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INFORMANT DOES NOT KNOW SIGNIFANCE OF THIS REMARK.

SECOND TIME INFORMANT MET ERIC WAS AT MANHATTAN CLUB AT APPROXIMATELY THREE A.M., A COUPLE OF DAYS BEFORE THE BIG SNOW THAT OCCURRED IN MEMPHIS ON MARCH TWENTY TWO, LAST. LAST TIME SHE SAW ERIC WAS BETWEEN THREE THIRTY AND FIVE A.M., ON MARCH TWENTY EIGHT, LAST, AT CHENNAULT'S RESTAURANT. ERIC LEFT RESTAURANT APPROXIMATELY FIVE A.M., STATING HE HAD TO GO SEE "DUKE" AND INDICATED HE MAY RETURN TO RESTAURANT AFTER SEEING "DUKE". DUKE IS UNKNOWN TO INFORMANT.

SHE NEVER HEARD ERIC MENTION NAME OF "JIM RUBINO" NOR DID ERIC EVER GIVE ANY REASON FOR BEING IN MEMPHIS. SHE HAS NEVER OBSERVED ERIC IN ANY AUTOMOBILE NOR HAS SHE EVER HEARD ANYONE SAY THAT HE DRIVES ANY AUTOMOBILE. ERIC NEVER MENTIONED ANY TYPE OF TRAVEL TO HER HOWEVER DID VOLUNTEER THAT HE RESIDED IN SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, FOR A BRIEF PERIOD OF TIME AND HAD FRIENDS WHO LIVED IN A COMMUNITY THAT BEARS LAST NAME "BEACH" NEAR LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.

THE INFORMATION SHE FURNISHED POLICE DEPARTMENT CONCERNING
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A POSSIBLE CONNECTION BETWEEN ERIC, KNOWN BURGLARS, A FARM HIDEOUT FOR BURGLARS IN ALABAMA AND TRIPS TO MEXICO WAS MERELY SPECULATION ON HER PART. INFORMANT CLAIMS THAT ON ALL OCCASIONS WHERE SHE HAS OBSERVED ERIC HE ALWAYS APPEARS TO BE WITH A LARGE NUMBER OF PEOPLE HOWEVER OTHER THAN FORBES, PIKE, AND A PROSTITUTE DRUG ADDICT BY THE NAME OF WANDA WILKES SHE HAS BEEN UNABLE TO IDENTIFY ANY OTHER PERSONS IN GROUP.

IT IS NOTED THAT EFFORTS TO LOCATE WILKES HAVE BEEN NEGATIVE AND THAT BOTH FORBES AND PIKE HAVE BEEN NEGATIVE AND THAT BOTH FORBES AND PIKE HAVE DENIED KNOWLEDGE OF THE EXISTENCE OF ERIC.

THE INFORMANT IS EXPECTED TO BE SENTENCED AFTER HER CONVICTION FOR A STATE CRIME IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE AND APPEARS AS THOUGH SHE IS ATTEMPTING TO BE OVERLY HELPFUL TO CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE MEMPHIS POLICE DEPARTMENT.

CONTINUED CONTACTS WITH INDIVIDUALS WHO FREQUENT PSYCHO LOUNGE, MANHATTAN CLUB AND CHENNAULT'S RESTAURANT HAVE FAILED TO IDENTIFY ERIC HOWEVER THESE EFFORTS ARE CONTINUING.

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A PHOTOGRAPH OF ERIC STARVO GALT WILL BE SHOWN TO THIS INFORMANT TOMORROW.

GERALD HOWELL, ROOM TEN, AND JAMES LEWIS, ROOM ELEVEN, LORRAINE HOTEL-MOTEL, FOUR ZERO SIX MULBERRY AVENUE, MEMPHIS ADVISED THEY WERE REGISTERED INTO HOTEL APRIL THREE AND FOUR LAST, BUT WERE NOT NEAR HOTEL AT TIME OF SHOT, AND COULD FURNISH NO INFORMATION REGARDING ASSASSINATION OF DR. KING. A & D. P.

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10:25 PM URGENT 4/17/68 LBN

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, LOS ANGELES, BIRMINGHAM AND SACRAMENTO
FROM ATLANTA (44-2386) (P)

MURKIN

RE: EXAMINATION OF TIRES OF NINETEEN SIXTYSIX MUSTANG
ABANDONED BY GALT IN ATLANTA, APRIL FIVE LAST.

IN CONNECTION WITH THIS PHASE OF INVESTIGATION, WHEELS
AND TIRES REMOVED FROM CAR AND TAKEN TO RETREAD OR RECAPPING
EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURERS FOR EXAMINATION.

MR. THAD PERDUE, LE MASTER RETREAD EQUIPMENT CO.,
ATLANTA, GA., ADVISED THAT THE LEFT FRONT TIRE IS DESIGN
W T/ SEVEN SEVEN ONE DASH X, WIDE TRACK AND RETREAD MANUFACTURED
BY THE SUPER MOLD COPR., LODI, CALIFORNIA. HE NOTED THE
NUMBER SIX ZERO ONE APPEARS ON THE RECAP PORTION OF THE
TIRE AND STATED THE MANUFACTURER SHOULD BE ABLE TO IDENTIFY
THE CURRENT LOCATION OF RECAP MACHINERY WITH THIS NUMBER.

