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# Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-2386)

FROM : FRANK V. HITT, SAC

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/11/68

The following is information the SAC furnished Memphis, Mr. ROSEN and Mr. DE LOACH in a telephone conference at 4:00 P.M. this date and it also contains instructions given:

MR. HITT: Somebody dig out for me what we will need for probable cause. We have very little of the facts in this case and they will have to call that back to us before we can get the search warrant for the car. I don't want anyone to touch it till we get there. Send us some artist's photos on the next plane. We have the car. He left it on a parking lot Friday at the intersection of Memorial Drive and Connally Place in the City of Atlanta. Now, the police found it, actually a woman out here whom they don't know, told her preacher, who reported it to the police department here in Atlanta. I presume it was today, we're checking it out now. They ran an NCIC on it and also a check of the Ala. MVB and the NCIC check showed that this was wanted in connection with a Civil Rights and Election Law case. It shows GALT (ph) as the owner and it shows that caution should be used, that there is no warrant, and if not in local custody to keep under observation and call the FBI, collect at 202-393-7100, Ext. 2521. The police department has put facts together and assume it is in connection with that case. I have the ASAC and the fingerprint expert on the way out there, the police now have the car under observation. We're getting facts for Memphis in order to get search warrant and I have men on the way now to do a full neighborhood on it.

It was left and locked on a lot. We're on the way now to find that out. It was left and locked on the lot and I don't know what kind of lot it is. It is in a lot, but I'll know that when our people get there. I have the ASAC and two men on the way and we'll know the answer as soon as they get there.

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CARL CLAIBORNE, who was at the Bureau, is a very good man on it. I don't want to touch it without it. We shoudn't touch it without it. If the car is on a lot and locked, I have some question as to whether it is abandoned. This is a parking lot in a low-cost housing development, so in effect, it was parked in this lot, in the low-cost area. It is a white project. It is out east of Atlanta and a little south. It is Connally Place and Memorial Drive. I don't know the sequence there. BILL ~~AKKK~~ ALEXANDER said he had received a call from the MVB in Ala. who had gotten a teletype or telegram.... you want the FBI to take possession of the car and oonduct a search? It is in a parking lot Mr. ROSEN, in a low X cost white housing project. We'll take ~~KXKK~~ possession and tow it into our garage. I already got that underway. I'll have them tow it in. We'll put ~~KX~~ it in our garage. I'll be in touch. The men are waiting for me to tell them what to do.

MR. HITT TO RADIO CAR #2

Mr. R and the B said for us to take possession of the car without a search warrant, take color photos if possible and bring it to our garage and conduct complete search down here. We'll get a wrecker to tow it in. Don't let anyone mess up prints on it.

MR. HITT ON CONFERENCE CALL:

It was a woman who saw a man get out of the car and lock it and leave. E We don't know who she is yet. We have someone now G trying to find the preacher and to learn the woman's identity. Everything underway. It is ~~IXXX~~ not a pay parking lot. Off street parking for the development. No attendant.

TO HARDING: Get the color film out to the boys on the street.

TO WDC: You will send as the picture immeidately? If we get any press inquiries at all onthing, it is just "no comment?" That is all I have here.

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You want us to ~~XX~~ make airlines checks from AT to LA on the four names we have, LOMYER, WILLARD, JEROME VERNON and J. VERNON, and GALT? Alright, I'll get that started.

Plyers....Duckbill Plyers from Rummage Hardware five blocks from laundry where VERNON worked in LA and he dropped out of sight on March 27.

They tell me the Bureau just issued an ~~XX~~ APB on car to ~~XX~~ look out for it. It is coming in here now. BOB, you will send us the facts on the case?

NOTE: CALL GRAPP in LA to have him check arrivals on Friday. Check all cab pickups from that ~~XX~~ area. We have got to find woman, talk to minister, do a complete neighborhood. It is a low-class white neighborhood. I'll check any rooming houses. We have Klansmen all around the place, so there ~~a~~ could be, yes.

NOTE: Leave Memphis 6:10 and 6:15 P.M. night of killing.

TO WDC: Isn't the time though, when the car was abandoned. We'll take it apart. We're bringing the car to the garage now.

NOTE: Check resident manager of the housing project for last year's residents who might have left.

Connally Place, I don't know how far out it is ~~Hb~~ but it is only about 1½ miles from downtown AT. Well, I'll look the neighborhood over and consider that. PURCHASE AUTO?

We'll go ahead and keep in touch with more info.

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TO : FILE (157-3094)

FROM : SAC FRANK V. HITT

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/11/68

At 4:55 PM Inspector SULLIVAN from Memphis said that the four names of pertinency at this time are:

ERIC STARVO GALT

HARVEY LOWMEYER

JOHN WILLARD

JAY WALLIS VERNON aka Jerome Wallis Vernon.

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VERNON, Air Force Deserter, SN [REDACTED] left Los Angeles 3/27/68; left business on 3/24/68.

VERNON's picture was shown to a Memphis witness, and he would like to see more.

(by Supv. HARDING) - SA JOE HESTER, Memphis, called at 5:40 PM and stated that pictures of VERNON and two different composite sketches of the unsub, one from Birmingham and one from Memphis, being sent by a Delta Airlines flight which leaves Memphis at 5:40 PM and arrives Atlanta 7:40 PM (schedule identifies this as Delta Flight 842). SA ROESENER is meeting plane to pick up pictures. SA HESTER also advised that a copy of Los Angeles teletype giving information concerning VERNON will be sent also.

(By SAC) At 7:00 PM, WSB-TV cameramen came to the office, stated they were aware that a white Mustang was recovered, that the people in the neighborhood where it was recovered had told them the FBI had towed it in; they had license plate and the fact it had a Mexican tourist sticker on it. They wanted comments and television footage. I told them my only reply was "no comment".

The cameramen then telephonically contacted RAY MOORE, News Director, WSB-TV, and RAY spoke with me (he is an SAC Contact). He pointed out that he was in the same Sunday School with the minister who was responsible for the report getting to the FBI and said he would certainly hate to lose news items. I told RAY that I could only say "no comment", and that when we had any information I could release I would call him.

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(CSH) - At 7:05 PM, SAC JOSEPH GAMBLE, Birmingham, called and asked that a lead be covered in Atlanta. This lead was dictated to JO LENE HORNE as a memo and cannot be covered until we receive the photographs. At this time I advised SAC GAMBLE that the mileage on the car was 39,100 and that two of the whitewall tires did not have identification on them. One of the whitewall tires was a Medallion 110 recap, 2/P; the blackwall tire was a Firestone blackwall. He was advised that all tires had good tread on them and the two whitewalls on the rear looked almost new.

At 7:45 PM, Lt. ROBERT SHATTLES, Atlanta PD, advised that an anonymous male, believed to be Negro, called the Atlanta PD and said the killer of MARTIN LUTHER KING was at the American Motor Hotel, Room 638. SAS WATTS & COCHRAN are checking this out.

At 8:30 PM SAC COLE, San Antonio, called and talked with SAC. He advised the Mexican Tourista Folio #(Sticker) for Mustang in AT had been furnished them as Folio [REDACTED]. He was advised the correct number is [REDACTED] (His call was verify this number).

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At 8:40 PM EXXIE/SMITH from the Atlanta Constitution called, said she understood the FBI had picked up a car which had some connection with the KING murder case and it had an Alabama license plate on it. I told her the only thing I could say would be "no comment" and that when I had information I could release I would give her a call or whoever was working.

9:00 PM - call Los Angeles & Memphis - Supv. BILL NOLAN, LA., SACJENSEN and Insp. SULLIVAN, Memphis conference call - Furnished info. as to correct # being given San Antonio (Folio #) [REDACTED]

Have asked for all manifests on all arrivals in Mexico on 5, 6 and 7 of April to see if man listed as arrival from Atlanta. Last name add-ons only get on manifest.

