

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/11/68

J. W. WARREN, Investigator, Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol (MHSP), Holly Springs, Mississippi, furnished the following information to the interviewing Agents:

Investigator WARREN stated that one ROBERT OWEN SHERIDAN of Plain Field, Illinois, was arrested by the Holly Springs, Mississippi, Police Department on April 8, 1968 on a charge of suspicion.

WARREN stated that from the information he obtained SHERIDAN checked into the Holly Inn Motel, located on Highway 78 in Holly Springs, Mississippi on the evening of April 7, 1968. SHERIDAN'S arrest was the result of his, SHERIDAN'S, questionable actions. WARREN explained that SHERIDAN apparently attempted to rent his motel room at the Holly Inn Restaurant to two unknown truck drivers, after he, SHERIDAN, checked into the motel. WARREN explained that it was subsequently determined that SHERIDAN was without any type of funds and was driving a 1966 Cadillac, white over gold in color, bearing 1968 Illinois license HJ167, VIN J6263092.

WARREN stated that he initially interviewed SHERIDAN and determined that he was from Plain Field, Illinois, and was in the interior design business in that city. WARREN stated that he also determined that SHERIDAN had checked into the Rip Van Winkle Motel in Millington, Tennessee on April 4, 1968 and that he reportedly still maintained a room at this motel.

WARREN determined that SHERIDAN was known to the Aurora, Illinois, Police Department, and was apparently considered a mental case. WARREN further commented that he telephonically contact RICHARD BONYA of Plain Field, Illinois and determined that SHERIDAN was in fact, the owner of a 1966

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by SA RICHARD T. RABIDEAU and  
SA WILLIAM P. LAWLER, JR. RTR/jdh Date dictated 4/9/68

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Cadillac and further, that SHERIDAN had been hospitalized for a mental problem. BONYA reportedly advised WARREN that SHERIDAN left the hospital in Aurora, Illinois prior to actually being released. WARREN stated that SHERIDAN reportedly walked out of the hospital on April 2, 1968.

WARREN further stated that RICHARD BONYA was immediately leaving Plain Field, Illinois en route to Holly Springs, Mississippi to pick up SHERIDAN and transport him back to Illinois.

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ROBERT OWEN SHERIDAN, 208 Joliet Road, Plain Field, Illinois, was located and interviewed at the Holly Springs, Mississippi, Police Department. SHERIDAN was immediately advised of the identity of the interviewing Agents. Present during the course of interview with SHERIDAN was Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol (MHSP) Investigator, J. W. WARREN, of Holly Springs, Mississippi. SHERIDAN was furnished, by SA RICHARD T. RABIDEAU, a warning and waiver form which he read. SHERIDAN orally indicated that he understood his rights, but he elected not to execute this form.

SHERIDAN stated that he is a partner in the interior design business in Plain Field, Illinois. SHERIDAN stated that the name of the firm is the Rabros and Associates and that his partner is RICHARD ALEX BONYA.

SHERIDAN stated that he departed Plain Field, Illinois on Wednesday, April 3, 1968, driving his 1966 Cadillac. SHERIDAN explained that he departed Illinois en route to Florida for a vacation. He stated that on April 2, 1968 he was released from the Mercyville Hospital in Aurora, Illinois. SHERIDAN stated that he has had trouble with his nerves and has been hospitalized since March 17, 1968 in conjunction with this nervous problem. SHERIDAN indicated that he was initially confined to the Manteno State Hospital located in Manteno, Illinois on March 17, 1968, however, was released from this institution after being confined approximately one week or less. SHERIDAN stated that he was thereafter taken to the Mercyville Hospital in Aurora, Illinois, a private institution where he was under treatment and care by a Doctor (First Name Unknown) UREBEE of Chicago, Illinois.

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SHERIDAN stated that after his release from the Mercyville Hospital in Aurora, Illinois on April 2, 1968, that he decided that he needed a rest and a vacation. SHERIDAN stated that he traveled from Plain Field, Illinois on April 3, 1968 and spent that night at the Holiday Inn Motel in Blytheville, Arkansas. He stated that on April 4, 1968, he traveled from Blytheville, Arkansas directly to Millington, Tennessee, where he immediately checked into the Rip Van Winkle Motel. SHERIDAN stated that he still maintains a room at the Tip Van Winkle Motel in Millington, Tennessee and that some of his clothing is still at this motel.

SHERIDAN stated that he went to Millington, Tennessee in order to see one STEVE FRY who is stationed at the Naval Air Base in Millington, Tennessee. SHERIDAN pointed out that STEVE FRY is a former employee of the Rabros and Associates and he, SHERIDAN, was interested in contacting FRY and visiting with him. He stated that he attempted to contact FRY at the Naval Station on Thursday, April 4, 1968, with negative results. He explained that he was unable to contact FRY on the afternoon of April 4, 1968 and that during the evening of April 4, 1968, there was a tornado that struck in the Millington, Tennessee area making it impossible to contact FRY.

He stated that he did, in fact, contact STEVE FRY on the following day, April 5, 1968.

SHERIDAN stated that he remained at the Rip Van Winkle Motel in Millington, Tennessee until Sunday, April 7, 1968, when he traveled to Holly Springs, Mississippi. SHERIDAN stated that he became extremely nervous because of the rioting and the demonstrations in Memphis, Tennessee and as a result elected not to travel anywhere, but remain in Millington, Tennessee.

SHERIDAN stated that he departed Millington, Tennessee for Holly Springs, Mississippi on Sunday, April 7, 1968 because he had been unable to complete long distance telephone calls that he had attempted to place to his partner in Plain Field, Illinois. SHERIDAN explained that he ran out

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of money and was attempting to contact his partner; however, the telephone circuits were constantly tied up and he was unable to make or complete these calls. As a result, he decided to travel to Holly Springs, Mississippi and check into a motel where he could successfully complete his telephone calls.

