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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : All Investigative Employees

DATE: April 22, 1968

FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: JAMES EARL RAY, aka - FUGITIVE
I.O. #4182; W.F. #442-A
CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY
INTERSTATE FLIGHT - ROBBERY
"TEN MOST WANTED FUGITIVES" PROGRAM
RELEASE DATE: SATURDAY P.M., APRIL 20, 1968

THE CRIMES: Ray escaped from the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, on April 23, 1967, while serving a 20-year sentence for armed robbery and operating a motor vehicle without the owner's permission. He subsequently allegedly conspired, under the alias Eric Starvo Galt, to violate the civil rights of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., shot to death on the balcony of a Memphis, Tennessee, motel on April 4, 1968.

THE CRIMINAL: A 40-year-old white native of Illinois, who is known as a "loner" and "drifter" and has taken elaborate steps to establish a false identity, Ray has an extensive criminal record, including convictions for burglary, robbery and forging U. S. Postal Money Orders. Outstanding characteristics include a straight narrow nose, straight and even teeth, a noticeably protruding left ear and a nervous habit of tugging at an ear lobe. He has taken dancing lessons, attended bartending school, enrolled in a correspondence course in locksmithing and traveled widely in a 1966 Mustang recovered in Atlanta, Georgia, a week after Dr. King's murder. Ray likes western and country music, drinks vodka and beer and has worked as a baker, laborer and color matcher.

PROCESS: A Federal warrant issued at Jefferson City, Missouri, on July 20, 1967, charges Ray with unlawful interstate flight to avoid confinement for robbery. Another Federal warrant, issued at Birmingham, Alabama, on April 17, 1968, charges Ray, as Eric Starvo Galt, with conspiring to interfere with a Constitutional Right of a citizen.

"TEN MOST WANTED FUGITIVES": Ray is a special addition to the list of "Ten Most Wanted Fugitives." The list as of Saturday p. m., April 20, 1968, was:

John William Clouser	I. O. #3837	Charles Lee Herron	I. O. #4163
Howard Callens Johnson	I. O. #4039	George Edward Wells	I. O. #4175
George Benjamin Williams	I. O. #4072	David Evans	I. O. #4177
Gordon Dale Ervin	I. O. #4087	Franklin Allen Paris	I. O. #4178
Carmen Raymond Gagliardi	I. O. #4101	David Stuart Neff	I. O. #4179
James Earl Ray	I. O. #4182		

THEY ARE ALL ARMED AND DANGEROUS. If you receive any information, give it at once to your SAC or appropriate supervisor.
PHOTOGRAPHS, FINGERPRINTS AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA OF ALL FUGITIVES ON THE LIST ARE ON THE REVERSE SIDE.

CONSIDER ALL ARMED AND DANGEROUS



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DAVID EVANS, also known as:
"Pee Wee."
N; born [redacted] '7-5'6"; 140-150 lbs;
med bld; blk hair; brn eyes; lt comp;
ooo - lab, upholsterer. Wanted by FBI
for BANK ROBBERY and UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO
AVOID PROSECUTION (Burglary, Larceny,
and Receiving Stolen Goods).
IDENTIFICATION ORDER #-4177
FBI#-388 901 E
DATE PHOTO TAKEN: 1966

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CHARLES LEE HERRON, also known as:
Lee Jonas.
N; born [redacted] (?); 5'7"-5'8"; 145-
150 lbs; slt bld; blk hair; brn eyes;
dk comp; ooo - clerk. Wanted by FBI
for UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID PROSECU-
TION (Murder; Assault with Intent to
Commit Murder).
IDENTIFICATION ORDER #-4163
FBI#-313 926 G
DATE PHOTO TAKEN: UNKNOWN

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GEORGE EDWARD WELLS, also known as:
George W. Cox, Lloyd Kuczmarski.
W; born [redacted] '8"; 165-175 lbs;
med bld; brn hair; gr; brn eyes; med
comp; ooo - maintenance worker, painter.
Wanted by FBI for UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO
AVOID PROSECUTION (Armed Robbery);
INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF STOLEN
PROPERTY.
IDENTIFICATION ORDER #-4175
FBI#-1 467 173
DATE PHOTO TAKEN: 1967

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CARMEN RAYMOND GAGLIARDI, also known as: 17 M 29 W IOM
Carmelo Raimondo Gagliardi (true name), I 32 W OOI 20
Carmen R. Gagliardi.
W; born [redacted] '10 1/2"; 185-200 lbs;
hvy bld; blk hair; brn eyes; med comp;
ooo - lab. Wanted by FBI for UNLAWFUL
FLIGHT TO AVOID PROSECUTION (Murder).
IDENTIFICATION ORDER #-4101
FBI#-566 944 D
DATE PHOTO TAKEN: 1965



