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## FBI Still Hunting King Suspect

Washington, D. C. —AP— More than a month and a half after the murder of the Rev. Martin Luther King, jr., federal bureau of investigation agents across the nation are reported still actively searching for the man accused of the killing — James Earl Ray.

FBI headquarters has been silent for weeks on the case, except to say that it still is being actively investigated — and that the bureau is not

simply waiting for Ray to turn up some place.

Ray, 40, escaped Apr. 23, 1967, from the Missouri state penitentiary at Jefferson City where he had served eight years of a 20 year sentence for armed robbery.

The last official statement from the FBI on Ray was a one paragraph description issued May 7 along with two new photographs of him.

Meanwhile, reports contin-

ue to come in that Ray has been spotted at a number of places.

Just Thursday, officials in Pottsville, Pa., asked the FBI to supply a dental chart of Ray to determine if he might be a corpse found there.

Although there have been several reports that Ray may be dead, justice department officials have pointed out continually that there is no evidence to support or refute this.

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# Who Killed Martin Luther King?

## AND WHY? WHO STOOD TO PROFIT?

You will recall that King first came to notice in 1955, as head of the Montgomery Bus Boycott launched by Mrs. Rosa Parks. Mrs. Parks was a student at the Highlander Folk School, which was organized with the help of Don West, then district director of the Communist Party of North Carolina, and which was of course a Communist training school -- cited as such by several government agencies. And King ran the boycott as head of the Montgomery Improvement Association, which had been formed by the Rev. Fred Shuttlesworth, who is a former convict, says the Joint Legislative Committee on Un-American Activities of the State of Louisiana, and "has been affiliated with several communist-front organizations."

Another former convict is Bayard Rustin, who in 1953 was arrested by the Pasadena Police Department for homosexual activities. The "Allen-Scott Report" for August 16, 1963, reports that in 1936, as a college student, Rustin joined the Young Communist League, "and was active in its operations on the campus and elsewhere"; and that in World War II, he was arrested for making speeches opposing our war against Hitler, and served twenty-six months in federal prison.

And in 1955 he became Dr. King's "secretary." In March, 1957, at a meeting in Atlanta, they formed the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. The meeting probably couldn't have been called in February, because Mr. Rustin, Dr. King's secretary, was then attending the sixteenth national convention of the Communist Party.

The president of SCLC was of course the Rev. Dr. King. The vice-president of SCLC was the Rev. Fred Shuttlesworth. And Shuttlesworth later also became the new president of the Southern Conference Educational Fund -- which has been described by three government agencies as a department of the Marxist Conspiracy. It was organized by Communists, is run by Communists and is the most important Communist organization in the South.

Mr. Carl Braden has served as field director and has been named under oath as a Communist Party member. His wife, Anne, an SCEF official, has also been named under oath as a Communist.

Mr. Braden is a former convict, of course. You have to be to get anywhere in the Movement. While in Louisville, he was convicted of a felony -- a little matter involving some dynamite.

Mr. Aubrey Williams was SCEF president until 1963. In April, 1954, he was named under oath as a Communist. It was Williams, a Communist, whom Shuttlesworth -- King's vice president -- replaced as president of SCEF, a Communist organization.

And there was James A. Dombrowski, executive director of SCEF, who has also been named under oath as a Communist Party member.

On October 7, 1958, Dr. King wrote a letter to Anne Braden, in which he urged her and her husband Carl -- both already well known as Communists -- to become permanently associated with his SCLC.

And on August 16, 1960, King wrote the following letter to Communist Dombrowski: "Dear Jim, This is just a note to acknowledge receipt of your letters of recent date. We, too, were more than happy to have you in our home, the fellowship was very rewarding. I will expect to hear from you when Bishop Love returns to the country. At that time we can set the date for an Atlanta meeting. Very sincerely yours, Martin."

In fact, King actually filed an affidavit in federal court in New Orleans, strongly supporting Dombrowski and SCEF -- and refused to repudiate the affidavit even after being shown proof that he was actually a Communist.

Indeed, a photograph exists which shows Martin Luther King along with Anne Braden, Carl Braden and James Dombrowski (the last three all identified Reds), the back of which reads as follows in Dombrowski's handwriting: "The 6th Annual Conference of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, Birmingham, Alabama, September 25 to 28, 1962."

And there is a check, issued by the Southern Conference Educational Fund, signed by James A. Dombrowski, and dated March 7, 1963, to the order of Martin Luther King, in the amount of \$167.74, with a notation on it: "New York expenses" -- and Dr. King's endorsement on the back.

The Louisiana Committee on Un American Activities concludes that the Southern Christian Leadership Conference -- founded by Dr. King -- is "substantially under the control of the Communist Party through the influence of the Southern Conference Educational Fund and the Communists who manage it."

There is also the fact that on the Labor Day weekend of the year 1957, in a speech at the Communist Highlander Folk School, King called Communist Aubrey Williams "one of the noble personalities of our times," and had his picture taken with Abner W. Berry, of the Central Committee of the Communist Party.

And there is Hunter Pitts O'Dell, who was exposed in 1956 as a southern district organizer for the Communist Party, in 1962 as a member of the National Committee of the Communist Party -- and as late as the summer of 1963,

was still employed by Dr. King to help run the SCLC.

In fact, we read in the BOSTON GLOBE of April 15, 1964: "Official warnings have again been given to King about another, even more important associate who is known to be a key figure in the covert apparatus of the Communist Party. After the warnings, King broke off his open connection with this man, but a second-hand connection none the less continues. . . ."

And last September, the nationally syndicated "Allen-Scott Report" revealed that "the FBI has unimpeachable evidence, including photographs, showing that King is now listening to a man who . . . has been one of the Communist party's biggest money raisers in this country." He it was apparently who wrote King's statement in April, 1967, at the UN, that Congress is "wild with racism"; and his statement later in the year, at his SCLC convention, that the U.S. is the "greatest surveyor of violence in the world today."

Dr. King of course was the inventor of "non-violence." What actually was "nonviolence?" How did it work? Well, in "Saturday Review" for April 3, 1965, he tells us:

"1. Nonviolent demonstrators go into the streets to exercise their constitutional rights.

"2. Racists resist by unleashing violence against them.

"3. Americans of conscience in the name of decency demand federal intervention and legislation.

"4. The Administration, under mass pressure, initiates measures of immediate intervention and remedial legislation."

