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TO: SAC, HOUSTON

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (44-1854) (P)

MURKIN; CR. OO MEMPHIS.

RE NEW YORK TEL TO MIAMI APRIL TWENTYTWO LAST.

FOR INFO HOUSTON, RETEL ADVISED THEODORE SULLIVAN, BETHPAGE, N.Y., CONTACTED NEW YORK OFFICE AND STATED RECENTLY STAYED AT SEA RANCH HOTEL, LAUDERDALE-BY-THE-SEA, FT. LAUDERDALE, FLA., AND MET (FNU) GALLAGHER, WHO OCCUPIED ROOM TWO ZERO SIX APRIL SIXTEEN THROUGH NINETEEN LAST. SULLIVAN STATED THERE WAS A STRIKING RESEMBLANCE BETWEEN GALLAGHER AND PUBLISHED PHOTO OF ERIC STARVOGALT.

✓ RICHARD OSEN, MANAGER, SEA RANCH HOTEL, ADVISED THIS DATE THAT MR. AND MRS. G. J. GALLAGHER, FIVE FIVE ZERO FIVE BRIAR DR., HOUSTON, TEXAS, STAYED AT HOTEL APRIL SIXTEEN THROUGH NINETEEN LAST. UPON VIEWING PHOTO OF GALT, ADVISED NO RESEMBLANCE BETWEEN GALT AND GALLAGHER. REPORTEDLY, GALLAGHER MAY STILL BE VACATIONING WITHIN MIAMI DIVISION, WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN.

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**HOUSTON CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION TO IDENTIFY
AND ELIMINATE GALLAGHER.**

AIRMAIL COPY SENT MEMPHIS.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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~~Assassin~~ Suspect's Baffling Description

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — (AP) — A ranking Memphis police officer acknowledges there are "a whole lot of discrepancies" in official descriptions of the man sought as the sniper slayer of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Asst. Chief Bill Price referred to statements that James Earl Ray, 40, an escaped Missouri convict, and Eric Starvo Galt, first sought for King's April 4 assassination in Memphis, are the same person.

"You don't know what to look for," Price said yesterday as officers here and elsewhere continued their investigation of the slaying. The nationwide manhunt continues.

The FBI issued a conspiracy warrant Wednesday for Galt, then updated their case Friday by saying a fingerprint comparison showed Galt was really Ray.

The naming of Ray in the case caused confusion, primarily because earlier official statements indicate that Galt and Ray were in different places at the same time.

When Galt was charged as a conspirator in King's death by rifle bullet, the FBI said the man had taken dancing lessons in New Orleans in 1964-65. The FBI said later he earlier description should have said Galt reportedly took dancing lessons rather than stating it flatly.

During that time, Ray was in the Missouri State Prison at ~~Jefferson~~ City, serving a 20-year sentence for a 1959 supermarket robbery.

The age of the man also was in conflict.

Witnesses who saw a man in a Memphis rooming house from where the fatal bullet was fired estimated his age as in the late 20s. The FBI, in issuing its warrant for Galt, said he had given his birthdate July 20, 1931. That would make him 36. The FBI said Friday Ray is 40.

The personalities of the two men are sometimes at odds. A prison pal described Ray as virtually a nondrinker. The FBI describes Galt as a fancier of beer and vodka.

There were other differences:

Galt: neat appearance.
Ray: careless appearance.

Galt: Southern accent.
Ray: born in Alton, Ill. No Southern accent.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1854)

FROM : SAWILLIAM P. KELLY

SUBJECT: JAMES EARL RAY, aka;
Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. -- VICTIM
CR

DATE: 4/23/68

This is to reflect that at 1:10PM, former PCI WINFIELD SCOTT GUIHER, room 15, Turf Motel, 7000 NW 27th Ave., Miami, Fla, tel: 691-9484, telephonically contacted the writer and advised that he was then with JAMES E. GALT, resident of apt 10 at the Turf Motel. He stated GALT is reportedly sought for questioning by the FBI. GUIHER then put GALT on the telephone.

JAMES E. GALT, who identified himself as a white, male, born 7/20/31, advised the writer that he had just been informed by his mother, Mrs. IDA DAECH, 6904 Hampton Ave., St. Louis, Mo., that she had been interviewed there by FBI agents about GALT and his location. The mother reported that she became so upset by the interview that she sustained a heart attack.

JAMES E. GALT further related that various of his friends in the Miami area had reported to him that the FBI in Miami was looking for him. GALT stated he is available for interview at the above address, where he would remain until about 2:30PM, 4/23/68, after which he was going to see an attorney, identified as EDWARD SCHROLL, Biscayne Bldg, Miami, with whom he had a 3:30PM appointment. Thereafter, he would return to the Turf Motel until about 8PM.

GALT stated he was injured in the back while working for a construction firm about one year ago. He stated that about the time Dr. KING was murdered, GALT was "flat on his back" with a recurrence of his injury.

It was determined by the writer that SA JOHN J. MC BREEN has a lead to locate and interview GALT. SA MC BREEN was contacted by radio at 1:14PM, and advised as to the location of GALT.

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437PM URGENT 4-23-68 MPB

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, MIAMI, BALTIMORE, AND KANSAS CITY.
FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN.

RE: JOHN LARRY RAY.

RE NEW YORK TEL TO ABOVE THIS DATE. SUBJECT'S BROTHER
JOHN LARRY RAY LOCATED ST. LOUIS.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS. P.

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*C. Kelly advised to discontinue
5:43 PM 4/23/68 Jlh
He will prepare memo as to what
he accomplished*

*Newman advised
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FBI NEW YORK

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TO DIRECTOR, ST LOUIS, MIAMI, BALTIMORE AND MEM

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FROM NEW YORK 44-1609

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MURKIN; CIVIL RIGHTS; OO: ME.

RE: JOHN LARRY RAY

RE SF TEL TO WA, DATED APRIL TWENTY TWO LAST AS TO JOHN LARRY RAY OF WHICH ST. LOUIS RECEIVED A COPY.

RECORDS OF CONCORD HOTEL, KIAMESHA LAKE, NEW YORK, SHOW THAT JOHN, RAY, DOB, FEBR. FOURTEEN, THIRTY THREE, SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER THREE FOUR NINE DASH TWO EIGHT DASH NINE FOUR FIVE NINE WAS EMPLOYED THERE FROM JANUARY TWENTY, NINETEEN SIXTYFIVE TO JANUARY TWENTY FOUR NINETEEN SIXTY FIVE AS A PORTER. HE LISTED HIS FATHER AS JAMES RAY, ONE EIGHT ZERO SIX PARK AVENUE, ST. LOUIS, MO., AND A PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT AT THE EVERGLADES, FLAMINGO, FLORIDA.

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LEADS: MM AND LS ATTEMPT TO LOCATE JAMES EARLY RAY'S BROTHER
IN YOUR DIVISION OR INFORMATION AS TO HIS PRESENT WHEREABOUTS.

