- F. Investigation determined that ERIC S. GALT resided at the Economy Rooming House, Birmingham, Alabama, from August 26, 1967, through October 7, 1967.
 - 1. PETER CHERPES,
 Owner, Economy Rooming House
 2608 Highland Avenue,
 Birmingham, Alabama

Mr. CHERPES can testify to the fact that ERIC S. GALT resided at the Economy Rooming House from August 26, 1967, through approximately October 7, 1967. CHERPES can testify to the fact that the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY taken at the graduation of the bartenders school in Los Angeles, California, on March 2, 1968, reflecting RAY's eyes open was the best likeness of the man known to him as ERIC S. GALT.

2. HERBERT KELLY
2608 Highland Avenue
Birmingham, Alabama

Mr. KELLY, who is employed as a cook at the Economy Rooming House, can testify that an individual occupying Room 14 of the Economy Rooming House under the name of ERIC GALT resided at that rooming house from approximately the latter part of August 1967 to early October 1967. KELLY can testify that the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY taken at the graduation of the bartenders school on March 2, 1968, in Los Angeles, California, showing the eyes in an open position was definitely identical with the individual known to him as ERIC S. GALT who resided at the Economy Rooming House in Birmingham in 1967.

- G. Purchase of 1966 Mustang by ERIC S. GALT at Birmingham, Alabama.
 - 1. WILLIAM D. PAISLEY, SR. 701 48th Street South Birmingham, Alabama

Mr. PAISLEY can testify to the fact that an individual known to him by the name of ERIC GALT answered PAISLEY's ad appearing in a local newspaper in Birmingham

regarding PAISLEY's offer to sell a 1966 white Mustang. He can testify that on August 30, 1967, GALT met PAISLEY at the First National Bank building, Birmingham, where GALT paid PAISLEY \$1995 cash. PAISLEY prepared a bill of sale indicating that the car was sold to ERIC GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama.

This vehicle is described as a 1966 Mustang, Vehicle Identification Number 6T07C190647. PAISLEY advised that the photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT depicting his eyes closed which was taken in the bartenders school graduation in Los Angeles, California, on March 2, 1968, resembles the man known to him as ERIC GALT; however, he could not make a positive identification and added that the man in the photograph has a fatter face than the ERIC GALT who bought the Mustang.

2. WILLIAM DAVID PAISLEY, JR. 701 South 48th Street Birmingham, Alabama

PAISLEY, JR., can testify to the fact that an individual by the name of ERIC GALT purchased a 1966 Mustang, Vehicle Identification Number 6T07C190647, from WILLIAM D. PAISLEY, SR., in the latter part of August 1967, and paid the sum of \$1995 in cash. PAISLEY, JR., advised that the photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT showing his eyes closed which was taken at the bartending school graduation in Los Angeles, California, on March 2, 1968, resembles the person known to him by the name of ERIC GALT who purchased the 1966 white Mustang from PAISLEY's father in August 1967. PAISLEY commented that it appeared GALT had put on some weight since PAISLEY had last seen him in August 1967, as GALT's face in the photograph appears fatter than what PAISLEY recalls. PAISLEY can testify to the fact that the more he studied the photograph of GALT the more he believed that the photograph was identical with ERIC GALT.

An appropriate witness from the Jefferson County Department of Revenue, Birmingham, Alabama, can testify to the fact that 1968 Alabama License 1-38993 was issued on October 2, 1967, to ERIC S. GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama, for a 1966 Mustang two-door, Vehicle Identification Number 6T07C190647.

An appropriate witness at the Drivers License Division, Department of Public Safety, State of Alabama, Montgomery, Alabama, can testify to the fact that Alabama Drivers License 2848947 was issued to ERIC STARVO GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue South, Birmingham, Alabama, on September 6, 1967.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the signature of ERIC STARVO GALT appearing on his application for Alabama Drivers License and the signature of ERIC S. GALT appearing on the application for the Alabama automobile license were prepared by the same individual who prepared other items under the same name attributed to ERIC S. GALT.

H. Investigation revealed that ERIC S. GALT, 2608 Highland, Birmingham, Alabama, rented a safe deposit box, number 5517, at the Main office of Birmingham Trust National Bank, Birmingham, Alabama, on August 28, 1967. GALT terminated use of this safe deposit box by an undated letter advising bank officials that he was moving to Louisiana and would have no further need for the box.

