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TO ALL SACS (PLAINTEXT)

FROM DIRECTOR 1P

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ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., RACIAL MATTERS.

IN VIEW OF POSSIBILITY OF RETALIATORY MEASURES TAKEN  
AS RESULT OF THE ASSASSINATION OF KING, IMMEDIATELY ALERT  
ALL SOURCES (RACIAL, SECURITY, AND CRIMINAL), WHO ARE IN  
POSITION TO POSSIBLY LEARN OF INFORMATION OF THIS NATURE.  
ANY PERTINENT INFORMATION DEVELOPED SHOULD BE RECEIVED EXPEDITIOUS  
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# Memorandum

TO : ALL AGENTS

DATE: 4/5/68

FROM : SAC, CLARK D. ANDERSON

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
RACIAL MATTERS

The Bureau has advised by teletype that in view of the possibility of retaliatory measures being taken as a result of the assassination of KING, the San Juan Office should immediately contact all sources (racial, security and criminal) for any pertinent information for dissemination purposes.

All Agents are instructed to contact their sources and furnish appropriate positive information to file SJ 157-61 with appropriate reports to informant files.

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1 - San Juan 157-61  
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FROM DIRECTOR (44-38861) 2P

MURKIN.

THIS IS THE CASE INVOLVING THE MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., ON APRIL FOUR, LAST, IN MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD ANYONE BE TOLD THIS INVESTIGATION IS IN CONNECTION WITH CAPTIONED MATTER.

IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT A RIFLE ABANDONED NEAR SCENE OF CRIME WAS PURCHASED BY INDIVIDUAL USING THE NAME HARVEY LOWMEYER OR LOWMYER.

LOWMEYER OR LOWMYER IS GENERALLY DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, THIRTYSIX YEARS OLD, FIVE FEET EIGHT INCHES TALL, ONE HUNDRED FIFTY - ONE HUNDRED SIXTY POUNDS, BLACK OR DARK BROWN HAIR.

IN VIEW OF THE UNUSUAL NATURE OF THE NAMES LOWMEYER AND LOWMYER, ALL OFFICES SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CHECK YOUR INDICES, ALL CITY DIRECTORIES, ALL TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES COVERING YOUR TERRITORIES, ALL DRIVERS LICENSE RECORDS, ALL AUTOMOBILE  
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REGISTRATION RECORDS, VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS, AND CREDIT AND CRIMINAL RECORDS ON THE SURNAMES LOWMEYER AND LOWMYER. IN VIEW OF THE UNUSUAL NATURE OF THE NAMES, DO NOT CONFINE YOUR CHECK TO HARVEY LOWMEYER AND LOWMYER ONLY. ANY INDIVIDUALS IDENTIFIED AS BEARING THESE SURNAMES SHOULD BE IMMEDIATELY CHECKED OUT COVERING THE PERTINENT PERIOD. YOU SHOULD ALSO APPROPRIATELY CHECK OUT ALL BOMBING SUSPECTS IN YOUR TERRITORIES.

HANDLE IMMEDIATELY AND GIVE TOP PRIORITY ATTENTION.

BUFILES CONTAIN NO INFORMATION IDENTIFIABLE ON HARVEY LOWMEYER OR LOWMYER.

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO : SAC, KNOXVILLE  
FROM : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN - CR

Note "CHANGED" title. Previously carried under "ASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR."

All offices receiving copies of this Airtel note that Bureau has designated above caption as approved code word for investigation dealing with murder of Dr. KING.

Information under above caption should pertain only to investigation that may have bearing on identifying subject instant case. All other information pertaining to racial incidents, and racial activity arising out of assassination of Dr. KING should not be submitted under above caption, but should be submitted by interested offices under the appropriate caption pertaining to Racial Matters.

In addition, all offices in receipt of this information should re-canvass any Criminal Informants, Security Informants, and Racial Informants for possible knowledge concerning assassination, with specific emphasis directed toward informants in known hate groups.

