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AT 44-2386

All receiving offices are requested to check car recoveries within their respective divisions of cars stolen from the State of Georgia subsequent to 4/4/68, and consider same to have been possible mode of transportation for Subject RAY. The same consideration should be given to any cars recovered in the near future that were stolen from the State of Georgia after 4/4/68. 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.

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To: SAC'S, New York (44-1609)  
 Memphis (44-1987)

✓ From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re New York airtel 4-19-68, submitting fingerprints of Joseph Francis Fertitta, FBI #843928F.

The remaining unidentified latent fingerprints and the latent impressions in this case are not identical with the fingerprints of Fertitta.

No palm prints are available in our Identification Division files for Fertitta.

The fingerprints of Fertitta are being temporarily retained in the Latent Fingerprint Section, Identification Division.

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*J. Stanley*

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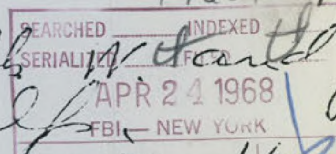
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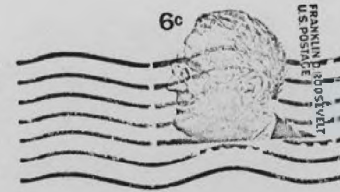
Dear sir:

Just looking in the Suffolk  
Telephone Book, I noticed the  
name of Galt, Ernest S.  
Broadway Saltane. I believe Saltane  
is in Fire Island, N.Y.

It done to me is the same  
initials of Eric Starvo Galt.  
(Ernest S. Galt). I don't know  
how common is the name Galt.  
but is it a chance that it could be the  
same man? We have in the Telephone  
Book 2 more Galts - Fred W. Galt Jr.  
Galt. Just wanted to help  
mean Haggard



HIRENDAID  
3725 Union Blvd  
East Islip NY 11730  
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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.



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To: SAC, New York

✓ From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Enclosed are two copies of a letter dated 4/15/68, from an individual whose return address was shown as 3225 Union Boulevard, East Islip, New York. The letter indicates that the Suffolk telephone directory lists the name of Ernest S. Galt.

If not already done, attempt to identify the individual listed in the telephone directory and conduct necessary investigation to eliminate that person or include as a suspect in this case.

You should also attempt to identify the correspondent and thereafter, orally acknowledge receipt of the letter.

Enclosures (2)

*Answer sent 4/24/68 - Ernest Stanley Galt was eliminated by NYO on 4/10-11/68. Suffolk home on Fire Island by investigation listing is his*

*Serial 330*

*10:10 AM advised acknowledgment receipt*

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To: SAC, New York  
 From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

There are enclosed for New York two copies of a letter from Jack L. Douglas which has been referred to the Bureau. One copy is enclosed for Memphis.

New York should immediately locate and interview Douglas in an effort to identify the individual who was riding in his cab with the victim approximately two months ago. Unless information in your files would preclude doing so, interview that person in an effort to obtain any information she may have relating to this case.

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1 - Memphis (Enclosure)

J. Allen

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J. Shanley

Shanley:  
 Pls see that Mr. Baker  
 see this tomorrow  
 and outside of top R.  
 Mr. Mr. Baker at Fairmont City

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361 East 56th Street  
Brooklyn, N. Y. 11203

New York Daily Column Inc.  
21 Hempstead Avenue  
Lynbrook, N. Y. 11563

Att: Walter Winchell

Dear Mr. Winchell:

I am a New York City cab driver, Hack License  
# 78379.

About two months ago I picked up Dr. Martin  
Luther King, his aide and a very attractive  
white woman at the International Hotel at  
Kennedy Airport.

I drove King and his aide to LaGuardia Airport.  
When we arrived, Dr. King and his aide left the  
cab with two bags and departed, leaving the  
white woman in the cab for me to drive her to  
a midtown townhouse, (the address which I can't  
recall now, but can be verified on my trip sheet.)  
When Dr. King left my cab both he and the woman  
fondly embraced, and kissed. ( not fatherly)

Mr. Winchell, if she had a jealous husband and  
he is the guy, do you think it would be right  
to name Newark Airport after him?

If I can be of any other assistance, please  
contact me.

Very truly yours,

*Jack L. Douglas*  
Jack L. Douglas

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

R/D FD 302

Date 4/10/68

ERNEST STANLEY GALT, 13 Midwood Road, Rockville Centre, New York was contacted at the ~~the~~ above address at which time he furnished the following information:

He is President of GALT REFRIGERATION INC., and he operates his business out of his home.

He reviewed his work records and advised that on March 29, 1968 and March 30, 1968, he and one of his employees, CARL WEEKS, #5 Driscoll Court, Rockville Centre, New York, worked all day at the DELWOOD DAIRY, 170 Saw Mill River Road, Yonkers, New York.

On April 4, 1968, he and one of his employees, RAYMOND ESPOSITO, 69 Chestnut Street, Rockville Centre, New York, worked all day at the DELWOOD DAIRY, 1295 Marconi Blvd., Copiague, New York.

The following is a description of GALT obtained through interview and observation:

Race	White
Date of Birth	9/13/28
Place of Birth	Brooklyn, New York
Height	5'10"
Weight	185 lbs.
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Grey
Comp.	Ruddy
Marital Status	Married
Residence	13 Midwood Road, Rockville Centre, NY
Summer Home	Fire Island, New York
Father	Ernest Stanley Galt, Sr., born 6/15/95, England, Deceased June, 1956.

On 4/10/68 at Rockville Centre, NY File # 44-1609 - 302

by SAS JOSEPH TANGEL & JOHN J. STARNO Date dictated 4/11/68

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 10, 1968

Detective JOSEPH INSALACO, Port Authority Police, who resides at 166 Lucky Hollow Drive, Paramus, New Jersey, was interviewed at the Port Authority building, La Guardia Airport, Queens, New York, and furnished the following information:

At approximately 1:50 p.m., April 6, 1968, INSALACO received a call from Patrolman FRANK PUGLIESE advising him that he had observed an individual who closely resembled the composite sketch of the assassin of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING. Detective INSALACO proceeded from the Port Authority building, La Guardia Airport, to the Eastern Airlines Terminal at the airport, where he met Patrolman PUGLIESE, who pointed out the individual resembling the composite sketch. Detective INSALACO approached the individual and identified himself. He asked the individual if he would accompany him to the Port Authority building to answer some questions. The individual replied that he would be willing to do so and would be willing to cooperate with the police authorities in any way he could. Detective INSALACO was accompanied at the time by Captain THOMAS COFFEE, Lieutenant JOHN MAZIONE and Detective EUGENE KELLY. Upon arrival at the Port Authority building, the individual, who identified himself as JACK C. HAM, was advised by Detective KELLY at approximately 2:15 p.m. of his right to remain silent, his right to an attorney, that anything he said could be taken down and used against him in a court of law and that if he did not have sufficient funds to retain an attorney, one would be provided for him by the court. HAM advised that he was aware of his rights and would be willing to answer any questions posed to him and cooperate in any way he could with the police.

