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unknown male had finished executing the cards and returned to his desk whereupon he found that the unknown male had disappeared from the bank. Mr. PETERSON said that he immediately examined all the waste receptacles in the vicinity of the lobby counter where the unknown male was last observed and failed to find the blank savings account signature cards indicating that these blank cards were apparently not left in the bank by the unknown male.

PETERSON said during his lunch hour from 12:30 PM to about 1:30 PM, he was reading the "Chicago Tribune" and observed the photograph of subject GALT appearing therein and immediately felt that it was a strong likeness of the individual who had just attempted to obtain a certificate of deposit at Amalgamated.

PETERSON described this unknown male as follows:

Name	WILLIAM FERBER or WILLIAM FARBERS
Sex	Male
Race	White
Age	About 35-40
Height	5'8" or 5'9"
Weight	160-170
Complexion	Ruddy
Characteristics	Square jaw, clean shaven
Eyes	Dark
Hair	Brown
Wearing apparel	White shirt, three quarter length tan light weight coat.

Review of Chicago classified and telephone directories failed to locate any listing identifiable with National Association of Ballroom Dancers, however, a copy of the March, 1968, issue of "Ballroom Dance Magazine", published monthly by Dance Magazines, Inc., 268 West 47th Street, New York, New York, discloses numerous advertisements for ballroom dancing throughout the United States, only one of which is possibly identical with National Association of Ballroom Dancers which is "Ballroom Dancers Association, Inc., " 756 7th Avenue, New York, New York.

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On April 23, 1968, the Milwaukee Division advised that the Motor Vehicle Division, Madison, Wisconsin, has three listings under the name of FERBER. WILLIAM A. FERBER and WILLIAM G. FERBER were eliminated on the basis of their dates of birth, which were, respectively, [] and [].

WILLIAM H. FERBER, date of birth [] was eliminated on the basis that Chief of Police HAROLD PHELAN, Hales Corners, Wisconsin, advised that FERBER was arrested February 27, 1965, for operating with an expired drivers license. FERBER has been self-employed in the above town since 1948.

On April 25, 1968, the New York Division advised that the National Association of Ballroom Dancers is unknown to the officials of Dance Magazine, Inc., and Ballroom Dancers Association. Also there is no organization known to these officials that issues orange membership cards. A review of the subscription list did not indicate any subscriber by the name of FERBER or subject.

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RE: LOOK-ALIKE DRIVING BLUE CHEVELLE
BEARING ALABAMA LICENSE 42-7866

On April 18, 1968, Sergeant SAUTZUS, 9th District, Chicago Police Department, telephonically advised the Chicago Office of the FBI that Mr. SOL LEVIN, 7337 South Shore Drive, Chicago, reported seeing an individual resembling the assassin of Doctor MARTIN LUTHER KING driving a late model Chevelle bearing Alabama license 42-7866 in the vicinity of 31st Street and South Halsted Street, Chicago, Illinois. Upon interview by SA JOSEPH S. REICHART, Mr. LEVIN stated that a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY somewhat resembled the individual he had seen in the Chevelle; however, Mr. LEVIN was not able to describe that individual in any detail. He did say, however, that the individual was accompanied by a blonde woman.

On April 24, 1968, the Birmingham Division advised that 1968 Alabama license 42-7866 was issued to EDGAR F. BORDEN, Moulton, Alabama. Mrs. WALCIE JOHNSON, BORDEN's mother, advised that her son was last known to be residing at 2344 Sacramento, Chicago, but is in the process of moving to an unknown address at San Angelo, Texas.

On same date, the Dallas Division advised that EDGAR FLOYD BORDEN, San Angelo, Texas, was interviewed on same date and he advised that although instant vehicle is still registered in his name, he sold the vehicle to RUSSELL RALPH, 2344 South Sacramento, Chicago, Illinois. Interview with BORDEN determined him not to be identical with JAMES EARL RAY.

On April 25, 1968, an individual identifying himself as RUSSELL MILLER, 1811 South Ashland, Chicago, Illinois, telephonically contacted the Chicago Office of the FBI and said that he had heard from his friend, EDGAR FLOYD BORDEN, that the FBI was looking for the car that he was driving. He advised that he could be contacted at

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the above address on the following date.

On April 26, 1968, investigation to locate RUSSELL MILLER at the above address proved negative; however, individuals residing at that address stated that the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY did not resemble anyone residing at that address.

On April 29, 1968, RUSSELL RALPH, also known as RUSSELL MILLER, was interviewed at his residence, 2344 South Sacramento, first floor, Chicago, Illinois. He advised that he no longer had the car in question but that he was driving it on April 18, 1968, in the vicinity of 31st Street and South Halsted Street in the company of a blonde woman. Further inquiry revealed that RALPH, born [redacted] at Ypsilanti, Michigan, is 6'1" tall, and weighs 210 pounds. A comparison of the scars and marks and fingerprints of JAMES EARL RAY with those of RUSSELL RALPH determined that RALPH was not identical to RAY.

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Re: JOSEPH CLAYTON MONTAGNE

On April 19, 1968, the Springfield Division advised that information had been received from the Jackson Division that the Pascagoula, Mississippi, Police Department stopped an individual driving a white Corvair bearing 1968 Illinois license DG 3109. He identified himself as above. He was accompanied by another white male whose identity was not determined and MONTAGNE indicated he was a musician and the other person indicated he was a seaman, with both heading for New Orleans.

The officer who stopped the above individuals said that MONTAGNE resembled the photograph of the subject.

Indianapolis Division developed from auto registration records that the above license plate registers to RAYMOND HILLBURN, 6039 North Ridge, Chicago, for a 1956 Dodge. No other registration or drivers license information regarding MONTAGNE.

On April 20, 1968, MARIA HILLBURN, former wife of RAYMOND HILLBURN, 4700 Magnolia Street, Chicago, advised SA JAMES W. SWINFORD that HILLBURN purchased a white Corvair convertible, model unknown, approximately two weeks ago and departed the Chicago area for Alabama on April 5, 1968. She further advised that she had been contacted telephonically by her husband on April 19, 1968, at which time he advised her that he is now residing with LUCILLE HASSEY, 130 Patton Street, Montgomery, Alabama, telephone 265-4836. Mrs. HILLBURN advised that her husband in no way resembles the photograph of the subject, nor is she acquainted with any associate of his who could be identical with the subject. She said that the name of JOSEPH CLAYTON MONTAGNE is completely unknown to her.

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RE: DALE BAXTER
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GARY, INDIANA

On April 19, 1968, an anonymous male telephonically contacted SA ROBERT J. DOLAN and advised that he wished to furnish information concerning captioned matter. He declined to identify himself but stated the following individuals, all current residents of Gary, Indiana, are reportedly in possession of information concerning this matter:

DALE BAXTER
Resides 40th and Tyler

SHIRLEE MACKOWIAK
Resides 40th and Tennessee

JACK WEISSBUCH
Resides 4160 Broadway

Caller stated above had been bragging they have information concerning the killing of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING and know the whereabouts of the suspect presently being sought by the FBI. They also said the FBI does not in fact have the actual weapon utilized by the killer but the whereabouts of such weapon is known to the above trio. Caller declined to furnish additional information and terminated the call.