SHERIDAN stated that while en route to Holly Springs, Mississippi on April 7, 1968, he stopped at a Negro service station, which he was unable to further describe, and purchased gasoline for his automobile. He stated that after departing this service station he noticed that a suitcase was missing from his automobile. SHERIDAN could not describe the manufacturer of this suitcase, but indicated that it was tan in color. He stated that the following listed items were in the suitcase at the time it was stolen:

- Polaroid Camera
- Gideon Bible
- Two sets of underclothing
- One black pair of trousers
- A Norelco Electric Shaver

SHERIDAN stated that he checked into the Holly Inn Motel located in Holly Springs, Mississippi and remained at this motel until he was arrested by the Police Department on the morning of April 8, 1968.

SHERIDAN stated that the 1966 Cadillac that he was in possession of, is his automobile and that he purchased this Cadillac from RAY KINNEY Motors in Joliet, Illinois. SHERIDAN stated that the Illinois registration papers for this automobile had been lost or stolen.

SHERIDAN emphatically denied owning or purchasing any type of weapon. He further stated that the only occasion he had ever been through the city of Birmingham, Alabama, was on a train during the time he was in the military service.

The following description was obtained through observation and interview:

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Name	ROBERT OWEN SHERIDAN
Residence	208 Joliet Road Plain Field, Illinois
Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	32
Date of Birth	
Place of Birth	Mount Vernon, Illinois
Height	6'
Weight	205
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Characteristics	Receding forehead
Selective Service #	11-141-36-13
Previous Arrests	Admits being arrested by the Aurora, Illinois Police Department in 1961 on a DWI charge. States charges were dropped and he was released. States he was fingerprinted by the Aurora, Illinois Police Department at the time of his arrest.
Employment	Partner in the Rabros and Associates, Plain Field, Illinois

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

FROM : SA JOHN L. PUDDISTER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/29/68

On April 11, 1968, Inspector JOSEPH A. SULLIVAN telephonically advised that he did not desire that any negative type investigation, which eliminates local Jackson suspects, be sent to Memphis. He advised that negative type information should be indexed and filed at Jackson rather than be furnished to Memphis.

*Investigation re - Fred Phillip Thorne.*  
*(see 157-9586-54)*

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CARSIE HALL, President, Jackson Branch, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), 121 North Farish Street, telephonically contacted the Jackson Office on April 7, 1968 and stated that on ~~EVELYN~~ ROBINS had informed him that she had seen a white male get out of a small white car bearing Shelby County, Tennessee license KN 4264 and go into the Downtowner Motel, Jackson, Mississippi.

According to Mr. HALL Miss ROBINS stated that individual driving this small car resembled the sketch of individual appearing in the newspaper as person who shot MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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by SA BENJAMIN F. GRAVES /jdh Date dictated 4/9/68

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MAXINE DELBUONO advised she was the night desk clerk for the Downtowner Motel, Jackson, Mississippi. She stated that at about 6:50 PM she registered a man by the name of FRED P. THORNE who was driving a 1968 white Tempest Pontiac with Tennessee license KN 4264.

Mrs. DELBUONO stated that her files show that FRED P. THORNE furnished an address of 1580 Channel Street, Memphis, Tennessee and that he was employed by the Underwriters Salvage Company of Memphis, Tennessee. THORNE registered for two nights on April 7 and 8, 1968.

Mrs. DELBUONO furnished the following description of FRED P. THORNE:

Name	FRED P. THORNE
Residence	1580 Channel Street Memphis, Tennessee
Height	About 5'10"
Weight	140
Hair	Dark with a bald spot in back of head
Build	Slender
Age	48
Employment	Underwriters Salvage, Memphis, Tennessee

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ARTIS GEESTON advised he was the night bellhop at the Downtowner Motel, Jackson, Mississippi.

He stated that he recalled a man presently registered in Room 719 of the Downtowner coming to the motel in a white Tempest Pontiac with Tennessee license. GEESTON stated that he did not check this individual in, but from his observations believed him to be about 50 years of age, 5'9" tall, 140 pounds and had dark hair which was thin on top of the head.

GEESTON then stated that he could furnish no furnished information concerning this individual.

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FRED PHILLIP THORNE was contacted at the Downtowner Motel, Jackson, Mississippi, at which time he stated that he is presently employed by the Underwriters Salvage Company, an insurance company at Memphis, Tennessee. He stated the home address of this insurance company was 1580 Channel Street and that he resided at 514 Ross Street, West Memphis, Arkansas.

Mr. THORNE made available an Arkansas driver's license Number 288958 giving his name as FRED PHILLIP THORNE and resides at 514 Ross Street, West Memphis, Arkansas.

Mr. THORNE stated that he was at his home in West Memphis, Arkansas on the night that MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. was shot and that he heard the news over his radio in his car as he was going to a restaurant nearby.

Mr. THORNE stated that when he left Memphis on April 7, 1968 his wife jokingly stated that he should not take the company car as the officials of the law enforcement in Tennessee and Mississippi would be looking for a small white car and he would have to be stopped to be checked out.

Mr. THORNE stated he was leaving Jackson on early morning of April 9, 1968 to return to his company in Memphis, but that if he was not located at Memphis they would know his whereabouts at all times.

