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NILTON ZAVALCOFSKI, Moberly Training Center for Men, #01658, served from November 1960 until April 1968 at the Missouri State Penitentiary as a portion of his 20 year sentence for armed robbery. Subsequently he was transferred to his current place of confinement.

He knew JAMES EARL RAY as an inmate and remembers his hiding in the penitentiary as well as his escape.

He could furnish no information concerning his present whereabouts or close associates.

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CHARLES CALVIN BOOKMAN possesses FBI #892355 and resides in Room 201, Belmont Apartments, 948 South Figueroa, South Los Angeles.

BOOKMAN served time at Leavenworth with JAMES EARL RAY, becoming acquainted during the latter part of 1956 when both were in the kitchen of the trusty farm. He believes RAY was from the Biloxi - Gulfport, Mississippi, area and was able to pilot an airplane.

In August 1967 BOOKMAN returned to Los Angeles, California, from a trip and met JAMES EARL RAY at the Amber Room, Figueroa Hotel, Los Angeles. He estimated this to be August 12, 1967. RAY went with him to his room in the Belmont Apartments and he did not hear again from him until April 19, 1968, at around noon or 4:00 P.M. when he received a telephone call and states the person calling was JAMES EARL RAY.

Interview of BOOKMAN contained many inconsistencies and conflicts in his story and therefore no credibility could be given to the alleged phone call received by him from JAMES EARL RAY.

BOOKMAN has stated that he will contact the FBI should he again hear from JAMES EARL RAY.

The substance of the telephone call allegedly received from JAMES EARL RAY on April 19, 1968, was that he was "hotter than a cow marshal's pistol" and made a request of BOOKMAN for money, which was denied.

JOHN R. KELLER possessed Leavenworth Prison #72614-L.

He was located at 2150 Apache Boulevard, Mesa, Arizona, and stated he formerly served time at Leavenworth from 1955 to 1957. He denies any knowledge or association with JAMES EARL RAY and disclaims recognition of the photograph of RAY as a former inmate at Leavenworth. He states he has no knowledge of RAY's present whereabouts.

WALTER TERRY RIFE, FBI #4558766, was located at Quincy, Illinois, and disclaims having seen JAMES EARL RAY since he was incarcerated at Leavenworth, Kansas, in 1957. He has no information concerning the current whereabouts of JAMES EARL RAY nor his close associates.

When arrested with RAY in 1955, he fabricated the name WILLIARD J. MC BRIDE as the individual from whom they purchased stolen money orders obtained in the Kellerville, Illinois, Post Office burglary. He also used the name VERNON ELMO RIFE on his first arrest.

RIFE stated that RAY was prejudiced against Negroes in a general way and he has never known RAY to belong to any organization or to make any threat against Negroes.

Both he and RAY were sentenced on July 1, 1955, to Leavenworth and RIFE was released in 1960.

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DYRELL DENNIS, located at the Towne Hotel, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, listed her home address to be 1151 Wilcox, Los Angeles, California. When initially contacted on April 25, 1968, she advised she had no knowledge of JAMES EARL RAY and through viewing his photographs said she did not know him or anyone named ERIC STARVO GALT.

Subsequently, she was recontacted on April 27, 1968, at the Belmont Hotel, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. She advised she had resided at the St. Francis Hotel, Los Angeles, California, from March 1 to March 9, 1968. One night in the Sultan Room, Hollywood Boulevard, she was approached by a man who introduced himself as ERIC (Last Name Unknown). She described him as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	Late 30's or early 40's
Height	5'10"
Build	Slender
Hair	Salt and pepper
Eyes	Light blue
Wearing apparel	Dressed very neatly
Characteristics	Appeared very nervous; pointed facial features; spoke with a nasal twang.

This person drank screwdrivers and claimed to have worked with computers. He had in his possession a large sum of money in \$10 and \$20 bills. She talked him into giving her a \$20 bill after which they left the Sultan Room and went to another club where they continued to drink and then went to ERIC's room, #403 in the St. Francis Hotel. As they drank he told her on more than one occasion that he could become violent. She began to fear that he might possibly be a psychopath and decided against having relations with him. Under pretext, she left the St. Francis Hotel.

Subsequently, she again encountered ERIC at the Sultan Room at which time he asked for and she returned his \$20 bill.

She stated she has not seen this person since that time.

ANITA LOUISE KATZWINKEL, Apartment 9, 1727 North Garfield Place, Hollywood, California, was unable to identify photographs of ERIC STARVO GALT as anyone she knew. She also did not know CHARLES J. STEIN.

KATZWINKEL stated she has never made any obscene films although SUE HARRIS had told her that she had made a nude film with a female named LOU (Last Name Unknown).

GINGER DAY, also known to her as GINGER NANCE, like the news broadcasts concerning GALT, favored beer and vodka and would listen only to country and western music.

