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A BETTER LIKENESS — The FBI yesterday released this photo of fugitive James Earl Ray, wanted in the slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in Memphis April 4. The snapshot, taken either in January or February this year in California, will be displayed thruout the nation. The nation's biggest man-hunt has turned up almost everything there is to know about Ray except one thing: Where is he?

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HOLED UP—OR BURIED?

The Ray Mystery Deepens

By JEREMIAH O'LEARY

Star Staff Writer

James Earl Ray, sought as the slayer of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., has disappeared as effectively as if the earth had swallowed him, and that may well have been the case.

"If he was the hired trigger-man of a conspiracy, the chances are very good that he has been killed to silence him forever," said one official who has been close to the international manhunt for Ray. "But if he conceived and carried out the plot alone, he is probably holed up somewhere. But where?"

Whether he was a paid gunman or a loner, Ray was last seen on the morning of April 5, less than 15 hours after Dr. King was shot to death by a sniper in Memphis, Tenn.

Mrs. Ernest Payne, who lives in a low-rent housing project called Capitol Homes in Atlanta, Ga., peered out her window



JAMES EARL RAY

sometime between 7 and 9 a.m. that day and saw a man believed to be Ray park and lock a white 1966 Mustang. Two Atlanta cab drivers believe they may

have given Ray a short ride that same morning.

Beyond that point, Ray has vanished.

The FBI has said nothing about the progress of its investigation and has issued only three terse press releases along with several photos of the wanted man. But from a number of sources it has been possible to amass a considerable amount of information about Ray's life prior to last April 4.

Ray was penniless when he escaped from the Missouri State Penitentiary at Jefferson City, Mo. on April 23, 1967.

On Aug. 30, 1967, he turned up in Birmingham, Ala., rented a safety deposit box in the Birmingham Trust National Bank and began spending large amounts of money — estimated to total up to \$10,000 — over the next seven months.

Where he obtained the money

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Mystery Surrounding King's Killer Deepens

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that he spent on the car, 19,000 miles of travel to Canada, Mexico and the West Coast, and on wine, women and bartending lessons is one of the mysteries of the case.

FBI agents have located some persons who describe Ray as a Negro-hating racist and others who say he never mentioned race over long periods of time.

If he has a profession, it is that of a notably unsuccessful small-time hoodlum. So far as the records indicate, every hold-up or robbery he ever tried ended in disaster for him. He was, as the convicts say, a three-time loser.

Investigators trying to trace the source of his money have been unable to connect him with any robbery that occurred in his year of freedom since his Missouri prison escape.

The basic federal charge against Ray is conspiracy to violate the civil rights of Dr. King, while the Tennessee charge against him is murder. The conspiracy charge was based on a remark attributed to Ray himself. He is said to have told a Birmingham gun dealer that his brother had told him to buy the .06 Remington Gamemaster pump gun which has been tabbed as the murder weapon.

Ray's brothers have been tracked out and officials say they have not been linked with the crime.

But investigators have not ruled out the possibility:

- That Dr. King's murder may have been ordered and paid for by extremists of the right or the left.

- That these plotters may have been either white or black.

- That they could have been either domestic or foreign.

The FBI, on orders from Director J. Edgar Hoover to break the King case at any costs, has traced Ray's life from his birth on in Alton, Mo., up to the morning of April 5, 1968.

A ninth-grade dropout, he eventually joined the Army and served the better part of three years in the West German cities of Bremen, Bremerhaven, Nuernburg and Frankfurt. He was tried in a refrigeration company, the military police and the infantry, but the Army finally gave him a general discharge for ineptness.

Arrests Mount

Soon after his release, Ray turned to crime and was arrested many times from 1949 until his last sentencing in 1960. His life pattern was fixed. He became a loner whose amusements centered on bar girls and prostitutes. He rarely worked. When he needed money for vodka and beer, he stole or took it by force. He never married.

Fellow prisoners knew him as a man addicted to amphetamine or "pep" pills, an avid reader of "girlie" magazines, a lone wolf who constantly talked of escape. A fellow prisoner has reported that once when a rumor was circulated in prison that a "businessmen's group" had offered a \$1 million bounty for the death of Dr. King, Ray said, "I never collect that."

