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MURKIN; RE JAMES EARL RAY

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RICHMOND DETERMINE IF OWNER OF PLYMOUTH IS IDENTICAL WITH RAY. MAIL COPY SENT TO MEMPHIS.

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MURKIN; RE JAMES EARL RAY

RE BALTIMORE TEL TO RICHMOND, APRIL TWENTYTHREE, INSTANT.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, RICHMOND (44-657) -P-
MURKIN

Re Albany airtel to Bureau, 4/12/68.

RE: Laundry Marks

AT QUANTICO, VA.

On 4/17/68, Mr. C. F. MEEKS, Marine Retail Outlet, Building 2011, Marine Corps Schools, advised SA JOSEPH A. AMRHEIN, JR., that the Thermo-Seal marking machine listed as assigned to this building is not here. He suggested the Post Laundry as being the only place on this base having such a machine.

On 4/19/68, Capt. DENNIE DAMON, in charge of Building 2011, MSC, advised SA AMRHEIN that this building has never had any Thermo-Seal machine in it.

On 4/19/68, Capt. PHILIP CISNEROS, Post Laundry, MCS, advised SA AMRHEIN that his records show that he has a Thermo-Seal marking machine assigned to him with serial number 32665. He stated that he has never used laundry marking 02B-6 or -2B-6 on any of his clothing. This is not a Quantico laundry marking. His markings are usually a number, a letter, and then another number, for example 77K6. This indicated ticket number of 77, k for the name of the person handling the laundry, and 6 for the number of pieces in this bundle. He stated that he did not know of any organization in this area who would use such a designation.

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In addition to the above, he stated he has three other Thermo-Seal machines, serial numbers 34431, 34433, and 32669.

Examination of the tapes of these machines failed to indicate that any of them put out a short tape, that is, cutting off any letters or digits.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, RICHMOND (44-657) -P-
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Re Washington Field airtel to Bureau,
4/18/68.

RE: Look-Alike to Artist Sketch

Re airtel indicated that Mrs. JEROME POLAHA, Arlington, Va., had telephonically advised Washington Field that her husband had recognized the artist sketch of unsub as a former college schoolmate.

On 4/18/68, Mr. JEROME POLAKA, 2413 Utah St., Arlington, Va., advised he viewed the photo of the artist sketch of the unsub which had appeared in the "Washington Daily News", 4/17/68, and that this sketch reminded him of a person whom he knew at the University of Nevada who was in the Class of 1963. He could not recall this person's name but recalled he was approximately 5'7", small build, with brown hair, and that he recalled this individual was one of the few persons who owned an MG at the time.

Mr. POLAKA was shown a photograph of the subject and stated that there was no resemblance between this person and the University of Nevada graduate who resembled the artist sketch in the newspaper.

In view of the above, no further efforts are being made to identify this individual.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : ALL AGENTS

DATE: 4/23/68

FROM : SAC, RICHMOND (44-657)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re SAC memo to all agents in captioned matter, 4/19/68.

Bureau has advised that subject JAMES EARL RAY should be considered as a possible suspect in any unsolved bank robberies, burglaries, or armed robberies (possible ITSP violations) occurring after April 23, 1967. RAY should also be considered suspect in any future such violations and the Bureau should be advised telephonically of any tentative identification.

Any pertinent leads developed during review of past violations should be expeditiously run out and the Bureau advised.

Subject's handwriting and handprinting has not been identified in bank robbery note file and his fingerprints are being searched against latents submitted in insolved bank robberies and bank violations.

The Bureau has also instructed that all criminal informants and appropriate racial and security informants should be contacted concerning subject.

The Bureau reminded that ALL LEADS IN THIS CASE MUST BE COVERED WITHIN 24 HOURS AND ALL LEADS MUST BE SET FORTH BY TELEPHONE OR TELETYPE.

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- 1 - SAC
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- 1 - Mr. Wagner
- 1 - Mr. Humphries
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Reported Activities of Ray, 'Galt' Seem to Be in Conflict

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — FBI agents have been given a new identification for the man they seek in the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., but the new identification seems to have muddled even more the mystery of who fired the single shot that killed King here the night of April 4.

The FBI issued a conspiracy warrant last Wednesday for Eric Starvo Galt. Two days later the agency said a comparison of fingerprints found in the King investigation revealed that Galt in reality was James Earl Ray, a 40-year-old escapee from a Missouri prison.

A murder warrant issued here in Galt's name subsequently was amended to carry the name of Ray.

The second identity was only the latest in a series of puzzles which have surrounded the few known facts of the investigation.

Witnesses who said they saw the alleged assassin in the rooming house from which the fatal bullet was fired said he appeared to be between 26 and 32 years of age. The FBI's Wednesday announcement said Galt had given his birth date as July 20, 1931, which would make him 36. The FBI Friday said Ray was 40.

The FBI also said Galt was said to be an avid dancer and took dancing lessons in New Orleans in 1964 and 1965, in Birmingham during September and October, 1967, and in Long Beach, Calif., from December, 1967, to February, 1968.

But during the time Galt allegedly took dancing lesson in New Orleans, Ray was serving part of a 20-year term for armed robbery in the Missouri State Penitentiary at Jefferson City.

At the time Galt was attending a bartending school in California, a duplicate driver's license was mailed to him at a rooming house in Birmingham.

The woman who runs the rooming house here said the man to whom she rented a room just three hours before King was slain had a Southern drawl. The FBI said Galt liked country and Western music and drank beer and vodka.

In Jefferson City, an inmate of the Missouri prison, who said he "ran around" with Ray, said Ray, listed as a native of Illinois, did not have a Southern accent.

