

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : ALL AGENTS

DATE: 4/19/68

FROM : SAC, RICHMOND (44-657)(P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

JAMES EARL RAY, aka
Eric Starvo Galt,
Harvey Lowmyer,
John Willard,
James McBride,
James Walton,
W. C. Herren,
James O'Connor - FUGITIVE

Attached for the information of all Agents is a press release issued at Washington the afternoon of 4/19/68 and which has been issued locally in Richmond. The Bureau instructed that no elaboration whatsoever be made regarding this release and that additional instructions regarding investigative leads will follow.

As will be noted in the attached press release, GALT has been identified as JAMES EARL RAY, subject of a UFAC Bureau case in which he has been a fugitive since 7/20/67.

SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

- 1 - Each Agent (Encl. 1)
- 1 - SAC (Encl. 1)
- 1 - ASAC (Encl. 1)
- 1 - Mr. Wagner (Encl. 1)
- 1 - Mr. Humphries (Encl. 1)
- 1 - Mr. Zrow (Encl. 1)
- ① - Richmond (44-657)

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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.

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.

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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 been born March 10, 1928, in Illinois; is approximately 5 feet 10 inches tall and weighs about 163 to 174 pounds.

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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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Conspiracy in King Slaying Is Charged in FBI Warrant

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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RICHMOND TIMES-DRAGON
RICHMOND, VA.

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FBI Released This Photo as Eric Starvo Galt

Artist Drew in Eyes, Which Were Closed

Galt Named Specifically; So-Called Brother Sought

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — A federal fugitive warrant Wednesday charged Eric Starvo Galt, a white man who has been hinted for a week, with conspiracy in the April 4 sniper assassination of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The FBI complaint charges that Galt and a man who Galt claimed was his brother entered into a conspiracy about March 29 in Birmingham. A federal warrant for Galt's arrest was issued in Birmingham.

There was no indication from the FBI that other persons would be charged with the conspiracy. The second man that Galt said was his brother was not identified, nor charged.

A witness in Memphis, where King was killed, said an FBI photograph of the wanted man does not resemble the man he saw leaving the scene after the shooting.

"Unless he was wearing a wig or had had a face lift or something, it's not the man I saw," said Charles Q. Stevens, a resident of the Main Street rooming house from which the sniper was believed to have shot King.

"The hair is too full and the face is too young," said Stevens. He said he only got a side view of the fleeing man, however.

The FBI did not indicate when the photograph was made, but a source said it was taken within the past three months.

In Birmingham, Galt's landlord for six weeks last fall, Peter Cherpes, told the Associated Press that the FBI photo might be a picture of Galt. "It's very near, but I'm not sure," said Cherpes. He remembered his boarder's hair as being much lighter.

The AP reported Monday that Cherpes had identified FBI drawings as the Eric Galt who had lived at the Birmingham rooming house from Aug. 26 to Oct. 7, 1967.

An Atlanta taxicab driver said an FBI picture he identified as a two-block fare the night after the slaying was different from the one released Wednesday. "That is definitely not the man I picked up," the cab driver said.

Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark, who went to Memphis after the slaying of the civil rights leader, announced in a statement that Galt was being sought as a fugitive on the charge of conspiring to injure, oppress, threaten or intimidate King in the exercise of a federal right, "namely, the right to freely travel from state to state."

Charged by State

Tennessee charged Galt with first-degree murder late Wednesday in the King slaying. The state warrant was issued five hours after the FBI announcement.

The FBI charge was the first disclosure that authorities had evidence of a conspiracy in King's slaying. An early statement by Clark referred to "one man on the run." It was dropped from a later statement.

FBI director J. Edgar Hoover said in the Wednesday release that Galt bought a rifle in Birmingham about March 30. Only a few weeks before, the statement said, Galt had graduated from a bartending school in Los Angeles.

Galt had told acquaintances in Birmingham that he worked in shipyards or on ships, and on a driver's license application he put "merchant seaman, unemployed."

In Hollywood, director Tomas Reyes Lau of the International School of Bartending,

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Warrant Issued In King Slaying

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said Galt graduated March 2 and disappeared after refusing a job. Lau said Galt was an excellent student.

The FBI said Galt also was known as "Harvey Lowmyer and John Willard." The slaying suspect registered under the latter name.

An FBI statement said Galt has given his date of birth as July 20, 1931, has brown hair, wears his hair in a brush cut, reportedly has blue eyes, a straight narrow nose, is between 5-feet-8 and 5-feet-11 and weighs between 160 and 175 pounds.

The FBI said, "The fugitive is said to have a nervous habit of occasionally pulling at an

ear lobe with his left hand. His left ear lobe protrudes farther from his head than his right ear."

The FBI statement said that Galt, on or about March 30, bought a rifle at Birmingham. The bureau did not say specifically that it was the rifle that killed King.