During the interview with HAM, he advised that he was in the process of getting a divorce from his wife. HAM advised that he had arrived on an Eastern Airlines Shuttle from Washington, D.C., to La Guardia Airport at approximately 1:35 p.m., and that while on the plane he might have made comments concerning the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING. HAM advised Detective INSALACO that he felt there were certain people in the United States who should be assassinated, and that he felt KING was a traitor to this country and that he (HAM) would assassinate KING if ordered to do so by the proper authorities.

On 4/6/68 at Queens, New York File # NY 44-1609-303  
by SA DANNY O. COULSON/pab Date dictated 4/8/68

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HAM advised that he was not now and had never been a member of any organization plotting the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING. HAM advised Detective INSALACO that he may have been in Memphis, Tennessee, on April 4, 1968, but could not remember for sure. HAM advised he had been arrested on one occasion for driving while intoxicated in Kansas. HAM advised that if three different individuals could show him there was a necessity to commit an assassination, that he would do so without any feeling of guilt. Detective INSALACO advised that HAM appeared to be emotionally unstable and could give only a disjointed account of his whereabouts during the past week. He advised that HAM had no baggage upon his arrival at La Guardia and was carry two small airline bags when he departed the plane.

INSALACO advised that due to the possible connection with the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING, he notified the Federal Bureau of Investigation concerning the incident with JACK C. HAM.



## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 10, 1968

On April 6, 1968, Patrolman FRANK PUGLIESE, who resides at 439 7th Street, Brooklyn, New York, Port Authority Police, New York, New York, was interviewed at the Port Authority building, La Guardia Airport, Queens, New York, and furnished the following information:

PUGLIESE advised that he was on duty in the Eastern Airlines Terminal of La Guardia Airport at 1:40 p.m. when he observed an individual in the terminal who bore a resemblance to a composite sketch of the assassin of MARTIN LUTHER KING. This sketch had appeared in the New York "Daily News." PUGLIESE was approached by two men who had a copy of the New York "Daily News" showing the above sketch. They advised that a passenger on the Eastern Airlines Washington, D.C., to New York Shuttle resembled the person shown in the composite sketch. They identified this individual as being identical with the individual PUGLIESE had observed a short time earlier in the terminal. They advised PUGLIESE that while on the plane this individual made statements that he would commit assassination if ordered to do so by the proper authorities, he also stated that he had been in Memphis, Tennessee, at the time of the shooting of MARTIN LUTHER KING, and made numerous statements concerning Dr. KING and his assassination. This individual also stated that he might be forced to take his own life. PUGLIESE further advised that he obtained a business card from one of the men which reflects the following information:

"FIAT-ROOSEVELT MOTORS, INC.  
United States Importers-Distributors  
Bernard J. Silveria, Zone Sales Manager  
532 Sylvan Ave.  
Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey  
Telephone 201 567-9700"

PUGLIESE then approached the individual who resembled the composite sketch and asked him to identify himself. This individual identified himself as JACK HAM, by showing a Masonic order card. PUGLIESE recorded HAM's name and keeping HAM under surveillance, telephoned the police desk at the Port Authority building at approximately 1:50 p.m.

On 4/6/68 at Queens, NY File # NY 44-1609-304  
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Shortly thereafter, at about 1:59 p.m., the following officers of the Port Authority Police arrived at the Eastern Terminal: Captain THOMAS COFFEE, Lieutenant JOHN MANZIONE, Detective JOSEPH INSALACO and Detective EUGENE KELLY. Detective INSALACO asked Mr. HAM if he would mind accompanying the officers to the Port Authority building to answer some questions. Mr. HAM advised that he would be willing to do so and would be willing to cooperate in any way that he could with the police authorities. PUGLIESE then turned over custody of Mr. HAM to Detective INSALACO.



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

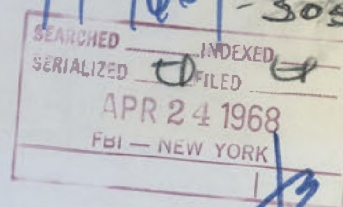
TO : SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)

DATE: April 17, 1968

FROM : SA EDWARD R. CHORY # 23

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 4/16/68, ARTHUR OTTAIANO, Manager of Octagon Laundry Inc., 2120 Menahan Street, Queens furnished samples of tapes from Thermo-Seal machines with serial numbers 32530 and 32561. Mr. OTTAIANO stated the serial number 32579 has been unoperative for a period of time in excess of 2 years. He further stated that numerous parts have been taken from this machine and placed in the other two machines.



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MURKIN.RE CHICAGO TELETYPE, FOUR SEVENTEEN SIXTY EIGHT;  
RE ADVERTISING DASH SUPERIOR BULK FILM COMPANY.

INQUIRY AT NEW YORK RE POPULAR MECHANICS, SPORTS  
AFIELD AND FIELD AND STREAM FAILED TO REVEAL ANY SUBSCRIBER  
USING THE LAST NAME OF GALT OR GAULT OR THE NAMES HARVEY  
LOWMEYER, HARVEY LOWMYER OR JOHN WILLARD. PREVIOUS INQUIRY  
MADE BY NEW YORK RE MECHANIC ILLUSTRATED AND SCIENCE AND  
MECHANICS.

INQUIRY AT US CAMERA REVEALED THAT THEIR  
SUBSCRIPTION LISTS ARE MAINTAINED BY COWLES COMMUNICATIONS,  
INCORPORATED, ONE ONE ONE TENTH STREET, DES MOINES, IOWA,  
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THOUSAND, IN CARE OF EARL LANBSBERG.

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WITH COWLES COMMUNICATIONS, INCORPORATED, AND DETERMINE IF  
THERE IS ANY SUBSCRIBER TO US CAMERA USING THE NAME OF ERIC  
STARVO GALT AKA HARVEY LOWMEYER, HARVEY LOWMYER, JOHN WILLARD,  
AND SET OUT APPROPRIATE LEADS.

MAKE NO MENTION INQUIRIES CONCERNING CAPTIONED  
MATTER.

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MURKIN

CONTACTS SHOULD BE MAINTAINED WITH ALL MASS COMMUNICATIONS  
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REFERENCE TO PHOTOGRAPH OF GALT AND HIS CONNECTION WITH  
THIS CASE. IF NOT ALREADY DONE, PHOTOGRAPHS SHOULD BE  
SHOWN OR DISTRIBUTED TO LAW ENFORCEMENT AND OTHER APPROPRIATE  
AGENCIES IN YOUR AREAS TO INSURE THE BROADEST POSSIBLE  
PUBLICATION OF SUBJECT'S PHOTOGRAPH AND BACKGROUND.

