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GALT MAY HAVE USED THE NAME HARVEY LOWMYER OR JOHN WILLARD OR ANY VARIATION OF THESE TWO NAMES OR ANY OTHER NAME. IN CONNECTION WITH ANY INQUIRIES, NO INDICATION SHOULD BE GIVEN INQUIRIES ARE IN CONNECTION WITH CAPTIONED CASE.

UNSUB ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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9:27AM 4-15-68 URGENT CEJ

TO DALLAS

FROM EL PASO (157-186) (P) 1 PAGE

MURKIN

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DALLAS INTERVIEW GLENN DUGAN AND FERN TRUCKENMILLER RE ERIC STARVO GALT.

MEMPHIS ADVISED AIR MAIL.

UNSUB ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END.

LMB

FBI DALLAS

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Date: 4/14/68

Transmit the following in PLAINTEXT  
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TO: SAC, DALLAS  
FROM: SAC, EL PASO (157-186) (P)  
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DALLAS INTERVIEW GLENN DUGAN AND FERN TRUCKENMILLER RE ERIC STARVO GALT. *Unsub Armed & Dangerous*  
MEMPHIS ADVISED AIR MAIL.

1 - El Paso  
1 - Memphis (AM)

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Special Agent in Charge

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TELETYPE

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

SUBJECT: MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

RE MEMPHIS TELETYPE TO BUREAU, APRIL FIVE LAST.  
THIS CASE IS BEING HANDLED BY THE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION.  
THE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION IS CURRENTLY CONDUCTING AN  
EXTENSIVE SEARCH OF THE RECORDS OF THE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
AND THE RECORDS OF THE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION IN ORDER TO  
DETERMINE THE IDENTITY OF THE INDIVIDUALS WHOSE NAMES  
WERE MENTIONED IN THE MEMPHIS TELETYPE TO BUREAU, APRIL FIVE  
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LAST.

ADMINISTRATIVE: BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, MEMPHIS

RE MEMPHIS TELETYPE TO BUREAU, APRIL FIVE LAST.

MEMPHIS ADVISORY: APRIL FIVE LAST.

1 - FBI Bureau  
1 - Memphis (44-1987)

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Date 4-11-68

RE: **MURKIN**

☐ For information      ☐ Retention optional      ☒ For appropriate action      ☐ Surep, by \_\_\_\_\_

☐ The enclosed is for your information. If used in a future report, ☐ conceal all sources, ☐ paraphrase contents.

☐ Enclosed are corrected pages from report of SA \_\_\_\_\_ dated \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks:

Enclosed are photographs of artist conception of unknown subject in this case as described by witnesses in Birmingham and Memphis respectively.

Under no circumstances should anyone be told this investigation is in connection with captioned matter.

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Date: 4/12/68

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
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TO: SAC, ALBANY  
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P  
RE: MURKIN

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Special Agent in Charge

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TO : SAC (170-7)

FROM : SA *Harold H. Boyce*

SUBJECT: *Everett Rusty Kelly*

DATE: *4/15/68*

☐ CI ☐ SI ☒ R (Prob)  
☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R  
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Dates of Contact <i>4/8/68</i>		
Titles and File #s on which contacted <i>Murkin</i> <i>157-186</i>		
Purpose and results of contact <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE <i>Informant advised he had no knowledge</i> <input type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE <i>concerning assassination of Dr. King. Will</i> <input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC <i>advise of any info developed</i>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating <i>Very Good</i>	Coverage <i>None + 157</i>

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TO : SAC (157-1154)

FROM : SA *Harold W. Boyce*

SUBJECT: *C6612-PC*

DATE: *4/15/68*☒ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)☒ ~~SPCI~~ ☐ PSI ☐ R☐

## Dates of Contact

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## Titles and File #s on which contacted

*Murphy**157-186*

## Purpose and results of contact

☒ NEGATIVE☐ POSITIVE☐ STATISTIC

*Informant advised he had no knowledge re killing of Dr. King except what he heard in newspapers & T.V. Will advise of any info developed*

☒ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

Rating

*Very Good*

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TO : SAC (137-1218)

FROM : SA *Harold W. Boyce*

SUBJECT: *CB 637-C*

DATE: *4/15/68*

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Purpose and results of contact <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>NEGATIVE</b> <i>Informant advised he had no knowledge</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>POSITIVE</b> <i>concerning assassination of Dr. King.</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>STATISTIC</b> <i>Will advise if he learns anything of interest</i>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating <i>Very Good</i>	Coverage <i>None add 157</i>

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## Clark Says FBI Search Around Clock

(C) 1968, New York Times News Service

WASHINGTON — Attorney General Ramsey Clark said Friday night that it was "impossible" to predict when the assassin of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. would be arrested, although there was hope that it would be soon.

