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TO: KANSAS CITY
FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN; OO:ME

RE MY TELEPHONE CALL TO KANSAS CITY, THIS DATE.

ON APR. EIGHTEEN, LAST, ONE JAMES RAY, ALL STATE INSURANCE CO., COLUMBIA, MO., REGISTERED AT CONGRESS AIRPORT INN, ST. LOUIS MO., PAYING CASH IN ADVANCE. RAY GAVE LICENSE NUMBER SE OR GE FOUR ZERO EIGHT SIX ONE FOR SIXTY SEVEN PLYMOUTH WHEN REGISTERING. WITNESSES STATED CAR WAS DARK GREEN, FOUR DOOR, SIXTY SEVEN PLYMOUTH WITH MO. LICENSE. ABOVE NUMBERS ARE NOT MO. ISSUE. RAY NOT SEEN AT MOTEL AFTER NOON, APR. NINETEEN, SIXTY EIGHT. WITNESSES AT MOTEL BELIEVE THIS PERSON IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT RAY. INQUIRY AT ALL STATE INSURANCE CO, ST. LOUIS, MO., NEGATIVE AND REFLECTS ALL STATE INSURANCE CO., COLUMBIA, MO., OPERATED BY INDEPENDENT AGENT AT SEARS ROEBUCK STORE.

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KANSAS CITY CHECK AT ALL STATE INSURANCE CO., COLUMBIA, MO.,
FOR IDENTITY OF JAMES RAY, WHO REGISTERED AT ABOVE MOTEL,
APR. EIGHTEEN, SIXTY EIGHT. P

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FBI MEMPHIS

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TO DIRECTOR, LOS ANGELES, KANSAS CITY, ST. LOUIS, BIRMINGHAM,
ATLANTA, NEW ORLEANS.
FROM MEMPHIS 44-1987 1 P

MURKIN.

Bureau will do

INCONNECTION WITH IDENTIFICATION JAMES EARL RAY AS SUBJECT
INSTANT MATTER, THE SOURCE OF HIS FUNDS BECOMES OF PARAMOUNT
INTEREST. PAST BACKGROUND OF RAY IS WELL KNOWN TO OFFICES
RECEIVING THIS TELETYPE. EACH OFFICE SHOULD REVIEW ITS UNSUB BANK
ROBBERY AND BANK BURGLARY MATTERS AND WHERE LATENTS WERE RECOVERED
SHOULD IDENTIFY THE CASE IN QUESTION AND REQUEST BUREAU SEARCH
THESE LATENTS AGAINST THE LATENTS RECOVERED IN MURKIN CASE.

*200D + City PD Done
+ neg. by*

POSSIBILITY ALSO EXISTS THAT RAY MAY HAVE BEEN INVOLVED
IN BURGLARY OR ROBBERY NOT WITHIN FBI JURISDICTION AND MAY BE MATTER
OF INTEREST TO LOCAL POLICE DEPARTMENTS. RECEIVING OFFICES SHOULD
CONTACT MAJOR LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES WITHIN THEIR DIVISIONS AND
DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT ANY ARMED ROBBERIES OR BURGLARIES
PERPETRATED IN WHICH LATENTS RECOVERED OR IN WHICH UNSUB MAY FIT
GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT RAY. A AND D. END.

JJR

FBI ST LOUIS

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TO DIRECTOR, CHICAGO, JACKSONVILLE AND MEMPHIS

FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN - CR DOBME

RE CG TELCALL THIS DATE RE QUESTING JERRY RAYNES, CENTER, MO.,
STEP-FATHER OF JAMES EARL RAY BE REINTERVIEWED TO DETERMINE MARRIAGE
DATA. JERRY RAYNES UPON INTERVIEW APRIL TWENTY INSTANT ADVISED THAT
HE MARRIED LUCILLE MAHER AT JACKSONVILLE, FLA., IN SPRING OF NINETEEN
TWENTY NINE, NINETEEN THIRTY OR THIRTY-ONE. HE WAS ABOUT THIRTY
YEARS OLD AND SHE TWENTY THREE YEARS OLD.

RAYNES STATES THAT HE WAS THE FATHER OF ALL OTHER CHILDREN AND
THAT JERRY RAY WAS BORN IN QUINCY, ILL., AS JERRY RAYNES.

JACKSONVILLE ENDEAVOR TO VERIFY MARRIAGE OF RAYNES AND MAHER.

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TO : ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES
 FROM : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)
 SUBJECT: MURKIN
 CIVIL RIGHTS
 (OO: ME)

Re Albany airtels 4/10/68 and 4/11/68, setting forth concerns who purchased Thermo-Seal marking machines, and Bureau teletype to Memphis, 4/12/68.

The FBI Laboratory advised that pillowcase and bed sheet were found in trunk of 1966 white Mustang registered to ERIC STARVO GALT, which was located at Atlanta 4/11/68. These items contain Thermo-Seal laundry tapes of approximately same size as tapes on items previously recovered, but are yellow in color and contain code, "20R-3." In opinion of Textile Marking Machine Company, Syracuse, New York, the tapes were produced by a different machine than previous tapes since the first three characters are 15 point type and the last two characters are 18 point type.

The Textile Marking Machine Company suggests the twenty in above code would be the lot number, the R may mean that this was a return of a batch of laundry, and the three is the bundle number.

LEADSALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES

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

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 2 - Memphis
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TO: SAC, ALBANY

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P

MURKIN

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

This investigation, predicated upon a specific request from the Attorney General of the United States, disclosed that the fatal shot had been fired from the bathroom of a cheap rooming house located at 422½ South Main Street, Memphis, which bathroom was located at the rear of the rooming house, and had a window overlooking the Lorraine Motel.

At about 3 p.m. on 4/4/68, an individual using the name JOHN WILLARD had rented Room 5-B in the rooming house at 422½ South Main Street and had paid one week's rent. After hearing the rifle shot at about 6 p.m. on that same day, other tenants in the rooming house observed a man presumably identical with WILLARD, fleeing from the rooming house carrying a large package which was subsequently abandoned by him on the sidewalk in front of the Canipe Amusement Co., 424 South Main Street, Memphis. A neighborhood investigation in the vicinity of 424 South Main Street disclosed that the subject had fled from the scene in a white Mustang.

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

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

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

A search of motel records in the Memphis area disclosed that an individual using the name ERIC S. GALT had spent the night of 4/3/68 at the Rebel Motel, Memphis, Tennessee, and was driving a 1966 white Mustang bearing Alabama License 1-38993. Investigation at Birmingham disclosed that this automobile had been purchased by ERIC S. GALT on August 30, 1968, from a private person in response to a newspaper ad. He paid a total of \$1995 cash. While in Birmingham he furnished the address of 2608 South Highland Avenue, Birmingham. This is also the address which appeared on a driver's license issued to him by the State of Alabama. The driver's license identifying data listed his birth date as [redacted], his height as 5'11", his weight as 170 and his eyes blue and hair brown.

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

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

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

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

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

done

ARMED & DANGEROUS.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC ST. LOUIS (44-775)

DATE: 4/20/68

FROM : SA HARRY C. JUNG

SUBJECT: MURKIN

At 7:21pm, 4/20/68 SA DOUGLAS ROSENBERGER telephonically advised that he and SA's BURTON, BIDEWELL, FISHER, MORELAND, AND BRADLEY were spending the night at the Tribble Motel, Hayti, Mo., Fleetwood 9-1124.

Investigation at Portageville and Warrenton, Mo., thus far has failed to indicate that DAILEY has ever owned, rented, leased or worked a farm in these communities. Investigation will continue until this matter is resolved.

At 10:30pm, 4/20/68 Supr. DICK DEILY, Investigative Division at the Bureau telephonically inquired as to the status of the investigation at Portageville. He was informed as above and assured that the Bureau would be immediately telephonically advised of any pertinent developments.

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FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN - CR 00:ME SUMMARY

RE SL PHONE CALLS TO BU AND BU CALLS TO SL APRIL TWENTY AND
TWENTY ONE AND SL TEL APRIL TWENTY ONE.

ON APRIL TWENTY, SGT. ED. SCHAFF, SLPD (CONFIDENTIAL) ADVISED
OF RECEIPT OF INFO FROM ATTORNEY HE DECLINED TO NAME, THAT JAMES
DAVID DAILEY, FBI NUMBER FOUR NINE NINE THREE ONE FIVE ZERO, HAD
HARBORED SUBJECT RAY BRIEFLY FOLLOWING MO. PEN ESCAPE, AND THAT IF
RAY NOW IN MO., HE WOULD PROBABLY BE ON FARM, OWNED BY DAILEY NEAR
PORTAGEVILLE, OR WARDELL MO. DAILEY NOW OPERATES RESTURANT
PORTAGEVILLE.

DAILEY INTERVIEWED APRIL TWENTY DENIED KNOWLEDGE OF OR CONTACT
WITH RAY.

SUBSEQUENT SPOT CHECKS OF DAILEYS RESTURANT AND RESIDENCE
NEGATIVE.

AVAILABLE RECORDS AND NEIGHBORHOOD FIFTEEN MILE RADIUS OF
WARDELL, MO., UNPRODUCTIVE AS TO LOCATION OF FARM.

CONTACT WITH ALL KNOWN DAILEY RELATIVES THAT AREA, ACQUAINTANCES
SOURCES AND LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES NEGATIVE AS TO FARM. 44-775-205

DAILEY REINTERVIEWED THIS DATE. COOPERATIVE.

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UNABLE TO IDENTIFY RAY AS ANY PERSON HE HAS EVER KNOWN OR SEEN. VOLUNTEERED ONLY ESCAPEE HE EVER HELPED WAS THOMAS B. CREWS, CHILDHOOD FRIEND WHOM HE GAVE ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS, AFTER TRYING TO CONVINCE HIM TO GIVE SELF UP. CREWS LATER APPREHENDED SL.

DAILEY SAID A SL BONDSMAN, HOMER TOWENSLEY, FORMER SL TAVERN OPERATOR WAS AWARE OF HIS HARBORING CREWS. HE STRONGLY SUSPECTS TOWENSLEY AS SLPD INFORMANT AND BELIEVES HIM SOURCE OF ALLEGATION RE HARBORING RAY, DUE TO BAD BLOOD BETWEEN THEM RESULTING FROM BROKEN TAVERN WINDOWS AND BEATING OF DAILEY BY ONE JUNIOR CONWAY SMALL TIME HOODLUM AT INSTIGATION OF TOWNELSY, WHICH CAUSED DAILEY TO LATER SHOOT CONWAY, CAUSING HIS PRESENT PARALYSIS.

