

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-10673)

FROM : JOSEPH L. COLEMAN
Complaint Clerk

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/22/68

Mario *Emilio Ortiz*
137-1627
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At 9:40 a.m., 4/22/68, MARIO ORTIZ, Station Manager, Tenneco Grocery Station, 2701 Tulane Avenue, New Orleans, La., Tel. # 822-9555, telephonically advised that on 4/21/68, an individual who he believes is identical to JAMES EARL RAY came to the station twice. He stated that at approximately 7:15 a.m., 4/21/68, the man first came to his station, at which time he was driving a 1965 or 1966 Plymouth Baracuda, brown in color, fast back, which bore Alabama license. The man was alone at the time. At approximately 8 a.m., 4/21/68, the man again came to the station alone and this time he was driving a 1960 or 1961 red Dodge pickup truck, 1/2 or 3/4 ton, which also bore Alabama license. ORTIZ did not record the license numbers of either vehicle. The man was dressed in some type of work uniform, the shirt was blue in color, and ORTIZ thought the man was some type of air conditioner worker. The man held his head down most of the time, appeared to ORTIZ to be "wandering", and he said he had driven to New Orleans from Alabama.

ORTIZ described the man as pale looking, 40 to 45 years old, normal length dark hair, 170 lbs., had some type of marking or tattoo on arm but exactly what not noticed by ORTIZ, and was white male.

ORTIZ stated he had the newspaper which contained the murderer's photograph and that he looked at the photograph while the man was at his station. He said he felt sure the man was identical to the photograph. He said he called the NOPD and an officer came to his station only a couple of minutes after the man had departed the second time. He said he told the officer he thought the man was identical to the murderer of KING but that the officer "did not seem interested."

ORTIZ stated he would immediately alert the FBI if the man should again come to his station.

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TO DIRECTOR, LOS ANGELES, KANSAS CITY, ST. LOUIS, BIRMINGHAM,
ATLANTA, NEW ORLEANS.
FROM MEMPHIS 44-1987 1 P

MURKIN.

INCONNECTION WITH IDENTIFICATION ~~JAMES EARL RAY~~ AS SUBJECT
INSTANT MATTER, THE SOURCE OF HIS FUNDS BECOMES OF PARAMOUNT
INTEREST. PAST BACKGROUND OF RAY IS WELL KNOWN TO OFFICES
RECEIVING THIS TELETYPE. EACH OFFICE SHOULD REVIEW ITS UNSUB BANK
ROBBERY AND BANK-BURGLARY MATTERS AND WHERE LATENTS WERE RECOVERED
SHOULD IDENTIFY THE CASE IN QUESTION AND REQUEST BUREAU SEARCH
THESE LATENTS AGAINST THE LATENTS RECOVERED IN MURKIN CASE.

POSSIBILITY ALSO EXISTS THAT RAY MAY HAVE BEEN INVOLVED
IN BURGLARY OR ROBBERY NOT WITHIN FBI JURISDICTION AND MAY BE MATTER
OF INTEREST TO LOCAL POLICE DEPARTMENTS. RECEIVING OFFICES SHOULD
CONTACT MAJOR LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES WITHIN THEIR DIVISIONS AND
DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT ANY ARMED ROBBERIES OR BURGLARIES
PERPETRATED IN WHICH LATENTS RECOVERED OR IN WHICH UNSUB MAY FIT
GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT RAY. A AND D. END.

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

Re Miami teletype to Director 4/19/68 containing information concerning JACQUELINE CUTOLO.

On 4/20/68, Mrs. JACQUELINE CUTOLO, formerly employed from approximately June, 1964, to February or March, 1965, as a dance instructor, Continental Dance Studios, New Orleans, Louisiana, currently stopping at the Hicks Motor Court, 200 Grutchfield Avenue, Nashville, was contacted by SAs HENDERSON MILLIN, JR., and RAYMOND J. MATKOWSKI, at which time, she reviewed her personal effects and photographs, which had been forwarded directly to the Nashville Resident Agency by the Miami Division.

Mrs. CUTOLO reviewed all of her photographs and was unable to find any photograph which in anyway resembled JAMES EARL RAY. She stated that she had been thinking about this matter and had looked at a number of photographs of RAY and that these photographs did not look familiar to her at all.

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She stated that the name GALT was not familiar to her and that she could not recall any student at the Continental Dance Studios in New Orleans who attended under the name of GALT or RAY.

Mrs. CUTOLO advised that she and her husband, FRANK, would be traveling for a period of time throughout Tennessee with Imperial Imports, a ladies' clothing line out of Miami. She requested that her suitcase, containing personal effects and photographs, be returned to her husband's parents at 610 S. E. 14th Avenue, Miami, Florida.

The Memphis Division will return this suitcase containing the personal effects on Monday, 4/22/68, to the Miami Division.

Miami is requested to return these to Mrs. CUTOLO's in-laws.

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Date: 4/20/68

Transmit the following in _____
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TO: SAC, NEW ORLEANS

FROM: *RWD/cp* SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR

OO: MEMPHIS

Enclosed for New Orleans is Xerox part of a teletype, pages 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9, which was dated 4/18/68 and Xerox teletype to the Director dated 4/20/68.

New Orleans is requested to contact FRANK CAMILLA LIBERTO's brothers re alleged complaint by JOHN MC FERREN, Somerville, Tennessee, that unknown subject did "go to New Orleans" to allegedly get money from LIBERTO's brother.

For the information of New Orleans, LIBERTO has three brothers residing in New Orleans; TONY LIBERTO, who resides near his mother, EMILY LIBERTO, 2219 Altomaster, New Orleans; VINCENT LIBERTO, who is a dock foreman at Viking Truck Lines, New Orleans; and SALVATORE LIBERTO, who is a truck driver for West Brother Truck Lines.

All efforts should be made to resolve alleged conspiracy on the part of LIBERTOS, according to MC FERREN's complaint.

