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ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE THROUGH  
BELL TEL CO., SECURITY OFFICE, FOR  
TRACING OF TELEPHONE LINE.

REMEMBER, TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE,  
THE TRUNK LINE ON WHICH THE CALL  
IS COMING IN SHOULD BE DETERMINED,  
SUCH AS LO 3-5300 OR 5301 TO 5308.

AS SOON AS TRUNK LINE IS DETERMINED  
CALL LO 3-0025, ASK FOR "TRACE"  
IDENTIFY YOURSELF AS BEING WITH THE  
FBI, REQUEST TO TRACE THE CALL ON  
DETERMINED TRUNK.

TRY TO KEEP PARTY ON LINE AS  
LONG AS POSSIBLE WHILE TRACE IS  
BEING ATTEMPTED.

IF PROBLEM ARISES, CONTACT SA  
J. R. PERCEC TO CLARIFY.

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John Devine : Wellsboro P.A.  
RE: MURKIN - NEGATIVE CHECKS ON 4-9-68

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Mansfield  
Troy  
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Towanda.  
Sayre  
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Mansfield  
Towanda.

Credit.

V. Credit Bur, 87 Main St. Wellsboro <sup>Tioga</sup> Potter  
Valley " " 202 Packer Ave Sayre  
Credit Bureau of Bradford Co, 211 Main St Towanda



All Telephone Directories + ~~City~~  
in Potter, Tioga + Bradford Co  
Communities.

Wellsboro + Mansfield City Directory  
Negatives.





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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

500 Widener Building  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107  
April 25, 1968

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To Whom It May Concern:

Attached is material on James Earl Ray  
who was added to the FBI's list of "Ten Most  
Wanted Fugitives," Saturday, p.m., April 20, 1968.

Very truly yours,

*Joe D. Jamieson*  
JOE D. JAMIESON  
Special Agent in Charge

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To: SAC, Philadelphia

**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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Memoranda	24
Spot Announcements	20
Identification Orders	30
Photographs, glossy 7x10	3
Photographs, dull 7x10	1
Photographs, glossy 5x7	2
Photographs, glossy 3x5	3
Photographs, dull 4x6	1
Photographs, glossy 2 1/2x4	
Wanted Flyers	10
Slides	

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Total	94
Placards	13
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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.

• 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 March 10, 1928. 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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(Type in plaintext or code)Via Airtel \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

To: SAC's, Philadelphia (44-1368)  
Memphis (44-1987)

✓ From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

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Re Philadelphia teletype 4-18-68.

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A I R T E L

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
FROM: SAC, RICHMOND (44-657) - P -  
SUBJECT: MURKIN  
(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re Philadelphia teletype to Richmond, 4/22/68.

AT CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA.

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA JOHN G. MC CARTHY:

Records of the DMV for the State of Va., reflect that Va. License T146395 was issued for 1968 Ford pick-up truck registered to owner WILLIAM H. SMITH, 913 Montrose Ave., Charlottesville, Va.

Neighborhood inquiry in vicinity of 913 Montrose Ave., on 4/23/68 determined WILLIAM H. SMITH, his wife, and one child, have resided at that address for approximately 12 years. SMITH is employed as a carpenter with the Van Lear Construction Co. He owns a 1968 Ford pick-up with a camper top for the truck. He also recently reportedly took a vacation to Kansas City, Mo.

On 4/23/68, Mrs. GRACE SMITH, nee Kent, 913 Montrose Ave., Charlottesville, advised that her

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husband is employed by the Van Lear Construction Co. as a carpenter and has been so employed for the past ten years. She has resided at her present address for twelve years. Mrs. SMITH advised that her husband recently took a vacation to Kansas City, Mo., visiting a friend from the Army, a CHARLES DON WATSON, having left Charlottesville on Friday, 4/12/68.

Mrs. SMITH advised that her husband had been in Charlottesville and was employed by Van Lear Construction Co. during the week of the KING murder and in fact, had been working nights for Sgt. ELWOOD CASON of the Charlottesville, Va. PD at CASON's residence. SMITH also pointed out that her husband has two fingers missing from his left hand and stated that her husband's presence in Charlottesville at the time of the KING murder could be easily confirmed.

On 4/23/68, Sgt. ELWOOD CASON, Charlottesville, Va. PD, advised that he is well-acquainted with WILLIAM H. SMITH, having known him for a period of several years as a resident at 913 Montrose Ave., Charlottesville. CASON pointed out SMITH has two fingers missing from his left hand and that although he does have the same physical build as JAMES EARL RAY, including some close physical facial attributes as with the photograph distributed on RAY, he does not have a scar in the center of his forehead. CASON also pointed out that SMITH had been doing some carpentry work at CASON's residence for a period of several weeks, working every night, including the night of 4/5/68, at which time he had been paid by CASON for completion of the work.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1368)

DATE: 4-25-68

FROM : SA JOHN WILLIAM DAANE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Rememo SA KENNETH K. SMYTHE dated 4-15-68

On 4-25-68 Miss A. ARCHER, Arthur Murray Dance Studio, 15 E. Market St., York, Pa. advised that she was unable to find the names used by subject in her files.

