JN 157-9586

On April 1, 1968, Mr. WILLARD stated he was at his home resting due to inclement weather, but when the weather permitted around 10:00 a.m. he flew back to the Natchez-Adams Airport for the purpose of taking another flying lesson. He was at the airport for several hours, but due to inclement weather he did not rent the Cessna 150 plane and returned home by his Piper J-3 plane.

Mr. WILLARD stated that on April 2 and 3, 1968, he was at his home assisting his wife in the preparation of flower beds and sodding the lawn with St. Augustine grass. In addition he had some work painting his home and remained at home during the entire period of April 2 and 3, 1968.

WILLARD continued that on the morning of April 4, 1968, he again went turkey hunting in the Homochitta National Forest, but was very tired and came home around noontime. He ate, rested and he and his wife, EVA, sometime during the mid-afteroon fished in their pond on the farm. He stated that Mr. CLETUS SEALS, a neighbor, came by the farm pond and noted he and his wife fishing on the afternoon of April 4, 1968, and further that Mr. SEALS could verify that he was home most of the time between the period, March 29 through April 4,1968.

Mr. WILLARD stated that he and his wife returned to their home between 4:00 and 5:00 p.m. on April 4, 1968, and he cleaned the fish while his wife cooked supper. He pointed out during the evening meal a special announcement came over his television stating that MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., had been shot in Memphis and a later announcement stated that KING was dead.

Mr. WILLARD stated that he has never been affiliated with any Klan or hate-type organization and in fact has a number of Negroes working under his supervision at the gravel pit.

He stated he is opposed to violence in any form and this is the first vacation he has had in several years working 12 to 14 hours per day.

Mr. WILLARD stated that he has not been in Memphis in ten or more years, does not own a white Mustang and is not aware of who assassinated MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Mr. WILLARD was shown the artist's conceptions of the unknown individuals in this matter and he stated he was not aware of this individual's identity.

The following is a description of WILLARD as obtained from interview and observation:

Name	JOHN RAY WILLARD
Race	Caucasian
Sex	Male
Age	42
Date of birth	
Place of birth	Natchez, Mississippi
Height	66"
Weight	174
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Ruddy
'Marital status	Married; wife, EVA WILLARD
Son	KENNETH WILLARD at home,
	age 17
Daughter	DIANNE HAVARD, age 23, married
,	and lives in England
Facial features	Round face with small forehead

From observation and his facial features, WILLARD does not appear to be identical with the artist's conceptions of the unknown subject in this case.

JN 157-9586

WILLARD added that he is not aware of the identity of any other JOHN WILLARD or anyone who might have used his name as JOHN WILLARD. He is not acquainted with ERIC STARVO GALT and knows no one by the name of HARVEY LOWMEYER or LOWMYER.

Mr. WILLARD stated he served in the U. S. Navy as a Ships Cook, Second Class, from September 30, 1942, to January 20, 1946, and was honorably discharged under Navy Serial Number 7217671.

Mr. WILLARD showed the interviewing agent his gun collection which is as follows:

- 1) .35 caliber Marlin Carbine
- 2) 410 pump shotgun
- 3) 12 guage Remington automatic shotgun
- 4) .22 caliber pistol revolver

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO

: SAC, MEMPHIS

DATE: 4/19/68

: 5AC, JACKSON (157-9586)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re New York tel to Bureau, Birmingham, Jackson, Memphis, Minneapolis, 4/11/68.

Enclosed for Memphis are 15 copies of investigative insert re investigation at Tunica, Miss., and 15 copies of administrative insert re postal information at Tunica.

No further investigation being conducted at Jackson since suspect Mustang has been located.

- Memphis (Encs.30) CC of whether ments APR 2 2 1968 FBI—JACKSON

Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

JN 157-9586 HLF/clm 1

The following investigation was conducted by SA HAROLD LEO FABRIZ on April 16, 1968:

# At Tunica, Mississippi

PAUL JONNES and PAUL JOHNES were not identifiable in the Tunica telephone directory; the arrest records of the Tunica County Sheriff's Office; the motor vehicle registration records of the Tunica County Sheriff's Office; or voter registration records of the Tunica County Clerk of Circuit Court.

JONNES or JOHNES was not known to Sheriff JOE CARSLEY; Deputy Sheriff MARY KOONCE; Deputy Clerk of Circuit Court Mrs. E. M. ELLETT; Chancery Clerk HUGH HAWKINS, or County Attorney MARTIN/ GARNER.

JOSEPH JONES, Route 2, Box 2, Tunica, advised that he has not used the name PAUL JONNES or JOHNES and that he was not acquainted with anyone by either of those names or the name PAUL JONES.

## At Clarksdale, Mississippi

Mrs. JEAN UTROSKA, reporter, Credit Bureau of Clarksdale, advised on April 16, 1968, that PAUL JOHNES or JONNES was not identifiable in the records of that office, which retains credit information for Tunica, Mississippi.

# At Batesville, Mississippi

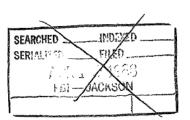
The Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol radio dispatcher advised by radio on April 16, 1968, that Mississippi license was listed to ANDREW STERICH, Nesbit, Mississippi, on a 1966 Mustang.



JN 157-9586 HLF/clm 1

### ADMINISTRATIVE:

W. E. WALKER, Postal Clerk, U. S. Post Office, Tunica, Mississippi, advised SA HAROLD LEO FABRIZ on April 16, 1968, that he recalled seeing a letter which was mailed at the Tunica Post Office about two weeks previously. He stated that the letter caught his attention because it was addressed to the FBI, New York, and it was a printed address. He also recalled that the return address on the envelope was PAUL JONNES or JOHNES, which names were strange to him. He could not identify any known postal patron or resident of Tunica as PAUL JONNES or JOHNES. He stated that JOE JONES in the North Subdivision was the only name he could recall which was similar to those above.



# Memorandum

TO : SAC; Jackson (157-9586)

DATE: 4/17/68

FROM : SA H. MAX LOUDERMAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re JN memo, 4/11/68.

The following named individuals have been contacted by the writer, on the dates indicated, regarding any knowledge they may personally have, or any information their respective files might contain re ERIC STARVO GALT:

LAMAR OFTS. Circuit Clerk, Hancock County, Bay St. Louis Mississippi re voters registrations and Hancock County Court records, 4/15/68.

Norma Stiglets, Hancock County Credit Bureau, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, 4/15/68.

LATHON GARRIGA, Chief of Police, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, 4/15/68.

FRED CURET, Hancock County Sheriff, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, 4/15/68.

FRED BOURGEOIS, City Marshall, Waveland, Mississippi, 4/15/68.

HAROLD BECKER, Coast Electric Co., Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, 4/15/68,

JACQUELINE MARIE KIDD, Mississippi Power Co., Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, 4/15/68.