BUREAU REQUESTED TO CONSIDER INSTRUCTING BALTIMORE TO
CHECK SOURCE FOUR AS TO JOHN RAY.

JAMES EARL RAY ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FBI JACKSVLE

1230 PM URGENT 4/23/68 MMH

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, MIAMI
FROM JACKSONVILLE /44-769/ 1P

MURKIN.

RE CHARLOTTE TEL TO JACKSONVILLE, APRIL EIGHTEEN, LAST; MIAMI
TEL TO BUREAU, ETAL, APRIL TWENTYSECOND, LAST.

RE NINETEEN FIFTYFIVE OR FIFTYSIX DODGE BEARING FLA. LICENSE
WITH PREFIX NUMBER TEN W OBSERVED BY HIGHWAY PATROL, NEWTON, N. C.

MVB, TALLAHASSEE, ADVISED THEY ARE NOT COMPUTERIZED AND IT WOULD
BE NECESSARY TO PHYSICALLY PULL AND REVIEW SOME ONE HUNDRED FIFTEEN
THOUSAND REGISTRATION CARDS TO SEGREGATE FIFTYFIVE AND FIFTYSIX AUTOS
REGISTERED IN BROWARD COUNTY.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) ~~to MIA~~ *MIAMI*
FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987)

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MURKIN; CR. ME 00.

RE MIAMI TELETYPE TO BUREAU, FIVE TWENTYEIGHT, PM, APRIL
TWENTYTWO LAST, REGARDING INDIVIDUAL OBSERVED BY NORTH CAROLINA
HIGHWAY PATROL TROOPER HARRY L. WILLIAMS RIDING IN AUTOMOBILE
BEARING FLORIDA LICENSE WITH PREFIX TEN W.

MEMPHIS IS NOT SO IMPRESSED WITH TROOPER WILLIAMS'
RECOLLECTION FOR FACES THAT IT BELIEVES IT WORTHWHILE TO
PHYSICALLY REVIEW OVER ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND FLORIDA REGISTRATION
CARDS IN HOPES OF POSSIBLY IDENTIFYING THE INDIVIDUAL OBSERVED
BY TROOPER WILLIAMS.

UACB, MEMPHIS SUGGESTS THAT YOU TAKE NO FURTHER ACTION TO
IDENTIFY INSTANT FLORIDA LICENSE. JACKSONVILLE AND CHARLOTTE
ADVISED BY AIRMAIL. ARMED AND DANGEROUS. P.

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(Priority)TO: DIRECTOR AND SACS MEMPHIS
OKLAHOMA CITY
TAMPA ✓

FROM: SAC MIAMI (44-1854)

MURKIN

RE BUREAU TEL TO ALL SACS, APRIL ELEVEN LAST.

INVESTIGATION MIAMI DIVISION HAS REFLECTED THAT FLIGHTS
OUT OF THE U. S. ARE MADE BY COASTAL AVIATION, A NON-SCHEDULED
AIRLINE AND BY AMERICAN FLYERS, ALSO NON-SCHEDULED.

COASTAL AVIATION IS BASED IN ORLANDO, FLA. AND AMERICAN
FLYERS IS BASED IN ARDMORE, OKLAHOMA.

TAMPA AT ORLANDO, FLA. AND OKLAHOMA CITY AT ARDMORE,
OKLAHOMA, WILL REVIEW PASSENGER MANIFESTS OF THESE TWO
CARRIERS FOR PERIOD APR. FOUR THROUGH APR. TEN LAST, AS PER
INSTRUCTIONS IN RE BUREAU TEL.

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ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (44-1854) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR

(OO: Memphis)

Re Bureau airtel to all offices dated 4/19/68.

Re: Laundry Marking Machines and Code 20R-3

Enclosed for transmission to the FBI Laboratory are eight Thermo Seal Marking Machine Tapes, yellow in color, bearing code 20R-3.

ROBERT BERMAN, proprietor, Famous Cleaners, 3454 N. W. 7th Avenue, Miami, Florida, advised that his laundry does laundry and dry cleaning for several small cleaning establishments in the Miami, Florida area. He advised that he uses code 20R-3 about once every three weeks for the Royal Palm Cleaners, 4016 Royal Palm Avenue, Miami Beach, Florida. BERMAN believes that a yellow tape probably would have been used at least two or three times since April, 1967.

BERMAN advised that he is checking his records in efforts to determine the exact dates since April, 1967, that code 20R-3 has appeared on yellow tapes for the Royal Palm Cleaners. Thus far, BERMAN has determined this code was used on yellow tape for the Royal Palm Cleaners on September 28, 1967, and October 24, 1967.

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BERMAN advised that he has not replaced any of the type characters in his Thermo-Seal marking machine since he purchased it three years ago. The model number of his machine is H5M4 and the serial number is 32647.

He further advised that approximately three or four months ago the Thermo-Seal tapes changed somewhat and he is now using the new variety. He also stated that he replaces the blades in the machine that cuts the tapes about every three months.

BERMAN made available eight yellow tapes, produced by his machine, bearing code 20R-3, which are being furnished the FBI Laboratory for comparison purposes.

SUSPECT IN THIS CASE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED
AND DANGEROUS.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MIAMI

FROM : SA DAVID N. JELLISON

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR

DATE: 4/23/68

(OO: Memphis)

Re Knoxville teletype to Bureau, Atlanta, Birmingham, Los Angeles, Memphis, New Orleans and Miami dated 4/18/68.

Re: Continental Dance Studio Checks

On 4/19/68, all Congress Inns, Hotels and Motels in the Miami area were contacted regarding JUANITA WELCH. Officials at the Congress Voyager Motel, 12350 Biscayne Boulevard, Miami, advised that WELCH was employed there as a dance instructor until approximately December, 1967, at which time she left to go North. Associates of JUANITA WELCH and officials at Congress Voyager Motel have no idea where she went or of her current whereabouts.

Employment records at Congress Voyager Motel contain no information regarding a Miami address or a forwarding address for WELCH.

On 4/19/68, Credit records and arrest records in the greater Miami area were reviewed with reference to JUANITA WELCH and were found to contain no positive information. Polk's city directories and telephone directories contain no positive information regarding JUANITA WELCH.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, MIAMI

FROM : SA DAVID N. JELLISON

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
(OO: Memphis)

DATE: 4/23/68

Re Miami teletype to the Bureau, Atlanta, Birmingham, Memphis, Newark, and New York dated 4/19/68, and Newark teletype to the Bureau and Miami dated 4/20/68.

Re: Suspect and Flight Crews of Eastern Airlines
Foreign Bound Flights Out of Atlanta, Ga.
4/5/68

On 4/20/68, Captain J. CRANE was located at Miami International Airport and he advised that he flew a flight from Atlanta to Montreal on 4/5/68. He viewed photographs and composites of suspect ERIC STARVO GALT and was unable to recognize either the photographs or the composites.