OFFICES COVERING POINTS OF ENTRY OR EXIT FROM COUNTRY  
INSURE THAT SUBJECT'S PHOTOGRAPH AND BACKGROUND HAVE BEEN  
WIDELY DISTRIBUTED AND/OR APPROPRIATELY DISPLAYED AND  
THAT STOPS ARE BEING MAINTAINED.

OFFICES COVERING DEPARTURE OR ARRIVAL OF OVERSEAS  
FLIGHTS SHOULD ALSO RENEW STOPS AND DISPLAY PHOTOGRAPHS  
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# Warden Thinks King Suspect Was

By WILLIAM FEDERICI  
and ANTHONY BURTON

Suddenly, the shrouds of mystery and confusion surrounding the elusive phantom known as Eric Starvo Galt were ripped apart yesterday.

The man wanted for the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. stood revealed as a man of many aliases, a ruthless criminal capable of murder for a price.

## An Escapee From Pen

The discovery through a fingerprint check that Galt was in reality James Earl Ray, an escapee from the Missouri State Penitentiary, strengthened theories that King had been the victim of a paid assassin.

"There is no doubt in my mind that Ray could be a paid assassin," Warden Harold Swensen said. "He is extremely dangerous, cold-blooded and ruthless."

Additional evidence that Ray might have killed for cash came from Los Angeles, where the wanted man lived prior to the assassination. Witnesses reported they saw Ray flashing large amounts of money in bars and restaurants there.

## Attempts to Escape

The picture of Ray that emerged yesterday showed a tough, habitual criminal, a man who would resist arrest until he was brought down by gunfire, a man who could not stay out of jail but had a violent hatred of confinement.

In the Missouri jail he was given the nickname "The Mole," because of his frequent attempts to escape. Twice he was reported missing, only to be discovered hiding within the prison walls.

The third attempt was successful. On April 23, 1967, Ray was working in the bakery, an assign-

# Paid Killer

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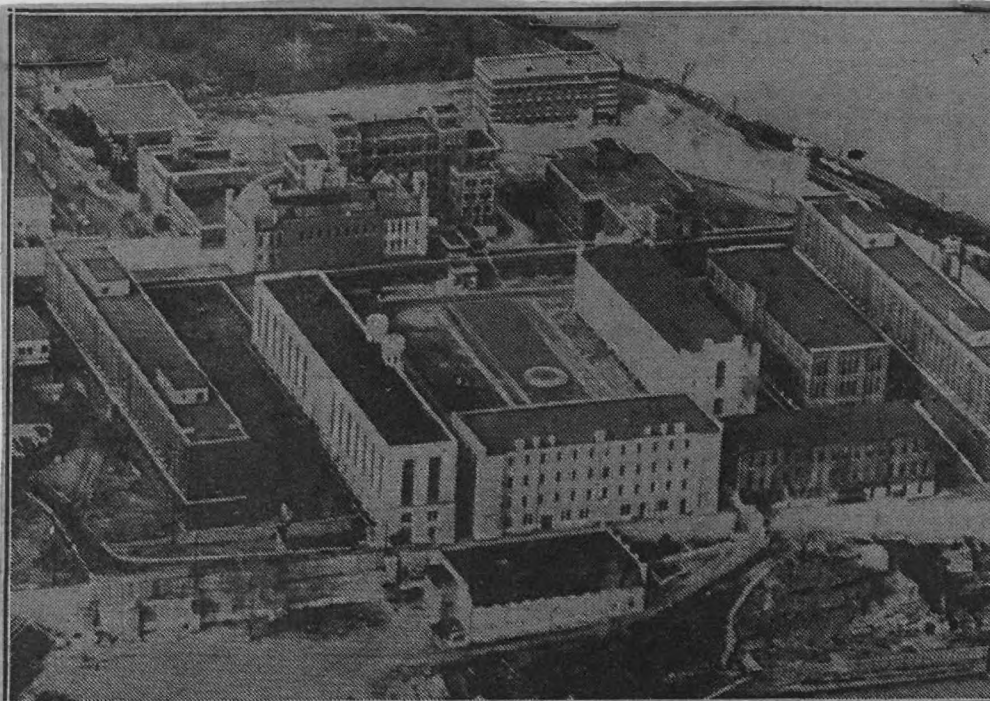
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*Stanley*



James Earl Ray escaped from state penitentiary in Jefferson City, Mo.

ment which meant he was under close supervision.

Waiting until the guards' attention was distracted, he slipped into a bread basket six feet long and two feet wide. He covered himself with loaves of bread which were to be shipped to a prison farm.

#### "A Very Smart Cookie"

When the loaves were carried out of the jail, Ray went with them. His absence was not discovered for several hours. No trace of him was found.

"He was a very smart cookie," said Swenson. "He was tough, wiry and very determined to go over the wall."

"He would never accept con-

finement. He had to be out. . . free to do whatever he pleased. They called him 'The Mole' because he would dig into the earth, do anything to try to get out."

#### \$190 Holdup Jails Him

The warden said that Ray never showed any prejudice against Negroes. "He was a loner while in prison" Swenson said. "He was not aggressive in manner, but the general feeling among the prisoners seemed to be that he was a man to be left alone."

However, Ray was with another ex-convict, James Owens, when he held up a store on St. Louis' South Side for \$190—the

crime for which he was sent to the state pen.

When Ray was being taken to the court room by a sheriff's deputy, he tried to escape by jumping into an elevator on the third floor of the courthouse. The deputy grabbed his prisoner, handcuffed him and took him into the court room.

#### Crimes of Violence

Swenson said that Ray had undergone a mental examination in the fall of 1966. It revealed no personality difficulties not common to confined men.

A check of Ray's prison record showed that his previous crimes

## California Alerted

El Centro, Calif., April 19 (Reuters) — The FBI alerted police in the Imperial Valley today that a man answering the description of the alleged assassin of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was seen Monday about four and one-half miles west of here, carrying a blue bottle filled with water.

They said the man, a hitchhiker, told an unidentified El Centro man that he was headed for Yuma, Ariz. The FBI would make no further comment.

were mostly smalltime but violent.

In Chicago in 1952, he hailed a cab, put a gun to the driver's head and took \$11.

Robert Everhart, 48, a photo-engraving salesman who saw the holdup, yesterday described what happened next. "I saw the gun at the driver's neck and then saw the driver walk away," he said.

"The robber saw me following him and he ran. I chased him into an alley. He was cornered there when police joined me.

"One of the policemen told him to stop but he tried to go over a fence. The cop fired a warning shot which didn't stop him and then he fired two shots which hit him and he fell into an areaway.