Now remember, this isn't my idea. This is straight from King himself. And observe that according to Dr. King himself, the violence that usually occurred in one of his demonstrations wasn't unexpected, wasn't to be avoided, wasn't something to be sorry about. It was exactly what he wanted. It was the point to the whole production.

It was in fact, said Dr. King, the only reason for a "non-violent" demonstration: to generate more pressure on the Congress to institute more collectivism.

"For weeks," explains NEWSWEEK of March 22, 1965, "Martin Luther King had been escalating his Selma voter-registration campaign toward the state he calls 'creative tension' -- the setting for a paroxysm of segregationist violence that can shock the nation to action. . . ."

"The Negroes' rationale in holding night marches," explains the "New York Times" of February 24, 1964, "is to provoke the racist element in white communities to show its worst."

So King's "nonviolence," to repeat, not only wasn't in any way an attempt to avoid violence -- according to King himself, violence was an inescapable, essential, desirable part of it. "Non-violence" meant only that King himself did not use the violence -- he caused it. He provoked it, finally forcing "racists" -- everyone who doesn't own a pair of sandals and doesn't need a bath -- either to lie down and die or to retaliate, so that King could play the innocent victim. "Nonviolence" in short was nothing else but a demonstration of dialectical materialism, the pseudoscience invented by Marx, according to which Marxists advance by controlling both sides of the conflict; by advancing a thesis, which provokes an antithesis -- a reaction by reactionaries -- a struggle which produces a synthesis, which becomes a new thesis, and continues until the complete victory of Socialism.

"In short," said King in "Stride Toward Freedom" (New York Harper & Row, 1958, pp. 94-95), "I read Marx as I read all of the influential historical thinkers -- from a dialectical point of view, combining a partial yea and a partial no. . . . The Kingdom of God is neither the thesis of individual enterprise nor the antithesis of collective enterprise, but a synthesis which reconciles the truths of both."

So the ironic truth is that King contributed to his own murder. For in Memphis he was once again applying his philosophy of "nonviolence," was he not? Once again, he was trying to provoke violence according to stage 2 of his tactics.

And he succeeded.

And what were the "immediate intervention and remedial legislation" King was after according to stage 4?

In the Selma March, for instance, in 1965, the violence he provoked according to stage 2, caused the lightning passage of the "voting rights" bill, under which the federal government grabbed from the states power to register voters -- the point being, of course, that in any dictatorship, whether Communist or Nazi, all the power must be centralized.

And soon King's organization will launch his "Poor People's March" on Washington. The plan as you know envisions the actual interruption of Congress unless "poor people" are handed about \$100 billion -- which would be used as usual to recruit, train, finance and defend the Communist gangs which are destroying our country, through the "war on poverty." For such an amount of course you have to put on a good show. You need some really bloody "nonviolence."

And where is it all heading? What is the goal? Suppose the "Poor People's March" does manage to

interrupt Congress. Suppose in fact that so many "poor people" physically occupy the government, that the government is paralyzed and cannot function. What would we have?

What we would have, of course, is the Russian Revolution. We would have a coup -- the seizure of our government by "nonviolence"; by force.

Now imagine once again that you are one of the small band of rich, educated and not at all oppressed conspirators secretly running the communization of America. And once again you are looking down from your skyscraper in New York. Your scheme to create a race war is going very well. You are sorry you had to wait so long, of course -- you remember wishing years ago that you could immediately indulge your great love of killing -- but you knew that Americans of both colors had to be properly prepared. So you began with something Americans could be sold: "nonviolent integration," and you used a clergyman named King to sell it -- to capitalize on the fact that black Americans have sometimes been the victims of injustice -- and to sell it so as deliberately to create the bitterness you need.

But now it's 1968, and your scheme is going very well. There's lots of beautiful killing and blood. "Watts was glorious," you said, if you happen to be Herbert Aptheker. Now you no longer need to bother with such nonsense as "integration." Yet at the same time, you have serious problems. Your use of King is being more and more exposed. His use of violence is becoming understood. Everybody says he is becoming unpopular. In fact, he is turning from an asset into a liability. "Reactionaries" are preventing the passage of important Communist legislation. King is doing his best, but you are having difficulty, for instance, getting that \$100 billion.

Suppose King were violently removed? You ask yourself. You no longer need him -- so suppose he were brutally murdered as part of his next demonstration of dialectical materialism. That would be the ultimate in "nonviolence." With one 30.06 bullet you could blame "white racism," as usual, restore King's reputation, further accustom Americans to martial law, pass your Communist legislation -- and at the same time notify your troops around the country that "nonviolence" is dead, too, and should be replaced by guerrilla warfare.

So you call in your shooters and you order the hit.

Observe the first results of the murder. Riots and looting raged for a week, making Americans of both races furious. Many feel great sympathy for the victim. And in New York, Nelson Rockefeller was able to ram through a \$6 billion "urban renewal" program which lets the state intervene over the heads of the mayors.

Rockefeller participated by the way in a memorial march for King, arm linked with Charles Kenyatta, head of Harlem's Mau Mau Society -- named for the Communist terrorists of Kenya. Whether or not Kenyatta is just another psycho, I don't know, but he specializes in appearing in public with a machete on which a Bible has been impaled.

In fact that's what he was carrying when Rockefeller took his arm.

And in Washington, Johnson's forced housing bill was passed. When the Communists grabbed Russia, they naturally also grabbed housing, using the welfare of workers as the excuse. They didn't say they were doing it for black people because no black people are there. They said that everyone had the "right" to a certain living space, and moved those who had less in with those who had more. Remember that no black people were involved -- everybody who was, was as white as the Governor of Mississippi -- so those who resist weren't racists, were they? They resisted because the point as always was not to establish "racial justice," but to control the population. And Party members and sympathizers naturally got the best.

The same thing will now begin to happen here. This is why we must continue telling the truth about Martin Luther King; not for revenge, or just to destroy a phony reputation, but because of the use to which his murder -- like that of John F. Kennedy -- is being put.

So who killed King?

The fact that Ramsey Clark heads the investigation is suspicious enough.

If and when Clark ever presents a suspect, you can bet we will be told that he is a "right-wing extremist."

So what should Americans do now?

1) Demand that we be told all the facts and that the investigation continue until King's killers are found. Then we might as well also find out who killed Medgar Evers, blew up the four little black girls in that church in Birmingham in 1963, and helped Communist Oswald kill Kennedy.

