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Memorandum

TO : SAC, TAMPA (157-3231)

DATE: 4-10-68

FROM : SA EDWARD J. TULLY

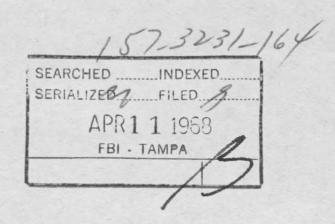
SUBJECT: MURKIN

on 4-10-68, SA Tully reviewed the local city directories and telephone directories re ERIC STARVO GALT with negative results. In addition the following agencies were checked:

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Brevard License agency
Brevard County Tax rolls
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All of the above agency checks were negative. No attempt was made to check financial records due to the fact the institutions were closed for the day. These checks will be made on 4-11-68 and results furnished telephonically.

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TO : SAC, TAMPA (257-3231)

DATE: 4/12/68

FROM : SA GORDON W. TINDLE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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RE:SUSPECT ERIC STARVO GALT

The following investigation was conducted with negative results on 4/11/68, by SA GORDON W. TINDLE at Seminole County:

KATHLEEN DAUGHTY, Tax Clerk, Automobile Registrations Seminole Co. Tax Collector's Office, Sanford.

Mrs. DONNA EVERS, Investigator, Credit Bureau of Sanford, and Seminole County at Sanford, Fla.

Mrs. CAMILLA BRUCE, Supervisor of Registrations, Voters Registrations, Seminole Co., Sanford, Fla.

Mrs. RHEA LOWERY, Deputy Sheriff, Seminole Co. SO, Sanford, Fla.

Sgt. RUSSELL W. TENCH, Sanford PD

Telephone directories and information operator for Sanford, Geneva, Oviedo, DeBarry, and part of Deltona (Volusia Co.)

Sanford City Directory

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FROM : SA William A KEllER

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FROM: SAS. J. Labad. E

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JACKSONVILLE UM-A man questioned here Saturday right about the slaying of Dr. Luther King Jr., has been cleared of any connection with it, police Lt. P. L. Howelf said yesterday.

The man, Clyde Courtney,

33, of Louisville, Ky., was questioned by local and federal officers who said he resembled the sketch of a man wanted in connection with the assassination.

"He has been cleared," said Howell. "There is no connection except the physical resemblance."

Courtney, arrested on a va grancy charge, remained in jail in lieu of \$35 bond. His case was set for today in municipal court.

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TO : SAC, TAMPA (157-3231)

DATE: 4/15/6 F

FROM: SA Mennis R. Whiken

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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Re: Nance Studios

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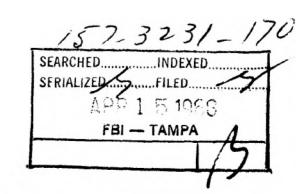
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AIRMAIL

TO:

SAC, MEMPHIS

FROM:

SAC, JACKSONVILLE (44-768)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

(00: Memphis)

On 4/7/68, MICHAEL CAPCIA voluntarily appeared at the FBI RA, Gainesville, Fla. and furnished the following information.

CARCIA is a Private E-3, US Army. His serial number is and he is from Tamme. Florida. He is to report to Pt. Lewis, Washington, on 4/20/60, for shipment to Viet Nam. He will be in Tempe, Flo. antil it is time for him to report to Ft. Lewis.

GARCIA's father is MANUEL GABCIA, Atthrney, Tampa,

Florida.

On Saturday, \$/30/68, GARGIA left Pt. Benning, Ga. en route to Gainesville, Florida, where he was formerly a student at the University of Florida. GARCIA took State Road 28 out of Columbus, Georgia, en route to Interstate 75 at Cordele, Georgia. Several miles out of Columbus on "26", at an isolated spot, he picked up a hitchhiker who claimed he was going to Orlando, Florida. GARCIA described this hitchhiker, who gave his name as JACK or HARRY RUSSEEL as follows: as follows:

2-Memphis
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Military service

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Madras, long sleeved shirt; Dark blue windbreaker; Light tan nylon Thermo jacket; Plain brown shoes with two or three eyelets which he claimed he bought for \$1.25 in a second-hand store and they hurt his feet, size 9 shoe. Claims he was in US Air Porce

in 1947 and received back entry while in the service.