#### Calls Him Mean, Surly

"He then said to me: 'What the hell are you going to get out of this? What are you, a hero?' He was mean and surly and I wouldn't be surprised if he committed the crime (King's assassination) he's accused of."

Ray served just under two years in the state penitentiary for the Chicago crime.

Ray was arrested for the St.



Louis hold-up in a boarding house in a run-down section of the city. Detectives found him coming out of a communal bathroom.

They ordered him to stand still but he started running down a corridor, cursing at the police. He was grabbed but put up violent resistance, knocking one policeman to the ground.

Finally, he was subdued by a blow to the head with a service revolver.

But a few minutes later he made another break for freedom. Only when one of the detectives

fired a warning shot did he stop and allow himself to be handcuffed.

#### From Broken Home

Records at the Missouri jail showed that Ray was the son of a laborer. The father deserted his family in 1947 and never returned.

His mother, now dead, was listed as Mrs. Lucille Ryan of 1915 Hickory St., St. Louis.

Police in Los Angeles disclosed that a wanted poster issued by Missouri authorities in the original search for Ray said he had two brothers, John Ray of St.

Louis and Jerry W. Ray of Wheeling, Ill.

The federal warrant for "Galt" accused him of conspiring with an "alleged brother" in the death of King. There were indications, however, that the FBI referred to the brother merely because this allowed them to use the conspiracy charge.

#### FBI Experts Traced Mystery Man Galt

Washington, April 19 (News Bureau)—Fingerprint experts working around the clock in the

## On His Head: \$100,000

James Earl Ray, identified yesterday as the man sought in the slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., has a price of \$100,000 on his head. That is the total of rewards offered after the murder for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the killer.

FBI's massive identification unit can be credited with the identification of mystery man Eric Starvo Galt as murder suspect James Earl Ray.

The identification of Galt as Ray would have been impossible except for the systematic examination and comparison of latent prints found at the Memphis site of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s assassination with the prints of more than 53,000 persons on the FBI fugitive lists. The 53,000 prints were among 187 million in the bureau's files.

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# FBI Names Jailbreaker

By FRANK VAN RIPER and WILLIAM UMSTEAD

Washington, April 19 (NEWS Bureau)—James Earl Ray, 40, a Missouri prison escapee and "drifter" with a long criminal record, was identified today by the FBI as the mysterious Eric Starvo Galt, sought in a nationwide manhunt as the slayer of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover said that a check of the fingerprints of 53,000 fugitives in the FBI's files had established that Galt and Ray were the same man. Ray has been missing since he fled the Missouri State Penitentiary at Jefferson City on April 23, 1967.

The FBI gave no indication that it had any clue as to the whereabouts of the man who has been the object of a massive search since warrants were issued Wednesday under his alias as Galt charging him with murder and conspiracy.

A three-page statement identifying Ray as Galt and photos of the suspect—including an eight-year-old mug shot—were distributed to newsmen at FBI headquarters. Reporters were not permitted to leave the building until given the go-ahead by an FBI spokesman.

The FBI declined to elaborate on its announcement, which dealt mainly with Ray's criminal record, starting in 1949 and leading up to a 1960 conviction for armed robbery, for which he was serving a 20-year term when he escaped.

## Silence on "Hired Killer"

Asked if the fact that Ray had a long criminal record lent support to the theory that the sniper who shot King April 4 in Memphis, Tenn., was a "hired killer," a FBI spokesman replied: "No comment."

Information about Eric Starvo Galt, who arrived at a Birmingham, Ala., boarding house last

## Word Sketch Of Fugitive

Washington, April 19 (NEWS Bureau)—The FBI today gave this description of James Earl Ray, the escaped convict sought in the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.:

Age: 40.

Race: White.

Height: About 5 feet 10 inches.

Weight: 163 to 174 pounds.

Eyes: Blue.

Hair: Brown.

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

August, also indicated that he might have been an entirely bogus personality created by the man wanted in the King assassination.

There were some conflicts on dates, however, between what the FBI announced Wednesday about Galt and what came out today

identifying him as Ray. The Wednesday statement stated Galt was "said to be an avid dancer and took dancing lessons in New Orleans in 1964 and 1965," but today's announcement showed Ray was in the Missouri prison then. The Wednesday Galt announcement put his birthdate at July 20, 1931.

## Born in Illinois, He Said

The FBI said today that Ray "claims to have been born March 10, 1928, in Illinois," but its announcement did not list the city of birth. It said Ray also stated that he attended school through the 10th grade in Alton, Ill.

Ray was received at the Missouri penitentiary on March 17, 1960, to serve the 20-year term resulting from his conviction in St. Louis for armed robbery and for operating a motor vehicle without the owner's permission. In September 1966, he was confined for a time in the maximum

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Stanley



security ward at the state hospital at Fulton, Mo.

An FBI spokesman, asked about Ray's confinement in the state hospital, declined to comment on whether he was a mental patient or had been found to be psychotic.

#### Long Known as Drifter

"He has had the reputation of being a 'drifter' since leaving school," the FBI said. "His vocational experience includes working as a baker, laborer and color matcher."

None of these occupations had been ascribed to the phony Galt, who was supposed to have worked as a cook on Mississippi River vessels, and as a merchant seaman, and to have attended a bartenders' school in Los Angeles earlier this year.

Ray's arrest record dates back to 1949 when he served a term in the Los Angeles County Jail. He also served time in Illinois state prisons at Joliet and Pontiac in 1952-54 and was held in the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kan., in 1955-58.

#### First Jailed as Burglar

His first conviction in 1949 was for burglary and he was convicted of armed robbery in

## TV to Scan The Quarry

The first available color photo of James Earl Ray, alias Eric Starvo Galt, will be shown on television's FBI program tomorrow evening. A 25-second description of Galt will accompany the showing at the end of the hour-long show on Channel 7, beginning at 8 p.m.

The FBI hopes between 25 and 30 million network viewers will thus get a closeup look at the suspected killer of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Chicago in 1952 and for forging postal money orders in Missouri in 1955.

Hoover said that Ray was an enlisted man in the Army from February 1946 to December 1948, when he received a general discharge, given to persons found unsuited for military service, but not considered a dishonorable or a bad conduct discharge.

Ray got this type of discharge, The FBI said, "due to ineptness

and lack of adaptability for military service." It added: "While in the Army, he received a three-month sentence at hard labor for being drunk and breaking arrest."

According to the FBI, Ray also has used the aliases of James McBride, James Walton, W. C. Herron and James O'Conner during his criminal career.

"Ray should be considered armed and extremely dangerous," the FBI said.

Under the name of Galt, Ray has been hunted from coast to coast and in Mexico since King, winner of the 1964 Nobel peace prize, was shot to death April 4 while standing on the balcony of a Memphis motel.