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JOHN MC FERREN, ROUTE FOUR, BOX ONE THREE THREE A, SOMERVILLE, TENN., WAS INTERVIEWED BY MEMPHIS AGENT ON APRIL EIGHT LAST, AFTER STATING THAT HE HAD SOME INFORMATION TO FURNISH CONCERNING THE SHOOTING OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

MC FERREN ADVISED THAT ON THE AFTERNOON OF APRIL FOUR LAST, HE PICKED UP SUPPLIES FOR HIS GROCERY STORE AT LL AND L PRODUCE CO., EIGHT ONE FOUR SCOTT STREET, MEMPHIS, TENN. MC FERREN STATED THAT WHILE AT THE LL AND L PRODUCE CO., HE OVERHEARD A HEAVY SET WHITE MALE TALKING ON THE PHONE AND STATED THAT HE HEARD THE HEAVY SET MAN SAY "KILL THE SOB ON THE BALCONY AND GET THE JOB DONE. YOU WILL GET YOUR FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS."

MC FERREN STATED THAT ANOTHER WHITE MALE WITH A SCAR ON HIS RIGHT CHEEK CAME BY AT THIS TIME AND TOLD HIM TO GO ON TO THE BACK OF THE PRODUCE COMPANY AND HELP HIMSELF.

MC FERREN STATED AFTER COMPLETING HIS BUSINESS IN THE BACK OF THE PRODUCE MARKET, HE HEARD TELEPHONE RING AGAIN
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AS HE WAS PASSING THE OFFICE. THE TELEPHONE WAS ANSWERED BY THE MAN WITH THE SCAR AND MC FERREN SAID HE COULD NOT HEAR WHAT THIS MAN SAID. THE MAN WITH THE SCAR THEN HANDED THE TELEPHONE TO THE HEAVY SET MAN AND MC FERREN SAID HE HEARD THIS MAN SAYING "DON'T COME OUT HERE. GO TO NEW ORLEANS AND GET YOUR MONEY. YOU KNOW MY BROTHER."

MC FERREN STATED THAT HE ATTACHED NO SIGNIFICANCE TO THESE REMARKS AT THE TIME AND LEFT THE PRODUCE COMPANY EN ROUTE TO HIS HOME AT APPROXIMATELY FIVE FIFTEEN P.M.

MC FERREN ADVISED THAT WHEN HE ARRIVED HOME AT SOMERVILLE, TENN., AT APPROXIMATELY SIX FIFTEEN P.M., HE WAS ADVISED BY A NEIGHBOR THAT KING HAD BEEN SHOT. HE STATED THAT ON THE FOLLOWING DAY HE SAW A SKETCH OF THE UNSUB IN A NEWSPAPER WHICH WAS SUPPOSED TO BE A LIKENESS OF THE UNKNOWN INDIVIDUAL WHO SHOT KING AND WHEN HE COMPARED THE DESCRIPTION FURNISHED BY HIS WIFE FROM THE NEWSPAPER AND THE SKETCH WHICH APPEARED IN THE PAPER, HE THOUGHT OF A PERSON WHO WAS EMPLOYED AT THE LL AND L PRODUCE COMPANY SOMETIME IN THE LATE FALL OR EARLY WINTER LAST YEAR.

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MC FERREN IS OF THE OPINION THAT THIS MAN WHOM HE SAW IS IDENTICAL WITH THE SKETCH THAT HE SAW IN THE NEWSPAPER AND THEREFORE FEELS THAT THIS IS THE INDIVIDUAL WHO SHOT KING. HE DESCRIBED THIS INDIVIDUAL AS FIVE FEET NINE INCHES, ONE FOUR ZERO POUNDS, WHITE MALE, SLENDER BUILD AND APPROXIMATELY TWENTYFIVE YEARS OF AGE.

MC FERREN REINTERVIEWED BY MEMPHIS AGENTS THIS DATE AND GIVES ESSENTIALLY THE SAME STORY THAT HE GAVE TO MEMPHIS AGENT ON APRIL EIGHT LAST.

MC FERREN SUSPICIOUS BECAUSE OF AN INDIVIDUAL HE KNOWS FROM SOMERVILLE, TENN., PRESENTLY RESIDING LOUISIANA, VISITED HIS RESIDENCE THIS A.M., AND ASKED QUESTIONS REGARDING HIS TRAVEL. MC FERREN IDENTIFIES THIS INDIVIDUAL AS ROBERT POWERS WHO CAME TO HIS RESIDENCE A.M., INSTANT DATE WITH HIS WIFE, DRIVING A ONE NINE SIX SIX - ONE NINE SIX SEVEN LATE MODEL BEIGE CADILLAC.

MC FERREN ADVISED THAT HE WAS NOT THREATENED BY THIS INDIVIDUAL AND THE ONLY REASON THAT HE SUSPECTS POWERS OF BEING STRANGE IS THAT MC FERREN STATES IT IS NOT COMMON FOR

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A WHITE MAN TO SHAKE A NEGRO MAN'S HAND IN HIS PARTICULAR ENVIRONMENT.

MC FERREN WAS SHOWN SIX RANDOM PHOTOGRAPHS, ONE OF WHICH INCLUDED SUBJECT ERIC STARVO GALT AND DEFINITELY ELIMINATED GALT AS THE INDIVIDUAL WHOM HE SUSPECTS CAME TO THE LL AND L PRODUCE COMPANY AND IS IDENTICAL TO THE SKETCH IN THE NEWSPAPER HE SAW.

MC FERREN PICKED THREE PHOTOGRAPHS OF INDIVIDUAL WHO ARE UNDER TWENTYFIVE YEARS OF AGE AND WHO DO NOT RESEMBEL GALT AT ALL. ONE INDIVIDUAL IN THE PHOTOGRAPH IS KNOWN TO BE IN PRISON AT THIS TIME AND THE OTHER TWO ARE NOT KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN IN THE MEMPHIS AREA AT ANY TIME.

INVESTIGATION AT LL AND L PRODUCE COMPANY, MEMPHIS, REVEALED JAMES LATCH AND FRANK LABERTO, PROPRIETORS OF THIS COMPANY. THESE INDIVIDUALS UNAVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW AND OWNER OF TONY SANSON PRODUCE COMPANY STATED FRANK LABERTO PRESENTLY IN HAMMOND, LOUISIANA, BUYING STRAWBERRIES. SANSONE STATES FRANK LABERTO HAS A BROTHER, TONY LABERTO,
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WHO RESIDES IN NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA. FRANK LABERTO AND
JAMES LATCH FIT THE DESCRIPTION GIVEN BY MC FERREN AS
INDIVIDUALS AT THE LL AND L PRODUCE COMPANY, MEMPHIS.

