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DERECHOS CIVILES - CONSPIRACION ERIC STARVO GALT

Nº de FBI 405,942 G



Fotografía tomada en 1968
(Los ojos son dibujados por un artista.)



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También conocido por: Harvey Lowmyer, John Willard

DESCRIPCION

Edad: 36, nacido el 20 de julio de 1931 (fecha no confirmada por documentos de nacimiento)

Estatura: 5'8" (170 cm.) hasta 5'11" (177.5 cm.)

Peso: de 160 hasta 175 libras (73 - 80 kg.)

Talla: Mediana

Cabello: Castaño, posiblemente corto

Profesión: Dijo que es marino

Rasgos Característicos: La oreja izquierda sobresale perceptiblemente. Es persona de índole solitaria. Se dice que frecuentó cursos de baile. Se dice también que completó un curso de barman.

Ojos: Azules o café

Tez: Mediana

Raza: Blanca

PRECAUCION

SE BUSCA A GALT EN RELACION A UN ASESINATO EN QUE LA VICTIMA MURIO DE UN BALAZO DE ARMA DE FUEGO. SE LE DEBE CONSIDERAR ARMADO Y SUMAMENTE PELIGROSO

Una orden Federal de arresto se emitió el 17 de abril de 1968 en Birmingham, Alabama, acusando a Galt de conspiración para interferir con un Derecho Constitucional de un ciudadano (Título 18, Código de los EE. UU., Sección 241).

SI TIENE ALGUNA INFORMACION RELACIONADA A ESTA PERSONA, TENGA LA BONDAD DE NOTIFICARME O DE PONERSE EN CONTACTO CON LA OFICINA LOCAL DEL FBI (BURO FEDERAL DE INVESTIGACIONES). EL NUMERO DE TELEFONO Y DIRECCION DE TODAS LAS OFICINAS ESTAN ANOTADOS AL DORSO.

On 4-19-68

WF# 442 arrived in A.C.

2 boxes of bulk were in

Spanish. La Arantia + La Jones (Luz Hand)

took them to Mex. border to La Lelbar

Requisitoria 442

Abril 17, 1968

*who was to distribut them 4/19/68
to proper persons + places. mzm.*

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, SAN DIEGO (44-387)

DATE: 4/18/68

FROM : SA (A) KERRY WEBB

SUBJECT: MURKIN
OO: Memphis
BU: 44-38861

On 4/10/68 the following banks were contacted to determine if any had an account for ERIC STARVO GALT. None of the following had a record for GALT. Agent handling the telephonic contact is indicated;

Bank of America, all branches in the San Diego area, by SA (A) KERRY D. WEBB.

San Diego Trust and Savings Bank, all branches, by SA (A) LAWRENCE D. WELCH

Security First National Bank, all branches, by SA (A) GEORGE H. BYROM

Southern California First National Bank, all branches, by SA (A) LAWRENCE D. WELCH

United California Bank, Main Branch, San Diego, by SA (A) KERRY D. WEBB

United States National Bank, all branches, by SA (A) GEORGE H. BYROM

Union Bank, 410 "A" Street, San Diego, by SA (A) LAWRENCE D. WELCH

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FROM : SA (A) KERRY WEBB

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On 4/9/68 laundries were telephonically contacted to determine if they used the Thermo-Seal Marking Machine, manufactured by the Textile Marking Machine Company, Syracuse, New York.

The following advised that they used this particular machine, but the numbering systems were different:

BILL REED, Manager, All Service Laundries, 1031 Roosevelt, National City, advised that the All Service location at 32 West Ninth Street, National City, still uses the Thermo-Seal machine and that the 1031 Roosevelt location quit using the machine approximately two months ago. All other locations in the San Diego area owned by All Service are outlets only and use no machine. REED further advised that a typical tag used by them would be "M2-36-42," with no letter appearing with the middle number.

CHARLES BORGERDING, Manager, Ambassador Laundry and Cleaners, 3504 Main Street, San Diego, advised that Ambassador uses the Thermo-Seal machine. However, he advised that a typical number used by his outlet would be 2-E-7, with 2 representing lot, E representing week and 7 representing the customer. He advised that no other letter or "0" would be placed before the 2.

The following laundries do no use the Thermo-Seal machine:

Admiral-Gates Towel and Uniform Supply Company
Inc., 3554 Delbergia, San Diego

Aladdin Laundry and Cleaners, 3890 Adams, San Diego

Allied Gardens Lanudromatic, 5134 Waring Road,
San Diego

Alsco Linen Service, 1920 India, San Diego

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American Cleaners and Laundry, 1040 Broad,
San Diego

American Coverall and Uniform Supply Company,
3440 Main Street, San Diego

American Hotel-Hospital Linen Service, 3460
Main Street, San Diego

American Linen Supply, 3410 Main Street,
San Diego

Antoinette Cleaners, 4018 43rd Street, San Diego

Arrow Laundry, 541 Fourth Avenue, San Diego

Bay Park Laundry and Cleaners, 4117 Ashton, San
Diego

Beech Street Launderette, 1466 Ninth Avenue,
San Diego

Bendix Lunch Stop Laundry, 4202 University,
San Diego

Benoit's Cleaners, 4756 University, San Diego

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DATE: 4/18/68

FROM : SA (A) KERRY WEBB

SUBJECT: MURKIN
OO: Memphis
BU: 44-38861

In contacting banks in the area on 4/10/68 regarding accounts etc. in the name of ERIC STARVO GALT, the following was determined:

PETER A. "PETE" TORMEY, Loss Investigator, Main Branch, Bank of America, San Diego, California, advised that he had been contacted about three weeks ago by FBI Special Agent PHIL B. DEILY, Los Angeles, regarding this individual as a check passer. He advised that GALT had possibly passed checks in ~~the~~ Calexico and Blythe, California. DEILY had talked to TORMEY via the Bank of America tie line.

