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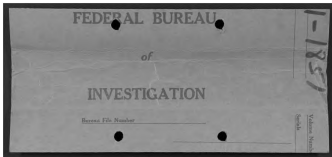
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703) (P)
MURKIN

ReAirtel to Bu dated 5/23/68 requesting WFO obtain from Postal Inspector, WDC, a list of all obscene pen-pal clubs in the United States presently under investigation by the Post Office Department.

- 3- Bureau (Encl. 2)
- 2- Atlanta (44-2386) (Encl. 2) (AM)
- 2- Baltimore (44-669) (Encl. 2)
- 2- Boston (Encl. 2)
- 2- Chicago (44-1114) (Encl. 2)
- 2- Cincinnati (157-1893) (Encl. 2)
- 2- Columbia (Encl. 2)
- 2- Dallas (44-2649) (Encl. 2) (AM)
- 2- Detroit (44-989) (Encl. 2)
- 2- Houston (44-1509) (Encl. 2)
- 2- Indianapolis (Encl. 2)
- 2- Kansas City (44-760) (Encl. 2)
- 2- Las Vegas (Encl. 2) (AM)
- 2- Los Angeles (44-1574) (Encl. 2) (AM)
- 2- Miami (Encl. 2) (AM)
- 2- Memphis (44-1987) (Encl. 2)
- 2- Minneapolis (Encl. 2) (AM)
- 2- Newark (44-854) (Encl. 2)
- 2- New Haven (157-818) (Encl. 2)
- 2- New York City (44-1609) (Encl. 2)
- 2- Omaha (Encl. 2) (AM)
- 2- Philadelphia (44-1368) (Encl. 2)
- 2- Pittsburgh (44-578) (Encl. 2)
- 2- Sacramento (100-427) (Encl. 2) (AM)

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WFO 44-703

- ✓- St. Louis (44-775) (Encl. 2) (AM)
- ✓- San Diego (Encl. 2) (AM)
- 2- San Francisco (173-65) (Encl. 2) (AM)
- 2- Savannah (Encl. 2)
- 2- Tampa (157-3231) (Encl. 2) (AM)

Enclosed herewith for each office listed below having leads in their division are two copies each consisting of five pages which contain list of correspondence clubs under Post Office investigation.

Also enclosed for information is one copy each for Bureau, Memphis and Atlanta.

Offices covering Headquarters divisions of Postal inspectors will contact division chiefs for addresses and other identifying information regarding the clubs listed and furnish such information to other FBI field offices for further investigation where appropriate.

All offices having clubs within their division will thereafter conduct appropriate investigation to determine if subject JAMES EARL RAY is a member or has ever corresponded with that club.

Discretion should be used with lists being furnished and source of agency furnishing list should not be disclosed.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : FILE

DATE: 5-23-68

FROM : SAC EVANS (44-387)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Mr. EDWARD J. MC DONOUGH, Bureau, called at 4:35 p.m. today relative to our teletype 5-16-68 concerning suspect WILLIAM A. MARSHALL. Mr. MC DONOUGH stated that they had a tickler at the Bureau concerning the ten-day period during which the Chula Vista Police Department would not file a stolen report and wanted us to make certain that this was handled tomorrow, 5-24-68, and appropriate stop placed at NCIC.

2 - SD (44-387)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, SAN DIEGO (44-387)

FROM : SA HERBERT H. DUTLER, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 6/3/68

Re telephonic conversation with SA ARNOLD W. O'BRIEN
5/3/68.

On 5/3/68, MARY CARTER, Clerk, Records Section, Base
Location, Camp Pendleton, California, advised review of her records
reflect that TOLLY LEE WEBB is currently assigned to Schools
Company, Schools Battalion, and has been so assigned since
5/17/68.

On 5/3/68, Captain GARY PETERSON, Commanding Officer,
Schools Company, Schools Battalion, Camp Pendleton, California,
advised review of his records reflect that Sergeant TOLLY LEE
WEBB, Marine Serial Number 2137022, went on leave 5/31/68, and
is due to return 6/12/68. Further, that WEBB's leave address
is listed as Jiffle Ranch, Allen, Oklahoma.

2 - San Diego

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TO: SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY (44-686)

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

MURKIN
(OO: Memphis)

Re Oklahoma City airtel to San Diego dated
5/28/68.

The following investigation was conducted by
SA HENRY M. BUTLER, JR. at Camp Pendleton, California:

On 6/3/68, HARRY CARTER, Clerk, Records Section,
Base Hospital, Camp Pendleton, California, advised review
of her records reflect that TURNER LEE WOOD is currently
assigned to Schools Company, Schools Battalion, and has
been so assigned since 5/17/67.

On 6/3/68, Captain GARY FERGUSON, Commanding
Officer, Schools Company, Schools Battalion, Camp
Pendleton, California, advised review of his records
reflect that Sergeant TURNER LEE WOOD, Marine Serial
Number 2130283, went on leave 5/31/68, and is due to
return on 6/19/68. Further, that WOOD's leave address
is listed as Riddle Ranch, Allen, Oklahoma.

LEADS

OKLAHOMA CITY

AT ALLEN, OKLAHOMA. Will locate and interview
TURNER LEE WOOD, Riddle Ranch, Allen, Oklahoma, to determine
if he occupied his mother's apartment at 7140 Canton Avenue.

- 2 - Oklahoma City
- 1 - Dallas (Info)
- 2 - Memphis (44-1987)
- 2 - San Diego

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Dallas, Texas, on 12/16/67.

2. If so, interview him regarding the identity of the person who made a long-distance telephone call to that apartment on 12/16/67 from Alpine, Texas, as well as the nature of the call.

3. Will also exhibit photograph of JAMES EARL RAY to WHEE.

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Date: 6/5/68

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Via TELETYPE URGENT
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-3861)
MEMPHIS (44-1987)
LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

FROM: SAC, SAN DIEGO (44-387)

MURKIN

RE WILLIAM A. MARSHALL (CONSIDER ARMED AND DANGEROUS)

RE SAN DIEGO TELETYPE TO BUREAU, MEMPHIS AND LOS
ANGELES MAY THIRTY-ONE LAST.

MRS. CLARENCE BIRRELL, CHULA VISTA, CALIFORNIA,
ADVISED FROM READING EXPLOITS OF WILLIAM A. MARSHALL IN NEWS-
PAPERS AT CHULA VISTA, SHE FEELS MARSHALL IDENTICAL WITH HER
BROTHER IN LAW HOWARD MASON BIRRELL, JR., FBI NUMBER NINE
SEVEN ONE FOUR SIX NINE, LOS ANGELES FILES TWENTY-SIX DASH
FOUR TWO ZERO TWO NINE AND EIGHTY-SEVEN DASH ONE THREE THREE
FOUR NINE, BUFILE SEVENTY-SIX DASH TWO FOUR ZERO ZERO FIVE.

