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MOBILE, NEW ORLEANS, OKLAHOMA CITY, PHILADELPHIA,
PHOENIX, PORTLAND, SACRAMENTO, SAN ANTONIO, SEATTLE
FROM MEMPHIS 44-1987 2P

MURKIN; CR; 00: ME.

RE BUREAU TEL TO ABOVE OFFICES, APRIL SIXTEEN, LAST.

ALABAMA DRIVERS LICENSE OF ERIC STARVO GALT
LISTS DESCRIPTION OF WM, BORN [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES, ONE SEVEN FIVE
POUNDS, BLUE EYES, BROWN HAIR.

NEW ORLEANS COMPARE DESCRIPTIONS OF FIFTY WHITE
MALES CONTAINED ON LOUISIANA DRIVERS LICENSES AGAINST
ALABAMA DRIVERS LICENSE DESCRIPTION AND ELIMINATE
OBVIOUS NON-IDENTS. LOCATE REMAINING PERSONS AND
OBTAIN ADEQUATE BACKGROUND AND ADDITIONAL IDENTIFYING
DESCRIPTIVE DATA SUITABLE FOR LOCATION AND LATENT
COMPARISONS BY IDENTIFICATION DIVISION. ASCERTAIN
LOCATION OF LICENSES DURING PERTINENT PERIOD OF THIS
CASE.

OTHER RECEIVING OFFICES SHOULD DO LIKEWISE IF
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DRIVERS LICENSE RECORDS ARE MAINTAINED IN SIMILAR
MANNER IN STATES COVERED BY YOUR OFFICES.

NO INDICATION IS TO BE GIVEN THAT INVESTIGATION
IS IN CONNECTION WITH CAPTIONED CASE.

UNSUB ARMED AND DANGEROUS. P. END.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, DENVER (157-203)

DATE: 4/16/68

FROM : SA LEROY W. GREEN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Bureau teletype to all continental offices dated 4/14/68.

The following investigation was conducted by SA's ROBERT JAMES NELSON and LEROY W. GREEN:

On 4/15/68 Mr. F. MARK, Manager, Mr. ROBERT GOMEZ, supervisor, and MARGIE GOMEZ, teacher, Arthur Murray Dance Studio, 1425 Welton Street, Denver, Colorado, were contacted in order to determine if they had any information concerning ERIC STARVO GALT, Aka Harvey Lowmyer, John Willard.

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TO : SAC (157-203)

DATE: 4-17-68

FROM : SA RIPPE

SUBJECT: MURKING

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PAUL HAMLEN LEDWELL, white, male, born [redacted] Washington, D.C., 5'3", 135 lbs., was arrested last evening at Laramie on CCW charge, was taken before magistrate today, fined \$25, is penniless, and ordered to serve 25 days in lieu of fine. He can be released at any time the fine is paid.

LEDWELL claims to be a jockey, stated he rode at Centennial Track, Denver, in 1967, but was barred, and is enroute back to Denver to obtain re-instatement, as well as lose weight in anticipation of the racing season. LEDWELL had in possession a photo ID showing he was a jockey at the Tucson, Arizona race track. He also claimed to be in the merchant marine, and had U. S. Mariners Document Z-758524-D4, showing he is an ordinary seaman, with residence of 29 Cooleridge, San Francisco.

LEDWELL claimed he had been living in San Francisco during 1968, hitch-hiking to Rawlins, Wyoming, where he spent a few days, and then arrested at Laramie, while enroute Denver.

Hoadley said LEDWELL is "odd acting" had a lot of dexadrine in his possession, which he claimed he was taking to lose weight. Hoadley stated LEDWELL had in his possession a lot of papers, many of which had cryptic notes on them, and one ~~XXXX~~ piece of paper had the name "ERIC S. GAULT" and another paper had the telephone number of the Denver FBI Office.

LEAD - at Laramie

Immediately interview LEDWELL at Laramie jail, determine contents of papers in his possession, and interview concerning GAULT, it being noted LEDWELL may have been shipmate of Gault in Merchant Marine.

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SA Hornback LEDwell
cryptic in speech. pass.
on drugs. + gave signed
reasons for monitor in
possession - see his memo.
Don't see 246*

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TO: DIRECTOR

FROM: SAC, DENVER (157-203)

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RE NEW YORK TEL APRIL SIXTEEN LAST, AND DENVER TEL
APRIL SIXTEEN LAST.

