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CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY INTERSTATE FLIGHT - ROBBERY JAMES EARL RAY

FBI No. 405,942 G



Photographs taken 1960



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(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

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Height: 5' 10"

Eyes: Blue

Weight: 163 to 174 pounds

Complexion: Medium

Build: Medium

Race: White

Hair: Brown, possibly cut short

Nationality: American

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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CRIMINAL RECORD

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

CAUTION

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

A Federal warrant was issued on April 17, 1968, at Birmingham, Alabama, charging Ray as Eric Starvo Galt with conspiring to interfere with a Constitutional Right of a citizen (Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 241). A Federal warrant was also issued on July 20, 1967, at Jefferson City, Missouri, charging Ray with Interstate Flight to Avoid Confinement for the crime of Robbery (Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 1073).

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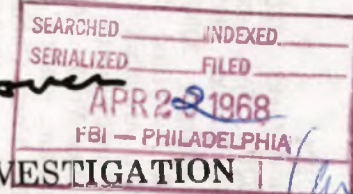
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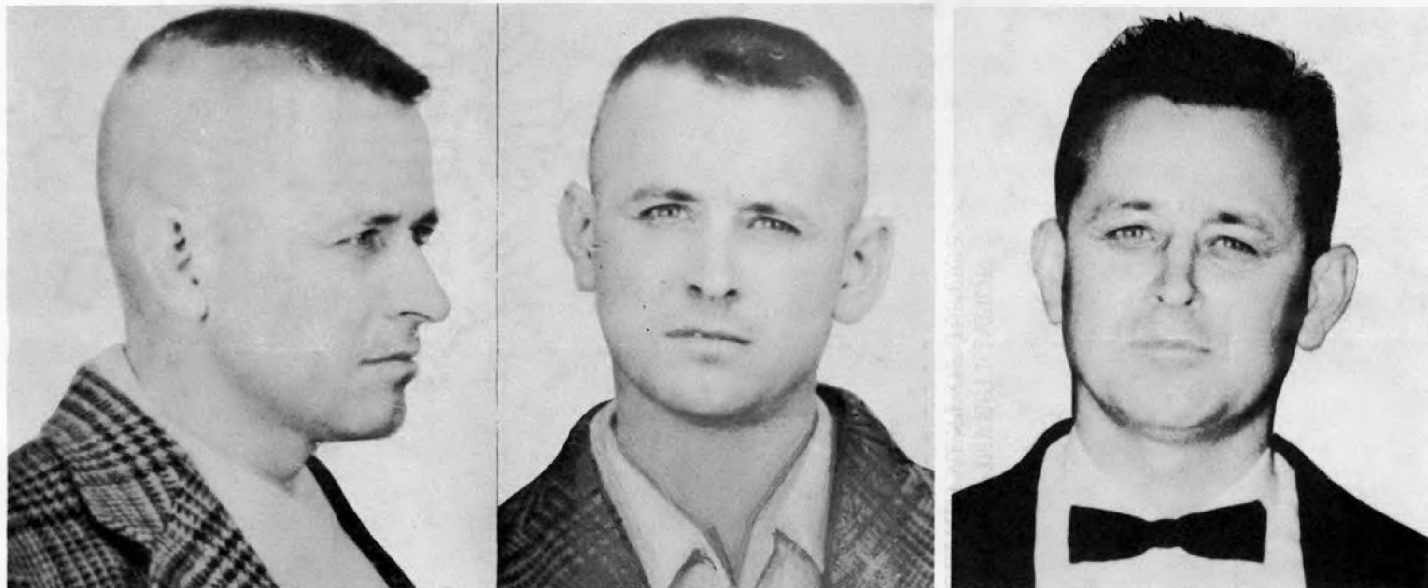
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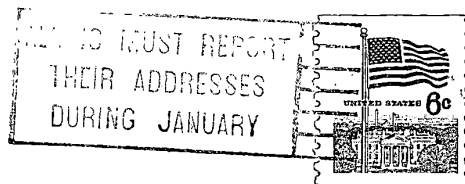
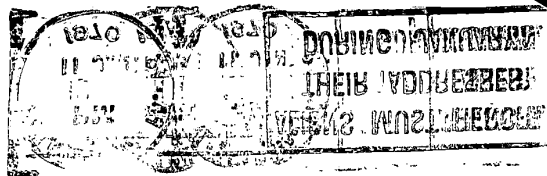
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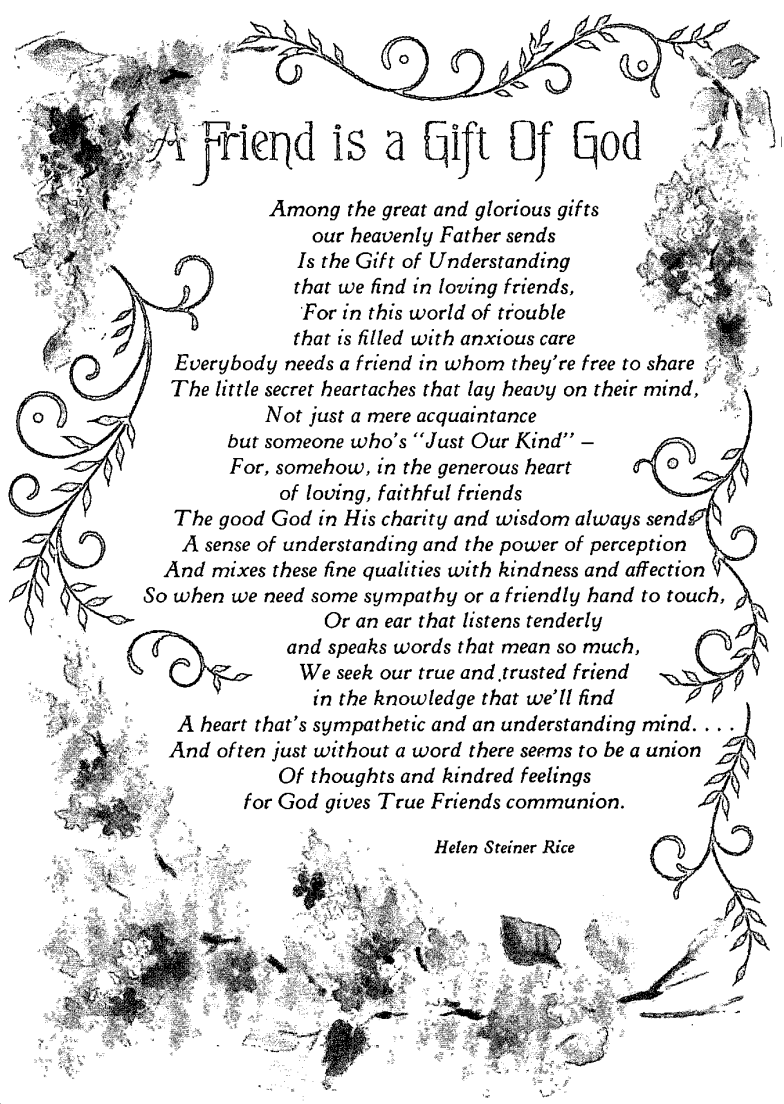
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Mr. Thomas Sherman,
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Philadelphia, Penna.