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GEORGE BENJAMIN WILLIAMS, 23 M 21 W TWO AMP Ref: 22
also known as: Allen I 31 W OOO 19 31
Benjamin Colby, Ben Jackson,
George Benjamin William.
W; born [redacted] '6"; 155 lbs;
med bld; brn hair; gr, balding;
bl eyes; rdy comp; rt ring fnger
amp; ooo - constr worker, dairy
worker, mech, miner, pipe fitter.
Wanted by FBI for BANK ROBBERY.
IDENTIFICATION ORDER #-4072
FBI#-497 062
DATE PHOTO TAKEN: 1965



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JAMES EARL RAY, also known as:
Eric Starvo Galt, W. C. Herron,
Harvey Lowmyer, James McBride,
John Willard, "Jim."
W; born [redacted] 5'10"; 163-174 lbs;
med bld; brn hair, poss cut short; bl
eyes; med comp; ooo - baker, color matcher.
lab. Wanted by FBI for CONSPIRING TO
INTERFERE WITH A CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT OF
A CITIZEN and UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID
CONFINEMENT (Robbery).
IDENTIFICATION ORDER #-4182
FBI#-405 942 G
DATE PHOTO TAKEN: 1968

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FRANKLIN ALLEN PARIS, also known as:
Franklin Allen Morrison, Al Paris,
Allie Paris, Frank Allen Paris, 11 S 1 U OOO 14 Ref: 9
Franklin Allen Paris. M 1 U OOI 12 1
W; born [redacted] 6'2"; 190-210 lbs;
med bld; brn hair; brn eyes; med comp;
ooo - horse trader, horse trainer,
rancher. Wanted by FBI for UNLAWFUL
FLIGHT TO AVOID PROSECUTION (Burglary).
IDENTIFICATION ORDER #-4178
FBI#-595 084 A
DATE PHOTO TAKEN: 1966

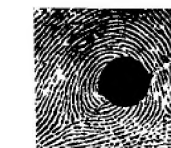


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HOWARD CALLENS JOHNSON, also known as:
"Dirty Red."
N; born [redacted] (?); 5'9"; 160-170
lbs; med bld; blk hair; brn eyes;
med comp, freckled; ooo - brickmason,
carpenter, lab. Wanted by FBI for
UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID PROSECUTION
(Murder).
IDENTIFICATION ORDER #-4039
FBI#-1 501 726
DATE PHOTO TAKEN: 1959



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JOHN WILLIAM CLOUSER, also known as:
Jack Clauser, John William Clauser,
Chuck A. Williams.
W; born [redacted] 5'9"; 175-200 lbs;
stky bld; blond hair, may be dyed blk;
bl eyes; rdy comp; ooo - clerical
worker, stock clerk. Wanted by FBI
for INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF
STOLEN MOTOR VEHICLE.
IDENTIFICATION ORDER #-3837
FBI#-229 125 G
DATE PHOTO TAKEN: 1963



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GORDON DALE ERVIN, also known as:
Dale Ervin.
W; born [redacted] 5'11"-6'0"; 170 lbs;
med bld; brn hair; bl eyes; med comp;
ooo - carpenter, lifeguard, mach shop
worker, locomotive fireman, salesman,
shipyard worker, typist. Wanted by
FBI for UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID
CONFINEMENT (Armed Robbery).
IDENTIFICATION ORDER #-4087
FBI#-290 533 A
DATE PHOTO TAKEN: 1965



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DAVID STUART NEFF, also known as:
Steven Andrews, Solomon Baker, Steven
Greene, George Medina, David J. Neff, 19 O 17 W IOO 18
David Stewart Neff, Donald O'Brien. L 19 W OOO 16
W; born [redacted] 5'8"-5'9"; 190-200 lbs;
hvy bld; brn hair; brn eyes; med comp;
ooo - horse trainer, lab, painter,
plumber, surveyor. Wanted by FBI for
BANK ROBBERY.
IDENTIFICATION ORDER #-4179
FBI#-524 874 D
DATE PHOTO TAKEN: 1965



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FBI PITTSBGH

FBI WASH DC

627 AM URGENT 4-26-68 JR

TO CHICAGO (44-1114) PITTSBURGH SAN FRANCISCO
FROM DIRECTOR

MURKIN.

RECHICAGO TEL APRIL TWENTYFIVE LAST.

LAWRENCE DONALD STOUT, AKA DONALD LAWRENCE STOUT, WITH FBI
NUMBER FOUR NINE FIVE NINE THREE EIGHT NAUGHT. MARCH TWELVE FIFTY-
FIVE, FEDERAL CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION SEAGOVILLE TEXAS, VIOLATION
NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT, ONE YEAR ONE DAY. LATEST ARREST
RECORD IDENTIFICATION DIVISION FILES APRIL TEN FIFTYEIGHT, POLICE
BERLIN NEW HAMPSHIRE, THEIR NUMBER FOURTEEN., DRIVING NON - REGISTERED
MOTOR VEHICLE, FIVE DOLLARS FINE PAID. COPIES OF RECORD AND PHOTO
TAKEN IN NINETEEN FIFTYFIVE BEING MAOXXX MAILED AMSD THIS DATE. UNABLE
DETERMINE OUR FILS WHERE RECENT PHOTO OF SUBJECT MAY BE OBTAINED.