The killer fired from a locked bathroom of a flophouse opposite the motel and fled. Several fingerprints were found.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1609)  
(ATTN: SUPERVISOR, SECTION 23)

FROM : SA MAURICE P. LEEN (251)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/21/68

On Sunday afternoon, 4/21/68, at 1:55 PM, the writer received a telephone call from CHARLES GRUBB, Room 717, Hotel 123 W. 44th St., NYC, telephone number PL 7-1716. GRUBB stated that about 20 minutes prior to his calling, he saw a man on the street at 123 W. 44th Street, who resembled the photograph of ERIC STARVEO GALT, which he had seen in the newspaper described as the possible killer of MARTIN LUTHER KING. He said he followed this man to a place of business at 1111 Sixth Ave., where the man entered. He said the man was wearing an apron, common to people in the newspaper trade, and he believes it had the word "Newsweek" on it.

The above information was given to SA JOSEPH E. HENEHAN, who was on stand-by duty for Section 23, and he said he would handle the matter.

The above is for the information of the file.

4/21/68 - unable to contact complainant at address  
or phone.

4/21/68 - neighborhood inv. 1111 6<sup>th</sup> Ave, negative

4/21/68 Attempt to contact Grubb negative, personal to  
by phone.

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MIAMI (44-1854)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)

MURKIN; CIVIL RIGHTS; OO: MEMPHIS

*from serial 244*

WHILE ON A LAY DASH OVER IN NEW YORK CITY, PAN AMERICAN AIRLINES PURSERETTES MISS NICOLLE O'CONNOR AND MISS PETERA CHUITA, HOME BASE MIAMI, FLORIDA, STATED THAT ON THURSDAY, APRIL EIGHTEEN, NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT, AT SIX FORTY FIVE P.M., PAN AMERICAN FLIGHT NUMBER FOUR FOUR ONE WHICH ORIGINATED IN MIAMI, LEFT MIAMI FOR CARACUS, VENEZUELA; RIO DE JANEIRO; AND SAO PAULO, BRAZIL. THERE WERE SIX PASSENGERS IN THE FIRST CLASS SECTION AND FORTY TWO PASSENGERS IN THE TOURIST SECTION OUT OF MIAMI. OF THESE, THREE IN THE FIRST CLASS SECTION AND SIXTEEN OR SEVENTEEN IN THE TOURIST SECTION WENT THE COMPLETE TRIP AND DEPARTED THE PLANE AT SAO PAULO.

THREE OF THOSE IN THE TOURIST SECTION WHO WENT FROM MIAMI TO SAO PAULO WERE WHITE MALE SOUTHERNERS WHO WERE TRAVELLING

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TOGETHER. ONE OF THE THREE FIT THE GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF JAMES EARL RAY. HE IDENTIFIED HIMSELF TO THE PURSERETTES THROUGH A BUSINESS CARD AS DENNIS HOLT, OWNER OF HOLT MOTORS, TWO ONE ZERO SEVEN U.S. HIGHWAY NINETEEN SOUTH, CLEARWATER, FLORIDA, TELEPHONE NUMBER FIVE THREE ONE DASH TWO NINE THREE NINE. HE TOLD THE PURSERETTES THAT HE LEFT CLEARWATER THAT DAY AND FLEW FROM TAMPA TO MIAMI BUT THAT HE DID NOT TELL ANYONE HE WAS LEAVING. HE LEFT THE PURSERETTES WITH THE IMPRESSION THAT HE DID NOT KNOW JUST WHERE HE WAS GOING OR WHY HE WAS GOING AND SEVERAL THINGS HE SAID WERE INCONSISTENT WITH PREVIOUS STATEMENTS MADE BY HIM. HE SAID HE WOULD BE IN SAO PAULO FOR THREE WEEKS TO A MONTH. HE WAS ASSIGNED SEAT NUMBER FOUR B OUT OF MIAMI. HE SAID BOTH HIS FRIENDS TRAVELLING WITH HIM WERE PREACHERS.

PREACHER NUMBER ONE WAS SIX FEET TWO INCHES ABOUT THIRTY TWO YEARS OLD, BIG FEET AND HANDS, FAT BUILD, GRAY AND BLACK HAIR WITH A BIG GREY WAVE IN THE FRONT. HE WAS ASSIGNED SEAT NUMBER FOUR A OUT OF MIAMI.

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PREACHER NUMBER TWO WAS ABOUT FORTY FIVE YEARS OLD, FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES, HUSKY BUILD BUT NOT FAT. BIG CHEST AND ARMS. HIS HEAD SEEMED TO SET IN HIS SHOULDERS. BROWN OR BLACK HAIR. HIS SEAT NUMBER IS NOT KNOWN. HE SAT ALONE AND NO CONVERSATION WAS HAD WITH HIM.

CHUITA TOOK A PICTURE OF HOLT; THE FILM WHICH HAS NOT BEEN DEVELOPED, CAN BE OBTAINED FROM NICOLLE O'CONNOR, TWO SEVEN EIGHT ZERO TIGER TAIL AVENUE, COCONUT GROVE, FLORIDA, TELEPHONE NUMBER FOUR FOUR SIX DASH ONE FIVE NINE EIGHT OR PETERA CHUITA, ONE ONE ZERO EAST TENTH STREET, APARTMENT TWENTY, HIALEAH, FLORIDA, TELEPHONE NUMBER EIGHT EIGHT SEVEN DASH FIVE SIX ZERO TWO IF IT IS NEEDED.

TAMPA, AT CLEARWATER, DETERMINE IF DENNIS HOLT HAS RECENTLY DEPARTED THE CLEARWATER AREA FOR A SOUTH AMERICAN TRIP OR ELSEWHERE.

A COPY OF THIS TELETYPE HAS BEEN DESIGNATED FOR MIAMI FOR FURTHER INVESTIGATION IF THE STORY AS TO DENNIS HOLT OF CLEARWATER IS NOT VERIFIED BY TAMPA.

RAY IS TO BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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TO: SAC, SPRINGFIELD  
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)  
MURKIN

RE INFORMATION FURNISHED BY DR. CAROLYN BAILEY.

DR. CAROLYN BAILEY, NYC, TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED THE NYO THAT SHE HAD BEEN IN BLOOMINGTON, ILL, ON APRIL TWENTY LAST AND WHILE AT THE FALCON MOTEL, ~~THREE ONE SEVEN~~ <sup>SEVEN ONE THREE</sup> NORTH MAIN STREET, NORMAL, ILL., SHE HEARD A MRS. (FNU) THOMPSON STATE SHE HAD SEEN A MAN ONE OR TWO DAYS EARLIER WHO LOOKED LIKE SUBJECT, RAY. SHE STATED THAT THIS INDIVIDUAL WAS SEEN BY MRS. THOMPSON IN NORMAL, ILL. SHE PRESUMES MRS. THOMPSON TO BE THE OWNER OF THE MOTEL. MRS. THOMPSON MENTIONED THAT THE MAN TO WHOM SHE WAS REFERRING WAS WEARING A PINK SHIRT AT THAT TIME.

