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To CPD Assassination of #13
Folk Martin Luther King Jr.

It is noted that a
complaint was filed before the
US Commissioner at Birmingham
Alabama on 4/7/68 charging
the subject James Earl Ray, under
the name Eric Starvo Galt, with
a violation of Title 18

Section 241, United States Code

James Earl Ray is presently
serving a 99 year sentence
in a Tennessee State Prison on his
guilty plea to the murder of
Martin Luther King, Jr.

Of ^{unsuccessfully} ~~unsuccessfully~~ ^{used}

Ray has ~~had~~ ^{had} numerous
venues of appeal in ~~the~~ ^{the} 7 ~~in~~
state courts and ~~no~~ ^{no} federal
prosecutive action has been taken
since his ~~guilty~~ ^{guilty} plea on March 10, 1969

^{was} ~~was~~ ^{retraced}
Apprehension in England on 6/8/68.

~~In light of this~~

Ray has pursued ~~in~~ various
avenues of appeal in ~~state~~
Tenn State Courts and presently
has pending a petition under
the Tenn "Post Conviction Relief
Act."

Ray has exhausted other avenues
of appeal in ~~state~~ Tenn state courts
and has pending a petition under the
Tenn State "Post Conviction Relief
Act."

~~Except for one final~~
~~although~~ Ray has exhausted all
avenues of appeal in Tenn State
and has pending a petition under
the "Post Conviction Relief Act"
The ~~prosecutor~~ has advised ~~the~~
~~prosecutor~~

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The New York Times pointed out that well-known writers and publishers continue to contact the FBI in connection with our investigation, which led to the identification & apprehension of James Earl Ray, & we have continued to decline their requests for assistance in publishing a factual account of this investigation. Since the Department has now acceded to the demands of Harold Heisberg, an author who has been critical of the ~~FBI~~ various government agencies in the past, for release of considerable pertinent information developed in this investigation, you are requested to give consideration to dropping of the actual press against Ray.