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914AM URGENT 4-26-68 MCP

TO PITTSBURGH 44-578

FROM MEMPHIS 44-1987 1 P

MURKIN. CR.

RE PITTSBURGH AIRTEL TO MEMPHIS APRIL TWENTYTHREE LAST.

OBTAIN FINGERPRINTS OF MORRIS CLAYTON SKAGGS FOR FBI
NUMBER AND FORWARD TO BUREAU REQUESTING LATENT FINGERPRINT
SECTION OF THE IDENTIFICATION DIVISION TO COMPARE WITH LATENTS
PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED AS EVIDENCE TO BUREAU IN THIS MATTER.

A & D. P. END.

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Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI AND
ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re Atlanta airtel to Director, 4/22/68.

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Approved: *[Signature]*

Special Agent in Charge

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Per <i>[Signature]</i>	<i>[Signature]</i>

AT 44-2386

For information those offices not receiving reairtel, it was pointed out therein that Subject ~~X~~JAMES EARL RAY, aka. was last known to be in the Atlanta, Georgia, area on 4/5/68. Intensive investigation by Atlanta to date has not established mode of transportation RAY may have used after 4/5/68. Receiving Offices were requested in reairtel to check cars recovered their division that were stolen from the State of Georgia subsequent to 4/4/68, and where the transporter of same was not identified or otherwise accounted for, investigation should be conducted to determine if RAY was person who may have stolen and transported same.

Investigation reflects Subject RAY can be placed in the Atlanta, Georgia, area 3/24/68.

RA's
In view of the above, all Continental Offices are requested to review car recoveries within their respective territories of cars stolen from the State of Georgia subsequent to 3/23/68, and where the transporter of same is not otherwise eliminated or accounted for, consider Subject RAY as suspect. Where there is any remote indication that Subject RAY may have been person transporting such a car, exhaustive and intensive investigation should thereafter be conducted.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

DATE

4/21/68

FBI.	LOCATION	Washington DC.
TOM S. SMOUSE	LOCATION	Box 120 RD. 1 FREDERICK P.O.
	FILE REF.	44-678-190

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SIR:

AT 2 A.M. TO DAY THIS MAN DROVE INTO OUR STATION AND ASKED IF HE COULD SLEEP IN HIS CAR AND WOULD SOME ONE CALL HIM AT 5 O'CLOCK AM. THIS I DID.

TO NITE ON T.V. A PICTURE WAS PUT ON THE AIR. AND THIS MAN'S FACE REMINDED ME OF THE ABOVE MAN.

LAST NITE I TOOK THIS MAN'S LICENSE # GEORGIA 3D20121 - A BLUE MUSTANG. IT ALSO HAD A # 6231 FORT. WORTH OR STEWART

THIS MAN WAS SO EXHAUSTED. I COULD NOT WAKE HIM UP SO I TOOK HIS LICENSE # AND CALLED THE STATE POLICE. THEY RAN THE SCENE AND POLICE WHISTLE AND HE FINALLY AWAKE. THEY ASKED HIM NO QUESTIONS. AND WENT ON ABOUT THEIR JOB.

I TALKED A LITTLE TO HIM AND HE SAID HE HAD TO BE IN CHICAGO ILL. TODAY SUNDAY 22ND HE BOUGHT NOTHING HAD NO LUGGAGE AND WAS DRESSED IN BLUE DENIM. NO SOCKS BUT HAD ON SANDALS. HE WAS ABOUT 37 YRS OLD AND DARK SKINNED. THIS MAY OR MAY NOT BE MARTIN LUTHER KING'S KILLER.

THANK YOU

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Date: 4/25/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via Airtel _____
(Priority)

To: SACs, Pittsburgh (Enclosures 2)
Atlanta (Enclosures 2)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re Tom S. Smouse, Box 120, R.D. 1, Everett,
Pennsylvania.

Enclosed are two copies of a letter from
Tom S. Smouse dated 4/21/68 for Pittsburgh and Atlanta
indicating that a person possibly identical with the
subject was seen in Everett, Pennsylvania. One copy
of the letter is enclosed for Memphis.

Pittsburgh interview Smouse in an effort to
obtain any additional information he may have concerning
the person he observed. At time of interview, orally
acknowledge receipt of his letter.

Atlanta attempt to identify person to whom
Georgia License Plate 3D20121 was issued.

1 - Memphis (Enclosure) (Info)

Lead - J. Hughes

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Date: 4/24/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plain text or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)
AND ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES

FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) (P)

MURKIN

OO: Memphis

Enclosed for the Bureau are four copies of photograph of subject JAMES EARL RAY, which was taken 1/4/66 at Missouri State Penitentiary.