SPRINGFIELD, AT NORMAL, ILL., INTERVIEW MRS. THOMPSON IN DETAIL FOR COMPLETE INFO REGARDING INSTANT MATTER.

SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

AIR MAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS.

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FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)

MURKIN; CIVIL RIGHTS; OO: MEMPHIS

RE INFORMATION CONCERNING FIRST NAME UNKNOWN GALLAGHER.  
THEODORE SULLIVAN, BETHPAGE, NEW YORK, ADVISED THE NEW  
YORK OFFICE THAT HE AND HIS WIFE RECENTLY SPENT A WEEK AT  
THE SEA RANCH HOTEL, LAUDERDALE DASH BY DASH THE DASH SEA,  
FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA. WHILE THERE THEY MET FIRST NAME  
UNKNOWN GALLAGHER WHO OCCUPIED ROOM NUMBER TWO ZERO SIX  
AND WHO ARRIVED APRIL SIXTEEN LAST AND DEPARTED APRIL  
NINETEEN LAST.

SULLIVAN STATED THERE WAS A STRIKING RESEMBLANCE  
BETWEEN GALLAGHER AND A PUBLISHED PHOTOGRAPH OF ERIC STARVO  
GALT.

MIAMI, AT FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, CONDUCT APPROPRIATE  
INVESTIGATION TO IDENTIFY ~~AND~~ ELIMINATE FIRST NAME UNKNOWN  
GALLAGHER.

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MEMPHIS ADVISED BY AIR MAIL.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), CHICAGO, INDIANAPOLIS, KANSAS CITY,  
MEMPHIS (44-1987), NEW YORK AND ST. LOUIS  
FROM SAN FRANCISCO (173-65) (2P)

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RE: JOHN LARRY RAY.

RE CGTEL, APRIL NINETEEN, LAST.

RECORDS OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE BUREAU OF CRIMINAL  
IDENTIFICATION AND INVESTIGATION (CII) REFLECTED THE FOLLOWING  
INFORMATION RE JOHN LARRY RAY:

HE HAS CII NUMBER SEVEN FOUR ONE SEVEN FOUR ZERO, FBI  
NUMBER THREE SIX EIGHT SEVEN TWO FIVE A, AND WAS BOOKED AS A  
"SLEEPER" AT HOLTVILLE, CALIFORNIA, ON DECEMBER THREE, ONE NINE  
FIVE TWO, HOLTVILLE PD NUMBER ONE THREE FOUR ONE, AT WHICH TIME  
HE WAS DESCRIBED AS WMA, FIVE FEET TEN INCHES, ONE FIVE FIVE  
POUNDS, BROWN HAIR, BROWN EYES, DATE OF BIRTH FEBRUARY FOURTEEN,  
ONE NINE THREE ONE. HE LISTED HIS HOME ADDRESS AS ONE NINE  
THREE SEVEN LINCOLN AVENUE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, AND HIS MOTHER  
AS LUCILLE RAY, SAME ADDRESS.

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*brother of  
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Earl Ray*

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CII RECORDS REFLECT JOHN LARRY RAY WAS ARRESTED BY  
INDIANA STATE POLICE ON DECEMBER THIRTY, ONE NINE FOUR NINE, AT  
LIGONIER AND WAS CONFINED TO THE INDIANA STATE REFORMATORY AT  
PENDLETON, INDIANA, ON JANUARY TWO FOUR, ONE NINE FIVE ZERO,  
THEIR NUMBER THREE FIVE TWO NINE SEVEN, ON A SECOND DEGREE BURGLARY  
CHARGE.

ON NOVEMBER TWO FIVE, ONE NINE SIX SEVEN, A RECORD CHECK  
RECEIVED BY CII FROM A DETECTIVE THORNBERRY OF THE ST. LOUIS PD ON  
JOHNNY LARRY RAY, AKA JERRY WILLIAM RYAN, DOB FEBRUARY FOURTEEN,  
ONE NINE THREE THREE. RECORD OF ST. LOUIS PD INDICATED RAY LISTED  
PREVIOUS RESIDENCES AT MAPLEWOOD AND ST. LOUIS MISSOURI; BLOOMING-  
DALE, ILLINOIS; CONCORD HOTEL, KIAMESHA LAKE, NEW YORK; AND ONE FOUR  
SIX ZERO SUTTER STREET, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA.

LEADS: CHICAGO, INDIANAPOLIS, NEW YORK, AND ST. LOUIS:  
ATTEMPT TO LOCATE JAMES EARL RAY'S BROTHER IN YOUR DIVISION OR  
INFORMATION AS TO HIS PRESENT WHEREABOUTS.

SAN FRANCISCO: WILL DETERMINE AT ONE FOUR SIX ZERO SUTTER  
STREET ANY INFORMATION ON JOHN LARRY RAY.

END.

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# FBI Under Fire on King Case

By RALPH BLUMENTFELD

The FBI today faced mounting criticism of its tactics in tracking down the sniper who killed the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. 18 days ago.

Police in Memphis and other cities charge that federal officials have discouraged local investigations of King's murder and caused confusion with varying descriptions of alleged slayer James Earl Ray, 40, alias Eric Starvo Galt.

"You don't know what to look for," complained Asst. Police Chief Bill Price in Memphis, citing "a whole lot of discrepancies" in the FBI's Friday identification of Ray.

An while FBI director J. Edgar Hoover ordered a special Mexican border alert to keep fugitive from leaving the country, Memphis detectives continued working on their own theory—that Galt was amnyth carefully created by conspirators to hide the killer's real identity.

## Little on His Past

"Somebody has muddled the waters," said Price.

Until three days ago, a major problem was the limited federal dossier on Galt's past. The FBI resolved that problem by saying that a fingerprint check showed Galt was actually Ray, an escapee from Missouri State Prison missing since April 23, 1967.

Police in Atlanta, Birmingham and Los Angeles as well as Memphis quickly noted discrepancies between the FBI's description of Ray and its earlier data on Galt.

Ray was four years older, a native of Alton, Ill. with a Midwestern twang. Galt had a Southern drawl. Ray was an indifferent drinker but Galt liked beer and vodka. Ray was a sloppy dresser. Galt neat and clean.

## Took Dancing Lessons

Galt liked country and Western music and reportedly took dancing lessons in New Orleans in 1961 and 1965—a time when Ray was still in prison on a 20-year sentence for armed robbery. A fellow inmate said Ray "never expressed any liking for music or dancing and he was tight to gamble. He was tight as a tick. Boy, if you owed him money, even a few cents, he'd bug you to death."

