

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (44-38861)

FROM : SAC, Kansas City (44-760)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/19/68

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

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

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

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

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8:18 PM URGENT 4/18/68 WPK

TO BOSTON

FROM NEW YORK 44-1609 3P

MURKIN, CIVIL RIGHTS, OO: MEMPHIS.

AN ANONYMOUS CALL RECEIVED BY A NEW YORK CITY NEWS SERVICE, THIS DATE, WAS REFERRED TO THE NEW YORK OFFICE CONCERNING ONE MARIO GROFF REGISTERED IN ROOM ONE TWO ONE ONE OF THE HOTEL PARAMOUNT, TWO THREE FIVE WEST FORTY SIXTH STREET, NEW YORK CITY.

THE ANONYMOUS CALLER, A FEMALE, ADVISED THAT GROFF ANSWERED THE DESCRIPTION OF ERIC STARVO GALT AND FURTHER STATED HE HAD COME FROM AN UNIDENTIFIED AIRPORT, AND REGISTERED AT THE PARAMOUNT.

CONTACT WITH THE PARAMOUNT DEVELOPED THAT ONE MARIO GROFF, GIVING AN ADDRESS OF VIAGGA SAN POLO, VENICE, ITALY, CHECKED INTO ROOM ONE TWO ONE ONE AT APPROXIMATELY  
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FIVE THIRTY PM APRIL SEVENTEEN LAST AND CHECKED OUT AT  
APPROXIMATELY EIGHT FIFTY AM APRIL EIGHTEEN INSTANT.  
THE PHOTOGRAPH OF GALT WAS THOUGHT BY A HOTEL CLERK TO BE  
A VERY GOOD LIKENESS OF MARIO CROFF.

THREE OTHER ITALIAN MALES, EACH LISTING A VENICE,  
ITALY, ADDRESS CHECKED INTO OTHER ROOMS AT THE PARAMOUNT  
DURING SAME PERIOD. CROFF AND THESE MEN, WHOSE NAMES  
WERE GIVEN AS UGO BELLOTTO, GIUSEGGE MIOZZI AND GIVSEPPE  
PERALE ARRIVED AND DEPARTED FROM THE PARAMOUNT TOGETHER.

HOTEL RECORDS REFLECT THAT TWO LONG DISTANCE PHONE  
CALLS WERE MADE FROM ROOM ONE TWO ONE ONE TO AREA CODE  
SIX ONE SEVEN IN MASSACHUSETTS, CITY NOT LISTED, TELEPHONE  
*(Cambridge)* 354-9586  
NUMBER THREE FIVE FOUR-NINE FIVE EIGHT SIX. ONE CALL  
WAS MADE AT TEN TWENTY FIVE PM APRIL SEVENTEEN LAST AND  
THE OTHER AT APPROXIMATELY EIGHT AM APRIL EIGHTEEN INSTANT.

BOSTON IS TO IDENTIFY SUBSCRIBER TO TELEPHONE NUMBER  
SIX ONE SEVEN THREE FIVE FOUR NINE FIVE EIGHT SIX IN EFFORT  
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TO LOCATE MARIO CROFF IN ORDER TO DETERMINE IF IDENTICAL  
WITH ERIC STARVO GALT. TRAVELING PARTNERS OF CROFF SHOULD  
ALSO BE CONTACTED IN SAME CONNECTION.

NEW YORK REVIEWING IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION  
SERVICE RECORDS RELATIVE TO ABOVE INDIVIDUALS.

ERIC STARVE GALT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND  
DANGEROUS.

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URGENT 4-19-68 DMG

TO BUREAU 44-38861 AND MEMPHIS 44-1987  
FROM BOSTON 157-644

MURKIN. OO: MEMPHIS.

RE SACRAMENTO TO TO BUREAU ET AL INSTANT DATE.

CONCERNING TELEPHONE CALL FROM RESIDENCE OF ERIC GALT, LOS  
ANGELES, DECEMBER TEN, SIXTYSEVEN, TO TED GREEN, BEAR VALLEY  
LODGE, CALIFORNIA:

MR. AND MRS. TED GREEN, ONE RAINTREE ROAD, DENNISPORT, MASS.,  
EMPLOYED AT BEAR VALLEY SKI LODGE DECEMBER ONE, SIXTYSEVEN--FEBRUARY  
TEN, SIXTYEIGHT. MR. GREEN MANAGED DINING ROOM AND BAR. MRS. GREEN  
ASSOCIATED WITH RESERVATIONS DESK AND OFFICE. BOTH ADVISED NAME  
ERIC GALT UNFAMILIR TO THEM. BOTH UNABLE TO IDENTIFY PHOTO OF GALT  
EXHIBITED. MR. GREEN STATES THAT IN SETTING UP SKI LODGE FOR WINTER  
SEASON ADVERTISED IN LOS ANGELES AND SAN FRANCISCO DAILY NEWSPAPERS  
FOR WAITERS AND KITCHEN HELP. ADVISED POSSIBILITY EXISTED THAT  
REPORTED CONTACT BY GALT WAS IN REFERENCE TO EMPLOYMENT ADS.

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Special Agent in Charge

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BOTH POSITIVE THAT GALT NOT EMPLOYED AT SKI LODGE DURING  
PAST SEASON IN ANY CAPACITY IN DINING ROOM OR BAR  
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TO: SAC ATLANTA  
FROM: SAC BOSTON (157-644)

MURKIN

BART SEAVY, SLUMBER MANOR MOTEL, ROUTE ONE, NORTH HAMPTON, N. H., ADVISED TWO WHITE MALES REGISTERED APRIL FIFTEEN, LAST, AND HAVE REMAINED TO DATE. MOTEL REGISTRATION INDICATES NAME OF REX SMITH, THREE SIX SIX WEST WHALEY, JESSUP, GEORGIA. SECOND MALE DID NOT REGISTER. ONE MALE HAS REMAINED IN MOTEL ROOM AND LEAVES ONLY PM TO EAT. OTHER MALE EMPLOYED MILLIKEN CO., EXETER, N.H.