"Jim didn't drink, except a little prison home brew," said the convict, who asked not to be identified. "He never talked about himself very much and

never expressed any liking for music or dancing, and he was too tight to gamble."

Galt seemingly was a free spender. Aside from the dancing lessons, which cost him about \$500 in California alone, he paid \$2,000 cash for a white Mustang that is now impounded in Atlanta, and attended the bartending school.

"He was tight as a tick," the Missouri convict said of Ray. "Boy, if you owed him money, even a few cents, he'd bug you to death."

The penitentiary inmate said he did not think Ray was the kind of man who would kill for profit. And the warden, Harold Swenson, who remembers Ray, added, "It's odd, but I won't believe he did it [killed King] until it is proven."

"None of the inmates gave us any feedback after the first pictures of Ray were published. They usually talk about an inmate after he's done something. They really blab about it. But while he's doing something, you don't hear a word."

Ray was examined at State Hospital No. 1 at Fulton, Mo., from Sept. 8, 1966, to Oct. 17, 1966. Dr. Donald B. Peterson, hospital superintendent, said they had been asked only to determine whether Ray was mentally capable of standing trial.

"He showed no more nervousness than the average person awaiting trial," Dr. Peterson said. "He was rather reserved, but we just didn't find anything unusual."

"There was nothing in his mental makeup or background to indicate anything but a recidivistic, habitual criminal whose crimes were all associated with money. We didn't find anything to indicate he was a killer or had tendencies to kill."

The official report from the hospital said Ray had "no hallucinations or illusions, was oriented as to time, place and person." His "mood effect" was described as "somewhat tense and anxious and at times showed mild depressions, but not of psychotic proportions."

Ray's IQ was listed as 105, considered normal.

In a separate psychological report, Dec. 20, 1966, for the Missouri State Board of Probation and Parole, Ray was reported to have a number of complaints, such as pain in the "solar plexus [pit of the stomach], tachycardia [rapid heart action], and intracranial [inside the skull] tension."

"When we commented that these were rather large words,

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he said he had been reading up in the medical literature," the report said. It added that at certain times, Ray thought he had cancer or heart trouble.

Ray was never married, but lived for brief periods with women, the report said. It added: "This man's basic problem revolves around what appears to be an increasingly severe obsessive, compulsive trend.

"He states that at the age of 10 he awoke one night and thought he had lost his eyesight. He became quite fearful. These various fears confront him from time to time and in a typical obsessive way. He feels he must do certain things in order to undo what he feels is going to occur and might result in harm to him."

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Confusion Snarls Search for Killer

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — A ranking Memphis police officer acknowledges there are "a whole lot of discrepancies" in official descriptions of the man sought as the sniper slayer of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Assistant Chief Bill Price referred to statements that James Earl Ray, 40, an escaped Missouri convict, and Eric Starvo Galt, first sought for King's April 4 assassination in Memphis, are the same person.

"You don't know what to look for," Price said Sunday as officers here and elsewhere continued their investigation of the slaying. The nationwide man-hunt continues.

CAUSE OF CONFUSION

The FBI issued a conspiracy warrant Wednesday for Galt, then updated their case Friday by saying a fingerprint comparison showed Galt was really Ray.

The naming of Ray in the case caused confusion, primarily because earlier official statements indicated that Galt and Ray were in different places at the same time.

When Galt was charged as a conspirator in King's death by rifle bullet, the FBI said the man had taken dancing lessons in New Orleans in 1964-65. The FBI said later the earlier de-

scription should have said Galt reportedly took dancing lessons rather than stating it flatly.

During that time, Ray was in the Missouri State Prison at Jefferson City, serving a 20-year sentence for a 1959 supermarket robbery.

The age of the man also was in conflict.

Witnesses who saw a man in a Memphis rooming house from where the fatal bullet was fired estimated his age as in the late 20s. The FBI, in issuing its warrant for Galt, said he had given his birthdate July 20, 1931. That would make him 36. The FBI said Friday Ray is 40.

The personalities of the two men are sometimes at odds. A prison pal described Ray as virtually a nondrinker. The FBI describes Galt as a fancier of beer and vodka.

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Ray Said to Have Spent \$4,000 While Living in Birmingham

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BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—James Earl Ray, whom the Federal Bureau of Investigation has accused of conspiracy in the slaying of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., seemed well supplied with money when he lived in Birmingham last fall creating a fictitious identity.

The FBI disclosed Saturday that he spent more than \$4,000, but agents said they have been unable to find where he worked during that period, or whether he worked at all.

The FBI reported Friday that the man named in their warrant as Eric Starvo Galt in actuality was Ray, 40, a habitual criminal, who escaped from the Missouri State Penitentiary in April 1967 where he had been since 1960, after being caught in a grocery store hold-up.

Added to FBI List

[The Associated Press reported Saturday that Ray had been added to the FBI's most wanted list. In announcing the unusual step of adding an 11th name to the "10 most wanted," FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover said it was done "to ensure the widest possible dissemination of Ray's photograph and description to help effect his earliest possible location."]

The operator of a Birmingham rooming house where Ray lived for six weeks last summer and fall said Ray did not work during that time and spent most of his days sitting around.

After Ray left Birmingham in October 1967, the FBI said he drove to California and spent most of his time either there or driving to and from New Orleans.

While he was in Birmingham, Ray apparently kept his money in a safety deposit box at the Birmingham Trust National Bank.

On Aug. 27, 1967, William D. Paisley, the sales manager of a Birmingham lumber company, ran an advertisement in the Birmingham News to sell his 1966 Mustang.

Paisley said a man introducing himself as Eric Galt responded, and bought the car on Aug. 30, paying the \$1,995 asking price in cash.

During the six weeks he resided in the Birmingham rooming house, Ray's living expenses averaged at least \$50 a week. He bought gasoline and had minor repairs done on his car at a service station near the rooming house, the FBI reported.