MRS. BIRRELL ALSO ADVISED HER BROTHER IN LAW
RECENTLY ASSOCIATED WITH RICHARD TUFTS, A YOUNG SAILOR STATIONED
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, WHO TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED MRS. BIRRELL
THAT HE KNEW HER BROTHER IN LAW AS WILLIAM DE LUCA AS HE HAD
CREDIT CARDS UNDER THIS NAME. TUFTS RECENTLY RECEIVED A POST

Q- San Diego
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Approved: *6/8*
Special Agent in Charge

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CARD FROM HER BROTHER IN LAW SIGNED BUD BIRRELL INDICATING HE WAS STAYING AT THE AMBASSADOR HOTEL, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, AND REQUESTED TUFTS TO PURCHASE HIM A CHEAP AUTOMOBILE.

BUREAU REQUESTED TO COMPARE LATENT PRINTS DEVELOPED ON WILLIAM A. MARSHALL FROM EVIDENCE SUBMITTED BY SAN DIEGO AND LOS ANGELES AND COMPARE WITH FINGERPRINTS OF HOWARD MASON BIRRELL, JR., FBI NUMBER NINE SEVEN ONE FOUR SIX NINE AND ALSO COMPARE KNOWN HANDWRITING OF BIRRELL WITH HANDWRITING OF WILLIAM A. MARSHALL TO DETERMINE IF IDENTICAL.

LOS ANGELES ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE IF WILLIAM A. MARSHALL STAYING AMBASSADOR HOTEL UNDER NAME MARSHALL DE LUCA OR BIRRELL.

FOR INFORMATION BIRRELL RECENTLY RELEASED AND IS ON FEDERAL PAROLE, U.S. PROBATION AND PAROLE OFFICE, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA.

SAN DIEGO WILL CONTACT RICHARD TUFTS FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING BIRRELL.

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

7FBW 4/19/68 854PM CRIM
DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES, SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA

PLEASE FURNISH REGISTRATION DATA ON CALIFORNIA LICENSE
OYD 080. IN REPLY REFER 44-TURNAGE.

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

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TO SAN DIEGO

FROM PHOENIX (44-371) (2P)

MURKIN

SUSPECT EVERETT ANTHONY OLIVER.

INSTANT DATE MR. CY HAMBARGER, MANAGER, ALLSTATE CAR RENTAL, PHOENIX, ARIZONA, ADVISED SUSPECT RENTED A CAR ON APRIL TWENTYTWO LAST AND RETURNED IT AT ONE P.M. THIS DATE AT SKY HARBOR AIRPORT, PHOENIX. HE ADVISED SUSPECT USED CALIFORNIA LICENSE [REDACTED] EXPIRES NINETEEN SEVENTY, CLASS ONE, ADDRESS EIGHT EIGHT ONE ZERO JORIS, LA MESA, CALIFORNIA, AS IDENTIFICATION AND INDICATED HE WAS EMPLOYED BY CAMPBELL TRUCKING COMPANY, SIX FOUR NINE ZERO FEDERAL, SAN DIEGO.

HAMBARGER DESCRIBED SUSPECT OLIVER AS WM, THIRTY TO THIRTYFIVE, HUNDRED SEVENTY FIVE TO HUNDRED EIGHTY POUNDS, FIVE FEET TEN TO ELEVEN INCHES, SHORT DARK HAIR, DARK COLORED EYES, AND ADVISED SUSPECT BEARS STRIKING RESEMBLANCE TO JAMES EARL RAY.

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SAN DIEGO AT CAMPBELL TRUCKING COMPANY, SAN DIEGO, AND
AT EIGHT EIGHT ONE ZERO JORIS, LA MESA, CONDUCT APPROPRIATE
INVESTIGATION TO ELIMINATE OLIVER AS IDENTICAL WITH RAY.

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FBI SANDIEGO

Forwarded April-67.

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TO: SAC
FROM: SA ARNOLD D. ORRANTIA
SUBJECT: MURKIN
44-387
RE: Suspect EVERETT ANTHONY OLIVER

April 24, 1968

Investigation at 618 1/2 Federal Blvd. reflected that the Campbell Truck Rental Inc. is no longer located at this address. The above address, however, reflected that the Campbell Truck Co. has telephone numbers 262-0126 and 262-7508.

A call to telephone number 262-0126 revealed that the Campbell Truck Co. is now located at 1540 Tideland Ave in National City. Mr. Dwayne Campbell the owner telephonically advised as follows:

OLIVER was first employed by him approximately three years ago. He was subsequently released because he was not producing on the job. OLIVER then went to work for the GEORGIA PACIFIC Co. in National City. He worked there "or a while and then went to work as a deep sea fisherman. OLIVER came back to work for CAMPBELL on February 9, 1968 and quit his job on April 12, 1968.

MR. CAMPBELL stated that OLIVER was an excellent worker and that he hated to see him leave. According to CAMPBELL OLIVER stated he was leaving because he was having a lot of trouble with his former wife. She has been in a lot of trouble for drinking and OLIVER has been paying her a lot of money for her support and the support of the two children. Because of her drinking, however, the children are not benefiting from the money and OLIVER decided to leave the area and not pay her any more money.

CAMPBELL described OLIVER as follows:

Name: EVERETT ANTHONY OLIVER
Age: About 28 yrs old.
Height: About 5' 10"
Weight: About 200 lbs.
Hair: Dark
Complexion: Dark
Eyes: Brown
Address: 8810 Joris - Los Mesa
Marital Status: Divorced

Neighborhood investigation at 8810 Joris revealed that this is his sisters residence and that her name is Mrs. MORRIS.

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LEDD:

That IO and wanted flyer of Subject be exhibited to
Mr. CAMPBELL at 1540 Tidelands for complete elimination of
OLIVER as a suspect.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Albany

DATE: May 20, 1968

for FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: MURKIN
PUBLICITY ON REWARDS OFFERED

Each Special Agent in Charge and Legal Attache is instructed to promptly remind their established cooperative news sources, in a discreet and tactful manner, of the existence of substantial reward money for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the killer of Dr. Martin Luther King. This money now totals at least \$100,000. The FBI should not, however, be publicized as the source of this reminder.

While the Bureau's continuing policy is to encourage the public to furnish information to law enforcement authorities as a matter of good citizenship, without expectation of financial reward, it is fully recognized that monetary rewards are often necessary to motivate some individuals. The knowledge of the existence of the substantial rewards available in the Murkin case could possibly prove of value in the solution of this major investigation.