On Aug. 30, 1967, Ray answered an ad placed in a Birmingham newspaper by William D. Paisley, who wanted to sell his 1966 Mustang. Ray paid \$1,995 in cash for the car.

At that time, Ray was going under the name of Eric Starvo Galt and it was by that alias he was known to his Birmingham landlord, Peter Cherpes, and to Alabama authorities who issued him a license on Sept. 6, 1967. This was the start of his heavy spending, although he continued to live in cheap rooming houses and rundown hotels.

Trip to Canada

For reasons unknown, Ray drove to Canada and spent a few days in Montreal. He lived in an old hotel and passed himself off as an employee of Expo-67.

While living in Cherpes' house in Birmingham, Ray received a large box of expensive camera equipment from a mail order firm in Chicago.

Cherpes said Ray left his place on Oct. 7, 1967. He drove to Mexico, where he passed some time in places like Jalisco and Puerto Vallarta. He became well known in the cantinas there and even had his picture taken with a Mexican prostitute. (That picture, showing Galt wearing sun glasses, was released by the FBI this week.)

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Investigators believe his motive for going to Mexico was to buy marijuana but Ray apparently also liked the country. He told one acquaintance: "When I make my big score, I'm going to come down here and live on beans and beer."

He next turned up in Los Angeles where he checked into the St. Francis Hotel and became a regular habitue of the Sultan Room bar of the hotel and other saloons. The barkeepers and girls around the Rabbit's Foot Club grew to know him as a man with a thirst and a bankroll.

Still as Eric Starvo Galt, he remained in Los Angeles until March 27, 1968, and left a broad trail. There was one side trip from Los Angeles to New Orleans with a man named Charles Stein, a bearded songwriter. Stein reported that his friend required him, his sister and his cousin to sign a petition for third party presidential candidate George Wallace in North Hollywood, Calif. as the price for taking him to New Orleans and back.

Stein recalled that Ray made one long-distance call from somewhere in Texas but did not know who he called. Stein also does not know why Ray went to New Orleans, nor who he saw there.

While in Los Angeles, Ray advertised in the L. A. Free Press a "hippie tabloid" for a contact with a "passionate married woman." He signed the ad "Eric S." but Free Press records show that he used the full alias, "Eric S. Galt" in paying for the ad. He also bought a list of five female names from the Swinger's Club of Downey, Calif. for \$1 and sent a letter and picture of himself to a Los Angeles girl on Feb. 17. She gave the Polaroid picture to the FBI and it, too, was made public this week.

Using his "Galt" pseudonym, Ray paid more than \$400 for dancing lessons in Long Beach and more than \$200 for a course in bartending during his Los Angeles stay. He paid cash for both.

Birmingham Story

Ray left Los Angeles on March 27 and drove to Birmingham, arriving there on March 29, the day he made the first of two visits to the Aeromarine Supply Co.

On the first visit he gave his name as Harvey Lowmyer and bought a Remington .243 caliber rifle, telling the salesman he wanted to go deer shooting in Wisconsin. On March 30, "Lowmyer" returned to the shop and said his brother had told him he had gotten the wrong kind of gun. What he wanted, he said, was a Remington 30.06 Game-master with a telescopic sight.

From there, the deduction is that Ray went to Atlanta and got a room in a boarding house inhabited largely by hippies. Here he was once again Galt. The FBI did not find the boarding house until several days after Ray's abandoned car was reported parked in the Atlanta housing project on April 11.

In the vain hope that Ray might still be hiding inside, the FBI staked out the house and watched it for more than 24 hours. Then agents dressed in "hippie" clothes got inside and found that the quarry had either fled from the room soon after ditching his car April 5 or had not returned there at all.

But the agents found key evidence in the room — a television set that "Galt" had gotten in a trade with a girl in Los Angeles and a city map of Atlanta.

Map Delineated

The map had four circles drawn around four significant locations: Dr. King's Atlanta residence; the office of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference; the "hippie" house and the spot where the car had been abandoned on April 5.