The Los Angeles Division was telephonically contacted at this time by ASAC CLARK BROWN and advised of the above information. Los Angeles returned the call and advised that TORMEY must be confused as the case described would appear to concern Subject SALMON PATTERSON.

TORMEY was recontacted on the afternoon of 4/10/68 and he advised that he probably got the names confused. He advised he was at the Chula Vista Police Department at the time SA DEILY called the Bank of America, Main Branch, San Diego. The call was relayed by the Bank of America switchboard to the Chula Vista Police Department telephone. TORMEY advised that at the time he had received the call he was discussing a JOHN GALT, who had passed an insufficient fund check, with a Chula Vista Police Department detective and he must have gotten the names confused.

TORMEY advised that the only other possibility that he could think of would be an individual who tried to open an account at one of the banks downtown about a week or so ago. This person tried to open the account with a \$2,000 - \$3,000 check drawn on a North Carolina or South Carolina bank. TORMEY felt that maybe the person had been named GALT. TORMEY advised that Sergeant J. K.

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WORRELL, Forgery, San Diego Police Department, took the information in this matter and would know if the name was GALT.

Sergeant WORRELL was telephonically contacted same date. He advised the individual referred to by TORMEY was arrested approximately one week ago. He was a white male, age about 20, last name was TROUT. The name GALT meant nothing to WORRELL.

4/16/68

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, SAN DIEGO (44-387) (P)
MURKIN

Re San Diego teletype to Bureau, Memphis, and
Birmingham, 4/16/68.

SUSPECT:

HARVEY EDWARD LOHMEYER, FBI Number 730979A.

Records of the Escondido Police Department, Escondido, California, were reviewed on 4/16/68 on the arrest of HARVEY EDWARD LOHMEYER, arrest number 8980, and no additional information of value was noted concerning LOHMEYER. A review of these records did, however, reflect that MALCOLM FREDERICK EASTHAM, aka., "Mack" was arrested with LOHMEYER on the same charge. The following information is set forth concerning MALCOLM FREDERICK EASTHAM, aka., "Mack":

Sex
Race
Nationality
Born

Height
Weight
Hair
Eyes
Build
Complexion
Scars and marks

Male
White
American
[redacted] at
Ethel, West Virginia
5' 10"
135 pounds
Brown
Gray
Medium
Fair
Tattoo of dog on right
forearm and dog on left
upper arm.

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2 - Birmingham (Encs - 6) (AM - SPECIAL DELIVERY)
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Occupation	Cook
Name of nearest relative	PATRICIA ANN EASTHAM General Delivery, Ramona, California
Chauffeur's license Number	G442583
Time in City	Two months
Time in County	Two Years
Time in State	Two Years

The records of the Escondido Police Department reflect EASTHAM was transferred to San Diego County Jail 10/20/58.

Records of the San Diego County Sheriff's Office, Number 206747, for MALCOLM FREDERICK EASTHAM reflects that the information pertaining to the above arrest is on micro-film and not readily available, however the following subsequent arrest was noted for MALCOLM FREDERICK EASTHAM:

Arrested	11/7/61, 261.1 Penal Code, Rape, sentenced to Chino State Prison, 12/18/61.
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The following background appears in this record concerning EASTHAM:

Sex	Male
Race	White
Marital status	Married
Wife	Name of wife not listed
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Hazel
Height	5' 11"
Weight	140 pounds
Build	Slender
Date of birth	[redacted] at Ethel, West Virginia
Occupation	Cook
Tattoo	Tattoo of dog left forearm; dog right upper arm.
California Driver's License Number	G442583.
Address	2645 Grove Street, National City, California
Telephone	GR 4-4292
Social Security Number	[redacted]

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The records indicate that BILLY TRIPPETT, 2645 Grove Street, National City, California is a brother-in-law.

The records also indicate subject has FBI Number 527647C.

Enclosed herewith for the Memphis and Birmingham Offices are 3 copies each of two photographs taken of EASTHAM during November, 1961.

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BIRMINGHAM

Display photograph of EASTHAM to appropriate witnesses to determine if identical with unknown subject in this case.

MEMPHIS

Display photographs of EASTHAM to appropriate witnesses to determine if identical with unknown subject this case.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, SAN DIEGO

DATE: 4/18/68

FROM : DANNY MORRIS

SUBJECT: MURKIN

At 12:06 PM this date PETER KEYG, TV Channel 15, San Diego, telephonically advised he received call from his aunt, Mrs. ALICE PRESBER, Laguna Beach, Calif., Tel: 497-1179, advising she thought that ERIC E. WINTER, 444 Plum Lane, Orange, Calif., Tel: 538-7072, might be a suspect in the murder of Dr. KING.

Mrs. PRESBER said he does not resemble photo of GALT but that he is a known racist and returned home on Monday following the ~~shooting~~ shooting of KING from a month's tour of the South and upon return was very nervous and upset, refusing to talk about his trip. WINTER is also known to have helped a friend "SARVO" (PH) to escape from ALBANIA several years ago. WINTER is in his early 40's and former citizen of New Zealand. He drives a white Buick, year unknown.

KEYG stated he doubted if this information was of any value but that his aunt is a friend of WINTER's wife and had ~~him~~ ask him to report this because she did not want them to know she ~~was involved~~ had made the report.

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Date: 4/18/68

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)
LOS ANGELES
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MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: SAN DIEGO (44-387)

MURKIN.

PETER KEYG, TV CHANNEL FIFTEEN, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED THIS DATE HE RECEIVED CALL FROM HIS AUNT, MRS. ALICE PRESBER, LAGUNA BEACH, CALIFORNIA, TELEPHONE NUMBER FOUR NINE SEVEN DASH ONE ONE SEVEN NINE, ADVISING SHE THOUGHT ERIC E. WINTER, FOUR FOUR FOUR PLUM LANE, ORANGE, CALIFORNIA, TELEPHONE NUMBER FIVE THREE EIGHT DASH SEVEN ZERO SEVEN TWO, MIGHT BE A SUSPECT IN THE MURDER OF DR. KING.