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Re: Suspect and Flight Crews of EAL Foreign
Bound Flights Out of Atlanta, Ga., 4/5/68

On 4/20/68, NANCY ALLIN, Ground Supervisor, EAL, Miami International Airport, advised that CYNTHIA LOUISE BRONSON arrived in Miami at approximately 2:30 p.m., 4/20/68, and departed for New York at approximately 3 p.m.

ALLIN further advised that BRONSON was scheduled to immediately leave New York upon her arrival there on a round trip flight to Miami arriving back in New York at approximately 1 a.m., 4/21/68. ALLIN further advised that BRONSON could be contacted at her home, 8396 118th Street, Apartment 2D, Kew Gardens, New York, after 2 a.m., 4/21/68.

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Memorandum

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FROM : SA DAVID N. JELLISON

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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(OO: Memphis)

DATE: 4/23/68

Re Los Angeles teletype to Bureau, Atlanta, Birmingham, Memphis, Houston, Miami and New Orleans dated 4/18/68, Miami telephone call to Knoxville 4/18/68, and Knoxville teletype to Bureau, Atlanta, Birmingham, Los Angeles, Memphis, Miami and New Orleans dated 4/18/68.

Re: Continental Dance Studio Checks

On 4/18/68, Mrs. VINCENT CUTOLO, 610 S. W. 14th Avenue, mother-in-law of JACQUELINE CUTOLO, furnished a blue zipper suitcase containing photographs and miscellaneous items to SA DAVID N. JELLISON. This suitcase and its entire contents were mailed to the Nashville RA of the FBI for review by JACQUELINE CUTOLO at that location.

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Re: Dancing School Checks
Investigation Continental Dance Studios

On 4/18/68, HARRY A. DUNN was located and interviewed at his residence, 2030 N. E. 185th Terrace, Miami, Florida. He stated he was employed as a dance instructor at Continental Dance Studios, New Orleans, La. for four months in the latter part of 1964. Photographs and composites of suspect ERIC STARVO GALT were exhibited to DUNN with negative results.

DUNN advised he is not acquainted with WILLIAM LAMPHERE and believes that CHARLES HARTZELL left the Chicago area for St. Louis approximately one year ago to work at an independent dance studio.

DUNN further advised that LOUISE ANGLIN taught dancing during the afternoon hours at Continental Dance Studios, New Orleans, in late 1964 and might remember GALT if he took afternoon instruction at that time. ANGLIN's address is unknown to DUNN, but he did recall that her mother resides at 127 Hickory, New Orleans, La.

DUNN does not know the current whereabouts of the following individuals:

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MARCUS FELOS
ARTHUR D. WOLFSON
BERNICE "BUDDY" CONSTONTINE
YVONNE BENOIT
JOAN MOORE
CORBETT DUHON
RAY E. FARRIS
SAMUEL CALON
EVA BOROS
CHARLES MILLER
ROBERT STRICKLAND
JOANNE NICHOLS
JACQUELINE BOND
ANITA BOUCHARD
ROSE KATHLEEN CAVANAUGH
or HOWARD OWENS

DUNN believes that SANDRA LOVIN is currently
a hippy in a New Orleans hippy community.

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SUBJECT: MURKIN
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(OO: Memphis)

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Re: Continental Dance Studio Checks

On 4/19/68, BERNARD REIN, Imperial Imports, Miami, Florida, employer of VINCENT CUTOLO, advised that CUTOLO and his wife, JACQUELINE CUTOLO, currently were staying at 200 Krutchfield Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee, telephone 256-2348.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, MIAMI

FROM : SA DAVID N. JELLISON

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
(OO: Memphis)

DATE: 4/23/68

Re Los Angeles teletype to Miami dated 4/18/68.

On 4/18/68, BERNARD REIN, Imperial Imports, Miami, Florida, furnished the current whereabouts of VINCENT and JACQUELINE CUTOLO in Knoxville, Tennessee, which information was immediately furnished by telephone to the SAC, Knoxville, in view of the fact that REIN advised that the CUTOLOS were planning to depart Knoxville momentarily.

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7:18PM URGENT 4/23/68 VLT

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), KANSAS CITY, MEMPHIS (44-1987), LOS
ANGELES AND MIAMI.

FROM SAN FRANCISCO (173-65) 2P (P)

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MURKIN

RE HOUSTON TELEPHONE CALL TO SF FOUR TWENTY TWO LAST.

FOR INFORMATION OF MIAMI, ON APRIL TWO TWO, LAST, DAVID
MC DONALD, TICKET AGENT, NATIONAL AIRLINES, HOUSTON, TEXAS, ADVISED
THAT ABOUT NOON ON APRIL TWO ONE, LAST, HE SAW AN INDIVIDUAL BOARD A
PLANE WHO REMINDED HIM OF THE PICTURE HE HAD SEEN IN THE NEWSPAPER
OF JAMES EARL RAY. HE STATED THAT THIS INDIVIDUAL BOARDED A WEST
COAST FLIGHT EITHER TO SAN FRANCISCO OR LOS ANGELES.

ON APRIL TWO TWO, LAST, DOROTHY MITTUCH, LOIS RATTIEN, JAN DELISE,
AND JANIS GODLEY, STEWARDESSES, NATIONAL AIRLINES, WERE INTERVIEWED AT
SAN FRANCISCO. PHOTOGRAPHS OF JAMES EARL RAY WERE DISPLAYED TO THE GIRLS
ALL OF WHOM STATED THAT THEY DID NOT RECOGNIZE THE INDIVIDUAL PICTURED.
RATTIEN STATED THAT SHE IS SURE SHE DID NOT SEE HIM ON HER FLIGHT THE
DAY BEFORE (NAL FLIGHT TWO THREE, MIAMI TO SAN FRANCISCO,
STOPPED HOUSTON ABOUT NOON). THE OTHER THREE STEWARDESSES AGREED THAT
THEY DID NOT SEE HIM ABOARD THIS FLIGHT..
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THE FOLLOWING DESCRIPTION PROVIDED BY TICKET AGENT MC DONNELL, NAL, HOUSTON, DESCRIBING THE MAN HE SAW BOARD THE PLANE IN HOUSTON, WAS READ TO EACH GIRL INDIVIDUALLY: WMA, SIX FEET ONE INCH, BROWN HAIR, COWBOY STRAW HAT, HORN RIMMED GLASSES WITH DARK SHADED LENSES, WEARING BEIGE LEVI JACKET, AND HAVING NEATLY TRIMMED GOATEE. EACH GIRL STATED THAT SHE DID NOT RECALL SEEING SUCH AN INDIVIDUAL ON THE PLANE. EACH DID RECALL SEEING A MAN IN A BLUE DUNGAREE OUTFIT WHO HAD A MUSTACHE, BUT THEY STATED THAT HE DID NOT IN ANY WAY RESEMBLE THE PHOTOGRAPH OF RAY.

