

24 OCT 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Supplementary Information on James Earl Ray

REFERENCE: DDO Memorandum for DCI dated 23 October 1975
Subject: Background for Rather Interview -
James Earl Ray

Dick Ober (then in CI) who wrote all the early Ray cables, recalls that he had numerous discussions with the FBI on the matter, and is certain that whatever we did was undertaken at the request of the FBI. Because of the fast moving situation, most of his discussions with the FBI were on the phone, and not the subject of written memoranda. The paper clipped outgoing cable in referring to Eric Galt (the man initially identified by the FBI as the assassin of Dr. King) requests "addressees make every effort determine if Galt is or has been in your area. Information para one should be passed to liaison and any other likely sources. FBI requests that any information reported be evaluated as to reliability and that as much detail as possible be provided. Cable any positive reply priority to HQS. and pass to legal attache if any in your country." There is a scribbled note in the file, presumably in Ober's hand, which reads: "4. Ray fingerprints: FBI agreed to my proposal we send to field for liaison." Ober, also logically points out that the FBI would not have provided us later with a fingerprint formula (see attached cable), a detailed physical description and photos unless they wanted this passed on to overseas liaison services. (Note that our cables did not go, for example, to Ottawa or Mexico City?)



David H. Blee
Associate Deputy Director
for Operations

Attachments

EO-IMPDET
CL BY 035768

This document is made available through the declassification efforts
and research of John Greenewald, Jr., creator of:

The Black Vault



The Black Vault is the largest online Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) document clearinghouse in the world. The research efforts here are responsible for the declassification of hundreds of thousands of pages released by the U.S. Government & Military.

Discover the Truth at: <http://www.theblackvault.com>

MESSAGE FORM
TOTAL COPIES: 2

SECRET

ROUTING AND/OR INITIALS - SEEN BY

1		6
2		7
3		8
4		9
5		10

ORIG: Richard Ober
UNIT: CIOP/DO
EXT: 6537
DATE: 18 Apr 68

CABLE SECRETARIAT DISSEMINATION

BY: *28* PER *ORIGINATOR*

INDEX DESTROY RETURN TO _____ BRANCH FILE RIC
 NO INDEX FILE IN CS FILE NO.

CONF: *28* RID COPY

INFO: FILE, VR *CS/RF, DCI, D/DCI, DDP*

ADDP, C/EUR, C/WH, C/FE, C/NE

SECRET

19 01 32 Z

(elite) (reference number) 92664
CITE DIRECTOR

TO PRIORITY NO NIGHT ACTION

Book

ASUNCION, BANGKOK, [] BEIRUT, BERLIN, BERN, BOGOTA,
CARACAS []
BRASILIA, BRUSSELS, BUENOS AIRES, ~~CARACAS~~, []
FRANKFURT, GENEVA, GEORGETOWN, GUATEMALA CITY,
[] THE HAGUE, HAMBURG, ~~HAMBURG~~, [] HONG KONG,
KINGSTON, LA PAZ, LIMA, LONDON, MADRID, MANAGUA, MONTEVIDEO,
[] LISBON, MANILA, MUNICH, [] PANAMA CITY, PARIS,
PORT AU PRINCE, PORT OF SPAIN, PORTO ALEGRE, QUITO, RECIFE,
RAWALPINDI, RIO DE JANEIRO, ROME, SAN JOSE, SANTO DOMINGO,
SAN SALVADOR, SANTIAGO, SANTIAGO DE LOS CABALLEROS, SAO PAULO,
STOCKHOLM, TEGUCIGALPA, TOKYO, VIENNA, ZURICH

RYBAT WOMUSE

1. FOLLOWING INFORMATION FURNISHED BY LNERGO

CONCERNING SUSPECTED ASSASSIN OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

NAME ERIC STARVO GALT, ALIAS HARVEY LOWMYER, ALIAS JOHN

WILLARD, BORN 20 JULY 1931, HEIGHT FIVE FEET EIGHT INCHES TO

RELEASING OFFICER

COORDINATING OFFICERS
SECRET

GROUP 1
Excluded from automatic
downgrading and
declassification

RAY
" Assassin
" CSO
AUTHENTICATING OFFICER

MESSAGE FORM
TOTAL COPIES:

SECRET

ROUTING AND/OR INITIALS - SEEN BY

1		6
2		7
3		8
4		9
5		10

UNIT:
EXT:
DATE:

CABLE SECRETARIAT DISSEMINATION

INDEX DESTROY RETURN TO _____ BRANCH FILE R
 NO INDEX FILE IN CS FILE NO.

BY _____ PER _____ # _____

CONF: RID COPY

INFO:
FILE _____ VR _____

(classification)

(date and time filed)

(elite) _____
(reference number)

CITE DIRECTOR

92664

TO []

LNERGO REQUESTS THAT ANY INFORMATION REPORTED BE EVALUATED AS TO RELIABILITY AND THAT AS MUCH DETAIL AS POSSIBLE BE PROVIDED. CABLE ANY POSITIVE REPLY PRIORITY TO HQS AND PASS TO LEGAL ATTACHE IF ANY ^{IN} ~~AT~~ YOUR COUNTRY.

DC/CI (in draft)

(Mr. Hunt)

E/COPS *[Signature]*

WH/FI (by phone)

(Mr. Smyth)

DC/FE (by phone)

(Mr. Smith)

DDP *Richard Obo*
by direction/s.H.

for C/NE *[Signature]*

ECI/OP/DO *[Signature]*

RELEASING OFFICER

COORDINATING OFFICERS
SECRET

GROUP 1
Excluded from automatic
downgrading and
declassification

AUTHENTICATING OFFICER

REPRODUCTION BY OTHER THAN THE ISSUING OFFICE IS PROHIBITED.

COPY NO.