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W [REDACTED] advised that the Mississippi License Plate which is on the Mustang now, 1968 Mississippi HB-9317, is the same license plate that has been on the vehicle since he obtained it. He stated he understands B [REDACTED] bought this license plate for a Ford Falcon but switched it to the Mustang after selling the Falcon.

W [REDACTED] advised he works regularly at the Briarwood Texaco Service Station from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. six days a week and has not been off from work any this year other than the trip to Nevada mentioned above. He stated he is off each Thursday all day which is his regular day off. W [REDACTED] advised he has not been in Memphis, Tennessee, or Birmingham, Alabama, during the past six months. He stated that on April 4, 1968, he was at Jackson, Mississippi. He stated he was working on a car behind the service station where he works at about 6:00 p.m. on April 4, 1968, and was talking to C [REDACTED] B [REDACTED], at which time he heard about Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING's being shot at Memphis, Tennessee.

W [REDACTED] is described as follows through interview and observation:

Sex	Male
Race	White
Date of Birth	[REDACTED]
Place of Birth	Carrollton, Georgia
Height	5'11"
Weight	137 Pounds
Build	Slim
Hair	Medium Brown
	Long and Curly
Eyes	Hazel
Scars and Marks	Small diagonal scar across bridge of nose

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Tattoos	Colored flower with word "Love" on left forearm;butterfly on right forearm shaped like "j"
Marital Status	Married
Wife	M [REDACTED]
Children	Six, ages 4 through 17
Employment	Attendant, Briarwood Texaco Service Station, 5575 Interstate 55 North, Jackson, Mississippi employed for past year
Previous Employment	Truck driver for various companies, traveling throughout the United States

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Information received from the Oklahoma City FBI Office on April 14, 1968, reveals that Reverend S. H. [REDACTED] Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, observed an individual at 7:15 p.m. on April 13, 1968, proceeding east on Interstate Highway 40, about forty miles east of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. This individual resembled the artist conception of the murderer of Doctor MARTIN LUTHER KING which recently appeared in an Oklahoma City newspaper. Reverend H. [REDACTED] a former Oklahoma City policeman, stated this individual was driving a black Mustang convertible with white top and the vehicle was bearing 1968 Mississippi license HB-9317.

Reverend H. [REDACTED] was interviewed by the FBI at Oklahoma City and advised that the artist sketch of the individual observed at Birmingham in connection with this case bears some resemblance to the individual observed by him in the above mentioned Mustang. He stated that the individual he saw had a long sharp nose and was dressed in green uniform type work clothes.

On April 15, 1968, Sheriff F. T. [REDACTED] Hinds County Sheriff's Office, Jackson, Mississippi, advised that 1968 Mississippi license [REDACTED] was issued to D. [REDACTED] B. [REDACTED] [REDACTED], Jackson, Mississippi, for a 1962 Ford.

D. [REDACTED] B. [REDACTED] Jackson, Mississippi, was interviewed by SA S. A. [REDACTED] J. [REDACTED] on April 15, 1968, regarding the 1968 Mississippi license HB-9317 which was issued to a 1962 Ford owned by B. [REDACTED] The interview is as follows:

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Date: 4/17/68

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
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Re Oklahoma City teletype to Bureau and Jackson,  
dated 4/14/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau is an investigative insert and three FD 302's. The investigative insert sets forth in detail the contents of referenced communication concerning information furnished by Reverend S. H. [REDACTED] Oklahoma City. The FD 302 interviews of D. [REDACTED] B. [REDACTED] O. [REDACTED] W. [REDACTED] and J. [REDACTED] P. [REDACTED] all of Jackson, eliminate O. [REDACTED] M. [REDACTED] W. [REDACTED] as a possible suspect in captioned matter.

There are fifteen (15) copies of each enclosure, identified above, for Memphis.

There are four enclosures for Oklahoma City, one copy of each item identified above.

3 - Bureau (Enc. 4) (RM)  
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Approved: *RKM*  
Special Agent in Charge

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Date: 4/17/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO: SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN 44-00-188  
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(OO: ME)

Re Oklahoma City letter to Memphis dated 4/17/68.

Registration records of Lorraine Hotel, 406 Mulberry, Memphis, Tennessee, where KING was shot, fail to reflect name H [REDACTED] H [REDACTED] and owner W [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] did not recognize photograph of H [REDACTED] as anyone ever staying at his hotel. All persons at Lorraine Hotel on either 4/3/68 or 4/4/68 are being interviewed concerning any information they might have regarding assassination.

For information of Oklahoma City, KING was shot on 4/4/68 at approximately 6:00 p.m., while standing with his back to his room on the balcony of the second floor level. The shot came from a direction in front of KING. Interviewing Agents should endeavor to obtain only facts from individuals interviewed, keeping in mind high degree of emotion generated as a result of the assassination, which may affect the individual's ability to factually relate what he observed at time of assassination.

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Will locate and interview H [REDACTED] H [REDACTED] for any factual information he might have concerning assassination.

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TO ALL SACS

FROM DIRECTOR 4P

MURKIN

THE FOLLOWING PRESS RELEASE HAS JUST BEEN ISSUED AT WASHINGTON THIS AFTERNOON AND YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO MAKE IT IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE TO THE LEADING NEWSPAPERS AND RADIO AND TV STATIONS IN YOUR DIVISION. EVERY EFFORT MUST BE MADE TO INSURE REPEATED AND WIDESPREAD DISTRIBUTION OF THIS INFORMATION. COPIES OF THE 1968 PHOTOGRAPH OF SUBJECT ALREADY IN YOUR POSSESSION AND WANTED FLYERS SHOULD ALSO BE MADE AVAILABLE TO MEDIA CONTACTS. NO ELABORATION WHATSOEVER MAY BE MADE REGARDING THIS RELEASE. ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING INVESTIGATIVE LEADS WILL FOLLOW SHORTLY.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

APRIL 19, 1968

ATTORNEY GENERAL RAMSEY CLARK ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THE FBI HAS IDENTIFIED JAMES EARL RAY, AN ESCAPEE FROM THE MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY, AS ERIC STARVO GALT, AGAINST WHOM A FEDERAL COMPLAINT WAS FILED LAST WEDNESDAY IN CONNECTION WITH THE FATAL SHOOTING OF THE REVEREND DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

DIRECTOR J. EDGAR HOOVER SAID THAT A SYSTEMATIC AND EXHAUSTIVE SEARCH OF LATENT FINGERPRINTS UNCOVERED IN THE DR. KING CASE AGAINST THE FINGERPRINTS OF THE OVER 53,000 PERSONS FROM WHOM "WANTED NOTICES" HAVE BEEN POSTED IN THE FILES OF THE FBI'S IDENTIFICATION DIVISION LED TO THE DETERMINATION THAT GALT AND RAY ARE IDENTICAL.

MR. HOOVER SAID THAT RAY, WHO IS 40 YEARS OF AGE, WAS REPORTED MISSING FROM THE MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI, SINCE APRIL 23, 1967. HE HAD BEEN RECEIVED AT THAT INSTITUTION ON MARCH 17, 1960, TO SERVE A 20-YEAR SENTENCE FOLLOWING CONVICTION IN ST. LOUIS FOR ARMED ROBBERY AND FOR OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE WITHOUT PERMISSION OF THE OWNER.