In a statement issued through the Justice Department's press office, Clark reported that the Federal Bureau of Investigation was diverting every possible resource to the pursuit of the killer.

Around-the-clock work by investigators, the attorney general said, has turned up "very substantial" physical evidence about the assassination, which took place in Memphis on April 4.

Earlier Friday, an Ohio congressman charged that the FBI had pursued Dr. King's assassin in a manner that "hardly has been reassuring to a tense and troubled nation."

The congressman, Rep. Charles W. Whalen Jr., a Republican, urged that the FBI "set the record straight" and clear up the "confusion that has been created in the aftermath of this tragic event."

Whalen asserted that there had been discrepancies in official statements relating to the assassination and suspects. He noted that initially it was stated that federal agents were in hot pursuit of the assassin and that an arrest was imminent.

"Then," Whalen said, "we are told that the assassin is 'on the run' and that 'the trail has lengthened.'"

"The next development was the promise of a picture of a suspect."

"Then we see a picture based on an artist's conception published in our newspapers, only to have federal authorities say that no such sketch was authorized by the FBI."

The Congressman recalled that the public first was told that the assassination did not appear to involve a conspiracy.

"But then we learn," he said, "that misleading reports were broadcast on Memphis police radio frequencies which confounded pursuers and suggested there was a conspiracy."

The confusion about the King slaying somehow occurred, Whalen said, "after all the agonizing examination of the Warren Commission investigation of the Kennedy assassination in 1963." The Congressman concluded:

"A federal investigation that inspires at least a modicum of confidence would go a long way toward quieting the seething unrest which continues to permeate the nation."

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

4B EL PASO TIMES  
EL PASO, TEXAS

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TO : SAC, EL PASO (157-186)

DATE: 4-14-68

FROM : SA JOHN J. GORMAN

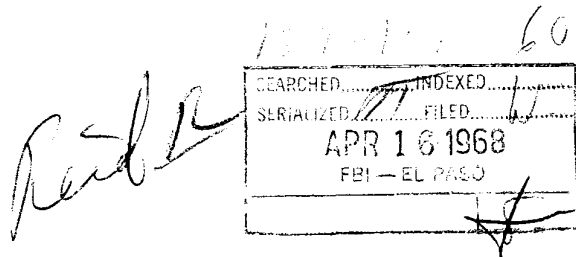
SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 4-4-68 PRI ROBERT MC GRAY and PRI WILL JONES, Midland, Texas were alerted for any pertinent info re assassination of KING. PCI KAY WHITE, Odessa, Tex. was alerted 4-5-68. EP 6050 and EP 618 C were alerted in Midland on 4-5-68.

All of above recontacted 4-12-68 and stated they have no pertinent info re this matter but will immediately report such info if it comes to their attention.



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TELETYPE

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TO: SAC NEW ORLEANS  
FROM: SAC DALLAS (44-2649)

MURKIN

RE SUSPECT ERIC STARVO GALT

BY TELETYPE TODAY EL PASO ADVISED THAT STAYNER DUGAN, ONE NINE ZERO ZERO SPARKS, MIDLAND, TEXAS, STATED THIS DATE HE HAS RELATIVES BY NAME OF GALT. HE SAID SOME OF THOSE RELATIVES SPELL NAME AS GAULT OR GAUT. HE SAID HIS FATHER, GLENN E. DUGAN, ONE TWO FOUR SEVEN VINE, ABILENE, TEXAS, HAS HOBBY OF GENEALOGY AND IF THERE IS A ERIC STARVO GALT ANYWHERE IN FAMILY, HE WOULD KNOW IT. DUGAN SAID HIS AUNT FROM IOWA, FERN TRUCKENMILLER, IS VISITING HIS FATHER IN ABILENE AND ALSO POSSESSES INFO RE GALT FAMILY TREE.

DALLAS HAS DETERMINED DUGAN AND TRUCKENMILLER ARE ON EXTENDED VACATION. TODAY THEY CAN BE LOCATED AT MONTELEONE HOTEL, TWO ONE FOUR RUE ROYAL OR VIEUX CARRE MOTOR LODGE, NINE TWO ZERO N. RAMPART, NEW ORLEANS. THEY ARE BELIEVED DEPARTING NEW ORLEANS A.M. APRIL SIXTEEN NEXT.