Mr. THORNE furnished the following description of himself:

Name	FRED PHILLIP THORNE
Date of Birth	<input type="text"/>
Place of Birth	New York City, New York

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Age	45
Height	6'
Weight	135
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Dark brown with some greying (small bald spot in top of head with high protruding hair line)
Wife	MURIEL THORNE
Children	NANCY, Age 20 FRED, JR., age 18 SANDRA, age 9 BOBBY, age 7 JOHN, age 4
Employment	Representative, Underwriters Salvage Company

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SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4-29-68

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*CCO The attached has been marked for indexing*

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The following investigation was conducted  
by SA JAMES F. BODMAN, JR., at Greenwood, Mississippi:

On April 10, 1968, BONNIE HODGES, Secretary,  
Greenwood Utilities Company, advised that they have no  
record of a JOHN WILLARD, HARVEY LOWMEYER, or a ERIC  
STARVO GALT residing in the Greenwood area.

On April 18, 1968, CHRISTINE CHANDLER, Circuit  
Clerk, Leflore County, advised that the voting records  
from December of 1952 to the present date are negative  
regarding the above names. Mrs. CHANDLER advised that  
a review of the Circuit Court Criminal Docket Records,  
Leflore County, from November, 1946, to present date are  
negative regarding the above names.

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The following investigation was conducted  
by SA RICHARD T. RABIDEAU on April 10, 1968:

AT HOLLY SPRINGS, MISSISSIPPI

PATRICIA PHILLIPS, Deputy Circuit Clerk,  
Marshall County, advised that the names JOHN WILLARD  
and HARVEY LOWMEYER were unidentifiable in the  
Voter Registration records for that county.

Deputy Sheriff RAY BRIGHT, Marshall County  
Sheriff's Office, advised that names JOHN WILLARD  
and HARVEY LOWMEYER were unknown to his department.  
Deputy Sheriff BRIGHT further advised that the  
names WILLARD and LOWMEYER were unidentifiable in  
the Automobile Registration records of Marshall  
County, Mississippi.

Chief of Police HARRY BRYANT, advised  
the names JOHN WILLARD and HARVEY LOWMEYER were  
unidentifiable to his department.

AT BATESVILLE, MISSISSIPPI

Mrs. IKE SHANKLE, Deputy Circuit Clerk,  
Panola County, advised that the names JOHN WILLARD  
and HARVEY LOWMEYER were unidentifiable in the Voter  
Registration records for Panola County, Mississippi.

MARY DUKE, Clerk, Panola County Sheriff's  
Office, advised the names JOHN WILLARD and HARVEY  
LOWMEYER were unidentifiable in the Auto Registration  
records for Panola County, Mississippi.

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Sheriff FORREST TUTTLE, Panola County, advised the names JOHN WILLARD and HARVEY LOWMEYER were unidentifiable to his department.

The following investigation was conducted by SA RICHARD T. RABIDEAU on April 11, 1968:

The following listed airports were physically examined for a white Mustang with negative results:

Bishop Flying Service, Highway 78, Marshall County, Mississippi

Birdsong Airport, Highway 6, West, Panola County, Mississippi

Austin's Flying Service, Sardis Dam Road, Panola County, Mississippi

On April 15, 1968, MARIE SLAYDEN, Clerk, Marshall County Sheriff's Office, Holly Springs, Mississippi, advised SA RICHARD T. RABIDEAU that the name ERIC STARVO GALT was unidentifiable in the Automobile Registration records of Marshall County, Mississippi.

On April 16, 1968, MARY MC CARTER, Clerk, Panola County Sheriff's Office, Sardis, Mississippi, and MARY DUKE, Clerk, Panola County Sheriff's Office, Batesville, Mississippi, advised SA RICHARD T. RABIDEAU that the name ERIC STARVO GALT was unidentifiable in the Automobile Registration records of their respective offices.

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The following investigation was conducted on April 12, 1968, by SA BRENT W. WARBERG:

AT AMORY, MISSISSIPPI

The following persons were contacted concerning any information they may have or records of their agencies may have concerning ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMEYER, or JOHN WILLARD. The results of these contacts were negative:

NOBLE GARRETT, Chief of Police,  
Amory Police Department;

JOHN B. WRIGHT, Bank of Amory;

Mrs. SHELBY WESTBROOK, Security Bank of Amory;

ALTA CLAYBORNE, Amory Light and Water

A review of the Amory telephone book failed to reflect any listing for the above captioned individuals.

AT ABERDEEN, MISSISSIPPI

The following persons were contacted relative to any information their files may contain concerning ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMEYER, or JOHN WILLARD. The results of these checks were negative:

DORLOS ROBINSON, Sheriff, Monroe County ;

MYRTLE SHUMBERT, Circuit Clerk,  
Monroe County;

MARY HARRISON, Clerk, Local Board 52,  
Selective Service System;

ALLEN PICKLE, Monroe Banking and Trust Company;

MARTHA COLE, The First National Bank of  
Aberdeen;

DAN ADAMS, Chief of Police, Aberdeen,  
Mississippi (who also checked the light and water  
records)

AT HOUSTON, MISSISSIPPI

The following persons were contacted on April 15,  
1968, relative to any information their files may contain  
concerning ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMEYER, or JOHN WILLARD.  
The results of these checks were negative:

BILL SMITH, Sheriff, Chickasaw County;

HAL ALLEN, Circuit Clerk, Chickasaw County;

ROY DAVIS, Chief of Police, Houston,  
Mississippi;

BERTA PEDEN, City Clerk,  
Houston, Mississippi

ROBERT C. PEARSON, JR.,  
Houston State Bank;

GEORGE TURNER, Bank of Houston;

MARY HICKMAN, Selective Service System

A review of the Houston telephone book and city  
directory failed to reflect any mention of the above  
captioned individuals.