HE SUGGESTED THAT THE TREAD ON THE TWO REAR TIRES WAS
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POSSIBLY MADE BY MOLD MANUFACTURED BY THE LOS ANGELES MATRIX COMPANY, LOS ANGELES, CALIF., OR THE ACE MOLD COMPANY, EL MONTE, CALIFORNIA. APPEARING ON THE RECAP PORTION OF THE TWO REAR TIRES IN SMALL LETTERS IS RGT. PERDUE OBSERVED THE WEATHER WORN CONDITION OF CASINGS IN THE FORM OF SMALL CRACKING AND STATED HIS EXPERIENCE IN CALIFORNIA LEADS HIM TO BELIEVE TIRES POSSIBLY HAD BEEN IN CALIFORNIA AND CRACKING DUE TO OZONE IN ATMOSPHERE, AS THIS IS A COMMON CONDITION IN THAT AREA. PERDUE ACQUAINTED WITH TIRE RECAP BUSINESS IN SOUTHEASTERN STATES AND STATED BOTH TREADS ARE FOREIGN TO THIS AREA OF THE U.S., WHICH IS FURTHER SUBSTANTIATED BY OTHER INVESTIGATION IN THE ATLANTA AREA. WEAR ON EACH TIRE DIFFICULT TO ESTIMATE INASMUCH AS ORIGINAL THREAD UNKNOWN, BUT ESTIMATED TO EXCEED FIVE THOUSAND MILES ON EACH TIRE.

SACRAMENTO AT LODI, CALIFORNIA, WILL CONTACT SUPER MOLD CORP. AND DETERMINE IDENTITY OF TIRE RETREAD COMPANY WHICH HAS"
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MOLD NUMBER SIX ZERO ONE FOR RETREAD DESIGN W T/ SEVEN SEVEN ONE.

LOS ANGELES AT LOS ANGELES, WILL CONTACT LOS ANGELES MATRIX CO. AND LOS ANGELES AT EL MONTE, CALIF. WILL CONTACT ACE MOLD CO. TO DETERMINE IF THEY CAN FURNISH NAME OF COMPANY WHO HAS RETREAD MOLD THAT MADE TREAD APPEARING ON TWO REAR TIRES ON MUSTANG.

INKED IMPRESSIONS OF TIRE TREADS AND PHOTOS WILL BE FURNISHED BY AIRTEL.

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1140PM URGENT 4/17/68 BCD

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), ATLANTA (44-2386), BIRMINGHAM (44-4174),
CHICAGO, HOUSTON, MEMPHIS (44-1978), MIAMI, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673).
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574) 3P

MURKIN

RE LA TEL TO BUREAU, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM AND NEW ORLEANS
APRIL TWELVE LAST. BIRMINGHAM TEL TO NEW ORLEANS AND LA THIS
DATE.

RE INVESTIGATION CONTINENTAL DANCE STUDIOS:

SECOND RETEL REQUESTS REINTERVIEW LOUELLA LUTZ FOR
INFORMATION ABOUT DANCE INSTRUCTORS AT CONTINENTAL STUDIOS,
NEW ORLEANS, DURING NINETEEN SIXTY FOUR. MARLIN MYERS, CO-OWNER
WITH LUTZ OF NEW ORLEANS STUDIOS AND OWNER, CONTINENTAL DANCE
STUDIOS, BIRMINGHAM, SAID IS POSITIVE ERIC GALT TOOK DANCE
LESSONS CONTINENTAL DANCE STUDIOS, NEW ORLEANS, NINETEEN SIXTY
FOUR UNDER NAME ERIC S. GALT.

LUTZ REINTERVIEWED THIS DATE. ADVISED MARCUS FELLOS, LISTED
FIRST RETEL BY MYERS AS DANCE INSTRUCTOR NINETEEN SIXTY FOUR
CONTINENTAL STUDIOS, NEW ORLEANS, CAN BE LOCATED THROUGH BROTHER
(NAME UNKNOWN) AT MACOMBO CLUB, NEW ORLEANS.

BELOW LISTED WERE INSTRUCTORS WHO WORKED AT STUDIO IN
NINETEEN SIXTY FOUR. LIST COMPLIED FROM LUTZ' RECORDS AND MEMORY:
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CHARLES HARTZELL, AKA CHARLEY HARTZELL, LEFT NEW ORLEANS, AUGUST SIXTY FIVE AND WENT TO FRED ASTAIRE DANCE STUDIOS, CHICAGO.

WAS THERE OCTOBER SIXTY FIVE; ARTHUR D. WOLFSON, MANAGED FRED ASTAIRE STUDIOS, CHICAGO. DECEMBER SIXTY FIVE SAID WOULD OPEN HEALTH STUDIO CHICAGO.

WILLIAM LAMPHERE, ADDRESS MIAMI, FLORIDA; JACQUELINE COURVILLE CUTOLO, SIX ONE ZERO SOUTHWEST FOURTEENTH AVENUE, MIAMI; HARRY A. DUNN, FROM MIAMI, FLORIDA, PRESENT ADDRESS UNKNOWN; HOWARD O. OWENS, HOUSTON TEXAS.

BERNICE "BUDDY" CONSTONTINE, CAN BE LOCATED THROUGH PARENTS AT RAYNE, LOUISIANA, FATHER BERNICE CONSTONTINE; YVONNE BENOIT, NATIVE NEW ORLEANS SINCE MARRIED. NO MARRIED NAME AVAILABLE; JOAN MOORE, FATHER VW DEALER, LAFAYETTE, LOUISIANA; CORBETT DUHON OPENED COCKTAIL LOUNGE, MAGAZINE STREET, FRENCH QUARTER, NEW ORLEANS; RAY E. FARRIS, NEW ORLEANS; SAMUEL COLON, NEW ORLEANS; EVA BORDS, ARTHUR MURRAY STUDIOS, NEW ORLEANS; CHARLES L. MILLER, WORKS LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY, BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA; SANDRA LOVIN, NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA.