The following described documents were forwarded to the FBI Laboratory:

Record of access to safe deposit Box #5517 for ERIC S. GALT;

Contract for safe deposit box with ERIC S. GALT:

Ledger card (rental record) for safe deposit box #5517 in name ERIC S. GALT;

Undated letter from ERIC S. GALT to the Birmingham Trust National Bank.

In the event the above described documents are needed as evidence they may be obtained by execution of a subpoena duces tecum to Mr. C. E. KIRKPATRICK, Vice President, Birmingham Trust National Bank.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the signatures of ERIC S. GALT appearing on the above described documents were prepared by the same individual who prepared the writing in the same name appearing on other items attributed to ERIC S. GALT.

I. Purchase of a Remington Model 760, caliber 30-06 rifle and Redfield telescopic sight at Birmingham, Alabama.

On March 29, 1968, an individual who gave his name as HARVEY LOWMEYER, 1907 South 11th Street, Birmingham, Alabama, went to the Aeromarine Supply Company, 5701 Airport Highway, Birmingham, Alabama, where he purchased a Remington Model 700, caliber .243 rifle with a 2X - 7X Redfield telescopic sight mounted thereon. He also bought a box of 20 rounds of .243 Norma ammunition. He left the store carrying this rifle in a cardboard box which had originally been a box for a rifle from the Browning Manufacturing Company. He was given the Browning box because the rifle with the mounted sight would not fit in the Remington box in which the rifle had originally been shipped. LOWMEYER paid for this weapon in cash.

On March 30, 1968, the individual calling himself LOWMEYER telephoned first and then later that day returned with the newly purchased .243 rifle to Aeromarine Supply Company and explained that following a conversation with his brother he decided to exchange this rifle for a Remington Model 760, 30-06 caliber. This exchange was accomplished on the afternoon of March 30, 1968, with LOWMEYER leaving the store with a Remington Game Master rifle, Model 760, Serial Number 461476, on which was mounted the Redfield telescopic sight. Serial Number A17350.

1. DONALD F. WOOD 5701 Airport Highway Birmingham, Alabama

WOOD can testify to the fact that on March 30, 1968, HARVEY LOWMEYER, furnishing an address of 1907 South 11th Street, Birmingham, Alabama, purchased a Remington Model 760, caliber 30-06 rifle, Serial Number 461476, with a 2X - 7X Redfield telescopic sight, Serial

Number A17350 mounted thereon and a box of 20 rounds of 30-06 ammunition from the Aeromarine Supply Company, 5701 Airport Highway, Birmingham, Alabama.

WOOD can also testify to the fact that the individual known by the name of HARVEY LOWMEYER was at the Aeromarine Supply Company, 5701 Airport Highway, Birmingham, on March 29, 1968, at which time he purchased a Remington Model 700, caliber .243 rifle with a 2X - 7X Redfield telescopic sight mounted thereon.

WOOD can testify to the fact that the photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT taken at the bartenders school graduation in Los Angeles, California, on March 2, 1968, which shows the eyes of GALT closed is a photograph of the man to whom he sold the Remington Model 760, caliber 30-06, rifle, Serial Number 461476, on March 30, 1968, and is identical to the man that he observed at the Aeromarine supply Company on March 29, 1968, at which time he purchased a Remington Model 700, caliber .243 rifle with a 2X - 7X Redfield telescopic sight mounted thereon. WOOD stated "I can't say exactly at this time, but I think that this is the man. To the best of my memory I believe that this is the man that bought the gun."

JOHN WEBSTER DESHAZO 17 Montevallo Lane Mountain Brook, Alabama

DESHAZO can testify that he is a regular and frequent customer at Aeromarine Supply Company, Airport Highway, Birmingham, and was in the Supply Company approximately 3:00 p.m., March 29, 1968, at which time he observed an individual purchasing a Remington Model 700, .243 rifle from a salesman known to DESHAZO by the last name of BAKER. DESHAZO can testify that he had conversation with this individual. DESHAZO can testify to the fact that he believes that the photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT with his eyes closed taken at the bartenders school graduation on March 2, 1968, is a photograph of the man that he observed on March 29, 1968, purchasing a Remington Model 700, .243 rifle from the Aeromarine Supply Company, Airport Highway, Birmingham, Alabama.