JAMES LATCH WILL BE INTERVIEWED APRIL NINETEEN NEXT
AND FRANK LABERTO WILL BE INTERVIEWED UPON HIS RETURN FROM
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA. ARMED AND DANGEROUS. P.

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987)

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RE MEMPHIS TELETYPE TO BUREAU APRIL EIGHTEEN, LAST.
INVESTIGATION AT L L AND L PRODUCE COMPANY, EIGHT ONE
FOUR SCOTT STREET, MEMPHIS, TENN., REVEALED IDENTITIES
OF INDIVIDUALS REFERRED TO BY JOHN MC FERREN, SOMERVILLE,
TENN., AS JAMES WILLIAM LATCH, VICE PRESIDENT OF L L AND L
PRODUCE COMPANY, AND FRANK CAMILLA LIBERTO, PRESIDENT OF
L L AND L PRODUCE COMPANY.

LATCH AND LIBERTO INTERVIEWED BY BUAGENTS APRIL NINETEEN,
INSTANT, AND EMPHATICALLY DENY HAVING ANY KNOWLEDGE OF THE
IDENTITY OF SUBJECT RESPONSIBLE FOR MARTIN LUTHER KING'S
DEATH. LATCH AND LIBERTO SHOWN PHOTOS OF SUBJECT JAMES
EARL RAY, AKA, AND FAILED TO IDENTIFY RAY AS ANY INDIVIDUAL
KNOWN TO HIM RECENTLY OR IN THE PAST. THEY ALSO DENY EVER
DISCUSSING WITH ANYONE THE POSSIBILITY OF SHOOTING KING.
HOWEVER, READILY ADMITTED THEY MAY HAVE MADE USUAL
DEROGATORY REMARKS ABOUT KING'S ACTIONS IN MEMPHIS, AND

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AND THE FACT THAT KING WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR LOSS OF REVENUE BY BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE MEMPHIS AREA. LATCH AND LIBERTO ADVISED SIMILAR DISPARAGING STATEMENTS ARE PART OF GENERAL CONVERSATION AMONG CO-WORKERS IN AND AROUND PRODUCE COMPANY AND OTHER INDIVIDUALS RESIDING AND EMPLOYED IN THE MEMPHIS AREA.

EACH STATED THEY WORKED AT THE PRODUCE COMPANY ON APRIL FOUR, LAST, AND LIBERTO ADVISED HE DEPARTED FROM WORK AT APPROXIMATELY FOUR THIRTY PM AND WAS NOT AWARE OF KING'S DEATH UNTIL AFTER ARRIVING HOME. LATCH ADVISED HE DEPARTED WORK APPROXIMATELY SIX PM AND MAY HAVE HEARD KING'S DEATH REPORTED ON THE RADIO, ALTHOUGH HE IS NOT SURE.

EACH DENIED RECEIVING ANY TELEPHONE CALL WHERE MENTION IS MADE OF SHOOTING OF KING OR OF ANY REFERENCE TO KING. EACH STATED THEY HAVE NO KNOWLEDGE OF THE SHOOTING WHILE AT WORK AT THE PRODUCE COMPANY.

LIBERTO ADVISED HE FREQUENTLY MAKES TRIPS TO NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, FOR STRAWBERRIES AND OTHER PRODUCE, AND ALSO BECAUSE ALL FAMILY MEMBERS RESIDE IN NEW ORLEANS.

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LIBERTO STATED THIS IS COMMON KNOWLEDGE AMONG EMPLOYEES AND CUSTOMERS AT HIS PRODUCE COMPANY AS HE FREQUENTLY MENTIONS TRIPS TO NEW ORLEANS.

LIBERTO STATED MOST PRODUCE IS PURCHASED THROUGH TELEPHONE CONVERSATIONS AND THIS INEVITABLY INVOLVES TALKING ABOUT LARGE SUMS OF MONEY OVER THE TELEPHONE.

LIBERTO ADVISED HE HAS HAD NO INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYED RECENTLY AT HIS PRODUCE COMPANY FITTING DESCRIPTION OF UNSUB DESCRIBED BY MC FERREN (MC FERREN NOT IDENTIFIED TO LIBERTO), AND STATED HE ALWAYS EMPLOYS NEGRO MALES FOR HELP IN THE PRODUCE DEPARTMENT.

BOTH LIBERTO AND LATCH STATED THEY WOULD REMEMBER ANY CONVERSATION, OVER THE TELEPHONE FOR IN PERSON, WHICH ALLEGEDLY TOOK PLACE APRIL FOUR, LAST, AND INVOLVED THE DEATH OF KING, AND STATED THAT THEY WOULD HAVE NO REASON FOR BEING INVOLVED IN ANY ACTION OF THIS SORT.

LEADS BEING SENT TO NEW ORLEANS TO FURTHER CHECK STORY BY INTERVIEWING LIBERTO'S BROTHER.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-10673)

FROM : ASAC SYLVESTER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/22/68

Re: ALLEGATIONS, JOHN McFERREN

SAC JENSEN, Memphis, at 8:30 a.m., 4/22/68, telephonically contacted the New Orleans Office and advised that JOHN McFERREN, a Negro of Summerville, Tenn., buys produce from Italians in Memphis and heard an Italian talking on the telephone "Kill the S.O.B. on the balcony and get the job done. You'll get your five thousand".

Interviews in Memphis reflects it was common talk among the produce people there that they had no "love" for MARTIN LUTHER KING and made many disparaging remarks and were constantly "riding the niggers".