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Approved: RG Jensen  
Special Agent in Charge

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En Washington

# Investigan a Carmichael Sobre Motines Raciales

WASHINGTON, abril 9 (UPI) — El secretario de Justicia, Ramsey Clark, informó hoy que su departamento investiga las actividades del líder del poder negro Stockely Carmichael para determinar su posible participación en los actos de violencia del fin de semana en esta capital. Catorce horas después de la muerte de Martin Luther King Carmichael dijo en una conferencia de Prensa que los negros debían "tener armas" y salir a las calles "para vengar la ejecución de King".

Clark afirmó en un programa de televisión que investigadores federales verificaban las declaraciones de Carmichael para ver si "él pudo haber violado algunas de las numerosas disposiciones".

Carmichael se dirigía hoy a

Richmond para asistir a una audiencia judicial en la que comparecerá H. Rap Brown, presidente del Comité Coordinador Estudiantil de No Violencia. Informó que luego seguiría viaje a Atlanta para asistir a los funerales de King.

En su conferencia de Prensa del viernes pasado, Carmichael declaró: "Cuando la América blanca mató a King, nos declaró la guerra. Tenemos que ven-

gar su muerte".

Luego agregó:

"La gente negra sabe que su avance no es por medio de las discusiones intelectuales. Sabe que debe tener armas. Nuestra represalia no será en los estrados judiciales sino en las calles de Estados Unidos".

Momentos después del mediodía del viernes pasado, estalló la violencia en Washington con un saldo de ocho muertos y más de 5,300 personas detenidas a causa de los desórdenes.

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

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El Carmichael

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Editor: \_\_\_\_\_  
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# Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-61)

FROM : SA ROBERT L. MOORE

SUBJECT: RACIAL MATTERS  
RACIAL VIOLENCE

DATE: 4/10/68

On the dates indicated, the following informants were contacted by SA ROBERT L. MOORE in the Virgin Islands and each advised that he was unable to furnish any information with reference to the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING:

PCI JOHN C. TALLMAN	4/5/68
PCI ANIBAL MOORCIGLIO	4/5/68
SJ 532-C	4/6/68
SJ 616-C	4/6/68
SJ 660-C	4/6/68
PCI MARIA NUNEZ	4/6/68

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-61)

FROM : SA JOE C. SPARKS

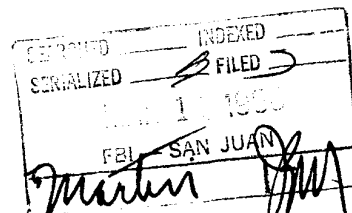
SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN  
LUTHER KING  
RACIAL MATTERS

DATE: 4/10/68

As instructed by ASAC YATTEAU, PCI WILLIAM DOUGLAS ABBOTT was contacted concerning captioned matter on 4/5/68.

He furnished the following information:

ABBOTT advised that his friends and associates were shocked upon learning of the assassination of the Reverend Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING but most of them view it as an incident to be expected in the long term continuing struggle of the Negroes in the United States to achieve equality. He advised that he is not aware of any plan for demonstration other than the fact that islandwide church services will be held on Sunday in memoriam of the death of Dr. KING. He advised he would remain alert for any planned demonstrations and would immediately notify the contacting agent in the event of any such developments.



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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, SAN JUAN (134-1089)

DATE: 4/10/68

FROM : SA JEROME V. SELLNER

SUBJECT: SJ 687-PSI  
IS-PRN

On 4/5/68, Informant was contacted concerning the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING, and possible retaliatory measures. He was unable to furnish any pertinent information. (SJ file 157-61).

On the same date the subject was further contacted for data bearing upon recent incendiarism in Puerto Rico, but had no information to report. (SJ file 105-5208).

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, SAN JUAN (137-1041)

DATE: 4/10/68

FROM : SA JEROME V. SELLNER

SUBJECT: FLOR COLON  
PCI

On 4/5/68, Informant was contacted concerning the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING, and possible retaliatory measures. He was unable to furnish and pertinent information (SJ file 157-61).

