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TELETYPE

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987), ATLANTA (44-2386),
SAN DIEGO (44-387), BIRMINGHAM (44-1740), SPRINGFIELD (44-561),
LAS VEGAS, LOUISVILLE, NEW ORLEANS (157-10653), JACKSON
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574) (12P)

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Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

MURKIN

RE [REDACTED]

AN AGGRESSIVE, PENETRATING, LENGTHY INTERVIEW WAS CONDUCTED
THIS DATE WITH ALLAN O. THOMPSON, MANAGER, ST. FRANCIS HOTEL.
THOMPSON ADVISED HE KNOWS THE INDIVIDUAL, WHOM HE PREVIOUSLY
REFUSED TO IDENTIFY, BY THE NAME OF [REDACTED]... HE ADVISED HE WAS
APPROACHED BY THIS INDIVIDUAL AT THE RABBIT'S FOOT BAR A FEW DAYS
AGO BUT COULD NOT RECALL SPECIFIC DATE. HE SAID THIS INDIVIDUAL
SAID, "YOUR MR. THOMPSON, AREN'T YOU?" AND THEN [REDACTED]
PROCEEDED TO ASK IF THOMPSON WAS INTERESTED IN SPLITTING THE
REWARD MONEY OFFERED IN THE DR. MARTIN KING, JR. MURDER.
THOMPSON SAID HE TOLD THIS INDIVIDUAL HE WAS NOT INTERESTED. DURING
THE COURSE OF SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATION, THOMPSON SAID [REDACTED]
TOLD HIM HE HAD OBSERVED JAMES EARL RAY, AKA ERIC GALT, AND
ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL SITTING TOGETHER, ENGAGED IN CONVERSATION AT
A LOCAL BAR, THE NAME OF WHICH WAS NOT MENTIONED. THOMPSON

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SAID THAT [REDACTED] TOLD HIM RAY CALLED THIS INDIVIDUAL [REDACTED] THOMPSON SAID THE NAME [REDACTED] PROMPTED HIS RECOLLECTION OF EVENTS AS SET OUT IN LA TEL OF FIVE TWENTY EIGHT SIXTY EIGHT, THAT IS, RAY BEING CALLED TWICE, POSSIBLE THREE TIMES, BY [REDACTED] [REDACTED] FROM NEW ORLEANS AND ATLANTA.

THOMPSON SAID THAT HE HAS SEEN [REDACTED] ON AN INFREQUENT BASIS VICINITY OF THE HOLLYWOOD AND WESTERN AREA, LOS ANGELES, DURING THE PAST SIX MONTHS. HE ADVISED HE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF ASSOCIATES OF [REDACTED], HIS RESIDENCE, PAST OR PRIOR, HIS AUTOMOBILE, OR HIS EMPLOYMENT, IF ANY. THOMPSON SAID AT SOME TIME AFTER THE FIRST OF THE YEAR, HE BELIEVES HE EXPELLED [REDACTED] AND ANOTHER CAUCASIAN MALE FROM THE PARKING LOT OF THE ST. FRANCIS WHERE THEY WERE SLEEPING IN AN AUTOMOBILE. THOMPSON SAID IT WAS ON THIS OCCASION THAT HE LEARNED OF THIS INDIVIDUALS NAME IN THAT THE PERSON WITH WHOM HE WAS SLEEPING CALLED HIM [REDACTED] THOMPSON ADVISED HE BELIEVED THIS INDIVIDUAL WAS THE SUBJECT OF A WARRANT FOR HIS ARREST BECAUSE WHEN THOMPSON TOLD HIM TO CONTACT THE FBI, [REDACTED] TOLD HIM THAT HE COULDN'T. HE DESCRIBED [REDACTED] AS CAUCASIAN MALE, THIRTY SEVEN - FORTY TWO, FIVE FEET EIGHT INCHES, ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY FIVE POUNDS, BROWN HAIR WORN SHORT AS IN CREW CUT, HABITUALLY WEARS SPORT SHIRT WITH CHEAP SLACKS.

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THOMPSON SAID WHENEVER AND WHEREVER HE OBSERVES [REDACTED] HE WILL IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY THE FBI.

THOMPSON REITERATED THE INFORMATION AS SET OUT IN LA TELETYPE. HE ADDED ONLY THAT HE BELIEVES THE VOICE OF THE PERSON CALLING ON THE TELEPHONE WHO IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS [REDACTED] AND THE VOICE OF THE PERSON WHO IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS [REDACTED] AT THE ST. FRANCIS HOTEL AFTER THE TELEPHONE CALLS, TO BE IDENTICAL. HE SAID THAT ON ONE OCCASION HE HEARD THE OPERATOR AND A PERSON WHOM SHE CALLED [REDACTED] CONVERSE AS TO WHETHER OR NOT HE WOULD LEAVE A MESSAGE FOR GALT.

THOMPSON VIEWED THE FBI FACIAL IDENTIFICATION CATALOG IN *aid* EFFORT TO OBTAIN AN ARTIST'S CONCEPTION OF [REDACTED]

THOMPSON DESCRIBED HIMSELF AS CAUCASIAN MALE, BORN [REDACTED] AT [REDACTED] FIVE FOOT ELEVEN INCHES, ONE SIXTY POUNDS, BROWN GREYING HAIR, PARTIALLY BALD, HAZEL EYES, USMC NINETEEN FORTY TWO - NINETEEN FORTY SIX.