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The bullet removed from the body of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING was examined by the FBI laboratory. It was determined that the bullet is a .30 caliber metal jacketed "soft point" sporting type bullet of Remington-Peters manufacture which could have been fired from the recovered Remington 30-06 rifle. The bullet was distorted due to mutilation and insufficient marks of value for identification remain on this bullet. Therefore, it was not possible to determine whether or not the bullet removed from the body of KING had been fired from the recovered Remington rifle bearing the fingerprint of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI Number 405 942 G.

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J. Recovery of 1966 white Mustang in Atlanta, Georgia, registered to ERIC STARVO GALT, Birmingham, Alabama.

On April 11, 1968, the Atlanta, Georgia, Police Department received a complaint that a white Mustang automobile, bearing an Alabama license, was parked in a parking area of Capitol Homes, and in view of the publicity concerning the killing of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., the complainant wanted this vehicle investigated.

The following individuals can provide the indicated testimony:

Detective R. L. DAVIS
 Auto Theft Squad
 Atlanta, Georgia, Police Department

Detective DAVIS can testify that he and Detective P. S. MC CRAVY proceeded to the parking area of the Capitol Homes where they located a 1966 Ford Mustang. The car was a two-door model, white in color, bearing 1968 Alabama license 1-38993. The vehicle was locked, and in order to further determine ownership they unlocked the left front door and from the serial plate determined it bore VIN 6T07C190647. By sending the information concerning the license plate and the vehicle identification number to the National Crime Information Center through the Alabama State Police he determined that this vehicle was registered to one ERIC STARVO GALT, Birmingham, Alabama.

2. Mrs. MARY L. BRIDGES
Apartment 550
Capitol Homes
Atlanta, Georgia

Mrs. BRIDGES can testify that at about 8:30 A.M. on Friday, April 5, 1968, she had just gotten her children off to school and observed through the window a white automobile pulling up in the parking lot directly across from the door to her apartment. She recalled the

car had an Alabama license plate. The lone male occupant got out of the vehicle and began to walk across the parking lot away from her apartment and toward Memorial Drive. She never saw this individual's face but could describe him as a white male, 5'10" to 6' tall, 165 pounds, medium build, wearing a navy blue suit and a white shirt. He had dark hair, and she estimated him to be about 30 to 35 years of age.

She is unable to identify him but is able to affix the time of arrival of the vehicle at the Capitol Homes parking area.

3. Mrs. LUCY CAYTON
Apartment 490
Capitol Homes
Atlanta, Georgia

Mrs. CAYTON can testify that on April 5, 1968, sometime after 8:15 A.M. when her children had left for school and while she was sweeping her front stoop, she noticed a white male approaching her apartment from the parking lot to the left of her front door. He came to the back yard area of the apartment buildings to her left and after stopping at the beginning of the lane as if to gain his bearings, he proceeded toward Memorial Drive through the back yard area after which time she lost sight of him. This would have occurred prior to 9:30 A.M.

She viewed 7 photographs including 2 of JAMES EARL RAY and selected a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY as appearing identical to the individual whom she had observed.

4. JACK B. SIMPSON
RICHARD H. DAVIS
CARL E. CLAIBORNE
ALDEN F. MILLER
JACK T. BEVERSTEIN
Atlanta Division

On April 11, 1968, the above Agents examined the 1966 Ford Mustang at the FBI Garage,

Atlanta, Georgia. This vehicle is a two-door 289, 8 cylinder, 2 barrel carburetor, white hardtop, bearing 1968 Alabama license 1-38993. The mileage was noted to be 39,100.8 and the SN 6T07C190647. The right rear window bore a sticker "Direction General de Registro Federal de Automoviles, 1967 Octbre Turista, Aduana de Nuevo, Laredo, Tamps."

K. FBI Laboratory examination of items removed from the 1966 Mustang.

FBI Laboratory examination of items removed from the 1966 Mustang which were submitted by the Atlanta Office determined that brown cotton fibers, green cotton fibers, and green rayon fibers which could have come from the bedspread recovered near the scene of the assassination of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., were found on a dark blue, short sleeve sweat shirt, a white fitted sheet, a black and white shirt jacket, a pillow case, and itted sheet with yellow thread, a black sports shirt, a pair of size 34 walking shorts, a rug, and a pillow as well as a pair of men's brown socks and were also contained in the vacuum sweepings from the trunk of the vehicle.

