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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, Richmond

DATE: April 29, 1968

*JRM* : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: JAMES EARL RAY, aka - FUGITIVE  
I.O. #4182; W. F. #442-A  
CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY;  
INTERSTATE FLIGHT - ARMED ROBBERY  
"TEN MOST WANTED FUGITIVES" PROGRAM  
~~NEWSPAPER MAT~~

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Being forwarded under separate cover is a supply of newspaper mats and proofs for expeditious distribution to all cooperative daily and weekly newspapers in your territory. Additional publications such as shoppers' guides should not be overlooked in obtaining the greatest possible publicity regarding this fugitive.

In most cases, these mats and proofs may be distributed by mail but when circumstances warrant they may be personally delivered by Special Agents. A form letter over the signature of the Special Agent in Charge may be utilized in distributing this material by mail and this letter should point out that the FBI is requesting the aid of the Nation's press in bringing about the prompt apprehension of this badly sought fugitive.

Prompt distribution should be made and additional supplies, if needed, are available at the Bureau. The following number of mats and proofs are being forwarded to your office under separate cover: 150.

As an additional means of securing widespread publicity concerning Ray, offices covering the place of publication of magazines which have previously cooperated in publicizing FBI fugitives should request the assistance of such publications in carrying an article on captioned fugitive. The Bureau press release, copies of which are available in each office, along with a glossy photograph of this fugitive can be furnished. The earliest possible utilization of this material should be encouraged and special attention should be given to publications aimed at minority groups.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Richmond, Virginia

In Reply, Please Refer to  
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May 3, 1968

TO: ALL NEWSPAPERS

RE: JAMES EARL RAY, aka - FUGITIVE  
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"TEN MOST WANTED FUGITIVES" PROGRAM

Enclosed herewith are a newspaper mat and proof concerning captioned individual who is being sought in connection with the recent shooting of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., at Memphis, Tennessee, on April 4, 1968.

Ray has been added to the FBI's "Ten Most Wanted Fugitives" program, and the FBI is requesting the assistance and aid of the nation's Press in bringing about the prompt apprehension of this badly sought fugitive.

It would be most appreciated if the enclosed material could be placed in an early issue of your publication and, if possible, that the material be republished from time to time thereafter.

Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

*Rowland C. Halstead*

ROWLAND C. HALSTEAD  
Special Agent in Charge

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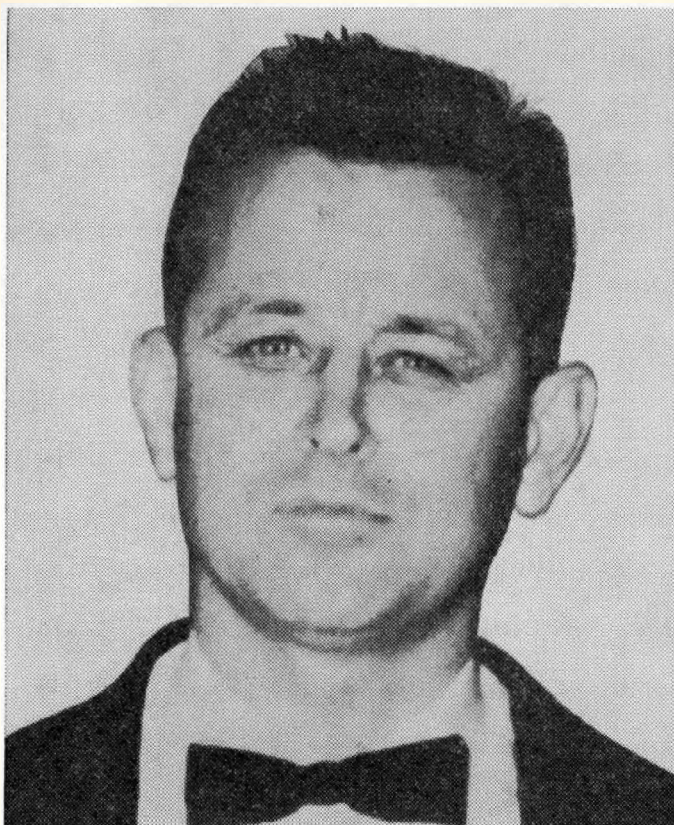
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# WANTED BY THE FBI



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

James Earl Ray, a Missouri prison escapee, sought under the alias Eric Starvo Galt in connection with the gunshot slaying of civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., is one of the FBI's "Ten Most Wanted Fugitives." FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover ordered the special addition of Ray to the "Top Ten" list to insure widespread dissemination of Ray's photograph and description to speed his location.

Ray has been intensively sought since the murder of Dr. King on April 4, 1968, as he stood on the balcony of a Memphis, Tennessee, motel. An exhaustive FBI fingerprint search, comparing latent fingerprints uncovered in the Dr. King case against fingerprints of over 53,000 persons on whom wanted notices were posted, determined that Galt and Ray are identical.

