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## Aliases

None.

*James Earl Ray*  
*173-1 Hgt*

## Identifying Data

Plaintiff's Address: #65477  
 Station A  
 Nashville, TN 37219

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Transcripts of wiretapped telephone conversations concerning Hunter Pitts O'Dell.  
 Documents regarding an arrangement in the case, United States v. Hearst, Civil  
 Action Number 78-3612, U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit (1980).

*C Hgt*  
*100.0-721*

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : LEGAT, MEXICO (173-NEW)

DATE: 4-9-68

FROM : SA JOHN J. FOARDE, JR. (P)

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;  
ASSASSINATION OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.,  
APRIL 4, 1968,  
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE  
CIVIL RIGHTS ACT, 1964

On 4-8-68, at approximately 9:30 p.m., WINSTON M. SCOTT, local CIA Station Chief, called the writer to advise that he had just received word that a suspect had been developed who was either already in Mexico City or would soon arrive by plane. He stated that he would be able to furnish additional details within the hour.

At approximately 10:00 p.m., same date, SCOTT advised that CLAUDE CHESTER MC LAREN, JR. was at the Mexico City International Airport, having arrived earlier from Honduras, and was scheduled to depart on Pan American Airways (PAA) for Houston at 11:00 p.m. He stated that MC LAREN was the bearer of United States passport [REDACTED], and was born 9-12-36 in Texas. He stated that his sources at the airport had advised that MC LAREN bore a striking resemblance to the sketches which had been circulated of Unsub, and that he was also behaving in a very nervous manner while waiting for his flight to depart. SCOTT was able to give no further descriptive information or details as to why MC LAREN was considered a suspect.

SA RICHARD S. CLARK determined from PAA that the only flight to Houston during the late evening on 4-8-68 was Flight No. 502 scheduled for departure at 10:20 p.m., and arrival in Houston at Midnight. All of this information was relayed to ASAC KARL V. HETHERINGTON, Houston, who stated that his office had no information to support the suggestion that MC LAREN might be a logical suspect. He stated that he would contact the Memphis Office and take whatever action thereafter seemed appropriate.

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At 1:30 a.m. on 4-9-68, ASAC HETHERINGTON advised that MC LAREN had not been identified among the passengers on incoming PAA Flight 502 and that, according to the pilot, Captain WHITE, MC LAREN had not been permitted to depart from Mexico City by Mexican authorities. HETHERINGTON also quoted Captain WHITE as stating that MC LAREN had been ticketed to Honduras from New Orleans on PAA on 3-30-68. WHITE had apparently brought with him a photograph taken of MC LAREN in Mexico City which, according to HETHERINGTON, did correspond very closely to the sketches which have been circulated depicting Unsub.

ASAC HETHERINGTON stated that a teletype had just been received indicating that all domestic Offices were to institute investigations to identify and locate one HARVEY LOWMEYER or LOWMYER, who is described as about 5'8", in his early 30's, with brown hair and brown eyes. It has been determined, according to HETHERINGTON, that the murder weapon was purchased in Birmingham, Alabama, on 3-29-68 or 3-30-68. It is believed that the individual named in the teletype is the person involved in the purchase of the weapon, although HETHERINGTON did not have sufficient details in the teletype instructions to conclusively establish this.

On 4-9-68, Mr. SCOTT advised that he had checked with his sources at the airport and was told that, as far as they could determine, MC LAREN did leave Mexico City on the PAA flight and this determination, according to SCOTT, was based on the fact that his name was on the manifest and that he had been seen boarding the plane.

SA CLARK has been in contact with Lic. JORGE VAZQUEZ ROBLES of Gobernacion, who had essentially the same information furnished by SCOTT and no information to contradict the story that MC LAREN did depart as scheduled on the PAA flight.

The Noon edition of "Ultimas Noticias" carries a story indicating that a suspect named JOHN WILLIARD has been developed and that he is "suspected" of being in Mexico. The story also refers again to earlier press accounts that the Mexican Government is watching the border in an effort to bar Unsub if he should attempt to enter Mexico. Radio VIP, at

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11:00 p.m. on 4-8-68, in connection with this story, stated that Mexican officials had explained that this action was voluntary on their part and not in response to any request from U.S. agencies.

An effort is being made through direct contact with PAA to establish whether MC LAREN did, in fact, depart Mexico on the flight in question.

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SEE SEPARATE 1A SECTION,  
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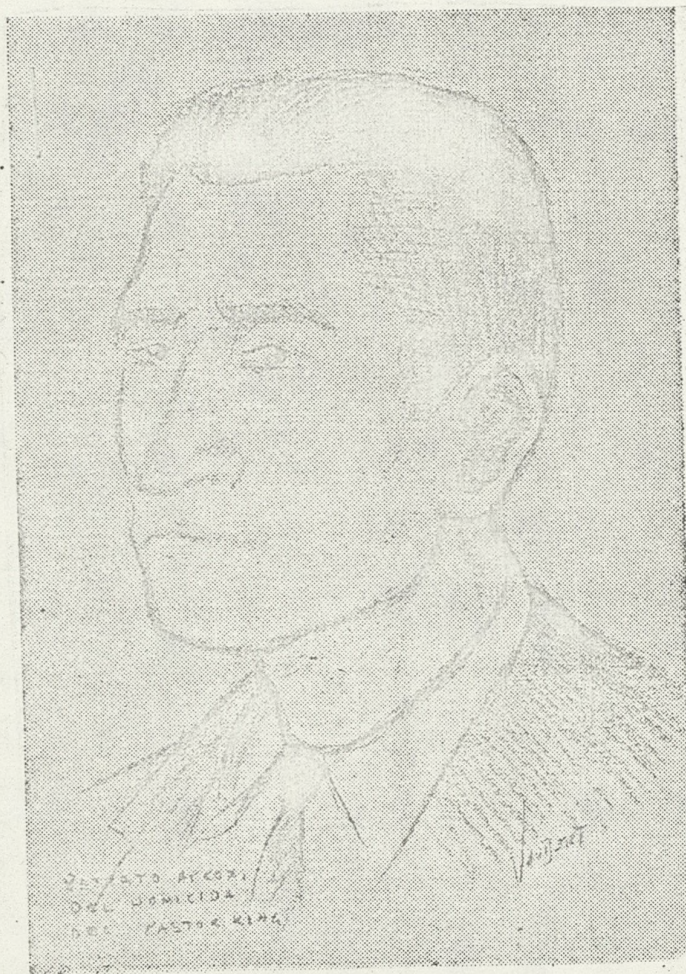
## "Retrato Hablado" del Criminal, Hecho Aquí

(VIENE DE LA PAGINA TRES)

de pelo negro, corto y peinado hacia atrás, con mandíbula cuadrada y nariz puntiaguda".