The Laboratory also determined through examination that Caucasian head hairs like the hairs previously found on the bedspread described above, in the zipper bag, on the yellow and white towel, on the pair of black socks, and the hair brush recovered in the vicinity of the scene of the assassination of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., were found on the dark blue, short sleeve sweat shirt, a white fitted sheet, a pillow case, a fitted sheet with yellow thread, and a rug all recovered from the Mustang. These hairs could have come from the same person and the Laboratory points out that hairs do not possess enough individual microscopic characteristics to be positively identified as originating from a particular person.

Some Caucasian head hairs found in the vacuum sweepings from the Mustang were like the hairs found on the bedspread, in the zipper bag, on the yellow and white towel, on the pair of black socks, and on the hair brush.

L. ERIC S. GALT's residence at Atlanta, Georgia

The operator of the residence located at 107 14th Street, N. E., Atlanta, Georgia, also operates the rooming house at 113 14th Street, N. E., Atlanta, and is identified as JAMES D. GARNER.

1. JAMES D. GARNER 107 14th Street, N. E. Atlanta, Georgia

GARNER can testify that on March 24, 1968, an individual identifying himself as ERIC GALT introduced himself to GARNER at his rooming house, 107 14th Street, N.E., Atlanta, and requested a single room. He was placed in room #2, 113 14th Street, N.E., Atlanta, and was offered an adjoining storage room in which to place his surplus belongings in view of the small size of the room. On March 31, 1968, ERIC GALT paid him another week's rent, and on April 5, 1968, when GARNER entered room #2 to change the linens found a note on the bed stating in effect, "I've had to go to Birmingham. I've left my TV set here and will try to return for it in about a week."

GARNER selected from a group of 9 photographs displayed the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY as being identical to the individual whom he knew as the resident of room #2 under the name of ERIC GALT.

M. Examination of items recovered from the rooming house located at 113 14th Street, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia.

Among items located in the rooms utilized by ERIC GALT at 113 14th Street, N.E., was a map of Mexico. Of the 6 latent fingerprints and one latent impression, which may be a fingerprint, impression of lower joint of a finger, or a partial palm print developed on the map of Mexico, one of the latent fingerprints is identical with the latent fingerprint previously

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located on the Remington .30-06 "Game Master," slide action, rifle, Model 760, SN 461476.

- N. Identification of JAMES EARL RAY at Piedmont Laundry, Atlanta, Georgia
 - 1. Mrs. ESTELLE PETERS
 Manager
 Piedmont Laundry
 1168 Peachtree, N.E.
 Atlanta, Georgia

Mrs. PETERS, home address 1033 Milam Terrace Apartments, Clarkston, Georgia, can testify that a white male came into the laundry on April 1, 1968, and placed laundry as well as dry cleaning for treatment using the name ERIC GALT. The dry cleaning consisted of a black checked coat with small check marks and gray trousers. The laundry and dry cleaning were subsequently picked up between 9:00 and 10:00 A.M. on April 5, 1968, by the same individual.

She identified the customer as being JAMES EARL RAY through a review of photographs.

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o. At about 6:15 p.m. on April 4, 1968, the wounded Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., was taken to St. Joseph Hospital, Memphis, Tennessee, where he was pronounced dead at 7:05 p.m. Records concerning the emergency room treatment of the victim will be made available only upon the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum directed to Mr. J. LUTON, Assistant Administrator, St. Joseph Hospital, Memphis, Tennessee.

Dr. J. T. FRANCISCO, Shelby County Medical Examiner, 858 Madison Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee, can testify to the findings contained in his autopsy report dated April 11, 1968, which reports the cause of death as gunshot wound to spinal column, lower cervical, upper thoracic.

