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He first saw GALT on Saturday, January 20, 1968, and last recalled seeing him on March 16, 1968. GALT would always leave a bundle of laundry consisting of underwear, T-shirts and dress shirts, and he would pick up the finished laundry the following Saturday. Photographs of the T-shirt, and shorts recovered near the scene of the assassination were similar to the ones brought in by GALT, according to VERNON, but he could not be sure whether the two pieces belonged to him. The laundry markings on the underwear were identified by him as being similar to the mark used by his laundry.

GALT always paid for his laundry in cash, using \$10 and \$20 bills.

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GINGER LEE NANCE (nee CUNNINGHAM) resides 405 First Street, Dixon, Illinois. On the first Saturday or Sunday of May, 1967, she and ANITA KATZWINKEL left Dixon, Illinois, and proceeded to Los Angeles, California, where they established residence at the Palms Apartments on Sunset Boulevard, Hollywood.

After about three weeks, she and KATZWINKEL moved to 1535 Serrano and resided there for about a month and a half.

In June, 1967, she hitchhiked back to Dixon, Illinois, accompanied part of the way by her boy friend, JIM LERHY. She cannot recall writing her name and address on any paper nor did she give any name and address on a paper to any of the people who gave her a ride in a car. She did enjoy several rides across country during her hitchhiking trip in Mustangs.

She stated that SUE HARRIS and ANITA KATZWINKEL were working as prostitutes in California, working out of SUE's apartment.

NANCE further advised the name ERIC S. GALT is unknown to her.

CHARLES J. STEIN resides at 5666 Franklin Avenue, Los Angeles, California, and first met ERIC S. GALT at the Sultan Room of the Saint Francis Hotel, Los Angeles, California, on December 24, 1967. His sister, RITA STEIN, was present along with his cousin, MARIE MARTIN, at the time of the meeting.

GALT offered to drive STEIN to New Orleans to pick up RITA's two children, and return them to Los Angeles.

The morning after the initial meeting, the three of them registered at GALT's request in the political party of GEORGE WALLACE.

STEIN and GALT traveled to New Orleans along the southern route through Yuma, Tucson and El Paso. While en route, GALT made several telephone calls, mostly while traveling through Texas and these calls were made from pay telephones.

GALT mentioned that he had recently returned from Mexico where he had formerly had a part ownership in a bar and that his former partner, a Mexican, had bought out his interest in the bar. This bar was located near a seaport or boats.

At New Orleans, GALT expressed the desire not to stay at STEIN's mother's residence, but to stay at a motel and he was directed to a motel in the 1000 block of Charter Street (determined to be the Provincial Motel), New Orleans. They had driven straight through from Los Angeles, arriving on December 17, 1967.

On the following day, he met GALT in the street near the residence of CLOVINA ALONZO, 1907½ Royal Street, STEIN's mother, and GALT told him he had contacted the individuals he needed to contact and wanted to begin the trip back to Los Angeles. Subsequently, he telephoned STEIN and delayed the departure due to a storm blocking their present route.

They returned to Los Angeles on December 19, 1967, with RITA STEIN's two children. GALT paid for all expenses of food and gasoline in cash.

STEIN stated that a girl, with blond hair, about 5'2", by the name of JERI, according to information developed by he and LOUIS LOMAX, a Los Angeles newspaper man, had lived with GALT while GALT resided in Los Angeles. JERI is presently in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and had used several names in the past, one of which he believed to be DYRELL.

STEIN further stated that he learned, following his initial meeting with GALT, that GALT must have thought he was being set up for a robbery because MARIE MARTIN told STEIN that GALT had made the comment following STEIN's departure from the Sultan Room that "He would hate to have to kill someone."

When STEIN loaded his suitcase into the trunk of GALT's Mustang, he noticed GALT's blue suitcase there, as well as what appeared to be a Kodak camera box. This box was yellow and black in color, two and one-half feet long and a foot wide.

Driving through New Orleans, STEIN told GALT he was grateful to him for driving down to pick up the children of RITA STEIN, but GALT mentioned that he was not doing anyone a favor because he had business to conduct in New Orleans, himself, and he mentioned an Italian-sounding name, which he cannot recall, but is a well-known name in New Orleans and the street he mentioned gave STEIN a mental picture of the Chalmette-Industrial Canal area of New Orleans.

Near El Paso, Texas, GALT purchased a used tire for the Mustang at a tire store. Later in the evening of the same date, December 16, 1967, STEIN recalled that he awoke from a sleep and found they had stopped and GALT was making a lengthy telephone call from a public coin box telephone booth. He believes this call was made somewhere in the vicinity of Houston, Texas, and since it was dark, he could recall the light in the telephone booth shining down on GALT while he made the call.

Later in the day, after arriving at New Orleans and GALT's going to the Provincial Motel, STEIN went for a walk with his sons through the French Quarter and over near the new Trade Mart Building on Canal Street. Later in the day, during the evening, GALT commented that he had seen STEIN and the two boys earlier that day near the Trade Mart Building while he was having a beer at a bar in the area. This was at the home of his sister, MARIE LEE, that the conversation with GALT took place.

On the evening of December 19, 1967, GALT, STEIN and RITA STEIN's two children departed New Orleans for Los Angeles. They drove straight through, arriving on December 21, 1967, in the morning.