DAILEY EMPHASIZED HE NEVER OWNED, RENTED, OPERATED, HAD ACCESS TO OR OTHERWISE UTILIZED ANY FARM. WAS UNABLE TO IMAGINE ANY SITUATION IN WHICH RAY WOULD CONTACT HIM, BUT STATED HE WOULD IMMEDIATELY CONTACT FBI IN EVENT OF ANY CONTACT BY OR RECEIPT OF INFO RE RAY.

SL CURRENTLY ATTEMPTING TO VERIFY DAILEY'S STORY.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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Special Agent in Charge

Mrs. HUGH I. KING
4632 PERSHING PLACE
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI 63108

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Dear Sirs,

Telet to Mr. Kent

This is probably of no importance
what so ever, but I feel I should
report it. It is in connection
with the hunt for the killer of
Martin Luther King.

on april 5th my husband
and I were driving to ST. Louis. we
were leaving Daplanisville Ky
when I saw out of the corner of

my eye a man in a white car
drive raised by up to the office of
a Holiday Inn. He had heavy black
hair and was in a great rush so much
so that I was noticable.

As we were driving along
the road to Madisonville he
passed us going very fast - He cut
in front of us for a time and
I noticed that he had a black
coat hanging on the back beside
him and wore a white shirt. I
took down his licence no. It was
a Tennessee Licence JH-6578-
When we crossed the Madisonville
cut off he had turned off and was headed

MRS. HUGH L. KING
4632 PERSHING PLACE
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI 63108

Toward Madisonville. This was
around 10 or 11 A.M.

I didn't report this sooner
as the account of the man's age
was late twenties and also that
he was probably in Mexico.

This man was older and
heavier so when I saw his picture
and read that he was now 40
and heavier and had longer
hair I decided that it could possibly

have been (him and if so (may be
this letter type would be better late
than never. So for what it is
worth am sending it. more than
likely it was just some poor
salesman. Everying home -

Sincerely

Mrs. L. L. King

H. L. King 4-0-32



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F. B. I.
Dept. of Justice
1520 Market St.
St. Louis Mo.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, ST. LOUIS (44-775)

FROM : SA SPURGEON J. PETERSON

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/22/68

St. Louis Lead:

On 4/22/68, BOB CRABILL, employee, McDonnell Douglas Corp., telephonically advised that he and his sister, Mrs. MARY ROBBINS, 1680 Crowder, Florissant, Missouri, went to school with Subject RAY. Mrs. ROBBINS has considerable background information on subject and his family during his early years. CRABILL recalls that at this time the family was living at Ewing, Missouri, which is about 18 miles west of Quincy, Illinois. He believes that the family later moved to Hannibal, Missouri and that subject obtained employment at the shoe factory there. It is suggested that Mrs. ROBBINS be interviewed for any information she can furnish on family history of subject and his relatives.

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FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775) 2P

MURKIN

RE SPRINGFIELD TEL TO DIRECTOR, APRIL TWENTY, LAST,
SETTING FORTH INTERVIEW WITH RAY'S SISTER, MELBA MARIE RYAN
IN WHICH SHE SPECULATED RAY MIGHT RETURN TO GERMANY AS HE
ENJOYED MILITARY DUTY THERE AND HAD A GIRL FRIEND.

IT WAS REQUESTED THAT HIS SERVICE RECORD BE REVIEWED
FOR GERMAN DUTY STATIONS, AND THAT LEAD ^{BE} SET FORTH FOR
LEGATE, BONN, TO RECONSTRUCT BACKGROUND OVERSEAS AND
IDENTIFY GIRL FRIEND.

REVIEW OF MILITARY RECORD DISCLOSES HE WAS AT FIFTYTHIRD
QM BASE DEPOT, APO ONE TWO FOUR, NURENBERG, GERMANY, ONE DAY
AUG. TWELVE, FORTYSIX; SIX TWENTYSIXTH QM REFRIGERATION
COMPANY (M), APO ONE SIX TWO, NURENBERG, AUG. TO DEC

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**FORTYSIX; COMPANIES C AND B, THREE EIGHTYSECOND MP BATTALION,
A
APO SIX NINE, BREMERHAVEN, DEC., FORTYSIX, TO APRIL, FORTYEIGHT,
WHICH INCLUDED TEMPORARY ASSIGNMENT AT MP SCHOOL, APO SEVEN
FIVE ONE, BREMEN, FEB., TO MAR., FORTYSEVEN; COMPANY B,
SEVEN EIGHT NINETYSECOND INFANTRY REGIMENT, APO SEVEN FIVE
SEVEN, FRANKFORT, APRIL TO JUNE, FORTYEIGHT; COMPANY B,
SIXTEENTH INFANTRY, APO SEVEN FIVE SEVEN AND SIX NINE SIX
(FIRTH), JUNE TO DEC., FORTYEIGHT; AND SEVEN SEVEN FORTENINTH
STAGING AREA, APO SIX NINE, BREMERHAVEN, DEC., FORTYEIGHT.**

**LHM AND COVER AIRTEL BEING SUBMITTED TO BUREAU THIS
DATE REQUESTING RECONSTRUCTION OF BACKGROUND OVERSEAS AND
ATTEMPTED IDENTIFICATION OF ~~SON~~ FRIEND.**

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TO: DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, CLEVELAND, INDIANAPOLIS, LOS ANGELES

FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN; CR; OO:ME

RE CINCINNATI TEL TO DIRECTOR, APR. NINETEEN LAST, AND ST. LOUIS TELEPHONE CALLS TO INDIANAPOLIS AND LOS ANGELES APR. NINETEEN LAST.