Even more important was a well-defined fingerprint found on the map. FBI fingerprint experts were able to determine that the print was from a right thumb whereas all other 26 latent fingerprints from Ray's rifle, car, binoculars and places he had been were too indistinct for classification.

The decision was made to compare the map fingerprint with the equivalent points of all white male fugitives in the general age range of the man known as "Galt." An exhaustive finger-by-finger comparison proved that Eric Starvo Galt and James Earl Ray were one and the same and the manhunt was launched.

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FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

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RE INQUIRY GALT RE TRAVEL TO RHODESIA.

RE LOS ANGELES TELETYPE TO BUREAU MAY TEN LAST.

WEST COAST DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC RELATIONS FOR JOHN BIRCH
SOCIETY, SAN MARINO, CALIFORNIA, ADVISED THIS DATE HAD
RECHECKED RECORDS OF SOCIETY AND INTERVIEWED PERSONS HAVING
TELEPHONIC CONTACT WITH PUBLIC AND NO RECORD ANY ERIC S. GALT
HAVING CONTACTED SOCIETY ANY TIME BY MAIL, PHONE OR IN PERSON.

AIR MAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS.

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FRANCIS E. WALKER, Mail Carrier, 20th Street Station of Post Office was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY. WALKER said that the photograph which appeared in the "Washington Post" issue, May 8, 1968 and showed RAY wearing a suit and tie resembles an unidentified individual, WALKER saw about three weeks ago entering the Embassy Office building at 1424 16th Street, North West, Washington, D. C.

WALKER said this would have been about 9:30AM - 10:00AM. The unidentified individual entered the building and appeared suspicious in that he put his head down and looked away from WALKER and the Janitor of the building, LAWRENCE SMITH. This person walked behind WALKER in entering the lobby of the building.

WALKER described this person as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	Approximately 40
Height	5' 10"
Weight	175 pounds
Build	Medium
Hair	Dark brown with receding hair line
Complexion	Medium
Clothes	Wore dark brown check sport coat; with darker brown trousers; dark brown shoes and a white sport shirt with open collar.

WALKER said he would contact the FBI in the event he sees this person again so that he can be identified.

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LAWRENCE SMITH, Building Engineer,
Embassy office building, 1424 16th Street, North West,
furnished the following information:

A photograph of JAMES EARL RAY which appeared in the "Washington Post" issue of May 8, 1968 which showed RAY wearing a suit and tie. resembles an unidentified individual SMITH saw about three weeks ago. This person was entering the Embassy office building as SMITH was talking with the mail carrier, FRANCIS E. WALKER. SMITH said this would have taken place about 9:30AM - 10:00AM. The man appeared suspicious in that he put his head down and looked away from them. He said the man walked behind WALKER and down the hall.

SMITH said he thinks this may have happened about April 22 - 26, 1968. The unidentified individual was seen by SMITH a few minutes later in front of the Building Directory. SMITH as is his custom, walked up to this person and said "May I help you?" The person replied, "No, I was just looking on here." He also said "I am waiting for a fellow." SMITH asked him if he saw the person's name on the directory and he replied, "No it would not be on it." SMITH added, this person said, "I have known him for years." About this time, someone called to SMITH and the unidentified individual left the building quickly without any person accompanying him.

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SMITH described the person resembling photograph
of JAMES EARL RAY as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	Approximately 40
Height	5' 11"
Weight	180 pounds
Complexion	Medium
Build	Medium
Hair	Dark brown
Clothes	Wore dark clothes, white shirt,
Accent	Southern

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Mrs. WILBUR L. SHOUP, Leasing Agent for DWECK-~~ISEN~~ (SAMUEL R. DWECK and MILTON ISEN), Room 105A, Embassy Building, 1424 Sixteenth Street, North West furnished the following information:

The photograph of JAMES EARL RAY which appeared in the "Washington Post" on May 8, 1968 resembles an unidentified individual she noticed in the Embassy office building on three occasions during the week of April 22 - 26, 1968. She added this person averted her glance and seemed suspicious. She based this on years of experience working as a Building Manager at a number of large buildings.

