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TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, SPRINGFIELD AND SAN DIEGO
FROM ATLANTA 44-2386 1P

MURKIN

RE SAN DIEGO TEL TO ATLANTA, APR. TWO FOUR, LAST.

RE: SUBJECT HARVEY EDWARD LOHMEYER

FBI NO. SEVEN THREE ZERO NINE SEVEN NINE A

SPRINGFIELD FURNISH ATLANTA LOHMEYER'S PHOTO AND NAMES
OF INMATES, MATCHING LOHMEYER'S GENERAL DESCRIPTION, CONFINED
WITH RAY, MENARD PRISON.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS. P

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

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: April 24, 1968

Re: MURKIN
CR

FBI File No. 44-38861

Lab. No. D-560718 JK
D-560660 JK

Specimens received 4/12/68, from FBI, San Diego

K25 Piece of cloth bearing six specimens taken from a
Thermo Seal marking machine from the Holly Laundry
and Cleaners, Chula Vista, California

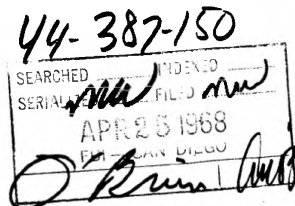
Specimen received 4/15/68, from FBI, Boston

K32 Three samples of thermo-seal laundry tapes obtained
from Commodore Cleaners, 157 Front St., Woonsocket,
Rhode Island

Result of examination: *

It was concluded that the Q69 and Q70 laundry
tapes were not prepared by the machine used to prepare
K25 or the one used to prepare K32.

Specimens K25 and K32 are retained.





FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: April 24, 1968

Re: MURKIN
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OO: Memphis

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. 44-38861
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Examination requested by: San Diego, Boston

Reference: Airtels, 4/10/68 and 4/12/68

Examination requested: Document

Remarks:

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

2 - Boston (157-644) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

2 - San Diego (44-387) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

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(Priority)To: SAC'S, San Diego
Memphis (44-1987)

✓ From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re San Diego telephone call and teletype 4-18-68.

The remaining unidentified latent fingerprints and the latent impressions in this case are not identical with the fingerprints of Phillip LaBonte, FBI #421070D. No palm prints are available in our Identification Division files for LaBonte.

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DMV

PLEASE FURNISH BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND PHOTOGRAPH FOR
GLEN O'DELL, CALIFORNIA DRIVER'S LICENSE NUMBER [REDACTED].
REFER SAN DIEGO FILE 44-387 SA O'BRIEN.

ROBERT W. EVANS, SAC, FBI, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA ____ FBH

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(Priority)TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861), KANSAS CITY (44-760)
AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: SAN DIEGO (44-387)

MURKIN

RE SUSPECT: GERALD B. GERLT.

RE KC TELETYPE TO BUREAU, APRIL TWENTY FOUR LAST.

DOROTHY MARSHALL, EL CAJON VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT,
EL CAJON CENTRAL INDEX OF STUDENTS IN THAT DISTRICT, ADVISED
THERE ARE NINETEEN GRADE SCHOOLS, EACH HAVING ITS OWN
STUDENT RECORDS.

KANSAS CITY, ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE THE SPECIFIC SCHOOL
TO WHICH RICHARD LEE WARNER'S RECORDS WERE FORWARDED.

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Special Agent in Charge

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King Case Suspect Escapee, FBI Says

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Federal Bureau of Investigation said yesterday that the "Eric Starvo Galt" who was sought across the nation in the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King was in fact James Earl Ray, who escaped from the Missouri State Penitentiary almost a year ago.

FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover said a systematic search of fingerprints uncovered in the case against the prints of more than 53,000 persons led to the determination "that Galt and Ray are identical."

An FBI alert was issued Thursday in Imperial County, Calif., to be on the lookout for a man fitting Galt's description.

USED ALIASES

The alert said such a man was seen Monday afternoon on a back road in a rural area, 4.5 miles west of El Centro, Calif., and that he told someone he was headed for Yuma, Ariz. He was carrying a bottle of water.

Ray was identified in the FBI announcement as having used the aliases of Eric Starvo Galt,

Harvey Lowmyer, John Willard, James McBride, James Walton, W. C. Herron and James O'Connor.

The man who checked into a Memphis rooming house from which King was shot used the name John Willard.

Hoover said Ray's criminal record dated back to 1949 when he was convicted of burglary in Los Angeles. He was convicted of armed robbery in Chicago in 1952 and of forging U.S. postal money orders in Missouri in 1955.

TRIED TO FLEE TWICE

Ray was sentenced to 20 years on Dec. 18, 1959 in St. Louis Circuit Court on a charge of armed robbery. He and another ex-convict, James Owens, were convicted of robbing a St. Louis supermarket of \$190.

Ray made two unsuccessful attempts to escape from the Missouri penitentiary before he succeeded last year.

The FBI handed out two pictures of Ray taken in 1960. In

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several ways, they matched pictures of Galt taken in 1968. In both pictures, deep lines ran from the subject's nose to his mouth. The ears looked identical and so did the lines around the eyes.