In contrast, Galt was depicted as a free spender. He paid at least \$500 for dancing lessons, plus tuition for bartending school, and \$2,000 cash for the white 1966 Mustang which was his alleged getaway car in Memphis, later found abandoned in Atlanta.

Ray's fellow inmate expressed doubt that he could be a "hired assassin" who killed

King for profit. And the prison's warden, Harold Swenson, said: "I won't believe he did it until it's proven."

Dr. Donald B. Peterson, a prison psychiatrist who examined Ray for five weeks in 1966, said he was a recidivist habitaul criminal whose crimes were associated with money. "We didn't find anything to indicate he was a killer or had tendencies to kill."

There was growing concern that when Ray is tracked down he might be shot by his captors, since the FBI has labeled him "armed and extremely dangerous."

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An Atlanta newspaper questioned the wisdom of that label, warning that if the No. 1 suspect in the King case is killed the motive for the assassination may never be known and the country may be wracked with rumors and doubts as it has been since President Kennedy's murder.

#### **Needs Protection**

"We regard it as imperative that James Earl Ray . . . be taken into custody alive and closely protected thereafter," the paper said in a lead editorial. "If this is the killer, every possible step must be taken to see that he is not silenced before he talks . . . The country can be done great harm if the truth is not established."

Ray's trail ended in Atlanta in the early morning of April 5, some 12 to 14 hours after the Memphis assassination, when a man believed to be Ray was seen leaving the Mustang in an Atlanta public housing project.

Police in the four cities where the manhunt is concentrated have practically been shunted aside by federal agents. In Birmingham a detective lieutenant who tried to question a clerk who allegedly sold Ray a rifle was called off by the FBI when the clerk refused to talk.

The FBI investigation is being handled at the highest level. Its only two press releases have been issued by Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark and Hoover. They have given no indication why more widespread police efforts have been discouraged in a case that technically concerns a state offense—murder.

(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

## Alert Mexican Border in Manhunt

Washington, April 21 (UPI)—The FBI said today it was hunting the assassin of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. with "all possible vigor," but that there was nothing new to report in the nation's largest manhunt, now in its 17th day.

Prison escapee James Earl Ray was given an "extraordinary emergency" listing on the FBI's roster of most wanted criminals

and a special alert was ordered along the Mexican border to prevent him from leaving the country.

### "All Possible Vigor"

But the FBI, which is directing the massive search, had nothing new to report since yesterday, when it made Ray alias Eric Starvo, the 11th man on its 10 most wanted list. The FBI would only say that the search

"is going along with all possible vigor."

FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover put Ray on the most-wanted list to insure the widest possible dissemination of the 40-year-old criminal's picture and description to the police and public. In addition, he made arrangements to have Ray's picture shown tonight on the ABC's TV program *The FBI*.

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TO: SAC, CLEVELAND  
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)

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RE: UNIDENTIFIED INDIVIDUAL OBSERVED IN TUCKAHOE, NEW YORK  
THREE INDIVIDUALS OBSERVED AN UNKNOWN MALE IN A RESTAURANT  
IN TUCKAHOE, NY ON APRIL TWENTY TWO LAST. THEY BELIEVE THE  
INDIVIDUAL RESEMBLES JAMES EARL RAY AND REPORTED SAME TO  
TUCKAHOE PD. THE INDIVIDUAL WAS DRIVING A NINETEEN SIXTY SIX  
BLUE FOUR DOOR CHEVROLET WITH NY LICENSE NINE TWO FIVE FIVE  
B U.

INVESTIGATION HAS DISCLOSED THAT THIS VEHICLE IS REGISTERED  
TO LEASE PLAN CORP., GREAT NECK, LI, NY. INVESTIGATION FURTHER  
DISCLOSED THIS VEHICLE IS LEASED TO ADDRESSOGRAPH MULTIGRAPH  
CORP., TWELVE HUNDRED BABITT ROAD, CLEVELAND, OHIO, AND THAT  
ONLY THIS CORPORATION WOULD HAVE KNOWLEDGE OF THE OPERATOR  
OF THE VEHICLE.

1-Memphis (AM)

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CLEVELAND, AT CLEVELAND, OHIO, CONTACT WILLIAM WALTERS, ADDRESSOGRAPH MULTIGRAPH CORP. AND DETERMINE WHO IS OPERATING UNIT AM ONE ONE ONE FIVE, WHICH IS REPORTED TO BE THE VEHICLE BEARING NY LICENSE NINE TWO FIVE FIVE B U. THEREAFTER, SET FORTH APPROPRIATE LEAD TO HAVE INDIVIDUAL INTERVIEWED AND ELIMINATED.

MEMPHIS ADVISED BY AIR MAIL.

RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)

FROM : SA EDWARD F. UZZELL #43

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CIVIL RIGHTS  
OO: MEMPHIS

DATE: 4/23/68

On 4/22/68, NY 5104-R advised he is unable to make any identification of attached photograph. The individual in the photo is not identical with anyone he has seen, nor does it resemble any individual observed by him at any past Minutemen activities in Kansas City, KING of Prussia, Pa., or Reading, Pa., from July, 1966 to current date.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)

FROM : SA LELAND F. LOWERY (28)

SUBJECT: DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING

DATE: 4/23/68

*see serial 314*

Re NY telephone call 4/23/68 from SA FRANCIS L. CASHIN in connection with the investigation in the above captioned matter.

The following investigation was conducted on 4/23/68 at the Concord Hotel, Kiamesha Lake, New York by SA LELAND F. LOWERY.

Mr. JULIE STEIN, Timekeeping, advised that JOHN RAY, date of birth 2/14/33 and whose listed address was reflected as being 608 8th Ave., New York City, work for the hotel as a porter from 1/20/65 through 1/24/65. His social security number was listed as [REDACTED] and he was employed through the Louis Employment Agency of New York City.

RAY's records reflected that he formerly worked for the Everglades in Flamingo, Florida. His next of kin was listed as JAMES RAY, Father, 1806 Park Ave., St. Louis.

He indicated that RAY hasn't had any contact with the hotel since the above date nor could he suggest any currently connected with the hotel who might recall him due to RAY's short period of employment.

The above is being furnished for information of the captioned file.



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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, NY (44-1609)

DATE: 4/23/68

FROM : SA Francis L. Cashin #23

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re San Francisco teletype to New York 4/22/68 as to JOHN LARRY RAY.

On 4/23/68 SA Leland F. Lowery, Monticello RA telephonically advised that JOHN RAY was employed as a porter at Concord Hotel, Kiamesha Lake, New York from January 20, 1965 to January 24, 1965. He was employed through the Louis Employment Agency in the area of the Bowery near West 3rd St., NYC.

