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In accordance with Section 1812 C.V.C., the above officer of the Division of Drivers Licenses has been authorized to prepare under seal and certify copies of records of this

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ACCEPTANCE OF LIABILITY BY PARENTS

Pursuant to Sections 17700 through 17706 and in assumption of the liability specified in Sections 17707 through 17710 of the Vehicle Code, the undersigned residents of the State of California join in this application and certify, under penalty of perjury, that all statements made hereon are true and correct.

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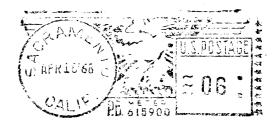
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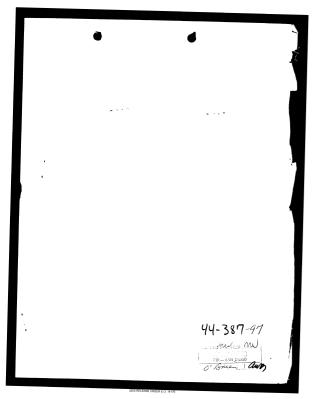


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Memorandum

ro : SAC, SAN DIEGO (44-387)

DATE: 4/20/68

FROM : SPC, BYRON R. STRICKLAND

SUBJECT: MURKIN CASE

ARTHUR J. CHAPIN, Night Supervisor, Western Union tele graph office advised as follows:

CHAPIN works the 12 to 8 am shift and upon coming to work last evening, he was riding the San Diego Transit System bus #3 (route) where he caught his ride at University Avenue and 4th St., San Diego. At the next stop, a man boarded the bus who, in CHAPIN's opinion, was very similar to the pictures displayed in the newspapers re suspect RAY aka GAIT.

CHAPIN stated that this person talked fluently to the bus driver and is positive that the driver would be able to identify this man. It was apparent that this unsub knew the city of San Diego fairly well inasmuch he made reference to El Cajon and La Mesa. During the ride, the unsub placed on horn rimmed glasses. After the completing of the fare, both CHAPIN and unsub left bus and unsub walked west between Western Union and Broadway through an alley.

CHAPIN said that he felt possibly this was nothing, but he just figured it might be worth it to advise the FBI. CHAPIN's home phone is CY 5-7087; business phone 233-6790.

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DATE: 4-20-68

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SUBJECT:

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At 9-25am, instant date, TOM OSBORN telephonically advised this office that he believes he recognized the subject of this file, JASS EARL RAY, while walking from the barber shop to the Border Patrol Station in Mexicali last Thursday, April 18, at approximately 4:00 in the afternoon. OSBORN also advised that the person he believed to be RAY was wearing a modern brownish-gray suit that appeared to be crumpled. OSBORN described the suit to be "something unlike you see the Mexicans wearing". OSBORN indicated that this person was also clean shaven, but did not notice the color of this person's eyes.

OSBORN resides in Rancho Santa Fe and is employed by

the Dow Chemical Company.

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SAC, SAN DIEGO (44-387)

DATE: 4/20/68

FROM:

SA CHARLES J. KELLERMAN (A)

SUBJECT:

MURKIN

Mr. ED BELL, Shiller Jewelers, 1126 Fifth Avenue, telephone 234-6444, advised on 4/20/68, as follows:

GLEN O'DELL, 1217 30th Street, San Diego, purchased a wedding ring set in February, 1968. This was the first purchase O'DELL had made since February, 1962. O'DELL immediately disappeared after he had purchased the rings in 1968, and he is no longer at the 1217 30th Street address.

BELL thought that these circumstances plus the fact that O'DELL's description is somewhat similar to that of JAMES EARL RAY that O'DELL should be considered as possibly being identical with RAY.

The following description of O'DELL was taken from his application for credit:

> Race Sex Height Weight Born Eyes

White Male 5,11" 180

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Gray

California Driver's

Brown Hair

License No. Mother

POLLY BULLARD General Delivery Pleasant Plains Arkansas JEFF O'DELL

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SAC, SAN DIEGO (44-387)

DATE: 4/20/68

FROM :

SA CHARLES J. KELLERMAN (A)

SUBJECT:

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PAUL C. YORK, El Cajon Police Department, advised that he had received a telephone call from a man who stated that he had seen a man answering the description of subject RAY or GALT. This man was in an old model gray sedan, approximately a 1957 or 1958 model parked in Wells Park, 1000 East Madison, El Cajon, at about 2:00 PM on 4/19/68. The suspect was described as white male, wearing a white shirt and having blue eyes.

YORK stated that all El Cajon Policemen have been alerted to be on the alert for this type of automobile.

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Memorandum

SAC, SAN DIEGO (44-387)

DATE: 4/20/68

FROM

SA CHARLES J. KELLERMAN (A)

SUBJECT:

MURKIN

WILLIAM BURNS, San Diego PD, advised that Mrs. F. B. RIVERS, Manager, Palm City Trailer Court, 874 Hollister, Palm City, telephone 243-2888, had seen a man resembling JAMES EARL RAY. This man had inquired about renting a small trailer.