2) Refuse to be intimidated. King was almost entirely a creation of public relations -- of a bunch of liberal reporters, most of them white. Like the barrage of publicity after the Kennedy assassination, the current propaganda is designed not only to advance Communism but to demoralize the opposition -- to make Americans uncertain and guilty. In fact, on Long Island, for instance, hoodlums stoned automobiles whose drivers refused to turn on their headlights "for the King." Needless to say, the growing number of Americans of both colors aware of what King really was, and really was doing, will not be given coverage on CBS. You are not as alone as that network would have you think.

3) Continue telling the truth -- explaining that "free handouts" are nothing but the bait of dictators; that the trouble in this country isn't caused by black people, but by the small band of criminals -- most of them white -- who have been framing them; and that the "civil rights movement," which now has taken the life of Martin Luther King, was designed from the beginning to enslave us all.

-- Alan Stang

The Review of the NEWS

For detailed documentation on the above affiliations read: "It's Very Simple--The True Story of Civil Riots" (\$1.00 postpaid from Concerned Christians). For equally devastating truth about King's successor, Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy, send 15¢. One-half and one hour films on causes and causers of the riots, looting and destruction of property, etc. are available to civic and church groups from Concerned Christians. For Poor Peoples March Data see Readers Digest of April and Babsons Report of January 8, 1968. Reprints of this article (10 for \$1.00 postpaid from Concerned Christians).

2300 YEARS AGO SOCRATES SAID, "NONE ARE SO BLIND AS THOSE WHO HAVE EYES TO SEE, YET REFUSE TO SEE, OR EARS TO HEAR. . . AND SO HISTORY KEEPS REPEATING ITSELF!"

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**Editorial . . .**

This week there is a full page ad in the Chronicle that we feel has no place in any paper and particularly this paper. The one we refer to of course is the one which purports to tell a story about Martin Luther King. The reason we do not feel it should be running in this paper is that (1) we cannot see how any good can come of it; (2) we doubt the accuracy of some of the statements contained in it, and (3) we feel that it is an attempt to impugn reputations through guilt by association.

We wish to make one point crystal clear. While we may disapprove heartily with some of the views expressed in several of the columns, the editorial cartoons and some of the advertising, we still believe that others have a right to be heard, no matter how violent the disagreement. We will never knowingly print anything that is scandalous or libelous, and we will never knowingly print anything we know to be untrue. We believed there was some question in the case of the Martin Luther King ad this week and so we asked a lawyer who said he did not believe it was libelous. So, we printed it, even though we disagree with it and disapprove of its message. Voltaire is supposed to have said "I may disapprove of what a man says, but I will defend to the death his right to say it". No such extreme measure is needed right now, but we do believe that such an attitude is essential to freedom.

Frank Wood.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, MILWAUKEE (44-388)

DATE: May 29, 1968

FROM : SA ELDON J. MUELLER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Bureau Radio Message to All Offices,  
dated 5/22/68.

At Madison, Wisconsin

On 5/24/68, Mr. ROBERT OTIS, Assistant  
Director, Operator's License Division, Wisconsin  
State Motor Vehicle Department, advised as follows:

All applications for Operator's Licenses  
are currently being processed via Automatic Data  
Processing Equipment. Mr. OTIS stated that he knew  
of no way to retrieve the various applications already  
placed in the files of applicants, thirty years of  
age to fifty-five years of age without having the  
names and identification data on these individuals.

Mr. OTIS stated that the only way that these  
applications could be processed would be if at the  
time the application is received, they are individually  
processed and the information furnished to the Milwaukee  
Office at that time. Inasmuch as he advised that it  
was not possible to retrieve previous applications, he  
was not requested to process current applications with  
a view to informing the Milwaukee Office.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-388) (P) Att: SA Perrigo

FROM : SA Clifford E. Huhta

SUBJECT: MURKIN - COST DATA

DATE: 5/27/68

Rememo of SAC, 4/22/68.

1. No. of hours on case--
  - a) regular 6 hours 20 minutes
  - b) VOT 1 hour 10 min.
- 2: Mileage by Bureau car:  
150 miles (rough~~x~~ estimate)
3. No unusual costs
4. Telephone costs  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Milwaukee airtel to the Bureau dated 5/16/68  
and Chicago airtel to the Director dated 5/16/68.

RE: ASSAILANTS OF MARSHALL GOLDMAN

The following efforts were made by SA RENE J. DUMAINE to identify the individual using GOLDMAN's gas credit card who had been picked up by the Chicago Police Department but had been released; as a matter of police cooperation.

On 5/20/68, Sergeant JAMES CASTEN, General Assignment, Review Section, Chicago Police Department, advised that based on the information available, he could not identify the person allegedly using GOLDMAN's gas credit card who had been arrested by the Chicago Police Department and released. Sergeant CASTEN suggested that appropriate personnel at Area #5 General Assignment, Chicago Police Department, be contacted since the Shell Station address, 4233 Armitage Avenue, would fall within that area's jurisdiction.

On the same date, Lt. JAMES O'NEILL, Commanding Officer, Area 5, General Assignment, advised that without

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knowing the name of the complainant, it would be extremely difficult to locate the case number for the original offense that is, the purchases on March 8 and 11, 1968. He said that this case number would have to be obtained since if anyone was arrested by the police department on that charge, it would have been listed within that case number. He said that either Detectives W. HICKEY or J. ZACHARIAS, of his Command, might have handled the matter because they are the officers he usually assigns credit card cases to.

On 5/21/68, Detective WILLIAM HICKEY advised that he thinks he recalls the original report from the Shell Station and would make an effort to locate it. He further advised, however, that he could not recall anyone being arrested for this offense. Subsequently, on 5/22/68, Detective HICKEY advised that he was unable to locate any CB number for a fraudulent credit card purchase on the dates indicated at a Shell Station on Armitage Avenue. He also advised that he had discussed this matter with the various detectives assigned to Area 5 with negative results. He did suggest, however, that Detective ZACHARIAS be contacted.

On 5/27/68, Detective ZACHARIAS advised that he had no record nor recollection of either the original offense or of anyone being arrested and released on a fraudulent credit card use in Area 5.

Due to the manner in which the Chicago Police Department maintains its records, it would be physically impossible, based on the information furnished, in Milwaukee airtel of 5/16/68, to identify the individual supposedly using GOLDMAN's gas credit card who had been picked up and then released by the Chicago Police Department. Accordingly, for that reason and for the reasons set forth in referenced Chicago airtel, no further investigation being conducted into the identity of the assailants of MARSHALL GOLDMAN.

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AIRMAIL

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM : SAC, MILWAUKEE (44-388) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Bureau teletype to Memphis, 4/16/68; and  
Memphis airtel to Albany, 4/19/68.