T. W. MINES, V.P., NEODATA, BOULDER, COLORADO, ADVISED
TODAY PHYSICAL CHECK OF ARGOSY MAGAZINE SUBSCRIBERS WOULD
INVOLVE TWO MILLION SUBSCRIBERS, BROKEN DOWN BY CITY AND
STATE, OF SUBSCRIPTION MAILING ADDRESS.

NEODATA CAN WRITE COMPUTER PROGRAM WHICH CAN DETERMINE
WHETHER GALT IS ARGOSY SUBSCRIBER, REGARDLESS OF LOCATION,
AND IF SO WHERE SUBSCRIPTION SENT.

COMPUTER PROGRAM WILL REQUIRE USE OF UNIVAC AND PROGRAM
WOULD COST MINIMUM OF SEVENTY FIVE DOLLARS AND MAXIMUM
OF FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS. PROGRAM HOWEVER COULD BE COMPLETED
BY NEODATA BY APRIL EIGHTEEN NEXT. IN EVENT BUREAU MIGHT
SUBSEQUENTLY DESIRE CHECK OF TWENTY FIVE OTHER MAGAZINE
SUBSCRIPTION LISTS PROCESSED BY NEODATA, SAME PROGRAM
COULD BE UTILIZED AT MINIMUM COST.

BUREAU SUTEL WHETHER OR NOT PROJECT SHOULD BE INITIATED

JHM:hg

Approved: [Signature]

Special Agent in Charge

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*Supervisor HELGESON called 5:25 PM
I said do not initiate
this program at Neodata.
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False Leads Multiplying In King Case

Is Eric Starvo Galt Real?

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — (AP) — Dead-end clues to a man who vanished without a trace apparently confronted FBI agents Tuesday in their investigation of the sniper slaying of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

False leads multiplied in the hunt for Eric Starvo Galt, a mysterious quiet-talking man whose last known address was a Birmingham rooming house. His former landlord said Monday he had identified drawings shown by FBI agents as resembling Eric Galt.

"It's him," said Peter Cherpes, 72, who runs a two-story Southside boarding house where an Eric Galt lived for six weeks last fall.

Galt's abandoned white Mustang was impounded last Thursday by the FBI in Atlanta. It fit the description of a car seen leaving the scene after King was killed April 4 by a sniper firing from a rooming house in Memphis, Tenn.

Memphis witnesses described the suspected assassin, who registered as John Willard at a rooming house opposite King's motel, as about six feet tall and sandy-haired and "a clean, neat man." Apparently no trace of Willard has been found.

Associated Press inquiries turned up blanks.

Is there a real Eric Starvo Galt? the FBI was asked. It declined comment. Neither would the FBI say why Galt was wanted.

The man known as Eric Galt had said he was employed at a Mississippi shipyard, but there was no record of him. He claimed he held a Louisiana driver's license-six years ago, but no record was found in the files.

There are mysteries within the mystery: Galt left the Birmingham boarding house last Oct. 7, saying he had a ship job in Mobile, Ala., but in December, he turned in the keys to his safety deposit box at the Birmingham Trust National Bank.

In addition, a duplicate driver's license for Eric Starvo Galt was mailed to the Birmingham address March 1, nearly seven months after he left, and it appar-

ently vanished. The Birmingham Post Office indicated no forwarding address was left for Galt.

"The papers said he went down March 1 to ask for a duplicate license and he used the same address, which was wrong. He wasn't here," said Cherpes, who recalls Galt as "nice and friendly, quiet."

Cherpes described Galt as about 6 feet, 165-175 pounds with blue eyes and light brown hair, a neat, taciturn man. "If somebody talked to him, he would talk," the landlord recalled.

Galt had a room at the boarding house from Aug. 26 to Oct. 7, 1967, Cherpes said. The rent was \$22.50 a week.

"He registered here that he came from Pascagoula, Miss.," Cherpes said. The boarder said he worked at Ingalls in ship-building jobs, Cherpes added. No record of his employment was found, the company office said Monday at Pascagoula.