At \$50 a week, a figure that a source in the Justice Department said was probably low, Ray spent about \$1,650 for rooms, meals and incidentals from Aug. 27 through April 4, the date that King was shot in Memphis.

The FBI said his Mustang, impounded by them in Atlanta on April 11, had been driven more than 19,000 miles from late last August through the time it was abandoned in Atlanta apparently on the day after King's slaying.

The FBI said Ray bought a Remington .30-06-caliber rifle at a Birmingham gun store last March 30.

A new Remington .30-06 with a telescope sight such as the one mounted on the rifle and found at the scene would cost more than \$150. He also

bought an expensive pair of binoculars in Memphis on the day that King was killed, the FBI said.

There was an indication in Birmingham that Ray may have taken one or more airplane trips during the seven months preceding King's slaying.

A bureau theory that more than one man may have used the name of Eric Starvo Galt was bolstered Saturday.

The bureau said last Wednesday, when it issued a warrant for Ray's arrest, that Ray was in California last February attending a bartender's school.

In Birmingham Friday night, two service station attendants said they had seen Ray in Birmingham in February. They said they remembered his purchasing gasoline several times last September.

The Birmingham Trust National Bank said Ray's safety deposit box key was returned to the bank last December.

The FBI said that last December Ray was either in California or driving between California and New Orleans.

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'Galt' Really Escapee Named Ray, FBI Says

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WASHINGTON—The Federal Bureau of Investigation announced Friday that an escaped convict named James Earl Ray, 40, is the man being sought in the killing of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. under the alias of Eric Starvo Galt.

Background information released by the FBI pictured Ray as a trouble-prone "drifter" and habitual criminal with a long record of erratic and violent behavior.

Galt's true identity was discovered after latent finger-

prints uncovered in the King investigation were compared with the prints of more than 53,000 persons listed as "wanted" by the FBI.

J. Edgar Hoover, director of the FBI, said in a joint announcement with Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark that Ray escaped from the Missouri State Penitentiary on April 23, 1967.

Ray, a native of Illinois, had served seven years of a 20-year sentence for armed robbery and car theft in St. Louis.

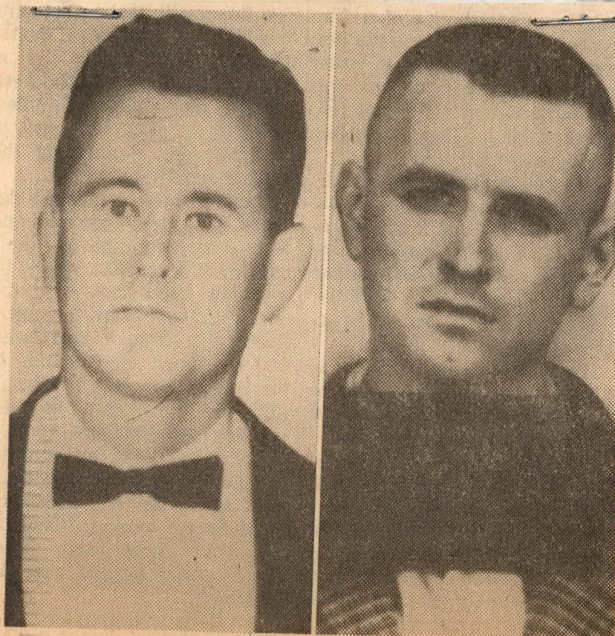
The FBI released front and side "mug" photographs of Ray that were taken by Mis-

souri prison officials in 1960. They bear a close resemblance to pictures of Galt, taken in 1968, that the FBI released earlier this week.

The convict Ray had close-cropped hair and a leaner face than the Galt photo shows, but the protruding left ear, which the FBI emphasized in its initial description of Galt, appears to be the same in both photographs.

Full details of Ray's background were not known Friday night, because the FBI announced his true identity soon

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Eric Starvo Galt

James Earl Ray

FBI Said Yesterday That They Are the Same Man

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after an around-the-clock check of fingerprint records disclosed it.

Fingerprints can be matched quickly by means of an elaborate classification and filing system when the full 10 prints of the unknown person are available on a card that identifies the finger and hand represented by each print.

But when only a few prints are available and it is not known which fingers or thumbs made them, they can be checked only by the tedious process of comparing each latent print with all 10 prints on the card of each "wanted" person.

The FBI announcement said Ray has a known arrest record dating back to 1949, when he was convicted of burglary in Los Angeles. In 1952, he was convicted of armed robbery in Chicago and in 1955, he was found guilty of forging U.S. postal money orders in Missouri.

Jailed in Los Angeles

He served a jail term in Los Angeles County in 1949 and in the Illinois State Prisons at Joliet and Pontiac in 1952-54. He served a term in the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kan. in 1955-58.

While he was serving the latest sentence Ray was confined for a time in 1966 in the maximum security ward at the state hospital at Fulton, Mo.

Missouri officials said Friday

that Ray made three unsuccessful attempts to escape before he finally got away last September. One attempt came when he bolted from sheriff's deputies who were guarding him during his trial. He was quickly caught and given 20 years as an habitual offender on Dec. 17, 1959.

He tried again in 1961 and 1966. In the attempt in 1966 he escaped from his penitentiary cell but was found two days later hiding in a ventilation shaft.

Given General Discharge

The FBI statement said Ray was an enlisted man in the Army from February 1946 to December 1948 when he was given a general discharge due to "ineptness and lack of adaptability for military service." While in the Army he was given a three-month sentence at hard labor for being drunk and breaking arrest.