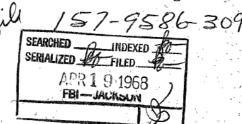
ROBERT HAMILTON, Vice-President, Hancock Bank, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, 4/15/68.

None of these contacts resulted in any information regarding ERIC S. GALT.

All appropriate directories were checked with negative

results. 2 - JN 157-9586 - Infrational from

CCO matering



Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

FBI JKSN MISS

FBI MIAMI

-1144PM IMMEDIATO 4-19-68 LLD

TO ALL SACSEXCEPT KANSAS CITY, ANCHCRAGE, HONGLULU AND SAN JUAN MESSAGE RELAY PLAN

FROM DIRECTOR 5P

MURKIN. 00: MEMPHIS.

JAMES EAFL RAY, AKA. EARL JAMES RAY, N. C. HERFON, EARL JALES,

JAMES MC BRIDE, JAMES O'CONNER, JAMES WALTON, JAMES WALYON, JIM

- HUGITIVE; DFAC - ROEBERY FIRST, BUFILE EC-41730. GO: KANSAS

CITY, KC FILE E8-9440; DETERMINED TODAY BY BUREAU TO BE IDENTICAL

WITH ERIC STARVO GALT, AGAINST WHOM FEDERAL COMPLAINT FILED APEIL

SEVENTEEN LAST IN CONNECTION WITH FATAL SHOCTING OF DR. MARTIN

LUTHER KING. JR.

JAMES EARL RAY, INMATE, MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY, JEFFERSON CITY, NO., ESCAPED PEN APRIL TWO THREE, SIXTY-SEVEN. INVESTIGATION INDICATED RAY CONCEALED HIMSELF IN A BREAD BOX AND ESCAPED FROM TRUCK MAKING DELIVERY TO AN AUXILIARY FARM. RAY WAS SERVING TVENTY YEARS ON CHARGE OF ARMED ROBBERY - FIRST LEGREE AND FOR OPERATING A VEHICLE WITHOUT OWNER '3 CONSENT. ON JULY TWENTY, SIXTY-SEVEN,

END PAGE ONE

gram advised

157-9586-310

INDEXED D INDEXED D APR 1 9 1968

FRI MACKSON

PAGE TWO

FELERAL COMPLAINT AUTHORIZED BY AUSA WILLIAM A. KITCHEN, WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSCURI, KANSAS CITY, MO., FILMD BEFORE USC, JEFFERSON CITY, MO., CHARGING RAY WITH VICLATION TITLE EIGHTEEN, SECTION ON ZERO SEVEN THREE, USC. WARRANT ISSUEL.

INVESTIGATION HAS BEEN CONDUCTED BY CHICAGO, SPRINGFIELD, ST.
LOUIS, AND KANSAS CITY OFFICES IN UNPRODUCTIVE EFFORT TO LOCATE THIS
FUGITIVE. KANSAS CITY IS INSTITUTING A FULL AND COMPLETE
REINVESTIGATION IN AN EFFORT TO DEVELOP BACKGROUND DATA, RELATIVES,
AND ASSOCIATES OF SUBJECT, WHO MIGHT BE IN A POSITION TO ASSIST IN
HIS LOCATION.

IN THIS CONNECTION, JAMES EARL RAY AND WALTER TERRY RIFE ON MARCH SEVEN, FIFTY - FIVE, SURGLARIZED THE U. S. POST OFFICE AT KELLERVILLE, ILL., AND STOLE SIXTY-SIM BLANK U. S. POSTAL MONEY OF DERS WHICH THEY PASSED DURING MARCH, FIFTY-FIVE, IN MUMEROUS STATES, WITH THE RESULT THAT SOTH WERE SENTENCED IN U.S.D.C., KANSAS CITY, MO., ON JULY ONE, FIFTY-FIVE, TO USP, LEAVENWORTH, END PAGE TWO

#### PAGE THREE

KANSAS. SUBJECT RAY HAS BEEN DESCRIBED AS A LONER AND RIFE

APPARENTLY IS ONE OF HIS FEW CLOSE ASSOCIATES, SUGGESTING POSSIBILITY

THEY COULD HAVE BEEN ASRNXX ASSCIATES IN MURCER OF LR. KING, AND

INVESTIGATION ALSO INSTITUTED IN KANSAS CITY AIRTEL TO SPRINGFIELD

WARCH ELEVEN LAST TO DEVELOP BACKGROUND INFO RE FIXXX RIFL AND TO

LOCATE HIM FOR INTERVIEW. THIS INVESTIGATION SHOLD ALSO BE

RECOVERED AND EXPORTED TODAY, IT BEING NOTED RIFE AND RAY HAVE

BACKGROUND HISTORY IN THE QUINCY, ILL., AREA.-

PHOTOS OF JAMES MARL RAY AND WALTER TERRY RIFE ARE BEING FORWARDED AMSD TO BUREAU AND ALL OFFICES.

FOLLOWING IS DESCRIPTION OF JAMES FARL RAY AS FURNISHED BY FEI
IDENTIFICATION DIVISION UNDER FEI NO. THREE ZERO SIX FOUR FOUR THREE
A: WHITE MALE, DOE MARCH TEN, TWENTY-EIGHT OR TWENTY-NINE, AT
DECATUR, QUINCY OR ALTON, ILL.; APPROXIMATELY FIVE FEET TEN: ONE
SEVEN FOUR LES., IN SEPTEMBER SIXTY-SIX; RUDDY COMPLEYION; BLUE EYES;
EROWN HARI; MEDIUM EUILD; OCCUPATIONS LABORER AND SAKER; SCAKS AND
MARKS--SMALL SCAR ON CENTER OF FOREHEAD AND SCAR IN PALM OF RIGHT HAND.
ADDRESSES--ST. LOUIS, MO., MARCH SIXTY, TWO ZERO ONE FIVE PARK,
ST. LOUIS, NO., COTOBER FIFTYNINE; QUINCY, ILL., JULY FIFTY-FIVE,
WARCH FIFTY-FIVE, AND APRIL FIFTY; HOTEL QUINCY, QUINCY.

PAGE FOUR

ILL., MARCH FIFTY-FIVE; VICTOR HOTEL, QUINCY, ILL., MARCH FIFTY-FIVE; EIGHT FIVE THREE WEST FULLERTON, CHICAGO, ILL., MAY FIFTY-TWC; EIGHT ZERO FIVE ALBY STREET, ALTON, ILL., JULY FIFTY-ONE. FPC--SIXTEEN, M OVER M, NINE OVER FOUR, U QUER W, OOC OVER ICI, TWELVE. REF NINE OVER TWELVE. NCIC FPC--ONE SIX ONE THREE ONE ONE ZERO ZERO ONE TWO ONE TWO I I ONE TWO I I ONE SEVEN. MILITARY RECORD--JAMES EARL RAY, SN ONE SIX ONE SIX THREE ONE TWO NINE, ENLISTED U. S. ARMY FEBRUARY FORTY-SIX, AT EAST ST. LOUIS, ILL., AND SERVED ON ACTIVE DUTY UNTIL DECEMBER TWENTY-THREE, FORTY-EIGHT, AT WHICH TIME GIVEN GENERAL DISCHARGE AS PRIVATE FIRST CLASS AT CAMP KILMER, N. J., BY REASON OF INEPTNESS AND LACK OF ADAPTABILITY FOR MILITARYSERVICE. RECORDS ALSO INDICATE HE RECEIVED TREATMENT FOR GONOPRHEA AND SYPHILIS WHILE A MEMBER OF THE MILITARY.