"He was here on vacation and he said he was going to stay here about four months," the landlord said. The new boarder usually slept until about 11 a.m., had most of his meals at the rooming house and stayed to himself most of the time.

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The second week after he arrived, Galt bought a car, the 1966 white Mustang, paying cash. He needed a driver's license. "He asked me if I could drive him down to take the test," Cherpes said. "I did."

Called Himself Seaman

On the license application, Galt listed his occupation as "merchant seaman, unemployed." Maritime unions have no record of his name, nor was he drawing unemployment pay from the state.

About a week later, the landlord recalled, Galt got a package in the mail from Chicago: a box about two feet long, a foot wide and weighing 20 to 25 pounds. But Galt complained that it was the "wrong merchandise" and he was going to return it.

Galt left saying he had found ship work in Mobile, but expected "a check from Chicago." A letter to Galt from Chicago arrived at the boarding house in February or March and was returned since there was no forwarding address, Cherpes said.

The landlord recalled that Galt had said he would send his new address. "But he never did send it."

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Galt Identified by Atlanta Cabbies

ATLANTA, April 16 — (UPI) — An Atlanta taxicab driver identified for the FBI Tuesday a sketch of the elusive Eric Starvo Galt and said the mystery figure in the search for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s, assassin rode in his cab the day after the slaying.

A second taxicab driver working for the same company said he, too, gave the man a ride the Friday after Dr. King was shot by a sniper in Memphis, Tenn., April 4.

Names Withheld

Both drivers said the trips were in Atlanta's "hippie" neighborhood around Peachtree st. and 14th st. The area is about seven miles from the public housing project where a white Ford Mustang, registered

to Galt, was located by FBI agents last Thursday.

Both taxi drivers work for the Atlanta Million Co-operative Cab. Co. Their names were withheld at the request of the taxicab firm.

The FBI has pored through the records of Atlanta Million Cab and other taxicab firms in the city in an attempt to trace Galt from the time he appar-

ently abandoned the white Mustang found in the Capitol Homes housing project.

Apparently working on a new lead, however, FBI agents returned to the offices of Atlanta Million Cabs Tuesday and asked specifically if any drivers had made pickups in the "hippie" neighborhood on the Friday after Dr. King was slain.

Two drivers who had made such pickups were questioned by an agent who showed them a sketch of the man the FBI apparently thinks is Galt.

Both drivers identified the man in the sketch as the one they picked up.

The first driver told the FBI he picked up the man at the intersection of Peachtree and 14th sts. He drove his fare only two

blocks—a fact that made him remember the trip—and then the man demanded to be let out immediately.

Second Driver

The second taxicab driver told the FBI he recognized the man in the sketch as the same man who rode in his cab to the address of a modern 2-story apartment building.

The second driver did not recall if the man entered the apartments or walked off in another direction.

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Editor: Jack Foster
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-203)

DATE: 4/15/68

FROM : SA GEORGE M. MALONEY

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 4/15/68 the following individuals who manage dance studios in Casper, Wyo. were contacted with negative results re any present of former pupil named GALT:

DON KEITH GERHEART
Arthur Murray Dance Studio
254 S. Center
Casper, Wyo.

LELAND SIEFERS
Barbara Lee School of Dance
929 W. 15th St.
Casper, Wyo.

There are no other dance studios in the territory covered by the Casper RA.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, DENVER (157-203)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE DANCING SCHOOLS

Re Bureau teletype dated 4/14/68.

Inquiries of dancing schools, Denver Division, completed with negative results concerning any record of prior attendance by GALT, GAULT, WILLARD, LONGER or any variations of above and anyone fitting GALT's description.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC WERNER (DENVER)
(157-203)

DATE: 4/17/68

FROM : SA FOX & SA GALLIE

SUBJECT: MURKING

At approximately 10:30 a.m., on this same date, an anonymous caller telephonically advised that he was calling from the Lamar Hotel at Lamar, Colorado, and wanted to report that there was "a guy who is staying at the hotel who is a dead ringer for the guy who shot the nigger." The caller was asked to what person he was referring as the "nigger" and he replied that he was referring to KING.