Ray was said to have also used the names of James McBride, James Walton, W. C. Herron and James O'Connor during his criminal career. When the FBI filed formal charges against him on Wednesday in the name of Galt, it gave two other aliases, John Williard, and Harvey Lowmyer.

The FBI's description of Ray was much more detailed than that given for Galt. Ray was said to be about 5 feet 10 inches tall and to weigh about 163 to 174 pounds. He has blue eyes, brown hair and a small scar on the center of his forehead and a scar on the palm of his right hand.

Reputation as "Drifter"

According to the FBI, Ray claimed to have been born on March 10, 1928, in an upstate location in Illinois. He said he attended school through the 10th grade in Alton, Ill. Since then, the FBI said, "he has had the reputation of being a

The Associated Press reported Friday that the city clerk in Alton, Ill., said a James Earl Ray was born there March 10, 1928, the son of a laborer. The principal at Alton Senior High School, according to the AP, said his records showed three James Rays attended the school during the period Ray would have been there, and the principal was trying to determine whether any of them was the Ray wanted by the FBI.]

The identification of Galt as the escaped convict Ray explains some of the strange circumstances about Galt that led to some speculation that he might have established a false identity in contemplation of killing King.

Galt first appeared, accord-

ing to FBI statements, on Aug. 30, 1967, when he purchased a white Mustang car in Birmingham. Despite efforts to check Galt's earlier activities, no trace of him prior to the fall of last year was ever disclosed.

On Wednesday, a fugitive warrant was obtained by the FBI accusing Galt of having conspired with a person "whom he alleged to be his brother" to injure King and violate his civil rights.

FBI spokesmen declined to say Friday whether James Earl Ray had a brother, or to comment on reports that the FBI already has the "brother" in custody.

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TO ALL SACS

FROM DIRECTOR 44-38361 1P

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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) OCCURRING 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
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TO ALEXANDRIA RA, ~~RE~~ APRIL TWENTYONE LAST.

RE: CHARLES MOATS - LOOK ALIKE

FOR INFO INDIANAPOLIS: RETEL REFLECTS MANAGER AND CLERK
OF AKERS FOLKMAN TRAVEL AGENCY, CLEVELAND, OHIO, ADVISED WHITE
MALE, BELIEVED TO BE IDENTICAL TO SUBJECT RAY, ENTERED THEIR
OFFICE APRIL EIGHTEEN LAST, USING NAME CHARLES MOATS. BOTH
BELIEVED MOATS TO BE IDENTICAL WITH PHOTO IN NEWSPAPERS AND
THOSE EXHIBITED BY AGENTS. MOATS DESIRED TO FLY TO CLARKSBURG,
WEST VA., IN A HURRY, DID NOT CARE ABOUT STOPS EN ROUTE.
TRAVEL AGENCY ARRANGED TICKETS FOR MOATS FOR NORTHWEST AIRLINES
FLIGHT THREE TWO SIX, FLYING NONSTOP TO WASH. NATL. AIRPORT(WNA)
APRIL EIGHTEEN LAST, AND WAS GIVEN TRANSFER FOR LAKE CENTRAL
AIRLINES FLIGHT FIVE THREE FOUR, FROM WNA TO CLARKSBURG, W.VA.,
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MANAGER OF TRAVEL AGENCY ADVISED MOATS INDICATED HE ARRIVED CLEVELAND VIA BUS. SUSPECT DESCRIBED FIVE FT. ELEVEN INCHES, ONE HUNDRED SIXTYFIVE TO ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY LBS., DARK HAIR, MEDIUM BUILD, AGE MID THIRTIES, CLEAN SHAVEN, BEARING SCAR APPROXIMATELY ONE-HALF INCH IN MIDDLE OF FOREHEAD, CURVING TOWARDS LEFT EYE AND ENDING APPROXIMATELY ONE INCH ABOVE LEFT EYE. SUSPECT WEARING DARK TWEED SPORTS COAT, SPORT SHIRT OPEN AT NECK, NO HAT. JACKET VERY CRUMPLED AND IN NEED OF CLEANING. SUSPECT SPOKE WITH HILLBILLY ACCENT BUT USED GOOD ENGLISH. APPEARED VERY NERVOUS.

ON APRIL TWENTYFIRST LAST, LAKE CENTRAL AIRLINES EMPLOYEE, MISS KATHY PETRUSKA, ADVISED TICKETS FROM LAKE CENTRAL FLIGHT FIVE THREE FOUR NOT FULLY CLEARED TO DATE. EXPECTED TO BE CLEARED BY APRIL TWENTYTWO LAST.

ON APRIL TWENTYTHREE INSTANT, MISS PETRUSKA ADVISED FINAL TICKETS CLEARED OFFICE AND CONFIRMED PASSENGER CHARLES MOATS ON LAKE CENTRAL FLIGHT FIVE THREE FOUR FROM WNA TO CLARKSBURG, W.VA.
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ON APRIL TWENTYTHREE INSTANT, LAKE CENTRAL AIRLINES SUPERVISOR, EUGENE L. ADAMS, ADVISED CREW OF LAKE CENTRAL FLIGHT FIVE THREE FOUR, STATIONED IN INDIANAPOLIS AND WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW IN INDIANAPOLIS THROUGH LAKE CENTRAL AIRLINES, WEIR COOK AIRPORT. HE ADVISED CAPTION OF FLIGHT TO BE JOHN COLESCOTT; FIRST OFFICER, M. R. BENNETT; AND STEWARDESS, CHERYL SHAEFER.

INDIANAPOLIS: EXHIBIT PHOTOS OF RAY TO CREW IN ORDER TO EFFECT IDENTIFICATION.

PITTSBURGH: FURTHER IDENTIFY MOATS AT AIRPORT, CLARKSBURG W.VA., THROUGH LAKE CENTRAL AIRLINES.