GARCIA advised this individual had a blanket roll which appeared to have some of his belongings inside. The blanket was partel pink or green in color. He told GARCIA he was a "maintramp" and had arrived in the Columbus, Ga. area from Seattle by way of New Orleans and Birmingham earlier in the week. He talked as if he knew a great deal about train schedules and junctions. He commented a "rail tramp" is hardest kind of individual to catch if he is on the run from

the law as he knows places to hide. He further claimed two Negroes threw him off of a train once causing him to have a concussion and causing his inner car to fill with blood. He expressed a distinct dislike for Negroes. GARCIA advised that during conversation with this individual he asked CARCIA where he was from. When GARCIA told him he was from Tampa he asked if GARCIA knew anything about the Mafia. GARCIA told him that his father, MANUEL GARCIA, an Attorney, had done some legal work for the TRAFFICANTES in Tampa. He told GARCIA he was going to Orlando to do some work for the Mafia, for which he would receive a new Mercury and \$7000. He told GARCIA upon arrival in Orlando he was to walk up and down a certain street, name unrecalled, in Orlando until someone contacted him. He further stated that from Orlando he was going to Miami after which he would head north through Tennessee, to Idahe, and would feel better when he had a "few G's" in his pocket. He teld GARCIA that his job had nothing to do with dope and indicated his job would be done in a week, after when he would be on his way to Idaho. He showed GARCIA a picture which he removed from his billfold of a place where he was going in Idaho. GARCIA recalls this picture showed snow covered mountains and a mountain lake. He claimed he was going to a small camp where he had "laid up" before. GARCIA recalls that he mentioned a waterfall at this place which gave off a spray revealing an image that looked like a realining woman.

GARCIA advised that this individual appeared to know quite a bit about weaponry and stated that he talked about the AK47, Chinese assault rifle, laser beam, and light anti-tank weapon.

GARCIA advised after arriving in Gainesville he let this individual off on West University Avenue where he claimed he wanted to wash his clothes in a washateria. GARCIA stated that on Sunday, 3/31/68, around noon, he saw this individual hitchhiking on Archer Road toward I-75. He stopped and asked GARCIA if he would give him a ride as fer as I-75, but GARCIA was in a hurry and unable to do so. He has not seen this individual since.

JK 44-768

GARCIA stated that he did not give too much thought to the conversation he had with this individual until after the amnouncement of the assessination of Br. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. on 4/4/68. He stated after this announcement he began to give thought to the conversation mentioned herein that he had with this individual, particularly to his ampressed dislake for Negroes and he also mentioned the Communist element among Negroes and he therefore thought he should report this to the proper authorities.

GARCIA reviewed all the pending identification orders but was unable to make an identification. He was asked to study the identification order of ROBERT BOLIVAR DE PUGH, IO \$4176, inammuch as process is outstanding for DE PUCH in Seattle and the description of the hitchhiker somewhat fits DE PUGH. After closely studying DE PUGH, GARCIA stated he could not state whether or not DE PUCH was identical with the hitchhiker, primarily in view of the fact the hitchhiker had such a full bush beard.

The above information is being submitted for the evaluation of the Memphis Division in Connection with captioned matter and for evaluation by Seattle in connection with DE PUGH. Any leads to be set forth is being left to the discretion of the office of origin.

Information copies being sent to Atlanta, Miami, and Tampa, in the event it becomes necessary to request investigation by these offices concerning the individual described herein.

4-12-68 ATRMAIL AIRTEL SAC, MEMPHIS TO: SAC JACKSONVILLE (44-769) (P) FROM: SUBJECT: MURKIN OO: MEMPHIS Re Jacksonville airtel to Memphis 4-11-68. On the evening of 4-11-68, MICHAEL GARCIA telephonically contacted the Gainesville RA advising that he had noted in the "Tampa Times" of 4-11-68 an artist sketch of a man wanted for the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING. GARCIA stated he sketched a beard on this drawing and advised with the beard the drawing is very similar to the hitchhiker he picked up near Columbus, Georgia, on 3-30-68. He further advised that the straight nose in the drawing is very similar to the hitchhiker's nose. GARCIA stated he would be leaving for Ft. Lewis, Washington, between 4/18 - 20/68 and until fine for him to leave, he will be staying at his parents residence, 4802 Woodmere Road, Tampa, Florida. 2 - Memphis O - Tampa (Info) 1 - Miami (Info) 1 - Atlanta (Info) 1 - Seattle (Info) 157-3231-171 3 - Jacksonville SEARCHED ___ DINDEXED . (1 - 91 - 2263)SERIALIZED 3 FILED CHM:blm APR 15 1968 FBI — TAMPA (9) 2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

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FBI Trails Unemployed Seaman in King Probe

ATLANTA (UPI) — FBI agents investigating the sniber-slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. have been on the trail of Eric Starvo Galt, listed as an unemployed merchant mariner, for nearly a week, United Press International learned yesterday.

