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appeared in "Life" magazine, and the Governor of Louisiana placed a stop to the entire operation.

Mrs. STRADER advised her husband is in telephonic contact with her daily but declines to furnish information as to his location over the telephone, as he is very afraid. Mrs. STRADER was advised to inform her husband if he has any information he desires to furnish to the FBI, he can contact any FBI Field Office, who will then arrange for an interview with him.

For information receiving offices, Inspector THOMAS E. BISHOP, SOG, on 4-24-68 advised he had received a telephone call from CARL STERN, Washington, D. C., NBC Office, who told him that a man (FNU) STRADER, whom he had met on one occasion while covering a story in the South, had, on 4-24-68, telephoned him from someplace around Toledo, Ohio. STRADER informed him he was en route to the home of his wife's parents in Lexington, Illinois. He then told STERN a "fantastic tale" about him, STRADER, overhearing a conversation on 3-29-68 in Lebanon, Tennessee, concerning the killing of MARTIN LUTHER KING. Apparently STRADER was of the impression that the people involved in the conversation knew he had overheard them, and they had taken his license number. STRADER believed there had been at least one shot fired at him since that time. STRADER informed STERN he had vital information concerning KING's murder and called STERN for advice as to what he should do. STERN advised STRADER to call the Springfield Office of the FBI and they would make arrangements to have someone meet him at his convenience in their territory. According to Mr. STERN, BISHOP stated that STRADER is afraid to approach any office and may desire to have someone meet him at a location other than an office.

The files of the Springfield Office contain the following references to ROBERT STRADER, however, it cannot be determined at this point whether or not they refer to ROBERT HOOD STRADER of Lexington, Illinois:

On 11-19-65 ROBERT STRADER, 6'1" - 2", 175 lbs., employed cutting timber near Edwardsville, Illinois, and in construction work at Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville, Illinois, was considered a suspect in the robbery of the Hamel State Bank, Bufile 91-20560, Sifile 91-2642.

SI 44-561.

In 10-66 prosecution of ROBERT H. STRADER was declined in an ITSMV matter which involved a rental car. ROBERT H. STRADER had represented himself as an employee of General Telephone Co., of Illinois, registering at two motels at Bloomington, Illinois, and had skipped without properly checking out and without paying for his room. SHRADER could not be located at that time but was described as a white, male, 35 - 40, 5'10" - 6', 150 lbs., dark brown hair, medium build and medium complexion. He was subject of Sifile 26-29006.

One ROBERT HOOD STRADER was subject of an ITSMV; UFAP - AUTO THEFT case in which Milwaukee was 00,9/63, Bufile 26-316708, Sifile 26-23403. This individual had a rather extensive arrest record dating back to 11/48 at which time he was AWOL and which involved record of arrest for issuing worthless checks, mail fraud, investigation of forgery, and defrauding an innkeeper. ROBERT H. STRADER, whose FBI No. was given as 244 633 A, [REDACTED] concerning which fingerprints were furnished by the State Bureau of Identification, Sacramento, California, on 8-3-60 and subsequently again on 9-21-60, was a patient at [REDACTED]. That individual was described as white, male, approximately 6'3", 190 lbs., fair complexion, hazel eyes, brown hair and was considered [REDACTED].

A check through NCIC on 4-30-68 indicated ROBERT STRADER was not currently wanted.

FBI LOUISVLE

FBI MEMPHIS

345PM URGENT 5-6-68 MCP

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861 AND LOUISVILLE 44-947 AND LOS ANGELES 44-1574
FROM MEMPHIS 44-1987 1 P

MURKIN

RE LOUISVILLE AIRTEL TO BUREAU MAY ONE LAST RE TELEPHONE BOOTH,
ST. FRANCIS HOTEL, LOS ANGELES.

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ARMED AND DANGEROUS. P. END.