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ADDRESS UNKNOWN FOR BELOW LISTED:

ROBERT STRICKLAND, JO ANN NICHOLS, JACQUELINE BOND, ANITA BOUCHARD, ROSE KATHLEEN CAVANAUGH.

LEADS: ALL OFFICES IF INSTRUCTOR LOCATED ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE ADDRESSES OF OTHER INSTRUCTORS LISTED.

ALL OFFICES INTERVIEW INSTRUCTORS TO DETERMINE IF HAD ANY KNOWLEDGE OF ERIC S. GALT. NOTE MYERS POSITIVE GALT TOOK LESSONS CONTINENTAL SUTDIOS, NEW ORLEANS, NINETEEN SIXTY FOUR.

CHICAGO LOCATE CHARLES HARTZELL, ARTHUR D. WOLFSON.

HOUSTON LOCATE HOWARD O. OWENS.

MIAMI LOCATE WILLIAM LAMPHERE, JACQUELINE CUTOLO, HARRY A. DUNN.

AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA LOCATE MARCUS FELOS' BROTHER AND SET LEAD TO INTERVIEW FELOS. LOCATE CORBETT DUHON, RAY E. FARRIS, SAMUEL CALON, EVA BOROS, SANDRA LOVIN.

NEW ORLEANS AT BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA: LOCATE CHARLES L. MILLER.

AT RAYNE, LOUISIANA: LOCATE BERNICE CONSTONTINE THROUGH FATHER.

AT LAFAYETTE, LOUISIANA: LOCATE JOAN MOORE THROUGH FATHER
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TO DIRECTOR 44-38861 ATLANTA 44-2386 BIRMINGHAM 44-4174
MEMPHIS 44-1987
FROM LOS ANGELES 44-1574

MURKIN

RE LATEL TO BUREAU, ETAL APRIL SIXTEEN LAST; BUTEL TO
MEMPHIS ETAL APRIL SIXTEEN LAST; AND ALBANY TEL TO BUREAU ETAL
APRIL SIXTEEN LAST.

RE RELATIVES OF MRS. ROGER MAC ARTHUR, NEE DOROTHY GALT.
LAWRENCE GALT, SAN MARINO, CALIF., ADVISED NAMES ERIC
STARVO GALT AND MARY MEARS GALT UNFAMILIAR AND NOT KNOWN RELATIVES.

WENDELL GALT, WOODLAND HILLS, CALIF., RECONTACTED LA
OFFICE TODAY AND ADVISED HE RECALLS DISTANT COUSIN, RALPH GALT,
POSSIBLY A MINISTER, TEACHING AT ALL NEGRO COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY
IN ONE OF SOUTHERN STATES, POSSIBLY ALABAMA.

RE LAVERNE ERNEST LOHMEYER

LAVERNE ERNEST LOHMEYER INTERVIEWED AND ADVISED HE,
HIS WIFE IONE, AND MR. AND MRS. LOUIS S. MARTIN, LEFT LOS ANGELES
AT ABOUT NINE O'CLOCK PM APRIL FIVE LAST, AND TRAVELED TO

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MARYSVILLE, KANSAS, TO VISIT LOHMEYER'S MOTHER, MRS. MARY S. LOHMEYER. THEY RETURNED TO LA ON APRIL THIRTEEN LAST ARRIVING ABOUT TEN O'CLOCK PM. LOHMEYERS CAR IS WHITE SIXTY FOUR CHEVROLET MALIBU TWO DOOR SEDAN WITH CALIFORNIA LICENSE OVP SIX FOUR TWO. LOHMEYER DESCRIBED AS WHITE, MALE, AGE FORTY SIX YEARS, DOB [REDACTED] AT LINN, KANSAS, FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES, ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY POUNDS, GRAY EYES, AUBURN HAIR.

MRS. LOUIS S. MARTIN ADVISED SHE AND HUSBAND DID TRAVEL WITH LOHMEYER TO MARYSVILLE, KANSAS, BETWEEN APRIL FIVE LAST AND APRIL THIRTEEN LAST.

RE NEWSPAPER ADS FOUND IN MUSTANG IN ATLANTA

INVESTIGATION NEGATIVE RE GALT AT THREE NINE ZERO FRANKLIN AVENUE, LA, ADDRESS APPEARING ON CLASSIFIED ADS FOR APARTMENTS OR ROOMS.

RE MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE RECORDS AND PERSONAL PROPERTY

MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE RECORDS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY FOR PERIOD NINETEEN FORTYNINE TO PRESENT CHECKED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX RECORDS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY FOR YEARS NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN AND NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT REFLECTED NO PERSONAL PROPERTY IN NAME OF ERIC GALT.

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RE QUOTE VINCE ENQUOTE LNU

EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY QUOTE VINCE ENQUOTE, ACQUAINTANCE OF GINGER NANCE NEGATIVE. LA PHONE NUMBER FOUR SIX NINE FIVE EIGHT ONE ONE LISTED TO FILM EFFECTS OF HOLLYWOOD, INC., ONE ONE FOUR ZERO NORTH CITRUS AVE., LA AND NO QUOTE VINCE ENQUOTE KNOWN TO THAT COMPANY.

RE MAP FOUND IN STORAGE ROOM, ATLANTA, GEORGIA.

