

mentioned to STEIN that GALT was going to New Orleans again, and his comment was that GALT liked hamburgers because that was all he ate on the trip to New Orleans.

STEIN did advise that he had helped LOUIS LOMAX, the newspaper reporter, identify DYRELL DENNIS, who is now in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, who allegedly dated GALT on one occasion while he resided in Los Angeles. STEIN feels that LOMAX "Used" him for publicity purposes, identifying STEIN as the "Key to the case." This upset STEIN because he felt whoever shot KING might take a shot at him.

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JOHN EUGENE GAWRON, residing at 1807 South 11th Street, St. Louis, Missouri, was born on July 12, 1897, at Chicago, Illinois, and estimates that he has spent about 45 years of his life in penal institutions.

Paroled in 1954 to a Soldier's Home, Quincy, Illinois, GAWRON became acquainted at a tavern in Quincy with LUCILLE RYAN who was separated from her husband, JERRY RAYNES. LUCILLE had a daughter named CAROL, then living with her; a son named JERRY, who was also living with her; a son named JIMMY (JAMES EARL RAY), who was then serving a Federal sentence in the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas; a son named FRANKLIN DENNIS RAYNES, deceased; a daughter named MELBA, who was in a mental hospital in Jacksonville, Illinois.

[REDACTED] a daughter named SUSAN, who was in a Catholic orphanage located at Alton, Illinois; and a son named JOHN (JACK), who was serving a sentence in the Illinois State Penitentiary, Menard, Illinois.

GAWRON, allegedly involved in a burglary at Quincy, Illinois, in 1956, had his parole revoked and was returned to the Illinois State Penitentiary, but in 1959 he escaped from this institution. After a few days, he went to the home of LUCILLE RYAN (RAYNES) where her mother, MARY MAHR, was operating a rooming house, and GAWRON resided with LUCILLE at 1913 Hickory, St. Louis, Missouri.

During a period of several months in 1959, he was closely associated with JAMES EARL RAY and taught him to be a burglar and they went together on a number of burglaries, estimated to be twelve. They were committed outside St. Louis in the northern part of Missouri, in Iowa, and in Illinois. GAWRON taught JIMMY (JAMES EARL RAY) to always wear gloves on any kind of a job, and he was surprised that he would now go on any job without wearing gloves at the risk of leaving fingerprints.

Together they spent a great deal of time, and in St. Louis they frequented a tavern known as Ruby's Bar, later known as the Haven Bar, Lafayette Street, just west of 18th.

RAY generally drank bourbon, which he mixed with sweet soda. He did not drink beer or smoke. When meeting any girl for the first time, he (RAY) had a tendency to lisp or stutter in his speech. When RAY wanted a girl, GAWRON usually found a girl for him and on such occasions, his relationship with the girl was only brief and temporary at some second or third rate hotel room.

RAY dresses extremely well when he has money, likes good food, and buys expensive clothes, but he always chooses a second or third rate hotel or a cheap rooming house in which to live.

GAWRON, RAY, and JAMES OWENS, with whom RAY was arrested and sentenced to the Missouri State Penitentiary, cased the Kroger Store in East St. Louis, Illinois, for a robbery. GAWRON declined to participate because of the danger involved.

The following day RAY and OWENS were arrested and subsequently RAY was transferred to the Missouri State Penitentiary. GAWRON has not seen RAY since that time.

In 1961, GAWRON, ALBERT PEPPER, and JOHN RAY, brother-in-law and brother of JAMES EARL RAY, respectively, were arrested at Louisiana, Missouri, and while his parole was revoked, the other two persons received sentences of ten days in jail. He does not believe that JAMES EARL RAY knows ALBERT PEPPER, who is married to RAY's sister.

GAWRON is on friendly terms with JERRY RAY and CAROL RAY PEPPER. All of RAY's family referred to him as "Uncle JACK," although he has no family relationship. The PEPPERS have two young sons, the youngest [REDACTED]

The PEPPERS operate the Grapevine Tavern, and JOHN RAY is active in the operation of this tavern at St. Louis, Missouri.

GAWRON stated that insofar as he knows, the subject has not been in St. Louis since his escape from the

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Missouri State Penitentiary in view of the fact he is too well known. GAWRON has not seen JAMES EARL RAY since 1959.

GAWRON believes JAMES EARL RAY trafficked in drugs or barbiturates at the Missouri State Penitentiary and also had a loan shark business there. On three different occasions, he made purchases of inhalers, normally used for colds, at the request of RAY. His request, though originating from RAY in prison, was relayed to him by CAROL PEPPER. On each of these occasions, GAWRON purchased a gross of these inhalers (probably Benzedrine) and on three separate occasions, he was contacted by a guard from the prison at Jefferson City, Missouri, who would pick up the inhalers and take them to RAY at the prison. Reportedly, the guard told GAWRON that each trip was worth a "C" to the guard.