MRS. PRESBER STATED PHOTO OF GALT DOES NOT RESEMBLE WINTER, BUT WINTER IS A KNOWN RACIST AND RETURNED HOME ON MONDAY FOLLOWING THE SHOOTING OF KING FROM A MONTHS TOUR OF THE SOUTH AND UPON RETURN WAS VERY NERVOUS AND UPSET AND REFUSED TO TALK ABOUT HIS TRIP.

WINTER IS ALSO KNOWN TO HAVE HELPED A FRIEND "SARVO" (PHONETIC) TO ESCAPE FROM ALBANIA SEVERAL YEARS AGO.

WINTER IS IN HIS EARLY FORTIES AND A FORMER CITIZEN OF NEW ZEALAND.

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KEYG ADVISED ALICE PRESBER IS A FRIEND OF WINTER'S WIFE AND ASKED HIM TO REPORT THIS MATTER BECAUSE SHE DID NOT WANT THE WINTERS TO KNOW SHE HAD MADE THE REPORT.

LOS ANGELES, AT LAGUNA BEACH, CALIFORNIA, CONTACT ALICE PRESBER FOR ADDITIONAL INFO.

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Special Agent in Charge

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-387) (P)

FROM : SA PHILIP B. AUSTIN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/18/68

On 4/9/68, SA PHILIP B. AUSTIN and SA ROBERT A. BALL interviewed Mr. JOHN LOHMEIER at his residence in Harbison Canyon on Harbison Canyon Drive in El Cajon, California.

Mr. LOHMEIER's name came to the attention of this office during various records checks conducted by personnel of this office pursuant to Bureau instructions regarding canvassing individuals named LOHMEIER.

Mr. LOHMEIER was born [redacted] in Munich, Germany. He does not speak fluent English and interviewing agents were assisted considerably by his wife. Mr. LOHMEIER has not left the Harbison Canyon area or the San Diego area over the past year and this was verified by his wife. He certainly is not close in description to the individual described as a possible suspect in this matter.

The LOHMEIERS stated that they have lived in Harbison Canyon about 12 years and this information was verified through records of the San Diego Gas and Electric Company.

Mr. LOHMEIER has three sons who are between 40 and 60 years of age. He stated he has numerous grandsons but no male member of his family is in the 25 to 40 year age group except for one grandson who is about 23 years old. This grandson is currently in the Navy serving just off Viet Nam.

At no time were the LOHMEIERS advised of the purpose of this investigation and they were extremely cooperative throughout.

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TO : SAC, SAN DIEGO (44-387)

DATE: 4/18/68

FROM : SPC, JAMES L. NORMAN, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN.

At approximately 8:45 PM instant date MR. REED HOLLENBECK, 679 Arthur Avenue, Chula Vista, California, telephone number 427-4786, telephonically contacted this office to furnish the following information.

MR. HOLLENBECK advised that at approximately 7:05 PM this evening he observed a man who looked like GALT. The man had a ~~mustache~~ mustache and he was parked in a 67' or 68' Dodge Coronet, with a beige body. He was looking at a map. The car was located in the parking lot of Save-on Drug Store in Chula Vista. The license of the car was 1-4918 (Wyoming plate).

9:40 PM ASAC advised.

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FROM: SAN DIEGO (44-387)

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ON APRIL EIGHTEEN, CURRENT, TERRY J. SANDS, ATTORNEY, EIGHT NINE FIVE BROADWAY, EL CENTRO, CALIFORNIA, ADVISED THAT AFTER SEEING THE PHOTOGRAPH OF ERIC STARVO GALT IN THE MORNING PAPER HE RECALLED THAT THIS PHOTOGRAPH RESEMBLED A MAN WHO HAD STOPPED AT THEIR HOUSE ON MONDAY EVENING, APRIL FIFTEEN, LAST. SANDS STATED THAT A MAN DESCRIBED AS WMA, THIRTY FOUR DASH FORTY YEARS OF AGE, BLACK HAIR WITH SOME GRAY, FIVE FEET SEVEN INCHES, ONE HUNDRED FIFTY POUNDS, STOPPED AT HIS HOME WHICH IS LOCATED IN A RURAL AREA APPROXIMATELY FOUR AND ONE HALF MILES WEST OF EL CENTRO ON HIGHWAY EIGHTY. THIS MAN WAS CARRYING A BLUE PLASTIC CLOROX BOTTLE AND ASKED FOR WATER. THE MAN WAS WEARING A LEVI JACKET AND DARK PANTS. THE MAN'S EYES WERE CLOSER TOGETHER THAN THEY APPEARED TO BE IN THE PHOTOGRAPH.

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SANDS ASKED THE MAN IF HE WAS WORKING NEARBY AND HE REPLIED HE WAS NOT WORKING BUT WAS ON HIS WAY TO YUMA, ARIZONA. SANDS ADVISED THAT THE MAN SPOKE A SOUTHERN ACCENT, WAS SLIGHTLY STOOPED SHOULDER AND DID NOT APPEAR TO BE TOO BRIGHT.

SANDS FURNISHED THE MAN WITH WATER AND HE LEFT. SANDS STATED THAT THE MAN APPEARED TO BE ON FOOT.

SAN DIEGO IS ALERTING LOCAL AUTHORITIES IMPERIAL VALLEY, CALIFORNIA.

PHOENIX DIVISION. AT YUMA, ARIZONA. WILL ALERT LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND CONDUCT ANY LOGICAL INVESTIGATION.

