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VIA TELETYPE
MAR 27 1969
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Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

WAS FBI PHILA

1130PM 3-27-69 URGENT JLK

TO DIRECTOR, WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE, ATLANTA, AND MEMPHIS

(PLAINTEXT)

WFO VIA WASHINGTON

FROM PHILADELPHIA 44-1368

*hals in [signature]
Egm*

MURKIN

REBUAIRTEL THREE TWENTYSIX SIXTYNINE.

RETEL INSTRUCTED PHILA TO IMMEDIATELY INTERVIEW REVEREND JAMES BEVEL SCLC OFFICIAL CONCERNING HIS STATEMENT IN "NEW YORK TIMES" THAT LETTER WAS TURNED OVER TO MEMPHIS PD APPROXIMATELY FOUR THREE SIXTY-EIGHT CONTAINING INFORMATION THAT MARTIN LUTHER KING WAS TO BE ASSASSINATED WHILE IN MEMPHIS.

MEMPHIS PD KNOWS NOTHING OF LETTER.

BEVERLY STERNER, GIRL FRIEND OF BEVEL TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED THIS DATE BEVEL WAS OUT OF TOWN AT A MEETING FOR APPROXIMATELY ONE WEEK. SHE STATED SHE WOULD ATTEMPT TO CALL BEVEL AND HAVE HIM CALL PHILA. SHE WAS TOLD FBI WOULD TALK TO HIM WHEREVER HE WAS LOCATED.

ATLANTA, MEMPHIS, AND WFO CONTACT SOURCES TO DETERMINE BEVEL'S LOCATION AND IF THERE IS ANY SCLC CONFERENCES.

END

WA...JDR R RELAY

FBI WASH DC

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cc - Long

[signature]

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MAR 28 1969

FBI ATLANTA

TELETYPE

1015PM URGENT 3/28/69 LWG

TO DIRECTOR, WASHINGTON FIELD, PHILADELPHIA
FROM ATLANTA (44-2386)

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
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Mr. E. J. Tamm
Rosen

MURKIN

A RE PHILADELPHIA TEL MARCH TWENTYSEVEN LAST.

ATLANTA SOURCES CONTACTED THIS DATE AND ADVISED BEVEL
IS NOT IN ATLANTA AND WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN TO THEM, ALTHOUGH
SUPPOSED TO BE IN PHILADELPHIA WHERE HE RESIDES.

CONTACT BEING MAINTAINED WITH SOURCES AND IF LOCATED IN ATLANTA,
WILL BE INTERVIEWED.

AM COPY TO MEMPHIS.

~~CORR TIME SHOULD BE 11:15PM~~

END

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FBI ATLANTA

FOURTH FRONT STREET

TO DIRECTOR, WASHINGTON FIELD, PHILADELPHIA

FROM ATLANTA (44-222)

URGENT

RE PHILADELPHIA TEL APRIL TWENTY LAST.

ATLANTA SOURCE REPORTED THIS DATE AND ADVISED REAR

IS NOT IN ATLANTA AND WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN TO THEM, ALTHOUGH

SUPPOSED TO BE IN PHILADELPHIA WHERE HE RESIDES.

PHILADELPHIA POLICE MAINTAINING WITH SOURCE AND IS LOCATED IN ATLANTA.

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FBI WASH DC*

FBI MEMPHIS

547 PM URGENT 3-28-69 DND

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), WFO, ATLANTA, AND MOBILE
FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987)

MURKIN.

RE PHILADELPHIA TEL TO BUREAU MARCH TWENTYSEVEN LAST.

FOR MOBILE'S INFORMATION, BUREAU HAS INSTRUCTED THAT REV. JAMES BEVEL, SCLC OFFICIAL, BE LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED CONCERNING HIS STATEMENT IN NEW YORK TIMES THAT LETTER WAS TURNED OVER TO MEMPHIS PD APPROXIMATELY APRIL THREE, SIXTYEIGHT, CONTAINING INFORMATION THAT MARTIN LUTHER KING WAS TO BE KILLED WHILE IN MEMPHIS. MEMPHIS PD HAS NO KNOWLEDGE THIS LETTER.