In car picked up was a piece to a top of a Kleenex box and written on it was "GINGER and ANITA" KATZWINKLE, 1535 Sorrento. GALT did have an apt. there - manager out of pocket, left owing rent - they do not know him, waiting for manager to come in. Had Apt. 6. Atlanta Office called LA Information Opt. and the tele. # is 465 6868.

This was found in truck of car and written on it was "at pool" - looks like may have met at pool - written on this thing OLKAHOMBE. Written above Ginger and Anita is word "DAY". These girls might know something about him.

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GALT left owing rent - (When did he take apt.?, aprox. time he left there). "A very short time", relatively recently. Was in February, gave this address in Feb. (to service station).

VERNON bought a truck at Cort Box Ford - all these places, service station, laundry, etc are within immediate waking distance. GALT may well have just had his laundry laundered at VERNON's laundry. There is a possibility GALT is VERNON. VERNON was in probation office April 5 - talked with girls in office. They remember his being there. Don't remember time of day. He also told Probation Officer that he was working for Lockheed Aircraft, giving address where formerly lived with wife - has recently had apt. with a buddy JIM CONKLE. They gave up apt. (Any racial kicks on these - not a bit).

SAC HITT: Bill, the telephone bill sent to MAURICE HOWARD - has anyone checked the telephone calls on this bill. Answer: we advised the tele. company and are getting all tolls for past 60 days.

HOWARD sold laundry 1/15/68 on a 90-day escrow. On 3/25/68 he met with them in the early morning to discuss final details of sale - VERNON left with girl friend, driving blue Van. He went back to laundry, cleaned out cash drawer and they have not seen him since (was to meet with HOWARD and finalize purchase). HOWARD said he was sorry he did not keep appointment with him but that he had to go to the C (which is a mental hospital). HOWARD has not seen him since. There was paper out on Mr. BUTTERMAN - there is ~~litig~~/ litigation as to who owns laundry.

Has VERNON been in mental institution? Is there a possibility he has been an inmate of a mental institution? Check to make sure.

St. Louis checking records - will furnish to Atlanta, B'ham, Memphis, Bureau -

SAC HITT: Where was truck repossessed from? 1900 block of Alice St., Pasadena - girl friend of VERNON's home in this area.

On April 5 he was in probation office - Asked to get personal possessions out of the truck -

Has anyone seen him with a white Mustang? No. Is he neat or sloppy: VERNON generally considered neat. Ask people re his appearance, sloppy, or neat.

Will have to interview VERNON -

Map was only issued in the 7 western states (map of U. S.) did not go any place. Mustang there but does not prove VERNON was in it. The map was left at roominghouse.

Having a continuing identity of GALT "out there" - Persons who know GALT should be able to identify him, whether identical with VERNON.

Re investigation on the two girls - about the hott est thing so far on GALT. Expedite.

LA will call if info. developed.

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TO : FILE (44-2386)

DATE: 4/11/68

FROM : SAC HITT

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Supervisor BILL NOLAN, LA Division, telephonically furnished the following information at 11:05 PM:

Apartment 6, 1535 North Surano, belonged to GALT. Phone number 465-6868 belonged to ANITA KATZWINKEL, 1831 North Gramercy Place, LA. That phone was disconnected on 4/8/68. No moving, no change of residence with the phone company. The business office is closed and those records will not be available until morning. The manager of 1831 North Gramercy Place has Thursday nights off.

Present manager at Surano is VERA BERNHART (ph). Just took over a month ago. Building is in receivership and the records are in the possession of the receiver, DALE L. \_\_\_\_\_, and the office building is on Wilshire Blvd. Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ recalls talking to GALT on three occasions collecting the rent, and he also recalls getting a letter from him sometime in February. The letter is in his office and Agents are on way to pick it up.

He recalls he rented the apartment sometime between 11/19 and 12/5. He collected rent on at least 3 occasions, sometime around 12/5, Jan. \_\_\_\_\_, and probably early February. He knows the guy is a skip and he remembers he got the letter typewritten in red. Can't remember much about it.

They think they have located VERNON. He's floating around town, has been in contact with six or seven recovery people on car and gave new address. Delta Flight 180 arriving 6:20 has new pictures of VERNON aboard.

BERNHART says she remembers seeing GALT in February couple of times, and he does not in any way resemble VERNON.

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TO : File (157-3094)

FROM : SA JOHN E. OGDEN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/11/68

Records, Georgia Drivers License Bureau, checked by  
SA OGDEN and Lt. QUARRELLS, Georgia State Patrol, PM  
4/11/68, and negative re following:

ERIC STARVO GALT  
ERIC STARVO GAULT  
HARVEY LOWMEYER  
JOHN WILLARD  
JAY WALLACE VERNON  
JEROME WALLACE VERNON

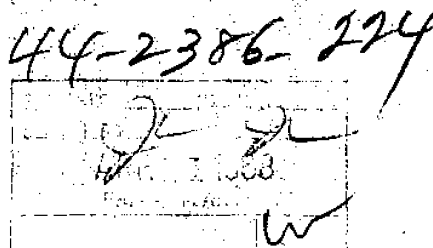


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TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386)

FROM : SA JOHN E. OGDEN

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
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DATE: 4/12/68

On 4/12/68 Lt. QUARRELLS, Drivers License Department, Georgia State Patrol, telephonically advised as follows:

Subsequent to a check on the name ERIC GALT on the night of 4/11/68 Lt. QUARRELLS caused additional searches of Drivers License Bureau to be made on the last name GALT. He located records on one JOHN DOUGLAS GALT, described as WM, born [redacted] who was arrested 11/19/66 on charges of speeding-accident (motorcycle). GALT gave an Atlanta address of 1474 Desota Avenue, S. W., and California Drivers License issued to him [redacted] was picked up by the APD, turned over to the GSP which subsequently returned this license to the State of California.

JOHN CALLANT, Station Captain's Office, APD, advised on 4/12/68 that his files disclosed that JOHN DOUGLAS GALT, WM, age 26 in 1966, was arrested 11/19/66 and 12/7/66 on traffic charges. His files contained no information in addition to that contained in the Georgia Drivers License files.

A telephonic check of the Atlanta Traffic Court on 4/12/68 disclosed that GALT was fined \$250.00 on the 11/19/66 arrest and his subsequent arrest on 12/7/66 was for operating a vehicle while his license was in revocation. Their files indicate GALT is wanted for violation of probation as a result of the 11/19/66 arrest and for bond forfeiture. The Atlanta Traffic Court records contained the additional information that GALT was employed by Lockheed AC.

On 4/12/68 MRS. ROBERT HARPER, 3668 Cascade-Palmetto Road, S. W., Palmetto, Ga., advised that she formerly resided at 1474 Desota Avenue, Atlanta, Ga., in about November 1966. JOHN GALT came to her residence and advised that he had met MRS. HARPER's son, ROBERT E. HARPER, JR., in Macon, Ga. She explained that her son was then in the USAF at Macon and had suggested that GALT come to see his mother and to stay there until he was able to



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find a permanent place to stay. She stated that she subsequently determined that her son had only met JOHN GALT on one occasion and it was just prior to his coming to see her. GALT presumably was en route to Atlanta from California and was to begin employment for a contractor who was doing some work for Lockheed Aircraft at Marietta, Ga., name of company was unknown but MRS. HARPER recalls that it had something to do with plastic tools.

MRS. HARPER said that on the recommendation of her son she and her husband permitted GALT to stay at their residence for about six weeks. During that time he attempted to find a permanent place to stay but became involved in a traffic accident which resulted in his receiving a fine. He was again arrested two or three weeks later and on this occasion he was released under bond but had to give his bondsman (name and company unknown) the Honda motorcycle to secure the bond. Shortly thereafter the contractor for whom GALT was employed got in trouble with Lockheed over the contract and MRS. HARPER believes that Lockheed canceled the contract. GALT was forced to leave Atlanta to seek other employment and did leave almost immediately.