On the same date the Informant was further contacted for data bearing upon recent incendiarism in Puerto Rico but had no information to report. (SJ file 105-5208).

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-61)

FROM : SA JOE C. SPARKS

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF REVEREND  
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
RACIAL MATTERS

DATE: 4/10/68

On 4/8/68, PSI RAYMOND CARL MEVS and PCI WILLIAM DOUGLAS ABBOTT were contacted by SA JOE C. SPARKS concerning captioned matter. PCI ABBOTT had no information to furnish.

PSI MEVS advised that on the morning of 4/8/68, he had learned that a memorial procession in the honor of the late Reverend Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING would be held starting at 5:15 PM, 4/8/68, in Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands. The procession was to be led by a student group from the College of the Virgin Islands and they were soliciting by mimeograph pamphlet of the participation of the residents of St. Thomas. MEVS expressed the hope that the demonstration would be a peaceful one.

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
FROM: SAC, SAN JUAN (157-61) RUC  
SUBJECT: MURKIN  
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Re Memphis airtel to Knoxville, 4/7/68.

A canvass of all informants of the San Juan Division failed to develop any positive information regarding captioned matter.

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TO ALL SACS (PLAINTEXT)

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FROM DIRECTOR (44-38861) 2P

MURKIN

INVESTIGATION HAS ESTABLISHED THAT AN INDIVIDUAL USING THE NAME ERIC STARVO GALT WAS IN MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, ON APRIL FOUR, SIXTYEIGHT, REPORTEDLY DRIVING A NINETEEN SIXTYSIX WHITE MUSTANG WITH ALABAMA LICENSE ONE DASH THREE EIGHT NINE NINE THREE. THE BUREAU IS ANXIOUS TO LOCATE THIS INDIVIDUAL FOR QUESTIONING IN CONNECTION WITH THIS MATTER.

ALL OFFICES COVERING POINTS OF EXIT FROM THE COUNTRY SHOULD INITIATE A CHECK TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT ERIC GALT HAS DEPARTED THE COUNTRY.

ALL OFFICES ARE TO CONTACT THE APPROPRIATE POLICE DEPARTMENTS IN YOUR TERRITORY TO INSURE THAT ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES ARE COVERED BY AN ALL POINTS BULLETIN TO THE EFFECT THAT ERIC STARVO GALT IS WANTED FOR QUESTIONING BY THE FBI.

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GALT IS DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, HEIGHT FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES, WEIGHT ONE HUNDRED SEVENTYFIVE POUNDS, EYES BLUE, HAIR BROWN, DATE OF BIRTH

ACCORDING TO HIS DRIVERS LICENSE.

GALT'S CAR IS DESCRIBED AS A NINETEEN SIXTYSIX WHITE HARD-TOP MUSTANG, SIXTYEIGHT ALABAMA LICENSE TAG ONE - THREE EIGHT NINE NINE THREE, VIN SIX T ZERO SEVEN C ONE NINE ZERO SIX FOUR SEVEN. CAR HAD FOUR INDIVIDUAL RED PLASTIC FLOOR MATS, MUFFLER PAINTED SILVER WHEN PURCHASED BY GALT IN AUGUST SIXTYSEVEN.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD IT BE INDICATED TO ANYONE AT ANY PLACE THE NATURE OF THE CASE IN WHICH GALT IS WANTED FOR QUESTIONING BY THE FBI.

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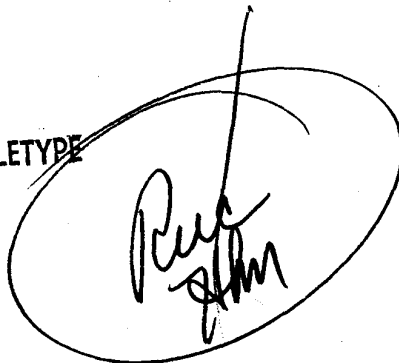
REBUTEL THIS DATE TO PLACE STOPS ON ERIC STARVO GALT  
AND A NINETEEN SIXTYSIX WHITE MUSTANG. DISREGARD  
REFERENCED TELETYPE AND CANCEL ANY ALL POINTS BULLETINS  
THAT MAY HAVE BEEN ISSUED.