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A Friend is a Gift Of God

*Among the great and glorious gifts
our heavenly Father sends
Is the Gift of Understanding
that we find in loving friends,
For in this world of trouble
that is filled with anxious care*

*Everybody needs a friend in whom they're free to share
The little secret heartaches that lay heavy on their mind,
Not just a mere acquaintance
but someone who's "Just Our Kind" –
For, somehow, in the generous heart
of loving, faithful friends*

*The good God in His charity and wisdom always sends
A sense of understanding and the power of perception
And mixes these fine qualities with kindness and affection
So when we need some sympathy or a friendly hand to touch,
Or an ear that listens tenderly
and speaks words that mean so much,
We seek our true and trusted friend
in the knowledge that we'll find*

*A heart that's sympathetic and an understanding mind. . . .
And often just without a word there seems to be a union
Of thoughts and kindred feelings
for God gives True Friends communion.*

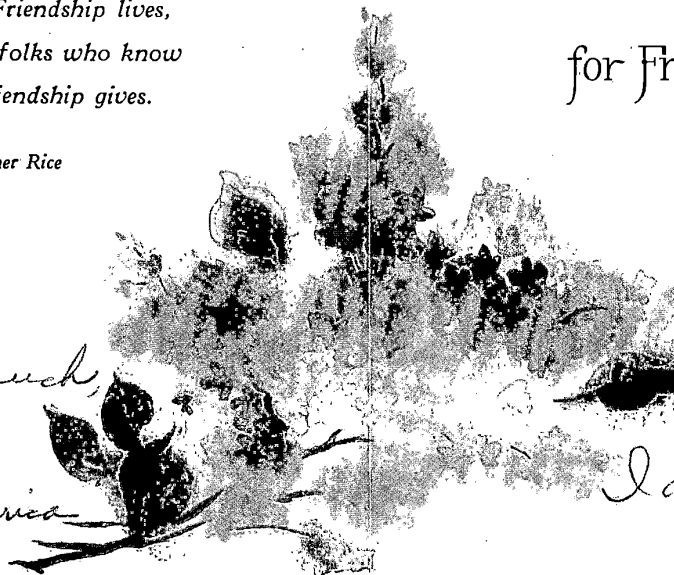
Helen Steiner Rice

*Friendship is a Golden Chain,
The links are friends so dear,
And like a rare and precious jewel
It's treasured more each year,
And God looks down and blesses
The heart where Friendship lives,
And happy are the folks who know
The Joy that Friendship gives.*

Helen Steiner Rice

*I love my
Country very much,
too.*

"God Bless America"



*All the good wishes
a friend can make
Are sent to you
for Friendship's Sake.*

*Merry Christmas
always*

Your friend

*I am praying for
you*

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"One Nation Under God"

Dear Sir:

Was away over Xmas and New Year. Will send you a copy of all new activities for 1970.

C. Clay was in at the Western Savings Bank, last Tuesday, trying to cash a \$60,000.00 check. They refused, maybe you could find out where it was from. He made a big show at the bank, autographs, hand shakes etc. I also seen him go down the stairs to the vault room.

Would he have something in the vault? The bank is full of ^{also sells} militants ^{negroes}.

Blessed New Year, health, and God's safety in your work.

"Yankee"

May run for U. S. Senator for Pennsylvania and insert liberal Hugh Scott.

Thought you would like to see how the
U. S. Internal Revenue made me pay
\$2,000.00 on falsehood, refused my refunds
and even opened my personal mail

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SELMA AND VICINITY

Outside Selma, Alabama, but in the same county (Dallas), there is an enormous plantation - the Minter plantation - which stretches for miles and miles along the highway and the county roads. This is one of the plantations which existed back in the days of slavery; it has passed on to succeeding generations of Minters. A large number of Minter tenants are now suffering because Mr. Minter has not liked their participation in the freedom movement.



Mrs. Bertha Lee Perkins, pictured above with her husband and five of her 13 children, participated in the Selma marches at the time of the Pettus Bridge bloodings, and spent time in jail. Her family is one of those whom Mr. Minter will be evicting after the deadline of December 31.



This is the Moorers family (two children are away at school). Mrs. Moorers is at the left of the truck's tailgate, and her husband, Mr. Will Moorers, is at the right. The sign on the back of their truck says "Vote Independent," a very unpopular sign with the white landowners who not only are seeing Negroes go to the polls and vote but are seeing them campaign for Negroes who are for the first time running for office against the party machines. The three boys in the truck attend the formerly all-white elementary school.

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Mrs. Pearl Moorers, second from the right in the back row, has participated in many phases of the struggle. She is a central figure in the Minter plantation group of tenant farmers which has been receiving Operation Freedom aid during the past year.

On Mrs. Moorers' right is Arthur Brown who has spent his life on this plantation and who picks cotton by feeling for it, as he lost the sight of one eye years ago, and has nearly lost the sight of the other.

Piles of cotton can be seen in front. Mr. Brown and the Moorers are among those who face eviction on December 31.



Pictured above are the nine children who are attending the formerly all-white schools in Wilcox County, outside Selma. Sherryl Threadgill (who lives in Camden) is standing second from the right in the back row. She was struck a hard blow on the nose by a white boy at school. Fearing her nose had been broken, her parents took her to Selma for an examination. Fortunately it was not broken. Sherryl returned to Camden undaunted and more determined than before to remain in school. Seated on the car to her left is her father, Rev. Thomas Threadgill. At the extreme left is Albert Gordon, who drives the children to and from school, since busses for white children refuse to pick up Negroes.



In the late fall of 1965, Operation Freedom representatives met the Saulsbery family in Camden, Alabama. In retaliation for the family's participation in numerous marches, the landlord riddled their outside water pump with bullets (their only source of water), and ordered them to vacate their house.

