

AL 44-493

VIRGINIA

Arrington Cleaners, 131 West Maple St., Vienna,
Va., SN 32569

Bergmann's Laundry, 2147 Lee Highway, Arlington,
SN 31630

Bristol Cleaners, 1233 W. State St., Bristol,
SN 31345

Carousel Cleaners, Fairfax, Va., SN 33404

Century Cleaners, 3812 Mt. Vernon Ave., SN R 31945

Commercial Wholesale Laundry, 1224 Hull St.,
Richmond, SN 33813

Compeco Dry Works, 801 E. 26th St., Norfolk,
SN 32623

Cook's Cleaners, 808 N. Main St., Blacksburg,
SN 33696

Country Club Cleaners, 1115 Wilson Blvd., Arlington,
SN 32147

Dutch Girl Cleaners, 4474 King St., Alexandria,
SN 33408

Fairlington Laundry, 3800 S. Fourmile Run Drive,
Arlington, SN 32591; 32504

Gallaghers Laundry, 1500 King St., Alexandria,
SN 33542

Hill City Laundry, 1344 Main St., Lynchburg, Va.,
SN 33699; 33557

VIRGINIA (Continued)

Howard One Hour Cleaners, 2110 Monticello Ave.,
Norfolk, SN 31325

Johnsons Laundry and Dry Cleaning, 1919 Blvd.,
Colonial Heights, SN 33702

McRoyal Laundry, 123 E. 6th St., Front Royal,
SN 32336

Monticello Cleaners, 4223 North Fairfax Dr.,
Arlington, SN 32208

New Fairfax Laundry and Cleaners, 719 Fairfax
Ave., Norfolk, SN 31316

Plaza 7, 6761 Wilson Blvd., Falls Church, SN 33310

Polly Prim Cleaners, 500 North Alfred St., Alexan-
dria, SN 32554; 31899

Presto Valet, Tendon Plaza, Highway #1, South
Alexandria, SN 33481

Presto Valet, 261 S. Kings Highway, Alexandria,
SN R 31888

Slan, Inc., T/A Crest Cleaners, 435 Mathis Ave.,
Manassas, SN 33701

Staunton Steam Laundry, Hampton & Hall, Staunton,
SN 32361; 32157; 32158; 32578; 32502

Stanton WhiteWay, 1600 W. Beverly, Staunton,
SN 31809

Staunton White Way Laundry, c/o Staunton Steam
Laundry, Hampton & Hall, Staunton, SN 32524

Staunton WhiteWay Laundry, 1600 W. Beverly St.,
Staunton, SN 31843

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VIRGINIA (Continued)

Staunton White Way Laundry, corner of Robertson
and Peabody Streets, Staunton, SN 32748; 32755; 32752

Suburban Cleaners, 630 S. Washington St., Alexan-
dria, SN 33991

Triangle D.C. Laundry, Inc., 2300 Fort Road,
Lynchburg, SN 33562

Village Cleaners, 12 West Herbert St., Alexandria,
SN 325380

Virginia Hot Springs, Inc., Hot Springs, SN 32255

Warwick, Inc., 124-24th St., Newport News, SN 31338

White Swan Laundry and Cleaners, Ranville, SN 32882

Winchester Steam Laundry, North Keut St., Winchester,
SN R 32025; SN R 32030

Wiseman Cleaners, 2209 E. Marshall St., Richmond,
SN 33913

WASHINGTON

City Peerless Laundry and Dry Cleaners, 200 N.
First St., Yakima, Washington

College Place Laundry, College Place, Washington

Crystal Laundry, N. 701 Howard, Spokane

Crystal Linen Supply, 1016 Springwater Ave.,
Wenatchee

Dry Cleaners Maintenance, 2920 Eastlake Ave. E.,
Seattle 2, Washington

Hoquiam Steam Laundry & Dry Cleaners, Corner B and
Sixteenth Streets, Hoquiam

Jewel Cleaners, 17038 Pacific Highway South,
Seattle

Lakeside Cleaners & Laundry, 120 Lake St. South,
Kirkland

Model Laundry & Cleaners, Inc., 203 N. Pine St.,
Ellensburg

Paris Laundry, 2818 Grand Ave., Everett

Personality Cleaners, 13634 First Ave. SW, Seattle

Puyallup Laundry, 120 Second St., N.E., Puyallup

Quon's Laundry, 2401 First Ave., Seattle 1, Wash.

Troy Laundry Co., 311 Fairview North, Seattle

Veterans Administration Hospital, Laundry Dept.,
Vancouver

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WASHINGTON (Continued)

Walla Walla College, College Place, Washington

Washington Cleaners & Dryers, 1418 6th Ave.,
Tacoma, Washington.