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IN SEPTEMBER, 1966, WHILE SERVING THIS SENTENCE, HE WAS CONFINED FOR A TIME IN THE MAXIMUM SECURITY WARD AT THE STATE HOSPITAL AT FULTON, MISSOURI.

ACCORDING TO MR. HOOVER, RAY HAS A KNOWN ARREST RECORD DATING BACK TO 1949. PRIOR TO THE 1960 CONVICTION FOR WHICH HE RECEIVED THE 20-YEAR TERM, RAY HAD BEEN CONVICTED OF BURGLARY IN LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, IN 1949; ARMED ROBBERY IN CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, IN 1952; AND FORGING UNITED STATES POSTAL MONEY ORDERS IN MISSOURI IN 1955.

HE HAS SERVED TERMS IN THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY JAIL IN 1949; IN STATE PRISONS AT JOLIET AND PONTIAC, ILLINOIS, IN 1952-54; AND IN THE FEDERAL PENITENTIARY AT LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS, IN 1955-58.

RAY WAS AN ENLISTED MAN IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY FROM FEBRUARY, 1946, TO DECEMBER, 1948, AT WHICH TIME HE WAS GIVEN A GENERAL DISCHARGE DUE TO INEPTNESS AND LACK OF ADAPTABILITY FOR MILITARY SERVICE. WHILE IN THE ARMY, HE RECEIVED A THREE-MONTH SENTENCE AT HARD LABOR FOR BEING DRUNK AND BREAKING ARREST.

MR. HOOVER SAID THAT DURING HIS CRIMINAL CAREER, RAY HAS ALSO USED THE NAMES OF JAMES MCBRIDE, JAMES WALTON, W. C. HERRON AND JAMES O'CONNER. HE IS A WHITE MALE; CLAIMS TO HAVE



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BEEN BORN [REDACTED] IN ILLINOIS; IS APPROXIMATELY 5 FEET 10 INCHES TALL AND WEIGHS ABOUT 163 TO 174 POUNDS. HE HAS BLUE EYES AND BROWN HAIR. THERE IS A SMALL SCAR ON THE CENTER OF HIS FOREHEAD AND A SCAR ON THE PALM OF HIS RIGHT HAND.

RAY HAS CLAIMED THAT HE ATTENDED SCHOOL THROUGH THE 10TH GRADE IN ALTON, ILLINOIS. HE HAS HAD THE REPUTATION OF BEING A "DRIFTER" SINCE LEAVING SCHOOL. HIS VOCATIONAL EXPERIENCE INCLUDES WORKING AS A BAKER, LABORER AND COLOR MATCHER.

IN CONNECTION WITH HIS ESCAPE FROM THE MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY, AN FBI COMPLAINT WAS FILED IN JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI, ON JULY 20, 1967, CHARGING RAY WITH UNLAWFULLY FLEEING FROM THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO AVOID CONFINEMENT. HE HAS BEEN A FEDERAL FUGITIVE SINCE THEN.

RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND EXTREMELY DANGEROUS. ANYONE HAVING INFORMATION CONCERNING HIM SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CONTACT FBI HEADQUARTERS IN WASHINGTON, D. C., OR THE NEAREST FBI OFFICE.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY (44-686)

DATE: 4/15/68

FROM : IC T [REDACTED] F [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: MURKIN

ReButel 4/12/68.

The following investigation was conducted by IC T [REDACTED] F [REDACTED] at Oklahoma City 4/15/68.

R [REDACTED] P [REDACTED], State Registrar of Birth Records, Central Depository for State of Oklahoma, advised after a through and extensive search of his records he was unable to locate a birth record under the names ERIC STARVO GALT, JOHN WILLARD, or HARVEY LOWMYER, with birth date [REDACTED], nor did he locate a record of Birth certificate with Mother's maiden name as one of above.

Mr. P [REDACTED] further advised this search included variations of the above names.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC OKLAHOMA CITY (44-686)

DATE: 4/16/68

FROM : SA B [REDACTED] C [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Memo SA J.A. G [REDACTED] 4/11/68.

On 4/12/68 R [REDACTED] and D [REDACTED] Del City, Oklahoma, were interviewed by SAs B [REDACTED] C [REDACTED] and M [REDACTED] K [REDACTED]. Mr. and Mrs. B [REDACTED] after being advised of the nature of the inquiry stated they had known T [REDACTED] L [REDACTED] for a good many years as he lives with Mrs. B [REDACTED]'s mother in Apopka, Florida.

Mrs. B [REDACTED] stated she, on many occasions, had heard LEWIS talk about the possibility of killing MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., and stated he would like to be the one who could kill KING. She stated he had frequently talked violently about killing KING and has stated he had been paid by the Ku Klux Klan to kill KING. Mrs. B [REDACTED] stated while she was living with her mother and father, E [REDACTED] and V [REDACTED] R [REDACTED] Apopka, Florida, she had heard "Klans men" came to her mother's house and talked to L [REDACTED] about killing MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. She stated one time she heard a man tell L [REDACTED] he had been paid to go to Georgia to kill KING, and if he got caught, the Klan was to deny any association with him in connection with this killing. Mr. B [REDACTED] stated L [REDACTED] had told him Easter, 1966, the Ku Klux Klan had offered him \$250,000 to kill KING and during this conversation, L [REDACTED] kept mentioning the name, F [REDACTED].

Mr. B [REDACTED] stated on the night of 4/10-11/68 about 2:30 a.m., he observed L [REDACTED] his mother-in-law, V [REDACTED] R [REDACTED] his sister-in-law, J [REDACTED] M [REDACTED] and his brother-in-law, B [REDACTED] M [REDACTED], parked in a blue and white 1956 Buick, two-door, sedan, at the corner of Townsend and Fairview, two blocks from his residence. Mr. B [REDACTED] stated this 1956 Buick bore Colorado licenses, which licenses were of an orange background with black numerals.

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Mr. B [REDACTED] stated L [REDACTED] had been released from Chattahoochee State Hospital, Chattahoochee, Florida, where he had been confined from June, 1967, to January, 1968. He stated he knew that L [REDACTED] had been confined to the Georgia State Prison at Reidsville, Georgia, where he had been confined for murder and had been given a life sentence. He stated he did not know the details of how L [REDACTED] got out of this prison.

Mr. and Mrs. B [REDACTED] described T [REDACTED] L [REDACTED] as approximate 45 years of age, 165-170 pounds, 5'10", brown-gray hair, parted in middle, wears brown horn-rimmed glasses, and has numerous tattoos on both arms.

Mr. and Mrs. B [REDACTED] stated L [REDACTED] is armed with a .38 caliber Smith and Wesson revolver, snub nose, nickel plated, and a double barreled sawed-off .12 gauge shotgun and has stated he had killed before and would not hesitate to kill again.

Mrs. B [REDACTED] stated her only relative in Oklahoma City is her sister, J [REDACTED] M [REDACTED] and her husband, B [REDACTED] M [REDACTED] who live in a trailer park east of Midwest City on the south side of Southeast 29th Street. She stated Mr. M [REDACTED] is in the U.S. Air Force, assigned to Tinker AFB.