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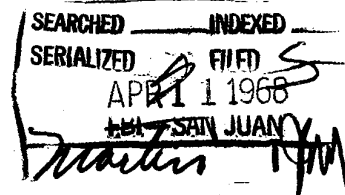
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Date: 4/13/68

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM: SAN JUAN (157-61)

MURKIN

RE SAN TELEPHONE CALL TO BUREAU TODAY.

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION RECEIVED TODAY FROM ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER CHARLES GRONEVELDT, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, SAINT CROIX, VIRGIN ISLANDS; ROBERT PETERSON, CLUB COMANCHE HOTEL, SAINT CROIX, VIRGIN ISLANDS AND THE EXAMINATION OF PERSONAL EFFECTS OF DONALD CHURCHILL. CHURCHILL, WHITE MALE, AMERICAN BORN [REDACTED] PORTLAND OREGON, FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES, BROWN HAIR, GREY EYES HAS BEEN RESIDING AT SEVENTY-FIVE WILLOW STREET, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK, UNTIL LATE MARCH, NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT WHEN HE TRAVELED TO WASHINGTON, D.C. AND STAYED AT EBBITT HOTEL, ONE THOUSAND H STREET NORTHWEST FROM MARCH TWENTY-SIX, TO APRIL THREE. RECEIPTS INDICATE OCCUPANCY AT HOLIDAY INN, TWO SEVEN ZERO ZERO NEW YORK AVENUE NORTHEAST ON NIGHTS OF APRIL THREE AND APRIL FOUR. PAN AMERICAN AIRWAYS TICKET INDICATED TRAVEL WASHINGTON D.C. TO SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO ON FLIGHT TWO FOUR SEVEN LEAVING WASHINGTON THREE FIFTEEN P.M.

Approved: CDA  
Special Agent in ChargeSent WH-5:08P M  
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APRIL FIVE. PURCHASED ROUNDTrip TICKET TO SAINT THOMAS, VIRGIN ISLANDS ON APRIL SIX LAST WITH OPEN RETURN. SAME DATE PRUCHASED ONE WAY TICKET SAINT THOMAS TO SAINT CROIX AND REGISTERED CLUB COMMANCHE HOTEL INDICATING STAY FOR MORE THAN FOUR DAYS. MORNING OF APRIL SEVEN HE LEFT HOTEL TELLING MANAGER THAT HE WAS GOING TO SAINT THOMAS, VIRGIN ISLANDS FOR THE DAY. HE HAS NOT RETURNED. CHECK OF HOTELS AND HOSPITALS IN SAINT THOMAS BY POLICE FOR CHURCHILL NEGATIVE. PERSONAL POSSESSIONS LEFT AT CLUB COMMANCHE HOTEL CONTAIN PERSONAL PAPERS INDICATING MARITAL TROUBLES AND POSSIBLE DRINKING PROBLEMS. WHILE IN WASHINGTON HIS ATTORNEY WAS FRED C. FACKS, EIGHT FIVE SIX EXECUTIVE BUILDING, ONE ZERO THREE ZERO FIFTEEN STREET NORTHWEST, WASHINGTON, D.C. NO INDICATION HE WAS OUTSIDE OF WASHINGTON D.C. DURING APRIL UNTIL DEPARTURE FOR SAN JUAN ON APRIL FIVE. PHOTO OF SUBJECT SHOWS STRONG RESEMBELANCE TO POLICE DRAWING FOR SUSPECTED KILLER THAT APPEARED IN APRIL EIGHT ISSUE OF NEW YORK DAILY NEWS AS UPI TELEPHOTO SKETCH. PHOTOGRAPH OF CHURCHILL BEING FORWARDED TO BUREAU BY MOST EXPEDITIOUS MEANS. EFFORTS TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW CHURCHILL CONTINUING. BUREAU REQUESTED TO SUTEL WHETHER INVESTIGATION INDICATES CHURCHILL WAS IN WASHINGTON D.C. AREA DURING PERTINENT PERIOD.