Se ha dicho que el asesino llevaba traje oscuro y corbata

negra sobre una camisa blanca. En el retrato hablado que ha realizado Jaubert, han sido sintetizados los caracteres fundamentales del asesino: de un individuo agresivo, violento y anormal.



Basado en los datos divulgados por el FBI sobre la descripción del asesino de Martin Luther King, el dibujante Sergio Jaubert, de la Jefatura de Policía del Distrito Federal, realizó un retrato hablado —en la foto— en el que destaca los caracteres fundamentales del asesino: un individuo agresivo, violento y anormal.

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9 April 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR : Mr. John Foarde, Legal Attache  
FROM : Winston M. Scott *WMS*  
SUBJECT : Claude Chester McLaren Jr.

1. Subject arrived in Mexico City aboard TAN airlines from Tegucigalpa, Honduras on 8 April 1968 enroute to Houston, Texas. Since his appearance was similar to a published artist's sketch of the alleged assassin of Martin Luther King, Mexican police officials made candid photographs of subject (one copy of two poses is enclosed). They also determined that he was scheduled to depart on flight 502, Pan American Airlines for Houston, Texas, at 2215 hours on 8 April 1968. Subject departed on this flight occupying seat number 41.

2. Subject's address in the United States is 5405 Wichita Street, Fort Worth, Texas. He carried US passport [REDACTED] issued 29 January 1963. Reportedly, he works for C.A. MAQUINARIAS, Maracaibo, Venezuela. His passport contains a stamp indicating that he entered Tegucigalpa on 30 March 1968.

3. Also enclosed for your use in any investigation is a Xerox copy of the artist's sketch and newspaper article.

Orig to addressee

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NO 159 BY [Signature] \_\_\_\_\_  
ROUTINE  
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CLAUDE CHESTER MC LAREN, JR., INFORMATION CONCERNING PAREN  
CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION END PAREN.

SUBJECT, WHITE MALE AMERICAN, BORN SEPTEMBER ONE TWO, ONE NINE  
[REDACTED] TEXAS, BEARER OF U. S. PASSPORT [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] ARRIVED MEXICO CITY FROM TEGUCIGALPA, HONDURAS, ON  
APRIL EIGHT LAST, EN ROUTE TO HOUSTON, TEXAS. POLICE AT AIRPORT  
NOTED CLOSE RESEMBLANCE TO SKETCHES PREPARED BY LOCAL POLICE ARTISTS  
OF UNSUB IN SLAYING OF REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., AT MEMPHIS,  
TENNESSEE, APRIL FOUR LAST. POLICE QUESTIONED SUBJECT AND PHOTO-  
GRAPHED HIM AFTER WHICH HE DEPARTED ON PAN AMERICAN FLIGHT FIVE  
ZERO TWO FOR HOUSTON WITH ARRIVAL SCHEDULED SHORTLY BEFORE MIDNIGHT,  
APRIL EIGHT LAST.

PLANE PILOT, CAPT. WHITE, ADVISED HOUSTON AGENTS HE BELIEVED  
SUBJECT WAS PREVENTED FROM BOARDING FLIGHT BY MEXICAN POLICE.  
WHITE STATED APRIL NINE INSTANT, HOWEVER, THIS WAS ASSUMPTION ON  
HIS PART SINCE FLIGHT NOT DELAYED BY QUESTIONING OF SUBJECT.  
SUBJECT GAVE U. S. ADDRESS AS FIVE FOUR ZERO FIVE WICHITA STREET,

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cc: 173-new (MARTIN LUTHER KING)  
JJF:bs  
(3) [Signature]

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Special Agent in Charge

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FORT WORTH, TEXAS, AND EMPLOYMENT AS C. A. MAQUINARIAS, MARACAIBO, VENEZUELA. PILOT STATED SUBJECT WAS TICKETED ON FLIGHT FROM NEW ORLEANS TO HONDURAS ON MARCH THREE ZERO LAST AND PASSPORT INDICATES ENTRY AT TEGUCIGALPA THAT DATE.

AVAILABLE INFORMATION INDICATES ONLY BASIS FOR CONSIDERATION AS SUSPECT BY MEXICAN POLICE IS LIKENESS TO POLICE SKETCH AND QUOTE VERY NERVOUS MANNER UNQUOTE DESCRIBED BY POLICE DURING SUBJECT'S WAIT AT AIRPORT.

FURNISHED FOR COMPLETION OF BUREAU FILES SINCE HOUSTON WAS ALERTED DIRECTLY AND IN EVENT SUBJECT'S ACTIVITIES MAY BE OF INTEREST IN CURRENT INVESTIGATION CONCERNING KING ASSASSINATION. NO FURTHER ACTION BEING TAKEN AT MEXICO CITY, UACB.

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

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Date: 4/11/68

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(Type in plain text or code)Via CABLE ROUTINE  
NO 161 BY [Signature] (Priority or Method of Mailing)

MURKIN.

RE CLAUDE CHESTER MC LAREN, JR.

REBUCAB APRIL ONE ZERO LAST.

PHOTOGRAPHS OF MC LAREN FORWARDED BY AIRMAIL APRIL ONE ONE  
INSTANT TO BIRMINGHAM AND MEMPHIS. AIRTEL FOLLOWS IN COURIER  
POUCH LEAVING MEXICO CITY APRIL ONE FOUR NEXT.

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Approved: N.L. Ferris

Special Agent in Charge

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**AIRTEL**

**TO: Director, FBI**  
**FROM: *mt* Legat, Mexico (173-1) (P)**  
**SUBJECT: MURKIN**

**RE: CLAUDE CHESTER McLAREN, JR.**

Enclosed, as of possible interest to the Bureau, are two copies each of two photographs taken of McLAREN at the Mexico City International Airport on 4/8/68 and two copies of the sketch by a local police artist.

ReBucab 4/10/68.