On 4/12/68 Sgt. B [REDACTED] M [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was interviewed at Tinker AFB, Oklahoma. Mr. M [REDACTED] stated he last saw L [REDACTED] approximately two years ago when L [REDACTED] was in Oklahoma City with his mother-in-law, V [REDACTED] R [REDACTED]. He stated his wife had told him L [REDACTED] and V [REDACTED] R [REDACTED] had appeared in their home in January, 1968, however, his wife would not permit them to enter their home. He stated he last had contact with L [REDACTED] when he telephonically contacted his mother-in-law in Apopka, Florida, [REDACTED], for the purpose of permitting his oldest son to talk to his grandmother, inasmuch as it was his birthday. He stated T [REDACTED] L [REDACTED] answered the phone when he called.

Mr. M [REDACTED] stated he had heard L [REDACTED] had had direct contact with the Ku Klux Klan and L [REDACTED] had spoken frequently of attending Klan meetings. Mr. M [REDACTED] stated, however, he had no concrete information that L [REDACTED] was a member of the Ku Klux Klan and his information, along this line, was merely second hand. He stated he had heard L [REDACTED] had been in a prison in Georgia for manslaughter, which involved L [REDACTED] "throwing a Nigger in a bonfire after beating him up." He always had heard from his wife's mother that L [REDACTED] had been involved in placing a bomb in a Negro school in Orlando, Florida, several years ago.

Mr. M [REDACTED] stated L [REDACTED] had often talked of persons of the Negro race in a derogatory manner.

Mr. M [REDACTED] stated he had never heard L [REDACTED] speak of killing MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., even though he has heard him speak of wanting to kill various Negro people.

Mr. M [REDACTED] described T [REDACTED] L [REDACTED] as white male, 50 years old, 5'8", 180-185, brown complexion, dark brown, wavy hair, parted near the middle and balding.

Mr. M [REDACTED] stated he had heard his wife state L [REDACTED] was armed with a .38 caliber Smith and Wesson revolver.

Throughout the interview with Mr. and Mrs. B [REDACTED] it appeared each were attempting to say what they felt the interviewing Agents wanted to hear in connection with the MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., murder. Mrs. B [REDACTED] voluntarily stated L [REDACTED] had stated to her even though he carried a pistol and a shotgun, he did not like to use these weapons, as he would rather use a rifle because with a pistol or shotgun, you had to get too close to someone to shoot them. Mrs. B [REDACTED] stated L [REDACTED] said he "just loved to snipe at people." It will be noted a review of file 62-3419 and through interview of Mr. and Mrs. B [REDACTED] that a child custody suit has taken place in the past between Mrs. B [REDACTED] and her mother, and this suit is still in process. Mrs. B [REDACTED] noted L [REDACTED] has been involved between her and her mother in this suit, wherein she is attempting to regain complete custody of her young daughter and obviously quite a bit of animosity toward L [REDACTED] is felt between the B [REDACTED]

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Inasmuch as L [REDACTED] does not fit the general description of the Unknown Subject, who killed MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., and upon the advice of the ASAC, no further investigation is being conducted with regard to this information.

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Date: 4/16/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, TAMPA (157-3231)

MURKIN

Re Tampa teletype to Director dated 4/15/68 and report of SA R [REDACTED] dated 7/5/67 at Tampa entitled, "BERNARD CLINTON LWEIS, ET AL".

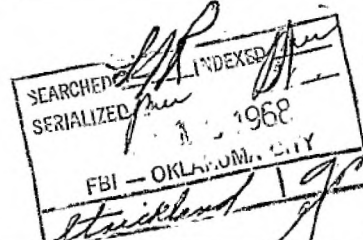
RE D [REDACTED] S [REDACTED]

On 4/16/68, W [REDACTED] K [REDACTED] FBI #2557953 furnished the following information to Special Agent R [REDACTED] H [REDACTED] at the Tampa City Jail where he is presently incarcerated.

K [REDACTED] advised that after thinking about the MARTIN LUTHER KING assassination he learned the following which he thought he should relate.

He advised the armed robbery of S [REDACTED] J [REDACTED] at Baton Rouge, Louisiana on June 5, 1966 about which K [REDACTED] furnished information to SA R [REDACTED] H [REDACTED] which is contained in referenced report. The following incident took place while travelling toward Memphis, Tennessee along with D [REDACTED] S [REDACTED] and H [REDACTED] W [REDACTED] FBI # [REDACTED]

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2-Birmingham  
2-Memphis  
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2-Tampa (157-3231)  
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Special Agent in Charge

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1 cc to Atlanta &amp; Jackson, 4/24/68 jri

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K [redacted] advised that they were listening to the car radio and the news of the shooting of M [redacted] E [redacted] was broadcast and the three of them were trying to figure out a route to Memphis which would bypass possible road blocks. During the conversation which took place K [redacted] recalled S [redacted] and W [redacted] discussing the fact that S [redacted] had been offered a \$10,000. payment to kill MARTIN LUTHER KING. They did not elaborate on this other than to indicate that when both were in the state penitentiary at McAlester, Oklahoma, some "agents" had come to interview S [redacted] concerning this alleged offer and payment and that he had "run them off" meaning that he had refused to talk to the agents about the matter.

K [redacted] was quizzed thoroughly concerning this incident and advised that it was not discussed further, nor would S [redacted] mention who had approached him with the offer.

K [redacted] stated that S [redacted] is perfectly capable of committing a murder and is a known hater of Negroes. According to K [redacted] S [redacted] is not known to make jokes and it was believable to K [redacted] that an actual offer was made to S [redacted] by someone.

For the information of offices receiving, D [redacted] S [redacted] is presently incarcerated at Fort Payne, Alabama and has been incarcerated during the period of the MARTIN LUTHER KING murder which would definitely eliminate S [redacted] as a suspect.



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Furthermore, Tampa is not in a position to elaborate this information and it is requested that:

OKLAHOMA CITY DIVISION

AT OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA & McALESTER, OKLAHOMA

Review files for any pertinent details regarding "agents" attempting to interview S [REDACTED] concerning alleged offer to kill MARTIN LUTHER KING.

For the information of Oklahoma City, Tampa files reflect S [REDACTED] incarcerated at McAlester, Oklahoma from 3/9/65 - 5/10/66 under penitentiary #71755. Oklahoma should advise the Bureau, Memphis and Birmingham of any pertinent information in this regard.

BIRMINGHAM DIVISION

AT FORT PAYNE, ALABAMA

May desire to interview D [REDACTED] S [REDACTED] concerning this matter upon receipt of background information from Oklahoma.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (44-38861)

FROM : SAC, Kansas City (44-760)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/19/68

Enclosed to the Bureau are six copies and to each office one copy of the following photographs:

JAMES EARL RAY, Missouri Department of  
Correction #00416, dated 3/17/60 and  
9/8/66

W [REDACTED] R [REDACTED] Kansas City SO #29636  
FBI #4558766

Stand up photographs of RAY on the left, Kansas City SO  
#29637 and R [REDACTED] Kansas City SO 29236, taken 3/28/55.

