BOULEVARD, GARDEN GROVE, CALIFORNIA, POSSIBLY IDENTICAL
WITH SUBJECT OF CAPTIONED CASE.

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THIS INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM INSURED DRIVEAWAY SYSTEM AGENT IN MINNEAPOLIS.

LARRY PETERS, INSURED DRIVEAWAY SYSTEM, GARDEN GROVE, CALIFORNIA, CONTACTED THIS DATE AND ADVISED THAT JAMES EARL RAY CAME TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA APPROXIMATELY ONE YEAR AGO FROM ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA, AREA.

RAY REPORTEDLY WORKED FOR SEVERAL YEARS PRIOR TO SIXTY SEVEN FOR LOUISE M. BARRON, AGENT FOR INSURED DRIVEAWAY, ST. PETERSBURG.

PETERS STATES THAT DURING FIRST WEEK OF APRIL, SIXTY SEVEN, RAY WAS DRIVING AND WORKING FOR COMPANY IN AND AROUND ORANGE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, AREA; HOWEVER, PETERS WAS UNABLE TO SUBSTANTIATE THIS THROUGH RECORDS.

PETERS STATES THAT HE DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT THE RAY THAT IS EMPLOYED BY HIS COMPANY IS IDENTICAL WITH CAPTIONED SUBJECT, BUT IS NOT POSITIVE.

PETERS DOES NOT HAVE EMPLOYMENT RECORDS FOR RAY AND STATES APPLICATION AND FINGERPRINT CARD ON RAY CAN BE OBTAINED THROUGH JACK WIGHOLM, INSURED TRANSPORTERS, INC., ONE NINE FOUR FOUR WILLIAMS STREET, SAN LEANDRO, CALIFORNIA.

PETERS STATES THAT AT PRESENT TIME RAY IS MAKING TRIP FOR COMPANY TO SEATTLE, WASHINGTON, AND FROM THERE WILL BE TRAVELLING EAST INTO IDAHO.

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PER BUREAU TEL TO ALL SACS THIS DATE, STATES THAT SUBJECT OF INSTANT CASE WAS IN PRISON IN MISSOURI SIXTY UNTIL APRIL OF SIXTY SEVEN.

SAN FRANCISCO, AT SAN LEANDRO, CALIFORNIA, CONTACT JACK WIGHOLM OF INSURED TRANSPORTERS, INC., AND DETERMINE IF RAY IS IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT OF CAPTIONED CASE FROM THE ORIGINAL APPLICATION SUBMITTED TO COMPANY, NOTING THAT PRIOR TO APRIL, SIXTY SEVEN, SUBJECT OF INSTANT CASE WAS INCARCERATED.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MINNEAPOLIS (157-450), PHOENIX,
LOS ANGELES, AND MEMPHIS
FROM TAMPA (157-3231)

MURKIN: CR. OO: ME.

RE MINNEAPOLIS TEL TODAY.

MRS. LUCY BARRON, EIGHT TWO SIX EIGHT FORTIETH ST. NORTH,
PINELLAS PARK, FLA. ON FOUR NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT ADVISED THAT SHE
IS OWNER OF INSURED DRIVE-A-WAY SYSTEMS, PINELLAS PARK, FLA.,
AND INDIVIDUAL REFERRED TO BY MRS. EUNICE TAYLOR IN RETEL IS NOT
JAMES RAY, WHO IS UNKNOWN TO HER, BUT ONE JAMES WILLARD WRAY
EMPLOYED BY HER OFF AND ON FOR PAST SIX YEARS. HE DOES RESEMBLE
PHOTO OF JAMES EARL RAY BUT NOT IDENTICAL. JAMES WILLARD WRAY
DESCRIBED AS W/M, BORN [REDACTED], SHELBY,
N.C.; FIVE FT. NINE IN., ONE SIXTY LBS., SCAR AT PART OF HAIR
LEFT SIDE, BROWN HAIR, BLUE EYES, FBI # [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] ST. PETERSBURG PD # THREE FOUR ONE FOUR THREE, U. S.
NAVY SERIAL NO. [REDACTED] JAMES
WRAY CONTACTED BARRON FROM GARDEN GROVE, LOS ANGELES, CALI.,
ON FOUR FOURTEEN AND FOUR SEVENTEEN LAST AND CAN BE CONTACTED
THROUGH WAYNE CAMERON.

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MINNEAPOLIS IMMEDIATELY RECONTACT TAYLOR TO DETERMINE IF
WRAY IS NOT INDIVIDUAL SE WAS REFERRING TO.

BUREAU REQUESTED TO COMPARE FINGERPRINTS AGAINST JAMES EARL
RAY TO ELIMINATE AS SUSPECT.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861), SACS ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM,
MEMPHIS, SPRINGFIELD, KANSAS CITY, NEW ORLEANS.

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574) (P)

MURKIN

REMYTEL APRIL NINETEEN INSTANT.