In its announcement Wednesday, the FBI said a warrant had been filed charging that Galt entered into a conspiracy with "an individual whom he alleged to be his brother." It said the conspiracy "continued until on or about April 5, 1968, to injure, oppress, threaten or intimidate Martin Luther King Jr."

Police in Los Angeles said a wanted poster issued by Missouri authorities in the search for Ray as a prison escaper said he had two brothers, John Ray of 1918 Park Ave., St. Louis, and Jerry W. Ray of Wheeling, Ill.

Records in Madison County, Ill., said Ray was born to James and Lucy Ray in Alton, Ill., on March 10, 1928.

The physical description issued under Galt's name fit Ray. Galt was described as having given his age as 36; Ray is 40.

Galt was described as white, between 5 feet 8 inches and 5 feet 11 inches tall, weighing between 160 and 170 pounds. Ray was described as white, approximately 5 feet 10 inches tall, weighing between 163 and 174 pounds with blue eyes and brown hair.

King was slain on the porch of a motel in Memphis on April 4. He was shot from ambush by a man in a rundown rooming house across the street. The man escaped in a white Mustang auto.

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The Federal Bureau of Investigation in the slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Span of pictures runs from 1954 to 1968.

—AP Wirephotos

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King Assassination Suspect Put on FBI Most-Wanted List

EVENING TRIBUNE News Report

WASHINGTON—The FBI today placed the name of James Earl Ray, a Missouri prison escapee of 51 weeks, being sought in connection with the slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., on its list of "ten most-wanted fugitives."

Director J. Edgar Hoover said Ray was a special addition to the list "to insure the widest possible dissemination" of pictures and description "to help effect his earliest possible location."

Ray, who has been sought under the alias Eric Starvo Galt, has been the subject of an intensive search since King was slain by a bullet as he stood on the balcony of a Memphis motel April 4.

On Wednesday of this week, the FBI obtained a warrant in Birmingham, charging Galt with conspiring to interfere with the constitutional right of a United States citizen. Yesterday the FBI identified Galt as Ray, who escaped from the Missouri State Prison system April 23, 1967.

The FBI said "Ray should be considered armed and extremely dangerous."

Here is the most current information available on Ray:

Description — Height, 5 feet 10; weight, 163 to 174 pounds. Brown hair. Blue eyes. A small scar on his forehead and right plam. His left ear protrudes further from his head than his right ear. Caucasian male about 40.

Relatives — Born in Alton, Ill., March 10, 1928, son of a laborer of the same name. Hospital records in Fulton, Mo., indicate his parents are deceased but prison records list his mother as Mrs. Lucille Ryan of 1913 Hickory St., St. Louis. A brother, Jerry, reportedly has an address of Box 22, Wheeling, Ill.



OBJECT OF SEARCH—James Earl Ray, alias Eric Starvo Galt, sought in the slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King is shown in left photo released by FBI and dated 1960. Photo at right is a 1966 Missouri penitentiary picture.—AP Photos

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Aliases — Two aliases listed on FBI warrant — John Willard and Harvey Lowmyer. Other names used are James McBride, James Walton, W. C. Herron and James O'Connor.

Education — High school dropout in 10th grade. Graduate of International School of Bartending in Hollywood on March 2, 1968. Took dancing lessons in Birmingham during September and October 1967, and in Long Beach from December 1967 to February 1968.

Military record — Served as an enlisted man in the U.S. Army from February 1946 to December 1948 when he was given a general discharge for ineptness and lack of adaptability. While in the Army he received a three-month sentence at hard labor for being drunk and "breaking" arrest.

Criminal record — In 1949 served eight months in county jail in Los Angeles on a burglary charge. In 1952 convicted in Chicago of armed robbery and served two years in Joliet and Pontiac, Ill., state prisons. In 1955 convicted of forging U.S. postal money orders in Missouri and confined to Ft. Leavenworth, Kan., penitentiary until 1958. In 1960 sent to the Missouri State Penitentiary for a 20-year sentence for armed robbery and car theft in St. Louis and on April 23, 1967, escaped.

Occupation — Has worked as a baker, laborer and color matcher. On a driver's license application he put "merchant seaman, unemployed." Claimed to have been a cook on a Mississippi riverboat and to have worked in shipyards.

Mental history — Sent for mental observation in connection with a charge of attempted escape from Missouri State Penitentiary. Hospital officials found "no mental disease or defect within the law."

Pasttimes — Beer and vodka drinker. Fond of hillbilly and Western music. Avid dancer.

Characteristics — Rural speech. Nervous habit of pulling at an ear lobe with left hand. Described as quiet, a loner, and a neat dresser.

Last known address — 2068 Highland, a boarding house, in Birmingham.

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King Slaying Suspect Put On 'Wanted' List

WASHINGTON (AP) — What may be the nation's most intensive manhunt gained fresh pressure yesterday when the Federal Bureau of Investigation placed on its "most wanted" list a fugitive convict accused of murder in the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

James Earl Ray, a 40-year-old habitual criminal, is being hunted by police from border to border and beyond for the April 4 sniper slaying in Memphis, Tenn., of the Negro civil rights leader from Atlanta.