After this trip, STEIN did observe GALT on a couple of occasions in the Sultan Room of the Hotel Saint Francis. On one of these occasions, GALT mentioned the fact that he had "just finished bartending school." Sometime after this, either RITA STEIN or MARIE MARTIN

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mentioned to STEIN that GALT was going to New Orleans again, and his comment was that GALT liked hamburgers because that was all he ate on the trip to New Orleans.

STEIN did advise that he had helped LOUIS LOMAX, the newspaper reporter, identify DYRELL DENNIS, who is now in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, who allegedly dated GALT on one occasion while he resided in Los Angeles. STEIN feels that LOMAX "Used" him for publicity purposes, identifying STEIN as the "Key to the case." This upset STEIN because he felt whoever shot KING might take a shot at him.

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JOHN EUGENE GAWRON, residing at 1807 South 11th Street, St. Louis, Missouri, was born on July 12, 1897, at Chicago, Illinois, and estimates that he has spent about 45 years of his life in penal institutions.

Paroled in 1954 to a Soldier's Home, Quincy, Illinois, GAWRON became acquainted at a tavern in Quincy with LUCILLE RYAN who was separated from her husband, JERRY RAYNES. LUCILLE had a daughter named CAROL, then living with her; a son named JERRY, who was also living with her; a son named JIMMY (JAMES EARL RAY), who was then serving a Federal sentence in the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas; a son named FRANKLIN DENNIS RAYNES, deceased; a daughter named MELBA, who was in a mental hospital in Jacksonville, Illinois; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] a daughter named SUSAN, who was in a Catholic orphanage located at Alton, Illinois; and a son named JOHN (JACK), who was serving a sentence in the Illinois State Penitentiary, Menard, Illinois.

GAWRON, allegedly involved in a burglary at Quincy, Illinois, in 1956, had his parole revoked and was returned to the Illinois State Penitentiary, but in 1959 he escaped from this institution. After a few days, he went to the home of LUCILLE RYAN (RAYNES) where her mother, MARY MAHR, was operating a rooming house, and GAWRON resided with LUCILLE at 1913 Hickory, St. Louis, Missouri.

During a period of several months in 1959, he was closely associated with JAMES EARL RAY and taught him to be a burglar and they went together on a number of burglaries, estimated to be twelve. They were committed outside St. Louis in the northern part of Missouri, in Iowa, and in Illinois. GAWRON taught JIMMY (JAMES EARL RAY) to always wear gloves on any kind of a job, and he was surprised that he would now go on any job without wearing gloves at the risk of leaving fingerprints.

Together they spent a great deal of time, and in St. Louis they frequented a tavern known as Ruby's Bar, later known as the Haven Bar, Lafayette Street, just west of 18th.

RAY generally drank bourbon, which he mixed with sweet soda. He did not drink beer or smoke. When meeting any girl for the first time, he (RAY) had a tendency to lisp or stutter in his speech. When RAY wanted a girl, GAWRON usually found a girl for him and on such occasions, his relationship with the girl was only brief and temporary at some second or third rate hotel room.

RAY dresses extremely well when he has money, likes good food, and buys expensive clothes, but he always chooses a second or third rate hotel or a cheap rooming house in which to live.

GAWRON, RAY, and JAMES OWENS, with whom RAY was arrested and sentenced to the Missouri State Penitentiary, cased the Kroger Store in East St Louis, Illinois, for a robbery. GAWRON declined to participate because of the danger involved.

The following day RAY and OWENS were arrested and subsequently RAY was transferred to the Missouri State Penitentiary. GAWRON has not seen RAY since that time.

In 1961, GAWRON, ALBERT PEPPER, and JOHN RAY, brother-in-law and brother of JAMES EARL RAY, respectively, were arrested at Louisiana, Missouri, and while his parole was revoked, the other two persons received sentences of ten days in jail. He does not believe that JAMES EARL RAY knows ALBERT PEPPER, who is married to RAY's sister.

GAWRON is on friendly terms with JERRY RAY and CAROL RAY PEPPER. All of RAY's family referred to him as "Uncle JACK," although he has no family relationship. The PEPPERS have two young sons, the youngest being named JIMMY, reportedly named for JAMES EARL RAY. The PEPPERS operate the Grapevine Tavern, and JOHN RAY is active in the operation of this tavern at St. Louis, Missouri.

GAWRON stated that insofar as he knows, the subject has not been in St. Louis since his escape from the

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Missouri State Penitentiary in view of the fact he is too well known. GAWRON has not seen JAMES EARL RAY since 1959.

GAWRON believes JAMES EARL RAY trafficked in drugs or barbiturates at the Missouri State Penitentiary and also had a loan shark business there. On three different occasions, he made purchases of inhalers, normally used for colds, at the request of RAY. His request, though originating from RAY in prison, was relayed to him by CAROL PEPPER. On each of these occasions, GAWRON purchased a gross of these inhalers (probably Benzedrine) and on three separate occasions, he was contacted by a guard from the prison at Jefferson City, Missouri, who would pick up the inhalers and take them to RAY at the prison. Reportedly, the guard told GAWRON that each trip was worth a "C" to the guard.

