MEMO

Memphis teletype re call from Jensen:

Dr. Jerry T. Francisco, Medical Examiner, University of Tennessee, at Memphis advised that an autopsy was performed on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., on night of 4/4/last. He said that an official written autopsy report will be available 4/16/next. Dr. Francisco furnished the following information concerning his findings at the time of the autopsy.

The missile entered the right jaw of Dr. King, 61 inches superior to the right heel. This is a point 59 inches superior to the right heel with a head positioned to correspond with the path of the missile. The missile severed the spinal cord and came to rest beneath the skin 55½ inches superior to the left heel and 3" to the left of the mid-line of the back. The thickness from the point of entry to the final resting point of the missile was 8½ inches. Dr. Francisco summarised the statement by commenting the bullet entered the right jaw of Dr. King and traveled 8½ inches through the flesh coming to rest at a point just beneath jthe skin 3 inches to the left of Dr. King's backbone. Dr. Francisco said he signed the death certificate indicating the official cause of death to be gun shot wound to thorasic cord. The death certificate will be available from Health Department on 4/16/negit. Copy of their autopsy death certificate will be obtained.

April 24, 1960

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This is the case involving the murder of Einrtin Luther King, Jr.

Jerry William May, subject's brother, advised that May might contact his uncle, William E. Maher, a painting contractor reciding at Alton, Illinois. May has stayed with this uncle in the past and Jerry May expressed the opinion that Maher is the only relative May would contact.

William E. Maker has been interviewed and stated that prior to Eay's entry into the Army he worked at a shee tannery in Eartford, Rimois, where he became associated with an individual who had pro-Nani leanings; Ray became anti-Negro and anti-Jewish as a result. While in military service, Bay was stationed in Germany where his anti-Negro and anti-Jewish opinions crystallized. Maker said he last saw Ray ten or twelve years ago and to his knowledge Ray has not been in Alton since 1959 when he was involved in an armed robbery and sentenced to prison. Maker stated he could suggest no one in the Alton area acquainted with Ray or to whom Ray might turn for help.

Continuing investigation at Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico, indicates Eay spent considerable time with Irma Morales, a prostitute, when he was there in October and November, 1967. Morales has been located in a small town near Guadalajara and furnished a photograph taken of Eay on 11/3/67.

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Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach RE: MURKIN

Hisrales related that on 10/20/07 she was in a bar with Eay and four Negroes were at a nearby table with several white people. Eay continuously insulted and goaded the Negroes and went to his car to obtain a pistol; Morales saw the handle of the gun in Ray's pocket. When the Negroes left, Ray said he wanted to go after them but Morales told him it was time for the police to check the har. Ray said he wanted nothing to do with the palice and there was no further incident.

hiorales also advised that Ray wore dark gineses most of the time while he was in Puerto Vallaria. She last saw him 11/9/67 and has not heard from him since that time.

Raymond Louis Curtis, under life sentence for a Georgia murder, has previously stated he served time with Ray on three different occasions. Curtis also states Ray told Curtis he had engaged in burglaries and payroll jobs while operating out of Quincy, Illinois. Ray also claimed to have hoodium contacts in Chicago, Detroit, Tampa and Tijuana. Curtis describes Ray as a good poker player and an excellent card handler. While in prison Curtis and Ray cheated fellow prisoners in crooked poker games.

It has previously been reported that Curtis alleged Ray had spoken of a \$1,000,000 bounty on King. Curtis also alleges that when President Kennedy was assassinated word came into the prison that there had been a bounty on the President's head. Curtis claims Ray said a dozen times that if he had been out of prison and had known about a bounty on the President, he would have collected it. Ray allegedly told Curtis a dozen times that if King was still alive when he got out of prison he would like to collect the bounty on King.

Jack Fox Lamphore, Warsaw, Missouri, stated upon interview that he knew May at Missouri State Penticuliary and that Ray was close to Jimmy Carpenter, a seventy-year-old con man who took care of Ray's debts in the prison yard. Ray often talked to Lamphore about his liking for the Rayue River area in Greyon. Portland is conducting appropriate investigation.

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Memorandum to Mr. Relicach
RE: MUBKIN

ACTION:

We are continuing to vigorously pursue all possibilities of promptly locating Ray and all phases of the investigation are receiving top priority attention.

