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Mr. Bishop:

RE: BOOKS BY IAN FLEMING
AUTHOR OF THE JAMES BOND SERIES

Pursuant to Mr. DeLoach's instructions, we have checked the February, 1968, edition of "Paperbound Books in Print," as well as the 1967 edition of "Books in Print," and have determined that Ian Fleming is the author of the following 18 books:

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| 1. Casino Royale | 10. Man With The Golden Gun |
| 2. Chitty-Chitty-Bang-Bang | 11. Moonraker |
| 3. The Diamond Smugglers | 12. More Gilt-Edged Bonds |
| 4. Diamonds Are Forever | 13. Octopussy |
| 5. Doctor No | 14. On Her Majesty's Secret Service |
| 6. For Your Eyes Only | 15. Spy Who Loved Me |
| 7. From Russia With Love | 16. Thrilling Cities |
| 8. Goldfinger | 17. Thunderball |
| 9. Live & Let Die | 18. You Only Live Twice |

In connection with the Martin Luther King case, there has been some speculation that James Earl Ray concocted the alias of Eric Starvo Galt by combining the names of characters from Ian Fleming books and from the book "Atlas Shrugged" by Ayn Rand. This speculation is based upon the fact that in Ian Fleming's series of James Bond books, an individual named Ernst Stavro Blofeld is one of the most formidable adversaries who confronts James Bond. Ernst Stavro Blofeld, for example, appears in "Thunderball," "On her Majesty's Secret Service" and elsewhere in the James Bond series. It will be noted, however, that there is a significant difference between Eric Starvo Galt and Ernst Stavro Blofeld.

Ayn Rand's book "Atlas Shrugged" was published in 1957 and is more than 1,100 pages long. The book begins on page 1 with the question, "Who is John Galt?" (Galt is characterized in this book as a

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social "drop-out"--a person who has withdrawn from society because he resents the "leeches" who habitually take from, but do not contribute to, the body politic.) It is interesting to note that a person named Eric Starnes also is mentioned in "Atlas Shrugged." On 321 of this book, a chief of police in Louisiana is quoted as stating as follows about the Starnes family:

"There's all sorts of human beings to see in the world, there's murderers and criminal maniacs--but, somehow, I think these Starnes persons are what decent people shouldn't have to see. They're a bad sort.... Yes, they're still here in town--two of them, that is. The third one is dead. Suicide. That was four years ago. Its an ugly story. He was the youngest of the three, Eric Starnes. He was one of those chronic young men who go around whining about their sensitive feelings, when they're well past forty...."

The name Eric Starnes--appearing in a book which starts off with the question "Who is John Galt?"--could prompt some persons to say that James Earl Ray concocted the name Eric Starvo Galt after reading Ayn Rand's "Atlas Shrugged", and that this alias has nothing to do with any of the characters in Ian Fleming's books. Furthermore, these persons could say similarities do exist between James Earl Ray's family and the family of Eric Starnes as described on page 321 of "Atlas Shrugged." Confronted with the above-cited quotation from "Atlas Shrugged," some of these same persons undoubtedly would insist that FBI fugitive James Earl Ray (like Eric Starnes) has committed suicide. (On the other hand, significant differences can be pointed out between Eric Starnes and James Ray. For example, Eric Starnes is described as the youngest of the Starnes; whereas, James Earl Ray was the oldest child in his family.

Attached are lists of the names which appear in 14 of the 18 Ian Fleming books. The other four Ian Fleming books ("Thrilling Cities," "Octopussy," "More Gilt-Edged Bonds" and "Chitty-Chitty-Bang-Bang") are not available in Washington book stores, including stores dealing in paperback books. If desired, we will ask the New York Office to attempt to run down copies of these four books in that city.


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