But the statement said, "A 30.06 rifle equipped with a telescopic sight was found near a rooming house on South Main Street in Memphis immediately after the fatal shooting of Dr. King occurred." The rooming house overlooks the Lorraine Hotel and Motel where King was staying.

FBI agents have determined that the rifle was purchased from a Birmingham gun dealer March 30. The sight also was said to have been bought from the same dealer, whom the FBI did not identify.

Owned Mustang

The FBI said Galt owns a 1966 white Mustang with Alabama license plates which was found abandoned April 11 in Atlanta. It was bought from a private citizen in Birmingham last Aug. 30.

The car's odometer showed it had been driven more than 19,000 miles between late August 1967 and early April 1968.

The FBI said, "Galt's travel in the Mustang included trips to Los Angeles, Calif., New Orleans, La., Birmingham, Ala., and Mexico as well as to Memphis, Tenn., and Atlanta, Ga. Galt was reported to have been in Memphis on April 3 and 4, 1968 and to have departed from there for Atlanta."

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

MESSAGE RELAY PLAN

FROM DIRECTOR 5P

MURKIN. OO: MEMPHIS.

JAMES EARL RAY, AKA. EARL JAMES RAY, W. C. HERRON, EARL JAMES,
JAMES MC BRIDE, JAMES O'CONNER, JAMES WALTON, JAMES WALYON, JIM:
- 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. INDEXED
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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, 44-657-109

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FEDERAL COMPLAINT AUTHORIZED BY AUSA WILLIAM A. KITCHEN, 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 ~~WALTER TERRY RIFE~~ 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 MARCH TEN, TWENTY-EIGHT OR TWENTY-NINE, 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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OVER TWELVE. NCIC FPC--ONE SIX ONE THREE ONE ONE ZERO ZERO ONE TWO
ONE TWO I I ONE TWO I I ONE SEVEN. MILITARY RECORD--JAMES EARL RAY,
SN ONE SIX ONE SIX THREE ONE TWO NINE, 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 WALTER TERRY RIFE, 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 APRIL NINETEEN, TWENTY-FOUR, 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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TO: SAC, NEW YORK
FROM: SAC, RICHMOND (44-657) -P-
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RE: SUBJECT GEORGE WIEDEMAN

On 4/15/68, Mrs. SADIE REID, a waitress at the Watstull Restaurant and Motel on Interstate 81 at Arcadia, Va., advised on 4/15/68, that at about 9:00 A.M., 4/11/68, a young white man came into the restaurant and ate breakfast. While he was there, he purchased two post cards and when he left asked if she could mail the cards for him. She agreed to mail the cards and after he left, she read them and noted the contents and the way that they were signed and decided to turn them over to the FBI rather than mail them.

Mrs. REID furnished the cards which read as follows:

"George,

"Should you ever again warn me about Houston's rain, you'll be speaking to a confirmed believer. Visability was so poor, could only do 40MPH. Having neither radar nor pontoons, stayed over at Winnie, Tex (25 mi W. of Beaumont)

"Had rain all thru Louisiana, too, but from Alabama on its been beautiful.

"/s/ Jack"

- 2 - New York (REGISTERED MAIL)
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This post card was addressed to GEORGE TORMEY,
8810 Grape, Houston, Texas.

The other card reads as follows:

"Comrade,

"Congratulations on your work in Memphis.
Your precision was flawless. Oswald needed 3
"messengers" but you performed with only one.
Your departure was also perfect. They hunt in
Mexico for a bird that is in New York.

"See you at Tuesday's cell meeting.

"Regards,
"/s/ Ivan"

This post card was addressed to GEORGE WIEDEMAN,
TWA Air Cargo Bldg. 81, J. F. Kennedy Airport, Jamaica,
N. Y.

It was noted that both of the cards were hand
printed in ink and appeared to have been written by the
same individual. The cards are being maintained in the
Richmond file.

Mrs. REID described the man who gave her the
post cards as follows:

Race	White
Age	27-28
Height	5'6" - 5'7"
Weight	155-160 lbs.
Hair	Cut short, black
Eyes	Dark
Dress	Dark suit, white shirt and tie
Accent	No particular accent noted

This individual was driving a 1966-67 black
Ford with Tennessee license plates, number unknown. She
did not know in which direction he was traveling when he
left the restaurant but indicated she had not seen the man
before and was not a local resident.

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LEADS

NEW YORK

AT KENNEDY AIRPORT, NEW YORK, N. Y.

Will identify GEORGE WIEDEMAN, TWA Air Cargo Building 81, to determine if he should be considered a logical suspect in this matter and attempt to learn from him the identity of the sender of the post card named JACK, and if he considers JACK to be a suspect in this matter.

HOUSTON

AT HOUSTON, TEXAS

Will contact GEORGE TORMEY, 8810 Grape, to determine if he knows identity of sender of these post cards named JACK and if JACK should be considered a logical suspect in captioned matter.