On April 23, 1968, the Indianapolis Division advised that all of the foregoing individuals had been contacted and denied having any knowledge concerning captioned case nor any knowledge concerning the weapon used in this murder.

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RE: TENNESSEE LICENSE BK 1897

On April 19, 1968, Mr. JOHN POWELL, 8655 South Elizabeth, Chicago, Illinois, employment Adolph Levin Company, Incorporated, 5 North Wabash, Chicago, Illinois, was interviewed at the FBI Office, Chicago, Illinois, at which time he had furnished the following information:

At approximately 8:40 a.m. on April 18, 1968, Mr. POWELL was proceeding to the Chicago Loop area via the northbound lane of the Stevenson Expressway. Mr. POWELL stated that he exited on the Stevenson Expressway and immediately stopped for a red light at which time he noticed a 1962 or 1963 yellow Pontiac Catalina convertible bearing 1963 Shelby County, Tennessee, license BK 1897. He stated that this vehicle was occupied by a white male, believed to be identical with subject JAMES EARL RAY, and a white female. Mr. POWELL stated that the white female was driving the vehicle and when stopped at the red light, the white female got out from the passenger's side of the car and went around the front of the car to assume the driver's seat. POWELL advised that at this time, he was approximately ten feet away from this individual and he described him as follows: white male, height 6'3" (Mr. POWELL stated that subject could have been much taller than this as he was sitting in a car which is low to the ground and subject was on a pavement incline), early 40's, dark complexion, 190 pounds, brown hair, medium build, no outstanding characteristics or scars, wearing brown long-sleeved sweater with gray "V" down the front. Mr. POWELL was furnished two photographs of subject, one taken in 1952 by the Chicago Police Department and one taken in 1962. Mr. POWELL advised that he was positive that the individual in the photograph taken in 1962 was the person whom he saw in the 1962 or 1963 Catalina convertible.

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RE: LOOK-ALIKE IN CAR BEARING
1967 TENNESSEE LICENSE BW 2739

On April 20, 1968, BERNICE THOMAS, 6140 South Dorchester, telephonically advised SA DANIEL M. CRAWFORD that she had observed a man resembling the subject sitting in the back seat of a car bearing 1967 Tennessee license plates BW 2739. She advised that the car was going north on Milwaukee Avenue at Division Street and that she had a good look at this individual. A man and a woman were sitting in the front seat. She said she had observed this car on the afternoon of April 19, 1968, and did not call until this date because she thought that her friend had called yesterday; however, she found out on this date that no one had called.

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Re: E. M. RAY
Pascagoula, Mississippi

Mrs. LENORE STEWART, 3538 West Hirsch, Chicago, telephonically advised at 4:20 PM, April 20, 1968, that her son GERALD HULTGREN is living in Pascagoula, Mississippi, Box 195, with an individual named E. M. RAY. RAY is unknown to STEWART as to description or background.

GERALD HULTGREN is described as a white male, born [redacted], 6'3", 170 pounds in 1960, Social Security Number [redacted]. He has a background of juvenile trouble and Interstate Transportation of Stolen Motor Vehicle matters. He was turned over to juvenile authorities at Cook County, for prosecution in 1960.

STEWART last heard from her son and RAY telephonically about three weeks ago. These two men were to take a trip to an unknown location. The employment of RAY and HULTGREN was not known to STEWART.

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The Atlanta Division advised on April 25, 1968, that Mr. RANDOLPH B. JONES, Pure Oil Company Dealer, Americus, Georgia, advised he sold gas to an individual on April 16, 1968, who closely resembled 1968 photo of JAMES EARL RAY. Mr. JONES described the car he believed the person to be driving as well as furnishing a physical description of this individual. He also stated that he believed the individual purchased gas on a temporary Pure Oil Credit Card, which he believes expires in August or September, 1968. He also advised that the credit card slips were purchases on April 16, 1968, and had already been forwarded to the Pure Oil Company Retail Department, Palatine, Illinois.

On April 26, 1968, Mr. CLYDE E. PHODES, Accounting Department, Pure Oil Company, Palatine, Illinois, was telephonically contacted by SA RENE J. DUMAINE, at which time he advised that the package of credit card slips mailed in by Mr. JONES on April 17, 1968, would already be in the Balance process, Accounting Department, and would take until at least April 30, 1968, to locate. He said it is possible that he would be able to locate the credit card slips mailed in on April 22, 1968. He requested that he be furnished with the Transmittal Slip number used by JONES in submitting the credit card transactions.

On the same date, Mr. RHODES was furnished with the following transmittal numbers:

4/18/68 - 7-0217999
7-0218000

4/22/68 - 7-0217997
7-0217998

The foregoing were obtained from the Atlanta Division in contact with Mr. R. B. JONES. Mr. RHODES advised that he had located all of the credit card slips submitted on April 22, 1968. A review of these slips did not reveal any

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credit card slips for any transaction on April 16, 1968.

In a continuing review of Pure Oil Company records, in conjunction with Mr. RHODES and THOMAS DAVINI by SA ROBERT F. PEVAHOUSE on April 29 and 30, 1968, located the list of credit card invoices submitted by Mr. JONES on April 18, 1968. Credit card purchase number 0882579109 was made by Lt. Col. WILKERSON, however, the invoice itself could not be located and the address was not yet in file. The charge for credit card number 603-855-3685 is another company credit card and the ticket was already been separated elsewhere. No further effort will be made to locate this card in view of the comments made by Mr. JONES. It should be noted that this review did not reveal any purchase made on a temporary Pure Oil Credit Card.

There were purchases made by the following companies:

Americus Utility
Aladdin Insulators
Georgia Highway Department
V. R. Bush Company
Southern Bell of Georgia
Simplex Nail
W. C. Page

The charge for H. O. JONES, JR. was not further checked out since it was in the amount of \$101.43, which could not have been a mere gas purchase.

A review of the credit card slips submitted reveals the following purchases for gasoline on April 16, 1968:

A.U. ARNOLD
RFD Americus, Georgia

JAMES F. TRAINOR
P.O. Box 265
Damascus, Georgia

J. ROY STUDSTILL
212 Daniel Street
Americus, Georgia

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Re: R. TAYLOR
OAK LAWN, ILLINOIS

Investigation regarding the above-named individual was initiated upon receipt of a typewritten postcard by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Headquarters in Washington, D.C. The card was postmarked April 22, 1968, and the Bureau instructed the Chicago Division of the FBI to attempt to locate R. TAYLOR and interview him regarding any information he might have pertinent to this case.

The contents of the postcard are quoted below:

"Dear Sirs,

A lot of us knew J. E. Ray from Fullerton Ave in Chicago. Maybe he did steal cars or armed robbery but he never killed anyone like the Niggers do in riots. We thank him for killing M. King. He was nothing but a trouble maker. If we do see him in Chicago--we will reward him with a couple of thousand dollars--not turn him in. He did us Chicagoans a good turn.