GAWRON recalls being told by JOHN RAY that JAMES EARL RAY was in Omaha, Nebraska, during well, making good money as some sort of a salesman. This was in June, 1967. Shortly thereafter, JOHN RAY told GAWRON that JAMES was now in Los Angeles, California. GAWRON had no knowledge as to how JOHN RAY and CAROL PEPPER would have come into possession of information relative to the location of JAMES EARL RAY in June, 1967.

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V. IDENTIFICATION RECORD AND DESCRIPTION

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The following is subject's identification record as furnished by the FBI Identification Division on April 23, 1968, under FBI # 405 942 G:

CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
Army	James Earl Ray #16 163 129	2/19/46		
Sheriff's Office Los Angeles, Calif.	James Earl Ray #B-119908	10/11/49	suspicion of burglary	
PD, Los Angeles Calif	James Earl Ray #139648	10/11/49	suspicion 459 Penal (burglary)	8 months County Jail suspended; 2 years proba- tion served; first 90 days County Jail; 146 12/30/49 Cs129438
SO Cedar Rapids, Iowa	James E. Ray #5937	4/18/50	vagrancy	
PD Alton, Ill.	James Earl Ray #7514	7/23/51	no opera- tor's lic- ense - no City License	released to pay later
PD Chicago Ill	James Ray #D90696	5/6/52	robbery (Gun)	Grand Jury \$3000
Cook County Jail Chicago Ill	James Ray #131165	5/9/52	robbery	6/13/52 sen- tenced to peni- tentiary 1 to 2 years
State Peni- tentiary, Joliet, Ill.	James E. Ray #32419	6/13/52	robbery	1 to 2 years

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State Peni- tentiary Pontiac, Ill.	James E. Ray #19121	7/7/52 1952 in transfer from Joliet	robbery	1 to 2 years 3/12/54 discharged
SO Edwards- ville, Ill.	James Earl Ray #2640	8/30/54	burglary & larceny	
PD Hannibal Missouri	James E. Ray #40714	3/23/55	investigation of breaking & entering Post Office	
State High- way Patrol Macon, Mo.	James Earl Ray #B-3376	3/23/55	cashing stolen pos- tal money orders	released to Postal Inspec- tor Kansas City Mo., 3/24/55
USM Kansas City, Mo.	James Earl Ray #12018	3/28/55	forgery U.S. Postal Money Order	sentenced to 15 months custody Attorney General
SO Kansas City Mo.	James Earl Ray #29637	3/28/55	forgery - Government	3/7/55, 3 years and 9 months
U. S. Peni- tentiary Leavenworth, Kan.	James Earl Ray #72498-L	7/7/55	Post Office Laws Forge Money Orders	3 years and 9 months 5/20/58, conditional re- lease 3/31/59, maximum 4/5/58, conditional re- lease on charge of Post Office forgery Post Office Money Orders
PD St. Louis, Mo.	James Earl Ray #81071	10/10/59	suspicion of robbery	

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PD St. Louis Mo.	James Earl Ray #81071	10/16/59	suspicion of robbery stealing & fugitive other authorities	
State Peni- tentiary Jefferson City, Mo.	James Earl Ray #00416	3/17/60	"TC" operating motor vehi- cle without permission of owner robbery first "b/m DDW" (2 charges)	20 years (20, 7, 5, con- current)

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The following is a description of the subject,
obtained from sources set out elsewhere in this report:

Name:	JAMES EARL RAY, aka
Sex:	Male
Race:	White
Date of Birth:	March 10, 1928
Place of Birth:	Alton, Illinois
Height:	5'10"
Weight:	163 - 174 pounds
Hair:	Brown
Eyes:	Blue
Social Security No.:	[REDACTED]
Army Serial Number:	[REDACTED]
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LEGAL ATTACHMENT	

MONTERREY, N.L., JUNIO 13 DE 1968.
INFORME RELACIONADO CON LA LOCALI-
ZACION DEL SR. RAMIRO IBARRA MAR-
TINEZ.

El día de hoy fue nuevamente checado el domicilio del Sr. RAMIRO-
IBARRA MARTINEZ, ubicado en la calle de Martín de Zavala sur # 224 en -
donde vive la señora FELIPA GARZA, esposa de RAMIRO IBARRA MARTINEZ mis-
ma que piensa salir el próximo domingo 16 de junio para San Antonio, Te-
xas a reunirse con su esposo.

Por investigaciones hechas entre los vecinos, se sabe que RAMIRO-
IBARRA MARTINEZ es de oficio Sastre-cortador y que tiene tiempo de tra-
bajar en San Antonio, Texas en una tienda de ropa.

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FBI - MONTERREY	

MONTERREY, N.L., JUNIO 8 DE 1968.
INFORME DE LA LOCALIZACION DEL -
Sr. RAMIRO IBARRA MARTINEZ.

El Sr. RAMIRO IBARRA MARTINEZ con domicilio en ésta ciudad, en la calle Martín de Zavala Sur # 224 y teléfono 42- 70- 56.

Informan en su casa, que el Sr. RAMIRO IBARRA MARTINEZ trabaja en San Antonio, Texas en una tienda de ropa denominada "Sugarman's" con teléfono C.A. 68137, y que su domicilio particular está en : 115 s, Alazán St. San Antonio, Texas.