Galt's name first surged into the headlines Thursday night when a white Mustang auto, registered to him and resembling one that reportedly sped from the King assassination scene, was found parked in an Atlanta apartment complex.

The Rev. Ike Powell, an Atlanta Methodist minister, said he notified police about the abandoned car Thursday. He said two detectives came out but did not appear excited. FBI agents arrived later and were "all over the place," he said.

No warrant has been issued for Galt's arrest, but it was learned that the FBI in Miami had issued — and then for unexplained reasons withdrew — a "locate and notify" bulletin on Galt Thursday.

The Mustang registered to Galt carried Alabama license number 1-38993. A check with Alabama authorities established Galt's address as a roominghouse at 2608 Highland Ave. in Birmingham, but

residents, while recalling Galt, said they had not seen him since November.

In obtaining his driver's license in 1967, Galt listed his occupation as an unemployed inerchant mariner.

The FBI replied with a blanket "no comment" to all questions concerning the King

investigation, but persons at the Birmingham roominghouse said agents were asking "plenty" of questions about Galt last week.

This was four or five full days before the Mustang was located in Atlanta.

The only official announcements in the King case have come from Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark, who was sent to Memphis by President John-

son to help with the investigation after King was killed by a sniper while standing on a hotel balcony last Thursday.

In Washington last night

Clark said "The physical evidence is very substantial" in the case and "I remain hopeful that (the killer) will be arrested soon."

UPI reporters checking with maritime officials in Mobile learned yesterday that agents, in addition to questioning persons at the Birmingham boarding house, had also made a check of the docks long before the Mustang was found.

A spokesman at the Seafarers International Union in Mobile said agents had visited the union offices two days ago and had gone through automated files, without success, in trying to get a lead on Galt.

Officials at the Maritime Union of America in Mobile said agents had made a similar check there, and the Star Fishing Company, one of the largest firms of its kind in the

area, said it also had been visited by agents.

Agents also checked out Coast Guard files in Washington during the day without finding any trace of Galt.

This raised speculation, which again officials refused to confirm or deny, whether someone, as early as last September, set about to establish credentials for a fictitious Eric Starvo Galt.

Alabama officials said that at the time he applied for his Alabama license, at the age of 36, he claimed to have had a Louisiana license since 1962, but there is no record that he ever turned it in.

The name of Galt was further validated when license tags for the Mustang were obtained under that name on Oct. 2, 1967 in Jefferson County, Ala.

Residents of the Atlanta apartment complex where the car was found remember the

driver as a neatly-dressed man who calmly got out of the car, locked it and walked away.

This description roughly tallied with one given by occupants of a roominghouse in Memphis, where the assassin stood in a communal bath and fired the shot that killed King.

The assassin is believed to have checked into the roominghouse under the name of "John Willard." He was described as calm, neat and well-dressed — an unlikely candidate for the \$8.50 a week room, which he paid for in advance.

Persons at the murder scene reported a man jumped into a white Mustang and sed away shortly after the fatal shot was fired.

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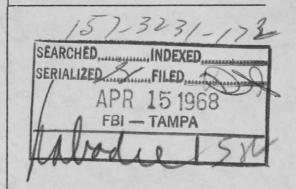
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TO: SAC, TAMPA (157-3231)

FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

MURKIN

Re Tampa teletype to Director and Jackson, 4/8/68.

Numerous attempts were made to contact Mrs. SUE MALEY of 1125 Poplar Boulevard, Jackson, Mississippi, form 4/8/68 to date.

Mrs. MALEY contacted 4/12/68 and stated her son was in Florida, and she did not desire to talk to anyone as she had been under the came of a doctor.

Mr. RUFUS CREEKMORE, Attorney, Jackson, contacted and stated that Mrs. SUE MALEY advised him she had been contacted by FBI concerning her son's whereabouts.

Mr. CREEKMORE stated that CHARLES E. MALEY, III, has had numerous traffic tickets with the Jackson PD and has been under the care of a psychiatrist and is a very nervous person. Mr. CREEKMORE stated that CHARLES MALEY was still in Florida to the best of his knowledge.

Tampa should note in referenced teletype that MALEY left motel about 10:30 to 11:00 on Thursday, 4/4/68. Tampa should determine from New Yorker Motel in Clearwater, Florida,

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whether CHARLES MALEY left AM or PM on 4/4/68 as if MALEY left motel at PM he could not be considered suspect in this matter.