As instructed, six copies of each pose of McLAREN and six copies of the sketch were forwarded by airmail to the Birmingham and Memphis Offices before noon on 4/11/68. Since Mexican postal facilities are closing down for a holiday week end at noon, 4/11/68, identical sets are being forwarded in envelopes bearing United States AMSD postage by the pilot of Pan American Flight 502 to Houston, Texas, where he will place them in the United States mails at approximately 12:15 a.m., 4/12/68.

For the Bureau's information, the local police artist who prepared the sketch in question is **SERGIO C. JAUBERT**, who serves the Metropolitan Police and the Judicial Police of the District and Territories in Mexico. He has not been in direct contact with this office and has, according to police sources, relied completely on press accounts concerning the appearance of **UNSUB**.

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1 - Mexico City  
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For the Bureau's further information, the Mexico City press has given broad coverage to this case and, in recent editions, has given particular attention to the reported account of ROLANDO VELOZ, affiliated with the Mexican Consulate in Memphis, Tennessee, which deals with a tourist permit issued on 4/3/68 to a man giving the name JOHN SCOTT CANDRIAN, 1339 Western Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. VELOZ is quoted as saying that the man bore a "striking resemblance" to the description of UNSUB broadcast by authorities and that the man stated he would enter Mexico approximately 4/13/68 and intended to visit the Mexican seaport of Mazatlan, Sinaloa. VICTOR MANUEL GUERRO, Sinaloa State Attorney, is quoted in 4/11/68 editions as stating that he has called in some 24 investigators to look for UNSUB.

April 11, 1968

TO: Mr. Joseph H. Gamble  
Mr. Robert G. Jensen

RE: MURKIN

Dear Sir:

Enclosed for each recipient are six copies each of two photographs of CLAUDE CHESTER McLAREN, JR., taken at Mexico City International Airport on 4/8/68 and six copies of a sketch prepared by a local police artist based on press accounts of the description of UNSUB. These being forwarded to show to witnesses as instructed in Bucab 4/10/68.

Very truly yours,

*NLF*

NATHAN L. FERRIS  
Legal Attache

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NOTE: These copies being sent by Pan Am pilot to mail in United States since Mexican postal facilities will be totally closed down or very slow during holiday week end.

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NLF

NATHAN L. FERRIS  
Legal Attache

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NOTE: These copies being sent by airmail before Mexican postal facilities close for holiday week end.

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☐ Radio☐ Teletype

TO: LEGAT, MEXICO  
 FROM: WASHINGTON, D.C.  
 NO: 107 BY: DAH

DATE SENT: 4-10-68  
 DATE RECEIVED: 4-11-68  
 TIME RECEIVED: 9:05AM

MURKIN.

THE FOLLOWING IS SET FORTH FOR INFORMATION OF LEGATS IN OTTAWA AND MEXICO CITY AND SHOULD BE MAINTAINED IN STRICTEST CONFIDENCE:

MURKIN IS THE CODE NAME FOR THE CASE INVOLVING THE MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., ON APRIL 4, 1968, IN MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE. IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE SHOOTING A WHITE MALE WAS SEEN FLEEING FROM FLOPHOUSE FROM WHICH SHOT WAS FIRED AT WHICH TIME HE ABANDONED A NUMBER OF ITEMS WRAPPED IN A CLOTH APPEARING TO BE A CHEAP BEDSPREAD. THESE ITEMS WERE A REMINGTON THIRTY OUGHT SIX PUMP RIFLE, A GUN BOX IN WHICH THE RIFLE WAS CONTAINED, AND A BLUE ZIPPER OVERNIGHT BAG CONTAINING A NUMBER OF DRUG ITEMS, TOILETRIES, TEE SHIRT AND SHORTS AND OTHER ITEMS INCLUDING A PAIR OF BINOCULARS AND A BOX FOR THE BINOCULARS.

INVESTIGATION HAS DETERMINED THAT AN INDIVIDUAL USING THE NAME HARVEY LOWMYER PURCHASED A RIFLE FROM THE AERO MARINE SUPPLY COMPANY, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA ON MARCH 29, 1968 AND 173-1-72

If the intelligence contained in the above message is to be disseminated outside the Bureau, it is suggested that it be paraphrased in order to protect the Bureau's cryptographic systems.

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INDICATED HE WANTED TO USE IT ON A HUNTING TRIP TO WISCONSIN. HE HAD THE RIFLE FITTED WITHX A REDFIELD TELESCOPIC SIGHT. HE RETURNED ON MARCH 30, 1968 AND EXCHANGED IT FOR A THIRTY OUGHT SIX CALIBER RIFLE. THIS SECOND RIFLE WAS RECOVERED IN MEMPHIS IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE SHOOTING OF KING.

LOWMYER IS GENERALLY DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, 36 YEARS OLD, 5 FEET 8 INCHES TALL, 150 TO 160 POUNDS, BLACK OR DARK BROWN HAIR. COPIES OF ARTIST'S CONCEPTION BEING SENT AIR MAIL.

THIS INVESTIGATION IS GETTING TOP PRIORITY ATTENTION AND ANY INFORMATION OF INTEREST TO THE BUREAU DEVELOPED SHOULD BE IMMEDIATELY FORWARDED TO THE BUREAU. OTTAWA ADVISED.



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☐ Radio☐ Teletype

TO: LEGAT, MEXICO                      DATE SENT: 4-10-68  
FROM: WASHINGTON, D.C.                  DATE RECEIVED: 4-11-68  
NO: 108      BY: DAH                      TIME RECEIVED: 9:25AM

MURKIN.

RE CLAUDE CHESTER MC LAREN, JR.

REURTEL APRIL 9 LAST.

YOU SHOULD IMMEDIATELY OBTAIN PHOTOGRAPHS AS TAKEN BY  
POLICE OF SUBJECT MC LAREN AND FURNISH BIRMINGHAM AND MEMPHIS TO  
DISPLAY TO APPROPRIATE PERSONS. COPIES OF YOUR WIRE APRIL 9  
LAST FURNISHED BIRMINGHAM AND MEMPHIS BY AIR MAIL.

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TO: LEGAT, MEXICO  
FROM: WASHINGTON, D.C.  
NO: 11Ø BY: DAH

DATE SENT: 4-11-68  
DATE RECEIVED: 4-11-68  
TIME RECEIVED: 11:45PM

MURKIN.

REBUTELCALL INSTANT.

EXPAND CHECK TO COVER ALL MALES ON ANY FLIGHTS OUT OF  
ATLANTA TO MEXICO CITY COVERING THE PERIOD APRIL 5, LAST, TO  
DATE.