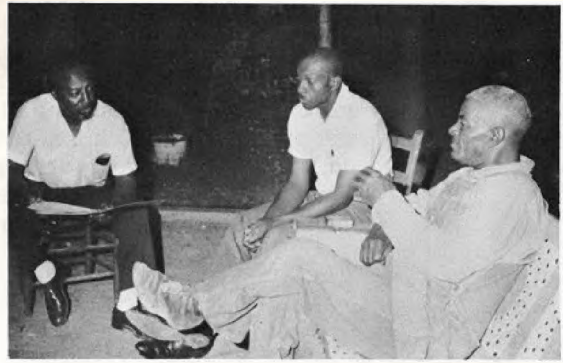
The family then secured a piece of ground from a friend and, with money sent by Operation Freedom to purchase materials, built the house pictured above. Members of the Saulsbery family did the construction work.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

All contributions to Operation Freedom go directly to the people you are trying to help, none going to defray administrative costs.

Send your contribution to Operation Freedom, 932 Dayton Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45214

Also, if you can use additional copies of this brochure to do your own mailing to a list of friends or to enclose in a regular mailing to your own organization, please write. We can send all you need without charge.



Last spring a group of displaced families in Wilcox County, some thirty miles south of Selma, secured an acreage of land, and planted their first crop of cucumbers. A neighboring processing plant purchased all they could produce. These families look forward to the formation of a vegetable co-operative, and want to secure a larger acreage for their planting next spring. The processing plant assures them that it will buy their entire crop. Last spring, Operation Freedom made a grant to these displaced families for the purchase of seed and fertilizer.

In the above picture, Wallace Nelson (left), member of the national board of Operation Freedom, Albert Gordon (center), chairman of Wilcox County Operation Freedom committee, and Jesse M. Brooks, local farmer who is working with the group in the formation of the coop.

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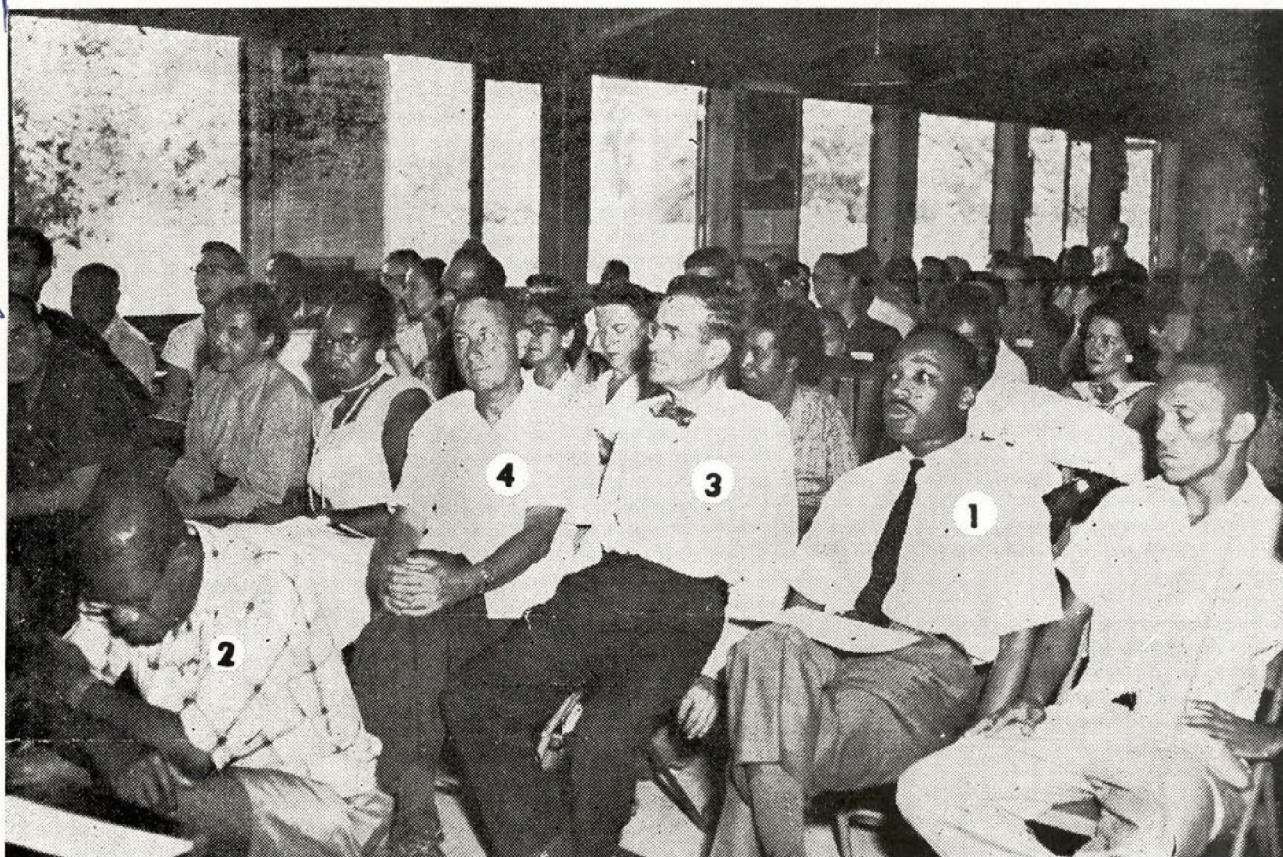
OPERATION FREEDOM