The FBI always has limited its list of most wanted criminals to 10 names but yesterday it lengthened this roll of dishonor to 11 by adding Ray, a loner known also by the name of Eric Starvo Galt and by six other aliases.

FEDERAL CHARGES

In addition to a state first-degree murder warrant issued in Memphis, Ray is wanted on federal charges of conspiracy to deny Dr. King his civil rights and of flight to escape confinement. The latter traces to his April, 1967, escape from Missouri prison at Jefferson City where he was starting his eighth year on a 20-year sentence for armed robbery.

In announcing the unprecedented step of adding an 11th name to the "10 most wanted" list, FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover, announced it was done "to insure the widest possible dissemination of Ray's photograph and description to help effect his earliest possible location."

'ARMED, DANGEROUS'

As usual, the FBI is appealing to the public for help in spotting its man and — as usual — gives implied warning against any ef-

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fort by a plain citizen to apprehend the criminal unaided, saying:

"Ray should be considered armed and extremely dangerous. Anyone with information concerning this fugitive is requested to immediately contact the nearest office of the FBI, the telephone number of which may be found on the first page of local telephone directories."

Meanwhile, an Atlanta landlady said a man bearing "a very striking resemblance" to Ray lived with a woman in an apartment during January and February.

The landlady, who asked to remain unidentified, said the FBI questioned her Friday and showed her pictures of Ray.

The development added new weight to the theory that there was more than one Eric Starvo Galt because the FBI has said that Galt was taking dancing

lessons in Long Beach, Calif., from December, 1967, to February, 1968.

Reportedly a native of Alton, Ill., Ray is described as about 5-feet-10, weighing from 163 to 174 pounds. He has blue eyes and brown hair usually worn short. Forehead and right palm bear small scars. His nose is narrow and straight, teeth even. And he has a noticeably protruding left ear, the lobe of which he reportedly tugs at when nervous.

In addition to armed robbery, Ray has been convicted of burglary, forgery of a postal money order and unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. He has been confined in the Los Angeles County jail, two state prisons in Illinois and the U.S. penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kan.

During nearly three years in the Army he received a three-month sentence for drunkenness and breaking arrest. He was discharged in December, 1948, for ineptness and lack of adaptability to military service.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, SAN DIEGO (44-387)

DATE: 4/26/68

FROM : DANNY MORRIS

SUBJECT: MURKIN

At 9:44 AM this date Mrs. JUDITH BAKER, 2250 Congress St., San Diego, Tel: 291-3142, telephonically advised that about 9:30 AM today she observed a man that looked very much like photos of RAY, walking southbound in 2200 Block of Congress St. in Old Town. She thought he might have come from the Old Town Motel.

Mrs. BAKER described this man as a WM, 30 yrs., 5'9", slender build, dark short curly hair with receding hairline, nice appearing but needed a shave. She said he was wearing a black golf type sweater and gray plaid slacks and dark tinted glasses. She did not notice any scar or marks or anything unusual about his appearance.

Mrs. BAKER indicated she had no additional information she could furnish concerning this man.

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)
AND ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES

FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) (P)

MURKIN

OO: Memphis

Enclosed for the Bureau are four copies of photograph of subject JAMES EARL RAY, which was taken 1/4/66 at Missouri State Penitentiary.

Two copies of above-mentioned photograph are enclosed for each of the Continental Offices.

This additional photograph is being furnished, inasmuch as resemblance is quite different from previous photographs furnished, and it may be helpful in aiding sources to identify subject.

Also, it is to be noted that WALTER TERRY RIFE has been located and interviewed in this matter.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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2-Each Continental Office (Enc. 2 each) *San Diego*
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, SAN DIEGO (44-387)

DATE: 4/25/68

FROM : SA ARNOLD D. ORRANTIA

SUBJECT: MURKIN

The following dance studios were contacted in San Diego, California, on 4/15/68, at which time the composite photographs of subject and of H. E. LOHMEYER were exhibited to the individuals indicated below. All of these persons advised that their dance studios give ballroom dancing lessons but that the only persons who frequent their dancing salons are their customers. All of them advised that they have never had any students who in any way resemble the photographs. Neither have they ever had any students by the name of WILLARD, LOHMEYER or GALT:

Mrs. MARIA MADRIGAL
Arthur Murray School of Dance
3919 Fourth Avenue
San Diego, California

Mrs. GLADYS BOWEN
Gladys Bowen Dancing Studio
2195 Chatsworth
San Diego, California

Mr. and Mrs. DONALDO CARLOS
Carlos and Chita Dance Studio
1504 Fifth Avenue
San Diego, California

Mrs. LILLIAN WILLIAMS
Clairmont Studio of Dance
4374 Moraga Avenue
San Diego

Mrs. KATHERINE MASSIE
Cozy Dance Studio
1247 Highland Avenue
National City, California

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ADO:jkw
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Mr. JOE MAC VITTIES
Discount Dance Studio
7036 El Cajon Boulevard
San Diego, California

Mr. WILLIAM ERSSER
International Dancing School
3339 Adams Avenue
San Diego, California

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
April 20, 1968

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

FUGITIVE

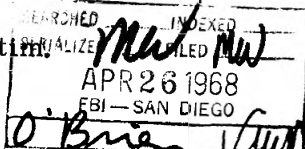
CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY;
INTERSTATE FLIGHT - ARMED ROBBERY

"TEN MOST WANTED FUGITIVES" PROGRAM

James Earl Ray, a Missouri prison escapee who has been sought under the alias Eric Starvo Galt in connection with the gunshot slaying of civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., has been added to the FBI's list of "Ten Most Wanted Fugitives."

FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover ordered the special addition of Ray to the "Ten Most Wanted Fugitives" list, which already contains ten fugitives, to insure the widest possible dissemination of Ray's photograph and description to help effect his earliest possible location.

Ray has been the subject of a massive and intensive search since the brutal gunshot slaying of Dr. King on April 4, 1968, as he stood on the balcony of a Memphis, Tennessee, motel. One rifle bullet, believed fired from the window of a nearby rooming house, felled the victim.



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An exhaustive FBI fingerprint search, comparing latent fingerprints uncovered in the Dr. King case against fingerprints of over 53,000 persons on whom wanted notices have been posted in the FBI's Identification Division, succeeded in determining that Galt and Ray are identical.

A Federal warrant, issued at Birmingham, Alabama, on April 17, 1968, charges Ray, under the alias Eric Starvo Galt, with conspiring to interfere with a Constitutional Right of a United States citizen. Ray is also sought for unlawful interstate flight to avoid confinement after conviction for armed robbery, based on a Federal warrant issued on July 20, 1967, at Jefferson City, Missouri. He had been confined at the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, in March, 1960, with a 20-year sentence following conviction for armed robbery and operating a motor vehicle without permission of the owner. In September, 1966, while serving the sentence, he was confined for a time in the maximum security ward at the State Hospital, Fulton, Missouri. He was reported missing from the Missouri State Penitentiary since April 23, 1967.

Ray, who has an arrest record dating back to 1949 and has been convicted of burglary, armed robbery and forging United States Postal Money Orders, has also been confined in the Los Angeles County Jail, the Joliet and Pontiac, Illinois, State Prisons and the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas.

He served in the Army between February, 1946, and December, 1948, received a three-month sentence at hard labor for being drunk and breaking arrest and was given a General Discharge due to ineptness and lack of adaptability for military service.

Ray is a 40-year-old white male, reportedly born in Illinois on [REDACTED] He is approximately 5'10" inches tall, weighs from 163 to 174 pounds, has blue eyes and brown hair which he has worn cut short. He has a small scar on the center of his forehead and a scar on the palm of his right hand. He has been described as having a straight, narrow nose and straight and even teeth and to have a nervous habit of occasionally tugging at an ear lobe. His left ear protrudes noticeably.

Acquaintances describe him as a "loner" and "drifter" whose language and diction reflect a "rural" quality and indicate he has had limited education.

He is reportedly a fan of western and country music, drinks vodka and beer, dresses neatly and claims past employment as a merchant seaman and cook on Mississippi River vessels. He is known to have worked as a baker, laborer and color matcher.

He is known as an avid dancer who has taken dancing lessons. He also completed a course at a school of bartending in the Los Angeles area early in 1968.

Ray should be considered armed and extremely dangerous. Anyone with information concerning this fugitive is requested to immediately contact the nearest office of the FBI, the telephone number of which may be found on the first page of local telephone directories.



In Reply, Please Refer to
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535
April 20, 1968

JAMES EARL RAY

James Earl Ray, a Missouri prison escapee who has been sought under the alias Eric Starvo Galt in connection with the gunshot slaying of civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., is one of the FBI's "Ten Most Wanted Fugitives."

FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover ordered the special addition of Ray to the "Ten Most Wanted Fugitives" list, which already contains ten fugitives, to insure the widest possible dissemination of Ray's photograph and description to help effect his prompt location. Ray has been the subject of a massive search since the gunshot slaying of Dr. King on April 4, 1968, as he stood on the balcony of a Memphis, Tennessee, motel.

An exhaustive FBI fingerprint search, comparing latent fingerprints uncovered in the Dr. King case against fingerprints of over 53,000 persons on whom FBI wanted notices have been posted determined that Galt and Ray are identical.

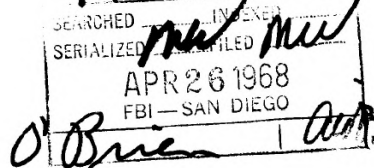
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Possessing an arrest record dating back to 1949, Ray has been convicted of burglary, armed robbery and forging United States Postal Money Orders.

A 40-year-old white male, reportedly born in Illinois on [redacted] Ray is approximately 5'10" tall, weighs from 163 to 174 pounds, has blue eyes and short brown hair. He has a nervous habit of tugging at an ear lobe and his left ear protrudes noticeably.

Described as a "loner and "drifter," with a "rural" quality in his speech, Ray has worked as a baker, laborer and color matcher. He has taken dancing lessons and completed a course at a school of bartending.

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



To: SAC, San Diego

FOR APPROPRIATE ACTION
FUGITIVE PUBLICITY

Enclosed is material on JAMES EARL RAY,
I.O. #4182, who was added to the list of "Ten Most Wanted
Fugitives," Saturday, p.m., April 20, 1968.