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NEW ORLEANS. INTERVIEW DUGAN AND TRUCKENMILLER  
RE ERIC STARVO GALT.

MEMPHIS AND EL PASO ADVISED AIRMAIL. (P)

TO: SAC

FROM: SAC

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TO : SAC, EL PASO (157-186)

DATE: 4-15-68

FROM : SA JOHN J. GORMAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
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Rebutel 4-15-68.

Following dance studios and schools were contacted on 4-15-68  
an no record of ERIC STARVO GALT, JOHN WILLARD, HARVEY LOWMEYER  
or HARVEY LOWMYER was found:

## AT MIDLAND, TEXAS

E. F. BINGHAM, Owner, Bingham Dance Studio, 11 Meta Dr. advised  
no record

Mary Ruth Diltz Dance Studio, 404 Kent -- checked by Mrs. MARY  
RUTH DILTZ.

Georgia Goss Harston School of Dance, 1801 W. Ohio - checked  
by " " " , owner.

## AT PECOS, TEXAS

Pecos Telephone Directory, which also covers Barstow, Balmorhea,  
Coyanosa, Imperial, Mentone and Orla, Texas was checked and the  
only dance studio listed was Shelia Martin Dance Studio, 2211  
Country Club, Pecos, Tex. Mrs. " " , owner of that Studio  
stated above names are not in their files.

## AT STANTON, RAINIER, MC CAMEY and Iraan, Texas

Telephone directories for above towns did not list any dance  
studios or schools.

## AT FT. STOCKTON, CRANE and MONAHANS, TEXAS

Telephone directories for the above towns did not list any dance  
studios or schools in any of those towns.



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DATE: 4/15/68

FROM : SA PAUL D. SJODAL

SUBJECT: ✓ MURKIN

Re tel call from SA REED, 4/15/68

AT ODESSA, TEXAS:

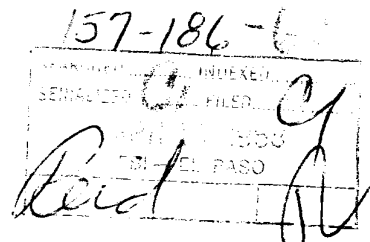
On 4/15/68, Mrs. BETTY MOOSHER, manager, Arthur Murray Dance Studio, 2412 E. County Road, and Mrs. JARJORIE MONTILLA, owner, Montilla Studio of Ballroom Dancing, 1108 N. Texas St. advised they have never had a student named ERIC STERVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMEYER, HARVEY LOWMYER, or JOHN WILLARD.

They said they are the only studios in the Odessa, Andrews, and Hermit, Texas areas who take adult students.



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FBI EL PASO

11:09AM 4-17-68 URGENT CEJ

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM EL PASO (157-186) (P) 1 PAGE

MURKIN.

RE BUTEL, APRIL FOURTEEN, LAST.

DANCING SCHOOLS

INVESTIGATION UNDER NAMES HARVEY LOWMEYER OR LOWMYER, AND  
ERIC STARVO GALT, IN REGARD TO ATTENDANCE AT DANCING SCHOOLS,  
COMPLETED BY EL PASO OFFICE, AND NO RECORD LOCAYED UNDER THESE  
NAMES AT ANY DANCING SCHOOLS IN EL PASO DIVISION.

END.

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Date: 4/17/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
SACs, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)  
MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: SAC, EL PASO (157-186) (P)

MURKIN.

RE BUTEL, APRIL FOURTEEN, LAST.

DANCING SCHOOLS

INVESTIGATION UNDER NAMES HARVEY LOWMEYER OR LOWMYER,  
AND ERIC STARVO GALT, IN REGARD TO ATTENDANCE AT DANCING  
SCHOOLS, COMPLETED BY EL PASO OFFICE, AND NO RECORD LOCATED  
UNDER THESE NAMES AT ANY DANCING SCHOOLS IN EL PASO DIVISION.