UNSUB ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, RICHMOND (44-657)

DATE: 4/22/68

FROM : SA WILSON B. WADDY

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Bureau TT 4/8/68.

This is to advise that during the week of 4/8/68 it was determined thru a check of neighborhood, employment and other ~~XXXX~~ appropriate sources that all bombing suspects in the RH Division were accounted for as not being in the Memphis, Tenn. area on 4/4/68.

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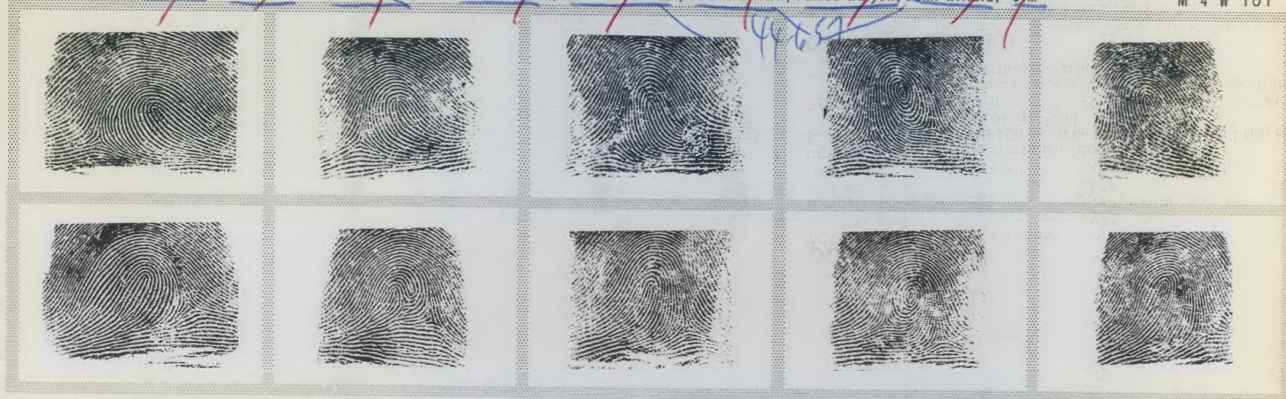
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INTERSTATE FLIGHT - ROBBERY**

WANTED BY FBI

JAMES EARL RAY

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

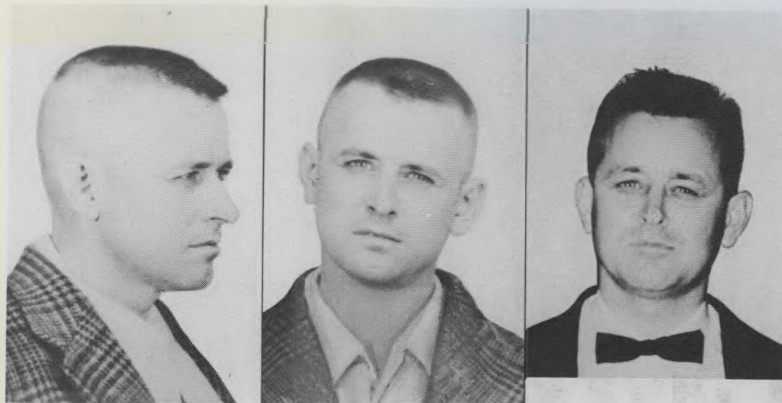
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Photographs taken 1960

Photograph taken 1968
(eyes drawn by artist)

James Ray *sumo*
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DESCRIPTION

AGE: 40, born March 10, 1928, Alton, Illinois
HEIGHT: 5'10"
WEIGHT: 163 to 174 pounds
BUILD: medium
HAIR: 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

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.

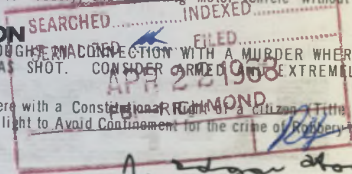
CAUTION

RAY IS SOUGHT IN CONNECTION WITH A MURDER WHEREIN THE VICTIM WAS SHOT. CONSIDERED 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 Containment for the crime of Robbery (Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 1073).

**IF YOU HAVE INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS PERSON, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR LOCAL FBI OFFICE.
TELEPHONE NUMBERS AND ADDRESSES OF ALL FBI OFFICES LISTED ON BACK.**

Identification Order 4182
April 20, 1968



Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C. 20535

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TO RICHMOND 44-~~657~~ 657

FROM WASHINGTON FIELD 44-703

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RE: JAMES EARL RAY

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Re Washington Field teletype to Memphis, Atlanta, and Richmond, 4/8/68, regarding unidentified male on Delta Flight 725, 4/1/68, with rifle box labeled "Mauser" which was placed by unidentified stewardess in cockpit.