KATZWINKEL has no knowledge of the location of JAMES EARL RAY, known as ERIC STARVO GALT.

MARIE MARTIN, residing at the St. Francis Hotel, room 201, Los Angeles, California, listed her original name to be MYRIAL TOMASO, and she has also used the names MARIE DENNINO and MARIE MARTINELLO. She is a cocktail waitress at the Sultan Room in the St. Francis Hotel.

She first met a person who introduced himself as ERIC GALT on approximately December 4, 1967, in the Sultan Room. He had been drinking at the bar and carried on a conversation with her while she was waiting on other customers.

She obtained GALT's agreement to drive her cousin, RITA STEIN to New Orleans, Louisiana, to pick up RITA's two children and return them to Los Angeles. GALT agreed to make the trip if MARIE MARTIN and RITA STEIN and her brother, CHARLES STEIN, would register to vote and list the political party sponsoring former Governor GEORGE C. WALLACE as their political candidate.

The day after the group registered for the WALLACE political party, MARIE MARTIN, RITA STEIN and CHARLES STEIN were issued registration receipts. Subsequently, MARIE MARTIN went to her room and brought a box of clothing

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down to GALT's car which she had requested to be delivered to her mother, LORRAINE CALLAWAY, at New Orleans. At this point, RITA and CHARLES STEIN and GALT left.

About one week later, she again saw GALT at the St. Francis Hotel, and he gave her a \$20 bill after asking her if she were short of money. GALT told her he had visited some friends who lived in the Industrial Canal area of New Orleans near Chef Monteur Highway. GALT became a regular customer at the Sultan Room and on her recommendation, he moved into the St. Francis Hotel.

On February 14, 1968, GALT came to her room and they arranged to trade television sets. He took her portable set and gave her his set and a \$20 bill. He told her he was going south and agreed to drop off another package at her mother's house at New Orleans.

She said that GALT used Spanish phrases on occasion, though he told her he could not speak Spanish. He told her he had lived in Mexico for about six years and knew a girl in Guadalajara.

Referring back to her portable television set, she described it as a 21 inch General Electric set of plastic material with built in rabbit ear antennas and a handle on top.

The last time MARIE MARTIN saw GALT was on the day they traded television sets, February 14, 1968.

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RITA STEIN resides at 5666 Franklin Avenue, Los Angeles, California, and first met ERIC S. GALT in mid-December 1967 at the Sultan Room, St. Francis Hotel, Los Angeles, California. In conversation with GALT relative to her two children residing at her mother's home in New Orleans, Louisiana, she was able to determine that GALT would drive to New Orleans in his own car and return the children to Los Angeles. He agreed to take her brother, CHARLES STEIN, with him on the trip. Conditions for making this trip were that she, her brother and her cousin, MARIE MARTIN, all register with GEORGE WALLACE's party in California.

The following morning GALT drove the three of them to a location where they registered for the WALLACE party. Following this, they all returned to her residence, after which her brother left for New Orleans with GALT.

She next saw GALT when he returned with her two children approximately one week. He entered her house upon his return but stayed only a few moments and then departed. He returned again the next day to bring one of her children's toy blackboard which had been left in his car the previous day.

Following this, she saw GALT in the Sultan Room in mid-January 1968 and had no conversation with him. This was the last time she saw him.

A photograph of ERIC S. GALT obtained from the International School of Bartendering, Los Angeles, California, when displayed to RITA STEIN, reflected that this indeed was the ERIC S. GALT known to her.

JEROME WALLIS VERNON, known also as Jay Wallis Vernon, resides in Apartment B, 1246 Woodbury Court, Upland, California.

He operated the Home Service Laundry and Dry Cleaning Company, Los Angeles, from January 16 to March 23, 1968, and a man by the name of GALT was a regular customer at the laundry. He believes GALT came in each Saturday afternoon.

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He first saw GALT on Saturday, January 20, 1968, and last recalled seeing him on March 16, 1968. GALT would always leave a bundle of laundry consisting of underwear, T-shirts and dress shirts, and he would pick up the finished laundry the following Saturday. Photographs of the T-shirt and shorts recovered near the scene of the assassination were similar to the ones brought in by GALT, according to VERNON, but he could not be sure whether the two pieces belonged to him. The laundry markings on the underwear were identified by him as being similar to the mark used by his laundry.

GALT always paid for his laundry in cash, using \$10 and \$20 bills.

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GINGER LEE NANCE (nee CUNNINGHAM) resides 403 First Street, Dixon, Illinois. On the first Saturday or Sunday of May, 1967, she and ANITA KATZWINKEL left Dixon, Illinois, and proceeded to Los Angeles, California, where they established residence at the Palms Apartments on Sunset Boulevard, Hollywood.