We have an ad in the paper which he will recognize, but you wouldn't the way it is typed out.

We all in Chicago are so happy King is dead (except the Nigger The Liquor business is at an all time high We hope he never gets caught so that if R. Abenathy (King's Succesor starts something he will do the same to him. We love J. E. Ray.

R. Taylor"

The following named individuals in the Oak Lawn, Illinois, area were located through credit and police department checks and through a review of appropriate telephone directories. The first four individuals were interviewed on April 26, 1968, and the fifth individual on April 29, 1968 by SA ROBERT F. SWIERCZ.

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- 1) ROBERT C. TAYLOR
8725 Stevens Drive
Oak Lawn, Illinois
- 2) ROBERT R. TAYLOR
6540 82nd Place
Oak Lawn, Illinois
- 3) RONALD P. TAYLOR
7721 Laramie
Oak Lawn, Illinois
- 4) RUSSELL C. TAYLOR
6810 Saratoga Drive
Oak Lawn, Illinois
- 5) ROY G. TAYLOR
5332 State Road
Oak Lawn, Illinois

All advised they had not written or mailed the postcard quoted above, nor could they think of anyone who might have done so.

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RE: TROY EARLS

Following investigation conducted by SA JEROME F. NOLAN on April 26, 1968, at Rockford, Illinois.

CATHY SHARP, Clerk, Rockford Police Department, advised records reflected TROY HERMAN EARLS was charged with speeding September 20, 1962, age 22, white, male, with residence 1063 West State, Rockford - nothing further reflected.

Mrs. VIOLET NORD, Rockford Credit Bureau, advised records reflected TROY EARLS, 4240 11th Street, Rockford, was placed in file July, 1959, at age 19. Employed Elco Tool Company since November of 1958 which was verified March, 1963. Wife, MARY, employed Barber-Colman Company, and as of March, 1963, had two children. Credit excellent.

The foregoing investigation was based on information furnished by the Omaha Division who advised that on April 23, 1968, GREG J. KIBBLE, Chief of Police, Valley, Nebraska, advised he works part time at the Two Rivers State Recreation Area, south of Venice, Nebraska, and that on April 22, 1968, the Superintendent, RICHARD WOLKOW, had advised as follows:

On April 17, 1968, TROY EARLS, 4240 11th Street, Rockford, Illinois, was registered as an overnight camper; he was driving a camper, make not recorded or recalled, Illinois license B 282390.

After viewing TV and newspaper photographs of him, WOLKOW concluded there was some resemblance between EARLS and JAMES EARL RAY, aka, Fugitive, and recalled that EARLS had inquired of him regarding gun laws in the State of Nebraska.

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RE: JOHN H. CARNAHAN (LOOK-ALIKE)

On April 28, 1968, the Milwaukee Division advised that TED WROBLEWSKI, Assistant Park Manager, Interstate State Park, St. Croix, Wisconsin, telephonically advised that he had read an article which set forth that the operator of the Modern Frontier Motel between Mandan and Bismarck, North Dakota, reported a man resembling RAY accompanied by a blonde female and driving a pickup truck registered that motel on April 25, 1968.

In view of this, WROBLEWSKI advised that on April 23, 1968, a white male who gave the name J. CARNAHAN, Skokie, Illinois, accompanied by a blonde female, driving a Ford pickup with camper, Illinois license B 291617, registered at his park.

On the same date, the Springfield Division advised that records, Motor Vehicle Bureau, reveal above license number registered to JAMES MC GOVERN, 10023 West Devon, Rosemont, Illinois, for a 1966 Chevrolet panel truck.

On the same date, Mr. JAMES J. MC GOVERN, above, advised SA ROBERT L. BAKER that he is the owner of a 1966 Chevrolet panel truck bearing 1968 Illinois license B 291617. This vehicle was observed and both license plates were attached. Mr. MC GOVERN could furnish no further information in this matter and was not identical with the subject.

JOHN H. CARNAHAN, 9138 Kilpatrick, Skokie, Illinois, was located and interviewed by SA BAKER. He advised that he and his wife were camping in Wisconsin this weekend and were driving a Ford pickup bearing 1968 Illinois license B 271617 and were hauling a rented camper. CARNAHAN is the owner of Skokie Auto Air Company and is not identical to subject RAY.

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Re: JAMES E. BODKER
14341 South Avalon
Dolton, Illinois

On May 1, 1968, the Atlanta Office advised that CHARLES V. TYSON, Manager, Hertz Rental, Albany, Georgia, stated that at 12:15 PM, April 19, 1968, a white male identifying himself as JAMES E. BODKER, rented a 1967 Ford Galaxie, 4-door, hard top, white over blue, Vehicle Identification Number 7A56C207625, bearing 1968 Georgia license 8J5039. This car was to be used in the vicinity of Albany and returned to Albany, Georgia, on April 22, 1968. BODKER gave home address as above and claimed to be manager of Suburban Motors, address not given. He furnished Illinois drivers license number. Vehicle not returned as of May 1, 1968. Description of BODKER fits general description of JAMES EARL RAY. One Hertz employee states BODKER bears close resemblance to 1968 photograph and believes BODKER could be identical to subject.

The following investigation was conducted by SA THOMAS W. PARRISH on May 1, 1968:

The records of the Dolton, Illinois Police Department were reviewed and contained no information identifiable with BODKER.

LARRY MILLAR, 14341 Avalon, Dolton, Illinois, advised that he is the brother-in-law of BODKER who uses the above address as a mailing address but does not reside at the location. He could furnish no information regarding BODKER's present whereabouts. DONNA MILLAR appeared at the above residence and furnished the same information as her husband. She further advised that on the day KING was shot, BODKER and the rest of the family were attending a birthday party for their mother, Mrs. ZELDA BALDUC, 12357 Ashland, Calumet Park, Illinois. Both stated they would have BODKER contact the FBI if they located him. Both were also advised that the auto rented by BODKER was overdue and that he should immediately advise Hertz.

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Mrs. BALDUC was contacted and verified information given by the MILLARS. She exhibited a photo of BODKER. Comparison of this photo with that of the subject did not appear to indicate any similarity.

On May 2, 1968, BODKER was contacted at the North Side Inn, 125th and Western, Blue Island, Illinois. He bears very little physical resemblance to subject RAY. BODKER exhibited numerous identification to establish his background. Handwriting samples were obtained and appear identical to other signatures going back ten years. He advised that on the evening of the KING murder he was at his mother's home with numerous other guests.

BODKER is presently on parole and has served 5 years, 10 months of a 14-year sentence for voluntary manslaughter; he has also served time for burglary and auto theft. His parole records are maintained with the Illinois State Probation Office. He advised that he returned the Hertz car to their Chicago Office.

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Re Look Alike, O'Hare Airport, Chicago, Delta Airlines, 4/9/68.