A Federal warrant, issued at Birmingham, Alabama, on April 17, 1968, charges Ray, under the alias of Galt, with conspiring to interfere with a Constitutional Right of a citizen. Ray, who escaped on April 23, 1967, from the Missouri State Penitentiary, is also sought for unlawful flight to avoid confinement for robbery. His long criminal record also includes convictions for burglary and forging U.S. Postal Money Orders.

A white American, born in Alton, Illinois, on March 10, 1928, Ray is 5'10" tall, weighs 163 to 174 pounds, has blue eyes and short brown hair. He has a nervous habit of tugging at an ear lobe and his left ear protrudes noticeably. Known as a "loner" and "drifter," Ray has worked as a baker, laborer and color matcher. He has taken dancing lessons and completed a course at a school of bartending.

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

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TO ALL SACS - RELAY MESSAGE PLAN  
FROM DIRECTOR, 44-38861 1P

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ALL OFFICES HAVING LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES IN THEIR  
TERRITORIES WHICH MAINTAIN UNIDENTIFIED LATENT FINGERPRINTS  
IN CONNECTION WITH MATTERS UNDER THEIR JURISDICTION SHOULD  
IMMEDIATELY CONTACT THESE AGENCIES AND REQUEST THAT THE  
FINGERPRINTS OF SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY AS SET FORTH ON THE  
IO BE COMPARED WITH LATENTS OBTAINED SINCE HIS ESCAPE  
FROM MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY ON FOUR TWENTY-THREE  
SIXTY-SEVEN.

THIS IS FOR THE PURPOSE OF POSSIBLY ESTABLISHING  
RAY'S PAST WHEREABOUTS AND SOURCE OF FUNDS. LEGATS OTTAWA AND  
MEXICO CITY REQUESTED TO DO LIKEWISE. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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says no latent's kept.  
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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), WASHINGTON FIELD (44-703), AND RICHMOND  
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

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44-6574

RE WASHINGTON FIELD TT TO BUREAU MAY ONE LAST.

RE MAR. TWO TELEPHONE CALL FROM ST. FRANCIS HOTEL, LOS  
ANGELES TO WDC, THREE THREE SEVEN DASH FIVE THREE ONE FIVE.

LA INDICES NEGATIVE RE RICHARD LEE OGG AND PETER HOLDEN.  
SAM LUGASH, MANAGER, AUTO DRIVE AWAY, TWO TWO SEVEN SOUTH VERMONT,  
LA, ADVISED HOLDEN, NOW RESIDING FIVE ONE ONE NINE FOUNTAIN, LA,  
CONTRACTED MARCH EIGHTEEN LAST TO HAVE HIS NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN HALF  
TON CHEVROLET PICKUP TRANSPORTED FROM COLONIA PARK INCORPORATED, WDC,  
TO AUTO DRIVE AWAY, LOS ANGELES. LUGASH'S RECORDS REFLECT  
TRUCK DRIVEN FROM WDC TO LA BETWEEN APRIL EIGHT AND APRIL  
FIFTEEN LAST BY RICHARD L. OGG, FIVE EIGHT ONE ONE MARLBORO  
PIKE, DISTRICT HEIGHTS, MARYLAND, AND THAT HOLDEN TOOK POSSESSION  
LATTER DATE. LUGASH BELIEVES OGG ACCOMPANIED BY BROTHER,  
FURTHER DESCRIPTION UNKNOWN. HE DESCRIBED HOLDEN AS WMA,  
FORTY FIVE TO FORTY EIGHT YEARS, FIVE FOOT TEN INCHES, ONE  
NINETY POUNDS, STOCKY, SHORT BROWN HAIR, REPUTABLE SELF EMPLOYED  
PAINTER AND NOT RESEMBLING JAMES EARL RAY PHOTOS.

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re Holden*

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LUGASH CERTAIN HOLDEN AND OGG UNKNOWN TO ONE ANOTHER.

MRS. FOWLER, MANAGER, FIVE ONE ONE NINE FOUNTAIN,  
LA, ADVISED HOLDEN AND FAMILY RESIDED APARTMENT TWO TWO  
THREE HER LOCATION, AND THAT HOLDEN OF EXCELLENT CHARACTER.  
HOLDEN PERSONALLY CONTACTED AND ACKNOWLEDGED MAR. TWO CALL  
TO WDC TO ARRANGE RELEASE OF HIS TRUCK. HOLDEN OCCASIONALLY  
USED TELEPHONES AT ST. FRANCIS HOTEL WHEN RESIDING AT NEARBY  
RESIDENCE OF ONE SEVEN FOUR THREE GARFIELD. NAME AND PHOTO OF  
JAMES EARL RAY UNKNOWN TO HOLDEN.

RICHMOND DISCONTINUE RE HOLDEN.