THEY ARRIVED IN BLACK MUSTANG, GEORGIA REGISTRATION FIVE ZERO - ZERO - ONE FIVE TWO, AND SHOTGUN AND PISTOL HAVE BEEN OBSERVED IN THEIR POSSESSION. NO DESCRIPTIVE DATA AVAILABLE.

ATLANTA CHECK MVB RECORDS RE MUSTANG AND DETERMINE IDENTITY OF OWNER.

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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.

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Remarks:

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

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TO BOSTON

FROM DENVER 157-203

MURKIN

INSTANT DATE INFO RECEIVED FROM MANAGER, ANTLER PLAZA HOTEL, COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO, THAT INDIVIDUAL USING NAME JOSEPH A. MURPHY, GIVING ADDRESS FORTY SEVEN SAMOSET, BOSTON, REGISTERED AT ANTLERS PLAZA, TEN THIRTY AM, APRIL FIFTEEN, LAST, CHECKED OUT TEN TWENTY AM, APRIL EIGHTEEN, INSTANT.

INDIVIDUAL HAD ONLY OVERNIGHT CANVAS-TYPE BAG FOR LUGGAGE, GAVE NO BUSINESS AFFILIATION, NOR HOME PHONE NUMBER. INDIVIDUAL LISTED TRANSPORTATION TO COLORADO SPRINGS AS BUS.

OPAL CANCEL, MAID, ANTLER PLAZA, WHO SERVICED MURPHY'S  
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*McCabe & Mulvaney advised 4/19/68  
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ROOM, FOURTEEN TWENTY, ADVISED INDIVIDUAL

APPARENTLY TRYING TO AVOID HAVING FACE SEEN ON HER CONTACTS  
WITH HIM AND STATED INDIVIDUAL APPEARS QUITE SIMILAR WITH  
PHOTOGRAPH OF ERIC STARVO GALT CIRCULATED IN NEWSPAPERS.

CANCHEL DESCRIBED INDIVIDUAL WM, THIRTY FIVE TO FORTY,  
FIVE FEET TEN, ONE FORTY FIVE TO ONE SIXTY POUNDS, LIGHT  
BROWN HAIR. SUBJECT PAID CASH FOR BILL OF FORTY FOUR DOLLARS  
AND EIGHTY EIGHT CENTS.

BOSTON CONDUCT BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION RE MURPHY AND  
DETERMINE IF IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT.

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TO: BUREAU (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987,  
ALBANY AND JACKSONVILLE (44-769)  
FROM: BOSTON (157-644)

MURKIN

FOR INFO OF BUREAU AND MEMPHIS, EXETER, N. H. POLICE  
DEPARTMENT ADVISED FOUR EIGHTEEN LAST, WHITE MALE,  
APPROXIMATELY THIRTY-FIVE, ONE SEVEN FIVE TO TWO ONE  
ZERO POUNDS, SIX FEET TALL, RESEMBLING ERIC STARVO GALT,  
REGISTERED AS BRUCE COCHRANE, ROUTE TWO, GREEN COVE SPRINGS,  
FLORIDA, AT EXETER INN, FOUR FIFTEEN LAST AND CHECKED OUT  
FOUR EIGHTEEN. HE OPERATED A LATE MODEL, GREEN BUICK SEDAN,  
FLORIDA REGISTRATION FOUR EIGHT FOUR EIGHT THREE ONE AND  
ADVISED INN EMPLOYEES HE WAS VISITING SON AT HOSPITAL.  
NO RECORD OF PERSON NAMED COCHRANE LOCATED AT EXETER  
HOSPITAL. COCHRANE WAS EXPECTED TO RETURN TO INN PM,  
FOUR EIGHTEEN BUT DID NOT APPEAR.

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~~WHEN~~ PERSONNEL ~~INTERVIEWED~~ STATED COCHRANE BEARS  
RESEMBLANCE TO GALT.

JACKSONVILLE ADVISES FLORIDA REGISTRATION FOUR EIGHT  
FOUR EIGHT THREE ONE, ISSUED TO BRUCE E. COCHRANE, ROUTE  
TWO, GENERAL DELIVERY, GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA, FOR  
NINETEEN SIXTY ONE BUICK, VIN ZERO H ONE FIVE ZERO THREE  
FIVE TWO FIVE, REGISTERED THREE TWENTY SEVEN SIXTY EIGHT.  
NO FLORIDA TITLE TRANSFERS FROM NEW HAMPSHIRE.

INQUIRIES CONDUCTED GREEN COVE SPRINGS UNABLE TO  
LOCATE INDIVIDUALS KNOWING COCHRANE.

APPROPRIATE STOPS RE BUICK PLACED WITH STATE POLICE,  
MASS., NEW HAMPSHIRE AND MAINE. ALBANY REQUESTED TO  
ALERT STATE POLICE, VERMONT.

JACKSONVILLE CONTINUE EFFORTS TO FURTHER IDENTIFY  
COCHRANE.

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TO : NEW YORK (44-1609)  
FROM: BOSTON (157-644)  
MURKIN, CIVIL RIGHTS, OO MEMPHIS.

REURTEL FOUR EIGHTEEN LAST.

GIANNI TONIOLO, RESEARCH SCHOLAR, ECONOMIC HISTORY PROJECT, HARVARD UNIVERSITY, CAMBRIDGE, MASS., RESIDING ONE SIX TWO SEVEN MASS AVE, CAMBRIDGE, MASS., ADVISED INSTANT DATE THAT MARIO CROFF, A LONG TIME ACQUAINTANCE FROM ITALY, CONTACTED HIM TELEPHONICALLY FOUR EIGHTEEN LAST FROM NYC AT PUBLIC TELEPHONE NUMBER THREE FIVE FOUR DASH NINE FIVE EIGHT SIX, LOCATED AT TONIOLO'S ROOMINGHOUSE. TONIOLO, AFTER VIEWING PHOTO OF ERIC STARVO GALT, ADVISED PHOTO IN NO WAY RESEMBLES CROFF. TONIOLO STATED CROFF ARRIVED U. S. FOUR SEVENTEEN LAST VIA AIR FRANCE FLIGHT FROM ITALY WITH SMALL GROUP OF ITALIAN ENGINEERS AND BUSINESSMEN WHO EXPECT TO TOUR SEVERAL CITIES IN U. S.

