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LOUISVILLE AT MADISONVILLE, KY., INTERVIEW BONNIE DAVIS, ROUTE ONE, FOR ANY INFO SHE CAN FURNISH WHICH WOULD ASSIST IN LOCATING BRIDGEMAN AND JIM DAVIS.

INDIANAPOLIS AT NEW CASTEL, IND., INTERVIEW WALTER KOGER AS REFLECTED IN LOUISVILLE LEAD.

SPRINGFIELD AT BLOOMINGTON, ILL., ATTEMPT TO LOCATE CAROL BRINKER AND INTERVIEW HER AS SET FORTH IN LOUISVILLE LEAD. IF APPROPRIATE, CONTACT WELFARE DEPT. IN EFFORT TO LOCATE CAROL BRINKER. AT LATHAM, ILL., INTERVIEW ROBERT KOGER AS SET FORTH IN LOUISVILLE LEAD.

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JACKSONVILLE AT DAYTONA BEACH, FLA., INTERVIEW MRS. ROY (EMITH) BABB AS SET FORTH IN LOUISVILLE LEAD.

MINNEAPOLIS CONTACT PRACTICAL NURSING REGISTRY AND PLACE STOP FOR JACQUELINE KLINE IN EVENT SHE SEEKS EMPLOYMENT AS PRACTICAL NURSE IN MINNEAPOLIS-ST. PAUL AREA SO THAT BRIDGEMAN CAN BE LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED. KLINE SHOULD ALSO BE THOROUGHLY INTERVIEWED FRO ANY INFO SHE MAY HAVE DERIVED THROUGH BRIDGEMAN CONCERNING SUBJECT RAY.

OTHER OFFICES FURNISHED INFO AS BASIS FOR PROBABLE FUTURE LEADS. PHOTO OF PAUL BRIDGEMAN AIRMAILED JUNE FOUR TO BUREAU AND ABOVE OFFICES.

PASSPORT OFFICE, DEPT. OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, OTTAWA, HAS SPECIFICALLY STATED THEY DO NOT WANT ANY MENTION MADE THAT PASSPORT OFFICE WAS SOURCE OF INFO CONCERNING RAMON GEORGE SNEYD. IN INTERVIEWING MEMBERS OF FAMILY AND OTHER INDIVIDUALS NO STATEMENT WHATSOEVER SHOULD BE MADE INDICATING THAT BUREAU HAS OBTAINED INFO FROM PASSPORT OFFICE IN CANADA NOR SHOULD IT BE INDICATED THAT BUREAU BELIEVES SUBJECT IS IDENTICAL WITH SNEYD AND HAS DEPARTED FROM U.S. INTERVIEWS SHOULD BE DESIGNED TO OBTAIN FACTUAL INFO FROM PERSONS BEING INTERVIEWED. THERE IS NO
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NECESSITY TO MENTION TO INDIVIDUALS THAT BUREAU HAS OBTAINED
PHOTO BELIEVED TO BE SUBJECT IN WHICH HE IS NOW WEARING GLASSES
OR THAT HE HAS NOW BEEN USING ADDITIONAL ALIASES.

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FBI BIRMGHAM

FBI LOUISVLE

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FBI LOUISVLE

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Date: 6/5/68

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TO: SACRAMENTO
FROM: LOUISVILLE (44-947) (P)

MURKIN

RE KC TEL TO BUREAU JUNE FOUR LAST.

MRS. JAMES C. (BONNIE) DAVIS, SIX ONE FIVE PRICE AVE.,
MADISONVILLE, KY., ADVISED TODAY HER SON JAMES DAVIS IS IN
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PLAINS, MO. STATED NEITHER SHE NOR HER SON JAMES, WHO WAS IN
MADISONVILLE ON VACATION TWO WEEKS AGO, HAVE ANY KNOWLEDGE OF
~~BRIDGEMAN'S~~ ^{BRIDGEMAN'S} WHEREABOUTS AND HAVE HAD NO CONTACT WITH HIM IN THE

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FBI JACKSVLE

10:34 PM EDT URGENT 6/5/68 JLC

TO DIRECTOR, KANSAS CITY, MEMPHIS, SAN FRANCISCO,
LOUISVILLE AND SPRINGFIELD
FROM JACKSONVILLE (44-769) 3P

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RE KANSAS CITY TELETYPE JUNE FOUR LAST AND SPRINGFIELD
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3:25 PM 6-6-68 URGENT BAW

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), SPRINGFIELD
FROM LOUISVILLE (44-947) 2P

MURKIN

RE SPRINGFIELD AIRTEL TO BOSTON, MAY THIRTY ONE,
LAST.

ON JUNE FOUR, LAST, LARRY MC INTOSH, ONE ONE THREE
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MAL - 3:28 p.m.
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705 PM URGENT 6-6-68 DND

TO CINCINNATI, KANSAS CITY, LOUISVILLE, SEATTLE, SPRINGFIELD AND
INDIANAPOLIS
FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987)

MURKIN. OO MEMPHIS.

RE INDIANAPOLIS TEL TO BUREAU, CI, KC, LS, ME, SE, AND SI,
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Date: June 6, 1968

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SEATTLE (44-371) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE: LOOK-ALIKE HARRY CONNER

Re Butte telephone call to Louisville, Minneapolis, Seattle, and Salt Lake City, 5/31/68.

Investigation conducted in Seattle and Spokane, Washington, at the Salvation Army and other shelters for transients, failed to disclose any information concerning HARRY CONNER or his two companions, FABER OLSEN and WILLIAM MALLET. Stops were placed with each of these places so the FBI would be notified if any of these three men showed up.

As of 6/4/68, no word received from any of these places in either Seattle or Spokane regarding this matter.

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2 - Memphis (44-1987)
1 - Butte (173-2) (Info)
1 - Detroit (44-989) (Info)
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TO ALL FIELD DIVISIONS
 FROM DIRECTOR
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FOR INFORMATION OF BORDER OFFICES THERE IS ACTUAL PERSON RESIDING IN TORONTO, WHO IS EMPLOYED BY TORONTO POLICE DEPARTMENT AS GEORGE SNEYD. THIS INDIVIDUALS NAME AND DATE OF BIRTH USED BY SUBJECT

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IN OBTAINING PASSPORT. THIS IS FOR YOUR INFORMATION IN EVENT BORDER
STOPS CLOSE THAT INDIVIDUAL NAMED SNEYD IS ENTERING YOUR TERRITORY.
COPIES MAILED WFO.

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1118AM URGENT 6-7-68 SAB

TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, CHICAGO,

DALLAS, HOUSTON, INDIANAPOLIS, JACKSONVILLE, KANSAS CITY,

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NON-PROSECUTIVE SUMMARY

REFERENCES:

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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 GJ, 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
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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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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.