RE COST DATA

The following statistics are for the month of  
May, 1968:

1) Number of Manhours - - - - - Special Agents

<u>Regular Hours</u>	<u>Overtime Hours</u>	<u>Total Manhours</u>
115	62	177

Number of Manhours - - - - - Clerical Employees

<u>Regular Hours</u>	<u>Overtime Hours</u>	<u>Total Manhours</u>
22	0	22

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2) Total Mileage Traveled by Bureau Cars and Personal Cars on Case

714 (estimated)

3) Out of Ordinary Costs

None

4) Peak Number of Agents Working on Case During Month of May, 1968

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (44-565)  
RE: MURKIN

ReBuairtel, 5/9/68 to all SAC's and LEGATs.

In above referenced communication, the Bureau directed that all offices should contact the Bureau of Vital Statistics or similar agency in their States to cover the possibility that subject may have died since the commission of the crime. It was also pointed out that if no central record repository is maintained, appropriate inquiries relative to unidentified dead should be made during the course of normal business with appropriate agencies and reasonable investigation should be pursued.

In an effort to broaden this coverage, Dr. SAMUEL GERBER, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, National Association of Coroners and also coroner, Cuyahoga County, Cleveland, Ohio, who has cooperated with this office in the past and of whom there is no derogatory information, was contacted and he advised he is presently the Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the National Coroners Association. Dr. GERBER advised that this group consists of approximately 2400 members throughout the country. He stated that he has access to the addressograph plates and he would be most happy to make these plates available to circularize the Bureau's Identification Order to the various members.

Dr. GERBER stated that in his opinion, if the Identification Order would be accompanied by a short letter from the Director, indicating that this was being done with the cooperation of the National Coroner's Association, it would create much more interest in the recipients of the letter and would obtain a higher degree of cooperation and awareness as to the contents.

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Cleveland has prepared the following letter with the Bureau's approval, if the circularization meets with Bureau approval:

"Dear Sir:

In cooperation with the National Association of Coroners, I am enclosing an Identification Order which contains the name, aliases, description and fingerprint classification of James Earl Ray, who is wanted in connection with the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King.

I would appreciate your bringing the information and photographs contained in this Identification Order to the attention of your staff and request that they remain on the alert for a possible identification of James Earl Ray by them during the course of their employment.

Should any information come to your attention in this matter, I would appreciate your notifying the FBI Office nearest you as noted on the back of the enclosed Identification Order.

Thanking you for your cooperation, I remain.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover,  
Director"

Dr. GERBER stated that as a rule, only bodies that have met with violent deaths or have not been identified are taken to the morgue in Cuyahoga County, Ohio. However, he stated that many individuals who have died of natural causes do pass through a coroner's office where there is no physician available to sign the death certificate.

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Dr. GERBER stated that many deceased do not pass through a coroner's office or medical examiners office when the death certificate is signed by a physician. In such cases, the body goes directly to a mortician. Dr. GERBER stated that the Executive Secretary for the National Funeral Directors Association is HOWARD RATHER, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Recommendations and Requests:

1.) Bureau will furnish the Cleveland Office with 2500 Identification Orders #4182, along with Bureau approval for Cleveland to circularize this Identification Order with a letter from the Director as set forth above.

2.) At Milwaukee, Wisconsin: Will contact HOWARD RATHER, Executive Secretary, National Funeral Directors Association, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in an effort to see if it is possible to utilize mailing list of members for circularization of Identification Order. This contact will be made subsequent to 6/6/68, UACB.

3.) Will consider furnishing National Headquarters of American Dental Association, dental chart of JAMES EARL RAY if available from records of Missouri State Penitentiary, and circularize same to members of the American Dental Association.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-388)

DATE: 6/3/68

FROM : SA JOHN W. SCHALLER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

The following investigation was conducted on  
May 28, 1968:

At Eau Claire, Wisconsin

There are no Salvation Army or Rescue Missions in  
the area covered by this Agent.

There are no recent unsolved bank robbery cases in  
the area covered by this Agent of recent vintage other than  
at Roberts, Wisconsin, in which case the four Subjects were  
Negroes.

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# Story Of FBI's Search For Dr. King's Killer

By DREW PEARSON  
and  
JACK ANDERSON

WASHINGTON — The FBI's failure to apprehend the assassin of Dr. Martin Luther King has led to reports that J. Edgar Hoover is not interested in catching the murderer. The reports are based partly on the fact that Hoover and Dr. King were not on good terms, Hoover having publicly branded Mr. King as "the most notorious liar in the world."

We have checked into the operations of the FBI in this respect and are convinced that it is conducting perhaps the most painstaking, exhaustive manhunt ever before undertaken in the United States. G-men have checked every bar ever patronized by James Earl Ray, every flophouse he ever stopped at, every cantina in Mexico he ever visited. It has collected an amazing array of evidence, all linking Ray with the murder.

That he has not been found may be due, first, to the possibility that he himself was murdered by those who hired him to kill King; or, second, that he is hiding in some remote Mexican village.

If he has money—and apparently he had—Ray might be able to live in a distant part of Mexico indefinitely. The Mexico City police are efficient and co-operative, but police in the remote areas are not. In some villages few Mexicans can read or write, and radio news of the outside world does not penetrate.

What the FBI has established about King's assassin was that he was a professional killer who had studied the suspense writing of Ian Fleming and Ayn Rand. His pseudonym, Eric Starvo Galt, for instance, was taken from both authors.

Yet, while a student of crime he was also a bungler. For he left behind the murder rifle with his fingerprints on it and, wrapped around the rifle, a bedspread which contained strands of his hair. He also left behind a blue zipper bag containing a brush with hair matching those on the bedspread.

## Probably Hired

ALL THE evidence we have been able to gather points to the probability that Ray was hired to kill Dr. King. He broke out of the Missouri State Penitentiary on April 23, 1967, after boasting to fellow prisoners that he intended to make a big "score" on the outside. He remarked to one inmate that he might try to collect a rumored \$1 million bounty that supposedly had been offered by a "businessmen's group" for the death of Dr. King.

Four months later, on Aug. 30, 1967, he opened a safe deposit box in the Birmingham Trust National Bank and suddenly began passing out crisp \$20 bills like a big spender. He paid \$499 for dancing instruction, then quit after only a few lessons. He spent \$395 for mail-order photographic equipment that he didn't know

how to operate.