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FBI RICHMOND

FBI PITTSBGH

10:24PM URGENT 4-23-68 ERC
TO INDIANAPOLIS AND RICHMOND (44-657)
FROM PITTSBURGH (44-578)

MURKIN

RE PITTSBURGH TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR FOUR TWENTYTHREE INSTANT
AND RICHMOND TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR FOUR TWENTYTHREE INSTANT.

FOR INFORMATION INDIANAPOLIS AND RICHMOND, CHARLES WILLIAM
MOATES, JR., LOCATED FOUR TWENTYTWO LAST, AT DIXIE HOTEL, WESTON,
W.VA. HE SUPPLIED SUFFICIENT INFORMATION TO IDENTIFY HIM AS
PERSON MENTIONED RE CLEVELAND TELETYPE. MOATES EMPLOYED ON AN
ORE BOAT "MIDDLETON" OUT OF TOLEDO, OHIO, THREE ELEVEN THROUGH
FOUR EIGHTEEN LAST. FROM DESCRIPTION AND IDENTIFICATION IN HIS
POSSESSION, MOATES DETERMINED AS NOT IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT
THIS CASE.

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FBI RICHMOND

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TO : ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES
FROM : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN ✓ 44-657*
CIVIL RIGHTS
(OO: ME)

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

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

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

LEADS

ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES

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

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

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DESIGNATED AGENTS

DATE: 4-24-68

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

PCH
SUBJECT: MURKIN

LAUNDRY MARKS

Re Memphis airtel to All Continental Offices,
4-19-68.

A Xerox copy of referenced airtel is attached
for each receiving Agent.

Referenced airtel directs recontact of all
laundries determined to be operating Thermo-Seal marking
machines in effort to locate laundry using code "20R-3."
Also attached for each receiving Agent is a list of
laundries known to be using the Thermo-Seal machines in
Virginia as furnished by Albany Office.

Each designated Agent will assure recontact with
laundries as set forth in attached list in their respective
territories in an effort to identify this laundry mark.

SA AMRHEIN will also recontact Captain PHILIP
CISNEROS, Post Laundry, MCS, Quantico, Va., to determine
if any marking machines at this establishment could have
made the questioned laundry mark "20R-3."

- 1 - SA Amrhein (Fredericksburg) (Encs. 2)
- 1 - SA Brennan (Richmond) (Encs. 2)
- 1 - SA Cook (Radford) (Encs. 2)
- 1 - SA Erwin (Lynchburg) (Encs. 2)
- 1 - SA Gasteiger (Bristol) (Encs. 2)
- 1 - SA I. A. Hall (Roanoke) (Encs. 2)
- 1 - SA J. Hall (Alexandria) (Encs. 2)
- 1 - SA Newton (Harrisonburg) (Encs. 2)
- 1 - SA Thomas (Winchester) (Encs. 2)
- 1 - SA Wescott (Petersburg) (Encs. 2)
- 1 - SA Yancey (Danville) (Encs. 2)
- ① - Richmond (44-657)

REB: jll

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If any laundries are located which could have possibly made the marking, specimens should be obtained and submitted by registered letter to FBI Laboratory for comparison with the laundry marking described in referenced airtel.

These leads should be expeditiously covered.

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TO : ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES
FROM : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN ✓ 44-657X
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2 - All Continental Offices RH
2 - Memphis
GMR:jms (118)

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VIRGINIA

Arrington Cleaners, 131 West Maple St., Vienna,
Va., SN 32569

Bergmann's Laundry, 2147 Lee Highway, Arlington,
SN 31630

Bristol Cleaners, 1233 W. State St., Bristol,
SN 31345

Carousel Cleaners, Fairfax, Va., SN 33404

Century Cleaners, 3812 Mt. Vernon Ave., SN R 31945

Commercial Wholesale Laundry, 1224 Hull St.,
Richmond, SN 33813

Compeco Dry Works, 801 E. 26th St., Norfolk,
SN 32623

Cook's Cleaners, 808 N. Main St., Blacksburg,
SN 33696

Country Club Cleaners, 1115 Wilson Blvd., Arlington,
SN 32147

Dutch Girl Cleaners, 4474 King St., Alexandria,
SN 33408

Fairlington Laundry, 3800 S. Fourmile Run Drive,
Arlington, SN 32591; 32504

Gallaghers Laundry, 1500 King St., Alexandria,
SN 33542

Hill City Laundry, 1344 Main St., Lynchburg, Va.,
SN 33699; 33557

VIRGINIA (Continued)

Howard One Hour Cleaners, 2110 Monticello Ave.,
Norfolk, SN 31325

Johnsons Laundry and Dry Cleaning, 1919 Blvd.,
Colonial Heights, SN 33702

McRoyal Laundry, 123 E. 6th St., Front Royal,
SN 32336

Monticello Cleaners, 4223 North Fairfax Dr.,
Arlington, SN 32208

New Fairfax Laundry and Cleaners, 719 Fairfax
Ave., Norfolk, SN 31316

Plaza 7, 6761 Wilson Blvd., Falls Church, SN 33310

Polly Prim Cleaners, 500 North Alfred St., Alexan-
dria, SN 32554; 31899

Presto Valet, Tendon Plaza, Highway #1, South
Alexandria, SN 33481

Presto Valet, 261 S. Kings Highway, Alexandria,
SN R 31888

Slan, Inc., T/A Crest Cleaners, 435 Mathis Ave.,
Manassas, SN 33701

Staunton Steam Laundry, Hampton & Hall, Staunton,
SN 32361; 32157; 32158; 32578; 32502