SAS ~~REDACTED~~

~~REDACTED~~ DISPATCHED APR. NINETEEN LAST, GREYHOUND BUS DEPOT, ST. LOUIS, MO., FOR CHECK OF PASSENGERS ABOARD BUS FOUR FOUR SEVEN TWO, ARRIVING FROM COLUMBUS, OHIO, TWO TWENTY P.M. NO PERSON IDENTIFIABLE AS INDIVIDUAL DESCRIBED RE TEL OBSERVED DEPARTING BUS. EMPTY BUS SEARCHED FOR PERSONS REMAINING ON VEHICLE, WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. BUS TERMINAL CHECKED BEFORE AND AFTER DEPARTURE OF VEHICLE FOR LOS ANGELES WITHOUT SUCCESS.

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DRS:jmb

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ONLY MALE PERSON ON BUS REMOTELY SUGGESTING SUBJECT'S APPEARANCE IDENTIFIED AS CHARLES WARREN HALE, DATE OF BIRTH [REDACTED], ANSON, TEXAS, EN ROUTE FROM HOLYOKE, MASS., TO A VETERANS HOSPITAL NEAR ABILENE, TEXAS. HALE DEFINITELY NOT IDENTICAL TO SUBJECT.

DRIVER WAYNE LESTER WILLIAMS, GREYHOUND BUS LINES, EIGHT ZERO ONE N. BROADWAY, RESIDENCE FOUR FIVE ZERO EIGHT NORTH-EASTERN AVE., WANAMAKER, INDIANA, ADVISED APR. NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT, HE DROVE NUMBER FOUR FOUR SEVEN TWO FROM INDIANAPOLIS TO ST. LOUIS ARRIVING TWO TWENTY P.M., APR. NINETEEN LAST. STATED HE HAD TWELVE PASSENGERS FROM INDIANAPOLIS TO ST. LOUIS, SEVERAL OF WHOM WERE NEGROES AND FEMALES, BUT DOES NOT KNOW DESTINATION OF ANY PASSENGER, NOR WOULD HE HAVE CHECKED TICKETS. WILLIAMS VIEWED PHOTO OF SUBJECT, STATED NO ONE OF DESCRIPTION AMONG PASSENGERS. HE DID RECALL ONE INDIVIDUAL WHO SAT RIGHT FRONT SEAT, THIRTY YEARS OF AGE, FIVE FEET, EIGHT TO NINE INCHES, ONE FIVE ZERO LBS., INTOXICATED, AND EN ROUTE MASS. TO TEXAS. HE COULD RECALL NO OTHER PERSON MEETING THE DESCRIPTION IN QUESTION, AND DID NOT BELIEVE THIS PERSON WAS IDENTICAL.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, ST. LOUIS (44-755)

DATE: 4/10/68

FROM : SA WILLIAM R. DUNCAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CIVIL RIGHTS
OO: ME

Re laundry checks, Mexico Resident Agency.

On 4/9/68, Mr. E. WARNER WILLIAMS, President, Crown Laundry and Dry Cleaning, Mexico, Mo., advised that his company uses a thermoseal marking machine. He stated that the laundry marks are made in indelible ink directly on to the garment and they utilize the first letters of the name in order that they can be associated with a name. He stated that they do not use any numbers at all and they are put directly on the garment.

Mr. WILLIAMS advised that the laundry number 02B6 as he understands the laundry marking system would have to do a lot number. He stated that 02 would indicate that it is probably the second lot started during a particular week and B6 would either indicate B for the initial of the customer or bundle 6 of lot 2. He went on to state that during a 40 hour week there would be 40 lot numbers starting with 01 through 40 or 40 lots and a number of bundles for each lot would be identified by a letter on a laundry ticket. He said it would virtually impossible to determine who had such a laundry number as each week the same number would be given again.

The above is being set forth for information only inasmuch as it is not used by the Crown Laundry.

Mr. WILLIAMS advised that the only laundries that would possibly use the thermoseal marking machine in this area would be the laundries in St. Louis, the laundry at Columbia, Mo., possibly the laundry at Moberly, Mo., and one at Hannibal.

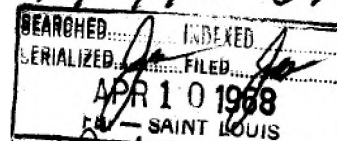
On 4/9/68, Mr. JIM HOLMAN, SR., owner of the Puritan Laundry, 224 N. William St., Moberly, Mo., advised that his company does not use the thermoseal marking machine and is not familiar with their type of marking.

WRD:jmb

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, (44-775)

DATE: 4/10/68

FROM : SA ROSENBERGER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On indicated dates, the following laundries and dry cleaners were telephonically contacted with negative results, concerning the use of laundry tags manufactured by Textile Marking Machine Co.

In view of the negative results, the name of the persons contacted is not being recorded;

4/9/68 CHARLESTON, MO.
Budget Laundry
Fashion Cleaners
Youngs Cleaners

4/10/68 CAPE GIRARDEAU, MO.
Budget Laundry
Courtsey Cleaners
Rigdon's Cleaners

PERRYVILLE, MO.
Perryville Cleaners

SIKESTON, MO.
Sikeston Laundry
One Hour Cleaners

NEW MADRID, MO.
Superior Cleaners

STE. GENEVIEVE, MO.
Nu-Way Cleaners

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FARMINGTON, MO.
Mid-States Laundry

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, ST. LOUIS (44-775)
ATTN: SA HAROLD R. DOBSON

FROM : SA WILLIAM R. BURTON

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
OO:ME

DATE: 4/11/68

ReButel to all continental offices, 4/9/68.