c/o Rev. Maurice McCrackin
932 Dayton Street
Cincinnati, Ohio 45214

*I even got all the information for
Government on Joan Baez - over \$65,000
income tax*

I am a disgusted American

MARTIN LUTHER KING....AT COMMUNIST TRAINING SCHOOL



The above picture was made by an employee of the State of Georgia, at the Highlander Folk School in Monteagle, Tennessee during the Labor Day week-end of 1957. The photographer was sent to the Highlander Folk School by the Georgia Commission on Education. The Highlander Folk School was abolished by an act of the Legislature of the State of Tennessee at a later date because it was charged with being a subversive organization.

Those numbered in the picture are:

1. Martin Luther King, Jr., of the Montgomery boycott and the Birmingham riots. Karl Prussion, a counterspy for the FBI for twenty-two years, charges that Martin Luther King belongs to sixty Communist-front organizations — more than any Communist in the United States. He is promoted and encouraged by the Kennedys.
2. Abner W. Berry of the Central Committee of the Communist Party.
3. Aubrey Williams, President of the Southern Conference Education Fund, Inc., The Transmission Belt in the South for the Communist Party.
4. Myles Horton, Director of Highlander Folk School for Communist Training, Monteagle, Tennessee.

These "Four Horsemen" of racial agitation have brought tension, disturbance, strife and violence in their advancement of the Communist doctrine of "racial nationalism."

Rev. King is the hero. I am the one that got hurt - a real American?

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Where Senator Dirksen left off
I intend to keep fighting

MRS. VICTORIA A. CRAIG, SENATOR FROM PENNSYLVANIA

Mrs. Victoria A. Craig, Christian States Senator representing Pennsylvania, has been called a modern Joan of Arc, because of her struggles to save Christian America. Although a dedicated right-wing patriot, she knows most of the leading politicians. John F. Kennedy and Robert were her friends. Ted is also. She grew up with their brother, Joseph, in Brookline, Mass. Mrs. Craig says: "Let's get together and stop the falsehoods against our true American right-wingers. The Internal Revenue penalized me because I would not stop fighting Communism within that bureau. I intend an all-out fight by my Yankee Division of American Women in all 50 States, against any government official making a false charge in any government branch. Living as we do today in this rich and mighty nation, we've become unthinking puppets controlled by automation—and in our soft selfishness we forget stern discipline, and in our pleasure seeking we no longer frown on sin. Dear God, we must rededicate our lives to you before it is too late."

"Yankee"

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MRS. VICTORIA A. CRAIG, SENATOR FROM PENNSYLVANIA

When our founding fathers finished writing the sacred documents of our Constitution, that document all our ministers of government are required to swear to uphold. Now unmistakable signs appear that we may fail to keep the form of government, Republic, which Benjamin Franklin, and others, gave the people. A new breed of self-appointed leaders is being hatched in Communist training centers and by many brainwashed instructors. They issue Ph.D's to the super brainwashed who display ability to further the moron ideology. These new hatching Ph.D's infiltrate our schools, take over instructions of journalism, theology, political science and other subjects. These super intellectuals say that everything this nation has done from its founding was a mistake. All wrong is our Constitution, Bill of Rights, the Bible, etc. They now have, thru the second generation of their breed, hundreds of newspapers, radio and tv stations thru which to conduct their campaign of education which is nothing short of super brainwashing propaganda.

