

5/3/68

AIRTEL

TO: SAC, DALLAS (44-2649)

FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703)

MURKIN

ReNYtel to BA, etc., 4/30/68 with lead for Dallas re Mrs. GLORIA WILLIAMS; and DLtel to WFO 5/2/68 concerning above lead.

Mrs. EDWARD (GLORIA) WILLIAMS, 4925 G Street, S.E., Apartment 202, WDC, advised SA ROGER D. ASHLAND on 5/3/68 she arrived at the airport in Dallas, Texas too late to take flight 338 from Dallas on 4/6/68. She took a later plane. She was shown a photograph of RAY and stated the photograph was familiar but she could not identify the individual.

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- for*
- 2 - Dallas
  - 2 - Memphis (44-1987)
  - 1 - Oklahoma City (Info)
  - ① - WFO

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, WFO (44-703)

DATE: 5/3/68

FROM : SA W. Peyton George  
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SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CR

On 5/3/68 Lt. Robert Scott, Congressional Inquiries Section, Surgeon General's Office, advised that a Miss Mary Benniger in that office intimated to him that she thought she may have seen JAMES EARL RAY aka and would like to talk to an FBI Agent. Lt. Scott referred SA to Miss Benniger.

She advised that she resides at #4, 519 Bashford Lane, Alexandria, Va. and catches her bus at East Abingdon and Bashford. At 7:45am 4/5/68 while waiting for a bus she observed a man also waiting for the bus who resembled photos of RAY. Unsub was neatly dressed wearing a brown Suit, Blue over coat and new shoes. He pulled at his ear lobe on several occasions. He boarded an 11A bus which would take him to 14 & K.W, WDC. She has not seen this person since that date.

She was thanked for her assistance.

*Ray known to be in Atlanta AM 4/5/68.  
Insufficient  
info to  
locate.  
RWS*



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SAC, WFO (44-703) (P)

MURKIN

ReLateletype 5/2/68.

RE: RICHARD LEE OGG

WFO files reflect no photo of RICHARD LEE OGG, however, files reflect 1964 photo of OGG in possession FBI Identification Division.

WFO has submitted FD-9 and requested photo of OGG be forwarded to Los Angeles Division.

Los Agneles advise WFO of any positive identification.

ARMED & DANGEROUS.

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② - WFO  
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A-6 Associated Press  
**BROTHER PLEADS —**  
James Earl Ray, sought  
in the slaying of Dr.  
Martin Luther King Jr.,  
was urged yesterday to  
surrender by his brother,  
Jerry, 32, a main-  
tenance worker in a  
Chicago country club.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, WFO (44-703)

DATE: 5/5/68

FROM : CLERK, CONRAD RING

SUBJECT: MURKIN-CR

At 7:45 PM, this date, ALOIS HILL, 2257 12Th St., N.W., WDC, telephonically advised the WFO of the following:

HILL stated that at approximately 7:00 PM, this date, he walked pass two white males changing a tire at 3rd and K. Sts, NW. It was a 1967 dark blue Cougar bearing Michigan plates, but no tag number obtained. HILL stated that one of the men very strongly resembled the picture of JAMES EARL RAY, which he carries in his pocket. UNSUB in question according to HILL was same height, weight, etc, and was wearing a bow tie, same as in the picture he carries.

HILL stated he stopped a MPD scout car and they advised him to contact the FBI. The UNSUBS had since left the scene when police contacted, and heading toward New York Ave. NW.

HILL stated he is a Negro and feels the FBI is either unconcerned or lacks interest in the case. He repeatedly asked the legality of dealing with people like RAY in "our own way". He further stated that the FBI is one organization he does trust and would voluntarily contact WFO of any further information concerning the case.

Above for info if deemed pertinent to case.

*No action  
Sufficient  
info.  
and*

*[Handwritten mark]*



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## Here and There

### Assassin Down Under?

THE FBI asked Australia to determine if James Earl Ray, alias Eric Starvo Galt, accused assassin of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., applied for a visa to that country. An embassy official here said there's no evidence that Ray has gone to Australia, but the London Express Service reports that the search for Ray has switched to Queensland.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, WFO (44-703)

DATE: 5/6/68

FROM : SA ROGER D. ASHLAND

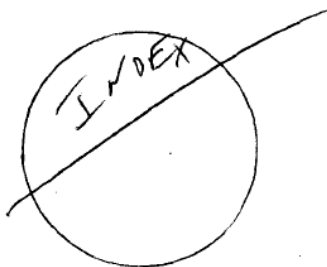
SUBJECT: MURKIN

PETER PERZICK, General Treasurer and Editor of "Carpenter", a publication of United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of AFL - CIO, 101 Constitution Avenue, North West said mailing list of "Carpenter" on computer with over 800,000 entries. Desired information re ERIC STARVO GALT cannot be located without local union number, city, zip code.

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TELETYPE URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, DETROIT (44-989)

MURKIN.

RE WFO TEL TO BUREAU, MAY ONE LAST.