WASHINGTON FIELD WILL FORWARD PHOTO OF OGG FOR DISPLAY  
IN UNSOLVED LA AREA BRS.

MEMPHIS AND KANSAS CITY ADVISED AIR MAIL.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), CLEVELAND, MEMPHIS AND RICHMOND.

FROM KNOXVILLE (44-696) PAGES 6

MURKIN. CR. OO:MEMPHIS.

RE BOSTON TEL TO BUREAU, KNOXVILLE AND MEMPHIS,  
MAY ONE LAST, WHICH REFERENCED RICHMOND TEL TO BOSTON  
APRIL THIRTY LAST, RE SUSPECT FRANK G. NILES.

INVESTIGATION AT CHATTANOOGA, TENN. DETERMINED  
FRANCIS HENRY NILES, AKA. FRANK H. NILES, WM, BORN  
FEBRUARY TWENTY -FOUR NINETEEN HUNDRED TWO, IS FATHER  
MRS FRANKLIN EDWARDS (CECILIA NILES) LEWIS, FIVE  
FIVE ZERO NINE PINE LAWN AVE., CHATTANOOGA. LEWIS HIGHLY  
RESPECTED FACULTY MEMBER AT PROMINENT PRIVATE PREP SCHOOL,  
THE MC CALLIE SCHOOL, CHATTANOOGA, TENN.

LEWIS STATED NILES IS CHRONIC ALCOHOLIC, PSYCHOPRATHIC  
SCHIZOPHRENIA WHO HAS RECEIVED TREATMENT FOR MENTAL  
DISORDER PAST TWENTY YEARS OR MORE. NILES DIVORCED HIS  
WIFE TWENTY YEARS AGO AND NOT REPORTED TO HAVE HAD ANY  
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CONTACT WITH DIVORCED WIFE, MRS MILDRED (R.J.) AUSTIN, ROUTE SEVEN, PENSACOLA, FLA.; DAUGHTER, MRS. FLORIS (LNU), PHOENIXVILLE, PA., OR SON, ROBERT HARVELLE, ADDRESS UNKNOWN. HE HAS MADE VERY LIMITED IRREGULAR VISITS WITH DAUGHTER, MRS. CECILIA LEWIS, OVER PAST SEVERAL YEARS. THESE VISITS LAST FROM A FEW HOURS TO NO MORE THAN TWO OR THREE DAYS.

NILES BECAME MEMBER OF AMERICAN NAZI PARTY (ANP) ABOUT NINETEEN SIXTY TWO AND ASSOCIATED CLOSELY WITH GEORGE LINCOLN ROCKWELL FROM THAT DATE UNTIL ABOUT TIME OF ROCKWELL'S DEATH. NILES WAS GENERAL FLUNKY OF ANP AND SERVED AS ROCKWELL'S VALET AND COOK. NILES LEFT ANP, ARLINGTON, VA., WHERE HE HAD BEEN LIVING IN SPRING OF NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN. NILES WAS CONFINED SHIELDS NURSING HOME, OBERLIN AVENUE, LORAIN, OHIO, FOR PSYCHIATRIC TREATMENT ENTIRE SUMMER OF SIXTY SEVEN. CHIEF PSYCHIATRIST DURING THIS PERIOD WAS DR. (FNU) FIECKS OF LORAIN, OHIO.

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ON RELEASE FROM SHIELDS NURSING HOME, LATE AUGUST, SIXTY SEVEN, NILES VISITED LEWISES IN CHATTANOOGA FOR TWO OR THREE DAY PERIOD. LEWISES DID NOT HEAR FROM NILES FROM AUG. SIXTY SEVEN, UNTIL HE APPEARED UNANNOUNCED CHATTANOOGA ON JAN. TEN LAST. NILES REPORTED HE HAD BEEN LIVING AT ANP HEADQUARTERS, DALLAS, TEXAS. NILES REMAINED IN DRUNKEN STUPOR AT HOTEL PLAZA, CHATTANOOGA, TENN., JAN. TEN TO NIGHT OF JAN. THIRTEEN LAST, WHEN MR. LEWIS PAID HIS HOTEL BILL, PURCHASED BUS TICKET AND PLACED NILES ON BUS ENROUTE ARLINGTON, VA. WITHIN FEW DAYS FOLLOWING HIS DEPARTURE, LEWISES RECEIVED INFORMATION NILES CONFINED TO PSYCHIATRIC WARD, EASTERN STATE HOSPITAL, DRAWER A, BUILDING TEN, WILLIAMSBURG, VA., WHERE HE REPORTEDLY WAS STILL CONFINED AS OF MAY TWO INSTANT.

