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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: HOWARD H. RICE
Date: 5/13/68
Office: Newark, New Jersey

Field Office File #: 44-854
Bureau File #: 44-38861

Title: JAMES EARL RAY;
REVEREND MARTIN LUTHER KING - VICTIM
IO #4182, WF #442-A

Character: CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY
UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID CONFINEMENT - ARMED ROBBERY

Synopsis:

Investigation at the Locksmithing Institute, Little Falls, NJ, revealed that an individual using the name ERIC S. GALT enrolled in a correspondence course, July, 1967, with initial correspondence coming from Montreal, Canada. The records indicate changes of address to Los Angeles, Birmingham and Atlanta. The most recent address is in Atlanta as of March, 1968. Investigation at local banks located photograph of payments by GALT to the Locksmithing Institute. These payments were in the form of two (2) Bank of America Money Orders, two (2) US Postal Money Orders and one (1) Canadian Postal Money Order. The FBI Laboratory has concluded that the hand printing and signatures on the material furnished by Locksmithing Institute was prepared by the individual responsible for preparing other specimens in this case attributed to ERIC S. GALT. Laboratory reports set forth. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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DETAILS

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date April 22, 1968

The following information should not be made public in any other manner except in the usual proceedings following the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum.

GEORGE DURYEA, Director, Locksmithing Institute, 1500 Cardinal Drive, Little Falls, New Jersey, provided the following information:

ERIC S. CALF, 2589 Rue Notre Dame Est, Montreal, Canada, Quebec, according to his records enrolled at the Locksmithing Institute, Little Falls, New Jersey, in July, 1967. Mr. DURYEA made available an enrollment form date stamped July 31, 1967, with the heading Locksmithing Institute-Little Falls, New Jersey 07424. The enrollment form was a pre-printed blank containing the following information:

"Please enroll me for the complete course in professional locksmithing (subject to your liberal money back agreement). I agree to follow your plan of teaching and to submit at least one lesson and/or payment each month. I will pay tuition or payment each month. I will pay the tuition fee according to the payment plan below:

"Plan A

"I enclose $10 enrollment fee. I will pay $7.50 with each completed lesson (not less than $7.50 per month) until I have paid $229.50. I may proceed as rapidly as I wish.

"Plan B - Double Quick Plan

"I enclose $25 enrollment fee. I will pay $15 with each completed lesson (not less than $15 per month) until I have paid $219.50. I may proceed as rapidly as I wish. I save $10.

"Plan C

"I enclose $199.50 in full payment. I may proceed as rapidly as I wish and save $30.

On 4/12/68 at Little Falls, New Jersey File # Newark 44-854

SA [redacted] &
SA [redacted] (A) by DSO:DP Date dictated 4/16/68

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"Name	ERIC S. GALT
Street	2589 Rue Notre Dame Est.
City	Montreal, Canada
State	Quebec

"LESSON INCLUDES TOOLS AND SUPPLIES AT NO EXTRA CHARGE."

The above is all hand printed except the middle initial "S" which is written.

The student ledger card in the name of Mr. ERIC S. GALT, 113 14th Street, Northeast, Atlanta, Georgia, disclosed the following information.

In the top right hand corner it shows student number as 3-1-15103, with a date at the top of March 30, 1938.

Mr. DUNNA advised that the Locksmithing Institute had received a change of address for GALT to the aforementioned address on March 30, 1938.

The first payment for the course was recorded on July 31, 1937, and the last payment of $7.50 was recorded on April 8, 1938.

Mr. DUNNA advised that he could provide no information regarding GALT's enrollment.

The following is a confidential information form used by Locksmithing Institute when students enroll for the locksmithing course:

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION
t Locksmithing Institute

Your credentials as a registered Locksmithing Student justify your possession of tools and equipment necessary to pick locks and to perform other work of a highly restricted and confidential nature.

This form is your application to receive such credentials, the tools of your trade, instruction in lock-picking, and in the other secrets of the locksmithing profession. Answer each question completely and return this form promptly.

1. YOUR NAME ERIC S. GALT

   Student Number 30-15189 Telephone Number

2. Age 36 Married Single x Dependents NONE

3. Name of Employer AM TAKING COURSE AT AMERICAN BUSINESS CONSULT-

   Nature of your work ANTS.16010 CRENSHAW, LONG BEACH,CALIF.