After about three weeks, she and KATZWINKEL moved to 1535 Serrano and resided there for about a month and a half.

In June, 1967, she hitchhiked back to Dixon, Illinois, accompanied part of the way by her boy friend, JIM LEKHY. She cannot recall writing her name and address on any paper nor did she give any name and address on a paper to any of the people who gave her a ride in a car. She did enjoy several rides across country during her hitchhiking trip in Mustangs.

She stated that SUE HARRIS and ANITA KATZWINKEL were working as prostitutes in California, working out of SUE's apartment.

NANCE further advised the name ERIC S. GALT is unknown to her.

CHARLES J. STEIN resides at 5666 Franklin Avenue, Los Angeles, California, and first met ERIC S. GALT at the Sultan Room of the Saint Francis Hotel, Los Angeles, California, on December 24, 1967. His sister, RITA STEIN, was present along with his cousin, MARIE MARTIN, at the time of the meeting.

GALT offered to drive STEIN to New Orleans to pick up RITA's two children, and return them to Los Angeles.

The morning after the initial meeting, the three of them registered at GALT's request in the political party of GEORGE WALLACE.

STEIN and GALT traveled to New Orleans along the southern route through Yuma, Tucson and El Paso. While en route, GALT made several telephone calls, mostly while traveling through Texas and these calls were made from pay telephones.

GALT mentioned that he had recently returned from Mexico where he had formerly had a part ownership in a bar and that his former partner, a Mexican, had bought out his interest in the bar. This bar was located near a seaport or boats.

At New Orleans, GALT expressed the desire not to stay at STEIN's mother's residence, but to stay at a motel and he was directed to a motel in the 1000 block of Charter Street (determined to be the Provincial Motel), New Orleans. They had driven straight through from Los Angeles, arriving on December 17, 1967.

On the following day, he met GALT in the street near the residence of CLOVINA ALONZO, 1907 1/2 Royal Street, STEIN's mother, and GALT told him he had contacted the individuals he needed to contact and wanted to begin the trip back to Los Angeles. Subsequently, he telephoned STEIN and delayed the departure due to a storm blocking their present route.

They returned to Los Angeles on December 19, 1967, with RITA STEIN's two children. GALT paid for all expenses of food and gasoline in cash.

STEIN stated that a girl, with blond hair, about 5'2", by the name of JERI, according to information developed by he and LOUIS LOMAX, a Los Angeles newspaper man, had lived with GALT while GALT resided in Los Angeles. JERI is presently in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and had used several names in the past, one of which he believed to be DYRELL.

STEIN further stated that he learned, following his initial meeting with GALT, that GALT must have thought he was being set up for a robbery because MARIE MARTIN told STEIN that GALT had made the comment following STEIN's departure from the Sultan Room that "He would hate to have to kill someone."

When STEIN loaded his suitcase into the trunk of GALT's Mustang, he noticed GALT's blue suitcase there, as well as what appeared to be a Kodak camera box. This box was yellow and black in color, two and one-half feet long and a foot wide.

Driving through New Orleans, STEIN told GALT he was grateful to him for driving down to pick up the children of RITA STEIN, but GALT mentioned that he was not doing anyone a favor because he had business to conduct in New Orleans, himself, and he mentioned an Italian-sounding name, which he cannot recall, but is a well-known name in New Orleans and the street he mentioned gave STEIN a mental picture of the Chalmette-Industrial Canal area of New Orleans.

Near El Paso, Texas, GALT purchased a used tire for the Mustang at a tire store. Later in the evening of the same date, December 16, 1967, STEIN recalled that he awoke from a sleep and found they had stopped and GALT was making a lengthy telephone call from a public coin box telephone booth. He believes this call was made somewhere in the vicinity of Houston, Texas, and since it was dark, he could recall the light in the telephone booth shining down on GALT while he made the call.

Later in the day, after arriving at New Orleans and GALT's going to the Provincial Motel, STEIN went for a walk with his son through the French Quarter and over near the new Trade Mart Building on Canal Street. Later in the day, during the evening, GALT commented that he had seen STEIN and the two boys earlier that day near the Trade Mart Building while he was having a beer at a bar in the area. This was at the home of his sister, MARIE LEE, that the conversation with GALT took place.

On the evening of December 19, 1967, GALT, STEIN and RITA STEIN's two children departed New Orleans for Los Angeles. They drove straight through, arriving on December 21, 1967, in the morning.

After this trip, STEIN did observe GALT on a couple of occasions in the Sultan Room of the Hotel Saint Francis. On one of these occasions, GALT mentioned the fact that he had "just finished bartending school." Sometime after this, either RITA STEIN or MARIE MARTIN

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

GAWRON is on friendly terms with JERRY RAY and CAROL RAY PEPPER. All of RAY's family referred to him as "Uncle JACK," although he has no family relationship. The PEPPERs have two young sons, the youngest being named JIMMY, reportedly named for JAMES EARL RAY. The PEPPERs operate the Grapevine Tavern, and JOHN RAY is active in the operation of this tavern at St. Louis, Missouri.