INQUIRY MADE THIS DATE RE LOCATIONS MARKED ON MAP AT THE WEST LOS ANGELES, BEVERLY HILLS, AND HOLLYWOOD POLICE DEPARTMENTS, WHOSE JURISDICTION COVERS MARKED LOCATIONS. NO RECORDS OF BURGLARIES OR CRIMES OF SIGNIFICANCE LOCATED FOR THESE LOCATIONS. ALL LOCATIONS, EXCEPT PALM DRIVE AND SUNSET AND PARK LOCATION, ARE MIDDLE CLASS MULTIPLE DWELLING UNITS AND SEMI-BUSINESS AREAS. SOMMA WAY AND ROCCA PLACE IN MOUNTAINOUS HIPPIE NEIGHBORHOOD. PALM DRIVE LOCATION VERY EXPENSIVE RESIDENTIAL AREA, HOWEVER, FURTHER EAST ON SUNSET BLVD. IS PALM ST., WHICH IS ON SUNSET STRIP AND MORE LIKELY LOCATION SUBJECT INTENDED.

NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATIONS CONTINUING AT LOCATIONS MARKED ON MAP AND FIELD INTERROGATION CARDS BEING CHECKED AT PD'S COVERING LOCATIONS.

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RE DESCRIPTION OF ERIC S. GALT

INASMUCH AS GALT'S EYES HAVE BEEN DESCRIBED AS BLUE
QUOTE PRETTY BLUE EYES ENQUOTE, BROWN AND DARK BY VARIOUS
WITNESSES, LOS ANGELES SUGGESTS THAT CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN
DURING INVESTIGATION RE GALT THAT HE MAY UTILIZE TINTED CONTACT
LENSES.

MOBILE AND BIRMINGHAM OFFICES WILL IDENTIFY AND CONTACT
THE ALL DASH NEGRO COLLEGES WITHIN THEIR DIVISIONS IN EFFORT TO
LOCATE RALPH GALT AND DETERMINE IF RELATED TO SUBJECT ERIC STARVO
GALT. .

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12:22 AM URGENT 4/18/68 LBN

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, NEW ORLEANS, AND LOS ANGELES
FROM ATLANTA (44-2386)

MURKIN

SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION APRIL SEVENTEEN SIXTYEIGHT
ATLANTA, GEORGIA.

RE DISPLAY OF GALT PHOTO

THIS EVENING PHOTO OF ERIC STARVO GALT WAS DISPLAYED TO
JIMMIE DELTON GARNER, OPERATOR OF ROOMING HOUSE AT ONE ONE THREE FOUR
FOURTEENTH ST., NE, ATLANTA, TOGETHER WITH A GROUP OF PHOTOS IN
CONFORMANCE WITH EXISTING BUREAU INSTRUCTIONS RELATING TO
PHOTOGRAPHIC IDENTIFICATION. GARNER SELECTED, WITHOUT
HESITATION, GALT'S PHOTO FROM GROUP WHICH INCLUDED EIGHT OTHERS,
STATING "THIS IS THE BEST I'VE SEEN, IF THIS ISN'T GALT, IT
SURE LOOKS LIKE HIM." GARNER WAS RELUCTANT TO MAKE A MORE
POSITIVE STATEMENT BUT SAID HE FELT THIS WAS A PHOTO OF
MAN WHO STAYED IN HIS ROOMING HOUSE UNDER NAME OF ERIC GALT.

MRS. ESTELLE PETERS, PIEDMONT LAUNDRY, ONE ONE SIX
EIGHT PEACHTREE ST., ATLANTA, WAS SHOWN A GROUP OF PHOTOS
INCLUDING GALT THIS DATE AND COULD NOT EFFECT IDENTIFICATION.
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CHARLES STEPHENS, UNITED CAB COMPANY, ATLANTA, REPORTED APRIL TWELVE LAST PICKUP OF PASSENGER NEAR SIXTYSIX MUSTANG RECOVERY AREA. DISPLAYED GROUP OF PHOTOS, INCLUDING TWO OF GAULT THIS DATE, AND ADVISED PASSENGER HE TRANSPORTED APRIL FIVE LAST AT EIGHT FORTYONE A.M. FROM MEMORIAL DR. TO GREYHOUND BUS STATION NOT IDENTICAL WITH ANY PHOTOS DISPLAYED HIM.

RE UNDERCOVER AGENTS AT ONE ONE THREE FOURTEENTH STREET. AGENTS ASSIGNED UNDERCOVER AS RESIDENTS IN ROOMING HOUSE FORMERLY OCCUPED BY GALT WITHDRAWN THIS DATE.

RE CHECK OF BANKS FOR SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES.

CHECK OF BANK SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX RENTALS IN AREA OF RESIDENCE FOR RENTAL IN NAME OF GALT NEGATIVE.

RE BIRTH RECORDS OF PERSONS NAMED GALT AND GAULT.

CHECK OF RECORDS, STATE DEPARTMENT OF VITAL STATISTICS, FOR BIRTH OF PERSON WITH NAME OF GALT AKA GAULT NINETEEN TWENTYNINE TO NINETEEN THIRTYSEVEN COMPLETED. INVESTIGATION CONTINUING TO IDENTIFY THREE PERSONS WHOSE BIRTHS RECORDED UNDER NAME OF GAULT.

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RE DRIVERS LICENSE BUREAU.

GEORGIA DRIVERS LICENSE RECORDS NOT COMPUTERIZED.
EFFORTS BEING MADE TO DETERMINE FEASIBILITY OF CHECKING
ADDITIONAL RECORDS BY BIRTH DATE REGARDLESS OF NAME.

RE TIRES OF SIXTYSIX MUSTANG ABANDONED BY GALT IN
ATLANTA.

