

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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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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Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Height:	Five Feet Two Inches
Weight:	One Hundred Fifty Pounds
Hair:	Brown
Eyes:	Brown
United States Marine	
Corp Number:	1684104
Social Security Number:	[REDACTED]
Scars or Marks:	USMC Tattooed on Left Arm Four-Inch Scar on Chest