BEVEL IS NOT NOW IN MEMPHIS BUT INFO AVAILABLE TO MEMPHIS INDICATED ABERNATHY OF SCLC IS TO BE IN ATLANTA MARCH TWENTYNINE NEXT AND ALSO THAT NUMEROUS SCLC OFFICIALS ARE TO MEET AT MONTGOMERY, ALA. ON APRIL FOUR NEXT. ATLANTA AND MOBILE ATTEMPT TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW BEVEL. P.

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4. JAMES W. HARRIS, JR. AND INTERVIEWER: 10-10-68

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FBI WASH DC

FBI SPRNGFLD

6:16 PM DEFERRED 3-26-69 AEF

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

MURKIN.

COPIES MADE, DATE 5/4/78 BY
SP-8 JSS RE M.L. King, Jr.
FOR REVIEW AT FBIHQ AND/OR DELIVERY
TO USCA RE REQUEST DATED 5/3/78
SEE BUFILE 62-117290

ON MARCH TWENTYSIX, SIXTYNINE, DON DOWNEY APPEARED AT THE
QUINCY, ILLINOIS, RESIDENT AGENCY OFFICE, AND ADVISED THAT HE
IS A REPORTER FOR THE TIME MAGAZINE. DOWNEY BEGAN TO ASK QUESTIONS
CONCERNING THE FACTS IN THE JAMES EARL RAY CASE. HE WAS
ADVISED THAT NO COMMENT WOULD BE MADE CONCERNING THIS MATTER.

DOWNEY ADVISED HE IS WRITING AN ARTICLE TO PROVE
OR DISPROVE THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN HUIE'S ARTICLE
THAT APPEARED IN LOOK MAGAZINE. HE STATED THAT HE HAS INTER-
VIEWED THE TWO BROTHERS OF RAY.

NO INFORMATION OF ANY TYPE WAS FURNISHED TO DOWNEY.

END

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CO-MR. ROSEN

MR. DELOACH FOR THE DIRECTOR

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March 27, 1969

GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Attached advises that a person identifying himself as Don Downey, a reporter for "Time Magazine" contacted our Quincy, Illinois, Resident Agency for information regarding the assassination of King. Our Agents offered no comments.

William Bradford Huie has written two articles for "Look" magazine concerning Ray regarding the assassination of King.

The two brothers of Ray referred to in the teletype are John Ray and Larry Ray. We previously interviewed both of them and they offered no information relative to a conspiracy.

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Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
 FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)
 SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Springfield airtel to Bureau 12/6/68.

On 3/25/69, DAVE BAIRD, Reporter for the newspaper "Commercial News", Danville, Illinois, advised that on 3/24/69, he was telephonically contacted by ROBERT H. STRADER, 1220 East Fairchild Street, Apartment 7, Danville, Illinois, and STRADER related that he had vital information concerning the assassination of Doctor MARTIN LUTHER KING. STRADER told BAIRD that prior to KING's death he was in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, where he was approached by unknown individuals and these individuals attempted to hire STRADER to murder Doctor KING. STRADER said he refused the offer and related that since that date he had been followed and several attempts have been made on his life. STRADER told BAIRD that if the "Commercial News" newspaper was interested in his story that arrangements could be made through STRADER's attorney, DONALD FOLEY, Indianapolis, Indiana, for payment for this story. STRADER requested BAIRD to meet him in the near future, however, BAIRD said he felt that STRADER was a "nut" and he doubted if any action would be taken by this newspaper.

As noted in referenced communication, as well as other communications to the Bureau, STRADER has alleged he had information concerning the assassination of KING. In view of past information concerning STRADER, no action is recommended regarding contact with STRADER or his wife, MARGARET CARMICHAEL STRADER.