The caller refused to furnish his name and stated that the person who he was referring to is one DONALD FINCH, who was described as a white male, 45 years, 6'2", 180 pounds, brown hair and, who according to the caller, has been at the Lamar Hotel since 4/9/68. He said that FINCH claims to be from El Paso, Texas; speaks with a southern accent and has been contacted several times by his father by phone from El Paso.

The caller stated that he had seen drawings in the paper of the person who shot KING and that in his opinion, FINCH is a dead ringer for this man. He stated that in addition, FINCH has told his, the caller's, wife that he, FINCH, is hiding from the law, and he spends almost all of his time in his room. The caller stated that FINCH plans to leave Lamar at 4:45 p.m. on 4/17/68 by Continental Bus and has stated that he is "going West." The caller was again asked to furnish his name and he stated that he did not want to do so but that should someone come to the Lamar Hotel, to ask for the manager.

At approximately 10:35 a.m. today, Mr. JOHNNY BENNETT, room 11, Lamar Hotel, Lamar, Colorado, telephonically contacted the Denver Office and advised he was presently looking at a sketch of GALT in a Pueblo, Colorado, newspaper and this sketch and description of GALT is similar to a man (FNU) FRENCH presently staying at the Lamar Hotel. He stated this man was drawn to his attention by the manager of the hotel, name unknown, and after comparing the newspaper sketch,

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RJF, JHG/cal



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SA Fox says
COP Roy Blunt reported
this guy is mental patient
not involved in case
See his memo.
ADA

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with Mr. FRENCH, he is convinced that they are identical for FRENCH is a dead ringer for GALT. He further advised that the manager told him that this man has received telephone calls from his father in El Paso, Texas, and is talking about leaving town. He stated the man has been staying at the hotel for approximately two - three days, doesn't work, and earlier this morning talked to a bus driver at the hotel. He advised he would keep his eye on this man until he is contacted by the FBI or local authorities.

This information was furnished to ASAC MORLEY at which time Mr. MORLEY stated that in view of the discrepancy in description, he desired that SA TRAINOR contact the local authorities and have this man checked out. He further requested that the Lamar Authorities then contact the Denver Office with the full background information on this man and have him checked through our indices or NCIC.

Trainor advised

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, DENVER (157-203)

DATE: 4/17/68

FROM : SA ANDREW P. BUGAS

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re telephone call from ASAC 4/9/68.

The following investigation was conducted in the towns and cities covered by the Colorado Springs Resident Agency on 4/9/68, as indicated below in an effort to develop information concerning one HARVEY LOWMEYER, LOWMEIER, LOWMEYER and LOWMYER, white male, 36 years of age, 5'3", 150 to 160 pounds:

Contacts made in this matter included checks of city directories, telephone directories, driver's license records, motor vehicle records, voter's registration records, and credit and criminal agencies. No data identifiable with the above individual was disclosed:

Those contacted by SA WALLACE G. HAGUE are as follows:

GUS CARLSON, Sheriff's Office, Teller County, Cripple Creek, Colorado.

E. B. BELL, Park County Sheriff's Office, Fairplay, Colorado.

CHARLES BERRY, Chaffee County Sheriff's Office, Salida, Colorado.

JERRY MC BROOK, Lake County Sheriff's Office, Leadville, Colorado.


EUGENE GRAY, Sheriff's Office, Saguache County, Saguache, Colorado.

ROY ENSLOW, Sheriff's Office, Fremont County, Canon City, Colorado.

The following contacts were made by SA ALVIN W. BERRY on 4/9/68:

JACK HEID, Kit Carson County, Burlington, Colorado.

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WILLIAM I. HOWARD, Cheyenne County, Sheriff's Office,
Cheyenne Wells, Colorado;

EUGENE C. KELLY, Kiowa County, Eads, Colorado.

GEORGE A. YARNELL, Albert County, Kiowa, Colorado.

ALFRED J. CLARK, Lincoln County, Hugo, Colorado.

KAREN THOMPSON, Credit Bureau of Eastern Colorado,
Burlington, Colorado.

The following contacts were made by SA RANSOM A. WHITTLE
on 4/9/68:

Mr. ROBERT HAPPE, Colorado Springs, Colorado Police
Department.

PAT CODY, Colorado Springs, Colorado Credit Bureau.

JAMES AHRENS, CID, Clerk, Fort Carson, Colorado.