The following investigation was conducted by SA
DANIEL R. HUNTINGTON on May 1, 1968:

LOU MYERS, Field Ticket Office Manager, Delta Airlines, O'Hare International Airport, advised that from his records the two ticket agents working the express baggage check in counter where seat selection formerly was located were JOHN WINNICK and PAUL VANA. MYERS said that Delta handles from four to five thousand passengers a day from O'Hare and advised that the seat selection is now handled, and was at that time handled, at each gate. However, if H. ALVIN SHARPE is a frequent Delta Traveler, he would have recalled that this is where seat selection had been for a number of years.

WINNICK interviewed at length, however, he recalled nothing of incident described. He has seen many photographs of subject, and states he cannot recall any person resembling subject.

PAUL VANA recently married, on honeymoon at the Island of Aruba, off the coast of South America, and unavailable until May 8, 1968.

The foregoing investigation was based on information furnished by the New Orleans Division on April 29, 1968, indicating that H. ALVIN SHARP, Educoin Company, New Orleans, Louisiana, advised that about 2:00 p.m. he went to the Delta Airlines Ticket Office, O'Hare Airport, and while there, observed a man talking with one of the seat reservation agents. SHARP thought he knew this man and then his attention was further drawn to him by the fact that the passenger said he wanted to go to New Orleans but did not want the flight via Atlanta. SHARP spoke to this man, thinking he was his friend, apologized and then noted that this person remained at the counter and seemed to have a "hassle" with one of the two men at the counter. This conversation apparently continued for thirty minutes. SHARP did not see this person again, states he believes this man was the subject after observing a new picture of RAY. SHARP stated the 1968 photo of RAY does not resemble man at airport.

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SPECIAL PROJECTS

Immediately upon identification of the murderer of KING as JAMES EARL RAY, contact was established with the various airlines at O'Hare International Airport, with United States Customs and with airlines having international operations. On April 25, 1968, all airlines at O'Hare Airport as well as the O'Hare Detachment of the Chicago Police Department, Immigration and Naturalization Service, and United States Public Health were contacted by SA JOHN W. MORAN and SA DANIEL R. HUNTINGTON at which time supervisory personnel were furnished with Identification Orders and wanted flyers of the subject which they agreed to place in a prominent spot and discuss instant matter with their employees. They also advised that they would insure that the FBI was immediately contacted in the event any employee observed a person that resembled the subject.

On April 24, 1968, Mr. CHARLES G. WARD, District Supervisor, Federal Narcotics Bureau, United States Department of Justice, Room 1836, Federal Building, was contacted by SA CLARK A. HULL at which time he was furnished 25 copies of the wanted flyer for JAMES EARL RAY. Mr. WARD advised that all sources of the Narcotics Bureau would be contacted concerning the subject and should any positive information be received about him or his whereabouts, he would immediately notify the FBI.

All ITSMV cases in the Chicago Division have been reviewed from March 23, 1968, to date where the car was stolen in or near Atlanta, Georgia. To date there has been no indication from this review that the subject was responsible for any theft that area based on Chicago information.

Lieutenant EMIL GIESE, Commanding Officer, Identification Division, Chicago Police Department, was contacted by SA RAMON W. STRATTON on April 22, 1968, with the request that the latent fingerprints presently outstanding in the Chicago Police Department unsolved criminal cases be checked against the known prints of JAMES EARL RAY. On April 26, 1968, Lieutenant GIESE advised that he is continuing the program consistent with the available personnel. He said that he had several thousand latents in file and to this time, he has

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eliminated an estimated 200 to 300. He advised that he is aware of the importance of this matter and is personally spending a considerable amount of time when possible eliminating these latents assisted by three latent examiners when available. On May 3, 1968, Lieutenant GIESE advised that he has eliminated about another 300 prints without developing any that could be identical with the subject.

On April 30, 1968, the Chicago Division instituted personal contacts with all of the country clubs within the territory. The contacting Agents reviewed the employment records of the various country clubs for any possibility that the subject could have been employed at the club at any time and if he had been employed since April 23, 1967. These contacts met with negative results; however, a copy of the Identification Order for the subject was left with appropriate personnel who advised that they would check all individuals who applied for employment in the future and would immediately notify the Chicago Division if there appeared to be any individual answering the physical description and photograph of the subject.

The records of the American Bartending School, 334 South Wabash, were reviewed by SA RICHARD G. STILLING and contact has been maintained with Mr. GERALD R. SANTORO, Director, on a continuing basis in the event that the subject might contact the school.

The records of the American Bartending School were reviewed in an effort to find the attendance of JOHN RAY, subject's brother; however, a search of these records going back to 1962 did not develop any information that JOHN RAY had attended.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE NEWARK	OFFICE OF ORIGIN MEMPHIS	DATE 5/13/68	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 4/12-26/68
TITLE OF CASE JAMES EARL RAY, aka. Eric Starvo Galt, Harvey Lowmyer, John Willard, James Mc Bride, James Walton, W. C. Herron, James O'Conner - FUGITIVE; REVEREND MARTIN LUTHER KING - VICTIM IO #4182, WF #442-A TOP TEN FUGITIVE		REPORT MADE BY HOWARD H. RICE	TYPED BY amd
		CHARACTER OF CASE CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY UFAC - ARMED ROBBERY	

REFERENCE

Report of SA ALAN G. SENTINELLA dated 4/18/68,
at Atlanta.

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The details of this report contain only the
investigation concerning subject's contact with the
Locksmithing Institute, Little Falls, New Jersey.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED NONE						ACQUIT- TALS	CASE HAS BEEN:
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							PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO

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- 1 - Atlanta (44-2386) (Info)
- 1 - Los Angeles (44-1574) (Info)
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Results of all negative investigation conducted are maintained in Newark file.

A copy of this report for the USA, Birmingham and Memphis has been included with copies for these offices, but not marked as such. Dissemination should be held in abeyance pending Bureau authority.

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NEWARK

AT NEWARK, N.J. 1. Will follow all logical investigation toward the location and apprehension of subject.

ATLANTA, LOS ANGELES, NEW ORLEANS, CHICAGO, KANSAS CITY, ST. LOUIS (INFORMATION)

An information copy of this report has been designated for Atlanta, Los Angeles, New Orleans, Chicago, Kansas City and St. Louis in view of investigation conducted by these divisions and in anticipation of subsequent investigation.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Report of: HOWARD H. RICE
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Office: Newark, New Jersey

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Title: JAMES EARL RAY;
REVEREND MARTIN LUTHER KING - VICTIM
IO #4182, WF #442-ACharacter: CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY
UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID CONFINEMENT - ARMED ROBBERY

Synopsis: Investigation at the Locksmithing Institute, Little Falls, NJ, revealed that an individual using the name ERIC S. GALT enrolled in a correspondence course, July, 1967, with initial correspondence coming from Montreal, Canada. The records indicate changes of address to Los Angeles, Birmingham and Atlanta. The most recent address is in Atlanta as of March, 1968. Investigation at local banks located photograph of payments by GALT to the Locksmithing Institute. These payments were in the form of two (2) Bank of America Money Orders, two (2) US Postal Money Orders and one (1) Canadian Postal Money Order. The FBI Laboratory has concluded that the hand printing and signatures on the material furnished by Locksmithing Institute was prepared by the individual responsible for preparing other specimens in this case attributed to ERIC S. GALT. Laboratory reports set forth. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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DETAILS

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date April 22, 1968

The following information should not be made public in any other manner except in the usual proceedings following the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum.