BOSTON TERMINATING INQUIRY RE CROFF. NOTIFICATION OF BUREAU AND MEMPHIS RE CROFF INQUIRY BEING LEFT TO DISCRETION OF NY.

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FBI DENVER

205 PM URGENT 4-19-68 MH

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861 AND MEMPHIS 44-1987 AND BOSTON  
FROM DENVER 157-203

MURKIN.

RE SACRAMENTO TELETYPE, APRIL NINETEEN INSTANT,  
CONCERNING TED GREEN AND HIS EMPLOYMENT AT ASPEN, COLORADO.

POST OFFICE FORWARDING RECORD DATED APRIL NINE LAST  
FOR E. W. "TED" GREEN SHOWS FORWARDING FROM GENERAL DELIVERY,  
ASPEN, TO BOX ONE ONE THREE, DENNISPORT, MASSACHUSETTS.

NO ARREST OR OTHER RECORD FOR E. W. "TED" GREEN  
LOCATED AT ASPEN.

BOSTON LOCATE AND INTERVIEW GREEN CONCERNING ERIC  
STARVO GAULT.

CONSIDER GAULT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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TO DIRECTOR /MAIL/ AND BOSTON /157-644/  
FROM JACKSONVILLE /44-769/ 1P

MURKIN.

RE BOSTON TEL, APRIL NINETEEN LAST.

RE SUSPECT BRUCE COCHRAN.

FURTHER INVESTIGATION, GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLA., INCLUDING  
PUBLIC SOURCES, INDIVIDUALS FAMILIAR WITH MOST RESIDENTS IN  
COMMUNITY AND NEIGHBORHOOD, ROUTE TWO, GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FAILED  
TO LOCATE ANYONE KNOWING SUSPECT.

POSTMASTER /PROTECT IDENTITY/, LOCATED CHANGE OF ADDRESS FOR  
COCHRAN DATED APRIL THIRTEEN, LAST, TO GENERAL DELIVERY, RAYMOND,  
NEW HAMPSHIRE.

BOSTON ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY COCHRAN.

MEMPHIS ADVISED AM.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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TO ALL SACS

FROM DIRECTOR 4P

MURKIN

THE FOLLOWING PRESS RELEASE HAS JUST BEEN ISSUED AT WASHINGTON THIS AFTERNOON AND YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO MAKE IT IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE TO THE LEADING NEWSPAPERS AND RADIO AND TV STATIONS IN YOUR DIVISION. EVERY EFFORT MUST BE MADE TO INSURE REPEATED AND WIDESPREAD DISTRIBUTION OF THIS INFORMATION. COPIES OF THE 1968 PHOTOGRAPH OF SUBJECT ALREADY IN YOUR POSSESSION AND WANTED FLYERS SHOULD ALSO BE MADE AVAILABLE TO MEDIA CONTACTS. NO ELABORATION WHATSOEVER MAY BE MADE REGARDING THIS RELEASE. ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING INVESTIGATIVE LEADS WILL FOLLOW SHORTLY.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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ATTORNEY GENERAL RAMSEY CLARK ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THE FBI HAS IDENTIFIED JAMES EARL RAY, AN ESCAPEE FROM THE MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY, AS ERIC STARVO GALT, AGAINST WHOM A FEDERAL COMPLAINT WAS FILED LAST WEDNESDAY IN CONNECTION WITH THE FATAL SHOOTING OF THE REVEREND DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

DIRECTOR J. EDGAR HOOVER SAID THAT A SYSTEMATIC AND EXHAUSTIVE SEARCH OF LATENT FINGERPRINTS UNCOVERED IN THE DR. KING CASE AGAINST THE FINGERPRINTS OF THE OVER 53,000 PERSONS FROM WHOM "WANTED NOTICES" HAVE BEEN POSTED IN THE FILES OF THE FBI'S IDENTIFICATION DIVISION LED TO THE DETERMINATION THAT GALT AND RAY ARE IDENTICAL.

MR. HOOVER SAID THAT RAY, WHO IS 40 YEARS OF AGE, WAS REPORTED MISSING FROM THE MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI, SINCE APRIL 23, 1967. HE HAD BEEN RECEIVED AT THAT INSTITUTION ON MARCH 17, 1960, TO SERVE A 20-YEAR SENTENCE FOLLOWING CONVICTION IN ST. LOUIS FOR ARMED ROBBERY AND FOR OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE WITHOUT PERMISSION OF THE OWNER.

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IN SEPTEMBER, 1966, WHILE SERVING THIS SENTENCE, HE WAS CONFINED FOR A TIME IN THE MAXIMUM SECURITY WARD AT THE STATE HOSPITAL AT FULTON, MISSOURI.

ACCORDING TO MR. HOOVER, RAY HAS A KNOWN ARREST RECORD DATING BACK TO 1949. PRIOR TO THE 1960 CONVICTION FOR WHICH HE RECEIVED THE 20-YEAR TERM, RAY HAD BEEN CONVICTED OF BURGLARY IN LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, IN 1949; ARMED ROBBERY IN CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, IN 1952; AND FORGING UNITED STATES POSTAL MONEY ORDERS IN MISSOURI IN 1955.

HE HAS SERVED TERMS IN THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY JAIL IN 1949; IN STATE PRISONS AT JOLIET AND PONTIAC, ILLINOIS, IN 1952-54; AND IN THE FEDERAL PENITENTIARY AT LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS, IN 1955-58.

RAY WAS AN ENLISTED MAN IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY FROM FEBRUARY, 1946, TO DECEMBER, 1948, AT WHICH TIME HE WAS GIVEN A GENERAL DISCHARGE DUE TO INEPTNESS AND LACK OF ADAPTABILITY FOR MILITARY SERVICE. WHILE IN THE ARMY, HE RECEIVED A THREE-MONTH SENTENCE AT HARD LABOR FOR BEING DRUNK AND BREAKING ARREST.