If MALEY left 10:30 to 11:00 AM on 4/4/68, check flights from Tampa to Memphis to determine if CHARLES MALEY a passenger on these flights.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, TAMPA (157-3231)

DATE: 4/26/68

FROM: SA JOHN J. RUTLAND

SUBJECT: MURKIN

CR

(00:ME)

RE: SUSPECT CHARLES E. MALEY

Photographs of JAMES EARL RAY appearing on Wanted Flyer 442A were shown to Mrs. THERESSA LEON, Manager, New Yorker Motel, Clearwater Beach, Florida, and she advised that there is no resemblance between MALEY and photographs of RAY and that she is confident that they are not the same individual.



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TO:

DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) and SAC, MEMPHIS, ATLANTA, JACKSONVILLE & MIAMI

FROM:

SAC, TAMPA (157-3231)

MURKIN, CR, OO: ME.

RE TAMPA TEL TO DIRECTOR, ME AND BM APRIL TEN, SIXTYEIGHT.

E. L. BING, PLANT CITY, FLA. CONTACTED DEPARTMENT TO ADVISE THAT HE HAD PATRON AT NIGHTCLUB RAINBOW, EATONVILLE, FLA. ON EVENING APRIL SEVEN LAST WHO CLOSELY RESEMBLED WITNESS COMPOSITE SKETCH PUBLISHED LOCAL NEWSPAPERS. BING STATED THAT DURING EVENING PARTY OF SIX-SEVEN NEGROES AND ONE CAUCASIAN WERE CELEBRATING IN CLUB. AROUND THREE AM THE WM ASKED BING TO CASH PERSONALIZED CHECK DRAWN ON CHATTANOOGA BANK, NAME NOT RECALLED. BY WAY OF IDENTIFICATION THIS INDIVIDUAL STATED EMPLOYED BY HOLIDAY INN, ME., AS PAINTER AND DISPLAYED CREDIT CARD, NAME NOT RECALLED. INDIVIDUAL STATED HE WAS BROKE AND NEEDED MONEY FOR TAXI FROM EATONVILLE TO ORLANDO, FLA. HE DISPLAYED BUS TICKET, COMPANY UNKNOWN, FROM ORLANDO

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TO MM. BING REFUSED TO HONOR PERSONAL CHECK AND INDIVIDUAL CONTACTED ONE LEON SMITH, WINTER PARK, FLA. TO WOUCH FOR HIM. BING STATES HE REFUSED TO ACCEPT CHECK. BING STATES AT CLOSING TIME FOUR AM, APRIL EIGHT, SIXTYEIGHT HE SERVED UNKNOWN WM SOLICITING PARTY PATRONS FOR TRANSPORTATION TO ORLANDO.

THIS INDIVIDUAL DESCRIBED WM, SIX FEET, ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTYFIVE LBS., DARK BROWN HAIR, COMBED STRAIGHT BACK, RECEDING: ON SIDES TO FORM PEAK, BROWN TROUSERS, BROWN SPORT COAT, WEARING WHITE TURTLENECK SWEATER, HAD PRONOUNCED LIMP IN LEFT LEG, NO REGIONAL ACCENT.

WITNESSES WHO OBSERVED UNIDENTIFIED WHITE MALE AT
RAINBOW CLUB, EATONVILLE AND AT ORLANDO APRIL SEVEN - EIGHT,
LAST VARY IN DESCRIPTIONS THEY FURNISHED FOR HIM BUT
GENERALLY FEEL HE RESEMBLES ARTIST'S CONCEPTION APPEARING
IN MASS MEDIA. UNIDENTIFIED WM TRIED TO CASH SIXTY DOLLAR
CHECK DRAWN ON UNRECALLED BANK, CHATTANOOGA. UNIDENTIFIED
WM TAKEN TO GREYHOUND BUS STATION, ORLANDO, UNIDENTIFIED
WM COULD LOGICALLY HAVE TAKEN GREYHOUND BUSES ON APRIL EIGHT

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LAST DEPARTING ORLANDO EIGHT FIFTEEN AM ON RUN THREE ELEVEN;
NINE TWENTY AM ON RUN THREE SIX THREE, TEN TEN AM ON RUN
SIX THREE TWO OR ELEVEN FIFTEEN AM ON RUN TWENTY THREE.

DRIVER ON RUN SIX THREE TWO INTERVIEWED AND UNABLE TO
IDENTIFY DRAWING. A. J. STROUDMIER, MM, WAS DRIVER ON
RUN THREE ELEVEN. CHARLIE TITUS, MM, WAS DRIVER ON RUN
THREE SIX THREE, AND WILLIE RAGAN, JACKSONVILLE, DRIVER
ON RUN TWENTY THREE.

MM AT MM. CONTACT OPERATIONS OFFICE, GREYHOUND,
INTERVIEW STROUDMIER AND TITUS AND EXHIBIT ARTIST'S CONCEPTION.
JACKSONVILLE AT JACKSONVILLE. HANDLE RAGAN LEAD.

MEMPHIS AT MEMPHIS. CONTACT HOLIDAY INN FOR POSSIBLE IDENTIFICATION OF WM AND EXHIBIT ARTIST'S CONCEPTION.

ATLANTA. AT DALTON, GA. EXHIBIT ARTIST DRAWING

AT BANKS AND PAINTERS LOCAL IN EFFORT TO IDENTIFY WM SEEN

AT EATONVILLE AND ORLANDO. UNIDENTIFIED WM TOLD ONE PERSON

HE WAS FROM DALTON, GA. AM COPY TO B. P

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FBI CHICAGO

U3XPM URGENT 4-15-68 RMF

TO DIRECTOR /44-38861/, BIRMINGHAM /44-1740/, ATLANTA /44-2386/,

MEMPHIS /44-1987/. TAMPA /

FROM CHICAGO /44-1114/

MURKIN

RE MEMPHIS TEL TO CHICAGO, APRIL FIFTEEN, INSTANT.

PD BELIEVES SHE HAS SEEN ERIC STARVO GALT IN AND ARQUIND MEMPHIS LOUNGES WHERE HE WAS KNOWN AS "STEVIE," LAST NAME SOMETHING LIKE GAULDEN, GAULDING OR GAULDET. HE WAS SUPPOSEDLY TIED IN WITH BIG TIME SAFE BURGLARS, INCLUDING WILLIAM EDGENE SIDES, TOMMY ELLIS PIKE, JAMES GORDON FORBES AND "DUKE", POSSIBLY IDENTICAL JOSEPH MITCHELL MAINER, MEMBER OF OLD MAINER GANG FROM YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO. AUTHENTICITY OF INFO CANNOT BE PRESENTLY EVALUATED.

TAMPA INTERVIEW WILLIAM KENNETH KNIGHT, CONSIDER SHOWING ARTIST CONCEPTION, FOR POSSIBLE IDENTITY "STEVIE".

MEMPHIS DETERMINE LOCATION JACK CONNOR BOLAND FOR SAME INTER-VIEW PURPOSE SINCE BOLAND PREVIOUSLY INFORMED ON THIS GROUP.

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Harper 7:30 4-15-68

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ALL OFFICES SEL REPORT OF SA RICHARD K. HARPER, TAMPA, JULY FIVE, LAST, CAPTIONED "BERNARD CLINTON LEWIS, AKA; ET AL; BB, CONSPIRACY, ITSP, TGP, AK," ON PAGE TWENTYFOUR MENTIONS BANK SCORE IN ARIZONA SET UP BY MERLE GAULT OF RENO, NEVADA.



TAMPA ADVISE BUREAU, MEMPHIS AND CHICAGO WHETHER MERLE
GAULT WAS EVER IDENTIFIED, AND IF NOT, SOTEL LAS VEGAS TO DETERMINE
HIS IDENTITY AND BACKGROUND.

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TO DIRECTOR /44-38861/. BIRMINGHAM, ATLANTA, MEMPHIS, AND CHICAGO FROM TAMPA /157-3231/

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RE: SUSPECT ERIC STARVO GALT.

RE CHICAGO TEL DATED FOUR FIFTEEN SIXTY EIGHT.

RE TAMPA REPORT OF SA R. K. HARPER CAPTIONED "BERNARD CLINTON LEWIS" DATED SEVEN FIVE SIXTY SEVEN.

WILLIAM KENNETH KNIGHT INTERVIEWED INSTANT DATE AND ADVISED AFTER VIEWING COMPOSITES SUBJECT NOT FAMILIAR TO HIM-

ADVISED HE DIDN'T KNOW ANY MEMPHIS AREA BURGLAR NAME "STEVIE"
GAULDEN, GAULDING, OR GAULDET ASSOCIATED WITH BILLY SIDES, MEMPHIS
PD # FIVE FIVE SIX EIGHT THREE; BUDDY MC CULLOM, MEMPHIS PD #
EIGHT TWO EIGHT ZERO TWO, WHO KNIGHT MET THROUGH JOSEPH BERNARD
GROGAN, FBI # ONE FIVE NINE FOUR NINE THREE C.

