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SAC, LOS ANGELES

FROM:

SAC, NEW YORK

MURKIN; CIVIL RIGHTS; 00: MEMPHIS (44-1609)

KENSALT; CIVIL RIGHTS; OO: LOS ANGELES (44-NEW)

MRS. DOROTHEA BARTON, NEE CHILDS, RESIDENCE TWO FIVE ZERO WEST ONE HUNDRED FOURTH STREET, APARTMENT FIVE FOUR, NEW YORK CITY, ADVISED THIS DATE THAT HER EX DASH HUSBAND, BOYD ROBERT BARTON, LAST KNOWN ADDRESS, ONE ZERO EIGHT FIVE ZERO KLING STREET, NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA, IS A MEMBER OF A "CULT" FOUNDABY DR. (FIRST NAME UNKNOWN) ARMSTRONG WHO IS CONNECTED WITH THE AMBASSADOR COLLEGE, PASADENA, CALIFORNIA. SHE STATED THAT ONE OF THE MAIN BELIEFS OF THE CULT, NAME OF CULT UNKNOWN, IS THAT THE END OF THE WORLD IS EMINENT WITHIN FIVE YEARS. ONE OF THE PURPOSES OF THE CULT IS TO RID THE WORLD OF SOME OF ITS THIEVERY AND OTHER BAD FACTORS WITHIN THIS PERIOD OF TIME.

MRS. BARTON STATED SHE OVERHEARD STATEMENTS MADE BY MEMBERS OF THE CULT. APPROXMATELY ONE YEAR AGO, REGARDING

1 - New York (44-1609) 1 - New York (44-NEW) (KENSALT) 1 - Memphis (44-1987) (AM)

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TO DIRECTOR AND LOS ANGELES (PLAIN)

LOS ANGELES VIA WASHINGTON

FROM NEW YORK

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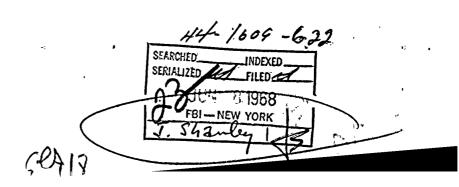
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FROM LOS ANGELES 56-156

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RE NEW YORK TEL TO DIRECTOR AND LOS ANGELES JUNE SIX L AST.

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INVESTIGATION LOS ANGELES TRIS DATE DISCLOSES THAT "CULT" REFERRED TO BY DOROTHEA BARTON 18 THE RADIO CHURCH OF GOD WITH HEADQUARTERS AT AMBASSADOR COLLEGE, PASADENA; CALIF. SGT. RICHARD E. MITH, PASADENA PD, ADVISED THAT DR. HERBERT ARMSTRONG IS BOTH PRESIDENT OF THE AMBASSADOR

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BARTON ADVISED THAT HE AND WIFE ATTEMPTED A RECONCILIATION APPROXIMATELY ONE YEAR AGO UNSUCCESSFULLY. AFTER A BRIEF VISIT TO HIM IN LOS ANGELES, SHE RETURNED TO NEW YORK., BARTON DESCRIBED HIS EX WIFE AS A HEAVY DRINKER WHO HAS HAD SEVERAL MARRIAGES. HE STATED THEY PARTED ON A BITTER NOTE AS SHE EXPECTED MORE FINANCIAL HELP FROM HIM ON THE TRIP THAN HE WAS WILLING TO PROVIDE.

IN VIEW OF THE FAVORABLE REPUTATION OF THE RADIO CHURCH
OF GOD AND OF ITS LEADER. DR. HERBERT ARMSTRONG, THE ALLEGATION
BY MRS. BARTON APPEARS BASELESS AND NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION
APPEARS WARRANTED AT THIS TIME. SECRET SERVICE NOTIFIED.
ONE HUNDRED FIFTEENTH MIG. REGION II, PASADENA NOTIFIED, LOCAL
AUTHORITIES ADVISED.

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FROM MEMPHIS 44-1987

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TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

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SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re GEORGE (LNU) at Oasis Bar and Terminal Hotel.