GAWRON recalls being told by JOHN RAY that JAMES EARL RAY was in Omaha, Nebraska, during well, making good money as some sort of a salesman. This was in June, 1967. Shortly thereafter, JOHN RAY told GAWRON that JAMES was now in Los Angeles, California. GAWRON had no knowledge, as to how JOHN RAY and CAROL PEPPER would have come into possession of information relative to the location of JAMES EARL RAY in June, 1967.

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V. IDENTIFICATION RECORD AND DESCRIPTION

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The following is subject's identification record as furnished by the FBI Identification Division on April 23, 1968, under FBI # 405 942 G:

CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
Army	James Earl Ray #16 163 129	2/19/46		
Sheriff's Office Los Angeles, Calif.	James Earl Ray #B-119908	10/11/49	suspicion of burglary	
PD, Los Angeles Calif	James Earl Ray #139648	10/11/49	suspicion 459 Penal (burglary)	8 months County Jail suspended; 2 years proba- tion served; first 90 days County Jail; 146 12/30/49 Cs129438
SO Cedar Rapids, Iowa	James E. Ray #5937	4/18/50	vagrancy	
PD Alton, Ill.	James Earl Ray #7514	7/23/51	no opera- tor's lic- ense - no City License	released to pay later
PD Chicago Ill	James Ray #D90696	5/6/52	robbery (Gun)	Grand Jury \$3000
Cook County Jail Chicago Ill	James Ray #131165	5/9/52	robbery	6/13/52 sen- tenced to peni- tentiary 1 to 2 years
State Peni- tentiary, Joliet, Ill.	James E. Ray #32419	6/13/52	robbery	1 to 2 years

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State Peni- tentiary Pontiac, Ill.	James E. Ray #19121	7/7/52 1952 in transfer from Joliet	robbery	1 to 2 years 3/12/54 discharged
SO Edwards- ville, Ill.	James Earl Ray #2640	8/30/54	burglary & larceny	
PD Hannibal Missouri	James E. Ray #40714	3/23/55	investigation of breaking & entering Post Office	
State High- way Patrol Macon, Mo.	James Earl Ray #B-3376	3/23/55	cashing stolen pos- tal money orders	released to Postal Inspec- tor Kansas City Mo., 3/24/55
USM Kansas City, Mo.	James Earl Ray #12018	3/28/55	forgery U.S. Postal Money Order	sentenced to 15 months custody Attorney General
SO Kansas City Mo.	James Earl Ray #29637	3/28/55	forgery - Government	3/7/55, 3 years and 9 months
U. S. Peni- tentiary Leavenworth, Kan.	James Earl Ray #72498-L	7/7/55	Post Office Laws' Forge Money Orders	3 years and 9 months 5/20/58, conditional re- lease 3/31/59, maximum 4/5/58, conditional re- lease on charge of Post Office forgery Post Office Money Orders
PD St. Louis, Mo.	James Earl Ray #81071	10/10/59	suspicion of robbery	

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PD St. Louis Mo.	James Earl Ray #81071	10/16/59	suspicion of robbery stealing & fugitive other authorities	
State Peni- tentiary Jefferson City, Mo.	James Earl Ray #00416	3/17/60	"TC" operating motor vehi- cle without permission of owner robbery first "b/m DDW" (2 charges)	20 years (20, 7, 5, con- current)



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The following is a description of the subject,  
obtained from sources set out elsewhere in this report:

Name:	JAMES EARL RAY, aka
Sex:	Male
Race:	White
Date of Birth:	March 10, 1928
Place of Birth:	Alton, Illinois
Height:	5'10"
Weight:	163 - 174 pounds
Hair:	Brown
Eyes:	Blue
Social Security No.:	[REDACTED]
Army Serial Number:	[REDACTED]
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SAC, Richmond

RE: FUGITIVE PUBLICITY--CANCELLATION

As you know, JAMES EARL RAY, Identification  
Order No. 4182, is no longer being sought by this Bureau.  
Make certain that your publicity outlets are promptly notified  
of the cancellation.

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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MR. JOSEPH FORROR, ASSISTANT POSTMASTER, MAIN POST OFFICE,

SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, ADVISED AS FOLLOWS JUNE ELEVEN INSTANT:

FOUND ON THE INCOMING MAIL BELT WAS A PIECE OF PAPER NOT

IN AN ENVELOPE IN GREEN INK ADDRESSED TO POST OFFICE, ATTENTION

POSTMASTER, WHICH READ AS FOLLOWS:

"IF THE FBI WANTS RAY'S BUDDY GO TO ONE TWO FOUR BROADWAY

METROPOLE HOTEL, NUMBER ONE ONE SEVEN. HE MAY BE UNDER THE

NAME 'GEORE' LETSINGER OR GEORGE ANDERSON. HE KNOWS ABOUT

KENNEDY AND ALSO KING'S DEATHS. HE MAY HAVE PART IN KING

I KNOW HE WAS IN TENNESSEE BEFORE AND AFTER KING WAS KILLED

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I KNOW LETSINGER IS WANTED IN SEATTLE. ALSO IN BIT STONE GAP,  
VIRGINIA, BY THE FBI."