She was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and selected one taken in late January or early February, 1968 in California as a photograph which resembles the individual she has seen in the Embassy office building.

She said she does not think this person works in the building. She was unable to say what offices this person may have visited in the building.

Mrs. SHOUP described this person as:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	Approximately 38
Height	5' 7" - 5' - 8"
Weight	180 pounds
Complexion	Medium
Build	Medium
Clothes	Wore dark brown mixed color coat with dark navy blue or black trousers.
Hair	Dark brown

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Mrs. WILBUR L. SHOUP added she would contact the FBI in the event she sees the individual described above again. She furnished the names of LAWRENCE SMITH, Janitor, Embassy building and Mr. WALKER, the mailman as persons who have seen the above described individual.

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GLORIA WALKER, Secretary, American - Southern Africa Council, Suite N-1, 800 Fourth Street, South West furnished the following information:

Recently she started going through a file folder of correspondence and put it in alphabetical order. During this work, she discovered a letter from ERIC S. GALT dated December 28, 1967 which was received by the American - Southern Africa Council. She said she turned the letter over to JOHN ACORD, Chairman of the American-Southern Africa Council.

During December, 1967, JOHN ACORD was in Rhodesia and GLORIA WALKER answered correspondence received by the American-Southern Africa Council. GLORIA WALKER said she would have answered the letter with a form letter enclosing literature about Rhodesia within about two weeks of the date the letter was received. She said she would have added at the bottom of the form letter, a handwritten note saying, "The enclosed folders may be of interest to you." She also would have changed the last paragraph of the form letter to indicate, she hoped he had a fine holiday season.

GLORIA WALKER said she believes she sent these items to ERIC S. GALT: Volume 2, Number 6, November - December, 1967 issue of American-Southern Africa Review.

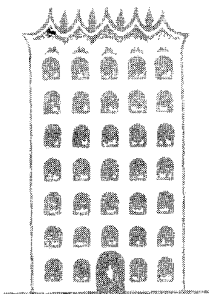
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She furnished a copy of the form letter which she said she discontinued using according to a note on a copy on January 12, 1968.

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Thursday, May 9, 1968

Mr. Roger D. Ashland
Federal Bureau of Investigation
9th & Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C.

In re: James Earl Ray

Dear Mr. Ashland:

After you left this morning, our mailman, Mr. Walker (you saw him on the third floor waiting for the elevator when we were walking down) saw the newspaper picture on my desk. I asked him if he had ever seen that face.

Mr. Walker told me that he had seen him coming up the front sidewalk one morning when he (Mr. Walker) was standing at the front doors waiting for his mailbags. He said our janitor Smitty was standing with him, and they both joked about how "shy" the man seemed to be. When he saw the mailman looking at him, he dropped his face while walking up the sidewalk, and as he came through the door, he walked around behind the mailman.

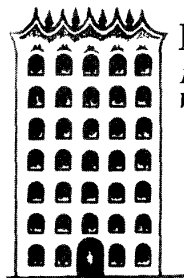
Mr. Walker is our regular mailman and delivers in here every morning around 10:00 A.M. He lives somewhere in Virginia, I believe and he works out of the 20th Street Station.

Very truly yours,

Mrs. W.L. Shoup =

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Mr. Roger D. Ashland
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From: Director, FBI

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For your information and investigative assistance, subject James Earl Ray took a bartending course in Los Angeles, California, during the early part of 1968, and prior to his departing Los Angeles, in March of 1968, he made several telephone calls to country clubs in an effort to obtain employment.

This should be borne in mind in covering leads in connection with this and other cases.

Armed and Dangerous.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, WFO

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FROM : SA GEORGE J. LEX, JR.

SUBJECT: ERIC STARVO GALT
Civil Rights-Conspiracy

At 3:50 PM, 5/8/68, Mrs. W.L. SHOUP, Room no. 105A, the Embassy Building, 1424 - 16th Street, NW, telephonically advised that after seeing the new photographs of subject in the newspaper this morning, she was reminded of an individual whom she has seen on two or three occasions in the above mentioned building. He said this person has been on the elevator with her and he bears a resemblance to subject. She does not know if this person works in that building or on what floor he got off.