LEWIS ADVISED HE AND WIFE RESIDED GRAND BAY, ALA., MAY, NINETEEN SIXTY-THREE UNTIL SEPT. SIXTY-SIX, WHERE LEWIS EMPLOYED AS TEACHER. ON FEW OCCASIONS DURING THIS

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PERIOD, ROCKWELL, NILES AND CURRENT LEADER OF ANP, KAYLE (PHONETIC), WOULD STOP BY LEWIS' RESIDENCE FOR NILE TO HAVE BRIEF VISIT WITH HIS DAUGHTER. LEWIS STATES DOES NOT BELIEVE NILES CAPABLE OF RESORTING TO TO-PHYSICAL VIOLENCE BUT HAS INDICATED REPEATEDLY HE WANTS TO BE MARTYR. LEWIS FIRMLY BELIEVES NILES WANTS TO BE KILLED AS MARTYR FOR SOME CAUSE. NILES HAS THREATENED SUICIDE ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS OVER PAST SEVERAL YEARS.

LEWIS AND WIFE HAVE CONTINUALLY BEEN EMBARRASSED BY NILES FOR NUMBER OF YEARS AND ON LAST VISIT, JAN., SIXTY-EIGHT, WOULD NOT PERMIT HIM IN THEIR RESIDENCE. LEWIS COULD ONLY FURNISH GENERAL INFORMATION RE NILES ACTIVITIES. ALTHOUGH LEWIS MARRIED CECILIA NILES IN NINETEEN FIFTY EIGHT, HE DID NOT MEET NILES UNTIL ABOUT SIXTY-TWO OR SIXTY-THREE. LEWIS STATES ANY DISCUSSION WITH HIS WIFE, NILES' DAUGHTER, PHYSICALLY AND MENTALLY DISTRESSES HER. LEWIS REQUESTED THAT HIS WIFE NOT BE

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INTERVIEWED RE NILES. LEWIS VERY COOPERATIVE BUT DOES NOT WANT TO CAUSE HIS WIFE ANY MORE GRIEF OVER ACTIVITIES OF HER FATHER AND DEFINITELY DOES NOT WANT INQUIRY AT CHATTANOOGA THAT WOULD BE HARMFUL TO THEIR GOOD REPUTATION AND HIS EMPLOYMENT.

LEWIS STATED NILES HAD PHOTOGRAPHIC SHOP IN UNKNOWN CITY DURING WORLD WAR 11, THEN SPENT CONSIDERABLE TIME IN ALASKA FOLLOWING WORD WAR 11, ALSO REPORTED TO BE LEADING SALESMAN IN U.S. FOR AMERICAN CORPORATION, SELLING ENCYCLOPEDIAS IN VICINITY OF CLEVELAND AND CINCINNATI, OHIO, NINETEEN SIXTY-ONE OR SIXTY-TWO. HE THEN SUFFERED ONE OF HIS MORE SEVERE MENTAL DISORDERS, FOLLOWING WHICH HE JOINED ANP ABOUT NINETEEN SIXTY-TWO OR SIXTY-THREE.

REGISTRATION CAR, HOTEL PLAZA, CHATTANOOGA, TENN., REFLECTS NILES REGISTERED AS FRANK H. NILES, THREE FIVE ZERO SIX LINDERWOOD AVE., DALLAS, TEXAS, ARRIVING NINE TWENTY-EIGHT P.M. JAN. TEN LAST AND DEPARTING TEN THIRTY TWO P.M. JAN. THIRTEEN LAST.

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CLEVELAND AT LORAIN, OHIO, REVIEW RECORDS AT SHIELDS NURSING HOME AND INTERVIEW DR. (FNU) FIECKS RE NILES.

RICHMOND AT WILLIAMSBURG, VA., WILL VERIFY FACT FRANK H. NILES HAS BEEN PATIENT AT EASTERN STAE HOSPITAL, WILLIAMSBURG, FROM JAN. LAST TO PRESENT. DETERMINE FROM ATTENDING PHYSICIANS AND REVIEW OF RECORDS ALL AVAILABLE INFORMATION RE BACKGROUND AND MENTAL CONDITION. NOTE: REFERENCED BOSTON TELETYPE ADVISED BUREAU INSTRUCTS CURRENT WHEREABOUTS AND ACTIVITIES OF NILES FOR PAST FEW MONTHS BE DETERMINED AND CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN RE POSSIBILITY NILES COULD BE CO-CONSPIRATOR THIS CASE.

NO INVESTIGATION REQUESTED OF DALLAS.

BASED ON FACT NILES HAS BEEN CONFINED MENTAL HOSPITAL JAN. LAST TO PRESENT, NO ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED KNOXVILLE DIVISION RE THIS MATTER. UACB, MRS. CECILIA NILES WILL NOT BE INTERVIEWED RE HER FATHER AS REQUESTED BY MR. LEWIS.

AIR MAIL COPIS TO DALLAS.

NILES HAS SUICIDAL TENDENCIES.

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FOR INFO KX NORFOLD COVERS WILLIAMSBURG, VA. OK DESTROY THIS I WILL SEND TO NO TYU

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FBI NEWARK

9:40ERCENT 5-2-68 RGH

TO DIRECTOR AND RICHMOND  
FROM NEWARK (44-354) (P)

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MURKIN. OO: MEMPHIS.