Mrs. JEAN DAVIS, Provost Marshal's Office, Fort Carson,
Colorado.

LOIS PARRISH, Post Locator, Fort Carson, Colorado.

The following sources were contacted by SA ANDREW P.
BUGAS on 4/9/68:

Mrs. BETTY CLAUSEN, El Paso County Sheriff's Office,
Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Mrs. BESS TITUS, Veter's Registration Records, Colorado
Springs, Colorado.

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Mr. WAYNE PLYM, Driver's License Bureau, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

ELIZABETH VAN HORN, Department of Motor Vehicles, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Mr. DON CHANDLER, Colorado State Employment Office, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Mr. JOHN FABER, Mountain States Telephone Company, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Colorado Springs City Directories from 1967 through 1955.

Colorado Springs Telephone Directories from 1967 back to 1959.

Reference telephone call 4/10/68 from SA JOSEPH LEARNED regarding the contact of sources in Colorado Springs Resident Agency area identifiable with ERIC STARVA GALT, white male, date of birth [redacted] 5'11", 175 pounds, blue eyes, and brown hair. It was requested that the City and Telephone Directories for cities and towns in the Colorado Springs area, Voter's Registration Records were available, major commercial banks, credit and arrest checks be effected in connection with the above identified individual.

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SA WALLACE G. HAGUE on 4/10/68:

Mr. GUS CARLSON, Sheriff's Office, Teller County,
Cripple Creek, Colorado. Bank contacted was the First National
Bank of Cripple Creek.

E. B. BELL, Park County Sheriff's Office, Fairplay,
Colorado. Bank contacted was Bank of Fairplay.

H. L. THONHOFF, Sheriff's Office, Salida, Colorado.
Bank contacted was the First National Bank of Salida.

Mr. JERRY MC BROOM, Sheriff's Office, Leadville,
Colorado. Bank contacted was the Commercial Bank of Leadville.

Mr. EUGENE GRAY, Sheriff's Office, Saguache County,
Saguache, Colorado. Bank contacted was the First National Bank of
Center.

Mr. ROY ENSLOW, Sheriff's Office, Fremont County,
Canon City, Colorado. Banks contacted were the First National Bank
of Canon City and the Fremont County National Bank.

The following contacts were made by SA RANSOM A. WHITTLE
on 4/10/68:

Miss JANE DRURY, El Paso County Sheriff's Office.

Colorado Springs, Colorado Police Department, JOE TUCKER.

Colorado Springs, Colorado Credit Bureau, MERLENE BASKETT.

Central Colorado Bank, Colorado Springs, Colorado,
Mrs. EVELYN BEASLEY.

East Colorado Springs National Bank, Colorado Springs,
Colorado, Mrs. DEVELYN LAYTHAM, Northern National Bank,
JUDY COYLER.

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Western National Bank, Colorado Springs, Colorado,
Mrs. WANDA DAVIS.

The following contacts were made by SA TERENCE C.
MC GAUGHEY on 4/10/68:

ANITA STEWART, Kit Carson County, Colorado, Burlington,
Colorado. Bank contacted was the First National Bank of
Burlington, and the Bank of Burlington.

Mrs. YVONNE GUMB, Cheyenne County, Cheyenne Wells,
Colorado. Bank contacted was Eastern Colorado Bank.

EUGENE KELLY, Sheriff's Office, Kiowa County, Colorado,
Eads, Colorado.

GEORGE YARNELL, Sheriff's Office, Albert County, Kiowa,
Colorado. Bank contacted was the Kiowa State Bank.

Mr. ALFRED J. CLARK, Sheriff's Office, Lincoln County,
Hugo, Colorado. Bank contacted was the First National
Bank of Hugo and the First National Bank of Limon.

Mrs. KAREN THOMPSON, Credit Bureau of Eastern Colorado,
Burlington, Colorado.

The following contacts were made at Colorado Springs,
Colorado, by SA ANDREW P. BUGAS, on 4/10/68:

Mr. HARLAN ROBERSON, Pikes Peak National Bank,
Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Mr. JAMES MOCK, Colorado Commercial Bank, Colorado
Springs, Colorado.

Mr. GRANT WINNE, Exchange National Bank, Colorado Springs,
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DAVID GELLEHER, First National Bank, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Mr. JAMES CAMERON, Colorado Springs, Colorado National Bank.