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TO ALL SACSEXCEPT KANSAS CITY, ANCHORAGE, HONOLULU AND SAN JUAN

MESSAGE RELAY PLAN

FROM DIRECTOR 5P

MURKIN. OO: MEMPHIS.

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JAMES EARL RAY, AKA. EARL JAMES RAY, W. C. HERRON, EARL JAMES,  
JAMES MC BRIDE, JAMES O'CONNER, JAMES WALTON, JAMES WALYON, JIM *Jim P. Wilson*

- FUGITIVE; UFAC - ROBBERY FIRST, BUFILE 88-41730. OO: KANSAS CITY, KC FILE 88-9449; DETERMINED TODAY BY BUREAU TO BE IDENTICAL WITH ERIC STARVO GALT, AGAINST WHOM FEDERAL COMPLAINT FILED APRIL SEVENTEEN LAST IN CONNECTION WITH FATAL SHOOTING OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

JAMES EARL RAY, INMATE, MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY, JEFFERSON CITY, MO., ESCAPED PEN APRIL TWO THREE, SIXTY-SEVEN. INVESTIGATION INDICATED RAY CONCEALED HIMSELF IN A BREAD BOX AND ESCAPED FROM TRUCK MAKING DELIVERY TO AN AUXILIARY FARM. RAY WAS SERVING TWENTY YEARS ON CHARGE OF ARMED ROBBERY - FIRST DEGREE AND FOR OPERATING A VEHICLE WITHOUT OWNER'S CONSENT. ON JULY TWENTY, SIXTY-SEVEN,  
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FEDERAL COMPLAINT AUTHORIZED BY AUSA W [REDACTED] K [REDACTED], WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI, KANSAS CITY, MO., FILED BEFORE USC, JEFFERSON CITY, MO., CHARGING RAY WITH VIOLATION TITLE EIGHTEEN, SECTION ONE ZERO SEVEN THREE, USC. WARRANT ISSUED.

INVESTIGATION HAS BEEN CONDUCTED BY CHICAGO, SPRINGFIELD, ST. LOUIS, AND KANSAS CITY OFFICES IN UNPRODUCTIVE EFFORT TO LOCATE THIS FUGITIVE. KANSAS CITY IS INSTITUTING A FULL AND COMPLETE REINVESTIGATION IN AN EFFORT TO DEVELOP BACKGROUND DATA, RELATIVES, AND ASSOCIATES OF SUBJECT, WHO MIGHT BE IN A POSITION TO ASSIST IN HIS LOCATION.

IN THIS CONNECTION, JAMES EARL RAY AND W [REDACTED] R [REDACTED] ON MARCH SEVEN, FIFTY-FIVE, BURGLARIZED THE U. S. POST OFFICE AT KELLERVILLE, ILL., AND STOLE SIXTY-SIX BLANK U. S. POSTAL MONEY ORDERS WHICH THEY PASSED DURING MARCH, FIFTY-FIVE, IN NUMEROUS STATES, WITH THE RESULT THAT BOTH WERE SENTENCED IN U.S.D.C., KANSAS CITY, MO., ON JULY ONE, FIFTY-FIVE, TO USP, LEAVENWORTH, END PAGE TWO

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KANSAS. SUBJECT RAY HAS BEEN DESCRIBED AS A LONER AND RIFE APPARENTLY IS ONE OF HIS FEW CLOSE ASSOCIATES, SUGGESTING POSSIBILITY THEY COULD HAVE BEEN ASSOCIATES IN MURDER OF DR. KING, AND INVESTIGATION ALSO INSTITUTED IN KANSAS CITY AIRTEL TO SPRINGFIELD MARCH ELEVEN LAST TO DEVELOP BACKGROUND INFO RE RIFE AND TO LOCATE HIM FOR INTERVIEW. THIS INVESTIGATION SHOULD ALSO BE RECOVERED AND EXPEDITED TODAY, IT BEING NOTED RIFE AND RAY HAVE BACKGROUND HISTORY IN THE QUINCY, ILL., AREA.

PHOTOS OF JAMES EARL RAY AND WALTER TERRY RIFE ARE BEING FORWARDED AMSD TO BUREAU AND ALL OFFICES.

FOLLOWING IS DESCRIPTION OF JAMES EARL RAY AS FURNISHED BY FBI IDENTIFICATION DIVISION UNDER FBI NO. THREE ZERO SIX FOUR FOUR THREE A: WHITE MALE, DOB [REDACTED] AT DECATUR, QUINCY OR ALTON, ILL.; APPROXIMATELY FIVE FEET TEN; ONE SEVEN FOUR LBS., IN SEPTEMBER SIXTY-SIX; RUDDY COMPLEXION; BLUE EYES; BROWN HAIR; MEDIUM BUILD; OCCUPATIONS LABORER AND BAKER; SCARS AND MARKS--SMALL SCAR ON CENTER OF FOREHEAD AND SCAR IN PALM OF RIGHT HAND. ADDRESSES--ST. LOUIS, MO., MARCH SIXTY, TWO ZERO ONE FIVE PARK, ST. LOUIS, MO., OCTOBER FIFTY-NINE; QUINCY, ILL., JULY FIFTY-FIVE, MARCH FIFTY-FIVE, AND APRIL FIFTY; HOTEL QUINCY, QUINCY, END PAGE THREE

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ILL., MARCH FIFTY-FIVE; VICTOR HOTEL, QUINCY, ILL., MARCH FIFTY-FIVE;  
EIGHT FIVE THREE WEST FULLERTON, CHICAGO, ILL., MAY FIFTY-TWO; EIGHT  
ZERO FIVE ALBY STREET, ALTON, ILL., JULY FIFTY-ONE. FPC--SIXTEEN,  
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ONE TWO I I ONE TWO I I ONE SEVEN. MILITARY RECORD--JAMES EARL RAY,  
SN [REDACTED], ENLISTED U. S. ARMY FEBRUARY  
FORTY-SIX, AT EAST ST. LOUIS, ILL., AND SERVED ON ACTIVE DUTY UNTIL  
DECEMBER TWENTY-THREE, FORTY-EIGHT, AT WHICH TIME GIVEN GENERAL  
DISCHARGE AS PRIVATE FIRST CLASS AT CAMP KILMER, N. J., BY REASON  
OF INEPTNESS AND LACK OF ADAPTABILITY FOR MILITARY SERVICE. RECORDS  
ALSO INDICATE HE RECEIVED TREATMENT FOR GONORRHEA AND SYPHILIS WHILE  
A MEMBER OF THE MILITARY.

FOLLOWING IS A DESCRIPTION OF W [REDACTED] R [REDACTED] FBI NO.

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FOUR FIVE FIVE EIGHT SEVEN SIX SIX, AS OBTAINED FROM FILES OF USP,  
LEAVENWORTH: WHITE MALE, AGE FORTY-FOUR, DOB [REDACTED] [REDACTED],  
[REDACTED], FIVE FEET NINE AND ONE HALF, ONE SIX ONE LBS., BROWN  
HAIR, EYES BLUE GRAY.