He requested that interviews be conducted with TONY LIBERTO, VINCENT LIBERTO, SALVATORE LIBERTO, and Mrs. EMILY LIBERTO, mother of FRANK CAMILLE LIBERTO; that a teletype be sent to the Bureau, Memphis, Birmingham and Atlanta with results of these interviews and appropriate 302s prepared on each individual.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673) DATE: 4/20/68

FROM : SA JERRY W. BRENTS

SUBJECT: MURKIN
LOOK ALIKE

At 10:10 A.M., 4/20/68, HERMAN HAISCH, telephone number WH 3-3863, telephonically contacted the New Orleans Office and advised that the JAMES EARL RAY being sought in connection with the murder of Doctor MARTIN LUTHER KING was possibly identical with an individual recalled by him only as RAY, who he became acquainted with while an inmate at Chillicothe Correctional Institution in Cincinnati, Ohio. HAISCH stated that he was in this institution from 11/23/44 to 9/5/45, and that his number was 23697. He stated that he worked on the same work gang as the individual recalled by him as RAY, during that period of time. He described this individual as approximately 5' 6" to 5' 7" tall; slender build; dark hair; and droopy eyes.

HAISCH stated that he was not positive that this was the same individual; however, the possibility exists that he was.

HAISCH stated that he resides with his mother, who is very ill, and that if further information was needed from him, he would be happy to come to the New Orleans FBI Office to furnish this information. He stated that he could be reached at the above phone number.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

DATE: 4/20/68

FROM : SA JERRY W. BRENTS

SUBJECT: MURKIN
LOOK ALIKE

At 10:40 A.M., 4/20/68, Mr. RILEY BRYANT, telephone number 891-9732, 4891 Tchoupitoulas Street, which is the address of Star Generator Company, advised that in addition to his generator business, he buys and sells used clothing for resale and gifts to other people. In that regard, Mr. BRYANT stated that he heard a broadcast on WDSU radio on 4/19/68, ~~on 4/19/68~~, advertising used clothing for sale. He was to contact phone number 822-1649, which is located at 121 Dorgenois, New Orleans.

BRYANT said that he went to the foregoing address and purchased used clothing from an individual who very closely resembled the picture published in the Times-Picayune of the suspected slayer of Doctor MARTIN LUTHER KING. He described this individual as approximately 5' 11" tall; slender build; age 34 - 36 years; 165 - 170 pounds. He stated that the individual's face was somewhat slimmer than the photograph, however, there was a close resemblance.

BRYANT stated that the clothes which were purchased consisted of slacks, three sports coats and some sports shirts. He stated that the sports shirts had labels on them from stores in Memphis, Tenn., Los Angeles, California and from Rubinstein's in New Orleans, Louisiana. He stated also that the shirts had various laundry marks on them. He also stated that one of the laundry marks indicated the name PAIGE.

BRYANT stated that these clothes would be available for examination at the address of Star Generator should same be deemed necessary.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

DATE: 4/20/68

FROM : SA WILLIAM B. WOOD

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 4/20/68 ~~LEE PAIGE~~, aka Harold Johnson, 121 Dorgenois, advised that he had lived at this address all his life and stated that he had not traveled outside New Orleans since approximately one year ago. PAIGE stated that he does spot work as a vocalist and is presently unemployed.

PAIGE was checked against the photograph of GALT and determined not to be identical with GALT.

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FROM : SA WILLIAM B. WOOD

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 4/20/68 RILEY BRYANT, 4891 Tchoupitoulas, New Orleans, advised that he had purchased some clothing for \$5 from an individual living at 121 Dorgenois, New Orleans, on 4/19/68. BRYANT advised that he thought this individual looked a lot like the pictures which he had seen in the paper of ERIC STARVO GALT. BRYANT was exhibited glossy photos of GALT and still stated that he thought this individual looked like GALT.

BRYANT exhibited the clothing he had purchased from the man and pointed out that the labels in one of the suit coats reflected a Memphis, Tenn. clothing store.

BRYANT advised that he did not obtain this individual's name but stated that a laundry mark inside one of the shirts he had purchased reflected the name PAIGE and the address 121 Dorgenois. BRYANT was unable to furnish any further information of value.

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TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

DATE: 4/20/68

FROM : SA ALBERT LEE SIMMS, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 4/20/68 at 7:40 a.m., Mrs. CLIFTON MOAK,
Red's Marine Boat Store, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, telephone
343-6664, advised that on the night of 4/19/68 an individual
came to the above store and spoke to the night watchman.

Mrs. MOAK put the night watchman on the phone and
the following information was received from him:

HAROLD BOUDREAUX, 5357 Prescott Road, Baton Rouge,
telephone 357-5004, advised that he is employed as a night
watchman for Red's Marine Boat Store, Baton Rouge, from
10:00 p.m. to 7:30 a.m., with the exception of Saturday
nights. He stated that on the night of 4/19/68 an individual
came to his place of employment and advised that he was in
Baton Rouge to board the motor vessel Delta which runs
between Baton Rouge and Houston, Texas. This individual
remained at Red's Boat Store until about 1:00 a.m. today
and during his conversation with Mr. BOUDREAUX he advised
that he was from Alabama and that sometime ago he was in
Florida and found the social security card of the fellow
that had killed MARTIN LUTHER KING.

This individual exhibited the card to BOUDREAUX,
who observed that it had the last name of GAULT on the card
and he also observed that the card was a duplicate issued
in a small town in New Mexico.

Mrs. MOAK returned to the phone and advised that
this individual has been in this vicinity for approximately
three days and gave the name of CLARENCE POUNDERS and said
that he was residing at 234 St. Louis Street, Room 12, Baton
Rouge. Mrs. MOAK advised that another individual is also
residing at the above address, Room 7, using the name of
DICK BORDEN and that this individual advised he was also
waiting for the motor vessel Delta and has been there for
four days. She advised that this is most unusual inasmuch
as this vessel has a regular time schedule and that crewmen
normally do not arrive to board this vessel more than a
few hours in advance of its arrival. A + D.

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*Petersen advised of above
4/20/68 & will handle.*

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P

MURKIN.

Extensive investigation to date has not specifically established residence or whereabouts of ERIC STARVO GALT prior to mid-summer 1967. Investigation has disclosed that his presence has been established in Alabama, California, Georgia, Louisiana, and Tennessee.

Possibility exists that prior to mid-summer, 1967, UNSUB may well have been a recent releasee of a Federal Penitentiary, a State Penitentiary, or some county correctional institution. In addition, the possibility that he may have been a recent releasee from a mental institution of some kind cannot be overlooked.

