

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

INSTRUCTIONS - reverse side.

DATE: 4/22/68

Director, FBI (Att: Special Investigation Division)

SAC, BIRMINGHAM (ORI)

Initial Submission

Supplements data previously furnished re following individual by FD-65 dated _____

SUBJECT: JAMES EARL RAY, aka - FUGITIVE
CR - CONSPIRACY

card filed 7-26-67

In order that a fugitive index card may be prepared and information entered in NCIC without delay, the following information is furnished:

Name and aliases: JAMES EARL RAY, aka Eric Starvo Galt, W. C. Herron, Harvey Lowmyer, James McBride, James O'Conner, James Walton, James Walyon, John Willard (NAM) 11 (MKE)

Armed and dangerous 9

Suicidal tendencies

Subject used high-powered rifle in committing murder. 14

Sex (SEX): Male; Race (RAC): White; Birthplace (NAT): Quincy or Alton, Illinois; Birthdate (DOB): 3/10/28 (FBI)

Height (HGT): 5'10"; Weight (WGT): 163-174; Hair (HAIR): Brown; Eyes: Blue; FBI#: 405 942 G

Fingerprint classification: 16 M 9 U 000 12; NCIC Fingerprint classification: M 4 W IOI (FPC)

Other identifying number (MNU); Scars, marks and other identifying remarks (MIS); Social Security number (SOC)

Operator's license number (OLN); State; (OLS); Year expires (OLY)

Offense charged (OFF): Conspiracy to Deprive A Citizen of A Right Guaranteed Under the Constitution

U. S. Code, Title and Section: Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 241

Warrant issued by: USC MILDRED F. SPRAGUE, Birmingham, Alabama on 4/17/68 (DOW)
under alias Eric Starvo Galt

Date PBV or bond default case referred to office; Field office file # (OCA): BH 44-1740; OO: MEMPHIS (MIS); Bufile# 44-38861 (MIS)

LICENSE PLATE AND VEHICLE INFORMATION

License plate # (LIC); State; (LIS); Years expires (LIY); License plate type (LIT)

Vehicle identification # (VIN); Year (VYR); Make (VMA): REC-21; Model (VMO): 44-38861; Style (VST); Color (VCO): 1819

NCIC # (NIC); APR 24 1968

2 - Bureau; 1 - Memphis (44-1987) (NCIC); 1 - National Crime Information Center

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DeLoach ✓
 Mohr ✓
 Bishop ✓
 Casper ✓
 Callahan ✓
 Conrad ✓
 Felt ✓
 Gale ✓
 Rosen ✓
 Sullivan ✓
 Tavel ✓
 Trotter ✓
 Tele. Room ✓
 Holmes ✓
 Gandy ✓

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4 APR 29 1968

(KING)
 WASHINGTON--THE FBI DECLARED TODAY THAT MARTIN LUTHER KING WAS THE VICTIM OF A CONSPIRACY TO KILL HIM. IT NAMED 36-YEAR-OLD ERIC STARVO GALT AS A PARTNER IN THAT CONSPIRACY AND ISSUED A WARRANT FOR HIS ARREST.

THE ANNOUNCEMENT BY ATTY. GEN. RAMSEY CLARK WAS THE FIRST OFFICIAL CONFIRMATION THAT OFFICIALS BELIEVED THAT THE SLAYING OF KING IN MEMPHIS, TENN., ON APRIL 4 WAS THE RESULT OF A CONSPIRACY AND NOT THE WORK OF ONE MAN ACTING ALONE. CLARK HAD FIRST RULED OUT CONSPIRACY.

THE FBI SAID THE CONSPIRACY TO KILL KING INVOLVED AT LEAST ONE OTHER MAN, "AN INDIVIDUAL WHOM HE (GALT) ALLEGED TO BE HIS BROTHER."

IT SAID THE PLOT ORIGINATED ON MARCH 29--SEVEN DAYS BEFORE THE SLAYING--AND THAT GALT WAS REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN IN MEMPHIS ON THE DAY OF THE SLAYING AND THE DAY PRECEDING.