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TO ALL SACS (PLAINTEXT)

FROM DIRECTOR 1P

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MURKIN

CONTACTS SHOULD BE MAINTAINED WITH ALL MASS COMMUNICATIONS MEDIA IN YOUR TERRITORIES TO INSURE THAT THERE IS FREQUENT REFERENCE TO PHOTOGRAPH OF GALT AND HIS CONNECTION WITH THIS CASE. IF NOT ALREADY DONE, PHOTOGRAPHS SHOULD BE SHOWN OR DISTRIBUTED TO LAW ENFORCEMENT AND OTHER APPROPRIATE AGENCIES IN YOUR AREAS TO INSURE THE BROADEST POSSIBLE PUBLICATION OF SUBJECT'S PHOTOGRAPH AND BACKGROUND.

OFFICES COVERING POINTS OF ENTRY OR EXIT FROM COUNTRY INSURE THAT SUBJECT'S PHOTOGRAPH AND BACKGROUND HAVE BEEN WIDELY DISTRIBUTED AND/OR APPROPRIATELY DISPLAYED AND THAT STOPS ARE BEING MAINTAINED.

OFFICES COVERING DEPARTURE OR ARRIVAL OF OVERSEAS FLIGHTS SHOULD ALSO RENEW STOPS AND DISPLAY PHOTOGRAPHS OF SUBJECT APPROPRIATELY. SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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NEWS RELEASE

April 17, 1968

Attorney General RAMSEY CLARK announced today that ERIC STARVO GALT is being sought by the FBI as a Fugitive on a Federal Charge arising from the fatal shooting of the Reverend Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., in Memphis, Tennessee, on April 4, 1968.

Director J. EDGAR HOOVER stated that a federal complaint was filed by the FBI in Birmingham, Alabama, today charging GALT with conspiring to violate the civil rights of Dr. KING in violation of Title 18, Section 241, of the United States Code.

The FBI complaint charges that "on or about March 29, 1968, at Birmingham, Alabama, ...ERIC STARVO GALT and an individual whom he alleged to be his brother, entered into a conspiracy which continued until on or about April 5, 1968, to injure, oppress, threaten, or intimidate MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., ...in the free exercise or enjoyment of a right secured to him by the Constitution or laws of the United States; namely, the right to freely travel from state to state. In furtherance of this conspiracy, ERIC STARVO GALT did, on or about March 30, 1968, purchase a rifle at

Birmingham, Alabama."

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- ASAC (R & D)
- Supervisor HARI (R & D)
- Supervisor TURNAGE (R & D)
- Night Clerk (R & D)

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According to Mr. HOOVER, a 30.06 rifle equipped with a telescopic sight was found near a rooming house on South Main Street in Memphis immediately after the fatal shooting of Dr. KING occurred. The rooming house overlooks the Lorraine Hotel and Motel where Dr. KING was staying.

Mr. HOOVER said that FBI Agents determined that the 30.06 rifle had been purchased from a gun dealer in Birmingham, Alabama, on March 30, 1968. The telescopic sight also was purchased from this dealer.

The FBI Director said that GALT, who has used the names of JOHN WILARD and HARVEY LOWMYER in the past, is the owner of a 1966 white Mustang bearing Alabama license plates which was located abandoned in Atlanta, Georgia, on April 11, 1968. Investigation disclosed that GALT purchased this car from a private citizen in Birmingham on August 30, 1967. The Mustang's odometer showed that it had been driven more than 19,000 miles between late August, 1967, and early April, 1968.

According to Mr. HOOVER, GALT's travels in the Mustang included trips to Los Angeles, California; New Orleans, Louisiana; Birmingham, Alabama; and Mexico, as well as to Memphis, Tennessee, and Atlanta, Georgia. GALT was reported to have been in Memphis on April 3 and 4, 1968, and to have departed from there for Atlanta.

Intensive investigation by the FBI has disclosed that GALT has claimed to have been employed as a cook on Mississippi River vessels and as a Merchant Seaman. He is 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, California, from December, 1967, to February, 1968.

GALT left Los Angeles on December 15, 1967, and drove his white Mustang to New Orleans, where he claimed he contacted either an engineering or a contracting firm. He left New Orleans on December 19th and arrived back in Los Angeles on December 21, 1967.

While in the Los Angeles area early this year, GALT took a course at a School of Bartending and was graduated on March 2, 1968.

The fugitive is described as a white male. He is approximately 5'8" to 5'11" tall and weighs between 160 and 175 pounds. He is said to be a neat dresser and has a medium build.

GALT has brown hair, which he wears in a "brush" cut. He reportedly has blue eyes; his nose is straight and narrow; his teeth are straight and clean; and he has given his date of birth as .

The fugitive is said to have a nervous habit of occasionally pulling at an ear lobe with his hand. His left ear protrudes farther from his head than his right ear.

According to Mr. HOOVER, persons who have met GALT describe him as a "loner" and state his language and diction have a "rural" quality and suggest that he probably does not have a high degree of education. He is said to drink alcoholic beverages and has a preference for vodka and beer. He is a fan of Western and Country Music.

GALT should be considered armed and dangerous. Any information concerning him should be furnished immediately to the nearest FBI Office.

4/11/68

A I R T E L

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS
FROM: SAC, SAN DIEGO (44-387) (P)
MURKIN

Re Jackson teletype to Director, Memphis and
San Diego, 4/10/68.

Enclosed herewith are 9 copies each of an FD-302
reflecting the interview of DAVID M. KRECHIN at San Diego,
California on 4/10/68.

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Unidentified latent fingerprints this case are not identical with fingerprints of Malcolm Fredrick Eastham, FBI #527 647 C. No palm prints here for Eastham.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, San Diego

DATE: 4/17/68

FROM : SA James W. Price

SUBJECT: MURKING

This is to advise that the following individuals were contacted by me on 4/16/68 at which time the drawings of subject were shown to them. Both advised that the subject is unknown to them and that they possess no information identifiable with the subject. Both stated that they are the only ballroom or adult class dancing teachers in Imperial County, California:

Paula Morgan, 681 Wesley Ave., El Centro, California

Faye Menley, Sequoia and 7th, Holtville, California

Both of the above individuals advised that should they come into the possession of any information that might be in any manner pertinent to captioned matter, they would immediately contact the FBI.