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11:55 PM  
DAH*

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Legat, Mexico (173-1)

DATE: 4/12/68

FROM : SA JOHN J. FOARDE, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

At approximately 11:45 a.m., 4/12/68, SAC JAMES COLE, San Antonio, called to furnish information from a Bureau teletype concerning ERIC STARVO GALT. He said the teletype states that it has been established that GALT was in Memphis on 4/4/68, reportedly driving a 1966 white Mustang with Alabama license [REDACTED]. The Bureau has instructed that GALT be located and questioned in captioned matter and that San Antonio place stops at the Mexican border, which has been done.

GALT, according to his driver's license, is described as a white male, 5' 11", 175 lbs., blue eyes, brown hair, born 7/20/31. The car is described as a 1966 white hardtop Mustang, VIN 6T07C190647.

COLE stated that Inspector J. A. SULLIVAN had called him from Memphis to advise that the above car had been recovered on 4/11/68 by Agents in Atlanta and that there were two Mexican tourist stickers on it. The stickers gave the date October 1967 and folio #H294486, indicating that the car had been processed by Aduana at Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas. COLE stated that a check had been made at Nuevo Laredo which established that GALT, using his true name and in the above car, had crossed the border on 10/7/67. He had tourist card FM-5, [REDACTED], and listed his address as 2608 Highland, Birmingham, Alabama. He stated he was single and employed in Birmingham, Alabama, and that his destination was Mexico City.

COLE stated that Inspector SULLIVAN asked him to call this office to determine whether any information could be developed here as to where GALT went or what he did while in Mexico and when he left Mexico. COLE said Memphis has information that GALT was in Los Angeles during November 1967.

COLE was told that all possible efforts would be made to obtain this information but that experience in past cases has shown that it is extremely difficult to locate records of departures from Mexico in view of the manner in which Mexican Immigration and Customs records are filed.

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MURKIN.

RE WILLARD BOYKIN DASH PUERTO VALLARTA ALLEGATION.

REBUTEL CALL APRIL ONE ONE LAST.

WILLARD BOYKIN, NEGRO MALE AMERICAN, EMPLOYEE OF SEARCHERS INVESTIGATORS COMPANY, NINE EIGHT ONE SOUTHWESTERN AVENUE, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, INTERVIEWED AT GUADALAJARA, JALISCO, APRIL ONE TWO INSTANT. HE WAS GUEST AT FOUR WINDS HOTEL, PUERTO VALLARTA, JALISCO, AND DEPARTED AT ABOUT FIVE TWO ZERO P.M., APRIL ONE ONE LAST. DURING TRIP TO AIRPORT, TAXI DRIVER TOLD HIM THAT MANAGER OF FOUR WINDS HAD STATED THAT INDIVIDUAL WHO MURDERED REV. KING HAD SPENT THE PREVIOUS NIGHT IN THAT HOTEL. BOYKIN HAD NO OTHER DETAILS BUT GAVE DESCRIPTION OF CAB DRIVER. HE DID NOT KNOW NAMES OF CAB DRIVER OR HOTEL MANAGER.

INVESTIGATIVE INFORMANT BEING DISPATCHED FROM GUADALAJARA TO PUERTO VALLARTA TO IDENTIFY AND INTERVIEW CAB DRIVER AND HOTEL MANAGER AND HANDLE ANY OTHER APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION. RESULTS WILL BE PROMPTLY FURNISHED TO BUREAU. (C)

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*by 4417 12/9/76*  
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*N.L. Ferris*  
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MURKIN.

RE ATLANTA DASH MEXICO CITY FLIGHTS.

REBUTEL CALL APRIL ONE ONE LAST.

AIRLINE OFFICIALS, MEXICO CITY, ADVISE EASTERN IS ONLY COM-  
MERCIAL AIRLINE WITH FLIGHTS OUT OF ATLANTA TO MEXICO CITY AND ONLY  
ONE FLIGHT EACH WEEK, ON SATURDAY. MANIFEST FOR EASTERN FLIGHT NINE  
ONE FIVE FOR APRIL SIX LAST SHOWS NINE THREE PASSENGERS <sup>LEFT</sup> FROM NEW  
ORLEANS WITH FOUR TWO FEMALES AND TWO ONE <sup>OF REMAINING</sup> MALES APPARENTLY TRAVELING  
IN FAMILY GROUPS. MANIFEST DOES NOT IDENTIFY THOSE WHO BOARDED FLIGHT  
IN ATLANTA BUT OFFICIALS STATE THIS DATA SHOULD BE ON PASSENGER  
CHECK LIST OF EASTERN IN ATLANTA WHICH MUST BE RETAINED THREE ZERO  
DAYS. FLIGHT LEAVES ATLANTA ONE ONE ONE ZERO A.M. AND ARRIVES  
MEXICO CITY TWO TWO SIX P.M. U

REVIEW OF MEXICAN IMMIGRATION RECORDS AT AIRPORT HERE SHOWS  
SEVEN PASSENGERS ARRIVED ON EASTERN FLIGHT APRIL SIX LAST WITH  
TOURIST CARDS ISSUED BY EASTERN AT ATLANTA. THEY ARE: DENNIS  
RICHARD ANDRICH, AGE TWO EIGHT, BORN YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO, BACHELOR,  
ADDRESS THREE THREE NINE NINE BUFORD HIGHWAY, APARTMENT L DASH SIX,

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ATLANTA, SALESMAN; PORTER CLAXTON RAGSDALE, AGE TWO FIVE, BORN ATLANTA, BACHELOR, SAME ADDRESS AS ANDRICH, TEACHER; HOWARD LEE SMITH, AGE TWO SEVEN, BORN BOONEVILLE, MISSISSIPPI, MARRIED, ADDRESS ONE THREE ZERO ZERO BUENA VISTA ROAD, ATLANTA, SALESMAN; GEORGE WILLIAM POSS, AGE THREE ZERO, BORN ATLANTA, BACHELOR, SAME ADDRESS AS SMITH, TEACHER; ERNEST JEFFERSON CARNEY AND [REDACTED] [REDACTED] CARNEY, AGES FOUR NINE AND ONE FOUR, BORN FLOYD CITY AND ROME, GEORGIA, RESPECTIVELY, ADDRESS ONE ONE EAST LAKE SHORE DRIVE, ROME, GEORGIA, ERNEST IS WIDOWER. *X*