Two copies of above-mentioned photograph are enclosed for each of the Continental Offices.

This additional photograph is being furnished, inasmuch as resemblance is quite different from previous photographs furnished, and it may be helpful in aiding sources to identify subject.

Also, it is to be noted that WALTER TERRY RIFE has been located and interviewed in this matter.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

3-Bureau (Enc. 4)
2-Each Continental Office (Enc. 2 each) *Pittsburgh*
2-Kansas City
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Approved: *WD*
Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
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TO: ALL AGENTS INCLUDING SECURITY

DATE: 4/24/68

WLC
FROM: SAC, PITTSBURGH (44-578)(P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CIVIL RIGHTS
(OO: Memphis)

Re Memphis airtel to Albany dated 4/19/68.

All agents are requested to immediately submit by routing slip to SA WILLIAM LOGAN CURTIS the following information:

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.

In the future when working on any leads set out the above should be kept in mind and furnished SA WILLIAM LOGAN CURTIS by routing slip. This information must be received by 4/30/68.

1 - Each Agent Including Security
WLC:rmr

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Post Office Box Number 1315
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15230
April 26, 1968

The attached letter has been sent to the attached list of routine publicity outlets. When RAY is apprehended they should be immediately notified.

Attached is material on 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., who has been added to the FBI's list of "Ten Most Wanted Fugitives."

Sincerely yours,

Ian D. MacLennan

IAN D. MacLENNAN
Special Agent in Charge

IDM/MMJ
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FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF TOP TEN FUGITIVE PUBLICITY OUTLETS:

Mr. Lance Hoffman
News Director
WFBG-TV
5000 - 6th Avenue
Altoona, Pa. 16601

Radio Station WMBA
Ambridge, Pa. 15003

Tower Cable Systems, Inc.
610 - 19th Street
Beaver Falls, Pa. 15010

Radio Station WWNR
Beckley, W.Va. 25801

Mr. Mel Barnett
News Editor
TV Station WHIS
Bluefield, W.Va. 24701

Mr. Bill Richards
Announcer
WCHS-TV
Charleston, W.Va. 25301

Mr. Eugene Marraccini
Publisher
Clairton Progress
Elizabeth Herald
Cloverleaf Bulletin
Clairton, Pa. 15025

Chief of Police
Erie, Pa. 16500

Mr. John E. North
Manager
TV Station WDTV
Fairmont, W.Va. 26554

Mr. John J. Burke
Chief of Police
Grove City, Pa. 16127

Mr. C. "Bos" Johnson
News Director
TV Station WSAZ
Huntington, W.Va. 25721

Mr. Robert Christopher
News Director
Radio Station WEDO
Fifth Avenue
McKeesport, Pa. 15130

Mr. Charles Cira, Jr.
Morgantown City Police Department
Morgantown, W.Va. 26505

Mr. David Cochran
News Director
WEIF
Box O
Moundsville, W.Va. 26041

Mr. Robert E. Ferrante
Director of News
KDKA-TV
Gateway Center
Pittsburgh, Pa. 15222

Mr. Dick Ford
News Director
WTAE, Channel 4
400 Ardmore Boulevard
Pittsburgh, Pa. 15230

Catv of Pennsylvania, Inc.
243 Adams Street
Rochester, Pa. 15074

Chief of Police
Sharpsville, Pa. 16150

Mr. Paul M. Glover
Editor
Weirton Daily Times
Weirton, W.Va. 26062

Mr. Bob Finnerin
News Announcer
Radio Station WWVA
Hawley Bldg.
Wheeling, W.Va. 26003

1-4-68

To: SAC, Pittsburgh

FOR APPROPRIATE ACTION
FUGITIVE PUBLICITY

Enclosed is material on JAMES EARL RAY,
I.O. #4182, who was added to the list of "Ten Most Wanted
Fugitives," Saturday, p.m., April 20, 1968.

You should furnish this material to your
established outlets in accordance with previous arrangements.

In the event the fugitive is captured or process
dismissed, it will be your responsibility to notify the recipients
of the material to preclude publicizing the individual after he
has been removed from a fugitive status.

Proposed transmittal form card:

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who was added to the FBI's list of "Ten Most
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

April 20, 1968

JAMES EARL RAY

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., is one of the FBI's "Ten Most Wanted Fugitives."

FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover ordered the special addition of Ray to the "Ten Most Wanted Fugitives" list, which already contains ten fugitives, to insure the widest possible dissemination of Ray's photograph and description to help effect his prompt location. Ray has been the subject of a massive search since the gunshot slaying of Dr. King on April 4, 1968, as he stood on the balcony of a Memphis, Tennessee, motel.

