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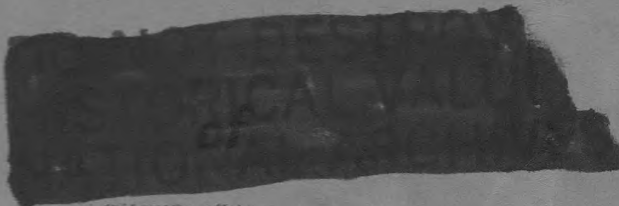
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

FROM : SA JOHN H. PROCTOR, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/17/68

Re ASAC ELMER F. LINBERG memo, 4/9/68; JN  
tel to Bureau and Memphis, 4/9/68.

On 4/9/68 CLEM MC GOWAN, Section Chief, CRD, SOG, telephonically advised that FRED RAMSEY, Producer, NBC News, told Inspector TOM BISHOP that he recalled doing a TV show on the Neshoba County case several years ago and that Rev. EDGAR RAY KILLEN and his three sons who are in their early 20's or 30's resemble the artist's conception of the murderer of Rev. MARTIN LUTHER KING. Further, that they all considered KING a dangerous person, and sooner or later KING would have to be killed.

It was requested that KILLEN and his sons should be considered suspects and that their time be accounted for during the pertinent periods of this case.

The following investigation was conducted:

On 4/9/68 Mrs. LONNIE RAY KILLEN, mother of EDGAR KILLEN, was interviewed (see attached FD-302) who advised that Rev. EDGAR KILLEN does not have any children. She stated she has five sons including EDGAR. She gave their names and ages and employments. She stated that all except ROY GENE KILLEN live at their home and he lives a short distance away. She stated all were at home on the morning and evening of 4/4/68 and could not have had anything to do with the murder of Rev. KING.

On 4/9/68 Rev. EDGAR RAY KILLEN was interviewed (see FD-302) who advised that he does not have any children. He stated that he has four brothers--ROY GENE KILLEN, age 39; BOBBY KILLEN, age 36; DONALD, 31; and JERRY, 29. He said



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that he, JERRY and BOBBY all worked at their sawmill in Brandon, Miss., on 3/29-30/68 as well as 4/4/68. He said that ROY GENE is employed at Midland Shirt Co., Union, Miss., and DONALD KILLEN is employed at J. F. Barnett Electric Co., Philadelphia, Miss. KILLEN stated that he knows nothing regarding the murder of Rev. KING.

On 4/9/68 MARDY KOGON, Manager, Midland Shirt Co., Union, Miss., advised that the records of his company reflect that KILLEN was at work from 6:40 a.m. to 4:12 p.m. on 4/4/68. Further, that he was employed on 3/29/68 from 6:41 a.m. until 4:10 p.m. on this date. (see FD-302)

On 4/9/68 DONALD KILLEN was interviewed and accounted for his whereabouts on 4/4/68. (see FD-302)

In addition to the above, neighborhood sources were contacted and verified whereabouts of suspects.

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Reverend EDGAR RAY KILLEN was contacted at his home and made aware of the identity of the interviewing agent and advised of the nature of the inquiry.

KILLEN stated that as best he can recall he and his two brothers, JERRY and BOBBY, were employed at their mill in Brandon, Mississippi, on March 29-30, 1968. He said that he definitely recalls that he and BOBBY were at the mill on April 4, 1968, and that JERRY was in the woods cutting logs. KILLEN said that he is married, but has no children. He added that his other two brothers, DONALD and ROY were at their respective employments. KILLEN added that all his brothers live at home with their mother and father with the exception of ROY who lives nearby in a small house. He added that he recalls that all were home on the evening when the news of the murder of Reverend KING was heard.

KILLEN stated that he did not desire to comment regarding the death of KING since anything he might say could be taken the wrong way.

On 4/9/68 at Neshoba County, Mississippi File # Jackson 157-9586

by SA JOHN H. PROCTOR, JR.:pdb Date dictated 4/10/68

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**DONALD KILLEN** was contacted by agents at the J. F. Barnett Electric and Plumbing Company, 279 West Beacon Street. The identities of the interviewing agents and the nature of the inquiry were made known to KILLEN. He was advised by SA RUCKER that he did not have to talk with the agents and that anything he did say could be used against him in a court of law. He was told that he could consult with an attorney of his own choice before making any statement and could have an attorney with him during interview if he so desired. No threats or promises were made to induce KILLEN to talk with the agents. An attempt was made to allow KILLEN to read a warning and waiver of rights form, which form he declined to read or sign.