CECILIA SZESZULSKI, ONE THREE TWO ONE LINWOOD RD.,  
LINWOOD, MICH., MOTHER-IN-LAW OF RICHARD KOLAT, ONE THREE  
TWO NINE LINWOOD RD., LINWOOD, MICH., ADVISED SA ROBERT J.  
FLANAGAN ON MAY TWO INSTANT THAT HER DAUGHTER ANN AND KOLAT  
DROVE TO WASHINGTON, D.C. IN THEIR NINETEEN SIXTY THREE  
CHEVROLET, NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT LICENSE [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], APRIL TWENTY EIGHT LAST, TO SEE "CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL",  
EXPECTED TO RETURN LATE MAY THREE OR EARLY MAY FOUR NEXT.  
KOLAT MARRIED ANN SZESZULSKI AT LINWOOD, MICH. MAY THIRTY  
NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN AND IS KNOWN AS A BODY REPAIRMAN FOR  
MAILLETTE AUTO SALES, BAY CITY, MICH. KOLAT ALSO KNOWN  
TO BAY COUNTY CREDIT BUREAU, BAY CITY, SINCE NINETEEN SIXTY.  
WEDDING PICTURE OF KOLAT DISPLAYED BY MRS. SZESZULSKI AND  
DOES NOT RESEMBLE JAMES EARL RAY. PHOTO OF RAY NOT  
FAMILIAR TO SZESZULSKI.  
AIR MAIL COPY SENT WFO. AND MEMPHIS.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

- 1 - Memphis (44-1987) (AM) (RM)  
① - WFO (44-703) (AM) (RM)

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/30/681

SAMUEL EVANS, Operations Manager, Colonial Parking, Incorporated, 2140 Pennsylvania Avenue, North West said the office of Colonial Parking was closed at 10:47PM Eastern Standard Time on March 2, 1968. An answering service received a long distance call for them from Los Angeles, California. The man who made the call gave his name as PETER HOLDEN. He did not leave a message. He said he would call back at 1:00AM.

EVANS said PETER HOLDEN, 2200 Mills Road, Alexandria, Virginia, telephone 768-9774; Los Angeles telephone number 213-660-0519, has had a black and white, one half ton pick up truck in storage at Colonial Parking Lot # 75, 3000 Connecticut Avenue, North West, Washington, D. C. EVANS believes HOLDEN called concerning arrangements to get the truck out of storage. The truck has Virginia license tags.

HOLDEN's truck was placed in storage at Colonial on October 14, 1967. It was taken out of storage on March 27, 1968. It was returned to Colonial on March 28, 1968. It was taken out of storage on April 8, 1968.

The area contact was listed as Auto Driveaway, JOHN RICHMOND, telephone 347-3444.

EVANS said HOLDEN did not make a second call at 1:00AM. EVANS could not recall HOLDEN or furnish additional information about HOLDEN. EVANS said storage cars are left at 2140 Pennsylvania Avenue, North West by the owners and then driven by Colonial Parking employees to the Colonial Parking storage lot location.

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On 4/30/68 at Washington, D. C. File # 44-703 -406  
by SA ROGER D. ASHLAND: rda <sup>IPD A</sup> Date dictated 4/30/68

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SAMUEL EVANS said the record maintained for  
PETER HOLLEN's truck is # 7887. It indicates the following:

Rate \$18.00

Lot # 75

<u>Date</u>	<u>Charge</u>	<u>Credit</u>	<u>Balance</u>
2/29/68			\$46.80
3/20/68			58.80
3/27/68			14.00
3/28/68		72.80 (3/31)	0
4/8/68	7.20		

EVANS added THEODORE SUYDAN is a Colonial Parking  
Inc. employee who manages Lot # 75 at 3000 Connecticut Avenue,  
North West during the day time to 6:00PM. EVANS said  
SUYDAN would be able to furnish additional information  
about the persons who took the truck out of storage.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/24/681

Mrs. JAY (MARIE HOLLABAUGH) JORDAN, Stenographer, Contact Division, Veterans Administration, Room 132, Central Office, 810 Vermont Avenue, North West said their records reflect JAMES EARL RAY was born on [REDACTED]. He has been assigned [REDACTED]. RAY enlisted as a Private in the United States Army on February 19, 1942 in Chicago, Illinois. At time of enlistment, he furnished his address as 538 East Broadway, Alton, Illinois. He was discharged on December 23, 1948. His insurance policy number is [REDACTED]. This may be an out of date policy as N # policies usually are. The newer policies have V and K letters before the policy numbers. She added, the Veterans Insurance records are located in Insurance Centers at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania or St. Paul, Minnesota.

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Date 4/24/681

Mrs. CLURE (PEARL) GALLOWAY, Secretary to Vice Chairman, Board of Veterans Appeals, Universal Building North, 1875 Connecticut Avenue, North West said she was unable to locate any information concerning an appeal during the current year plus one year by JAMES EARL RAY. This Board of Appeals listens to cases which were denied in the field hearings.

On 4/24/68 at Washington, D. C. File # WFO 44-703-408  
by SA ROGER D. ASHLAND:RDA:rda Date dictated 4/24/68

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 5/3/681

Mrs. EDWARD E. (GLORIA) WILLIAMS,  
4925 G Street, South East, Apartment # 202  
said she is employed in the Medical Records  
Division at Walter Reed Hospital, Washington, D. C.

Mrs. WILLIAMS said, she and her two  
small children arrived at the Dallas Airport  
too late on April 6, 1968 to catch the Flight  
# 338 of American Airlines to Friendship Airport,  
Baltimore, Maryland without running. They waited  
and took a later flight which landed at Dulles  
Airport in Virginia.

She added while she was in the Airport  
Terminal in Dallas, she looked for her father and  
in the course of looking for him went all over the  
terminal. She was shown a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY  
and said photograph was familiar. She also said she  
does not read the newspapers and did not believe she  
had seen photograph in newspaper.

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On 5/3/68 at Washington, D. C. File # WFO 44-303-409  
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Date 4/30/68

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THEODORE SUYDAN, 2705 13th Street, North East, Washington, D. C., an employee of Colonial Parking, Incorporated, 2140 Pennsylvania Avenue, North West. SUYDAN is Day Manager of Colonial Parking Lot # 75, 3000 Connecticut Avenue, North West, Washington, D. C. (7:00AM - 6:00PM).