4. Have you any specialized training? BACK PAGE

5. Education: Public School High X College Other

6. How do you plan to capitalize on your training?
   Spare-time earnings? Open Your Own Shop?
   Other Plans? X

7. Have you any physical defects? NO

8. List two character references:
   1) Name MRS RITA STEEN
   Address 5666 FRANKLIN.L.A.
   Occupation HOUSEWIFE
   2) Name MRS MARIE DENINNO
   Address 5533 HOLLYWOOD,L.A.
   Occupation WAITRESS

List any other information which you feel we should have in order to help you, on the reverse side of this form.

I, the undersigned, do hereby swear and affirm that I have never been convicted of the crimes of burglary, or breaking and entry, robbery, or grand or petty larceny,

FURTHER, I solemnly swear that I will keep in strict confidence and to myself all of the information that I will receive from the Locksmithing Institute in regard to picking locks; that I will use this information only in the discharge of my duties as a locksmith; that I will never use my knowledge of this subject to aid or abet in the commission of a crime.

Name Eric S. Galt (write) City Los angeles

Address 1535-N-Serrano State Calif Zip Code 90027

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I HAD TRAINING IN THE MILITARY IN ORDINANCE
AND SINCE THEIR IS A SIMULARITY OF THE TWO
I COULD COMBINE THEM IN ONE BUSINESS.

According to Mr. DUNCA, this document is an affidavit filed by the student when he returns his first lesson to the Locksmithing Institute. He has no way of determining when this document might have been received, however, he would assume that it was submitted with the first lesson or else there would be a notation made on the back that his institute had submitted a follow up letter to the student.

In addition to the above documents, he made available two addresses which are as follows:

Mr. ERIC S. GALT
1535 North Serrano
Los Angeles, California 90027

Mr. ERIC S. GALT
2603 Highland Avenue
Birmingham, Alabama 35205

Mr. DUNCA further informed that the order of addresses would have been as follows: the Montreal, Canada, address, the first address that his institute received. The Los Angeles, California, address, the second received. The Birmingham, Alabama, address, the third address and the address on the student ledger card in Atlanta, Georgia, the most recent address which was March 30, 1960.

A search was made of the subscriptions for the Locksmith Ledger which is housed in the same building as the Locksmithing Institute and no subscription could be located under the name ERIC S. GALT.

Mr. DUNCA advised that everything, including lessons, payments, letters or any correspondence of any nature, received by the Locksmithing Institute or Locksmith Ledger would be immediately maintained by him and given to the Federal Bureau of Investigation as soon as possible after it is received.

In the event the above information is to be made public, a subpoena duces tecum should be directed to Mr. Charles DUNCA, Director, Locksmithing Institute, 1500 Cardinal Drive, Little Falls, New Jersey, 07424.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 25, 1963

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The following information should not be made public in any other manner than the usual proceedings following the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum.

GEORGE KORVEA, Director, Locksmithing Institute, 1500 Cardinal Drive, Little Falls, New Jersey, made available a white envelope postmarked Montreal, Canada, with the Roman numeral VII, 1967. The envelope bore a return address of [illegible] S. GANN, 2000 Rue Notre Dame, followed by the abbreviation, P.Q.T., Montreal, Canada, Quebec. The envelope was mailed to Locksmithing Institute, Little Falls, New Jersey, USA 07424. The address on envelope was hand-printed and has been submitted to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Laboratory, and Identification Division, for examination.

In the event the above information is to be made public, a subpoena duces tecum should be directed to GEORGE KORVEA, Director, Locksmithing Institute, 1500 Cardinal Drive, Little Falls, New Jersey.

On 4/15/63 at Little Falls, NJ File Newark 44-954

by FA [illegible] G. GANN /cg Date dictated 4/19/63

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Date May 1, 1963

The following information should not be made public in any other manner than the normal proceeding following the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum.

GEORGE BIENEA, Director, Locksmithing Institute, 1500 Cardinal Drive, Little Falls, New Jersey, made available the following items to SA JAMES R. LAUGHLIN and SA DON G. CHENG:

1. Coupon to locksmith ledger, Little Falls, New Jersey, requesting the padlock handbook bearing the typewritten name and address of REXE S. CAMP, 1535-H-SHERMAN, Los Angeles, California.