REBUTEL TO NEWARK FOUR TWENTY NINE, NO CC RICHMOND.

RETEL ADVISED THAT ALTHOUGH SUBJECT RAY HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED  
AS THE ASSAILANT, NEWARK SHOULD CONDUCT INVESTIGATION TO DETER-  
MINE IF ONE RICHARD WERNITZ MIGHT BE IMPLICATED AS A CONSPIRATOR.

RICHARD WERNITZ, AMWELL ROAD, MILLSTONE, NJ.

IN MARCH OF SIXTY FIVE, DR. LIONEL DE BERNARD, DIRECTOR,

[REDACTED] SKILLMAN, NJ, ADVISED

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] WERNITZ MADE STATEMENTS TO

DR. DE BERNARD THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO GET A GUN AND SHOOT REV.  
MARTIN LUTHER KING. HE ALSO STATED THAT THE KU KLUX KLAN WAS  
CLOSER TO THE AMERICAN WAY THAN THE POLICIES OF PRESIDENT  
JOHNSON AND HE ADDED HE HATED MANY LEADING AMERICANS IN THE  
GOVERNMENT INCLUDING CHIEF JUSTICE EARL WARREN. DR. DE BERNARD  
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STATED THAT THIS INDIVIDUAL PROBABLY [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AND HIS STATEMENTS INDICATE HE MIGHT BE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] DR. DE BERNARD STATED

THAT WERTZ HAD SERVED THREE YEARS IN NEW JERSEY STATE PRISON  
FOR CARNAL ABUSE AND HAS FBI NO. TWO NINE ONE ZERO EIGHT FIVE C.

WERTZ IS DESCRIBED A WHITE MALE, HEIGHT FIVE FEET SIX AND  
ONE QUARTER INCHES, WEIGHT ONE FORTY SEVEN LBS., BROWN HAIR,  
HAZEL EYES, RUDDY COMPLEXION, MARITAL STATUS DIVORCED, OCCUPATION  
LABORER, NEAREST RELATIVE FATHER, WILLIAM WERTZ, AMWELL RD.,  
MILLSTONE, NJ.

ON FIVE ONE SIXTY EIGHT CHARLES AND MARY HOELER, MILLSTONE,  
NJ, SUBJECT'S SISTER AND BROTHER-IN-LAW, ADVISED THAT FROM  
OCT. SIXTY SEVEN THROUGH APRIL TWENTY SIXTY EIGHT, WERTZ WAS  
LOCATED AT THE PARK MOTEL, SEVEN TWO ZERO SIX WASHINGTON HIGHWAY,  
(RT. ONE) RICHMOND, VA., WHERE HE WAS EMPLOYED AS A LABORER.  
ON THREE TWENTY EIGHT SIXTY EIGHT, MARY HOELER TELEGRAMED  
TWENTY FIVE DOLLARS TO WERTZ AT THE MOTEL AND SENT HIM ANOTHER  
FIFTY DOLLARS JUST PRIOR TO FOUR TWENTY SIXTY EIGHT TO COME  
HOME ON.

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ON FIVE TWO SIXTY EIGHT, WERNTZ WAS INTERVIEWED BY BUREAU AGENTS AND VERIFIED THAT HE HAD BEEN AT THE PARK MOTEL EMPLOYED IN GENERAL HANDY WORK FROM OCT. SIXTY SEVEN UNTIL APRIL TWENTY THREE SIXTY EIGHT. HE STATED THAT HE HAD ORIGINALLY GONE TO RICHMOND IN HIS FATHER'S NINETEEN FIFTY ONE BUICK, BLADK, FOUR DOOR SEDAN, BEARING NJ LICENSE E V R FOUR TWO TWO. IN JANUARY, SIXTY EIGHT, HE RETURNED THIS CAR TO HIS FATHER AND WENT IMMEDIATELY BACK TO THE MOTEL, WHERE HE HAS BEEN WITHOUT A CAR. HIS EMPLOYER AT THE MOTEL WAS IGOR YACENKO, ANATURALIZED RUSSIAN, TELEPHONE NO. TWO SIX SIX NINE NINE SIX THREE. WERNTZ STATED THAT THE ONLY TIME HE LEFT THE MOTEL WAS TO GO SHOPPING OR DRINKING IN A LOCAL BAR IN AND AROUND RICHMOND, VA., DURING THE ENTIRE PERIOD FROM OCT. SIXTY SEVEN TO APRIL, SIXTY EIGHT. HE STATED ON THE DAY REV. KING WAS SHOT, HE WAS IN HENRICO COUNTY SHOOTING POOL IN A POOL HALL AND THIS LOCATION IS ONLY SHORT DISTANCE FROM THE MOTEL. HE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE WHATSOEVER OF HTE KILLING OF REV. KING AND NEVER HAD ANY KNOWLEDGE OF JAMES EARL RAY, AKA ERIC STARVO GALT, ETC., BY PHOTO OR NAME.