Mrs. RIVERS was telephonically contacted and the only additional information she could add was that two men inquired about renting a small trailer at approximately noon. She had no trailer for rent and she paid little attention to them. At approximately 5:00 PM when she got her newspaper she noticed the picture of JAMES EARL RAY and noticed a resemblance to one of the men who tried to rent the trailer. She could furnish no information concerning the automobile that these men were driving.

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SA CHARLES J. KELLERMAN (A)

PRESS RELATIONS

On 4/20/68, Mr. RAY MEANS, United Press International, Belmont 4711, Extension 350, requested that his office be furnished any press releases on the KING murder case and especially any news of any apprehension of CAIT. He also requested that his office be furnished other press releases made by this office.

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SUBJECT:

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Sgt. ORRAN COATES, Coronada Police Department, telephonically advised that JIM WILSON of the El Cordova Apartment -Hotel, 1351 Orange Avenue, Coronado, telephone 435-4131, had reported the following information:

On 4/18/68, a man checked in the El Cordova under the name J. R. MC AULEY (registration card number 243), 3849 Randolph, Los Angeles 32, California, at 3:45 PM. He was given Room 113. MC AULEY checked out the same date, 4/18/68, at 5:45 PM, in a hurry saying that there was a change of plans.

WILSON described MC AULEY as 35-40, medium build, 160, 5'10", dark brown hair, dark eyes, wearing a dark suit but not well dressed and carrying a not new brown suitcase. No information on a car.

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Conduct appropriate investigation to eliminate or identify MC AULEY as subject JAMES EARL RAY.

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DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM:

SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P

MURKIN.

Extensive investigation to date has not specifically established residence or whereabouts of ERIC STARVO GALT prior to mid-summer 1967. Investigation has disclosed that his presence has been established in Alabama, California, Georgia, Louisiana, and Tennessee.

Possibility exists that prior to mid-summer, 1967, UNSUB may well have been a recent releasee of a Federal Penitentiary, a State Penitentiary, or some county correctional institution. In addition, the possibility that he may have been a recent releasee from a mental institution of some kind cannot be overlooked.

It is therefore requested that all offices receiving this Airtel check records of custodial institutions, penal and otherwise, in their respective divisions, for any information regarding releasees in May, June, and July 1967. Offices should be guided by the descriptive data and birth data furnished on Alabama driver's license. This set forth birthdate Descriptive data available on license will assist in eliminating many of the names that might appear. Use of current photo, which is dated March 1968, would also be of assistance in further eliminating any suspects included in group. If unable eliminate on basis of birth data and use of photo, receiving offices should secure from custodial institution identifying numbers which will assist in establishing identification record and thereafter request ARMED & DANGEROUS. elimination by fingerprints of Bureau.

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FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P

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At about 6 p.m. on 4/4/68, while standing on the second floor balcony outside Room 306 of the Lorraine Motel, 406 Mulberry Street, Memphis, Tennessee, Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. was struck in the right side of the face by a single bullet fired from a 30-06 rifle. The bullet severed KING's spinal cord and death was almost instantaneous.

This investigation, predicated upon a specific request from the Attorney General of the United States, disclosed that the fatal shot had been fired from the bathroom of a cheap rooming house located at 4221 South Main Street, Memphis, which bathroom was located at the rear of the rooming house, and had a window overlooking the Lorraine Motel.

At about 3 p.m. on 4/4/68, an individual using the name JOHN WILLARD had rented Room 5-B in the rooming house at 4222 South Main Street and had paid one week's rent. After hearing the rifle shot at about 6 p.m. on that same day, other tenants in the rooming house observed a man presumably identical with WILLARD, fleeing from the rooming house carrying a large package which was subsequently abandoned by him on the sidewalk in front of the Canipe Amusement Co., 424 South Main Street, Memphis. A neighborhood investigation in the vicinity of 424 South Main Street disclosed that the subject had fled from the scene in a white Mustang.

Found abandoned in front of 424 South Main Street was a 30-06 Remington model 760 rifle which was determined to have been

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sold to one HARVEY LOWMEYER on 3/30/68 by Aeromarine Supply Co., Birmingham, Alabama.

Investigation at Memphis disclosed that an individual had purchased a set of binoculars at the York Arms Company in Memphis on 4/4/68. These binoculars were among the material abandoned with the rifle and recovered in Memphis. Also recovered was a brown and green herringbone bedspread. The items abandoned in Memphis were all wrapped in this bedspread. The blue bag which was inside the bedspread contained numerous items, among which were the binoculars and a set of underwear consisting of a T-shirt and shorts. The T-shirt and shorts are those on which appears the laundry mark which has been a matter of interest in this case.

A search of motel records in the Memphis area disclosed that an individual using the name ERIC S. GALT had spent the night of 4/3/68 at the Rebel Motel, Memphis, Tennessee, and was driving a 1966 white Mustang bearing Alabama License 1-38993. Investigation at Birmngham disclosed that this automobile had been purchased by ERIC S. GALT on August 30, 1968, from a private person in response to a newspaper ad. He paid a total of \$1995 cash. While in Birmingham he furnished the address of 2608 South Highland Avenue, Birmingham. This is also the address which appeared on a driver's license issued to him by the State of Alabama. The driver's license identifying data listed his birth date as presented to his birt

The automobile in question, the white Mustang bearing the Alabama tags mentioned above, was recovered in Atlanta on 4/11/68 and determined to have been abandoned there prior to 9 a.m. on 4/5/68.