Enclosed for Atlanta is a copy of the flight manifest for Delta Flight 725 on 4/1/68.

For the information of New Orleans, on 4/6/68, Mr. JOHN C. THOMAS, advised Washington Field that on 4/1/68, he had flown to Atlanta, Ga., on Delta Flight 725 at which time he noticed a man with a box which appeared to be identical with one pictured in the "Atlanta Journal" as being one that had contained the rifle used to shoot Dr. KING. The box was labeled "Mauser". One of the stewardesses aboard the flight stored the box in the cockpit until the termination of the flight. The above mentioned flight departed Washington National Airport at 8:09 A.M., and arrived at Atlanta at 9:43 A.M. The man carrying the box was described as approximately 5'11", stocky, and wearing sunglasses.

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On 4/15/68, Mr. JACK T. SCHNEIDER, Station Manager, Delta Airlines, Washington National Airport, advised their records indicate the crew of Flight 725 on 4/1/68, was as follows:

Captain PEARL
First Officer JONES
Stewardesses PAGE, MOSELY, and STUMLER

Mr. SCHNEIDER stated the Captain and First Officer are based in New Orleans and the stewardesses based in Atlanta. In addition, Mr. SCHNEIDER made available a Xerox copy of the flight manifest which bears the name of all persons who had made reservations or flew on that particular flight.

LEADS

ATLANTA

AT ATLANTA, GA.

Will contact above mentioned stewardesses to determine what they recall about particular incident. Will, with the aid of the flight manifest, determine if they can recall the individual carrying the box apparently containing a rifle.

NEW ORLEANS

AT NEW ORLEANS, LA.

Will interview the flight officers aboard Delta Flight 725 on 4/1/68, to determine if they recall the incident mentioned above.

UNSUB ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (44-38861)

FROM : SAC, Kansas City (44-760)
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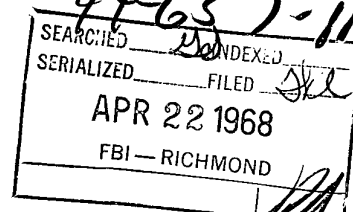
Enclosed to the Bureau are six copies and to each office one copy of the following photographs:

JAMES EARL RAY, Missouri Department of
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WALTER TERRY RIFE, Kansas City SO #29636
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Stand up photographs of RAY on the left, Kansas City SO
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Eric Galt Misses List of 'Wanted'

WASHINGTON (P) — Although he's the most hunted man in the United States, the name of Eric Starvo Galt does not appear on the FBI's list of "Ten Most Wanted Fugitives."

An FBI official said the principal reason fugitives are placed on this list is to "attract publicity for a guy you're looking for—and in this case there's been plenty of publicity."

Furthermore, the list currently is filled. The latest to be added—as of today — is David Stuart Neff, 31, wanted in connection with two Massachusetts bank robberies.

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'Mysterious' Galt Charged by FBI

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — The mysterious Eric Starvo Galt has been charged with conspiracy and murder in the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The FBI said in a fugitive warrant issued Wednesday night in Birmingham, Ala., that Galt, 36, conspired with a man "whom he alleged to be his brother" to violate King's civil rights.

The state charge of first-de-

gree murder was filed against Galt in Memphis where King, 39, Nobel Prize-winning civil rights leader, was shot to death on a motel balcony April 4 by a sniper who fled from a nearby rooming house.

First-degree murder in Tennessee carries the death penalty although the electric chair has not been used in the state since 1960.

The charge against Galt, however, is contained in a warrant. Before he could stand trial, he must be indicted by a grand jury.

The maximum penalty under the federal charge of conspiracy to violate a person's civil rights is a \$5,000 fine and 10-year prison sentence.

'BROTHER' NOT CHARGED

There was no further mention in the FBI statement about the alleged brother and no charge was filed against him.

FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover announced in Washington that the conspiracy to "injure, oppress, threaten or intimidate" King began "on or about March 30" in Birmingham.

The FBI statement said a .30.06 rifle equipped with a telescopic sight found near the rooming house shortly after King was slain, was purchased March 30 in Birmingham.

The statement did not connect Galt directly with the rifle.

The FBI released a photograph of Galt and solicited public aid in finding him. Whether this appeal meant the trail had become cold was unclear, but U.S. Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark told a reporter in Washington that he felt this was not the situation.

The FBI started hunting Galt a week ago. Agents even contacted persons named Galt in several states in an attempt to find him.

The picture — which had to have the eyes "opened" by an artist — brought uncertain responses from witnesses who were acquainted with Galt or saw the fleeing sniper.

"Unless he was wearing a wig or had had a face-lift or something. It's not the man I saw," said Charles Q. Stevens, who lives at the Main Street rooming house from which the

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fatal shot apparently was fired.

The hair is too full and the face is too young," he said. But Stevens said he only got a side view of the fleeing figure.