THOMPSON CLAIMS HE HAS FURNISHED ALL INFORMATION IN THIS MATTER CONCERNING BOTH [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] HE STATES THAT HE BELIEVES THAT HE COULD IDENTIFY A PHOTOGRAPH OF [REDACTED] EFFORTS TO LOCATE [REDACTED] ARE CONTINUING. — *press this file*

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RESULTS OF IDENTIFICATION CATALOG REGARDING [REDACTED]
ARE AS FOLLOWS.

- A. K A FOUR - TWELVE
- B. K B ONE - ONE
- C. K C ONE - FIVE
- D. K D ONE - TWO
- E. K E THREE - FOURTEEN
- F. K F ONE - ONE
- G. K G ONE - SEVEN
- H. K H TWO - ONE
- J. K J FIVE - THREE
- K. K K FOUR - SEVEN
- L. ZERO
- M. ZERO
- N. O N ONE - TEN

GENERAL DESCRIPTION IS SEX- MALE, AGE THIRTY FIVE- FORTY
RACE CAUCASIAN, COMPLEXION- COARSE SKIN, DARK, HEIGHT FIVE FT.
SEVEN INCHES - FIVE FT. EIGHT INCHES, WEIGHT ONE FORTY - ONE FIFTY,
SLENDER BUILD, COLOR OF EYES DARK, COLOR OF HAIR DARK.

FURNISH RESULT TO LOS ANGELS AND INTERESTED OFFICES.
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ALLAN O. THOMPSON was interviewed at the St. Francis Hotel, his place of employment. After being advised of the identity of the contacting Agents, he was interviewed regarding his knowledge of the identity of a person allegedly having knowledge of JAMES EARL RAY, who THOMPSON previously refused to identify. During the course of the interview, it became necessary to advise THOMPSON of the provisions of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1001.

THOMPSON advised that he knows the individual whom he previously refused to identify by the name of "FITZ." He said he was approached by this individual at the Rabbit's Foot Bar, 5623 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, a few days prior to the date of the present interview. THOMPSON said he could not recall the specific date. He said this individual said, "You're Mr. THOMPSON aren't you?" and then proceeded to ask if THOMPSON was interested in splitting the reward money offered as a result of the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr. THOMPSON said he told this individual he was not interested. During the course of subsequent conversation, THOMPSON said "FITZ" told him he had observed JAMES EARL RAY, also known as Eric Starvo Galt, and another individual sitting together, engaged in conversation at a local bar, the name of which was not mentioned by "FITZ." THOMPSON said that "FITZ" told him that RAY called this individual "J.C." THOMPSON said the nickname "J.C." prompted his recollection of events as he related during the course of an interview on May 28, 1968, that is, RAY being called twice, possibly three times, by JAMES C. HARDIN from New Orleans and Atlanta.

THOMPSON said that he has seen "FITZ" on an infrequent basis in the vicinity of Hollywood Boulevard and Western Avenue, Los Angeles, California, during the past six months. He advised he has no knowledge of the associates of "FITZ," his residence, past or prior; his automobile; or his employment, if any.

THOMPSON said at some time after the first of the year he expelled "FITZ" and another Caucasian male from the parking lot of the St. Francis Hotel where they were sleeping

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THEODORE M. GARDNER (DCL:jmk) Date dictated 6/3/68

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in an automobile. THOMPSON said it was on this occasion that he learned of this individual's name in that the person with whom he was sleeping called him "FITZ."

THOMPSON advised he believes "FITZ" to be the subject of a warrant for his arrest because when THOMPSON told him to contact the FBI with his information, "FITZ" told him he could not.

THOMPSON described "FITZ" as follows:

Race	Caucasian
Sex	Male
Age	37 - 42 years
Height	5'8"
Weight	175 pounds
Hair	Brown, worn short, as in a crewcut
Eyes	Unrecalled, possibly dark
Appearance	Habitually wears sport shirt with slacks

THOMPSON said that whenever and wherever he again observes "FITZ," he will immediately notify the FBI.

Concerning the telephonic contact of JAMES EARL RAY by JAMES C. HARDIN, THOMPSON added that he believes the voice of the person who identified himself as JAMES C. HARDIN on the telephone and the voice of the person who identified himself as Mr. HARDIN at the St. Francis Hotel, Los Angeles, California, after these telephone calls, are identical. He said that the only basis for this judgment is his experience in dealing with people over the telephone and across the desk as a hotel manager. THOMPSON advised that on one occasion during a long-distance telephone call for RAY by HARDIN, he remembers having conversation with the long-distance telephone operator and hearing the conversation between the operator and HARDIN. He said that he, therefore, assumes that this telephone call was placed for HARDIN by the operator, rather than being dialed directly as he believes occurred on the other occasions.

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THOMPSON viewed the FBI Facial Identification Catalog in an effort to obtain an artist's conception of JAMES C. HARDIN.

The following description of THOMPSON was obtained by observation and interview:

Sex	Male
Race	Caucasian
Birth Data	December 25, 1913
	Arizona
Height	5'7"
Weight	160 pounds
Hair	Brown and graying, partially bald
Eyes	Hazel
Military Service	U. S. Marine Corps 1942 - 1946 service number unrecalled

THOMPSON advised that he has furnished all the information in his possession concerning "FITZ" and JAMES C. HARDIN. He advised that he believes he could identify a photograph of JAMES C. HARDIN if such a photograph was shown to him.