In connection with the evidence submitted by Atlanta, Birmingham, and Memphis, identifiable latent prints were recovered. It was on the basis of these latents that identification was made of JAMES EARL RAY. In handling future leads, all offices should be particularly interested in securing an identifying number, military, police, or FBI, in connection with suspects so that the necessary check can be made through the Identification Division.

On 4/17/68, AUSA R. MACRY TAYLOR, Birmingham, authorized the filing of a complaint charging ERIC STARVO GALT with a conspiracy to violate Section 241, Title 18, U. S. Code, and

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recommended bond in the amount \$50,000. On that same date, SAC JOSEPH H. GAMBLE filed a complaint before USC MILDRED F. SPRAGUE, Birmingham, and warrant was issued that same date.

For further information re JAMES EARL RAY, all offices are directed to press release furnished them by the Bureau on 4/19/68.

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FROM : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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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.

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

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requested	For information of all offices, the Bureau by retof the Memphis Division as follows:
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1)	Number of man hours spent on case broken down as to regular hours, overtime hours, and total man hours by following employees (separate figures for each class of employees shown):
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	B. Clerical Employees
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4) Peak number of Special Agents working on case during month for which report is submitted.

You should promptly request all Bureau offices involved in this case to furnish information requested herein to you and it should be included in your report."

Each office is requested to expeditiously furnish the Memphis Division with the above designated data within two work days after the close of each month. Secondly, each office is also requested to advise the Memphis Division even in the event each category is zero or no work is performed on this case during the month.

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SAC, SAN DIEGO (44-387)

DATE: 4/20/68

FROM:

SA CHARLES J. KELLERMAN (A)

SUBJECT:

MURKIN

Deputy Sheriff LUCAS, San Diego Sheriff's Office, advised that a Mrs. RICHARDSON, San Marcos Market, 100 Block West Mission, San Marcos, California, telephone 744-9905, advised that after seeing a picture of GALT on television last night, she recalls waiting on a man who strongly resembled the photograph of GALT. This man bought cigarettes and later came in and bought a bottle of vodka.

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Contact Mrs. RICHARDSON, San Marcos Market, San Marcos, California, for additional details and conduct appropriate investigation.

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: SAC, SAN DIEGO (44-387)

Memorandum

DATE: 4/21/68

FROM : SPC, JAMES L. NORMAN, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN.

TO

At approximately 11:15 PM instant date MRS. RUTH ATTRIDGE, 3340 31st. Street, San Diego, California, telephone number 282-3886, telephonically contacted this office to furnish the following information.

MRS. ATTRIDGE advised that on 4/20/68 at 8:00 PM she had went to baby-sit at an appartment at 3766 India Street for a MR. And MRS. MELLOS, telephone number 298-2070. When she was there she felt that the people acted very suspicious and the baby (16 Mo. old) was always afraid. MR. ATTRIDGE observed the man Galled MR. MELLOS and felt that he looked quite similar to Galt in Re case.

It should be noted that the possibility exists that MRS. ATTRIDGE was furnishing this information to cause trouble for the MELLOS& family. The reason for this being that as soon as the MELLOS left the residence, she called to her husband who had been walking around in the parking lot and he joined her in the apartment. At these point the MELLOS returned and threw MR. and MRS. ATTRIDGE out and would not pay the \$4.00 that MRS. ATTRITGE requested as her minimum charge.

MRS. ATTRIDGE stated that she is doing this for the good of the child, however she also asked if their was a reward on Galt, and if this was not wants Galt, but another Bureau fugitive, she and her husband would like the reward.

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Photograph taken 1968 (eyes drawn by artist)

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

DESCRIPTION

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

Height: Eyes:

Blue Weight: 163 to 174 pounds Complexion: Medium Medium Build: Race: White Hair: Brown, possibly cut short Nationality: American

Occupations: Baker, color matcher, laborer

Scars and Marks: Small scar on center of forehead and small scar on palm of right hand

Remarks: Noticeably protruding left ear; reportedly is a lone wolf; allegedly attended dance instruction school; has reportedly completed course in bartending.

Fingerprint Classification: 16 M 9 U 000 12

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CRIMINAL RECORD

Ray has been convicted of burglary, robbery, forging U. S. Postal Money Orders, armed robbery, and operating motor vehicle without owner's consent.

CAUTION

RAY IS SOUGHT IN CONNECTION WITH A MURDER WHEREIN THE VICTIM WAS SHOT. CONSIDER ARMED AND EXTREMELY DANGEROUS.

A Federal warrant was issued on April 17, 1968, at Birmingham, Alabama, charging Ray as Eric Starvo Galt with conspiring to interfere with a Constitutional Right of a citizen (Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 241). A Federal warrant was also issued on July 20, 1967, at Jefferson City, Missouri, charging Ray with Interstate Flight to Avoid Confinement for the crime of Robbery (Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 1073).