Laundry and dry cleaning establishments in the below listed towns were telephonically contacted to determine if any of them used a red cloth laundry tag placed on the laundry by a thermal sealed marking machine produced by the Textile Marking Machine Co., of Syracuse, N.Y.:

These contacts were all negative.

Poplar Bluff, Mo.
Dexter, Mo.
Malden, Mo.
Kennett, Mo.
Caruthersville, Mo.
Piedmont, Mo.

Poplar Bluff was the largest city in which contacts were made and inquiries there disclosed that this type of system would be used by a relatively large operation, therefore, cleaning establishments in extremely small communities were not contacted.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

IDENTIFICATION

DATE OF BIRTH

DATE OF DEATH

DATE OF INTERVIEW

NAME OF INTERVIEWER

NAME OF WITNESS



By COAR
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ASSISTED

By ORUELL
CHESTER

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ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

STATE _____

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RELATIONSHIP
TO _____

FROM _____

Name _____

Number _____

(See reverse side for regulations)

DEAR Sir's. Here is a picture of the composite that was printed in the Globe Democrat the 6th of April which we have improved upon. And we hope that our humble effort will be used in the possible apprehension of Mr King's ASSASSIN.

The men that drew the enclosed picture are confined in the St. Louis county jail.

James Hendley
Warden

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, St. Louis

DATE: April 12, 1968

✓ FROM : Director, FBI (44-38861)

✓ SUBJECT: MURKIN

Enclosed herewith for the information of the St. Louis Office is a letter from two prisoners at the St. Louis County Jail which was forwarded to the Bureau by Warden James Hendley. Also enclosed is a Xerox copy of a sketch of the suspected slayer of Dr. Martin Luther King, which was prepared by the writers of the letter, Oscar Wheeler and Orvell Chester.

During the normal course of business, Warden Hendley and inmates Wheeler and Chester should be contacted and receipt of their letters orally acknowledged. Based on a search of the exact name of Wheeler and Chester which appear on the sketch, they could not be identified in Bureau files.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Welton

DATE: 4/17/68

FROM : SPC, John Haubrich

SUBJECT: MURKIN (44-775)

This date the office was contacted by the Kansas City office who advised that 4 or 5 of their agents were checking out drivers licenses and came across a James Eugene Gault having the birth date of [] which is the same dob of Eric Starvo Galt. His fathers name is James H. Gault who was 24 years old at the time of James Eugene Gault's birth and his mothers name is Ida D. Gault nee Finn who was 19 at time of birth. Father was born in St. Clair, Mo. occupation laborer. Mother born in LeComa, Mo. *Delivered by D & L Cloud Route #2 High Ridge, Mo.*

Address of James Eugene Gault was listed as RFD 2, Box 157A. High Ridge, Mo. Was listed as working for G. L. Tarlton, General Contractor Co., 5500 W. Park, SLMO.

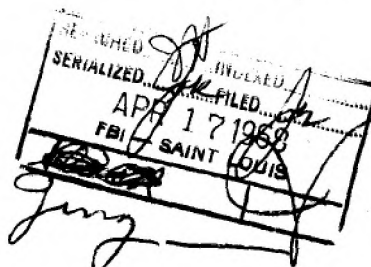
ASAC in Kansas City requested that we check on the address given for James Eugene Gault and Check to see if he is employed by the above given employer. He also stated that the finger prints of James Eugene Gault did not match those on the gun but they did not have the palm prints which may be ident. We should also try to verify his whereabouts on the day King was assassinated. Try to eliminate him as suspect. Parents home address is 4397 Gibson, SLMO.

1-25-67 drivers license gave former residence of 378 Kathryn Lane, Arnold, Mo. Desc 6'2" 175 lb Brown Brown.

Determine from employer whereabouts Mar 28 to Apr 4 - 68 inc, HRA

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : FILE (44-775)
(ATTN: SUPR. WELTON)

DATE: 4/18/68

FROM : SAC GEARTY

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Supervisor JOHN O'BEIRNE telephoned from the Bureau at 4:35 p.m. today and furnished the following information.

CLARA PRINGLE NEEL, 128 South Main Street, Henderson, Kentucky, telephoned the Bureau today. She stated that on April 10, 1968, she was delayed between planes at St. Louis Airport. Between the hours of 2:00 and 3:00 p.m., she noticed a white-uniformed male who apparently was an employee of Eastern Airlines and he was engaged in putting food into Eastern Airlines planes, obviously an employee of EAL or one of the concessions. She noticed particularly that he answered the general height and weight qualifications of ERIC GALT but noticed specifically that he had an out-turned ear similar to the photograph released to the press yesterday.

Bureau requests that we rationalize this situation and thereafter advise the Bureau by airtel of the results.