Staunton WhiteWay, 1600 W. Beverly, Staunton,
SN 31809

Staunton White Way Laundry, c/o Staunton Steam
Laundry, Hampton & Hall, Staunton, SN 32524

Staunton WhiteWay Laundry, 1600 W. Beverly St.,
Staunton, SN 31843

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VIRGINIA (Continued)

Staunton White Way Laundry, corner of Robertson
and Peabody Streets, Staunton, SN 32748; 32755; 32752

Suburban Cleaners, 630 S. Washington St., Alexan-
dria, SN 33991

Triangle D.C. Laundry, Inc., 2300 Fort Road,
Lynchburg, SN 33562

Village Cleaners, 12 West Herbert St., Alexandria,
SN 325380

Virginia Hot Springs, Inc., Hot Springs, SN 32255

Warwick, Inc., 124-24th St., Newport News, SN 31338

White Swan Laundry and Cleaners, Ranville, SN 32882

Winchester Steam Laundry, North Keut St., Winchester,
SN R 32025; SN R 32030

Wiseman Cleaners, 2209 E. Marshall St., Richmond,
SN 33913

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : ALL AGENTS

DATE: 4/23/68

FROM : SAC, RICHMOND (44-657)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re SAC memo to all agents in captioned matter, 4/19/68.

Bureau has advised that subject JAMES EARL RAY should be considered as a possible suspect in any unsolved bank robberies, burglaries, or armed robberies (possible ITSP violations) occurring after April 23, 1967. RAY should also be considered suspect in any future such violations and the Bureau should be advised telephonically of any tentative identification.

Any pertinent leads developed during review of past violations should be expeditiously run out and the Bureau advised.

Subject's handwriting and handprinting has not been identified in bank robbery note file and his fingerprints are being searched against latents submitted in insolved bank robberies and bank violations.

The Bureau has also instructed that all criminal informants and appropriate racial and security informants should be contacted concerning subject.

The Bureau reminded that ALL LEADS IN THIS CASE MUST BE COVERED WITHIN 24 HOURS AND ALL LEADS MUST BE SET FORTH BY TELEPHONE OR TELETYPE.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

- 1 - SAC
- 1 - ASAC
- 1 - Mr. Wagner
- 1 - Mr. Humphries
- 1 - Mr. Trow
- 1 - Each Agent (EXCLUDED FROM)
- 1 - Richmond (44-657)

REB:sw

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, RICHMOND (44-657)

FROM : SA CHARLES L. DENISTON

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/23/68

The following investigation was conducted
by SA CHARLES L. DENISTON on 4/10/68:

Major NATHAN H. CORMAN, JR., USAF, Manpower
Division, State Headquarters for Selective Service,
400 North 8th St., Richmond, Va., advised, following
a check of State of Virginia Selective Service
registrations, that he could locate no record of
ERIC STARVO GALT, or HARVEY LOWMEYER (or LOWMYER),
having registered with Selective Service in the State
of Virginia.

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② Richmond
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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
Army	James Earl Ray #16 163 129 <i>44-657-100</i> <i>44-657*</i>	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 Cs129438
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 <i>44-657*</i> <i>Drum</i> <i>Ref</i>	May 6, 1952	robbery (Gun)	Grand Jury \$3000
Cook County Jail Chicago, Illinois	James Ray #131165	May 9, 1952	robbery	June 13, 1952 sentenced to penitentiary 1 to 2 years
State Penitentiary Joliet, Illinois	James E. Ray #32419	June 13, 1952	robbery	1 to 2 years
State Penitentiary Pontiac, Illinois	James E. Ray #19121	July 7, 1952 in transfer from Joliet	robbery	1 to 2 years <i>44-657-144</i> <i>May 12 1954</i> <i>discharged</i>

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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 #29637	March 28, 1955	Forgery - Government	July 7, 1955 3 years and 9 months
United States Penitentiary Leavenworth, Kansas	James Earl Ray #72498-L	July 7, 1955	Post Office Laws Forge Money Orders	3 years and 9 months May 20, 1958 conditional release March 31 1959 maximum April 5, 1958 conditional release on charge of Post Office forgery Post Office Money Orders
Police Department Saint Louis, Missouri	James Earl Ray #81071	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	James 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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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>			

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
	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			
	THIS PAGE SHOULD NOT BE DISSEMINATED OUTSIDE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION.			

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Director

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

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

SUBJECT: MURKIN ✓ 44-657*
CR
(OO: MEMPHIS)

For the information of receiving offices, Subject JAMES EARL RAY, Aka. was last known to be in the Atlanta, Georgia, area on 4/5/68. Intensive investigation by the Atlanta Office to date has not established mode of transportation utilized by RAY after 4/5/68 through checks with transportation companies, car rental agencies, etc.

3 - Bureau	2 - Miami
2 - Baltimore	2 - Mobile
2 - Birmingham	2 - Newark
2 - Charlotte	2 - New Orleans
2 - Chicago	2 - New York City
2 - Cincinnati	2 - Norfolk
2 - Cleveland	2 - Philadelphia
2 - Columbia	2 - Pittsburgh
2 - Houston	② - Richmond
2 - El Paso	2 - St. Louis
2 - Indianapolis	2 - San Antonio
2 - Jackson	2 - Savannah
2 - Jacksonville	2 - Springfield
2 - Kansas City	2 - Tampa
2 - Little Rock	2 - WFO
2 - Louisville	2 - Atlanta
2 - Memphis	
2 - Miami	

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Handwritten notes:
4/25/68
A Review of all 26
cases p. 1 of this office
since 4/4/68 revealed
no cases G.A. -
RJB

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Special Agent in Charge

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Date:

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AT 44-2386

All receiving offices are requested to check car recoveries within their respective divisions of cars stolen from the State of Georgia subsequent to 4/4/68, and consider same to have been possible mode of transportation for Subject RAY. The same consideration should be given to any cars recovered in the near future that were stolen from the State of Georgia after 4/4/68. In those instances where cars were stolen from Georgia and where the transporter of same cannot otherwise be accounted for, investigation should be conducted to determine if RAY was person who may have stolen and transported same.