GEORGE DUBIEA, Director, Locksmithing Institute, 1500 Cardinal Drive, Little Falls, New Jersey, provided the following information:

ERIC S. GALT, 2589 Rue Notre Dame Est, Montreal, Canada, Quebec, according to his records enrolled at the Locksmithing Institute, Little Falls, New Jersey, in July, 1967. Mr. DUBIEA made available an enrollment form dated stamped July 31, 1967, with the heading Locksmithing Institute-Little Falls, New Jersey 07424. The enrollment form was a pre-printed blank containing the following information:

"Please enroll me for the complete course in professional locksmithing (subject to your liberal money back agreement). I agree to follow your plan of teaching and to submit at least one lesson and/or payment each month. I will pay tuition or payment each month. I will pay the tuition fee according to the payment plan below:

"Plan A

"I enclose \$10 enrollment fee. I will pay \$7.50 with each completed lesson (not less than \$7.50 per month) until I have paid \$229.50. I may proceed as rapidly as I wish.

"Plan B - Double Quick Plan

"I enclose \$25 enrollment fee. I will pay \$15 with each completed lesson (not less than \$15 per month) until I have paid \$219.50. I may proceed as rapidly as I wish. I save \$10.

"Plan C

"I enclose \$199.50 in full payment. I may proceed as rapidly as I wish and save \$30.

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SA JOHN R. LITCHS &

SA DONI G. CHENS (A)

DCO:BP

4/16/68

by _____ Date dictated _____

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"Name	ERIC S. GALT
Street	2589 Rue Notre Dame Est.
City	Montreal, Canada
State	Quebec

"LESSON INCLUDES TOOLS AND SUPPLIES AT NO EXTRA CHARGE."

The above is all hand printed except the middle initial "S" which is written.

The student ledger card in the name of Mr. ERIC S. GALT, 113 14th Street, Northeast, Atlanta, Georgia, disclosed the following information.

In the top right hand corner it shows student number as 3-1-15189, with a date at the top of March 30, 1968.

Mr. DURYEA advised that the Locksmithing Institute had received a change of address for GALT to the aforementioned address on March 30, 1968.

The first payment for the course was recorded on July 31, 1967, and the last payment of \$7.50 was recorded on April 8, 1968.

Mr. DURYEA advised that he could provide no information regarding GALT's enrollment.

The following is a confidential information form used by Locksmithing Institute when students enroll for the locksmithing course:

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION
for Locksmithing Institute

Your credentials as a registered Locksmithing Student justify your possession of tools and equipment necessary to pick locks and to perform other work of a highly restricted and confidential nature.

This form is your application to receive such credentials, the tools of your trade, instruction in lock-picking, and in the other secrets of the locksmithing profession. Answer each question completely and return this form promptly.

1. YOUR NAME ERIC S. GALTStudent Number 30-15189 Telephone Number _____2. Age 36 Married _____ Single x Dependents NONE3. Name of Employer AM TAKING COURSE AT AMERICAN BUSINESS CONSULT-Nature of your work ANTS. 16010 CRENSHAW, LONG BEACH, CALIF.4. Have you any specialized training? BACK PAGE5. Education: Public School _____ High X College _____ Other _____6. How do you plan to capitalize on your training?
Spare-time earnings? _____ Open Your Own Shop? _____
Other Plans? X7. Have you any physical defects? NO

8. List two character references:

1) Name MRS RITA STEENAddress 5666 FRANKLIN, L.A.Occupation HOUSEWIFE2) Name MRS MARIE DENIENOAddress 5533 HOLLYWOOD, L.A.Occupation WAITRESS

List any other information which you feel we should have in order to help you, on the reverse side of this form.

I, the undersigned, do hereby swear and affirm that I have never been convicted of the crimes of burglary, or breaking and entry, robbery, or grand or petty larceny,

FURTHER, I solemnly swear that I will keep in strict confidence and to myself all of the information that I will receive from the Locksmithing Institute in regard to picking locks; that I will use this information only in the discharge of my duties as a locksmith; that I will never use my knowledge of this subject to aid or abet in the commission of a crime.

Name Eric S. Galt City Los Angeles
(write)
Address 1535-N-Serrano State Calif Zip Code 90027

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I HAD TRAINING IN THE MILITARY IN ORDINANCE
AND SINCE THEIR IS A SIMILARITY^{between} THE TWO
I COULD COMBINB THEM IN ONE BUSINESS.

According to Mr. DURYEA, this document is an affidavit filed by the student when he returns his first lesson to the Locksmithing Institute. He has no way of determining when this document might have been received, however, he would assume that it was submitted with the first lesson or else there would be a notation made on the back that his institute had submitted a follow up letter to the student.

In addition to the above documents, he made available two addresses which are as follows:

Mr. ERIC S. GALT
1535 North Serrano
Los Angeles, California 90027

Mr. ERIC S. GALT
2608 Highland Avenue
Birmingham, Alabama 35205

Dr. DURYEA further informed that the order of addresses would have been as follows: the Montreal, Canada, address, the first address that his institute received. The Los Angeles, California, address, the second received. The Birmingham, Alabama, address, the third address and the address on the student ledger card in Atlanta, Georgia, the most recent address which was March 30, 1968.

A search was made of the subscriptions for the Locksmith Ledger which is housed in the same building as the Locksmithing Institute and no subscription could be located under the name ERIC S. GALT.

Mr. DURYEA advised that everything, including lessons, payments, letters or any correspondence of any nature, received by the Locksmithing Institute or Locksmith Ledger would be immediately maintained by him and given to the Federal Bureau of Investigation as soon as possible after it is received.

In the event the above information is to be made public, a subpoena duces tecum should be directed to Mr. GEORGE DURYEA, Director, Locksmithing Institute, 1500 Cardinal Drive, Little Falls, New Jersey, 07424.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 25, 1968I

The following information should not be made public in any other manner than the usual proceedings following the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum.

GEORGE DURYEA, Director, Locksmithing Institute, 1500 Cardinal Drive, Little Falls, New Jersey, made available a white envelope postmarked Montreal, Canada, with the Roman numeral VII, 1937. The envelope bore a return address of ERIC S. GALT, 2529 Rue Notre Dame, followed by the abbreviation, E.S.T., Montreal, Canada, Quebec. The envelope was mailed to Locksmithing Institute, Little Falls, New Jersey, USA 07424. The address on envelope was hand-printed and has been submitted to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Laboratory, and Identification Division, for examination.