1 - Copies to all Special Agents in Charge and Legats



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AIR MAIL -- REGISTERED

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, SAN DIEGO (44-387) (P)
MURKIN
(OO: Memphis)

Re Bureau teletype to all SACs 6/6/68.

Enclosed for the Memphis Division is a stop card for RAMON GEORGE SMITH which was placed at Immigration and Naturalization Service Office, San Ysidro, California, June 6, 1968.

Above stop was placed with Mr. ARTHUR CLAYTON, Assistant Inspector in Charge, INS, San Ysidro, California. Mr. CLAYTON advised that a stop record on a Canadian citizen is not too effective at the border inasmuch as it is not necessary to document a Canadian citizen entering the U.S. from Mexico as is necessary in cases involving Mexican Nationals and other foreign nationals. Mr. CLAYTON advised, however, that he would insure that this stop is placed with not only Immigration, but with U. S. Customs as well if RAMON GEORGE SMITH does enter at San Ysidro, California, and presents a Canadian passport. This information will be immediately furnished the San Diego Office FBI.

Stop was placed in accordance with Bureau instructions and no mention was made that this stop applies to JAMES EARL RAY.

- 3 - Bureau (AM-REGISTERED)
- 2 - Memphis (Enc. 1) (AM-REGISTERED)
- 2 - San Diego

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, (44-387)

FROM : SA, GEORGE A. STRONG

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 6/6/68

Rememo SA A.W.O'BRIEN dated 5/14/68.

As requested in referenced memo, the ~~San~~ detective divisions of the San Diego and surrounding Police Departments were contacted and each individual contacted stated he would display subject's photograph to victim's of unsolved robberies.

Each advised they would advise the San Diego FBI Office of any positive information developed.

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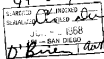
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TO ALL SACS CODE
FROM DIRECTOR (44-38861) 2P

MURKIN

FOR INFORMATION ALL OFFICES AND NOT TO BE DISCLOSED
TO ANYONE OUTSIDE OF OFFICE IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THROUGH
INVESTIGATION THAT SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY RESIDED IN CANADA
FROM APRIL EIGHT SIXTY-EIGHT UNTIL MAY SIX SIXTY-EIGHT UNDER
NAMES PAUL BRIDGMAN AND RAMON GEORGE SNEYD. SUBJECT
DEPARTED CANADA FOR LONDON, ENGLAND, ON MAY SIX LAST AS
SNEYD AND IS BELIEVED USING CANADIAN PASSPORT IN THAT NAME.
SUBJECT BELIEVED TO BE WEARING GLASSES.

IN VIEW OF ABOVE DEVELOPMENTS REVIEW OF DRIVER'S
LICENSE BUREAU RECORDS AS REQUESTED IN BUREAU RADIOGRAM
MAY TWENTY-ONE LAST MAY BE DISCONTINUED.

OFFICES COVERING POINTS OF ENTRANCE INTO U.S. SHOULD
PLACE APPROPRIATE STOPS WITH BORDER AND CUSTOM AUTHORITIES
UNDER NAME OF RAMON GEORGE SNEYD. NO INDICATION WHATSOEVER
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SHOULD BE GIVEN THAT THERE IS ANY CONNECTION BETWEEN SNEYD AND KING ASSASSINATION. YOU MAY ADVISE AUTHORITIES THAT INDIVIDUAL USING NAME SNEYD IS BEING SOUGHT BY FBI FOR UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID CONFINEMENT FOR CHARGE OF ROBBERY.

FOR INFORMATION OF BORDER OFFICES THERE IS ACTUAL PERSON RESIDING IN TORONTO, CANADA, WHO IS EMPLOYED BY TORONTO POLICE DEPARTMENT NAMED RAMON GEORGE SNEYD. THIS INDIVIDUAL-S NAME AND DATE OF BIRTH USED BY SUBJECT IN OBTAINING PASSPORT. THIS IS FOR YOUR INFORMATION IN EVENT BORDER STOPS DISCLOSE THAT INDIVIDUAL NAMED SNEYD IS ENTERING YOUR TERRITORY. COPIES MAILED WFO.

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FBI SAN DIEGO

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6:59PM URGENT 6-6-68 DPK

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, AND SAN DIEGO
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN; RE WILLIAM A. MARSHALL (CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS)

RE SAN DIEGO TEL JUNE FIVE LAST.

ALLEN KRAUSE, AZUSA, CALIFORNIA, IDENTIFIED PHOTOGRAPH
OF HOWARD M. BIRRELL, JR. AS W.L. DE LUCA, WHO WAS INVOLVED
IN THE ACCIDENT AT COVINA. BIRRELL, AKA DE LUCA, AKA
MARSHALL, NOT CURRENTLY REGISTERED AT ANBASSADOR HOTEL,
LOS ANGELES. RECORDS OF PAST REGISTRATION AT HOTEL WILL
NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW FOR A WEEK OR TWO BECAUSE OF
KENNEDY ASSASSINATION.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, SAN DIEGO (44-387)

FROM : SA LOUIS A. MUNOZ

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 6/6/68

Re San Diego airtel to Los Angeles, 5/22/68.

On 5/23/68 LEOBARDO CORNEJO, Officer, Secret Service, Tijuana PD, Tijuana, B.C., Mexico, accompanied SA MUNOZ to Caesar's Hotel cocktail bar, where photo of JAMES EARL RAY was exhibited to RAUL MONTEMAYOR, maitre d'hotel. He, in turn, exhibited the photo to (FNU) CISNEROS VAZQUEZ, bartender, who exhibited the photo to the bartenders. RAUL MONTEMAYOR advised that the photo of JAMES EARL RAY, where he appeared wearing a bow tie, appeared to resemble several individuals who were known to him to be Mexicans and who came to the hotel dining room at infrequent intervals. Copies of the photo of JAMES EARL RAY were left with Mr. MONTEMAYOR to be exhibited to other employees. Mr. MONTEMAYOR was instructed to contact the Chief of Police, Tijuana, B.C., Mexico, in the event that any individual resembling RAY was observed at the hotel or in the cocktail lounge.