SEVENTH CARD ISSUED ATLANTA TO LIDE LEE ATKINS HOSKINS, AGE FIVE ZERO, HOUSEWIFE, ADDRESS NINE ZERO EIGHT ISKAGNA DRIVE, KNOXVILLE, TENN. FIVE CARDS WERE ISSUED BY EASTERN AT NASHVILLE, TENN., ON APRIL FOUR LAST TO FAMILY GROUPS AND TWO CARDS AT MONTGOMERY, ALA., ON APRIL SIX LAST TO HUSBAND AND WIFE. REMAINDER OF CARDS ISSUED NEW YORK, PHILADELPHIA, AND NEW ORLEANS, THE OTHER STOPS ON FLIGHT. *X*

NAMES OF ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMYER, J. WALLIS VERNON, OR JOHN WILLARD DO NOT APPEAR ON MANIFEST OR IN IMMIGRATION RECORDS FOR THIS FLIGHT. NAMES OF CREW MEMBERS NOT AVAILABLE IN EASTERN

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RECORDS HERE. *X*

CANVASS OF LOGICAL HOTELS AND OTHER TOURIST AREAS BEING CONDUCTED BY SOURCES FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING REPORTED OCTOBER ONE NINE SIX SEVEN VISIT OF GALT OR ANY INDICATIONS OF CURRENT PRESENCE IN MEXICO CITY. LOCAL AGENCIES TO BE CHECKED FOR ANY RECORD OF HIS DEPARTURE AFTER ONE NINE SIX SEVEN VISIT BUT THESE AGENCIES NOW COMPLETELY SHUT DOWN OR MANNED BY SKELTON STAFFS DURING HOLIDAY WEEK END. BUREAU WILL BE IMMEDIATELY ADVISED OF PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS. *X*

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# Memorandum

TO : Legat, Mexico (173-1)

DATE: 4/12/68

FROM : SA JOHN J. FOARDE, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 4/11/68 at 8:13 p.m., E. J. McDONOUGH of the Civil Rights Section at the Bureau called the writer to advise that the Bureau wanted flights from Atlanta, Georgia, to Mexico City checked from 4/5/68 to date for the following names:

ERIC STARVO GALT, or GAULT;

HARVEY LOWMYER;

J. WALLIS VERNON, aka Jerome Vernon;

JOHN WILLARD.

Mr. McDONOUGH stated that all variations of these names should be checked on any passenger lists for the flights in question.

Section Chief CLEM McGOWAN then came on the line to request that one WILLARD BOYKIN, who was located at the Hilton Hotel in Guadalajara, be interviewed because he had reported to his employer in Los Angeles that a tourist guide stated to him that the individual who killed the Rev. KING was at the Four Winds Hotel in Puerto Vallarta. McGOWAN stated that this information had just been received by teletype from Los Angeles and that any logical subsequent leads should be followed.

The information received from McGOWAN was furnished to SA ROBERT J. OGLESBY, JR., at approximately 11:00 p.m., 4/11/68, and he stated that he would take immediate steps to arrange an interview with BOYKIN.

By cable, 4/11/68, the Bureau instructed that the check of passenger lists be expanded to cover all males on any flights out of Atlanta to Mexico City covering the period 4/5/68 to date.

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The following information was furnished on a confidential basis 4/12/58 by Julio Cerecedo, Chief of Immigration at the Mexico City International Airport.

A review of tourist cards for passengers arriving at the Mexico City International Airport 4/6/68 on flight 915 of Eastern Airlines reveals that only <sup>seven</sup> of these cards were issued at Atlanta, Georgia, all by Eastern Air Lines. These are the Mexican Tourist Cards known as FM-5's.

*14 Sequence  
Same address*

# [redacted] issued to DENNIS RICHARD ANDRICH  
4/4/68 at Atlanta, Georgia ~~is~~ good for 90 days.  
Description male, age 28, bachelor, salesman, born  
Youngstown, Ohio, identified self with voter's certificate.  
Address 3399 Buford Highway Apt. L-6, Atlanta.

# [redacted] issued to ~~XX~~ PORTER CLAXTON RAGSDALE  
4/4/68 at Atlanta, Georgia, good for 90 days  
described male, age 25, born Atlanta, bachelor, teacher  
identified self with birth certificate  
address 3399 Buford Hwy. L-6, Atlanta

*14 Sequence  
Same address*

# [redacted] issued to HOWARD LEE SMITH  
4/6/68 at Atlanta good for 180 days  
described male, age 27, salesman, married, Born Booneville, Miss  
identified self with voters certificate  
add. 1300 Buena Vista Road, Atlanta, Georgia

# [redacted] issued to GEORGE WILLIAM POSS (repeat Poss)  
4/6/68 at Atlanta for 180 days  
described male, age 30, bachelor, teacher, born Atlanta, Ga.  
~~xxxxxx~~ identified self with birth certificate  
address 1300 Buena Vista Road, Atlanta, Georgia.

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# [REDACTED] and 6011 were issued 3/1/68 at Atlanta to [REDACTED] ERNEST JEFFERSON and [REDACTED] [REDACTED], ages 49 and 14 respectively, address 11 East Lake Shore Drive, Rome, Georgia, born Floyd City and Rome, Georgia respectively. Earnest is a widower. (apparently father and son)

Woman

The ~~only~~ only other card issued at Atlanta was #8126007 issued 4/6/68 at Atlanta to LIDE LEE ATKINS HOSKINS, age 50, housewife, born Pineville, Kentucky, address 908 Iskagna Drive, Knoxville, Tenn.

Issued  
Montgomery  
couple

Two cards Nos. [REDACTED] and 04 were issued by Eastern at Montgomery, Alabama 4/6/68 to ~~JEFF~~ JERRY DAVID and GLORIA CAROL CUNNINGHAM MOON of 5760 Roxboro Drive, Montgomery, Alabama, ages 29 and 24 respectively, both born Montgomery.

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Issued  
Nashville  
apparently  
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group

Five cards Nos. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] were issued by Eastern Airlines at KM Nashville, Tenn. 4/4/68 as follows@

Three to Kenneth and Doris Coomer and son [REDACTED], age 15, Rt. 5, Brentwood Lane, Franklin, Tenn.. Mr. Coomer was born in England and is 46 years old.

Two to WILLIAM and CLARA SPICER of 340 Smithfield Avenue, Pawtucket, Rhode Island. He is age 55, born Woonsocket, R.I.

The remainder of the cards were issued at New York, Philadelphia and New Orleans, the other stops on this flight.