You should furnish this material to your
established outlets in accordance with previous arrangements.

In the event the fugitive is captured or process
dismissed, it will be your responsibility to notify the recipients
of the material to preclude publicizing the individual after he
has been removed from a fugitive status.

Proposed transmittal form card:

Attached is material on JAMES EARL RAY
who was added to the FBI's list of "Ten Most
Wanted Fugitives," Saturday, p.m., April 20, 1968.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, DALLAS (44-2049)(P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

OO-MEMPHIS

Re San Diego teletype, 4/24/68.

FBI Identification Record of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI No. 405 942 G, shows that RAY was incarcerated in the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, from 7/7/55 until 1958. Therefore, could not be identical person by same name residing in Dallas, in 1956 and 1957.

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2-San Diego
2-Memphis (44-1987)
1-Kansas City
2-Dallas
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (44-38861)

FROM : SAC, Kansas City (44-760)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/19/68

Enclosed to the Bureau are six copies and to each office one copy of the following photographs:

JAMES EARL RAY, Missouri Department of
Correction #00416, dated 3/17/60 and
9/8/66

WALTER TERRY RIFE, Kansas City SO #29636
FBI #4558766

Stand up photographs of RAY on the left, Kansas City SO
#29637 and RIFE, Kansas City SO 29236, taken 3/28/55.

2 - Bureau (Encs. 24) (AM)
2 - Each Field Office (Encs. 4) (AM)
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Editor
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Dear Sir:

There are enclosed herewith photograph and background data concerning James Earl Ray, who was added to the Federal Bureau of Investigation's list of "Ten Most Wanted Fugitives," Saturday, p.m., April 20, 1968.

It would be greatly appreciated if you would bring this man's fugitive status to the attention of your many readers.

Sincerely yours,

ROBERT W. EVANS
Special Agent in Charge

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, SAN DIEGO (44-236)

DATE: 4/26/68

FROM : SA LOUIS A. MUNOZ

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Chief of Judicial Police at Tijuana, B.C., Mexico, advised on 4/25/68 that he had received information from Transportes Amarillos de Mexicali that about six days prior one of their units of Transportes Norte de Sonora which was going south saw a person near San Luis, Rio Colorado, Baja California, whose description coincided with description of the person who had murdered MARTIN LUTHER KING. They did not want to pick him up on the highway, but shortly thereafter this individual arrived in a taxi at San Luis, Rio Colorado, and bought a ticket with his destination being Guadalajara.

When they arrived at Sonoita, this individual appeared to be hiding while an inspection was made and he did not get back on the bus until the autobus was leaving. He got off the bus at Ciudad Obregon.

The bus drivers identified this individual from the photographs on wanted fliers from U.S. police authorities.

According to Mr. HECTOR GOMEZ VELASQUEZ, this bus had returned to Tijuana, but he had been unable to determine the number of this bus. He had learned the bus drivers had not asked the individual any question as they feared for their lives because they had seen this individual was armed.

According to information received, this individual was wearing ranch-type clothing and a straw hat. The bus drivers noted he appeared to be wearing a wig. This was apparent because the wig was more over to one side of the head than on the other.

Mr. HECTOR GOMEZ VELASQUEZ made telephonic inquiry at the office of Transportes Norte de Sonora in Tijuana, but was unable to locate anyone who knew who the bus driver was who had furnished this information. Mr. HECTOR GOMEZ VELASQUEZ stated he would continue his inquiry and if he determined the identity of the bus driver he would advise.

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TO: ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES
 FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) -P-
 RE: MURKIN
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Re ME airtel to All Continental Offices, 4/19/68,
 requesting that all laundries determined to be using
 Thermo-Seal laundry marking machines be contacted in effort
 to locate laundry marking "20R-3", and LA teletype to
 Bureau, 4/18/68.

All offices discontinue efforts to locate inasmuch
 as laundry mark identified as coming from laundry in Culver
 City, California, per Los Angeles teletype to Bureau, 4/18/68.

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416 PM URGENT 4-23-68 TRB

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, CHICAGO, KANSAS CITY,
MEMPHIS (44-1987, ST. LOUIS, LOS ANGELES, LAS VEGAS, AND SPRINGFIELD
FROM SAN FRANCISCO (173-65) 2P

MURKIN

RE HARVEY EDWARD LOHMEYER, SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA.

LOHMEYER REINTERVIEWED AT SAN JOSE BY BUREAU AGENTS TODAY. HE
IS UNABLE TO RECOGNIZE ANY PHOTOGRAPH OF JAMES EARL RAY, HOWEVER, NAME
EARL RAY IS FAMILIAR TO LOHMEYER. HE IDENTIFIED ONE NINE FIVE FIVE
PHOTOGRAPH OF WALTER TERRY RIFE AS INDIVIDUAL HE KNEW IN QUINCY,
ILLINOIS, PRIOR TO ONE NINE FIVE FIVE. ALSO ADVISED HE KNEW JOHN RAY AND
HIS BROTHER, JERRY RAY. THESE PEOPLE ALSO USED NAME RYAN. LOHMEYER
SERVED TIME AT MENARD, ILLINOIS, WITH JOHN RAY AND LONNIE RIFE, BROTHER
OF WALTER.