A source in Birmingham said the photograph was taken within the past three months, although the FBI did not specify when it was made. The photo has sharp contrast, making hair and features very dark.

"It's very near, but I'm not sure," was the reaction of Peter Cherpes, owner of a Birmingham boarding house where an Eric Galt stayed from Aug. 26 to Oct. 7 last year.

"I don't really know," Cherpes said. "It's so hard to tell. His hair seemed to be lighter."

The FBI, relying on witnesses apparently, said the fugitive had been described as a white man, 5-8 to 5-11, weighing 160 to 176 pounds, with brown hair in a brushcut, blue eyes, straight nose.

Persons who have met Galt, the FBI reported, described him as a loner with a "rural" speech and little schooling, fond of vodka, beer and hill-billy music.

The FBI statement also said, "The fugitive is said to have a nervous habit of occasionally pulling at an ear lobe with his left hand. His left ear protrudes further from his head than his right ear."

"Galt should be considered armed and dangerous," the FBI release warned.

Galt has used the names of John Willard and Harvey Lowmeyer, the FBI said. The assassin registered at the Memphis rooming house under the name of John Willard.

Details of the alleged conspiracy were missing from the FBI release, as were vital statistics, such as Galt's birthplace, formal schooling, employment. The statement said Galt claimed to have been a cook on Mississippi riverboats, a merchant seaman and "is said to be an avid dancer."

Galt, the FBI said, is the owner of a 1966 white Mustang with Alabama license plates abandoned in Atlanta the day after King was shot to death. The vehicle was left in the

parking lot of an apartment project near the Georgia Capitol.

Two white Mustangs were parked near the rooming house shortly before the shooting, witnesses have said, and both disappeared minutes later. Some witnesses told of a man in a black business suit, neatly dressed, walking down the steps to the street with either Alabama or Arkansas tags.

A businessman said Wednesday night he was certain the Mustang parked farthest from the shooting scene had an Arkansas tag. "I'm clear in my own mind," he said.

The FBI said Galt's car traveled more than 19,000 miles between Aug. 30, 1967, when he bought it in Birmingham and its abandonment last week in Atlanta. There were trips to Los Angeles, New Orleans and Mexico, the FBI said.

"Galt was reported to have been in Memphis April 3 and 4, 1968, and to have departed from there for Atlanta," the FBI said.

Galt was said to have taken dancing lessons in New Orleans in 1964 or 1965, in Birmingham during 1967 and in Long Beach, Calif., in recent months.

BARTENDING COURSE

While in the Los Angeles area early this year, Galt took a course in bartending and graduated March 2, the FBI said. In Hollywood, director Tomas Reyes Lau of the International School of Bartending said Galt took a four-week course but refused a job.

Lau said Galt turned down the job because he wanted to visit his brother.

"He never said anything about Negroes," Lau said. Similarly, residents of the Birmingham boarding house did not recall Galt talking about racial issues.

Galt told his landlord in Birmingham he was on vacation and had worked at Ingalls Shipyards in Pascagoula, Miss. The company had no record of him.

Likewise, Galt put "merchant seaman, unemployed," on his application for an Alabama driver's license last year, but no record has been found of his name on maritime union rolls. He also claimed to have had a 1962 Louisiana license, but there is no record of it.



AP Wirephotos

ERIC STARVO GALT



Charles Q. Stevens (right), whose description of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s alleged assassin played an important part in the composite drawing by Bill Harrington (left), Memphis Commercial Appeal staff artist,

said Wednesday night the picture of Eric Starvo Galt released by the FBI is "not the man I saw." Stevens lives in the rooming house from which the fatal bullet was fired