She stated that while GALT was staying at her residence he appeared to be a rather lonely person and the only friend she can recall was a woman named JO ANN (LAST NAME UNKNOWN) who lived in the apartments located near Lakewood Park. JO ANN had two or three children and JOHN GALT seemed quite fond of her. She recalled that he was en route to see JO ANN when the accident resulting in his traffic arrest occurred. She has heard that JO ANN has recently remarried but does not know her name.

GALT spoke very little of his background but indicated that he had lived in California for a number of years. She was unable to recall any more but got the impression that he had lived in several towns and mentioned having been in Los Angeles, Calif.

After GALT's departure she received one card from him thanking her for permitting him to stay in the HARPER home but she

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is unable to recall from where this card was mailed. The only relative ever mentioned by GALT was his mother and MRS. HARPER got the impression that GALT's father was probably deceased.

MRS. HARPER provided the following description of JOHN DOUGLAS GALT:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	Approximately 25
Height	5'9" - 5'10"
Weight	160 - 165 lbs.
Hair	Light "sandy", thin and straight
Scars and Marks	No visible scars or marks
Occupation	Claimed to have attended trade school having to do with "plastic tools"

MRS. HARPER stated that she believes the bondsman may know the identity of JO ANN (LNU) as she heard the bondsman had contacted this woman in an effort to locate JOHN GALT.

SA JOSEPH G. SHEA telephonically contacted the Personnel Department at Lockheed Aircraft and was advised that they were unable to locate a personnel file for JOHN DOUGLAS GALT. Other individuals having the surname GALT were located SA HUGH ROBINSON is proceeding to Lockheed Aircraft to review these records as well as records of employees of subcontractors if available.

A teletype is being sent to the Sacramento Division asking that division to secure a copy of California Drivers License [REDACTED] together with any background and/or descriptive data contained in the California Drivers License file.

ADDENDUM:

SA HUGH ROBINSON telephonically advised at 6:30 p.m. he has completed check of all active and inactive personnel records as

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well as records of all subcontractors employees, Lockheed,  
and can find no record of JOHN DOUGLAS GALT.

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FROM : SAC, FRANK V. HITT

SUBJECT: MURKIN

At 2:45 P.M., this date, SAC GRAPP, Los Angeles telephonically contacted SAC HITT, and furnished following:


LA Agents canvassed street on Hollywood Blvd. and inquired at St. Francis Hotel. Located name GALT, ERIC, and records show residence from 1/21 - 3/17/68. He left forwarding address of General Delivery, Main Post Office, Atlanta, Ga., until 4/25/68. GRAPP advised they came up with variation of name GALT, as GAULT.

Concerning contact with girls in LA, they have located one and are trying to locate other near Redland. GRAPP advised individuals in hotel do not remember him but records show he paid in cash. (He described girls as prostitutes)

Hotel is low - medium class, \$85 per month, located at 5533 Hollywood Boulevard.

CONVERSATION TERMINATED 2:57 P.M.

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FROM : FRANK V. HITT, SAC

SUBJECT: MURKIN

As of opening of business, 4/12/68, we have the following assignments:

Four men back in the neighborhood where car abandoned. They are looking for all info concerning person who abandoned auto. (SAs PALFI, TACKITT, LEWIS and CIECKA).

We have four men starting a check of motels in the general area where the car abandoned, the check to spread from that point. (Being coordinated by SA JAMES J. ROSE.)

IC BUD DAVIS checking Bureau of Vital Statistics for possible birth records on suspect GALT or any variation of name.

The examination of the car for additional evidence is continuing. This includes removal of the wheels, examination of the underside of the car and related examination.

Airline coverage is to be expanded to include all departures from Atlanta starting with morning of 4/5 through 4/10/68, under names and variations thereof. SA KEEL responsible for coordinating airlines check, which also will cover reservations and manifests on all airlines. KEEL to be assisted by SAs RENAGHAN and PERRY.

Used car purchases in the logical area are being checked by SAs REYNOLDS and LANGSFELD.

SAs RACKLEFF and BARRETT continuing check of all cab companies for pickup of passenger in area of abandonment.

SA REYNOLDS instructed to determine from APD Officer R. A. DAVIS, which officers from the PD had been in the car and whether any prints were involved. It was pointed out elimination prints would probably be necessary.

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CONVERSATION BETWEEN ASAC KYLE CLARK, CHICAGO, AND SAC HITT:  
(9:00 A.M., 4/12/68)

HITT: Did they tell you they found two pieces of styrofoam-type packing material?

CLARK: Do they have dimensions of any impressions?

HITT: We sent all materials to Lab and they could give you further info re this. We found an automatic camera trip, an air release shutter in original package, bearing name "PRINZ", made in Japan. We also found pieces of Kleenex box with the name of two girls from Los Angeles and the address which turned out to be GALT's address in Los Angeles. This was his address as late as February. We have separated GALT from VERNON. They know where VERNON is in LA.

CLARK: About what he made up here...he had a return to him in a blue-type envelop. Did you find anymore correspondence?

HITT: Negative, car was clean.

CLARK: Were there any extra holes for possible radio transmittal other than commercial?

HITT: Negative. We're having it checked now to determine if radio in car actually commercial radio. We'll call you back on that.

CLARK: They had a fictitious call from Memphis about the Mustang and that is why we were in favor of it being a transmitter.

HITT: Do the police say they were making call over radio?

CLARK: They had two cars out but no action from them in that area. A fictitious call made possibly to throw them off. Call from Car "190" that a white Mustang and suspect seen going in some direction, in "such and such" a way. They had men around, but none made this particular call. We have a guy here who makes radios for unauthorized people, but we're waiting to contact him.

HITT: The Lab can give you further details and exact dimensions.



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CLARK: I'll give them about an hour and call up there (would be around 10:30 A.M.).

HITT: If radio a "dummy" we'll give you a call, if commercial, we won't call. The generator is determined to be normal. The two girls names and his residence in LA appear to be the most immediate and logical solution at this time.

CONVERSATION TERMINATED APPROX. 9:15 A.M., 4/12/68.

HITT: I talked to Superintendent CLINT CHAFIN, APD, at 9:20 A.M. this date. He said he wanted me to know that after he read the article in the newspaper that the case had been reported to the FBI Wednesday night and that it had been referred to the PD, he checked all PD records and can find no record showing that this Mustang was reported to the APD Wednesday. The first report of it to the PD came on Thursday when the two ministers came to the PD and reported the Mustang.

CHAFIN also explained that the reason the FBI was notified concerning the finding of the car by another Field Division rather than the APD was the fact that APD ran an NCIC check and received a "no record". Since this did not seem right, they ran a MVB check in Alabama and Alabama, on its own, ran an NCIC, which set forth the information about the FBI's interest in this car. CHAFIN said he went back and checked the APD's original message to NCIC and found a digit from the VIN was missing from the original record and that accounts for their getting a "no record" and their not immediately reporting it to the FBI, Atlanta.

I told CHAFIN that the FBI's position in this case was "no comment" to any matters, and I would appreciate his assistance in any way.

CONTINUATION OF ASSIGNMENTS AS OF 4/12/68

SA SULLIVAN, assisted by SA SPOON, to procure daily newspapers for 4/5 and 4/6; determine personal ads for sale of cars on both dates and thereafter, make personal contact

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with all persons advertising personal sales of cars to determine whether individual using name GALT, LOWMEYER or WILLARD contacted such persons re purchase of same.