KANSAS CITY IS SETTING OUT ALL PERTINENT LEADS TODAY BY  
TELETYPE AND TELEPHONE FOLLOWED UP BY TELETYPE CONFIRMATION.  
ALL LEADS MUST BE COVERED WITHIN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS WITH BUREAU,  
KANSAS CITY, AND MEMPHIS BEING KEPT ADVISED BY APPROPRIATE  
COMMUNICATION OF PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS.

SUGGEST BUREAU MAKE IMMEDIATE COMPARISON OF ANY LATENT  
FINGERPRINTS DEVELOPED DURING KING INVESTIGATION WITH THOSE  
OF WALTER TERRY RIFE TO DETERMINE IF IDENTICAL.

AIR MAIL COPIES SENT ANCHORAGE, HONOLULU AND SAN JUAN.  
LEGAT MEXICO CITY AND OTTAWA ADVISED.

SUBJECT RAY HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF ROBBERY WITH DEADLY  
WEAPON, HAS BEEN CONFINED IN STATE HOSPITAL, FULTON, MO., IN  
SIXTY-SIX, AND SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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AIRMAIL

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC OKLAHOMA CITY (44-686) (P)

MURKIN  
OO Memphis

Re San Francisco tel to Director, Memphis, and  
Oklahoma City 4/18/68.

Re: ERIC STARVO GALT

The following investigation was conducted by SA  
D [REDACTED] E [REDACTED] on 4/19/68.

At Tulsa, Oklahoma

B [REDACTED] G [REDACTED], Attorney, First National Bank Building,  
Tulsa, Oklahoma, advised that he was born [REDACTED] at Ardmore,  
Oklahoma, and grew up in that area. He graduated from the  
University of Oklahoma Law School in 1960 and since that time  
has been in private practice in Tulsa, Oklahoma. His father,  
M [REDACTED] G [REDACTED] presently resides at Shawnee, Oklahoma, where he  
is an official of Oklahoma Gas and Electric.

G [REDACTED] said his grandfather came to Oklahoma before  
statehood from Georgia and settled near Ardmore. He said he  
did not know B [REDACTED] G [REDACTED] and was not aware of any family  
relationship.

During the past several months he has made several  
business and pleasure trips. He and his wife visited Las Vegas,  
Nevada, from February 2, to February 8, 1968. During March 10-13,

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1968, they visited San Francisco, California, and stayed at the Fairmont Hotel. On March 14-15, 1968, they stayed at the Del Monte Lodge at Pebble Beach, California. During March 27 to March 29, 1968, B [REDACTED] G [REDACTED] stayed at the Fairmont Hotel in San Francisco. His wife did not accompany him on this trip.

The following physical description was obtained:

Name	B [REDACTED] G [REDACTED]
Race	White
Sex	Male
Birth	[REDACTED] at Ardmore, Oklahoma
Age	34
Height	6'2"
Weight	190
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Dark brown

B [REDACTED] G [REDACTED] advised he has no information about ERIC STARVO GALT.

~~Armed and Dangerous~~

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Date: 4/19/68

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TO: SAC, ALBANY

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN - COST DATA

ReButel to ME 4/17/68.

For information of all offices, the Bureau by retel requested of the Memphis Division as follows:

"Please furnish following information on above matter compiled or estimated through 4/30/68, and thereafter submit cumulative totals through the end of each month until further notice:

- 1) Number of man hours spent on case broken down as to regular hours, overtime hours, and total man hours by following employees (separate figures for each class of employees shown):
  - A. Special Agents
  - B. Clerical Employees
- 2) Total mileage (estimated or actual) traveled by Bucars used on case. Include mileage for cars traveling to and from other field offices on special assignment and any personally-owned cars.
- 3) Any unusual or out-of-ordinary costs, such as cost of chartering airplane, rental of special office space, leased telephone lines, etc. These should be itemized and cost of each item shown.

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- 4) Peak number of Special Agents working on case during month for which report is submitted.

You should promptly request all Bureau offices involved in this case to furnish information requested herein to you and it should be included in your report."

Each office is requested to expeditiously furnish the Memphis Division with the above designated data within two work days after the close of each month. Secondly, each office is also requested to advise the Memphis Division even in the event each category is zero or no work is performed on this case during the month.

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Date: 4/19/68

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FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P

MURKIN ✓

At about 6 p.m. on 4/4/68, while standing on the second floor balcony outside Room 306 of the Lorraine Motel, 406 Mulberry Street, Memphis, Tennessee, Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. was struck in the right side of the face by a single bullet fired from a 30-06 rifle. The bullet severed KING's spinal cord and death was almost instantaneous.

This investigation, predicated upon a specific request from the Attorney General of the United States, disclosed that the fatal shot had been fired from the bathroom of a cheap rooming house located at 422½ South Main Street, Memphis, which bathroom was located at the rear of the rooming house, and had a window overlooking the Lorraine Motel.

At about 3 p.m. on 4/4/68, an individual using the name JOHN WILLARD had rented Room 5-B in the rooming house at 422½ South Main Street and had paid one week's rent. After hearing the rifle shot at about 6 p.m. on that same day, other tenants in the rooming house observed a man presumably identical with WILLARD, fleeing from the rooming house carrying a large package which was subsequently abandoned by him on the sidewalk in front of the Canipe Amusement Co., 424 South Main Street, Memphis. A neighborhood investigation in the vicinity of 424 South Main Street disclosed that the subject had fled from the scene in a white Mustang.

Found abandoned in front of 424 South Main Street was a 30-06 Remington model 760 rifle which was determined to have been

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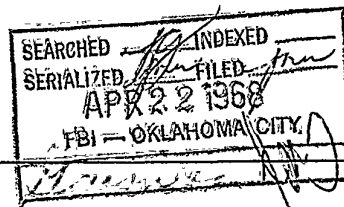
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sold to one HARVEY LOWMEYER on 3/30/68 by Aeromarine Supply Co., Birmingham, Alabama.

Investigation at Memphis disclosed that an individual had purchased a set of binoculars at the York Arms Company in Memphis on 4/4/68. These binoculars were among the material abandoned with the rifle and recovered in Memphis. Also recovered was a brown and green herringbone bedspread. The items abandoned in Memphis were all wrapped in this bedspread. The blue bag which was inside the bedspread contained numerous items, among which were the binoculars and a set of underwear consisting of a T-shirt and shorts. The T-shirt and shorts are those on which appears the laundry mark which has been a matter of interest in this case.

A search of motel records in the Memphis area disclosed that an individual using the name ERIC S. GALT had spent the night of 4/3/68 at the Rebel Motel, Memphis, Tennessee, and was driving a 1966 white Mustang bearing Alabama License 1-38993. Investigation at Birmingham disclosed that this automobile had been purchased by ERIC S. GALT on August 30, 1968, from a private person in response to a newspaper ad. He paid a total of \$1995 cash. While in Birmingham he furnished the address of 2608 South Highland Avenue, Birmingham. This is also the address which appeared on a driver's license issued to him by the State of Alabama. The driver's license identifying data listed his birth date as [REDACTED], his height as 5'11", his weight as 170 and his eyes blue and hair brown.