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TO: LEGAT, MEXICO  
 FROM: WASHINGTON, D.C.  
 NO: 112 BY: DAH

DATE SENT: 4-12-68  
 DATE RECEIVED: 4-13-68  
 TIME RECEIVED: 10:40AM

MURKIN.

CHICAGO OFFICE ADVISES THAT IT HAS DETERMINED THAT IN ABOUT NOVEMBER, 1967, ERIC S. GALT ORDERED CAMERA EQUIPMENT, WHICH HE LATER RETURNED, FROM THE SUPERIOR BULK FILM COMPANY, 442 NORTH WELLS, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. GALT REQUESTED REFUND BE SENT TO HIM AT PUERTO VALLARTA APARTIDO, POSTAL NUMBER 23, HOTEL RIO, JALISCO, MEXICO CITY. FILES OF SUPERIOR BULK FILM COMPANY INDICATES THAT GALT FURNISHED THE BIRMINGHAM AND LOS ANGELES ADDRESSES AT WHICH HE HAS BEEN PREVIOUSLY IDENTIFIED.

UNKNOWN SUBJECT, ALSO KNOWN AS ERIC STARVO GALT, WAS BORN JULY 20, 1931, PLACE UNKNOWN, AND IS DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, 5 FEET 11 INCHES TALL, 170-5 POUNDS, BLUE EYES, BROWN HAIR. GALT PREVIOUSLY RESIDED AT 1535 NORTH SERRANO, LOS ANGELES, CAL., AND 2608 HIGHLAND STREET, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA.

PHOTOGRAPHS OF ARTIST'S CONCEPTIONS BEING FORWARDED BY AIR TO YOUR OFFICE THROUGH THE SAN ANTONIO OFFICE.

THROUGH APPROPRIATE SOURCES ATTEMPT TO ESTABLISH GALT'S PREVIOUS RESIDENCE IN MEXICO CITY AS INDICATED AND

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ADDITIONAL PERTINENT INFORMATION WHICH WOULD ASSIST IN ~~XX~~  
IDENTIFYING AND LOCATING THIS INDIVIDUAL.

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CONNECTION WITH THE CAPTIONED MATTER.

UNKNOWN SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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<sup>PARIS</sup>  
 FROM: WASHINGTON, D.C.

DATE SENT: 4-13-68

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NO: 114 BY: DAH

TIME RECEIVED: 7:35PM

MURKIN.

THIS IS CASE INVOLVING SLAYING OF DOCTOR MARTIN LUTHER  
 KING, JR., APRIL 4, 1968.

ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL FRED M. VINSON, JR., FORWARD-  
 ED ANONYMOUS LETTER POSTMARKED CLARKSVILLE, TENNESSEE, APRIL 9,  
 1968, WHICH STATES THAT SLAYER OF KING IS ONE EDWARD GERST, AN  
 EAST GERMAN COMMUNIST WHO IS NOW IN CUBA. GERST ALLEGEDLY IS TRY-  
 ING TO RETURN TO ENGLAND WHERE FRIENDS WILL GET HIM BACK TO EAST  
 GERMANY. LETTER DESCRIBED GERST AS TALL, FAIR HAired, BLUE EYES,  
 SCAR LIKE A DAGGER ON LEFT HAND, WALKS VERY RAPIDLY. HE HAS NOW  
 DYED HIS HAIR BLACK.

BUREAU FILES ON GERST NEGATIVE. VISA RECORDS, STATE  
 DEPARTMENT, AND RECORDS IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE  
 (INS) HEADQUARTERS NEGATIVE ON NAME EDWARD GERST. RECORDS INS  
 INDICATE ONE MICHEL EDOUARD GERST, BORN MARCH 16, 1944 IN FRANCE,  
 ENTERED UNITED STATES AT LAREDO, TEXAS, JULY 28, 1967 AND DEPART-  
 ED FOR PARIS FROM NEW YORK CITY ON AUGUST 22, 1967.

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PRIME SUSPECT AS X SLAYER IS ONE ERIC STARVO GALT,  
WHITE MALE, 5 FT. 11 IN., 175 POUNDS, BLUE EYES, BROWN HAIR,  
REPORTEDLY BORN JULY 20, 1931, PLACE UNKNOWN. GALT CANNOT BE  
IDENTIFIED NOR LOCATED AND NAME IS POSSIBLY AN ALIAS. SLAYER  
ALSO BELIEVED TO HAVE USED NAMES JOHN WILLARD AND HARVEY  
LOWMYER.

ALL LEGATS CHECK EMBASSY RECORDS AND ALL APPROPRIATE  
SOURCES IN ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY GERST AND TO EMIMINATE OR INCLUDE  
HIM AS SUSPECT IN CAPTIONED CASE, XK (.) IT IS POSSIBLE GERST  
AND GALT ARE IDENTICAL. MEXICO CITY ALSO CHECK THROUGH CENTRAL  
INTELLIGENCE AGENCY ON CUBANA AIRLINE DEPARTURES FOR CUBA SINCE  
APRIL 4, 1968, IF FEASIBLE, CHECK ALL ARRIVALS FROM CUBA TO  
MADRID SINCE APRIL 4, 1968.

BONN, LONDON AND PARIS EXPLORE POSSIBILITY OF PLACING  
APPROPRIATE ENTRY AND DEPARTURE STOPS ON GERST.

ALL LEGATS SUCAB RESULTS WITHOUT DELAY. UNDER NO  
CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD IT BE INDICATED THAT REQUESTED INVESTIGATION  
IS BEING CONDUCTED IN CONNECTION WITH CAPTIONED CASE.

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RE WILLARD BOYKIN DASH PUERTO VALLARTA ALLEGATION  
AND MYCAB  
REBUCAB/APRIL ONE TWO LAST.

MEX DASH TWO FOUR ADVISED APRIL ONE THREE INSTANT HE INTERVIEWED  
ELENA CORTEZ, OWNER OF FOUR WINDS HOTEL, PUERTO VALLARTA, JALISCO.  
HER STORY IS THAT ABOUT TWO THREE ZERO AM, APRIL TEN LAST, A  
MEXICAN MALE RANG HER DOORBELL SEEKING ROOMS FOR A WHITE MAN AND  
WOMAN, NOT FURTHER DESCRIBED, WHO WERE IN CAR OUTSIDE HOTEL. CAR  
DESCRIBED BY CORTEZ AS ABOUT ONE NINE SIX THREE WHITE CORVAIR WITH  
TENNESSEE LICENSE J H SEVEN FIVE FIVE SEVEN. SHE COULD NOT GIVE  
THEM ROOMS AND THEY LEFT. THIS IS ENTIRE BASIS FOR ALLEGATION BUT  
INFORMANT ATTEMPTING TO LOCATE CAR AND COUPLE IN PUERTO VALLARTA.