At 11:30 A.M., this date, I (SAC, HITT) called J. COLE, SAC, San Antonio, and inquired as to what they found re Mustang entering into Mexico. He said car entered Mexico, 10/7/67 and person signed name as ERIC STARVO GALT, 2608 Highland, Birmingham, DOB [redacted] single, employed in Birmingham, Ala., destination, Mexico City. SA unable to locate departure information so far, but continuing investigation.

COLE added they had no information other than this and pointed out the "sketchiness" of Mexican records.

At 11:40 A.M., this date, I (ASAC KEITH) telephonically contacted BONEBRAKE of the Latent Fingerprint Section of the Identification Division, and requested that he compare the known prints of CHARLES BURNIE KAISER, FBI No. 10992D with the unidentified latents obtained by Memphis. BONEBRAKE stated he would advise us the results by airtel.

The Bureau telephonically contacted this office at 1:25 P.M., at which time JIM MALLEY spoke with Supv. KASSINGER as follows:

Bureau requested we make immediate check to determine whether [redacted] was a phone number of Mrs. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. Stated on confidential basis that Attorney General had received phone call requesting him to contact Mrs. KING at this phone number.

SA JIM ROSE advised that through SA SENTINELLA he had determined this number was the unlisted phone of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. MALLEY so advised.

At approximately 5:55 P.M., this date, BUD LINEBAUGH called from the Bureau and advised the Bureau had received a telegram from RAY MOORE, News Director, WSB, Atlanta, recommending that the Director instruct the SAC, Atlanta to permit news media to take photographs of the Mustang. Mr. HOOVER put "NO" on incoming. LINEBAUGH called RAY MOORE at WSB and found him to be away for the weekend. He then told me (SAC, HITT) acting in his place, that this would not be done.

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TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386)

FROM : SA ROBERT J. KOLEVAR

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CR

DATE: 4/12/68

The following investigation was conducted by  
SAs WILLIAM V. KENNEDY and ROBERT J. KOLEVAR on 4/12/68  
in an effort to locate the UNSUB in this case at motels  
which are located within a reasonable distance from  
Connally and Memorial, S. E., Atlanta.

The following individuals advised that they had  
no record of any of the names known to have been used by this  
UNSUB nor could they identify him from the description  
furnished as having registered at these locations from the  
immediate past back through 4/5/68:

MICHAEL BURKE, Manager, Mark Inn, 277 Moreland Avenue

LEE CLARK, General Manager, Travel Lodge Motel, 311  
Courtland Street, Atlanta

DONALD MC GOWAN, Assistant Manager, Albert Pick,  
1152 Spring Street, N. W.

WILLIAM H. MARTIN, General Manager, Parliament  
House Hotel, 70 Houston Street, N. E.

GENE CUNNINGHAM, Chief Operator, Marriott Motor  
Hotel, Cain and Courtland Streets

LUCILE GANES, Manager, Old South Motel, 331 Cleveland  
Avenue

LOUISE PAIT, Desk Clerk, Atlanta Terrace Motel, 406  
South Expressway, Hapeville

MRS. HELEN PITMAN, Day Clerk, Bellview Motel, 171  
Auburn Avenue, N. E.

MR. JIM FRISCIA, Innkeeper, Holiday Inn of Atlanta -  
downtown, 175 Piedmont Avenue, N. E.

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ART FESSENDEN, Manager, Mark Inn, 2750 Forrest  
Hill Drive, S. W.

H. T. EVERETT, Manager, Royal Hotel, 214 Auburn Avenue,  
N. E.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-2386)

DATE: 4/12/68

FROM : SA ROGER L. KAAS

SUBJECT: MURKIN

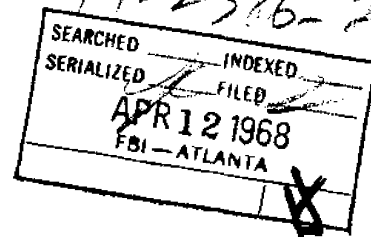
Mr. DON McKEE, AP, Birmingham, advised as follows:

He was a personal friend of Dr. KING and attended the services at Ebenezer Baptist Church. While there he was aware of the presence of an individual known to him as FLOYD "BUDDY" AYERS and has since determined AYERS has a criminal record and Klan associations.

McKEE said it was his intention to point up the lack of security surrounding the burial which allowed an individual such as AYERS to associate closely with the famous personages present so that he could have harmed any one of them had he so wishes.

McKEE stated he was fully aware that the FBI was in no way charged with the security of these people and he would make this clear in the article.

NOTE: SAC may wish to advise appropriate Treasury officials of McKEE's intent.



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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386)      DATE: 4/12/68

FROM : SA THOMAS J. BARRETT

SUBJECT: MURKIN

CHARLES STEPHENS, driver, United Cab Co., Car #5, telephonically advised that on 4/5/68, at approximately 8:40 A.M., he was flagged by a white male, 29 to 30 years of age, further description unknown, on Memorial Drive, between Frazier and Capital. STEPHENS stated he transported this individual to the Greyhound Bus Terminal in Atlanta. He stated he could not recollect any further information concerning this fare and was unable to recall whether this individual was carrying any luggage.

The writer will personally interview STEPHENS and display artist's conception.

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# Memorandum

TO : FILE (44- 2386)

DATE: 4/12/68

FROM : SAC FRANK V. HITT

SUBJECT: MURKIN

I instructed SA JIM ROSE to get four men and start checking motels, beginning in the area nearest where the car was abandoned to determine if subject might have registered in any motel in this area.

At 8:15 AM advised SA ROGER L. KAAS that at approximately 1:00 AM this date a lone white male checked into Room 516, Clermont Hotel with no luggage except small amount of shaving gear in plastic bag. Unsub appeared unusual to informant, immediately asking for a girl, seemed concerned about possible presence of police in hotel, did not smile or joke and at one point to prove to CI he had money pulled wad of bills from left stocking, counted off forty-nine \$100 bills, reached down into right stocking and pulled out another wad of similar size.

CI stalled unsub and did not during course of morning obtain girl for him. CI described unsub as white male, late 20's or early 30's, approximately 5' 10", medium build, brown hair, thin face, regional accent.

CI stated he avoided this individual the remainder of the morning due to his previous actions. It should be noted CI has associated with all types of individuals and it is unusual for him to have this feeling.

At 8:45 AM SAS JOHN E. OGDEN and BRIAN FRANCIS O'SHEA were dispatched to the Clermont Hotel with appropriate instructions.

At 8:55 AM Mr. JIM HENDRICKS, Security, Southern Bell, Tele. 529 8453, advised SA KAAS as follows:

An employee furnished him following information: An individual known as "BUDDY AYERS", a former mental patient and an individual who has expressed himself as "Anti-King" was observed on television seating dignitaries including Mrs. KENNEDY in the Ebenezer Baptist Church during funeral for KING and to remain in the church during the ceremony. HENDRICKS stated his employee did not personally

observe this but can furnish the identities of those who know AYERS and observed him. HENDRICKS stated he can be reached at 529 8453 should this office desire to contact him concerning AYERS.

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At 5:15 PM I informed Inspector SULLIVAN at Memphis of the information we received from Los Angeles concerning GALT's leaving a forwarding address in Los Angeles of General Delivery, Atlanta, and the fact that there were two pieces of mail in General Delivery for GALT. I told him we were checking out the locksmith ledger from New Jersey. I also told him we had a stakeout at General Delivery.

He informed me that he had just received word from Birmingham that as result of newspaper publicity Birmingham had determined that GALT took a four-week dancing lesson course in Birmingham, starting 9/12/67. The dance instructor recognized him as an individual the instructor had taught dancing in New Orleans in Oct. 1965. The dancing instructor thinks he has photographs, which he will review tonight and furnish the Birmingham Office.

We should consider checking dance studios in Atlanta based on the foregoing.