SUYDAN said a one half ton pickup truck, Chevrolet, black with white roof of cab bearing Virginia license tags was in storage at Lot # 75. SUYDAN said he does not know the names of the persons he met in connection with this truck. A driver for Driveaway Service Company came to Lot # 75 on March 27, 1968 and took the truck out of storage. On March 28, 1968, the above driver returned the truck to Colonial Parking, Inc. as it was not ~~run~~ning good.

Several days later, on April 4, 5 or 6th, two men came and took the storage truck mentioned above to one of two service stations on Connecticut Avenue, North West near Porter Street to be tuned up.

SUYDAN said the following description is of a person who may be the son of the owner. SUYDAN based this opinion on statements this person made as to "Pop" would want certain items of painting equipment and ladders taken from the pick up truck and placed in another one half ton beige pick up truck, these two men brought for the purpose of removing some things from the ~~pick~~ up truck in storage.

On 4/30/68 at Washington, D. C. File # WFO 44-703-410

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Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	25 - 30 years
Height	5' 8"
Weight	175- 185 pounds
Complexion	Ruddy
Hair	Blond (medium)
Build	Stocky (Broad shoulders)
Clothes	Wore light tan sand color one piece coverall jump suit and expensive shoes like alligator. Brown loafer style with medium pointed toes.
Accent	Southern

The following description is of the man who accompanied the above person to Lot # 75 to remove some of the painting equipment from the pick up truck of HOLDEN's in storage:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	30 - 33 years
Height	6' 1"
Weight	190 pounds
Clothes	Wore dark gabardine jacket (Dark black, brown or green) and expensive black shoes.
Accent	Southern

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THEODORE SUYDAN said some of the equipment on the truck in storage included paint, 5 gallon cans, ladders, air compressor. SUYDAN said it appeared to him to be the type of equipment used to paint silos and barns with aluminum paint which had been mixed with gas. SUYDAN said he overheard one of the men say Driveaway Service Company wanted \$250.00 to take the truck to California.

SUYDAN said another man came on April 8, 1968 to drive the pick up truck belonging to PETER HOLDEN to California. SUYDAN said this driver for Driveaway Service drove up in a Mustang and placed a 22 caliber rifle behind the drivers seat of the pick up truck. This man wrapped the gun in a blanket first and said he wanted to do some hunting while enroute to California. He also put a package in the truck which SUYDAN believes contained clothes. He also put a box of ammunition in the glove compartment of the pick up truck. This person drove away in the Mustang and returned in a taxi. He is described as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	Late 30's
Height	6' 1"-2"
Weight	175 - 200 pounds
Build	Thin
Hair	Brown with gray and reddish tint
Clothes	Wore tan levi trousers with red and black plaid shirt. He also had a wide belt and wrench attached to belt such as steel construction workers use. (Carried sun glasses)



## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/29/681

ROBERT ROULSTON, City Manager, American Airlines, National Airport said he bet \$100.00 Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING would be dead by May 1, 1968. ROULSTON said he placed this bet with HENRY O'NEILL, City Manager, American Airlines, Nashville, Tennessee. ROULSTON added he made the bet with O'NEILL at a dinner attended by a number of American Airline officials in Tulsa, Oklahoma. ROULSTON said he made bet after having several martinis and he feels it was foolish to make such a bet. He added the bet was made due to his feeling and analysis of conditions. ROULSTON said he was surprised it happened in Memphis as he had thought such an assassination possible in connection with the planned Poor Peoples' March On Washington. He also said there was no significance to the date of May 1, 1968 mentioned in the bet.

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On 4/29/68 at Washington, D. C. File # WFO 44-703-411  
by SA ROGER D. ASHLAND:RDA:rda Date dictated 4/29/68

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/24/681

FRED A. HARNISH, Operations, Room C-68, Main Building, Veterans Administration, 15th and Vermont Avenue, North West said a review of incoming and outgoing teletypes during the period March 21 to April 10, 1968 reflect two telegrams concerning ERIC STARVO GALT. One dated April 10, 1968 from Jackson, Mississippi Office of Veterans Administration requested search be made for record concerning GALT needed for FBI, Jackson, Mississippi. A reply "No record" was sent back on April 10, 1968. The other one was stamped 10:27AM on April 11, 1968 from Veterans Administration, Jackson which indicated it was second request for information concerning GALT. A "No record" answer sent back on April 11, 1968.

On 4/24/68 at Washington, D. C. File # WFO 44-703-412  
by SA ROGER D. ASHLAND:RDA:rda Date dictated 4/24/68

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, WFO (44-703)

FROM : SA ROGER D. ASHLAND

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/6/68

On 4/24/68, JOHN WILSON, Jr., Veterans Administration, Indexing Unit, Navy Yard said LOUISE M. ARSTRONG is Supervisor of Unit # 1 which searches telegrams A through G and would have searched name GALT to locate file references.

LOUISE M. ARSTRONG, Supervisor, Unit # 1, Veterans Administration advised on 4/24/68, her Unit does not keep arrecord of telegrams which pass through the searching unit.

PHILLIP MC DERMOTT, Officer Services, Operations, Supervisor, Veterans Administration, Building 159, Navy Yard said telegrams which come in are searched in Indexing Unit and then parts of telegram are underlined in blue to be used in outgoing telegram answer.