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

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

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

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

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V. IDENTIFICATION RECORD AND DESCRIPTION

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

CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
Army	James Earl Ray #16 163 129	2/18/46		
Sheriff's Office Los Angeles, Calif.	James Earl Ray #B-119908	10/11/49	suspicion of burglary	
PD, Los Angeles Calif	James Earl Ray #139648	10/11/49	suspicion 459 Penal (burglary)	8 months County Jail suspended; 2 years probation served; first 90 days County Jail; 146 12/30/49 Cal29438
SO Cedar Rapids, Iowa	James E. Ray #S937	4/18/50	vagrancy	
PD Alton, Ill.	James Earl Ray #7514	7/23/51	no operator's license - no City License	released to pay later
PD Chicago Ill	James Ray #D90696	5/6/52	robbery (Gun)	Grand Jury \$3000
Cook County Jail Chicago Ill	James Ray #131165	5/9/52	robbery	6/13/52 sentenced to penitentiary 1 to 2 years
State Penitentiary, Joliet, Ill.	James E. Ray #32419	6/13/52	robbery	1 to 2 years

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

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

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

Name:	JAMES EARL RAY, aka
Sex:	Male
Race:	White
Date of Birth:	March 10, 1928
Place of Birth:	Alton, Illinois
Height:	5'10"
Weight:	163 - 174 pounds
Hair:	Brown
Eyes:	Blue
Social Security No.:	[REDACTED]
Army Serial Number:	[REDACTED]
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To: SAC, Memphis (44-1987)
From: Director, FBI (44-38861)
Subject: MURKIN
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OO: Memphis

Re San Diego Teletype 5/31/68 requesting comparison of the questioned "William A. Marshall" material with signatures and fingerprints of JAMES HAROLD VARNEN, FBI #1250317, and JACK WITTINGTON, FBI #316317C.

Because the available signatures of VARNEN and WITTINGTON are not comparable with the "Marshall" signatures on Q343 and Q344, it could not be determined whether either of these individuals prepared the "Marshall" signatures.

Latent results separate.

Laboratory report follows.

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From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

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Re Los Angeles airtel 5/29/68, submitting check dated 5/15/68, (Q362), Gulf Oil invoice #6000000, (Q363), and five lifts.

One latent fingerprint developed Q362; one latent fingerprint developed Q363; and one latent fingerprint of value on lift #1. Latent prints on other lifts no value.

Latent fingerprints not identical fingerprints James Earl Ray, FBI #4050420; James Harold Warren, FBI #4280617; or Jack Wethington. Wethington and Warren previously considered suspects this matter.

Lifts, check, and invoice enclosed to Los Angeles.

Laboratory report separate.

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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: June 6, 1968

Re: MURKIN
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FBI File No. 44-38861

Lab. No. D-680604048 JK

Request

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Request for comparison of handwriting and fingerprints appearing on questioned "Marshall" writings in this case with signatures and fingerprints of JACK WETHINGTON, FBI #616317C, and JAMES HAROLD WARREN, FBI #4250617

Result of examination:

Because the known signatures of JAMES HAROLD WARREN, FBI #4250617, and JACK WETHINGTON, FBI #616317C, are not sufficiently comparable with the questioned William A. Marshall signatures on Q343 and Q344, it could not be determined whether the "Marshall" signatures were prepared by either of those individuals.

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To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**

Date: **June 6, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN
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J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-680604048 JK**

Examination requested by: **San Diego**
Reference: **Teletype 5/31/68**
Examination requested: **Document - Fingerprint**
Remarks:

You will be advised separately regarding the results of the fingerprint comparisons.

This report confirms and supplements Bureau airtel dated 6/5/68.

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Re San Diego teletype of 5-31-68.

Two latent fingerprints previously reported on the deposit receipt dated 5-14-68, signed William A. Marshall, not identical fingerprints named suspects James Harold Warren, FBI #4250617, or Jack Wethington, FBI #616317C.

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FROM: SAN DIEGO (44-387)

MURKIN.

RE WILLIAM A. MARSHALL (CONSIDER ARMED AND DANGEROUS).

RE SAN DIEGO TEL TO BUREAU, MEMPHIS, AND LOS ANGELES
 JUNE FIVE LAST.

RICHARD TUPTS INTERVIEWED JUNE FIVE LAST AND ADVISED ON
 MAY TWO SIX LAST HE WAS PICKED UP BY AN INDIVIDUAL USING NAME
 WILLIAM DE LUCA DRIVING SIXTYSEVEN WHITE FORD GALAXIE BEARING
 NEVADA LICENSE PLATES AND IN GLOVE COMPARTMENT OF THIS CAR WAS
 A RENTAL CONTRACT REFLECTING THIS AUTOMOBILE RENTED TO WILLIAM
 DE LUCA.