RATTIEN ADVISED THAT HER SCHEDULE REFLECTS THAT NAL FLIGHT FOUR SEVEN FROM MIAMI TO LOS ANGELES STOPPED AT HOUSTON AT ABOUT NOON ON APRIL TWO ONE, LAST, AND THAT POSSIBLY THE ABOVE DESCRIBED INDIVIDUAL COULD HAVE BEEN ON THAT FLIGHT. SHE STATED THAT FLIGHT FOUR SEVEN IS A MIAMI BASED FLIGHT AND THAT THE STEWARDESSES ABOARD THAT FLIGHT ALL WOULD LIVE IN MIAMI.

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LEADS: MIAMI AT MIAMI: DETERMINE THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THE STEWARDESSES ABOARD NAL FLIGHT FOUR SEVEN, MIAMI TO LOS ANGELES, ON APRIL TWO ONE, LAST. INTERVIEW THESE GIRLS DISPLAYING PHOTOGRAPHS OF RAY TO THEM AND FURTHER READ THE ABOVE DESCRIPTION TO DETERMINE IF THEY SAW SUCH A MAN ON THEIR FLIGHT.

END.

RGT

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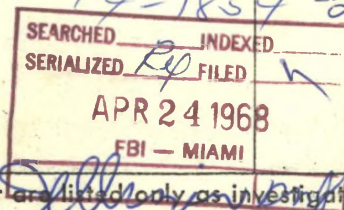
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Army	James Earl Ray #16 163 129	February 19, 1946		
Sheriff's Office Los Angeles, California	James Earl Ray #B-119908	October 11, 1949	suspicion of burglary	
Police Department Los Angeles, California	James Earl Ray #139648	October 11, 1949	suspicion 459 Penal Code (burglary)	8 months County Jail suspended; 2 years probation served; first 90 days County Jail; 146 December 30, 1949 Csl29438
Sheriff's Office Cedar Rapids, Iowa	James E. Ray #5937	April 18, 1950	vagrancy	
Police Department Alton, Illinois	James Earl Ray #7514	July 23, 1951	no operator's license - no State License - no City License	released to pay later
Police Department Chicago, Illinois	James Ray #D90696	May 6, 1952	robbery (Gun)	Grand Jury \$3000
Cook County Jail Chicago, Illinois	James Ray #131165	May 9, 1952	robbery	June 13, 1952 sentenced to penitentiary 1 to 2 years
State Penitentiary Joliet, Illinois	James E. Ray #32419	June 13, 1952	robbery	1 to 2 years
State Penitentiary Pontiac, Illinois	James E. Ray #19121	July 7, 1952 in transfer from Joliet	robbery	1 to 2 years March 12, 1954 discharged



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Sheriff's Office Edwardsville, Illinois	James Earl Ray #2640	August 30, 1954	burglary and larceny	
Police Department Hannibal, Missouri	James E. Ray #40714	March 23, 1955	investigation of breaking and entering Post Office	
State Highway Patrol Macon, Missouri	James Earl Ray #B-3376	March 23, 1955	cashing stolen postal money orders	released to Postal Inspector Kansas City, Missouri March 24, 1955
United States Marshal Kansas City, Missouri	James Earl Ray #12018	March 28, 1955	forgery United States Postal Money Order	sentenced to 15 months custody of Attorney General
Sheriff's Office Kansas City, Missouri	James Earl Ray #29637	March 28, 1955	Forgery - Government	July 7, 1955 3 years and 9 months
United States Penitentiary Leavenworth, Kansas	James Earl Ray #72498-L	July 7, 1955	Post Office Laws Forge Money Orders	3 years and 9 months May 20, 1958 conditional release March 31 1959 maximum April 5, 1958 conditional release on charge of Post Office forgery Post Office Money Orders
Police Department Saint Louis, Missouri	James Earl Ray #81071	October 10, 1959	suspicion of robbery	

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Police Department Saint Louis, Missouri	James Earl Ray #81071	October 16, 1959	suspicion of robbery stealing and fugitive other authorities	
State Penitentiary Jefferson City, Missouri	Janes Earl Ray #00416	March 17, 1960	"TC" operating motor vehicle without permission of owner robbery first "b/m DDW" (2 charges)	20 years (20, 7, 5, concurrent)
State Hospital Number 1 Fulton, Missouri	James Earl Ray #37045 C-5	September 8, 1966	Patient	

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
	<p>WANTED: James Earl Ray for escape April 23, 1967 (operating motor vehicle without permission of owner; robbery first degree "b/m of a D & DW") (will extradite) Notify Warden State Penitentiary Jefferson City, Missouri information received May 10, 1967.</p>			

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
	<p>WANTED BY BUREAU: James Earl Ray, also known as, James McBride, James Walyon, W.C. Herron, James O'Conner, Jim, for unlawful flight to avoid custody-robbery first Fugitive Index #121426 Bureau file #88-41730 Office of Origin Kansas City information received July 27, 1967. CAUTION: ARMED AND DANGEROUS</p> <p>Alias: James Walton</p> <p>WANTED BY BUREAU: Eric Starvo Galt, also known as Harvey Lowmyer, John Willard, Civil Rights-Conspiracy Fugitive Index #127540 Bureau File #44-38861 Office of Origin Memphis. Information received April 19, 1968. CAUTION: ARMED AND DANGEROUS</p>			
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AT PRISON THEY'RE DOUBTFUL

Is Suspect Galt Really Ray?

The New York Times News Service

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. —

Prison officials and inmates at the state penitentiary here are still stunned that James Earl Ray, an escapee, has been accused of conspiring in the slaying of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Last Wednesday the Federal Bureau of Investigation charged that Eric Starvo Galt, described as a 36-year-old loner, a neat dresser and avid dancer, had conspired in the civil-rights leader's murder.

Newspapers with pictures of Galt circulated behind the gray walls of the old penitentiary on the bank of the Missouri River, but no indication



JAMES EARL RAY

of recognition passed along the prison grapevine.

On Friday, the FBI said Galt was James Earl Ray, a 40-year-old habitual criminal

who escaped from the penitentiary here April 23, 1967, after having served seven years of a 20-year sentence for armed robbery.

Warden Harold R. Swenson said in an interview Sunday night that the FBI had not notified officials here before the announcement. Nor, he added, has any representative of the agency come to Jefferson City to look at Ray's record or interview prisoners who knew him.

"I was floored," the warden said. "This guy's penny-ante. It doesn't shape up, does it?"

Noting that the pictures of Galt had meant nothing to the staff and that there had been no reaction from the

inmates, the warden added:

"If there's anyone who'd talk, it's the prisoners. Once a guy's gone they'll talk."

An aide entered the warden's office and interrupted.