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TO: FBI LA 11:19 AM Rec'd by DPK
TO: FBI ME 11:21 PM Rec'd by DGB

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In light of the above, no further action being
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TO ALL SACS RELAY MESSAGE PLAN
FROM DIRECTOR 1P

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987), LOS ANGELES (44-1574)
AND ST. LOUIS (44-775)
FROM LOUISVILLE (44-947)

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OTHER OFFICES TO BE ADVISED

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FBI WASH DC

MCP - 10:54 A.M.

FBI MEMPHIS

FMK - 11:00 A.M.

FBI LOS ANG.

MEL - 11:06 A.M.

FBI ST LOUIS

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOUISVILLE (44-947)

DATE: May 7, 1968

FROM : SA T.F. Kellerman

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Date: 5/3/68

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(Priority)

TO: Bureau (44-38861)
Memphis (44-1987)
Louisville

FROM: SAC, Jackson (157-9586) (P)

MURKIN
(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re Bureau airtel to Jackson, Dallas, Jacksonville,
dated 4/25/68.

Referenced Bureau airtel indicated that the
main file on MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. had been reviewed
and certain threats against KING were set forth. Among
the alleged threats was the following:

"Jackson Office, by teletype, 9/17/66, entitled
'Unsub; alleged plan to kill Rev. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.,
Grenada, Miss., Racial Matters,' reported that the
Rev. EMMETT BARFIELD, Pastor, First Presbyterian Church,
Grenada, Miss., who requested his identity be concealed,
claimed an attorney in his parish told him two white
residence of Grenada planned to assassinate KING on
9/19/66 at Grenada. These men allegedly wanted to retain
the attorney should they be charged."

A review of Jackson file 157-6712, on 4/27/68,
disclosed no additional information other than as summarized
above.

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Per [signature] handle right away!

Approved: [signature]
Special Agent in Charge

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JN 157-9586 .

Inquiry at the First Presbyterian Church, Grenada, Miss., disclosed that Rev. EMMETT BARFIELD is no longer located in Grenada, Miss.

On 5/3/68, EDWARD THOMPSON, (Protect), U. S. Postmaster, Grenada, Miss., advised that his records disclose Rev. EMMETT BARFIELD is now located at 113 Woodmont Drive, Paris Kentucky, zip code 40361.

LEAD:

LOUISVILLE DIVISION

AT PARIS, KENTUCKY

Will locate Rev. EMMETT BARFIELD at 113 Woodmont Drive and attempt to determine from him the identity of the attorney at Grenada, Miss., who furnished Rev. BARFIELD with the above information and immediately advise the Jackson Office.

Wheel & Axle, 4th st (w 1st Trans
post deck)

Mr. Weber

987-1611

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Inquiry at the First Presbyterian Church, Grenada, Miss., disclosed that Rev. EMMETT BARFIELD is no longer located in Grenada, Miss.

On 5/3/68, EDWARD THOMPSON, (Protect), U. S. Postmaster, Grenada, Miss., advised that his records disclose Rev. EMMETT BARFIELD is now located at 113 Woodmont Drive, Paris Kentucky, zip code 40361.

LEAD:

LOUISVILLE DIVISION

AT PARIS, KENTUCKY

Will locate Rev. EMMETT BARFIELD at 113 Woodmont Drive and attempt to determine from him the identity of the attorney at Grenada, Miss., who furnished Rev. BARFIELD with the above information and immediately advise the Jackson Office.

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FBI Distributes 2 New Photos Of King Suspect

WASHINGTON (AP) — The FBI issued today two more photographs of James Earl Ray, who is being sought in connection with the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

An FBI spokesman said one of the latest photos is "considered to be the best possible likeness of Ray."

So far the FBI now has issued five photos of Ray.

The one the FBI considers the best was taken in late January or early February of this year somewhere in California. It shows Ray wearing a dark checked jacket, striped tie and button-down collar shirt. There is a curtain directly in back of him and a lamp nearby.

The FBI would not say where it obtained the picture, or where precisely it was taken, or by whom.

One Taken in Mexico

The other new photo, which the FBI said was taken last November at an undisclosed location in Mexico, shows Ray wearing dark glasses and a light colored shirt open at the collar.