Reference Bureau phone call to St. Louis 4/18/68.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTN: MOVEMENT UNIT

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS

MURKIN

The following personnel who have been on special assignment in the Memphis Division in connection with captioned matter returned to their respective offices of assignment on the dates indicated:

WILLIAM J. BILLEAUD, Springfield, 4/20/68
O. JAMES HOLBROOK, Louisville 4/20/68
CHARLES L. LUTES, Louisville, 4/20/68
JAMES J. STANTON, Louisville, 4/20/68
BETTYE B. STARK, Louisville, 4/20/68
THOMAS L. BUCKLEY, St. Louis, 4/20/68
SHIELDS W. SMITH, Cincinnati, 4/20/68
EDWARD M. QUINN, Cincinnati, 4/20/68
JEAN M. SAHND, Cincinnati, 4/20/68
RUBY ARLENE JONES, Little Rock, 4/21/68
LEONE J. FLOSI, Kansas City, 4/22/68
M. BARRY CARMODY, Kansas City, 4/22/68
FRANK J. HABERSHAW, Springfield, 4/22/68

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1 LITTLE ROCK
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TO MEMPHIS SPRINGFIELD AND ST. LOUIS
FROM DIRECTOR 2P

MURKIN

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RAY RATLIFF, U.S. CAPITAL POLICE, WASHINGTON, D. C.,
CONTACTED THE BUREAU ON APRIL TWENTYFOUR, INSTANT, TO
ADVISE HE BELIEVES HE IS DISTANTLY RELATED TO SUBJECT JAMES
EARL RAY. RATLIFF STATED THAT HE HAD DISTANT COUSINS
RESIDING IN THE ELSBERRY, MISSOURI, AREA WITH WHOM HE IS NOT
PERSONALLY ACQUAINTED BUT WHOSE REPUTATION IS VERY POOR
HE UNDERSTANDS. RATLIFF BELIEVED THEY WERE THE TYPE OF
PEOPLE WHO WOULD HARBOR SUBJECT RAY IF HE CONTACTED THEM.
RATLIFF ADVISED HIS BROTHER SAM RATLIFF WOULD KNOW THE
IDENTITY AND LOCATION OF THESE DISTANT COUSINS. SAM RATLIFF
RECENTLY PURCHASED THE FARM OF HIS GREAT UNCLE, JOHN RAY,
RECENTLY DECEASED, AT ELSBERRY, AND RAY RATLIFF FELT THAT
IT WOULD BE NO PROBLEM TO LOCATE SAM RATLIFF AT ELSBERRY.
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RATLIFF FURTHER ADVISED THAT HE HAS TWO UNCLES, JAMES ORLAN RAY, AT EAST ALTON, ILLINOIS, AND JOHN RAY, WHO WORKS FOR THE ALTON BOX BOARD COMPANY, ALTON, ILLINOIS. RATLIFF STATED HIS UNCLES ARE REPUTABLE PEOPLE AND HE WOULD HAVE NO REASON TO BELIEVE THAT THEY WOULD AID THE SUBJECT IF HE IS KNOWN TO THEM. JOHN RAY IS SEPARATED FROM HIS WIFE, MARGARET RAY, AND SHE CURRENTLY RESIDES AT BUNKER HILL, ILL.

THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS BEING FURNISHED THE SPRINGFIELD AND ST. LOUIS OFFICES FOR THEIR AID IN LOCATING POSSIBLE RELATIVES OF SUBJECT. RATLIFF REQUESTED HIS IDENTITY NOT BE DIVULGED TO HIS RELATIVES.

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FBI ST LOUIS

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, ST. LOUIS (44-775)

DATE: 4/24/68

FROM : SA HAROLD R. DOBSON

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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On the evening of 4/23/68, Mr. WILLIAM C. MASON, who is employed at the Bremen Post Office, 3400 North Ninth St., SLMO, telephonically advised that an individual named GEORGE RAY with wife MATTIE, giving an address of 2909 Park, SLMO, had rented a Post Office box at the Bremen Station during the last two quarters of 1967 but has not continued the box after the end of 1967. He was of the opinion that this individual might be a relative of or associated with the subject in this case and stated that handwriting specimens, etc., would be available.

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ST. LOUIS:

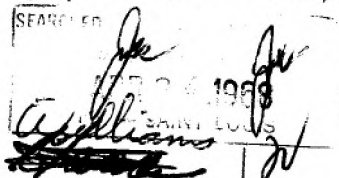
AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI:

Interview WILLIAM C. MASON at the Bremen Post Office, 3400 North Ninth, SLMO.

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417 PM URGENT 4/24/68 PHM
TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, ST. LOUIS
FROM KANSAS CITY 44-760 1P

MURKIN

RE KANSAS CITY TEL TO BUREAU, MEMPHIS AND ST. LOUIS,
APRIL TWENTYTHREE LAST.

COMPLETE INFO OBTAINED FROM MO. STATE PENITENTIARY REFLECT
THAT WALTER E. NOLAN, MSP NO. FIVE SIX TWO NINE EIGHT, SERVED
INTERMITTENTLY FROM FORTYTWO UNTIL SEPT. TWENTYSECOND SIXTYSEVEN
WHEN HE WAS RELEASED ON A WRIT. SISTER LISTED AS NELLIE TURLEY,
FIVE ZERO FOUR A ELM; UNCLE SAMUEL KRAMER, ONE SEVEN FOUR TWO
CRYSTAL; FRIEND L. G. TRITSCHLER, ONE SEVEN FOUR TWO CRYSTAL, ALL
ST. LOUIS, MO., AND LOUIS AND CYNTHIA TRITSCHLER, BOGOTA,
COLUMBIA. INMATES ADVISED NOLAN ASSOCIATE OF SUBJECT AT
PENITENTIARY AND RACIAL EXTREMIST.