In the event the above information is to be made public, a subpoena duces tecum should be directed to GEORGE DURYEA, Director, Locksmithing Institute, 1500 Cardinal Drive, Little Falls, New Jersey.

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by EA DCI G. OWENS /cg Date dictated 4/19/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date May 1, 1968

The following information should not be made public in any other manner than the normal proceeding following the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum.

GEORGE DURYEA, Director, Locksmithing Institute, 1500 Cardinal Drive, Little Falls, New Jersey, made available the following items to SA JAMES R. LAUGHLIN and SA DON G. OWENS:

1. Coupon to locksmith ledger, Little Falls, New Jersey, requesting the padlock handbook bearing the typewritten name and address of ERIC S. GALT, 1535-N-SERRANO, Los Angeles, California.
2. Four (4) green payment coupons to Locksmithing Institute, Little Falls, New Jersey, showing payment for lessons six through nine. Coupons six through eight bore the handprinted address of 1535-N-SERRANO, Los Angeles, California, and the handprinted name of ERIC S. GALT. Coupon for lesson number nine bore the handprinted address of 113-14th Street, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia.
3. Envelope postmarked April 9, 1968, Little Falls, New Jersey, from 1500 Cardinal Drive, Little Falls, New Jersey, and marked "Moved, left no address." The envelope contained a white examination certificate bearing the address of GALT in the upper left hand corner and the letter grade of B plus in the upper right hand corner. This examination certificate was for lesson number eight.
4. Envelope postmarked April 10, 1968, Little Falls, New Jersey, from 1500 Cardinal Drive, Little Falls, New Jersey, and marked "Moved, left no address." The envelope contained a white examination certificate bearing the address of GALT in the upper left hand corner and the letter grade of A in the upper right hand corner. This examination certificate was for lesson number nine.
5. Five (5) fingerprint cards of key personnel who might have handled the above material. These cards are

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by SA DON G. OWENS and
SA JAMES R. LAUGHLIN DGO/jz Date dictated 4/25/68

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for the following persons:

BOYD HENRY GILLEN

ANNIE DELORES JAMES

TRUDY ROBERTA DE FINIS

LYN CASHNELLI MENZIES

GEORGE FLOYD DURYEA

The above material has been submitted to the
FBI Laboratory for appropriate examination.

If the above information is to be made
public, a subpoena should be directed to GEORGE DURYEA,
Director, Locksmithing Institute, 1500 Cardinal Drive,
Little Falls, New Jersey.

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April 22, 1968

Date

EDWIN LEAPHILL, Cashier, Bank of Bloomfield, 554 Bloomfield Avenue, made available Recordak film which photographically recorded a film record of all the checks and other negotiable instruments handled by the above bank during the following pertinent periods:

7/28 - 8/3/67
8/3 - 8/10/67
1/8 - 1/12/68
1/31 - 2/6/68
3/11 - 3/12/68
4/8 - 4/10/68

The above-described Recordak film records were visually reviewed on a Recordak 310 Film Reader and the following information was developed:

Recordak Film Pack Dated January 8 - 12, 1968

Bank of America Money Order #0799 18 037, in the amount of \$15, purchased at the Hollywood-Western Branch, Hollywood, California, and payable through the National Trust and Savings Association, Hollywood, California, issued on January 8, 1968, payable to Locksmithing Institute, purchaser ERIC S. GALT, date of deposit January 10, 1968, account number listed on the bottom of the right-hand corner of the check [REDACTED] and account number listed on the left-hand corner bottom of the check [REDACTED]

Recordak Film Pack Including Date of March 6, 1968

Bank of America Money Order #0799 19 701, in the amount of \$7.50, purchased at the Hollywood-Western Branch, Hollywood, California, drawn on the National Trust and Savings Association, Hollywood, California, payable to Locksmithing Institute, dated February 26, 1968, purchaser's name listed as ERIC S. GALT, account number on right-hand bottom of check listed as [REDACTED] and account number listed on left-hand bottom of check [REDACTED] deposited on March 6, 1968.

On 4/15/68 at Bloomfield, New Jersey File # Newark 44-854

SAs UDO H. SPECHT
by and CHARLES E. KURZ UHS/jtm Date dictated 4/16/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 29, 1968

Records of the Fidelity Union Trust Company, 765 Broad Street, contain the following items which were received in regular deposits on the dates indicated from the Bank of Bloomfield, 554 Bloomfield Avenue, Bloomfield, New Jersey, a corresponding bank:

Deposit dated July 31, 1967

Canadian Postal Money Order #C31600868, in the sum of \$17.50, signed ERIC GALT.

Deposit dated March 11, 1968

U.S. Postal Money Order #1916211078, dated stamped March 8, 1968, in the sum of \$15.00, payable to Locksmithing Institute, Little Falls, New Jersey, and signed ERIC S. GALT.

Deposit dated April 8, 1968

U.S. Postal Money Order #5615657923, date stamped March 28, 1968, in the sum of \$7.50, payable to Locksmithing Institute, Little Falls, New Jersey, and signed ERIC S. GALT.

The above information is not to be made public except in a usual proceeding following the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum. In the event this information is necessary for court purposes, a subpoena should be directed to any officer of the Fidelity Union Trust Company.

On 4/19 & 4/22/68 at Newark, New Jersey File # Newark 44-354
by SAA CLAUDE M. DUNCAN, JR. /lgd Date dictated 4/26/68

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The following are the results of an FBI Laboratory
Report dated April 17, 1968:

REPORT
of theFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: April 17, 1968

Re: MURKIN
CR

FBI File No. 44-38861

Lab. No. D-560665 JK

D-560666 JK

D-560667 JK

Specimens received from Los Angeles, 4/12/68

- Q127 White envelope bearing typewritten address "MR DALE L. DYKEMA, Receiver 3325 Wilshire Boulevard Los Angeles, California. 90005." postmarked "Los Angeles California Annex JA 22 AM 1968"
- Q128 Typewritten letter dated 1/21/68, beginning "DEAR SIR, I AM WRITING..." and signed "Eric S. Galt"
- Q129 Letter dated 12/21/67, addressed to "Eric Galt 1535 North Serrano, Hollywood, California," beginning "Dear Mr. Galt: As you know..." and signed "Dale L. Dykema"

Specimens received from Chicago, 4/12/68

- Q130 Typewritten letter dated 10/5/67, beginning "Dear Sir: I received..." and signed "Eric S. Galt"
- Q131 Typewritten letter dated 10/22/67, beginning "Dear Sir, I ordered four..." and signed "Eric S. Galt"
- Q132 Typewritten letter dated 11/20/67, beginning "Dear Sir, While in Birmingham..." and signed "Eric S. Galt"
- Q133 Order Blank of the Superior Bulk Film Co., Chicago, Ill. for order in the amount of \$337.24, to be shipped to Eric S. Galt, 2608 Highland Ave., Birmingham, Alabama

ALSO SUBMITTED: Six miscellaneous items of correspondence of the Superior Bulk Film Co.