DURING PERIOD ONE NINE FIVE FIVE TO ONE NINE FIVE EIGHT THE
RAY (RYAN) FAMILY CONSISTING OF MOTHER AND SISTER OF JOHN RAY
MOVED FROM QUINCY TO ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI. DURING THIS PERIOD ONE
OF RAY FAMILY, POSSIBLY JERRY OR EARL RAY, WAS ARRESTED IN MISSOURI
FOR CRIME INVOLVING POSTAL MONEY ORDERS ACCORDING TO LOHMEYER.
LOHMEYER WORKED IN PRISON KITCHEN WITH JOHN RAY WHEN RAY WAS EIGHTEEN
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TO NINETEEN YEARS OF AGE. STATES RAY HAD STRONG PREJUDICE AGAINST NEGROES BUT EXPAINED THIS WAS GENERAL FEELING AMONG WHITE INMATES. LOHMEYER CONSIDERS JOHN RAY OF TEMPERMENT TO COMMIT MURKIN BUT PROBABLY WOULD BE INVOLVED AS HIRED ASSASSIN. THIS OPINION WAS NOT SOLICITED BUT WAS INTRODUCES IN INTERVIEW BY LOHMEYER WHO HAS CLOSELY FOLLOWED THIS CASE THROUGH NEWS MEDIA.

ALL OFFICES CONSIDER RAY BROTHERS AND RIFE BROTHERS AS POSSIBLE ACCOMPLICES OF JAMES EARL RAY.

SPRINGFIELD AND ST. LOUIS ATTEMPT TO FURTHER IDENTITY JOHN LARRY RAY (RYAN) AND ASCERTAIN CURRENT ACTIVITIES.

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FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)
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Reurtel to Bureau 4/24/68 and airmail copy of
 Memphis tel to Bureau and Springfield 4/25/68.

Enclosed is a copy of San Francisco tel to Bureau
 4/23/68 which sets forth results of interview of HARVEY
 EDWARD LOHMEYER, FBI #730 979 A.

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND SPRINGFIELD

FROM: MEMPHIS (44-1987) 1P

MURKIN.

RE SAN FRANCISCO TEL TO BUREAU DATED APRIL TWENTY THREE
LAST AND SAN DIEGO TEL TO BUREAU APRIL TWENTY FOUR LAST.

SPRINGFIELD AT MENARD, ILL., OBTAIN PHOTOGRAPH OF HARVEY
EDWARD LOWMEYER, FBI NO. SEVEN THREE ZERO NINE SEVEN NINE A,
FROM RECORDS OF MENARD PRISON AND FORWARD SAME TO ATLANTA,
TO BE DISPLAYED TO CURTIS AT DALTON, GA.

ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, CHICAGO, KANSAS CITY, ST. LOUIS,
LOS ANGELES, LAS VEGAS AND SAN DIEGO ADVISED BY AIRMAIL.

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

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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Re Atlanta airtel to Director, 4/22/68.

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AT 44-2386

For information those offices not receiving reairtel, it was pointed out therein that Subject JAMES EARL RAY, aka. was last known to be in the Atlanta, Georgia, area on 4/5/68. Intensive investigation by Atlanta to date has not established mode of transportation RAY may have used after 4/5/68. Receiving Offices were requested in reairtel to check cars recovered their division that were stolen from the State of Georgia subsequent to 4/4/68, and where the transporter of same was not identified or otherwise accounted for, investigation should be conducted to determine if RAY was person who may have stolen and transported same.

Investigation reflects Subject RAY can be placed in the Atlanta, Georgia, area 3/24/68.

In view of the above, all Continental Offices are requested to review car recoveries within their respective territories of cars stolen from the State of Georgia subsequent to 3/23/68, and where the transporter of same is not otherwise eliminated or accounted for, consider Subject RAY as suspect. Where there is any remote indication that Subject RAY may have been person transporting such a car, exhaustive and intensive investigation should thereafter be conducted.

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)

PHOENIX

FROM: SAN DIEGO (44-387)

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CHIEF STATE JUDICIAL POLICE, TIJUANA BAJA CALIFORNIA, MEXICO, ADVISED HE HAD RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM TRANSPORTES AMARILLOS DE MEXICALI THAT ABOUT SIX DAYS PREVIOUS ONE OF THEIR UNITS OF TRANSPORTES NORTE DE SONORA, WHICH WAS GOING SOUTH, SAW A PERSON NEAR SAN LUIS, RIO COLORADO, BAJA CALIFORNIA, WHOSE DESCRIPTION COINCIDED WITH THE DESCRIPTION OF PERSON WHO HAD MURDERED MARTIN LUTHER KING. BUS DRIVER DID NOT WANT TO PICK HIM UP ON THE HIGHWAY BUT SHORTLY THEREAFTER THIS INDIVIDUAL ARRIVED IN A TAXI AT SAN LUIS, RIO COLORADO AND PURCHASED A TICKET WITH HIS DESTINATION BEING GUADALAJARA.