DE LUCA CLAIMED HE WAS EMPLOYED AS TROUBLESHOOTER FOR
 INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER COMPANY. TUPTS SPENT NIGHT OF MAY
 TWO SIX LAST WITH DE LUCA AND LATER DETERMINED HIS TRUE IDENTITY
 AS HOWARD MASON BIRRELL, JR.

TELEPHONIC INQUIRY OF LAS VEGAS OFFICE INDICATES WILLIAM
 L. DE LUCA ON MAY SIXTEEN LAST USING CREDENTIALS WILLIAM L.

DE LUCA RENTED FROM NATIONAL CAR RENTAL, LAS VEGAS, A SIXTYSEVEN

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FORD GALAXIE FOUR DOOR HARDTOP BEARING SIXTYEIGHT NEVADA LICENSE PLATE CK ONE FOUR SEVEN SEVEN, VIN SEVEN J FIVE SIX H ONE ONE NINE FIVE SIX THREE, FOR A ONE DAY PERIOD AND HAS NOT RETURNED THIS AUTOMOBILE. NATIONAL CAR RENTAL COMPANY, LAS VEGAS, NEVADA, IS FILING CONVERSION CHARGES WITH LAS VEGAS POLICE DEPARTMENT.

INVESTIGATION SAN DIEGO DIVISION REFLECTS WILLIAM A. MARSHALL, WILLIAM L. DE LUCA IDENTICAL WITH HOWARD MASON BIRRELL, JR., FBI NUMBER NINE SEVEN ONE FOUR SIX NINE.

AUTHORIZED COMPLAINT CHARGING BIRRELL VIOLATION TITLE EIGHTEEN, SECTION TWO THREE ONE TWO, INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF SIXTYSEVEN FORD FROM LAS VEGAS, NEVADA, TO SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, AND COMPLAINT BEING FILED BEFORE U.S. COMMISSIONER, SAN DIEGO, JUNE SEVEN NEXT.

UACB NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION TO LOCATE MARSHALL UNDER MURKIN CAPTION AND MARSHALL WILL BE HANDLED UNDER DYER ACT INVESTIGATION, SAN DIEGO, SD TWENTYSIX DASH ONE NINE SIX THREE FOUR. UPON LOCATION MARSHALL, HE WILL BE INTERVIEWED CONCERNING ANY KNOWLEDGE JAMES EARL RAY AND PERTINENT INFO WILL BE FURNISHED UNDER MURKIN CAPTION.

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LOS ANGELES FURNISH SAN DIEGO RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION, HUNTINGTON BEACH, CALIFORNIA, BALBOA PARK, CALIFORNIA, AND COVINA, CALIFORNIA, REGARDING MARSHALL FOR INCLUSION IN DYER ACT REPORT.

LAS VEGAS INSURE CONVERSION REPORT FILED AT LAS VEGAS POLICE DEPARTMENT BY NATIONAL CAR RENTAL COMPANY AND SUBMIT RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION, LAS VEGAS, CALIFORNIA.

LOS ANGELES AND LAS VEGAS IS BELIEVED TO BE IN POSSESSION OF CURRENT PHOTOS BIRDELL AND SHOULD DISPLAY TO APPROPRIATE WITNESSES.

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TO: DIRECTOR AND SACS MEMPHIS, LOS ANGELES, LAS VEGAS AND SAN
DIEGO.

FROM: SAN FRANCISCO (173-65) 3-P

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WILLIAM A. MARSHALL (CONSIDER ARMED AND DANGEROUS) OO: MEMPHIS;
HOWARD MASON BIRRELL, JR., AKA WILLIAM A. MARSHALL, WILLIAM L. DE LUCA
FUGITIVE. ITSMV. OO: SD.

RE SAN DIEGO TEL TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, LOS ANGELES, LAS VEGAS
AND SAN FRANCISCO, JUNE SEVEN, INSTANT.

SUBJECT BIRRELL INTERVIEWED THIS DATE, SAN MATEO COUNTY JAIL,
WHERE HE IS INCARCERATED FOR CHARGE OF SEX PERVERSION, WHICH HAS BEEN
REDUCED TO CHILD MOLESTING, OUT OF MILLBRAE, CALIF.

SUBJECT, AFTER OBSERVING JAMES EARLY RAY'S PHOTO, STATED HE RECALLS
SERVING TIME WITH HIM AT THE FEDERAL PRISON AT LEVAVENWORTH SOME TIME
IN THE NINETEEN FIFTIES, BUT CANNOT RECALL EXACTLY WHAT PERIOD OF
TIME. HE STATED HE HAS HAD NO CONTACT WITH RAY SINCE THAT TIME AND
HAVE NO IDEA OF HIS PRESENT WHEREABOUTS, ASSOCIATES OR ANY WAY TO FIND
HIM.