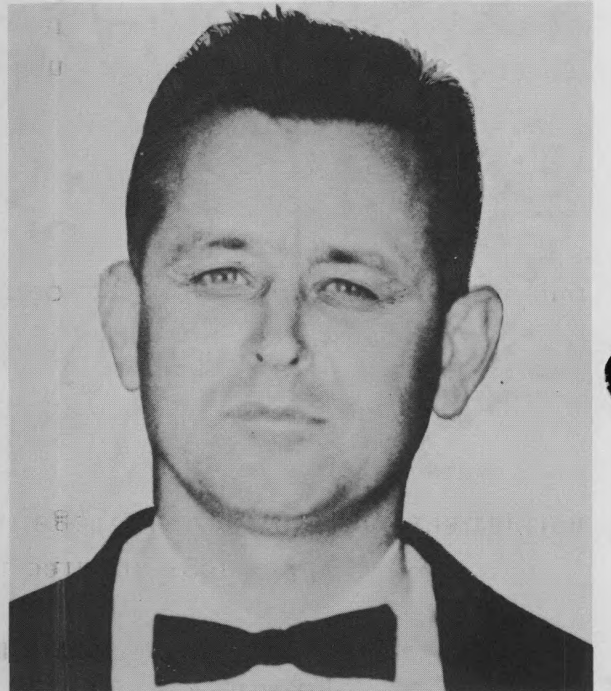
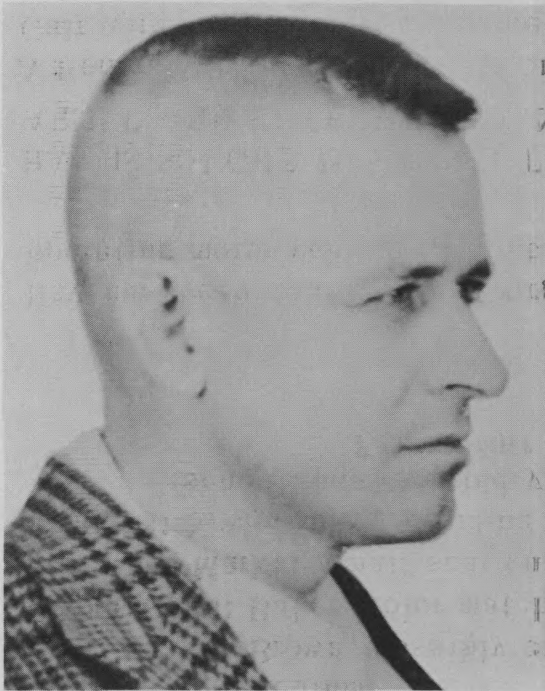
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Kathy Norton, 21, a dance instructor, and Rod Arvidson, 46, a dance school manager, look at a picture of Eric Starvo Galt at Long Beach, Calif., Wednesday night. They said Galt appeared to be a man of the same name who attended their dance school earlier this year.

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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

Age: 40, born March 10, 1928, at Quincy or Alton, Illinois (not supported by birth records)

Height: 5' 10"

Weight: 163 to 174 pounds

Build: Medium

Hair: 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.

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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).

IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS PERSON, PLEASE NOTIFY ME OR CONTACT YOUR LOCAL FBI OFFICE. TELEPHONE NUMBERS AND ADDRESSES OF ALL FBI OFFICES LISTED ON BACK.

Wanted Flyer 442-A
April 19, 1968

J. Edgar Hoover
DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535
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Telephone or telegraph the Special Agent in Charge at the above address.

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FBI Is Reported Searching for Galt Outside the U. S.

MEMPHIS AP — The FBI pressed one of the most thorough manhunts in its history Thursday for Eric Starvo Galt, charged in the slaying of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

But little more was known publicly about the alleged assassin of the civil rights leader than when his name first arose a week ago. It was learned, however, that a man registered as Eric S. Galt in a Memphis motel a day before King was slain.

Police agencies continued their "no comment" handling of the case — including questions about a newspaper report that the search had spread outside the country, to Mexico or Cuba. And they were silent on

any details at all about a man with whom Galt may have conspired in the slaying.

Murder Warrant

A murder warrant was issued here Wednesday night for the 36-year-old Galt, five hours after the FBI charged him with conspiracy to violate the civil rights of King. The FBI warrant charged him with conspiring with a man "whom he alleged to be his brother."

King was killed by a single bullet the night of April 4 as he leaned over the second-floor railing of a Memphis motel. Police have said the shot was fired from the bathroom of a hotel across the street.

The FBI said Galt had used the names of Harvey Lowmyer and John Willard. A man named "John Willard" checked into the hotel just three hours before King was killed and left shortly afterward.

Ivan B. Webb, night desk clerk at the Rebel Motel here, said a man registered there under the name of Eric S. Galt on April 3. Webb said a white Mustang with Alabama license plates and Mexican tourist stickers was parked near the room occupied by Galt. A similar car has been impounded in Atlanta, and the FBI said that car belonged to Galt. A white Mustang is believed to have been the getaway car after the slaying.

The FBI declined comment on the possibility that a man who had checked into another motel April 3 might have been Galt's brother.

Neat Dresser

In Washington, Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark described Galt as a neat dresser, of apparently limited education and a man with a taste for vodka and beer.

He also was described as an avid dancer with a liking for country and Western music.

Police recovered a .30-08 Remington rifle with telescopic sight soon after King was killed. The weapon had been abandoned in a doorway near the scene of the shooting.

The Birmingham News said in a copyrighted story Thursday that a gun which the FBI said had been purchased in that city had been identified in ballistics tests as the .30-08 rifle that killed King.

The newspaper also said the search for Galt has spread outside the United States and that it is believed the man has fled to Mexico or Cuba.

A photograph, released Wednesday by the FBI, was obtained from the International School of Bartending in Hollywood, Calif., where Galt was graduated March 2 after a four-week course.

But several persons who said they either knew Galt or had seen him before or after the slaying had trouble identifying the photograph. And the operator of a Memphis dancing school said the FBI had shown him a sketch not a photograph, just hours before the picture was released in Washington. Others said the FBI had shown them another picture.