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WISCONSIN

Huebsch Laundry, 101 Dewey St., Eau Claire, SN 33911

Model Laundry & Dry Cleaners, 506 6th St., Racine,
SN 32277

Spic & Span Laundry, 4301 N. Richard St.,
Milwaukee 12, Wisc., SN 32549; 32582; 32584; 32585;
32574; 32850

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ALL OFFICES PLEASE NOTE: Bureau teletype to All Continental Offices, 4/9/68, stated that all laundries should be contacted in an effort to identify the tape on the shorts and tee-shirt believed to have been abandoned by Unsub. The Textile Marking Machine Company has advised that the above are the only machines known by that company to be in the above listed states which would be capable of producing the laundry mark on the garments. This company advised that the tapes on the garments are their tapes exclusively and that there is no other marking machine in the word which could have produced the tapes.

Further note, the following are names and addresses with telephone numbers of sales representatives of Textile Marking Machine Company covering the above territories:

DICK BRISTOW
3462 N.W. 13th Ave.
Gainesville, Fla.
Telephone FR 2-1290
Covering Florida, Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina and Southern Mississippi.

JOE COMBS
5232 Devonshire
Oxon Hill, Maryland
Telephone 248-6127
Covering Maryland, Delaware, Pennsylvania, W. Virginia, Virginia, North Carolina, Eastern Tennessee and Eastern Kentucky.

FRED WEBER
33 Skylark Lane
Stony Brook, L. I., N. Y.
Telephone 751-2135
Covering Metropolitan New York City, New Jersey, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Main, New Hampshire and Vermont.

Upstate New York inquiries should be referred to Textile Marking Machine Company, Syracuse, N. Y., telephone 446-8110.

JACK CODY
2929 Chaucer Drive
Sherwood Village
North Canton, Ohio
Telephone 492-6497
Covering Michigan, Indiana, and Ohio.

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PETE WUKOVICH
756 Hawthorne Avenue
Elmhurst, Illinois
Telephone BR 9-6141
Covering Illinois, Eastern Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin.

AL DAVIS
1844 East 48th Street
Kansas City, Missouri
Telephone WA 4-1312
Covering North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Western Iowa,
Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, Northern
Mississippi, Western Tennessee and Western Kentucky.

FRED RAUPAK
18409 Hiawatha
Northridge, California
Telephone EM 3-8963
Covering California, Nevada, Utah, Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado,
Wyoming, Montana, Idaho, Oregon and Washington.

All offices should index the names of these locations
in their territories for future use in other type cases.

The Bureau has been requested to supply to all of the
offices covering the above states copies of color photographs
of the tapes attached to the garments recovered. The Bureau has
advised that this is being done.

THE ABOVE LIST IS ALPHABETICAL BY STATES AND EACH
OFFICE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR DETERMINING THE CONTACTS IN ITS OWN
AREA This has been done in the interest of saving time since
there are approximately 3,000 machine locations to be accounted
for.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-133)

DATE: 4/11/68

FROM : SA ERIC L. MEALE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re ASAC telephone call 4/9/68.

The names of HARVEY LOWMEYER, aka HARVEY LOWMYER and possible combinations were searched through the following listed records by the persons indicated on 4/9/68.

MARION GLENNON, Office Deputy, Elko County SO, Elko, Nevada.

VIVIAN WALLACE, Elko, Nevada Pd.

ALBERT J. SORHOLUS, Sheriff, Eureka County SO, Eureka, Nevada.

JERRY EYE, Deputy Sheriff, Lander County SO, Austin, Nevada.

MARVIN SYME, Constable, Argenta Township, Battle Mountain, Nev.

JUDY OWSLEY, Greater Elko County Retail Credit Association, Elko, Nevada.

There is no credit reporting agency at either Austin, Eureka Battle Mountain, Carlin, Wells, or Wendover, Nevada.

The voting registration records were checked by the persons listed under the names as set forth above with negative results.

ROBERT L. KANE, Elko County, Nevada.

JOANNE SHANGLE, Clerk, Eureka County, Nevada.

MARION ROVEITTI, Clerk, Lander County, Nevada.

The above information was telephonically furnished to ASAC DULINSKY by the writer on 4/9/68.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-133)

DATE: 4/11/68

FROM : SA ERIC L. MEALE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re ASAC telephone call 4/10/68.

VICTOR HERRERA, Jewel Laundry and Dry Cleaning and Mrs. IMOGENE MEEKS, Vogue Laundry and Dry Cleanings, both Elko, Nevada were contacted and advised that their laundry and dry cleaning marking system is not made by the Textile Marking Machine Company and they do not use a Thermo Seal Marking Machine.

These are the only two laundries in Elko, Eureka, and Lander Counties.

Eureka, Nevada is handled by service from Ely, Nevada. Austin, Nevada is handled by service from Fallon, Nevada. Carlin and Battle Mountain, Nevada are handled by service from Elko, Nevada. Wells and Wendover, Nevada are handled by service from Elko, Nevada. Jackpot, Nevada is handled by service from Twin Falls, Idaho.