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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (P)

DATE: 4/12/68

FROM : SA JOHN E. OGDEN

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
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On 4/12/68 SA ROGER L. KAAS received information from AT 1577-C that an individual meeting the general description of the unknown subject was registered in Room 516 at the Clermont Hotel.

The writer and SA BRIAN F. O'SHEA proceeded to the Clermont Hotel and interviewed GLEN LOUDERMILK, JR., the desk clerk on duty. LOUDERMILK advised that the individual who had spent the night in Room 516 at this hotel checked out at 8:28 a.m. 4/12/68. He presented registration card [REDACTED] which reflects that D. J. MARTIN, Route 2, Lilburn, Georgia, checked in after 11:00 p.m. on the night of 4/11/68 or the early morning of 4/12/68 (exact time unknown) and checked out at 8:28 a.m., 4/12/68.

LOUDERMILK advised that he was on duty at the time this individual checked out and that the guest only stopped by the desk to see if his account was "straight." He described D. J. MARTIN as a white male, 32 - 33 years of age, 5' 9", 160 lbs., dark brown hair. He was in "casual" dress. He had a shirt with an open collar; however, the color of the shirt and other description of clothing could not be recalled. LOUDERMILK noted the individual paid for the room in advance and made a \$1 deposit for a key deposit which he did not claim at the time he checked out. He appeared to have no luggage but was carrying something under his arm which was possibly a suit or other article of clothing.

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Mrs. GLADYS ROGERS, Room Clerk, Clermont Hotel, advised she was on duty when the guest in Room 516 checked in. She recalled that he arrived around midnight and had no luggage. He paid for his room in advance and before going to his room told Mrs. ROGERS he was going out to get something to eat and would return shortly. Mrs. ROGERS said he came back about 45 minutes later and went to the room, after which he made several calls to the bellboy on duty (AT 1577-C). The bellboy told her that the man in Room 516 was trying to get him to send a girl to his room and had displayed a sum of money which he had concealed in his socks.

Mrs. ROGERS said that when she observed the guest in Room 516 he did not appear to be intoxicated and she described him as follows:

Race and Sex:	White; Male
Age:	30
Height:	5' 8"
Weight:	150 - 160
Hair:	Dark Brown
Accent:	Regional

Mrs. ROGERS said she was not sure but she seemed to recall he was wearing a suit when he checked into the hotel.

Neither Mrs. ROGERS nor Mr. LOUDERMILK observed "MARTIN" to have an automobile but noted that he could have had a car parked in the lot as no attempts were made to obtain the tag number of the guest.

Mrs. ROGERS recalled that Lt. MEDERT of the Atlanta Police Department works at the hotel as a security guard and was on duty during the evening when "MARTIN" checked in. She was unable to recall whether MEDERT had an opportunity to see the guest.

The artist's conception of unknown subject as prepared in the Birmingham Division was displayed to LOUDERMILK and ROGERS but neither were able to say that this photograph closely resembled MARTIN.

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SA BRIAN F. O'SHEA interviewed Mr. EARLY TERRELL, Room 105, Clermont Hotel, who advised he was in front of the hotel between 8:15 and 8:30 a.m., 4/12/68 at the time when MARTIN would have departed. TERRELL was unable to recall whether anyone from the hotel entered a car during this period and was unable to identify the artist's conception of the photograph of the unknown subject.

SA ROGER L. KAAS telephonically contacted the postmaster at Lilburn, Georgia, who advised they have a DENNIS MARTIN residing on this route and he will make inquiry of the postman who covers this route upon his return to the post office in an effort to establish whether this individual may also be known as D. J. MARTIN.

Room 516 of the Clermont Hotel was examined by SA'S O'SHEA and OGDEN. No items which would serve to identify the guest occupying this room were located. A claim check, number 1-845, for the Sans Souci Parking Lot was found in the waste basket of this room by SA O'SHEA. No time-in is stamped on the claim check. In view of the large number of cars handled in the lot of this type, further efforts to identify D. J. MARTIN at this location is of doubtful productivity.

Rural Carrier W. S. CARPENTER advised one DENNIS J. MARTIN now receives mail in the old box of ROBERT WILLIAMS, off 78 Highway, Lilburn, Georgia. CARPENTER stated he has never seen this individual who has been receiving mail there for approximately six months following the death of WILLIAMS.

WILLIAMS' house is located by turning right on first paved road off Highway 78 past WILLIAMS' car lot; continue to cross roads, again turn right, and it will be the first house on the left. CARPENTER added numerous individuals are now receiving mail at this box.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386)      DATE: 4/12/68

FROM : SUPV. EDWARD T. KASSINGER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Writer has made a complete review of all teletype communications available morning of 4/12/68. Teletypes reviewed have been marked with "X" in lower left-hand corner. The purpose of this review is to pinpoint exactly, 1) what we know in the way of descriptive data to date concerning ERIC STARVO GALT (or individual using that name), and 2) what we know concerning the whereabouts of this individual at specific times.

## DESCRIPTIVE DATA

Mrs. VERA BERNHARDT, 1539 North Serrano, Los Angeles, California, Manager of apartment house at 1535 North Serrano, saw GALT on several occasions while he was a tenant at that address. She described him as a white male, 28 - 33 years of age, 5' 9", thin face, high cheekbones, triangular-shaped face dark brown hair, medium build, "forlorn" appearance.

DALE DYKEMA, Receiver, with records concerning property at 1535 North Serrano, for which GALT paid cash rent November and December, 1967, described GALT as follows:


White, male, 35 - 40, 5' 10" - 6', 170 - 175 pounds, slight to medium build, brown brush cut hair, possibly blue eyes, prominent ears, southern accent, neat appearance.

SOURCE: LA tel, 4/12/68

Alabama Drivers License in name of ERIC GALT describes him as white male, born   5' 11", 175 pounds, blue eyes, brown hair.


Bureau tel, 4/10/68

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ERIC S. GALT, white male, DOB [REDACTED] 5' 11",  
175 pounds, blue eyes, brown hair, occupation barge or riverboat  
man, residence in Fall, 1967, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham.

ME tel, 4/10/68 (10:30 PM)

WHEREABOUTS

Dates

8/26/67

ERIC STARVO GALT rented room at  
2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham.

8/26 - 10/7/67

ERIC STARVO GALT, Room 14, Economy  
Boardinghouse, 2608 Highland Avenue,  
Birmingham, these dates

BH tels, 4/11/68 (8:34 P.M.  
and 8:39 P.M. respectively)

8/67 - 10/67

ERIC STARVO GALT, residing 2608  
Highland Avenue, South, Birmingham.

BH tel, 4/11/68 (8:36 P.M.)

10/67

Turista Sticker on window of  
Mustang abandoned Atlanta, 4/5/68,  
showed [REDACTED] with  
date 10/67.

AT tel, 4/12/68.

11 - 12/67

ERIC S. GALT, according to Mrs. VERA  
BERNHARDT, 1539 North Serrano,  
Los Angeles, manager of apartments  
located at 1535 North Serrano, and  
DALE DYKEMA, Los Angeles, resided at  
1535 North Serrano 11 - 12/67. Was  
not there when DYKEMA went to collect  
rent in Jan., 1968.

LA tel, 4/12/68.

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12/1/67

GALT departed Highland Avenue address, Birmingham, about 12/1/67, ostensibly for new job on barge or tugboat at Mobile.

ME tel, 4/10/68 (10:30 PM)

1/22/68

Letter postmarked 1/22/68, Los Angeles, from GALT to DYKEMA, signed ERIC S. GALT, and dated 1/21/68.

LA tel 4/12/68.

2/13/68

ALBERT BALLAN, Mechanic at H. Beckman Chevron Service, Los Angeles has service order dated 2/13/68 for work on Mustang, bearing Ala. license 1-38993, customer GALT, paid cash.

LA tel, 4/12/68.