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

> FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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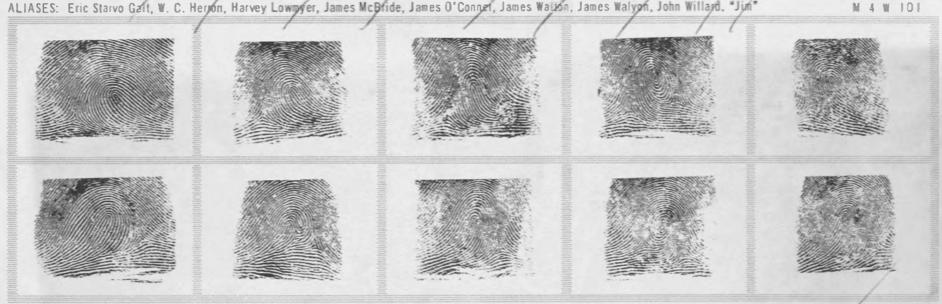
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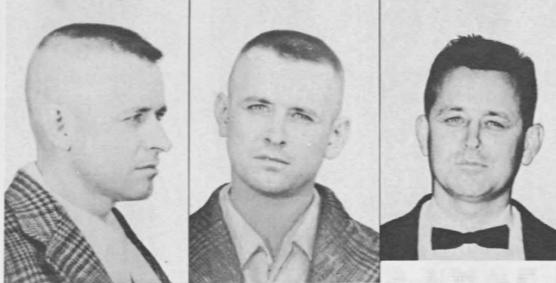
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DESCRIPTION

AGE: 40, born March 10, 1923, Alton, Illinois HEIGHT: 5'10" EYES WEIGHT: 163 to 174 pounds COMP EYES: blue COMPLEXION: medium RACE: white BUILD: medium
RACE
HAIR: brown, possibly cut short
NATIO
OCCUPATIONS: baker, color matcher, laborer NATIONALITY: American SCARS AND MARKS: small scar on center of forehead and small scar on

palm of right hand REMARKS noticeably protruding left ear: reportedly is a lone wolf: allegedly attended dance instruction school has reportedly completed course in bartending

CRIMINAL RECORD

Ray has been convicted of burglary, robbery, forging U. S. Postal Money Orders, armed robbery, and operating motor vehicle without owner's 44-387-114 consent_

CAUTION

RAY IS SOUGHT IN CONNECTION WITH A MURDER WHEREIN THE VICTIM WAS SHOT. CONSIDER ARMED AND EXTREMELY DAN-GEROUS.

A Federal warrant was issued on April 17, 1968, at Birmingham, Alabama, charging Ray as Eric Starvo Galt with conspiring to interfere with a Constitutional Right of a circumstate light to Avoid Conference and the Crime Robbery (Title 18, U.S. Code, Section 241). A Federal warrant was also issued on July 20, 1967, at Jefferson City, Missouri, charging Ray with Interstate Flight to Avoid Conference and the Crime Robbery (Title 18, U.S.). (Title 18. U. S. Code, Section 1073).

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

Identification Order 4182 April 20, 1968

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Oceanside Lead

In King's Killing?

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

By JESSE SHEFFIELD (Copywright 1968)

OCEANSIDE — Oceanside police Sunday were investigating a possible link between the alleged assassin of Dr. Martin Luther King and a man found dead in an Oceanside motel room.

Police Chief Ward Ratcliff has assigned the case to the department's detective bureau to further investigate the death once termed "accidental".

"Its something worth checking in to," says Lt. Ernest Michel, commander of the Oceanside Police Detective Bureau.

The man's true identity, the cause of his death, and the fact

that he had a lengthy FBI record has not been provided the OPD, by the San Diego County Coroner's office. Ratcliff stated.

The man found dead in the motel on March 5 possessed a triple identity and allegedly an FBI record of considerable detail.

He was at the time of death identified as Robert Melvin Owens by Oceanside Police Department.

The coroner's office said the man's correct identity is Earl Jack Norman, Jr.

The dead man identified himself as Jay Norman, five days before his death.

He allegedly was drugged.

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victim of an attempted robbery, and the victim of automobile theft two or three days before he died, states the man's employer.

No obvious foul play was noted at the scene of death, says the Oceanside Police Department.

His death has been ruled "accidental — resulting from barbituate poisoning," by the coroner's office.

During the five days preceeding discovery of his body he allegedly was in Santa Ana, Tijuana, and Oceanside.

A native of Arkansas, he was buried in Missouri.

The day before his body was

found in Oceanside, he was observed to be incoherent, "almost unable to talk," in Santa Ana.

He drove a Mustang to Mexico.

He drove a Chrysler to Oceanside.

In his possession when the body was discovered were:

A Louisiana driver's license, a California operator's license, a social security card and a vehicle registration for a 1962 Chrysler all in the name of Robert Melvin Owens.

A temporary California operator's license, purchased February 29, 1968 (five days before his death), and a "new" social security card in the

name of Jay Norman.

Friday, the FBI in Washington said that "Eric Starvo Galt" who was sought across the nation in the murder of Dr. King, was in fact James Earl Ray, who escaped from the Missouri State Penitentiary almost a year ago.

The bureau further revealed that Ray and an ex-convict named James Owens were convicted of robbing a St. Louis supermarket of \$190.