WHEN BUS ARRIVED AT SONOITA, THIS INDIVIDUAL APPEARED TO BE HIDING WHILE AN INSPECTION WAS MADE AND DID NOT GET BACK ON THE BUS UNTIL THE BUS WAS LEAVING. SUSPECT GOT OFF THE BUS AT CIUDAD OBREGON.

BUS DRIVER IDENTIFIED THIS INDIVIDUAL FROM PHOTOGRAPHS ON

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WANTED FLYERS FROM U. S. POLICE AUTHORITIES. INFORMATION ALSO RECEIVED THAT THIS INDIVIDUAL WAS SEEN BY BUS PERSONNEL TO BE ARMED. THIS INDIVIDUAL WAS WEARING RANCH TYPE CLOTHING AND A STRAW HAT AND APPEARED TO BE WEARING A WIG.

INQUIRY BY CHIEF STATE JUDICIAL POLICE AT TRANSPORTES NORTE DE SONORA IN TIJUANA FAILED TO LOCATE THE BUS DRIVER WHO FURNISHED THIS INFORMATION BUT IS CONTINUING HIS INQUIRIES TO IDENTIFY BUS DRIVER.

PHOENIX AT SAN LUIS, RIO COLORADO, BAJA CALIFORNIA, ATTEMPT TO DEVELOP INFORMATION REGARDING SUSPECT BOARDING TRANSPORTES NORTE DE SONORA AT SAN LUIS.

BUREAU REQUESTED TO FURNISH ABOVE TO LEGAT MEXICO AND REQUEST APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION.

Consider Armed and Dangerous

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Date April 26, 1968

RE:

MURKIN

☐ For information ☐ Retention optional ☒ For appropriate action ☐ Surep, by _____

☐ The enclosed is for your information. If used in a future report, ☐ conceal all sources, ☐ paraphrase contents.

☐ Enclosed are corrected pages from report of SA _____ dated _____

Remarks:

Enclosed are copies of photographs taken by a woman companion of the subject while he was in Mexico in the Fall of 1967.

These are for your further assistance in connection with efforts to locate the subject.

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FROM KANSAS CITY 44-760 2P

MURKIN

RE SUSPECT GERALD B. GERLT.

RE SAN DIEGO TEL APRIL TWENTYFIVE LAST.

MRS. ROSE ROBINSON, FIFTH GRADE TEACHER, FOREST HILL
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, THIRTYFIVE HUNDRED NORTHEAST PRATHER RD.,
NORTH KANSAS CITY, MO., ADVISED SCHOOL RECORDS OF RICHARD LEE
WERNER AND ROGER LYNN WERNER WERE REQUESTED BY THE NARANCA
SCHOOL, ONE ZERO THREE ZERO NARANCA AVE., EL CAJON, CALIF. ROBINSON
STATED RICHARD INDICATED HIS STEPFATHER GERALD B. GERLT WAS
PREPARING A TRUCK TO HAUL A CAR AND WAS ALSO INSTALLING A
CITIZENS BAND RADIO IN THE TRUCK. SHE STATED THE FAMILY REPORTEDLY
OWNED A CADILLAC.

OSCAR DAVIDSON, CLERK, US POST OFFICE, ARMOUR RD., NORTH
KANSAS CITY, MO., ADVISED GERLT RENTED BOX NO. SEVEN FOUR FOUR
TWO UNTIL THE RENT EXPIRED APRIL ONE SIXTYEIGHT AND NO FORWARDING
ADDRESS HAD BEEN RECEIVED. HE STATED MAIL WAS RECEIVED AT THIS
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BOX FOR BETTY WERNER, RICHARD AND ROGER WERNER AND FOR PAT GRIFFITHS AND LLOYD GRIFFITHS.

DON ABBOTT, METROPOLITAN BANK, KANSAS CITY, MO., STATED BANK HAS A LOAN WITH GERLT ON A SIXTYSEVEN CADILLAC DE VILLE, SERIAL NO. B SEVEN ONE ZERO FIVE-ZERO FIVE THREE AND NO PAYMENTS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED SINCE FEB. TWELVE, SIXTYEIGHT.

SAN DIEGO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW GERALD B. GERLT RE TRIPS TO TENNESSEE IN MARCH, SIXTYEIGHT AND ALSO RE STATEMENTS MADE BY HIS STEPSON RICHARD WERNER TO EFFECT THAT MARTIN LUTHER KING SHOULD BE SHOT. WILL ESTABLISH GERLT'S WHEREABOUTS AT THE TIME OF THE KING MURDER, AND EVALUATE AS POSSIBLE CONSPIRATOR.

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FBI SANDIEGO

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King Slayer Search Turns To Florida

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (UPI) — The search for the slayer of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. has taken another mysterious twist and was turned toward Florida today.

The FBI issued a pickup order last night for prime suspect Eric Starvo Galt and asked that it be transmitted to all law enforcement agencies in Florida.

Alias Was Used

The order said Galt was wanted for "civil rights conspiracy" and had used the aliases of Harvey Lowmyer and John Willard.

It made no mention of James Earl Ray, the 40-year-old escapee from the Missouri State Prison whom FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover said fingerprints had proved was the same person as Galt. "Ray and Galt are identical," Hoover said last week.