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

DR. ALSO HAD LEAF FROM HIS CONSULTATION NOTEBOOK,
WHICH HE SAID HE MADE ENTRIES IN ON OCCASION OF RAY'S FIRST
VISIT IN NOVEMBER. NOTATIONS IN THIS INDICATED PATIENT'S
NAME TO BE JAMES E. RAY, ADDRESS ONE FIVE THREE FIVE NORTH

*Rec'd to
Supervisor Nolan*

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SERRANO, LOS ANGELES, AND TELEPHONE NUMBER FOUR SIX NINE
(REGISTERED TO ERIC GALT).
EIGHT ZERO NINE SIX. / DATE OF BIRTH GIVEN AS [REDACTED]

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

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

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

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

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CONTINUING TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW POWERS.

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

DR. FREEMAN INDICATED HIS OWN PROFESSIONAL TRAINING WAS AT UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS, UNIVERSITY OF ZURICH, AND UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. ~~HE WAS EMPLOYED TO~~
~~KEEP INTERVIEW CONFIDENTIAL.~~

SUBJECT ARMED AND EXTREMELY DANGEROUS.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

DATE: 4/18/68

FROM : SA JOHN T. MARTIN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 4/18/68, ~~Joseph Waring~~, manager, Tony's Liquor Store, 22523 West Pacific Coast Highway, Malibu, California telephonically advised he had just waited on a customer who he thought resembled the man the FBI was looking in connection with the King case. He described the man as a white male, 6' 0", 170-180 lbs., late thirties, receding dark brown hair, and medium complexion. He advised the man bought a package of tea and a bag of Fritos and left the store and drove north on the highway in a late model, Mustang, white color, bearing Oklahoma license plates XD 1338.

The above described vehicle and license plate were run through NCIC with negative results for a stolen. On 4/18/68, D. K. Lloyd, Malibu Division, IASO, was alerted re the above person and vehicle.

On 4/18/68, D. K. Lloyd, Malibu Division, IASO, advised the vehicle had been located parked at the Casa Malibu Motel, 22752 West Pacific Coast Highway.

On 4/18/68, Russell Young, Manager, Casa Malibu Motel, advised a man and a woman driving a white Mustang with Oklahoma license plates XD 1338 had checked into the motel on 4/16/68 and were staying in Unit #6. He produced a register card which indicated the room was rented to a Jim K. Davis, 1312 Georgia Avenue, Perry, Georgia, driving a Ford with Oklahoma license plates XD 1338. He said he did not think this person resembled the photograph of the man known as ERIC STARVO GALT.

On 4/18/68, SA's Steven E. Ducker and John T. Martin interviewed Jimmy K. Davis, #6, Casa Malibu Motel, and he advised he ~~was a Senior Master Sergeant~~ in the Air Force, AF 14299147, stationed at Robins Air Force Base near Macon, Georgia. He advised he maintained a permanent address of 1312 Georgia Avenue, Perry, Georgia.

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The following description was obtained from observation and interview:

Name	JIMMIE K. DAVIS
Date of birth	[REDACTED]
Place of birth	New Albany, Mississippi
Height	6' 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Weight	175
Hair	Medium brown, receding
Eyes	Brown
Blood Type	A-positive
Military Service #	[REDACTED]
Military I.D. Card #	[REDACTED] issued 10/10/67
Maryland Driver's Lic.	[REDACTED] showing DOB [REDACTED] Address 215 Cambridge Court, Tullahoma, Tennessee

Davis advised he was in possession of a 1967 Mustang, white color, VIN 7F01C193137, bearing Oklahoma license plates XD 1338. He stated the vehicle belonged to his sister-in-law, Shirley Burleson and her husband, Frank S. Burleson. He produced Oklahoma title # K773391 showing owner as Beryles Bumper Service, 1106 S. Robinson, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. He advised this firm is owned by the Burlesons.

Davis was accompanied by his wife and Shirley Burleson. He advised he was a career serviceman, having entered the service at the age of 16.

While Davis could not be positively eliminated as being ERIC STARVO GALT based on the available information concerning GALT, it should be noted that a discrepancy exists in the birth dates of Davis and GALT and the fact that Davis has a prominent mole high on the cheek bone approximately 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " below the outside corner of the left eye.

for summary teletype

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RE:

CHARLES STEIN AND RITA STEIN NOT FAMILAR WITH GINGER DAY,
ANITA KATZWINKEL OR FLIKIED'S. STEINS THINK PHOTO OF
SAME AS
TELEVISION SET ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ SET MARIE DENINNO, AKA, MARTIN
TRADED TO GALT. DENINNO NOT AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW.

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TO : SAC LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

DATE: 4/18/68

FROM : SA Richard H. Ross

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 4/18/68, an attempt was made to contact MARIE MARTIN, Apartment 201, St. Francis Hotel, Hollywood Boulevard to display a photograph of a Zenith T.V. set to determine if it is identical with the one she trade to ERIC GALT.