KNIGHT STATED HE DID NOT KNOW PIKE, FORBES, OR "DUKE" BY NAME BUT STATED MEMPHIS POSTAL INSPECTOR FAMILIAR WITH SIDES AND OTHER MEMBERS OF GROUP IN MEMPHIS. KNIGHT REMEMBERS MEETING SIDES AT HOUSE NEAR AIRPORT IN MEMPHIS IN FALL OF NINETEEN SIXTYSIX AND SEVERAL OTHER MEN THERE WHO, KNIGHT DID NOT MEET.

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MERLE GAULT REFERRED TO ON PAGE TWENTY-FOUR RE REPORT IS MERLE LYALL GALL, FBI # THREE ONE FOUR SIX SEVEN NINE FIVE, IDENTIFIED BY KNIGHT AS MIDWEST AND FAR WEST BURGLAR ASSOCIATED WITH "BLACKIE" ROBINSON. GALL IS W/M, AGE IN FORTIES AND, ACCORDING TO KNIGHT, DOES NOT RESEMBLE COMPOSITE.

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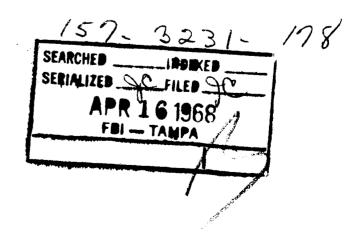
DATE: 4/15/68

FROM : SA JAMES DELK LELAND

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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Mrs. MARGARET BRYANT, 6475 1 ave,
M., put owner, and LESTER JACOBSEN,
7011 5 ave. M., part owner, Borgantgaeobsen Studio of Dance, who operates
schools of dance in St. Petersburg, Zla.
both advised on 4/15/68 that mo one
by the mame of ERIC GALT had ever
been a student in their schools.





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TO: SAC, TAMPA (157-3231)

DATE: 4/15/68

FROM:

SA WILLIS R. SMITH

SUBJECT:

MURKIN

CR

(00:MEMPHIS)

The following individuals at dancing schools operated in the Sarasota, Florida area were contacted on 4/15/68 by SA WILLIS R. SMITH, and none of these individuals could find any record of ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMEYER, HARVEY LOWMYER, JOHN WILLARD, or anyone with similar names or variations of these names, who had ever been a student or employee at these schools:

Mrs. BYRON LIEBEL, Manager Byron Dance Studio 123 East Tampa Venice, Florida

JOAN TATUM, Owner-Manager Joan Tatum Dance Studio 2040 Bee Ridge Road Sarasota, Florida

CLARA SERIO, Receptionist-Secretary Arthur Murray School of Dancing 1532 Main Street Sarasota, Florida

CLIFFORD MANOCK, Manager MICHAEL STARKEY, Asst. Manager Michael Ford Dance Studio 1233 N. Gulfstream Avenue Sarasota, Florida

JEAN KIRKHAM, Manager-Owner Florida Ballet Arts School 930 St. Andrews Drive Sarasota, Florida

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TO

SAC (157-3231)

DATE: April 15, 1968

FROM: SA Joseph J. Pieper

SUBJECT:

MURKIN

Joseph Davenport, Manager, Arthur Murray Dance Studio, 1819 Central, St. Petersburg, florida, advised on 4/15/68 that their records do not contain the names: Erich Starvo Galt, John Willard, or Harvey Lowmeyer (with variations).

Mr. Davenport advised that most of their students are over 45 years of age, and he has no recollection of any male studentin his 30's, who has the characteristics a ttributed to Erich Galt.

Mr. Davenport advised that he is personally acquainted with all of the students, and would know of these characteristics; however, that Donald Anderson, Cousellor-Interviewer, has an even closer relationship with the students.

Donald Anderson, Counsellor-Interviewer, Arthur Murray Dance Studio, advised on 4/15/68 that none of the students in the pad few months have the Galt characteristics.