FOLLOWING IS A DESCRIPTION OF WALTER TERRY RIFE, F51 NO. END PAGE FOUR

PAGE FIVE

FOUR FIVE FIVE EIGHT SEVEN SIX SIX, AS OBTAINED FROM FILLS OF USP, LEAVENWORTH: WHITE MALE, AGE FORTY-FOUR, LOB APAIL MINETEEN, TWENTY-FOUR, FIVE FLET MINE AND ONE HALF, ONE SIX ONE LES., PROWN HAIR, EYES BLUE GRAY.

KANSAS CITY IS SETTING OUT ALL PERTINENT LEADS TODAY BY
THLETYPE AND TELEPHONE FOLLOWED UP BY TELETYPE CONFIRMATION.

ALL LEADS MUST BE COVERED WITHIN IWENTY-FOUR HOURS WITH BUREAU,
KANSAS CITY, AND MEMPHIS BEING KEPT ADVISED BY APPROPRIATE
COMMUNICATION OF PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS.

SUGGEST BUREAU MAKE INMEDIATE COMPARISON OF ANY LATENT.
FINGERPHINTS DEVELOPED DURING KING INVESTIGATION WITH THOSE
OF WALTER TERRY RIFE TO DETERMINE IF IDENTICAL.

AIR MAIL COPIES SENT ANCHORAGE, HONGLULU AND SAN JUAN.
LEGAT MEXICO CITY AND OTTAWA ADVISED.

SUBJECT RAY HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF ROBBERY WITH DEADLY WEAPON, HAS BEEN CONFINED IN STATE HOSPITAL, FULTON, NO., IK SIXTY-SIX. AND SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

-P-

END

Jan

FEI JKSN NISS

P

FBI JKSN MISS

FBI MIAMI

1144PM IMMEDIATD 4-19-68 LLD

TO ALL SACSEXCEPT KANSAS CITY, ANCHORAGE, HONOLULU AND SAN JUAN MESSAGE RELAY PLAN

FROM DIRECTOR 5P

END PAGE ONE

MURKIN. 00: MEMPHIS.

JAMES EARL RAY, AKA. EARL JAMES RAY, W. C. HERRON, EARL JALES,

JAMES MC BRIDE, JAMES O'CONNER, JAMES WALTON, JAMES WALYON, JIM

- FUGITIVE; UFAC - ROBBERY FIRST, BUFILE 88-41730. OO: KANSAS

CITY, KC FILE 88-9449; DETERMINED TODAY BY BUREAU TO BE IDENTICAL

WITH ERIC STARVO GALT, AGAINST WHOM FEDERAL COMPLAINT FILED APRIL

SEVENTEEN LAST IN CONNECTION WITH FATAL SHOOTING OF DR. MARTIN

LUTHER KING. JR.

JAMES EARL RAY, INMATE, MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY, JEFFERSON CITY, MO., ESCAPED PEN APRIL TWO THREE, SIXTY-SEVEN. INVESTIGATION INDICATED RAY CONCEALED HIMSELF IN A BREAD BOX AND ESCAPED FROM TRUCK MAKING DELIVERY TO AN AUXILIARY FARM. RAY WAS SERVING TWENTY YEARS ON CHARGE OF ARMED ROBBERY - FIRST DEGREE AND FOR OPERATING A VEHICLE WITHOUT OWNER'S CONSENT. ON JULY TWENTY, SIXTY-SEVEN,

157-9586-310 SEARCHED Q INDEXED 0 PAGE TWO

FEDERAL COMPLAINT AUTHORIZED BY AUSA WILLIAM A. KITCHEN, WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI, KANSAS CITY, MO., FILED BEFORE USC. JEFFERSON CITY, MO., CHARGING RAY WITH VIOLATION TITLE EIGHTEEN, SECTION ONE ZERO SEVEN THREE. USC. WARRANT ISSUED.

INVESTIGATION HAS BEEN CONDUCTED BY CHICAGO, SPRINGFIELD, ST.

LOUIS, AND KANSAS CITY OFFICES IN UNPRODUCTIVE EFFORT TO LOCATE THIS

FUGITIVE. KANSAS CITY IS INSTITUTING A FULL AND COMPLETE

REINVESTIGATION IN AN EFFORT TO DEVELOP BACKGROUND DATA, RELATIVES,

AND ASSOCIATES OF SUBJECT, WHO MIGHT BE IN A POSITION TO ASSIST IN

HIS LOCATION.

IN THIS CONNECTION, JAMES EARL RAY AND WALTER TERRY RIFE ON MARCH SEVEN, FIFTY - FIVE, BURGLARIZED THE U. S. POST OFFICE AT KELLERVILLE, ILL., AND STOLE SIXTY-SIX BLANK U. S. POSTAL MONEY ORDERS WHICH THEY PASSED DURING MARCH, FIFTY-FIVE, IN NUMEROUS STATES, WITH THE RESULT THAT BOTH WERE SENTENCED IN U.S.D.C., KANSAS CITY, MO., ON JULY ONE, FIFTY-FIVE, TO USP, LEAVENWORTH, END PAGE TWO

#### PAGE THREE

KANSAS. SUBJECT RAY HAS BEEN DESCRIBED AS A LONER AND RIFE

APPARENTLY IS ONE OF HIS FEW CLOSE ASSOCIATES, SUGGESTING POSSIBILITY

THEY COULD HAVE BEEN ASRNXX ASSCIATES IN MURDER OF DR. KING, AND

INVESTIGATION ALSO INSTITUTED IN KANSAS CITY AIRTEL TO SPRINGFIELD

MARCH ELEVEN LAST TO DEVELOP BACKGROUND INFO RE FIXXX RIFE AND TO

LOCATE HIM FOR INTERVIEW. THIS INVESTIGATION SHOLD ALSO BE

RECOVERED AND EXPOITED TODAY, IT BEING NOTED RIFE AND RAY HAVE

BACKGROUND HISTORY IN THE QUINCY. ILL.. AREA.-

PHOTOS OF JAMES EARL RAY AND WALTER TERRY RIFE ARE BEING FORWARDED AMSD TO BUREAU AND ALL OFFICES.