The name of ERIC STARVO GALT was searched through the records of the following with negative results by the persons listed.

JUDY OWSLEY, Greater Elko County Credit Bureau, Elko, Nevada. There is no credit reporting agencies at Austin, Eureka or Battle Mountain, Nevada.

MARION GLENNON, Office Deputy, Elko County SO, Elko, Nevada. VIVIAN WALLACE, Secretary, Elko, Nevada Pd.

ALBERT J. SORHOLUS, Sheriff, Eureka County, Eureka, Nevada.

JERRY EYE, Deputy Sheriff, Lander County, Austin, Nevada.

MARVIN SYME, Constable Argenta Township, Battle Mountain, Nevada.

The names of HARVEY LOWMEYER, aka LOWMYER, and ERIC STARVO GALT were searched through the records of the financial institutions at Elko, Nevada with negative results by the persons listed.

DONNA FAIRCHILD, 1st Western Savings and loan Association, Elko, Nevada.

JAMES WEST, Vice President, Nevada Bank of Commerce, Elko, Nev.

RONALD WETZEL, Manager, 1st National Bank of Nevada, Elko, Nev.

Above information telephonically furnished SA THOMPSON Las Vegas, Nevada by the writer 4/10/68.

FBI WASH DC

601PM URGENT 4/12/68 GJM

TO ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES

FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 1P

MURKIN

EACH OFFICE IS BEING FURNISHED, UNDER SEPARATE COVER,
PHOTOGRAPHS OF TWO ARTISTS' CONCEPTIONS BASED ON DESCRIPTIONS
OF UNKNOWN SUBJECT BY WITNESSES IN MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM
RESPECTIVELY.

THESE PHOTOGRAPHS ARE FOR ASSISTANCE OF AGENTS
HANDLING THIS INVESTIGATION AND ARE NOT TO BE DISSEMINATED
OUTSIDE THE BUREAU.

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

UNKNOWN SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND
DANGEROUS.

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Date: 4/10/68

Transmit the following in _____
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Via Airtel _____
(Priority)

To: SAC, Albany

From: Director, FBI

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
RACIAL MATTERS

Many offices are using above caption in communications to the Bureau concerning a variety of activities and racial incidents arising out of the killing of Martin Luther King, Jr. This is creating problems from administrative and filing standpoints and should be discontinued immediately. Captions descriptive of the activity involved should be used in accordance with instructions in the FBI Handbook, page 154h of Part III.

For example, in reporting information concerning disturbances that may have occurred in Albany the caption "Racial Disturbances Following Assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., Albany, New York, April 9, 1968, Racial Matters" could be used.

②- All Offices

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FBI WASH DC

748 PM URGENT 4/12/68 GFH

TO ALBUQUERQUE, ATLANTA, BUTTE, DENVER, JACKSON, LAS VEGAS, LITTLE
ROCK, MEMPHIS, MILWAUKEE, MINNEAPOLIS, MOBILE, NEW ORLEANS,
OKLAHOMA CITY, PHILADELPHIA, PHOENIX, PORTLAND, SACRAMENTO,
SAN ANTONIO, SEATTLE.

FROM DIRECTOR 1P

MURKIN

CHECK STATE BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS FOR ALL MALE BIRTHS ON
JULY TWENTI, NINETEEN THIRTY ONE SPECIFICALLY FOR ERIC STARVO GALT,
JOHN WILLARD AND HARVEY LOWMYER, AS WELL AS ALL VARIATIONS OF THESE
NAMES. ALSO CHECK MALE BIRTHS FOR THIS DATE WHOSE MOTHER'S
MAIDEN NAME WAS ONE OF THE ABOVE SURNAMES OR A LOGICAL VARIATION.
EXPEDITE BUT DO NOT INDICATE SUCH INQUIRY IS CONNECTED WITH
CAPTIONED CASE.

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Willard

FBI WASH DC

713PM URGENT 4/14/68 GJM
TO ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES
FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 3P

MURKIN.

ERIC STARVO GALT, THE PRINCIPAL SUSPECT, HAS BEEN REPORTED AS HAVING ATTENDED DANCING SCHOOLS IN BIRMINGHAM, NEW ORLEANS AND CALIFORNIA. ALL OFFICES SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CHECK ALL DANCING SCHOOLS IN YOUR TERRITORIES FOR ANY RECORD OF PRIOR ATTENDANCE AT ANY SUCH SCHOOLS BY GALT AND RUN OUT ANY LEADS DEVELOPED. GALT REPORTEDLY SIGNED UP FOR A ONE YEAR DANCING COURSE IN NEW ORLEANS IN NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR; TOOK DANCING LESSONS FOR SEVERAL WEEKS IN BIRMINGHAM BEGINNING IN SEPTEMBER NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN; AND TOOK A FOUR HUNDRED NINETYNINE DOLLAR DANCE COURSE FROM DECEMBER NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN TO FEBRUARY NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT AT LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA.