2/22/68

BUD COOK, JR., Cort Fox Ford, Los Angeles, has work order, 2/22/68, in name of E. GALT, 1535 North SERRANO, Los Angeles, showing GALT paid cash for work on 1966 Mustang with Ala. license [REDACTED] 34289. Bill signed ERIC S. GALT.

LA tel, 4/12/68.

3/1/68

GALT reportedly obtained duplicate Ala. Drivers License, 3/1/68, claiming LA Drivers License expired in 1962.

ME tel, 4/10/68 (10:30 P.M.)

3/30/68

Weapon used in murder purchased 3/30/68, at Birmingham, Ala.

ME tel, 4/5/68 (3:55 P.M.)

AT 44-2386

4/3,4/68

Records, Rebel Motel, Highway 71, Memphis, reflect ERIC S. GALT arrived 7:15 P.M., 4/3/68, departed Noon, 4/4/68, driving white Mustang bearing Ala. license [REDACTED] (1968).

ME tel, 4/10/68 (10:30 P.M.)

4/4/68

GALT checked into motel (name not given), Memphis, on 4/4/68.

BU TEL, 4/10/68

4/4/68

"At present, known subject did use name of JOHN WILLARD while at residence in roominghouse Memphis".

ME tel, 4/6/68 (4:24 P.M.)

"Other names of significance include HARVEY LOWMEYER, name used when subject purchased weapon believed used in instant murder."

ME tel, 4/6/68 (4:24 P.M.)

4/5/68

Individual (GALT?) abandoned Mustang at approximately 8:30 A.M., Atlanta. Mustang VIN [REDACTED], had both Ala. tag 1967 [REDACTED] and Ala. 1968 [REDACTED] Mileage 39,100, registered to ERIC STARVO GALT; abandoned Capitol Homes Housing Project, Atlanta, Ga. Witness described individual abandoning car as white male (age not noted), 5' 11", 165 pounds, neatly dressed, suit (blue?), left area after locking car, walked through project towards Memorial Drive, carrying small book or similar item.

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No luggage; no hat; no glasses.

AT Tel, 4/12/68

Date not given

Subject claimed employment with  
Ingall's Shipyard, Pascagoula,  
Miss. (no record this employment)

ME tel, 4/10/68 (10:30 P.M.)

Date not given

"Rifle abandoned at scene of  
crime purchased by individual  
using name HARRY LOWMEYER, or  
LOWMYER, described as white male,  
36, 5' 8", black or dark brown  
hair."

BU tel, 4/8/68 (8:10 P.M.)

It is suggested that a review be made of any additional  
memoranda or other communications not available to this writer  
at time of instant summary with view toward establishing  
further descriptive data and whereabouts.

As indicated above, there is a lack of information  
in this regard.



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ADDENDUM

DESCRIPTIVE DATA

Data obtained from Alabama Drivers License issued to GALT and from information furnished by persons who knew him in Birmingham is as follows:

Sex	Male
Race	White
DOB	
Height	5' 11"
Weight	175 pounds
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Brown
Complexion	Fair
Appearance	Neat; clean-cut; neat dresser; Western of Texas accent; definitely not northern, eastern or Virginian
Peculiarities	Very shy and quiet and often observed wearing business suit, shift and tie.
Marital Status	GALT has indicated he is divorced.

WHEREABOUTS

Dates

4/3/68	ERIC S. GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, registered at Rebel Motel, 3466 Lamar Avenue, Memphis on this date. Departed next day. Memphis attention directed to GALT, 36 year old, white male, as result of motel check when Memphis determined registration reflected GALT driving Mustang auto, having Ala. tag [REDACTED]
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Serial 110

AT 44-2386

9/1 - 12/1/67

PETER CHERPES, owner, boardinghouse, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, advised ERIC GALT tenant from 9/1 - 12/1/67. No registration card. CHERPES claimed GALT previously employed Ingall's Boat Works, Pascagoula, Miss. Unemployed and on "vacation" in Birmingham. Departed Birmingham claiming he was going to Mobile to work on a boat.

Serial 110

9/67 - 12/67

GALT had safety deposit box Birmingham Trust National Bank. Answered payment for box rental by stating he was moving to Los Angeles. Letter to bank postmarked Baton Rouge.

Serial 110

11 - 1/18/68

GALT occupied Apartment 6, 1535 Serrano, Los Angeles, during part of 11 - 1/18/68, and skipped.

Serial 118, Pg. 2

2/22/68

GALT still in Los Angeles area with white Mustang.

Serial 118, Pg. 2

8/29, 30/68

GALT answered newspaper ad, purchasing 1966 white Mustang, hardtop, red interior. Purchased from WILLIAM D. PAISLEY at 70140 8th St., Birmingham, Ala. GALT came to PAISLEY's residence 8/29 in taxi. He declined to drive Mustang, stating he had no Ala. drivers license. He did claim to have one from Louisiana, however, GALT met PAISLEY 8/30/67 at 1st National Bank, Birmingham, where GALT paid \$1995 in cash, mostly in \$20 and \$100 bills. GALT claimed to PAISLEY he worked on barge out of St. Louis.

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Claimed worked 20 days; off 10 .  
Claimed married, alleged wife living  
"now" in Rocky Ridge area south of  
Homewood, Ala. PAISLEY recalls  
GALT making statement divorced and  
GALT's wife lived on Rocky or Dolly  
Ridge Road "over the mountain",  
referring to area south of Homewood,  
Ala.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-2386)

DATE: 4/12/68

FROM : SA O. RICHARD HAMILTON

SUBJECT: MURKIN

LOU CRESCIOLI, duty agent, WFO called at 10:30pm and advised two packages are coming to Atlanta on Piedmont Airline Flt. 823 arriving Atlanta 3:15am 4/13/68. One package is for Atlanta and the other is for Birmingham. He requested I make arrangement for transmittal of Birmingham's package.

I made arrangements for Birmingham package to be given to the captain on EAL Flt. 635, leaving Atlanta 3:59am 4/13/68. SA MICHEL was instructed to get the packages from Capt. HENRY A. SCHULZE, Piedmont flt. 823 and to deliver the Birmingham package to Mr. LONDSDALE, Customer Service Supervisor, EAL. *bring our package in.*

I advised the SPC, Birmingham that the package will arrive Birmingham 3:31 CST and he stated he will notify the SAC who will have someone pick it up from the captain.

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FBI TAMPA

10:05PM URGENT 4/10/68 MJR

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), ATLANTA (44-2386), BIRMINGHAM, COLUMBIA,  
JACKSON, JACKSONVILLE, MEMPHIS MIAMI, MOBILE, AND SAVANNAH  
FROM TAMPA (157-3231)

MURKIN. CR. OO:MEMPHIS

RE ATLANTA TEL APRIL TEN INSTANT AND TAMPA TEL APRIL TEN  
INSTANT.

TODAY, RICHARD BRISTOW, TEXTILE MARKING MACHINE CO.,  
GAINESVILLE, FLA., ADVISED HE SELLS AND SERVICES THERMOSEAL  
MARKING MACHINES IN SOUTH CAROLINA, ALABAMA, GEORGIA, FLORIDA,  
AND MISSISSIPPI AS FAR NORTH AS JACKSON. BRISTOW, FROM MEMORY  
FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING LIST OF LAUNDRIES AND CLEANERS WHICH  
USES THE THERMOSEAL MACHINES IN HIS TERRITORY:

ATLANTA DIVISION:

ATLANTA, MCFARLAND BROS., FOUR PLANTS; GAINESVILLE,  
GAINESVILLE STEAM LAUNDRY; MACON, BLOOM'S LAUNDRY. →

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Lynch had set out  
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COLUMBIA DIVISION:

PARRIS ISLAND, BASE LAUNDRY; COLUMBIA, DELUX LAUNDRY;  
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CHARLESTON, NAVEI EXCHANGE LAUNDRY.