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- 3) 24 MAR 68 call to Angi BRIDGHAN at 486-0574 from Rita. Area Code 516-276-7777(coin box) 10:35 Am (no further info available)
- 4) 2 APR 68 call to Angi at 486-0574 from Rita. Area Code 516-273-777? (coin box) 9:50 AM (no further info available)
- 5) 2 AFR 68 collect call from 486-0574 to 516-231-8000 for Dr. GRENBERG. 9:52 AM (no further info available)
- 6) 9 APR 68 call to Bockville Center New York #516-80 -- 9114 (subscriber T.J. MARCHI- 6 Willard Avenue, Oceanside, N.Y.
- 7) 10 AFR 68 call to Attleboro, Mass. U.S.A. #617-222-0065 (subscriber Mr. Armand Fallstier 26 O'Donnell Drive, Attleboro, Mass.
- 8) 11 APR 68 same as 7 above.
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- 12) 18 APR 68 call to Sarnia, Ont. #344-1161 lasting 14 minutes. (subscriber GUILDWOOD Imm The Motor Motel - 40 Hwg, Point Edward.
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- 14) 23 APR 68 call to Rockville Center same # as #6 above call lasted 6 minutes.
- 15) 6 MAY 68 Same as #14 above lasting 8 minutes.
- b) 366-9405 subscriber G. BRIDGMAN of 122 Repworth Ave., Ville LaSalle since 1965. Machinist with Northern Electric for last 8 years previous phone number was 489-0372 no long distance calls during last billing period. Canada
- 7. The fellowing information was obtained concerning:
 - a) BRIDGEMAN, Philip works for BROWN and ROOTE, as project engineer, 5256 Ferrier St. Montreal QPF and MCP no record UIC advises that subject went to Ottawa SIN on 19 APR 67 employed by Expo 67 Administration Building.
 - b) BRIDGMAN. Donna (nee HIGGS) in 1964 SIN in 1962 employed
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8. The above information is being submitted for information purposes at this time. Should it be found necessary that a complete investigation be required on the BRIDGEMAN and BRIDGMAN family same will be done upon instructions.

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I received a telephone call this morning from one identifying himself as Lee Bailey, an attorney. He stated that he had gotten a letter which purported to be from Ray requesting him to serve as defense counsel in connection with the murder indictment in Memphis, Tennessee. Bailey was calling me to see if I had any knowledge of the bona fides of the letter. He also stated that he intended to tell Ray that "Because of his (Bailey's) close relationship with Dr. King, he would consider handling the matter only if Ray's defense was that he did not commit the crime".

Upon my inquiries about the substance of the letter, Bailey stated that it contained a convict number, gave his address as the prison in which he is actually being held, and named his solicitor as Michael Dresden and Co., 32 Tavistock Street, London. The letter also indicated that the writer thought he would be returned to this country on about June 19. I confirmed to Bailey that the information contained in the letter was accurate with the exception of the June 19 date which was uncertainty Bailey indicated that he would call Ray's solicitors in London to discuss the matter.

Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

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Memorandum

MR. STEPHEN J. POLLAK

то Assistant Attorney General CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION DATE: JUNE 21, 1968

FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Reference is made to memorandum dated
(your file).
There is enclosed one copy of the report of Special Agent JOE C. HESTER dated JUNE 10, 1968 at MEMPHIS (PROSECUTIVE SUMMARY REPORT)
A This covers the preliminary investigation and no further action concerning a full investigation will be taken by this Bureau unless the Department so directs.
be furnished copies of reports as they are received.
the investigation requested by you has now been completed. Unless advised to the centrary no further inquiries will be made by this Bureau.
D. Pursuant to instructions issued by the Department, no investigation will be conducted in this matter inless specifically directed by the Department
E. Please advise whether you desire any further investigation.
F. XXX This is submitted for your information and you will be advised of further developments.
G. This is submitted for your information and no further investigation will be conducted unless specifically requested by the Department.
H. This covers the receipt of a complaint and no further action will be taken by this Bureau unless the Department so directs.
Enc. (1) SEE NOTE ON PAGE TWO.

NOTE: The enclosed report or contents thereof should not be disclosed outside your agency, except for prosecutive purposes. A copy of this report was sent to Mr. Fred M. Vinson, JR., Assistant Attorney in charge of the Criminal Division, and Mr. Phil M. Canale, State Attorney General, Shelby County (Memphis), Tennessee.

1 - cc - Mr. Fred M. Vinson, JR. Assistant Attorney General

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Honorable Thomas L. Boardman Editor Cleveland Press 901 Lakeside Avenue Cleveland, Ohio 44114

Dear Mr. Boardman:

Thank you for the most favorable comments in your editorial, "Superb Police Work," and the cartoon which appeared in the June 10th edition of your paper concerning the cooperative effort of law enforcement agencies on an international scale which resulted in the apprehension of James Earl Ray.

I very much appreciate your expressing to your readers the high regard you hold for the work of the FBI and those other agencies which gave such splendid cooperation in this investigation. I am encouraged by your continued support.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Attention SAC: Unless precluded by information in your files, an Agent of your office should contact cartoonist Roberts in an effort to tactfully obtain from him the original cartoon. It would be appreciated if he would autograph it to me. Furnish results of your inquiry to the Bureau by 6-24-68.

NOTE: Mr. Boardman is on the Special Correspondents' List and is an SAC Contact of the Cleveland Office.

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Follow-up made for 6-24-68.

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SAC, Atlanta (80-1020)

Att.: Mr. THOMAS E. BISHOP
) INSPECTOR IN CRARGE

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Enclosed is a copy of CARLTON M. JOHNSON's editorial which appeared in the Columbus Ledger, Columbus, Georgia, 6/13/68.

Mr. JCHMSON is Editor of the Columbus Legger, and the article is quite favorable concerning the work of the FBI in the MURKIN case.

It is recommended the Director send a note of appreciation to Mr. JEHNSON for his favorable comments. Nothing in the files of the Atlanta Division precludes such a letter being sent.

Mr. JOHNSON's address is:

Mr. CARLTON M. JOHNSON Editor The Columbus Ledger Columbus, Georgia

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Superb Police Work

Only the trial can confirm whether the suspect in the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. is the right man.

But the international police diligence, patience and skill which led to the capture of James Earl Ray, alias Eric Starvo Galt, alias Ramon George Sneyd, has to go into the books as one of the most remarkable crime searches in many years.

The FBI had been looking for Ray since Apr. 20, after a spate of intensive detective work pin-pointed the identity of the man they wanted. Police all across the United States had been involved in the hunt, and when it seemed possible Ray might have slipped out of the United States, police forces in other countries were informed.

There are no passport requirements for Americans visiting Canada and it was fairly easy for Ray to go north.

But the Royal Canadian Metanted Police lived up to their reputations for relentless pursuit. They combed 200,000 applications and turned up Ray's picture on request for a Canadian passport under the name of Speyd. The FBI and the British were alerted, among others.

Britain's famed Scotland Yard made the capture as the result of typical persever ance. Ray was caught at an airport trying to leave the country.

This fellow obviously is no ordinary suspect. Whether or not he had confederates, his trail marks him as a cunning character.

In any case, the FBI, the Mounties and Scotland Yard deserve special commendation. When many people had begun to think that the elusive Ray would never be tracked down, Scotland Yard has got our man

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Kansas City, Missouri

June 18, 1968

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI ATTN.: CRIME RECORDS (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (44-565)

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Enclosed herewith are two copies each of a favorable editorial and cartoon concerning the Bureau's performance in the MURKIN investigation. These items appeared in the "Cleveland Press" on 6/10/68.

It is respectfully requested that a letter of appreciation be directed to THOMAS L. BOARDMAN, Editor, Cleveland Press, 901 Lakeside Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44114. Mr. BOARDMAN is an SAC Contact of the Cleveland office (Bufile 94-63239, CVfile 80-502).

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June 14, 1968

Dear Mr. Hoover,



Mr. McCarthy says you are no good and you have to go. It is obvious that he would replace you with a Roman Catholic to increase the effective power of the Roman Catholic propaganda machine in this nation and the world.

I want to see the defeat of McCarthy and his whole Roman machine and I want to see you remain as head of the F.B.I.

I am convinced that the Knights of Columbus paid James Earl Ray to kill King. King was standing in the way of the Roman Catholics domination and he had to go.

Dan Gilbert was standing in the way of Gov. Pat Brown and the Roman Catholics and I am convinced that the Knights of Columbus did that job too.

The enclosed clipping reveals (to me) that James Earl Ray was under Catholic protection in Toronto. Martin Luther to a Catholic is like a red flag to a bull.

God bless you and your good work.

G. W. Ray

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I une 14, 1968 Dear Mr. Hoover Mr. M' Carthy obvious. that he would replace you in natrois and I want to see leat of M' (arthy am convinced t Standing

of the Roman Catholics domination and he had to Dan Gelbert was Standing in the way of Sov. Pat. Brown and the Noman Catholies and I am convinced that the Knights of Columbus did sob too. The enclosed clipping reveals (to me) that James Earl Ray was under Catholic protection in Toronto. Martin Luther to a Catholic is like a red to a bull. God blest you four good evork. Psa 75.6 Dan 2:21 Covina, Calif. 91722







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