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:SAC, TAMPA (157-3231) P TO

DATE: 4/15/68

FROM : SA WILLIAM K. GARNER, JR.

subject: $_{\hbox{MURKIN}}$

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00:Memphis

Contacts at various auto tag agencies located in Polk County, Fla concerning possible re-registration of 1966 Mustang, VIN # 6T07C190647, were negative. The contacts were:

On 4/11/68

BARTOW -- JACK LAURENT

 $0n \ 4/12/68$

WINTER HAVEN ** Mrs. FRANK TILLIS

HAINES CITY J.E. CARLTON

LAKE WALES -- RUTH DORMINEY

LAKELAND -- JUDY SHEPARD

AUBURNDALE -- Winter Haven

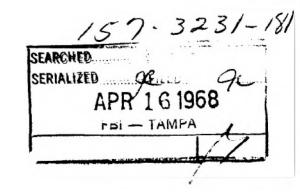
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Memorandum

: SAC, TAMPA (157-3231)

DATE: 4/15/68

FROM : SA JAMES DELK LELAND

SUBJECT: MURKIN

CIVIL RIGHTS

The writer received a telephone Tall from the Zampa Office on might of 4/12/68 to effect that WILLIAM J. SCHMIDT, a banker, 5622 Ovenge Rd. M., Seminole, Fla. had observed a memo in his bank to be alert for ERIC GALT. 200 writer contacted SCHMIDT the same might and determined that he had seen a memo obtained from Zela. Mall Bank Containing mames of GALT, JOHN WILLARD, HARVEY LOMEYER, and HARVEY LOMYER losed on original FBI inquiry, 157-3231-182

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FROM:	SAC, TAMPA (157-3231)	
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CK	On 4/11/68 Dr. IRVING HALL, 712 39th Street W.	
Bradenton	n, Fla., telephonically advised the Sarasota RA	
	ween the hours of approximately 8:00 and 10:00 p	
	e and his wife viewed a television program over	
	3, educational television station WEDU-TV, Tampa	
	HALL stated the program was a panel-type discu	
	ng the study of the march on Washington that was ad by Rev. MARTIN LUTHER KING in the Spring of]	
	ted a white male who was a member of the panel	
	sitting on the floor near a Negro who was standing	ıg .
	was the moderator made several comments that des	alt
	G leading the march. The white male, according	
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	ds the march on Washington the march will be a rch and the poor white people will be getting so	rewed "
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	HALL stated that upon viewing the artist's	
	on of the assassin of KING and comparing the	
	ion that had been set forth in local newspapers	
	g the assassin, he believes the white male on the levision program who made remarks critical of KI	
	ip appeared a similar description to the artist'	
	on of the assassin.	_
	Mr. R. LEROY LASTINGER, General Manager, WEDU-	-TV,
Education	nal Television Channel 3, 908 South 20th Street, n 4/12/68 advised from approximately 8:30 to 10:	30 2
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on 4/7/68 his channel experienced a live interconnection which was broadcast in the Tampa area under the auspices of Public Broadcast Laboratory which program originates from New York City and which the local station would not have any record of on radio or TV tape. He said that all he could say was the FBI would have to contact "AV" WESTIN, Director, Public Broadcast Laboratory, 342 Madison Avenue, New York City, and they would have the film. He volunteered the information that he recalled Public Broadcast Laboratory sent a crew along with Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING some time in the past sort of following his career and were closely following any plans to march on Washington. He said he personally had no way of even knowing in what cities or where the panel discussion took place that was broadcast on the night of 4/7/68 through his Channel 3 station.

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AT NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK

Contact "AV" WESTIN, Director, PBL, 342 Madison Avenue, and conduct appropriate investigation.

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BAC, COLUMBIA (44-289) TO: BAC, TAMPA (157-3231) MUNK IN

Be Columbia airtel to Tampa, April 13,

1968.

On April 16, 1968, FRED EXHERER, Manager, NYZ Mobile Home Sales, 8620 South Orange Blossom Trail, Orlando, Fla., furnished the following to SA GORDON V. TINDLE:

FICHOLAS GRONGE TELEGAS, is "mort of" a friend of the family. He may be in love with DEBORAH KERNEMER, his daughter, but she is not remantically interested in him.

KENNEMER said he spoke to TELEGAS in Charlotte, S. C., just before he departed to visit with them and made arrangements to pick him up at the Qrlando, Fla., Train Station, advising TELEGAS that he might be a little late.

ERMEMER said he went to meet TELEGAS'
train which was due about 1:55 PM on April 4, 1968,
from Charleston, S. C., but it was a little behind
schedule and he went on another short errand. KEMERER
said he pidked up TELEGAS at about 2:30 PM at the
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Orlando train station. He said TELEGAS stayed until April 10, 1968, and departed for his home.

Columbia will advise Bureau and Birmingham of any results in this matter.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Tampa, Florida April 12, 1968

RACIAL INCIDENTS TAMPA DIVISION APRIL 5-10, 1968

Reference is made to memorandum submitted by this office under above caption on April 10, , 1968.