- ③ - Bureau (44-38861) REC-25
 1 - Memphis (44-1987) (Info)
 1 - Indianapolis (44-563) (Info)
 1 - Chicago (44-1114) (Info)
 1 - Springfield (44-561)

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Approved: 56 APR 9 1969 Sent _____ M Per _____
 Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Bishop

FROM : M. A. Jones ✓

SUBJECT: JAMES EARL RAY

DATE: March 17, 1969

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DeLoach _____
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Bishop _____
Casper _____
Callahan _____
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Senator James O. Eastland (D - Miss.) last week indicated the Senate Subcommittee on Internal Security which he chairs was going to look into the Ray case, in an effort to develop information concerning a possible conspiracy in the slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

On 3/17/69, Senator Eastland telephonically advised Special Agent Bowers he had that date received a letter from Ray in which Ray says he did not kill King and offers to cooperate with the Senate Subcommittee. The Senator made available the enclosed copy of the letter which is dated 3/14/69, and the envelope in which it was mailed.

RECOMMENDATION:

That this be referred to the General Investigative Division.

Enclosures

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach (enclosure)
- 1 - Mr. Bishop (enclosure)
- 1 - Mr. Rosen (enclosure)

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3-14-69

Dear Senator Eastland;

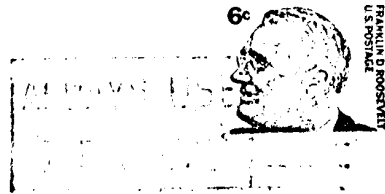
I read in the local newspaper where your committee is considering investigating the Dr. King case. I would like to inform you and the committee that I would cooperate in any such hearing. However, at the time I am going to attempt to get the guilty plea set aside, I know that the odds against having this done are greatly against me. But I think due to the unusual circumstances in the guilty plea it mite be possible. I personally did not shoot Dr. King but I believe I am partly responsible for his death. I will briefly attempt to explain why I entered the guilty plea. At the time Mr. Pery Foreman agreed to take over the defense from Mr. Arthur Hanes we had a verbal agreement that there would be no guilty plea, as I wanted to try the case in court. I had every reason to believe during the first two months Mr. Foreman was on the case there would be a trial, during that period Mr. Foreman had me sign a new contract with him and Mr. Huie giving Mr. Foreman all the money from any of Mr. Huie's money making ventures. (I had sign another contract with Mr. Huie and Mr. Hanes) Shortly after this Mr. Foreman came to visit me and he had a picture for me to look at. This picture was about 8 x 10 in. Mr. Foreman said Mr. Huie had given him the picture and that Mr. Huie had got the picture from someone in the federal government. The picture contain 2 or 3 men followed by two or 3 policemen. Mr. Foreman described one of the men in the picture as an 'anti communist' cuban refugee who was arrested at the time president Kennedy was shot. "The arrest took place in Dallas I was told" I was asked if I would identify the man if he was brought to Memphis. I said no, althoe he did look similar to the person I was involved with. After I wouldn't identify this man, about all I was told was that I would go to the electric chair if I went to trial. I was even told my family wanted me to plead guilty, but I found out this was not so. But I did not plead guilty for the above reasons. I did so because I did not want to go to trial with a lawyer who thought he was going to lose. I believe if you think you will lose you proably will. On the day before I plead guilty I signed another contract with Mr. Foreman. In this one I agreed to give him \$165,000, he agreed to give my brother \$500.00 in the event I wanted to hire another lawyer to reopen the case. Mr. Foreman wrote into the contract that if I embarres him (disagreed) in the court room he could withdraw, the old contract would go into effect and I would be without funds to hire another

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Sincerely, James E. Ray.

COPY:mls

JAMES E. RAY 65477
STATION-A-WEST
777 & B-403
Nashville, TENN. 37203



To. Senator James O. Eastland
Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee
Washington, D.C.

