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The subject this was delicate for the F.I. contemporaneously and in this case.

ACMP consulted the FM shout a coming inequalno article crediting two sen of the ROMP for the work they did on the Ray case, giving them credit where the F.I has already housed eredit, a artter on which I are confirmed by former areintant director Sulliven's book, of which I cent you a copy of that portion. The FAR doundarys the ROMP have, "Mince the ROMP was involved in the fugitive aspects" only, for all the world as though the FAR had anything other than a facilities case in which the most important sorie was done by the ROMP.

In edition, the BUR's disclosure of the names of its men undersines the FM's claimed meed to withhold such names in this case.

The entire abstract for 5457 is withheld. The/record is a 3-page Director sirvel of 12/17/68 to Respine, ascend page withheld. To claim. The isseed page contains RUEF information that is within the public domain, what was had reported in look magazine. (Nost of the FEL's information about what "my did before and after the crime came from Bule's writing, and Bule got it from May.)

All of the statement for Serial 6010 is withheld, and as with all total withholdings of statement, there is remembly suggestable information, at the least the identification of the record. There is a clear pattern of withholding abstracts to shelter improper withholdings in the underlying records.

Spots and 5965. All these relate to information obtained by Smirley Caines and provided to the FHI by David Caines, her husband, information they also gave to se, as I informed the FHI, you and the Court, without any dispute. The FHI did not like the information because it suggested an entirely different solution to the crime. The FHI did not conduct any investigation of the information, from the HHRCH file as provided. Instead it tried to undersine the Gaines' story and failing that, appears just to have dropped the entire matter. (You have not acted on my appeal.) The information leads to a notorious sum who souved the Department in a notorious case. It also happens to coincide with what was obtained from fay separately and is disclosed.

Similarly, # 70 and D are claimed to withhold a director made in the abstract for Social 60.9. It is wellow, as I recall, emother species appeal on which you have not acted in the withholding of the public domain are and 6054, which pertuins to the brothers Claude and Loca Papell. The withholdings is the underlying records are middledoms. Other pertuinant numbers are 6006 and 6006-9. Even Charrolet Impair is withhold in 6006, although disclosed elembers.

So inle 2023 and 5477% pertain to Tax. Chairs Reating and other public double information relating to May in Canada, again an ignored appeal. As I informed you, the fentions made was disclosed, as in 5423 and its abstract. Two RMF mades are withheld despite the fact that the RDMF disclosed them. (See also 5019, above.) and although the entire abstract for Social 5457% is withheld (70), the assemblying report that is declosed in a Ganadam nonegaper story reporting the non-secret information and disclosing that parts of the RCMF investigation were provided to the Canadian press, which printed some in fac-simile.

Rather than withholding the enters abot act for 5540 the FSI withhold the content only under chair to (a)(1). In the underlying record additional chairs are to (b)2) and (7)(0) and (D). This is still another appeal on which you have not acted, pertaining to a Britisher since name the FSI disclosed and false information. The OFA disclosed that

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SAC, Memphis (44-1987) From: Director, FBI (44-38861) 5819

Enclosed is a copy of a letter from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) to Legat, Cttawa dated 8/28/69, received 9/5/69, at the

It is noted that the RCMP was only instrumental in the identification and location of the fugitive subject in this matter and was not concerned with the evidentiary or prosecutive aspects.

You should contact appropriate Tennessee State authorities and advise them of the contents of this letter and suggest that they may desire to communicate directly with the RCMP concerning the inquiries set forth in the letter as they may pertain to Tennessee State interests. The Tennessee State authorities should be requested to furnish you a copy of any reply they may make to the RCMP.

If Tennessee State authorities request that their reply be SEP-Songgraded to the RCMP by the Bureau in light of the fact that the RCMP had made its inquiries through the Bureau, there is no objection to doing commission the Tennessee State authorities should furnish the reply in writing for forwarding to the RCMP.

The Bureau is contacting the Civil Rights Division relative to this matter and you will be advised of results. Enclosure

SEE NOTE PAGE TWO.

### NOTE:

RCMP by letter to Legat, Ottawa advises that a national magazine will be publishing articles on the RCMP's work and one of the subjects to be covered is the commendations given to two members of the RCMP who participated in the James Earl Ray investigation. RCMP requests to be advised of the status of the Ray case prosecution including any appeal action as they would not want to release information which would affect the case.