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From: Director, FBI

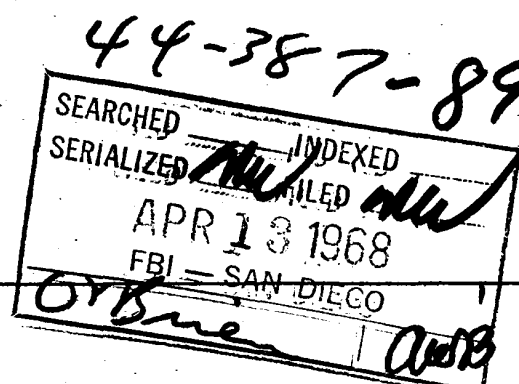
ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
RACIAL MATTERS

Many offices are using above caption in communications to the Bureau concerning a variety of activities and racial incidents arising out of the killing of Martin Luther King, Jr. This is creating problems from administrative and filing standpoints and should be discontinued immediately. Captions descriptive of the activity involved should be used in accordance with instructions in the FBI Handbook, page 154h of Part III.

For example, in reporting information concerning disturbances that may have occurred in Albany the caption "Racial Disturbances Following Assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., Albany, New York, April 9, 1968, Racial Matters" could be used.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, SAN DIEGO (44-387)

DATE: 4/19/68

FROM : DANNY MORRIS

SUBJECT: MURKIN

At 10:52 AM this date WILLIAM RINGGOLD, 931 Elwood, San Diego, employed at Parking Lot under Robinson Bldg., 6th & E Sts., telephonically advised that a man that resembled photo of GALT that was in newspaper, parked a new Ford, model and color unknown, in the lot from about 10 AM until 1:00 PM on 4/18/68. RINGGOLD did not notice direction this man took when he left but he did ask for directions to "Old Town".

RINGGOLD described this man as white, male, late 30's or early 40's, 5'11" - 6', large build, ruddy complexion, face appeared fuller than photo of GALT, spoke with heavy southern accent, and was dressed in sports clothes.

RINGGOLD stated he did not notice any scars, marks, or unusual features and had nothing additional to furnish concerning above.

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2 Cabbies Identify King Case Sketch

ATLANTA (UPI) — Two Atlanta taxicab drivers yesterday identified for the Federal Bureau of Investigation a sketch of Eric Starvo Galt and said the mystery figure in the search for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s assassin rode in their cabs the day after the slaying.

Both taxicab drivers work for the same company. They said they gave the man a ride the Friday after King was shot by a sniper April 4 in Memphis, Tenn.

Both drivers said the trips were in Atlanta's hippie neighborhood around Peachtree Street and 14th Street.

Both taxi drivers work for the Atlanta Million Cooperative Cab Co. Their names were withheld at the request of the firm.

RECORDS CHECKED

The FBI has pored through the records of Atlanta Million and other taxicab firms in the city in an attempt to trace Galt from the time he apparently abandoned the white Mustang automobile found in the Capitol Homes housing project.

Apparently working on a new lead, FBI agents returned to the offices of Atlanta Million yesterday and asked specifically if any drivers had made pickups in the hippie neighborhood on the Friday after King was slain.

Two drivers who had made such pickups were questioned by an agent who showed them a sketch of the man the FBI apparently thinks is Galt.

Both drivers identified the man in the sketch as the one they picked up.

The first driver told the FBI he picked up the man at the intersection of Peachtree and 14th streets. He drove his fare only two blocks — a fact that made him remember the trip — and then the man demanded to be let out immediately.

The driver said he had gone two blocks south on Peachtree to 12th Street, and there the man got out, paid his fare and walked quickly down 12th Street toward the west.

The second taxicab driver told the FBI he recognized the man in the sketch as the same man who rode in his cab to the address of a modern two-story apartment building.

DOESN'T RECALL

The second driver did not recall if the man entered the apartments or walked off in another direction. The location is at the intersection of 13th Street and Crescent Avenue, one block west of the 14th and Peachtree streets intersection where the first driver said he picked up the same man.

Ed Collins, president and general manager of the taxicab firm, said it was not immediately determined exactly what time Friday the pickups were made. He said they probably were made during the evening.

Collins said the FBI would not tell him or the drivers what the new leads in the investigation might mean. He said the FBI told him it was making similar checks with other Atlanta taxicab firms looking for information along the same line.

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San Diego
California

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Edition: Home Edition
Author:
Editor: Herbert Klein
Title: MURKIN

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Submitting Office: San Diego

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Sketch Identified Of King Suspect

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (UPI) — Eric Starvo Galt, object of an intensive Federal Bureau of Investigation manhunt, received a letter from Chicago a few weeks before the slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., his landlord said yesterday.

In a copyrighted interview in the Birmingham News, rooming house manager Peter Nicholas Cherpes said the sketch of the man wanted in King's slaying "looked exactly like" Galt.

"He was above the average roomer in dress, talk and appearance," Cherpes said. "He always wore sporty clothes and a tie. He was always pleasant and I never knew of him drinking."

Cherpes said Galt "didn't say much about his family affairs, only that he was divorced. He only talked about the weather, never about politics or racial troubles."

He said Galt stayed at his rooming house at 2608 Highland Ave. from Aug. 26 to Oct. 7, 1967.

He said that during September, Galt received a prepaid package in the mail from Chicago. He said it weighed 20 to 25 pounds, was about two feet long and one foot wide. The next day, Cherpes said, Galt told him it was the wrong merchandise and he planned to send it back.

"About half an hour later I saw him carrying the box to his car," Cherpes said.

In October, Cherpes said, Galt told him he was leaving for Mobile, Ala., to seek a job. Galt said he expected a letter from Chicago and asked Cherpes to hold it for him.

In February or March, Cher-

pes said, the letter came from Chicago. He said the envelope was thin and green, with a Chicago postmark.