KILLEN denied having played any part or having knowledge, other than what he had heard or read in the news, about the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. He related that he is employed at the Barnett Electric and Plumbing Company in Philadelphia, Mississippi, and that he did not work on the afternoon of April 4, 1968. He said that he could not recall his whereabouts on March 29 and 30, 1968. KILLEN did say that he does recall that on April 4, 1968, shortly after 6:00 p.m. he was at his home in rural Philadelphia, Mississippi, watching television when his television program was interrupted with a special announcement of KING's having been shot in Memphis, Tennessee. KILLEN then terminated the interview by saying that he was the brother of EDGAR RAY KILLEN who has been arrested by FBI agents in the past and "I'm a God-fearing man and have nothing further to say."

The following descriptive data was obtained obtained through observation:

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by SA JOHN B. RUCKER, JR. & SA FRANK B. WATTS:JBR/pdb Date dictated 4/12/68

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Name	DONALD KILLEN
Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of birth	
Place of birth	Philadelphia, Mississippi
Height	5'10"
Weight	155-160
Hair	Black
Build	Medium
Features	Sharp

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MARTIN KOGON, also known as Marty, advised that he is the manager of the Midland Shirt Company, Union, Mississippi. He advised that ROY GENE KILLEN is an employee of that company. He advised that according to their records (time clock), ROY KILLEN arrived for work on 6:40 a.m. and departed at 4:12 p.m. on March 29, 1968. He said that March 30, 1968, was a Saturday and that they did not operate on that date. He said that on April 4, 1968, ROY KILLEN checked in at 6:40 a.m. and departed at 4:12 p.m. He added that KILLEN has been employed with his company for several months and is a good employee.

KOGON described KILLEN as follows:

Name	ROY GENE KILLEN
Sex	Male
Race	White
Date of birth	
Place of birth	Neshoba County, Mississippi
Height	6'2"
Weight	190
Hair	Dark
Education	Three years high school
Marital status	Married; has no children

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On 4/9/68 at Union, Mississippi File # Jackson 157-9586by SA JOHN H. PROCTOR, JR. &  
SA DONALD J. CESARE:JHP/pdb Date dictated 4/11/68

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Mrs. LONNIE RAY KILLEN, Route 4, Union, Mississippi, was contacted by SA's DONALD J. CESARE and JOHN H. PROCTOR, JR., who immediately advised her of their identities as special agents of the FBI. Mrs. KILLEN was advised of the nature of the interview and voluntarily furnished the following information:

Mrs. KILLEN identified herself as the mother of EDGAR RAY KILLEN. She stated EDGAR had been "logging and sawing" as of late near Brandon, Mississippi, and would not return home until 8:00 or 8:30 p.m. each evening. She stated that EDGAR RAY is married, but does not have any children.

She related that she has five sons including EDGAR RAY. All but one married son reside with her at home. One son, ROY GENE, also known as "shorty", lives at the home adjacent to hers with his wife. ROY GENE is employed at the Midland Shirt Company in Union, Mississippi. The other sons she identified as JERRY, age 29, born [redacted] and, BOBBY, age 36, born [redacted]. She further advised that DON is employed by Barnetts Electric Company of Philadelphia and that BOBBY and JERRY work with EDGAR RAY logging.

Mrs. KILLEN stated that none of her sons have been out of the state or on any extended trips during the past year or so. She stated that to the best of her recollection all her sons were at home on March 29, 1968, and March 30, 1968. She further recalled that at the time of the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., in Memphis, Tennessee, on April 4, 1968, she was watching television

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advising of the incident. At the time she remembered EDGAR RAY relate to the other members of the family gathered to watch that it was a good thing that he was not in Memphis.

Mrs. KILLEN could furnish no further information.