JCS/sg

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, SAN JUAN (157-61

DATE: 4/13/68

FROM : SA ANDREW J. CALDWELL

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re San Juan teletype to Bureau 4/13/68

At approximately 5:15 PM instant date SA ROBERT MOORE, St. Thomas telephonically advised SPC Thomas J. O'Rourke that he had placed a photograph of a DONALD CHURCHILL aboard Prinn Air flight ~~xxx~~ 235 out of St. Thomas to San Juan.

The writer picked up the photograph which was contained in a ~~manila~~ envelope at the Prinn Air Office in San Juan (International Airport) and delivered same to Captain R.J. HAYES flying Eastern flight # 966 leaving San Juan 6:40 PM; Arriving Friendship Airport, Baltimore, 9:10 PM, instant date.

Captain HAYES advised he would deliver envelope to Special Agent meeting him upon his arrival at Friendship.

At approximately 7:10 PM, Bureau supervisor handling captioned case notified telephonically re above.

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## Feds Remain Tight-Lipped On Search For Assassin

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Law enforcement officers remained tight-lipped Tuesday about their search for a man they say is "on the run"—the assassin of Dr. Martin Luther King.

Federal authorities have taken complete charge of the case, refusing all comment except to say that the necessary manpower has been committed to the investigation.

Police Chief J. C. MacDonald, reporting that local officers no longer have jurisdiction over the case, said, "I don't know any more about it than you do."

Rolando Velez, the Mexican consul here, said FBI agents questioned him Tuesday morning about a man who had obtained a tourist card, giving a false address and telephone number, the day before King was shot last Thursday. Velez had contacted authorities after reporting a resemblance between the man and a sketch carried Saturday by a local newspaper.

The Justice Department in Washington, denied, however, a report that the investigation had extended into Mexico.

The newspaper composite picture was drawn from descriptions given by persons living in the second-floor downtown flophouse where police believe the assassin shot King through a bathroom window.

It pictured a clean and well-dressed white man, 26 to 32 years of age, with a sharp nose.

King was shot as he stood on the balcony of a motel directly across the street and behind the flophouse. Police said a .30-.06 pump rifle was the murder weapon.

A similar weapon was found by police on a doorstep near the flophouse minutes after the shooting, and has been sent to the FBI laboratory in Washington for ballistics tests. No results of the tests have been disclosed, however.

FBI agents also confiscated a suitcase, but refused to disclose its contents.

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

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
 FROM: SAC, ALBANY (44-493) (P)  
 SUBJECT: MURKIN  
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(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re Albany airtel to Bureau 4/11/68.

LAUNDRY MARKS

Following is a list by offices of Thermo-Seal machines located at military establishments producing five character tapes 1 1/8" long and 1/4" wide as provided by Mr. DONALD BROTON, Textile Marking Machine Company, 2204 Erie Boulevard East, Syracuse, N.Y.

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 3-Memphis (44-1987)  
 2-Boston (157-644)  
 2-Charlotte  
 2-Chicago (44-1114)  
 2-Honolulu  
 3-Jacksonville (44-769)  
 3-Miami  
 2-Newark (44-854)  
 2-New York (44-1609)  
 3-Norfolk  
 2-Philadelphia  
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Martin  
 Milk Laundry  
 Mark Foley

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 Special Agent in Charge

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For the information of San Juan, the following is furnished:

Search of premises believed occupied by UNSUB who assassinated Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING on 4/4/68, disclosed suitcase in which was located tee-shirt and undershorts bearing laundry mark on red tape with black lettering believed to be Thermo-Seal type, manufactured by Textile Marking Machine Co., Inc., Syracuse, N.Y. The tape is  $\frac{1}{4}$ " wide and  $1 \frac{1}{16}$ " long and bears letters and numbers C2B-6.