"I was puzzled for a while where to mail it," Cherpes said. "I didn't have an address (for Galt). So I held the letter for a week, and returned it."

Cherpes said it appeared to him the letter contained a check.

When he received the letter, Cherpes said, he went to his file to look for Galt's registration card and found it. However, when FBI agents came to him

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Sketch Identified Of King Suspect

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last week, Cherpes said, the card was missing.

The interview with Cherpes came amid growing reports that Galt — as such — may never have existed. Authorities were looking into the possibility that someone may have carefully constructed the identity of Galt for a brief period in Birmingham.

Cherpes earlier denied knowing Galt. He said this was because the FBI has asked him not to say anything about the man. However, he said the FBI had no authority to stop him. His rooming house was bolted and he refused to admit anyone yesterday afternoon.

He said Galt paid his \$27 a week room and board in cash, on time.

"When he was here, on the third or fourth day, he asked

me if I would drive his car downtown for him to take a driver's test," Cherpes said.

"He was a new man to Alabama and to Birmingham and also a customer," Cherpes continued, "and I wanted to help him on that basis."

Cherpes said that when Galt arrived at the rooming house, Galt told him his last job was in the shipyards at Pascagoula, Miss. However, Ingalls Shipbuilding Co. at Pascagoula said it had never hired a man by that name.

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NEWS RELEASE

Attorney General Ramsey Clark announced today that the FBI has identified Jass Earl Ray, an escapee from the Missouri State Penitentiary, as Eric Starvo Galt, against whom a federal complaint was filed last Wednesday in connection with the fatal shooting of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Director J. Edgar Hoover said that a systematic and exhaustive search of latent fingerprints uncovered in the Dr. King case against the fingerprints of the over 53,000 persons for whom "Wanted Notices" have been posted in the files of the FBI's Identification Division led to the determination that Galt and Ray are identical.

Mr. Hoover said that Ray, who is 40 years of age, was reported missing from the Missouri State Penitentiary at Jefferson City, Missouri, since April 23, 1967. He had been received at that institution on March 17, 1960, to serve a 20-year sentence following conviction in St. Louis for armed robbery and for operating a motor vehicle without permission of the owner.

In September, 1966, while serving this sentence, he was confined for a time in the maximum security ward at the State Hospital at Fulton, Missouri.

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According to Mr. Hoover, Ray has a known arrest record dating back to 1949. Prior to the 1960 conviction for which he received a 20-year term, Ray had been convicted of burglary in Los Angeles, California, in 1949; robbery in Chicago, Illinois, in 1952; and forging United States Postal Money Orders in Missouri in 1955.

He has served terms in the Los Angeles County Jail in 1949; in state prisons at Joliet and Pontiac, Illinois, in 1952-1954; and in the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, in 1955-58.

Ray was an enlisted man in the United States Army from February, 1946, to December, 1948, at which time he was given a general discharge due to ineptness and lack of adaptability for military service. While in the army, he received a three-month sentence at hard labor for being drunk and breaking arrest.

Mr. Hoover said that during his criminal career, Ray has also used the names of James McBride, James Walton, W. C. Herron and James O'Conner. He is a white male, claims to have been born [redacted], in Illinois; is approximately 5'10" tall and weighs about 163 to 174 pounds. He has blue eyes and brown hair. There is a small scar on the center of his forehead and a scar on the palm of his right hand.

Ray has claimed that he attended school through the tenth grade in Alton, Illinois. He has had the reputation of being a "drifter" since leaving school. His vocational experience includes working as a baker, laborer and color matcher.

In connection with his escape from the Missouri State Penitentiary, an FBI complaint was filed in Jefferson City, Missouri, on July 20, 1967, charging Ray with unlawfully fleeing from the State of Missouri to avoid confinement. He has been a federal fugitive since then.

Ray should be considered armed and extremely dangerous. Anyone having information concerning him should immediately contact FBI Headquarters in Washington, D.C., or the nearest FBI office.

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SHERIFF'S OFFICE, EL CENTRO
ATTENTION: EL CENTRO RESIDENT AGENCYCHIEF OF POLICE
OCEANSIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT
ATTENTION: OCEANSIDE RESIDENT AGENCY

NEWS RELEASE. ATTORNEY GENERAL RAMSEY CLARK ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THE FBI HAS IDENTIFIED JASS EARL RAY, AN ESCAPEE FROM THE MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY, AS ERIC STARVO GALT, AGAINST WHOM A FEDERAL COMPLAINT WAS FILED LAST WEDNESDAY IN CONNECTION WITH THE FATAL SHOOTING OF THE REVEREND DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DIRECTOR J. EDGAR HOOVER SAID THAT A SYSTEMATIC AND EXHAUSTIVE SEARCH OF LATENT FINGERPRINTS UNCOVERED IN THE DR. KING CASE AGAINST THE FINGERPRINTS OF THE OVER 53,000 PERSONS FOR WHOM "WANTED NOTICES" HAVE BEEN POSTED IN THE FILES OF THE FBI'S IDENTIFICATION DIVISION LED TO THE DETERMINATION THAT GALT AND RAY ARE IDENTICAL. MR. HOOVER SAID THAT RAY, WHO IS 40 YEARS OF AGE, WAS REPORTED MISSING FROM THE MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI.