"We've got 2,000 prisoners in here," he said, "and none of them recognized him."

Ray was not a trouble maker in prison, the warden said. Aside from two escape attempts, one in 1961 and one in 1966, his file showed only two minor disciplinary reports, one for trying to smuggle contraband, cigarets and other items, to a friend in the hospital, and one for

refusing to work. A highly unusual record, Swenson explained.

Although it is against his policy, Swenson agreed because of national interest in the case, to allow an interview with the prisoner who had been closest to Ray. A condition of the interview was that the inmate would not be identified.

The prisoner, the work shirt of his faded green uniform open over a stained white T-shirt, entered the warden's office hesitantly. The other prisoners were wondering, he explained nervously, why he was being questioned.

Shown a picture of Galt and asked if that was his friend, Ray, he shook his head vigorously.

"No, sir, not this," he insisted. "I guess I knew him about as well as anybody. He was here when I came here, in 1960. I knew him from about 1962, well, I associated with him right up to 1966 when he tried to escape."

He struggled for words as he tried to describe Ray's personality.

"I just don't know how to explain it," he said. "He was just the type of guy who took a long time, well, if you didn't know anybody he knew, well . . ."

"The picture with the bow tie on (the FBI photo of Galt) nobody thinks it's him. They think it's a different guy altogether. We think it's two different people altogether."

THE MIAMI NEWS
Miami, Florida

Date: 4/23/68

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WANTED BY THE FBI

CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY ERIC STARVO GALT

FBI No. 405,942 G



Photograph taken 1968
(eyes drawn by artist)



Photograph taken 1968

Aliases: Harvey Lowmyer, John Willard

DESCRIPTION

Age:	36, born July 23, 1931 (not supported by birth records)	Eyes:	Blue or hazel
Height:	5'8" to 5'11"	Complexion:	Medium
Weight:	160 to 175 pounds	Race:	White
Build:	Medium		
Hair:	Brown, possibly cut short		
Occupation:	Has claimed employment as seaman		
Remarks:	Noticeably protruding left ear; reportedly is a lone wolf; allegedly attended dance instruction school; has reportedly completed course in bartending.		

CAUTION

GALT IS SOUGHT IN CONNECTION WITH A MURDER WHEREIN THE VICTIM WAS SHOT. CONSIDER ARMED AND EXTREMELY DANGEROUS.

A Federal warrant was issued on April 17, 1968, at Birmingham, Alabama, charging Galt with conspiring to interfere with a Constitutional Right of a citizen. (Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 241).

IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS PERSON, PLEASE NOTIFY ME OR CONTACT YOUR LOCAL FBI OFFICE. TELEPHONE NUMBERS AND ADDRESSES OF ALL FBI OFFICES LISTED ON BACK.

J. Edgar Hoover
DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535
TELEPHONE, NATIONAL 8-7117

Wanted Flyer 442
April 17, 1968

*FBI poster later issued
on James Earl Ray.*

FBI No. 405,942-G



a Photograph taken 1958
(eyes drawn by artist)

Ally: Eric Smith, Galt, W. C. Hanson, Harvey Lowmyer, James McFalls, James McElhinney, James Walton, James Walyon, John Willard, "Jim."

Age:	40, born March 20, 1928, at Quincy or Alton, Illinois (not supported by birth records)	Eyes:	Blue
Height:	5' 10"	Complexion:	Sallow
Weight:	160 to 175 pounds	Hair:	White
Build:	Medium	Nationality:	American
Hair:	Brown, possibly cut short		

Occupations: Baker, color matcher, laborer

Scars and Marks: Small scar on center of forehead and small scar on palm of right hand

Remarks: Noticeably protruding left ear; reportedly is a lone wolf, allegedly attended dance instruction school; has reportedly completed course in bartending.

Fingerprint Classification: 16 M 9 U 000 12

Ray has been convicted of burglary, robbery, passing U. S. Postal Money Orders, armed robbery, and operating motor vehicle without owner's consent.

RAY IS SOUGHT IN CONNECTION WITH A MURDER WHEREIN THE VICTIM WAS SHOT. CONSIDER ARMED AND EXTREMELY DANGEROUS.

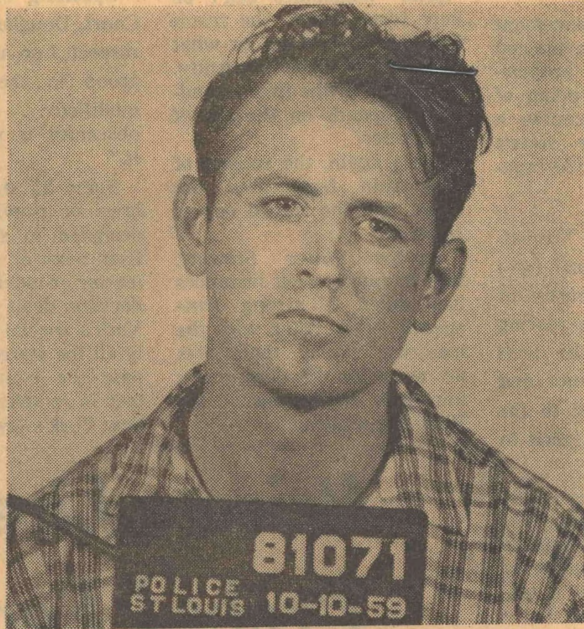
A Federal warrant was issued on April 17, 1968, at Birmingham, Alabama, charging Ray as Eric Starvo Galt with conspiring to interfere with a Constitutional Right of a citizen (Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 240). A Federal warrant was also issued on July 20, 1967, at Jefferson City, Missouri, charging Ray with Interstate Flight to Avoid Confinement for the crime of Robbery (Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 1073).

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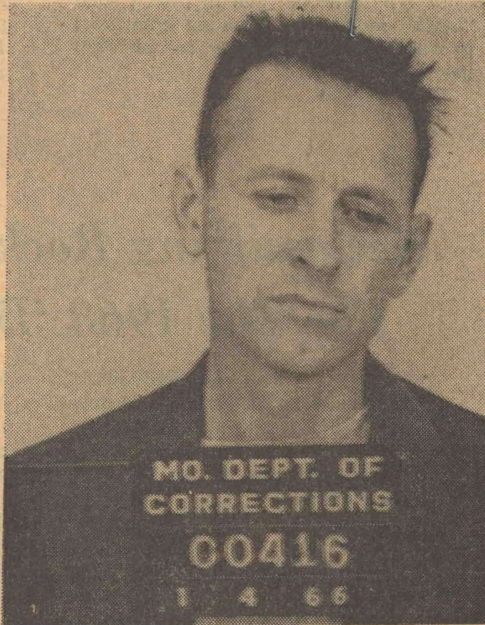
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Wanted Flyer 142-A
April 19, 1968

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**1959 St. Louis police file
picture of James Earl Ray.**