Se informó en dicho domicilio, (Martín de Zavala) que el Sr. IBARRA MARTINEZ viene muy poco a ésta ciudad de Monterrey, y que cuando viene es en domingo y se regresa el mismo día, ya que el lunes tiene que estar presente en su trabajo.

*CHIPINQUE *

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Legat Mexico (173-1)

DATE: 7/1/68

FROM : SA Richard S Clark

SUBJECT: ✓ MURKIN

The following information was furnished on a highly confidential basis on 6/28/68 by ALFONSO FREAS, Chief of Special Investigations of the Bank of Mexico.

The only bank in Puerto Vallarta with ~~a safe~~ a safety deposit boxes is the Banco Industrial. No x safe deposit boxes were rented at that bank in the second half of October or the first half of November of 1967. ~~Nextxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~
~~xxxxMexicxxxx~~ They have no boxes rented to non-Mexicans.

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II. IMPORTANT OR INTERESTING CASE WRITEUPS

A. Criminal Matters

✓ JAMES EARL RAY, aka.;
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM
CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY
UFAC - ROBBERY
Bufile 44-38861
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The single shot which killed the Reverend Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. at Memphis, Tennessee on April 4, 1968, launched a world-wide investigation in which the Mexico City Office was deeply involved. Heightened suspicions that Subject might well have chosen Mexico as a hiding place were based on his reported statements to a former cell-mate indicating that he knew Mexico and preferred to use it as a place to "cool off" after a job, and on investigation showing that he had visited Mexico and spent several weeks during the fall of 1967, some six months before the assassination.

Even before the April 19, 1968, announcement that ERIC STARVO GALT had been identified as JAMES EARL RAY, Agents and investigative informants were conducting intensive investigation in Mexico aimed at developing all possible information concerning his 1967 visit to this country and immediately pursuing all new leads covering the possibility that he might have returned after the killing. The recovery of GALT's abandoned Mustang on April 11, 1968, in Atlanta, Georgia, disclosed that he had purchased a Firestone tire somewhere in Mexico and led to the immediate discovery that he had crossed the border, as GALT, at Laredo, Texas on October 7, 1967.

Domestic Offices developed information, received in Mexico City on April 13, 1968, that GALT had corresponded with a Chicago concern from Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, during November, 1967. An Agent and investigative informant arrived at this seacoast fishing port and resort area on Easter Sunday, April 14, 1968, to institute immediate inquiry concerning Subject's

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past visit and the possibility that he might return. Subsequent investigation confirmed that he had stayed at the Rio Hotel from October 19, 1967, to November 6, 1967, and checked in to the Hotel Tropicana on November 7, 1967, remaining until November 13, 1967. A bartender who had spent some time with Subject during this visit proved extremely cooperative and furnished numerous additional leads serving to account for most of GALT's activities while in Puerto Vallarta.

It was established, for example, that GALT spent a great deal of his time at a house of prostitution called the "Casa Susanna". He was involved in an incident on one occasion while drinking there which began when he became insulting to a group of Negro sailors sitting at a nearby table and then left briefly, ostensibly to get a gun, and made the statement upon his return that he wanted to kill the Negroes. He reportedly made several inquiries about obtaining marijuana but none of those interviewed could say that they had seen him use it. He appeared to be operating on a very strict budget and only allowed himself a fixed amount each day for food, drink and female companionship. He complained that one tire on his white Mustang was the wrong size and it was established that he had purchased this tire from a Firestone dealer in Puerto Vallarta and had demanded a 10% discount because the dealer could not supply the proper size tire for the car.

Two of the prostitutes who spent the most time with GALT had left Puerto Vallarta and were located by an investigative informant at Guadalajara, Jalisco. One of them, MANUELA AGUIRRE MEDRANO, also known as Irma Morales, provided the photograph of Subject in sun-glasses which was later given national and international circulation by the Bureau.

There were investigative leads involving suspects or other aspects of the case in Mexico City and in the three Resident Agency cities of Guadalajara, Jalisco, Hermosillo, Sonora and Monterrey, Nuevo Leon. Leads also developed in nearly all other parts of the country and were promptly handled by Agents or investigative informants who traveled to Veracruz, Campeche, Merida and Isla de Mujeres, all on the Gulf Coast; to Acapulco, Guerrero, on the Southern coast; to Mazatlan, Sinaloa, Ciudad

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Obregon and Guaymas, Sonora, on the West coast; and to Durango, Oaxaca, San Luis Potosi, San Miguel de Allende and Torreon, in the interior. There were also a number of trips to remote villages in the interior including one trip into the wilds of Sonora during which an investigative informant covered part of the distance for 12 miles through a desert and mountainous area, on foot. He located the complainant in an isolated Indian village only to learn that the suspect about whom this individual had written was located in another community more than 200 miles away, near the coast of the Gulf of California.

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TO: LEGATS, BERN, BONN, BUENOS AIRES,
HONG KONG, LONDON, MANILA, MEXICO
CITY, PARIS, ROME, SANTO DOMINGO
AND TOKYO

DATE SENT: 7-2-68

DATE REC'D: 7-3-68

FROM: BUREAU

TIME REC'D: 8:30 A.M.