ST. LOUIS SHOULD LOCATE AND INTERVIEW HIM RE SUBJECT.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, ST. LOUIS (44-775)

FROM : SA SPURGEON J. PETERSON

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/24/68

AT ST. LOUIS, MO.

On 4/20/68, SA SPURGEON J. PETERSON requested Mr. NICK KLOTZ, Security Office, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, St. Louis, Mo., to obtain toll call information on telephone number T05-0449 of J. D. DAILEY, 2708 St. Vincent St., St. Louis. These toll tickets to cover the period from 10/67 to date. Toll tickets are not available for a longer period. KLOTZ will try to get current information at once and the older ones as soon as he can get them. requested from retired records.

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TO: SAC, ST. LOUIS (44-775)
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P
MURKIN

Re St. Louis Airtel 4/17/68 re use of subheadings.

The Memphis Office feels it would be advantageous to submit a blanket insert regarding any one project as set forth in Paragraph #2 of your Airtel of 4/17. On this basis, we would know specifically which barge lines had been checked and by whom if this information necessary at some future date.

With regard to the number of copies of inserts to be forwarded, it is requested that St. Louis submit 20 copies of such inserts.

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RE:

MURKIN

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

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

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

Remarks:

Enclosed are copies of 1960 photograph of subject James Earl Ray.

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AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) P
MURKIN

Re Kansas City telephone call to Supervisor CLEMENT L. MC GOWAN from ASAC MASON G. WORKING about 6:00 PM, April 17, 1968; and telephone call to St. Louis Night Clerk by ASAC WORKING, Kansas City, Mo., about 6:30 PM, April 17, 1968.

RE: JAMES EUGENE GAULT,
BORN JULY 20, 1931, AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

An examination of Vital Statistics records for the State of Missouri at Jefferson City, Missouri, on April 17, 1968, by IC WILLIAM C. MC DONALD located the following birth record for JAMES EUGENE GAULT, born on [redacted] at St. Louis, Missouri, certificate number 31142 (filed on July 21, 1931):

Father was JAMES H. GAULT, Age 24, born St. Clair, Missouri, a laborer in the building trade for four years. Mother was shown as IDA D. FIEN (maiden name), Age 19, born in Lecom, Missouri, who had been a housewife for one year. Mother's address was shown as 4397 Gibson, St. Louis, Mo. Doctor delivering the child was shown as Dr. L. B. COUCH (First letter of name not clearly legible, but approximates the letter "C"), address Dorcy (Estimate of illegible writing) and W. Price, St. Louis, Missouri.

Current Missouri driver's license number
G017 6099 9622 7481 issued January 25, 1967, was issued to

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JAMES EUGENE GAULT, RFD 2, Box 517A, High Ridge, Missouri. His prior address was shown as 378 Kathryn Lane, Arnold, Missouri. He was described as follows: 36, born [redacted], St. Louis, Missouri, male, white, 6'2", 175 lbs., brown hair, brown eyes, occupation - carpenter, employer - G. L. Tarlton General Construction Co., 5500 West Park Street, Saint Louis, Mo.

Driver's license for JAMES H. GAULT that expired in May, 1965, which may have been issued for JAMES EUGENE GAULT's father, shows a residence of Jainesville (probably Gainesville since Jainesville not listed in Postal Guide).

No driver's license was issued to IDA F. GAULT or for her maiden name IDA D. FINN.

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ST. LOUIS

AT HIGH RIDGE, MISSOURI

Determine if JAMES EUGENE GAULT is identical with ERIC STARVO GALT. Even though JAMES EUGENE GAULT is eliminated as being identical with ERIC STARVO GALT, and as a suspect in this case, interview JAMES EUGENE GAULT, exhibiting photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT to determine if he has any pertinent information of value, particularly as to any acquaintances by any name resembling photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT, who may have assumed his birth date of [redacted].

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
 FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (P)
 SUBJECT: MURKIN
 CR
 (OO: MEMPHIS)

For the information of receiving offices, Subject JAMES EARL RAY, Aka. was last known to be in the Atlanta, Georgia, area on 4/5/68. Intensive investigation by the Atlanta Office to date has not established mode of transportation utilized by RAY after 4/5/68 through checks with transportation companies, car rental agencies, etc.

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AT 44-2386

All receiving offices are requested to check car recoveries within their respective divisions of cars stolen from the State of Georgia subsequent to 4/4/68, and consider same to have been possible mode of transportation for Subject RAY. The same consideration should be given to any cars recovered in the near future that were stolen from the State of Georgia after 4/4/68. In those instances where cars were stolen from Georgia and where the transporter of same cannot otherwise be accounted for, investigation should be conducted to determine if RAY was person who may have stolen and transported same.