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The following investigation was conducted by  
SAs DONALD J. CESARE and M. PALMER MILLER:

AT PHILADELPHIA, MISSISSIPPI

On April 9, 1968, Mrs. SHELBY SMITH, Route 4, Union, Mississippi, was contacted at her place of employment, Philadelphia High School, and advised that she presently lives adjacent to the KILLEN residence in Union, Mississippi. SMITH states that she has seen EDGAR RAY KILLEN and members of his family on almost a daily basis for the past two years. She related that she has not observed EDGAR RAY KILLEN or his brothers absent from their residence for any prolonged period of time. She added that the KILLENS were an "unusual family" in that they all live together and "pay their bills together."

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341PM URGENT 4-17-68 MCP

TO JACKSON

FROM MEMPHIS 44-1987 1 P

MURKIN, CR . OO: ME.

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FOR THE ADDITIONAL INFO OF JACKSON, ED WALDHEIM, THE GRAHAM PAPER CO., MEMPHIS, TENN., ADVISED THAT BROWN PAPER BAG BEARING THE NAME HOMESTEAD STUBBY, TWENTY POUNDER, IS HANDLED BY THEIR CO. AND NORTHERN MISS. IS SERVICED BY THE MEMPHIS FIRM. THEIR RECORDS REFLECT ONLY CO. TO HANDLE THIS SIZE BAG SINCE NOVEMBER ONE NINE SIX SEVEN, IS THE PETTIS CIGAR CO., OXFORD, MISS. SEVERAL THOUSAND OF THESE BAGS HAVE BEEN SOLD TO PETTIS SICE NOVEMBER. PETTIS IN TURN SELLS BAGS TO RETAIL STORES, ETC.

WALDHEIM ALSO ADVISED THAT GRAHAM PAPER CO., IN JACKSON, MISS., ALSO SERVES PARTS OF THE STATE OF MISS., PRIMARILY SOUTHERN MISS.

THIS INFO BEING FURNISHED JACKSON AS INVESTIGATION RE PURCHASE OF BEER IS PRESENTLY BEING CONDUCTED AND MAY BE OF ASSISTANCE.

JACKSON CONTACT PETTIS CO., IN EFFORTS TO SECURE ADDITIONAL INFO RE THIS PURCHASE. P. END.

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TO DIRECTOR 44-38861 AND JACKSON  
FROM OKLAHOMA CITY 44-686 1P

MURKIN

REVEREND STEVE HAMMONDS, OKLAHOMA CITY, ADVISED HE OBSERVED INDIVIDUAL AT SEVEN FIFTEEN PM ON FOUR THIRTEEN LAST, PROCEEDING EAST ON INTERSTATE FORTY ABOUT FORTY MILES EAST OF OKLAHOMA CITY, WHO RESEMBLED ARTIST CONCEPTION OF KING'S MURDERER WHICH APPEARED IN RECENT EDITION OF OKLAHOMA CITY NEWSPAPER. REVEREND HAMMONDS, WHO IS A FORMER OKLAHOMA CITY POLICEMAN STATED INDIVIDUAL OBSERVED WAS DRIVING A BLACK MUSTANG CONVERTIBLE WITH WHITE TOP BEARING HINDS COUNTY MISSISSIPPI LICENSE H B NINE THREE ONE SEVEN.

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MEMPHIS ADVISED AIRMAIL.

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*Pickel* *Source maybe* *NO*

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TO ALL SACS

FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861

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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 INVESTIGATION 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 POUNDS. HE IS 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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TO ALL SACS

FROM DIRECTOR

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

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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 INVESTIGATION 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 POUNDS. HE IS 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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FBI BIRMGHAM

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FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) 3P

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April 10, 1968

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING:

Source reported that EUGNE SMITH MANSFIELD, aka SUNSET teelphonically contacted L. E. MATTHEWS at Florence, from Buras, La. the morning of 4-10-68. SUNSET wanted \$300 to do a job or hit for MATTHEWS but MATTHEWS would agree only to pay \$200. Source did not know the location of the "hit", or whether an agreement on price was reached.

BOMBING OF BLACKWELL REALTY CO., 1967:

Source reported that the following had come to his attention concerning the indictment of L. E. MATTHEWS on 4-9-68, concerning the Blackwell Co.