She was questioned in some detail re any other info she might have concerning this matter, however, she insisted she knew of no other facts. She said she would determine the floor or office, if possible, of the individual whom she has seen in the above building in the event she sees him again.

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Hunt for King's Killer Still Fumbling

THE MONTH-LONG hunt for the assassin of Dr. Martin Luther King goes on with reports of a map linked to the killing, rumors that the killer may be in Australia and another statement by Attorney General Ramsey Clark that an arrest may be "near."

Meanwhile there is growing restlessness over the FBI's failure to find James Earl Ray, the escaped convict who has been indicted as the assassin.

The N.Y. Times in an editorial May 2 reflected to some extent the popular apprehension over the FBI's ineptness after noting that Clark said "no less than four times" that there is no evidence of a conspiracy and that arrest of the "Lone" killer was near. Note is further taken of the contradictory descriptions given by the FBI of Ray to police throughout the country.

While conceding that the FBI is not expected to give out information that may hamper search for the killer, the Times editorial went on:

"But surely, the Attorney

General and FBI chief J. Edgar Hoover realize that they have a special responsibility in a matter of such national magnitude to keep the public as fully and accurately informed as is prudently possible.

"Mr. Clark and Mr. Hoover have a second responsibility of even greater importance. That is to take the precautions necessary to insure that the wanted man is brought in alive. The case of Lee Harvey Oswald bears no repetition."

A map has entered the picture. According to an "unimpeachable source" in the Los Angeles Times and Washington Post, the map supports the theory that there is a conspiracy case against Ray, alias Eric Starvo Galt.

The map, found in Atlanta, presumably in the white Mustang the killer abandoned there 14 hours after the killing, showed a circle around the area of King's residence and church.

Another detail supporting the conspiracy theory is the fact that the FBI traced expenditures in

cash by the killer amounting to from \$6,000 to \$8,000 since his escape from the Missouri State Penitentiary in April, 1967.

Ray's brother, Jerry, a maintenance man in a country club near Chicago, interviewed by the Chicago Sun-Times, expressed doubt that his brother could be a killer and appealed to him to surrender.

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TO WASHINGTON FIELD

FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 1P.

MURKIN

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YOU ARE HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO DISCUSS REVIEWING OF
PASSPORT RECORDS WITH DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF PASSPORT OFFICE.
LIAISON SECTION OF THE BUREAU WILL REQUEST STATE DEPARTMENT
TO REQUEST REVIEW OF RECORDS OF RHODESIAN AUTHORITIES
REGARDING ANY INFORMATION THEY HAVE CONCERNING INDIVIDUALS
ENTERING THEIR COUNTRY FROM APRIL FIVE, SIXTY-EIGHT TO
PRESENT DATE. THIS REVIEW SHOULD NOT BE LIMITED TO
CITIZENS OF UNITED STATES ONLY BUT SHOULD COVER ALL MALE
CAUCASIANS BETWEEN AGES OF TWENTY-FIVE AND FIFTY IN VIEW
OF FACT SUBJECT RAY COULD HAVE POSSIBLY OBTAINED PASSPORT
FROM MEXICAN AND/OR CANADIAN AUTHORITIES.

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TO: ALL SACS

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

IN VIEW OF FACT THAT SUBJECT SPENT A CONSIDERABLE
SUM OF MONEY FROM APRIL TWENTY-THREE, SIXTY-SEVEN TO
APRIL FOUR, SIXTY-EIGHT, AND THE SOURCE OF HIS MONEY
HAS NOT BEEN DETERMINED, HIS PHOTOGRAPH SHOULD BE DISPLAYED
TO APPROPRIATE WITNESSES IN UNSOLVED BANK ROBBERIES AND
BANK BURGLARIES IN THOSE INSTANCES WHERE WITNESSES ARE
AVAILABLE. YOU SHOULD ALSO CONSIDER THE REQUESTING
OF POLICE DEPARTMENTS TO DISPLAY PHOTOGRAPH OF RAY TO
WITNESSES IN THEIR UNSOLVED ROBBERIES.