He shelled out money for a bartending course, but showed no interest in working behind a bar. He also took a course in lock-picking from a correspondence school in Michigan. His white Mustang cost \$1,995, which he paid in cash. He drove it from Mexico to Montreal, from Los Angeles to New Orleans.

Occasionally he slipped \$20 to bar girls and prostitutes. In Mexico he lived with a prostitute in small towns like Jalisco and Puerto Vallarta where prices were cheap. Once he posed in sun glasses for a picture with his Mexican prostitute. In Los Angeles, he advertised in the hippie newspaper that he would like to meet "a passionate married woman." He also paid \$1 to the Swinger's Club for the names and addresses of five girls.

All told, Ray spent an estimated \$10,000 in seven months. Yet he never held a job, and committed no crimes following his escape from the Missouri Penitentiary, that the FBI has discovered. Previously he had been involved in a long list of filling station and other robberies. But after his escape he became a loner, in some respects became another Lee Harvey Oswald. Meanwhile, he sought to establish a new identity as Eric Starvo Galt.

## Long Planning

It seems likely that Ray planned the murder of Dr. King for several months. He finally purchased the Reming-

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

Editorial Page  
CAPITAL TIMES  
MADISON, WISCONSIN

Date: 5/17/68

Edition: HOME

Author:

Editor: WILLIAM T. EVJUE

Title:

Character:

or

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ton rifle in Birmingham on March 30, then moved to a boarding house in Atlanta. In his room, agents found a map of Atlanta with four locations circled.

They were Dr. King's residence, his headquarters at the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, Ray's boarding house and the spot where he abandoned his Mustang after the murder. In the middle of the map was a clear thumbprint from Ray's right thumb.

Evidently, Ray changed his mind about waylaying Dr. King in Atlanta and followed him to Memphis instead. After all the elaborate planning and the careful creation of a new identity, Ray left behind in Memphis the murder rifle, binoculars and a bag full of toilet articles.

If white extremists put up the blood money it was probably not the Ku Klux Klan or the Minute Men, for they are an impatient lot who would not have waited for several months for Ray to get results.

Black extremists have also not been ruled out. They might have sought to get rid of Dr. King in order to remove the prophet of nonviolence.

Ray was the product of a broken home. He was the eldest of eight children. His father deserted Ray's mother, and various people adopted the children. When the FBI approached the father, they discovered that the elder Ray had not seen his son for 17 years. "I would be the last one he would come to for help," the father said.



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# Memorandum

TO : SAC *Memphis*

DATE: *5/28/68*

FROM : SA *SA Jan W. Hall 137-2277*

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☒ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: *Larry J. Pappas*

Dates of Contact <i>5/28/68</i>		
Titles and File #s on which contacted <i>Murkin</i> <i>44-388</i>		
Purpose and results of contact <i>PCI advised photo not furnished</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE <input type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE <input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating <i>Good</i>	Coverage <i>6116</i>

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, MILWAUKEE (44-388)

DATE: 5/25/68

FROM : SA ROBERT C. DEAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Memo of SPC PATRICK J. RUTZINSKI

On 5/17/68 Detective WILLIAM WATSON, Beloit, Wisconsin advised SA DEAN that on 3/9/68 EVERETT DOWN TYNER, DOB [REDACTED] was warned by his department for interfering with traffic at 11:44pm. TYNER was sitting in the middle of a Beloit intersection and was causing passing motorists to slow down to avoid hitting him. Also TYNER was kicking the sides of the passing vehicles. Copy of Beloit Officer C.E. FERREL attached to this memo.

On 5/17/68 subject TYNER called the Beloit PD and requested to be arrested for intoxication. TYNER UPON arrest by Beloit officers advised three times that he was mentally ill and stated that he should be in a mental hospital. Copy of Sgt. EUGENE ELWOOD, Beloit PD attached to this memo.

In view of TYNER mental and alcoholic condition the writer does not feel any further action is deemed necessary concerning TYNER's call to MI Office 5/16/68.



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HOWARD G. BJORKLUND  
CHIEF

CITY OF BELLOIT, WISCONSIN 53511

## REPORT TO CHIEF

DATE March 9, 1968

OFFICER C. E. Ferrell

NATURE OF REPORT Man Interfering with Traffic (Tyner 6th & Liberty)

At 11:44 P.M., date, I was sent to the area of 6th and Liberty Streets in reference to the above. As I arrived in the area a motorist attracted my attention to tell me there was a subject sitting on the curb in the 1000 block of 6th Street. As I approached the scene I observed a subject sitting on the curb in front of 1024 6th Street. There were four other men standing in a semi-circle around this subject. The men that were standing around this subject stated the he had been standing in the middle of Liberty Avenue at 6th Street and that he had kicked their cars as they attempted to pass him. The motorists stated that they had slowed down to avoid hitting him and when they were slowed down, this subject attacked their cars by kicking them in the side. In addition to the subjects named below, there were several other motorists who called the station in regards to this same incident.

As I attempted to place this subject in the squad car, he became quite belligerent and began to yell obscenities at the crowd. This subject was very uncooperative but I did manage to learn that his name is EVERETT DOWN TYNER, DOB   Age 21, address unknown.

Following is a list of some of the people that this subject interfered with:

DAVID J. SEIFERT, 1726 Summit, Phone 2-7624, Appr. Damage \$30.00

SHARON AMEIGH, 135 Miller, Phone 9-2582, Appr. damage \$15.00

James Franklin, 1741 Porter, Phone 2-3573, Appr. damage \$35.00

RICHARD WEST, 1704 S. Willard, Phone 4-9408 (Janesville) No damage

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HOWARD G. BJORKLUND  
CHIEF

CITY OF BELOIT, WISCONSIN 53511

## REPORT TO CHIEF

DATE March 9, 1968

OFFICER \_\_\_\_\_

NATURE OF REPORT \_\_\_\_\_

ROBERT SPENIA, 1543 W. Grand, Phone Ext. 33 Municipal Bldg. Appr.  
damage \$15.00.

All the above subjects were advised to see the District Attorney  
on this matter and to also check with their insurance companies.

11:53 PM

Springfield, Ill. Chicks

Stated he should be in mental hospital

Mrs Evelyn Tynor - 389-3473

1304 Kays

# BELOIT POLICE DEPARTMENT

## REPORT ON PRISONER TAKEN TO COURT

Date May 17, 1968 *NO RECORD FANCY in Index*

Name of Prisoner EVERETT NOON TYNER  
 (First) (Middle) (Last)

Date of Arrest 5/16/68 Time of Arrest 11:53 P.M.