The body of a man identified as Robert Melvin Owens of Fountain Valley, Calif., was discovered when the manager of the Travelodge Motel, 1401 N. Hill entered the guest's unit

for cleaning at 1:35 p.m. Tuesday, March 5.

A routine autopsy performed by the county coroner's office the following day revealed the victim possible died of an overdose of drugs, it was stated by Deputy Coroner Mort Geer, at that time.

Geer added that toxicology tests had been ordered and it would be several days before the cause of death was determined.

Wednesday, April 17, Geer said that the death was ruled "accidental — resulting from barbituate poisoning."

The deputy coroner further revealed that the man's identity had been established as

Earl Jack Norman, Jr., and that Norman had a "lengthy FBI record."

An employe of the Peak Family Colonial Funeral Home in Westminster said the body of Earl J. Norman, Jr., also known as Robert Melvin Owens, was shipped to Wentzville, Missouri, for burial.

During a telephone conversation with this writer Thursday, the victim's mother. Mrs. Ann Owens of Fountain Valley, when asked why her sona maintained a triple identity said, "There are very personal

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Did Norman Know Suspect In King's Assassination?

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reasons why he changed his name."

When asked why the car her spn was driving prior to his death remained in storage in Oceanside, she replied, "The Mustang was picked up by my insurance company and is in Costa Mesa.`

The car in her son's possession at the time of his death was a 1962 Chrysler, not a Mustang.

When asked to clarify her statement relating to the Mustang, she said she did not wish to talk anymore and terminated the conversation.

Deputy Coroner Geer said Norman had been using the name of Earl Jack Norman, Jr., since 1946.

Mrs. Owens said her son used the name of Owens because he did not like the name Norman.

The dead man's employer said Friday he was not aware that his employe, known to him as Robert Melvin Owens. carried an additional identity.

As Owens, the dead man had been employed by the company since November 7, 1967, Dick Montague an official of Dorlee Mfg. Co. Santa Ana stated.

Previous employment of Owens was unknown to quite surprised to learn that the

Montague, he said, adding that he believed the dead man came "from back east prior to employment by Dorlee Com-

Montague related the following information during the discussion:

-On Friday, March 1, Owens left for the weekend. (Note: The previous day, Feb. 29, Owens obtained a temporary California Driver's license under the name of Jay Norman.)

-On Monday, March 4, Owens returned to work, was incoherent and almost unable to talk.

-On that day Owens told Montague that he was in Tijuana over the week-end, had been given a drugged drink, that someone had tried'to take his money, that during the incident he was slugged behind the head, and his car, a Mustang, was stolen.

Owens, Montague states, then said he wanted to go back to Mexico in an effort to recover the stolen vehicle.

Owens then left the office. Montague says.

The company official said he figured Owens had died in Oceanside the following day from the head injury and was cause of death was attributed said Saturday, too much time to an overdose of drugs.

Montague says that Owens told him on March 4 that he had been treated at a hospital for his head injury and he (Montague) assumed the victim was treated Oceanside.

According to Detective Roy Smith of the Oceanside Police Department there was no evidence of a head injury when he viewed the body on the day it was discovered in the motel.

Smith further states that the coroner's autopsy report contained no statement in reference to an internal or external head injury.

Fred AlcNutt, manager of the Westminster funeral home. had lapsed for him to recall. if a head injury was present.

In the case of James Ear Ray, earlier identified as Eric Starvo Galt, the allege conspirator in Dr. King's death, a Mustang, Mexico, New Orleans, Southern California. Missouri, a man named Owens, and a bartender's course have been declared pertinent to the case.

In the case of Earl Jack Norman Jr., a Mustang, Mexico, Louisiana, Southern California, Missouri, the name of Owens, and a drugged drink appear in the same light.

Ray's rage is given as Norman's age as 38.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC 44- MURKIN

DATE: 4-21-68

FROM : SA JAMES A. SCANLON

subject: EARL JACK MOPMAN Jr., aka Jay Norman, Robert Melvin Owens

Information Concerning

Re news item attached from Blade Tribune, Oceanside.

Pertinent statements in this article are summarized as

follows:

NORMAN was found dead in an Oceanside Motel on 3-5-68 and at that time the Oceanside Police Department identified him as ROBERT MELVIN OWENS, Fountain Valley, California. Subsequent examination by the San Diego County Coroner's Office determined he died from an overdoes of a barbituate. The Coroner's Office, from fingerprint identification determined the man's true name is EARL JACK NORMAN, Jr., and he had a "l@ngthy FBI record".

The reporter contacted NORMAN's mother and determined he also owned a mustang and it had been picked-up by her insurance company and was in $^{\rm C}$ osta Mesa.

The article notes, "The Bureau further revealed that RAY and an ex-convict named JAMES OWENS were convicted of robbing a St. Louis Supermarked of \$190."

The reporter on the basis of above information wishes to conclude that JAMES OWENS and captioned individual are the same person.