It is therefore requested that all offices receiving this Airtel check records of custodial institutions, penal and otherwise, in their respective divisions, for any information regarding releasees in May, June, and July 1967. Offices should be guided by the descriptive data and birth data furnished on Alabama driver's license. This set forth birthdate [redacted]. Descriptive data available on license will assist in eliminating many of the names that might appear. Use of current photo, which is dated March 1968, would also be of assistance in further eliminating any suspects included in group. If unable eliminate on basis of birth data and use of photo, receiving offices should secure from custodial institution identifying numbers which will assist in establishing identification record and thereafter request elimination by fingerprints of Bureau. ARMED & DANGEROUS.

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TO : SAC (157-10673)

DATE: 4/21/68

FROM : OTIS L. PAGE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

(RE: DOOK ALIKE)

At 9-45 PM, Mrs. Marguerite NIMTZ, principal, Albert Wicker School, 1720 Beinville St., 524-4859, telephonically contacted the office and advised that an individual who identified himself as MICHAEL WHEAT, came into her office and stated he was selling "GREAT BOOKS". Mrs. NIMTZ advised individual that she had already purchased a set of the books and man requested permission to speak to the teachers about purchasing a set of the books. Individual has an appointment to return to the school next tuesday to talk to the teacaers. ~~at~~ Mrs. NIMTZ stated she talked to WHEAT for about a half hour and he advised her in conversation that he loved to dance, but he had been out of circulation for a while, in the army. WHEAT gave an address 120 South Gray Ave., Picayune, Miss., telephone 798-4657. Mrs. NIMTZ advised she has subsequently viewed the daily paper and the picture slightly resembles WHEAT.

Mrs. NIMTZ stated the reason she contacted the FBI was the possibility this individual could be RAY, or another wanted person as he acted suspiciously when he was in her presnace.

:olp Mrs. NIMTZ Advised her home address is 1962 Industry Street, telephone 945-0063.



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TO: SAC, ALBANY

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P

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At about 6 p.m. on 4/4/68, while standing on the second floor balcony outside Room 306 of the Lorraine Motel, 406 Mulberry Street, Memphis, Tennessee, Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. was struck in the right side of the face by a single bullet fired from a 30-06 rifle. The bullet severed KING's spinal cord and death was almost instantaneous.

This investigation, predicated upon a specific request from the Attorney General of the United States, disclosed that the fatal shot had been fired from the bathroom of a cheap rooming house located at 422½ South Main Street, Memphis, which bathroom was located at the rear of the rooming house, and had a window overlooking the Lorraine Motel.

At about 3 p.m. on 4/4/68, an individual using the name JOHN WILLARD had rented Room 5-B in the rooming house at 422½ South Main Street and had paid one week's rent. After hearing the rifle shot at about 6 p.m. on that same day, other tenants in the rooming house observed a man presumably identical with WILLARD, fleeing from the rooming house carrying a large package which was subsequently abandoned by him on the sidewalk in front of the Canipe Amusement Co., 424 South Main Street, Memphis. A neighborhood investigation in the vicinity of 424 South Main Street disclosed that the subject had fled from the scene in a white Mustang.

Found abandoned in front of 424 South Main Street was a 30-06 Remington model 760 rifle which was determined to have been

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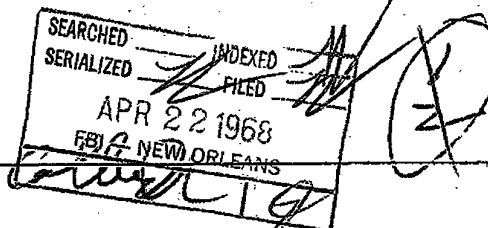
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sold to one HARVEY LOWMEYER on 3/30/68 by Aeromarine Supply Co., Birmingham, Alabama.

Investigation at Memphis disclosed that an individual had purchased a set of binoculars at the York Arms Company in Memphis on 4/4/68. These binoculars were among the material abandoned with the rifle and recovered in Memphis. Also recovered was a brown and green herringbone bedspread. The items abandoned in Memphis were all wrapped in this bedspread. The blue bag which was inside the bedspread contained numerous items, among which were the binoculars and a set of underwear consisting of a T-shirt and shorts. The T-shirt and shorts are those on which appears the laundry mark which has been a matter of interest in this case.

A search of motel records in the Memphis area disclosed that an individual using the name ERIC S. GALT had spent the night of 4/3/68 at the Rebel Motel, Memphis, Tennessee, and was driving a 1966 white Mustang bearing Alabama license 1-38993. Investigation at Birmingham disclosed that this automobile had been purchased by ERIC S. GALT on August 30, 1968, from a private person in response to a newspaper ad. He paid a total of \$1995 cash. While in Birmingham he furnished the address of 2608 South Highland Avenue, Birmingham. This is also the address which appeared on a driver's license issued to him by the State of Alabama. The driver's license identifying data listed his birth date as [redacted], his height as 5'11", his weight as 170 and his eyes blue and hair brown.

The automobile in question, the white Mustang bearing the Alabama tags mentioned above, was recovered in Atlanta on 4/11/68 and determined to have been abandoned there prior to 9 a.m. on 4/5/68.

In connection with the evidence submitted by Atlanta, Birmingham, and Memphis, identifiable latent prints were recovered. It was on the basis of these latents that identification was made of JAMES EARL RAY. In handling future leads, all offices should be particularly interested in securing an identifying number, military, police, or FBI, in connection with suspects so that the necessary check can be made through the Identification Division. //

On 4/17/68, AUSA R. MACEY TAYLOR, Birmingham, authorized the filing of a complaint charging ERIC STARVO GALT with a conspiracy to violate Section 241, Title 18, U. S. Code, and

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recommended bond in the amount \$50,000. On that same date, SAC JOSEPH H. GAMBLE filed a complaint before USC MILDRED F. SPRAGUE, Birmingham, and warrant was issued that same date.

For further information re JAMES EARL RAY, all offices are directed to press release furnished them by the Bureau on 4/19/68.