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SINCE APRIL 23, 1967 . HE HAD BEEN RECEIVED AT THAT INSTITUTION ON MARCH 17, 1960, TO SERVE A TWENTY-YEAR SENTENCE FOLLOWING CONVICTION IN ST. LOUIS FOR ARMED ROBBERY AND FOR OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE WITHOUT PERMISSION OF THE OWNER. IN SEPTEMBER, 1966, WHILE SERVING THIS SENTENCE, HE WAS CONFINED FOR A TIME IN THE MAXIMUM SECURITY WARD AT THE STATE HOSPITAL AT FULTON, MISSOURI. ACCORDING TO MR. HOOVER, RAY HAS A KNOWN ARREST RECORD DATING BACK TO 1949. PRIOR TO THE 1960 CONVICTION FOR WHICH HE RECEIVED A TWENTY-YEAR TERM, RAY HAD BEEN CONVICTED OF BURGLARY IN LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, IN 1949; ROBBERY IN CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, IN 1952; AND FORGING UNITED STATES POSTAL MONEY ORDERS IN MISSOURI IN 1955. HE HAS SERVED TERMS IN THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY JAIL IN 1949; IN STATE PRISONS AT JOLIET AND PONTIAC, ILLINOIS, IN 1952-1954; AND IN THE FEDERAL PENITENTIARY AT LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS, IN 1955-1958. RAY WAS AN ENLISTED MAN IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY FROM FEBRUARY, 1946, TO DECEMBER, 1948, AT WHICH TIME HE WAS GIVEN A GENERAL DISCHARGE DUE TO INEPTNESS AND LACK OF ADAPTABILITY

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FOR MILITARY SERVICE. WHILE IN THE ARMY, HE RECEIVED A THREE-MONTH SENTENCE AT HARD LABOR FOR BEING DRUNK AND BREAKING ARREST. MR. HOOVER SAID THAT DURING HIS CRIMINAL CAREER, RAY HAS ALSO USED THE NAMES OF JAMES MC BRIDE, JAMES WALTON, W. C. HERRON AND JAMES O'CONNER. HE IS A WHITE MALE, CLAIMS TO HAVE BEEN BORN IN ILLINOIS; IS APPROXIMATELY 5'10" TALL AND WEIGHS ABOUT 163 TO 174 POUNDS. HE HAS BLUE EYES AND BROWN HAIR. THERE IS A SMALL SCAR ON THE CENTER OF HIS FOREHEAD AND A SCAR ON THE PALM OF HIS RIGHT HAND. RAY HAS CLAIMED THAT HE ATTENDED SCHOOL THROUGH THE TENTH GRADE IN ALTON, ILLINOIS. HE HAS HAD THE REPUTATION OF BEING A "DRIFTER" SINCE LEAVING SCHOOL. HIS VOCATIONAL EXPERIENCE INCLUDES WORKING AS A BAKER, LABORER AND COLOR MATCHER. IN CONNECTION WITH HIS ESCAPE FROM THE MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY, AN FBI COMPLAINT WAS FILED IN JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI, ON JULY 20, 1967, CHARGING RAY WITH UNLAWFULLY FLEEING FROM THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO AVOID CONFINEMENT. HE HAS BEEN A FEDERAL FUGITIVE SINCE THEN.

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RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND EXTREMELY DANGEROUS.
ANYONE HAVING INFORMATION CONCERNING HIM SHOULD IMMEDIATELY
CONTACT FBI HEADQUARTERS IN WASHINGTON, D.C., OR THE NEAREST
FBI OFFICE.

ROBERT W. EVANS, SAC, FBI, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA. ____FBH

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, SAN DIEGO

DATE: 4/19/68

FROM : SPC, JAMES L. NORMAN JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN.

At 10:20 PM instant date MR. ED GORYL, 2763 Warden, San Diego, California, telephone number 222-1588, telephonically contacted this office to furnish the following information.

MR. GORYL advised that on last Tuesday at 10:00 PM he had observed a man who looked like the subject in this case in the 222 Club, 222 Washington, San Diego. The man called himself EARL RAY and was with a Navy Chief. The man stated that he had two pardners in a mine in Virginia City, Nevada and that they were prospecting for gold and he wanted to know how to get it out of the country.

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TO ALL SACS EXCEPT KANSAS CITY, ANCHORAGE, HONOLULU AND SAN JUAN

MESSAGE RELAY PLAN

FROM DIRECTOR 5P

MURKIN. 00: MEMPHIS.

JAMES EARL RAY, AKA. EARL JAMES RAY, W. C. HERRON, EARL JAMES,
JAMES MC BRIDE, JAMES O'CONNER, JAMES WALTON, JAMES WALYON, JIM
- FUGITIVE; UFAC - ROBBERY FIRST, BUFILE 88-41730. 00: KANSAS
CITY, KC FILE 88-9449; DETERMINED TODAY BY BUREAU TO BE IDENTICAL
WITH ERIC STARVO GALT, AGAINST WHOM FEDERAL COMPLAINT FILED APRIL
SEVENTEEN LAST IN CONNECTION WITH FATAL SHOOTING OF DR. MARTIN
LUTHER KING, JR.

JAMES EARL RAY, INMATE, MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY, JEFFERSON
CITY, MO., ESCAPED PEN APRIL TWO THREE, SIXTY-SEVEN. INVESTIGATION
INDICATED RAY CONCEALED HIMSELF IN A BREAD BOX AND ESCAPED FROM
TRUCK MAKING DELIVERY TO AN AUXILIARY FARM. RAY WAS SERVING TWENTY
YEARS ON CHARGE OF ARMED ROBBERY - FIRST DEGREE AND FOR OPERATING A
VEHICLE WITHOUT OWNER'S CONSENT. ON JULY TWENTY, SIXTY-SEVEN,
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FEDERAL COMPLAINT AUTHORIZED BY AUSA WILLIAM A. KITCHEN, WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI, KANSAS CITY, MO., FILED BEFORE USC, JEFFERSON CITY, MO., CHARGING RAY WITH VIOLATION TITLE EIGHTEEN, SECTION ONE ZERO SEVEN THREE, USC. WARRANT ISSUED.

INVESTIGATION HAS BEEN CONDUCTED BY CHICAGO, SPRINGFIELD, ST. LOUIS, AND KANSAS CITY OFFICES IN UNPRODUCTIVE EFFORT TO LOCATE THIS FUGITIVE. KANSAS CITY IS INSTITUTING A FULL AND COMPLETE REINVESTIGATION IN AN EFFORT TO DEVELOP BACKGROUND DATA, RELATIVES, AND ASSOCIATES OF SUBJECT, WHO MIGHT BE IN A POSITION TO ASSIST IN HIS LOCATION.