Deputy Coroner MORT GEER, San Diego County Coroner's Office was telephonically contacted 4-21-68 and he advised NORMAN's FBI Ident. Division Number is 482 69 59 and his CII number is 136 26 20 and at the request of the OPD on 4-19-68 he furnished this information to

GEER said the records of his office, our Ident Div. record and the CII record do not show NORMAN ever used the alias of JAMES OWENS. The Bureau's record shows NORMAN was arrested 9-16-53 by the St. Louis PD as EARL JACK NORMAN on a robbery charge and was sentenced to five years in the Missouri State Prison, again under the name EARL JACK NORMAN.

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It is apparent the deceased is not identical with JAMES OWENS referred to in the article and it is recommended consideration be given to telephonically contacting the Kansas City Office and wix the FBI number of JAMES OWENS be determined, and thereafter EXMENT it further recommended consideration be given to informing reporter SHEFFIELD and the OPD Decial consideration to end this misleading news story.

WANTED FEDERAL FUGITIVE—TOP TEN FUGITIVE

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TSuspect's Photo Released As 2 Are Implicated

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The Federal Bureau of Investigation declared yesterday that Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was the victim of a conspiracy to kill him. It named 36-year-old Eric Starvo Galt as a partner in that conspiracy and issued a warrant for his arrest.

The announcement by Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark was the first official confirmation that officials believed that the slaying of King in Memphis, Tenn., on April 4 was the result of a conspiracy. Clark had first said it was the work of one man.

The FBI said the conspiracy to kill King involved at least one other man, "an individual whom he (Galt) alleged to be his brother."

Later yesterday Memphis police issued a warrant charging Galt with first-degree murder. The state warrant charged that Galt "did unlawfully, feloniously, willfully, deliberately, premeditatedly and of his malice aforethought kill and murder Martin Luther King Jr."

STARTED IN MARCH

The FBI said the plot originated March 29 — seven days before the slaying — and that Galt was reported to have been in Memphis on the day of the slaying and the day preceding.

The FBI portrayed Galt as a poorly educated loner with a taste for country and western music, vodka, beer and dancing. It said he spoke with diction reflecting a rural background and that he claimed to have worked as a cook on Mississippi River vessels and as a merchant seaman. He had taken lessons in dancing and was a graduate of a bartending school.

The FBI statement said Galt purchased a 1966 white Mustang from a private individual in Birmingham, Ala., on Aug. 30, 1967, and drove 19,000 miles between then and when the car was found abandoned in Atlanta, Ga., April 11.

OTHER STOPS

without explaining how it knew, the FBI said Galt drove the car to Los Angeles, New Orleans, Birmingham and Mexico before going to Memphis and, after the killing, to Atlanta.

The FBI made public two photographs of a man it identified as Galt and said he used the aliases "Harvey Lowmyer" and "John Willard." In one photograph his eyes were closed; in the other, a print of the first, an FBI artist had sketched in opened eyes.

The FBI complaint filed in Birmingham charged that Galt and the other man "entered into a conspiracy which continued until on or about April 5, 1968, to injure, oppress, threaten or intimidate Martin Luther King Jr." in violation of his civil rights.

The FBI refused to further identify the man alleged to be

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- SAN DIEGO UNION San Diego California

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FBI Declares Dr. King Was Plot Victim

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Galt's brother and declined to say whether a warrant also had been issued for him. The federal charge against Galt carries on conviction a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison and a \$5,000 fine.

"In furtherance of the conspiracy," the FBI charged, Galt purchased a rifle in Birmingham on or about March 30.

A 30.06-caliber rifle equipped with a telescopic sight was found near a rooming house on South Main Street in Memphis immediately after King was shot. The rooming house overlooks the Lorraine Motel where King was staying.

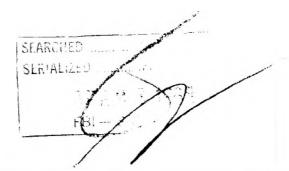
The FBI did not say the gun was the murder weapon.

The FBI said Galt 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 last February.



Federal Bureau of Investigation issued a warrant charging Eric Starvo Galt with conspiring in the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The FBI issued two pictures of the man they identified as Galt. Open eyes at right were sketched in by an FBI artist.



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FBI Asks Help In King Manhunt

WASHINGTON (AP) — The FBI has asked the public to help find the mysterious Eric Starvo Galt, who was charged yesterday with conspiracy and murder in the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

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

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

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

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

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

The FBI statement said a 30.06 rifle equipped with a telescopic sight, found near the rooming house shortly after King was slain, was purchased March 30 in Bir-(Cont. on Page A-3, Col. 1)



SEARCH IS ON—A warrant issued by the FBI charges Eric Starvo Galt with conspiracy in the slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. These photos of the suspect were released by the FBI. Open eyes were sketched by artist—AP Photo

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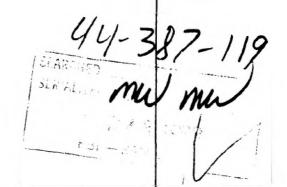
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FBI Asks for Help of Public In Search for King Suspect

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mingham. The statement did not connect Galt directly with the rifle.

In Los Angeles, two men told the FBI that a man identified as Galt was a shy, quiet man who spent \$700 in three months on dancing and bartending lessons.

The managers of a dancing school and a bartending school said yesterday they identified a former pupil to the FBI as Galt.

Rod Arvidson, 46, general manager of National Dance Studios, said he notified the FBI Saturday after recognizing Galt from a composite drawing in a newspaper.