W. KEN MAIERS, Associate Director, Investigation and Security Service, Veterans Administration said Veterans Administration file concerning JAMES EARL RAY located with Veterans Administration records, St. Louis, Mo.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, WFO(137-3919)(P)

FROM : SA DAVID R. GALLAGHER

SUBJECT: WF 1808-C

DATE: 4/24/68

☒ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)  
☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R  
☐

Dates of Contact 3/1/4 ; 4/11/68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted 1) <u>Wm. Alexandria National Bank, 833 S.</u> <u>Washington St. Branch, Alex, VA, 2/29/68</u> BR(00:RH) 91-3378 2) <u>MURKING - CR (00:ME)</u> 44-703		
Purpose and results of contact <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>NEGATIVE</b> 1) <u>contacted 3/15/68</u> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>POSITIVE</b> 2) <u>" 4/11/68</u> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>STATISTIC</b>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating <u>Low</u>	Coverage <u>Same</u>

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date May 3, 1968

JAMES TROY GOOCH, Jr. was contacted at the District of Columbia jail and consented to be interviewed after acknowledging the contents of the Waiver of Rights form, which he refused to sign.

He stated that he had arrived in Washington, D. C. from Richmond, Virginia, via Greyhound Bus, at approximately twelve noon on April 4, 1968. He stated that the bus fare was \$3.80, and that upon his arrival in Washington, D. C., he shipped his two suitcases back to his parents home at 5210 Crest Drive, Kansas City, Kansas. He stated that he had lunch near the terminal and then started drinking before looking for a job. He stated that he got drunk and then was arrested by the Metropolitan Police Department, but refused to discuss the reasons for his arrest.

He admitted having a .38 caliber snub nose revolver and forty-five rounds of ammunition in his possession. He denied knowing the gun was stolen, stating that he purchased it from a bum on Madison Street, in Chicago, in February, 1968. He stated that he purchased the gun for his personal protection, as he travels a good deal, and paid \$25.00 for it. He stated that he has never been in Denver, Colorado, and was working for Manpower, Incorporated, Cleveland, Ohio, in October, 1967.

He stated that he has never known anyone by the name of JAMES EARL RAY or ERIC STARBO GALT, and denied any complicity in the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING. He stated that he has never been in Memphis, Birmingham, or Atlanta. He stated that he had worked approximately three to four weeks in Richmond for Employers Overload Company.

The following description was obtained through observation and interview:



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On 4/26/68 at Washington, D. C. File # WFO 44-703-415

by <sup>WRS</sup> SA WAYNE R. GILBERT:vlr Date dictated 5/1/68

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Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Height:	Five Feet Two Inches
Weight:	One Hundred Fifty Pounds
Hair:	Brown
Eyes:	Brown
United States Marine	
Corp Number:	
Social Security Number:	
Scars or Marks:	USMC Tattooed on Left Arm Four-Inch Scar on Chest

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, WFO (137-4471)

DATE: 5/3/68

FROM : SA R. STEVEN POLACHEK

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☒ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: RUTH WALLACE  
PCI

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Dates of Contact <b>4/16/68, 5/1/68</b>		
Titles and File #s on which contacted <b>MURKIN</b> <b>44-703</b>		
Purpose and results of contact <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>NEGATIVE</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>POSITIVE</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>STATISTIC</b>  <p>PCI advised of facts in MURKIN case and she advised that she had no information concerning the matter, on 4/16/68.</p> <p>On 5/1/68, PCI displayed photograph of JAMES EARL RAY, and she said that she had never seen RAY.</p>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating <b>Good</b>	Coverage <b>Same</b> <b>44-703-416</b> SEARCHED INDEXED SERIALIZED FILED MAY 3 1968 FBI - WASH. F. O. <i>Dawson</i>

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(2) *RSP*

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, WFO (137-4464)

DATE: 5/6/68

FROM : SA R. STEVEN POLACHEK

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

SUBJECT: DOMENIC SPINATO  
PCI

☒ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

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Dates of Contact		
4/15/68; 4/29/68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted		
MURKIN	44-703	
Purpose and results of contact		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE <input type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE <input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC		
<p>PCI contacted 4/15/68 re any information concerning MURKIN and he advised that he has no information concerning the matter.</p> <p>On 4/29/68, PCI was displayed photo of RAY and he advised that he has never seen RAY.</p>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating Good	Coverage Same

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RSP:jj  
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*Fawcett* *Rmd*



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<u>Studio</u>	<u>Contacted By</u>	<u>Date Contacted</u>
Acacemy of Theatridal Arts, 1747 Connecticut Ave., N. W. (JAMES GARNEY) (Tap, ballet, & Jazz)	SA ROGER D. ASHLAND	on 4/23/68
Arthur Murray Schools of Dancing, Mr. ROBERT RUCKER, 724 14th St., N. W.	SA HARVEY W. JAMES	4/15/68
Fred Astaire, World of Dance, J. A. MEYERS, Manager, 1221 Mass. Ave., N. W.	SA HARVEY W. JAMES	"
LOLA BEAVER DANCE SCHOOL, 1009 K St., N. W.	"	"
BERNICE HAMMOND School of Dance, 2009 Benning Road, North East	"	"
ETHEL BUTLER, Modern Dance Technique, (Miss ETHEL BUTLER), 5612 Connecticut Avenue, North West	SA HARVEY W. JAMES	"
KURT SCHOEN CO-OP DANCE STUDIO, Formerly Co-Op Dance Hobby Club, 2625 Conn. Ave., N. W. (LARRY SUTTON, Manager)	SA ASHLAND	4/22/68
MARY CRAIGHILL, Modern Creative Dance, 301 A St., S. E.	SA JAMES	4/15/68
Dance Center, 4321 Wisconsin Ave., N. W. (LEWIS TUPLER)	SA ASHLAND	4/22/68