Re Atlanta TT to Bureau dated 6/5/68. __ www.

Investigation at The Oasis, 206 W. 23rd St., NYC, and Terminal Hotel, 184 11th Ave., NYC, negative regarding subject JAMES EARL RAY.

SUBJECT RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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TO ALL SACS

FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861

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

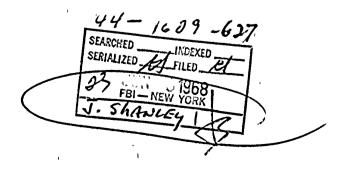
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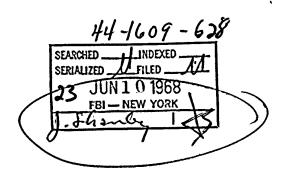
FROM :SUPERVISOR FRANCIS P. COFFEY, #12

SUBJECT: JAMES EARL RAY
1.0. NO. 4182
"TEN MOST WANTED FUGITIVES" PUBLICITY

On 6/10/68 Mr. EDWARD GIBBONS of "True Detective" Magazine was telephonically advised that captioned individual no longer is being sought by this Bureau, and he was requested to cancel fugitive data previously furnished him concerning RAY.

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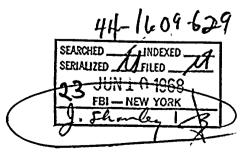
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TO :SAC, New Yurk (44-1609)

DATE:

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FROM :SA John F. Shanley

SUBJECT: MURKIN

The attached letter dated 6/11/68 was sent to all twenty individuals listed on serial 383 which is a memo dated 4/25/68 of SA Michael T. Mullen. This action cancels all of the stops in instant matter placed by serial 383.

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ROUTING CLIP TO ALL FIELD OFFICES

FROM (1/10) SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

RE:

JAMES EARL RAY, aka FUGITIVE

CR - CONSPIRACY; UFAC - ROBBERY

OO: MEMPHIS

Re report of SA JOE C. HESTER 6/5/68 at Memphis.

Page 17, paragraph 4, line 6 - 12/17/67, should

be 12/7/67.

Please correct your copies.

SAC ROBERT G. JENSEN

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

201 East 69th Street
New York, New York 10021
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Dear Sir:

As you are doubtless aware, James Earl Ray has been apprehended. He was the subject of Wanted Flyer number 442-A, dated April 19, 1968, which was previously furnished to you by this office.

Your cooperation in this matter is indeed appreciated.

Very truly yours,

JOHN F. MALONE

322 Narby East 42d St.

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SUPERIOR POLICE WORK

The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., noted Negro civil rights leader, was murdered in Memphis, Tenn., April 4.

Last Saturday—June 8—the leading suspect in the case, James Earl Ray, was arrest-

ed at London airport.



J. Edgar Hoover

Assistant U.S. Attorney General Fred Vinson is in London now, working for Ray's early—it is hoped—extradition to the U.S.A. Trial in Memphis should follow shortly thereafter.

No one should prejudge Ray. He has not been tried for the King killing; and in this country a person is deemed innocent until proved guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

But it is not too early to extend enthusiastic salutes to the

police organizations involved in Ray's apprehension—our own Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, London's world-famous Scotland Yard, and any other group or groups which may have helped on the quiet.

Catching Ray necessitated a lot of brilliant, complex and laborious police and detective work of many kinds. We are delighted that this work got the desired results,

and in a comparatively short time.

We're especially pleased with reference to the FBI. It and its great director, J. Edgar Hoover, are hated and feared by certain groups and individuals around the country. Some of these have been putting it about that the FBI was dragging its feet in the King case, if it was working on the case at all. To see these gentry so effectively refuted is a pleasure of the first water.

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SUBJECT:

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RE THREAT AGAINST LIFE OF JAMES EARL RAY.

Enclosed herewith to the Bureau is an anonymous letter dated June 10, 68 which is set forth in full below. The envelope in which the letter was received is also enclosed.