IN THIS CONNECTION, JAMES EARL RAY AND WALTER TERRY RIFE ON MARCH SEVEN, FIFTY-FIVE, BURGLARIZED THE U. S. POST OFFICE AT KELLERVILLE, ILL., AND STOLE SIXTY-SIX BLANK U. S. POSTAL MONEY ORDERS WHICH THEY PASSED DURING MARCH, FIFTY-FIVE, IN NUMEROUS STATES, WITH THE RESULT THAT BOTH WERE SENTENCED IN U.S.D.C., KANSAS CITY, MO., ON JULY ONE, FIFTY-FIVE, TO USP, LEAVENWORTH, END PAGE TWO

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KANSAS. SUBJECT RAY HAS BEEN DESCRIBED AS A LONER AND RIFE APPARENTLY IS ONE OF HIS FEW CLOSE ASSOCIATES, SUGGESTING POSSIBILITY THEY COULD HAVE BEEN ASSOCIATES IN MURDER OF DR. KING, AND INVESTIGATION ALSO INSTITUTED IN KANSAS CITY AIRTEL TO SPRINGFIELD MARCH ELEVEN LAST TO DEVELOP BACKGROUND INFO RE RIFE AND TO LOCATE HIM FOR INTERVIEW. THIS INVESTIGATION SHOULD ALSO BE RECOVERED AND EXPEDITED TODAY, IT BEING NOTED RIFE AND RAY HAVE BACKGROUND HISTORY IN THE QUINCY, ILL., AREA.

PHOTOS OF JAMES EARL RAY AND WALTER TERRY RIFE ARE BEING FORWARDED AMSD TO BUREAU AND ALL OFFICES.

FOLLOWING IS DESCRIPTION OF JAMES EARL RAY AS FURNISHED BY FBI IDENTIFICATION DIVISION UNDER FBI NO. THREE ZERO SIX FOUR FOUR THREE A: WHITE MALE, DOB [REDACTED] AT DECATUR, QUINCY OR ALTON, ILL.; APPROXIMATELY FIVE FEET TEN; ONE SEVEN FOUR LBS., IN SEPTEMBER SIXTY-SIX; RUDDY COMPLEXION; BLUE EYES; BROWN HAIR; MEDIUM BUILD; OCCUPATIONS LABORER AND BAKER; SCARS AND MARKS--SMALL SCAR ON CENTER OF FOREHEAD AND SCAR IN PALM OF RIGHT HAND. ADDRESSES--ST. LOUIS, MO., MARCH SIXTY, TWO ZERO ONE FIVE PARK, ST. LOUIS, MO., OCTOBER FIFTY-NINE; QUINCY, ILL., JULY FIFTY-FIVE, MARCH FIFTY-FIVE, AND APRIL FIFTY; HOTEL QUINCY, QUINCY, END PAGE THREE

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ILL., MARCH FIFTY-FIVE; VICTOR HOTEL, QUINCY, ILL., MARCH FIFTY-FIVE;
EIGHT FIVE THREE WEST FULLERTON, CHICAGO, ILL., MAY FIFTY-TWO; EIGHT
ZERO FIVE ALBY STREET, ALTON, ILL., JULY FIFTY-ONE. FPC--SIXTEEN,
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OVER TWELVE. NCIC FPC--ONE SIX ONE THREE ONE ONE ZERO ZERO ONE TWO
ONE TWO I I ONE TWO I I ONE SEVEN. MILITARY RECORD--JAMES EARL RAY,
SN ONE SIX ONE SIX THREE ONE TWO NINE, ENLISTED U. S. ARMY FEBRUARY
FORTY-SIX, AT EAST ST. LOUIS, ILL., AND SERVED ON ACTIVE DUTY UNTIL
DECEMBER TWENTY-THREE, FORTY-EIGHT, AT WHICH TIME GIVEN GENERAL
DISCHARGE AS PRIVATE FIRST CLASS AT CAMP KILMER, N. J., BY REASON
OF INEPTNESS AND LACK OF ADAPTABILITY FOR MILITARY SERVICE. RECORDS
ALSO INDICATE HE RECEIVED TREATMENT FOR GONORRHEA AND SYPHILIS WHILE
A MEMBER OF THE MILITARY.

FOLLOWING IS A DESCRIPTION OF WALTER TERRY RIFE, FBI NO. ①
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FOUR FIVE FIVE EIGHT SEVEN SIX SIX, AS OBTAINED FROM FILES OF USP,
LEAVENWORTH: WHITE MALE, AGE FORTY-FOUR, DOB [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] FIVE FEET NINE AND ONE HALF, ONE SIX ONE LBS., BROWN
HAIR, EYES BLUE GRAY.

KANSAS CITY IS SETTING OUT ALL PERTINENT LEADS TODAY BY
TELETYPE AND TELEPHONE FOLLOWED UP BY TELETYPE CONFIRMATION.
ALL LEADS MUST BE COVERED WITHIN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS WITH BUREAU,
KANSAS CITY, AND MEMPHIS BEING KEPT ADVISED BY APPROPRIATE
COMMUNICATION OF PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS.

SUGGEST BUREAU MAKE IMMEDIATE COMPARISON OF ANY LATENT
FINGERPRINTS DEVELOPED DURING KING INVESTIGATION WITH THOSE
OF WALTER TERRY RIFE TO DETERMINE IF IDENTICAL.

AIR MAIL COPIES SENT ANCHORAGE, HONOLULU AND SAN JUAN.
LEGAT MEXICO CITY AND OTTAWA ADVISED.

SUBJECT RAY HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF ROBBERY WITH DEADLY
WEAPON, HAS BEEN CONFINED IN STATE HOSPITAL, FULTON, MO., IN
SIXTY-SIX, AND SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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