FOLLOWING IS DESCRIPTION OF JAMES EARL RAY AS FURNISHED BY FBI

IDENTIFICATION DIVISION UNDER FBI NO. THREE ZERO SIX FOUR FOUR THREE

A: WHITE MALE, DOB AT

DECATUR, QUINCY OR ALTON, ILL.; APPROXIMATELY FIVE FEET TEN; ONE

SEVEN FOUR LBS., IN SEPTEMBER SIXTY-SIX; RUDDY COMPLEXION; BLUE EYES;

BROWN HARI; MEDIUM BUILD; OCCUPATIONS LABORER AND BAKER; SCARS AND

MARKS--SMALL SCAR ON CENTER OF FOREHEAD AND SCAR IN PALM OF RIGHT HAND.

ADDRESSES--ST. LOUIS, MO., MARCH SIXTY, TWO ZERO ONE FIVE PARK,

ST. LOUIS, MO., OCTOBER FIFTYNINE; QUINCY, ILL., JULY FIFTY-FIVE,

MARCH FIFTY-FIVE, AND APRIL FIFTY; HOTEL QUINCY, QUINCY.

END PAGE THREE

PAGE FOUR

ILL., MARCH FIFTY-FIVE; VICTOR HOTEL, QUINCY, ILL., MARCH FIFTY-FIVE; EIGHT FIVE THREE WEST FULLERTON, CHICAGO, ILL., MAY FIFTY-TWO; EIGHT ZERO FIVE ALBY STREET, ALTON, ILL., JULY FIFTY-ONE. FPC--SIXTEEN, M OVER M, NINE OVER FOUR, U OVER W, OGO OVER IOI, TWELVE, REF NINE OVER TWELVE. NCIC FPC--ONE SIX ONE THREE ONE ONE ZERO ZERO ONE TWO ONE TWO I I ONE TWO I I ONE SEVEN. MILITARY RECORD--JAMES EARL RAY, SN ONE SIX ONE SIX THREE ONE TWO NINE, ENLISTED U. S. ARMY FEBRUARY FORTY-SIX, AT EAST ST. LOUIS, ILL., AND SERVED ON ACTIVE DUTY UNTIL DECEMBER TWENTY-THREE, FORTY-EIGHT, AT WHICH TIME GIVEN GENERAL DISCHARGE AS PRIVATE FIRST CLASS AT CAMP KILMER, N. J., BY REASON OF INEPTNESS AND LACK OF ADAPTABILITY FOR MILITARYSERVICE. RECORDS ALSO INDICATE HE RECEIVED TREATMENT FOR GONORRHEA AND SYPHILIS WHILE A MEMBER OF THE MILITARY.

FOLLOWING IS A DESCRIPTION OF WALTER TERRY RIFE, FBI NO. END PAGE FOUR

PAGE FIVE

FOUR FIV	E FIV	E EIGH	T SE	EVEN	SIX	SIX,	AS OF	STAI NE	ED FR	OM I	FILES	OF USP
LEAVENWO	RTH:	WHI TE	MAL	.E, A	GE F	ORTY.	-Four	DOB				
		FIVE F	FET	NINE	AND	ONE	HALF	ONE	SIX	ONE	LBS.,	BROWN
HAIR, EY	ES BL	UE GRA	Υ.			`						

KANSAS CITY IS SETTING OUT ALL PERTINENT LEADS TODAY BY
TELETYPE AND TELEPHONE FOLLOWED UP BY TELETYPE CONFIRMATION.
ALL LEADS MUST BE COVERED WITHIN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS WITH BUREAU,
KANSAS CITY, AND MEMPHIS BEING KEPT ADVISED BY APPROPRIATE
COMMUNICATION OF PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS.

SUGGEST BUREAU MAKE IMMEDIATE COMPARISON OF ANY LATENT FINGERPRINTS DEVELOPED DURING KING INVESTIGATION WITH THOSE OF WALTER TERRY RIFE TO DETERMINE IF IDENTICAL.

AIR MAIL COPIES SENT ANCHORAGE, HONOLULU AND SAN JUAN.

LEGAT MEXICO CITY AND OTTAWA ADVISED.

SUBJECT RAY HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF ROBBERY WITH DEADLY WEAPON, HAS BEEN CONFINED IN STATE HOSPITAL, FULTON, MO., IN SIXTY-SIX, AND SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

-P-

END

JWD

FBI JKSN MISS

P

FBI JKSN MISS

**MUNKIN:** 

FBI NEW ORLS

1056PM URCENT 4-19-68 CDC

TO JACKSON

FROM NEW ORLEANS 157-10673

RE JACKSON TEL CALL THIS DATE.

RE: JOSEPH CLATOW MONTAGNE (LOCKALIKE)

SPFINGFIELD CFFICE ADVISED THAT MINETELM SIXTYEGIHT ILLINOIS LICENSE D G THREE ONE ZERO NINE IS REGISTERED TO RAYMOND HILL-BURN, SIX ZERO THREE NINE ECRTH FIDGE, CHICAGO, FOR A MINETELM FIFTYSIX DODGE, FOUR DOOR, VIN THREE TWO TWO THREE THREE ONE THREE MINE. AUTO REGISTRATION AND DRIVERS LICENSE CHECK RE MONTAGME MEGATIVE.

PRIVERS LICENSE RECORDS RE HILLBURN DESCRIBE HIM AS RAYMOND MITCHELL HILLBURN, RECENT ADDRESS ONE IWO FIVE FOUF LELAND, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, DOB, FIVE FORT TEN, ONE HUNDRED SIXTYFIVE POUNDS, BROWN HIAR, ELUE EYES. DRIVERS LICENSE NUMBER H FOUR ONE SIX SEVEN THREE THREE FOUR ZARO ONE FIGHT SEVEN, SUSPENDED SINCE THREE IEN SIXTYEIGHT.

END PAGE ONE

Ingram advised 8° 2° 4° 4/20
Files advised Rem Pope furnished all
with the mounts.
To pointed.

PAGE TWO

CHICAGO REQUESTED TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW HILL-URN RE MONTAGNE.

JACKSON CONTACT CAPTAIN ON PASCAGOULA, MISS. PD, CRIGINAL

SOUNCE OF INFORMATION AND THOURGHLY INTERVIEW:

AIRMAIL COPIES TO SPRINGFIELE AND CHICAGO.

AFMED AND DANGEROUS.

ENI)

Jan

FBI JKS% MISS

TUCLEP

FBI JKSN MISS

FBI NEW ORLS

1056PM URGENT 4-19-68 CDC

TO JACKSON

FROM NEW ORLEANS 157-10673

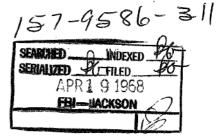
MURKIN;

RE JACKSON TEL CALL THIS DATE.

RE: JOSEPH CLATON MONTAGNE (LOOKALIKE)

SPRINGFIELD OFFICE ADVISED THAT NINETEEN SIXTYEGIHT ILLINOIS LICENSE D G THREE ONE ZERO NINE IS REGISTERED TO RAYMOND HILLBURN, SIX ZERO THREE NINE NORTH RIDGE, CHICAGO, FOR A NINETEEN FIFTYSIX DODGE, FOUR DOOR, VIN THREE TWO TWO THREE THREE ONE THREE NINE. AUTO REGISTRATION AND DRIVERS LICENSE CHECK RE MONTAGNE NEGATIVE.