The California photo appears to have been taken without the use of flash, and with side lighting. The Mexico photo appears to have been made with the use of a flash camera.

The two new photos confirm what FBI descriptions say—that his weight has been known to vary widely. The Mexican picture discloses a man with a thin face and pointed chin, much as he appeared in 1960 photos.

But the picture taken in California shows him edging up to pudginess, with a clear cleft in his chin.

Other photos issued earlier by the FBI included one of him taken at a Los Angeles bartending school in March 1968.

The original showed his eyes closed. At first an FBI artist drew in some open eyes from another photograph were imposed photographically.

The remaining two photos were taken in 1960 in connection with his conviction for armed robbery. He was received at the state penitentiary in Jefferson City, Mo., March 17, 1960, to serve 20 years. He escaped April 23, 1967.

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Louisville, Ky.

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Date 5/3/68

RE: JAMES EARL RAY, also known as - FUGITIVE
Identification Order 4182; Wanted Flyer 442A
CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY; INTERSTATE
FLIGHT - ROBBERY

☐ For information ☐ Retention optional ☐ For appropriate action ☐ Surep, by _____
☐ The enclosed is for your information. If used in a future report, ☐ conceal all sources, ☐ paraphrase contents.
☐ Enclosed are corrected pages from report of SA _____ dated _____

Remarks:

Enclosed are five smooth finished copies of the photograph of James Earl Ray. The Memphis Division is the office of origin in this investigation. Memphis Office file number is 44-1987.

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To: All SACs and LEGATs
From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

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OO: MEMPHIS (44-1987)

The Bureau has designated Memphis as office of origin in this case.

You were previously advised that leads in this Top Ten Fugitive case must be handled within 24 hours. The Atlanta, Birmingham, Chicago, Houston, Jackson, Kansas City, Los Angeles, New Orleans, St. Louis, and Springfield Offices are to prepare the results of their investigation to date in report form, not as an insert. At such time as the amount of investigation in these field offices does not appear to warrant individual reports, advise the Bureau and office of origin that inserts being prepared in future in lieu of reports, UACB.

All other offices will record the results in appropriate form and transmit 15 copies of each to the office of origin for inclusion in reports submitted by the Memphis Office. Should investigation increase in any such area warranting submission of individual report, do so and advise the Bureau and Memphis.

LEGATs are to submit results of investigation which can be disseminated in letterhead memorandum form suitable for dissemination. Any administrative data which cannot be disseminated is to be set forth in the administrative section of your transmittal communication. Look-alikes and other leads resolved and reported by cablegram or other communication need not be rereported as copies of these communications are being forwarded office of origin by the Bureau for administrative handling of the case.

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SAC, LOUISVILLE (44-947) (P)

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SA THOMAS J. UTASKI

MURKIN

OO: MEMPHIS
BUFILE 44-38861

Re Cincinnati telephone call to Louisville, 5/2/68.

The following investigation was conducted on 5/2/68
by SA THOMAS J. UTASKI at Newport, Ky.:

Mrs. ELIZABETH BRADLEY, 839 Washington Ave., Newport, Ky., (581-7886), advised that she saw an individual resembling JAMES EARL RAY in the vicinity of 9th St. and Washington Ave. in Newport, Ky., on two occasions in the immediate past. She stated that the individual who she saw bore a likeness to the newspaper picture of JAMES EARLY RAY carried in recent editions of the Cincinnati newspapers.

Mrs. BRADLEY stated that when the Cincinnati Enquirer first carried a picture of JAMES EARL RAY, the picture jogged her memory for a moment as if she had seen the individual pictured before. At the time she viewed the newspaper picture, she does not recall specifically seeing the individual pictured at any time or at any place. Her feeling at the time was that she had seen this individual some place at some time.