ONE DANCE INSTRUCTOR HAS STAT THAT GALT IS "CRAZY" ABOUT DANCING BUT A POOR DANCER AND DIFFICULT TO TEACH
AND PAGE ONE

*Holland advised
at 4:20 PM OLC
Wilson
advised
4/15/68*

SAC *GR*

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BECAUSE HE DOES NOT REMEMBER INSTRUCTIONS. HE WAS DESCRIBED AS AN INTROVERT WHO VOLUNTEERS NO INFORMATION AND REPLIES WITH YES OR NO ANSWERS WHEN ASKED; DID NOT MINGLE WITH OTHER STUDENTS AND MADE NO EFFORTS TO MAKE FRIENDS OR CONVERSE WITH ANYONE.

ANOTHER DANCE INSTRUCTOR STATED GALT IS A GOOD DANCER, DISPLAYED SLIGHT SOUTHERN ACCENT, RURAL CHARACTERISTICS OF LANGUAGE AND DICTION, TEETH STRAIGHT AND CLEAN, FINGERNAILS CLEAN AND NEATLY TRIMMED;; WORE GOLD RING WITH DARK STONE; ALWAYS NEATLY DRESSED WITH SUIT AND SHINY SLIP ON TYPE BLACK ALLIGATOR SHOES WITH THIN SOLES, BLACK HOSE AND WORE TIE TACK AND CUFF LINKS. SMOKED FILTER CIGARETTES AND HAD NERVOUS HABIT OF OCCASIONALLY PULLING AT EAR LOBE. OWNER OF STUDIO STATES GALT SPOKE OF ALABAMA, SAID HE WAS A MERCHANT SEAMAN; SPOKE OF BEING IN MEXICO BUT DID NOT SPEAK SPANISH AND SPOKE ENGLISH BADLY; WAS SOCIALLY INEPT, AN INTROVERT AND A POOR DANCER BECAUSE HE WOULD NOT LOOSEN UP. SMILED RARELY AND WHEN HE DID IT WAS A NERVOUS CROOKED SMILE; PAID CASH FOR LESSONS TAKING A WAD OF BILLS FROM POCKET.

ERIC STARVO GALT DESCRIBED AS FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES, ONE HUNDRED SEVENTYFIVE POUNDS, BLUE EYES, BROWN HAIR, BORN JULY TWENTY THIRTYONE, PLACE NOT GIVEN.

END PAGE TWO

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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.

END

DL....CBB

FBI DALLAS

SA...EGL

FBI SANANTON

SF...KMH

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FBI LASVEAS

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FBI SACTO

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC ELSON (157-133)

FROM : SA MAX L. WILSON

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/12/68

On the afternoon of 4/11/68 I caused an APB to be put out with NHP, Carson City, concerning ERIC STARVO GALT and the white 1966 Ford Mustang he was known to be driving or was registered to him and which bore 1968 Alabama plates. As soon as the NHP put out the APB they received a kickback from Minneapolis saying that the car and GALT had been picked up in that area. As a result of this kickback they put out an APB to the effect that investigation concerning GALT and the car should be discontinued as they had been located. The APB on both had been put out at my request and stated that ~~in~~ any information should be referred to the FBI and that it was an Attempt to Locate.

After the APB discontinuing was put out it found this morning that GALT was still missing.

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MLW:

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC ELSON (157-133)

FROM : SA MAX L. WILSON

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/11/68

On 4/11/68 I obtained samples of Thermo-Seal Laundry Marking tape from the following persons:

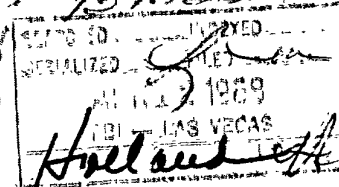
PAUL FAULSTICH, owner, Magic Cleaners, 26 California Ave., Reno, Nevada

CARL JENKINS, manager, American Linen Co., E. 5th St., Reno

These samples are in 1A envelope attached. *MLW*

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MLW:



5010-108-02

Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

FBI

Date: 4/12/68

Transmit the following in _____
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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: SAC, ALBANY
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P
RE: MURKIN

In an effort to assist in handling administratively the reams of material being submitted to Memphis Division as office of origin, it is requested all offices in submission of messages use caption which will aid in handling paper. For example, should your office have investigation to report in connection with a specific suspect it would aid if, before entering into the body of text, you would utilize sub-heading after reference, such as "SUSPECT - JOHN ALLEN DOE," or another appropriate caption might be "LAUNDRY CHECKS."

Suitable sub-headings on communications will greatly facilitate the handling of material. Please comply.

- 2 ALBANY (AM)
- 2 ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES (AM)
- 1 MEMPHIS

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Approved: *RGJ* Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

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Date: 4/15/68

Transmit the following in PLAINTEXT
(Type in plaintext or code)Via TELETYPE URGENT
(Priority)TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)
SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: SAC, LAS VEGAS (157-133)

MURKIN.