10. - 1112 - 617

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In closing I would like to say if I can't get the case reopened, then should be an investigation, and have signed over \$200,000 to attorneys and not 1/20 of the witnesses have been interviewed, no one went to Los Angeles or New Orleans where I think much of the evidence lies. Mr. Foreman said in open court that he didn't trust investigators, and the one Mr. Hume hired never left Memphis.

I would also like to say that despite what the papers and back writers quote me as saying, I have no intention of discussing this case with anyone "verbally" until it is closed. If I have anything to say I will say it in court or to Congress, or in letter form like this letter.

Sincerely, James E. Ray.

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Date: 3/27/69

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

ReBureau airtel 3/26/69, a xerox copy of which is enclosed for St. Louis.

JERRY RAY visited the subject 3/22/69 at the Tennessee State Penitentiary, Nashville, Tenn., and indicated to prison officials that his residence is now in St. Louis, Mo. No street address was given.

For the Bureau's information, Tennessee State Attorney General PHIL M. CANALE has not been contacted by Mr. KENT COURTNEY, publisher of the Conservative Journal.

LEAD

ST. LOUIS

AT ST. LOUIS, MO.

Through subject's sister, CAROL PEPPER, attempt to locate and interview JERRY RAY.

3 - Bureau
2 - St. Louis (Enc 1)
2 - Memphis
JCH:LF
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[Signature]
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Approved: R. Jensen
55 APR 10 1969

Special Agent in Charge

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-442000)
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-100000) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Reference is made to New York airtel dated 4/2/68, a copy of which is being furnished to the Bureau.

It is noted that the subject of the New York airtel, [redacted], was arrested on 3/29/68 at the New York State Penitentiary, Baiting, and is being held in the New York State Prison, Baiting, New York.

The Bureau is requested to advise the New York State Prison, Baiting, New York, of the Bureau's interest in the subject of the New York airtel, [redacted], and to advise the Bureau of any information received from the New York State Prison, Baiting, New York, regarding the subject of the New York airtel, [redacted].

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AT NEW YORK, NY.

Through subject's sister, [redacted], advised that [redacted] and [redacted] are still in New York.

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Date: 3/28/69

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Mr. Bishop	_____
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Mr. Trotter	_____
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Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI AND SACS ATLANTA
MEMPHIS
PHILADELPHIA

FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703)

MURKIN

RE PHILADELPHIA TEL MARCH TWENTY-SEVEN, LAST.

LEONARD E. DOYLE, R (PROB), (PROTECT) ADVISED MARCH
TWENTY-EIGHT INSTANT THAT BEVEL NOT IN WDC. ACCORDING TO
SOURCE BEVEL BELIEVED TO BE IN ATLANTA ATTENDING AN SCLC
STAFF MEETING.

- ② - Bureau
3 - Teletype Unit
3 - WFO
(1 - 170-735) (SUB A)

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Approved: SP8 [Signature]
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Special Agent in Charge

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1 - Mr. Long

AIRTEL

To: SAC, Savannah (44-1768)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861) *5673*

MURKIN

Enclosed for Savannah are two true copies and one true copy for Memphis of a letter received at the Bureau from ~~Roy Erwin~~, who is incarcerated by the Georgia Board of Corrections at Reidsville, Georgia. *Tenn.*

Savannah should immediately interview Erwin for all information he possesses concerning the contents of his letter and set forth necessary leads to thoroughly resolve issues. It is to be noted that James Earl Ray owned a 1966 Mustang which was abandoned in Atlanta, Georgia, on April 5, 1968. It is also to be noted that Martin Luther King, Jr., was shot at 6:01 p.m. (Memphis time) on April 4, 1968, at Memphis, Tennessee.

Bufiles indicate that one Roy Erwin admitted stealing a 1963 Ford Fairlane in Dalton, Georgia, on 8-16-65, and abandoned same in Columbia, South Carolina. In this matter the Assistant United States Attorney in Columbia declined prosecution as subject juvenile and had been charged by local authorities for theft of same vehicle.