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Date 4-26-68

Title and Character of Case

MURKIN

Date Property Acquired

VARIOUS

Source From Which Property Acquired

VARIOUS

Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit

BULKY EXHIBIT ROOM

Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same

AID IN INVESTIGATION

Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same

RUNNING GREEN SHEET

1. Sample of laundry tag used on shirts (6 digit) (4-26-68)
2. Fourtape samples from Thermo-Seal machine SN#33626 "
3. Four tape samples from Thermo Seal machine SN#33625 "
4. Sample from Thermo-Seal marking machine SN# 33822 Code 02B-6 and D2B-6 "
5. Sample from Thermo-Seal Marking Machine SN#32072 Code 02B-6 and D2B-6 "
6. Samples from Thermo Seal Marking Machine. Samples of Code numbers taken (1) 02B-6 (2) D2B-6 (3) 2=B-6 (4) Office copy of Invoice #71056 for Code #2=B-6 issued to Grantham for shirts on 10-28-67 "
7. Samples from Textile Marking Machine #SR 32485 "
8. Samples from Textile Marking Machine #S-R 3/ 348. "
9. Four tape samples from Thermo-Seal Machine SN#31717 "
10. " " " " " " " SN unknown "
11. " " " " " " " SN#33951 "

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12. Four tape samples from Thermo-Seal Machine SN # 33943 (4-26-68)
13. " " " " " " SN # 33990 "
14. " " " " " " SN # 32681 "
15. Photos of artist's conception of UNSUB. in MURKIN "
16. (1) Samples from Thermo-Seal Marking Machine on red tape "
(2) Invoices of last 2 customers assigned the numbers
2-B-6 which are R. Donough and Paul Weaver
17. Three cloth laundry tags with lettering 14A-2 "
18. One negative 30 photos taken 1968 James Earl Ray "
19. Two photos of William David Willis "
20. Photo of James Earl Ray and Walter Terry Rife "
21. Five photos of James Earl Ray taken 1960 "
22. Photo of Walter Terry Rife "
23. Two photos of James Earl Ray "
24. Photo of James Earl Ray taken 1966 "
25. 3 copies of photos of sub'y. re ser 274 (4-30-68)
26. 3 copies of photos of James Earl Ray "
27. 2 Samples of Teptile Marking Machine SN # 33783 (4-30-68)
28. 1 Copy of letter from William Jervois Crosby "
29. 26 Photos & 1 Negative of Ray (5-6-68)
30. 1 negative & 24 prints of standup photo of Ray "
31. 2 Photos of Artist's Composite of Eric Starvo Galt (5-6-68)
32. 4 Photos of James Earl Ray taken in Fall of 1967 "

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Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit

BULKY EXHIBIT ROOM

Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same

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RUNNING GREEN SHEET

1. Fingerprints of Harold Nelson Van Winkel (5-7-68)
2. 5 smooth finished copies of the photograph of James Earl Ray (5-15-68)
3. Color Photos of Suit & Beal linen used by Ray (as Galt) in Los Angeles "
4. 14 Skull X-Rays of James Earl Ray (5-24-68)
(Returned to Bu 5-31-68 Cef)
5. Receipt for bulky exhibit (44-1368-1B-2(4)) (6-13-68)
6. Original letter & envelope postmarked April 23, 1968 from Mansfield Ohio to Rev. Hal Lloyd, United Presbyterian Church, Germantown, Pa. (6-25-68)
7. Xerox Copies of (1) envelope addressed to U.S. Judge Machee (2) letter to Mac Roe (3) news article (4) pamphlet "L. Con Hoger" (2/3/70)
(5) envelope 12-1769 to Mac Roe (6) chestman card
8. Interview notes of SA E. Keel 2 pages 1/8/79 1/16/79

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MURKIN

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Source From Which Property Acquired

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Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit

BULKY ROOM

Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same

EVIDENCE

To Be Returned

☐ Yes ☒ No

See Serial

Agent Submitting Property or Exhibit

VARIOUS

Agent Assigned Case

VARIOUS

☐ Yes ☒ No Grand Jury Material - Disseminate Only Pursuant to Rule 6(e), Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure.

Description of Property or Exhibit

RUNNING GREEN SHEET III

1. GREEN SHEET FOR 44-1368-1B-1 AND 1B-2, (D) 11/8/83,

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See 1A section

For Valuable and/or Narcotics Evidence Only

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TO ALL SACS

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MURKIN; CR. OO MEMPHIS.