Mr. DeLoach

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1 - Mr. Bishop

This case concerns the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

TELEGRAM TO ATTORNEY GENERAL PROM COMMESSMAN SELDEM:

Mr. Sol Lindenbaum, the Executive Assistant to the Attorney General, has forwarded a telegram dated 4/19/68 addressed to the Attorney General from Armistend Seiden, Congressman from Alahaum (Democrat). Congressman Seiden's telegram reads as follows: "Please advise why arrest warrant for Eric Starve Galt was issued in Birmingham. FBI's evidence revealed thus far clearly indicates that Galt spent only a few weeks in Birmingham and that he also spent time in several other states. The crime was not committed in Birmingham. This is a most unusual procedure to follow. Armistead Belden, Hember of Congress."

Mr. Lindenbaum enclosed a copy of him acknowledgment to Congressman Selden's telegram informing him that the matter has been referred to the Bureau. Mr. Lindenbaum's letter to Congressman Selden states in part as follows: "The choice of a jurisdiction in which to apply for the warrant was made by the investigators. Your telegram is therefore being referred to the FRI for reply. However, I might add that since the warrant was based on a complaint alleging a conspiracy that began in Birmingham, it was not imappropriate to seek it in that city."

Bureau files show we have had cordial relations with Congressman Selden, 62-98924.

BACKGROUND:

On 4/16/68, the Attorney General authorized the filing of a complaint charging Eric Starvo Galt with violation of Title 18, Section 241, B. S. Code, for Enclosures

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Memorandum to Mr. DeLouch RE: MERKIN

conspiring to interfere with the constitutional rights of Martin Luther King, Jr. Salt has been identified as being James Earl Ray.

Under the statute used, the complaint can be filed in any district in which the conspiracy took place or an overt act occurred. Since the shooting occurred in Memphis and the gun had been purchased in Birmingham, consideration was given to filing the complaint at Memphis or Birmingham. It was our understanding that we could not rely on the y. S. Attorney at Memphis and if we attempted to file the complaint there, we would immediately lose control of the situation. Therefore, the complaint was filed at Birmingham where, on the besis of facts then available, the first evert act in furtherance of the comspiracy was committed. Head on the complaint, the y. S. Commissioner then issued the warrant of arrest.

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In light of the above it is recommended that Congressman Solden be advised along similar lines to the acknowledgment made by Mr. Lindenboum. Congressman Solden is being advised that since the complaint alleged a completely which on the basis of facts available, began in Birminghom the verrant was obtained in that city. Attached for approval is a letter to Congressman Solden. A copy of our acknowledgment to Congressman Solden is being furnished to the Attorney General, Deputy Attorney General and Assistant Attorney General Stephen J. Pollak, Civil Rights Division.

April 24, 1968

1 - Mr. McDonough

Honorable Armistead L. Selden, Jr. House of Representatives Washington, D. C. 20515

My dear Congressman:

Your telegram dated April 19, 1968, addressed to the Attorney General has been referred to this Bureau by Mr. Lindenbaum, the Executive Assistant to the Attorney General.

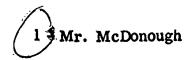
As indicated in Mr. Lindenbaum's letter to you dated April 22, 1968, since the Federal warrant of arrest was based on a complaint alleging a conspiracy which, from the facts available, began in Birmingham, the Federal complaint was filed and a warrant was issued in that city.

Sincerely yours,

- 1 The Attorney General
- 1 The Deputy Attorney General
- 1 Mr. Stephen J. Pollak Assistant Attorney General

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NOTE: See memo Rosen to DeLoach, 4/24/68, captioned MURKIN, EJM:wjc.



The Attorney General

April 24, 1968

Director, FBI

assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr.

The memorandum from Mr. Sol Lindenhaum dated April 22, 1968, and its attached telegram from Congressman Armistead I. Solden, Jr., as well as Mr. Lindenhaum's reply to Mr. Solden, have been received. Enclosed is a copy of talk Bureau's reply to Congressman Solden.

Enclosure

- 1 The Deputy Attorney General (Enclosure)
- 1 Mr. Stephen J. Pollak Assistant Attorney General (Enclosure)

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NOTE: See Rosen to DeLoach memo, same caption, dated 4-24-68, EJM:wjc.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DEPARTMENT OF INSTICE

Memorandum

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: April 22. NEW

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Sol Lindenbaum

Executive Assistant to the Attorney General

SUBJECT: Re: Telegram from Congressman Selden

Attached is a telegram sent to the Attorney General by Congressman Selden with regard to the issuance of the warrant for the arrest of Eric Starvo Galt, later identified as James Earl Ray.