NO.: 234 BY: RGB

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PLEASE FURNISH FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON CAPTIONED MATTER COM-
PILED OR BASED ON BEST FIGURES AVAILABLE SINCE CASE INCEPTION THROUGH
JUNE 30 LAST AND MONTHLY THEREAFTER WITH CUMULATIVE TOTALS ONLY:

- (1) NUMBER OF MAN HOURS SPENT ON CASE BROKEN DOWN AS TO REGULAR HOURS,
OVERTIME HOURS, AND TOTAL MAN HOURS BY FOLLOWING EMPLOYEES
(SEPARATE FIGURES FOR EACH CLASS OF EMPLOYEES SHOWN): SPECIAL
AGENTS; CLERICAL EMPLOYEES; (2) TOTAL MILEAGE (ESTIMATED OR
ACTUAL) TRAVELED BY BUCARS USED ON CASE AND ANY PERSONALLY OWNED
CARS, FIGURES TO BE SHOWN SEPARATELY; (3) ANY UNUSUAL OR OUT-OF-
THE ORDINARY COSTS, SUCH AS COST OF CHARTERING AIRPLANE, RENTAL
OF SPECIAL OFFICE SPACE, LEASED TELEPHONE LINES, ETC. THESE
SHOULD BE ITEMIZED AND COST OF EACH ITEM SHOWN; (4) PEAK NUMBER OF
SPECIAL AGENTS WORKING ON CASE DURING MONTH FOR WHICH REPORT IS SUB-

MITTED.

COST DATA IS TO BE SUBMITTED FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE ADMINIS-
TRATIVE DIVISION AS PROMPTLY AS POSSIBLE AFTER THE CLOSE OF EACH MONTH
IN ORDER THAT THE BUREAU MAY MAINTAIN COMPLETE

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

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AND UP-TO-DATE DATA ON CASE.

LEGAT OTTAWA ADVISED SEPARATELY.

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If orally furnished and reduced to writing by Agent: Date _____ Dictated _____ to _____ Transcribed _____ Authenticated by Informant _____			Date of Report (8 written) 6/14/68 Date(s) of activity 5/31; 6/1,3,8/68
Brief description of activity or material Fisurs attempted to locate fugitives through checks of hotels, restaurants, parks, markets etc with negative results			File where original is located if not attached 134-31A - 642

Remarks:

No copies needed for files.

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Detailed report of MEX 34's investigation, particularly at Hotel Zazil-Ha in Isla Mujeres, 5-17-68, in response to my request for same due to negative reports by MEX 34 followed by specific details a few days later by persons who saw a suspect at the hotel a few days preceeding MEX 34's visit there.

There's nothing in this report subject to refutation unless sources he contacted were to be recontacted by us for confirmation. This doesn't appear practicable and MEX 34's account sounds credible.

No copy for MURKIN because nothing here of pertinence to the investigation.

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If orally furnished and reduced to writing by Agent: Date _____ Dictated _____ to _____ Transcribed _____ Authenticated by Informant _____	
Date of Report 6/26/68	
Date(s) of activity	
Brief description of activity or material Re: Murkin - Tel #s in Lelina & Quena Route - Valvula	
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TELEFONOS 12-27 SABINAS, Coah. y
12-50 NUEVA ROSITA, Coah.

Para saber quiénes recibieron llamadas de Texas en diciembre de 67 a dichos lugares, acudí a Teléfonos de México y me informaron que no pueden dar lugares de procedencia, personas comunicadas ni tiempo de conferencias porque mensualmente envían a México los comprobantes de los subscriptores o de Casetas de Larga Distancia.

El teléfono 12-27 de Sabinas, Coah. pertenece al Sr. BENITO VELEZ MADRID, de 63 años de edad casado con María Rodríguez de Vélez, misma edad, con domicilio en la avenida Juárez norte 722 padres de 3 hijos residentes en EE UU. que son BENITO VELEZ RODRIGUEZ residente en Carrizo Spring, Tex. domicilio conocido; FRANCISCO VELEZ ROXRI-GUEZ. residente en San Antonio, Tex. 2107 W Comercio, mismo domicilio del otro hermano MARIO VELEZ RODRIGUEZ. y en ese mismo domicilio también vive un cuñado de éstos muchachos GUSTAVO GUTIERREZ, yerno de don Benito Vélez Madrid que seguramente llaman a éste a Larga Distancia.

El teléfono 12-50 de Nueva Rosita, Coah. está a nombre del señor PERFECTO LARA ZAMORA y de su hijo JOSE DE JESUS LARA GALVAN y viven en la Colonia Zaragoza número - 2550. La mamá de José de Jesús es Socorro Galván García de Lara. En mayo anterior José de Jesús contrajo matrimonio con la señora Virginia Vara Vargas que tiene su domicilio en 539 F.T. Clark Uvalde, Tex. por lo que el referido José de Jesús Manuel Lara Galván tramita su pasaporte y se le extendió certificado en la Comandancia de Policía que no tiene antecedentes penales.

Me informa el Comandante de Policía de Nueva Rosita, Coah. Sr. Xicotencatl Flores que Benito Velez Madrid y sus familiares son personas honorables, católicos, dedicados al comercio. y el Sr. Ramiro Cárdenas, Comandante de Policía de Sabinas, Coah. me informs que tanto los Vélez Rodríguez y Velez Madrid como los Lara Galván que no obstante viven en Sabinas y en Nueva Rosita, Coah. poblaciones cercanas, diariamente visitan estas localidades y son personas honorables. El Comandante Flores también me informa de Perfecto Lara Zamora y familiares. Ninguno de ellos tiene antecedentes penales.