(FNU) CISNEROS VAZQUEZ noted that the early photos of JAMES EARL RAY resembled numerous servicemen he had observed in Marine uniform when he, CISNEROS VAZQUEZ, was in San Diego, California. Mr. CISNEROS VAZQUEZ was furnished photos of RAY and was requested to immediately contact the Secret Service at Tijuana PD or the Chief of Police in the event that anyone resembling RAY should be seen on the premises of Caesar's Hotel.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE MEMPHIS	OFFICE OF ORIGIN MEMPHIS	DATE 5/8/68	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 4/4 - 5/31/68
TITLE OF CASE JAMES EARL RAY, aka Eric Starvo Galt, W. C. Herron, Harvey Lowmyer, James McBratney, James O'Conner, James Walton, James Walyon, John Willard, Jim - FUGITIVE IO #4182, WF #442-A; DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM		REPORT MADE BY SA JOE C. HESTER	TYPED BY MDY
		CHARACTER OF CASE CR - CONSPIRACY; UFAC - ROBBERY	

NON-PROSECUTIVE SUMMARY

REFERENCES:

Reports of SA JOE C. HESTER dated 4/17/68 and 4/30/68 at Memphis.

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THIS REPORT HAS BEEN PREPARED AS AN INVESTIGATIVE AID AND SHOULD NOT BE DISSEMINATED AS NO ATTEMPT HAS BEEN MADE TO CONCEAL THE SOURCES OF INFORMATION THAT WAS FURNISHED CONFIDENTIALLY. ALL OF THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS REPORT HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN REPORTED.

APPROVED: <i>RG Jensen</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE COPIES MADE: 9 - Bureau (44-38861) 2 - All Offices 5 - Memphis (44-1987) <i>San Diego</i> <i>Mark [initials]</i>	DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 10px;"> 44-387-360 SEARCHED <i>[initials]</i> INDEXED <i>[initials]</i> SERIALIZED <i>[initials]</i> FILED <i>[initials]</i> JUN 11 1968 FBI - MEMPHIS <i>[Signature]</i> </div>
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ADMINISTRATIVE:

Additional copies of this report have been designated for the Bureau in order that dissemination may be made to Legats, Ottawa and Mexico City.

It should be noted that during interviews with certain of the subject's associates and former prison mates, their stories have varied from time to time. Some of their stories may have varied after this report was prepared. This is recognized but could not be avoided. Any more recent information obtained from them will be set out in subsequent reports.

LEADS:

All offices will continue to conduct investigation in this matter and will set out all leads which appear to be appropriate.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: SA JOS C. HESTER
Date: JUNE 5, 1968

Office: MEMPHIS

Field Office File No.: 44-1987

Bureau File No.: 44-38861

Title: JAMES EARL RAY;
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM

Character: CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY;
UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID CONFINEMENT - ROBBERY

Synopsis: JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #405 942 G, escaped Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP) 4/23/67, and on 7/20/67 a complaint was filed before USC W. C. SHELEY, Jefferson City, Mo., charging RAY with unlawful flight to avoid confinement in violation of Title 18, USC, Section 1073. On 4/17/68 an authorized complaint was filed against ERIC STARVO GALT for violation of Title 18, USC, Section 241, charging that he did conspire to injure, oppress, threaten, or intimidate MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., in the free exercise and enjoyment of his rights secured by the Constitution of the United States. Complaint was filed before USC, Birmingham, Ala., by SAC JOSEPH H. GAMBLE, and a warrant was issued for the arrest of GALT. Recommended bond is \$50,000. On 5/7/68 Shelby County GJ, Memphis, returned a secret indictment charging JAMES EARL RAY with murder in the first degree. Chronological listing of subject's activities from 4/67 to 4/68 set forth and reflects he resided briefly at Montreal, Province of Quebec, Canada. He traveled to Birmingham, Ala., purchased a 1966 Ford Mustang, then traveled to Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico, for a brief residence, and then to Los Angeles, Calif. Subject made 2 round trips by automobile from Los Angeles to New Orleans and in 3/68 established residence in Atlanta, Ga. Using the name HARVEY LOWMEYER, a Remington, Model 760, rifle was purchased 3/30/68 Birmingham, Ala. At 6:00 P.M., 4/4/68 Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., was shot and killed by a single bullet fired from the bathroom of a nearby rooming house while he was standing on the balcony of the Lorraine Motel, Memphis. Same Remington rifle identified above recovered at scene along with other items and personal belongings of the subject. Results of Laboratory examinations of all evidence described herein. Interviews of relatives of JAMES EARL RAY, fellow prisoners, and associates set forth. Subject is described as a loner with no close associates. reportedly on amphetamine, and selling drugs at MSP while incarcerated there. Identification record and description also set forth. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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I. CRIMES COMMITTED FOR WHICH
FEDERAL PROCESS OUTSTANDING

The subject, JAMES EARL RAY, was received at the Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP), Jefferson City, Missouri, March 17, 1960, from the St. Louis City Circuit Court to serve a sentence of 20 years after conviction for robbery first degree by means of a dangerous and deadly weapon (2 counts) and for operating a motor vehicle without permission of the owner. He was given sentences of 20, 7, and 5 years, all to run concurrently.

The subject, who was MSP inmate #00416, was assigned to the Bakery Unit of the Food Service Department. Just prior to the 5:00 P.M. count on April 23, 1967, he was discovered missing and could not be found within the penitentiary. It was not until some 10 days later that prison officials determined that the subject had escaped by being concealed in a large bread box being taken by open truck from the main prison to Renz Farm, a prison farm that lies outside the prison walls and about 5 miles north of the main prison. This method of escape has not been positively verified and remains largely a matter of conjecture.

Federal assistance was requested to locate the subject, and on July 20, 1967, a complaint was filed before U. S. Commissioner W. C. SHELEY at Jefferson City, Missouri, charging the subject with Unlawful Flight to Avoid Confinement following a conviction for robbery first degree, this being in violation of Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 1073.

On April 24, 1968, an amended complaint was filed by SA ROWEN B. AYERS before U. S. Commissioner SHELEY.

At about 6:00 P.M. on April 4, 1968, 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. Investigation disclosed that this shot was fired from the bathroom of a rooming house located at 422½ South Main Street, Memphis, which bathroom was located at the rear of the rooming house and which had a window overlooking the Lorraine Motel. It is 207 feet from the bathroom window to the spot where KING was shot.

It was determined that on the afternoon of April 4, 1968, a man using the name JOHN WILLARD rented Room 5B at 422 1/2 South Main Street, paying one week's rent. After hearing the rifle shot at about 8:00 P.M. on April 4, 1968, other tenants in the rooming house observed the man known as WILLARD fleeing from the rooming house carrying a large package which was subsequently abandoned by him on the sidewalk in front of 424 South Main Street. Further investigation disclosed that WILLARD fled from the scene in a white Mustang parked a few feet south of 424 South Main Street.