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WITH REGARD TO BIRRELL'S RECENT ACTIVITIES SINCE HIS RELEASE FROM FEDERAL PRISON ON MAY TEN, LAST, HE STATED HE TRAVELED TO SAN DIEGO, CALIF. AND ADMITTED OBTAINING A LATE MODEL PLYMOUTH FROM THE PLYMOUTH DEALER IN CHULA VISTA NEAR BROADWAY AND THIRD STREETS CORN DR ABOUT MAY FOURTEEN, LAST, AND ABANDONING THAT CAR IN SAN BERNARDINO, CALIF. AFTER COLLIDING WITH A CAMPER, DROPPING IT OFF SOME PLACE IN A SUPERMARKET PARKING LOT, AND THEN TAKING A CAB TO THE GREYHOUND BUS DEPOT IN WEST COVINA, CALIF., THE CAB COSTING ABOUT THREE DOLLARS. HE STATED THIS SUPERMARKET PARKING LOT WAS SOMEWHERE OFF A FREEWAY.

HE STATED NO POLICE INVESTIGATION WAS CONDUCTED RE THIS ACCIDENT SINCE INDIVIDUAL OWNING CAMPER, AS WELL AS HIMSELF, DID NOT DESIRE SAME.

BIRRELL ADMITTED HAVING BURGLARIZED THE HOME OF WILLIAM L. DE LUCA. ADDRESS HE GAVE WAS EIGHT FOUR THREE TWO ALVARADO DRIVE, HUNTINGTON BEACH, CALIF., AND OBTAINING A WALLET WITH ID AND CREDIT CARDS AND DRIVERS LICENSE OF MRS. DE LUCA.

HE STATED HE TRAVELED BY GREYHOUND FROM WEST COVINA TO LAS VEGAS AND WITH THE USE OF ALTERED DRIVERS LICENSE OF MRS. DE LUCA AND HER CREDIT CARDS RENTED SIXTY SEVEN FORD GALAXIE, WHITE IN COLOR, WITH NEVADA LICENSE HE RECALLED AS OK ONE FOUR SEVEN SEVEN, FROM NATIONAL CAR RENTALS FOR ONE DAY, AND TRAVELED IN SAME TO SAN DIEGO WHERE HE ABANDONED IT IN THE PARKING LOT OF THE LAND TITLE CO.
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WHICH HE ESTIMATED WAS ONE BLOCK FROM THE GREYHOUND BUS DEPOT, PORBABLY ONE BLOCK EAST OF BROADWAY, AND ABANDONED ON OR ABOUT MAY THIRTY ONE, LAST.

HE STATED HE THEN OBTAINED SIXTY EIGHT DODGE FROM AVIS RENT-A-CAR AT SAN DIEGO AIRPORT WITH THE SAME CREDIT CARD FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE DAYS, AND DROVE SAME TO SAN FRANCISCO AREA WHEN HE WAS SUBSEQUENTLY APPREHENDED IN HILLBRAE, CALIF., ON JUNE FOUR, LAST.

HE INDICATED DESIRE TO PLEAD GUILTY UNDER RULE TWENTY RE ANY DYER ACT CHARGES BASED ON THE RENTAL OF THE SIXTY SEVEN FORD GALAXIE.

AS PER SAN DIEGO TEL CALL THIS DATE TO SF, A HOLD HAS BEEN PLACED ON SUBJECT EN ROUTE USM BASED UPON THE WARRENT BEING OBTAINED BY SAN DIEGO FOR VIOLATION DYER ACT.

SAN DIEGO IMMEDIATELY FORWARD APPROPRIATE PAPERS TO USM, SAN FRANCISCO.

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FROM: SANDIEGO (44-387)

MURKIN.

RE WILLIAM A. MARSHALL (CONSIDER ARMED AND DANGEROUS).

OO: MEMPHIS.

HOWARD MASON BIRRELL, JR., AKA. WILLIAM A. MARSHALL, WILLIAM
 L. DE LUCA - FUGITIVE, ITSMV, OO: SAN DIEGO.

RE TELEPHONE CALL FROM SA ARNOLD W. O'BRIEN, SAN DIEGO,
 TO SA EDWARD W. SAUER, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, JUNE SEVEN
 INSTANT.

REFERENCED TELEPHONE CALL SET FORTH COMPLETE BACKGROUND
 RE SUBJECT BIRRELL, PARTICULARLY THE BUREAU'S INTEREST IN MURKIN
 CASE UNDER CAPTION WILLIAM A. MARSHALL.