Experts at Textile Marking Machine Company advise type on this machine is unusual in that the first two characters are 15 point type and the last three characters are eighteen point type, with the middle character, the letter B, probably being narrow rather than regular type. The usual machine carries 15 point type for the first three characters and 18 point type for the last two characters.

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Re Albany airtel to Bureau 4/11/68.

LAUNDRY MARKS

Following is a list by offices of Thermo-Seal machines located at military establishments producing five character tapes 1 1/8" long and 1/4" wide as provided by Mr. DONALD BROTON, Textile Marking Machine Company, 2204 Erie Boulevard East, Syracuse, N.Y.

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 3-Jacksonville (44-769)  
 3-Miami  
 2-Newark (44-854)  
 2-New York (44-1609)  
 3-Norfolk  
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Date 4-11-68

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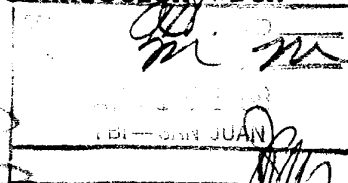
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Remarks:

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

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

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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.

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Attached are three photographs of tee shirt and shorts bearing laundry marks.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, SAN JUAN (157- )

DATE: 4/16/68

FROM : SA JOSEPH KAY BROOKS

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, 4/4  
INFO CONCERNING

On this date, JOSE CESTERO MAS, Calle 11, Block 29, # 6, Santa Rosa, Bayamon, Puerto Rico appeared in the SJO and advised that near the end of Feb., 1968, he had been in the Professional Hospital, and had shared a room with a man by the name of DAVILA, (FNU). He said that DAVIAA had a relative named GILBERTO DIAZ AVILES, who visited in the hospital on occassion. He said that DIAZ was a person who expressed extreme hate for the negroes, and became very boistrous and loud, and bordered on violence in discussing the subject.

CESTERO advised that he doesn't know the address of DIAZ, but that DIAZ is employed by the TIPPETT AND ABBETT company, Room 616 or 612, Fomento Building, Hato Rey, Puerto Rico.

CESTERO stated that DIAZ very closely resembles the artists conception of the KING murder subject. He said that the artists conception appearing in the "El Mundo" newspaper Thursday, April 11, 1968, is a very good likeness of DIAZ.

Cestero described DIAZ as a white male, age approximately 25-30.

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# Stokely: 'Killed Wrong Man'

NEW YORK (AP) — Black power advocate Stokely Carmichael said Friday it would have been better if the assassin of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. had killed him or H. Rap Brown.

"They clearly made a mistake when they killed Dr. King," Carmichael told a news conference. "It would have been far better if they killed Rap Brown or myself. Then they could have said that 'they lived by the sword and they died by the sword.'"

"There is no possible way for them to make an excuse for Dr. King's killing," he said. "He preached love, forgiveness and mercy."

Carmichael said the assassination would be a "powerful unifying force for black people." He said the ranks of militant Negroes would begin to grow.

Carmichael said the slaying of Dr. King means "a lot of people who were afraid to pick up guns will now pick up guns."

The Black Power advocate said he was "totally convinced" that the assassination was the result of a conspiracy. "Where

were the FBI agents?" he asked.

Carmichael, former head of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, spoke at a news conference open only to Negro reporters. Brown succeeded Carmichael as head of the militant group.

Carmichael also told a convention of the National Black Antiwar, Antidraft Movement that Negro and white antidraft

organizations must be separate.

White youths, he said, view draft opposition as an intellectual exercise, while for Negro youths, avoiding the draft is a matter of life and death.

"The white left is talking about reforming and saving America," Carmichael said, "but America must be burned down in order for us to survive."

About 300 youths from several

major cities attended the conference, held to discuss methods of avoiding military service. The group, with an original membership of 60, was formed last January after a dispute between Negro and white representatives at a conference of the National Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam.

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# Condenan Asesinato Luther King

El presidente del Colegio de Abogados señaló que la sociedad democrática tiene que condenar el asesinato del doctor Martin Luther King "con indignado espíritu colectivo."