SINCE REBUCAB INDICATES GALT WAS IN PUERTO VALLARTA SEVERAL MONTHS  
AGO, SUGGEST MEMPHIS CHECK THIS LICENSE AND BACKGROUND OF REGISTERED  
OWNER FOR ANY POSSIBLE SIGNIFICANCE IN THIS CASE. INFORMANT REMAINING  
IN PUERTO VALLARTA TO HANDLE LEADS AT RIO HOTEL AND HAS BEEN ALERTED  
TO DISCREETLY CHECK FOR ANY POSSIBLE INDICATIONS OF GALT'S CURRENT  
PRESENCE THERE OR ELSEWHERE IN PUERTO VALLARTA.

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TO: LEGAT, MEXICO  
 FROM: WASHINGTON, D.C.  
 NO: 113 BY: DAH

DATE SENT: 4-13-68  
 DATE RECEIVED: 4-14-68  
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MURKIN.

RE ERIC STARVO GALT:

FRONT RIGHT TIRE ON CAR ABANDONED BY GALT IN ATLANTA IS  
 FIRESTONE DELUXE CHAMPION, SIZE 750.14, SIX PLY RATING. STAMPED  
 THERE ON IS "HECHA EN MEXICO" WITH FOLLOWING IDENTIFICATION:  
 2-ME-2; BD-33595; N20Z031154, TREAD WIDTH FOUR AND SEVEN EIGHTS.  
 TUBE OF TIRE HAS STAMP THEREON, G7, GENERAL POPO 750X14. MADE FOR  
 HELKE POC, GENERAL POPO, SA, MEXICO D.I.

CLEVELAND OFFICE ADVISED THE TWO INDICATES MOLD; ME 2 BD  
 INDICATES MOLD TYPE; 33595 INDICATES MOLD DRAWING NUMBER; N  
 INDICATES FIRST QUARTER OF 1967; 20 INDICATES MADE FOR MEXICO  
 CITY; Z INDICATES 1967; NUMBERS 031154 INDICATE WARRANTY NUMBER.  
 THERE ARE NO EXCLUSIVE DEALERSHIPS IN MEXICO CITY AND TIRE RETAIL-  
 ERS SELL ALL DIFFERENT TYPES OF TIRES.

LEGAT MEXICO CITY CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION TO  
 DETERMINE IF RETAILER WHERE TIRE AND TUBE WERE SOLD CAN BE  
 IDENTIFIED AND INTERVIEWED RE GALT.

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URGENT. MURKIN.

RE ERIC STARVO GALT

REBUCABS APRIL ONE TWO AND ONE H THREE LAST.

PRELIMINARY CHECK OF RECORDS INDICATES GALT STAYED AT HOTEL RIO, PUERTO VALLARTA, JALISCO, FROM OCTOBER ONE NINE TO NOVEMBER SIX, ONE NINE SIX SEVEN, AND WAS ALONE. AGENT ON SCENE AND INVESTIGATIVE SOURCES CONTINUING INVESTIGATION WHICH WILL INCLUDE MORE DETAILED REVIEW OF ALL RECORDS FOR THAT PERIOD AFTER RETURN TO DUTY OF HOTEL AUDITOR ON APRIL ONE FIVE NEXT. AGENT ALSO CHECKING OUTLETS AT PUERTO VALLARTA FOR RECORD OF PURCHASE OF TIRE AND TUBE MENTIONED IN BUCAB OF APRIL ONE THREE LAST. ADDITIONAL DETAILS DEVELOPED WILL BE IMMEDIATELY FURNISHED TO BUREAU.

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DATE SENT: 4/14/68

FROM: BUREAU

DATE REC'D: 4/15/68

NO.: 115 BY: RGB

TIME REC'D: 8:15 A.M.

MURKIN.

BIRMINGHAM OFFICE ADVISED THAT POSTAL INSPECTOR, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, REPORTED MAILMAN HAD FOUND A KEY APPARENTLY FROM A MOTEL IN MEXICO. ON THE KEY APPEARED THE FOLLOWING:

"ROOM 1131 - MEXICO, ALBA, MIR 39034."

ATTACHED TO THE KEY WAS A METAL TAG BEARING THE FOLLOWING:

"PASEO DE LA REFORMA, 325."

THESE WORDS WERE TRANSLATED IN ENGLISH TO "PLEASE RETURN TO PASEO, DELA, REFORMA, MEXICO."

IF FEASIBLE LEGAT MEXICO CITY SHOULD MAKE APPROPRIATE CHECK TO DETERMINE ORIGIN OF THIS KEY AND IF OF POSSIBLE SIGNIFICANCE TO CAPTIONED CASE, CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INQUIRIES.

CHARLES J. STEIN, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, ADVISED APRIL 13 LAST THAT HE TRAVELED TO NEW ORLEANS AND BACK WITH INDIVIDUAL KNOWN TO HIM AS ERIC S. GALT BETWEEN DECEMBER 15 AND DECEMBER 21, 1967. DURING THIS TRIP, GALT TOLD STEIN THAT HE HAD

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RECENTLY RETURNED FROM MEXICO WHERE HE FORMERLY HAD A PART OWNERSHIP OF A BAR WITH A MEXICAN. BAR LOCATED NEAR OCEAN AND HE RECENTLY SOLD OUT TO THE MEXICAN.

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# Memorandum

TO : Legat, Mexico (173-19)

DATE: 4/15/68

FROM : SA Richard S. Clark

SUBJECT: MURKING

## KEY FOUND IN BIRMINGHAM

The following information was received 4/15/68 from ALEJANDRO CORTINA, Assistant Manager of the Hotel Maria Isabel, Paseo de la Reforma 325, Mexico 5, D.F., Mexico.

All their room keys have a brass tag affixed with the request in Spanish that the key should be returned to them at Paseo de la Reforma 325. In addition the keys are "ALBA" keys and all carry the number "MIR 39034". The reverse side of the brass tag carries the stylized monogram of the Hotel "MI". Therefore the key described is undoubtedly the key to room 1131 of the Hotel Maria Isabel in Mexico City.