AT CALHOUN COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

The following individuals were contacted relative to any information their files may contain concerning ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMEYER, or JOHN WILLARD:

W. L. ELLARD, Sheriff, Calhoun County;

BILLY BRYANT, Circuit Clerk,  
Calhoun County;

HOWARD CAIN, Chief of Police,  
Bruce, Mississippi;

JOY PATTERSON, Clerk,  
City of Bruce;

JOHN BELL YOUNG, JR.,  
Bank of Bruce;

JIM RAY, Chief of Police,  
Calhoun City, Mississippi (who checked light and  
water records)

BILLY BETTERTON, Selective Service System

A review of the Telephone directory and city directory at Calhoun County, Mississippi, failed to reflect any information concerning the above captioned individuals.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

DATE: 4/24/68

FROM : SA JOHN H. PROCTOR

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Jackson memorandum dated 4/11/68.

The following investigation was conducted in an effort to determine any information concerning ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMEYER or LOWMYER and JOHN WILLARD.

On 4/12/68, a review of the 1965-67 Meridian City Directory and Telephone Directory was conducted with negative results. On 4/15/68, THOMAS STEVINSON, Credit Bureau, Meridian, Miss., advised that his records contain no information concerning these individuals.

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On 4/12/68, L. A. WILLOUGHBY, Identification Officer, Meridian Detective Bureau, advised that his records contain no identifiable information concerning these individuals.

On 4/12/68, Lauderdale County Sheriff ALTON ALLEN, and H. C. SLAY, MHSP, Meridian, advised that their records contain no identifiable information concerning these individuals.

On 4/15/68, JILES PADDY, President, First National Bank, Meridian, ARCHIE MC DONALD, President, Citizens National Bank, Meridian, and A. L. YOUNG, President, Merchants and Farmers Bank, Meridian, all advised that their records contain no identifiable information concerning these individuals.

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On 4/16/68 , Mrs. MARGARET MONTGOMERY, Clerk, Lauderdale County Board of Health, Meridian, advised that all birth records presently contained at that location can also be located through the Bureau of Vital Statistics in Jackson, Miss.

On 4/16/68, Mrs. ADELL GRIFFIS, Clerk, Selective Service System, advised that her records contain no identifiable information concerning these individuals.

RAYMOND DAVIS, Lauderdale County Clerk, advised that the voter registration for Lauderdale County contain no identifiable information concerning these individuals.

On 4/12/68, Lauderdale County Sheriff ALTON ALLEN advised that according to his records no license was issued by his department for any individual having the above names.

On 4/16/68, JAMES GARDNER, Meridian City Engineer, advised that no record could be located for any utility issued to any of the above individuals.

Managers of the following motels in the Meridian area were contacted and registrations were checked for pertinent dates concerning the above subjects with negative results:

Holiday Inn No. 1

Virginia Court

Nelva Courts

Valley Motel

Travel Inn

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Ramada Inn

Lone Star Motel

Catherine Motel

Holiday Inn No. 2

Triangle Hotel

Meridian Hotel

Lamar Hotel

Terminal Hotel

All confidential informants and sources in the Meridian RA have been contacted re these individuals with negative results.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA PAUL A. MEISSNER, JR.:

On April 11, 1968, Mrs. JOANN RANDOLPH, Civilian Personnel Section, Keesler Air Force Base (AFB), Biloxi, Mississippi, advised SA MEISSNER that a thorough review of her current and closed Civilian Personnel Records failed to reflect that anyone using the name ERIC STARVO GALT, JOHN WILLARD, or HARVEY LOWMYER, is now, or has ever been employed as a civilian employee at Keesler AFB, Mississippi.

On April 11, 1968, Mrs. THERESA T. FOUNTAIN, Base Exchange Personnel Office, advised that a review of her current and closed Civilian Employee Files failed to reflect that any individual using the name ERIC STARVO GALT, JOHN WILLARD, or HARVEY LOWMYER, is now, or ever was employed by the Branch Exchange at Keesler AFB.

On April 11, 1968, Mrs. BEVERLY WADE, Concessions Personnel Section, advised that a review of her current and closed personnel files fails to reflect that any civilian was ever employed by the Concessions Section of Keesler AFB using the name ERIC STARVO GALT, JOHN WILLARD, or HARVEY LOWMYER.

On April 11, 1968, the records of the Base Locator, Keesler AFB, Mississippi, were reviewed; however, no listing for an individual using the name ERIC STARVO GALT, JOHN WILLARD, or HARVEY LOWMYER, was determined.

On April 11, 1968, SA EDWARD W. VARNELL, Office of Special Investigations (OSI), Keesler AFB, Biloxi, Mississippi, advised that records on military personnel previously transferred from Keesler AFB, Mississippi, are maintained for a period of only six months by the Base Locator, with the possible exception of the Arrest and Incident File (A & I) maintained by the Air Police, which would indicate whether an individual previously stationed at Keesler had ever come into contact with the Air Police while at Keesler. VARNELL

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advised that all other records concerning military personnel are on deposit at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, with the World Wide Locator. VARNELL stated that Civilian Personnel Records are maintained by the Civilian Personnel Office, the Branch Exchange Personnel Office, and the Concessions Department Personnel Office. VARNELL stated that no permanent record concerning military personnel previously stationed at Keesler is maintained at the Keesler AFB.

On April 11, 1968, Staff Sergeant JOSEPH S. SLADE, Non-Commissioned Officer in Charge of the Investigations Section, advised that a review of the A & I File maintained by the Air Police, in the names ERIC STARVO GALT, JOHN WILLARD, and HARVEY LOWMYER, was negative.

On April 11, 1968, JAMES L. PULLEN, Naval Investigative Service, advised that records of military personnel presently assigned at the United States Naval Construction Battalion Center, Gulfport, Mississippi, are maintained by the Base Locator. He advised that records on personnel previously stationed at U. S. Naval Construction Battalion Center, are not retained permanently at this center. A review of the Base Locator files at the U. S. Naval Construction Battalion Center, Gulfport, Mississippi, failed to reveal any listing of the names ERIC STARVO GALT, JOHN WILLARD, or HARVEY LOWMYER.