THE FBI PORTRAYED GALT AS A POORLY EDUCATED LONER WITH A TASTE FOR COUNTRY AND WESTERN MUSIC, VODKA, BEER AND DANCING. IT SAID HE SPOKE WITH DICTION REFLECTING A "RURAL" BACKGROUND AND THAT HE CLAIMED TO HAVE WORKED AS A COOK ON MISSISSIPPI RIVER VESSELS AND AS A MERCHANT SEAMAN. HE HAD TAKEN LESSONS IN DANCING AND WAS A GRADUATE OF A BARTENDING SCHOOL.

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 4/26/68 BB*

*We must adhere to "no comment". The
 wild press will be concocting all
 kinds of wild stories & if we start
 answering them we are sunk. The
 press release is all we have to
 say at this time.*

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THE FBI STATEMENT SAID GALT PURCHASED A 1966 WHITE MUSTANG IN BIRMINGHAM, ALA., ON AUG. 30, 1967, AND DROVE 19,000 MILES BETWEEN THEN AND WHEN IT WAS FOUND ABANDONED IN ATLANTA, GA. ON APRIL 11.

WITHOUT EXPLAINING HOW IT KNEW, THE FBI SAID GALT DROVE THE CAR TO LOS ANGELES, NEW ORLEANS, BIRMINGHAM AND MEXICO BEFORE GOING TO MEMPHIS AND, AFTER THE KILLING, TO ATLANTA.

THE FBI MADE PUBLIC TWO PHOTOGRAPHS OF A MAN IT IDENTIFIED AS GALT AND SAID HE USED THE ALIASES "HARVEY LOWMYER" AND "JOHN WILLARD." IN ONE PHOTOGRAPH HIS EYES WERE CLOSED; IN THE OTHER, A PRINT OF THE FIRST, AN FBI ARTIST HAD SKETCHED IN OPENED EYES.

BUT THE FBI REFUSED TO SAY WHERE OR HOW IT GOT THE PICTURE OR DETAILED INFORMATION ABOUT GALT'S ACTIVITIES, SOME OF IT DATING BACK FOUR YEARS. THE ANNOUNCEMENT WAS HANDED TO REPORTERS AT THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT AND NO QUESTIONS WERE PERMITTED.

GALT WAS DESCRIBED AS A WHITE MAN, BETWEEN 5 FEET 8 INCHES AND 5 FEET 11 INCHES IN HEIGHT, WEIGHING BETWEEN 160 AND 170 POUNDS, WITH A MEDIUM BUILD. HE WAS SAID TO BE A NEAT DRESSER.

IN LEGAL LANGUAGE, THE FBI COMPLAINT FILED IN BIRMINGHAM CHARGED THAT GALT AND THE OTHER MAN "ENTERED INTO A CONSPIRACY WHICH CONTINUED UNTIL ON OR ABOUT APRIL 5, 1968, TO INJURE, OPPRESS, THREATEN OR INTIMIDATE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR."

"IN FURTHERANCE OF THE CONSPIRACY," THE FBI CHARGED, GALT PURCHASED A RIFLE IN BIRMINGHAM ON OR ABOUT MARCH 30.

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Tolson	✓
DeLoach	✓
Mohr	✓
Bishop	✓
Casper	
Callahan	
Conrad	
Felt	
Gale	✓
Rosen	✓
Sullivan	✓
Tavel	✓
Trotter	
Tele. Room	
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ADD SNIPER, BIRMINGHAM (UPI-28)
 IN WASHINGTON, AN FBI SPOKESMAN SAID "THE FBI HAS NO ONE IN
 CUSTODY IN CONNECTION WITH DR. KING'S SLAYING." THE "BROTHER" HAS NOT
 BEEN FORMALLY CHARGED WITH ANY PART IN THE SLAYING.

4/18--TD1022AES

I want "no comment"
 strictly adhered to. We
 have plenty to still do in
 this case & no time to en-
 gage in chatter with any
 irresponsible press which
 is already printing a lot
 of "hogwash".

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