WHEELS AND TIRES OF ABOVE CAR OBSERVED BY OFFICIAL OF TIRE RETREAD
EQUIPMENT COMPANY AND ADVISED THAT LEFT FRONT
TIRE IS DESIGNED WT SEVEN SEVEN ONE DASH X WIDETRACK AND
RETREAD EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURED IN LOCI, CALIFORNIA, BY SUPER
MOLD CORP. OFFICIAL ADVISED BY NUMBER APPEARING ON RECAP
THE MANUFACTURER SHOULD BE ABLE TO IDENTIFY PRESENT LOCATION
OF SUCH RECAP EQUIPMENT. FURTHER SUGGEST THAT TREAD OF TWO
REAR TIRES MADE BY MOLD MANUFACTURED LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA,
BY LOS ANGELES MATRIX COMPANY OR ACE MOLD COMPANY, EL MONTE,
CALIFORNIAA, FRON LETTERS APPEARING ON RECAP PORTION "RGT"
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EQUIPMENT MAY BE TRACED FURTHER. FROM WEATHER WORN CONDITION OF CASINGS IN FORM OF SMALL CRACKS STATES TIRES POSSIBLY HAD BEEN IN CALIFORNIA WHERE OZONE IN ATMOSPHERE CAUSES SUCH CONDITION.. OFFICIALS FURTHER ADVISE THREAD DESIGN OF TWO REAR TIRES ARE FOREIGN TO SOUTHEASTERN AREA OF U. S. WEAR OF RECAP ESTIMATED TO EXCEED FIVE THOUSAND MILES EACH TIRE.

RE CITY MAP OF ATLANTA BEARING INK MARKED AREAS.

ON OF AREAS HAD NO LOGICAL EXPLANATION FOR BEING NOTED. SINCE SIX P.M. EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION WITH PHOTOGRAPHS OF GALT BEING CONDUCTED IN THIS AREA WHICH ENCOMPASSES HIGHLAND VIEW DRIVE AND PONCE DE LEON TERRACE VICINITY. THUS FAR NO PERTINENT INFO DEVELOPED.

RE NEWS RELEASE.

AT SIX P.M. FOUR SEVENTEEN SIXTYEIGHT BUREAU APPROVED NEWS RELEASE MADE TO RADIO AND TELEVISION STATIONS, NEWSPAPERS, AND PRESS WIRES. NEWS ANOUNCEMENTS STIMULATED NUMEROUS INQUIRIES
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AND SUGGESTIONS FROM PUBLIC.

NUMEROUS PRESS INQUIRIES BEING ANSWERED PER BUREAU INSTRUCTIONS.

FOLLOWING SET FORTH RELATING TO UPI RELEASE ON TWO ATLANTA CAB DRIVERS WHERE ONE REPORTEDLY IDENTIFIED GALT AS PASSENGER:

TOMMY RYALIS, ATLANTA MILLION CAB COMPANY DRIVER INTERVIEWED APRIL SIXTEEN SIXTYEIGHT AS RESULT OF CHECKING TRIP TICKETS FOR PICKUP OF PASSENGERS IN FOURTEENTH STREET AREA. RYALIS RECALLED HAVING PICKED UP ONE FARE NIGHT OF EITHER APRIL FOUR OR APRIL FIVE AT TEN OR TWELVE P.M. ON FOURTEENTH STREET NEAR INTERSECTION OF PEACHTREE. WHILE STOPPED IN TRAFFIC, MAN STANDING IN FRONT OF CATACOMBS (HIPPIE HANGOUT) JUMPED INTO CAB AND INSTRUCTED DRIVER TO TURN RIGHT ONTO PEACHTREE AND HE WOULD TELL HIM WHERE TO STOP.

AFTER DRIVING SEVERAL BLOCKS, PASSENGER INSTRUCTED RYALIS TO STOP AND GOT OUT OF CAB AND THREW THE FARE OVER BACK OF SEAT. RYALIS CLAIMS ONLY BRIEFLY SAW PASSENGER'S FACE AS HE BENT OVER TO PICK UP CAB FARE AS PASSENGER EXITED. DID NOT OBSERVE PASSENGER ENTER ANY BUSINESS OR RESIDENCE AND LAST NOTED WALKING ON ELEVENTH STREET. RYALIS SHOWN ARTIST'S COMPOSITE AND RYALIS

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STATED "FROM EYES DOWN THIS WAS THE GUY" HOWEVER HAIR OF PASSENGER DIFFERENT AS DID NOT HAVE FLAT TOP. RYALIS COULD NOT BE MORE SPECIFIC AS TO DATES, TIME AND IDENTIFICATION OF COMPOSITE.

CHARLES TOMLINSON, SECOND CAB DRIVER, ALSO INTERVIEWED APRIL SIXTEEN SIXTYEIGHT. TOMLINSON RECALLED PICKING UP FARE AT MEMORIAL DRIVE AND CONNALLY STREET (SIXTYSIX MUSTANG RECOVERY AREA, APRIL ELEVEN SIXTYEIGHT) ON APRIL TWELVE SIXTYEIGHT AROUND FIVE THIRTY P.M. DROVE PASSENGER TO TRAILWAYS BUS STATION, ATLANTA, WHERE LAST SEEN. PASSENGER STATED HE WAS GOING TO ALABAMA. TOMLINSON SHOWN COMPOSITE AND SAID HIS PASSENGER DEFINITELY NOT SIMILAR IN APPEARANCE TO COMPOSITE.