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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA JAMES EDWARD KING:

The following individuals were contacted at  
their respective agencies in Meridian, Mississippi,  
with negative results regarding the names HARVEY  
LOWMEYER/LOWMYER, JOHN WILLARD/WILLIARD;

TOM STEPHENSON, Credit Bureau of Meridian,  
Meridian, Mississippi;

FRANCES HASTINGS, Clerk, Records, Meridian  
Police Department;

MARIE KNOWLES, Clerk, Records, Detective  
Bureau, Meridian Police Department.

City directories and telephone directories  
for Meridian were checked for the above names with  
negative results.

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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA CYRUS V. HOAGLUND:

The following records of Walthall County were  
checked in an effort to locate information identifiable  
with JOHN WILLARD, HARVEY LOWMEYER, HARVEY LOWMYER and  
ERIC STARVO GALT with negative results:

Voter Registration Records  
Marriage Records by Circuit Clerk JOE STINTSON  
Divorce Records by Chancery Clerk DENVER KENNEDY  
Automobile Registration and Arrest Records by  
Sheriff RUSSELL SLATER  
Tax Assessor Records by

The following records of Lawrence County were  
checked in an effort to locate information identifiable  
with JOHN WILLARD, HARVEY LOWMEYER, HARVEY LOWMYER and  
ERIC STARVO GALT with negative results:

Marriage and Voter Registration Records by  
Circuit Clerk LUNN D. TURNER  
Divorce Records by Deputy Chancery Clerk  
WILMA HICKS  
Automobile Registration and Arrest Records by  
Sheriff PRESTON DAVIS  
Tax Assessor Records by JERE J. THAMES.

The following records of Lincoln County were  
checked in an effort to locate information identifiable  
with JOHN WILLARD, HARVEY LOWMEYER, HARVEY LOWMYER and  
ERIC STARVO GALT with negative results:

Marriage and Voter Registration Records by  
Circuit Clerk EARL BURNS  
Automobile Registration and Arrest Records by  
Sheriff COLEMAN LEA

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Divorce Records by Chancery Clerk CARROLL  
CALHOUN

Tax Assessor Records by MABLE LEGGETT

The records of the Brookhaven Credit Bureau were  
searched by LOUISE MILLER with negative results in an  
effort to develop information identifiable with JOHN  
WILLARD, HARVEY LOWMEYER, HARVEY LOWMYER and ERIC STARVO  
GALT.

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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA RICHARD L. BROCK:

On April 16, 1968, the following individuals advised they had no knowledge of anyone by the name of HARVEY LOWMEYER or LOWMYER and JOHN WILLARD residing in Scott County, Mississippi, or having ever been handled by their agencies:

CLELL HARRELL, Sheriff  
Scott County, Mississippi

LAURIS SESSUMS, Chief of Police  
Morton, Mississippi

HUBERT HENDERSON, Chief of Police  
Forest, Mississippi

Sheriff HARRELL further advised that motor vehicle registration data for Scott County, Mississippi, is listed by tag number only, and is not alphabetized by name.

On April 16, 1968, A. A. MILLS, Local Manager, Mississippi Power Company, Forest, Mississippi, advised his records reveal no subscribers by the name of ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMEYER or LOWMYER and JOHN WILLARD.

On April 16, 1968, Mrs. FLORENE RHODES, Owner, Credit Bureau of Scott County, Forest, advised her records reveal no information identifiable with HARVEY LOWMEYER or LOWMYER and JOHN WILLARD.

On April 16, 1968, EARL WEBB, Chancery Clerk's Office, Scott County, Mississippi, advised all divorce and marriage records would be available at Jackson, Mississippi.

On April 16, 1968, Mrs. LOVE EPTING, Circuit Clerk, Scott County, Mississippi, advised she does not maintain birth records, but they could be obtained at Jackson, Mississippi.

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She further advised a review of voter registration records would require reviewing thousands of names which are not alphabetized. She stated she has personally registered all voters since the first part of 1968, and knows she has registered no one by the name of ERIC STARVO GALT, JOHN WILLARD, or HARVEY LOWMYER or LOWMEYER. Mrs. EPTING further stated she has been a life-long resident of Scott County and has worked in most all county offices and has never known of anyone residing in Scott County with the above names.

On April 17, 1968, Mr. LAMAR RIGBY, Retired Circuit Clerk, Scott County, Mississippi, advised he has resided in Scott County all of his life and has held the position of circuit clerk for many years and does not recall registering or knowing anyone by the name of ERIC STARVO GALT, JOHN WILLARD, or HARVEY LOWMEYER or LOWMYER.

A review of the Southern Bell Telephone Directory for Forest, Morton, Lake, and Homewood, Mississippi, concerning ERIC STARVO GALT, JOHN WILLARD, and HARVEY LOWMEYER or LOWMYER revealed no information identifiable with them.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA DANIEL F. BODINE at Macon, Mississippi on 4/17/68:

The following persons were contacted and each advised that based upon a review of their official records and personal knowledge of the population of Noxubee County, Mississippi that they could not supply any positive information indicating that anyone by the name of HARVEY LOWMEYER, ERIC STARVO GALT, or JOHN WILLARD had every had any association in the area:

E. G. "Doc" TAYLOR, Sheriff, Noxubee County Sheriff's Office,  
RICHARD ADAMS, Town Marshal, Macon, Mississippi,  
HARVEY HUNTER, Owner, Huntre's Motel, Hwy 45, Macon, Miss  
NANCY LEGAN, Clerk, Local Board 56, Macon, Mississippi,  
W. B. TATE, Vice President, Merchants and Farmers Bank, Macon,  
Shuqualak and Scooba, Mississippi

On 4/17/68 J. E. MCDAVID, Clerk, Noxubee County Circuit Court, advised that it would be impossible to accurately review County Birth and Marriage records, but could be more accurately be done through State record maintained in Jackson, Mississippi. MCDAVID advised that there was no record of any of the names in voter registration records for the county.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA  
CHARLES W. WILMORE, JR., on April 18, 1968:

AT CLEVELAND, MISSISSIPPI:

A review of Selective Service records at Local Board #6, Cleveland, Mississippi, revealed no registrants with date of birth [REDACTED]. A review of names of registrants with dates of birth in July and August, 1931, revealed no name resembling ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMYER, or JOHN WILLIARD.