The automobile in question, the white Mustang bearing the Alabama tags mentioned above, was recovered in Atlanta on 4/11/68 and determined to have been abandoned there prior to 9 a.m. on 4/5/68.

In connection with the evidence submitted by Atlanta, Birmingham, and Memphis, identifiable latent prints were recovered. It was on the basis of these latents that identification was made of JAMES EARL RAY. In handling future leads, all offices should be particularly interested in securing an identifying number, military, police, or FBI, in connection with suspects so that the necessary check can be made through the Identification Division.

On 4/17/68, AUSA [REDACTED] T [REDACTED], Birmingham, authorized the filing of a complaint charging ERIC STARVO GALT with a conspiracy to violate Section 241, Title 18, U. S. Code, and

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recommended bond in the amount \$50,000. On that same date, SAC J [REDACTED] G [REDACTED] filed a complaint before USC M [REDACTED] S [REDACTED] Birmingham, and warrant was issued that same date.

For further information re JAMES EARL RAY, all offices are directed to press release furnished them by the Bureau on 4/19/68.

ARMED & DANGEROUS.



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## CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY INTERSTATE FLIGHT - ROBBERY JAMES EARL RAY

FBI No. 405,942 G



Photographs taken 1960

Photograph taken 1968  
(eyes drawn by artist)

**Aliases:** Eric Starvo Galt, W. C. Herron, Harvey Lowmyer, James McBride, James O'Conner, James Walton, James Walyon, John Willard, "Jim,"

### DESCRIPTION

<b>Age:</b>	40, born [REDACTED] at Quincy or Alton, Illinois (not supported by birth records)	<b>Eyes:</b>	Blue
<b>Height:</b>	5' 10"	<b>Complexion:</b>	Medium
<b>Weight:</b>	163 to 174 pounds	<b>Race:</b>	White
<b>Build:</b>	Medium	<b>Nationality:</b>	American
<b>Hair:</b>	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

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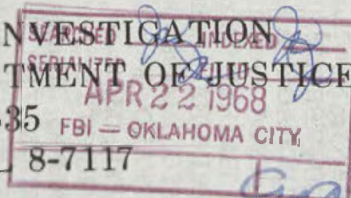
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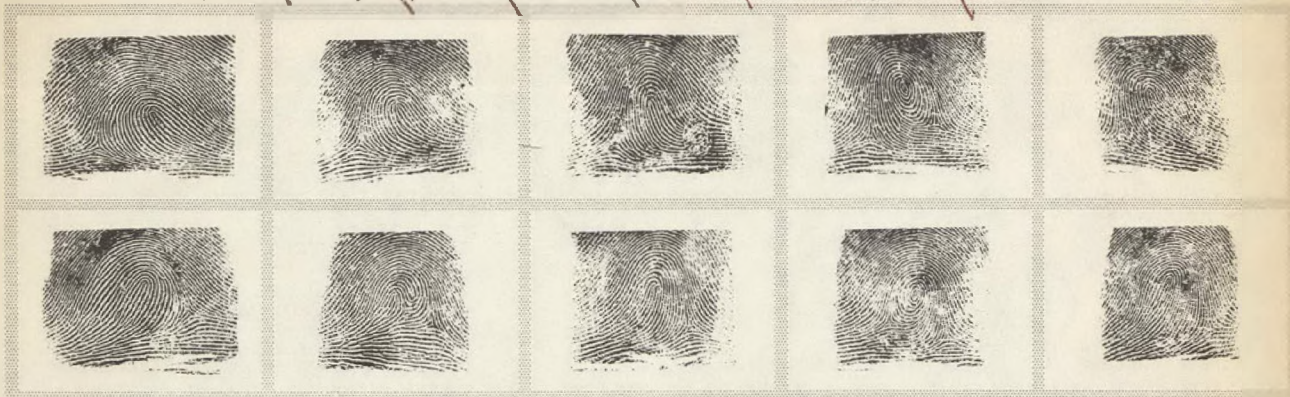
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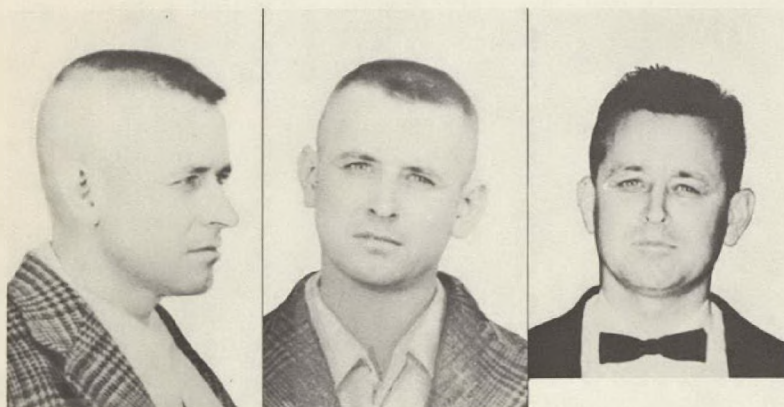
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SCARS AND MARKS: small scar on center of forehead and small scar on palm of right hand  
EYES: blue  
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RACE: white  
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SAN DIEGO, California 92103	3211 Fifth Avenue	297-3361
SAN FRANCISCO, California 94102	450 Golden Gate Avenue, Box 36015	552-2155
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SAVANNAH, Georgia 31405	5401 Paulsen Street	354-9911
SEATTLE, Washington 98104	1015 Second Avenue	Main 2-0460
SPRINGFIELD, Illinois 62701	421 South Sixth Street	522-9675
TAMPA, Florida 33602	Room 610, Federal Office Bldg.	228-7661
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535	506 Old Post Office Building	393-7100

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) ANS  
MEMPHIS (44-1987), DALLAS, SAN ANTONIO  
FROM OKLAHOMA CITY (44-686)

MURKIN. OO - MEMPHIS.

INDIVIDUAL USING NAME R [REDACTED] B [REDACTED], ONE THREE ZERO ZERO EIGHT E. AVE., FT. WORTH, TEXAS, CLAIMING EMPLOYMENT ELCO CORP., NO ADDRESS, REGISTERED QUO VADIS MOTOR HOTEL, PONCA CITY, OKLA. APRIL NINE LAST, FOUR THIRTYFOUR P.M., INDICATING VEHICLE NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN MODEL, TEXAS LICENSE, FIRST LETTER ILLEGIBLE, C L DASH SEVEN TWO ONE, ON REGISTRATION CARD, AND SKIPPED BILL APRIL TEN LAST, AFTER HAVING THREE MEALS FURNISHED TO ROOM.

DESK CLERK AND BELLBOY, WHO DELIVERED TWO MEALS TO ROOM, STATE THIS INDIVIDUAL STRONGLY RESEMBLED PREVIOUSLY OBSERVED NEWSPAPER PHOTOS OF SKETCH OF SUBJECT AND SIXTYEIGHT PHOTO OF GALT. DESK CLERK CHECKED FOR VEHICLE OF BURNS, WHICH WAS BELIEVED TO BE SIXTYSEVEN FORD THUNDERBIRD, TEXAS LICENSE F D H FOUR FIVE THREE, WHICH WAS ONLY TEXAS VEHICLE AND ONLY FORD

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THUNDERBIRD PARKED IN THAT AREA OF MOTEL PARKING, AND MADE  
PRETEXT CALL TO B [REDACTED] ROOM DURING WHICH HE WAS ADVISED B [REDACTED]  
DROVE THUNDERBIRD. REGISTRATION CARD AND MEAL TICKETS OBTAINED  
FOR FINGERPRINT EXAMINATION.