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<u>Studio</u>	<u>Contacted By</u>	<u>Date Contacted</u>
Dance Theater, 2934 M St., N. W.	SA JAMES	4/15/68
Dance Workshop (EVELYN de La TOUR) JAN GANBLE, teacher, 1519 Wisconsin Ave., N. W.	"	"
DAUMIT DANCE STUDIO, 3333 Conn. Ave., N. W. (Mrs. KENNETH DENIKE)	SA ASHLAND	4/18/68
EVELYN DAVIS, Dance Playhouse, 1742 Church N. W.	SA JAMES	4/15/68
MARY DAY, Dance Studio, 3515 Wisconsin Ave., N. W.	"	"
NIRENSKA POLKA, 4601 Grand Road, N. W. (Ballet only)	SA ASHLAND	4/22/68

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, WFO (44-703)

FROM : SA ROGER D. ASHLAND

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/6/68

The following dance studios were contacted with negative results concerning ERIC STARVO GALT:

<u>Studio</u>	<u>Contacted By</u>	<u>Date Contacted</u>
Abelardina Dance Studio, 1319 F St., N. W. (Mr. RAMOS)	SA HARVEY W. JAMES	4/15/1968
A. SIRVENT, Spanish Dance Studio, 3238 M St., N. W.	"	"
Continental Dance Club (Formerly Academy of Dance Arts) BOBBI KING, Teacher 502 13th St., N. W.	SA ROGER D. ASHLAND	4/18/68

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, WFO (44-703)

FROM : SA ROGER D. ASHLAND

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/6/68

PSI CHARLES J. LAMBERT advised (SA ROBERT W. FEUER on April 16, 1968, 60 - 70 applications for employment received by Safemasters, Inc., 1800 Nichols Avenue, S. E., Washington, D. C. as a result of request of Locksmith Institute at Little Falls, New Jersey.

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TO : SAC, WFO (44-703)

FROM : SA ROGER D. ASHLAND

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/6/68

*THAT PHONE,*  
CSWF 1499-C advised (SA JAMES J. GAFFNEY) on  
April 30, 1968, 337-5315, listed to Colonial Parking Inc.,  
2140 Pennsylvania Avenue, North West, Washington, D. C.  
since April 1954.

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861), AND SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)  
FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703)

MURKIN.

HARRY ANDERSON, FIVE ZERO SIX HOLLYWOOD PLACE, LOS ANGELES, TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE, ALLEGEDLY LONG DISTANCE FROM AREA CODE SIX ZERO TWO (AREA CODE FOR ARIZONA), TELEPHONE, SEVEN SEVEN TWO - FIVE ONE SIX ZERO, A PHONE BOOTH IN AN UNNAMED RESTAURANT AT ONE SEVEN ONE THREE SUNSET STRIP, LOS ANGELES, AND ADVISED THAT AN INDIVIDUAL WAS AT THAT RESTAURANT ABOUT SIX HOURS EARLIER AND, AT THAT, THE TIME OF HIS CALL (ONE FORTY-FIVE P.M. EDT), WHO FIT THE DISCRIPTION AND APPEARANCE OF JAMES EARL RAY, AND WEARING DARK SUIT, YELLOW TIE, WHITE SHIRT, YELLOW GOLD RING WITH DIAMOND AND BLACK SETTING, AND CARRYING A GUN IN A SHOULDER HOLSTER.

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ANDERSON STATED HIS GRANDFATHER, THOMAS JOHNSON HAS TELEPHONE SEVEN TWO ONE - EIGHT SIX TWO ZERO AND RESIDES NEXT DOOR TO HIM.

WHEN QUESTIONED ABOUT THE TIME AT THE PLACE WHERE HE WAS CALLING FROM, ANDERSON WAS EVASIVE AND SAID IT WAS ABOUT SIX HOURS EARLIER THAN IN WASHINGTON. HE WAS EVASIVE ABOUT THE NAME OF THE ABOVE RESTAURANT AND ABOUT GIVING THE IMPROPER AREA CODE. HE STATED HE HAD CALLED THE FBI IN LOS ANGELES AND RECEIVED NO ANSWER. HE WAS INSTRUCTED TO AGAIN CALL THE LOS ANGELES OFFICE.

IN VIEW OF ANDERSON'S ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS, CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THIS REPORT BEING A POSSIBLE HOAX.

AIRMAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS AND PHOENIX.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

SAC, WFO (44-703)

5/6/68

SA WILLIAM M. HARRELSON

MURKIN - CR

On 5/6/68, about 1:45 p.m., HARRY ANDERSON, 506 Hollywood Place, Los Angeles, Calif., telephonically advised he was calling long distance from a phone booth in a restaurant on Sunset Strip, Los Angeles. He said he tried to call the LA Office of the FBI but got no answer, so he put a dime in the phone and dialed the Washington, D.C., FBI number and was connected with WFO. He said he had seen a man he believed to be the one wanted for murdering MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. in this same restaurant about six hours earlier. He said he recognized the man from pictures shown on television. He said the man had on a dark suit, white shirt and yellow tie. He wore a gold ring with a diamond set in black. This man bought a bottle of whiskey, possibly Old Grand "ad, in the restaurant.