"He's certainly no mixer," Arvidson said. "He nad trouble coordinating one foot with another."

A photograph of Galt circulated by the FBI was obtained Tuesday from the International School of Bartending, the school's director said.

The director, Tomas Reves Lau, said a man called Eric S. Galt was graduated from the Hollywood school March 2 after an excellent record in a \$225 four-week course.

Hollywood Address Given

birthdate as July 30, 1931, and stated he was single.

Lau said he felt Galt was intelligent. But Arvidson said Galt's grammar "was less than ideal, mixing tenses, double negatives and so on" with a slight Southern accent.

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

Eyes Are 'Opened'

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

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

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

The FBI said the fugitive Galt's application listed his had been described as a white address as Hollywood and his man, 5-8 to 5-11, weighing 160 to 175 pounds, with brown hair in a brush cut, blue eyes, straight nose.

Described As Loner

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

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

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

OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10 MAY 1962 EDITION GSA GEN. REG. NO. 27 UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

то SAC, SAN DIEGO DATE: 11/19/68

FROM:

DANNY MORRIS

SUBJECT:

MURKIN

At 9:03 AM this date EDWARD JEROME TYNDALE, Sr., 3995 Park Blvd., San Diego, Tel: 291-1010, personally appeared at the office to

furnish the following information:

TYNDALE stated that on Tuesday, 4/16/68 he boarded the Greyhound bus at 9:25 AM at San Diego Depot for the Tijuana border and at a regular stop at 10th & Market Sts., a man got on the bus that looked very much like the photo of GALT that was shown on TV and printed in the San Diego newspaper. He said this man rode the bus to the border but did not see him leave the bus or go into Mexico.

He described this man as a white, male, American appearing, late 30's, 5'll" - 6', 170 lbs., Large build, medium complexion, blue eyes, and wearing light western style stemson hat and cowboy boots. He also observed him reading a Tijuana newspaper printed in

spanish. TYNDALE was shown a photo and WF of GALT and he again stated this man closly resembled the photos of GALT although he did not notice that the man had a protruding left ear.

TYNDALE indicated he had no additional info rmation concerning

this man or the above matter.

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Man Resembling Fugitive Seen in Imperial County

EVENING TRIBUNE Dispatch

The nation's police turned their search for Eric Starvo Galt, identified today by the FBI officially as Missouri prison escapee James Earl Ray, to Imperial County and the southeastern corner of California.

Ray, 40, alias Galt, is sought on a fugitive warrant in the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in Memphis. The FBI said Ray escaped from the Missouri State Penitentary April 23, 1967.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation issued an alert to all law enforcement agencies in Imperial County to be on the lookout for a man fitting Ray's description.

The alert said the man was seen Monday afternoon on a back road 4½ miles west of El Centro, carrying a blue Clorox bottle filled with water.

No Further Comment
It said he told someone ne
was headed for Yuma. The
FBI would make no further
comment on the alert.

A dispatcher for the Imperial County Sheriff's Office in El Centro said no trace of the man has been found.

The dispatcher said the FBI account described the man as a white male adult, about 165 pounds, blue eyes, dark hair with a gray streak, wearing a Levi jacket, dark pants, had stooped shoulders and spoke in a southern accent.

No Word Here

The San Diego County sheriff's office and San Diego city police both said they have not received such an alert from the FBI.

Meanwhile, the nation's police agencies were aided by (Cont. on Page A-6, Col. 5)

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thousands of wanted posters describing Ray as the man the FBI had sought secretly since a week after the April 4 slaying.

Two other aliases — John Willard and Harvey Lowmyer — were listed on the federal conspiracy warrant is sued against Ray in Birmingham, Ala., Wednesday afternoon and the first-degree murder warrant issued by the state against him here Wednesday night.

"John Willard" was the name used by the man who checked into a Main Street rooming house three hours before King was shot as he stood on the balcony of a motel here. There has been no reference to the second alias.

The federal agency denied a report that it had taken into custody the man it said Ray described as his brother and that the brother was aiding in the search.

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FBI Hints Tip On King Murder Case

Data On Accused · Slayer Reported Given By Plotter

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (UPI) Federal Bureau of Investigation sources indicated yesterday that information from an alleged conspirator in the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. may lead them to Eric Starvo Galt, the accused killer.

An FBI spokesman in Washington said "the FBI has no one in custody in connection with Dr. King's slaying," but another source indicated the FBI either was in communication with or "alleged questioning the brother" of Eric Galt. The brother has not been charged.

After Galt bought a rifle from a sporting goods store here March 29, sources said, he took it to the "alleged brother" who was quoted as saying the .243 Remington rifle was "not the gun we need." Galt returned to the sporting goods store and swapped the first rifle for a 30-06 Remington pump action rifle on March 30, sources close to the investigation said.

WON'T DISCUSS TESTS

The FBI has refused to say what ballistics tests on that weapon, found near the Memphis, Tenn., rooming house where the shot was fired, had revealed.

FBI agents believed at one point wednesday that they had tracked down Galt somewhere in California, the sources said.

It apparently was because of the expected impending arrest that authorities obtained a firstdegree murder warrant against Galt, and also a federal warrant charging him with conspiracy.