MR. HOOVER SAID THAT DURING HIS CRIMINAL CAREER, RAY HAS ALSO USED THE NAMES OF JAMES MCBRIDE, JAMES WALTON, W. C. HERRON AND JAMES O'CONNER. HE IS A WHITE MALE; CLAIMS TO HAVE

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BEEN BORN MARCH 10, 1928, IN ILLINOIS; IS APPROXIMATELY 5 FEET 10 INCHES TALL AND WEIGHS ABOUT 163 TO 174 POUNDS. HE HAS BLUE EYES AND BROWN HAIR. THERE IS A SMALL SCAR ON THE CENTER OF HIS FOREHEAD AND A SCAR ON THE PALM OF HIS RIGHT HAND.

RAY HAS CLAIMED THAT HE ATTENDED SCHOOL THROUGH THE 10TH GRADE IN ALTON, ILLINOIS. HE HAS HAD THE REPUTATION OF BEING A "DRIFTER" SINCE LEAVING SCHOOL. HIS VOCATIONAL EXPERIENCE INCLUDES WORKING AS A BAKER, LABORER AND COLOR MATCHER.

IN CONNECTION WITH HIS ESCAPE FROM THE MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY, AN FBI COMPLAINT WAS FILED IN JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI, ON JULY 20, 1967, CHARGING RAY WITH UNLAWFULLY FLEEING FROM THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO AVOID CONFINEMENT. HE HAS BEEN A FEDERAL FUGITIVE SINCE THEN.

RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND EXTREMELY DANGEROUS. ANYONE HAVING INFORMATION CONCERNING HIM SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CONTACT FBI HEADQUARTERS IN WASHINGTON, D. C., OR THE NEAREST FBI OFFICE.

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INFO RCMP C DIV MONTREAL

COMMR RCMP OTTAWA

Q268 TWO COUPLES SHARED ROOM HOTEL/MOTEL UNIVERSEL QUEBEC CITY  
NIGHTS 19 AND 20 APR 69. REG'D UNDER NAMES OF PAUL TIBBLETTE 5  
WILDWOOD LANE OLD ORCHARD BEACH AND ROBERT BILLINGS 190 TEMPLE  
AVE OLD ORCHARD BEACH ME. OPERATING VEH MAINE STATE MARKER 117-492.  
ONE MALE ANSWERING DESC OF JAMES EARL RAY SLAYER OF DR KING PSE  
CK LIC NO AND ADV IF PERSONS BONA FIDE TOURISTS OUR TELEX NO 011240.

RCM POLICE QUEBEC CANADA

OPR NOTE: YOU MAY REPLY VIA OTTAWA TWX 610-562-1675

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## Aliases

☐ Male  
☐ Female

☐ Main Criminal (If no Main, list all Criminal References)

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TO DIRECTOR  
FROM SAC, BOSTON (157-644) (P)

MURKIN, CR, OO MEMPHIS.

RE DENVER TEL, APRIL NINETEEN LAST.

FOR INFORMATION BUREAU RETEL SET FORTH THAT MANAGER,  
ANTLER PLAZA HOTEL, COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO, ADVISED  
INDIVIDUAL USING NAME JOSEPH A. MURPHY AND FURNISHING  
ADDRESS OF FOUR SEVEN SAMOSET, BOSTON, REGISTERED ANTLER  
PLAZA HOTEL TEN THIRTY A.M., APRIL FIFTEEN LAST AND  
APPEARED SIMILAR TO PHOTOGRAPH OF ERIC STARVO GALT.


HENRY P. MURPHY, FOUR SEVEN SAMOSET ST., DORCHESTER,  
MASS., ADVISED INSTANT DATE HIS SON, JOSEPH ANTHONY MURPHY,  
AGE TWENTYSEVEN, SAME ADDRESS, DEPARTED BOSTON, MASS., ON  
OR ABOUT APRIL FOURTEEN LAST, PRESUMABLY VIA BUS ON VACATION  
TRIP TO COLORADO. SUBSEQUENTLY CORRESPONDENCE FROM SON

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cc: Denver (157-203)

cc: Memphis

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INDICATED JOSEPH MURPHY'S TOUR INCLUDED COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO. MURPHY EXPECTED TO RETURN HOME APRIL TWENTYONE NEXT. MURPHY IDENTIFIED SON AS TEACHER - COACH, BOSTON TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL, BOSTON, MASS. MURPHY ASSERTED HIS SON'S FACIAL FEATURES IN NO WAY RESEMBLE CIRCULATED PHOTOGRAPH OF ERIC STARVO GALT.

BOSTON TERMINATING INQUIRY RE JOSEPH ANTHONY MURPHY.

CC BY MAIL DENVER AND MEMPHIS.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, BOSTON (157-644)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CR  
(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re Albany airtel to Director 4/11/68.

Officials of Ametek, Inc., South Portland, Maine, successors of Prosperity, Inc., on 4/22/68 stated they were unable to furnish any information concerning the textile marking machines described on page 25 of referenced airtel.

For information of Albany, the Textile Marking Machine Co., Inc., in advising units were shipped to Pantex-Prosperity, South Portland, Maine, said they were using a billing name which was not authorized prior to March of 1964. Prosperity was a division of Ward Industries, between 1956 and May of 1963, when it was taken over by Ametek. Pantex Corporation was taken over by Ametek in April, 1963. These companies were operated by Ametek as separate units until March of 1964; consequently, Ametek officials cannot locate records relating to the units shipped on the dates indicated in referenced airtel.