2. Four (4) green payment coupons to Locksmithing Institute, Little Falls, New Jersey, showing payment for lessons six through nine. Coupons six through eight bore the handprinted address of 1535-H-SHERMAN, Los Angeles, California, and the handprinted name of REXE S. CAMP. Coupon for lesson number nine bore the handprinted address of 113-14th Street, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia.

3. Envelope postmarked April 9, 1963, Little Falls, New Jersey, from 1500 Cardinal Drive, Little Falls, New Jersey, and marked "Moved, left no address." The envelope contained a white examination certificate bearing the address of CAMP in the upper left hand corner and the letter grade of B plus in the upper right hand corner. This examination certificate was for lesson number eight.

4. Envelope postmarked April 10, 1963, Little Falls, New Jersey, from 1500 Cardinal Drive, Little Falls, New Jersey, and marked "Moved, left no address." The envelope contained a white examination certificate bearing the address of CAMP in the upper left hand corner and the letter grade of A in the upper right hand corner. This examination certificate was for lesson number nine.

5. Five (5) fingerprint cards of key personnel who might have handled the above material. These cards are

On 4/29/63 at Little Falls, New Jersey File # Newark 44-354

by SA DON G. CHENG and SA JAMES R. LAUGHLIN DGC/jz Date dictated 4/25/63

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for the following persons:

BOYD HENRY GILLEN

ANNIE DELORES JAMES

TRUDY ROBERTA DE FINIS

LYN CASHNELLI MENZIES

GEORGE FLOYD DURYEA

The above material has been submitted to the FBI Laboratory for appropriate examination.

If the above information is to be made public, a subpoena should be directed to GEORGE DURYEA, Director, Locksmithing Institute, 1500 Cardinal Drive, Little Falls, New Jersey.

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Date April 22, 1968

EDWIN LEAHILL, Cashier, Bank of Bloomfield, 554 Bloomfield Avenue, made available Recordak film which photographically recorded a film record of all the checks and other negotiable instruments handled by the above bank during the following pertinent periods:

7/28 - 8/3/67
8/3 - 3/10/67
1/3 - 1/12/68
1/31 - 2/6/68
3/11 - 3/12/68
4/3 - 4/10/68

The above-described Recordak film records were visually reviewed on a Recordak 310 Film Reader and the following information was developed:

Recordak Film Pack Dated January 8 - 12, 1968

Bank of America Money Order #0799 18 037, in the amount of $15, purchased at the Hollywood-Western Branch, Hollywood, California, and payable through the National Trust and Savings Association, Hollywood, California, issued on January 8, 1968, payable to Locksmithing Institute, purchaser ERIC S. GALT, date of deposit January 10, 1968, account number listed on the bottom of the right-hand corner of the check 7998 85000 and account number listed on the left-hand corner bottom of the check 018037 1223 1007.

Recordak Film Pack Including Date of March 6, 1968

Bank of America Money Order #0799 19 701, in the amount of $7.50, purchased at the Hollywood-Western Branch, Hollywood, California, drawn on the National Trust and Savings Association, Hollywood, California, payable to Locksmithing Institute, dated February 26, 1968, purchaser's name listed as ERIC S. GALT, account number on right-hand bottom of check listed as 7998 85000 and account number listed on left-hand bottom of check 019701 1223 1007, deposited on March 6, 1968.

On 4/15/68 at Bloomfield, New Jersey File # Newark 44-864

SAs UDO H. SPECHT

by and CHARLES D. KUNZ UHS/jtm Date dictated 4/16/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 29, 1968

Records of the Fidelity Union Trust Company, 765 Broad Street, contain the following items which were received in regular deposits on the dates indicated from the Bank of Bloomfield, 554 Bloomfield Avenue, Bloomfield, New Jersey, a corresponding bank:

Deposit dated July 31, 1967

Canadian Postal Money Order #C31000868, in the sum of $17.50, signed ERIC GALT.

