

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: April 26, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen *fr*

SUBJECT: MURKIN

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
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This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

With respect to the Associated Press article appearing in the "Washington Star," 4/22/68, it is noted that this is the same Associated Press news article on which Frank C. Holloman, Director of Fire and Police, Memphis, wrote to the Director on 4/22/68.

Mr. Holloman advised that the statements attributed by implication to a ranking Memphis Police Officer have been categorically denied by Assistant Chief Bill Price. Our relationship with the Memphis Police and with Mr. Holloman have been excellent particularly in connection with the King murder case.

The Director wrote to Mr. Holloman under date of 4/25/68 expressing appreciation for this excellent cooperation.

ACTION:

This is for your information.

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Ray-Galt Descriptions Vary, Cause Confusion

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — A ranking Memphis police officer acknowledges there are "a whole lot of discrepancies" in official descriptions of the man sought as the sniper slayer of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Asst. Chief Bill Price referred to statements that James Earl Ray, 40, an escaped Missouri convict, and Eric Starvo Galt, first sought in connection with King's April 4 assassination in Memphis, are the same person.

"You don't know what to look for," Price said yesterday as officers here and elsewhere continued their investigation of the slaying. The nationwide man-hunt continues.

The FBI issued a conspiracy warrant Wednesday for Galt, then updated its case Friday by saying a fingerprint comparison showed Galt was really Ray.

The naming of Ray in the case caused confusion, primarily because earlier official statements indicate that Galt and Ray were in different places at the same time.

When Galt was charged as a conspirator in King's death by the bullet, the FBI said the man had taken dancing lessons

in New Orleans in 1964-65. The FBI said later the earlier description should have said Galt reportedly took dancing lessons rather than stating so flatly.

During that time, Ray was in the Missouri State Prison at Jefferson City, serving a 20-year sentence for a 1959 supermarket robbery.

The age of the man also was in conflict.

Witnesses who saw a man in a Memphis rooming house from where the fatal bullet was fired estimated his age as in the late 20s. The FBI, in issuing its warrant for Galt, said he had given his birthdate July 20, 1931. That would make him 36. The FBI said Friday Ray is 40.

The personalities of the two men are sometimes at odds. A prison pal described Ray as virtually a nondrinker. The FBI describes Galt as a fancier of beer and vodka.

There were other differences: Galt: neat appearance. Ray: careless appearance.

Galt: Southern accent. Ray: born in Alton, Ill. No Southern accent.

Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark, who came to Memphis after King was slain, at first ruled out a conspiracy, but then the FBI issued its warrant for Galt on a conspiracy charge.

Police here have their own investigation of the slaying under ways.

One theory within the Memphis department is that Eric Starvo Galt is a myth, painstakingly created by the conspirators as a smoke screen.

"Somebody has muddied the waters," Price said.

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What about this?

- The Washington Post
- Times Herald
- The Washington Daily News
- The Evening Star (Washington) *25*
- The Sunday Star (Washington)
- Daily News (New York)
- Sunday News (New York)
- New York Post
- The New York Times
- The Sun (Baltimore)
- The Worker
- The New Leader
- The Wall Street Journal
- The National Observer
- People's World

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