The Latent Fingerprint Section is requested to determine if any fingerprints of value are on either the letter or the envelope. It is requested that results of this examination be furnished to the Memphis Office.

The letter is as follows:

"Federal Bureau of Investigation "June 10, 68

"Gentlemen:

"I believe it to be of interest to you to know of a plan afoot to take Ray from the authorities upon his arrival in the U.S. The people involved have expressed themselves as being undaunted if he is surrounded by 100 Federal

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"Because of possible reprisals I must abstain from signing this note to you. I am deeply concerned and hope that no one is hurt."

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JAMES EARL RAY ADDED TO FBI'S LIST



James Earl Ray, a Missouri prison escapee who has been sought under the alias Eric Starvo Galt in connection with the gunshot slaying of civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., has been added to the FBI's list of "Ten Most Wanted Fugitives."

FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover ordered the special addition of Ray to the list to insure the widest possible dissemination of Ray's photograph and description to help effect his earliest possible location.

Ray has been the subject of a massive and intensive search since the brutal gunshot slaying of Dr. King on April 4, 1968, as he stood on the balcony of a Memphis, Tennessee, motel. One rifle bullet, believed fired from the win-

dow of a nearby rooming house, felled the victim.

An exhaustive FBI fingerprint search, comparing latent fingerprints uncovered in the Dr. King case against fingerprints of over 53,000 persons on whom wanted notices have been posted in the FBI's Identification Division, succeeded in determining that Galt and Ray are identical.

A Federal warrant, issued at Birmingham, Alabama, on April 17, 1968 charges Ray, under the alias Eric Starvo Galt, with conspiring to interfere with a Constitutional Right of a United States citizen. Ray is also sought for unlawful interstate flight to avoid confinement after conviction for armed robbery, based on a Federal warrant issued on July 20, 1967, at Jefferson City,

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Missouri. He had been confined at the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, in March, 1960, with a 20-year sentence following conviction for armed robbery and operating a motor vehicle without permission of the owner. In September, 1966, while serving the sentence, he was confined for a time in the maximum security ward at the State Hospital, Fulton, Missouri. He was reported missing from the Missouri State Penitentiary since April 23, 1967.

Ray, who has an arrest record dating back to 1949 and has been convicted of burglary, armed robbery and forging United States Postal Money Orders, has also been confined in the Los Angeles County Jail, the Joliet and Pontiac, Illinois. State Prisons and the United States Penitentiary,

Leavenworth, Kansas.

Ray is a 40-year-old white male, reportedly born in Illinois on March 10, 1928. He is approximately 5 ft., 10 in. tall, weighs from 163 to 174 pounds, has blue eyes and brown hair which he has worn cut short. He has a small scar on the center of his forehead and a scar on the palm of his right hand.

He has been described as baving a straight, narrow nose and straight and even teeth and to have a nervous habit of occasionally tugging at an ear lobe. His left ear protrudes noticeably.

Acquaintances describe him as a "loner" and "drifter" whose language and diction reflect a "rural" quality and indicate he has

had limited education.

He is reportedly a fan of western and country music, drinks vodka and beer, dresses neatly and claims past employment as a merchant seaman and cook on Mississippi River vessels. He is known to have worked as a baker, laborer and color matcher.

He is known as an avid dancer who has taken dancing lessons. He also completed a course at a school of bartending in the Los Angeles area early in 1968.

Ray should be considered armed and extremely dangerous. Anyone with information concerning this fugitive is requested to immediately contact the nearest office of the FBI, the telephone number of which may be found on the first page of local telephone directories.

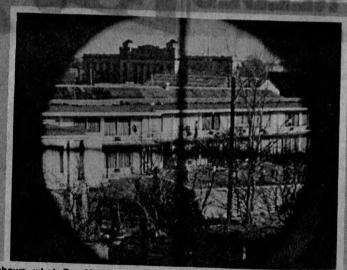


Photo shows what Dr. Martin Luther King's assassin must have seen through telescopic gunsight. This picture was taken from behind simulated crosshairs.



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ON ABOVE INFORMATION AND FURNISHED SAME TO THIS BUREAU
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