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RICHMOND WILL CONTACT IGOR YACENKO AT THE PARK MOTEL RE  
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KNOWLEDGE OF WERNITZ, HIS ASSOCIATES AND CONTACTS, AND MOVEMENTS  
DURING OCT. SIXTY SEVEN, TO APRIL TWENTY THREE, SIXTY EIGHT,  
TO DETERMINE IF WERNITZ COULD BE IMPLICATED AS A CONSPIRATOR.

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987) AND NORFOLK  
FROM: CLEVELAND (44-565)

MURKIN: ✓ 44-657X

RE KNOXVILLE TELETYPE, MAY TWO, LAST, TO DIRECTOR,  
CLEVELAND, MEMPHIS, RICHMOND AND NORFOLK.

INVESTIGATION, SHIELDS NURSING HOME, THREE NINE ZERO FIVE  
OBERLIN AVENUE, LORAIN, OHIO, REVEALS FRANK NILES, BORN  
FEBRUARY TWENTYFOUR, TWO, ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA, FROM AUGUST  
SIXTEEN SIXTYSEVEN - OCTOBER SIXTEEN, SIXTYSEVEN, AT WHICH  
TIME HE WAS TRANSFERRED TO THE LORAIN CONVALESCENT HOME.

MR. AND MRS. SHIELDS, OWNERS; MRS. SARANN SCHNITZLER, BUSINESS  
ADMINISTRATOR, AND MRS. CATHLEEN Klier, NURSING ADMINISTRATOR,  
ALL VIEWED PICTURES OF RAY AND ADVISED THAT HE DID NOT CONTACT  
NILES WHILE A PATIENT AT THE HOME. ALL REMEMBERED NILES WELL  
AND STATED HE WAS AN ALCOHOLIC SUFFERING FROM SEVERAL PHYSICAL  
AILMENTS INCLUDING EMPHYSEMA, HEART TROUBLE AND ASTHMA. HE  
WAS ALSO SUFFERING SEVERE DEPRESSION AND WAS PRIMARILY TREATED

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FOR THIS LATTER AILMENT THROUGH MEDICATION. HE WAS ADMITTED FROM ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL WHERE HE WAS TREATED FOR THE DEPRESSION BY ELECTRIC SHOCK. ALL DESCRIBE NILES AS SLIGHTLY IRRATIONAL, ALWAYS TALKED OF THE AMERICAN NAZI PARTY AND PRIOR TO CHRISTMAS SIXTYSEVEN, SENT THE HOME A CHRISTMAS CARD FROM DALLAS, TEXAS, BEARING A LARGE SWASTIKA. HE OFTEN STATED HE DID NOT LIKE NEGROES AND JEWS AND THE OPERATORS OF THE HOME FELT HE SHOULD BE COMMITTED TO A STATE HOSPITAL. HIS ONLY VISITORS ON TWO OCCASIONS WERE PERSONS FROM ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS WHO TRIED TO HELP HIM. HIS RESIDENCE WAS LISTED AS STOP ONE THREE TWO, WESTLAKE ROAD, VERMILLION, OHIO, AND HIS LAST EMPLOYMENT WAS WITH THE AMERICANA ENCYCLOPEDIA COMPANY PRIOR TO JANUARY, SIXTYSEVEN.

DR. WILLIAM J. FEICKS, PSYCHIATRIST WHO TREATED NILES, ADVISED HE HAS NOT HEARD FROM HIM SINCE OCTOBER SIX, SIXTYSEVEN. HE RECALLED NILES SUFFERED FROM SEVERE DEPRESSION AND ALTHOUGH HE TALKED AS THOUGH HE MIGHT HARM SOMEONE THE DOCTOR DOUBTED THAT HE HAD ANY POTENTIAL FOR VIOLENCE. THE DOCTOR DID NOT

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RECOGNIZE PHOTOS OF SUBJECT RAY AND NEVER HEARD NILES MENTION KING. NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED CONCERNING NILES IN CLEVELAND.

AIRMAIL COPIES TO KNOXVILLE AND RICHMOND.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC Richmond (44-657) (P)

DATE: May 6, 1968

FROM : SA JOHN J. O'CONNOR

SUBJECT: MURKIN

JAMES EARL RAY, aka  
Eric Starvo Galt-  
FUGITIVE

on May 3, 1968 Fairfax County PD officials advised the writer that [REDACTED] age 12, 10125 Ranger Road, Fairfax City, Virginia has observed an individual who looked like the subject in the Mosby Woods Parking lot, Fairfax County Virginia on 5/3/68.

The writer displayed photos to [REDACTED] who stated that he had seen a photograph of RAY on TV and after seeing the actual photograph of RAY did not believe that the man he saw in the apartment house parking lot was identical with RAY.