Found abandoned in front of 424 South Main was a 30-06 Remington, Model 760, rifle, a small plastic suitcase containing numerous toilet articles, undergarments, a T-shirt, binoculars, a newspaper, an after shave lotion bottle, 2 cans of Schlitz beer, and a brown and green bedspread in which all of these items were partially wrapped.

Investigation at motels in the vicinity of Memphis, Tennessee, to identify persons who might be driving a white Mustang automobile disclosed that ERIC S. GALT, 2638 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama, had spent the night of April 3, 1968, at the Rebel Motel, 5466 Lamar Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee, and was driving a Mustang with Alabama license 1-38993. Subsequent investigation at Birmingham, set out in more detail elsewhere in this report, indicated that ERIC STARVO GALT was responsible for the murder of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., and on April 17, 1968, Assistant U. S. Attorney R. MACEY TAYLOR, Birmingham, Alabama, authorized the filing of a complaint against ERIC STARVO GALT for violation of Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 241, charging that GALT did conspire to injure, oppress, threaten or intimidate MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., in the free exercise and enjoyment of his rights secured by the Constitution of the United States, namely, the right to freely travel from state to state. Assistant U. S. Attorney TAYLOR recommended bond be set in the amount of \$50,000.

This complaint was filed by SAs JOSEPH H. GAMBLE before U. S. Commissioner WILDRED F. SPRAGUE, Birmingham, on April 17, 1968, and Mrs. SPRAGUE issued a warrant of arrest for ERIC STARVO GALT.

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On May 7, 1968, a Shelby County Grand Jury, Memphis, Tennessee, returned a secret indictment charging the subject, JAMES EARL RAY, with murder in the first degree. While this indictment has not been made public, the local press is aware of its existence and has commented on it.

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II. CHRONOLOGICAL LISTING OF KNOWN
ACTIVITIES OF JAMES EARL RAY SINCE
HIS ESCAPE AND LABORATORY EXAMINATION
OF EVIDENCE ATTENDANT THERETO

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4/23/67

JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #405 942 G, escaped from the Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP), Jefferson City, Missouri.

7/18/67

A man using the name ERIC S. GALT signed a lease for an apartment in the Harkay Apartments, 2589 Notre Dame East, Montreal, Canada. The apartment was to rent for \$75 monthly, and one month's rent was to be forfeited in the event the lease was terminated prior to January 18, 1968.

GALT is not known to have made any telephone calls from the telephone in the hall, #532-0094, and interviews have been unproductive with other tenants, nearby stores, garages, parking lots, and other places where GALT might have parked his car.

An employee at the apartment house has reported that during GALT's stay he was visited on one occasion by 2 women, both described as being aged 40 to 42, one woman had black hair, the other had reddish brown hair. They reportedly stayed overnight, one left the following day, and the other stayed for a few days.

7/24/67

ERIC GALT purchased a Canadian Postal Money Order #C31,600,648, from Station "C," Montreal, Canada. This money order was in the amount of \$9 and was made payable to Futura Books, Inc., 4533 Lennox, Inglewood, California.

On July 26, 1967, a Canadian Money Order in the amount of \$9 was received at Futura Books, Inc., Inglewood, California, from ERIC GALT, 2589 Notre Dame East, Montreal, Canada, as payment for three books entitled "Sexual Anatomy," "Unusual Female Sex Practices," and "Sex Feeling in Men and Women." Futura Books is able to state that the ad answered by GALT had appeared in "Men's Real Adventure" magazine. This order was received and mailed on the same date, July 26, 1967.

7/28/67

ERIC GALT purchased a Canadian Postal Money Order #C31,600,868 at Station "C," Montreal, Canada. This money order was in the amount of \$17.50 and was made payable to Locksmithing Institute, Little Falls, New Jersey.

A photostat copy of this money order was examined by the FBI Laboratory. The FBI Laboratory reported that the photostat copy of this money order lacks the quality necessary for a satisfactory comparison; however, some differences were noted between the writing appearing on the face of this item when compared with writing appearing on other specimens submitted in this case under the name of ERIC GALT.

ERIC S. GALT, 2589 Notre Dame East, Montreal, Canada, enrolled in the Locksmithing Institute, 1500 Cardinal Drive, Little Falls, New Jersey, a correspondence school whose records reflect that his first payment was received July 31, 1967, and the last payment was by money order dated March 28, 1968. During the period of his enrollment, GALT showed in addition to the Canadian address the following addresses:

1635 South Serrano
Los Angeles, California

2608 Highland Avenue
Birmingham, Alabama

115 14th Street, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

The enrollment form of Locksmithing Institute, Little Falls, New Jersey, dated July 31, 1967, in the name of ERIC S. GALT; the confidential information form of the Locksmithing Institute bearing the signature ERIC S. GALT; and the white envelope postmarked Montreal P.Q., VII, 1967, bearing the return address ERIC S. GALT, 2589 Rue Notre Dame Est., Montreal, Canada, Quebec, and handprinted address "Locksmithing Institute, Little Falls, New Jersey, USA 07424" were forwarded to the FBI Laboratory.

The FBI Laboratory reported that the signature appearing on the confidential information form was prepared by the writer of the signatures in this name appearing on items submitted in this case. It was determined that the handprinting appearing on the enrollment form and white envelope was prepared by the same individual who prepared handprinting on other items submitted attributed to ERIC S. GALT.

8/9/67

ERIC GALT purchased a Canadian Postal Money Order #C3S,273,307 from Station "C," Montreal, Canada. This money order was in the amount of \$1 payable to E. Z. Formula, Hollywood, California. E. Z. Formula, 6311 Yucca Street, Hollywood, California, is a subsidiary of Barnett and Hersh and concerns only a magazine mail order business selling a formula for making glass into a 2-way mirror. They maintain no receipt or record of shipment and are therefore unable to further verify receipt of an order from GALT.

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8/26/67

Personnel at the Hackney Apartments, Montreal, Canada, are not certain as to the date ERIC S. GALT moved from that address; however, they are in agreement that it was shortly before Labor Day of 1967. Investigation at Birmingham, Alabama, has disclosed that on August 26, 1967, ERIC S. GALT registered in a rooming house known as Economy Rooms at 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama.

8/28/67

ERIC S. GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama, rented a safe deposit box #5517 at the Main Office, Birmingham Trust National Bank, Birmingham, Alabama. GALT surrendered this box by notification to the bank by undated, handwritten letter wherein he stated he was moving to the state of Louisiana. The record of access to the safe deposit box, contract for box, ledger card for box, and the undated, handwritten letter from GALT were forwarded to the FBI Laboratory. The FBI Laboratory concluded that the signature of ERIC S. GALT appearing on these items was prepared by the same individual who prepared the writing in the same name appearing on other items attributed to ERIC S. GALT.