1 - El Paso

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Special Agent in Charge

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723PM URGENT 4-17-68 SA

TO ALL SACS

FROM DIRECTOR

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MURKIN

THE FOLLOWING PRESS RELEASE WAS ISSUED AT WASHINGTON, D.C.,  
AT FIVE FORTYFIVE P.M. THIS AFTERNOON. YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO RELEASE  
AT SIX P.M. EASTERN STANDARD TIME/ @ ALTHOUGH IT IS REALIZED THE  
WIRE SERVICES WILL CARRY THE FULL TEXT, YOU SHOULD IMMEDIATELY  
CONTACT THE LEADING NEWSPAPERS AND RADIO AND TV STATIONS IN  
YOUR DIVISION TO INSURE IT RECEIVES IMMEDIATE WIDESPREAD DISTRIBUTION.  
YOU ARE ALSO AUTHORIZED TO IMMEDIATELY MAKE AVAILABLE TO  
ALL MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES COPIES OF THE TWO PHOTOGRAPHS ALREADY  
IN YOUR POSSESSION. THE DESCRIPTIVE DATA ON THE BACKS OF  
THESE PHOTOGRAPHS SHOULD BE DELETED. PHOTOGRAPH NUMBER  
ONE WITH EYES CLOSED SHOULD CARRY THE CAPTION, "ERIC STARVO  
GALT, ALSO KNOWN AS HARVEY LOWMYER AND JOHN WILLARD." PHOTOGRAPH  
NUMBER TWO SHOULD CARRY THE CAPTION, "ERIC STARVO GALT,  
ALSO KNOWN AS HARVEY LOWMYER AND JOHN WILLARD (EYES DRAWN IN  
BY FBI ARTIST)." YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO REPRODUCE LOCALLY

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

APRIL 17, 1968

ATTORNEY GENERAL RAMSEY CLARK ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT ERIC STARVO GALT IS BEING SOUGHT BY THE FBI AS A FUGITIVE ON A FEDERAL CHARGE ARISING FROM THE FATAL SHOOTING OF THE REVEREND DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., IN MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, ON APRIL 4, 1968.

DIRECTOR J. EDGAR HOOVER STATED THAT A FEDERAL COMPLAINT WAS FILED BY THE FBI IN BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, TODAY CHARGING GALT WITH CONSPIRING TO VIOLATE THE CIVIL RIGHTS OF DR. KING IN VIOLATION OF TITLE 18, SECTION 241, OF THE UNITED STATES CODE.

THE FBI COMPLAINT CHARGES THAT "ON OR ABOUT MARCH 29, 1968, AT BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, ...ERIC STARVO GALT AND AN INDIVIDUAL WHOM HE ALLEGED TO BE HIS BROTHER, ENTERED INTO A CONSPIRACY WHICH CONTINUED UNTIL ON OR ABOUT APRIL 5, 1968, TO INJURE, OPPRESS, THREATEN, OR INTIMIDATE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.,... IN THE FREE EXERCISE OR ENJOYMENT OF A RIGHT SECURED TO HIM BY THE CONSTITUTION OR LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES; NAMELY, THE RIGHT TO FREELY TRAVEL FROM STATE TO STATE. IN FURTHERANCE OF THIS CONSPIRACY, ERIC STARVO GALT DID, ON OR ABOUT MARCH 30, 1968, PURCHASE A RIFLE AT BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA..."

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ACCORDING TO MR. HOOVER, A 30.06 RIFLE EQUIPPED WITH A TELESCOPIC SIGHT WAS FOUND NEAR A ROOMING HOUSE ON SOUTH MAIN STREET IN MEMPHIS IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE FATAL SHOOTING OF DR. KING OCCURRED. THE ROOMING HOUSE OVERLOOKS THE LORRAINE HOTEL AND MOTEL WHERE DR. KING WAS STAYING.

MR. HOOVER SAID THAT FBI AGENTS DETERMINED THAT THE 30.06 RIFLE HAD BEEN PURCHASED FROM A GUN DEALER IN BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, ON MARCH 30, 1968. THE TELESCOPIC SIGHT ALSO WAS PURCHASED FROM THIS DEALER.

THE FBI DIRECTOR SAID THAT GALT, WHO HAS USED THE NAMES OF JOHN WILLARD AND HARVEY LOWMYER IN THE PAST, IS THE OWNER OF A 1966 WHITE MUSTANG BEARING ALABAMA LICENSE PLATES WHICH WAS LOCATED ABANDONED IN ATLANTA, GEORGIA, ON APRIL 11, 1968. INVESTIGATION DISCLOSED THAT GALT PURCHASED THIS CAR FROM A PRIVATE CITIZEN IN BIRMINGHAM ON AUGUST 30, 1967. THE MUSTANG'S ODOMETER SHOWED THAT IT HAD BEEN DRIVEN MORE THAN 19,000 MILES BETWEEN LATE AUGUST, 1967, AND EARLY APRIL, 1968.