AT ROSEDALE, MISSISSIPPI:

A review of the files of Selective Service Board #7, Rosedale, Mississippi, revealed no registrant with date of birth [REDACTED]. A check of names of registrants with dates of birth in July and August, 1931, revealed no name similar to ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMYER, or JOHN WILLIARD.

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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA PETER H. CROOKS on April 19, 1968:

Mrs. ROSALIE GREENE, Clerk, Selective Service Board #21, Lucedale, Mississippi, advised that their records reflected no one by the name of EARNEST STARVO GALT.

Miss DE LESLYN BICKERSTAFF, Clerk, Selective Service Board #33, 308 Canty Street, advised that their records reflected no one by the name of EARNEST STARVO GALT.

A check of all logical reference works in the Pascagoula, Mississippi, -Moss Point, Mississippi area failed to locate an ERIC STARVO GALT.

H. W. SLATTER, Desk Sergeant, Moss Point Police Department, advised that his records reflect no ERIC GALT and that he himself was unfamiliar with this name. He advised that he would contact friends of his by the name of GALT in the area in an attempt to locate an ERIC GALT.

Mr. F. DYKES, Proprietor, Dykes Barber Shop, Escatawba, Mississippi, advised he knows nearly everyone in the Moss Point area but knows no ERIC GALT.

Mrs. ERIE GALT, Griffin Road, Escatawba, Mississippi, advised that she has lived all her life in the Moss Point area and knows of no one by the name of ERIC GALT.

Mr. MATT COX, Deputy Sheriff, Jackson County Sheriff's Office, advised that their files contained no reference to an ERIC GALT.

Detective J. B. GIBSON, Pascagoula Police Department, Pascagoula, Mississippi, advised that the Pascagoula Police Department files contained no reference to an ERIC GALT.

Miss DORA LYNN, Postmaster, Escatawba, Mississippi advised the name ERIC GALT was not familiar to her.

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Mrs. BETTY JEAN KNOWLES, Postmaster, Moss Point,  
Mississippi Post Office, advised that the name ERIC GALT  
was not familiar to her.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

DATE: 4-29-68

FROM : SA JOHN L. PUDDISTER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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*The attached concerns information furnished by Robert Durrall Rogers on 4/17/68. A teletype was sent to Mobile based on information furnished by Rogers, (see In tel to Mobile, 4-17-68.)*

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Date April 17, 1968

ROBERT DUVALL ROGERS, 510 Spanish Main, Spanish Fort, Alabama, telephone Mobile, Alabama, 433-1307, telephonically contacted the Meridian Resident Agency of the FBI saying that he would like to meet an Agent at the Travel Inn Motel Restaurant, Tom Bailey Drive, Meridian, Mississippi, to relate some information concerning the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING. Agents met ROGERS as requested, at which time he related the following information:

ROGERS stated that at about 2:00 p.m., on April 8, 1968, he left Spanish Fort, Alabama, en route to Morton, Mississippi, to visit relatives. He said that he traveled through Saraland to Citronelle, Alabama, and as he started to turn right on U. S. Highway 45 at the Rosa A. Lott Negro school at the Petroleum Club on Highway 45, he noticed a light blue or light green 1963 Rambler automobile traveling north on Highway 45. ROGERS said that he pulled in behind that Rambler automobile, at which time the driver sped off at an extremely high rate of speed (about 90 miles per hour). He related that he increased his speed to catch up with the Rambler automobile and followed that car on through Citronelle to a point about 11 miles north of Citronelle. ROGERS stated that the Rambler automobile then turned East on a dirt road about 150 yards south of the intersection of Highway 17 with U. S. 45. He said that he recalls having seen a highway sign near that dirt road which sign read "Mobile 43 miles". ROGERS stated that after seeing the Rambler turn on the dirt road, he turned around at the intersection of Highway 17 and went back to the dirt road where he observed the Rambler going east on the dirt road at a high rate of speed. ROGERS said that he thought that the car might have been going to a residence on that road. He said that the Rambler bore an unknown Georgia license plate.

On 4/17/68 at Meridian, Mississippi File # Jackson 157-9586  
by SA'S RICHARD L. BROCK and  
JOHN B. RUCKER, JR: JBR/cmb Date dictated 4/17/68

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ROGERS advised that just prior to his leaving Spanish Fort, Alabama, on the above-mentioned trip, he had observed a sketch of the suspect killer of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., in a Mobile, Alabama, newspaper and immediately felt that the driver of the above-described Rambler automobile closely resembled that sketch. He said that the driver of that car was about 35 years of age, had brown or black hair, with a receding hairline and had a thin face. He said that he noticed dark colored clothing hanging in the back seat of that Rambler automobile.

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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA JERRY R. PARKER at Canton, Mississippi:

Following a telephone call from SA THOMPSON BERRY WEBB, on April 6, 1968, CS JN 388-R (PROB) was telephonically contacted at Canton, Mississippi, and advised he knew a BEN HART. Source advised HART was a good-for-nothing, who lived off his father who is a successful farmer in the Canton, Mississippi area. Source advised the father's name was GORDON HART and that his son, BEN HART, was constantly running around all night chasing women and had lost an automobile parts store his father set him up with in Texas. Source advised that BEN HART is a divorcee, having lost his wife while he was in Texas.