8/29-30/67

ERIC GALT, in answer to an ad appearing in a local newspaper, contacted Mr. WILLIAM D. PAISLEY, 701 48th Street South, Birmingham, Alabama, regarding PAISLEY's offer to sell a 1966 white Mustang. On August 30, 1967, GALT met PAISLEY at the First National Bank Building, Birmingham, where GALT paid PAISLEY \$1995 in cash. A bill of sale was prepared indicating the car was sold to ERIC GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama, telephone #323-9487.

9/6/67

Records of the Drivers License Division, Department of Public Safety, State of Alabama, Montgomery, revealed that Alabama driver's license [redacted] was issued to ERIC STARVO GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue South, Birmingham, Alabama.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the signature of ERIC STARVO GALT appearing on his application for Alabama driver's license was prepared by the same individual who prepared other signatures in the same name attributed to ERIC S. GALT.

9/12/67

ERIC GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama, enrolled for 5 weekly classes in dance instruction at Continental Dance Club Studios, also known as the Friendship Club, Birmingham, Alabama. GALT attended classes on 4 consecutive Tuesday evenings but did not appear for the fifth class.

9/26/67

In September 1967 the Order Department - Modern Photo Book Store, Division of American Photographic Book Publishing Company, Inc., 166 Fifth Avenue, New York City, New York, received a coupon clipped from "Modern Photography Magazine," which coupon requested that Book #633 be sent to ERIC S. GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham. Book #633 referred to above is "Focal Encyclopedia of Photography." This department also received a letter dated September 26, 1967, signed ERIC S. GALT, with the same Birmingham, Alabama, address wherein GALT refers to his order for Book #633 and requested that the book not be sent as he was moving shortly and would send a corrected address later. Officials of the Modern Photo Book Store advised that they have received no further communications from GALT subsequent to the letter dated September 26, 1967.

The FBI Laboratory reported that the handwriting appearing on this coupon and letter was identical with the handwriting of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #405 942 G. The FBI Identification Division advised that one latent fingerprint of value was developed on the coupon and that this latent fingerprint is identical with the left thumb print of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #405 942 G.

9/28/67

ERIC S. GALT purchased Bank Draft #04012FPS from the Exchange Security Bank, 5 Points South Branch Office, Birmingham, Alabama, dated September 28, 1967, payable to Superior Bulk Film Company, Chicago, Illinois, in the amount of \$337.24.

10/2/67

ERIC S. GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama, was issued 1968 Alabama license 1-38993 for a 1966 Ford Mustang, VIN 6T07C190647.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the signature of ERIC S. GALT on the application for the Alabama license was prepared by the same individual who prepared other items under the same name attributed to ERIC S. GALT.

10/3/67

The Superior Bulk Film Company, 442-450 North Wells, Chicago, Illinois, received an order from ERIC S. GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama, for one Kodak Super 8 camera, Model V8; one Kodak Dual Projector, Model M95Z; one HPI Combination Splicer; and one 20 foot remote control cable for a total price of \$337.24. A bank draft was received with the order, and on October 3, 1967, a package was mailed to him via parcel post under invoice #179530. Since the Kodak Model M8 camera was not in stock, a Crestline Super 8 camera was substituted.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the handprinting appearing on this Superior Bulk Film Company order blank was prepared by the same individual who prepared other items submitted under the same name and attributed to ERIC S. GALT.

10/5/67

ERIC S. GALT sent a typewritten note dated October 5, 1967, to Superior Bulk Film Company, Chicago, acknowledging receipt of items ordered from them and by which he returned the Crestline Super 8 camera. He indicated the camera ordered by him was a four speed camera while the substituted one was a one film speed camera. GALT indicated he was leaving for Mexico on October 7, 1967, but would later send his Mexican address to that company.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the signature ERIC S. GALT appearing on this letter dated October 5, 1967, was prepared by the writer of the signatures in this name appearing on other items submitted in this case and attributed to ERIC S. GALT.

10/18/67

Superior Bulk Film Company, Chicago, Illinois, mailed to ERIC S. GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, via parcel post a Kodak Super 8, Model D38, camera, under invoice #179530.

10/19/67

On this date ERIC GALT registered in Room 212 of the Hotel Rio, Morelos 86, Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico.

The Document Section of the FBI Laboratory examined 2 photostat copies of the registration card of the Hotel Rio in the name of ERIC S. GALT and concluded that the questioned writings appearing on the registration card were prepared by the writer of other specimens received in this matter which have been attributed to ERIC S. GALT.

10/22/67

A typewritten letter dated October 22, 1967, signed ERIC S. GALT was addressed to Superior Bulk Film Company, Chicago, Illinois, indicating that he could not wait for the originally ordered Kodak camera and requesting that his refund be mailed to the Hotel Rio, Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the ERIC S. GALT signature appearing on the typewritten letter dated October 22, 1967, was prepared by the writer of the signatures in this name appearing on items previously submitted in this case and attributed to ERIC S. GALT.

11/6/67

ERIC GALT checked out of the Hotel Rio, Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico.

11/7-13/67

ERIC GALT during this period of time was registered in Room 417 of the Hotel Tropicano, Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico.

During most of the period that he was in Puerto Vallarta, GALT associated with a prostitute, IRMA MORALES, true name MANUELA AGUIRRE MEDRANO. She was located and interviewed, and she furnished a photograph of GALT taken in Puerto Vallarta about November 3, 1967. She claims not to have seen GALT nor to have heard from him since November 9, 1967.

11/19/67

On this date ERIC GALT rented Apartment #8 at 1535 North Serrano, Los Angeles, California.

11/20/67

By typewritten letter dated November 20, 1967, signed ERIC S. GALT, the Superior Bulk Film Company, Chicago, Illinois, was requested to forward GALT's refund for the camera which he did not receive to 1535 North Serrano, Los Angeles, California. GALT indicated in his letter that he would be at the Los Angeles address for 5 months.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the signature ERIC S. GALT appearing on the typewritten letter dated November 20, 1967, was prepared by the writer of the signature in this name appearing on items submitted and attributed to ERIC S. GALT.

By letter dated November 30, 1967, mailed to GALT's Los Angeles address, Superior Bulk Film Company advised GALT that his refund check #32338 in the amount of \$142.89 had been remailed to GALT's Mexican address. The canceled refund check had not, as of March 29, 1968, been received by the company.