REBUTELS, APRIL TWELVE AND FOURTEEN LAST.

RE DANCING SCHOOLS.

CHECKS AT DANCING SCHOOLS IN STATE OF NEV. RE GALT, WILLARD
AND LOWMYER NEGATIVE.RECORDS, BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS, STILL BEING CHECKED RE
BIRTH DATE JULY TWENTY, THIRTY-ONE.

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Approved: J

Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LAS VEGAS (157-133)(P)

DATE: 4/15/68

FROM : SA JOHN A. NORRIS, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

JAMES CARTER, 2957 Caron, Las Vegas, Nevada on 4/15/68 advised that he is the operator of the Alicea Carter Dancing Academy, 210 Vegas Drive, Las Vegas, and he teaches only children.

CARTER further advised that the Dorothy Frankovich School of Theatrical Arts at 4133 W/ Charleston, does not teach ballroom dance and is exclusively for children or young adults.

Efforts to locate anyone at the Frankovitch School were unsuccessful on 4/15/68.

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FBI SAN FRAN

1055AM URGENT 4/16/68 NJM

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), LAS VEGAS, LOS ANGELES AND SACRAMENTO
FROM SAN FRANCISCO (173-65) (P) 2P

MURKIN

RE LAUNDRY MARKS

RE ALBANY AIRTEL, APRIL ELEVEN, LAST.

M. B. L. COMPANY, MOUNTAIN VIEW, CALIFORNIA, ON APRIL FIFTEEN,
LAST, ADVISED COMPANY SOLD THERMO-SEAL MARKING MACHINES TO FOLLOWING;
ENTERPRISE LAUNDRY, FRESNO, CALIFORNIA; MADERA CLEANERS, MADERA,
CALIFORNIA; ^{OK, per 44} MAGIC CLEANERS AND PEERLESS CLEANERS, RENO, NEVADA;
CORSEE LAUNDRY AND MERLEN LAUNDRY, SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA.

LEADS. LOS ANGELES AT MADERA, CALIFORNIA: WILL CONTACT
MADERA CLEANERS.

LAS VEGAS AT RENO, NEVADA: WILL CONTACT MAGIC CLEANERS AND
PEERLESS CLEANERS.

SACRAMENTO AT FESNO, CALIFORNIA: WILL CONTACT ENTERPRISE
LAUNDRY, FRESNO. AT SACRAMENTO: CONTACT CORSEE LAUNDRY AND MERLEN LAU
WILL CONDUCT INVESTIGATION RE LAUNDRY MARKS AS SET OUT IN

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REFERENCED AIRTEL.

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OTHER OFFICES ADVISED SEP

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Date: 4/16/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) AND SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: SAC, LAS VEGAS (157-133)

MURKIN. OO: MEMPHIS . RE BUTEL FOUR TWELVE LAST AND LAS
VEGAS TEL FOUR FIFTEEN LAST.
RE LAUNDRY MARKS.

ALL LAUNDRIES IN NEVADA WHO USE THERMO-SEAL MARKING
MACHINES HAVE BEEN CONTACTED. NONE OF THE NEVADA LAUNDRIES
UTILIZE LAUNDRY CODE FOUND ON MATERIALS ABANDONED BY SUSPECT.
LAUNDRY CODE UTILIZED BY SUSPECT UNFAMILIAR TO ANY PERSONS
CONTACTED THIS REGARD.

RE BIRTH RECORDS.

RECORDS OF NEVADA BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS, CARSON
CITY, NEV., AND RECORD CENTERS OF ALL SEVENTEEN NEVADA COUNTIES
NEGATIVE REGARDING BIRTH RECORDS OF ERIC STARVO GALT, JOHN
WILLARD OR HARVEY LOWMYER FOR JULY TWENTY NINETEEN THIRTYONE.
NO RECORD LOCATED ON VARIATIONS OF THESE NAMES.

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Special Agent in Charge

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Per *BE*

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FBI WASH DC

955 PM URGENT 4/16/68 GFH

TO ALBUQUERQUE, ATLANTA, BUTTE, DENVER, JACKSON, LAS VEGAS, LITTLE
ROCK, MEMPHIS, MILWAUKEE, MINNEAPOLIS, MOBILE, NEW ORLEANS,
OKLAHOMA CITY, PHILADELPHIA, PHOENIX, PORTLAND, SACRAMENTO,
SAN ANTONIO, SEATTLE
FROM DIRECTOR 2P

MURKIN

NEW ORLEANS OFFICE HAS DETERMINED THAT COMPLETE FILES OF
LOUISIANA DRIVERS LICENSE DIVISION ARE COMPUTERIZED AND A SEARCH
UNDER THE BIRTH DATE OF JULY TWENTY, THIRTY-ONE DISCLOSED THAT FIFTY
WHITE MALES HAVE THIS BIRTH DATE AND HAVE BEEN ISSUED DRIVERS LICENSES
IN LOUISIA@:HSTHOUGH THE NAMES OF GALT, LOWMYER, WILLARD OR
VARIATIONS THEREOF DO NOT APPEAR AMONG THESE FIFTY WHITE MALES, THE
NEW ORLEANS OFFICE SHOULD CHECK OUT THESE INDIVIDUALS FOR ANY
PERTINENT INFORMATION CONNECTED WITH THIS CASE.