An exhaustive FBI fingerprint search, comparing latent fingerprints uncovered in the Dr. King case against fingerprints of over 53,000 persons on whom FBI wanted notices have been posted determined 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, who escaped on April 23, 1967, from the Missouri State Penitentiary, is also sought for unlawful interstate flight to avoid confinement after conviction for armed robbery.

Possessing an arrest record dating back to 1949, Ray has been convicted of burglary, armed robbery and forging United States Postal Money Orders.

A 40-year-old white male, reportedly born in Illinois on [redacted] Ray is approximately 5'10" tall, weighs from 163 to 174 pounds, has blue eyes and short brown hair. He has a nervous habit of tugging at an ear lobe and his left ear protrudes noticeably.

Described as a "loner and "drifter," with a "rural" quality in his speech, Ray has worked as a baker, laborer and color matcher. He has taken dancing lessons and completed a course at a school of bartending.

Consider Ray armed and extremely dangerous. Report any information concerning him to the nearest FBI office.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
April 20, 1968

JAMES EARL RAY, also known as
Eric Starvo Galt, Harvey Lowmyer,
John Willard, James McBride, James
Walton, W. C. Herron and James
O'Conner

FUGITIVE

CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY;
INTERSTATE FLIGHT - ARMED ROBBERY

"TEN MOST WANTED FUGITIVES" PROGRAM

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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 window of a nearby rooming house, felled the victim.

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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, 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.

He served in the Army between February, 1946, and December, 1948, received a three-month sentence at hard labor for being drunk and breaking arrest and was given a General Discharge due to ineptness and lack of adaptability for military service.

Ray is a 40-year-old white male, reportedly born in Illinois on [REDACTED] He is approximately 5'10" inches 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 having 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.

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Army	James Earl Ray [REDACTED]	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 Joliet, Illinois	James E. Ray #10121	July 7, 1952 in transfer from Joliet	robbery	1 to 2 years March 12, 1953 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 #22637	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, 1959 conditional release on ch of Post Office forgery Post Office Money Orders
Police Department St. Louis, Missouri	James Earl Ray #1071	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	Janes Earl Ray #00416	March 17, 1960	"TC" operating motor vehicle without permission of owner robbery first "b/m DDW" (2 charges)	20 years (20, 7, 5, concurrent)
State Hospital Number 1 Fulton, Missouri	James Earl Ray #37045 C-5	September 8, 1966	Patient	

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Director

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

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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WANTED BY BUREAU: James Earl Ray, also known as, James McBride, James Walyon, W.C. Herron, James O'Conner, Jim, for unlawful flight to avoid custody-robbery first Fugitive Index #121426 Bureau file #88-41730 Office of Origin Kansas City information received July 27, 1967.
CAUTION: ARMED AND DANGEROUS

Alias: James Walton

WANTED BY BUREAU: Eric Starvo Galt, also known as
Harvey Lowmyer, John Willard, Civil Rights-Conspiracy
Fugitive Index #127540 Bureau File #44-38861 Office of
Origin Memphis. Information received April 19, 1968.
CAUTION: ARMED AND DANGEROUS

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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FBI WASH DC

720PM URGENT 4/26/68 LCC

TO ALL SACS RELAY MESSAGE PLAN

FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 1P

MURKIN.

THE MAIN FILE ON KING HAS BEEN REVIEWED AT THE BUREAU AND LEADS ARE BEING SENT OUT CONCERNING PERSONS INVOLVED IN PRIOR THREATS AGAINST KING. THESE LEADS AS WELL AS LEADS CONCERNING ANY OTHER SUSPECTS DEVELOPED FROM ANY SOURCE MUST BE GIVEN IMMEDIATE AND THOROUGH HANDLING ON A TOP PRIORITY BASIS. PROCESS HAS BEEN OBTAINED AGAINST JAMES EARL RAY AND EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION IS CONTINUING TO LOCATE RAY AND TO ESTABLISH MOTIVE OF CRIME. YOU HAVE BEEN AND WILL BE FURNISHED INFORMATION RELATING TO OTHER POSSIBLE CONSPIRATORS. THESE MUST ALL BE THOROUGHLY RESOLVED NO MATTER HOW REMOTE.
END

FBI PITTSBGH

PG DE FBI PHILA PLS ACK FOR MSG JUST SENT

SORRY MACHINE TROUBLE HERE

WRJ

FBI PITTSBGH

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4/26/68

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
ATTN: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION
LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

FROM: SAC, PITTSBURGH (44-578) - P -

SUBJECT: MURKIN
RM
OO: MEMPHIS

Re Memphis teletype to Pittsburgh, dated 4/26/68.

Retel requested that the fingerprints of MORRIS SKAGGS be compared with the latents developed in captioned case.

Latent Fingerprint Section is requested to locate SKAGGS' fingerprints based on the following information and make the requested comparison.