Sources said the tip obviously was wrong, or that Galt - if he is in California - eluded

authorities.

The FBI apparently had reason to believe that Galt, who speaks with a rural accent and had several aliases, might have returned to Birmingham after the assassination April 4.

A check of 22 rooming houses in Birmingham yesterday found 10 managers who said FBI agents had questioned them in search of Galt early this week.

FEDERAL WARRANT

Most of the same boarding houses already had been checked by FBI agents in the days immediately after the slaying.

Galt was charged Wednesday on a federal warrant signed by FBI agent Joseph H. Gamble and U.S. Commissioner Mildred F. Sprague with conspiracy to violate the civil rights of Dr. King.

Thousands of black-and-white wanted posters were distributed throughout the nation yesterday describing Galt as "extremely dangerous," listing his aliases as John Willard and Harvey Lowmeyer, and carrying the FBI's special emergency phone number in Washington, NA 87117, for persons to call with information.

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SAN DIEGO UNION San Diego California

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AND WHO HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN DESCRIBED AS UNREALIABLE AND A NUT. COPY FURNISHED LOS ANGELES AND MEMPHIS BY MAIL.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

o : SAC, SAN DIEGO

(44 - 387)

DATE: 4-22-68

FROM

SPC ALLAN THOMAS JAEGER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

At 7:12 pm this date, MRS. WILLIAMS, telephone 422-3727, telephonically contacted this office and advised that approximately one week and a half ago a cousin (male) of a neighbor friend and another male using the name JIMMY RAY BUNDY visited the neighbor. The cousin was driving a car with North Carolina license plates on it

JIMMY RAY BUNDY left rather unexpectedly this date, hitchiking on his way back south. MRS. WILLIAMS and her husband thought that BUNDY bore a striking resemblance to ERIC STRRVO GALT and that his actions while at the neighbors home were most circumspect. MRS. WILLIAMS further advised that BUNDY had a peculiar reluctance to converse.

MRS. WILLIAMS was advised that an agent of this office would contact her regarding the above.

SAC EVANS AND ASAC BROWN were advised and further advised this writer to contact SA's O'BRIEN and BONE to conduct appropriate invesitingation.

SA's O'Brien and Bone were contacted.

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TO: SAC, SAN DIEGO

FROM: SAC, SACRAMENTO (100-427)

MURKIN.

FOR INFO OF SAN DIEGO, CHARLOTTE OFFICE ADVISED THAT ON APRIL TWENTY-TWO LAST, AN ANONYMOUS CALLER ADVISED CHARLOTTE THAT HE HAD SEEN A MAN FITTING THE DESCRIPTION OF THE INDIVIDUAL WANTED BY THE FBI FOR THE MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING. HE SIAD HE WAS TRAVELING ON HIGHWAY TWENTY-SEVEN, TOWARD CHARLOTTE EARLIER ON APRIL TWENTY-TWO LAST, WHEN HE SAW A GRAY FIFTY-EIGHT CHEVROLET BEARING CALIFORNIA LICENSE K M S THREE FOUR SEVEN. HE STATED HE OBSERVED A MAN IN THE CAR WHO LOOKED A LOT LIKE JAMES EARL RAY, AND ALTHOUGH HE IS NOT POSITIVE, HE FEELS THIS IS THE MAN WANTED BY THE FBI.

DMV RECORDS, SACRAMENTO, SHOW FIFTY-NINE CHEVROLET, FOUR DOOR, REGISTERED AND LEGAL OWNER CHARLES R. OR EDITH L. POLLE, EIGHT FIVE SIX SEVENTEENTH ST., SAN DIEGO.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861); MEMPHIS (44-1987); BIRMINGHAM (44-1740); SPRINGFIELD AND SAN FRANCISCO.

FROM:

SAN DIEGO (44-387)

MURKIN

SUSPECT: HARVEY EDWARD LOHMEYER, FBI NUMBER SEVEN THREE ZERO NINE SEVEN NINE A.

RE SD TEL TO BUREAU, APRIL TWELVE LAST, BUREAU TEL TO MEMPHIS, LA, SC, SD, SF AND SPRINGFIELD, APRIL TWELVE LAST, BUREAU TEL TO ALL SACS EXCEPT KC, AN, HN AND SJ, APRIL NINETEEN LAST.

ATTENTION IS DIRECTED TO REFERENCED BUREAU TEL APRIL NINETEEN LAST, WHEREIN THE BUREAU STRESSES THE ASSOCIATION BETWEEN JAMES EARL RAY AND WALTER TERRY RIFE, PARTICULARLY THEIR BACKGROUND HISTORY AT QUINCY, ILLINOIS.

ATTENTION ALSO DIRECTED TO FACT THAT HARVEY EDWARD LOHMEYER, FBI NUMBER SEVEN THREE ZERO NINE SEVEN NINE A WAS BORN AT QUINCY, ILLINOIS AND HAS SEVERAL INCARCERATIONS AT QUINCY, ILL. DURING NINETEEN FIFTY ONE THROUGH NINETEEN FIFTY FOUR.

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ApprovedWD:apgW (1) Special Special Agent in Charge