At 12:30 p.m. on 4/23/68 she saw the individual who she believes to closely resemble JAMES RAY on a street corner at 9th and Washington Avenue, in Newport, Ky. Mrs. BRADLEY was in the front of her house at 839 Washington Ave. immediately across from a bus stop on the even side of the 800 block of Washington Ave. The individual came from a Westerly direction on 9th, around the corner at Washington Ave. and stood waiting for someone to pick him up. Shortly after he arrived at the corner, a white female with sandy hair, attractive in appearance, drove up to the Washington and 9th St. corner coming from a Northerly direction on Washington Ave. and individual got into the automobile and they departed in a Southerly direction on Washington Ave. The woman was driving a 1963 black Fairlane automobile in average to poor condition. She did not notice

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the license plate of the automobile. She stated that this incident took place at 12:30 p.m. on 4/23/68 when she was standing in her front yard.

On 4/29/68 at 7:30 p.m. she again saw the same individual dressed in the same clothes basically doing the same thing as the previous week. The individual rounded the corner coming from a Westerly direction on 9th Ave. and waited on the corner at Washington and 9th. Again the same sandy-haired white female picked him up shortly after he had arrived at the corner in a black 1963 Ford automobile. On the latter occasion, the individual sat on the steps of St. Stevens School at the 800 unit block of Washington Ave. directly across the street from Mrs. BRADLEY's residence. Mrs. BRADLEY recognized the possible connection between the individual whom she was viewing and the picture in the newspaper and in order not to arouse suspicion, she went into her residence which also afforded a clear view of the corner where the individual was waiting. Mrs. BRADLEY, although viewing the individual and the activities surrounding him was not able to get a good description of the white female driving the automobile nor the license plate on the black Ford automobile. Mrs. BRADLEY stated that again shortly after the individual arrived on the corner, he departed in the black Ford without anything unusual happening.

Mrs. BRADLEY described the individual as approximately 35 years old, 5'7" tall, with a round face and approximately 150 pounds in weight. She stated that the individual had dark brown hair and it appeared as if he were trying to grow his hair out from a crew cut in the not too distant past. His hair was very neat looking and was combed from his right to his left. Mrs. BRADLEY stated that the individual was a very neat dresser who wore the exact same outfit on both her viewings. She stated he wore gray sports pants and a mustard yellow shirt, open at throat, and also a dull drab yellow suit jacket. Mrs. BRADLEY also stated that on both occasions the individual was carrying a large grocery sack which was rolled down and it appeared to have something inside the bag. The sack was large, but rolled to such an extent as to have something small and light in the sack.

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She recalls thinking at the time of viewing the individual that perhaps he had clothes in the sack. Mrs. BRADLEY stated that the individual did not act unreasonably suspicious and that she had seen nothing inconsistent with the theory that the individual was willing to work. Mrs. BRADLEY did state however that she has only seen the individual on two occasions at widely divergent times, which would indicate that the individual did not have a job to which he reported at the same time each day. Mrs. BRADLEY stated that she did see the individual on working days, the 23rd of April which was a Tuesday and the 29th of April which was a Monday.

Mrs. BRADLEY stated that she will keep a close watch of the area at 9th and Washington, in Newport, Ky. and that if anything comes to her attention relevant to the info she has furnished the FBI, she would immediately contact the interviewing Agent and apprise him of the new details.

Captain PATRICK CIAFARDINI, Chief of Detectives, Newport, Ky., PD, was advised of Mrs. BRADLEY's observations at 9th and Washington, in Newport, and CIAFARDINI stated that although no particular patrol car works in the area of 9th and Washington, he would advise patrol cars working in the general area to be on the alert for individuals fitting the description of JAMES RAY.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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He described former attorney HORTON as an alcoholic, having very little law practice but believed the attorney to have actually been approached by the above two unidentified man.

Reverend BARFIELD further advised that he has no additional information concerning the above incident.