DRIVERS LICENSE RECORDS RE HILLBURN DESCRIBE HIM AS RAYMOND MITCHELL HILLBURN, RECENT ADDRESS ONE TWO FIVE FOUR LELAND, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, DOB, FIVE FEET TEN, ONE HUNDRED SIXTYFIVE POUNDS, BROWN HIAR, BLUE EYES. DRIVERS LICENSE NUMBER H FOUR ONE SIX SEVEN THREE THREE FOUR ZERO ONE EIGHT SEVEN, SUSPENDED SINCE THREE TEN SIXTYEIGHT. END PAGE ONE



PAGE TWO

CHICAGO REQUESTED TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW HILLBURN RE MONTAGNE.

JACKSON CONTACT CAPTAIN ON PASCAGOULA, MISS. PD, ORIGINAL
SOURCE OF INFORMATION AND THOURGHLY INTERVIEW.

ARMAIL COPIES TO SPRINGFIELD AND CHICAGO.
ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END

JWD

FBI JKSN MISS

TUCLRP

FEI JKSN, MISS

FEI WASH DC

347PM URGENT 4-19-68 SAA

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

IMPORMATION. COPIES OF THE 1966 PHOTOGRAPH OF SUBJECT

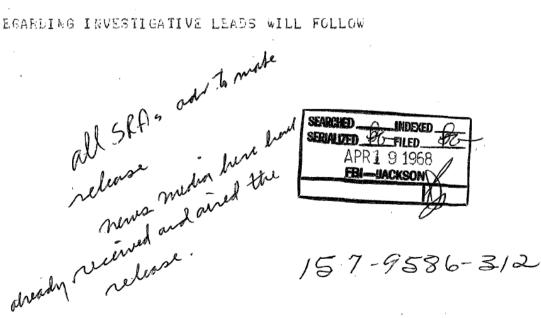
ALREADY IN YOUR POSSESSION AND WANTED FLYERS SHOULD ALSO BE

WADE AVAILABLE TO MEDIA JONTACTS. BY CLABORATION

WHATSOEVER MAY BE MADE REGARDING THIS RELEASE. ADDITIONAL

INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING INVESTIGATIVE LEADS WILL FOLLOW

SHORTLY.



PAGE TWO

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE APRIL 19, 1968

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

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 FEI"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, 1969, TO SERVE A 20-YEAR SENTENCE FOLLOWING CONVICTION IN ST. LOUIS FOR ARMED ROELERY AND FOR CPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE WITHOUT PERMISSION OF THE OWNER.

#### PAGE THREE

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

ACCORDING IC MR. HOOVER, RAY HAS A KNOWN ARREST RECORD DATING BACK TO 1949. PRIOR TO THE 1860 CONVICTION FOR WHICH HE RECEIVED THE 20-YEAR TERM, RAY HAD BEEN CONVICTED OF EURGLARY IN LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, IN 1848; ARMED ACEBERY 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, ILLINCIS, 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 FRUNK AND BREAKING ARREST.

ME. HOOVER SAID THAT DURING HIS CRIMINAL CAREEF, RAY HAS ALSO USED THE NAMES OF JAMES MCERIDE, JAMES WALTON, W. C. HERRON AND JAMES G'CONNER. HE IS A WHITE MALE: CLAIMS TO HAVE

PAGE FOUR

IN ILLINCIS; IS APPROXIMATELY 5 FEET TO 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 RICHT HAND.

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

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
FFOM THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO AVOID CONFINEMENT. HE HAS BEEN A
FEDERAL FUGITIVE SINCE THEM.

RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND EXTREMELY LANGEROUS.

ANYONE HAVING INFORMATION CONCERNING HIM SHOULD IMMEDIATELY

CONTACT FBI HEADQUARTERS IN WASHINGTON, P. C., OR THE NEAREST

FBI OFFICE.

ENT

PGL

FBI JKS% MISS

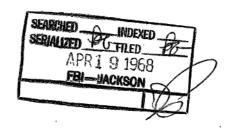
Ρ

FBI JRSW MISS

FBI WASH DC 347PM URGENT 4-19-68 SAA 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 RÉLEASE. ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING INVESTIGATIVE LEADS WILL FOLLOW SHORTLY.



157-9586-312

PAGE TWO

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
APRIL 19. 1968

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.

#### PAGE THREE

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.

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

PAGE FOUR

N ILLINOIS; IS APPROXIMATELY 5 FEET TO 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.

END

PGL.

FBI JKSN MISS

P

SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

SÁ ORVILLE V. JOHNSON

MURKIN; CIVIL RIGHTS

On 4/6/68, Mr. ANGUS MC CARREN, Metro Editor, Commercial Appeal, Memphis, advised he has received information from PAUL NORMAN, 1067 S. Perkins Road, and who is a salesman of Chip Barwick Automobile Agency, which might be of value in instant case. According to MC CARREN, NORMAN told him that at approximately 2:00 PM on 4/4/65, an individual going by the name KEN SINGFIELD contacted NORMAN in an effort to obtain employment as an automobile salesman at Chip Barwick Company. NORMAN stated that SINGFIELD said he used operate either a Holiday Inn or some type of a motel in Clarksdale and also used to be an encyclopedia salesman. SINGFIELD was acquainted with BILL TIDWELL, whom NORMAN was also acquainted with, and who either operates a Howard Johnson Motel or some other motel in Clarksdale or somewhere in the Delta area.

NORMAN stated that he was reporting this information inasmuch as SINGFIELD acted rather strange and appeared to be either under the influence of narcotics or possibly drinking. NORMAN said that SINGFIELD's description fits the description of the person that shot Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING. According to NORMAN, SINGFIELD appeared to be nervous and expressed opposition to the policies of President JOHNSON.

NORMAN said he did not see any automobile in which SINGFIELD was traveling, but was merely reporting the information inasmuch as the description of SINGFIELD appears similar to that of the Unsub which appeared in the Commercial Appeal, and also because of his strange activities.