Since RCMP was only involved in the fugitive aspects it is not felt that release of information by them of their role and commendation given their men would affect prosecution or evidentiary aspects; however, this matter is being referred to appropriate Tennessee State authorities and the Civil Rights Division for their consideration. RCMP requests prompt reply.

As a matter of cooperation, if the Tennessee State authorities request that we forward their reply to the RCMP, it is not felt that we should object since the RCMP was of invaluable assistance in locating the subject and their inquiry was addressed to our Legal Attache in Ottawa. Tennessee State authorities will be requested to furnish their reply in writing for forwarding to RCMP.

Since Department has not yet dismissed Federal process and has requested that we still continue to run out any subsequent information reported, views of the Civil Rights Division will be obtained on Federal interests and results will be confirmed in writing and furnished to RCMP.



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Director, TBI 44-38761-54571 - Nr. Long

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Enclosed is a copy of the results of investigation conducted by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police regarding Ray's activity while in Canada.

This is for your information only and should not be disseminated at this time.

Enclosure

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NOTE:

We have been conducting investigation concerning the activities of James Earl Ray based upon articles written by William Bradford Huie for "Look" magazine. As part of our investigation, we have requested the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) to investigate several matters in Canada. The attached is results of the RCMP's continuing efforts, and we are transmitting this to Memphis and the Department, requesting Departments permission to disseminate the results to Mr. Canale, who is prosecuting the case in state court on March 3, 1969.

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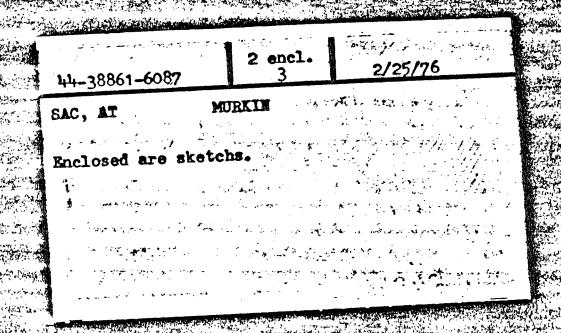
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By Joseph Hanafin and ROBERT TAYLOR

James Earl Ray, accused of assassinating Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., practised double deception during his month long hide-out in the Montreal area last year.

He registered in a Dorion motel as John L. Rayns on the night of July 17, 1967, but used the alias Eric S. Galt for the remainder of his local sojourn which ended on Aug. 18, 1967.

Ray claimed in a recently published story in Look magazine about his activities here that he used only the Galt name while in Canada.

He said he chose the name while passing the city of Galt. Ont., on his way to Montreal and used it during visits to St. Jovite and Ottawa.

The 40-year-old alleged killer, whose trial is scheduled in Memphis, Tenn., for the middle of November, arrived in Dorion just one day after he fled the United States where he was sought for escaping from the Missouri State Pententiary.

The records of the Bourgarde Motel show that he



James Earl Ray

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REGISTERED HERE: On the night of July 17, 1967, James Earl Ray registered at Bourgarde Motel on Harwood boulevard in Dorion as John L. Rayns, of 507 Chestnut street, Winnetka, Illinois. The address was that of a restaurant where he worked.

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that of a restaurant where Ray was employed for several weeks prior to his flight to Canada.

He was known to his emplovers as John L. Rayns, a name he often used after his jall break.

Although motel officials did not take his licence number, the desk clerk at the time noted be was driving a 1962 Plymouth,

The description of that car matches that of a vehicle purchased by Ray for \$200 in East St. Louis, Mo., Just before he crossed into Canada at Windsor, Ont.

The man who owned the Bourgarde Hotel last year, Guy Richer, says he remembeen nothing about his inlamous chent.

"We were just too busy last year with Expo to take spe-

cial notice of anybody. We were packed every night with all sorts of people," said Mr. Richer who has since sold the

After his one night stay. in Dorion, Ray reverted to the alias of Eric Stavo Galt.

At the Har-K Apartments, 2859 Notre Dame street east, where Ray signed a six month lease but stayed only until mid-August; and at the Gray Rocks Inn, a resort hotel in St. Jovite, 78 miles north of Montreal, he used the Galt name.