Refiriéndose al asesinato del que fuera campeón de los derechos de los negros en Estados Unidos, el licenciado William Fred Santiago, expresó:

"El asesinato brutal del pastor de almas Martin Luther King es un acto de abominable criminalidad que una sociedad democrática tiene que condenar con indignado espíritu colectivo."

"Esta tragedia tiene su origen en un clima de intolerancia, prejuicio y odiosidad tal que imposibilitan el diálogo y la participación colectiva de la ciudadanía toda."

"En cierto sentido todos hemos contribuido a la ejecución de ese crimen, por lo que tenemos todos que reconocer nuestra falta y entonar un 'mea máxima culpa', a la par que abrir los canales, democráticos que posibiliten el diálogo en franca participación democrática que erradique por siempre toda clase de prejuicios."

"La tragedia de Memphis es un reto para Washington, Londres, Moscú, Hanoi, Madrid, Roma y también para Puerto Rico, ya que a tiro limpio y con violencia no se endereza el corazón humano."

"Aprendamos todos esa lección teñida en sangre inocente de un cruzado de la paz, del derecho y de la justicia."

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# La Búsqueda Del Asesino

La búsqueda del asesino del doctor Martin Luther King parece estar complicándose más y más. Los últimos informes son de que los agentes federales están buscando a un hombre a través de todo el país y en México. Esto parece indicar que no se sabe dónde puede estar el asesino, y la verdad es que se hace más difícil esperar una pronta solución al crimen.

La razón es esta: Todos los indicios son de que el asesinato fue preparado cuidadosamente por un grupo de personas, que dejaron muchas pistas falsas. Por ejemplo, se sabe que el hombre que disparó el tiro que mató al doctor King solicitó una visa del consul de México en Memphis. ¿Fue otra pista falsa?

Ahora la United Press International informa que el FBI ha estado detrás de un marino desempleado que se llama Eric Starvo Galt. El auto Mustang blanco, que se supone sea el que usó el asesino para escapar del lugar del crimen, fue encontrado en Atlanta. El auto estaba registrado bajo el nombre de Galt. Agentes del FBI han tratado de encontrar pruebas de que Galt era, de hecho, un marinero.

Al fracasar esta investigación, ha surgido la especulación de que quizás el nombre mismo sea una pista falsa. Es posible que la preparación del crimen comenzó en septiembre pasado.

La confusión que han creado todas estas pistas es evidente. Al principio, el procurador general Ramsey Clark dijo que habría un arresto muy pronto. Después se dijo que el crimen fue obra de un solo hombre. Ahora el señor Clark, y el Gobierno Federal, no están diciendo nada. A todas las preguntas de la prensa responden: "No hay comentario".

Claramente, el FBI y las otras agencias federales se encuentran hoy ante un reto extraordinario. Por un lado tienen a un criminal extremadamente astuto y escurridizo. Por otro, hay una opinión pública nacional, y mundial, que exige que se haga justicia. No hay que mencionar la importancia que tiene para la tranquilidad racial en los Estados Unidos encontrar a los culpables del crimen.

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FROM: SAC, SAN JUAN (157-61)  
MURKIN, CR.

RE ALBANY AIRTEL TO BUREAU, APRIL ONE TWO, LAST.

INVESTIGATION AT NAVAL EXCHANGE, NAVAL STATION ANNEX,  
SAN JUAN, P.R., DEVELOPED FOUR TEXTILE MARKING MACHINES,  
INSTEAD OF TWO AS SET FORTH IN REFERENCED COMMUNICATION.  
SAMPLES OBTAINED FROM EACH MACHINE, HOWEVER, PREFIX QUOTE O  
END QUOTE IS NOT USED AT THIS FACILITY. PREFIX W IS USED ON  
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IN ONE DAY.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

GALT LEFT LOS ANGELES ON DECEMBER 15, 1967, AND DROVE HIS WHITE MUSTANG TO NEW ORELANS, 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 A 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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