Also attached is a copy of my letter of acknowledgment, informing Mr. Selden of this referral.

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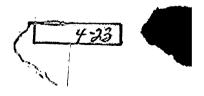
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April 23, 1968

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ACTION:

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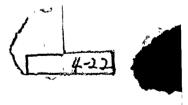
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Mr. W. C. Sullivan

April 22, 1968

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At 6:35 pm 4/22/68, John Mapother, Clandestine Service, Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), furnished the following information to Hight Supervisor James P. McGuire by telephone:

CIA sources in Panaua have reported two American citizens are being detained in Panama City, Panama, at the request of the Costa Rican authorities. Allegedly, they are being detained in connection with the assessination of Martin Luther King. These individuals are identified as Ton Volume, born 7/17/44 in New York. Wolman has Passport Number 2085474, issued 1/29/68, and his personent residence is shown as 30 Larrys Lane, Pleasantville, New York. The other individual is identified as Douglas Harry Hulbard, Passport Number 330926. Hulbard is described as a former soldier who has returned to Panama to be married. CIP did not have any further descriptive data regarding Hulbard.

These two individuals were traveling in a Chevrolet, License Number 230H19, Motor Number 13 387 13 113711. The vehicle and license plates could not be further described by CIA. According to CIA, Velman's passport indicates he had entered and departed El Salvador and Honduras on 4/17/68; Micaragua on 4/18/68.

Mr. Manother advised he has no indication why the Costa Rican authorities have requested the detention of the abovedescribed individuals. Further, he does not know of any-factual connection of these individuals with the King case. He said CIA sources were trying to develop this matter further. advised that CIA would send the FBI a written communication concerning this matter on 4/23/68.

At 9:10 pm 4/22/68, Norman Poulin, CIA, orally advised that a check had been made with the Conta Rican authorities and determined that Costs Rice has no information regarding the abovementioned individuals: that Costa Rica did not request Panamanian authorities to hold these individuals, that they have no request from any American authorities to detain them; and that they have

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no knowledge of any connection between these individuals and the assessination of Martin Luther King. Poulin indicated that the entire information may be a complete hear; however, CIA will advise FBI if any additional data comes to their attention.

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The above information was orally furnished to Mr. Helgeson, General Investigative Division.

Mr. Delouch

April 22, 1968

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Monorandum to Mr. Deloach Re: MINKEY

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Walker Terry Rife, an ex-convict, Quincy, Illinois, advised he knew Ray from 1942 until 1957. During that period Rife said Ray was a thief with no close associates and no permanent fixed address. Rife believed Ray disposed of stolen property through an unknown fence in Feoria. Illinois.

Metha hiarie Ryan, sister of Ray, Quincy, Illinois, admits a history of mental illness and was rambling in her conversation when interviewed. She denied any recent knowledge of Ray but thought he might return to Germany because he had enjoyed his military duty there and had a girl friend in Germany. Stops are being placed with appropriate German efficials.

James T. Bond, presently an inmate in Cuyshoga County Jail, Cleveland, Ohio, states he knew Ray in Missouri State Penitentiary from October, 1962, until December, 1965, Bond, who requested his identity be protected, claims Ray frequently took injections of a solution made from amphetamine powder and consequently was highly nervous and ato little.

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Bond also claimed that Ray was a dealer in amphetamine. Once or twice a month Ray would sauggle a letter out of prison arranging for a check to be sent directly to Jim Bradley, an inmate described by Bond as the "top con," and as soon as the check cleared Bradley would give Ray a spoonful of amphetamine which Ray would package in smaller amounts and sell to other inmates. Ray allegedly paid Bradley 350 to \$100 for a spoonful. These allegations are being thoroughly checked out.

Bond described Ray as a lone wolf who never discussed his background but he did make many anti-Negro statements. He was also an avid reader of sex books and "girlie" magazines. Bond did not know of any homosomual activities by Ray.

It has previously been reported that when May was in Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico, 10/10/67 - 11/13/67, he asked a Mexican bartender about buying marijuana. Missa Areliano Torres has now been lacuted at Guadalajara, Jalisco, and has furnished the following information.

Elisa met Ray at Fuerto Vallarta where she was working as a cigarotte girl at Hotel Posada Vallarta. They lived together for five days but brake up because he wanted her to buy marijuana for him. Ray made several tripe to Yalapa, a nearby resort area frequented by hippies, allegedly to buy marijuana. Elisa described Ray as a complete introvert, always tired, and a possible mental case. He spoke no Spanish and constantly used a dictionary to converse with her. He said he could remain in Puerto Vallarta for as long as two months if he wanted to. Investigation in Mexico is continuing.