3-Bureau  
1-Memphis (44-1987)  
2-Albany (44-493)  
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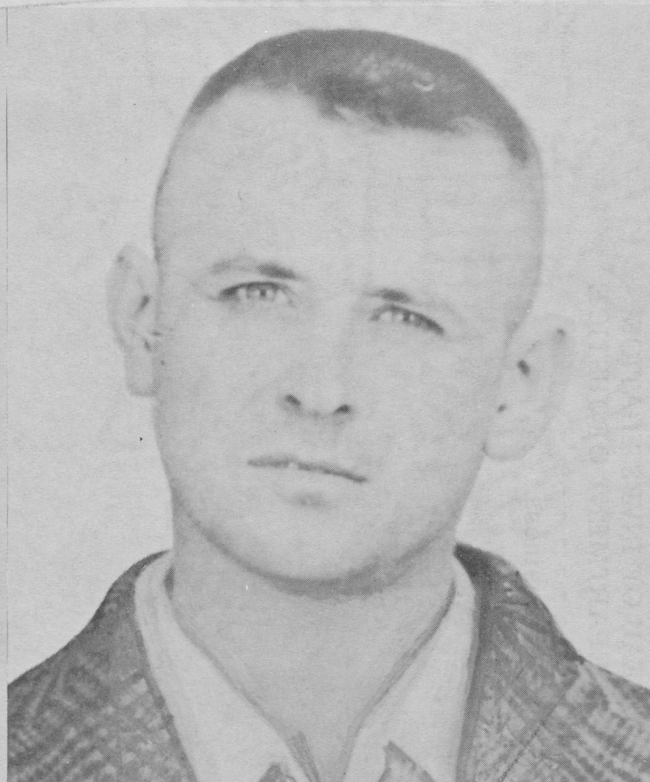
Albany is requested to recontact Textile Marking Machine Co., Inc., locate the Prosperity Company purchase orders relating to the units involved, determine from a review of these purchase orders the name and location of the company to which the marking machines were shipped, as policy of Prosperity was to have machines shipped direct by Textile Marking Machine Co., Inc., to the location where the equipment would be used by some cleaning establishment. If purchase orders of Prosperity are located and the shipping destinations of the units cannot be determined, obtain and furnish copy of these orders to Boston Division for recontact with Anetek at South Portland, Maine.



# WANTED BY THE FBI

## CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY INTERSTATE FLIGHT - ROBBERY JAMES EARL RAY

FBI No. 405,942 G



Photographs taken 1960

Photograph taken 1968  
(eyes drawn by artist)

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

### DESCRIPTION

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

**Height:** 5' 10"

**Weight:** 163 to 174 pounds

**Build:** Medium

**Hair:** Brown, possibly cut short

**Occupations:** Baker, color matcher, laborer

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

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

**Fingerprint Classification:** 16 M 9 U 000 12

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### CRIMINAL RECORD

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

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Wanted Flyer 442-A  
April 19, 1968

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
DIRECTOR  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535  
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Telephone or telegraph the Special Agent in Charge at the above address. (4-17-68)

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC Boston 157-6444

FROM : SA James V. Gibbons

SUBJECT: Murkin  
C.R.  
100. Memphis)

DATE: 4/22/68

at Portland Me.

Clifton S. Doughty, District Representative  
I.N.S. Portland Me. memo on 4/19 & 22, 1968  
furnished sufficient copies of W.F.  
# 1142 for pasting at all border  
staps in the I.N.S. District.

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TO: ALL FIELD DIVISIONS

APRIL 23, 1968

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI

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MURKIN.

REMYAIRTEL TO ALL OFFICES APRIL 19 LAST FURNISHING BACKGROUND DATA CONCERNING JAMES EARL RAY.

SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED POSSIBLE SUSPECT IN ANY UNSOLVED BANK ROBBERIES, BURGLARIES OR ARMED ROBBERIES (POSSIBLE ITSP VIOLATIONS) OCCURRING AFTER APRIL 23, 1967. RAY SHOULD ALSO BE CONSIDERED SUSPECT IN ANY FUTURE SUCH VIOLATIONS AND BUREAU ADVISED TELEPHONICALLY OF ANY TENTATIVE IDENTIFICATION.

ANY PERTINENT LEADS DEVELOPED DURING REVIEW OF PAST VIOLATIONS SHOULD BE EXPEDITIOUSLY RUN OUT AND BUREAU ADVISED.

SUBJECT'S HANDWRITING AND HAND PRINTING NOT IDENTIFIED IN BANK ROBBERY NOTE FILE AND HIS FINGERPRINTS ARE BEING SEARCHED AGAINST LATENTS SUBMITTED IN UNSOLVED BANK ROBBERY AND BURGLARY VIOLATIONS.

SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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TOR: 2:25 PM/JWT

*all apts memo prepared*

If the intelligence contained in the above message is to be disseminated outside the bureau, it is suggested that it be suitably paraphrased in order to protect the Bureau's cryptographic systems.

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REGISTERED MAIL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, BOSTON (157-644)

MURKIN

Retel of RCMP, Ottawa, dated 4/22/68, re PAUL  
TIBBLETTE and ROBERT BILLINGS.

JOHN CLARK, Chief of Police, Old Orchard Beach,  
Me., advised SA JAMES V. GIBBONS that PAUL A. TIBBETTS and  
ROBERT E. BILLINGS, both of Old Orchard Beach, Me., are  
members of his PD and were in Quebec on social visit and  
both have now returned to Old Orchard Beach, Me.

Bureau is requested to advise RCMP, Ottawa  
to discontinue their inquiry concerning these individuals.

3-Bureau (RM)  
2-Memphis (44-1987)(RM)  
1-Boston

JVG:po'b  
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : ALL AGENTS

FROM : SAC JAMES L. HANDLEY

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
BS 157-644

DATE: 4/23/68

The Bureau by radiogram dated 4/23/68 advised as follows in connection with subject JAMES EARL RAY:

Subject should be considered possible suspect in any unsolved bank robberies, burglaries or armed robberies (possible ITSP violations) occurring after 4/23/67. RAY should also be considered suspect in any future such violations and the Bureau advised telephonically of any tentative identification.

Any pertinent leads developed during review of past violations should be expeditiously run out and the Bureau advised.

Subject's handwriting and hand printing not identified in Bank Robbery Note File and his fingerprints are being searched against latents submitted in unsolved bank robbery and burglary violations.

SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

CC: ALL AGENTS  
BS 66-161  
BS 157-644  
BTM:maj

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FBI BOSTON

FBI NEW YORK

400PM 356PM URGENT 4/22/68 GJM  
TO ALL SACS RELAY MESSAGE PLAN  
FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 1P

MURKIN

YOU ARE REMINDED THAT ALL LEADS IN THIS CASE MUST BE COVERED WITHIN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS, AND ALL LEADS MUST BE SET FORTH BY TELEPHONE OR TELETYPE. ALL BORDER OFFICES COVERING ENTRY INTO MEXICO AND CANADA AND EXIT THEREFROM SHOULD INSURE THAT APPROPRIATE STOPS ARE MAINTAINED RE SUBJECT AND ALL NAMES KNOWN TO BE USED BY HIM AT RESPECTIVE OFFICES OF U. S. IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PATROL. YOU SHOULD ALSO INSURE THAT PREVIOUS STOPS PLACED WITH ANY FACILITY SHOULD INCLUDE ALL NAMES USED BY THE SUBJECT.