**1966 Missouri Penitentiary
picture of James Earl Ray.**



**Retouched FBI
Picture of
Eric Starvo
Galt.**

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MIAMI(44-1854)

DATE: 4/23/68

FROM : SA JOHN F. HANLON, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
OO:MM

This date, at 8:40 PM, CLARETHA WILLIAMS, 801 NW 33d Ave., Fort Lauderdale, Florida telephonically contacted the office from the residence of her mother, CORA LEE SMITH, 2650 NW 2d St., Pompano, Florida, telephone 972-0863. WILLIAMS related that she and her mother plus her brother, HENRY WALLS, 3049 NW 4th St., Pompano and her sister in law, MARGARETE, fished near Andytown, Florida. Around 5:00PM, today, a white female, age 40s, 130 lbs., 5'4", blond hair, driving an old Dodge, bearing Florida license 10-24815 approached them. The woman appeared highly nervous and related that when they return to Fort Lauderdale they should immediately contact the FBI and advised that the killer of MARTIN LUTHER KING could be found in Homestead on Palm Dr. and Addison St. WILLIAMS related that the woman did not appear to be mentally deranged.

Supervisor NEWMAN was apprised of the above and he requested that SA GREALY be contacted and requested to contact WILLIAMS and friends and to locate and interview registered owner of the auto. NEWMAN requested that C. KELLY and DAHL be contacted to check out the address.

The respective agents were contacted and furnished with the above. KELLY and DAHL related that there is no Palm Dr. on Addison in Homestead and while there is a Palm Dr. in Florida City there is no Addison. SA GREALY advised that WILLIAMS and family were contacted and agents were dispatched to locate the registered owner of the car mentioned above. He related that record check reflected that the registered owner might be a mental case. He related that some 25 complaints were filed by this individual and in one the question of the individuals sanity was questioned.

NEWMAN was furnished with the above information.

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Memorandum

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TO : MEMO TO ALL AGENTS

DATE: 4/23/68

FROM : *JH* SAC F. A. FROHBOSE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

The Atlanta Division advises that subject JAMES EARL RAY, aka, was last known to be in the Atlanta, Georgia, area on April 5, 1968. Intensive investigation by the Atlanta Office to date has not established mode of transportation utilized by RAY after April 5, 1968, through checks with various transportation companies, car rental agencies, etc.

All Offices have been requested to check car recoveries within their respective Divisions stolen from the State of Georgia subsequent to April 4, 1968, and to consider same to possibly be the mode of transportation utilized by RAY. The same consideration should be given to any cars recovered in the near future which were stolen from the State of Georgia after April 4, 1968. In those instances where cars were stolen from Georgia and where the transporter of same cannot otherwise be accounted for, investigation should be conducted to determine if RAY was person who may have stolen and transported same.

All Agents working 26 cases should immediately review same to assure that the above instructions are being complied with. Any positive information developed should be immediately furnished to the #5 Squad.

SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND EXTREMELY DANGEROUS.

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Miami, Florida
April 24, 1968

Re: JAMES EARL RAY,
ALSO KNOWN AS
ERIC STARVO GALT,
W. C. HERRON,
HARVEY LOWMYER
JAMES MC BRIDE,
JAMES O'CONNOR,
JAMES WALTON,
JAMES WALYON,
JOHN WILLARD,
"JIM"
CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY;
UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID
CONFINEMENT - ROBBERY
WANTED FLYER NO. 442-A

Yvonne Meade, 2703 Madison Street, Hollywood, Florida, who works as a barmaid at the Holiday Inn, Harrison Street, Hollywood, Florida, on April 20, 1968, advised that on April 18 and 19, 1968, she observed a man in the lounge and lobby of the hotel who resembled the retouched photograph of Eric Starvo Galt which appeared in the local newspapers.

On April 18, 1968, this individual, who was not registered at the hotel, had a few drinks at the bar. He became obnoxious to the barmaid and continuously talked to himself. He was asked to leave. He paid his \$5.39 bill by American Express Company Credit Card Number 051 484 7698 in the name F. Wildgen which card is not listed as stolen. He left a business card with the cashier, Patricia Duggan, which bore the following information:

Francis Wildgen, Economist
Residence: 21 Mayo Avenue
Ottawa 12, Canada
Telephone: 825-1172

Economic Council of Canada
Box 527 Station "B"
Ottawa, Canada
Telephone 992-4288

6-Bureau (44-38861)
②-Miami (44-1854)
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44-1854-256

Re: JAMES EARL RAY

This individual returned the following day, April 19, 1968, and desired to purchase a pack of cigarettes on his credit card. He was refused.

Witnesses describe him as bearing a good resemblance to the photograph, however, his face appeared heavier and his hair much darker. Wildgen was thought to be about 45 years old, a white male, 5'10", 175 to 180 pounds, dark brown hair and well dressed.

Subject Ray is described as follows:

Name	James Earl Ray
Age	40
Born	March 10, 1928 at Quincy or Alton, Illinois (not supported by birth records)
Height	5'10"
Weight	163 to 174 pounds
Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Medium
Race	White
Hair	Brown, possibly cut short
Occupations	Baker, color matcher, laborer
Scars and marks	Small scar on center of forehead and small scar on palm of right hand.
Remarks	Noticeably protruding left ear; has reportedly completed course for bartending
FBI Number	405 942 G
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It is requested that investigation be conducted at Ottawa, Canada, to identify Francis Wildgen, establish his reputation, and determine if he could be identical with subject James Earl Ray.

RAY IS SOUGHT IN CONNECTION WITH A MURDER WHEREIN
THE VICTIM WAS SHOT. CONSIDER ARMED AND EXTREMELY DANGEROUS.

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, MIAMI (44-1854) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
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Enclosed for the Bureau are original and five copies of an LHM reflecting information furnished at Hollywood, Florida, by YVONNE MEADE concerning one FRANCIS WILDGEN of Ottawa, Canada, whom she believed resembled subject.

The Bureau is requested to cause appropriate investigation to be made in Ottawa, Canada, through the RCMP in order to establish the identity of FRANCIS WILDGEN.

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O'Shea

44-1854-257

Prison Buddy Reveals Ray's 'Bounty' Plans

DALTON, Ga. — (UPI) — A prison buddy of James Earl Ray said Tuesday that when Ray heard there was a "million-dollar bounty" on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., he smiled and said, "I'll collect it."

Ray, a 40-year-old fugitive from the Missouri State Prison, is accused by the Federal Bureau of Investigation of assassinating King in Memphis on April 4.

In the Dalton jail, Raymond Curtis, 40, awaiting appeal on a murder sentence, said he had known Ray in the Kansas City Jail, in federal prison at Leavenworth, Kan., and in the state prison at Jefferson City, Mo.

Curtis, described Ray as likable, addicted to "dope," a loner and a man concerned only with money.