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SUBJECT: MURKIN - COST DATA

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For information of all offices, the Bureau by retel requested of the Memphis Division as follows:

"Please furnish following information on above matter compiled or estimated through 4/30/68, and thereafter submit cumulative totals through the end of each month until further notice:

- 1) Number of man hours spent on case broken down as to regular hours, overtime hours, and total man hours by following employees (separate figures for each class of employees shown):
 - A. Special Agents
 - B. Clerical Employees
- 2) Total mileage (estimated or actual) traveled by Bucars used on case. Include mileage for cars traveling to and from other field offices on special assignment and any personally-owned cars.
- 3) Any unusual or out-of-ordinary costs, such as cost of chartering airplane, rental of special office space, leased telephone lines, etc. These should be itemized and cost of each item shown.

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- 4) Peak number of Special Agents working on case during month for which report is submitted.

You should promptly request all Bureau offices involved in this case to furnish information requested herein to you and it should be included in your report."

Each office is requested to expeditiously furnish the Memphis Division with the above designated data within two work days after the close of each month. Secondly, each office is also requested to advise the Memphis Division even in the event each category is zero or no work is performed on this case during the month.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703) (P)

MURKIN

Re HARVEY LOWMYER.

On 4/19/68, Mr. PETER DONOVAN, Deputy Director, Bureau of Employees Compensation, U. S. Department of Labor, Washington, D. C., telephonically advised SA ROBERT W. DAWSON that he had resided in the New Orleans area for about nine years, until transferred to Washington last year. His neighbor was Mr. J. WILLIAM "BILL" WADE, and wife ROSE, resided at 548 Ashlawn Drive, Harahan, Louisiana, telephone area code 504, 737-3791. Mr. DONOVAN explained that the WADE'S are "high type people" and close social friends of the DONOVAN'S. He stated that Mrs. WADE'S maiden name was LOWMYER (phonetic) of Memphis, Tennessee. Mr. DONOVAN stated he did not know Mrs. WADE'S family, but felt that she could be interviewed to determine whether she might be a relative of subject of this case.

Mr. DONOVAN stated that because of the nature of the social relationship between his family and the WADE'S, he desired that his identity be protected in this matter.

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AT HARAHAN, LA. Will interview Mrs. WADE concerning
identity of family members.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC 157-10673

FROM : SA ROBERT G. TATE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/19/68

On 4/19/68 the change of address records for the Mid-City
Post Office, 4315 Bienville, were made available by Henry H. Groff,
asst. supt.

A review of these records by this agent failed to reflect any
forwarding address for ERIC STARVO GALT.

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FROM: NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

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Re Louis, alias
FREDDIE WILLIAMS, TWO SIX ONE THREE NORTH BAYOU
DRIVE, GOLDEN MEADOW, LOUISIANA, ADVISED WHITE MALE, AGE
THIRTYFIVE, FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES, ONE SIX ZERO POUNDS,
BROWN HAIR, COMPLEXION DARK RESEMBLED PHOTO OF SUBJECT
GALT AND RENTED ROOM AT WILLIAMS' RESIDENCE APRIL EIGHTH
DASH ELEVENTH LAST WITH ANOTHER WHITE MALE, AGE TWENTYFIVE,
FIVE FEET EIGHT INCHES, ONE FOUR ZERO POUNDS, COMPLEXION
LIGHT, NAMES OF BOTH UNKNOWN.

WILLIAMS STATED THESE INDIVIDUALS DRIVING
NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR FORD, TWO DOOR, BEARING SIXTYEIGHT NORTH
CAROLINA LICENSE YM SIX THREE FIVE FIVE, DETERMINED TO BE
REGISTERED JOHN D. COWELL, ROUTE THREE, BOX ONE THREE FIVE,
JACKSONVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA. BOTH DEPARTED GOLDEN MEADOW
FOUR A.M. APRIL ELEVENTH LAST ON BOAT, NAME UNKNOWN, DESTINED
PORT ISABEL, TEXAS.

(1-New Orleans)

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CLERK, PRESTON REBSTOCK (PROTECT IDENTITY),
GOLDEN MEADOW POST OFFICE, ADVISED ON APRIL NINTH LAST
JON D. COWELL RENTED POST OFFICE BOX SEVEN FOUR FOUR
AND GAVE RESIDENCE OF FREDDIE WILLIAMS AS ADDRESS.
REBSTOCK SHOWN PHOTO GALT AND STATED DID NOT BELIEVE
IDENTICAL WITH COWELL.

EFFORTS TO LOCATE SIXTYFOUR FORD AND COWELL,
GOLDEN MEADOW, LOUISIANA, AND ADJOINING TOWNS NEGATIVE.

MARSHAL NOLAN PLAISANCE, GOLDEN MEADOW,
LOUISIANA, ALERTED SUBJECT ~~GALT~~ *Ray* S FUGITIVE STATUS.

NEW ORLEANS INDICES NEGATIVE JOHN OR JON
D. COWELL.

SAN ANTONIO AT PORT ISABEL, TEXAS. CONTACT
PORT AUTHORITIES IN EFFORT TO LOCATE JOHN D. COWELL AND
DETERMINE IF IDENTICAL TO SUBJECT ~~GALT~~ *Ray*.

CHARLOTTE AT JACKSONVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA. WILL,
AT ROUTE THREE, BOX ONE THREE FIVE, ATTEMPT TO CONTACT JOHN
D. COWELL AND DETERMINE IF IDENTICAL SUBJECT ~~GALT~~ *Ray*.

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TO NEW ORLEANS AND SAN ANTONIO
FROM CHARLOTTE (44-1365)

MURKIN

RE NEW ORLEANS TEL APR. NINETEEN LAST.

SUSPECT JON DENNIS COWELL, FBI NO. TWO NINE SIX EIGHT SIX
FIVE E, FORMER PCI, CE DIVISION, AT JACKSONVILLE, NC, NOT
IDENTICAL WITH JAMES EARL RAY, FBI NO. THREE ZERO SIX FOUR FOUR
THREE A.

NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED RE COWELL.

SAN ANTONIO AND NEW ORLEANS DISCONTINUE.

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1240 AM URGENT 4-22-68 ARK

TO DIRECTOR, SPRINGFIELD, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, KANSAS CITY,
NEW ORLEANS AND LOS ANGELES
FROM ATLANTA (44-2386) 4P

MURKIN

INTERVIEW OF RAYMOND LOUIS CURTIS.