On 4/20/68, Sergeant Ed Schaff, St. Louis Police Department, who requested his identity be protected, advised he received the following information from an attorney he would not name. James David Butley harbored Ray for a brief time after his escape from prison in April, 1967, and that if Hay is now in Missouri, he would probably be on a farm owned by Dailey near Portagoville or Wardell, Missouri.

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Dailey operated the Halfway Cafe, St. Louis, until about six weeks ago when he moved to Fortageville and purchased a gasoline station and restaurant. Upon interview Dailey denied any knowledge of the subject and denied ever harboring or knowing him. Dailey also denied ever owning or having access to a farm. Dailey admitted that he had once given \$100 to Thomas B. Crows, a childhood friend who was an escapee at the time, and that Homer Towensley, a st. Louis bondsman, was aware of this. He suspects Towensley of being an informant for the police department and suspects Towensley has falsely alleged he is barboring Ray. Extensive investigation has not developed any indication that Ray is in the Portagoville or Wardell areas.

Raymond Louis Curtie, under life sentence for murder at Balton, Georgia, advised he served three different soutences with Ray in Missouri. Curtie stated that when Kay was in the County Juli at Kancas City, Missouri, (1968), Ray had a close friend who had previously served time with Ray at Meanrd, Minois. This friend visited Ray frequently and supplied him with spending money. Curtie also said Ray had an Italian contact who was a big man in the Syndicate between Kancas City and Chicago and who handled stolen money orders and travelers checks. Another friend of Enyla, according to Curtie, was a fence in New Orleans who was fiftyfive or sixty years old in 1966.

When Curtie was at Missouri State Penitentiary from 1900 to 1902 Ray allegedly mentioned on numerous occasions that there was a bounty of \$1,000,000 on Martin Luther King and if he got out of prison before King was killed he would make every effort to make the accessary contacts to collect the bounty.

Curtis requested his identity be protected but it is known that he has also been talking to the press. His allegations are being checked out.

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All aspects of this investigation are being vigorously pursued.

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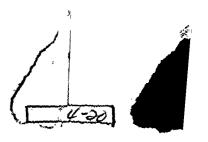
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(Domestic Intelligence Division)

Extra-Daty Supervisor William J. McDennell, Domestic Intelligence Division, furnished the following information to Special Agent John J. Boyd, 4-20-68:

John Kenney, Daty Officer, Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), phoned at 5:45 p.m., 4-20-58, and advised that CIA Headquarters received a message from its station in Bogota, Colombia, at 3:43 p.m., today. CIA, Colombia, was advised by the local linison service stationed at Bogota Airport that a U.S. national hearing a striking resemblance to Eric Starvo Galt arrived Bogota 11:20 a.m. (Bogota time) on Varig Flight Number 810 from Los Angeles.

The Bogota Police put the national under surveillance taking him to the Tequendama Hotel where he put up in room 528. On arrival the national advised the Immigration Service that his name is Edwin Mason, U.S. national, age 35, passport number F258751, occupation: Excursion Director.

Immigration authorities noted that he has deep wrinkles or possible scar, center forehead. Mason advised Immigration Authorities, Bogola, that he intended to depart for Quito on 4-22-68. Local police continuing surveillance.

CIA requested Mason's identity and passport number be verified at Los Angeles; also requested fingerprint classification of Galt so same can be forwarded CIA station Bogota and furnished local police. Mr. Kenney can be reached at telephone number 351-5555 or on secure line (gray phone) 1-8517.

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Memorandum to Mr. Rosen RE: MURKIN

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ACTION: The Los Angeles Office was telephonically contacted by Special Agent Boyd and instructed to check out the background and passport on Edwin Mason and advise the Bureau.

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At 11:45 a.m., 4-21-68, Agent Taylor Rudd, Intelligence Unit of Secret Service (Government Code 184-2481) stated that one Francis Dorsey Harris, a white male, born 6-6-08, Montgomery County, Marvland, five feet ten inches, 150 pounds, social security number was referred to them by the Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, D. C., in view of the fact that Harris told the Metropolitan Police Department that James Earl Ray was in his house previously and admitted to killing King. According to the police, Harris stated that Ray told him that if the President was ever in Mexico he would probably be killed.