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**REPORT
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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**Date: **May 13, 1968**Re: **MURKIN
CR**FBI File No. **44-38861**Lab. No. **D-562836 JK**Specimens received **5/9/68**

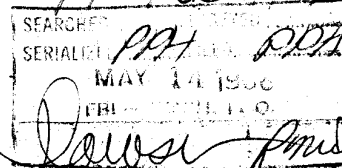
Q334 One-page typewritten letter dated 12/28/67, beginning "Dear Sir, I recently read an article in the..." and signed "Eric S. Galt"

Result of examination:

The typewritten impressions appearing on Q334 are the same style as those appearing on items previously received in this case attributed to Eric S. Galt. It can not be determined whether the same typewriter was employed to prepare all of these items because of the lack of significant identifying defects; however, no significant differences were noted.

It was determined that the "Eric S. Galt" signature on Q334 was prepared by the writer of signatures in this name appearing on other items previously submitted.

Specimen Q334 has been retained.





**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**

Date: **May 13, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis**

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-562836 JK**

Examination requested by: **Washington Field Office**

Reference: **Airtel 5/10/68**

Examination requested: **Document - Fingerprint**

Remarks:

**You will be advised separately regarding the results
of the fingerprint examination.**

**Results set forth in the attached Laboratory report
were previously furnished telephonically to the Washington
Field Office.**

**Specimen Q334 was personally delivered by SA
Roger Ashland on 5/9/68.**

**DO NOT INCLUDE ADMINISTRATIVE
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FROM; MEMPHIS (44-1987) (1P)

MURKIN, CR.

REURTEL TO DIRECTOR APRIL TWENTYTHREE LAST.

ADVISE RESULTS OF MONEY ORDER REVIEW INCLUDING DATE AND
PLACE OF PURCHASE USPO MONEY ORDER FIVE SIX ONE FIVE SIX FIVE
SEVEN NINE TWO THREE, DATE STAMPED MARCH TWENTYEIGHT LAST,
PAYABLE LOCKSMITHING INSTITUTE, LITTLE FALLS, NEW JERSEY,
SIGNED ERIC S. GALT, AMOUNT SEVEN DOLLARS FIFTY CENTS. MO WAS
RECEIVED FROM BANK OF BLOOMFIELD, NEW JERSEY, BY FIDELITY
UNION TRUST COMPANY, NEWARK, APRIL EIGHT LAST, USPO MONEY
ORDER ONE NINE ONE SIX TWO ONE ONE ZERO SEVEN EIGHT, DATE
STAMPED MARCH EIGHT LAST, IN AMOUNT FIFTEEN DOLLARS, PAYABLE
LOCKSMITHING, WAS RECEIVED BY FIDELITY MARCH ELEVEN LAST. P.

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TO; DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND WFO

FROM; MEMPHIS (44-1987) 2P

MURKIN.

RE WFO TEL MAY TEN LAST, AM COPY TO MEMPHIS, AND MEMPHIS AIRTEL TO BUREAU APRIL FOUR LAST TRANSMITTING CERTIAN EVIDENCE TO BUREAU, INCLUDING THREE, TWENTY DOLLAR FEDERAL RESERVE NOTES.

MEMPHIS CONCURS THAT PASSPORT TROJECT. AS SUGGESTED BY WFO, BE CONDUCTED. HOWEVER, BECAUSE OF MAGNITUDE OF PROJECT, MEMPHIS OF OPINION RECORDS AT SALISBURY, BE HANDLED FIRST. THIS NUMBER CANNOT BE OF GREAT MAGNITUDE IF RESTRICTED TO WHITE MALE IMMIGRANTS SINCE APRIL FIVE LAST, AS PREVIOUSLY SUGGESTED BY MEMPHIS.

BUREAU ATTENTION DIRECTED TO BUFILE NINETYONE-TWO THREE FOUR FIVE ONE, WHICH SHOWS COOPERATIVE EFFORTS OF INTERESTED GOVERNMENT IN MAKING AVAILABLE FUGITIVE SIDNEY BROOKS. DATE AVAILABLE TO MEMPHIS INDICATES BROOKS REPORTEDLY DEPARTED CANADA.