DISTRIBUTE SUFFICIENT QUANTITIES OF WANTED FLYERS AND IO'S TO NARCOTIC INVESTIGATIVE AGENCIES IN ORDER THAT THEIR INFORMANTS MAY BE CONTACTED. YOU SHOULD CONTACT ALL CRIMINAL INFORMANTS AND APPROPRIATE RACIAL AND SECURITY INFORMANTS. LEGATS OTTAWA AND MEXICO CITY BEING ADVISED SEPARATELY.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END

NTY

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*Ross - Bangor 4:18 P  
Gibbons - Portland 4:20 P  
Quayle - Augusta  
Roedel - Concord*

*Charles Regan  
Bu of Dangerous Drugs  
collected 4/23/68  
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*Kirby* *Rmk*

*Pls handle with  
Bu of Dangerous Drugs*

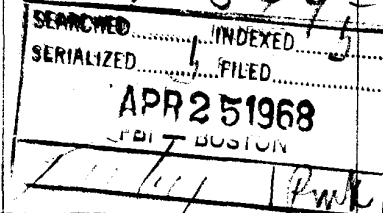
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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
Army	James Earl Ray #16 163 129	February 19, 1946		
Sheriff's Office Los Angeles, California	James Earl Ray #B-119908	October 11, 1949	suspicion of burglary	
Police Department Los Angeles, California	James Earl Ray #139648	October 11, 1949	suspicion 459 Penal Code (burglary)	8 months County Jail suspended; 2 years probation served; first 90 days County Jail; 146 December 30, 1949 Cs129438
Sheriff's Office Cedar Rapids, Iowa	James E. Ray #5937	April 18, 1950	vagrancy	
Police Department Alton, Illinois	James Earl Ray #7514	July 23, 1951	no operator's license - no State License - no City License	released to pay later
Police Department Chicago, Illinois	James Ray #D90696	May 6, 1952	robbery (Gun)	Grand Jury \$3000
Cook County Jail Chicago, Illinois	James Ray #131165	May 9, 1952	robbery	June 13, 1952 sentenced to penitentiary 1 to 2 years
State Penitentiary Joliet, Illinois	James E. Ray #32419	June 13, 1952	robbery	1 to 2 years
State Penitentiary Pontiac, Illinois	James E. Ray #19121	July 7, 1952	robbery	1 to 2 years March 12, 1953 discharged



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John Edgar Hoover  
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Sheriff's Office Edwardsville, Illinois	James Earl Ray #2640	August 30, 1954	burglary and larceny	
Police Department Hannibal, Missouri	James E. Ray #40714	March 23, 1955	investigation of breaking and entering Post Office	
State Highway Patrol Macon, Missouri	James Earl Ray #B-3376	March 23, 1955	cashing stolen postal money orders	released to Postal Inspector Kansas City, Missouri March 24, 1955
United States Marshal Kansas City, Missouri	James Earl Ray #12018	March 28, 1955	forgery United States Postal Money Order	sentenced to 15 months custody of Attorney General
Sheriff's Office Kansas City, Missouri	James Earl Ray #23637	March 28, 1955	Forgery - Government	July 7, 1955 3 years and 9 months
United States Penitentiary Leavenworth, Kansas	James Earl Ray #72498-L	July 7, 1955	Post Office Laws Forge Money Orders	3 years and 9 months May 20, 1958 conditional release March 21 1959 maximum April 5, 1958 conditional release on charge of Post Office forgery Post Office Money Orders
Police Department Saint Louis, Missouri	James Earl Ray #4071	October 10, 1958	suspicion of robbery	

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Police Department Saint Louis, Missouri	James Earl Ray #81071	October 16, 1959	suspicion of robbery stealing and fugitive other authorities	
State Penitentiary Jefferson City, Missouri	Janes Earl Ray #00416	March 17, 1960	"TC" operating motor vehicle without permission of owner robbery first "b/m DDW" (2 charges)	20 years (20, 7, 5, concurrent)
State Hospital Number 1 Fulton, Missouri	James Earl Ray #37045 C-5	September 8, 1966	Patient	

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
	<p>WANTED BY BUREAU: James Earl Ray, also known as, James McBride, James Walyon, W.C. Herron, James O'Conner, Jim, for unlawful flight to avoid custody-robbery first Fugitive Index #121426 Bureau file #88-41730 Office of Origin Kansas City information received July 27, 1967. CAUTION: ARMED AND DANGEROUS</p> <p>Alias: James Walton</p> <p>WANTED BY BUREAU: Eric Starvo Galt, also known as Harvey Lowmyer, John Willard, Civil Rights-Conspiracy Fugitive Index #127540 Bureau File #44-38861 Office of Origin Memphis. Information received April 19, 1968. CAUTION: ARMED AND DANGEROUS</p>			
	<p>ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 11-13-03 BY 60322 UCBAW/STP</p>			

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4/22/68

SAC ( 157-644)

SA WILLIAM H. CARPENTER

MURKIN

LAUNDRY MARKS

ANTHONY SOUZA, Mgr., Acme Laundry, Rt. #28, W. Yarmouth, Mass., on 4/22/68, advised that he does use a thermo-seal type marking machine but only on dress shirts and never on underwear such as <sup>T</sup>ee shirts or shorts.

He also advised that he does not use a dash in any of his markings and he would not use the letter , O, and B, both, in a marking.