Agent Rudd stated that Harris is presently at the Secret Service Field Office at 1825 H Street, N.W., being interviewed and there is a possibility that they may commit Harris in view of the fact that he appeared to be mentally disturbed.

Donald R. Gochour, Supervisor on duty, Washington Field Office, was immediately advised of above and he was requested to dispatch an Agent to the Secret Service Field Office for the purpose of interviewing Harris to protect the Bureau interest.

Agent Rudd was called and advised that an Agent would be out there to interview Harris and he stated that they would handle the matter concerning the comment allegedly made by Harris regarding the President.

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Information was received that John McFerren, a Negro of Somerville, Tennessen, had reported to "Time" magazine information concerning an influtional possibly involved in the assassination of Martin Luting: King, Jr. McFerren allegedly overheard one end of a telephone conversation while at a produce market in Memphis on 4/4/68. According to the report McFerren overheard the individual state "Shoot the S. O. B. on the balcony. Den't worry about the money. Your brother will get it in New Orleans."

McFerren has participated in civil rights activities in and around Somerville, Tennessee, for a number of years. He has previously reported many incidents towar Memphis Office, many of which were found to be without any substance in fact. McFerren was interviewed by Bureau Agents on 4/8/66 and 4/18/68 and he furnished information essentially along the lines of the above. Although there does not appear to be any substance to McFerren's information, we are completely remning this out.

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Attached for the Attorney General, the Deputy Attorney General, and the Civil Rights Division is a memorandum setting forth details of the information received from McFerren.

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Judith Randal, Washington Star Reporter, residence 745 Delaware, S.W., Washington, D.C., called the Bureau at 7:45 p.m., 4-20-68, and advised Extra-Duty Supervisor J. J. Loeffler that at approximately 5:00 p.m., she had observed an individual driving an automobile that resembled James Earl Ray. She stated the automobile was a Ford Fairlane, pink or rose in color with a light being top, Maryland tags DN 4120. She stated her telephone number is 347-8495.

ACTION: The above information was telephonically furnished to Security Patrol Clerk Stanley Lasav, Baltimore Office, with requests that they check out this automobile with the Department of Motor Vehicles as to ownership of vehicle and to eliminate driver of vehicle in connection with Murkin Case.

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ADDENDUM: SA Francis X. O'Neill, Hyattsville Resident Agency, Baltimore Office, telephonically advised at 10:30PM that the aforementioned automobile is registered to Charles Leroy Sell, Penn Southern Apartments, 4107 Southern Ave., Suitland, Maryland. Mrs. R. West, Apartment Manager, advised Charles Sell moved in March, 1968 from the apartment. Mrs. West obtained no forwarding address for Sell. She stated that because of the number of menants in the apartments she has no personal recollection of the individual. Records pertaining to tenants are maintained at the Wand H Investment Co., 2015 15th St., Washington, D. C. Mrs. West a review of records for a possible forwarding address on Sell can be checked on Monday morning at the W and H Investment Co. SA O, Neill will follow through on this matter.

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Lester Maddox reported that on 4/11/68, a secretary of that office observed
several newspaper reporters examining a guest book utilized for
registering guests each Wednesday, which is "open house" day and
devoted to citizens of the State who wished to speak with the Governor.

The secretary noted that reporter Jim Winn, representing Augusta and Savannah, Georgia, papers turned in the guest book to the page dated 4/3/68 and signed "Eric Galt, 903 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama, Jefferson County, Alabama." Ted Simmons of the Associated Press and Duane Rine of the "Atlanta Constitution" also examined the guest book. The secretary in Governor Maddox's office advised that these three reporters actually intended to play a practical joke on another newspaper reporter at the Capitol just to see his reaction when finding Galt's name in the guest book.

In connection with interviews being conducted with individuals who were at the Lorraine Motel where King was staying when he was shot, Mrs. Jasper Ward, a white woman, was contacted and she furnished the following information which she described as being "very confidential."

Mrs. Ward advised that although she is a close friend of Reverend A. D. Williams King, the brother of Martin Luther King, Jr., and thinks highly of him, having served as his Administrative Assistant in connection with the Kentucky Christian Leadership Conference for the past several years, she felt it was her duty to advise the FBI only that at the time Martin Lather King, Jr., was shot, Reverend A. D. Williams King was in her room, number 207, at the Lorraine Motel and was under the influence of alcohol to the extent that he could not be immediately awakened and advised of his brother having been shot. Mrs. Ward was unable to awake Reverend A. D. Williams King until about twenty minutes later and during this period she made concerted efforts to keep other individuals from the room in order that they would not learn of Beverend A. D. Williams King's condition. Mrs. Vard stated that

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Reverend A. D. Williams King is extremely fearful that the nature of his condition at the time of his brother's death may become public knowledge. Mrs. Ward further commented that he has had an elcohol problem since she has known him.