On April 7, 1968, Sheriff BILLY NOBLE, Canton, Mississippi, advised that BEN HART was now living in an apartment in the 200 block of East Peace Street, in Canton, Mississippi. NOBLE advised that HART is a very big talker, but probably does not have nerve enough to do anything of a violent nature.

MAUDE ETHEL HART, mother of BEN HART, was contacted at her farm home, Route 2, Canton, Mississippi, on April 7, 1968, and advised she did not know where her son was, and he possibly would be back at home around 12 Noon.

The remainder of the day of April 7, 1968, was spent in Canton, Mississippi, attempting to locate BEN HART, or his parents, with negative results.

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At approximately 8:00 P.M., April 7, 1968, after a telephone call to GORDON HART, BEN HART's father, BEN HART appeared at the Canton Police Department with his attorney, W. S. CAIN.

The interviewing Agent advised CAIN that he was attempting to determine the whereabouts of BEN HART between 5:00 P.M. and 7:00 P.M., on Thursday, April 4, 1968, and if the attorney consented to the interviewing Agent discussing this matter with HART, the attorney would have to sit by and not interrupt.

At this point, CAIN advised HART to "Lynn tell them what they want to know."

HART advised that Thursday, April 4, 1968, he worked on his father's farm in the afternoon and went home sometime in the late afternoon. HART advised there was a possibility he might have stopped with a SNOOKY RAY and Mr. JAMES at a local restaurant, but he could not be sure about this. HART advised he was at his apartment at 213 East Peace Street, watching the television program "Cimarron Strip" when the television announced that MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., had been shot.

HART advised he then called out to his parents' home and asked them if they had heard the announcement on television. HART advised that he stayed at his apartment until between 9:00 and 9:15 P.M., and then went to the Ranch Restaurant in Canton, Mississippi, and stayed there until approximately 10:00 P.M. HART advised he then went home to his apartment and retired to bed for the evening.

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On April 7, 1968, Sheriff NOBLE telephoned SA PARKER at home and advised him that HART had been making statements around town "that super nigger had been shot." NOBLE advised that HART runs around all night and does not work. NOBLE advised that HART hangs out a good deal at the Gas Light Club and the Hat and Cane Club in Jackson, Mississippi. NOBLE advised that HART has been seen in the company of a DOT TATE, who lives on Kathy Circle, Canton, Mississippi, and a SUE HARDY, who formerly worked at one of the above places.

On April 8, 1968, AFTON BOLDING, 213 Dinkins Street, and Manager of the Ranch Restaurant, Canton, Mississippi, advised that he was sure that BEN HART was in his restaurant between 5:00 P.M. and 5:30 P.M., on Thursday, April 4, 1968. BOLDING advised that HART left, returning approximately at 7:30 P.M., and stayed at the restaurant until 9:00 P.M. BOLDING advised he was sure of this fact because an EVA HARGIN was there on Thursday and paid for the coffee for everyone.

On April 8, 1968, EVA H. HARGIN, Route 3, Box 183, advised that she was home sick in bed the entire day of Thursday, April 4, 1968, and that the day she was at the Ranch and paid for the coffee was Friday, April 5, 1968.

BOLDING was recontacted and advised of Mrs. HARGIN's statement. BOLDING advised that HART is in and out of his restaurant everyday, and he could not take an oath as to HART being there on Thursday, April 4, 1968. BOLDING advised that HART had discussed the matter with him on the morning of April 8, 1968, concerning HART being in the restaurant on April 4, 1968.

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On April 8, 1968, MAUDE ETHEL HART, Route 2, Canton, Mississippi, mother of BEN HART, advised that her son was at her home for breakfast at approximately 9:00 A.M., on April 4, 1968, and that she appeared at his apartment in Canton, Mississippi, at approximately 1:00 P.M., on April 4, 1968, and her son was in bed reading at the time. Mrs. HART advised that at approximately 6:30 to 7:00 P.M., which is usually supper time at her home, her son telephoned her locally and asked if they had heard the announcement that MARTIN LUTHER KING had been shot. Mrs. HART advised that she was sure the call was local, and when asked how she was sure the call was local, she said, "I just know it was a local call."

On April 8, 1968, ETHEL RINGS, 213 East Peace Street, Canton, Mississippi, advised that she is the landlady of BEN HART, and that she is fairly certain that HART was at his apartment on Thursday, April 4, 1968. RINGS advised that she thinks she remembers seeing him on Thursday afternoon, but she is not sure about Thursday evening. RINGS advised that she sees HART everyday because he sleeps late in the morning and usually goes out around 9:00 P.M. at night, when RINGS is going to bed. RINGS advised that she is sure that HART was there on Thursday, because, since she sees him everyday, she would remember him not being present on one particular day.

On April 8, 1968, BETTY HART WATKINS, 207 East Peace Street, Canton, Mississippi, advised that BEN HART is her cousin and that she sees him every morning as he is leaving, probably to go to his mother's for breakfast. WATKINS advised that she is sure that HART was there on Thursday, April 4, 1968, because she sees him every morning and it would have stuck in her mind if she had not seen him on a particular morning.

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The following persons were contacted in the neighborhood of BEN HART's residence, and could provide no information as to the identity of HART or his whereabouts on April 4, 1968:

ANNE FANT DAVIS  
201 East Peace Street

Reverend MORRIS A. TAYLOR  
210 East Peace Street

Observation of the neighborhood was that 225 East Peace Street is the Sacred Heart Parish Center; 226 East Peace Street is Canton City Hall; 231 East Peace Street is a vacant house; and 202 East Peace Street is the First Presbyterian Church.