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Date: 4/23/68

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To: SAC's, Richmond (44-657)
Memphis (44-1987)

✓ From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re Richmond airtel 4/16/68.

The remaining unidentified latent fingerprints and the latent impressions in this case are not identical with the fingerprints of Lester Irving Forsythe, Jr., FBI #828474A. No palm prints are available in our Identification Division files for Forsythe.

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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. *Index*

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

- 2 - Memphis
- 1 - Philadelphia (INFO)
- 2 - Richmond

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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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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-657)

DATE: 4/20/68

FROM : EUGENE A. FOX

SUBJECT: MURKIN

OO: MEMPHIS

ERIC STARVO GALT, aka

AT MARTINSVILLE, VA.

On 4/20/68 Sheriff C.P. WITT, Henry County, Martinsville, Va. advised that one HENRY SHEFFIELD, Villa Heights Grill, Henry County, Highway 220 North, Martinsville, Va. had informed the SO he had observed a person in his place of business who resembled the photograph of the person wanted in connection with the death of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

On 4/20/68 HENRY SHEFFIELD, Villa Heights Grill, Highway 220 N., Martinsville, Va. informed that at about 11:45 AM 4/17/68 a stranger came into his place of business and ordered two or three beers. He paid some attention to the man because he was a stranger for fear the man might rob him. The man played the juke box some and asked about the men's room. After being directed to the men's room the man apparently visited it, and when he came back into the tavern he took a seat in another booth. The man was dressed in a white shirt with short sleeves, and dark pants. He was about 35-40 years of age, approximately 5'11" in height, and weighed about 150 Lbs. SHEFFIELD stated he got busy with customers, and later noticed that the man had left. He estimated that the man was in his place about 2½ hours. He had never seen the man before, had no idea how he was traveling, and did not observe him speak to anyone. He does not recall the identities of anyone else who may have been in his place at the same time or who may have seen the man.

Mr. SHEFFIELD stated that on 4/20/68 he was reading the Roanoke Times newspaper, and in this paper saw a photograph of one JAMES EARL RAY wanted in connection with the shooting of Dr. KING. After looking at this photograph in the newspaper it occurred to him that the man in his place on 4/17/68 looks like the photograph of RAY. SHEFFIELD observed a photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT including enlarged photographs appearing on a wanted flyer, and stated that the man in his place does not in any resemble the photographs or drawings of GALT. He does however think



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the man he saw looked somewhat like the photograph of RAY appearing in the 4/20/68 issue of the Roanoke Times.

Mr. SHEFFIELD said he does not know of anyone else who may have seen the person he referred to and could furnish no other information concerning the man.

The photograph of GALT was exhibited to Deputy Sheriff RALPH HILL, Henry County, Va. and other law enforcement officers who work the area in the vicinity of Villa Heights Grill. Each said he had not seen anyone in the area on 4/17/68 or any other time who looks like the photograph.

Mr. SHEFFIELD informed that should he see the unknown man again he would immediately advise, and it was observed that there are no other taverns or eating establishments in the immediate vicinity of the Villa Heights Grill. This grill is located on highway 220 North of Martinsville in Henry County, Va. and approximately one mile north of the Martinsville City limits.

REPORT
of theFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: April 24, 1968

Re: MURKIN
CR

FBI File No. 44-38861

Lab. No. D-560792 JK

D-560790 JK

D-560788 JK

Specimens received 4/15/68, from FBI, Savannah

K36 Piece of paper bearing five specimens of laundry tape taken from a machine used by the Taylor-Hulse Dry Cleaning and Laundry, Augusta, Georgia

Specimen received 4/15/68, from FBI, Richmond

K37 Two pieces of paper bearing six specimens of laundry tape obtained from a Thermo Seal marking machine used by the Bonnie Bright Laundry, Arlington, Virginia

Specimen received 4/15/68, from FBI, Jackson

K38 Seventeen specimens of laundry tape taken from a Thermo Seal marking machine located at the Ellisville State School, Ellisville, Mississippi

K39 Eleven pieces of laundry tape five of which bear samples taken from a Poly Mark machine of the Crescent Laundry, Hattiesburg, Mississippi

K40 Two pieces of cloth bearing specimens obtained from a Thermo Seal marking machine located at Long's Laundry and Cleaners, Tupelo, Mississippi

K41 Two pieces of cloth bearing specimens obtained from a Poly Mark machine located at the University of Mississippi

K42 Thirty-eight specimens of laundry tape taken from a Thermo Seal marking machine located at the Keesler Air Force Base Laundry, Biloxi, Mississippi

K43 Eighteen specimens of laundry tape taken from a Poly Mark machine located at Rex's Southern Cleaners, Hattiesburg, Mississippi

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Result of examination:

It was concluded that the laundry tags appearing on the Q69 and Q70 articles of clothing were not prepared by any of the machines used to prepare the specimens represented by K36 through K43.

K36 through K43 have been retained.

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Examination requested by: Jackson, Savannah,
Richmond

Reference: Airtels, 4/12/68

Examination requested: Document

Remarks:

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

- 1 - Jackson (157-9586) Enclosure (Lab report)
- ① - Richmond (44-657) Enclosure (Lab report)
- 1 - Savannah (44-1768) Enclosure (Lab report)
- 1 - Albany (44-493) Enclosure (Lab report)

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Ray Wanted 'Bounty' On King, Convict Says

DALTON, Ga. AP — A convicted murderer who was in prison with James Earl Ray, now hunted in the slaying of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., said Tuesday that he once heard Ray say he would be willing to try to collect \$1 million for leading the civil rights leader.