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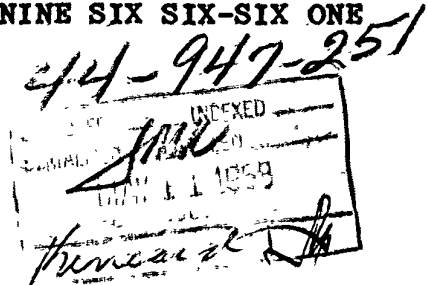
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RE LOUISVILLE TEL MAY EIGHT LAST RE TELEPHONE BOOTH,
ST. FRANCIS HOTEL, LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

ON MAY NINE INSTANT MRS. LONELLE HENAGER, EIGHTYSIX SIXTY-
EIGHT MORAN PL., ST. JOHNS, MO., ADVISED BROTHER, A.F. COOK,
JR., AKA BUD, TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED HER FEBRUARY TWENTYTWO
LAST FROM UNKNOWN BAR IN LOS ANGELES. SAID EMPLOYED AT AUTO-
MOBILE AGENCY, POSSIBLY OLDSMOBILE.

MRS. HENAGER CLAIMS SHE DOES NOT KNOW HIS ADDRESS OR
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LOS ANGELES ENDEAVOR TO LOCATE COOK THROUGH CATHY.

LOUISVILLE ADVISED BY AIRMAIL.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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DATE: 5-13-68

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Her son, HUNTER NEALY, works at Harshfield Bros., Produce Wholesalers, 321 N. First St., Louisville. He just called her stating that there is a man at Harshfield's begging for money who looks like pictures of the murderer of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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ROBINETTE resembles photos of RAY only slightly, and can be eliminated on appearance alone.

ROBINETTE is 5'6", weighs 155 lbs. He exhibited a draft card reflecting his DOB as 4-20-29. He is registered with [REDACTED] Pikeville, Ky. His Selective Service Number is [REDACTED]. His permanent residence is 137 Hatcher Court, Pikeville.

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Dasilva	Petchora	Signor Tomelli
Clements	Donovan	Rene Mathis
Caffery	Harthrop-Vane	Monsieur Versoix
Fawcett	Ventnor	Adolph Gettler
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Sefton Delmer	Lame-Brain Pissaro	John Blaize
DeBeers	Belair Stud	Williamson
Ronnie Vallance	Mr. Weiss	Prospector Katze
Rufus B. Saye, wa, Jack Spang	Windy Wint	du Raan
Peter Franks	Boofy Kidd	Mr. Louwrens
Tiffany Case	Ernie Cuneo	Sergeant Cilliers
Sergeant Dankwaerts	Jack Entratter	Andries Coetzze
Sergeant Lobiniere	Bobby Bilbo	Alexander Foote
Mister Grunspan	Mr. Lucian	Desmond
Willy Behrens	Frasso	Percy Sillitoe
George Feyer	McGonigle	Ernest Oppenheimer
Michael Tree, wa, Shady Tree	Captain Hook	J. A. Brink
Seraffimo Spang	B. Kitteridge	Claasens
W. Winter	Mr. Rothblatt	Bill Syer
Mike Hammer	<u>THE DIAMOND SMUGGLERS</u>	Fuchs
Rocky	Ian Fleming	LeBeers

THE DIAMOND SMUGGLERS

Van Blommestein & Birt

Tim Patterson

Piet Willers

T. S. Patterson

Blake

Davis

de Graaf

Mrs. Coetzze

Christine Granville

Sammy Silberstein

Captain van der Westhuisen

William Percival Radley ("Tony")