On the day President Kennedy was assassinated — Nov. 23, 1963 — Curtis said he, Ray and about 150 other prisoners were in an exercise yard when they heard the news.

Curtis said Ray remarked, "Well, somebody made a pretty penny on that."

About a week later, Curtis said, he and Ray were in the yard when "a new man just in off the street" told them "the businessmen's association has a million dollar bounty out for Martin Luther King."

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RAY SMILED Curtis recalled, and said "if there's a million dollars out for King, I believe if I ever get out I'll collect it."

Curtis said he never figured out what the "new man" meant by the "businessmen's association." He said he couldn't remem-

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ber who the man was.

"I didn't think much about it at the time. In prison, you hear all sorts of hellacious ideas," said Curtis, a tall rawboned man.

Authorities in Jefferson City confirmed that Curtis and Ray were in prison at the same time. Authorities in Dalton said the FBI had interviewed Curtis Sunday and again Monday night. It refused comment on the matter.

Curtis said Ray told him that he always carried a gun. "He was always interested in money," Curtis said, but never mentioned racial matters.

"He never made no statements of any kind in a group," Curtis said. "He was a loner."

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RAY COULDN'T "make a long conversation unless he was planning something," said Curtis. "If he was planning something, you could bet they'd be thorough plans." Ray, Curtis said, masterminded things "that would be small . . . outside, but were pretty big jobs in prison" — such as the theft of eggs and drugs and cigarets.

Curtis said Ray told him that if he ever wanted to kill someone, he would buy a gun under a false name, and have everything ready for an escape. "He used to talk a lot about escaping to New Zealand, Brazil and Argentina," Curtis said.

"I wouldn't consider him dangerous," Curtis said. "He didn't look for trouble."

"Of course, I'm not saying he wouldn't shoot you if you ran up on him now."

Curtis said he first met Ray in 1955 — when he was serving time for bank robbery, and Ray for forging postal money orders — in the Kansas City Jail. He said they were transferred to Leavenworth, where Ray "played a lot of miniature golf."

They met again when Curtis was sent to Jefferson City on a 10-year armed robbery conviction.

Asked about Ray's habits, Curtis said that "he talked about beer — he liked beer, I knew that." Curtis said he never heard Ray talk about dancing, but that Ray "did a lot of weightlifting" at Jefferson City.



Raymond Curtis
... describes suspect



James Earl Ray
... wanted money

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM MIAMI (9-New) (P)

UNSUB; EDITOR, "MIAMI NEWS", MIAMI, FLORIDA, EXTORTION -
RACIAL MATTERS; OO: MIAMI.

THIS DATE, "MIAMI DAILY NEWS" MADE AVAILABLE A
HANDPRINTED UNSIGNED U.S. POSTCARD POSTMARKED MIAMI,
FLORIDA, APRIL TWENTYTHREE, LAST, ADDRESSED EDITOR,
MIAMI NEWS, MIAMI, FLORIDA, STATING:

"DOCTORS TELL ME I HAVE SIX MONTHS TO LIVE. I
AM GOING TO HELP AMERICA.

"I KILLED KING. NEXT I WILL SHOOT POWELL, BROWN
CARMICHAEL, ABERNATHY.

"GOOD LUCK F.B.I."

LOCAL PD, ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH M.I. GROUP AND

- 1 - Atlanta (AM)
 - 1 - Memphis (AM)
 - 1 - New York (AM)
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SECRET SERVICE ADVISED.

AS OF APRIL TWENTYTHREE, LAST, ADAM CLAYTON POWELL WAS UNDERGOING EXAMINATION AT JACKSON MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, MIAMI. WHEREABOUTS OF OTHERS NAMED IN CARD UNKNOWN MIAMI DIVISION.

IN VIEW ALL PERSONS NAMED CONSIDERED CONTROVERSIAL BUREAU REQUESTED TO INSTRUCT APPROPRIATE FIELD OFFICES ^{and others} WHETHER THEY WANT THESE INDIVIDUALS, NOTIFIED OF THIS POSTCARD. SEPARATE COMMUNICATION FOLLOWS TRANSMITTING POSTCARD TO FBI LABORATORY FOR EXAMINATION. CLOSING REPORT WILL BE SUBMITTED.

AM COPIES ATLANTA, MEMPHIS, NEW YORK, WFO AND BIRMINGHAM IN VIEW OF THEIR INTEREST IN PERSONS NAMED AND MURKIN INVESTIGATION.

FBI MIAMI

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1214 PM URGENT 4-24-68 TRB

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), KANSAS CITY, MEMPHIS (44-1987) AND MIAMI
FROM SAN FRANCISCO (173-65) 2P

MURKIN

RE SAVANNAH TEL, APRIL TWO TWO, LAST.

ON APRIL TWO TWO, LAST, WITNESSES AT DOUGLAS, GEORGIA, ADVISED
THEY BELIEVED JAMES EARL RAY HITCHHIKED THROUGH DOUGLAS APRIL TWENTY
LAST. STAYED OVERNIGHT AT IVY MANOR HOTEL USING NAME WILLIAM R. SPEKLY,
LUPIN LANE, CARMEL VALLEY, CALIFORNIA. DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, AGE
THREE THREE TO THREE EIGHT, FIVE FEET EIGHT INCHES TO FIVE FAAT NINE
INCHES, ONE SEVE ZERO TO ONE EIGHT FIVE POUNDS, BLOND TO HIGHT BROWN
HAIR, THREE INCHES LONG, RESEMBLES PHOTOGRAPH OF RAY.

MR. AND MRS. JOSEPH J. STAKLY, LUPIN LANE, CARMEL VALLEY,
CALIFKRNIA, ADVISED ON APRIL TWO THREE, LAST, THAT THEIR SON, WILLIAM
RAYMOND STEKLY, IS PRESENTLY EMPLOYED AT BOCA RATON HOTEL CLUB, BOCA
RATON, FLORIDA. THEY FURNISHED A PHOTOGRAPH OF THEIR SON, WHICH DOES
NOP RESEMBLE SUBJECT AND THE FLOOWING DESCRIPTION : WMA, DOB FEBRUARY
TWELVA, ONE NINE FOUR FOUR, BLOND HAIR, FIVE FEET NINE INCHES, ONE
SEVAN FIVE POUNDS, DISCHARGED UNITE@ SPATES NAVY MAY TWELVE, LAST,

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NSN FIVE THREE FOUR FIVE EIGHT ONE FOUR. THEY WERE UNABLE TO FIND ANY INFORMATION RELATIVE TO THEIR SON'S WHEREABOUTS DURING THE PERTINANT PERIOD IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT HE HAS NOT RESIDED WITH HIS PARENTS FOR SEVERAL MONTHS.

LEAD : MIAMI AT BOCA RATON: CONTACT BOCA RATON HOTEL CLUB, TO DETERMINE IF WILLIAM R. STEKLY FITS DESCRIPTION OF JAMES EARL RAY, AKA.