MORRIS SKAGGS, white male, arrested Beaver County Jail No. 123, April 16, 1968, date of birth

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2-Pittsburgh

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FBI PITTSBGH

2:49 PM URGENT 4-27-68 CNJ
TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND PITTSBURGH
FROM TAMPA (L57-3231) 2P

MURKIN

RE BUTEL ALL SACS APRIL TWENTY SIX LAST AND BUTEL TO
TAMPA APRIL TWENTYSIX LAST.

BUTEL TO TP ADVISED INFO CONTAINED IN MAIN FILES ON
KING THAT BY LETTER TO DIRECTOR DEC. TWENTYTHREE, SIXTHTHREE,
TP OFFICE REPORTED THAT ONE RICHARD RUSSELL BALL ALLEGEDLY
STATED THE ATTORNEY GENL. AND KING "WOULD GET THEIRS" WITHIN
THRITY DAYS.

BALL INTERVIEWED DEC. SIXTEEN, SIXTHTHREE AND ADVISED HE
HAD BEEN SO DRUNK HE HAD NO RECOLLECTION HE HAD SAID ANYTHING
ABOUT ATTN. GENL. OR KING, NEVER THREATENED ANYONE, DID NOT
OWN A GUN, AND ANY STATEMENT MADE WITHOUT INTENT. AT SUCH
TIME BALL WAS TRUCK DRIVER FOR COASTAL REFRIGERATION SERVICE,
NINE ZERO FIVE E, LAFAYETTE, TAMPA.

NE COASTAL REFRIGERATION SERVICE LISTED IN CURRENT
TAMPA CITY AND TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES, NOR IS RICHARD RUSSELL
BALL. NO RECORD BALL TAMPA PD, NOR SO.

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*Advised
Cal. Knott
4:45
4-27-68
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*Lead Knott
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BALL, IN NINETUOO SIXTYTHREE, DESCRIBED WHITE, MALE,
BORN [REDACTED] ROCKPORT, W. VA., SIX FT. ONE IN.,
ONE SEVENTY FIVE LBS., MARRIED, WIFE AND CHILDREN RESIDED
FOUR EIGHT ZERO ONE FIRST AVE., PARKERSBURG, W. VA., WHERE
THEY RESIDED PAST TWELVE YEARS.

PITTSBURGH, AT PARKERSBURG, ASCERTAIN PRESENT LOCATION
WHEREABOUTS BALL AND CONDUCT INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE
IF HE MAY BE IMPLICATED AS A CONSPIRATOR AND THOROUGHLY
RESOLVE AS INSTRUCTED REBUTEL ALL SACS.

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AIRTEL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS
FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (44-565) (P)
RE: MURKIN

Re PG tel to CV and CI, 4-10-68, CV airtel to ME, 4-11-68, and PG airtel to CV, 4-23-68.

RE: INVESTIGATION REGARDING SURNAME LOWMEYER

X Referenced PG tel, 4-10-68, advised that one P. F. LOWMEYER formerly resided Pittsburgh and currently resides 2344 Ardleigh Dr., Cleveland Heights, Ohio. Investigation at Cleveland reflects PAUL FRANCIS LOWMEYER resided above address and was employed as Vice President, Carling's Brewery Co. It was determined that LOWMEYER left Carling's about one year ago and is currently residing 33 Crows Nest, Bronxville, N.Y., and is employed by Continental Can Co., 100 Park Ave., NYC, telephone 972-7722. Records Drivers' License Division, Ohio Motor Vehicle Bureau, reflect PAUL FRANCIS LOWMEYER described: WM, DOB [REDACTED], 6'4", 215 lbs., brown hair, grey eyes.

In view of variance of physical description, no additional investigation being requested to check LOWMEYER's whereabouts during pertinent period.

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1 - New York (Info)
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United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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J. E. Hoover
Director.

CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
DCGO, Cleveland, Ohio	Lawrence Donald Stout, #09-13 ✓	ident card 8-12-44		
Inland Waterways Corp., New Orleans La.	Lawrence D. Stout, #8883 ✓	deckhand F. P. 7-29-46		
Army	Lawrence Donald Stout #RA 15221127 ✓	8-7-46 Cleveland Ohio		
PD, Detroit, Mich.	Lawrence Donald Stout, #TAXI ✓	taxi driv. 8-23-49		
Army	Lawrence Donald Stout, #RA 15221127 ✓	10-31-49 Dearborn Mich.		
PD Detroit Mich	Donald Lawrence Stout #97472 ✓	5-17-50	inv fugitive	5-20-50 TO US Air Force Selfridge Field on chg Fugitive
SPol. Flat Rock, Mich.	Donald L. Stout #25-2500-50 ✓	12-24-50	auto larceny (inv. of)	
DCCO 3rd ND NY NY	Donald Lawrence Stout #031 1797292-WS	Ident card 6-18-45		
DCCO 12ND San Fran Calif.	Donald Lawrence Stout #12295998-012-1	Ident card 6-27-45		
USDB Ft Leavenworth Kans	Lawrence D. Stout #20342	4-3-51	AW 58	1 yr.
PD Reno Nev	Donald Lawrence Stout #15495	3016-53	printed & mugged for record	rel after inter- rogation 3-16-53

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Director.