11/27 - 12/14/67

On this date Dr. MARJ. O. FREEMAN, Clinical Psychologist, 227 South Bedford Drive, Beverly Hills, California, received a telephone call from JAMES E. RAY, who said he wanted to overcome his shyness, gain social confidence, and to learn self-hypnosis in order that he could relax, sleep, and learn to remember things better. An appointment was made for him that same afternoon at the doctor's office, 9952 Santa Monica Boulevard, Beverly Hills, California. He gave his name as JAMES E. RAY and gave his address as 1535 North Serrano, telephone #469-8096. He furnished his date of birth as [redacted] RAY had appointments with Dr. FREEMAN on November 27, November 30, December 4, December 6, December 11, and December 14, 1967. RAY canceled an appointment for December 18, 1967, stating he had received information from his brother that the brother had found a job for him as a merchant seaman at New Orleans, Louisiana.

Dr. FREEMAN said that RAY paid in cash \$25 per visit. Dr. FREEMAN found that RAY was shy, introverted, and withdrawn but not psychotic or plagued with any deep-seated neuroses.

12/5/67-2/12/68

ERIC GALT, 1535 North Serrano, Los Angeles, California, executed an enrollment agreement and contract for dancing instruction with the owner of the National Dance Studio, 2026 Pacific Avenue, Long Beach, California,

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the ERIC S. GALT signature appearing on an interview card #66429 dated December 5, 1967, of the National Dance Studio was prepared by the writer of this signature appearing on other items previously submitted and attributed to ERIC S. GALT. The Laboratory concluded that the ERIC S. GALT signature appearing on the National Dance Studio enrollment agreement and contract dated December 14, 1967, was too distorted for any determination to be made.

Investigation revealed that GALT first appeared at the office of the National Dance Studio on December 5, 1967, at which time he took two lessons and made payments of \$29. GALT appeared at the studio again on December 17, 1967, and took two lessons, again on December 12, 1967, and took two lessons, and on December 14, 1967, and took one lesson.

On December 14, 1967, GALT agreed to take a course of dancing of a total of 50 hours in lessons for a total amount of \$499. The course consisted of 25 private hour lessons and 25 party or group technique hour lessons. According to this agreement, GALT was to pay \$100 on account on December 14, 1967, and was to pay \$149 on December 18, 1967, and \$50 per week thereafter until the contract was paid in full. According to the records,

GALT did make a payment of \$100 on December 14, 1967, and on December 21, 1967, he made a payment of \$364.

According to these records, GALT took dancing lessons at the National Dance Studio on the following dates subsequent to December 14, 1967:

12/21/67
12/25/67
12/26/67
12/27/67
12/28/67
1/2/68
1/3/68
1/9/68
1/11/68
1/15/68
1/16/68
1/18/68
1/22/68
1/23/68
1/25/68
1/29/68
1/30/68
1/31/68
2/1/68
2/5/68
2/6/68
2/8/68
2/12/68

12/15/67

Under ticket #31053 GALT left laundry at the Avalon Cleaners and Laundry, Inc., 5662 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, which laundry was marked "20R-3" by a Thermo Seal marking machine. IT IS NOTED THAT BED LINEN FOUND IN THE WHITE MUSTANG ABANDONED APRIL 5, 1968, AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA, BORE THE LAUNDRY MARK 20R-3.

- 12/15/67 ERIC GALT and CHARLES J. STEIN, 5666 Franklin Avenue, Los Angeles, California, a new acquaintance, departed Los Angeles in GALT's 1966 white Mustang en route to New Orleans, Louisiana, to bring back 2 children belonging to CHARLES STEIN's sister, RITA STEIN. GALT's association with CHARLES J. and RITA STEIN is being set forth in a separate section of this report.
- 12/17 - 19/67 On December 17, 1967, ERIC S. GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama, registered in Room 126, Provincial Motel, 1024 Chartres Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, and checked out of the motel before checkout time of 1:00 P.M. on December 19, 1967. At time of registration GALT indicated on the registration card that he was driving a Mustang with Alabama license 1-38993.
- The FBI Laboratory determined that the Provincial Motel registration card was prepared by the writer of the registration card which was subsequently located at the Rebel Motel in Memphis, Tennessee, under the name of ERIC S. GALT.
- 12/19/67 ERIC GALT, CHARLES J. STEIN, and RITA STEIN's 2 daughters, KIM and CHERYL, departed New Orleans, Louisiana, in GALT's 1966 white Mustang to return to Los Angeles, California.
- 12/22/67 ERIC GALT picked up laundry which had been left on December 15, 1967, at Avalon Cleaners and Laundry, Inc., 5662 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles.

12/28/67

By letter dated December 28, 1967, ERIC S. GALT, 1535 North Serrano, Los Angeles, California, advised Mr. JOHN ACORD, Chairman, American - Southern Africa Council, 800 Fourth Street, S.W., Washington, D. C., that he was considering immigrating to Rhodesia and desired answers to certain questions. GALT indicated that:

"(1): The U. S. government will not issue a passport for travel to Rhodesia.

"(2): Would there be any way to enter Rhodesia legally (from the Rhodesian government point of view)

"I would appreciate any information you could give me on the above subject or any other information on Rhodesia."

Mr. ACORD replied to GALT's letter with a form letter enclosing literature on Rhodesia.

The FBI Laboratory determined that the ERIC S. GALT signature appearing on the typewritten letter dated December 28, 1967, was prepared by the writer of signatures in this name appearing on other items submitted and attributed to ERIC S. GALT.

1/8/68

ERIC S. GALT purchased a Bank of America Money Order #0799 18037 from the Hollywood Western Branch, Bank of America, Hollywood, California. This money order was in the amount of \$15 and was made payable to Locksmithing Institute.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the signature ERIC S. GALT appearing on this money order was prepared by the writer of the signatures in this name appearing on specimens previously submitted.

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1/19 - 3/2/68

ERIC S. GALT, 1335 North Serrano, Los Angeles, California, made application to attend the International School of Bartending, 2125 Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the ERIC S. GALT signature appearing on GALT's application to attend the International School of Bartending, and his signature on the installment note dated January 19, 1968, were prepared by the writer of this signature appearing on other items previously submitted.

GALT attended class Monday through Friday from 10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. and from 2:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.

1/20/68

JEROME WALLIS VERNON operated the Home Service Laundry and Dry Cleaning Company, 5280 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, from about January 16, 1968, to March 23, 1968. He said that a man named ERIC GALT was a regular customer who came in each Saturday afternoon with a bundle of laundry which usually consisted of underwear, T-shirts, and dress shirts. He believes he first saw GALT on Saturday, January 20, 1968, and he recalled seeing him for the last time on about March 16, 1968. VERNON was shown the laundry marks on the T-shirt and undershorts abandoned by the killer in front of 424 South Main Street, Memphis, Tennessee, on April 4, 1968. VERNON identified the laundry marking on the undershorts and T-shirt as being similar to the mark used at his laundry. Found in the records of the Home Service Laundry and Dry Cleaning Company was laundry list #3065 in the name of E. GALT with Thermo Seal sticker 02B-6.