SUBJECT A & D.

AM COPY TO SAVANNAH.

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OTHER OFFICES ADVISED

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, MIAMI (44-1854) (P)
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Re Bureau airtel to all offices dated 4/19/68,
and Miami airtel to the Bureau dated 4/23/68.

Re: Laundry Marking Machine and Code 20R-3.

ROBERT BERMAN, proprietor, Famous Cleaners,
3454 N. W. 7th Avenue, Miami, completed a review of his
records dating back to April, 1967, and determined that only
two yellow tapes bearing code 20R-3 were used for the
Royal Palm Cleaners, 4016 Royal Palm Avenue, Miami Beach,
since April, 1967. These tapes were used on 9/28/67 and
10/24/67.

ROBERT ROTH, proprietor, Royal Palm Cleaners,
reviewed his records for 4/28/67 and 10/24/67 and determined
that code 20R-3 was used on three undershirts and six
handkerchiefs in the name of Mr. LAURENT on 9/28/67. His
records further indicated that on 10/24/67 code 20R-3 was
used on two shirts in the name of Mr. COHEN. At no time
was code 20R-3 on a yellow tape used on any bedsheets or
pillow cases.

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All other laundries using a Thermo Seal Marking Machine in the Miami Division were contacted and advised they do not use code 20R-3 on their laundry tapes.

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FBI ATLANTA

4:27 PM EST URGENT 4/22/68 VSC
TO DIRECTOR, MIAMI AND MEMPHIS
FROM ATLANTA 44-2386 1 P

MURKIN

RE: FOREIGN BOUND AIRLINE PASSENGERS FROM ATLANTA, GA.
APR. FIVE AND SIX, LAST.

OFFICIALS, EASTERN AIRLINES, ATLANTA, ADVISED RESERVATION INFO
RE PASSENGERS BOARDING ATLANTA ON FLIGHTS NINE FIVE FIVE AND THREE
TWO ZERO, APR. FIVE, LAST, AND FLIGHT NINE ONE FIVE, APR. SIX LAST,
HAVE BEEN FORWARDED TO MIAMI AND WILL ARRIVE TODAY OR TOMORROW.
EASTERN CALLED MRS. RICHTER, EASTERN AIRLINES, ONE TWO FIVE EIGHT
FIVE NE SEVENTH AVE., MIAMI, WHO WILL PULL DATA RE THESE PASSENGERS
AND HAVE IT AVAILABLE.

MIAMI REVIEW RESERVATION INFO FOR DATE OF RESERVATION, PHONE
NUMBER AND/OR ADDRESS WHERE PASSENGERS CAN BE REACHED AT ATLANTA
AND APPROPRIATE CITIES AND SUTEL DATA IN ORDER THESE PASSENGERS MAY
BE ELIMINATED. P

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APRIL FIVE AND SIX, LAST.

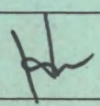
RE ATLANTA TEL TO BU, APRIL TWENTYTWO LAST.

EASTERN AIR LINES (EAL), MIAMI, FLA., DATA PROCESSING,
FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION FROM RESERVATION CARDS
FROM INSTANT FLIGHTS

FLIGHT THREE TWO ZERO, APRIL FIVE: REV. C. C. BOVEE,
TWO FIVE SEVEN ZERO MIDWAYROAD, DECATUR, GA4, NO HOME
PHONE, BUSINESS PHONE ATLANTA THREE SEVEN SEVEN - EIGHT SIX
FIVE NINE; CAPTAIN AND MRS. S. JAYNES, HOME PHONE ATLANTA
SIX EIGHT EIGHT - FOUR FOUR SEVEN EIGHT, BUSINESS FIVE EIGHT
EIGHT - TWO TWO ZERO SIX.

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FLIGHT NINE FIVE FIVE, APRIL FIVE: O. GONZALEZ AND L. MALDONADO, RESERVATIONS MADE TOGETHER, APRIL FIVE, WITH AGENT ONE SIX P, ATLANTA, NO TELEPHONES OR ADDRESSES SHOWN. MRS. P. WHISBY, RESERVATION MADE APRIL FIVE, TO AGENT ONE SIX J, ATLANTA, NO TELEPHONE OR ADDRESS.

FLIGHT NINE ONE FIVE, APRIL FIVE: E. J. CARNEY AND E. CARNEY, HOME TELEPHONE ATLANTA TWO THREE SEVEN - ZERO FIVE EIGHT FOUR, BUSINESS THREE SIX ONE - FOUR TWO EIGHT SIX, NOTATION MADE UNDER REMARKS AND THEN LINED OUT "NORTH HILL UNDERWRITERS, INC., SUITE ONE TWO FOUR, IMPERIAL BUILDING, SEVEN SEVEN ZERO MAIN STREET, FOREST, GA. ONE RESERVATION CARD IN NAMES "POSS, SMITH, KLINE, RAGSDALE". NO FURTHER INFORMATION SHOWN. KLINE RESERVATION APPARENTLY USED BY D. ANDRICH, SINCE RAGSDALE, ANDRICH, SMITH AND GOSS SHOWN ON TICKETS AS HAVING OBTAINED TRAVEL THROUGH SOUTHERN TRAVEL AGENCY, INC., AUGUSTA, GA., AND NO TICKET USED IN NAME OF KLINE.

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ATLANTA CONDUCT NECESSARY INVESTIGATION REGARDING
ABOVE PASSENGERS.

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861); MEMPHIS (44-1987); AND MIAMI.

FROM: ST. LOUIS ((44-775) 2P

MURKIN.

SUSPECT JAMES EUGENE GAULT.

ON APRIL SEVENTEEN LAST KANSAS CITY DIVISION ADVISED THAT
CHECK OF MISSOURI DRIVERS LICENSES IDENTIFIED JAMES EUGENE
GAULT AS SUSPECT IN VIEW OF BIRTH, JULY TWENTY, NINETEEN
THIRTYONE, WHICH IS SAME AS ERIC STORVO GALT. INVESTIGATION
ST. LOUIS LOCATED SUSPECT'S MOTHER, MRS. FRANK DAECH, SIX NINE
ZERO FOUR HAMPTON AVE., ST. LOUIS, MO., WHO ADVISED HER SON
RESIDES MIAMI, FLORIDA, ADDRESS UNKNOWN. SHE EXHIBITED LETTER
FROM SON POSTMARKED APRIL FOUR LAST BEARING RETURN ADDRESS,
GENERAL DELIVERY, LUDLAN BRANCH, MIAMI, FLORIDA. MOTHER STATES
HER SON HAD BACK OPERATION FOR REMOVAL OF SLIP DISC AND
ALTHOUGH A CARPENTER BY TRADE HE HAS NOT WORKED FOR SEVERAL
MONTHS. MOTHER CLAIMED TO HAVE NO KNOWLEDGE OF HIS EXACT

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