THE FBI LABORATORY IS REQUESTED TO ADVISE MEMPHIS IF ANY OF THREE FEDERAL RESERVE NOTES TRANSMITTED AS EVIDENCE ARE
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COUNTERFEIT. IF THIS NOT EASILY DISCERNIBLE TO LABORATORY,
SUGGEST THROUGH LIAISON WITH SECRET SERVICE THAT IT BE
ASCERTAINED IF ANY OF THESE NOTES ARE COUNTERFEIT.

BY TELETYPE DATED MAY ELEVEN LAST, LEGAT, MEXICO CITY
FURNISHED BUREAU INFORMATION RE CESSNA AIRPLANE BURNED
APRIL FIVE LAST, SOUTHWEST OF CABORCA, MEXICO. MEMPHIS IS NOT
IN RECEIPT OF ANY INFORMATION RE THIS AIRPLANE, AND IS UNABLE
TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT THIS MAY PERTAIN TO MURKIN. IF
BUREAU FEELS MEMPHIS SHOULD BE AWARE OF FACTS THIS MATTER,
IT IS REQUESTED THAT SUCH FACTS BE MADE AVAILABLE TO MEMPHIS.

MEMPHIS CONTINUING TO CHECK OUT LOOK ALIKES WITH NEGATIVE
RESULTS AND ATTEMPTING TO LOCATE EX-CON ASSOCIATES OF SUBJECT
RAY LAST KNOWN TO PRISON OFFICIALS AS BEING IN MEMPHIS
DIVISION TERRITORY.

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Date: May 9, 1968

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To: All SACS
LEGATS, Mexico City
Ottawa

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN
OO: MEMPHIS (44-1987)

In order to cover the possibility that subject may have died since commission of the crime, the U. S. Census Bureau and Department of Health, Education and Welfare were contacted and they advised that no central records of unidentified deceased are maintained by those agencies. It was suggested that each state may maintain such a record in their Bureau of Vital Statistics or similar agency.

There is no known Federal law requiring the maintenance of such information; and it is possible that if any record of unidentified dead is maintained, it would only be maintained at local police departments, morgues, medical facilities, or the like.

Each office covering state capitals should check to ascertain if such records are maintained, and if so, should check records for the period from 4-5-68, to date, for any information which might possibly identify subject Ray with unidentified deceased person over that period.

If there is no central record repository maintained in the various states or nationally in the case of Mexico and Canada, you should, in connection with your contacts with law enforcement agencies on this case or other Bureau matters, make appropriate inquiries relative to

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unidentified dead for the period beginning 4-5-68; and if fingerprints on such dead are maintained, they should be compared with those on the Identification Order on Ray in order to effect identification or nonidentification. This should be handled in the normal course of business and only reasonable investigation should be pursued along these lines.

5/15/68 Capt. Mabeur at PG Honorable - Prints submitted to FBI on all unidentified dead RJD

The Identification Division has placed an appropriate stop on unidentified deceased inquiries it may receive. If feasible, appropriate offices and Legats, Mexico City and Ottawa should place similar stops with appropriate state, local or national agencies in your territories.

Armed and Dangerous.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, WFO (44-703)

DATE: 5/15/68

FROM : SA ROGER D. ASHLAND, C-3

SUBJECT: MURKIN

MAZOLA CROSSLEY, Foreman of Station Operations,
20th Street Post Office advised on 5/9/68 the mail
carrier for Embassy office building, 1424 16th St., N. W.
is FRANCIS F. WALKER, 111 North French St., Alexandria,
Va., telephone 548-3127.

BETTY DAVIS, Switchboard Operator and Receptionist,
Alturas Hotel, 1509 16th Street, N. W. was shown a
photograph of JAMES EARL RAY on 5/9/68 and she advised
she could not recall ever having seen him.

Mr. and Mrs. CHARLES PORTNOW (EMMA), 1501 16th St.,
N. W. were shown a photo of RAY and advised they could not
recall ever having seen him. They added they rent rooms
in Whitehall residence to women only. Also this building
will become the Washington International Youth Hostel soon.