ANDERSON was asked to get the name and address of the restaurant and after reportedly looking outside the booth, he advised he could not find a name and he believed the address was 713 Sunset Strip. He was asked if there was a phone number where he could be reached, as he said he had no phone, and he said his grandfather, THOMAS JOHNSON, lived next door to him at either 504 or 508 Hollywood Place, and had phone number 721-8620. At this point, ANDERSON advised the above described man had just reentered the restaurant and was sitting near the booth. He said he could see a shoulder holster and a pistol butt under the man's coat. He asked about a \$100,000 reward he had heard about for this man. When asked what time it was in LA, ANDERSON was evasive, and he was asked to read the area code and number in the phone booth, and he read it as 602-772-5160. He was reminded this was the area code for Arizona and he was again evasive. He was given the phone number of the LA Office and instructed to call immediately, which he promised to do.

Bureau, LA and ME and PX advised by teletype, mentioning this could be a crank call.

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It was noted that during about a 15 minute conversation, the operator did not ask ANDERSON to deposit any money in the phone and he advised this call cost him only a dime.

WFO indices revealed no information identifiable with ANDERSON on the basis of the available background.

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# Memorandum

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, WFO (44-703)

DATE: 4/20/68

FROM : SA JAMES R. FLYNN

SUBJECT: MURKIN - CR

*Complaint*

At 5:30 pm this date, JONATHAN SCHUMAN, 5109 Conn. Ave., N.W., Apt. 2, advised the writer that he noticed a 1957 Ford Fairlane, green and white, bearing 1968 DC tag 636-232 travelling in the vicinity of his apartment. Mr. SCHUMAN, who is a Graduate student at American University, stated that the driver resembled newspaper photos of JAMES EARL RAY.

It is recommended that the owner of this license be determined and his identity be ascertained.

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8:20 PM URGENT 4/30/68 LBN

TO DIRECTOR, WFO, MEMPHIS

FROM ATLANTA (44-2386)

MURKIN

RE WFO TEL APRIL TWENTY SIX LAST.

CHECK DELTA AIRLINES RECORDS REGARDING NORM OR NORMA  
PERRY ON DELTA FLIGHT ONE ZERO SIX OF APRIL SIX LAST REFLECTS  
THIS PASSENGER BOOKED BY PAN AMERICAN AIRLINES, THEIR BOOKING  
P & R NUMBER PA FOUR SIX TWO TWO THREE EIGHT TWO.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, WFO (44-703)

FROM : SA WALTER E. THOMAS

SUBJECT: MURKIN - CR

DATE: 5/7  
4/22/68

The following investigation was conducted by SA WALTER E. THOMAS on this date, pursuant to information which was telephonically furnished on 4/20/68 by JONATHAN SCHUMAN, 5109 Connecticut Ave., N.W., Apt. 2. It is noted that SCHUMAN indicated that he had seen a person driving a 1957 Ford Fairlane, green and white in color, bearing 1968 D. C. tag [REDACTED] travelling in the vicinity of his apartment.

On 4/22/68, SA WALTER E. THOMAS checked the records of the DMV, WDC, and it was noted therein that D. C. current tags 636-232 were listed to ~~DARRELL GILLINGWATER~~, 3606 Porter St., N.W., WDC for a 1959 Ford 2 door Hardtop, bearing VIN H 9EW141762.

On 4/22/68, SA WALTER E. THOMAS showed a photograph of the subject to ALICE WALBURN, and her daughter, VIVIAN WALBURN, 3606 Porter St., N.W., and each advised that the person named DARRELL GILLINGWATER, who lived at that address was not the same person as JAMES EARL RAY.

She advised that GILLINGWATER had lived at that address since July or August of 1967. She said that he worked at Peoples Drug Store, and worked as an advertising employee. She said that he is in his middle 30's, that he is 6' tall, weighs 170 pounds, has brown hair, and eyes, color not known.

She said that his mother lives in the Woodner, 3636 16th St N.W.

Both said that on 4/4/68, they recalled GILLINGWATER coming into the address at about 10 P.M.

Mrs. WALBURN said that GILLINGWATER no longer lives at her address, and said that he was going to Florida where he moved out.



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On 4/23/68, H. L. TOMLINSON, Assistant Advertising Manager, Peoples Drug Stores, 60 Florida Ave., N.E., advised SA WALTER E. THOMAS that DARRELL GILLINGWATER has left town because of an aunt who is sick, and that he has no forwarding address. He said that he does not know the forwarding address of GILLINGWATER, and that GILLINGWATER's mother went with him, so that he could not suggest anyone who would know how to contact him at this time. He said that he has seen the picture of JAMES EARL RAY, and that GILLINGWATER does not resemble him in any way. He said that he would have GILLINGWATER call agent Thomas, when Gillingwater returns to Washington, D.C. on 4/29/68.

On May 7, 1968, Mr. DARRELL GILLINGWATER, 3510 16th St., N.W., telephonically contacted SA THOMAS. He said that he has seen the information about JAMES EARL RAY, and he said that no-one fitting the description of RAY has used his vehicle within the pertinent time.

This matter, therefore, is considered as handled, with negative results.

## Biggest Search in History?

# Ray Hunt Stumps FBI

By THOMAS TALBURT  
Scripps-Howard Staff Writer

What is probably the biggest manhunt in history — the search for the slayer of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. — runs into a blank wall on Peachtree-st in Atlanta. The trail ends there.

For four weeks, the will-o'-the-wisp suspect has eluded one of the massive manhunts since dropping from sight in Atlanta on April 5 — the day after Dr. King was shot on a Memphis motel balcony.

Authorities in at least half a dozen other countries also are on the lookout for the elusive man first identified under his alias, Eric Starvo Galt, and later identified by the FBI as James Earl Ray, a drifter and habitual criminal who escaped from the Missouri State Penitentiary on April 23, 1967.

### TRAIL ENDS

Altho the FBI has branded Ray its No. 1 quarry and blanketed the nation with "wanted" posters bearing his picture, Ray's trail ends with the recollections of two Atlanta cab drivers who identified him first from sketches, and later from a photograph, as the man they picked up as a passenger April 5.