OVJ/bbs
(2) His

Surghed J. M. J. Sept. 44-1987-Sept-45

Serialized M. Filed J. M. P.R. - 7 1968

AND PR - 7 1968

FBI - JACKSON FBI - MEMPHIS

Annon Darlington

- 1		-	Cust.
/FD	) (Ře	5-2:	2-64)
	3.8	200	47. 34

#### F B I

	Date: 4/18/68	
Trai	resmit the following in	
Via	AIRTEL (Priority)	
		- <sub>T</sub>
	TO: SAC, JACKSON	
	FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)	
	SUBJECT: MURKIN; CR	
	MEMPHIS OO	
	Re: Miscellaneous lead information	
	Enclosed for Jackson is one photocopy of memo to file from SA ORVILLE V. JOHNSON on $4/7/68$ .	
	For information of Jackson, Mr. PAUL ODELL NORMAN, 1076 Perkins Road, Memphis, Tenn., advised SA STEPHEN M. DARLINGTON on 4/17/68 that a KEN SINGFIELD fits the description of person in newspaper described as assassin of Dr. KING and acted strangely as if intoxicated and made derogatory remarks about President JOHNSON. NORMAN said a BILL TIDWELL who operates a Howard Johnson Motel in Clarksdale, Mississippi, knows SINGFIELD's current whereabouts in Mississippi.	
	LEADS	
	JACKSON	
	AT CLARKSDALE, MISS. Locate and interview BILL TIDWELL at Howard Johnson Motel and determine whereabouts of KEN SINGFIELD.	
Airt	2. Interview KEN SINGFIELD regarding any information he has concerning assassination of Dr. KING.	
Tele	(2)- Jackson (Enc. 1)	
A.N.	2 - Memphis	
А. и.	S.D.SMD:mjh	
Spec	. Del	
Reg.	Mall	•
Reg	Approved: Sent M Per Stered: Special Agent in Charge	/
	Special Agent in Charge  157-9586-3	14

AIRTEL

TO: SAC, JACKSON

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN:

CR

MEMPHIS CO

Re: Miscellaneous lead information

Enclosed for Jackson is one photocopy of memo to file from SA ORVILLE V. JOHNSON on 4/7/68.

For information of Jackson, Mr. PAUL ODELL NORMAN, 1076 Perkins Road, Memphis, Tenn., advised SA STEPHEN M. DARLINGTON on 4/17/68 that a KEN SINGFIELD fits the description of person in newspaper described as assassin of Dr. KING and acted strangely as if intoxicated and made derogatory remarks about President JOHNSON. NORMAN said a BILL TIDWELL who operates a Howard Johnson Motel in Clarksdale, Mississippi, knows SINGFIELD's current whereabouts in Mississippi.

LEADS

**JACKSON** 

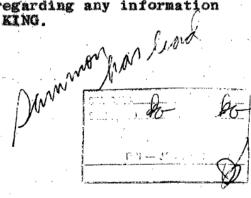
AT CLARKSDALE, MISS. Locate and interview BILL TIDWELL at Howard Johnson Motel and determine whereabouts of KEN SINGFIELD.

2. Interview KEN SINGFIELD regarding any information he has concerning assassination of Dr. KING.

2 - Jackson (Enc. 1) 2 - Memphis

Alterna A.V.

SMD:mjh
(4)



157-9586-314

FBI JKSN MISS

FBI NEW ORLS

1013PA URGERT 4/20/68 GLP

TO JACKSON (157-19873)

LUFKIN

RE: JAMES EARL PAY (LOCK ALIKE)

INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM BRAD SWOLKIN, NEW GRLEADS, LA., THIS MATE THAT ON EVELOG OF APRIL NINETEEN LAST HE CESEPVEL INDIVIDUAL RIDING IN A MINETEEN SIXTYLIGHT CHEVROLET CAMERO, BLUE WITH BLACK VINYL TOP, PEARILS MINETEEN SIXTYLIGHT.

JPON VIEWING LATEST PICTURES OF RAY IN TODAY'S NEW ORLEANS TEWSPAPER, HE STATED THAT UNKNOWN INDIVIDUAL MOPE A RESEMBLANCE TO RAY. SWOLKIN COULD FURWISH NO LESCRIPTION OF EITHER DRIVER OF VLHICLE OR PASSENGER OTHER THAT THEY WERE WHITE.

JACKSON DETERMINE IDENTITY OF CAMER OF VOHICLE, LOCATE AND INTERVIEW AND ASCERTAIN IDENTITY OF PASSENGER IN OFFICE TO BLIMINATE AS BEING IDENTICAL TO BAY.

APKED ALD PANGEROUS.

SFF

ELE

FEI JKSK 4ISS

TU CLE

Japan advised Ingram advised July [20168 fem SEARCHED INDEXED SERIALIZED FOR 1968

FBI—JACKSON

FBI JKSN MISS

FBI NEW ORLS

1013PM URGENT 4/20/68 OLP

TO JACKSON
FROM NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

MURKIN

RE: JAMES EARL RAY (LOOK ALIKE)

INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM BRAD SWOLKIN, NEW ORLEANS, LA.,
THIS DATE THAT ON EVEING OF APRIL NINETEEN LAST HE OBSERVED
INDIVIDUAL RIDING IN A NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT CHEVROLET
CAMERO, BLUE WITH BLACK VINYL TOP, BEARING NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT
MISSISSIPPI LICENSE G B EIGHT ONE FOUR EIGHT.

UPON VIEWING LATEST PICTURES OF RAY IN TODAY'S NEW ORLEANS NEWSPAPER, HE STATED THAT UNKNOWN INDIVIDUAL BORE A RESEMBLANCE TO RAY. SWOLKIN COULD FURNISH NO DESCRIPTION OF EITHER DRIVER OF VEHICLE OR PASSENGER OTHER THAT THEY WERE WHITE.

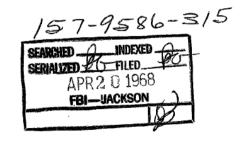
JACKSON DETERMINE IDENTITY OF OWNER OF VEHICLE, LOCATE AND INTERVIEW AND ASCERTAIN IDENTITY OF PASSENGER IN ORDER TO ELIMINATE AS BEING IDENTICAL TO RAY.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END .

REM

FBI JKSN MISS TU CLR



F

FET JKSN MISS

FET CHICAGO

1122PW URGENT 4-20-6" TAZ TO: JACKSON, FIRMINGHAM, AMEMPHIS

FROM: CHICAGO (44-1114)

RUEKIN

RS. LEMORE STEWART, THREE FIVE THREE RIGHT W. HIRSCH CHICAGO, TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED FOUR TWENTY INSTANT, THAT HER SUN GERALD HULTGREW IS LIVING IN PASCAGOULA, MISS. FOR ONE MINE FIVE, WITH AN INDIVIDUAL NAMED E.M. RAY. RAY IS UNKNOWN TO STEWART AS TO DESCRIPTION OF PACKGROUND.

SERALD HULTGREN, IS WHITE MALE BORN THREE FIVE FURTY THREE SIM FEET THREE INCHES, ONE HUNDRED BEVENTY LES IN MINERED SIMILY NO.

HAS BACKGROUNE OF JUVENILE TROUBLE AND

ITEMV .ATTERS, TOT JUVENILE AUTHORITIES COCK COUNTY, FOR PROSECUTION

IN ALPETEER SINTY.