It is to be noted that this is the only dance studio in the York, Adams, and Franklin Counties area teaching adult dancing.

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# Memorandum

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DATE: 4/24/68

FROM : CC Robert C. Kearney

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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BAIRD also stated that RAY began work at Giles and Ransome on 4/5/68.

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SAs JOHN C. MURRAY & RICHARD STRAUCH

MURKIN

At about 9 PM 4-25-68 the above agents were instructed by office radio to proceed immediately to The Presbyterian Hospital, 39<sup>th</sup> & Pennellton.

At the hospital Detective Charles Palmer, West Detective Division advised as follows:

About 8 PM This date (4-25-68) a white male adult fell from a stool in a cafe at 4508 Lancaster Avenue due to a seizure of some kind, brought on by intoxication. Negro customers present suggested that the victim was "Starvo GALT" decided to kick him. The victim was rescued by Patrolman Jones & Willis who brought him to the hospital.

A search of the victims identi-

fication reflect he is HARRY G. Johnson, M/W / Born 11-26-25.

Social security # [REDACTED]

formerly in U.S. Army for one month [REDACTED]. He is

described as 5'7, 135, dark brown hair, brown eyes. 1" scar center upper lip. No scar on forehead or right hand.

An address card reflected Johnson ~~was~~ resided 115 Alexander Street Princeton N.J.

Phila Police Crime Scene Squad dispatched fingerprint expert Mr Jack WHAUMBUSH who fingerprinted Johnson, classified the prints and stated definitely he is not identical with RAY.

Det. Palmer said the Doctors are keeping Johnson in the hospital. A ~~the~~ complete investigative report will be available to FBI on 4/26/68 or 4/29/68.

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TO : SAC (44-1368) P

DATE: 4/25/68

FROM : SA NED W. HERSMAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re SAC Telephone conversation with PHPD Capt. O'Neil.  
on 4/19/68.

MARVIN MCFARLAND, 1435 N. Frazier St.  
advised PHPD Cpl. DANIELS that he, MCFARLAND, had  
seen an individual resembling JAMES EARL RAY in  
a black Ford Falcon, temporary Pa license L57629.  
This license is registered to RAYMOND BLOM,  
14 Holbrook Rd, Havertown, Pa.

On 4/19/68 SA GEORGE C. BRIGHT determined  
through voters registration and Credit Bureau  
records that BLOM has resided at above address  
since 1956 and is slightly similar in appearance  
to RAY but not identical.

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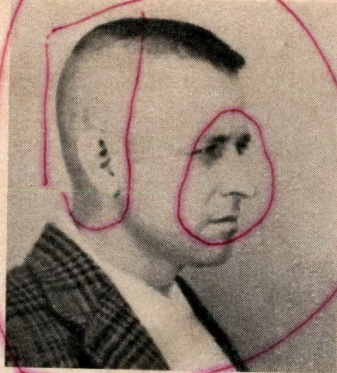
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ONE FACE of "Eric Galt." This  
is 1960 photo of James Earl Ray.



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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.

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AT 44-2386

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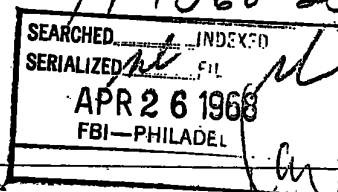
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SEARS stated this individual was riding in the rear of a Chevrolet Camaro, year unknown, bearing Pennsylvania license plate 131-458. The car was proceeding south on the Schuylkill Expressway toward the International airport when SEARS turned off at the Vine Street ramp.

He advised that the car was being driven by a well dressed woman and that the subject had on a green t-shirt. He stated the subject appeared to be trying to hide his face behind a newspaper and when he dropped the paper for a few seconds, SEARS got a look at him and he appeared identical to RAY.

A review of the Motor Vehicle Registration book in the office reflects that Pennsylvania license plate 131-458 is registered to a BETTY W. O'CONNOR, 78 Barrie Circle, New Britain, Pennsylvania.

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Re New York airtel to Bureau, 4/23/68.

On 4/25/68, each of the following who were the stewardesses on American Airlines Flight No. 338 from Dallas, Texas, to Philadelphia on 4/6/68 advised the photographs on FBI Identification Order No. 4182, dated 4/20/68, for JAMES EARL RAY do not appear to be of anyone observed on Flight No. 338 on 4/6/68:

VIRGINIA VANCE, 5049 Cedar Springs, Apartment 120, Dallas, Texas, telephone LA 8-3993;

BONNIE CRAVEN, 2625 Hudnall, Apartment 226, Dallas, Texas, telephone LA 6-4156;

JANICE THENRELL, 3726 Fairfax, Dallas, Texas, telephone 521-5349;

ANNETTE BUATT, 2710 Douglas, Apartment 124, Dallas, Texas, telephone LA 1-1548.

3 - Bureau  
2 - Memphis (44-1987)  
1 - Oklahoma City (44-686)(Info)  
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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.

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