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Specimens received from Newark, 4/13/68

Q134 Enrollment Form of the Locksmithing Institute, Little Falls, N. J., dated 7/31/67, in the name "Eric S. Galt"

Q135 "Confidential Information" form of the Locksmithing Institute, bearing the signature "Eric S. Galt"

Result of examination:

The "Eric S. Galt" signatures on Q128, Q130, Q131, Q132 and Q135 were prepared by the writer of the signatures in this name appearing on items previously submitted in this case.

The typewritten impressions appearing on Q127, Q128, Q130, Q131, Q132 and Q135 were found to be the same style of type but the lack of identifying defects precluded a determination as to whether the same typewriter prepared all of these items; however, no significant differences were noted between the impressions appearing on these items. The style of type appearing on these specimens conforms to a standard for Royal pica style of type spaced ten letters to the inch. This style of type also appears on a typewriter sold under the Singer name.

It was determined that the hand printing appearing the Q133 order blank and the Q134 enrollment form was prepared by the same individual. No questioned hand printing appears on the other items received.

Indented impressions were noted on the reverse side of the Q128 letter. The names "Ray," "Galt" and "Rily" and numerals "ET3623" were some of the notations interpreted on this item.

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The following are the results of an FBI Laboratory
Report dated April 19, 1968:

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of theFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: April 19, 1968

Re: MURKIN
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FBI File No. 44-38861

Lab. No. D-560919 JK
D-560789 JK

Specimens received 4/16/68, from FBI, Newark

Q215 White envelope postmarked "Montreal, P.Q., VII, 1967," bearing return address "Eric S. Galt 2589 - Rue Notre Dame Est. Montreal, Canada, Quebec" and hand printed address "Locksmithing Institute Little Falls, New Jersey, U. S. A. 07424"

Specimen received 4/15/68, from FBI, Chicago

K35 Nine sheets of paper bearing known handwriting and hand printing of GINGER NANCE

Result of examination:

It was concluded that the hand printing appearing on the Q215 envelope was prepared by the individual responsible for the preparation of the hand printing on the Locksmithing Institute Enrollment Form and the Superior Bulk Film Company order blank which were previously submitted in this matter.

No significant indented impressions were noted on this envelope.

Except for the word "broult" it was concluded that the questioned writings on Q118 (torn "Kleenex box") were prepared by GINGER NANCE, K35. Similarities were also noted between the word "broult" and the known writings of NANCE but the lack of known writing precluded a definite opinion from being reached.

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The following are the results of an FBI Laboratory
Report dated April 23, 1968:

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of theFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: April 23, 1968

Re: MURKIN
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Lab. No. D-561211 JK

Specimens received 4/20/68

- Q248 Payment coupon #6 of the Locksmithing Institute bearing hand printed name and address "Eric S. Galt, 1535 N. Serrano, L.A. Calif."
- Q249 Payment coupon #7 of the Locksmithing Institute bearing hand printed name and address "Eric S. Galt, 1535 N. Serrano, L.A. Calif."
- Q250 Payment coupon #8 of the Locksmithing Institute bearing hand printed name and address "Eric S. Galt, 1535 N. Serrano, L.A. Calif."
- Q251 Payment coupon #9 of the Locksmithing Institute bearing hand printed name and address "Eric S. Galt, 113-14th St., N.E. Atlanta-Ga."
- Q252 Order blank for the "Locksmith Ledger" bearing typewritten name and address "Eric S. Galt"
- Q253 Envelope postmarked "Little Falls, N.J., Apr.-9'68" with enclosed "Lesson #8" of the Locksmithing Institute, bearing typewritten name and address for Eric S. Galt
- Q254 Envelope postmarked "Little Falls, N.J., Apr.-10'68" with enclosed "Lesson #9" of the Locksmithing Institute, bearing typewritten name and address for Eric S. Galt

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Result of examination:

It was concluded that the questioned hand printing appearing on Q248, Q249, Q250 and Q251 was prepared by the individual responsible for preparing other hand printing on specimens in this case attributed to Eric S. Galt.

The typewritten impressions appearing on Q252, Q253 and Q254 are similar in style to those appearing on other items received in this matter believed to have emanated from Eric S. Galt, but the lack of identifying defects precluded a definite determination as to whether the same typewriter was used to prepare all of these items; however, no significant differences were noted.

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The following are the results of an FBI Laboratory
Report dated April 26, 1968:

REPORT
of theFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: April 26, 1968

Re: MURKIN
CR

FBI File No. 44-38861

Lab. No. D-561586 JK

Specimens received 4/24/68

Qc288 Photocopy of Canadian Money Order #C 31,600,868, in
the amount of \$17.50, signed "Eric Galt"

Result of examination:

Although the photocopy, Qc288, lacks the quality necessary for a satisfactory comparison, some differences were noted between the writing appearing on the face of this item when compared with the writings appearing on specimens submitted in this case.

Some features noted on Qc288 which might give an indication of its place of purchase are a stamp with the wording "Montreal 23 VII 67;" the number of the money order, "C-31,600,868;" the printed name "Hector Cormier" at the bottom of the money order and the initials "M." or "N." "D." on the bottom line to the right of the printed Cormier name.

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By communicated dated April 23, 1968, the FBI Laboratory advised as follows:

Two latent fingerprints of value developed on envelope, Q253, and two latent fingerprints developed on envelope, Q254. One of the latent fingerprints on Q253 and one of the latent fingerprints on Q254 have been identified as fingerprints submitted for elimination purposes of GEORGE FLOYD DURYEA. The two remaining latent fingerprints are not identical with the fingerprints submitted for elimination purposes or of the fingerprints of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #405942G.

The latent fingerprint previously reported on the white envelope bearing hand printed address in part "Locksmithing Institute," Q215, has been identified as a fingerprint of LYNN CASHNELLI MENZIES, who is an employee of the Locksmithing Institute.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA ROWEN B. AYERS:

On May 6, 1968, EARL KNIGHT, MSP 65078, serving life for murder from New Madrid, Missouri, said he did not know JAMES EARL RAY. He said he was at Fordland (honor camp) on April 3, 1967. He said he came to the penitentiary in August of 1951 and was out on July 11, 1967, by escape. He said he never heard of a bounty for the killing of MARTIN LUTHER KING and never heard of any time of a mutual organization for protection, profit or otherwise. He said he had never heard of the COOLEY gang or anyone by the name of COOLEY.

On May 6, 1968, MAJOR BERNARD J. POIRY, Assistant Warden in charge of Security, said that the person who escaped by using a uniform and going out the gate was MERLE RAY WINFORD, number 10177. He was apprehended in Kansas City, Missouri, the next day. He said JIMMY Z. BRADLEY also attempted to escape by using a ladder and a uniform. He did not get away from the walls. He also said that the only person who had ammunition in his pockets was a "TEX" HARRIS and another inmate by the name of HAWKINS. He said he also traced some ammunition to the shop where BRADLEY worked, but could not "pin" them on him. He said RAY was never involved in any of these matters.