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*Kirby* *184th*

I. O. 4182  
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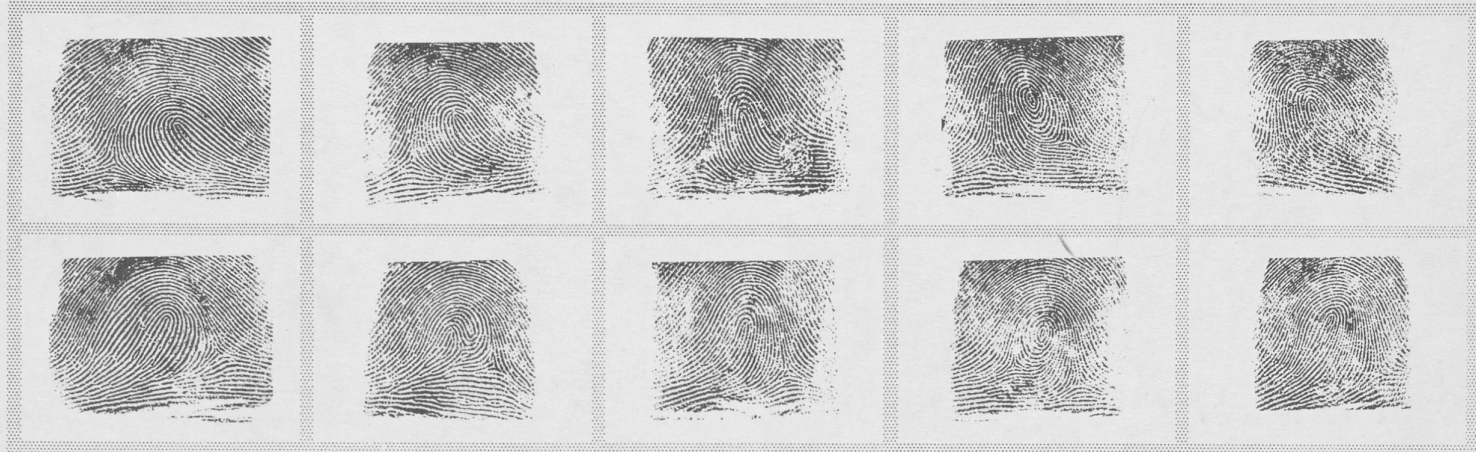
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INTERSTATE FLIGHT - ROBBERY**

**WANTED BY FBI**

**JAMES EARL RAY**

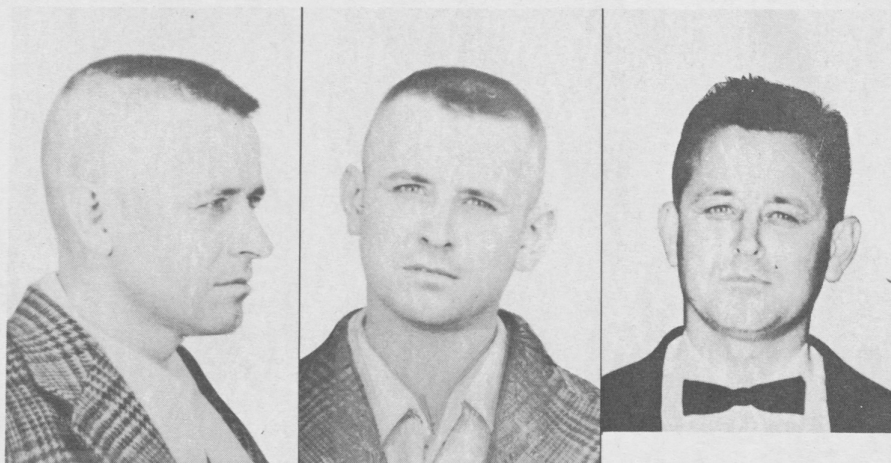
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Photographs taken 1960

Photograph taken 1968  
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*James Ray*

**DESCRIPTION**

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WEIGHT: 163 to 174 pounds COMPLEXION: medium  
BUILD: medium RACE: white  
HAIR: brown, possibly cut short NATIONALITY: American  
OCCUPATIONS: baker, color matcher, laborer  
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SPRINGFIELD, Illinois 62701	421 South Sixth Street	522-9675
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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."

2 - All Continental Offices  
2 - Memphis  
GMR:jms (118)

Approved: [Signature]  
Special Agent in Charge

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND SACS MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
SAN FRANCISCO, and LOS ANGELES

FROM: SAC ALBANY (44-493)

MURKIN, CR. OO MEMPHIS.

RE CHICAGO TEL BUREAU APRIL FIFTEEN LAST.

MRS. ROGER MAC ARTHUR, NEE DOROTHY GALT, AND SISTER  
MRS. MILDRED RAIBLE, NEE GALT, MARLBORO, VERMONT, ADVISED  
THE NAMES ERIC STARVO GALT AND THE NAME MARY MEARS GALT MEAN  
NOTHING TO THEM AND ARE NOT KNOWN RELATIVES. BOTH ADVISED  
THERE ARE NO KNOWN RELATIVES OF FAMILY RESIDING IN GEORGIA  
OR OTHER SOUTHERN STATES. ADDRESSES OF THE FOLLOWING  
RELATIVES RESIDING IN CALIFORNIA OBTAINED:

LAWRENCE GALT, BROTHER, ONE ONE NINE SIX SIERRA MADRE  
BLVD., SAN MARINO, CALIFORNIA, EMPLOYED THORPE INSULATION CO.,  
TWO FOUR SEVEN ONE SOUTH YATES AVE., LOS ANGELES; SHEFFIELD  
GALT, BROTHER, FOUR SIX FOUR WEST EIGHTH STREET, CLAREMONT,  
CALIFORNIA, DESCRIBED BY SISTERS AS SOMEWHAT MENTAL AND  
EXCITABLE WHO THEY REQUESTED NOT BE CONTACTED UNLESS NECESSARY;

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1-Atlanta (AM)  
1-Boston (AM)  
1-Buffalo (AM)  
1-St. Louis (AM)  
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WENDELL GALT, BROTHER, SIX TWO SIX TWO OAKDALE, WOODLAND HILLS, CALIFORNIA; ALICE GALT MARSHALL, AUNT, P.O. BOX ONE EIGHT NINE SEVEN, CARMEL, CALIFORNIA.

MRS. MAC ARTHUR SUGGESTED CONTACT WITH ALICE GALT MARSHALL FOR ADDITIONAL RELATIVES IN CALIFORNIA AREA UNKNOWN TO HER.