One of the drivers said he picked up Ray in downtown Atlanta and drove him only two blocks to 12th and Peachtree Streets, when Ray suddenly asked to be let out. The driver said he remembered Ray because of the briefness of his trip.

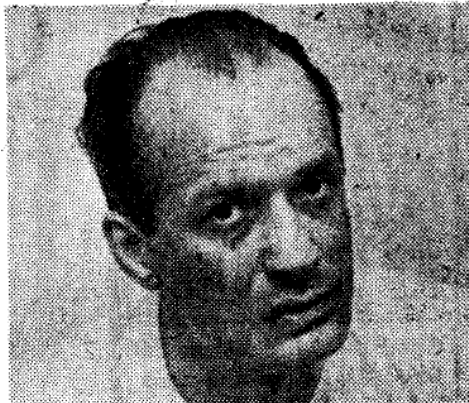
The second driver, who like the first, is employed by the Atlanta Million Cab Co., said that on the evening of April 5 he drove Ray to the corner of 13th street and Crescent avenue, a block west of Peachtree street.

"That's the last known, verified trace of the man we want," a Federal official said today.

### THOUSANDS OF TIPS

Reports that Ray was seen later the night of April 5 in a shabby Atlanta nightclub have not been verified — nor have the thousands of tips which have flooded the FBI from citizens eager to aid the hunt for Dr. King's killer.

The FBI has deduced that Ray drove the ap-



—UPI Photo

Jerry Ray, 32, the brother of James Earl Ray, the subject of a world-wide manhunt in the sniper-slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., yesterday issued a plea in Chicago that his brother give himself up. "If he is still alive I urge him to surrender himself to the FBI," Mr. Ray said. "If he's still alive the FBI is going to get him, you can be sure of that."

proximately 450 miles from Memphis to Atlanta after Dr. King was slain the evening of April 4. A white Mustang, matching one spotted leaving the scene of Dr. King's murder and bearing license tags issued to Eric Starvo Galt, was abandoned in Atlanta shortly after dawn on April 5.

The theory that Dr. King's assassin was aided in actually committing the act now is questioned by some Federal officials.

Attorney General Ramsey Clark, who ruled out a conspiracy shortly after Dr. King was killed, has said again recently that there is reason to believe the assassination "was the work of one man."

The fact the FBI charged Ray, under his assumed name of Galt, of conspiring with an "alleged brother" against Dr. King, was seen as legal device to enable the FBI to take over the murder investigation — normally a state function.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date May 7, 1968

On May 3, 1968, at 11:28 P. M. Eastern Daylight Time, SA R. STEVEN POLACHEK received from Captain C. A. BECK, American Airlines Flight 166, at Dulles International Airport, Virginia, a brown manila envelope addressed to "Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, Washington, D. C."

This envelope was taken to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Justice Department Building, Ninth Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, Northwest, Washington, D. C., and was delivered to SA JAMES H. MORTIMER at 12:20 A. M. on May 4, 1968.

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On 5/3-4/68 at Dulles International Airport File # WFO 44-703 - 427  
Virginia

by SA R. STEVEN POLACHEK:mac Date dictated 5/6/68

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810PM URGENT 5/7/68 LCC

TO ALL SACS RELAY MESSAGE PLAN  
FROM DIRECTOR 1P

MURKIN

TWO ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS OF RAY WERE RELEASED TODAY TO NEWS MEDIA IN WASHINGTON. PHOTOGRAPH NUMBER ONE SHOULD BEAR CAPTION "JAMES EARL RAY (PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN NINETEEN SIXTY-SEVEN IN MEXICO)." THIS IS THE PHOTOGRAPH OF RAY IN DARK GLASSES AND SPORT SHIRT. PHOTOGRAPH NUMBER TWO SHOULD BEAR CAPTION "JAMES EARL RAY (PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN LATE JANUARY OR EARLY FEBRUARY NINETEEN SIXTY-EIGHT IN CALIFORNIA)." THIS IS HEAD SHOT OF RAY IN BUSINESS SUIT WHICH SHOWS MARKED CLEFT IN CHIN. YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO REPRODUCE COPIES OF THESE TWO PHOTOGRAPHS LOCALLY AND YOU SHOULD INSURE THEY RECEIVE WIDE-SPREAD DISTRIBUTION THROUGH ALL MEDIA CONTACTS. FIVE COPIES OF EACH OF THESE PHOTOGRAPHS PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED ALL OFFICES. LEGATS OTTAWA AND MEXICO ADVISED.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, WFO (44-703)

DATE: 5/8/68

FROM : SA HARVEY E. WILKINSON

SUBJECT: MURKING  
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(OO:WFO)

Re memo of SA HASKELL L. BROYLES dated 4/27/68  
at WFO.

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA HARVEY E. WILKINSON and HARVEY W. JAMES on 4/29 and 4/30/68.

The "guest register" at the YMCA, 21st & S St., N.W.,  
was checked for subject JAMES EARL RAY under his true name  
and aliases with negative results.

Subject's photo, as appearing on IO 4182, was  
displayed to following listed individuals with negative results:

MIKE NENROS, Cashier, YMCA.  
JAMES TERRY, Room Clerk, YMCA.  
GENE WARNER, Room Clerk, YMCA.  
Mr. I. ILSSA, Night Clerk, YMCA.  
SAVANNAH STREET, Clean-up Man, YMCA.  
BERT JOYNER, Locker Room Attendant, Athletic Club,  
YMCA.  
FAUST CARBON, Manager Health Service, YMCA.  
CHARLES BARNES, Basket Attendant, Athletic Club,  
YMCA.  
R. B. MORGAN, Phy. Ed. Director, Athletic Club, YMCA.

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**GUATEMALA CITY**  
 Guatemalan secret police  
 said U.S. FBI agents were  
 investigating report that  
 James Earl Ray, suspected  
 killer of Dr. Martin Luther  
 King, had been in Guate-  
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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, WFO (44-703)

DATE: 5/6/68

FROM : SA WAYNE R. GILBERT

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
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Re: JAMES TROY GOOCH, Jr.

GOOCH was interviewed at D. C. jail by SA WAYNE R. GILBERT on 4/26/68. From interview and observation, it was determined that GOOCH had arrived in Washington, D. C. from Richmond, Virginia on the morning of 4/4/68. GOOCH is a wino who had 67¢ in his possession at the time of his arrest for stealing a car. He is an individual of low mentality and does not in any way resemble JAMES EARL RAY. Fingerprint comparisons were made, but GOOCH'S prints were not identical to those of JAMES EARL RAY.

In view of the above, GOOCH is no longer being considered a suspect in this case, and no additional investigation will be conducted in his regard.

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# Search for King's assassin now spreads into Australia

(UPI)

Australia has been asked by the FBI to make a "routine check" of whether James Earl Ray, sought in the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., has applied for a visa to go to that country, an embassy official said.

The official emphasized, however, that "Australian authorities have no evidence at all that the person concerned (Ray) is in Australia."

American sources also underscored the routine nature of the request. They said it would be logical to assume that similar requests either had or would be made of other nations in which Ray might seek refuge. The FBI had no comment on the embassy official's statement.

Ray, also known under the alias of Eric Starvo

Galt, has been the target of a widespread search since Dr. King was shot to death as he stood on the balcony of a Memphis, Tenn. motel. He was felled by a rifle bullet believed to have been fired from a nearby rooming house.

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RAY, WHO has been charged with murder by Memphis officials, was added to the FBI's most wanted list after a check of more than 53,000 fingerprints disclosed that prints found in a bathroom of the rooming house were identical to those of the wanted man. He also faces a federal conspiracy charge.

Ray escaped from Missouri state penitentiary in April, 1967, while serving a 20-year sentence for armed robbery and auto theft.

The Australian embassy

official said:

"At the request of the FBI, Australian authorities are doing a routine check of records to see if there has been a visa application for Australia by the person for whom a federal warrant is outstanding in connection with the death of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr."

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## Ray's Brother Makes Appeal, Disappears

CHICAGO (AP) — Jerry Ray, brother of the man brought on a charge of murdering the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., has quit his job at a suburban golf club and disappeared, the Chicago Tribune said today.

Ray's disappearance was reported a few hours after he appealed through an interview with another Chicago newspaper, the Sun-Times, for his brother, James Earl Ray, to surrender, "if he is still alive."

The Tribune quoted an official at the Sportsman Country Club near Northbrook as saying that Jerry Ray, 32, quit his job as a maintenance man a day after his photograph appeared in a national magazine.

"We don't know where he went," he said. "I guess he got tired of being interviewed."



Jerry Ray

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Miss HANNAH FORD, Supervisor, Pan American World Airways, Washington, D. C., advised on May 8, 1968, that Pan Am had no record concerning a NORMA PERRY on Flight 106 of 4/6/68. She advised that Number PA 4622382 is not a Pan Am number and that there is no PERRY listed on the pre-flight or flight manifest for Flight 106 of 4/6/68.

No further investigation is being conducted by WFO re PERRY.

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The Bureau has designated Memphis as office of origin in this case.

You were previously advised that leads in this Top Ten Fugitive case must be handled within 24 hours. The Atlanta, Birmingham, Chicago, Houston, Jackson, Kansas City, Los Angeles, New Orleans, St. Louis, and Springfield Offices are to prepare the results of their investigation to date in report form, not as an insert. At such time as the amount of investigation in these field offices does not appear to warrant individual reports, advise the Bureau and office of origin that inserts being prepared in future in lieu of reports, UACB.

All other offices will record the results in appropriate form and transmit 15 copies of each to the office of origin for inclusion in reports submitted by the Memphis Office. Should investigation increase in any such area warranting submission of individual report, do so and advise the Bureau and Memphis. //

LEGATs are to submit results of investigation which can be disseminated in letterhead memorandum form suitable for dissemination. Any administrative data which cannot be disseminated is to be set forth in the administrative section of your transmittal communication. Look-alikes and other leads resolved and reported by cablegram or other communication need not be rereported as copies of these communications are being forwarded office of origin by the Bureau for administrative handling of the case.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, WFO (44-703)

DATE: 5/8/68

FROM : SA ROBERT L. KUHN

SUBJECT: MURKIN - CR

On 5/8/68, Mr. JOHN SANDERS, 3310 Brothers Place, SE., Washington, D. C., telephonically furnished the following information:

Approximately one week prior to the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING, a man closely resembling the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY printed in yesterday's newspapers, came to SANDERS' home at 3310 Brothers Place, S.E. The man inquired about renting an apartment from SANDERS. The man stated he had seen an advertisement regarding the apartment in the newspaper supposedly placed by a Shelton Real Estate Company. SANDERS had never seen the man before and has not seen him since. SANDERS told the man he did not have an apartment and the man left without furnishing any information about himself or where he could be located. SANDERS said the man fit the description of JAMES EARL RAY that appeared in the newspaper regarding age, height, weight and other visible features.

SANDERS could furnish no further information about the man.

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