BIRMINGHAM DIVISION:

BIRMINGHAM, ALLADIN CLEANERS AND LAUNDRY; HUNTSVILLE, BOB'S CLEANER'S AND LAUNDRY; HUNTSVILLE, PRATT'S CLEANERS AND LAUNDRY; FLORENCE, ONE HOUR MARTINIZING; TUSCALOOSA, NORTHERNTON LAUNDRY.

JACKSON DIVISION:

BILOXI, BASE LAUNDRY.

JACKSONVILLE DIVISION:

JACKSONVILLE, DUVAL LAUNDRY; JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA CLEANERS AND LAUNDRY; JACKSONVILLE LAKE FOREST LAUNDRY; JACKSONVILLE, NEW YORK LAUNDRY; JACKSONVILLE, NAVAL EXCHANGE LAUNDRY; TALAHASSEE, FSU LAUNDRY; PENSACOLA, NAVAL EXCHANGE LAUNDRY; LAKE CITY, LAKE CITY LAUNDRY; QUINCY, SUNSHINE LAUNDRY; GAINESVILLE, IDEAL LAUNDRY; GAINESVILLE, CLEAN-A-MATIC; GAINESVILLE, NEW WAY LAUNDRY.

MIAMI DIVISION:

MIAMI, METROPOLITAN LAUNDRY; MIAMI, CAUSEWAY LAUNDRY; MIAMI, STAR CLEANERS; MIAMI, PARISIAN CLEANERS; MIAMI, CROWN CLEANERS AND LAUNDRY; MIAMI, AMERICAN HOME LAUNDRY; PARINE, PARINE CLEANERS AND LAUNDRY; FT. LAUDERDALE, COLONY CLEANERS; FT. LAUDERDALE, IMPERIAL CLEANERS AND TAILORS;  
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FT. LAUDERDALE, FT. LAUDERDALE CLEANERS AND LAUNDRY;  
FT. LAUDERDALE, BOND CLEANERS; FT. LAUDERDALE, MCEWEN'S  
HELPY-SELFY; FT. LAUDERDALE, HAYWORTH'S LAUNDRY; FT.  
LAUDERDALE, PARIS CLEANERS AND LAUNDRY; BOCA RATON, BOCA  
RATON CLEANERS AND LAUNDRY; DEL RAY BEACH, DEL RAY BEACH  
LAUNDRY; FT. PIERCE, RICE BROS. LAUNDRY;

MOBILE DIVISION:

ALEXANDER CITY, ALEXANDER CITY LAUNDRY; MOBILE, CHINA  
LAUNDRY; MONTGOMERY, MAXWELL AFB LAUNDRY.

SAVANNAH DIVISION:

THOMSON, THOMSON HOME LAUNDRY; AUGUSTA, SUPERIOR LAUNDRY;  
AUGUSTA, SNOW'S LAUNDRY; AUGUSTA, TAYLOR HULSE'S; DOUGLAS,  
SOUTHERN LAUNDRY; BRUNSWICK, BRUNSWICK STEAM LAUNDRY;  
SAVANNAH, WINK DAVIS LAUNDRY.

RECIPIENT OFFICES NOTE BRISTOW HAS CONSIDERABLE  
KNOWLEDGE CONCERNING MARKING SYSTEMS OF THE THERMOSEAL  
MACHINE. HE ADVISED THAT NONE OF THE ABOVE LISTED LAUNDRIES  
USE A ZERO AS THE FIRST CHARACTER AND ONLY MCFARLAND BROS.,  
ATLANTA USE A LETTER RATHER THAN NUMBER AS THE FIRST CHARACTER.

RECIPIENT OFFICES HANDLE FIRMS LISTED.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386)

DATE: 4-10-68

FROM : SA JOSEPH G. SHEA

SUBJECT: MURKIN CR.  
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Rebutel to all Continental Offices 4-8-68.

The following were checked on this date for any identifiable information concerning HARVEY LOWMEYER, HARVEY LOWMYER and variations of those names:

Credit Bureau of Marietta, Inc., Marietta, Ga.  
Marietta PD, Marietta, Ga.  
Cobb County Sheriff's Office, Marietta, Ga.  
Cobb County Voter Registration Office, Marietta, Ga.  
Registry of Motor Vehicles, Marietta, Ga.  
City Directory - Marietta, Smyrna, Austell and Mableton, Ga.  
Telephone Directory

Credit Bureau of Canton, Ga.  
Cherokee County Sheriff's Office, Canton, Ga.  
Registry of Motor Vehicles, Canton, Ga.  
Cherokee County Voter Registration, Canton, Ga.  
City Directory of Canton and Woodstock, Ga.  
Telephone Directory.

South Cobb Credit Bureau, Austell, Ga.  
Austell PD, Austell, Ga.  
Douglas County Sheriff's Office, Douglasville, Ga.  
Douglasville, Ga. PD  
Voter Registration of Douglas County, Douglasville, Ga.  
Registry of Motor Vehicles, Douglas County, Ga.  
City Directory of Douglas County, Ga.  
Telephone Directory of Douglasville, Ga.

A check of the above listed police departments failed to identify any persons known as bombing suspects.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), ALBANY (44-493), ATLANTA (44-2386)

AND MEMPHIS

FROM TAMPA (157-3231) 2P

MURKIN. CR. OO:MEMPHIS

RE ATLANTA TEL INSTANT.

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MARKING MACHINES IN SOUTH CAROLINA, ALABAMA, GEORGIA, FLORIDA,  
AND MISSISSIPPI AS FAR NORTH AS JACKSON. AFTER BEING EXPLAINED  
THE ARRANGEMENT OF THE LAUNDRY MARKINGS ON QUESTIONED TAPE, HE  
SUGGESTED THAT CODE MAY NOT BE ZERO TWO B DASH SIX BUT  
LETTER O OR D FOLLOWED BY TWO B DASH SIX. ACCORDING TO BRISTOW,  
ONLY LAUNDRIES RUN BY MCFARLAND BROS., SUBURBAN ATLANTA AND  
SANDY SPRINGS, GEORGIA, USE CODE BEGINING WITH LETTERS.  
HE SUGGESTED FOR INFO RE EXACT ADDRESS OF THE FOUR MCFARLAND  
LAUNDRIES CONTACT WINK DAVIS CO., ATLANTA. HE FURTHER NOTED  
THAT NONE OF THE LAUNDRIES HIS TERRITORY USE A ZERO  
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AS THE FIRST NUMBER IN THE CODE BUT USE FIGURES ONE THRU NINETY NINE. HE ALSO NOTED THAT LAUNDRIES ON WEST COAST OF US UTILIZE CODES HAVING TWO DIGITS, THE FIRST DIGIT MAY BE A ZERO.

BRISTOW ALSO FURNISHED FROM MEMORY A LIST OF LAUNDRIES IN HIS TERRITORY WHICH USE THE THERMOSEAL MARKING MACHINE. THIS LIST IS BEING SET OUT BY SEPARATE TELETYPE.

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TO ATLANTA (44-2386)  
FROM SAVANNAH (44-1768) 1P

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MURKIN, OO: MEMPHIS.

RE TAMPA TELETYPE FOUR TEN LAST.

INVESTIGATION SAVANNAH FOUR ELEVEN INSTANT REVEALED WINK DAVIS  
LAUNDRY LISTED IN RETEL IN SAVANNAH LEAD, LOCATED IN ATLANTA AS  
WINK DAVIS EQUIPMENT CO. ATLANTA HANDLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH RETEL.

AIRMAIL COPIES TAMPA AND MEMPHIS.

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TO: DIRECTOR AND (30) SAC RECEIVING ALBANY AIRTEL APRIL TEN LAST.  
FROM ALBANY:

MURKIN, CR.

RE ALBANY AIRTEL APRIL TEN LAST.