KEN NICHOLS, ASSISTANT PASTOR, FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD
 CHURCH, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, WITH WHOM BIRRELL IN CONTACT
 WITH ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS SINCE HIS RELEASE ON PAROLE FROM
 U.S. PENITENTIARY, LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS, MAY TEN LAST, ADVISED
 JUNE SEVEN INSTANT HE RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL FROM THE PASTOR,

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FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH, SAN BRUNO, CALIFORNIA, MAKING
INQUIRY RE BIRRELL AND STATED BIRRELL WAS INCARCERATED REDWOOD
CITY JAIL.

SAN FRANCISCO REQUESTED TO INTERVIEW BIRRELL CONCERNING THEFT
OF SIXTYSEVEN FORD GALAXIE WHICH HE RENTED NATIONAL AUTO RENTAL
COMPANY, LAS VEGAS, NEVADA, MAY SIXTEEN LAST, USING CREDENTIALS
AND NAME WILLIAM L. DE LUCA. ALSO ASCERTAIN PRESENT WHEREABOUTS
OF THIS VEHICLE.

WILL ALSO INTERVIEW BIRRELL TO DETERMINE ANY ASSOCIATION
BETWEEN HE AND SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY AT U.S. PENITENTIARY,
DRAVENWORTH, KANSAS, OR ANY OTHER ASSOCIATION THEY MIGHT HAVE HAD.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) (ATTN NCIC) & MEMPHIS (44-1987) LOS ANGELES
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RE: WILLIAM A. MARSHALL; HOWARD MASON BIRRELL, JR., AKA WILLIAM
A. MARSHALL, WILLIAM L. DE LUCA - FUGITIVE, ITSMV, OO: SAN DIEGO

RE SAN DIEGO TEL CALL TO SAN FRANCISCO THIS DATE.

SAN DIEGO ADVISED IN RE CALL THEY WERE IN RECEIPT OF INFORMATION
THAT SUBJECT INCARCERATED REDWOOD CITY JAIL, REDWOOD CITY, CALIFORNIA.

SUBJECT LOCATED REDWOOD CITY JAIL THIS DATE HAVING BEEN ARRESTED
JUNE FOUR, SIXTYEIGHT, BY MILLBRAE, CALIF., PD FOR SEX PERVISSION.
SUBJECT TO BE INTERVIEWED THIS DATE REGARDING ANY ASSOCIATION OR KNOW-
LEDGE OF JAMES EARL RAY AND WHEREABOUTS OF ONE NINE SIX SEVEN FORD,
VIN FIVE J FIVE SIX H ONE ONE NINE FIVE SIX THREE.

HOLD HAS BEEN PLACE FOR USM. SAN DIEGO IMMEDIATELY FORWARD
NECESSARY PAPERS FOR HANDLING.

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Parole office.*

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TO ALL SACS

FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861

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SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY APPREHENDED AT LONDON,
ENGLAND, JUNE EIGHT INSTANT. DISCONTINUE EFFORTS TO LOCATE
AND REMOVE ALL STOPS.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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Re San Diego teletype 6/5/68.

Five latent fingerprints previously reported on specimens Q344, Q362, Q363, and one lift reported in connection with the William A. Marshall investigation, are not identical with the fingerprints of Howard Mason Birrell, Jr., FBI #1971469.

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Further Flight Prevented by Scotland Yard

**Fugitive Carried
Loaded Pistol,
Canadian Papers**

WASHINGTON (AP) — James Earl Ray, chief suspect in the slaying of Martin Luther King Jr., has been arrested in London, Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark announced today.

Ray, object of an intensive manhunt for two months, was arrested by Scotland Yard detectives as he passed through British immigration offices for a flight to Brussels, Clark said.

Maximum Security

FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover said Ray is being held under maximum security conditions on a passport violation.

Hoover said Ray was armed with a fully loaded pistol when taken into custody at 11:15 a.m., London time, today.

He was traveling under the name of Ramon George Sneyd and had two Canadian passports in that name in his possession, Hoover said.

Toronto police had no trouble locating the real Sneyd. He is a 35-year-old metropolitan policeman (he spells his first name Raymond instead of Ramon as on the passport). He said he knew nothing about any passport application.

Search Extended Overseas

Hoover said the search for Ray, named in an FBI complaint as having entered into a conspiracy to shoot King, covered all 50 states, Canada, Mexico, Portugal, England and other countries.

King, 39 and a 1964 Nobel Peace Prize winner, was standing on the balcony of the Lorraine Motel April 4 in Memphis when the fatal shot was fired apparently from a

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cheap rooming house 265 feet away.

He died of a bullet wound of the neck less than an hour later.

Murder Charge Issued

A state first-degree murder charge was issued April 17, charging the man then known as Eric Starvo Galt, did "unlawfully, feloniously, willfully, deliberately, premeditatedly and with malice aforethought kill and murder King."