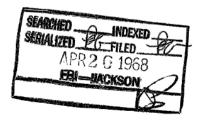
STEMART LAST HEARD FROM HER SON AND RAY TELEPHONICALLY
ABOUT THREE WEEKS AGO. THESE TWO MEN WERE TO TAKE A TRIP TO UNKNOWN
LOCATION. EMPLOYMENT OF RAY AND HULTGREE NOT KNOWN TO STEWART.
JACKEON AT PASCACOULA LOCATE AND INTERVIEW MULTGREE AND

PAY, DETERMINE IF RAY POSSIFLY IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT.

ENDRE (

FEI JUST MISS

Dugam advised Dugam advised Files 4/20/68 Som



157-9586-316

FBI JKSN MISS

FBI CHICAGO

1122PM URGENT 4-20-68 TAB
TO: JACKSON, BIRMINGHAM, MEMPHIS
FROM: CHICAGO (44-1114)

#### MURKIN

MRS. LENORE STEWART, THREE FIVE THREE EIGHT W. HIRSCH CHICAGO, TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED FOUR TWENTY INSTANT, THAT HER SON GERALD HULTGREN IS LIVING IN PASCAGOULA, MISS. BOX ONE NINE FIVE, WITH AN INDIVIDUAL NAMED E.M. RAY. RAY IS UNKNOWN TO STEWART AS TO DESCRIPTION OR BACKGROUND.

	GERA	LD I	HULT	GRE	, I	SW	HITE	MALE	BORN				
SIX	FEET	THR	EE I	NCH	ES,	ONE	HUNI	RED	SEVENTY	LBS	IN	NINETEE	d.
SIXTY, SOCIAL SECURITY NO.													
				H	AS E	BACK	GROUI	ID OI	JUVENI	LE TI	ROUE	LE AND	,

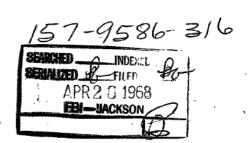
ITSMV MATTERS, TOT JUVENILE AUTHORITIES COOK COUNTY, FOR PROSECUTION IN NINETEEN SIXTY.

STEWART LAST HEARD FROM HER SON AND RAY TELEPHONICALLY
ABOUT THREE WEEKS AGO. THESE TWO MEN WERE TO TAKE A TRIP TO UNKNOWN
LOCATION. EMPLOYMENT OF RAY AND HULTGREN NOT KNOWN TO STEWART.
JACKSON AT PASCAGOULA LOCATE AND INTERVIEW HULTGREN AND

RAY, DETERMINE IF RAY POSSIBLY IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT.

ENDREM

FBI JKSN MISS



## UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

DATE: 4/19/68

FROM

SA EDGAR L. O'NEILL, JR.

SUBJECT:

MURKIN

AT PASCAGOULA, MISSISSIPPI

On 4/19/68 the following persons were contacted by SA EDGAR L. O'NEILL, JR. Each was shown the photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT, and each checked their union records under names of GALT, GAULT, HARVEY LOWMYER, HARVEY LOWMEYER, and JOHN WILLARD. All persons contacted advised that the photograph was unfamiliar, and that records failed to reveal the afore-mentioned names; all checks made for current and inactive files:

(1) MYRTIS JONES, Secretary,

(1) MYRTIS JONES, Secretary, Machinists Local # 1133, 233 Delmas Ave., Pascagoula, Miss.

- (2) GWIN FREEMAN, Secretary, Carpenters Local # 569, 233 Delmas Avenue, Pascagoula, Miss.
- (3) Mrs. KATHLEEN ALEXANDER, Secretary, Plumbers & Steam Fitters Union, Local # 436, 312 W. Ingalls Ave., Pascagoula, Miss.
- (4) SANICE JEANIGAN, Secretary, Boilermakers Union, Local # 693, 324 West Ingalls Ave., Pascagoula, Miss.

(5) BRENDA BRUSHABER, Secretary,
International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers,
Local Union 733,
504 South Market St.,
Pascagoula Miss.

(6) RILZA NAIL, Secretary, Laborers Hall, Local # 1142, 340 Market St., Pascagoula, Miss.

ELO: elo ne compaistroye

SEARCHED INDEXED FOR SERIALIZED FILED FOR APR 2 2 1968
FBI JACKSON

Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

JN 157-9586
Page 2, Memo to SAC from SA EDGAR L. O'NEILL, JR., Dated 4/19/68.

(7) RONALD K. ROBINSON, President & Business Agent, International Longshoreman's Association, Local 1752, 667 West Krebs Ave., Pascagoula, Miss.

After the above interview, it was determined that ERIC STARVO GALT had been identified as JAMES EARL RAY, an escaped convict.

The following union halls were not contacted:

Painters Local 1225, 315 S. Market St., Pascagoula, Miss.

Rusters & Scalers Local 1730 555 School, Ave., Pascagoula, Miss.

Sheetmetal Local 407, 947 Ingalls Ave., Pascagoula, Miss.

Office & Professional Employees Local # 204, P. O. Box 2062, Pascagoula, Miss.

It was determined during contacts with other unions that the Operating Engineers Union is in Wiggins, Miss.; and that the Teamsters Union is in Mobile, Alabama.

FBI

Date:	A.	17	(Q)	/68
	- cape	# H	22	# 100 (Ca

Transmit the following in						
		(Type in plain text or code)				
Viα	AIRTEL	AM				
		(Priority or Method of Mailing)				

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

2 ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES

1 MEMPHIS

RGJ:BN
(111)

Approved:

Sent M Per

Special Agent in Charge

sold to one HARVEY LOWMEYER on 3/30/68 by Aeronarine 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 Birmngham 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 \_\_\_\_\_\_, his height as 5'll", 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

recommended bond in the amount \$50,000. On that same date, SAC JOSEPH H. 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.

ARMED & DANGEROUS.

### FBI

	Date: 4/19/68
smit the following in	(Type in plain text or code)
AIRTEL	
wrwipp	AM (Priority or Method of Mailing)
TO: SAC, ALB	ANY
FROM; SAC, MEM	PHIS (44-1987) P
MURKIN	
Street, Memphis in the right sid 30-06 rifle. The was almost instance This invente from the Attorne the fatal shot h house located at was located at	utside Room 306 of the Lorraine Motel, 406 Mulberry, Tennessee. Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. was struck de of the face by a single bullet fired from a he bullet severed KING's spinal cord and death antaneous.  estigation, predicated upon a specific request by General of the United States, disclosed that had been fired from the bathroom of a cheap rooming t 422½ South Main Street, Memphis, which bathroom the rear of the rooming house, and had a window Lorraine Motel.
JOHN WILLARD had South Main Streethe rifle shot a in the rooming had willard, fleeing which was subsected the Canipe And Aneighborhood	3 p.m. on 4/4/68, an individual using the name d rented Room 5-B in the rooming house at 422½ et and had paid one week's rent. After hearing at about 6 p.m. on that same day, other tenants house observed 2 man presumably identical with y from the rooming house carrying a large package quently abandoned by him on the sidewalk in front musement Co., 424 South Main Street, Memphis. investigation in the vicinity of 424 South Main d that the subject had fled from the scene in a
Found aba	andoned in front of 424 South Main Street was a model 760 rifle which was determined to have been 157-9586-318

Special Agent in Charge

SEARCHED.