Bufiles further indicate that under FBI number 402 591 F one ~~Roy Erwin~~, white male, born was fingerprinted by the State Board of Corrections at Atlanta, Georgia, (number A-71338-57075) on 6-20-68, in connection with charges of forgery and received a sentence of two years and seven months.

Enclosures (2)

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U.S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE

Airtel to SAC, Savannah
RE: MURKIN

Under this same FBI number one Richard Erwin was fingerprinted by Georgia Industrial Institution (number A-61871/7616) at Alto, Georgia, on 10-8-65, in connection with charges of larceny of an automobile and received a sentence of two years. It is not known if this entire sentence or portion thereof was served.

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NOTE:

Roy Erwin, who is incarcerated at Reidsville, Georgia, wrote to the Bureau and advised that he would like to inform the Bureau that he drove a 1965 Mustang from Memphis, Tennessee, to Atlanta, Georgia, on April 4, 1968. Erwin stated, "If this date reminds you of anything that happen in Memphis, last April 4th at 9:45 p.m."

We are instructing our Savannah Office to interview Erwin concerning the contents of his letter.

INMATE'S NAME: _____

DATE: _____

State Serial Number: _____

INSTITUTION: _____

CITY: _____

Dear Sir:

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you that I drove a 1965 Model
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Atlanta, Ga. on April 4th, 1968.

If this date reminds you of anything
that happen in Memphis, last April 4th
at 9:45 a.m.

Sincerely,
Roy Erwin

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GEORGIA BOARD OF CORRECTIONS
CORRESPONDENCE AND VISITATION REGULATIONS

CORRESPONDENCE RULES

Mail will not be delivered which does not conform with these rules

LETTERS Each inmate is allowed to write 7 letters per week, only on letterhead stationery, written on one side, not to exceed two sheets per letter. All letters must be in English only. All letters must contain the full committed name of the inmate, with state serial number, institution and date in the space provided.

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1. Packages containing low-quarter shoes, plain white tee-shirts, shorts, socks, pajamas, towels, handkerchiefs or work gloves.
2. Eyeglasses or other essential health devices may be received -- but only with the prior approval of the institution Doctor and Warden.
3. Three weeks before the discharge date of an inmate, civilian clothing may be sent to the inmate being discharged. A permit must be obtained from the Warden.
4. Educational books and/or other approved reading material may be sent to inmates, but only when shipped directly to the inmate from a reputable book supplier or publisher.
5. Materials needed for hobbies and crafts, such as leather, if shipped directly from reputable supplier, will be permitted. Approval must be obtained from the Warden prior to ordering materials.

Christmas packages will be allowed under regulations which will be distributed to all concerned 30 days before December 25.

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DO NOT SEND clippings, stationery or letters from other people in your letter.

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TRUE COPY

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AP Wirephoto

SAME MAN — THE FBI yesterday identified the man in these two pictures as James Earl Ray, sought in the slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. On Wednesday the FBI released photo at left and identified it

as Eric Starvo Galt. Photo at right was released yesterday with explanation that Galt has been identified as Ray, an escapee from a Missouri prison. Photo at left was made in 1968 and the one at right in 1960.

4-20-68 *Discrepancy Arises as FBI Decides Galt's Name Is Ray*

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The FBI said yesterday that the "Eric Starvo Galt" who was sought across the nation for murdering Dr. Martin Luther King was in fact James Earl Ray, who escaped from the Missouri State Penitentiary 51 weeks ago.

FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover said a systematic search of fingerprints uncovered in the case against the prints of more than 53,000 persons led to the determination "that Galt and Ray are identical."

But the announcement raised some perplexing questions. On Wednesday, when Hoover identified Galt as the man sought for conspiracy in the slaying, he said that Galt had taken dancing lessons in New Orleans in 1964 and 1965. But yesterday's FBI announcement said Ray was in prison between 1960 and April 23, 1967, when he escaped.

The discrepancy, federal sources said, arose from an error into the investigation of the background of "Galt."

Ray was sentenced to 20 years on Dec. 18, 1959, in St. Louis Circuit Court on a charge of armed robbery. He and another ex-convict, James Owens, were convicted of robbing a St. Louis supermarket of \$190.

Convicted by a jury which deliberated 20 minutes, Ray attempted to escape from the court room by jumping into an elevator. He made two unsuccessful attempts to escape from the Missouri penitentiary before he succeeded last year.

Hoover did not mention the discrepan-

cies between his statement Wednesday and his latest announcement. FBI officials handed the announcement to reporters but would answer no questions

The FBI handed out two pictures of Ray taken in 1960. In several ways, they matched pictures of Galt taken in 1968. In both pictures, deep lines ran from the subject's nose to his mouth. The ears looked identical and so did the lines around the eyes.

In its announcement Wednesday, the FBI said a warrant had been filed charging that Galt entered into a conspiracy with "an individual whom he alleged to be his brother." It said the conspiracy "continued until on or about April 5, 1968, to injure, oppress, threaten or intimidate Martin Luther King Jr."

King was slain on the porch of a mo-

California Supreme Court Justice Stanley Mosk told a group of 200 lawyers and judges in Fontana yesterday that recent landmark court decisions have helped law enforcement and not contributed to increased lawlessness, as has been charged by some police officials.

California--

University of California regents approved an \$81 increase in student fees for the 1968-69 school year only, a move Gov. Reagan said was a "small step" toward meeting future financial needs.

Sen. Robert F. Kennedy called in Los Angeles for a redirection of American industry "not simply to improve the quality of our goods, but the quality of our lives. Campaigning for California's delegates to the Democratic National Convention, the presidential contender proposed at a Town Hall meeting "a new fusion between the genius of private technology and the resources of public authority."

The State Supreme Court refused to place on the June primary ballot a Republican presidential delegation variously described as a "free slate" or "anti-Gov. Reagan."

Tax-backlash week in the legislature climaxed with Assemblyman John V. Briggs, R-Fullerton, urging repeal of the 1967 state income tax increase. Briggs voted for the big tax boost last year after Gov. Reagan twisted his arm.

Martin Warns . . .

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assessed and a repetition of the 1966 credit crunch" avoided.

Martin divided blame between the administration's guns-and-butter policy and the "recalcitrance of Congress" in refusing to approve a tax increase and pending reductions.

"I think it is the duty of the Federal Reserve to point out the disastrous effects of the perpetual deficit, both in our balance of payments and in our domestic economy," Martin said.

In what may have been the first public admission by a high government official that a devaluation of the dollar is conceivable, Martin said: "Unless we reverse our current trend, it will inevitably lead to worldwide devaluation of

ON THE MARCH — Striking Western Electric installers turned out in force between 8

Few Difficulties In S.B. From P

BY JOE BAKER

Sun-Telegram Business Editor

Long distance calls placed through operators were delayed, but otherwise the nationwide strike against the Bell Telephone system had little visible effect on San Bernardino County telephone users yesterday.

Western Electric installers of the Communications Workers of America (CWA) AFL-CIO, the striking union, continued picketing Pacific Telephone Co.'s county installations. The strike started at noon Thursday.

The company said a "high" percentage of members of other unions reported for work at most of the company's county installations, except at the regional toll center at 455 W. 2nd St., San Bernardino, where mass picketing took place between 7 and 9 a.m.

The center, a major long distance relay station, employs some 600 persons and about 100 supervisors on three shifts.

Only about 25 per cent reported for work yesterday morning, and only 26 per cent — 35 out of 136 scheduled to work — reported for the evening shift.

Of the company's total county work force of 800, the spokesman said, about 80 per cent of the plant men and 66 per cent of the operators reported yesterday morning. He had no information on later shifts.