RE BUTEL TO ALL SAC'S APRIL SEVEN, NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT.

FOR INFO ALL OFFICES, PERTINENT PERIODS IN INVESTIGATION
ARE MARCH TWENTY NINE AND THIRTY IN BIRMINGHAM, ALA., AND
APRIL FOUR, SIXTY EIGHT, IN MEMPHIS, TENN.

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TO ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES (PLAINTEXT)
FROM DIRECTOR (44-38861) 2P

MURKIN.

THIS IS THE CASE INVOLVING THE MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., ON APRIL FOUR, LAST, IN MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD ANYONE BE TOLD THIS INVESTIGATION IS IN CONNECTION WITH CAPTIONED MATTER.

IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT A RIFLE ABANDONED NEAR SCENE OF CRIME WAS PURCHASED BY INDIVIDUAL USING THE NAME HARVEY LOWMEYER OR LOWMYER.

LOWMEYER OR LOWMYER IS GENERALLY DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, THIRTYSIX YEARS OLD, FIVE FEET EIGHT INCHES TALL, ONE HUNDRED FIFTY - ONE HUNDRED SIXTY POUNDS, BLACK OR DARK BROWN HAIR.

IN VIEW OF THE UNUSUAL NATURE OF THE NAMES LOWMEYER AND LOWMYER, ALL OFFICES SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CHECK YOUR INDICES, ALL CITY DIRECTORIES, ALL TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES COVERING YOUR TERRITORIES, ALL DRIVERS LICENSE RECORDS, ALL AUTOMOBILE
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THIS IS THE CASE INVOLVING THE MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., ON APRIL FOUR, LAST, IN MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE.

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FROM NEW YORK 44-1609

MURKIN; CIVIL RIGHTS; OO: MEMPHIS.

RE BIRMINGHAM TELS TO THE BUREAU DATED APRIL SEVEN
AND APRIL EIGHT LAST AND MEMPHIS TEL TO ALL SACS DATED
APRIL SEVEN LAST.

FOR INFORMATION, BIRMINGHAM ADVISED UNSUB USED NAME
HARVEY LOWMEYER WHEN PURCHASING RIFLE IN BIRMINGHAM AND
NAME JOHN WILLARD IN REGISTRATION AT MEMPHIS. BIRMINGHAM
REQUESTED NEW YORK OFFICE TO CONTACT DINERS CLUB TO DETERMINE
IF EITHER NAME APPEARED AS CREDIT CARD HOLDERS AND THEREAFTER
SET OUT APPROPRIATE LEADS TO ELIMINATE OR IDENTIFY AS UNSUB
THIS CASE.

REVIEW OF DINERS CLUB'S RECORDS AT NEW YORK REVEALS
NO CREDIT CARD FOR HARVEY LOWMEYER.

RECORDS REFLECT THE FOLLOWING DINERS CLUB ACCOUNTS
UNDER THE NAME JOHN WILLARD:
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JOHN F. WILLARD, WILLARD GENERAL TIRE SERVICE, INC.,
TWO THREE NINE WEST KING STREET, YORK, PENNSYLVANIA.

THIS ACCOUNT NUMBER TWO FOUR FOUR SIX SIX THREE ZERO SIX DASH
EIGHT HAS BEEN ACTIVE SINCE NINETEEN HUNDRED FIFTY THREE.

PHILADELPHIA CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION TO
ELIMINATE OR IDENTIFY JOHN F. WILLARD AS UNSUB THIS
CASE.

JOHN W. WILLARD, WIFE MARY R. WILLARD ONE THREE FIVE
HAMPTON ROAD, SYRACUSE, NEW YORK, TELEPHONE NUMBER
GR NINE DASH NINE SEVEN FOUR FIVE, DINERS CLUB ACCOUNT
NUMBER ONE SEVEN TWO EIGHT DASH FIVE SIX ONE THREE DASH
ZERO. DINERS CLUB RECORDS REFLECT WILLARD AS PRESIDENT
OF J. W. WILLARD ASSOCIATES, INC. EMPLOYMENT AGENCY, TWO
TWO ZERO SOUTH WARREN STREET, SYRACUSE, NEW YORK,
TELEPHONE NUMBER FOUR TWO TWO DASH FIVE ONE ONE ONE,
AND HAS BANK ACCOUNT AT MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK AND TRUST
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