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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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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 July 20, 1931, 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 R. MACEY TAYLOR, 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 JOSEPH H. GAMBLE filed a complaint before USC MILDRED F. SPRAGUE, 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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418 PM JLK 400PM URGENT 4/22/68. GJM

TO ALL SACS RELAY MESSAGE PLAN

FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 1P

MURKIN

✓ 44-657*

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.

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RELAY TEL FROM BUREAU

457 AM JMV

432 AM RDR

URGENT 4-22-68 RNK

TO ALL SACS PLAINTEXT

FROM DIRECTOR (44-38861) 1P

MURKIN

✓ 44-657*

REMEAIRTEL TO ALL OFFICES APRIL ONE NINE LAST FURNISHING
BACKGROUND DATA CONCERNING JAMES EARL RAY.

SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED POSSIBLE SUSPECT IN ANY
UNSOLVED BANK ROBBERIES, BURGLARIES OR ARMED ROBBERIES
(POSSIBLE ITSP VIOLATIONS) OCCURING AFTER APRIL TWO THREE
ONE NINE SIX SEVEN. RAY SHOULD ALSO BE CONSIDERED SUSPECT IN
ANY FUTURE SUCH VIOLATIONS AND BUREAU ADVISED TELEPHONICALLY
OF ANY TENTATIVE IDENTIFICATION.

ANY PERTINENT LEADS DEVELOPED DURING REVIEW OF PAST
VIOLATIONS SHOULD BE EXPEDITIOUSLY RUN OUT AND BUREAU ADVISED.

SUBJECT'S HANDWRITING AND HAND PRINTING NOT IDENTIFIED
IN BANK ROBBERY NOTE FILE AND HIS FINGERPRINTS ARE BEING
SEARCHED AGAINST LATENTS SUBMITTED IN UNSOLVED BANK ROBBERY AND
BURGLARY VIOLATIONS.

SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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706 PM 4-22-68 URGENT ERA
TO SAC RICHMOND
FROM SAC PHILADELPHIA 44-1368

MURKIN

RE: JAMES EARL RAY

ON APRIL TWENTYTWO INSTANT, HARRY GOODWIN, DAUPHIN COUNTY PROBATION OFFICER, HARRISBURG, PA, AND FORMER POLICEMAN, ADVISED HE VISITED HAROLD'S BAR IN HIGH SPIRE, PA, EVENING OF APRIL TWENTY LAST. UPON LEAVING BAR, AN UNKNOWN WHITE MALE, DRIVING A LATE MODEL FORD PICK-UP WITH ALUMINUM CAMPER, BEARING VIRGINIA LICENSE T ONE FOUR SIX - THREE NINE FIVE, DROVE INTO PARKING LOT OF BAR AND ASKED HIM DIRECTIONS TO CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA. MAN STATED HE WAS TRAVELING FROM KANSAS CITY, MO, TO CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA, AND HAD BECOME LOST. GOODWIN ADVISED HE BECAME SUSPICIOUS OF MAN AT WHICH TIME HE NOTED VIRGINIA LICENSE AND THAT IT HAD BEEN PURCHASED IN CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA.

UPON VIEWING RAY'S PHOTO AT CONCLUSION OF FBI TELEVISION SHOW ON APRIL TWENTYONE LAST, HE NOTED STRICKING SIMILARITY BETWEEN UNKNOWN WHITE MALE HE HAD SPOKED WITH AND PHOTO, ALONG WITH SIMILARITIES OF DESCRIPTIVE DATA.

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SA McCarthy
advised 4/22/68
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Pg. William H. Smith
913 Montross Ave.
Charlottesville, VA
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HE STATED INDIVIDUAL WAS NEATLY DRESSED, WEARING LIGHT BROWN SHEEN
DRESS HAT AND MATCHING SPORT COAT.

RICHMOND, THROUGH RECORDS BUREAU MOTOR VEHICLES, DETERMINE
REGISTERED OWNER ABOVE VEHICLE BEARING VIRGINIA REGISTRATION, AND
SET OUT APPROPRIATE LEADS TO LOCATE AND IDENTIFY.

MAIL COPIES TO BUREAU AND MEMPHIS.