SERIALIZED TO FILED

APR 2 2 1968 FBI—JACKSON 6

ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES

RGJ:BN (111)

Approved: .

sold to one HARVEY LOWMEYER on 3/30/68 by Aeronarine 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 Birmagham 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 his height as 5'll", 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

recommended bond in the amount \$50,000. On that same date, SAC JOSEPH R. 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.

ARMED & DANGEROUS.

#### FB1

Date: 4/19/68

Transmi	t the following in	(Type in plaintext or code)
Via	AIRTEL	AIRMAIL
* 1 u		(Priority)

TO

SAC, JACKSON

FROM:

SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (P)

SUBJECT:

MURKIN

RM

OO: Memphis Bufile 44-38861

## Re Suspect Division

On 4/18/68 Miss JEAN WHITTINGTON, Manager, Indices Section, Arson and Fraud Division, American Insurance Association, Regional Office, 161 Peachtree Street, NE, Atlanta, Georgia, advised SA CHARLES PAUL ROSE that the records of her office failed to reflect any listing for ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMEYER, or HARVEY LOWMYER.

The indices reflect that one JOHN M. WILLARD, 1227 Baggan Drive, Tupelo, Mississippi, reported an injury in an accident on 11/21/63. He was described as a white male, age 28 years, and married. It was alleged he sprained his back lifting a wrecked car in Tupelo, Mississippi and was seen by Dr. MALCOLM MOORE, Tupelo, Mississippi. The insurance company in this matter was U. S. Fidelity Guaranty, Tupelo, Mississippi and their file number is 142C3226.

The indices further reflect that JOHN E.

Approved:		SentM	Per
	Special Agent in Charge		

AT 44-2386

WILLARD, Post Office Box 178, Zephyrhills, Florida, was involved in an accident receiving an abrasion on his face on U. S. 301, Zephyrhills, Florida, on 7/27/66.

At that time JOHN E. WILLARD was a white male, 26 years of age, and the insured in the accident was RILEY HARRIS, insured by State Farm Mutual, 5207 North Lois, Tampa, Florida. State Farm Mutual's case file number is 591073-036.

Jackson and Tampa will conduct logical investigation to ascertain if JOHN M. WILLARD, Tupelo, Mississippi and JOHN E. WILLARD, Zephyrhills, Florida, should be considered as logical suspects in captioned matter.

<u> Airtel</u>

AIRMAIL

TO

SAC, JACKSON

FROM:

SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (P)

SUBJECT:

MURKIN RM

00: Memphis

Bufile 44-38861

## Re Suspect Division

On 4/18/68 Miss JERN WHITTINGTON, Manager, Indices Section, Arson and Fraue Division, American Insurance Association, Regional Office, 161 Peachtree Street, NE, Atlanta, Georgia, advised SA CHARLES PAUL DESE that the records of her office failed to reflect any listing for ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMEYER, or MARVEY KOWMYER.

The indices reflect that one JOHN M. WILLARD, 1827 Baggas Drive, Tupelo, Mississippi, reported an injury in an accident on 11/21/63. He was described as a white male, age 28 years, and married. It was alleged he sprained his back lifting a wrecked car in Tupelo, Mississippi and was seen by Dr. MALCOLM MOORE, Tupelo, Mississippi. The insurance company in this matter was U. S. Fidelity Gusranty, Tupelo, Mississippi and their file number is 142C3226.

The indices further reflect that JOHN E.

2-Jackson 2-Tampa 1-Momphis 2-Atlanta CPR:sja (7)

SEARCHED INDEXED SERVALIZED DE FILED FO-APR 2 2 1968
FBI-JACKSON

AT 44-2386

WILLARD, Post Office Bex 178, Zephyrhills, Florida, was involved in an accident receiving an abrasion on his face on U. S. 301, Zephyrhills, Florida, on 7/27/66.

At that time JOHN E. WILLARD was a white male, 26 years of age, and the insured in the accident was RILEY HARRIS, insured by State Farm Mutual, 5207 North Lois, Tampa, Florida. State Farm Mutual's case file number is 591073-036.

Jackson and Tampa will conduct logical investigation to ascertain if JOHN M. WILLARD, Tupelo, Mississippi and JOHN E. WILLARD, Zephyrhills, Florida, should be considered as logical suspects in captioned matter.

4/22/68

AIRTEL.

AIRMAIL

TO:

SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-9586) (P)

MURKIN

Re Memphis tel to Jackson, 4/18/68.

For information of Memphis, W. E. BUSTIN is the owner and operator of a cafe at Mooghead, Mississippi, and he is acquainted with JOHN SIDNEY PARKER, who is a deputy sheriff on the Sunflower County SO, which covers Moorhead.

On 3/29/68, Sheriff JACK SESSUMS, Sunflower County 50, Indianola, Mississippi, advised PARKER had gone to Memphis, Tennessee, 3/28/68, on personal business and had been caught in the middle of a Negro riot there at that time. He advised PARKER had fired a shot in the direction of some approaching Negroes, but to his knowledge, had not hit anyone. advised he had telephonically contacted the COP and the SO at Memphis and was advised this incident was not reported to either department, and he was advised to forget about it. SESSUMS further advised on 4/19/68, PARKER was on duty at Indianola, Mississippi, at the time of the assassination of KING in Memphis.

Inasmuch as this appears to be the incident referred to by BUSTIN in Te teletype which has no connection with MURKIN. no further investigation is being conducted in this matter.

- Memohis 1) - Jackson

DD/clm

157-9586-35

OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10 MAY 1962 EDITION GSA FPMR (41 CFR) 101-11.8 UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

DATE: 4/22/68

FROM

SA LYNN P. SMITH

SUBJECT:

MURKIN

RM

Re your memorandum, dated 4/11/68.

The following investigation was conducted by SA LYNN P. SMITH at the cities indicated. On April 16, and April 17, the following individuals were contacted and a check of their records were made relative to ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMEYER or LOWMYER and JOHN WILLARD. All of these individuals contacted advised that their records were negative relative to these individuals.

> BOBBY MURRY, Clay County Circuit Clerk, West Point, Mississippi

Mrs. MILDRED CALVERT, City Tax Rolls, West Point, Mississippi

Miss ANNE SIZEMORE, West Point Water & Light Department, West Point, Mississippi

Mrs. CECIL GROVES, Local Board #14, Selective Service System, West Pøint, Mississippi

Mr. RALPH BALLARD, Bank of West Point, West Point, Mississippi

Mr. JOHN WILSON, First National Bank,

West Point, Mississippi

2 - Jackson Jackson LPS:bal

1-9586321 Q5 8 90 HS (1)

SIRIM TO POFILED. APR 22 1968

الاراندان

(2) de

Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan