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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

April 20, 1968

JAMES EARL RAY

James Earl Ray, a Missouri prison escapee who has been sought under the alias Eric Starvo Galt in connection with the gunshot slaying of civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., is one of the FBI's "Ten Most Wanted Fugitives."

FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover ordered the special addition of Ray to the "Ten Most Wanted Fugitives" list, which already contains ten fugitives, to insure the widest possible dissemination of Ray's photograph and description to help effect his prompt location. Ray has been the subject of a massive search since the gunshot slaying of Dr. King on April 4, 1968, as he stood on the balcony of a Memphis, Tennessee, motel.

An exhaustive FBI fingerprint search, comparing latent fingerprints uncovered in the Dr. King case against fingerprints of over 53,000 persons on whom FBI wanted notices have been posted determined that Galt and Ray are identical.

A Federal warrant, issued at Birmingham, Alabama, on April 17, 1968, charges Ray, under the alias Eric Starvo Galt, with conspiring to interfere with a Constitutional Right of a United States citizen. Ray, who escaped on April 23, 1967, from the Missouri State Penitentiary, is also sought for unlawful interstate flight to avoid confinement after conviction for armed robbery.

Possessing an arrest record dating back to 1949, Ray has been convicted of burglary, armed robbery and forging United States Postal Money Orders.

A 40-year-old white male, reportedly born in Illinois on [redacted], Ray is approximately 5'10" tall, weighs from 163 to 174 pounds, has blue eyes and short brown hair. He has a nervous habit of tugging at an ear lobe and his left ear protrudes noticeably.

Described as a "loner and "drifter," with a "rural" quality in his speech, Ray has worked as a baker, laborer and color matcher. He has taken dancing lessons and completed a course at a school of bartending.

Consider Ray armed and extremely dangerous. Report any information concerning him to the nearest FBI office.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : All Investigative Employees

DATE: April 22, 1968

FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: JAMES EARL RAY, aka - FUGITIVE
I.O. #4182; W.F. #442-A
CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY
INTERSTATE FLIGHT - ROBBERY
"TEN MOST WANTED FUGITIVES" PROGRAM
RELEASE DATE: SATURDAY P.M., APRIL 20, 1968

THE CRIMES: Ray escaped from the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, on April 23, 1967, while serving a 20-year sentence for armed robbery and operating a motor vehicle without the owner's permission. He subsequently allegedly conspired, under the alias Eric Starvo Galt, to violate the civil rights of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., shot to death on the balcony of a Memphis, Tennessee, motel on April 4, 1968.

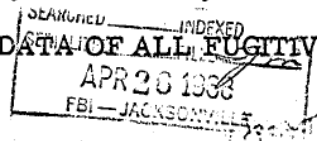
THE CRIMINAL: A 40-year-old white native of Illinois, who is known as a "loner" and "drifter" and has taken elaborate steps to establish a false identity, Ray has an extensive criminal record, including convictions for burglary, robbery and forging U. S. Postal Money Orders. Outstanding characteristics include a straight narrow nose, straight and even teeth, a noticeably protruding left ear and a nervous habit of tugging at an ear lobe. He has taken dancing lessons, attended bartending school, enrolled in a correspondence course in lock-smithing and traveled widely in a 1966 Mustang recovered in Atlanta, Georgia, a week after Dr. King's murder. Ray likes western and country music, drinks vodka and beer and has worked as a baker, laborer and color matcher.

PROCESS: A Federal warrant issued at Jefferson City, Missouri, on July 20, 1967, charges Ray with unlawful interstate flight to avoid confinement for robbery. Another Federal warrant, issued at Birmingham, Alabama, on April 17, 1968, charges Ray, as Eric Starvo Galt, with conspiring to interfere with a Constitutional Right of a citizen.

"TEN MOST WANTED FUGITIVES": Ray is a special addition to the list of "Ten Most Wanted Fugitives." The list as of Saturday p. m., April 20, 1968, was:

John William Clouser	I.O. #3837	Charles Lee Herron	I.O. #4163
Howard Callens Johnson	I.O. #4039	George Edward Wells	I.O. #4175
George Benjamin Williams	I.O. #4072	David Evans	I.O. #4177
Gordon Dale Ervin	I.O. #4087	Franklin Allen Paris	I.O. #4178
Carmen Raymond Gagliardi	I.O. #4101	David Stuart Neff	I.O. #4179
	James Earl Ray	I.O. #4182	

THEY ARE ALL ARMED AND DANGEROUS. If you receive any information, give it at once to your SAC or appropriate supervisor.
PHOTOGRAPHS, FINGERPRINTS AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA OF ALL FUGITIVES ON THE LIST ARE ON THE REVERSE SIDE.



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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (44-38861)

FROM : SAC, Kansas City (44-760)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/19/68

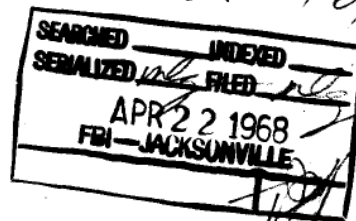
Enclosed to the Bureau are six copies and to each office one copy of the following photographs:

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

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

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

- 2 - Bureau (Encs. 24) (AM)
- 2 - Each Field Office (Encs. 4) (AM)
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(Priority)To: SAC'S, Jacksonville (44-769)
Memphis (44-1987)

From: ✓ Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re Jacksonville airtel 4-10-68, submitting a post card and a registration card for Holiday Inn of Williston, Florida, K31.

One latent fingerprint of value developed on the registration card. No latent prints of value developed on the post card. The latent print of value was compared with latent prints previously reported in this case, but no identification was effected.

Results of laboratory examination and disposition of post card and registration card subjects of separate report.

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FBI TRACES IDENTITY

Galt Bared As Ex-Con

WASHINGTON (AP)—The elusive Eric Starvo Galt, who is wanted for the killing of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., was identified by the FBI Friday as a 40-year-old drifter and ex-convict named James Earl Ray.

The FBI said Galt's real identity was traced through "a systematic and exhaustive search of latent fingerprints" developed in the King case against the fingerprints of more than 55,000 persons for whom wanted notices are on file in the bureau's identification division.

Galt is only one of the names Ray has used in brushes with the law which began, according to the FBI dossier, when he was 21.

The FBI said he has used the names of James McBride, James Walton, W. O. Herron and James O'Connor.

Two Scars

He was described as about 5 feet 10, weighing 163 to 174 pounds, with blue eyes and brown hair and two scars: a small scar in the center of the forehead and another on the palm of his right hand.

At the time King was shot and killed by a sniper in Memphis, Tenn., April 4, Ray was being sought on a jail-breaking charge.

The FBI said he escaped on April 23, 1967, from the Missouri State Penitentiary at Jefferson City, where he was serving a 20-year sentence for armed robbery in St. Louis.

Ray, who is now being sought on a Tennessee murder charge in the King slaying, has an arrest record dating at least to 1949 when he served time in Los Angeles on a burglary charge.

This followed his discharge from the Army. The FBI said he served as an enlisted man

from February 1946 to December 1948 when he received a general discharge for ineptness and lack of adaptability.

The FBI warned that Ray is armed and dangerous.

His Army record showed a three-month sentence at hard labor for being drunk and breaking arrest, the FBI said.

The bureau's dossier on Ray indicates he has been a drifter since he left school in the 10th grade at Alton, Ill.

He has worked as a baker, laborer and color matcher.

In 1952, according to the FBI, he was convicted in Chicago for armed robbery and served two years in Joliet and Pontiac, Ill., state prisons. In 1955, the FBI said, he was convicted of forging U.S. postal money orders in Missouri and was confined to Leavenworth penitentiary until 1958.



1966 Prison Mug Shots Of James Earl Ray

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FLORIDA TIMES UNION
JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

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Tennessee Man Questioned Here

A motorist from Nashville, Tenn., found sleeping in his car Friday in Jacksonville, was questioned by FBI agents Friday in a search for Dr. Martin Luther King's assassin.

After two agents questioned the man and checked his fingerprints, an FBI spokesman said the bureau did not want him.

Patrolman N. M. Horne of the Jacksonville police department said he found Alton Harold Simmons, 42, Nashville, asleep in an automobile

parked in a vacant lot at Talleyrand and Wigmore streets about 5:30 p.m.

Horne said Simmons resembled James Earl Ray, who is being sought by the FBI under the alias of Eric Galt for the slaying of Dr. King on April 4 in Memphis.

Simmons, who told police he was a salesman and had worked in Nashville, Birmingham and Daytona Beach, was charged with disorderly conduct by being drunk, operating a motor vehicle with an expired license tag and loitering on private property.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987), JACKSONVILLE,
KANSAS CITY AND PHOENIX (44-371)

FROM DALLAS (44-2649)

MURKIN. OO MEMPHIS.

RE PHOENIX TEL, APRIL TWENTYONE, LAST.

T. L. MAULDIN, RECORDS CLERK, FCI, TEXARKANA, TEXAS, ADVISED
APRIL TWENTYTWO, INSTANT, THAT RECORDS, THAT INSTITUTION, SHOW
DAVID L. WILSON, FCI NO. ONE TWO FIVE NINE ONE, WAS RECEIVED ON NOV.
SEVEN, SIXTYONE, AND WAS TRANSFERRED TO THE FCI, TALLAHASSEE,
FLORIDA, ON JAN. TWELVE, SIXTYTWO.

ONE, CLARENCE JAMES CLARK, AGE TWENTYEIGHT, IN NINETEEN
FIFTYSIX, FCI NO. ONE ONE THREE FIVE THREE, WAS SERVING SENTENCE FOR
WSTA AT FCI, TEXARKANA, UNTIL HIS TRANSFER TO U. S. FEDERAL HOSPITAL,
SPRINGFIELD, MO., ON JULY SEVENTEEN, SIXTYONE. HE WAS SCHEDULED
FOR RELEASE IN SIXTYONE, EXACT DATE NOT SHOWN, WITH TIME OFF FOR
GOOD BEHAVIOR. HE WOULD THEN BE ON CONDITIONAL RELEASE FOR THREE
HUNDRED AND THIRTYSIX DAYS. CLARK WAS SHOWN AS BEING FROM LAKE CHARLES,
LA., . CLARK AND WILSON WERE NOT AT FCI, TEXARKANA AT SAME TIME.
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AJCKSONVILLE, AT TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA, CONTACT FCI AND DETERMINE IF WILSON AND CLARK SERVED AT THAT INSTITUTION TOGETHER.

KANSAS CITY, AT SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI, CONTACT U. S. FEDERAL HOSPITAL, FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING CLARK AND WHETHER WILSON AND CLARK WERE AT THE FACILITY TOGETHER. SET OUT LEADS TO DETERMINE PRESENT LOCATION OF CLARK FOR INTERVIEW. P

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FBI LITTLE R

11:49AM CST URGENT 4/22/68

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987), HOUSTON,
PHOENIX (44-371), DALLAS, JACKSONVILLE AND KANSAS CITY
FROM \ITTLE ROCK (157-1215) 3P

MURKIN; CR. MEMPHIS ORIGIN.

RE PHOENIX TELETYPE TO BUREAU, ET AL, APRIL TWENTY-ONE
LAST, CONCERNING INTERVIEW OF DAVID L. WILSON AND POSSIBLE
PLOT OF EX-CONS TO MURDER DR. KING.

FOR INFORMATION OF HOUSTON, WHICH DID NOT RECEIVE
LENGTHY REFERENCED TELETYPE, DAVID L. WILSON WAS INTERVIEWED
AT PHOENIX ON APRIL TWENTY-ONE LAST.

"WILSON STATED HE LAST SAW RAY LAST SUMMER AT LUPTON
OR LUFTON, MISSOURI, WHERE WILSON WAS ARRESTED FOR DWI AND
WAS IN COUNTY JAIL FOR THREE OR FOUR WEEKS UNTIL HE COULD
PAY FINE. AT TIME OF ARREST WILSON STATED HE WAS WITH
GENE BRISINDINE (PHONETIC), TRUCK DRIVER FOR WILLIS SHAW,
ELM SPRINGS, ARKANSAS. ON RELEASE HE WENT TO BAR ABOUT
FOUR BLOCKS FROM COUNTY JAIL TO USE PHONE AND RAN INTO RAY,
WHO RECOGNIZED WILSON AND WHOM WILSON SAID HE HAD SEEN
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BEFORE ALTHOUGH HE DID NOT REMEMBER WHERE."

LEAD WAS SET FORTH FOR LITTLE ROCK AT ELM SPRINGS, ARKANSAS, "WILL THROUGH WILLIS SHAW LOCATE GENE BRISINDINE AND INTERVIEW BRISINDINE CONCERNING ALLEGED ARREST AND INCARCERATION OF WILSON DURING SUMMER OF SIXTY SEVEN WITH PARTICULAR PURPOSE OF ASCERTAINING LOCATION OF THE OCCURENCE SINCE THERE IS NO LUFTON, MISSOURI IN POSTAL GUIDE."

MR. WILLIS SHAW, WILLIS SHAW FROZEN EXPRESS, ELM SPRINGS, ARKANSAS, TRAILER NUMBER SEVEN FORTY, TRACTOR NUMBER THREE FIFTY-SIX. HE IS DUE TO ARRIVE IN HOUSTON, TEXAS, FOR UNLOADING ON THE MORNING OF APRIL TWENTY-THREE NEXT. HE WILL UNLOAD SOME FROZEN FOOD FROM MORTON'S OF RUSSELLVILLE, ARKANSAS, AT HINKE PILLOT WHOLESALE GROCERY ESTABLISHMENT, HOUSTON, TEXAS, STREET ADDRESS UNKNOWN. BRIZENDINE IS SCHEDULED TO CALL WILLIS SHAW ON AFTERNOON OF APRIL TWENTY-TWO. IF HE DOES SO, HE WILL BE TOLD TO CONTACT THE FBI, HOUSTON, REGARDING THIS MATTER.

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HOUSTON OFFICE AT HOUSTON WILL INTERVIEW GENE BRIZENDINE
AT THE HINKE PILLOT WHOLESALE GROCERY ESTABLISHMENT TO

DETERMINE INFORMATION AS SET FORTH IN LEAD ABOVE FOR LITTLE
ROCK.

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BIRMINGHAM
PITTSBURGH
ATLANTA
DIRECTOR (MAIL)

FROM: JACKSONVILLE (44-769)

MURKIN.

RE JACKSONVILLE TELETYPE TO TAMPA AND TAMPA TELETYPE TO BUREAU, BOTH APRIL EIGHTEEN LAST, ADVISING PERSON RESEMBLING PHOTO OF ERIC STARVO GALT OBSERVED IN JACKSONVILLE APRIL FIFTEEN LAST, DRIVING HERTZ RENTAL CAR, BEARING FLORIDA LICENSE THREE E FOUR EIGHT SEVEN ZERO.

RECORDS HERTZ CO., JACKSONVILLE REFLECT THIS CAR RENTED IMESON AIRPORT, JACKSONVILLE APRIL FIFTEEN LAST TO JOE S. RAGAN, JR., REPRESENTATIVE OF ELECTRO AIR CORPORATION, OLIVIA AND SPROUL STREETS, MC KEES ROCK, PENNSYLVANIA, BY HERTZ CREDIT CARD [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AND RETURNED APRIL SIXTEEN LAST.

RAGAN DISPLAYED GEORGIA DRIVERS LICENSE V ZERO ZERO ONE SEVEN THREE ONE AND GAVE ADDRESS SIX ZERO FOUR NINE DRIFTWOOD TRAIL, MABLETON, GEORGIA.

1 - Bureau (Airmail)
① - Jacksonville
Approved: JRM:cdh
(2) [Signature] Special Agent in Charge

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MRS. BETTY ARMES WHO MADE RENTAL AND MRS. IRMA ALTMAN, BOTH HERTZ EMPLOYEES, IMESON AIRPORT, BOTH ADVISED VERY BUSY AT TIME OF RENTAL AND UNABLE TO RECALL RAGAN OR RECALL WHETHER RESEMBLED PHOTO OF GALT.

PITTSBURGH AT MC KEES ROCK, PA., CONTACT ELECTRO AIR CORPORATION AND DETERMINE IF RAGAN LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVE OF CO.

FBI JACKSVLE

FBI MIAMI

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TO ALL SACS RELAY MESSAGE PLAN
FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 1P

MURKIN

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

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

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FBI MEMPHIS

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TO JACKSONVILLE

FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987)

MURKIN; CR. OO ME

INSPECTOR N. E. ZACHARY, MEMPHIS PD, HAS RECEIVED
INFO FROM CITIZEN WHO DESIRES NAME KEPT CONFIDENTIAL
TO THE EFFECT THAT SUBJECT RAY IS RESIDING WITH ONE DON
MADDOX (PH) AT CRYSTAL RIVER, FLA. INFORMAT STATES MADDOX
HAS PO BOX BUT IS UNABLE TO FURNISH BOX NUMBER.

JACKSONVILLE LOCATE MADDOX AND ATTEMPT TO APPREHEND SUBJECT.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS. P.

END.

CJA

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861) MEMPHIS (44-1987) PHOENIX (44-371)

LITTLE ROCK (157-1215), DALLAS, KANSAS CITY, JACKSONVILLE.

FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509) 2P

MURKIN; CR. MEMPHIS ORIGIN.

RE LITTLE ROCK TEL THIS DATE.

CLARENCE EUGENE BRIZENDINE INTERVIEWED AT HOUSTON AND ADVISED AS FOLLOWS.

BRIZENDINE AND DAVID L. WILSON ON CROSS COUNTRY RUN FOR SHAW COMPANY SUMMER NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN. AT LEBANON, MISSOURI, POLICE STOPPED TRUCK, WILSON DRIVING, AND CHARGED WILSON WITH DRUNK DRIVING. BRIZENDINE WAS ASLEEP IN TRUCK BUNK AND NOT CHARGED OR TAKEN INTO CUSTODY. BRIZENDINE SLEPT THAT NIGHT IN TRUCK CAB AND NEXT MORNING, WITHOUT EXTRA DRIVER, RETURNED TO POINT OF ORIGIN. HE HAS NOT SEEN WILSON SINCE AND DOES NOT KNOW WILSON'S WHEREABOUTS. HE LEARNED WILSON WAS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS AND HAD CALLED EMPLOYER FOR FINE PAYMENT.

BRIZENDINE KNOWS LITTLE OF WILSON'S BACKGROUND AS HE HAD
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RECORDS OF COCONINO COUNTY SO, FLAGSTAFF, UNDER NUMBER
FOUR EIGHT THREE NINE, CONCERN RICHARD BURNAHAM HARRELL, AKA
JIMMY, BORN [REDACTED] AT PUCKETT, MISSISSIPPI, FIVE
FEET SIX, ONE ONE FIVE POUNDS, IN NINETEEN FIVE FIVE. WRITTEN
NOTATION INDICATES POSSIBLE FBI NUMBER FOR HARRELL IS SEVEN
FIVE ONE ONE NINE FIVE A.

IDENTIFICATION DIVISION ATTEMPT TO LOCATE ARREST RECORD
FOR HARRELL AND FURNISH SAME WITH PHOTOS TO RECEIVING OFFICES.

LITTLE ROCK AT LAKE VILLAGE LOCATE PARENTS OF HARRELL AND
OTHER RELATIVES AND INSTITUTE INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE HIS
WHEREABOUTS FOR INTERVIEW.

PHOENIX WILL CONTACT ASP, FLORENCE, ARIZONA, FOR FURTHER
INFORMATION ON HARRELL.

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JLC

FBI JACKSVLE

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MADE ONLY ONE PREVIOUS ROAD TRIP WITH WILSON. DESCRIBED WILSON AS QUOTE ODD UNQUOTE AND POSSIBLY AN ALCOHOLIC. WILSON ONLY TALKED ABOUT LIQUOR OF FAMILY, WHICH WAS AT FLAGSTAFF, ARIZONA. HE RECALLS NO CONVERSATION WITH WILSON RE RACIAL PROBLEMS. WAS UNAWARE OF ANY PRISON CONFINEMENT FOR WILSON.

PHOTOGRAPHS, NAME AND AKA'S OF JAMES EARL RAY UNFAMILIAR TO BRIZENDINE.

KANSAS CITY AT LEBANON, MISSOURI: VERIFY ARREST RECORD OF DAVID L. WILSON AND ATTEMPT TO VERIFY BAR IN VICINITY OF JAIL WHERE WILSON MADE PHONE CALL AND ALLEGEDLY MET RAY.

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JLC

FBI JACKSVLE

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FBI PHOENIX

748 PM URGENT 4/22/68 DLN

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987), LITTLE ROCK (157-1215),
DALLAS (44-2649), KANSAS CITY, AND JACKSONVILLE.

FROM PHOENIX (44-371) 2P

MURKIN. CR. 00: MEMPHIS.

REPXTEL APRIL TWENTYONE LAST.

EDNA WILSON, WIFE OF DAVID L. WILSON, LISTENED TO TAPE OF
ANONYMOUS TELEPHONE CALLER AND STATED SHE HAS HEARD THE VOICE
BEFORE AND BELIEVES IT IS THAT OF HER FORMER HUSBAND RICHARD
HARRELL, AKA JIMMY, FROM WHOM SHE SEPARATED IN LATE FIFTYTHREE.
HARRELL WAS COMMITTED THERAFTER TO ARIZONA STATE PENITENTIARY,
FLORENCE ARIZONA, FROM FLAGSTAFF SO, AND SHE BELIEVES HE HAS BEEN
IN PEN ELSEWHERE ALSO. SHE MARRIED HARRELL AT LAKE VILLAGE,
ARKANSAS WHERE HIS PARENTS LIVE AND FATHER IS BELIEVED NAMED
EMMET HARRELL. HE ALSO HAS A MARRIED SISTER FANNIE LNU AT
MC GEE, ARKANSAS. AFTER SHE MARRIED DAVID WILSON THEY WENT TO
IDAHO IN SUMMER OF NINETEEN SIXTYFIVE AND AT THAT TIME HARRELL
CAME TO RESIDENCE OF HER SISTER TILLIE HERNANDEZ AT FLAGSTAFF
LOOKING FOR EDNA WILSON. IT IS NOTED ANONYMOUS CALLER MENTIONED
HE HAD BEEN OUT TO THE HERNANDEZ HOUSE ONCE.

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TO: BUREAU, MEMPHIS, KANSAS CITY, PHOENIX
 FROM: JACKSONVILLE (44-769)

MURKIN

RE PHOENIX TELETYPE TO BUREAU, ETAL, APRIL TWENTYONE
 LAST AND DALLAS TELETYPE TO BUREAU, ETAL, APRIL TWENTYTWO
 LAST.

RE: DAVID LINDSEY WILSON; CLARENCE CLARK

RECORD FLORIDA STATE PRISON, RAIFORD, FLORIDA, REFLECT
 WILSON, INMATE NUMBER SIX FOUR SEVEN FOUR SEVEN, FBI NUMBER
 LISTED AS SEVEN NINE TWO TWO FOUR TWO C, RECEIVED NOVEMBER
 TWENTYONE NINETEEN FIFTYEIGHT TO SERVE TWO YEARS FOR ESCAPE
 FROM PASCO COUNTY, FLORIDA, JAIL WHERE HE WAS ORIGINALLY
 CONVICTED ON ROBBERY CHARGE. WILSON RELEASED APRIL SIX
 NINETEEN SIXTY UPON EXPIRATION OF SENTENCE. NO RECORD OF
 A CLARENCE CLARK BASED ON INFORMATION FURNISHED AT RAIFORD,
 FLORIDA.

RECORDS FLORIDA DIVISION OF CORRECTIONS, TALLAHASSEE,
 FLORIDA, REFLECT NO FURTHER RECORD ON WILSON AND NO RECORD
 FOR CLARK.

TJW:dem
 (1) *REG*
 Approved: _____
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RE MARRIAGE OF RAYNES AND MAHER.

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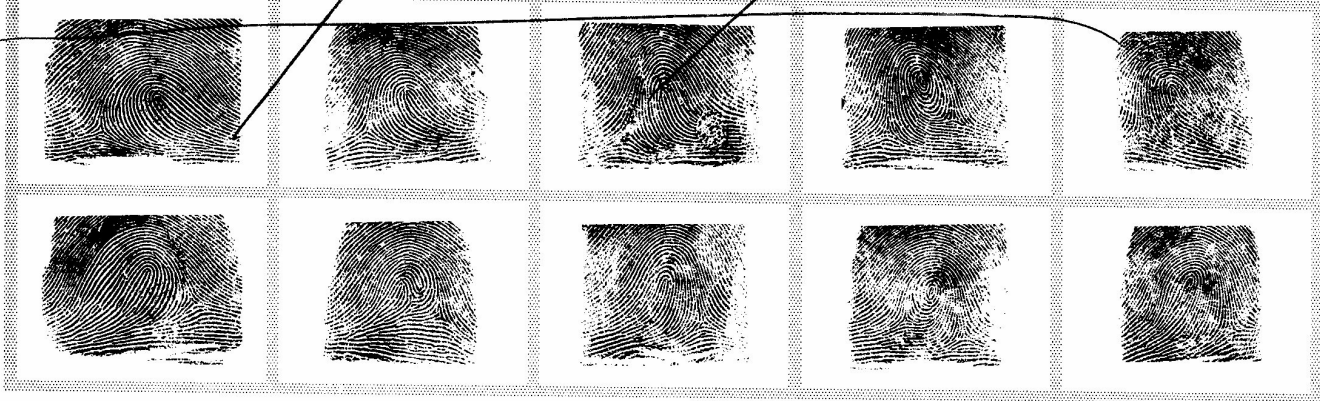
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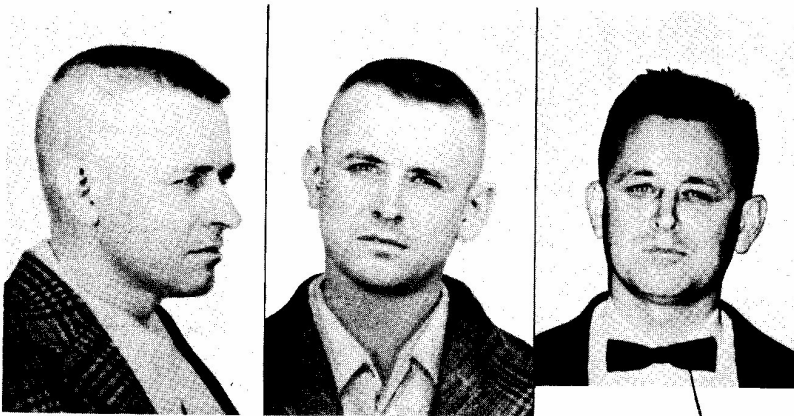
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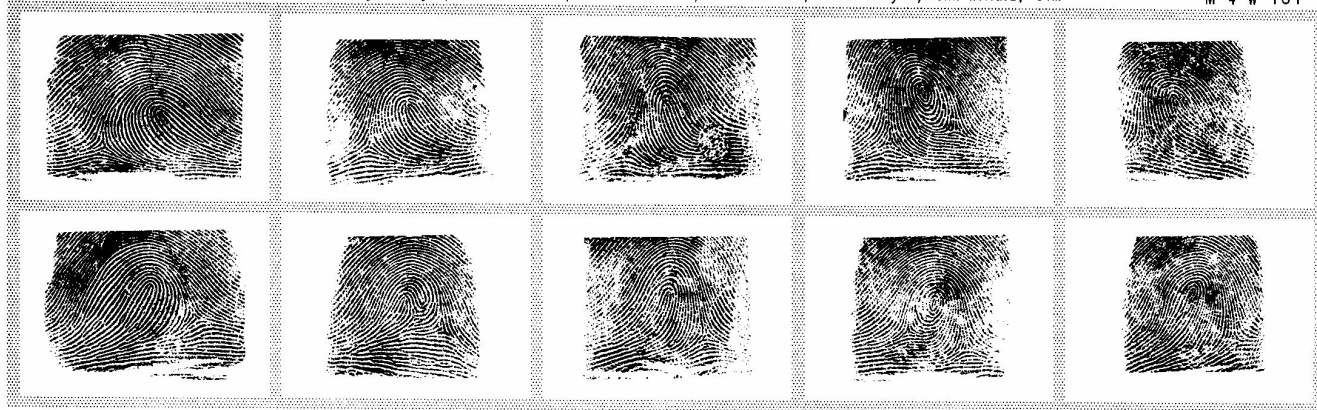
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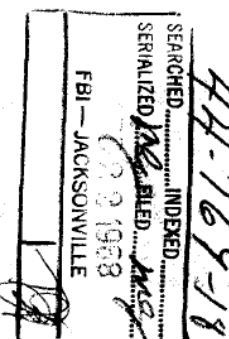
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(OO: ME)

On 4/19/68, BILL MARTIN, 922 14th Avenue, North, Nashville, Tennessee, telephone number 242-6144, advised that he observed a 1965 or 1966 Mustang, blue in color, bearing Florida license 6-75466, at approximately 12:15 p.m. on 4/18/68, proceeding north on Fifth Avenue onto Dickerson Road in Nashville. MARTIN advised that the passenger in this vehicle looked very much like unsub. Another white male was driving the vehicle, and MARTIN does not know the description of this person.

MARTIN advised possibility exists that the "754" in the Florida license could be mixed up.

LEADSJACKSONVILLEAT TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

Will determine registrations of the following Florida licenses:

6-75466, 6-74566, 6-57466, 6-54766, 6-45766, 6-47566.

② - Jacksonville
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Re Albany airtels 4/10/68 and 4/11/68, setting forth concerns who purchased Thermo-Seal marking machines, and Bureau teletype to Memphis, 4/12/68.

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

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

LEADSALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES

Will recontact laundries determined to be operating Thermo-Seal Marking Machines in an effort to locate laundry using the code, "20R-3." *44-769-185*

2 - All Continental Offices JK
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FROM: SAC, DALLAS (44-2649) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Mrs. HARRY JOHNSON, 9432 Parkford, Dallas, [REDACTED], (requested her identity be protected), who stated she is wife of a doctor, on 4/20/68, telephonically furnished information to SA EDWIN D. KUYKENDALL as follows:

About midnight, following April 1, 1968, she alone in her 1964 Buick Electra, stopped at an eating establishment, name unknown but like a Toddle House, on Highway 90 as she was driving east, one or two blocks on her right passed a university in Tallahassee, Florida. While having coffee there a male individual came in and inquired if she was driving the Texas car. He said a few other things to her including something to the effect that people he came there with had left him there stranded. Later as she was leaving she saw him standing in the parking lot and then made some comment about staying next door. She did not observe what was next door but remembered it was a large building, possible a hotel, apartment or rooming house. She furnished the following description of the individual:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	About 40
Height	5'10"
Hair	Brown, apparently full head of hair, although could have had receding forehead.

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Approved: _____
Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____

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M. W. [Signature]

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Eyes	Blue
Characteristics	Quiet, soft voice, wore suit, one shoulder lower than other (as appeared in newspaper photo of JAMES EARL RAY on 4/20/68)
Scars and Marks	None remembered

She did not learn any name or any other specific information concerning this person that would help to identify him. It was conflicting whether he was a transient passing through there or whether he was staying in the building next door to the eating establishment. She said a few days ago she wondered if he could be identical with the assassin of MARTIN LUTHER KING but decided he did not look much like drawing that appeared in newspaper. When she saw a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY in newspaper on 4/20/68, she believed that individual looked like the picture. She said she believed it may be him or she would not have reported this information.

LEAD

JACKSONVILLE

AT JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA. Conduct investigation at eating establishment above, to determine if JAMES EARL RAY can be located there.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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Director.

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
West Virginia State Police Ripley, W.Va.	Clarence Albert Clark #BJ 1408	9-18-47	Drunk & Disorderly	\$25.00 \$5.62

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Name Clark Clarence Albert
SURNAME GIVEN NAME MIDDLE NAME
(Please type or print plainly)

LEAVE ABOVE SPACE BLANK




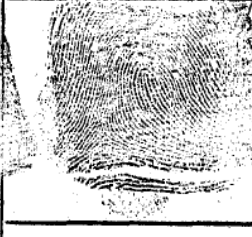
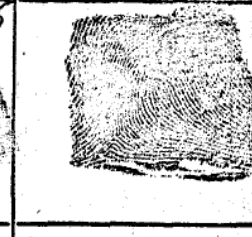
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Alias _____






Reference 1 17 1010

No. 1408 3007 Color W Sex M

RIGHT HAND

1. Thumb	2. Index finger	3. Middle finger	4. Ring finger	5. Little finger
				

LEFT HAND

6. Thumb	7. Index finger	8. Middle finger	9. Ring finger	10. Little finger
				

Impressions taken by: _____

Note amputations _____

Signature of person fingerprinted: _____

(Signature of official taking prints)

Date impressions taken 3/7/77

Four fingers taken simultaneously

Left Hand

Left thumb

Right thumb

Right Hand

Four fingers taken simultaneously

PLEASE DO NOT FOLD THIS CARD

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Record from W. Va. S. Pol. Address Ripley, W. Va.
(On the above line please state whether Police Department, Sheriff's Office, or County Jail)

Date of arrest 9/18/47

Charge D. D.

Disposition of case 25 10 5.62
Arts

Residence Box 85 Porters Falls

W. Va.
 Place of birth Moundaville, W. Va.

Nationality Amer.

Criminal specialty _____

(PLEASE PASTE PHOTO HERE)

F. B. I. NO. _____

Age 22 Date of birth _____

Height 5'2 Comp. fair Hair brown

Weight 130 Eyes blue Build slender

Scars and marks Mole right side
of chin

CRIMINAL HISTORY

NAME	NUMBER	CITY OR INSTITUTION	DATE	CHARGE	DISPOSITION OR SENTENCE

ACCOMPLICES

NAME	NUMBER	NAME	NUMBER	NAME	NUMBER

(Please furnish all additional criminal history and police record on separate sheet)

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PD Des Moines Iowa	David Lindsey Wilson #19721	12-28-48	1-runaway 2-delinquency 3-incorrigible	12-28-48 rel to Juv Crt
PD Greenville Miss	David Lindsay Wilson #9595	2-5-58	inv mail theft	
PD Dade City Fla	David Lindsey Wilson #2195	4-17-58	unarmed robb	
SO Dade City Fla	David L. Wilson #16002	4-17-58	unarmed robb	
SP Raiford Fla	David L. Wilson #64747	11-21-58	escape from Co J1	two (2) yrs
USM Jacksonville Fla	David L. Wilson #10872-J	4-6-60	prov (T of US mail)	
SO Jacksonville Fla	David L. Wilson #154 761	4-6-60	viol of prob	
SO Wallace Idaho	David Lindsay Wilson #11497	8-10-61	Fed PV	rel to US Deputy Marshal Coeur d'Alene Idaho
SO Coeur D'Alene Idaho	David Lindsay Wilson #14790	8-13-61	prob vio	returned to USM at Jacksonville
USM Fargo NDak	David Lindsey Wilson #01701	8-21-61	PV (in transit)	Miss on 8-22-61 on chg of viol of Postal Laws (mail T)
SO Kans City Mo	David Lindsay Wilson #40290	8-30-61	PV (Govt)	9-8-61 out to USM to Oxford Miss

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USM Oxford Miss	David Lindsey Wilson #365-2704	9-15-61	Prob Vio - Postal Laws	Del to FCI Texarkana Te. 11-7-61
Fed Corr Inst Texarkana Texas	David L. Wilson #12591-TT	11-7-61	Mail Theft (Prob Viol)	18 mos Trans to FCI Tallahassee Fla 9-4-62 Par
Fed Corr Inst Tallahassee Fla	David L. Wilson #19162-TF	1-22-62 Trans fr Fed Corr Inst Texarkana Texas	Prob Vio (Mail Theft)	
SO Lake City Fla	David Wilson #7603	9-4-62	Robbery	
PD Fairbanks Alaska	David Lindsay Wilson #15826	6-2-64	vag	
PD Flagstaff Ariz	David Wilson #50498	3-30-65	13-379 drunk	\$10 BF
PD Las Vegas Nev	David Lindsay Wilson #M-56164	5-31-65	D.O.P.	\$2 or 1 da
SO Springfield Colo	David Leslie Wilson #2435	5-2-67	dist expired special permit (auto)	\$10 F both b chgs total F \$25

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
	<p>FLASH: David L. Wilson, if arrested prior to 2-14-62 notify Chief US Prob Off Fed Bldg Oxford Miss per inf rec 10-14-60.</p> <p>FLASH CANCELLED: inf rec US Prob Off Oxford Miss 10-14-60 (transfer)</p> <p>WANTED: David L. Wilson for prob vio. Notify US Prob Off Fed Bldg Oxford Miss per inf rec 11-16-60.</p> <p>NO LONGER WANTED: per inf rec 8-11-61 (located by Fed Agts & PD 8-10-61 Kellogg Idaho incar Shoshone Co Jail Wallace Idaho)</p>			
	<p>FLASH: David L. Wilson if arrested prior to 4-1-63 Notify US Prob Off Tampa Fla and US Board of Parole Room 200 HOLC Bldg Wash 25, DC Inf rec 9-6-62.</p>			

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CC-PD Springfield Colo				

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
Army	James Earl Ray #16 163 129	February 19, 1946		
Sheriff's Office Los Angeles, California	James Earl Ray #B-119908	October 11, 1949	suspicion of burglary	
Police Department Los Angeles, California	James Earl Ray #139648	October 11, 1949	suspicion 459 Penal Code (burglary)	8 months County Jail suspended; 2 years probation served; first 90 days County Jail; 146 December 30, 1949 Csl29438
Sheriff's Office Cedar Rapids, Iowa	James E. Ray #5937	April 18, 1950	vagrancy	
Police Department Alton, Illinois	James Earl Ray #7514	July 23, 1951	no operator's license - no State License - no City License	released to pay later
Police Department Chicago, Illinois	James Ray #D90696	May 6, 1952	robbery (Gun)	Grand Jury \$3000
Cook County Jail Chicago, Illinois	James Ray #131165	May 9, 1952	robbery	June 13, 1952 sentenced to penitentiary 1 to 2 years
State Penitentiary Joliet, Illinois	James E. Ray #32419	June 13, 1952	robbery	1 to 2 years
State Penitentiary Pontiac, Illinois	James E. Ray #19121	July 7, 1952 in transfer from Joliet	robbery	1 to 2 years March 12, 1954 discharged

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Sheriff's Office Edwardsville, Illinois	James Earl Ray #2640	August 30, 1954	burglary and larceny	
Police Department Hannibal, Missouri	James E. Ray #40714	March 23, 1955	investigation of breaking and entering Post Office	
State Highway Patrol Macon, Missouri	James Earl Ray #B-3376	March 23, 1955	cashing stolen postal money orders	released to Postal Inspector Kansas City, Missouri March 24, 1955
United States Marshal Kansas City, Missouri	James Earl Ray #12018	March 28, 1955	forgery United States Postal Money Order	sentenced to 15 months custody of Attorney General
Sheriff's Office Kansas City, Missouri	James Earl Ray #29637	March 28, 1955	Forgery - Government	July 7, 1955 3 years and 9 months
United States Penitentiary Leavenworth, Kansas	James Earl Ray #72498-L	July 7, 1955	Post Office Laws Forge Money Orders	3 years and 9 months May 20, 1958 conditional release March 31 1959 maximum April 5, 1958 conditional release on charge of Post Office forgery Post Office Money Orders
Police Department Saint Louis, Missouri	James Earl Ray #81071	October 10, 1959	suspicion of robbery	

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

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
	<p>WANTED: James Earl Ray for escape April 23, 1967 (operating motor vehicle without permission of owner; robbery first degree "b/m of a D & DW") (will extradite) Notify Warden State Penitentiary Jefferson City, Missouri information received May 10, 1967.</p>			

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All descriptive factors (if any) furnished by you match those in our identification file unless herein quoted.

DESCRIPTION AND RELATED DATA:

Race: White

Sex: Male

Height: 70 inches

Weight: 174 pounds

Hair: Brown

Eyes: Blue

Date and Place of Birth: ; Illinois.

Scars & Marks: dimpled chin, small scar center forehead, scar 3 inch palm right hand

Address: (in 1966) State Hospital Number 1 Fulton, Missouri.

Occupation: Laborer

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

Date **4/22/68**

SAC, Jacksonville

Your inquiry

PX - Teletype
4/21/68

MURKIN. CIVIL RIGHTS.

- ☐ Attached furnished in reply to your inquiry.
- ☒ Attached furnished in compliance with request from **SAC, Phoenix (44-371)**
- ☐ Only record available attached.
- ☐ This matter is receiving attention and you will be advised at an early date.
- ☐ Supplementing FBI Laboratory report dated
- ☐ Records FBI #
are furnished since there is a possibility that one may pertain to the subject in whom you are interested.
- ☐ Fingerprint files fail to disclose
- ☐ Confirming FBI wire of
- ☐ A wanted notice has not been placed as subject appears to be in custody.
- ☐ When you no longer desire your notice maintained, please advise.
- ☐ If you determine subject to be in custody, please advise so that your notice may be canceled.
- ☐ Subject of your inquiry searched in name indices only. Enclosed record(s) possibly identical. If identical, resubmit request and wanted (or flash) notice will be placed.
- ☐ If it is determined that the subject of this record is not the individual in whom you are interested, please advise.
- ☐ Your communication is returned.
- ☐

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Director

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : 44-769

DATE: 4/23/68

FROM : SAC ROBERT E. GEBHARDT

SUBJECT: MURKIN

This is to record that at 11:30 am, 4/23/68 I called SRA CLARK and advised him of the inquiry of Assistant Director ROSEN as set forth in ASAC's memo. I related Mr. ROSEN's instructions to CLARK.

CLARK subsequently advised he had contacted BARBARA FRYE, the only UPI representative in Tallahassee who stated that she had absolutely nothing to do with the story as reflected in the 4/23/68 edition of the "Florida Times-Union." As the only representative of UPI in Tallahassee, she was certain this story did not emanate from Tallahassee. She stated she fully understood the latest information from the FBI and was at a loss to understand how any UPI reporter could have printed the article as written. She inquired of UPI and determined the story emanated from UPI, Miami. The reason for the dateline "Tallahassee UPI" was based on a FHP broadcast.

CLARK further advised FHP radio dispatcher "routinely" utilizes the wanted flyers put out by the Bureau for items on their daily summary and this was what occurred in this instance. The wanted flyer on GALT was received in Jacksonville on 4/18/68, mailed on 4/19/68, and was received at FHP over the weekend. It was therefore "routinely" put out on the evening of 4/22/68.

CLARK said FHP is very concerned over the lack of judgment in this instance and has assured as soon as they receive the current wanted flyer on RAY they would make an amendment to the original broadcast.

At 11:45 am, I called Miami and in the absence of SAC and ASAC, spoke to Supervisor WAYNE SWINNEY. I advised him of Mr. ROSEN's inquiry and advised him of the above information. I suggested that Miami handle Mr. ROSEN's inquiry and emphasized the point that it should be handled by phone with nothing in writing. He advised he would contact SAC FROHBOSE and have the matter handled.

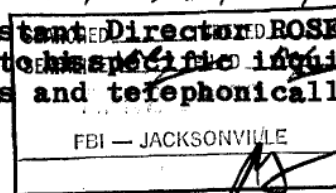
At 11:50 am, I contacted Assistant Director ROSEN and advised him of the above and in answer to his specific inquiry, told him Miami would handle his inquiry of us and telephonically advise him.

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JK 44-769

Suggested Lead:

JACKSONVILLE

AT JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

Will, if not already done, contact Arthur Murray Dance Studio and ascertain full identity of (FNU) GALT who formerly was employed as a dance instructor at the Aldridge Dance Studio of Ocala, Florida, and later reported to be a dance instructor at the Arthur Murray Studio in Jacksonville.

For additional information, it is noted that the telephone directory for Leesburg reflects a St. Johns School of Ballet at 1107 Webster St., Leesburg, Florida, telephone 787-6189. This number was called on 4/16/68 and is now the number of Mr. C. W. LONG, 1107 Webster St., a private residence. Mr. LONG advised he has resided at this address approximately four months and he has received several calls at this number for the St. Johns School of Ballet.

It was ascertained through contact with the long distance operator that 787-6189 is now listed in the name of C. W. LONG and was formerly listed as the St. Johns School of Ballet which number has been discontinued.