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Army	Lawrence Donald Stout #RA 15 221 127	9-4-53 San Fran Calif		
SO Amarillo Texas	Donald Larry Stout #25550	1-20-55	theft 0-50	90 day-cost
USM Amarillo Texas	Lawrence Donald Stout #1679	3-3-55	Dyer Act	✓ 1 yr 1 day 1 day
Corr Inst Seagoville Texas	Lawrence D. Stout #5209-ST	3-12-55	Viol Nat'l Motor Veh Theft Act	1 yr 1 day
PD Los Angeles Calif	Lawrence D. Stout #18188-MM #333272/ Reg 37396	9-15-55 trans fr Seagoville 2-24-56	NMVTIA (transport) 52.39 LAMC ex-con reg	2-55 exp
PD Berlin NH	Donald Lawrence Stout #14	4-10-58	dr non-reg MV	\$5 fine paid

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J. Edgar Hoover
Director.

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
	Aliases: Donald La Coor, "Luckie"			
*	WANTED BY BUREAU: As Lawrence D. Stout, ASN RA 15 221 127 Fug Deserter, Bu File #42-54232, O.O. Detroit Mich inf rec 1-10-51 NO LONGER WANTED per Bureau memo dated 1-24-51 (located 12-24-50 Flat Rock Mich)			
*	WANTED BY BUREAU: Lawrence D. Stout ASN RA 15 221 127 Fug Deserter Bu File #42-54232 O.O. Detroit Mich inf rec 12-23-53 NO LONGER WANTED per inf rec BPD Los Angeles Calif Air tel 3-10-54 (located by Mil Pol at Los Angeles Calif 3-10-54)			
*	WANTED: BY BUREAU: Lawrence D. Stout, was., Donald Stout, Donald L. Stout, "Lucky" Stout Fug Index #38762 Bu file #42-54232 O.O. Detroit Mich inf rec 5-6-54. NO LONGER WANTED: Per Bureau Memo Dated 2-4-55.			
*	WANTED BY BUREAU: Lawrence Donald Stout ASN RA 15 221 127 Fug Deserter Bu file #42-54232 O.O. Detroit Mich inf rec 7-8-54. NO LONGER WANTED: Per inf rec 2-9-55.			

CC: FBI Detroit Mich
CC: FBI Dallas Texas

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	DESCRIPTION: Race: W Sex: M Height: 65" Weight: 185 Hair: Brown Eyes: Blue Scars and marks: 1½" sc inner lft arm; sc below R/knee Birth: [REDACTED] Detroit Mich Occupation: truck driver Residence: Reno Nev in 1953 Citizenship: USA Company: USMS Training Station Sheepshead Bay NY in 1945 Build: Stout Complexion: Med			

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FEDERAL CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION

Scars and marks 4th scar back of right forearm.

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20537

TO:

Date 4/26/68

SAC, Pittsburgh

Your Inquiry
CG - teletype
4/25/68

MURKIN.

- ☐ Attached furnished in reply to your inquiry.
- ☒ Attached furnished in compliance with request from SAC, Chicago
- ☐ Only record available attached.
- ☐ This matter is receiving attention and you will be advised at an early date.
- ☐ Supplementing FBI Laboratory report dated
- ☐ Records FBI #
- ☐ are furnished since there is a possibility that one may pertain to the subject in whom you are interested.
- ☐ Fingerprint files fail to disclose
- ☐ Confirming FBI wire of
- ☐ A wanted notice has not been placed as subject appears to be in custody.
- ☐ When you no longer desire your notice maintained, please advise.
- ☐ If you determine subject to be in custody, please advise so that your notice may be canceled.
- ☐ Subject of your inquiry searched in name indices only. Enclosed record(s) possibly identical. If identical, resubmit request and wanted (or flash) notice will be placed.
- ☐ If it is determined that the subject of this record is not the individual in whom you are interested, please advise.
- ☐ Your communication is returned.
- ☐

☒ Enc. (4)
☒ Copy to: SACs Chicago (44-1114)
San Francisco

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

Dear Sir,

I am writing in regard to some events that might and I believe have a great deal to do with the Martin Luther King murder.

I had to go to my mother's funeral on Saturday night April 6.

I saw 5 men at Harrisburg Bus Terminal. I can only remember two enough to describe. One was sorta heavy with D. Brown Hair, Brown eyes had a Roman nose his hair line was some as papers show. Other was 6' or more slim light blond or reddish hair he was starting to get bladd.

When I noticed them in the terminal they sat in the coffee shop. The first one with the nose looked kinda nervous or impatient.

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He combed his hair while looking
in a glass door. He also had a
briefcase that looked brand new.
They all wore suits.