William David Paieley, Jr., son of the seller of the Mustang to Galt, \$/30/67, upon being shown photographsof Eric Starvo Galt stated the photograph with the eyes shut does resemble the individual who purchased the Paieley's Mustang but he did not care to make a positive identification until he could see Galt in person. After studying the photograph of Galt several minutes, Paieley commented that the more he looked at the photograph the more he believed it was a photograph of the Eric S. Galt who bought the Mustang. Paieley's mother, Mrs. William David Paieley, Sr., advised that she cannot be sure the photograph shown to her is the man who purchased their Mustang.

William David Paisley, Sr., said there is a resemblance between the man in the photograph and the Eric S. Gali who purchased his white Eustang in August, 1967, but he could not make a positive identification from the photograph.

Herbert Kelly who is employed as a cook at the Economy Rooming House, Birmingham, and who served Galt meals during the period of residence in September and early October, 1967, after viewing the photographs of Galt stated he believed that the photographs of Galt are identical with the Eric Galt who resided at the rooming house and the pictures bear a "very close resemblance to him." Mr. Kelly stated he will not make a positive identification from the photograph but desires to view Galt in person before making such identification. Peter Cherpes, owner of the Economy Fooming House, viewed photograph of the subject and stated he believed this was the Eric Galt who resided at the rooming house but Cherpes did not desire to make an identification until he could view him in person.

U. S. Attorney Escon Weaver, Birmingham, advised on 6/18/68 that he received a telephone call from District Attorney Earl Morgan following a conference with the County Commissioner and Morgan desired to know why Birmingham was chosen for the filing of the complaint. Weaver advised that he called the Attorney General who informed Weaver that this decision was made by the FBL. According to U. S. Attorney Weaver, the

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Attorney General stated that he assumed that Birmingham had been chosen because it was the place where the first overt act of the conspiracy occurred. Weaver conveyed this information to the District Attorney who appeared satisfied. Weaver indicated that the District Attorney's prime concern was that the filing of process in Birmingham might reflect on Birmingham's reputation.

The sheet recovered from the abandoned Mustart bere laundry marks "20R-3." Records of the Avalon Cleaners and Laundry, Culver City, California, show that laundry mark "20R-3" was placed on flat laundry on 12/18/67. This laundry was picked up by a customer named "Galt" on or about 12/21/67. Avalon Cleaners Store Number 20 located on Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, is in the vicinity of other activities of Galt. Personnel at the store have no recollection of Galt. Sample tapes taken from the Thermo-Seal machine are being forwarded to the Laboratory for comparison purposes.

Wanted Flyers in the Spanish language on the subject, Eric Starvo Galt, have been prepared and sent to the field as well as appropriate Legats in order to afford additional widespread publicity on the wanted man. Hundreds of suspects are being run out in our sustained efforts to locate and apprehend the subject.

ACTION:

This investigation continues to receive top priority attention.

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With respect to the evidence in this case obtained Frank Hollown, Director of Fire and Police, and inquiry was made of the evidence collected. Hollowan advised that all of the auterial he knew of was at that time in contody of Howicide Division, Inspector E. E. Zachary. He was told that the CAC would take possession of the evidence collected and would prepare it for submission to the FBI Laboratory inagdiately. No discussion was had with Hollowin as to whether or not the FBI Laboratory report would be furnished to him and no request was made by him on arrival at the Romicide Division where the pertinent material had been maintained in a small room off the Homicide Squad rooms under custody of Inspector Zachary. Much of the material had not been identified as two of the officers had secured the pertinent material and arrangements were immediately made with Imprector Enchary to secure the names of the officers who could identify the exidence of ficens properly identified evidence

The major part of the evidence was submitted by Inspector Zachary who had personally brought it to the police department, however, other miscellaneous items had been secured by individual officers. SAC Jensen advised Inspector Zachary that he would take custody of the material and insure that it was submitted to the FBI Laboratory immediately for appropriate and necessary examination. Inspector Zachary was advised that if he desired a police officer to accompany the Agent this could be arranged, and Inspector Zachary stated he did not feel it was necessary.

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