Two buildings on the other side of the street
from Embassy office building, 1424 16th St., N. W. are
empty. They are three story buildings at 1407 and 1401
16th St., N. W. Realtor for 1401 is D. F. DUNAN, AD 2-4100
for M. PAUL HANNAN, Realtor, 1515 17th St., N. W., WDC.

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Washington, D.C. 20009

May 10, 1968

Federal Bureau of Investigation

Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Sir,

I thought you would have found the assassin of Martin Luther King before now so I haven't presented this possible clue.

My brother-in-law ^{John Kinsella} was an FBI agent in Buffalo, N.Y. a couple of years ago until he retired and transferred to the New York State Police as a crime analyst. He died of cancer recently and a dozen FBI agents came to his funeral. He told me that no matter how outlandish a clue was, the FBI would look into it. 44-703-480

Well, for what it is worth, here it is. I was driving to work on Friday morning after King was shot.

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at a red light on Irving Street, at Sherman Street, N.W. A beetle Volkswagen painted (repainted) a peculiar yellowish green pulled up beside me on the one-way street about 15 feet away from me.

I saw that his headlights were on in broad daylight, ^(at the time no other travelers were showing this deference to King) so I supposed he had been driving all night and had neglected to turn off his lights. I started to lean over and wind my window down and call to him about his lights, but to my surprise he wound his window down first and waited for me to speak. He appeared nervous and watching for challengers.

I told him that I didn't know whether he knew it or not but his lights were on. He said, "I know it!" rather gruffly and then added, "Thank you!" He resembled "Ray" although his face appeared fuller. He had a pasty complexion with a fresh red scar in the middle of his left cheek as though

a boil had been lanced.

Now here is the way I look at it. He was tipped off in prison in Missouri that on account of his successful assassination of President Kennedy, another job was being offered, to assassinate King. (Where else would a small time hoodlum get all that money except by a big job like Kennedy's assassination) His escape from prison was arranged by this powerful group of Catholic and Colored haters.

He bought a deer rifle but was told by a brother (non-soul brother) that it was not powerful enough and exchanged it for a 30.06 with telescopic sights, and went to the neighboring rooming house in Memphis to await King. (Incidentally, don't rule out the possibility that King was a part of the plot, because he expected

to be killed when he returned to Memphis and by being a martyr he could best further his ends and those of his colleagues.

This fellow, Ray or Galt, who was discharged from the Army for being inept, is still inept and it will get him in the end, but for the present he is carrying out instructions of his fellow conspirators. Like the game "hare and hounds" he dropped clues like his rifle and drove off in a white Mustang Convertible that stuck out like a sore thumb.

When he reached a rendezvous in Memphis, he switched cars with a conspirator who drove the Mustang to Atlanta to throw the hounds off his (Ray's) trail. Ray took the yellowish green beetle Volkswagen (the model doesn't change and there are millions of them on the road) and drove north.

The time was just right for him

encountering me at 7:30 a.m. the next day (Friday) in Washington. He was keeping off the main highways where the police might catch him.

For some unknown reason he had made a trip to Montreal a short time ago. Now the reason is known - to establish his identity and have a place to hole up in a foreign country where the FBI would not be looking for him. He could either remain in hiding or take off from there for Europe. He probably has a hundred thousand dollars with him.

I believe you could find him in the red light district of Montreal, or possibly Paris. If you go along with the Kennedy assassination, he has established a M.O. I believe you could find out how his escape was arranged from Missouri State Penitentiary, and how the plot was hatched in Atlanta. Sincerely yours
Paul J. Hanlon

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Date: **5-14-68**Transmit the following in _____
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✓ To: SAC, Washington Field

From: ~~Director~~, FBI

MURKIN

Re Paul J. Hanlon - complainant.

Enclosed for Washington Field are two copies of a letter from Paul J. Hanlon dated 5-10-68. One copy is enclosed for Memphis.

Washington Field should interview Mr. Hanlon to determine all information he has in his possession regarding the suspect he observed. At the time of interview orally acknowledge receipt of his letter.

For your information and assistance, John D. Kinsella was a former Special Agent who entered on duty with the Bureau 12-29-41 and retired 5-6-66.

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