ON FOUR TWENTYONE SIXTYEIGHT RAYMOND LOUIS CURTIS CURRENTLY
INCARCERATED WHITFIELD COUNTY JAIL, DALTON, GA., PENDING APPEAL
ON A LIFE SENTENCE FOR MURDER AND WHOM SHERIFF MAULDIN STATED
IN HIS OPINION WOULD FURNISH INFORMATION THAT WOULD PROBABLY BE
RELIABLE TO THE BEST OF CURTIS' KNOWLEDGE, FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING
INVESTIGATIVE LEADS:

CURTIS WHO SERVED THREE DIFFERENT SENTENCES WITH SUBJECT
IN MISSOURI, STATED SUBJECT HAD FORMER CLOSE FRIEND WHILE IN
JACKSON COUNTY JAIL, KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, WHO HAD JUST
PREVIOUSLY SERVED TIME WITH HIM AT MENARD PRISON ILLINOIS WHO
VISTED SUBJECT FREQUENTLY AND KEPT HIM IN SPENDING MONEY.
SUBJECT ALSO HAD, NAME UNKNOWN, ITALIAN CONTACT WHO WAS BIG MAN
IN SYNDICATE BETWEEN KANSAS CITY AND CHICAGO WHO HANDLED STOLEN
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POSTAL MONEY ORDERS AND TRAVELERS CHECKS WHO IS KNOWN TO KCPD. SUBJECT ALSO HAD CLOSE FRIEND (FNU) COIN (PHONETIC) WHO IN NINETEEN FIFTYFIVE WAS FIFTYFIVE TO SIXTY YEARS OF AGE WHO IS A FENCE AND LIVED IN NEW ORLEANS. SUBJECT ALLEGEDLY INVOLVED IN NUMEROUS BURGLARIES AND PAYROLL JOBS, QUINCY, ILL. IN PAST. SUBJECT WHILE IN PRISON AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI BETWEEN NINETEEN SIXTYTWO AND SIXTYSIX, HEARD SUBJECT MENTION ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS THAT THERE WAS A BOUNTY ALLEGEDLY A MILLION DOLLARS ON KINGS HEAD AND IF HE GOT OUT OF PRISON BEFORE KING WAS KILLED, HE WOULD MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO CONTACT APPROPRIATE INDIVIDUALS, NAMES UNKNOWN TO CURTIS, AND COLLECT BOUNTY BY KILLING KING. III

CURTIS, ALTHOUGH REQUESTED IDENTITY BE PROTECTED, FURNISHED UNKNOWN AMOUNT OF INFORMATION CONCERNING HIS ASSOCIATION WITH RAY TO REPORTER, DALTON DAILY CITIZEN NEWS, DALTON, GA., EARLIER THIS DATE.

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KANSAS CITY AT KANSAS CITY WILL THRU INFORMANTS AND POLICE CONTACT ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY ITALIAN SYNDICATE MAN WHO INVOLVED IN HANDLING STOLEN POSTAL MONEY ORDERS AND TRAVELERS CHECKS. KANSAS CITY WILL ATTEMPT TO DEVELOP INFORMATION THRU INMATES RE MILLION DOLLAR BOUNTY ON "KING'S HEAD."

NEW ORLEANS AT NEW ORLEANS ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY (FNU) COIN ALLEGED FENCE AND ASSOCIATE OF SUBJECT.

SPRINGFIELD AT MENARD ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY SUBJECT'S FORMER CELL MATE PRIOR TO NINETEEN FIFTYFIVE. AT QUINCY, ILL. THRU INFORMANTS AND OTHER LOGICAL SOURCES ATTEMPT TO DEVELOP BACKGROUND RE SUBJECT.

ALL OFFICES PROTECT IDENTITY OF CURTIS.

COMPREHENSIVE TELETYPE RE ALL DETAILS OF INTERVIEW WITH CURTIS TO FOLLOW.

NUMEROUS ALLEGATIONS RECEIVED INDICATING INDIVIDUALS WHO LOOKS LIKE SUBJECT SEEN IN ATLANTA AREA. LEADS CHECKED OUT WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

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AT 44-2386

ATLANTA PURSUING FURTHER INVESTIGATION AT AIRLINES AND
CHECK OF STOLEN CARS AND SALE OF USED CARS DURING PERTINENT PERIOD.

INVESTIGATION RECEIVING TOP PRIORITY ATTENTION.

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To: SAC's New Orleans (157-10673)
Memphis (44-1987)

From: ✓ Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re New Orleans airtel 4-16-68, submitting major case
prints of Darrel Dexter Gatlin.

The remaining unidentified latent prints in this case are
not identical with the prints of Gatlin.

The prints of Gatlin are being retained temporarily in
the Identification Division, Latent Fingerprint Section.

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FROM : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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Re Albany airtels 4/10/68 and 4/11/68, setting forth concerns who purchased Thermo-Seal marking machines, and Bureau teletype to Memphis, 4/12/68.

The FBI Laboratory advised that pillowcase and bed sheet were found in trunk of 1966 white Mustang registered to ERIC STARVO GALT, which was located at Atlanta 4/11/68. These items contain Thermo-Seal laundry tapes of approximately same size as tapes on items previously recovered, but are yellow in color and contain code, "20R-3." In opinion of Textile Marking Machine Company, Syracuse, New York, the tapes were produced by a different machine than previous tapes since the first three characters are 15 point type and the last two characters are 18 point type.

The Textile Marking Machine Company suggests the twenty in above code would be the lot number, the R may mean that this was a return of a batch of laundry, and the three is the bundle number.

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Will recontact laundries determined to be operating Thermo-Seal Marking Machines in an effort to locate laundry using the code, "20R-3."

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AIRTEL

TO: SAC, ATLANTA
FROM: SAC, RICHMOND (44-657) -P
MURKIN
(OO:Memphis)

Re Washington Field teletype to Memphis, Atlanta, and Richmond, 4/8/68, regarding unidentified male on Delta Flight 725, 4/1/68, with rifle box labeled "Mauzer" which was placed by unidentified stewardess in cockpit.

Enclosed for Atlanta is a copy of the flight manifest for Delta Flight 725 on 4/1/68.