A federal warrant had already been issued charging him with conspiracy in King's death.

The FBI placed Ray, originally sought as Galt, on its most wanted list April 20, lengthening its usual 10-name roll of dishonor to 11.

Extradition to Britain

Ray, 40, a native of Illinois, is a fugitive from the Missouri State Penitentiary at Jefferson City, Mo. He had served seven years of a 20-year sentence when reported missing in April 1967.

A first-degree murder indictment was returned against Ray by a grand jury in Memphis last May 7 and necessary extradition proceedings will begin shortly.

The charges on which he is being detained in England in the use of fraudulent documentation—a passport—and for carrying a concealed weapon.

At Ottawa, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, checking thousands of passports in Canadian files, got on the trail of James Earl Ray and tipped off the FBI and Scotland Yard that he was heading for Britain, it was learned today.

Passport Files Checked

An RCMP spokesman said a routine check of Canadian passport files was begun as soon as the FBI started looking for Ray.

After going through about 400,000 passport pictures, the RCMP came across one that looked like Ray. In short order, the RCMP discovered that the name with the picture, Ramon George Sneyd, was fraudulent.

Arrived From Lisbon

He arrived in London this morning by jet airliner from Lisbon, Portugal, en route to Brussels. He was interviewed by immigration men at the airport.

He is being held for a hearing Monday at London's Bow Street court.

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2:55 PM URGENT 6/10/68 MHB

TO SAN DIEGO 26L6934

FROM LAS VEGAS 26-10249 P

WILLIAM A. MARSHALL ET AL FUGITIVE, ITSMV,00: SAN DIEGO.

RE SAN FRANCISCO TELETYPE TO THE DIRECTOR JUNE SEVEN LAST
CAPTIONED "MURKIN" WITH REFERENCE TO SUBJECT MARSHALL.

ENDEZZLEMENT REPORT FILED BY NATIONAL CAR RENTAL OF LAS
VEGAS CONCERNING INSTANT NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN FORD WITH CLARK
COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, LAS VEGAS, JUNE SIX LAST.

OWNER NOTIFIED OF RECOVERY AND LOCATION. FD THREE ZERO
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CANCELLATION - FEDERAL FUGITIVE
RE 6 FRS 4-22-68 APR PC 10 JAMES EARL RAY AKA APPREHENDED
LONDON, ENGLAND 6-8-68
DISCONTINUE EFFORTS TO LOCATE
CHARLES W BATES SFTC AGT IN CHG FBI SAN FRANCISCO SAC NP

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, SAN DIEGO (44-387)

DATE: 6-11-68

FROM : SPC ALLAN THOMAS JAEGER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

At 10:15 pm this date, MRS. CUNNINGHAM, 631 Orpheus, Encinitas, California, 753-2782, telephonically contacted this office and advised that she was quite certain that a person resembling the most recent photo of RAY had taken a flight from London, England to Frankfurt, Germany on May 24, 1968.

MRS. CUNNINGHAM stated that she was traveling at this time and that she was aboard British European Airways flight 606 - London to Frankfurt - on May 24, 1968 and that this individual was seated directly across from her. Mrs. CUNNINGHAM advised that the individual had very penetrating eyes, wore eye glasses, was well dressed, had no English accent, spoke little and was very quiet. There was an English lady seated next to this individual and she was very talkative. MRS. CUNNINGHAM stated that when this individual did speak he pointed out the Rhine River and also remarked on the quality of the food being very poor. MRS. CUNNINGHAM stated that this individual gave her the impression that he was a commuter. The individual told her that he was more familiar with the Lufthansa Airlines.

MRS. CUNNINGHAM was reporting this information to this office in case it was of any value in ascertaining RAY's whereabouts during the subsequent investigation following KING's assassination.

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MR. JOSEPH FORROR, ASSISTANT POSTMASTER, MAIN POST OFFICE,
 SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, ADVISED AS FOLLOWS JUNE ELEVEN INSTANT:

FOUND ON THE INCOMING MAIL BELT WAS A PIECE OF PAPER NOT
 IN AN ENVELOPE IN GREEN INK ADDRESSED TO POST OFFICE, ATTENTION
 POSTMASTER, WHICH READ AS FOLLOWS:

"IF THE FBI WANTS RAY'S BUDDY GO TO ONE TWO FOUR BROADWAY,
 METROPOLE HOTEL, NUMBER ONE ONE SEVEN. HE MAY BE UNDER THE
 NAME 'GEORE' LETSINGER OR GEORGE ANDERSON. HE KNOWS ABOUT
 KENNEDY AND ALSO KING'S DEATHS. HE MAY HAVE PART IN KING'S
 DEATH. I KNOW HE WAS IN TENNESSEE BEFORE AND AFTER KING WAS

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

ABOVE LETTER WAS UNSIGNED.

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

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

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