IT IS SUGGESTED IN COVERING LEADS REAIRTEL THAT PERSONAL  
CONTACTS BE MADE WITH OPERATOR OF MACHINES IN PREFERENCE TO  
SUPERVISORY PERSONNEL AS TEXTILE MARKING MACHINE CO., SYRACUSE,  
NY, NOW SUGGESTS THAT ZERO IN FIRST CHARACTER MAY HAVE BEEN  
INSERTED BY MACHINE OPERATOR IN PREFERENCE TO USING A DASH.

IF OTHER CHARACTERS SIMILAR TO QUESTIONED CODE, SUGGEST  
IMMEDIATE SUBMISSION TO BUREAU LAB FOR COMPARISON.

ALL OFFICES BEING ADVISED BY ALBANY.

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TO ATLANTA

FROM MEMPHIS 44-1987 1 P

MURKIN; CIVIL RIGHTS.

INVESTIGATION AT MEMPHIS REVEALS THAT LARRY KEITH,  
BOX THREE FOUR ONE, BOSTON, GEORGIA, EMPLOYER, MISSISSIPPI  
VALLEY BARGE LINES, REGISTERED AT LINDEN LODGE, ONE SEVEN  
SIX LINDEN, MEMPHIS, ON APRIL THREE, LAST, AND LEFT ON  
APRIL SEVEN, LAST, WITHOUT PAYING HIS BILL. KEITH IS  
DESCRIBED AS SIX FEET TALL, LIGHT BROWN CURLY HAIR, WORN  
LONG, AND WITH A MUSTACHE.

AT BOSTON, GEORGIA, DETERMINE ANY CONNECTION KEITH  
MAY HAVE WITH ASSASSINATION OF DR. KING.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386)

DATE: 4/11/68

FROM : SA RICHARD E. FUGATT

SUBJECT: MURKIN

ReBuTel to all Continental offices 4/8/68.

The following were contacted on 4/10/68 and all advised after a review of their respective files that they had no listing for a HARVEY LOWMEYER or LOWMYER:

Mt Ringgold, Georgia: (Catoosa County)

Mrs. LOUISE GREENE, Catoosa County Assessor's Office, (Auto, Voter, and Property owners registration lists) (It was noted that the Auto registration list was for 1967 as the 1968 list had not been completed)  
Mrs. MARTHA McCLANAHAN, North Georgia Electric  
RAY BEAVER, Deputy, Catoosa County Sheriff's Office;  
COP JIM ALTON, Ringgold PD;

At Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia: (Catoosa County)

Water and Tax Rolls, City Hall, LINDA KECK;  
North Georgia Electric, Lafayette Avenue;

AT Rossville, Georgia: (Walker County)

LOYCE LURCH, City Clerk's Office;  
COP DOYLE HICKS, Rossville PD.

An examination of the Chattanooga City Directory, Chattanooga, Tenn. (which covers the above listed areas) failed to indicate a listing for LOWMEYER or LOWMYER.

It should also be noted that the credit bureau in Chattanooga, Tenn. covers the above listed areas. The Water Company is also covered by Chattanooga, Tenn. These items will be covered by the Knoxville Division.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386)

DATE: 4/11/68

FROM : SA RICHARD E. FUGATT

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 4/11/68, the following were contacted and advised that their respective files were negative reference any record on ERIC STARVO GALT:

At Ringgold, Georgia (Catoosa County):

COP JIM ALTON, Rossville PD;  
RAY BEAVER, Catoosa County Sheriff's Office;

At Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia:

COP RUBEN SATTERFIELD, Ft. Oglethorpe PD;

At Rossville, Georgia (Walker County):

COP DOYLE HICKS, Rossville PD;

At LaFayette, Georgia (Walker County):

Sheriff RALPH JONES, Walker County SO;  
COP ERNEST MORRIS, LaFayette PD;  
BANA COLE, LaFayette Credit Bureau;

An examination of the Directory and Telephone book for LaFayette failed to indicate a listing for ERICK STARVO GALT.

An examination of the Directory and telephone book for Chattanooga, Tenn. failed to indicate a listing for ERIC STARVO GALT. (It should be noted that these items, as well as the credit Bureau are out of Chattanooga, Tenn. and cover the ~~Rix~~ above listed areas) Credit checks will be conducted by the Knoxville Division at Chattanooga in connection with their leads.



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# Memorandum

TO : SAC , ( 44-2386 )

DATE: 4/11/68

FROM : SA THOMAS R. HENRY

SUBJECT: MURKIN

References Butel to all continental offices 4/8/68

The following individuals were contacted in Whitfield County Georgia 4/10/68 and all advised after a review of their records that they had no listing for a LOWMEYER or LOWMYER:

Jessie May Pedigo, Clerk, LDB 159, Federal Bldg. School St. Dalton, Ga.  
Mary Fair, Manager, Credit Bureau of Dalton, Franklin Life Bldg. Dalton, Ga.  
COP Louie Vining, Dalton PD City Hall Dalton, Ga.  
Sheriff G. T. Mauldin, Whitfield County S. O. Dalton, Ga.  
Virginia Hackney, Registered Voters Office, Whitfield Co., Ga.  
Dual Boarderick, Clerk, Superior Court of Whitfield County  
Margaret Herrin, Family & Children Services, Whitfield County, Ga.  
Maxine Brown, Whitfield County Health Department  
Carolyn McCurry, Dalton City Utilities  
Grady McDaniels, North Georgia Electric Membership Corp. ( TVA )

In addition a check of the local Dalton Telephone and City Directories was made by the writer, with negative results, re LOWMEYER or LOWMYER.



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# Memorandum

TO : SAC

DATE: 4-11-68

FROM : SA ROBERT W. THOMSON (44-2386)(P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
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OO: Memphis

Re tel to all offices 4-8-68

The following investigation was conducted on 4-10-68

SA Russell R. Megrue ascertained from a check of city directories, criminal and credit check, and voter registration of the following counties, that all were negative regarding surname LOWMEYER or LOWMYER;

Harris County  
Taylor County  
Talbot County  
Chattahoochee County

SA Lawrence L. Lynch ascertained from a check of the following counties that they were negative as above:

Marion County  
Webster County  
Stewart

A check of current city director, and Voter Registration for Columbus Ga and Muscogee County were negative re surname LOWMEYER or LOWMYER. In addition credit and criminal at Columbus Ga PD and Merchants Retail Credit Bureau were negative. Post Locator, Ft Benning Ga advised that there is no one now assigned Ft Benning Ga or has been assigned within the past year with the above surname.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-2386)

DATE: 4/11/68

FROM : SA JOHN H. BRANDT

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On the dates listed, the following voting registrars were contacted re the surname LOWMEYER or LOWMYER being on the county voting lists and through these individuals the county tax records were also reviewed for said name. In each case no such name as LOWMEYER or LOWMYER was located.

4/10/68, JAMES ANDREWS, Lamar County  
" , WALTER THARPE, Peach County  
" , ROSE IVEY, Monroe County  
" , HIRAM SEAGLER, Crawford Co.  
4/11/68, MARY HEARN, Butts Co.  
" , J.L. THOMESON, Jasper Co.  
" , KAY BLACKWELL, Upson Co.  
" , WILLIAM FAULK, Twiggs Co.

Also on 4/10/68, the following county seats, with regard to the name LOWMEYER or LOWMYER being listed in their respective telephone directories, were contacted with negative results:

Barnesville, Ga., Lamar Co.  
Thomaston, Ga., Upson Co.  
Forsyth, Ga., Monroe Co.  
Jackson, Ga., Butts Co.  
Roberta, Ga., Crawford Co.  
Monticello, Ga., Jasper Co.  
Jeffersonville, Ga., Twiggs Co.  
Fort Valley, Ga., Peach Co.

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