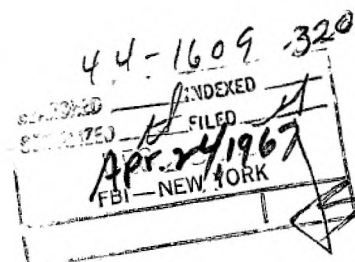
*Assigned Jack Allen 4/23/68*

A previous employment was listed at the Everglades, Flamingo, Florida.

The following background information as to JOHN RAY was available:

Date of Birth: February 14, 1933  
Residence: 608 8th Ave., New York City  
Social Security Number: [REDACTED]  
Father: James Ray  
1806 Park Ave., St. Louis, Missouri.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC NEW YORK

FROM : JOSEPH JAMES JORDAN, #12

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/22/68

Mr. George Tapken, 2817 44th Street, Long Island City, New York, telephonically contacted the NYO, instant date, and advised that he viewed a photograph in the July 30, 1965 issue of the New York World Telegrahm, which appears to be identical to the photograph of Eric Starvo Galt.

Mr. Tapken stated that the caption under the picture reads Jack Barnes, Revolutionary Socialist on Ford Foundation Grant.

Mr. Tapken requested that the NYO, secure an issue of that paper and check the photograph.

*Joan  
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TO: Director, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, Philadelphia (44-1368)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Newark airtel to Director, 4/15/68; and New York airtel to Director, 4/17/68.

RE: DONALD CAMERON GAULT

Commander ROBERT DUNN, U.S. Naval Air Base, Willow Grove, Pa., advised that DONALD CAMERON GAULT, Serial Number [REDACTED] is an aircraft ordnance chief senior grade. On 3/29/68 GAULT departed on a training mission to the Patrick Air Force Base, Florida, which is located in the vicinity of Cape Canaveral, Fla. GAULT returned with his crew to Willow Grove on 3/31/68.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, New York ( 44-1609 )

DATE: 4/23/68

FROM : SA(A) JOHN MILTON JONES #23

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re: Memorandum of Joseph James Jordan #12, dated April 22, 1968. *serial 321*

On 4/23/68, the newspaper files of the New York City Public Library, Annex Building, 43rd Street between 16th and 17th Avenues, New York, New York, were searched for the Friday, July 30, 1965 edition of the New York World Telegram - The Sun, for a photograph of one Jack Barnes.

On page number 17, second section, of the aforementioned paper appears a photograph and its caption is, "Jack Barnes, National Chairman, Young Socialist Alliance". Below this photograph is an article entitled "The Extremists Cry Revolt", by David Smothers - United Press International.

A comparison was made between the photograph in the paper and photographs of James Earl Ray appearing on Bureau I.O. 4182 dated 4/20/68 and a slight resemblance was noted particularly concerning the ears, nose and mouth features, however, the hairline and eyebrows bore marked dissimilarities.

A review of the article by David Smothers disclosed that Jack Barnes' left arm is missing at the elbow.



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that in 1965 he was age 25, and that Barnes had stated that he left Dayton, Ohio to attend Carleton College in Minnesota, that as a graduate student in economics he studied at Northwestern University before becoming a professional socialist and leader of about 1,000 YSA (Young Socialist Alliance) members scattered in fifty university based chapters.

The article contained two comments of interest, however, one concerning Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. read as follows: "He and others have built an illusion by telling the colored people they can gain freedom now under the present system of government. The second comment allegedly made by a leader of Barnes' following was quoted as saying, "We'd assassinate the president if it suited our ends. Don't think we couldn't do it."

However, based upon the facts that Barnes' left arm is reported missing at the elbow and the age and description differences, as well as apparent background differences it is felt that James Earl Ray and Jack Barnes are not identical but two separate and distinct individuals.



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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)

FROM : SA JOHN F. SHANLEY #23

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/23/68

SA EDWIN TAYLOR, White Plains RA, telephonically advised at 8:55 AM, 4/23/68, that Sgt. HENRY NORMAN, Tuckahoe PD advised as follows:

On 4/22/68, three individuals, PATSY LUCIANO, IRVING NORMAN and RICHIE MAIER, were in Maier's Restaurant, Marbledale Rd., Tuckahoe, and they observed an individual resembling JAMES EARL RAY which individual was drinking beer and vodka.

The individual, not a local citizen, was driving a 1966 blue, four door Chevrolet, with NY license #9255BU.

Sgt. NORMAN determined that the above vehicle, VIN #156696F205775 is registered to Lease Plan Corp., 130 Steamboat Rd., Great Neck, LI. The name of GERALD E. MALE is on the registration.

*Tangel advised  
9:20 AM 4/23/68  
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Garden City RA*



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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, New York (44-1609)

DATE: 4/23/68

FROM : SAA John Milton Jones #23

SA *opted at*  
9:20 AM. *advised 4/24/68*

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re: LA teletype to the Bureau 4/22/68 with copies to N.Y. *serial 775*

On 4/23/68, Mr. Kenneth Olsen, Manager, Willa Maddern, Inc., 215 Park Avenue South, NY City, after checking his records advised that the lists of book orders (patrons), for Wilshire Book Company, 8721 Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles, Calif., for 1966, 1967 and part of 1968, had sometime ago been turned over to Mr. Bernard Lande, President, Research Projects Co., 1706 Rockaway Avenue, Lynbrook, Long Island (phone # 516-887-2611) who is associated with Willa Maddern, Inc. Mr. Olsen said that these lists of patrons of Wilshire Book Co. may have been destroyed. *Covered serial 4/20*

However, Mr. Olsen telephonically contacted Mr. Lande and Mr. Lande advised that he is in possession of this list which totals approximately 30,000 names. Mr. Lande advised the writer that the names are broken down by year, 1967; 1966 and 1968; 1966 is then broken down by City and State and then alphabetically by name; 1967 and 1968 are broken down by Area Zip Code sequence and then alphabetically by name. Mr. Lande stated that he believed that it would take several hours for someone to review these lists for particular name(s) and that he could not spare the personnel to do this review. However, he is willing to make the list available for review at his office at 9:00 AM. 4/24/68. *44-1609-2325*

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Garden City - RA

at Lynbrook, Long Island

Will immediately contact Bernard Lande,  
at Research Projects Company, 1706 Rockaway  
Avenue, Lynbrook, L. I., and review 1966, 1967 and  
1968, lists of patrons of Welshire Book Co. for  
names James E. Ray or Eric Starvo Galt and  
immediately advise SA John Shanley of results of  
review.



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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
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, 1951 discharged

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
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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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
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	James 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 &amp; DW") (will extradite) Notify Warden State Penitentiary Jefferson City, Missouri information received May 10, 1967.</p>			

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Director