ELAINE SMITH of Crystal Springs went to the Hinds County Court House on 4-10-68 but was told that the trial of J. L. HARPER, for the possession of explosives, had been postphned in view of the arrest earlier in the day of attorney HARRY KELLEY. She then met MATTHEWS at the Deposit Guaranty Bank and they discussed the warrant out for MATTHEWS, etal, and then went to the offices of Attorney PFEIFFER in the Barnett Building, who confirmed that he had seen the list of those indicted and MATTHEWS, BOWERS, etal were on it.

Source observed that SMITH & MATTHEWS drove to 51 Mart where MATTHEWS parked his white over blue truck, with pipe rack, got in the car with SMITH & they drove to MATTHEWS home below Florence.

MATTHEWS, his son who may be named STEVE, and SMITH commenced to get rid of various items as MATTHEWS said the law would want to search his home & car, and it would ruin him.

SMITH was observed to take MATTHEWS carbine to his mother's house and hide it. They apparently were arguing over his pistols as he had two on him and claimed that he was going to kill an FBI agent when they came for him. SMITH was able to convince MATTHEWS that it would probably end his mother if he acted that foolishly. SMITH succeeded in getting the pistols away from him.

MATTHEWS had his son burning papers that he claimed were from SAM BOWERS.

MATTHEWS claimed that he was going to hide out indefinitely and attempted to get ELAINE SMITH to hide him out on the family farm between Hazelhurst and Wesson, out in the country, but SMITH was claiming that she could not do this as her mother would never forgive her. Source did not know if SMITH finally agreed. Source reported that SMITH drove MATTHEWS to Jackson, dropped him off at the Primos North Gate Restaurants, and was to meet him or receive a call from him at 3 PM in the lobby of the main office of Deposit Guaranty Bank in Jackson.

MATTHEWS was heard to instruct SMITH to go see Senior Vice President STEVE BURRELL of Deposit Guaranty to get him to make MATTHEWS bond.

Subsequently source reported that MATTHEWS was in JOHN SULLIVAN's (attorney) office completing his bond papers, and that SULLIVAN had called the Sheriff that MATTHEWS would be in shortly to surrender. MATTHEWS did not because BURRELL had signed the bond in the wrong place, and it had to be done over.

BYRON DE LA BECKWITH:

Source reported that he had occasion to observe that L. E. MATTHEWS had received a letter from BECKWITH postmarked at Pensacola, Fla. 4-1-68. This letter indicated his home as 1001 Dewey St., Greenwood, Miss. and on the stationery of the Barrentine Mfg. Co. Greenwood.

4-12-68

BLACKWELL REALTY BOMBING:

Source learned from L. E. MATTHEWS on this date that he was surprised that JACK SHEARER, SR. was not arrested, commenting that he was at the party, the night it was planned, and that he MATTHEWS specifically recalled leaving with SHEARER.

Source reported that MATTHEWS had had a confrontation with BURRIS DUNN, JR. in HARRY KELLEYS office, that he had suspected that DUNN had been the informant in this matter, but that he had gotten DUNN straightened out. At this meeting it was pretty much concluded that <sup>ROBERT</sup> CHARLES WILSON will be a state witness and that he will not be arrested and brought to Jackson until the day before the trial.

Source further reported that ELAINE SMITH will be a surprise witness for the defense of L. E. MATTHEWS as he was using her as his alibi the night of the bombing, and the fact that they were together is entered in her diary.

MATTHEWS & KELLEY agreed to meet for a conference this weekend, and the conditions were that they would meet out in a field and that each should be naked to insure the other that he was not "bugged".

MATTHEW's first wife WILLIE MAY LNU (at one time SMITH) has a trailer behind The Windmill in Jackson. MATTHEWS commented that he and T. J. BATES who stays at this trailer on occasion, had done some things over two years ago but indicated the statute of limitations had run on them.

MATTHEWS has been to see BILLY CARR and though CARR indicated he won't do anything now, he will get a job done at MATTHEWS request. Nothing was indicated for the present time.