Donald Miles

Henry Orford

Blaize

Bernard Nealon

Harry Morgan

Finkle

William N. Witherspoon

P. M. R. Willis

Ardayast Powanlian

David Mitchel

Frank Wile

Max Pop

Francis Gballeit

Arthur Sherman

Belcher

Herbert Cox

Monsieur Diamant

Harry Openheimer

Kutze

Groffelaar

Patrick Sullivan

Leiser Weitman

John Gundry

Willy Rosen

Sillitoe

Henry Brasseur

Kheir

Mr. Capper

Robert Johnson

Ernest Oppenheimer

THE DIAMOND SMUGGLERS

Lyall

Philip Schreiber

Amschel Benny Engel

M. Lallet

M. Mario Pinci

Aljo Giwa

Nathan Ascher Glatt

Dr. H. P. Lowe

H. J. Browning (Mr.)

Solomon Cukrowicz

David Gollansky

Alahaju Mustafa Ibrahim

Mike Collins

R. F. Sheldon

Mr. H. Rogers

Harras

DOCTOR NO

John Strangways

M

Bill Templar

Stoker Smith

James Molony

Dr. Peter Steincrohn

Major Boothroyd

Quarrel

Hugh Foot

Mr. Pleydell-Smith

Ben Gibbons

Josiah Smith

John Bryce

Waygood Otis

Julius No

Lemmy

FOR YOUR EYES ONLY

Rattray

Bates

Proctor

Pyramus

Thisbe

Havelock

Jimmy Farquharson

Aschenheim

Fayprince

Henriques

Feddens

Major Gonzales

von Hammerstein

Colonel Johns

Haversack

Burns Martin

Monty

Ethan Allen

Robin Hood

Harvey Millers

Godalming

Cheltenham

Tunbridge Wells

Governor

Philip Masters

FOR YOUR EYES ONLY

Tattersall

Whitehall

Albergo Colomba D'oro

Signor Kristatos

Ronnie Vallance

Santos

Enrico Colombo

Van Cleef

Mr. Toad

Albergo Daniell

Milton Krest

Mr. Abedana

Professor Hildebrand

FROM RUSSIA WITH LOVE

Donovan Grant

"Red" Grant

Krassno Granitsky

"Granit"

Dr. Baumgarten

Colonel Arkday Fotoyev

Lt. Col. Nikolai Godlovsky

General Ivan Aleksandrovitch Serov

Colonel General Grubozaboyschikov

Lt. General Slavin

Lt. General Vozdvishensky

Tokaev

Khoklov

Petrov

Rene Mathis

Drax

Colonel Klebb

Kronsteen

Makharov

Fouche

Professor Deniken

Darko Kerim

Lermontov

Swaine

Adeney

Wilkinson

Kerim Bey

Cecil Beaton

FROM RUSSIA WITH LOVE

Croesus
David Somerset
Bianco
Major Dansey
Gyllius
Vavra
Krilenku
Zora
Vida
Boris Kerim
Melchior Benz
Kurt Goldfarb
Stefan Trempo
"Tempto"
Captain Norman Nash
Wilbur Frank
Comtesse Metterstein
Rosa Malheur

GOLDFINGER

Blackwell	Homer
Schwab	Philip Scrutton
Santos	Foulks
Johnny Crawford	Hagen
Auric Goldfinger	Bernard Darwin
Mr. Armour	Mr. Scotland
Jill Masterton	Le Touquet
Colonel Smithers	Tilly Masterton
Sassoon	Dr. Foch
Ellerman	Mr. Gold
Lord Cowdray	Helmut M. Springer
Rothschilds, Barings, Hambros	Jed Midnight
Williamson	Billy (The Grinner) Ring
Oppenheimer	Jack Strap
Boris Anrep	Mr. Solo
Hopton Wood	Jim Colossimo
Alfred Blacking	Slappy Hapgood
Farquharson	Giulio
Hawker	Bloody Morgan
Lord Lonsdale	Cortez

GOLDFINGER

O' Brien
Weathership Charlie
Dutch Schuyts
Napoleon, Hitler

LIVE AND LET DIE

Grady
Arthur Fein
Buonaparte Ignace Gallia
Tee-Hee Johnson
Leigh Fermor
Samuel D. Baldwin
Mr. Halloran
Captain Dexter
Zachary Smith
Baron Samedi
Sam Miami
G-G Sumatra
Flannel
Mr. Bryce
Quarrel

THE MAN WITH THE GOLDEN GUN

M.
Captain Walker
Major Townsend
Mr. Robson

Sir James Molony
Bill Tanner
Ramon "The Rod" Rodriguez
Enrico Scaramanga
Harold L. Peterson
Oliver Winchester
Beau Desert
Commander Edmund G. Ross
Mark Hazard
Tony Hugill
Mr. Brown
Francisco Scaramanga
Mr. Hendriks
Sam Binion
Leroy Gengerella
Hal Garfinkel