On the bus that went to Pittsburgh
that night. They talked all the
way. I listen since they sat
right behind me & my children.
When we started out one served
coffee & milk anyone cause
they had just come from the
airport. While passing the Capital
one remarked that was the third
time past. ^{Wonder who they were} ~~They~~ One man did
most of the talking. He asked the
other man about how things went &
Arkansas. Then he wanted to know
how he made up the name Stacey
and where he got it from. They
talked about their wives & homes. One
talked about being divorced for so
many years.

Then there talk about Calif.
thing they were going to get
started in the back of the men
behind me. Also they talked
about Newark, N.J and something
that was going to be taken care
of and said something to describe
the homes and people there. Then
they started talking about the
Pittsburgh Instit. We told about classes
there how the student behaved, as
if, he might be a Professor or Dean.
They talked so much I was tired
and might have not taken it
right. They were still talk when
we got to Pittsburgh. They got off
said something about they didn't have
to travel for a couple of weeks. They
would see each other in November.

I have was talk about their wives
& home. One talked of being
divorced for so many years. I
heard something about a car red
white a convertible that he paid
cash for was at home. Then
there talk about the Calif. thing
that one of the guys was going to
^{spring him out of jail} take care of. Also about Newark,
N.J. and something there about a
certain area and people involved
that he described. Then they talked
about Pittsburgh & institute, about
classes there how certain students
behaved as if he might be a
Professor or Dean. I am sure he's a
Teacher of some sort. When they were
talking of at Pittsburgh they all said
(See you in November.) With all
the confusion I couldn't possibly
understand all the talk on the

Dear. So if you'll excuse my
writing in a mess. Hope you'll
be able to understand this
letter.

Sincerely

Max. Jo Ann Cross
436 1/2 E. Chestnut St.
Lancaster, Pa.

4-26-68

Airtel

To: SACs, Philadelphia
Pittsburgh

From: Director, FBI

MURKIN

Re Mrs. Jo Ann Cross - Complainant.

There are enclosed two copies each for Philadelphia and Pittsburgh and one copy for Memphis of a letter from Mrs. Jo Ann Cross, 436½ East Chestnut Street, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, which was postmarked April 24, 1968.

Philadelphia should immediately interview Mrs. Cross and exhibit to her photographs of James Earl Ray in an effort to determine whether any of the persons she observed on the bus to Pittsburgh is identical with the subject. At time of interview, orally acknowledge receipt of her letter.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC Pgh 44-578

DATE: 4/26/68

FROM : E. F. Cable

SUBJECT: Murkin
CR

Dance Schools:

There are no dance schools for adults in Beaver Co. re Yellow Pages of Telephone Directory

Stolen Cars - Ga. License.

PSP on 4/23/68 reviewed all teletypes and no record of recovered cars stolen in Georgia in month of April. There are 59 police departments in Beaver Co. all of which report out of state recoveries to the writer and use PSP teletype facilities.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, PITTSBURGH (44-578) P

DATE: 4/26/68

FROM : SA R. STEPHEN THOMPSON

SUBJECT: MURKIN
OO: MEMPHIS

On 4/24/68, SA EUGENE C. JONES contacted the Fairmont, W. Va. PD and the Clarksburg, W. Va. PD regarding any vehicles recovered by them since 4/4/68 with Georgia license plates with negative results. On 4/26/68, the writer contacted the Morgantown PD in connection with the same matter with negative results.

On 4/24/68, ^{SA R. S. T.} ~~the writer~~ contacted the Marion County Sheriff's Office, at Fairmont, W. Va., and discovered that they had sent an inquiry via W. Va. State Police teletype to Georgia authorities regarding a 1966 blue Ford, bearing Georgia license plates 510-653. They received a reply from Georgia authorities that they had no stolen or missing report on this car. The Marion Co. SO inquired about the call after receiving a call from JOE SESTITO, owner, Parkette Drive-in Restaurant, that 2 white males driving this vehicle were in his restaurant and acted suspiciously.

On 4/24/68, the writer interviewed SESTITO and he advised that these two men acted funny in his place and indicated to him that they were staying in the Belmont Motor Inn, which is approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ block down the road from his cafe. SESTITO viewed photos of JAMES EARL RAY, aka, ERIC STARVO GALT, and stated that the two men did not ~~resemble~~ resemble any of the photos.

On the same date, AUNILL DEIRIGGI, ~~Man~~ Manager, Belmont Motor Inn, supplied the registration card dated 4/22/68 for 2 men. Only one name appeared on the



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card, ROBERT E. LOONEY, 859 Washington Ave., Macon, Ga. The card also contained a description of their car, which was described as a 1966 Ford Galaxie, Ga. license 510-653. DEIRIGGI viewed photos of JAMES EARL RAY, aka, ERIC STARVO GALT, and advised that neither of the 2 men resembled the photos.

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