IT IS NOTED THAT UNDERSHORTS AND T-SHIRT ABANDONED BY THE KILLER AT MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, ON APRIL 4, 1968, CONTAINED A THERMO SEAL LAUNDRY MARK #2B-6.

The Los Angeles Division forwarded to the FBI Laboratory a piece of paper and a cloth square, each containing 12 samples of laundry marking printed by a Thermo Seal marking machine manufactured by the Textile Marking Company, Syracuse, New York, and obtained from the Home Service Laundry and Dry Cleaners, 5260 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California.

The FBI Laboratory advised that these 12 laundry tapes are similar to the laundry tapes in color, construction, and composition to the laundry tapes appearing on the undershorts and T-shirt abandoned at 424 South Main Street, Memphis, Tennessee, by the killer of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. Five of these tapes have the same length (1 1/16") as those appearing on the undershorts and T-shirt. The other 7 are longer, either 1 3/32" or 1 1/8" in length.

The FBI Laboratory advised that no significant differences were noted between the laundry tapes appearing on the undershorts and T-shirt when compared with some of the laundry tape specimens submitted by Los Angeles indicating that they may have originated from the same machine.

1/21/68

On January 21, 1968, ERIC GALT rented Room 403 of the St. Francis Hotel, 5533 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, for a monthly rental rate of \$85. GALT remained a tenant there until March 17, 1968.

1/22/68

ERIC S. GALT, 1535 North Serrano, Los Angeles, California, sent a typewritten letter dated January 21, 1968, to DALE LEBOY DYKEMA, 3326 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, receiver for the apartment building located at 1535 North Serrano, advising DYKEMA that GALT had moved from the Serrano address.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the ERIC S. GALT signature appearing on this letter dated January 21, 1968, was prepared by the writer of the signatures in this name on other items submitted.

1/29/68

ERIC GALT purchased a Bank of America Money Order #0799 15286 from the Hollywood Western Branch, Bank of America, Hollywood, California. This money order was in the amount of \$4.25 and was made payable to Free Press, Newspaper.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the ERIC GALT signature appearing on this Bank of America Money Order was prepared by the writer of the signatures in this name appearing on other specimens submitted.

The following advertisement ran in the February 2 - 8, 1968, issue of the "Free Press":

"Single male Cauc. 36 yrs, 5-11, 170 lbs Digs Fr. Cult. desire's discreet meeting with passionate married female for mutual enjoyment, and/or female for swing session apt. furn. will ex. photo. Write Eric S. 406 So. 2nd St., Alhambra, 91802."

It is noted that 406 South Second Street, Alhambra, California, is the address of a mail forwarding service which was subscribed to from February 1, 1968, to March 1, 1968, at a cost of \$3 by ERIC GALT, St. Francis Hotel, 5533 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles.

1/29/68

ERIC GALT purchased a Bank of America Money Order #0799 15286 from the Hollywood Western Branch, Bank of America, Hollywood, California. This money order was in the amount of \$3 and was made payable to Mr. HEDGPETH.

C. M. HEDGPETH is the operator of a mail forwarding service. GALT engaged this mail forwarding service for the purpose of

forwarding all mail to him in care of the St. Francis Hotel under the names ERIC S. GALT, ERIC S. or ESG. In connection with this service GALT executed a Post Office form #1583 dated February 1, 1968, authorizing the mail forwarding service to forward mail to GALT. GALT also directed a typewritten letter to this service signed ERIC S. GALT and received by HEDCPETH on January 30, 1968.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the ERIC GALT signature appearing on the above described Bank of America Money Order was prepared by the writer of the signatures in this name appearing on other specimens submitted.

The Laboratory concluded that the signatures ERIC S. GALT appearing on the Post Office form #1583 and the typewritten letter received by the mail forwarding service were prepared by the writer of the GALT signatures on other specimens submitted.

1/31/68

ERIC S. GALT purchased a Bank of America Money Order #0799 17281 from the Hollywood Western Branch, Bank of America, Hollywood, California. This money order was in the amount of \$7.50 and was made payable to the Locksmithing Institute, Little Falls, New Jersey.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the ERIC S. GALT signature appearing on this money order was prepared by the writer of the signatures in this name appearing on other specimens submitted.

2/13/68

A 1966 white Mustang bearing 1968 Alabama license 1-38993 which was later determined to be registered to ERIC STARVO GALT, Birmingham, Alabama, was serviced at the H. Beckman Chevron Service Station, 1506 North Normandie Avenue, Los Angeles, California. The mileage at the time of this service charge was noted to be 34,185 miles.

It was also ascertained that this vehicle was serviced at the Cort Fox Ford Company, 4531 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, with mileage noted to be 34,291 miles; however, no date of servicing was noted.

2/17/68

Mrs. PATRICIA ANDERSON, 2800 Glenview Avenue, Los Angeles, California, received a letter dated February 17, 1968, from ERIC S. GALT. This letter was addressed to her under her maiden name, PATRICIA SCHUBERT, and is as follows:

"2-17-68

"DEAR MISS:

"I AM ANSWERING YOUR LISTING IN THE LOCAL SWINGER SINCE I THINK I SHARE MOST OF YOUR INTERESTS, WITH EMPHASIS ON FRENCH CULT, AND SWING SESSIONS. I HAVE JUST RETURNED FROM MEXICO AFTER FIVE YRS. AND THE FEW FEMALES I HAVE MET DON'T GO FOR THE SWING PARTIES AND IT TAKES TWO TO SWING. THE SAME ROUTINE GETS BORING, DON'T YOU THINK. WILL CLOSE UNTIL I HERE FROM YOU.

"SINCERELY
"ERIC S. GALT
"5533-HOLLYWOOD BLVD.
"HOLLYWOOD, CALIF.
"90028.
"PH. 464-1131."

"The Local Swinger" is a correspondence club operating from P. O. Box 3802, Downey, California. "The Local Swinger" placed an advertisement in the Los Angeles "Free Press" offering to send a list of local swingers to anyone who paid the price of \$1. In addition, it was understood that for each letter sent to "The Local Swinger" the sender would have to pay \$1. During February 1968 ERIC S. GALT sent \$1 and a request for a list of swingers and thereafter sent 5 letters to 5 individuals.