Where Arrested 1200 Block Riverside Drive

Age 23 Date of Birth [REDACTED] Married or Single single Hgt. 5'11" Wgt. 170

Address of Prisoner 730 Harrison Avenue

Name of Complainant Sgt. Eugene Elwood

Charges Intoxication 14:01

Detailed Account of Offense Mr. Tyner called our department and told our dispatcher (Officer Pittner) that he was in a phone booth across from Fairbanks, he wanted a squad car to come down there he wanted to be arrested. When Officer Pittner asked for his name he hung up. A few minutes later Mr. Tyner called again, this time he said he was in a phone booth across from Fairbanks, send a car down I want to be arrested. I don't think there is anyone that can take me. Unit 501 was assigned to check the area on Riverside and found Mr. Tyner standing in a phone booth in the 1200 block. As we approached Mr. Tyner he raised both of his arms above his head and said he was wanted in Springfield Illinois for check forgery. Mr. Tyner had been drinking and appeared very intoxicated. Mr. Tyner could not walk straight had trouble standing. There was a strong smell of intoxicants on his breath. Mr. Tyner was placed under arrest and while enroute to the station Mr. Tyner again stated he was wanted in Springfield, Illinois for check forgery. During this time Mr. Tyner was very depressed, he had lost his job and felt he was nothing but trouble.

Fell - Ferrell

Arresting Officer

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# Department of Police

HOWARD G. BJORKLUND

CHIEF

CITY OF BELDIT, WISCONSIN 53511

## REPORT TO CHIEF

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

OFFICER \_\_\_\_\_

NATURE OF REPORT \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Tyner (Page 2)

Mr. Tyner stated on three (.3) different occasions that he needed help and should be in a mental hospital. Mr. Tyner stated he has been in nothing but trouble and he doesn't want his brothers following in his footsteps. Mr. Tyner said his Father had died and it was not his fault but yet it was his fault. Mr. Tyner said he was discharged from the army because he was an alcholic. We contacted Mr. Tyner's mother a MRS. EVELYN TYNER of 1304 Hayes St. South Beldit, Illinois phone 389-3672. Mrs. Tyner stated she had asked Everett to leave the house because of the other boys. She knew Everett was very intelligent, but also that he had some unusual tendencies. We advised Mrs. Tyner of the situation and that Everett wanted help. Mrs. Tyner said she would be in court in the morning to be with Everett. Mrs. Tyner also said that is Everett felt that the hospital would help him she would sign to have him committed. Everett was involved in an incident on 3/19/68 in which he was kicking cars in the 1000 block of Sixth Street. A check was sent to Springfield and there is no wanted on Everett Tyner.

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## Body Found; Could Be King Suspect

Pottsville, Pa. —AP— State police and local officials reported Thursday night they were investigating the remote possibility the body of a man found in a shallow grave near here was that of the alleged assassin of the Rev. Martin Luther King, jr.

Richard Russell, Schuylkill county district attorney, said state police have asked the FBI for dental records of 40 year old James Earl Ray for positive identification.

Other methods of identifying the body have proved fruitless, he said, because of the advanced state of decomposition.

The body, containing four bullet wounds — with three bullets recovered — was found May 7 by two state forestry workers.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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MILWAUKEE SENTINEL  
MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

Date: 5/24/68  
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Editor: HARRY SONNEBORN  
Title:

Character:  
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# Memorandum

TO : SAC Milwaukee (137-2309) P

DATE: 5/27/68

FROM : SA JOHN J. MARKEY

☐ CI ☐ SI

☒ PCI ☐ PSI

SUBJECT: AUGUST VERHEIN aka AUGIE  
PCI

Dates of Contact 5/7/1968 and 5/23/68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted		
MURKIN		44-388
I.O. JOHN RONALD FITZGIBBON		I.O. 4189
Purpose and results of contact		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE <input type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE		
<p>On 5/7/1968, VERHEIN was shown a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and was furnished RAY's description. VERHEIN advised that RAY is unknown to him and if he was to develop any information re RAY he would notify the FBI immediately.</p> <p>On 5/23/1968, VERHEIN was shown the I.O. pertaining to JOHN RONALD FITZGIBBON and VERHEIN advised that the person pictured in the I.O. is unknown to him.</p> <p>VERHEIN was advised of the FBI jurisdiction in Criminal matters and VERHEIN stated that he would furnish information to only the FBI.</p> <p>Alternate agent should be BERNHARDT C. DRUMM, Jr.</p>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating Fair	Coverage Criminal
Personal Data 1 - 137-2309 ① - 44-388 JJM (2) <i>[Signature]</i>		44-388-316 INDEXED INDEXED SERIALIZED FILED MAY 27 1968 FBI - MILWAUKEE <i>[Signature]</i>

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Date: 5-23-68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
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(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, ST. LOUIS (44-775) P

RE: MURKIN

REBUAIRTEL, 5-16-68, concerning allegation by JOHN EUGENE GAWRON that subject and an unnamed man robbed bank June - July, 1967.

On re-interview late 5-22-68, GAWRON revealed location of bank as Alton, Ill., and identity of unnamed man who robbed same with subject as JIMMIE (LNU). Stated he was visited by JIMMIE nights of 5-13 and 5-14-68.

One JAMES H. CARPENTER, FBI # 230 243 is known to have visited GAWRON on those dates with another individual.

- 3 - Bureau
- 1 - Chicago (Info)
- 1 - Detroit (Info)
- 1 - Indianapolis (Info)
- 1 - Jackson (Info)
- 1 - Kansas City (Info)
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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

SL: 42-775

SL files disclose BANK OF ALTON, Alton, Ill., was robbed by two unknown subjects on 7-13-67 (Bufile 91-27494) (Sifile 91-3699) (SLfile 91-3877). Description of number two man could fit RAY. Number ~~the~~<sup>one</sup> man description does not fit CARPENTER, who is 5'8", 140 #, slender build.

St. Louis City Jail records establish ed CARPENTER was in City Jail from 6-5-67 to 3-1-68, and therefore could not have participated in the Alton BR, or met GAWRON during 1967 as alleged.

In view of foregoing, GAWRON is being considered as being of known unreliability.

Subject should STILL be considered as a possible suspect in all unsolved bank and other robberies subsequent to 4-23-67.

Subject A & D.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-388)  
(ATTN: SA DORAN)

DATE: 5/23/68

FROM : SA DON H. MARTIN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re memo SA GEORGE J. VOPAL, 5/6/68.