A union spokesman at the CWA's Riverside office said the strike was "almost 100 per cent" effective and "most" members of other unions were honoring the picket lines.

A survey of major long distance users in the county indicated there were few problems where direct dialing was used.

But county offices and such major telephone users as TRW Inc., Aerospace Corp. and others, who make some, or all, long distance calls through operators, said they went to direct dialing in many cases because of delays, especially during peak periods between 10 a.m. and noon, and 4 to 5 p.m.

A General Telephone Co. spokesman said his company's traffic was not vis-

Senate Votes . . .

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itself yesterday imposed an additional cut of \$660 million.

The Senate's 3 per cent cutback from the committee figure was approved, 45 to 13, after senators rejected a series of similar economy proposals.

Sen. John J. Williams, R-Del., the cutback sponsor, said the 3 per cent figure was the same ratio the Senate used when it recently approved a \$6 billion cut in federal spending to go along with a 10 per cent income tax increase.

"This is the same formula we are going to be required to apply to all other programs if we are going to realize the \$6 billion savings," Williams said. "We can make some reductions not only

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ENCLOSURE

44-38861-2674

P.O. Box 201
Colton, Calif.

March 24, 1969

Mr. Hoover
Dear Sir:

Herewith is an analysis of two pictures which the FBI handed out, purporting to be James Earl Ray, taken several years apart, but as you can see by looking at the percentages of the various facial features they are miles apart in appearance. There is another man also but this is enough to prove my theory that there was a conspiracy.

You will notice I make no comparison of picture to picture but I compare every salient feature of the face using the length of the face from hair-line to point of chin as the yard-stick and compute the percentage of each feature to the face-length. In order to avoid confusion I always measure the forehead from the hair line to the inside corner of the eye so there can be no question as to where the forehead stops etc. Absolute accuracy with this type of picture is impossible, but you can see for yourself that the difference in percentages is not due to a slight difference in measurement.

Picture #1

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Length of face	1.7"	
Width of face	1.25"	% width to length 73%
Height of forehead	0.7"	% forehead to length of face 41%
Length of nose	0.35"	% of nose to length of face 20%
Point of nose to chin	0.65"	% chin to face 38%
Left ear	0.6"	% to length of face 35%
Right ear	0.5"	% " " 30%

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Picture #2

Length of face 1.6"

Width of face 1.3" % width to length of face 81%

Height of forehead 0.7" % forehead to length of face 43%

Length of nose 0.4" % of nose to length of face 25%

Point of nose to chin 0.6" % of chin to length of face 37%

Left ear 0.55" % of ear to length of face 34%

Right ear, same.

You will notice a line drawn across the eyes in these two photos. I tried to get the line exactly on the spot where the ears join the side of the head, but even a slight inaccuracy at this point does not change the fact that there is marked difference ~~tin~~ in the set of the eyes, in number one the pupils of the eyes are almost entirely above the line while in the other the pupils are below the line.

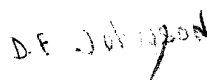
There are many other measurements and comparisons that could be made but one would need much clearer photos than these to do the job right.

As I mentioned previously, there is another picture of this same type, which is of an entirely different person, and all three are designated by the FBI as one man, but you can see by checking these percentages that they are three separate, distinct and unique persons.

Now if all three photos came out of your files it should be a comparatively simple matter to identify the other two persons.

Thank you for your kind attention.

Yours truly,



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATION SECTION

MAR 31 1969

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Mr. Tolson	/
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Mr. Mohr	/
Mr. Bishop	/
Mr. Casper	/
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FBI WASH DC

FBI MEMPHIS

754 PM URGENT 3/31/69 RJT

TO DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987)

MURKIN

JIM BEASLEY, ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL, SHELBY COUNTY, TENNESSEE, ONE OF THE ATTORNEYS WHO HANDLED THE JAMES EARL RAY CASE, ENTERED JUDGE W. PRESTON BATTLE'S CHAMBERS AT APPROXIMATELY FIVE THIRTYFIVE P. M. THIS DATE AND FOUND JUDGE BATTLE SLUMPED OVER HIS DESK. BEASLEY IMMEDIATELY CALLED AN AMBULANCE WHICH TOOK JUDGE BATTLE TO METHODIST HOSPITAL WHERE HE WAS PRONOUNCED DEAD ON ARRIVAL.