Sabinas, Coah. jun. 26/68.

PENDIENTE.

7/15/68

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To: Director, FBI (44-38861)
Attention: Administrative Division

From: *[Signature]* Legat, Mexico City (173-1) (P)

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Re Bureau cable 7/2/68.

Cost data set forth below represents the best figures available, based partially on estimates, from case inception through 6/30/68.

I. Total Man Hours

	<u>Regular</u>	<u>Overtime</u>	<u>Total</u>
Special Agent	1290	537	1827 hours
Clerk	156	77	233 hours

II. Total Mileage

Bureau Cars

3266 miles

Personally Owned Cars

112 miles

III. Unusual Costs

Office

Toll Calls and Telegrams \$1,181.51

Postage 7.70

Photographs and Photostats 41.48

\$1,230.69

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Agents

Per Diem	\$769.57	
Transportation (air fare, etc.)	<u>592.94</u>	\$1,362.51

Investigative Informants and Other Sources

Transportation and Other Expenses	\$2,822	
Services	<u>2,520</u>	<u>\$5,342.00</u>

<u>Grand Total</u>		\$7,935.20
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IV. Peak Number of Special Agents Working On
Case During Period - 12

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : LEGAT, MEXICO (173-1)

FROM : SA D.G.BILLS

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 7/18/68

Remymemo 6/20/68.

AUGUSTO NAVARRO, Mgr., Red de Mexico, S.A. advised 6/24/68 they do not have the telephone 46-85-15. 46-85-51 is among the numbers they subscribe to.

Rechecked 6/24/68 with Traffic Div. of Telephone Co. and they said 46-85-15 is listed to Carniceria America, Cipris 11-2. JESUS GUEVARA VALDEZ, Mgr. there reported same day they do have that telephone number. He said his employer, GUSTAVO HERNANDEZ ZARATE, buys meat in very large quantities from the border area in Texas as well as Mexico. Many times, they receive unsolicited telephone calls from a buyer on the road advising re cattle available. GUEVARA knew nothing about a call received 12/17/67 and explained that Mr. HERNANDEZ takes all long distance calls pertaining to purchase of livestock personally. HERNANDEZ was out of town.

On 7-11-68, GUEVARA said HERNANDEZ had been given the details re the 12/17/67 call; said he didn't know what it was about; and indicated he would contact me. HERNANDEZ again out of town.

Today, GUEVARA told me HERNANDEZ will be out of town for two weeks.

I'll continue until I contact HERNANDEZ personally.

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

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6/8/68

Re Investigation in Chihuahua to locate
subject of Murkin and information con-
cerning negres who visited Chihuahua
in early may 1968

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Junio 8 de 1968

Sr. Steve D. Evans
Apartado 152
Monterrey , N. L.

Muy Estimado y Fino Amigo:

Me es grato confirmarle que con esta fecha quedo cubierto el Estado reportando tanto en Hoteles como en Comisarias, lo que se -- refiere a Ray.

Desde luego al reportar cubiertos todos pueblos y ciudad aparte -- de los que le comente en mi anterior, ahora le comento Sueco, -- que es inspección de zona aduanal, Casas Grandes, Nuevo Casas Grand-- des, Janos, Asención, etc.

Respecto a los negros que me menciona en su anterior únicamente -- estuvieron hospedados en esta Ciudad el Sr. Lorenzo Kellac y Sra. hago incapié en que la señora es blanca y él es negro, con dirección en 49 Remsen Street. New York N. Y. E. U. A.

Lo saluda su amigo,



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

July 24, 1968

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This document contains neither
recommendations nor conclusions of
the FBI. It is the property of
the FBI and is loaned to your agency;
it and its contents are not to be
distributed outside your agency.

Information set forth below covers the
established activities of captioned individual who, as
ERIC STARVO GALT, visited Mexico during October and
November, 1967.

MEXICAN GOVERNMENT RECORDS

On April 11, 1968, at Atlanta, Georgia, a 1966
white Mustang bearing Alabama license 1-38993, was
recovered. This car had vehicle identification number
6T07C190647, and on the car was Mexican tourist sticker
bearing Folio number H294486, showing that the car had
crossed the border at Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas.

Investigation at Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas, on
April 12, 1968, showed that this automobile crossed the
border on October 7, 1967. Documents for the automobile
were issued to ERIC S. GALT, who had tourist card number
[REDACTED] and listed his address as 2608 Highland,
Birmingham, Alabama.

At Mexico, D.F., Mexico

On April 24, 1968, a confidential source abroad
advised that contact with an official of the Inspection
Service of Mexican Immigration in Mexico City disclosed
that this agency had searched records for all departures

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by land from Mexico during the second half of November, 1967. This search included all exit points from the Pacific to the Gulf of Mexico, and no record was located of the departure of GALT bearing tourist card mentioned above.

On July 18, 1968, the source advised that the same official was contacted on that date and reported that efforts to locate the Mexican tourist card, which should have been surrendered by GALT upon his departure from Mexico, had been unsuccessful. The official stated that his office had directly contacted every exit point along the border between Mexico and the United States, in an attempt to locate this card, with negative results. He stated, therefore, that GALT probably left Mexico without surrendering his tourist card, which is a fairly common occurrence because of the volume of traffic at all of the border crossing points.