He noted that they do not file their registration cards by room number but alphabetically. The only listing by room numbers is the daily register of arrivals and departures. Due to the large number of guests a check of these lists would take considerable time.

Nevertheless such a check has been initiated and results are expected in two or three days. This will be a list of names of persons occupying this room for the past few months. In addition the housekeeper is being contacted to determine if there is any record as to when this room key might have been missed.

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RE EDWARD GERST.

REBUCAB APRIL ONE THREE LAST.

NO RECORD AT VISA SECTION, AMERICAN EMBASSY, MEXICO CITY, RE  
EDWARD GERST OR MICHEL EDOUARD GERST.

NAME OF GERST DOES NOT APPEAR ON CUBAN AVIATION COMPANY  
PASSENGER MANIFESTS UP TO AND INCLUDING APRIL ONE ZERO LAST.

CIA, MEXICO, ADVISES INFORMATION RE ARRIVALS IN MADRID FROM  
CUBA SHOULD BE OBTAINED FROM MADRID.

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MURKIN.

RE ERIC STARVO GALT:

REBUCAB APRIL ONE THREE LAST.

TO FACILITATE SEARCH REGARDING FIRESTONE TIRE, DETERMINED  
NECESSARY TO KNOW WHETHER OR NOT WHITE SIDE WALL AND IF TIRE  
BORE LEGEND QUOTE SIN CAMARA UNQUOTE. REQUEST SUCAB REPLY  
WHEREUPON MANAGER OF FIRESTONE IN MEXICO WILL CHECK ALL  
DISTRIBUTORS TO ATTEMPT DETERMINE RETAILER. TIRE MANUFACTURED  
FEBRUARY ONE NINE SIX SEVEN IN MEXICO AND IS MOST POPULAR SIZE  
IN USE WITH NO RECORD OF RETAILER IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE.

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# Memorandum

TO : Legat, Mexico City (173-1)

DATE: April 16, 1968

FROM : SA JOHN J. FOARDE, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

The following information was received telephonically from SA RUSSELL JEAN GRAY, JR., on April 16, 1968, at about 9:30 a.m.:

It has been determined that ERIC STARVO GALT, after leaving the Rio Hotel at Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, checked into the Tropicana Hotel on November 7, 1967, and stayed until November 13, 1967.

A bartender, LUIS GARCIA, who works at the Hotel Oceana, has stated that he was acquainted with GALT for a few days at about the time he changed hotels. GALT told him that he had been in the Army for nine years and had served as a driver or chauffeur but had never been out of the United States before. GALT had a white Mustang and complained that one tire was larger than the others and that this made the car run poorly on the highway.


GARCIA said that he became acquainted with GALT when GALT came into the bar and that they were friendly for three or four days but finally broke up when GALT indicated an interest in obtaining some marijuana. GARCIA stated that he did not want to become involved in any way with marijuana and, therefore, terminated his association with GALT.

Of those interviewed who recalled GALT, the sketch with the short hair or crew cut has been identified as a good likeness, but one or two individuals pointed out that the nose should be a little more pointed and that GALT was a little bit heavier in the cheeks. He is also described as a serious-appearing individual who walks very deliberately.

GARCIA said that GALT had a portable typewriter in his hotel room but did not know the make of the machine.



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At the Tropicana Hotel, where inquiries are continuing, GALT only indicated that he was alone and that he was from Birmingham, Alabama.

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MURKIN.

RE ERIC STARVO GALT.

REMYCAB APRIL ONE FOUR LAST.

CONTINUING INVESTIGATION AT PUERTO VALLARTA, JALISCO, ESTABLISHED THAT GALT MOVED INTO TROPICANA HOTEL NOVEMBER SEVEN LAST, AFTER LEAVING RIO HOTEL, AND STAYED AT TROPICANA UNTIL NOVEMBER ONE THREE LAST. RECORDS INDICATE ONLY THAT HE WAS ALONE AND FROM BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA.

BARTENDER LUIS GARCIA, HOTEL OCEANA, STATES HE WAS ACQUAINTED WITH GALT FOR A FEW DAYS. GALT TOLD GARCIA HE HAD BEEN IN ARMY FOR NINE YEARS, SERVING AS A DRIVER OR CHAUFFEUR, BUT HAD NOT PREVIOUSLY BEEN OUT OF UNITED STATES. GALT HAD WHITE MUSTANG AND COMPLAINED THAT ONE TIRE WAS LARGER THAN THE OTHERS, WHICH ADVERSELY AFFECTED PERFORMANCE ON HIGHWAY.

GARCIA STATED GALT HAD PORTABLE TYPEWRITER, MAKE UNKNOWN. GARCIA SAID HE TERMINATED BRIEF ASSOCIATION BECAUSE GALT INDICATED INTEREST IN OBTAINING MARIJUANA.

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REGARDING SKETCHES FORWARDED FROM SAN ANTONIO OFFICE  
APRIL ONE THREE LAST, THOSE INTERVIEWED TO DATE ADVISE SKETCH  
WITH SHORT HAIR OR CREW CUT IS GOOD LIKENESS, BUT SOME BELIEVE  
THE NOSE SHOULD BE A LITTLE MORE POINTED AND THAT GALT WAS  
HEAVIER IN THE CHEEKS. HE IS ALSO DESCRIBED AS A SERIOUS  
APPEARING INDIVIDUAL WHO WALKS VERY DELIBERATELY.

RESULTS OF FURTHER INVESTIGATION AT PUERTO VALLARTA  
AND MEXICO CITY WILL BE IMMEDIATELY FURNISHED THE BUREAU.

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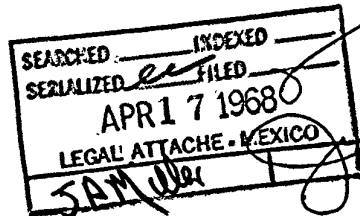
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REURCAB APRIL ONE FIVE, LAST.

FIRESTONE TIRE IN QUESTION IS A BLACKWALL TIRE AND  
DOES NOT BEAR LEGEND QUOTE SIN CAMARA. UNQUOTE IT DOES HAVE,  
HOWEVER, THE WORDING QUOTE HECHA DASH EN DASH MEXICO. UNQUOTE  
YOU SHOULD ASCERTAIN IF GALT CARRIED INSURANCE IN  
MEXICO.



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