Deposit dated March 11, 1968

U.S. Postal Money Order #19162211078, dated stamped March 8, 1968, in the sum of $15.00, payable to Locksmithing Institute, Little Falls, New Jersey, and signed ERIC S. GALT.

Deposit dated April 8, 1968

U.S. Postal Money Order #5615557923, date stamped March 28, 1968, in the sum of $7.50, payable to Locksmithing Institute, Little Falls, New Jersey, and signed ERIC S. GALT.

The above information is not to be made public except in a usual proceeding following the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum. In the event this information is necessary for court purposes, a subpoena should be directed to any officer of the Fidelity Union Trust Company.

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On 4/22/68 at Newark, New Jersey File # Newark 44-864

by SAA CHARLES H. DUNCAN, JR. /lgd Date dictated 4/26/68

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The following are the results of an FBI Laboratory Report dated April 17, 1968:

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REPORT
of the

LABORATORY

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Re: MURKIN
CR

Date: April 17, 1968
FBI File No. 44-38861
Lab. No. D-560665 JK
D-560666 JK
D-560667 JK

Specimens received from Los Angeles, 4/12/68

Q127 White envelope bearing typewritten address "MR DALE L. DYKEMA, Receiver 3325 Wilshire Boulevard Los Angeles, California. 90005." postmarked "Los Angeles California Annex JA 22 AM 1968"

Q128 Typewritten letter dated 1/21/68, beginning "DEAR SIR, I AM WRITING..." and signed "Eric S. Galt"

Q129 Letter dated 12/21/67, addressed to "Eric Galt 1535 North Serrano, Hollywood, California," beginning "Dear Mr. Galt: As you know..." and signed "Dale L. Dykema"

Specimens received from Chicago, 4/12/68

Q130 Typewritten letter dated 10/5/67, beginning "Dear Sir: I received..." and signed "Eric S. Galt"

Q131 Typewritten letter dated 10/22/67, beginning "Dear Sir, I ordered four..." and signed "Eric S. Galt"

Q132 Typewritten letter dated 11/20/67, beginning "Dear Sir, While in Birmingham..." and signed "Eric S. Galt"

Q133 Order Blank of the Superior Bulk Film Co., Chicago, Ill. for order in the amount of $337.24, to be shipped to Eric S. Galt, 2608 Highland Ave., Birmingham, Alabama

ALSO SUBMITTED: Six miscellaneous items of correspondence of the Superior Bulk Film Co.

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Specimens received from Newark, 4/13/68

Q134 Enrollment Form of the Locksmithing Institute, Little Falls, N. J., dated 7/31/67, in the name "Eric S. Galt"

Q135 "Confidential Information" form of the Locksmithing Institute, bearing the signature "Eric S. Galt"

Result of examination:

The "Eric S. Galt" signatures on Q128, Q130, Q131, Q132 and Q135 were prepared by the writer of the signatures in this name appearing on items previously submitted in this case.

The typewritten impressions appearing on Q127, Q128, Q130, Q131, Q132 and Q135 were found to be the same style of type but the lack of identifying defects precluded a determination as to whether the same typewriter prepared all of these items; however, no significant differences were noted between the impressions appearing on these items. The style of type appearing on these specimens conforms to a standard for Royal pica style of type spaced ten letters to the inch. This style of type also appears on a typewriter sold under the Singer name.

It was determined that the hand printing appearing the Q133 order blank and the Q134 enrollment form was prepared by the same individual. No questioned hand printing appears on the other items received.

Indented impressions were noted on the reverse side of the Q128 letter. The names "Ray," "Galt" and "Rily" and numerals "ET3623" were some of the notations interpreted on this item. [illegible] the indented

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The following are the results of an FBI Laboratory Report dated April 19, 1968:

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REPORT
of the
LABORATORY
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Re: MURKIN
CR

Date: April 19, 1968
FBI File No. 44-38861
Lab. No. D-560919 JK
D-560789 JK

Specimens received 4/16/68, from FBI, Newark

Q215 White envelope postmarked "Montreal, P.Q., VII, 1967," bearing return address "Eric S. Galt 2589 - Rue Notre Dame Est. Montreal, Canada, Quebec" and hand printed address "Locksmithing Institute Little Falls, New Jersey, U. S. A. 07424"

Specimen received 4/15/68, from FBI, Chicago

K35 Nine sheets of paper bearing known handwriting and hand printing of GINGER NANCE

Result of examination:

It was concluded that the hand printing appearing on the Q215 envelope was prepared by the individual responsible for the preparation of the hand printing on the Locksmithing Institute Enrollment Form and the Superior Bulk Film Company order blank which were previously submitted in this matter.