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FBI ATLANTA

8:45 PM 4-22-68 URGENT JWE
TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND RICHMOND
FROM ATLANTA 44-2386

MURKIN

CHECK OF PASSENGER MANIFEST DATE FOR DELTA AIRLINES,
ATLANTA, REFLECTS ONE NORM PERRY TRAVELING AS PARTY OF ONE,
GIVING PHONE NUMBER AS FOUR SIX TWO DASH TWO THREE EIGHT TWO,
BOARDED DELTA FLIGHT ONE ZERO SIX AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA, APRIL
SIX, LAST, FLYING UNDER TOURIST CLASS, WITH DESTINATION LISTED
AS LONDON, ENGLAND. FLIGHT FLEW DIRECT FROM ATLANTA, GEORGIA,
TO DULLES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, VIRGINIA, AND FROM THERE DIRECT
TO LONDON, AND SUBSEQUENTLY TERMINATING IN FRANKFURT, GERMANY.
CHECK WITH SOUTHERN BELL TELEPHONE REFLECTS NUMBER FOUR SIX TWO
DASH TWO THREE EIGHT TWO UNDER AREA CODE FOUR ZERO FOUR WOULD BE
A RISING FAWN, GEORGIA, NUMBER AND UNDER AREA CODE NINE ONE TWO
WOULD BE A NAHUNTA, GEORGIA, NUMBER. ATTEMPTS TO CONTACT
INDIVIDUALS AT THIS NUMBER IN RISING FAWN AND NAHUNTA NEGATIVE;
HOWEVER, CONTACT WITH INFORMATION OPERATORS THOSE LOCATIONS
REFLECT NO PERRY LISTED IN THEIR PHONE DIRECTORIES. EFFORTS
CONTINUING ATLANTA TO MAKE CONTACT AT THESE PHONE NUMBERS.

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✓ SA Long advised
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RICHMOND AT DULLES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, IMMEDIATELY
CONTACT CUSTOMS AGENTS AND EMPLOYEES, DELTA AIRLINES, TO
DETERMINE IF PERRY FLEW TO LONDON FROM DULLES ON APRIL SIX
LAST AND ATTEMPT TO DEVELOP ALL BACKGROUND INFORMATION CON-
CERNING THIS INDIVIDUAL.

END.

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FBI RICHMOND

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Post Office Box 12325
Richmond, Virginia 23219
April 18, 1968

Mr. James B. Bullard
Richmond Camera Shop, Inc.
217 East Grace Street
Richmond, Virginia 23219

Dear Mr. Bullard:

In connection with a recent investigation concerning the location of Eric Starvo Galt, for whom a Federal warrant was obtained in connection with the shooting of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., at Memphis, Tennessee, on April 4, 1968, it became very necessary that we immediately secure a substantial volume of reprints of Galt's photograph.

In this connection Mr. Albert Smith was contacted at your facilities located at 213 West Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia, and was able to arrange a photographic rush job for us, which greatly assisted us in obtaining the necessary photographs on a most timely basis.

In view of the special effort made by Mr. Smith and the excellent service provided I want to express my appreciation to you and also to Mr. Smith through you.

Sincerely,

ROWLAND C. HALSTEAD
Special Agent in Charge

1 - Addressee

cc to: Mr. Albert Smith
Richmond Camera Shop, Inc.
213 West Broad Street
Richmond, Virginia 23220

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, RICHMOND (44-657)
FROM : SA RANDOLPH E. TROW
SA WILLIAM H. PRYOR
SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/20/68

On 4/20/68, JAMES H. PADGETT, 518 East Cook, Bedford, Va., telephone J06-9114, telephonically advised that on Saturday, 4/13/68, while he was sitting in front of the Courthouse at Bedford, Va., he had observed a new red bottom and white top SS Chevrolet Hardtop, being driven by a Negro male with a Negro female companion in the front seat, and bearing Tennessee tags. As this car passed him approximately 4 yards from where he was sitting, a white male got up from the back seat, and he is convinced that this individual fits the description of GALT (RAY). He stated that he could not get the Tennessee license number, and he stated that he had notified the Va. State Police and the FBI, Richmond, Va., on 4/15/68, and felt that neither organization had taken any action on this information. He stated that he has not seen this car since 4/13/68, and has no idea where the car is located at this time, nor could he furnish the identity of the Negro driver or his companion. He stated that he is convinced this car is in the Bedford area, and he felt this matter should be handled in view of the publicity this week in connection with King's murder.

Indices negative re PADGETT.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Richmond (44-657)

DATE: 4/19/68

FROM : SA Jesse C. Hall, Jr.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re telephone call from SA Robert Dawson, WFO on 4/18/68.

On 4/18/68 Mr. JEROME POLAKA, 2413 N. Utah St., Arlington, Va. advised he viewed the photo of the artist sketch of unknown subject which appeared in the Washington Daily News, April 17, 1968 and was labeled as having been done by a "police Artist". He said that this was identical to a person whom he knew at the University of Nevada and who was in the class of 1963. He could not recall this person's name but stated that he married a graduate, also of the class of 1963 named Miss NOEL GORDON. He said this person was approximately 5'7", small build, with brown hair. He knew nothing further concerning his background. He said he recalled him as being one of the few persons who owned an MG at the time.

Mr. POLAKA was shown photo of ERIC STARVO GALT. He said there is no resemblance between this person and the University of Nevada graduate who resembles the police sketch.

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