Mrs. BESS TITUS, Voter's Registration, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

ELIZABETH VAN HORN, Department of Motor Vehicles, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Mr. DONALD CHANDLER, Colorado State Employment Office, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Mr. JOHN FABER, Mountain States Telephone Company, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

The Colorado Springs City and Telephone Directories were checked from 1967 back to 1960.

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It is estimated that 24 hours of time was spent by agents of the Colorado Springs Resident Agency in conducting the investigation reflected on this memorandum. ✓

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Re Bureau tel 4/16/68, and Memphis tel 4/17/68.

**Drivers licenses in Colorado, and Wyoming, are
filed alphabetically, and cannot be broken down to specific
birthdates, except by an individual review of every license
on file, which involves approximately two and one-half million
licenses.**

RE BARTENDING SCHOOLS

Re New York tel to Director, etal, 4/16/68.

**Records of Denver Bartending School, 704-17th
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Denver note:

**Mr. BRENT HEINES, Instructor, Denver Bartending
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Don't Underrate The FBI

Congressman Charles Whelan, of Ohio, has been criticizing the FBI in its investigation of the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King. The Ohio lawmaker says there have been discrepancies throughout the investigation and calls upon the FBI to "set the record straight."

"The handling of the investigation and the efforts to apprehend the guilty person or persons hardly had been reassuring to a tense and troubled nation," the congressman said.

Since the FBI is not in the habit of tipping its hand and revealing its strategy to the advantage of the objects of investigation, how does the congressman know whether or not the FBI's efforts are adequate? The benefit of the doubt

would rest with the FBI, since it has a long-standing reputation for sound, thorough, effective investigation.

In police or FBI probing, many leads must be followed, and some of them inevitably turn out to be dead ends. An investigation must go in various directions. If this is what Congressman Whelan means by discrepancies, he shows a naive lack of knowledge about police work.

It may not be reassuring to Mr. Whelan that the guilty person or persons have not been apprehended, but it is reassuring to a more realistic public that the FBI is working on the case. The FBI knows what it is doing even if Mr. Whelan doesn't know what he is talking about.

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FROM: SAC, DENVER (157-203)

MURKIN

OO: Memphis

Investigation in this case in the Denver Division has brought up the name of DONOVAN LEON CURTIS, aka Don Le Curtis, 3050 Hudson Street, Denver. CURTIS has FBI number 969 833 D. He is described as white male, 165 pounds, 5'10½", black hair, green eyes, born [redacted] Sterling, Colorado.

Bureau is requested to compare the fingerprints of CURTIS with the latent fingerprints in Bureau's possession in instant case.

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Hired-Killer Theory Gains in Dr. King Probe

By PAUL VALENTINE

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MEMPHIS, Tenn. — There is growing speculation among Memphis police detectives that the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s assassin was a disinterested professional killer — not a racist ideologue — who left an elaborate trail of

phony clues to confuse his pursuers.

They won't say who they think hired the killer or why, but the evidence, they say, points to a well-paid professional job.

Frank C. Holloman, director of fire and police, has maintained silence on progress of the April 4 murder investigation, as has his chief of detectives, William Huston.

But sources in the department indicate the "hired killer" theory is gaining momentum.

One notion is that the killer began his preparations six or eight months ago by dissolving his identity and manufacturing a new personality known as "Eric Starvo Galt, 36, unemployed merchant marine."

Surrounding himself with phony credentials, he waited patiently in various cities for the right opportunity to fulfill his assignment.

In Birmingham, where Galt once lived, Jefferson County Sheriff Mel Bailey said he believes the assassin originally may

have planned to kill King in the Alabama city.

Bailey, who threw a protective net around King when he was in Birmingham last October to serve five days in jail, said he thinks a conspiracy existed to murder the civil rights leader. The sheriff said his theory is only conjecture, but

"it is based on the evidence uncovered so far in the case."

Galt, who has been identified by fellow boarders in a rooming house in Birming-

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KING'S KILLER HIRED?

Clues Held Phony By Memphis Police

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ham as being the same man shown in FBI sketches of the suspected assassin, lived in the city when King was serving his jail term, Bailey said.