ON APRIL SEVENTEEN SIXTYEIGHT AUTHORITIES IN OFFICE OF GEORGIA GOVERNOR LESTER MADDOX REPORTED THAT ON APRIL ELEVEN SIXTYEIGHT A SECRETARY OF THAT OFFICE OBSERVED SEVERAL NEWS REPORTERS, EXAMINING GUEST BOOK UTILIZED FOR REGISTERING GUESTS EACH WEDNESDAY, WHICH IS "OPEN HOUSE" AND DEVOTED TO CITIZENS OF THE STATE WHO WISH TO SPEAK WITH THE GOVERNOR. SECRETARY
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NOTED REPORTER JIM WINN, REPRESENTING AUGUSTA AND SAVANNAH, GEORGIA, PAPERS, TURN IN GUEST BOOK TO PAGE DATED APRIL THREE SIXTYEIGHT AND SIGN "ERIC GALT, NINE ZERO THREE HIGHLAND AVENUE, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAM, JEFFERSON CO., ALABAMA. TED SIMMONS OF AP AND DUANE RINE OF THE ATLANTA CONSTITUTION ALSO EXAMINED GUEST BOOK. SECRETARY ADVISED THESE THREE REPORTERS ACTUALLY INTENDED TO PLAY PRACTICAL JOKE ON ANOTHER UNNAMED REPORTER AT CAPITOL, JUST TO SEE HIS REACTION WHEN FINDING GALT'S NAME IN GUEST BOOK. ABOVE FOR INFO ONLY IN EVENT PRESS UTILIZES.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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

DATE: 4/18/68

FROM : SA KENNETH R. HEINEMAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE: ERIC STARVO GALT

Re Memo of SA JAMES J. ROSE, dated 4/15/68;
and Chicago teletype to Atlanta, dated 4/15/68, serial
364.

A review of Atlanta file 91-3901 reflects no
such report as set forth in referenced teletype, and
contains no reference to a MERLE GALT or a MERLE GAULT.
This file did contain two references to MERLE LYLE GALL,
FBI Number 3146795, IO Number 3419, and WF Number 261.
Conversation with Case Agent HARRY L. LEE determined
that MERLE GALT is identical with MERLE LYLE GALL, who
is the subject of Atlanta file 88-4510. The latter file
reflects that GALL was a Top Ten Fugitive in 1960, and
was apprehended at Scottsdale, Arizona on 1/18/61. The
file reflects the following description of GALL:

Sex:	Male.
Race:	White.
Nationality:	American.
Date of Birth:	[REDACTED] 45
Place of Birth:	Cando, North Dakota.
Height:	5' 6" tall.
Weight:	140 pounds.
Hair:	Black, or dark brown.
Eyes:	Hazel.
Complexion:	Dark.
Build:	Medium.

No further action is recommended as to this
particular matter.

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Memorandum

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

DATE: April 16, 1968

FROM : SA M. ROBERT MCFARLAND

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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(OO: Memphis)

On the morning of April 15, 1968, Mrs. ELMINE WICK telephonically contacted the FBI's Resident Agency, Thomasville, Georgia, and talked with the above agent. Mrs. WICK advised that she, with her husband, manage the Woodland Motor Courts located at 924 S. Broad Street in Thomasville, Georgia. She advised that she was desirous of talking to above agent concerning a suspicious person who had previously stayed at thier motel during the weekend of April 6, 1968. She preferred to furnish no additional details telephonically.

On April 15, 1968, Mrs. WICK was contacted by above agent at the Woodland Motor Courts, 924 S. Broad Street, Thomasville, Georgia. Mrs. WICK advised that her husband, HARRY G. WICK was more familiar with the situation about which she had contacted the FBI earlier that date and preferred that he be contacted concerning it. She advised that he would return to the motor courts in a few minutes.

On April 15, 1968, HARRY G. WICK was contacted at the WOODLAND Motor Courts which he manages with his wife. WICK advised that he and his wife occupy a room adjoining the motor courts' office. He stated that they retired about eleven p.m. on 4/5/68. He stated that at about one a.m. on 4/6/68 he was awakened by an automobile entering the motor courts' drive way. He stated that he did not get up at that time inasmuch as he though it very well could be an occupant already registered. WICK stated, however, that the automobile stopped near the office and he heard a door open and close. He stated that he waited a few minutes longer and then got up to see what was happening. WICK stated that he stood in the front office of the motor court for a few minutes and then heard a faint knock at the office door. WICK stated that when he got to the door the person knocking had come to the door of the room occupied by himself and his wife and was faintly knocking on that door. WICK stated that he then opened the door of the office and made inquiry concerning what this individual might want.



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WICK stated that this stranger appeared quite nervous. He stated that he advised him that he wanted to rent a room, that he had been driving for a considerable period and was quite tired. WICK stated that he admitted it is stranger to the motel office and had him complete a registration card. WICK stated that this person had not been drinking. WICK also advised that because he had not put on his glasses when he got up, he did not go through the usual procedure of reading the registrant's name back to him to make sure that it is legible. WICK stated that the stranger asked to be awakened at eight a.m. inasmuch as he had to make several calls. WICK stated that the stranger did not indicate to him what he was doing in the area or where he was going or by whom he was employed.

WICK stated that in showing this stranger to his room the stranger drove up over the curb and started to try and drive down the sidewalk. WICK stated that he ran over to the individual and told him that he was on the sidewalk and that the roadway was in another direction. WICK stated that when the stranger parked and entered the motor court he verified the license tag put on the registration card. WICK stated that he is not certain whether this tag was a 1967 or 1968 tag. He advised, however, that it was black in color with white numerals. WICK stated that the individual took only a small shaving kit into the motor court room with him and had no luggage or other clothes.