No significant indented impressions were noted on this envelope.

Except for the word "broult" it was concluded that the questioned writings on Q118 (torn "Kleenex box") were prepared by GINGER NANCE, K35. Similarities were also noted between the word "broult" and the known writings of NANCE but the lack of known writing precluded a definite opinion from being reached.

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The following are the results of an FBI Laboratory Report dated April 23, 1968:

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REPORT
of the

LABORATORY

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: April 23, 1968
FBI File No. 44-38861
Lab. No. D-561211 JK

Re: MURKIN
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Specimens received 4/20/68

Q248 Payment coupon #6 of the Locksmithing Institute bearing hand printed name and address "Eric S. Galt, 1535 N. Serrano, L.A. Calif."

Q249 Payment coupon #7 of the Locksmithing Institute bearing hand printed name and address "Eric S. Galt, 1535 N. Serrano, L.A. Calif."

Q250 Payment coupon #8 of the Locksmithing Institute bearing hand printed name and address "Eric S. Galt, 1535 N. Serrano, L.A. Calif."

Q251 Payment coupon #9 of the Locksmithing Institute bearing hand printed name and address "Eric S. Galt, 113-14th St., N.E. Atlanta-Ga."

Q252 Order blank for the "Locksmith Ledger" bearing typewritten name and address "Eric S. Galt"

Q253 Envelope postmarked "Little Falls, N.J., Apr.-9'68" with enclosed "Lesson #8" of the Locksmithing Institute, bearing typewritten name and address for Eric S. Galt

Q254 Envelope postmarked "Little Falls, N.J., Apr.-10'68" with enclosed "Lesson #9" of the Locksmithing Institute, bearing typewritten name and address for Eric S. Galt

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Result of examination:

It was concluded that the questioned hand printing appearing on Q248, Q249, Q250 and Q251 was prepared by the individual responsible for preparing other hand printing on specimens in this case attributed to Eric S. Galt.

The typewritten impressions appearing on Q252, Q253 and Q254 are similar in style to those appearing on other items received in this matter believed to have emanated from Eric S. Galt, but the lack of identifying defects precluded a definite determination as to whether the same typewriter was used to prepare all of these items; however, no significant differences were noted.

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The following are the results of an FBI Laboratory Report dated April 26, 1968:

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REPORT
of the
LABORATORY
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

MK 44-1987

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: April 26, 1968
FBI File No. 44-38861
Lab. No. D-561586 JK

Re: MURKIN
CR

Specimens received 4/24/68

Qc288 Photocopy of Canadian Money Order #C 31,600,868, in the amount of $17.50, signed "Eric Galt"

Result of examination:

Although the photocopy, Qc288, lacks the quality necessary for a satisfactory comparison, some differences were noted between the writing appearing on the face of this item when compared with the writings appearing on specimens submitted in this case.

Some features noted on Qc288 which might give an indication of its place of purchase are a stamp with the wording "Montreal 28 VII 67;" the number of the money order, "C-31,600,868;" the printed name "Hector Cormier" at the bottom of the money order and the initials "M." or "N." "D." on the bottom line to the right of the printed Cormier name.

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By communicated dated April 23, 1968, the FBI Laboratory advised as follows:

Two latent fingerprints of value developed on envelope, Q253, and two latent fingerprints developed on envelope, Q254. One of the latent fingerprints on Q253 and one of the latent fingerprints on Q254 have been identified as fingerprints submitted for elimination purposes of GEORGE FLOYD DURYEA. The two remaining latent fingerprints are not identical with the fingerprints submitted for elimination purposes or of the fingerprints of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #405942G.

The latent fingerprint previously reported on the white envelope bearing hand printed address in part "Locksmithing Institute," Q215, has been identified as a fingerprint of LYNN CASHBELLI MENZIES, who is an employee of the Locksmithing Institute.