The right opportunity came April 4 in Memphis. Dr. King had arrived the day before, and both television and newspapers had announced the motel and room number where King was staying.

The assassin rented a room in an adjacent building under the name "John Willard," fired the fatal shot and fled, leaving an enormous trail of fingerprints, clothing, binoculars, a rifle and an expended shell in his wake.

Federal authorities said here Tuesday they are satisfied John Willard and Eric Starvo Galt are the same person.

EVIDENCE OF HIRING

Memphis detectives say evidence that the killer was hired at a substantial price is reflected by his ability to purchase a "white Mustang" automobile and follow King around

the country for several months, apparently without holding a job.

The detectives are leery of the physical evidence left behind by the killer.

"He was supposed to have shot King with a pump rifle," one said. "Well, there was a spent shell found on the bathroom floor of the rooming house, and a pump rifle won't eject a shell automatically. It won't come out unless you pull back on the pump mechanism."

He noted that the discarded Remington 30.06 pump rifle found on the street near the rooming house was inside a Browning automatic rifle packing box.

FBI HOLDS EVIDENCE

He suggested that the assassin actually had two rifles, using the Browning automatic to kill King and planting the Remington as a red herring.

Even if the expended shell found in the bathroom matches the Remington, he said, the killer could have fired it earlier

and planted the shell to match the Remington.

The FBI has the Remington and other physical evidence at its laboratories in Washington and has not revealed its findings.

Memphis detectives look at the assassin as an incredible "cool" character who didn't seem to mind being obvious.

Dressed neatly in a business suit and necktie, he rented an \$8.50 a week room in a flop house, paying in advance with a clean, new \$20 bill.

He then proceeded to leave finger and hand prints around the bathroom and dump a bag full of clothing, a rifle with telescopic sight and a pair of binoculars on the street as he fled.

'BETTER THAN TV'

"It was better than a television show, the way he did it," said one officer.

Most of the items dumped in the street, they speculate, will lead up blind alleys. The killer was casual about his finger and hand prints either because he is an alien or because he thinks he is one of the few American adults who has not been fingerprinted at one time or another, they say.

They discount the possibility of a Ku Klux Klan conspiracy in the assassination. "Shucks," said one, "with all this reward money (\$100,000) being offered, if it was the Klan, they would have turned each other in a long time ago."

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, DENVER (157-203)

DATE: 4/17/68

FROM : IC DON RAY

SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE: Check of Driver Licenses Bureaus for records filed by
birthdate.

Rebutel 4/16/68 and Memphis tel 4/17/68.

Mr. Val Zetterman, Asst. Supvr., Master Files Section, Colo. DMV, advised writer 4/17/68 that it is almost impossible to determine all white males of a particular birthdate who have been issued a Colo. Driver's license because their records are filed alphabetically and are not computerized. Also their records do not show race. Their office contains approximately 1½ million individual drivers license records, which would have to be checked individually to determine all males of a particular date of birth who have been issued a Colo. drivers license.

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Photograph taken 1968
(eyes drawn by artist)



Photograph taken 1968

Aliases: Harvey Lowmyer, John Willard

DESCRIPTION

Age:	36, born July 20, 1931 (not supported by birth records)	Eyes:	Blue or hazel
Height:	5'8" to 5'11"	Complexion:	Medium
Weight:	160 to 175 pounds	Race:	White
Build:	Medium		
Hair:	Brown, possibly cut short		
Occupation:	Has claimed employment as seaman		
Remarks:	Noticeably protruding left ear; reportedly is a lone wolf; allegedly attended dance instruction school; has reportedly completed course in bartending.		

CAUTION

GALT IS SOUGHT IN CONNECTION WITH A MURDER WHEREIN THE VICTIM WAS SHOT. CONSIDER ARMED AND EXTREMELY DANGEROUS.

A Federal warrant was issued on April 17, 1968, at Birmingham, Alabama, charging Galt with conspiring to interfere with a Constitutional Right of a citizen (Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 241).

IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS PERSON, PLEASE NOTIFY ME OR CONTACT YOUR LOCAL FBI OFFICE. TELEPHONE NUMBERS AND ADDRESSES OF ALL FBI OFFICES LISTED ON BACK.

J. Edgar Hoover
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