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Date: 4-22-68

Transmit the following in PLAINTEXT
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(Priority)TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, KANSAS CITY AND SPRINGFIELD
FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN CR OO:ME SUMMARY

JOHN LARRY RAY, BROTHER OF SUBJECT, LOCATED OPERATING GRAPVINE TAVERN, ALLEGEDLY OWNED BY CAROL PEPPER, ONE NINE EIGHT TWO ARSENAL, RESIDING ONE NINE ZERO ZERO A CHEROKEE, SLMO. HE WAS UNABLE TO FURNISH ADDITIONAL INFO RE FAMILY, EXCEPT UNCLE WM MAHER, ONE ONE ONE EIGHT EAST SEVENTH, ALTON, ILL. KNEW OF JERRY RAYNES, CENTER, MO., BUT REFUSED TO ACKNOWLEDGE HIM AS FATHER. CLAIMED HAD SEEN SUBJECT TWICE IN TWENTY YEARS, ONCE WHEN SUBJECT GOT OUT OF ARMY AT QUINCY, ILL., AND THREE YEARS AGO AT MO PEN. EXPRESSED WONDER SUBJECT BEING HAUNTED AS ALL HE HAD DONE WAS KILL A QUOTE NIGGER UNQUOTE AND THAT THERE WOULD HAVE BEEN NO INTEREST IF KING HAD BEEN WHITE. STATED SUBJECT WOULD HAVE NO REASON TO CONTACT HIM, AND WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO LOCATE HIM ANYWAY.

MRS ROSEMARY SHIRLEY LOCATED. COOPERATIVE. FORMER NEIGHBOR OF CAROL PEPPER, NOT RELATED. DOES NOT KNOW SUBJECT. FURNISHED LOCATION OF JOHN LARRY RAY ABOVE.

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RE-DONE NEIGHBORHOOD NINETEEN THIRTEEN HICKORY, WHERE SUBJECTS MOTHER LIVED AT DEATH, (JAN TWENTY FIVE SIXTYONE, VERIFIED) UNPRODUCTIVE.

CAROL AND ALBERT PEPPER DECLINED FURTHER INTERVIEW.

EWING, MO. SCHOOL RECORD SHOWS JIMMY RAYNS BORN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] FATHER JERRY RAYNS, ENTERED FIRST GRAD SEPT THIRTY FIVE, ATTENDED TO END EIGHTH GRADE MAY FORTY THREE. NO RECORD OF TRANSCRIPT FURNISHED ANY HIGH SCHOOL. HOUSE NO LONGER EXISTS. FAMILY MOVED TO QUINCY, ILL. SOME TIME PRIOR TO FIFTY TWO FOLLOWING DESERTION BY JERRY RAYNES.

INTERNATIONAL SHOE CO., SLMO HAS MICROFILM RECORD EMPLOYMENT JAMES EARL RAY AT WOODRIVE, ILL., PLANT, MAY TWENTY FORTY-FOUR TO LAYOFF DEC TEN FORTY FIVE FROM WHICH HE DID NOT RETURN. NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AVAILABLE.

ARMY RECORD FOR SUBJECT REVIEWED FOR LOCATION OF ASSIGNMENTS IN GERMANY AND LEADS SET FOR LEGAT BONN, IN VIEW OF SPECULATION OF SISTER, MELBA, HE MIGHT GO THERE. FOLLOWING RESIDENCE FOR SUBJECT NOTED IN RECORD: FIVE THREE EIGHT BROADWAY, ALTON, ILL. AT ENTER, FEB FORTY SIX. TWO ONE FIVE AND ONEHALF OAK, QUINCY, ILL., AT DISCHARGE, DEC. FORTY EIGHT, ALSO JULY FIFTY; TWO ONE FOUR SPRING, QUINCY, JULY FIFTY TWO. CLAIMED ONE YEAR HIGH SCHOOL, NO DATE AND PLACE GIVEN, AND EMPLOYMENT INTERNATIONAL SHOE, HARTFORD, ILL., FORTY FOUR DASH FORTY FIVE.

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FURTHER ATTEMPTS TO LOCATE FARM ALLEGEDLY OWNED BY JAMES DAILEY DAILEY IN MO. BOOTHEEL NEGATIVE. SLPD RECORDS CONFIRM DAILEY STORY OF BROKEN TAVERN WINDOWS, BEATING OF DAILEY BY JUNIOR RAY CONWAY, SUBSEQUENT SHOOTING OF CONWAY BY DAILEY, AND ESCAPE AND APPREHENDSION OF THOMAS BEECHUM CREWS, SLPD NUMBER AR THREE DASH TWO ZERO FOUR SEVEN, WHOM DAILEY ADMITTED HAVING HARBORED.

IF NOT ALREADY DONE SPRINGFIELD CHECK RESIDENCES AND UNCLE ABOVE. *armed and dangerous*

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St. Louis, Missouri

April 22, 1968

JAMES EARL RAY,
Also Known As
Eric Starvo Galt,
W. C. Herron,
Harvey Lowmyer,
James McBride,
James O'Conner,
James Walton
James Walyon,
John Willard
"Jim"

A Federal warrant was issued April 17, 1968, at Birmingham, Alabama, charging the above individual with conspiring to interfere with a constitutional right of a citizen. A Federal warrant was also issued July 20, 1967, at Jefferson City, Missouri, charging this individual with interstate flight to avoid confinement for the crime of robbery.

Ray's sister, Melba Marie Ryan, has advised that he enjoyed his military duty in Germany, and had a girl friend there for which reason he might attempt to return to Germany.

A review of his Army service record on April 22, 1968, disclosed that he was assigned as follows in Germany, Army Serial Number [REDACTED]

53rd Quartermaster Base Depot, APO 124,
Nuremberg, Germany, one day, August 12, 1946;

626th Quartermaster Refrigeration Company (M),
APO 162, Nuremberg, Germany, August to
December, 1946;

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① - St. Louis (44-775)
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