SAN ANTONIO AT AUSTIN. ASCERTAIN REGISTRATION SIXTYSEVEN  
TEXAS F D H FOUR FIVE THREE, AND SET OUT LEAD TO IDENTIFY OR  
ELIMINATE B [REDACTED].

DALLAS AT FORT WORTH. ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY R [REDACTED] B [REDACTED],  
ONE THREE ZERO ZERO EIGHT E. AVE., AND/OR ELCO CORPORATION,  
TO IDENTIFY AND/OR ELIMINATE B [REDACTED].  
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FBI DALLAS

217PM URGENT 4-23-68 LME

TO MEMPHIS (44-1987) AND OKLAHOMA CITY, LITTLE ROCK  
FROM DALLAS (44-2649) 2P

MURKIN.

B [REDACTED] OFFICE MANAGER, NATB, DALLAS, TODAY, ADVISED  
ONE JAMES RAY, WHITE MALE, THIRTY-EIGHT, IS SUSPECTED BY J [REDACTED]  
H [REDACTED] H [REDACTED], FBI NUMBER ONE FOUR FIVE NINE THREE SIX SIX, OF  
STEALING HIS ONE NINE SIX SEVEN CHEVROLET, VIN [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], ONE NINE SIX SEVEN  
OKLAHOMA LICENSE XP FIVE FIVE THREE FIVE, WHILE HACKNEY LIVING ONE  
ZERO ZERO TWO YAUPON STREET, PASADENA, TEXAS. CLARK STATES CAR  
RECOVERED APRIL TEN LAST, NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS, IN POSSESSION  
OF MRS. V [REDACTED] THREE TWO ONE PIKE AVENUE, WHO CLAIMED SHE  
PURCHASED VEHICLE DEC. TWENTYTWO, ONE NINE SIX SEVEN, FROM J. H.  
H [REDACTED] WHITE MALE, THIRTY SIX TO THIRTYEIGHT, SIX FEET, ONE EIGHT  
ZERO POUNDS, RED TO BLONDE CREW CUT. VEHICLE WHEN RECOVERED BORE  
ONE NINE SIX EIGHT ARKANSAS LICENSE A D G TWO EIGHT FIVE. C [REDACTED]  
STATES H [REDACTED] LIVING ONE FIVE TWO FIVE SOUTHWEST THIRTY-FIFTH  
STREET, OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA, AS OF FEB. TWENTY LAST. INFORMATION  
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FURNISHED BY C [REDACTED] ONLY BECAUSE OF SIMILARITY OF NAME OF SUSPECT TO  
SUBJECT CAPTIONED CASE.

OKLAHOMA CITY, LOCATE HACKNEY AND SHOW PHOTOGRAPHS OF JAMES EARL  
RAY TO DETERMINE IF IDENTICAL PERSON SUSPECTED BY HIM IN THEFT OF  
CAR.

LITTLE ROCK ADVISED AIRMAIL.

END

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FBI OKLA CITY

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT  
M E M O R A N D U M

TO: ALL SPECIAL AGENTS

FROM: SAC OKLAHOMA CITY (44-686) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
OO Memphis

DATE: 4/23/68

Attached hereto for assistance of all Special Agents is a Xerox copy of a Wanted Flyer issued by the Missouri State Penitentiary on JAMES EARL RAY. It is noted this flyer contains the fingerprints of RAY which may be of assistance in identifying or non-identifying a suspect in this case.

RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS

1 - Each Agent (Attachment - 1)  
1 - OC 44-686  
JAG:ow  
(110) *ow*

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*[Signature]*

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Name James Earl Ray

WANTED

Classification

Alias

ESCAPED CONVICT

\$50.00 Reward

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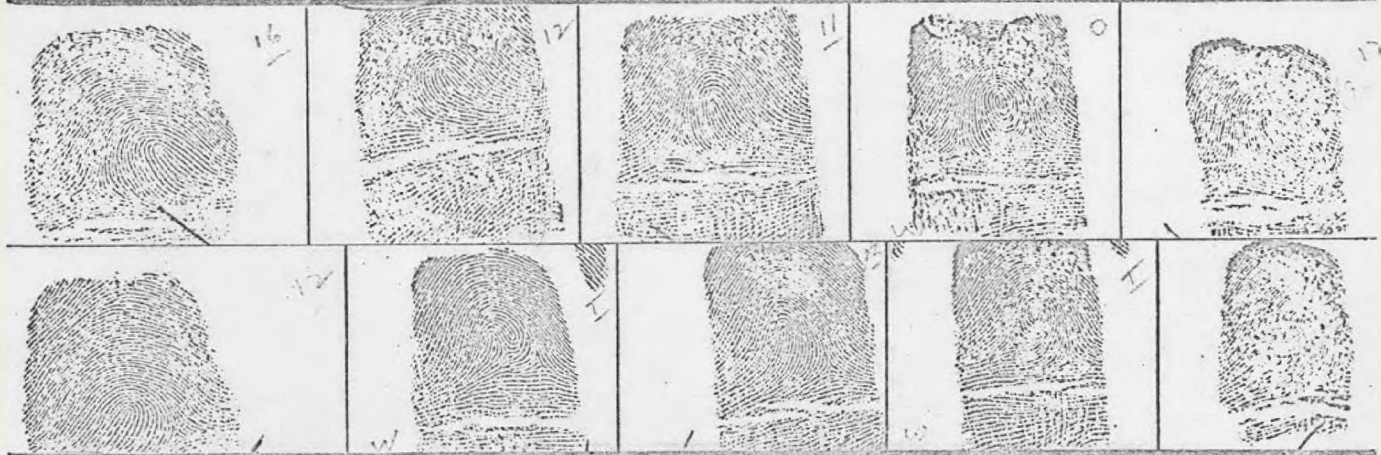
CORRECTED NOTICE

No. 00416

Escaped 4-23-1967

For Arrest and Detention

F.B.I. No. 306 443 A



## CRIMINAL RECORD

Missouri State Penitentiary  
Received 3-17-1960 #00416  
St. Louis City, Missouri  
Crime: Operating a Motor Vehicle  
without the Permission of the  
Owner; Robbery First Degree by  
means of a Dangerous and Deadly  
Weapon 20 years



## POSSIBLE CONTACTS:

John Ray (Brother)  
1918 Park Avenue  
St. Louis, Missouri

Mary Maher (Grandmother)  
1913 Hickory  
St. Louis, Missouri

Jerry W. Ray (Brother)  
Wheeling, Illinois

Age 35	Ht. 5'11"	Wt. 163	Hair Dk. Brown	Eyes Blue	Comp. Medium
Res. St. Louis, Missouri			Nativity Ill.	Occup. Baker	Build Medium
Marks and Scars:	Clear				

9120

If located HOLD and wire Harold R. Swenson, Warden

MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY, JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT  
M E M O R A N D U M

TO: ALL AGENTS  
FROM: SAC OKLAHOMA CITY (44-686) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/22/68

All Agents are instructed to immediately contact all Criminal Informants, PCIs, Security Informants and Racial Informants regarding any information in their possession concerning this case. Wanted Flyer 442-A, dated 4/19/68, on JAMES EARL RAY should be exhibited to these sources and all sources appropriately alerted to this matter.

RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND EXTREMELY DANGEROUS.

① - 44-686  
1 - Each Agent  
JAG:ow  
(110) *OW*

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FBI SANANTON

209PM CST URGENT 4-23-68 DMB

TO DALLAS (44-2649), MEMPHIS (44-1987) AND OKLAHOMA CITY  
(44-686)

FROM SAN ANTONIO (44-1242)

MURKIN

REOCTEL TODAY CONCERNING SIXTYSEVEN THUNDERBIRD BEARING  
TEXAS LICENSE FDH FOUR FIVE THREE.

IT IS BELIEVED INSTANT LICENSE WOULD BE SIXTYEIGHT TEXAS  
LICENSE INSTEAD OF SIXTYSEVEN DUE TO FACT VEHICLE BEARING THESE  
PLATES WAS OBSERVED AFTER DATE SIXTYEIGHT LICENSE MUST APPEAR  
ON VEHICLE REGISTERED IN THIS STATE AND IN VIEW OF FACT TEXAS  
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT RECORDS REFLECT THE SIXTYSEVEN PLATE WAS ISSUED  
FOR CHEVROLET AUTOMOBILE.

REGISTRATION DATA CONCERNING SIXTYEIGHT LICENSE NOT ON FILE  
WITH HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT AS YET AS HAS NOT BEEN REPORTED FOR  
FILING BY TARRANT COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE.

DALLAS AT TARRANT COUNTY TAX OFFICE ASCERTAIN REGISTRATION  
DATA AND THEREAFTER COVER LEAD SET FORTH FOR SAN ANTONIO IN  
RETEL.

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FBI DALLAS

1103AM URGENT 4-23-68 LMB  
TO OKLAHOMA CITY  
FROM DALLAS (44-2649) 1P

MURKIN. OO MEMPHIS.

ON APRIL TWENTYTWO LAST E. L. HILBRUNNER, SHAMROCK, TEXAS,  
TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED THAT ON FRIDAY, APRIL NINETEEN, LAST,  
BETWEEN TWELVE THIRTY PM AND ONE PM, HE RECOGNIZED SUBJECT  
JAMES EARL RAY AKA ERIC STARVO GALT, IN BAR, NAME UNKNOWN,  
LOCATED ON HIGHWAY NINE, SOUTHSIDE OF GRANITE, OKLAHOMA. THIS  
BAR IS LOCATED ON NORTHSIDE OF HIGHWAY. SUBJECT WAS WEARING  
DARK BROWN OR BLUE JACKET AND TROUSERS AND HAD A MUSTACHE.  
NO FURTHER DESCRIPTION.

OKLAHOMA CITY. AT GRANITE. ATTEMPT TO LOCATE BAR AND  
EXHIBIT PHOTOS OF SUBJECT. P

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*Brantley*  
*advised*  
*9:00 PM 4/23/68*  
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*Lead to*  
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AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC OKLAHOMA CITY (44-686) (P)

MURKIN  
OO Memphis

Re Bureau teletype to Albuquerque 4/16/68 and Memphis teletype to Director 4/17/68, instructing that certain offices including Oklahoma City determine identity of all licensed drivers with the birth date of [REDACTED].

A review of the Oklahoma State Drivers License Bureau reflects 25 white males with birth date [REDACTED] possessing Oklahoma Drivers License.

In view of the identification of ERIC STARVO GALT as JAMES EARL RAY, no attempt will be made to locate and identify the above 25 individuals UACB.

RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS

3 - Bureau  
2 - Memphis (44-1987)  
2 - Oklahoma City  
JAG:ow  
(7) *aw*

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TO : ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES

FROM : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN ✓  
CIVIL RIGHTS  
(OO: ME)

Re Albany airtels 4/10/68 and 4/11/68, setting forth concerns who purchased Thermo-Seal marking machines, and Bureau teletype to Memphis, 4/12/68.

The FBI Laboratory advised that pillowcase and bed sheet were found in trunk of 1966 white Mustang registered to ERIC STARVO GALT, which was located at Atlanta 4/11/68. These items contain Thermo-Seal laundry tapes of approximately same size as tapes on items previously recovered, but are yellow in color and contain code, "20R-3." In opinion of Textile Marking Machine Company, Syracuse, New York, the tapes were produced by a different machine than previous tapes since the first three characters are 15 point type and the last two characters are 18 point type.

The Textile Marking Machine Company suggests the twenty in above code would be the lot number, the R may mean that this was a return of a batch of laundry, and the three is the bundle number.

LEADSALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES

Will recontact laundries determined to be operating Thermo-Seal Marking Machines in an effort to locate laundry using the code, "20R-3."

2 - All Continental Offices OC  
2 - Memphis  
GMR:jms (118)

*Farris advised 4/22/68  
Cipriani advised 4/22/68  
Farris advised 4/23/68*

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*Drummond*

Approved: *J. W. [Signature]* Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

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FBI DALLAS

309407PM URGENT 4/22/68 GJM

TO ALL SACS RELAY MESSAGE PLAN

FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 1P

MURKIN

YOU ARE REMINDED THAT ALL LEADS IN THIS CASE MUST BE COVERED WITHIN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS, AND ALL LEADS MUST BE SET FORTH BY TELEPHONE OR TELETYPE. ALL BORDER OFFICES COVERING ENTRY INTO MEXICO AND CANADA AND EXIT THEREFROM SHOULD INSURE THAT APPROPRIATE STOPS ARE MAINTAINED RE SUBJECT AND ALL NAMES KNOWN TO BE USED BY HIM AT RESPECTIVE OFFICES OF U. S. IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PATROL. YOU SHOULD ALSO INSURE THAT PREVIOUS STOPS PLACED WITH ANY FACILITY SHOULD INCLUDE ALL NAMES USED BY THE SUBJECT.

DISTRIBUTE SUFFICIENT QUANTITIES OF WANTED FLYERS AND IO'S TO NARCOTIC INVESTIGATIVE AGENCIES IN ORDER THAT THEIR INFORMANTS MAY BE CONTACTED. YOU SHOULD CONTACT ALL CRIMINAL INFORMANTS AND APPROPRIATE RACIAL AND SECURITY INFORMANTS. LEGATS OTTAWA AND MEXICO CITY BEING ADVISED SEPARATELY.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END

BJS

FBI OKLA CITY

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*SA attention  
contacting narcotics Bureau  
memo all agents 4/22/68  
re informant contacts  
JW*

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FBI MIAMI

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TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS, OKLAHOMA CITY, TAMPA.  
FROM MIAMI (44-1854) 1P

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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*Pitts advised  
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Pitts*

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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, 1952 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 #31071	October 10, 1959	suspicion of robbery	

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