Progress Withheld

The FBI in Miami refused comment.

Earlier yesterday, the FBI in Washington clamped a lid on any public progress report on the manhunt. The policy was expected to prevail until a suspect is captured or some dramatic new development occurs.

Ray was placed on the list of the FBI's 10 most wanted criminals Saturday, and alerts have been issued in Canada and Mexico as well as the United States.

A federal warrant charging conspiracy has been issued against Galt and police in Memphis where King was slain by a white sniper April 4, have charged Galt with murder.

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Inmate Links Suspect Ray To King Case

DALTON, Ga. (AP) — James Earl Ray was quoted by a former fellow inmate yesterday as saying he would be willing to kill Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. for a \$1-million bounty.

Ray, 40, is now sought in connection with the April 4 assassination of King in Memphis.

Raymond Curtis, 40, now in Whitfield County jail here, discussed Ray while awaiting action on appeal of a murder conviction.

Talk Is Recalled

Curtis said the talk about a bounty on King's life came up while both he and Ray were prisoners at the Missouri State Penitentiary in 1963.

"Another boy said, 'There's a million-dollar bounty to get King.' Ray said, 'If there is a million-dollar bounty on King, I believe I can collect it,'" Curtis said.

No new developments were reported yesterday in the nationwide search for the fugitive.

In Florida, Robert Gebhardt, special agent in charge of the FBI office in Jacksonville, said a report that the FBI was looking for Eric Starvo Galt in Florida was based on old information.

Records Are Checked

Gebhardt said the report apparently was based on distribution of information on Galt, whom the FBI says is an alias of Ray, received by the Florida Highway Patrol.

Curtis said he was sent to the Missouri penitentiary to serve a 10-year armed robbery sentence and Ray was there on a 20-year armed robbery term. Prison records confirm the two were inmates at the same time. Curtis said he saw Ray 'almost daily.'

Ray mentioned a King bounty several times in the ensuing weeks, Curtis said.

Curtis said Rays' statements about King were made to him personally and not in a group.

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King Slaying Suspect Linked To 'Bounty' Talk

DALTON, Ga. (AP) — A convicted murderer who was in prison with the mysterious James Earl Ray, now sought in the slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., said yesterday he heard Ray say he would be willing to try to collect \$1 million for killing the civil rights leader.

Raymond Curtis, 40, the same age as Ray, is serving a life sentence at Whitfield County jail. Curtis said he and Ray were prisoners at the Missouri State Penitentiary when President Kennedy was assassinated Nov. 22, 1963, in Dallas.

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

There was no evidence, however, that such a bounty ever existed.

Curtis said he met Ray in 1955 when both were prisoners in Jackson County jail at Kansas City, Mo. He said they shared a cell seven months.

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

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later he also was sent to Leavenworth.

Curtis said he and Ray were in the same cell building at Leavenworth and once were in adjoining cells.

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

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

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

ALL PLANNED

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

Ray did not associate freely with other inmates, Curtis said. "The only thing he would make a long conversation out of was when he was planning something and you were a part of it. Anything he did was thoroughly planned. He never went off half-cocked."

Curtis said Ray mentioned a King bounty several times. He said Ray made the statements about King to Curtis personally and not in a group.

Curtis, who was born in Dalton, said Ray had a soft southern Illinois accent, not a southern drawl.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation said the man they are hunting has a liking for beer and vodka with water. "He liked beer, I know that, because he talked about it," Curtis said.

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He said Ray told him that if he ever wanted to kill someone he would buy a gun under a false name and have everything ready for an escape. "He used to talk a lot about escaping to New Zealand, Brazil and Argentina," Curtis said.

In Atlanta, it was learned that the Federal Bureau of Investigation investigated reports that Ray, masquerading as Eric Starvo Galt, met two women at a hotel the weekend after the slaying.

The FBI impounded three water glasses from the Briarcliff Hotel the week King was buried and showed a desk clerk pictures of Galt. The clerk said he recognized the picture as the man who rented the room the Sunday after the slaying.

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TO ALL SACS RELAY MESSAGE PLAN

FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 1P

MURKIN.

THE MAIN FILE ON KING HAS BEEN REVIEWED AT THE BUREAU
AND LEADS ARE BEING SENT OUT CONCERNING PERSONS INVOLVED IN
PRIOR THREATS AGAINST KING. THESE LEADS AS WELL AS LEADS
CONCERNING ANY OTHER SUSPECTS DEVELOPED FROM ANY SOURCE
MUST BE GIVEN IMMEDIATE AND THOROUGH HANDLING ON A TOP PRIORITY
BASIS. PROCESS HAS BEEN OBTAINED AGAINST JAMES EARL RAY AND
EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION IS CONTINUING TO LOCATE RAY AND TO
ESTABLISH MOTIVE OF CRIME. YOU HAVE BEEN AND WILL BE
FURNISHED INFORMATION RELATING TO OTHER POSSIBLE CONSPIRATORS.
THESE MUST ALL BE THOROUGHLY RESOLVED NO MATTER HOW REMOTE.

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TO ALL SACS - RELAY MESSAGE PLAN

FROM DIRECTOR, 44-38861 1P

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

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

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