WICK stated that this stranger was awakened at 8:00 a.m. on 4/6/68 per his request but that he made no calls. WICK stated that the stranger paid cash for the room when registering. He left the motor court about 11:00 a.m. on 4/6/68 and turned south on Broad Street which is highway 19 and which goes to Monticello, Florida.

WICK stated that this stranger was driving a white Ford Mustang hardtop, 1965 or 1966 model. He was wearing a brown and white striped dress shirt, open at the collar with dark colored slacks. He left on 4/6/68 wearing these same clothes. He was a white male, about 32 years of age, 5' 8", 160 lbs. He was fairly broad shouldered and muscular. He had sandy colored hair which was long and combed back. His hair was well trimmed and not of the "hippy" variety. It appeared as if he was possibly letting a crew cut type haircut grow out as it was slightly bushy but not unkempt. He had a tanned, weathered complexion as if involved in outdoor employment but did not appear to be a laborer. His hair was slightly receding. The color of his eyes are unknown. His shirt sleeves were rolled up and no scars or tattoos were noticed. WICK stated that this stranger's facial features were sharp. He had what appeared to be no more than a one day growth of beard. He reminded WICK of the television star OZZIE NELSON on the old OZZIE and HAROLD T-V show though younger. WICK stated that he has seen artist conception drawings of a GALT on T-V and in the papers. He is certain that this is not that person.

WICK exhibited a Woodland Motor Court registration card which he advised this stranger completed on 4/6/68. WICK advised that all of the writing appearing on this card is that of the stranger's with the exception of the "Bus" appearing above "Ford" which he wrote in later and that portion appearing at the bottom of the registration card concerning room number and price.

This card bears a name appearing to be RICHARD G. MCGINNIS. Last name being mostly illegible. Address is shown as '611' or '131 Belmont'. Street name mostly illegible. City is "Houston" and State is "Texas". Date is "April" and make of car is "Ford". License number is "PBG 8'8", and state of issuance is "Texas".

WICK advised that he will maintain this registration card in a safe place in the event same might be needed.

On 4/15/68, the above was called to the attention of #3 relief supervisor JAMES ROSE who was on the #3 desk at the time. SA ROSE suggested that a memo to file be prepared containing the above information for future use in the event same became relevant to instant investigation.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-2386)

DATE: 4/16/68

FROM : SA JAMES S. KINNE

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re: HARVEY LOWMEYER or LOWMYER

On 4/11/68, telephone directories, city directories, tax records, voter registration records, credit records, and identification records, and the following individuals were contacted by SA's JAMES S. KINNE and DECLAN J. HUGHES for information identifiable to the referenced Subject, with negative results:

Mr. FRANK ANDERSON, Chairman of Voter Registration, Milledgeville
Inv. WILLIAM USRY, GBI, State Patrol, Milledgeville
Mrs. FLOY TILLMAN, Credit Bureau, Milledgeville
Sheriff BUFORD T. LINGOLD, Baldwin County SO
Mr. WILLIAM DUGGAN, Clerks Office, Washington County, Sandersville
Sheriff J.E. CURRY, Washington County SO
Sheriff GEORGE HATCHER, Wilkinson County SO
Mr H. BELL, Clerks Office, Wilkinson County, Irwinton
Mrs. J. WINTERS, Jones County Clerks Office, Gray
Sheriff HOLMES HAWKINS, Jones County SO
Mr LOUIS ROZIER, Attorney, Sparta, Ga.
Sheriff J. "Slim" WALTON, Hancock County SO
HELEN J. MILLER, Ordinary, Hancock County
Mrs. JANICE KNOWLES, Clerks Office, Putnam County, Eatonton
COP EBB CARNES, Eatonton PD, Eatonton
Sheriff ALBERT HUDSON, HOUSTON COUNTY SO
Mr. TOMMY HUNT, Chief Clerk, Houston County Clerks Office, Perry

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, DETROIT (44-929)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
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Re Atlanta teletype to Bureau dated 4/16/68.

Enclosed for the information of all offices
are two copies each of a photograph of WILLIAM JENNINGS
MEYAN LER, FBI #63352.

Also enclosed for the information of Los
Angeles is one copy of Detroit teletype to Bureau 4/16/68.

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① - Atlanta (Enc. 2) (RM) *rec'd 4-18-68*
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NOTE: Hand print names legibly; handwriting satisfactory for reader.

Indices: ☐ Negative ☐ See below

Subject's name and aliases UNSUB, aka WOODROW WILSON, III		Address of subject		Character of case 43-0	
Complainant Mrs. CALVIN ZONGKER First Baptist Church of Atlanta (husband minister there)		Complainant's address and telephone number 436-6810		Complaint received <input type="checkbox"/> Personal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Telephonic Date 4-15-68 Time 11:00 am	
Subject's Description	Race white	Sex <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Height 6'2"	Hair sandy	Build Birth date and Birthplace
	Age 25	Weight 200+	Eyes ?	Complexion	
	Scars, marks or other data eyes close set				

Facts of complaint

Subject attended church at the First Baptist Church of Atlanta on 4-14-68 and spent time with college students there. He was dressed in the uniform of the U.S. Air Force and had three chevrons on his upper sleeve. The uniform subject wore was very dirty, the shirt was torn, and his shoes were dirty. The general impression complainant got was that subject is not in ~~xxxx~~ service.

Subject stated to various persons present that he had been in Vietnam and was on his way to Maxwell AFB. He gave various times of departure of his train, such as 11:22 pm. Complainant checked train schedule and learned the only train going in general direction subject wanted to go left at 5:00 pm.