RAY's photo was displayed to MRS. VERA BRANDLI, res. mrg., & JOHN FITZPATRICK, service man, MOSBY WOODS APARTMENTS, Fairfax County Va. without effecting an identification.

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

RE: ERIC RAY, aka  
Earl Ray  
Friend of SHELLEY JEAN BALDRIDGE

Re El Paso teletype, 4-26-68.

The following investigation was conducted by SA  
FREDERICK A. COOK at Saltville, Va., on 4-27-68:

Mr. T. L. HYMAN, U. S. Post Office (PROTECT IDENTITY)  
advised there is no listing for anyone by the last name of  
BALDRIDGE with his office. Mr. HYMAN checked town and rural  
routes as well as general delivery.

Mr. JIM LITTON, owner of the Salina Motel, which is  
the only motel or hotel in Saltville, Va., checked his records  
covering the period of 4/18-27/68 and could locate no record  
for anyone by the name of BALDRIDGE staying at the motel. He  
stated the available license numbers do not reflect any numbers  
such as 583-511 or 583-515. He stated he works at the motel  
everyday and does not recall seeing a rust color white top  
Ford at the motel.

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Chief of Police K. K. ADAMS, Saltville, Va. PD, advised the current telephone directory does not reflect anyone by the last name of BALDRIDGE. Chief ADAMS advised the records of his department do not reflect the name of RAY as ever being arrested. He stated the name of BALDRIDGE is not a local name and he does not ever recall hearing this name before.

A check of the parking lots for the Olin Mathieson Chemical Co. did not locate any car fitting the description of the car allegedly operated by BALDRIDGE.

Former Chief of Police CHARLES NORRIS, a lifelong resident of the Saltville, Va. area, advised he has never heard of anyone by the last name of BALDRIDGE ever being in the area.

AT MARION, VA.

On 4-27-68, Mrs. MARY WOLFE, Smyth Co., Va. Credit Bureau, advised SA COOK she has no listing for anyone by the last name of BALDRIDGE.

The current town and telephone directories for the Marion, Saltville and Chilhowie areas did not reflect the name of BALDRIDGE.

AT SALTVILLE, VA.

On 5-6-68, Chief of Police ADAMS advised that he had been unable to locate a woman identifiable with Mrs. BALDRIDGE in Saltville, Va., and that the automobile reportedly in her possession had not been observed in the Saltville, Va. area.

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AT FT. BLISS, TEXAS

Will maintain contact with Sgt. BALDRIDGE to determine if he learns whereabouts of his wife, SHELBY JEAN BALDRIDGE, and set forth leads to have her interviewed re subject.

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AIRTEL

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

Re: RICHARD WERNITZ

Re Newark teletype to Bureau and Richmond, 5/2/68.

AT RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

The following investigation was conducted on 5/6/68 by SA CLAUDE L. SCHLAGER and SA CHARLES L. DENISTON:

IGOR YACENKO, owner, Park Motel, 7206 Washington Highway (U.S. Route 1), Richmond, Va., was interviewed and furnished the following information:

RICHARD WERNITZ was employed as a helper at the Park Motel from approximately November, 1967, to March 31, 1968, at which time, due to dissatisfaction with his performance, YACENKO fired WERNITZ. WERNITZ remained at the Park Motel from March 31, 1968 through April 13, 1968, and worked with B. G. BROADHURST, a book salesman, who resides on a semi-permanent basis at the motel. YACENKO stated that he saw WERNITZ at the motel every day from March 31, 1968 to April 13, 1968. On 4/13/68, WERNITZ and BROADHURST departed the motel in BROADHURST's automobile, a white Dodge station wagon, stating that they were returning to WERNITZ's home in New Jersey.

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On April 16, 1968, WERNITZ and BROADHURST returned to the motel in a black Buick automobile approximately 1952 model which WERNITZ had had during the latter part of 1967 and early part of 1968. WERNITZ asked for a room at the motel, but YACENKO refused. Upon YACENKO's refusal, WERNITZ left the motel and YACENKO has had no contact with him since.

YACENKO observed photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and stated he had never seen this individual.

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

Re Bureau airtel and New Haven dated 4/30/68, and  
JOHN W. YAGLENSKI- SUSPECT.

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA KENNETH W. NIMMICH on 5/3/68:

On 5/3/68, Mrs. DORIS L. CARSCADDON, Resident Manager, Normandy Hill Apts., 145 Normandy Hill Drive, Alexandria, Va., advised that JOHN YAGLENSKI is currently a resident of her apartment complex at 232 Normandy Hill Drive. She said he has resided in these apartments since November of 1964. She said at the time he moved in, he noted his employment to be the United States General Accounting Office, E St., N. W., telephone WO4-5523.

Mrs. CARSCADDON described YAGLENSKI as a white male, in his mid 20s, approximately 25, with black hair, and being quite tall (figure unknown), and very thin. She said he bore no resemblance to the photographs of JAMES EARL RAY

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that were exhibited to her as he appears too young and too thin to be the person in the photograph.