For the information of New Orleans, on 4/6/68, Mr. JOHN L. TUNNIS, advised Washington Field that on 4/1/68, he had flown to Atlanta, Ga., on Delta Flight 725 at which time he noticed a man with a box which appeared to be identical with one pictured in the "Atlanta Journal" as being one that had contained the rifle used to shoot Dr. KING. The box was labeled "Mauzer". One of the stewardesses aboard the flight stored the box in the cockpit until the termination of the flight. The above mentioned flight departed Washington National Airport at 8:09 A.M., and arrived at Atlanta at 9:43 A.M. The man carrying the box was described as approximately 5'11", stocky, and wearing sunglasses.

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On 4/15/68, Mr. JACK T. SCHNEIDER, Station Manager, Delta Airlines, Washington National Airport, advised their records indicate the crew of Flight 725 on 4/1/68, was as follows:

Captain FEARL
First Officer JONES
Stewardesses ROSE, MCKEL, and SPUNKER

Mr. SCHNEIDER stated the Captain and First Officer are based in New Orleans and the stewardesses based in Atlanta. In addition, Mr. SCHNEIDER made available a Xerox copy of the flight manifest which bears the name of all persons who had made reservations or flew on that particular flight.

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ATLANTA

AT ATLANTA, GA.

Will contact above mentioned stewardesses to determine what they recall about particular incident. Will, with the aid of the flight manifest, determine if they can recall the individual carrying the box apparently containing a rifle.

NEW ORLEANS

AT NEW ORLEANS, LA.

Will interview the flight officers aboard Delta Flight 725 on 4/1/68, to determine if they recall the incident mentioned above.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
701 Loyola
New Orleans

Dear Sir:

The information here may help in tracing Eric Starvo Galt, or whoever is the slayer of Martin Luther King.

A stranger with whom I had an intense and fairly lengthy conversation in Dave's Bar (on University next door to the Roosevelt) very closely fits the description and mannerisms of the photos and stories in yesterday's Times-Picayune. It was on a Saturday, March 23rd I think, that this man began talking to me, just after speaking to another seaman (some tatoos on right arm) who left, and may have been his brother.

The talk this new acquaintance gave me (including the name of Dick Dixon) turned out to be so much a conglomeration of wild lies and thoughts of a fanatic who had delusions about himself that I later became suspicious. He told me, over several highballs and beers on my part, that he could give me a job as night hotel manager as he owned 52% of The Wohl Apartments, 2111 St. Charles, that he lived temporarily at the Roosevelt in Room 1102, that a Mrs. Margaret Kirschman, day manager of The Wohl, would be my boss, and all I would do would rent a few apartments at \$20 a night to select guests, and be well tipped. He said he owned a white T-Bird and to call him next day (Sunday). I did. The phone operator at the Roosevelt said there was no such room number as 1102 and no one at the Roosevelt was registered as Dick Dixon. At the Wohl a man who answered said no Dick Dixon had any financial interest in the establishment and no Mrs. Kirschman worked there - not one sentence in his remarks was true, unless it was the \$2,000 a month as chief electrician on the ship and fact he was able to carry liquor aboard in handbags to his stateroom.

Ordinarily I would discount the above as more bar talk, except that the descriptions given matched so nearly. Am not so sure about nose but rest of face

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as to mouth, dark hair neatly combed back on head, ears and flashing blue eyes all coincided somewhat with photos and written description. I have a reporter's hunch this could be the man, having been a news reporter in early years and now 59(born [redacted]). This man wore a dark suit and blue tie and white shirt and apologized to me for ~~was~~ wearing brown shoes, saying those shoes were for comfort. He was about 5'9" tall and weighed about 160, of trim build. His buddy was larger and casually dressed in shirt, no tie, and trousers of work clothes.

If I were an Agent I would check the Wohl, the Roosevelt and maybe Dave's Bar about activities between March 22 and 24.

I am writing this because (1) I feel it a conscientious duty to help deter and prevent any further violence in a world going wild and (2) I would like to share in any reward if this is instrumental in finding and convicting an assassin - these reasons not necessarily in order of importance, to my thinking.

I refrain from signing my real name But, for identifying purposes, it could be Willis and ⁶³⁸ are my first ³ numbers of ~~my~~ Army Serial No.. If I can give you any further information please contact me in Personal columns of Times-Picayune, addressed to WILLIS, and I will answer. Thank you. Over and out - 79.

Sincerely,

Willis.

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701 Loyola

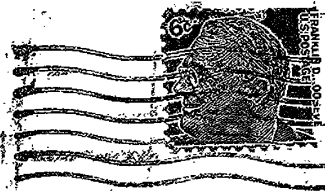
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Salt Lake City

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2nd 1/2 mile

North 4th Street



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TO NEW ORLEANS

FROM ATLANTA 44-2386 1 P

MURKIN

A CHECK WITH DELTA AIRLINE OFFICIALS, ATLANTA, GEORGIA,
IN EFFORT TO IDENTIFY PASSENGERS AND CREW MEMBERS ON DELTA
FLIGHT ONE ZERO SIX ORIGINATING NEW ORLEANS AND TERMINATING
FRANKFURT, GERMANY, FOR APR. FIVE AND SIX, SIXTYEIGHT, REFLECTS
CREW MEMBERS ON BOTH DAYS HOME BASED NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA.

NEW ORLEANS AT DELTA AIRLINES, WILL ASCERTAIN IDENTITY
OF CREW MEMBERS OF ABOVE FLIGHT, INTERVIEW AND DISPLAY PHOTO
OF RAY.

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TO 157-10673

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FROM SA LELAND A. LYNN

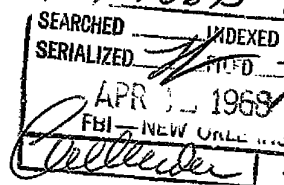
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Records of the St. Mary Parish Sheriff's Office, Franklin, Louisiana revealed that JOHN GORDON GALT, a white male, born [redacted], Camden, N. J. was arrested by this department on 4/17/62 as a runaway. GALT's father, JOHN GALT, SR. 97 New Freedom Road, Watson Town, N.J. returned the youth to New Jersey on 4/19/62.

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