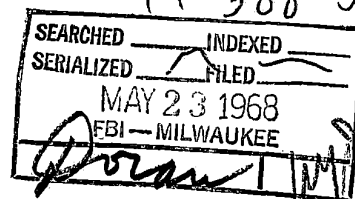
On 5/10/68, indicated officials of the following departments were contacted and advised that they do not maintain files of latent fingerprints (unidentified), as such, nor did they know of any department in their respective areas which did.

1. COP ROBERT BOSMAN, Kenosha, Wis. PD
2. Sheriff WILLIAM SCHMIDT, Kenosha Co. SO
3. Lt. EVERETTE SMITH, Records and Identification, Racine, Wisconsin PD
4. Deputy NATT CACCIOTTI, Records Division, Racine Co. SO, Racine, Wisconsin.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC MILWAUKEE (170-44)

FROM : SA WILLIAM PAUL CALLIS

SUBJECT: BONNIE JEAN WARE

DATE: 5/27/68

☐ CI ☐ SI

☐ PCI ☐ PSI

☐ R (Prob) (Ghetto)

Dates of Contact 5/3 - 14 - 20/68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted		
Black Nationalist Groups		134-656
Racial Conditions Major Urban Areas		157-164
MURKIN		44-388
Purpose and results of contact		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE	134-656	
<input type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE	157-164	
	44-388	
<p>RI (Probationary - Ghetto) advised she has no new info re these matters except that many young Negroes are still upset over the assassination of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING. She stated that the overall mental attitude of the Negro population at Milwaukee seems to have cooled down since the assassination. She could furnish no info re any positive racial disturbances.</p> <p>She also advised that members of the Milwaukee Youth Council (Commandos) still frequent her tavern, and she is gradually becoming friendly with them. She advised that she would remain alert for any info which might be of interest to the FBI, and she will attempt to learn the identities of the Commandos who visit her tavern.</p>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating Fair, Improving	Coverage
Personal Data		

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1 - 134-656  
1 - 157-164  
1 - 44-388

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☐ Tokyo

Date 5-22-68

RE: MURKIN  
PUBLICITY ON REWARDS OFFERED

44-388-320

☐ For information ☐ Retention optional ☐ For appropriate action

☐ The enclosed is for your information. If used in a future report, all sources, ☐ paraphrase contents.

☐ Enclosed are corrected pages from report of SA dated \_\_\_\_\_

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Remarks: ReBulet 5-20-68.

In the event of inquiries regarding the identity of the sources of the reward money offered in the Murkin case, you may confidentially advise established sources that according to a compilation set forth in the April 27th edition of the "Commercial Appeal," Memphis, Tennessee, \$25,000 each has been offered by the "Commercial Appeal" and Scripps-Howard newspapers and that in addition, businessmen and citizens in Memphis have offered several thousands more and the Memphis City Council has under-written the reward up to a total of \$100,000.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, Milwaukee (44-388)

DATE: 5/28/68

FROM : SA Allan James Thompson

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re memo of SA George J. Vopal dated 5/6/68

ON 5/27-28/68 the following people and departments were contacted and they advised that they would comply with the contents of re memo:

Walter H. Wohlfhart, Marshfield  
Bud Wolfe Marathon, county  
Don Caylor Wood County  
Donald Kudth, Wisc. Rapids  
Cy Gajewski Wausau

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-388) (P)

DATE: 6/3/68

FROM : SA Clifford E. Huhta

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 5/31/68 FRANK A. LAVELLE, CS, advised that he can furnish no information regarding this matter.

cc: 134-755A (CS)

CEH



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TO: SAC, TAMPA

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (44-565) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Milwaukee airtel to Tampa and interested offices dated 5/28/68.

Mrs. J. HALE, Ship Personnel, Wilson Marine Shipping Company, 2100 Illuminating Building, Cleveland, Ohio, advised their records reflected the following concerning ROSS WESLEY STEVENS:

Address	1021 Highland Drive Lake Wales, Florida (since April 1, 1963)
Previous Address	610 Hesperides Road Lake Wales, Florida
DOB	
POB	Conneaut, Ohio
Wife	KATHLEEN
Children	one

No military service listed.

Mrs. HALE advised their records further reflected that ROSS WESLEY STEVENS was sent an appointment and report notice from the Cleveland office to his current address in Lake Wales, Florida, on 3/18/68 requesting him to report to the Wilson Line Ship Edward S. Kendrick on 3/30/68.

2 - Tampa (AMRM)  
1 - Birmingham (Info) (AMRM)  
1 - Memphis (44-1987) (AMRM)  
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2 - Cleveland  
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Mrs. HALE advised that R. W. STEVENS has been employed by the Wilson Marine Shipping since 3/7/53 and he has been on the Edward S. Kendrick since 1959. She advised that his position aboard ship is and has been chief cook. She advised their records reflect his work is listed as excellent, sobriety excellent, dependability excellent.

Mrs. HALE stated that R. W. STEVENS was on a layoff status from 11/10/67 until he was recalled on 3/30/68. She advised that records reflect that he reported to the Edward S. Kendrick at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on 3/30/68. She advised that this is the town where R. W. STEVENS had received his layoff notice on 11/10/67. She stated that the Edward S. Kendrick sailed from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on Sunday, 4/7 in the p.m., and its first port of call was South Chicago, Illinois, second port of call Silver Bay, Minnesota, to pick up ore and then it returned to Cleveland.

It is noted that records of Wilson Marine failed to reflect whereabouts of ROSS WESLEY STEVENS for the early part of March as requested in above-referenced airtel and Wilson Line records contain no information as to the whereabouts or activities of STEVENS from the time of his layoff on 11/10/67 until he returned aboard ship on 3/30/68.

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TO: ALL FIELD DIVISIONS

6-6-68

FROM: DIRECTOR

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FOR INFORMATION ALL OFFICES AND NOT TO BE DISCLOSED TO ANYONE OUTSIDE OF OFFICE IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THROUGH INVESTIGATION THAT SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY RESIDED IN CANADA FROM APRIL 8 68 UNTIL MAY 6 68 UNDER NAMES PAUL BRIDGMAN AND RAMON GEORGE SNEYD. SUBJECT DEPARTED CANADA FOR LONDON, ENGLAND, ON MAY 6 LAST AS SNEYD AND IS BELIEVED USING CANADIAN PASSPORT IN THAT NAME. SUBJECT BELIEVED TO BE WEARING GLASSES.

IN VIEW OF ABOVE DEVELOPMENTS REVIEW OF DRIVER'S LICENSE BUREAU RECORDS AS REQUESTED IN BUREAU RADIOGRAM MAY 21 LAST MAY BE DISCONTINUED.