ACCORDING TO THE MEMPHIS POLICE DEPARTMENT THERE IS NO INDICATION OF FOUL PLAY. INDICATIONS ARE THAT JUDGE BATTLE DIED FROM NATURAL CAUSES.

BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED OF ANY ADDITIONAL PERTINENT DETAILS.

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MR. DELOACH FOR THE DIRECTOR

CC-MR. ROSEN



FEDERAL BUREAU OF
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TO DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987)

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REC'D DELOACH
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REC'D TOLSON
FBI

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach *DeLoach*

DATE: March 28, 1969

FROM : A. Rosen *AR*

SUBJECT: MURKIN

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long
1 - Mr. Bishop
1 - Mr. Sullivan

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This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Bureau received a letter dated March 24, 1969, from an individual identifying himself as D. E. Johnson, Post Office box 201, Colton California. Enclosed to his letter is a newspaper article (possibly published on April 20, 1969) which sets forth a photograph of James Earl Ray as taken in 1960 and a photograph of Ray obtained at a bartending school in Los Angeles, California, (as Eric Starvo Galt) taken in 1968.

In Johnson's letter he makes a comparison of the two photographs setting forth his own measurements of facial areas and states in his opinion the photographs are not of the same individual (James Earl Ray). He, in essence, states that as a result of his comparison there is another man involved in the case, and he further states, "this is enough to prove my theory that there was a conspiracy." We know for a fact that the two photographs, as cited by Johnson, are the photographs of James Earl Ray.

Based upon available data, D. E. Johnson not identifiable in Bufiles.

ACTION:

It is recommended that Johnson's letter not be acknowledged as any acknowledgment could invite further irrelevant correspondence from Johnson.

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TELETYPE

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, CHICAGO, MEMPHIS, MOBILE, PHILADELPHIA AND
NEW YORK
FROM ATLANTA 44-2386

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
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Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

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RE MEMPHIS TELETYPE TO BUREAU, MARCH TWENTYEIGHT, 'SIXTYNINE.

ON APR. TWO, 'SIXTYNINE, A T THIRTEEN EIGHTYSEVEN DASH R
ADVISED DURING PRESENT WEEK THERE WAS RUMORED AMONG MEMBERS SOUTHERN
CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE STAFF THAT JAMES BEVEL, DIRECTOR,
NON-VIOLENT EDUCATION, SCLC, HAD RECENTLY COMMITTED HIMSELF TO A
HOSPITAL IN ORDER TO OBTAIN A REST AND SEEK WHATEVER MEDICAL ATTEN-
TION MAY BE NECESSARY. SOURCE UNABLE TO SUBSTANTIATE THIS INFO
OR PROVIDE FURTHER DETAILS; HOWEVER, POINTED OUT MEMBERS OF SCLC
STAFF FROM TIME TO TIME IN PAST HAVE EXPRESSED OPINION BEVEL'S ACTIONS
SUGGEST HE IS IN NEED OF MEDICAL TREATMENT.

SOURCE HAS NO INFO BEVEL IS OR HAS RECENTLY BEEN IN ATLANTA.
WILL REMAIN ALERT TO INFO INDICATING WHEREABOUTS.

IN VIEW OF FOREGOING INFO, IT IS SUGGESTED CHICAGO, NEW YORK
AND PHILADELPHIA CONTACT SOURCES FOR INFO BEVEL MAY BE HOSPITALIZED
IN ONE OF THOSE CITIES.

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