BEN HART was observed to own a 1966 Oldsmobile, all gold in color, 1968 Mississippi registration 45D-724. GORDON HART was observed to be driving a 1967 white over gold Pontiac, 1968 Mississippi registration 45-5010.

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BEN LYNN HART appeared at the Canton Police Department with his attorney, W. S. CAIN.

CAIN was advised by the interviewing Agents that they wished to question HART concerning his whereabouts on Thursday, April 4, 1968, and that for the interviewing Agents to effect this interview, HART would have to be questioned without CAIN's interruption.

CAIN advised he had no objection to HART being questioned and said, "LYNN tell them what they want to know."

HART advised on Thursday, April 4, 1968, he remembered being on his father's farm working in the afternoon.

HART advised he might have had coffee with a SNOOKY RAY and a Mr. JAMES later in the afternoon, but he could not be sure about this. HART advised that he was home at his apartment at 213 East Peace Street watching the television program "Cimarron Strip" when the television announced the shooting of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HART advised he then telephoned his parents' home to determine if they had heard the announcement.

HART advised he left his apartment at approximately 9:00 to 9:15 P.M., and went to the Ranch Restaurant, Canton, Mississippi, returning home at approximately 10:00 P.M., where he retired for the evening.

The interviewing Agents asked HART if there was anyone who could physically account for his presence between 5:00 P.M. and 7:00 P.M., on Thursday, April 4, 1968, and HART advised that he could think of no one

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by SA JERRY R. PARKER and  
SA ANTHONY E. DANIELS:JRP:bal Date dictated 4/9/68

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who was in his presence at that time who could vouch for his whereabouts.

The following description was obtained through observation and interview:

Name	BEN LYNN HART
Address	213 East Peace Street Canton, Mississippi
Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	5 feet, 10 inches
Weight	160-170 pounds
Hair	Black
Eyes	Hazel
Date of Birth	
Place of Birth	Canton, Mississippi
Military	None
Occupation	Farms - self-employed
Marital status	Divorcee
Children	One
Wife resides in	Humble, Texas
Mother	MAUDE ETHEL HART
Father	GORDON HART
Parents reside in	Canton, Mississippi

At this point, Attorney CAIN stated that he could assure the interviewing Agents that HART was not of the caliber to do such a thing. SA JERRY R. PARKER advised CAIN that the interviewing Agents do not investigate calibers, but only carry out their job.

CAIN advised at this point that he understood that the Federal Bureau of Investigation was just doing their job, and rose and left with HART.

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BETTY HART WATKINS, 207 East Peace Street, advised that BEN HART is her cousin.

WATKINS advised that she sees HART every morning as he leaves, probably to go to his mother's to have breakfast.

WATKINS advised that since she does see her cousin every morning, it would stick in her mind if for some reason she did not see him on a particular day.

WATKINS advised that she was sure, therefore, that her cousin, BEN HART, was at his apartment on Thursday, April 4, 1968.

WATKINS advised she could not pinpoint HART being at his apartment during the afternoon or the evening of April 4, 1968

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MAUDE ETHEL HART, Route 2, Canton, Mississippi, advised that her son, BEN HART, was at her home for breakfast at approximately 9:00 A.M., on April 4, 1968.

HART advised that she went to her son's apartment at approximately 1:00 P.M., on Thursday, April 4, 1968, and took her son soup, and that her son was in bed reading at the time.

HART advised that at approximately 6:30 P.M. to 7:00 P.M., on Thursday, April 4, 1968, her son telephoned her and asked her if she had heard the newscast of MARTIN LUTHER KING being shot.

HART advised the telephone call from her son was local, and when asked how she knew it was a local call she simply stated that it had to be a local call.

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EVA H. HARGIN, Route 3, Box 183, Canton, Mississippi, advised that she was home sick in bed all day, Thursday, April 4, 1968, and did not get out of bed until Friday morning, April 5, 1968.

HARGIN advised she was in the Ranch Restaurant purchasing coffee for everyone on Friday, April 5, 1968, at approximately 4:30 to 5:30 P.M.

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AFTON BOLDING, 213 Dinkins Street, and Manager of the Ranch Restaurant, advised that BEN HART is a good customer of his, and that BOLDING is sure that HART was at the restaurant on Thursday, April 4, 1968.

BOLDING advised that HART was there at approximately 5:00 to 5:30 P.M., and again approximately from 7:30 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. BOLDING advised this date sticks in his mind because EVA HARGIN was at the restaurant paying for everyone's coffee.

BOLDING was contacted later on the same day and advised that HARGIN had told the interviewing Agents she was at home sick in bed all day, Thursday, April 4, 1968, and bought the coffee at the restaurant on Friday, April 5, 1968.

BOLDING advised he would not take an oath whether HART was at the restaurant on Thursday, April 4, 1968. BOLDING advised that HART is in and out everyday, but BOLDING advised he could not swear to HART's being present on Thursday, April 4, 1968. BOLDING advised that HART had discussed the matter with him (BOLDING) the morning of April 8, 1968, concerning whether HART was in the restaurant on April 4, 1968.

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ETHEL RINGS, 213 East Peace Street, advised she is the landlady of BEN HART.

RINGS advised that HART is a good tenant and is very quiet when he comes and goes and has caused her no problems. RINGS advised she is sure she saw HART sometime on Thursday, April 4, 1968. RINGS advised it was in the afternoon that she was sure she saw him, but she is unsure about the evening.

RINGS advised she sees him everyday and it would be very unusual not seeing him sometime during the day, and she would definitely remember not seeing him. RINGS advised that as an example of this, HART was gone all day Saturday, April 6, 1968, and she remembered not seeing him that day.

RINGS advised that HART usually goes out around 9:00 P.M. in the evening, as RINGS is usually going to bed, and RINGS does not know when he returns.

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