On July 18, 1968, this same source advised that contact had been maintained on a regular basis, since April 12, 1968, with headquarters of the Mexican Federal Automobile Registration Bureau at Mexico, D.F., the agency where all documents issued to vehicles of tourists are eventually received and filed. Officials of this agency have advised that, despite extensive review of their records, the tourist importation permit for the 1966 Mustang which was issued to GALT at the border on October 7, 1967, had not been returned to that agency from any border crossing point. It was the conclusion of these officials, therefore, that GALT left Mexico in the Mustang without surrendering this document.

HOTEL RECORDS

At Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco

A second confidential source abroad advised on April 14, 1968, that on that same date EDUARDO MARROQUI, owner, Hotel Rio, Morelos 86, advised that ERIC S. GALT was a guest in that hotel from October 19, 1967, through November 5, 1967. MARROQUI stated that,

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according to his recollection, GALT was alone, and MARROQUI did not recall anything concerning GALT's car or possible friendships with other guests.

On April 15, 1968, ROBERTO WONG, clerk, Hotel Rio, furnished the registration card for ERIC S. GALT, giving his address as 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama. He occupied Room 212 at the rate of 60 pesos (\$4.80 U.S.) per day. The card shows his arrival on October 19, 1967, and that he checked out on November 6, 1967. It also bears the signature "ERIC S. GALT."

The Document Section of the FBI Laboratory examined two photostatic copies of the registration card of the Hotel Rio in the name of ERIC S. GALT and concluded that the questioned writings on the registration card were prepared by the writer of other specimens received in this matter which have been attributed to ERIC S. GALT.

ROBERTO WONG also advised on April 15, 1968, that there were no long-distance telephone calls charged to GALT's room.

On April 17, 1968, WONG stated that he remembered GALT as a "loner" at the hotel. He said GALT was never seen around the hotel during the day and did not stay around the hotel in the evening. He did come in to eat. He was always alone, with the exception of one occasion on which LUIS GARCIA, a bartender from another hotel, came to the Hotel Rio one morning trying to find GALT since he, GARCIA, stated he had left some important papers in GALT's car.

On May 9, 1968, a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY taken in California in early 1968 was shown to WONG. He identified this photograph as the same person who had lived in the Hotel Rio as ERIC S. GALT.

The source advised that MARIA DE GUADALUPE DIAZ, Calle Galeano 127, was interviewed on April 25, 1968, and stated that she was formerly employed as a maid at the Hotel Rio. She recognized photographs of RAY as an individual who had been a hotel guest some

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months ago and recalled that he had a white sports car. She said he was friendly but never asked her for a date. She said she did not recall ever seeing anyone visiting the Subject and could not recall the type of luggage he was using. She said she never observed any weapons in his room, but did recall that there were several nights when he apparently had not slept in his bed. She said she mentioned this to the hotel owner, but that there are no records kept concerning incidents of this nature and she was unable to recall the dates when GALT did not spend the night in his room.

The same source advised that the records of the Hotel "Tropicana" were reviewed on April 15, 1968, and showed that ERIC GALT, with an address of 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama, registered there on November 7, 1967, and departed on November 13, 1967. He occupied Room number 417 and paid 90 pesos (\$7.20 U.S.) per day. Accountant CARLOS MANZO, made these records available for review and stated that there were no long-distance telephone charges appearing on this account.

On May 10, 1968, OSCAR MENDIOLA, clerk, Hotel "Tropicana," advised the source that, according to the hotel accounting department, GALT probably checked out between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. on November 13, 1967.

The Document Section of the FBI Laboratory examined two photostatic copies of the registration card of the Hotel "Tropicana" in the name of ERIC GALT. It was reported that although handwriting characteristics noted indicate the common authorship of the questioned "Galt" signature on this item and the other signatures in this name, a definite conclusion was not reached, partly because of the indistinctness of the photocopies and partly because of the presence of some variations.

On April 23, 1968, FELICITAS ZAVALA, Supervisor, Telefonos de Mexico, Central Exchange, advised the source that all toll tickets for long-distance calls made by anyone from the Central Exchange in Puerto Vallarta during the period from October 15, 1967, through November 20, 1967, had been forwarded to the company's offices at Mazatlan, Sinaloa, Mexico, and were kept on file there.

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At Mazatlan, Sinaloa, Mexico

On May 17, 1968, a third confidential source abroad advised that a review had been made of over twelve thousand toll tickets on file at the Telefonos de Mexico offices in Mazatlan. These toll tickets represented long-distance telephone calls made from the Central Exchange in Puerto Vallarta during the period in which GALT is known to have resided there. The source stated that no record was located of any calls in the name of GALT.

BANK RECORDS

At Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco

On April 19, 1968, the second source caused the records of the Banco Industrial de Jalisco, S.A. to be reviewed and no account was located for ERIC S. GALT, JOHN WILLARD or HARVEY LOWMYER. Employees of this bank were unable to recognize a photograph of the Subject.