He also gave that name and his Notre Dame street address to a travel agency, located on Pcel street, which arranged his reservation at Gray Rocks. The manager of, the travel agency requested that their name not be published.

The man who made Ray's reservation and took a \$20 eash deposit from him was unable to recognize or recall anything about him. He added that Ray was probably in the office for about only 10 minutes

### Waterfront haunt

At several other places that Ray is known to have frequented, the story is much the same.

He seems to have gone out

of his way to behave unobtrusively and apparently always fit into whatever background necessary.

Along the city's toughwaterfront between Place Royale and Place d'Youville where he spent much of his time in hopes of obtaining false identity papers, no one could



Martin Luther King

place the gaunt, stern-faced Rav.

The alleged killer claims that he spent several nights drinking in the Neptune Tavern, 121 Commissioners street west, and that he met a mar named Raoul who offered him \$12,000 to complete a mysterious assignment in the United States.

J. M. Charron, owner of th Neptune for the past severa years, said it would be almos impossible to disaprove Ray claim.

Peering at a recent photograph of Ray, Mr. Charcommented, "It could be the he was here. Who is goir to say otherwise?

"I might have seen him a maybe even talked to him to it has been a year and to months since he was here, in very, very difficult to from pictures. They can deceiving. And maybe he wearing a disguise.

"Perhaps if I saw him person I could say for ru-

As for Raoul, Mr. Charsaid that the description the man supplied by i "could be almost any sa who comes in here evnight of the year."

"We get all sorts in hand especially last year vexpo on . . . Oh Boy! We Russians, Englishmen, Ar icans, Negroes, yello whites . . . everybody.

"No, I cannot say the recall anyone by the nam Raoul who hung out here Employes at the Marir

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House, 165 Place d'Youville, echoed Mr. Charron's words, as did waiters and barmen at Joe Beef's tavern, some 50 yards down the street.

"Who can tell for sure," a waiter at Joe Beef's men tioned. "We had so many people in here during Expo. We have so many in normal years but last year makes it even more impossible to figure."

Ray's chameleonic attributes served him well at the luxurious Gray Rock's resort where he stayed for a full week between July 31 and Aug. 5. Noll a single employe remembered his face.

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SIGNED AS "ERIC GALT": Registration card filled out by Ray at Gray Rocks Inn at St. Jovite was signed "Eric Galt." He paid \$155 for a week's accommodation.

the bar during the week that his liquor bill amounted to a penny-pinching \$8. He paid it at, and the \$155 it cost for his single room with a bath, in cash. It was near the end of that week that he encountered the now famous lady civil servant from Ottawa

Ray's romantic adventure with his civil servant girl friend who he had hoped would help get him a false Canadian passport, was probably the only close relationship he had in Montreal.

The connection between Ray and the lady whose identity still remains a secret was raised in the House of Commons this week but government officials pleaded ignorance to the existence of a romance and of the lady herself.

Local RCMP spokesmen also disclaimed any knowledge of her and refused comment as to whether they are investigating the matter.

Both the RCMP and the American FBI, however, have been scouring Ray's local hangouts since long before his

arrest in England on June 8 of this year.

They asked for and received receipts, registration slips, and other material from Ray's lodgings and from the Tip Top Tailors shop, 488 St. Catherine street west, where he bought clothing and had a jacket altered.

Investigators also visited Ray's waterfront haunts but apparently had little success in discovering anyone who remembered him.

One thing which police overlooked was the night spent by Ray in the motel Bourgarde on Harwood boulevard in Dorion where he used the Rayns alias.

Mr. Richer told The Star that he was never contacted by anyone, police or journalists, about the subject until he received a visit from two Star reporters,

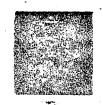
Operators of other Dorion motels, including Le Pavillon and the Miss Dorion said that they had been interrogated about the night of July 17, 1967.



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### GENERAL INVESTIGATIY DIVISION

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr. 4 The attached states that information has been received that one who claims to be a correspondent of radio America and the British Broadcasting Company in New York City, allegedly has a tape of an interview between James Earl Ray and an unknown individual regarding the details of a pay-off of the assassin-The interview is alleged to have taken place three months before the assassination. (Assassination April 4, 1968) 😿 U

We do not have any information that

such a tape exists.

In view of the manner in which this information has been received, we are instructing our New York Office to determine if does exist, his affiliations, and to closely follow this matter.

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