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ACCORDING TO MR. HOOVER, GALT'S TRAVELS IN THE MUSTANG INCLUDED TRIPS TO LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA; NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA; BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA; AND MEXICO, AS WELL AS TO MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, AND ATLANTA, GEORGIA. GALT WAS REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN IN MEMPHIS ON APRIL 3 AND 4, 1968, AND TO HAVE DEPARTED FROM THERE FOR ATLANTA.

INTENSIVE INESTIGATION BY THE FBI HAS DISCLOSED THAT GALT HAS CLAIMED TO HAVE BEEN EMPLOYED AS A COOK ON MISSISSIPPI RIVER VESSELS AND AS A MERCHANT SEAMAN. HE IS SAID TO BE AN AVID DANCER AND TOOK DANCING LESSONS IN NEW ORLEANS IN 1964 AND 1965; IN BIRMINGHAM DURING SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER, 1967; AND IN LONG BEACH CALIFORNIA, FROM DECEMBER, 1967 TO FEBRUARY, 1968.

GALT LEFT LOS ANGELES ON DECEMBER 15, 1967, AND DROVE HIS WHITE MUSTANG TO NEW ORLEANS, WHERE HE CLAIMED HE CONTACTED EITHER AN ENGINEERING OR A CONTRACTING FIRM. HE LEFT NEW ORLEANS ON DECEMBER 19TH AND ARRIVED BACK IN LOS ANGELES ON DECEMBER 21, 1967.

WHILE IN THE LOS ANGELES AREA EARLY THIS YEAR, GALT TOOK A COURSE AT A SCHOOL OF BARTENDING AND WAS GRADUATED ON MARCH 2, 1968.

THE FUGITIVE IS DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE. HE IS APPROXIMATELY 5 FEET 8 INCHES TO 5 FEET 11 INCHES TALL AND WEIGHS BETWEEN 160 AND 175 POUND[. @HE S SAID TO BE A NEAT DRESSER AND HAS A MEDIUM BUILD.

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GALT HAS BROWN HAIR, WHICH HE WEARS IN A "BRUSH" CUT. HE REPORTEDLY HAS BLUE EYES; HIS NOSE IS STRAIGHT AND NARROW; HIS TEETH ARE STRAIGHT AND CLEAN; AND HE HAS GIVEN HIS DATE OF BIRTH AS .

THE FUGITIVE IS SAID TO HAVE A NERVOUS HABIT OF OCCASIONALLY PULLING AT AN EAR LOBE WITH HIS HAND. HIS LEFT EAR PROTRUDES FARTHER FROM HIS HEAD THAN HIS RIGHT EAR.

ACCORDING TO MR. HOOVER, PERSONS WHO HAVE MET GALT DESCRIBE HIM AS A "LONER" AND STATE HIS LANGUAGE AND DICTION HAVE A "RURAL" QUALITY AND SUGGEST THAT HE PROBABLY DOES NOT HAVE A HIGH DEGREE OF EDUCATION. HE IS SAID TO DRINK ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND HAS A PREFERENCE FOR VODKA AND BEER. HE IS A FAN OF WESTERN AND COUNTRY MUSIC.

GALT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS. ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING HIM SHOULD BE FURNISHED IMMEDIATELY TO THE NEAREST FBI OFFICE.

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## Atlanta Cabbies Identify King Slaying Suspect

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ATLANTA — Two Atlanta cab drivers Tuesday identified a sketch of a man believed to be Eric Starvo Galt, an elusive 36-year-old white man sought by the Federal Bureau of Investigation for questioning in the April 4 slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The drivers, both employed by the Atlanta Million Cab Co., said that they drove a man resembling the sketch to and from Atlanta's hippy neighborhood on the day after King was shot to death on the balcony of a Memphis motel.

FBI agents, who had been trying to trace Galt for more than a week, showed the two drivers a full-face sketch of a man they did not identify. The FBI refused to comment, but the sketch apparently was the same one which was identified in Birmingham as Eric Galt by a rooming house manager.

A similar sketch has been shown by FBI agents to hundreds of persons all through the South during the past week, but so far no trace of Galt has been reported.

One of the cab drivers said that he picked up the man in the sketch at 14th and Peachtree in Atlanta and drove him only two blocks, to 12th, where the man suddenly asked to be let out. The shortness of the trip, the driver said, caused him to remember the passenger.

The other driver said that he drove the man in the sketch on the night of April 5 to the corner of 13th and Crescent, a block west of Peachtree.

After showing the sketch to the two drivers, the FBI agents departed but returned later to check records of the cab company.

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