Mrs. CARSCAUDON was unable to provide any information concerning the whereabouts of JOHN YAGLENSKI on 4/5/68.

Since the suspect has resided at this address for about a four year period, and according to the Resident Manager, has not been gone from that address for any extended period, and since the description does not seem to fit that of the subject, it is suggested that no further action be taken in this matter.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : ALL AGENTS

DATE: 5/8/68

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

SUBJECT: MURKIN

## COST DATA

Reference is made to memorandum to all Agents in captioned matter dated 4/24/68.

Figures and other data compiled as instructed in above memorandum are to be forwarded to ASAC MYRON E. LIGHT by each Agent, by the end of the last work day each and every month until further notice.

- 1 - Each Agent
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TO ALL SACS RELAY MESSAGE PLAN

FROM DIRECTOR 1P

MURKIN

TWO ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS OF RAY WERE RELEASED TODAY TO NEWS MEDIA IN WASHINGTON. PHOTOGRAPH NUMBER ONE SHOULD BEAR CAPTION "JAMES EARL RAY (PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN NINETEEN SIXTY-SEVEN IN MEXICO)." THIS IS THE PHOTOGRAPH OF RAY IN DARK GLASSES AND SPORT SHIRT. PHOTOGRAPH NUMBER TWO SHOULD BEAR CAPTION "JAMES EARL RAY (PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN LATE JANUARY OR EARLY FEBRUARY NINETEEN SIXTY-EIGHT IN CALIFORNIA)." THIS IS HEAD SHOT OF RAY IN BUSINESS SUIT WHICH SHOWS MARKED CLEFT IN CHIN. YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO REPRODUCE COPIES OF THESE TWO PHOTOGRAPHS LOCALLY AND YOU SHOULD INSURE THEY RECEIVE WIDE-SPREAD DISTRIBUTION THROUGH ALL MEDIA CONTACTS. FIVE COPIES OF EACH OF THESE PHOTOGRAPHS PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED ALL OFFICES. LEGATS OTTAWA AND MEXICO ADVISED.

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# More Ray Photos Released by FBI

WASHINGTON (AP) — The FBI issued today two more photographs of James Earl Ray, who is being sought in connection with the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

An FBI spokesman said one of the latest photos is "considered to be the best possible likeness of Ray."

So far the FBI has issued five photos of Ray.

The one the FBI considers the best was taken in late January or early February of this year somewhere in California.

It shows Ray wearing a dark checked jacket, striped tie and button-down collar shirt. There is a curtain directly in back of him and a lamp nearby.

## SOURCE NOT REVEALED

The FBI would not say where it obtained the picture, or where precisely it was taken, or by whom.

The other new photo, which the FBI said was taken last November at an undisclosed location in Mexico, shows Ray wearing dark glasses and a light colored shirt open at the collar.

The California photo appears to have been taken without the use of flash, and with side lighting. The Mexico photo appears to have been made with the use of a flash camera.

The two new photos confirm what FBI descriptions say — that his weight has been known to vary widely. The Mexican picture discloses a man with a thin face and pointed chin, much as he appeared in 1960 photos.

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But the picture taken in California shows him edging up to pudginess, with a clear cleft in his chin.

Other photos issued earlier by the FBI included one of him taken at a Los Angeles bartending school.

The original showed his eyes closed. At first an FBI artist drew in some open eyes, but later eyes from another photograph were imposed photographically. The bartending photo was taken in early March of this year when he graduated from the school in Los Angeles.

The remaining pair of photos were taken in 1960 in connection with his conviction for armed robbery. He was received at the state penitentiary in Jefferson City, Mo., March 17, ~~1960 to~~ serve 20 years. He escaped April 23, 1967.

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AP Wirephotos

### *New Photos of Suspect*

The Federal Bureau of Investigation released these photographs yesterday in Washington and identified them as two additional pictures of James Earl Ray who is being sought in connection with the slaying of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The FBI said the picture of Ray wearing dark glasses was taken in Mexico in November 1967. The picture of him in a business suit, believed the best likeness of him, was made in California during the last part of January or early part of February this year. The FBI did not disclose the sources of the photos.

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CONDUCT INDICES CHECK AND DISCREET INQUIRY. DO NOT INTERVIEW, AT  
THIS TIME, AS SUCH MIGHT COMPROMISE OR ANTAGONIZE THOMAS BRITTON,  
WHO IS BEING DEVELOPED AS SOURCE. BIRMINGHAM WILL CONDUCT SIMILAR  
INVESTIGATION CONCERNING CALLS MADE TO TELEPHONES LOCATED IN  
DIVISION. NOTE NO CALLS MADE TO ANY TELEPHONE NUMBER KNOWN TO HAVE  
BEEN ACCESSIBLE TO RAY.

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