ALEX TAYLOR, Intelligence Unit, Tampa, Florida Police Department, advised at 5:30 PM, April 10, 1968, that no significant racial incidents had been reported in the city of Tampa during the daylight hours of said date. He said the department had gone back to working regular eight hour shifts, and to regular procedure, that the command post had been closed, and no future racial difficulties were expected.

Nr. TAYLOR was recontacted on the morning of October 12, 1968, at which time he advised that the racial situation in Tampa remains quiet, and no future significant racial disturbances are anticipated in connection with the incident of the assassination of MARTIN LUTEER KING.

JOHN ALIEN, President of the Charlotte County Chapter, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), advised on April 10, 1968, concerning some "heated exchanges"

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and fighting which had erupted between Negroes and white students at Charlotte County Junior High School, Punta Gorda, Florida, on said date. He said there were rumors of impending racial violence due to said situation. Mr. ALLEN said that Charlotte County Sheriff BENT and Punta Gorda Chief of Police ROY ASHEY had been to the school and had helped calm the situation. White parents had picked up their children on April 10, 1968, and had taken them home, according to ALLEN and the principal of the school had decided to stagger dismissal times at the high school and junior high school to avoid having all of the students congregate at the same time, thereby avoiding some violence potential. Mr. ALLEN further stated that the junior high school would not be in session on April 11, 1968, in order to keep the junior high school students separated from the senior high school students, who would be in session.

As of April 12, 1968, no further information has been developed concerning the above described situation at Punta Gorda, Florida, however, no incidents of racial violence have been reported in connection with same.

Appropriate law enforcement and Federal authorities have been advised concerning the situations described above.

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RE: MURKIN
TP file 157-3231

The following investigation was conducted on 4/15/68 by SA JAMES B. HAFLEY:

AT OCOEE, FLORIDA

Mrs. RUTH WOOD, Ruth Wood School of Dance, 616
Cardinal Street, advised that for the past several years she has
taught dancing to local school children in West Orange County,
Florida, but has never taught any adults. The names ERIC STARVO
GALT, HARVEY LOWMEYER, HARVEY LOWMYER and JOHN WILLARD were totally
unfamiliar to her. She said she knew of no other dancing schools in
this section of Orange County, Florida.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Tampa

DATE: 4/15-/68

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FROM: SA Richard K. Kykelall

SUBJECT: Murken

The following emostigation was conducted by SA Rehard H. Lightall on 4/15/68: DT Oplandy Fla. The following advised that records of their respective dance studios are negative re Crie Stawo Galt, Harrey Kourneyer or John Willard: Southy de Hoghton, de Doughton Vance Jadio 2300 Redge Ave, Judy Semms, Fred Astaire Ranco Studio 157-3231-187 317 N. Orango SEARCHED SERIALIZED SFILED Q APR' 16 1968

RE: MURKIN

Following parsons contacted at the places indicated advised on 4-15-68 that they do not now have nor ever did have anyone taking dance lessons at their establishments by the name ERIC STARVO taking dance lessons at their establishments by the hands gault, harvey Lawneyer, harvey Lawnyer or John Willard:

MRS.MARGE RAVENSCROFT, owner MARGE RAVENSCROFT DANCING SCHOOL

Orlando, Fla.

Miss ANN MONROE, clerk ORLANDO DANCE-O-RAMA Orlando, Fla.

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Memorandum

: SAC TAMPA * 5 7 2 2 3 1 (157 - 3231)

DATE: 4/6/68

FROM : SA JOHN J. O'BRIEN

SUBJECT: UNSUB: MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING

COMPLAINANT: JACK BURKE

At 3 AM on 4/6/68 the following information was received telephonically from a man identifying himself as JACK BURKE, 2542 W. Knollwood, Tampa, Fla., (932-3097) who is employed by Georgia Marble Co.:

About 2:30 AM this date he was having a drink at the VIP bar on North Armenia. There were four or bive "laborers" at the bar who seemed to know each other and might be termed a group. one of these men in a loud voice described how he had a very busy day yesterday because he had been in Memphis, Tenn., and had shot MARTIN LUTHER KING and had hidden the rifle. This performance was greeted by some laughs from the group. These men seemed to be well known to the barmaid, named Dora.

BURKE described this man as W/M 5'7", Italian extraction, age 26 complexion, hair and eyes were all dark. He was dressed in a light plaid sport shirt and kahki pants.

BURKE said that he could identify this man if he were to see him again, and noted that he was supplying the above info for whatever action was deemed advisable

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