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

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SA Holland
advised 702 PM
(Hus)

SAC (GR)

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WITH CAPTIONED CASE.

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PLS REPEAT LINE 5 PG 1 STARTING IN LOUIS

IN LOUISIANA. ALTHOUGH THE NAMES OF GALT, LOWMYER, WILLARD OR

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1033AM URGENT 5-17-68 SAB

TO DIRECTOR, ALBUQUERQUE, ATLANTA, BUTTE, DENVER,
JACKSON, LAS VEGAS, LITTLE ROCK, MILWAUKEE, MINNEAPOLIS,
MOBILE, NEW ORLEANS, OKLAHOMA CITY, PHILADELPHIA,
PHOENIX, PORTLAND, SACRAMENTO, SAN ANTONIO, SEATTLE
FROM MEMPHIS 44-1987 2P

MURKIN; CR; OO: ME.

RE BUREAU TEL TO ABOVE OFFICES, APRIL SIXTEEN, LAST.
ALABAMA DRIVERS LICENSE OF ERIC STARVO GALT
LISTS DESCRIPTION OF WM, BORN JULY TWENTY, NINETEEN
THIRTY ONE, FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES, ONE SEVEN FIVE
POUNDS, BLUE EYES, BROWN HAIR.

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

OTHER RECEIVING OFFICES SHOULD DO LIKEWISE IF
END PAGE ONE

SAC *[Signature]*

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DRIVERS LICENSE RECORDS ARE MAINTAINED IN SIMILAR
MANNER IN STATES COVERED BY YOUR OFFICES.

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

UNSUB ARMED AND DANGEROUS. P. END.

JRD

FBI LASVEAS

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Date: 4/17/68

Transmit the following in PLAINTEXT
(Type in plaintext or code)Via TELETYPE URGENT
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) AND SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: SAC, LAS VEGAS (157-133)

MURKIN; CR; OO: ME.

RE BUTEL APRIL SIXTEEN LAST AND MEMPHIS TEL APRIL SEVENTEEN
INSTANT CONCERNING DRIVER'S LICENSE CHECK ON BIRTH DATE JULY
TWENTY, NINETEEN THIRTY ONE.

NEVADA DRIVER'S LICENSES MAINTAINED ONLY IN ALPHABETICAL
ORDER. THEY ARE NOT KEPT BY BIRTH DATE.

UNSUB ARMED AND DANGEROUS. P.

MCD:jmc
(1) *jmc*

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Approved: _____
Special Agent in ChargeSent *852 WA*
855 ME M Per *lmo*

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LAS VEGAS (157-133)

DATE: 4/16/68

FROM : SA ROBERT J. RODEFER

SUBJECT: MURKIN ~~X~~

The following investigation was conducted by SA ROBERT J. RODEFER at Carson City, Nev:

DN 4/15/68

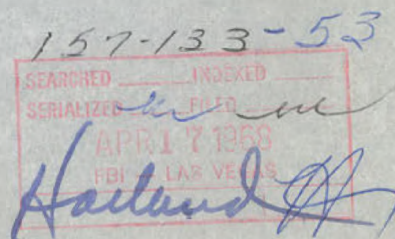
Mrs SHIRLEY HANSEN, Clerk, Birth Records, Bureau of Vital Statistics advised after a search of their birth records for a JOHN WILLARD, ERIC STAVO ~~XX~~ GALT or a HARVEY LOWMYER born on 7/20/31, that she could not find any record identifiable with any of these persons. She stated that she had searched their indices for the entire state; however this was not conclusive and that to conduct a conclusive search that records for each of Nevada's 17 counties would have to be searched and she would conduct same which would require a day or two to accomplish.

On 4/16/68 Mrs SHIRLEY HANSEN, Birth Records, Bureau of Vital Statistics, advised that after a search of all of the records for each of the state's counties she was unable to find a birth record identifiable with any of the above persons. She stated that she did locate a record for a NORMAN WILLIAM GAULT, born 7/17/12 at Washoe County, Nev and whose father was CHARLES J. GAULT and whose mother was HAZEL NAMMETER.

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617PM GJM URGENT 4-17-68 SA

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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ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS AS REQUIRED. YOU SHOULD ATTEMPT TO INSURE THAT THIS RELEASE AND PHOTOGRAPHS RECEIVE REPEATED COVERAGE BY RADIO AND TV STATIONS. YOU ARE TO MAKE NO ELABORATION WHATSOEVER REGARDING THIS RELEASE.

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 JULY 20, 1931.

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.

END AND HOLD PLS

PRESS RELEASE

Las Vegas, Nevada

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.

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 5'8" to 5'11" tall and weighs between 160 and 175 pounds. He is said to be a neat dresser and has a medium build.

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 July 20, 1931.

The fugitive is said to have a ne
occasionally pulling at an ear lobe with hi
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.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LAS VEGAS (157-133)

DATE: 4-17-68

FROM : HOWARD W. WILLIAMS, JR. (NC)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

At 10:29 P.M. this date the office was telephonically contacted by Lt. McCarthy of the LVPD.

McCarthy advised that the California Club had called them and advised them that an individual in the club fit the description of suspect in the King murder. Lt. Blasko and Phillips of the LVPD proceeded to the California Club and observed individual. Individual had been making statements about King, McCarthy didn't know what they were.

At 10:30 P.M. Lt. Blasko telephonically contacted this office and asked for a better description of Galt. Writer gave Blasko the full description from the PRESS RELEASE, and full name of Galt.

At 10:32 P.M. writer informed ASAC Mount C. Dulinsky.

At 10:50 P.M. Lt. McCarthy called the office and informed writer that the individual was in custody at the LVPD and being questioned. They asked if an agent could be sent over as well as a photograph of Galt.

At 10:55 P.M. ASAC Dulinsky was informed.

At 10:57 P.M. SA Holland was contacted by writer and advised of situation. SA Holland handled above from 11:00 P.M. on.

*Subject identified
as James Earl Ray
of Little Rock, Arkansas
does not fit description of Galt -
staying in Room 220, 4/17 & expects to
return to FB, Ark. on 4/19. 68
Admitted drinking -
6 ft. 170 - blond crew cut
shapp features,
Galt*

HWW: hww



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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LAS VEGAS (157-133)(P)

DATE: 4/17/68

FROM : SA JOHN A. NORRIS, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

At about 12 noon, 4/17/68, LEE MATTHEWS telephoned the Las Vegas Office and stated he was "ready to blow the lid off the KING murder".

LEE C. MATTHEWS, 256 Peachtree Hill Avenue, Atlanta, Georgia, was located in the vicinity of the Hickory House, Las Vegas Blvd. South, and after being advised of his rights by SA ROBERT MC KINLEY, signed a waiver of rights form, and was interviewed by SAs ROBERT MC KINLEY and NORRIS.

MATTHEWS stated he had been in Memphis, Tenn., at the time of the KING murder ~~xxxxxx~~. He first stated he had been in the Veterans Administration Hospital, Memphis, Tenn., where he was treated for heart disease and alcoholism. He said he was released on 4/1/68.

At this point, MATTHEWS requested that he be taken to the Las Vegas Office, where he could be interviewed in privacy.

MATTHEWS stated that was a patient at the VA Hospital, Ward 9 South, with number [REDACTED]. His wife LUCILE MATTHEWS was residing at 1256 White Station Road, Memphis, Tenn. At the time of discharge he and his wife departed Memphis in a White 1965 Dodge, Polara, Florida license 3W65548. They stopped enroute LV in McLean Texas, Gallup, New Mexico, and arrived at the motel in Las Vegas on the day KING was killed. His wife left MATTHEWS the next day because of his drinking.

MATTHEWS displayed Georgia Driver's License V035164 issued 11/15/66. Address on the license 256 Peachtree Hill Ave, Atlanta, Georgia. MATTHEWS is WMA, born 8/15/20, Perry, Georgia, is 5'11", 150 pounds, brown eyes, brown hair graying, olive complexion, slender build and speaks with a southern drawl.

At this point MATTHEWS was told that he had called the Las Vegas Office saying he was going to "blow the lid off the KING murder".

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MATTHEWS then stated that he was lying. Said he had been contacted by an individual in Atlanta, Georgia, over a year and one half ago, and offered 1½ million dollars to kill KING. His story in connection with this was disconnected and rambling. When agents tried to pin him down he suddenly said he was having a heart attack, saying he had bad pains in his chest. He took a "nitro pill". When he had quieted down sufficiently he was taken to the Clark County Health Center.

appeared to
At the Health Center MATTHEWS/fainted. An ambulance was called from the Southern Nevada Memorial Hospital, and on arrival MATTHEWS was taken from the Health Center. The first aid man on the ambulance stated he did not believe that MATTHEWS had had a heart attack as his pulse and color were good. He said he believe MATTHEWS to be drunk and said "nitro pills" taken with alcohol can produce a symptom similar to a heart attack.

MATTHEWS was taken to the Emergency Room, Southern Nevada Memorial Hospital, where he was examined by BRUCE GRAY MD. GRAY said that MATTHEWS did not appear to have had a heart attack but stated to be certain he was having a EKG.

After review of the EKG recording, GRAY said that there were irregularities which could have been caused by a previous heart attack or by a current heart problem. He said because of this he must admit MATTHEWS to the hospital for observation.

JOE WOLCOTT, 1906 East Charleston Blvd., on 4/17/68, advised that he had received information from AA that one LEE MATTHEWS had requested help. He employed MATTHEWS as a cleaning man on 4/10/68 and provided a bed for him at his offices. On 4/17/68, WOLCOTT learned that MATTHEWS had stolen checks from WOLCOTT's office and had written a number of checks on WOLCOTT's account. MATTHEWS also told WOLCOTT's secretary that he MATTHEWS, had killed KING in Memphis Tenn. He said he had taken the weapon used and disposed of parts of the weapon in five different states.

WOLCOTT said he was filing a complaint on MATTHEWS this date.

FBI WASH DC

629PM GJM URGENT 4/17/68 SAA

TO ALL SACS

FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861

MURKIN

THE PHOTOGRAPHS FURNISHED YOUR OFFICES OF ERIC STARVO
GALT BY ROUTING SLIP FOUR SIXTEEN LAST CONTAIN THE
COMPOSITE DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT AS FURNISHED BY VARIOUS
WITNESSES. THE PHOTOGRAPH WITH THE EYES CLOSED IS THE
ACTUAL PHOTOGRAPH AS TAKEN IN MARCH SIXTY-EIGHT. THE
PHOTOGRAPH WITH THE EYES OPEN IS THE SAME PHOTOGRAPH IN
WHICH THE EYES HAVE BEEN DRAWN IN BY AN ARTIST.

END

DL...CBB

FBI DALLAS

SA...RLB

FBI SANANTON

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Date May 13, 1968

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 for assistance of each office in connection with any laundry checks being made are photographs of laundry marks placed on shirt and bed linen for James Earl Ray while using the name of Eric Starvo Galt in the Los Angeles area.

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of theFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: April 16, 1968

Re: MURKIN
CR

FBI File No. 44-38861

Lab. No. D-560669 JK

Specimens received 4/15/68, from FBI, New Orleans

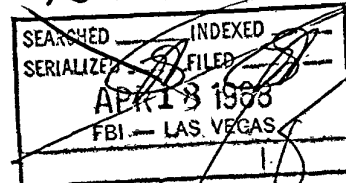
Q141 Provincial Motel registration card, dated 12/17/67,
signed "Eric S. Galt"Q142 Two sheets of blue stationery of The Provincial
Motel bearing indented writing impressions

Result of examination:

It was determined that the Q141 registration card was prepared by the writer of the Q86 registration card which was previously submitted. The handwriting on Q141 does not sufficiently augment previous writings of Galt to permit a satisfactory comparison of the "Harvey Lowmyer" signature with writings attributable to Galt.

Photographs of the indented impressions which were noted on Q142 have been forwarded separately to the recipients of this report.

Specimens Q141 and Q142 have been retained.





FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: April 16, 1968

Re: MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. 44-38861
Lab. No. D-560669 JK

Examination requested by: New Orleans

Reference:

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Remarks:

You will be advised separately regarding the results of the fingerprint examination.

This report supplements Bureau teletype to the receiving offices dated 4/15/68.

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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: April 16, 1968

Re: MURKIN
CR

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Specimens received 4/10/68, from FBI, Las Vegas

K8 Three tape strips of marking tape utilized by the Monarch Laundry, 1430 South Main, Las Vegas, Nevada, two of which bear the code O2B-6, and one bearing the code MOX72.

Specimen received 4/11/68, from FBI, Philadelphia

K9 Piece of white cloth containing six samples of thermo-seal marking tape obtained from Thermo-Seal Identification Machine, Model H5L1, Serial Number 32052, operated by Barclay Laundry, 1478 Broadway, Camden, N.J.

Specimen received 4/11/68, from FBI, Los Angeles

K10 Piece of paper and a cloth square each containing twelve samples of laundry marking printed by a thermo-seal marking machine manufactured by the Textile Marking Company, Syracuse, New York, and obtained from Home Service Laundry and Dry Cleaning, 5280 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California

Result of examination:

The three pink tape strips in K8 and K9 are similar to the Q69 and Q70 laundry tapes in color, construction and composition.

The twelve laundry tapes (K10) are similar to the Q69 and Q70 laundry tapes in color, construction and composition.

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Attorney

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Five of these tapes have the same length ($1 \frac{1}{16}$ inches) as Q69 and Q70. The other nine are longer, either $1 \frac{3}{32}$ inches or $1 \frac{1}{8}$ inches in length.

The K8 and K9 tapes were found to differ in printing from the tapes appearing on Q69 and Q70.

The tapes comprising K10 are of varying lengths; however, no significant differences were noted between the Q69 and Q70 laundry tapes when compared with some of the K10 tapes indicating they may have originated from the same machine.

Specimens K8, K9 and K10 are retained.

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