4/14-68

L. E. MATTHEWS:

Source reported that Friday night 4-12-68, MATTHEWS went to the Court House in Brandon for the Rankin County APWR meeting but it was not held as MATTHEWS, BILL PICKEL, ELAINE SMITH, Mr. and Mrs. BEN PULLEN and a black curlyhaired fellow who is believed a member of the Red Hill Baptist Church, showed up. SMITH & MATTHEWS apparently had a squabble so she left first. MATTHEWS, PICKEL and the latter described man said they were going to get some coffee.

BEN PULLEN's four or five year old daughter took her mother's purse when they got out of the car in front of the court house, dropped it and the pistol went off without hitting anyone. Since the PULLENS were the only ones who showed up, and there are indications they have had a falling out with their next door neighbors NELL & PAT THOMAS, the RANKIN APWR is folding or has folded. The recent arrests in Hinds County of MATTHEWS and his cronies obviously is also having quite an effect on the attendance.

Source did not know the location of MATTHEWS on Saturday night 4-13, but reported that his car was backed into a parking place at the Town House Restaurant at Crystal Springs the night of 4-14-68.

KARL AUSTIN:

Source reported that L. E. MATTHEWS, JR. is real sore at KARL & RUBY AUSTIN as they would not go any part of his bond when he was recently arrested by Hinds County authorities in connection with the BLACKWELL REALTY BOMBING. EARL is having



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (174-50)

DATE: 4/16/68

FROM : SA SAMUEL N. JENNINGS

SUBJECT: BOMBER SUSPECTS  
JACKSON DIVISION

Last known addresses and employments of bomber suspects residing in the Jackson area;

TALMADGE BILLY DE WITT CARR, JR.,  
108 Landrum Street,  
Clinton, Mississippi (just north of  
Highway 80 and just east of Mississippi  
College). Employed at D and N Construction  
Company, 1501 Moody Street, Jackson.

JAMES ALLEN CHAMPION,  
1169 McDowell Circle,  
Jackson, Mississippi (just west of Appleridge  
Shopping Center in Southwest Jackson).  
CHAMPION is employed at Lafayette, Louisiana,  
and only comes home every week or two on  
weekends.

JIMMY GARLAND COPELAND, 1053 McCluer Road,  
Jackson, Mississippi, (extreme south end  
of Jackson, about three or four miles west  
of Interstate 55). Employed at Jackson Mack  
Sales, Highway 80 West.

BURRIS LEON DUNN, JR., Route 1, Box 308A, Plummer  
Circle, Jackson, Mississippi, (just north of  
Highway 18 near Forest Hill School.) Employed  
at National Cash Register Company, Jackson.

JAMES ROBERT "SHORTY" GREENE, 2882 Terry Road,  
Jackson, employed at McPhale's Gulf Service Station,  
West Capitol and Ellis Avenue.



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J. L. HARPER, 932 Myrtlewood Drive, Jackson, (two blocks east of Belvedere in Southwest Jackson), employed as a painter and part-time employee of JOE DENVER HAWKINS.

JOE DANIEL HAWKINS, 2610 Brookwood Drive, Jackson (just south of Appleridge Shopping Center in Southwest Jackson), employed at Braswell Motor Freight Lines, Highway 80 East (Pearl), Jackson, Mississippi.

JOE DENVER HAWKINS, 1723 Saint Charles Street, Jackson (two blocks south of West Capitol Street in West Jackson), self-employed as a painting and building contractor.

KINARD DALE HENSARLING, Route 1, Box 142-B, Siwel Road, Jackson, (about two miles west of Forest Hill and south of Raymond Road), employed Clarion-Ledger, Jackson, Mississippi.

HOLLAND "RED" WHITE HILTON, 2837 Kingswood Avenue, Jackson, Mississippi, (just west of Interstate 55 South at the McDowell Exit), employed as supervisor, Barq's Bottling Company, 1239 Terry Road.

HARRY LEE KELLEY, Route 1, Terry, Mississippi, (resides in a trailer parked near a lake about 15 miles south of Jackson and about two miles west of Interstate 55), employed as an attorney, Barnett Building, Jackson.

L. E. MATTHEWS, JR., Rural Route, Florence, Miss., (lives in large, maroon-colored house about three miles south of the swinging bridge over Pearl River on the Rankin County side of the river), self-employed, Matthews Electric Company, Florence, Mississippi.