

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: April 22, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen *AR*

SUBJECT: MURKIN

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Malley
- 1 - Mr. McGowan
- 1 - Mr. Martindale
- 1 - Mr. Long
- 1 - Mr. McDonough
- 1 - Mr. Bishop
- 1 - Mr. Gale

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This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr. *7*

Extensive investigation is continuing to locate and apprehend James Earl Ray who has been identified as the individual that has been using the name Eric Starvo Galt. *141*

Walker Terry Rife, an ex-convict, Quincy, Illinois, advised he knew Ray from 1942 until 1957. During that period Rife said Ray was a thief with no close associates and no permanent fixed address. Rife believed Ray disposed of stolen property through an unknown fence in Peoria, Illinois.

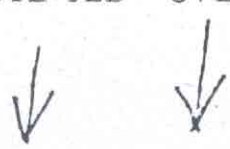
Melba Marie Ryan, sister of Ray, Quincy, Illinois, ~~was interviewed.~~ She denied any recent knowledge of Ray but thought he might return to Germany because he had enjoyed his military duty there and had a girl friend in Germany. Stops are being placed with appropriate German officials.

~~states he knew Ray in Missouri State~~ who requested his identity be protected, claims Ray frequently took injections of a solution made from amphetamines and that the solution was highly nervous and ate little.

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[redacted] also claimed that Ray was a dealer in amphetamine. Once or twice a month Ray would smuggle a letter out of prison arranging for a check to be sent directly to [redacted] an inmate described by [redacted] as the "top con," and as soon as the check cleared [redacted] would give Ray a spoonful of amphetamine which Ray would package in smaller amounts and sell to other inmates. Ray allegedly paid [redacted] \$50 to \$100 for a spoonful. These allegations are being thoroughly checked out.

[redacted] described Ray as a lone wolf who never discussed his background but he did make many anti-Negro statements. He was also an avid reader of sex books and "girlie" magazines. [redacted]

It has previously been reported that when Ray was in Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico, 10/19/67 - 11/13/67, he asked a Mexican bartender about buying marijuana. [redacted] has now been located at Guadalajara, Jalisco, and has furnished the following information.

[redacted] met Ray at Puerto Vallarta [redacted] at Hotel Posada Vallarta. They lived together for five days but broke up because he wanted her to buy marijuana for him. Ray made several trips to Yalapa, a nearby resort area frequented by hippies, allegedly to buy marijuana. [redacted] described Ray as a complete introvert, always tired, and a possible mental case. He spoke no Spanish and constantly used a dictionary to converse with her. He said he could remain in Puerto Vallarta for as long as two months if he wanted to. Investigation in Mexico is continuing.

On 4/20/68, [redacted] who requested his identity be protected, advised he received the following information: [redacted] James David Dailey harbored Ray for a brief time after his escape from prison in April, 1967, and that if Ray is now in Missouri, he would probably be on a farm owned by Dailey [redacted]

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Upon interview Dailey denied any knowledge of the subject and denied ever harboring or knowing him. Dailey also denied ever owning or having access to a farm. Dailey admitted that he had once given \$100 to [REDACTED] a childhood friend who was an escapee at the time, and that [REDACTED] was aware of this. He suspects [REDACTED] of being an informant for the police department and suspects [REDACTED] has falsely alleged he is harboring Ray. Extensive investigation has not developed any indication that Ray is in the [REDACTED] areas.

[REDACTED] stated that when Ray was in the County Jail at Kansas City, Missouri, (1955), Ray had a close friend who had previously served time with Ray at Menard, Illinois. This friend visited Ray frequently and supplied him with spending money. [REDACTED] said Ray had an Italian contact who was a big man in the Syndicate between Kansas City and Chicago and who handled stolen money orders and travelers checks. Another friend of Ray's, [REDACTED], was a fence in New Orleans who was fiftyfive or sixty years old in 1955.

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[REDACTED] at Missouri State Penitentiary from 1960 to 1962 Ray allegedly mentioned on numerous occasions that there was a bounty of \$1,000,000 on Martin Luther King and if he got out of prison before King was killed he would make every effort to make the necessary contacts to collect the bounty.

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[REDACTED] requested his identity be protected but it is known that he has also been talking to the press. His allegations are being checked out.

ACTION:

All aspects of this investigation are being reported to [REDACTED].