MARIE MARTIN could not be contacted.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

DATE: 4/20/68

FROM : SA RICHARD J. STILLING

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 4/20/68, an canvass of all boarding houses, flop houses, rescue missions, and rental units, in the harbor area of San Pedro, California, was conducted in an attempt to locate JAMES EARL RAY. (BOOKMAN information). Six square blocks of such residences were checked from Harbor Boulevard to Pacific Boulevard and between First and Sixth Streets on a door to door basis. The surrounding area to the west, and south of the area consists of residential homes. The area to the north and east is made up of harbor facilities and non-residential area.

No pertinent information was developed on the canvass, during hours of 5:30 am to 9:12 am, on 4/20/68. Managers and employees of the established were alerted and advised they would immediately contact this office if person answering RAY'S description.

The following agents participated in the canvass:

SA EUGENE W. ADAMS,
SA STEPHEN L. DURKIN,
SA JIM R. FREEMAN,
SA RICHARD B. GEORGE,
SA CONRAD V. HASSELL,
SA RICHARD J. NELSON,
SA CARL L. SHERWOOD,
SA JACK D. SUTTLE,
SA MARK LAFE THOMPSON,
SA EMERY D. TURNER,
SA GEORGE E. AIKEN, JR.
SA RICHARD J. STILLING.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), BIRMINGHAM, CHICAGO, KANSAS CITY,
MEMPHIS (44-1987), LOS ANGELES, SALT LAKE CITY, SPRINGFIELD
FROM OMAHA (44-310)

MURKIN

RECORDS OF THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE, LINN COUNTY, CEDAR RAPIDS,
IOWA, REVEAL JAMES EARL RAY WAS TAKEN OFF A MILWAUKEE RR FREIGHT
TRAIN AT MARION, IOWA, ON APRIL EIGHTEEN, NINETEEN FIFTY, BY
DEPUTY SHERIFF HARLAN SNYDER AND AN UNIDENTIFIED OFFICER OF
THE MARION POLICE DEPT. SNYDER IS NOW DECEASED. RAY WAS CHARGED
WITH VAGRANCY AND WAS DESCRIBED AT TIME OF HIS ARREST AS A
WHITE MALE, BORN [REDACTED], PLACE NOT
STATED, FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES, ONE THIRTYFIVE LBS., SLENDER
BUILD, BROWN HAIR, BLUE EYES, DARK COMPLEXION, THREE INCH
SCAR ON PALM OF RIGHT HAND. RAY GAVE HIS FATHER AS GEORGE E.
RAY AND HIS MOTHER AS LUCILLE RAY, BOTH RESIDING AT ONE FOUR
THREE NINE CEDAR STREET, QUINCY, ILLINOIS. HIS FATHER WAS
EMPLOYED AS A SWITCHMAN ON THE CB AND Q RAILROAD. NO EMPLOYMENT
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LISTED FOR MOTHER. RAY LISTED TWO BROTHERS, JOHN, AGE SIXTEEN, AND JERRY, AGE FOURTEEN, BOTH RESIDING AT HOME.

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

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

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

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

RAY WAS PHOTOGRAPHED ON APRIL EIGHTEEN, NINETEEN FIFTY, BY LINN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE. A COPY OF THIS PHOTOGRAPH HAS BEEN OBTAINED. THE NOSE OF THE SUBJECT, THE EARS AND THE MOUTH BEAR
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RESEMBLANCES TO WANTED FLYER NO. FOUR FOUR TWO RE GALT. RAY WAS RELEASED BY LINN COUNTY SO, MAY EIGHT, NINETEEN FIFTY, AFTER BEING GIVEN FOUR MONTHS SUSPENDED SENTENCE ON VAGRANCY CHARGE. NO INDICATION IN RECORDS OF SO, CEDAR RAPIDS, THAT RAY WAS ACQUAINTED WITH ANY PERSON IN CEDAR RAPIDS DASH MARION, IOWA, AREA, OR THAT HE HAD BEEN IN THIS PRIOR TO HIS ARREST.

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

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1104 PM URGENT 4-19-68 ARK

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

MURKIN

SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED ATLANTA APRIL NINETEEN
SIXTYEIGHT:

RE REPORTED IDENTIFICATION OF GALT AS JOHN WILLARD:

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

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

BUREAU LABORATORY REPORTED EXAMINATION OF CARD COMPLETED
BY WILLARD, LOCATED THREE LATENT FINGERPRINTS WHICH PRINTS HAVE
BEEN IDENTIFIED AS PRINTS OF WALTER A. WILLARD, FBI # [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WALTER WILLARD EMPLOYED AS JOHN
WILLARD COMPLETELY ELIMINATED BY PRINTS AND HANDWRITING.

RE LAUNDRY MARK INVESTIGATION.

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

RE DRIVER LICENSE:

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

RE CITY MAP OF ATLANTA WITH INKED NOTATIONS:

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

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

RE NATIONAL NEWS RELEASE APRIL NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT:

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

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

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

RE CONTACT WITH SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC):

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

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