OFFICES COVERING POINTS OF ENTRANCE INTO U.S. SHOULD PLACE APPROPRIATE STOPS WITH BORDER AND CUSTOM AUTHORITIES UNDER NAME OF RAMON GEORGE SNEYD. NO INDICATION WHATSOEVER SHOULD BE GIVEN THAT THERE IS ANY CONNECTION BETWEEN SNEYD AND KING ASSASSINATION.

YOU MAY ADVISE AUTHORITIES THAT INDIVIDUAL USING NAME SNEYD IS BEING SOUGHT BY FBI FOR UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID CONFINEMENT FOR CHARGE OF ROBBERY.

FOR INFORMATION OF BORDER OFFICES THERE IS ~~ACTUAL~~ PERSON

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

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TOR: 1:46 P.M. 6-6-68

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(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

**Hunt for King's Slayer Goes On****James Earl Ray**

Washington, D. C. —UPI— No. 9 on the FBI's list of 10 most wanted men has yet to be caught, but justice department officials insist that the search for James Earl Ray is just as intense as ever.

Ray, a 40 year old escaped convict, is being sought in connection with the Apr. 4 slaying of civil rights leader Martin Luther King, jr.

No new information has been issued since the first bulletins for Ray's arrest.

The search for the accused slayer became a point in the poor people's list of grievances Monday when about 400 demonstrators marched on the justice department.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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**MILWAUKEE JOURNAL**  
**MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN**

Date: 6/4/68

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, Milwaukee (44-388)

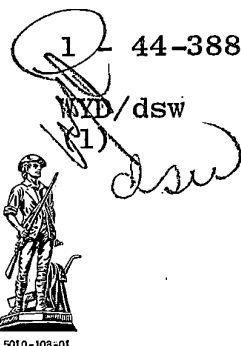
FROM : SA WILLIAM Y. DORAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 6/3/68

Re Bureau letter to Albany dated 5/20/68,  
regarding publicity on rewards offered.

On 5/23/68, the writer contacted ED BLACKWELL  
of the "Milwaukee Journal Sentinel" and furnished BLACKWELL  
with the information in referenced letter. BLACKWELL stated  
he would run a story concerning rewards offered in instant  
case and would protect the FBI as a source of his information.



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Post Office Box 663  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53201  
June 5, 1968

Salvation Army  
Divisional Headquarters  
1022 North 8th Street  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Dear Sir:

Enclosed are four copies of an Identification Order which contains the name, aliases, description, and fingerprint classification of James Earl Ray, who is wanted in connection with the assassination of Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr.

I would appreciate you bringing the information and photographs contained in this Identification Order to the attention of your staff and request they remain on the alert for possible identification of James Earl Ray during the course of their employment.

Should any information come to your attention in this matter, I would appreciate your notifying the Milwaukee Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Very truly yours,

DEAN W. ELSON  
Special Agent in Charge

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1 - Milwaukee

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-388) (P)

DATE: 6/7/68

FROM : SA CLIFFORD E. HUHTA

SUBJECT: MURKIN

The following persons were contacted with negative results regarding unsolved bank robberies, bank burglaries or other local unsolved robberies as well as unidentified dead files:

GEORGE SHARON, Captain, Superior PD, 5/28/68;  
LOUIS BANNICK, Sheriff, Douglas County SO,  
Superior, 5/27/68;  
DONALD TOLLIVER, Chief of Police, Ashland PD,  
6/3/68;  
JOSEPH CROTEAU, JR, Sheriff, Ashland County SO,  
Ashland, 6/3/68;  
RUDOLPH FRECHETTE, Undersheriff, Bayfield County,  
Washburn, 6/3/68;  
HAROLD MELBY, Undersheriff, Sawyer County,  
Hayward, 6/3/68;  
ARNOLD DROST, Sheriff, Washburn County, Shell Lake,  
6/4/68;  
LLOYD ERICKSON, Sheriff, Burnett County, Grantsburg,  
5/28/68.

## At Superior, Wisconsin

On 5/28/68, IO's were displayed to Major CHESTER SUNDMAN, Salvation Army, along with the following individuals with negative results:

BARNEY REINKALL, Saratoga Hotel;  
JOHN MORAN, Ryan Hotel;  
RICHARD ZANUZOSKI, Mayeton Hotel;  
DAGMAR FOLEY, Gappa Hotel;  
KNUTE BARSTEN, Lafayette Hotel.

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From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

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ReCVairtel 5/29/68.

In view of current Canadian developments,  
take no action on recommendations in reCVairtel at this  
time, UACB.

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TO ALL SACS

FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861

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

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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SAR *[Signature]*  
ASAC *[Signature]*  
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TITLE OF CASE  <b>JAMES EARL RAY, aka  Eric Starvo Galt,  W. C. Herron,  Harvey Lowmyer,  James McBride,  James O'Connor,  James Walton,  James Walyon,  John Willard,  Jim - FUGITIVE  IO #4182,  WF #442-A;  DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM</b>		REPORT MADE BY  <b>SA JOE C. HESTER</b>	TYPED BY  <b>mnr</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>CR - CONSPIRACY;  UFAC - ROBBERY</b>	

## NON-PROSECUTIVE SUMMARY

### REFERENCES:

Reports of SA JOE C. HESTER dated 4/17/68 and 4/30/68 at Memphis.

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Additional copies of this report have been designated for the Bureau in order that dissemination may be made to Legats, Ottawa and Mexico City.

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

LEADS:

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

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: SA JOE C. HESTER  
Date: JUNE 5, 1968

Office: MEMPHIS

Field Office File No.: 44-1987

Bureau File No.: 44-38861

Title: JAMES EARL RAY;  
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM

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

Synopsis: JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #405 942 G, escaped Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP) 4/23/67, and on 7/20/67 a complaint was filed before USC W. C. SHELEY, Jefferson City, Mo., charging RAY with unlawful flight to avoid confinement in violation of Title 18, USC, Section 1073. On 4/17/68 an authorized complaint was filed against ERIC STARVO GALT for violation of Title 18, USC, Section 241, charging that he did conspire to injure, oppress, threaten, or intimidate MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., in the free exercise and enjoyment of his rights secured by the Constitution of the United States. Complaint was filed before USC, Birmingham, Ala., by SAC JOSEPH H. GAMBLE, and a warrant was issued for the arrest of GALT. Recommended bond is \$50,000. On 5/7/68 Shelby County 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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