On April 19, 1968, the same source was advised by PASCUAL MORAN GONZALEZ, Manager, Banco de Comercio de Guadalajara, S.C., that no record could be located in the files of that bank for any transactions by ERIC S. GALT, JOHN WILLARD or HARVEY LOWMYER. Employees of this bank were unable to recognize a photograph of the Subject.

On April 25, 1968, MARCO ANTONIO ROMO, Assistant Manager, Banco de Comercio de Guadalajara, S.A., advised the source that no record is kept in that bank of travelers checks issued or cashed there. He said that he had personally reviewed the files of all Americans opening accounts in the bank for the past year without encountering the name of any individual who might be identical with GALT.

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At Mexico, D.F., Mexico

On June 28, 1968, an official of the Special Investigations Department of the Bank of Mexico advised the first source that there is only one bank in Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, with safety deposit boxes, and this is the Banco Industrial de Jalisco, S.A. This official determined that no safety deposit boxes had been rented at that bank in the second half of October or the first fifteen days of November in 1967. He also determined that the bank has no safety deposit boxes rented to anyone but Mexican citizens.

ASSOCIATES AND GIRLFRIENDS

At Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico

On April 15, 1968, LUIS GARCIA, bartender, Hotel Oceano, advised that he knew ERIC GALT when the latter was staying in Puerto Vallarta. He said that GALT came to the Oceano Hotel bar several times. He said GALT told him he had served nine years in the U. S. Army, but never went anywhere and was now just traveling around. He said GALT spoke little Spanish, had a serious demeanor, and his walk was slow and very erect. He also described him as an individual who was dark from sunburn, had a sharp nose, and wore his hair in a crew cut.

GARCIA said that he and GALT had gone out together on two separate occasions after GARCIA finished work. He said GALT always drank screwdrivers, but only one or two at a time. He said GALT was not a big spender and recalled that GALT once paid a bill with a U.S. five dollar bill, but usually paid in pesos.

GARCIA told of a night when he and GALT were at the Posada Vallarta to see a floor show and, upon leaving, saw a girl named ELISA waiting for a bus to return to downtown Puerto Vallarta. They offered this girl a ride and the three went to the Club Los Lobos where GALT became drunk or a little ill and went

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out to sit in the car. Afterwards, GALT took GARCIA to the latter's home and said he wanted to stay with the girl.

GARCIA described the car as a white Mustang with automatic transmission and a red interior. He said the car had blue license plates with letters of another color. He said he told GALT that the plates said "La Habana," and joked with him about FIDEL CASTRO. GALT corrected him, replying that the plates were from Alabama. GARCIA also recalled that GALT complained that one tire on the car was too large.

GARCIA said that he went to GALT's room at the Hotel Rio on the morning after he and GALT had picked up ELISA. He said he saw a portable typewriter there, but no firearms.

On May 9, 1968, the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY which was taken in California in early 1968 was shown to LUIS GARCIA, and he told the source that this photograph was identical with ERIC GALT.

On April 23, 1968, MARGARITA MONTES MEZA, a prostitute employed at the Casa Susana, Matamoros 503, advised the second source that she recalled the Subject, but could not remember his name. She said she also uses the name "La Chilindrina." She said the first night that Subject came to this house, which she estimated as being in October or November, 1967, he told her he was on a forty-day vacation in Puerto Vallarta, but did not say where he came from or where he was going. She explained that she has a very limited capability in the English language and that he could speak hardly any Spanish. She said he told her he had a car outside and wanted to take her to the Posada Vallarta where they could spend the night. She refused to leave the Casa Susana, and told him he could spend the night in her room, which he did, leaving the following morning at about 8 a.m.

Continuing, MARGARITA MONTES said that she was absent from the city about eight days, and that

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when she returned, the Subject was going with "IRMA," another girl employed at the Casa Susana. She recalled that one day when the Subject came in, IRMA was drunk and Subject tried to renew his association with MARGARITA. She told him he had better stay with IRMA, but he replied that he was through with IRMA. He then left the Casa Susana and she never saw him again.

On May 9, 1968, a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY taken in California in the early part of 1968 was shown to MARGARITA MONTES MEZA, and she stated that this was the same individual about whom she had furnished the above information.

On April 23, 1968, ARCELIA GONZALEZ, another prostitute employed at the Casa Susana, advised the second source that she remembered the Subject as having come to the Casa Susana in about November, 1967, but did not recall his name. She said she saw him at least three times in one week, and that she slept with him on one occasion, but that he was mainly interested in IRMA. She recalled that he had a white Mustang automobile and invited her to go to Yelapa, a nearby recreation area on the coast, but she refused to go. She recalled that he was using both pesos and U.S. dollars in paying his bar bills, but was not able to remember the denominations of the bills he used.

On May 10, 1968, ARCELIA GONZALEZ examined one photograph of JAMES EARL RAY in which the Subject was wearing sunglasses, and a second photograph which was taken in California in early 1968. She said she recognized the photograph with sunglasses as the person about whom she furnished the foregoing information, but she did not think the second photograph was a very good likeness.

On April 23, 1968, RODIMIR BISCARA, bartender, Casa Susana, advised the second source that he recalls the Subject and that at one time he was talking about buying the Subject's Mustang. He said that he did not have sufficient money for the car and had discussed trading some land for it. He said he went out in the car with the Subject and IRMA, and the three of them went