DISTANT RELATIVES OF FAMILY AS FOLLOWS:

ALEXANDER GALT, EIGHTY YEARS OF AGE, RETIRED LIBRARIAN FOR CITY OF BUFFALO, BUFFALO, N.Y., AND HIS BROTHER THOMAS GALT, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, STREET ADDRESS UNKNOWN; CLARENCE GALT, SOCIAL WORKER, SEVEN FIVE NINE CHESTNUT ST., SPRINGFIELD, MASS.

FOR INFO SAN FRANCISCO AND LOS ANGELES, RETEL REQUESTED ALBANY TO CONTACT MRS. MAC ARTHUR FORMERLY OF HINSDALE, ILLINOIS, CONCERNING GALT FAMILY RESIDING CALIFORNIA AND GEORGIA.

SAN FRANCISCO AND LOS ANGELES CONTACT ABOVE IN RESPECTIVE AREAS IN ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY SUSPECT ERIC STARVO GALT.

LEADS TO CONTACT DISTANT RELATIVES BEING LEFT TO

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DISCRETION OF OO. MAIL COPIES ATLANTA, BOSTON, BUFFALO, AND  
ST. LOUIS.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

FBI WASH DC

745PM URGENT 4/18/68 GJM

TO ALL SACS

FROM DIRECTOR 1P

MURKIN.

CONTACTS SHOULD BE MAINTAINED WITH ALL MASS COMMUNICATIONS MEDIA IN YOUR TERRITORIES TO INSURE THAT THERE IS FREQUENT REFERENCE TO PHOTOGRAPH OF GALT AND HIS CONNECTION WITH THIS CASE. IF NOT ALREADY DONE, PHOTOGRAPHS SHOULD BE SHOWN OR DISTRIBUTED TO LAW ENFORCEMENT AND OTHER APPROPRIATE AGENCIES IN YOUR AREAS TO INSURE THE BROADEST POSSIBLE PUBLICATION OF SUBJECT'S PHOTOGRAPH AND BACKGROUND.

OFFICES COVERING POINTS OF ENTRY OR EXIT FROM COUNTRY INSURE THAT SUBJECT'S PHOTOGRAPH AND BACKGROUND HAVE BEEN WIDELY DISTRIBUTED AND/OR APPROPRIATELY DISPLAYED AND THAT STOPS ARE BEING MAINTAINED.

OFFICES COVERING DEPARTURE OR ARRIVAL OF OVERSEAS FLIGHTS SHOULD ALSO RENEW STOPS AND DISPLAY PHOTOGRAPHS OF SUBJECT APPROPRIATELY. SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FBI NEW HAVEN

*7. LEONARD to Logan Airport*  
*No immediate action 4/18/68 mmh*  
*Ray Ross 9:57 AM 4/19*  
*Hannigan 8:37 AM 4/19*  
*Concord 9:20 AM 4/19*  
*Kenner (fan out) 8:30 AM 4/19*  
*Concord*  
*Luigi*  
*Portland*

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To SAC 157-644  
From SA John F. Noonan  
Re: MURKIN

As the result of a telephone call from Officer Ed McLanson, MDC, Revere, Mass. Station early on morning of 4/11/68, SAs Ralph Giffman, Robert Nadeau and John Noonan interviewed Charles Lewis Swan, III and his wife Susanne Swan, nee Bolonnen at MDC Revere.

Officer McLanson advised the Swan Couple were observed in a used car parking lot in Revere looking over cars at 2 AM. Couple were in a 1967 Lincoln Sedan with what developed to be stolen Maine Registration Plates. A search of the car revealed a number of stolen credit cards and a package of Marijuana. Officer McLanson reported Charles Swan resembled the composite picture of the slayer of Martin Luther King. Swan and his wife were interviewed separately after being advised of the ~~fact~~ identity of the agents, the fact they need

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not be interviewed, that they were entitled to legal counsel which would be furnished by the government if they could not afford one and that anything they said might be used against them in a court of law.

After numerous false statements it was determined ~~by~~ <sup>from</sup> both of them that they moved into a new apartment at 28 Brentwood St., Allston, Mass. on Tuesday, April 2, 1967 and have not been out of Boston since. They were in their apartment when they heard of Kings death and later that evening were visited by a friend, one Lonnie Kopit, 77 Brighton Ave., Allston, Mass.

Kopit was interviewed at his residence (above) on the morning of 4/4/68 and stated he was at Swans residence 28 Brentwood St., shortly after 11 P.M. on 4/4/68 the day of Kings death. Both Mr & Mrs. Swan were present. Kopit and Swan went out for cigarettes and bought a Record-American newspaper announcing Kings death. Observation of Swan determined he did not resemble composite photo since his profile features are very

regular where as photo has a prominent nose.  
His hairline is receding. In view of verification  
of Swan's story he was in Boston 4/4/68 he  
has been eliminated as a suspect.

The following descriptions were obtained  
from interview and observation.

Charles Lewis Swan, 3rd

28 Brentwood St., Allston, Mass.

Sex - male

Race - white

Ht. 6'1"

Wt. 168 lbs.

eyes Blue

hair Brown - worn long, receding hairline.

DOB

POB Boston, Mass.

SSC Sec #

wife Susanne Swan, nee Bolonnen

Father Charles Lewis Swan 2nd

242 Woodland Rd., Brookline, Mass.

Occupation - licensed real estate Broker.

Education - Milton Academy - 1965

Lake Forest U. Illinois 9/65 - 11/65

Boston University 1/66 - 5/66.



Scars & marks - none apparent

Build - slender

Psychiatric - Psycho-Phrenic - treated

Mass. Mental Institute, 78 Fenwood Rd.  
Boston 1/66 (Dr. Gulligan)

Susanne Bolonnen Swan

28 Brentwood St. Allston.

DOB

POB Washington, D.C.

Sex Female

Race Polynesian (appears possibly mixed blood)

Ht. 5'

Wt. 109 lbs

eyes Brown

hair Black

features - regular - attractive

build - small

Occupation - model

Marital Status - 2nd husband, Charles Swan

1st " Gary Robinson

6 Maple St. Dor.

(divorce Suffolk Superior Ct.  
1961)

Scars & marks - none obvious