ABOVE LETTER WAS UNSIGNED.

BUREAU AND ALL OFFICES REQUESTED TO FURNISH ANY INFORMATION  
REGARDING "GEORE" LETSINGER OR GEORGE ANDERSON, PARTICULARLY  
IF WANTED IN SEATTLE OR BIG STONE GAP, VIRGINIA.

NO ATTEMPT BEING MADE TO INTERVIEW LETSINGER, AKA ANDERSON  
UNTIL RESULTS FROM BUREAU AND ALL OFFICES.

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FBI RICHMOND

(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

# London Police Transfer Ray

LONDON (AP) — James Earl Ray, the escaped convict accused of slaying Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., was transferred under police guard today to Wandsworth Prison where security has been tightened since one of Britain's Great Train Robbers went over the walls four years ago.

Wandsworth is considered a safer place for Ray than Brixton Prison where Ray has been held since his arrest Saturday.

U.S. legal experts worked on plans to take Ray quickly and safely back to the United States for trial as police on both sides of the Atlantic tried to learn if Ray had help in his four-nation flight.

American authorities took the first formal step toward extradition Monday night by obtaining a provisional British warrant charging Ray with the murder of King on April 4 in Memphis, Tenn.

In Nashville, Tenn., Gov. Buford Ellington signed "all necessary papers" required for Tennessee's request that Ray be returned to stand trial for murder. The extradition papers were forwarded to the U.S. State Department, a spokesman for the governor said.

Some legal experts suggested Britain might speed the process by deporting Ray as an undesirable alien. But other lawyers said there is a strong tradition against using that procedure as a substitute for extradition.

The 40-year-old Ray made a two-minute appearance Monday in Bow Street Court on charges of carrying a forged

passport and a loaded gun, the charges on which he was arrested at London Airport under the name of Ramon George Sneyd.

Police equipped with walkie-talkies cordoned Brixton Prison and blocked all roads leading to it, keeping unauthorized persons at least 150 yards away. Similar maximum security measures were taken for Ray's transfer to Wandsworth, a jail in a western suburb of London.

New security measures were instituted at Wandsworth, a jail in a western suburb of London.

New security measures were instituted at Wandsworth since Ronald Arthur Briggs, one of the train robbers disappeared over the wall. Ray escaped from Missouri State Prison in

1967 by hiding in a bread truck.

Wandsworth is used for Britain's long-term prisoners and Ray will have two British police officers in his cell around the clock.

American authorities have not yet interrogated Ray and legal experts say he can veto any attempt to do so as long as he is in British custody.

## LAWYER ASSIGNED

Ray at his first court appearance Monday was assigned a British lawyer at his own request and ordered held without bail for another hearing June 18 on the passport and gun charges.

If extradition proceedings are brought, the court will require evidence of a case against Ray and he will then have 15 days to appeal to the High Court. If Ray's lawyers raised points of law there, a further appeal might be made to the House of Lords and the process could take months.

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In the two months American authorities searched for Ray following King's assassination April 4 in Memphis, Tenn., he went from the United States to Canada on April 8, to London May 6 and to Lisbon May 8. He left his Lisbon hotel on May 17 and surfaced again in London on May 28.

Police in those countries sought anyone who might have known or helped Ray, and authorities in Canada also tried to learn how Ray obtained information on the three Toronto men whose names he uses as aliases.

All three men have dark hair and are about the same height and weight as Ray.

Ramon George Sneyd, whose name Ray used on his passport, is a Toronto constable. Paul Bridgmen, whose name Ray used at one Toronto rooming house, is a consultant teacher with the Toronto board of education.

Ray first was sought under the name Eric Starvo Galt. Eric St. Vincent Galt, a To-

ronto warehouse foreman, has a signature which looks like Eric Starvo Galt. He uses the middle initials St. V., but with small zeros instead of periods.

Galt and Ray have similar scars, in the middle of the forehead and on the palm of the right hand.

"I don't know what to think," Galt said. "It's a bit more than coincidence. The weight is right, the height range is right and the identification marks are there."

"I've wondered where our paths might have crossed, but I just don't know."



AP Wirephoto

This is Ramon George Sneyd, a Toronto policeman whose name was on two passports in the possession of James Earl Ray, accused assassin of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. when Ray was arrested. Police say Ray used Sneyd's name to obtain the passports.