Raymond Curtis, 40, the same age as Ray, is in the Whitfield County, Ga., jail awaiting action on appeal of a murder conviction. Curtis said that he and Ray were prisoners at the Missouri State Penitentiary when John F. Kennedy was assassinated Nov. 22, 1963, in Dallas, Tex.

"Another boy said, 'Well, there's a million-dollar bounty to get King.' King was running his mouth pretty good then. Ray said, 'If there is a million-dollar bounty on King, I believe I can collect it,'" Curtis said.

Curtis said he met Ray in 1959 when both were prisoners in Jackson County jail at Kansas City, Mo. He said they shared a cell for seven months.

Then, Curtis said, Ray was transferred to the Leavenworth federal prison to serve a term for forging postal money orders. Curtis said that two weeks later he also was sent to Leavenworth.

He said after about six months he was transferred to the Atlanta prison and did not see Ray again until late 1961 or early 1962, when Curtis went to the Missouri State Penitentiary on a 10-year armed robbery sentence.

Ray was there, Curtis said,

serving a 20-year armed robbery sentence. Prison records confirm that Curtis and Ray were inmates at the same time.

The two saw each other "almost daily," Curtis said.

It was in the prison yard, Curtis said, that he and Ray saw television news reports of Kennedy's assassination. A few days later, he said, a new prisoner came in and said that a \$1 million bounty had been put on King by a "KKK business-man's association."

"The only thing he would make a long conversation out of was when he was planning something and you were a part of it," Curtis said. "Anything he did was thoroughly planned."

Curtis said he heard Ray mention a King bounty several times. At one point, Curtis said, Ray referred to the Kennedy assassination by saying, "Boy, probably somebody made a nice little penny off of that. I sure wish it was me."

In Los Angeles the Federal Bureau of Investigation is seeking a woman in connection with the hunt for Ray, the Los Angeles Times reported Tuesday. The FBI refused to comment.

The paper said it learned the bureau is looking for a blonde, blue-eyed woman, about 27, who was reportedly seen with Ray in Los Angeles this year. She disappeared about the same time Ray did, the paper said.

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RICHMOND TIMES-DISPATCH
RICHMOND, VA.

Date: 4/24/68

Edition: Morning

Author:

Editor: Virginus Dabney

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Character:

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Classification:

Submitting Office: Richmond

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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 Cleveland teletype to Bureau and Richmond,
4/22/68.

AT CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA:

The following investigation was conducted by
SAs FRANKLIN R. WASHBURG and JOHN G. MC CARTHY:

On 4/22/68, MERVIN I. MC ALLISTER, Arthur's Grill, East Main St., Charlottesville, Va., advised that he is the owner and operator of the restaurant. MC ALLISTER advised that he is the only male Caucasian employed at the grill and that he most frequently operates as the counter-man. MC ALLISTER was observed to have the same physical stature of JAMES EARL RAY, but did not possess any of the facial, physical attributes of RAY and did not have any scar on the center of his forehead or on the palm of his right hand.

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MC ALLISTER stated that his lifelong residence is Charlottesville, Va., and had opened Arthur's Grill in 5/67.

Judge ALLEN SPITZER, Municipal Court Judge, Charlottesville, Va., a patron in the restaurant at the time, advised that he has known MC ALLISTER as a local

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resident for many years.

On 4/23/68, Assistant COP C. O. DURHAM, Charlottesville, Va. PD and Deputy Sheriff M. W. SANDRIDGE, Albemarle Co. SO, Charlottesville, Va., both advised that MERVIN L. MC ALLISTER, owner of Arthur's Grill, has been a life-long resident of Charlottesville, Va. and has operated the restaurant on East Main St. for a period of about one year.

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Date: 4-23-68

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Re Atlanta teletype to Bureau, Memphis and Richmond,
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For information WFO, retel advised individual as NORM PERRY took Delta flight #106 from Atlanta, Ga., on 4-6-68 en route to London, England, with stop-over Dulles International Airport. Gave Georgia phone number 462-2382. Atlanta unable to verify phone number.

On 4-22-68, JERRY TIERNEY, Passenger Service Representative, Pan American Airlines, Dulles International Airport, Chantilly, Va., advised that a review of his manifest sheet for Delta Airlines flight 106 for 4-6-68, revealed one PERRY (no initials) enplaned at Atlanta, Ga., en route to London, England. PERRY was flying economy class. He advised the flight originated New Orleans, La., with stop at Atlanta and Dulles. At Dulles, the Delta crew was relieved by Pan American crew for continuation of the flight. He stated it was not necessary for the passengers to deplane at Dulles for Customs check.

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Mr. TIERNEY advised more information re PERRY might possibly be available at the Pan American Computer Center, 16th and K Sts., NW, Washington, D. C., phone RE 7-8900.

He advised Pan American crew members for the flight were as follows:

- Capt. W. W. HESTER;
- Co-pilot D. D. ECKER;
- Flight Engineer J. J. BUTLER;
- Navigator F. W. RAPPETOE, all based Kennedy International Airport, New York

The pursor was J. P. BOT

Stewardesses were:

- T. X. RANDERS;
- C. A. HEGARDT;
- C. MIRANDA;
- K. B. TALLROTH and
L. B. SIGBE, all based Dulles International Airport.

LEAD:

WASHINGTON FIELD

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

Contact Pan American Computer Center, 16th and K Sts., NW, for any identifying data re NORM PERRY.

All of the above data, plus the lead, was telephonically furnished directly to WFO by Alexandria RA.

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