MAJOR POIRY said he had no information regarding any COOLEY or COOLEY gang, but would attempt to develop information in this regard through his inmate contacts.

On May 14, 1968, MAJOR POIRY further advised he has developed no information in regards this alleged organization or group.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA ROWEN B. AYERS:

AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI:

On May 14, 1968, Mr. HARRY LAUF, Records Officer, Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP), advised there have been 20 persons by the name of COOLEY in the MSP over the years. None are in any of the branches of the prison at this time. The last COOLEY to be released was JESSIE J. COOLEY, JR., MSP #11653, who was released on August 26, 1967. He was received on February 17, 1966, and transferred to the Algoa Reformatory on March 22, 1967. He said intense inquiry among inmates and custodial personnel has failed to reveal anyone, regardless of the period of their incarceration or employment, who has ever heard of a "COOLEY organization" or similar in the MSP.

Mr. LAUF further stated there have been no brothers in the Penitentiary by the names of JAMES and LARRY RAYE. He said, however, that JAMES DUANE WRAY, #06720, who is still in the MSP, is the brother of LAWRENCE EUGENE WRAY, MSP #14014, who is on parole. He has previously been contacted in connection with this case.

On May 14, 1968, JAMES DUANE WRAY, #06720, H Hall for his safety, was contacted. He said he did not know JAMES EARL RAY except by reputation and may have seen him. He said he is the brother of LAWRENCE EUGENE WRAY. He said he has lived in practically every hall in the MSP since he arrived in April of 1963. He said he does not know of any organization of inmates as such, and has never heard of anyone by the name of COOLEY or COOLEY's Organization or similar.

On May 14, 1968, Mr. HARRY LAUF said prison records reflect there were three brothers in the MSP by the name of MENARD. These were RAYMOND OWEN MENARD, FBI #4 718 227,

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out on January 23, 1963, MSP #69079; RICHARD LAWRENCE MENARD, MSP #63823 and #63550, FBI 4 496 848, out June 16, 1965; and LOUIS GENE MENARD, MSP #67431, FBI 517 988 A, out April 3, 1967. All three have listed their address as care of their mother, HAZEL MENARD, 2104 South 8th Street, St. Louis, Missouri.

The record of THOMAS BRITTON, FBI #5 008 037, indicates he used the alias of WILLIAM RAY in 1949, according to Mr. LAUF.

On May 14, 1968, RAYMOND PRUITT, Clerk, inmate, was recontacted. He was questioned further about the existence of the COOLEY gang, organization, or COOLIE, etc. He said he has been in the Penitentiary for 12 years and there is no organization as such and he never heard of the COOLEY gang, or similar.

On May 14, 1968, JIMMY Z. BRADLEY, MSP #71844, who said he did not desire that some of the information he furnished be attributed to him, said that he has been in the Penitentiary since 1956 and has been involved in every "racket" there is in the Penitentiary and also has attempted to escape and has helped others. He said he never heard of COOLEY or COOLEY's gang or organization or similar. He has never heard of a bounty on MARTIN LUTHER KING. He never heard of RAY using any type of uniform to effect an escape although he did. He never heard of RAY having any ammunition in his pockets on the grounds although "TEX" MORRIS, probably not known to RAY, did. He said JOHN STOUT had nothing to do with furnishing amphetamines to RAY, and he would not disclose who did. He said STOUT was fired two years before RAY escaped, and had nothing to do with it. He indicated STOUT may have been fired for some dealings with him (BRADLEY). BRADLEY said that recently, since the appearance of an article about RAY in "Life Magazine", the C Hall tender named JIMMY WALLACE (phonetic), told him that he had seen RAY last summer in St. Louis with "two other ex-cons". He said he did not know the details or the names of the "ex-cons". He said WALLACE probably would be willing to furnish the information he has and in this regard he did not desire his name to be used.

BRADLEY said he has not developed any other information which might aid in locating RAY.

On May 14, 1968, JAMES D. WALLACE, MSP #75682, born in [] said he is the clerk of C Hall. He said he "fell" from St. Louis in 1959 for Armed Robbery and other charges. He was paroled in 1965 and was returned for violation by reason of drunk driving on March 11, 1968.

He said he was raised with JAMES L. OWENS, the "fall partner" of JAMES EARL RAY. He said he knew OWENS in the Penitentiary and saw him on three or four occasions in St. Louis, Missouri, while he was out. He said he recalled that he was C Hall tender when RAY tried to go over the walls and his ladder or rope or something broke about 1966. He said he was not a good friend of RAY's in the Penitentiary and knew him only to speak with him. He said he saw RAY in St. Louis sometime during the summer of 1967. He said it was probably the early part of the summer. He said RAY was with OWENS. He was just coming out of the Jefferson-Gravois Bank, located at the same address. RAY and OWENS were just entering the bank. He stopped and said to them that he was glad he got his money out before they got in. He said RAY laughed and said that "they were putting in". He said his wife was waiting in a car at the curb and he did not stop to talk and he went on out and drove off.

He said he had no way to fix the date. He said he reflected, at the time, that RAY must have escaped because he knew he had attempted to escape and had been "set back" on parole and he had too much time to have been released.

He said he saw OWENS on other occasions. He recalled that in 1966 he went to take a Missouri State Driver's license examination. OWENS was there and they got to talking about the Penitentiary and the examiner made OWENS leave because he apparently thought he was getting answers to the questions. He said the people at the examining station mentioned that OWENS had been there before and caused them some trouble.

WALLACE said that RAY had the reputation of being the type of person who served his time without comment and did not "mess" in the affairs of other people. He said he did not think that RAY would kill anyone as he is just not the type. He also said he has never heard of any organization in the Penitentiary and has never heard the name of COOLEY used in connection with any type of business or "racket" inside the walls and he did not know anyone by that name.

He said that inmates have over the years used cigarettes as medium of exchange in lieu of money and they make "parlay" bets on baseball games, horse races and other types of contests similar to bets made with money outside. He said he knew of no "lottery" as such involving cigarettes, but he said this might exist. He said there are "cliques" of prisoners who connive together for various reasons, and who become close associates, but there is no wide-spread organization and never has been to his knowledge. He said he certainly would be in position to know about it if there was and would have no hesitation in saying so if such existed.

On May 14, 1968, Major BERNARD POIRY, MSP Custodial Staff, in charge of security for the past 25 years, said he has been unable to develop information regarding the identity of "Dago" or of any organization such as the COOLEY gang or similar.

On May 14, 1968, Mr. HARVEY MILLER, Guard, inside, said he has worked inmates inside of the walls on maintenance for the past 23 years. He said he knew JAMES EARL RAY on sight, but not otherwise. He said he never heard of COOLEY or any organization of that type. He could not identify "Dago".

On May 14, 1968, BRADLEY, mentioned above, said DAGO could be JOHN PAUL SPIKA, who is in the Penitentiary. However, he does not have any scar resembling a bullet wound in the face, but he does have the nickname of "Dago". He said he has known other inmates called "Dago", but he could not otherwise identify them and could not recall any with a scar as described.