Subject claimed to be from Arlington, Va., and stated his mother was a relative of President Woodrow Wilson.

Complainant has no idea where subject could be located for interview.

While it is probable that subject is illegally wearing the uniform of an enlisted member of the USAF there is no certain evidence to this effect and since subject cannot be readily located it is suggested this memo be filed for future reference should the subject again come to the attention of this office.

Action Recommended

Jerry Roseberry
Complaint Clerk

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, ATLANTA 44-2386

DATE: 4-18-68

FROM : Complaint Clerk Jerry D. Roseberry

SUBJECT: MURKIN

MRS. CALVIN ZONGGER, 3231 Howell Drive, Smyrna, Ga., 436-6810, called at 9:20 am today and advised that the man she reported to this office earlier this week as possible impersonator of member of USAF is identical with picture of subject in morning newspaper today. She stated the eyes in the picture are too round and his hair a little longer.

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Memorandum

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

FROM : SA WILLIAM E. COLOMBELL

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/18/68

Re memo of SA ALDEN F. MILLER, 4/18/68; & telephone conversation with Mr. DOUGLAS SMITH, Capitol Homes, Atlanta, Georgia.

On 4/18/68, SAs WILLIAM E. COLOMBELL and RICHARD E. FUGATT interviewed Mr. DOUGLAS SMITH, who resides in Building 165, Apt. 505, Capitol Homes Apartments, Atlanta, Georgia. Mr. SMITH stated that late in the afternoon of 4/11/68, he conversed with a white male in the vicinity of Capitol Homes, adding that this individual informed him that he had been in Memphis when MARTIN LUTHER KING was assassinated and was in the immediate vicinity of the assassination and had observed four white males fleeing the assassination scene in a white colored car, auto not further identified. SMITH stated that this individual informed him that he did not want to get involved and had no intention of contacting the FBI.

SMITH described this individual as being a white male, light brown hair, 5'11" tall, walks with a noticeable limp, with a scar on the right side of his face, adding that the individual has been in the Capitol Homes area for the past several months; SMITH assumed that this individual lived in Capitol Homes but was unable to furnish an apartment number or a name or any other details or information that would assist in identifying this man.

SMITH stated that on 4/18/68, he viewed a photograph of ERIC GALT while watching a local television news cast and stated that the above mentioned white male strongly resembled the photographs of GALT.

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Although SMITH stated that the aforementioned individual has been seen in the vicinity of the Capitol Homes for the past several months, he was unable to furnish any detailed information that would assist in locating this individual for interview. SMITH was extremely vague in his recollection of the circumstances surrounding this conversation and several times during the interview, Mrs. SMITH interrupted and contradicted her husband; according to Mrs. SMITH, the man who conversed with her husband was identical to the photograph of ERIC GALT. SMITH stated that if he saw this man again, he would attempt to determine his identity and place of residence in Capitol Homes.

~~Suggested lead:~~ Contact Capitol Homes Rental Office in effort to determine if individual meeting above description is presently residing in the Capitol Homes Apartments.

*Smith interviewed numerous
times and is not trustworthy
- no lead*

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*Numerous Rooms at Capitol Homes
re Holcomb King in Maryland on 4/4/68
lead to interview Holcomb self at
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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

FROM : SA ALDEN F. MILLER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/18/68

On 4/18/68, an unknown neighbor of Mr. DOUGLAS SMITH, who resides in building 165, Apt. 505, of Capitol Homes near where car was abandoned ('66 white Mustang), called and advised that SMITH wanted an agent to come and see him as he thinks he has information relevant to this matter. According to neighbor, Mr. SMITH has been previously contacted re this matter by the FBI. SMITH's apartment is located right on Memorial Drive, # 505.

Called again at 1:25 a.m., 4/18/68, and said he talked to an unknown man who lives at Capitol Homes who said he was in Memphis the day of the assassination and was a witness. He said he saw the man again this evening (morning) and believes he is same as picture of subject shown on tv (11:00 p.m. news).

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(Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM : SAC, NEWARK (44-854)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re: Newark teletype to the Bureau, 4/13/68
Newark telephone calls to the Bureau and
Los Angeles, 4/15/68

RE: ERIC STARVO GALT - LOCKSMITHING INSTITUTE RECORDS

The following are the dates and amounts of payments
received from ERIC S. GALT by Locksmithing Institute, Little
Falls, New Jersey:

<u>Date Received</u>	<u>Amount</u>
7/31/67	\$10.00
7/31/67	\$ 7.50
1/10/68	\$15.00
2/2/68	\$ 7.50
3/6/68	\$ 7.50
3/11/68	\$15.00
4/8/68	\$ 7.00

Referenced Newark teletype of 4/13/68, erroneously
showed payment of 3/6/68, as being \$15.00, instead of \$7.50.
The \$15.00 payment of 3/11/68 was omitted.

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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

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Recordak photos of two money orders were located at the Bank of Bloomfield, N. J., for payment. Other source of payment not located as Recordak machine had numerous photos of checks overlapping each other, and impossible to view for data. Those located are as follows:

<u>Bank</u>	<u>Money Order #</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Purchase Date</u>
Bank of America	0799 18 037	\$15.00	1/8/68
" "	0799 19 701	\$ 7.50	2/26/68

Money orders purchased at Hollywood Western Branch-Bank of America, Hollywood, California. Money Orders were payable to Locksmithing Institute, and signed ERIC S. GALT.

LEAD:

LOS ANGELES

AT HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA

Conduct investigation at bank to further locate GALT.

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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND SACS MEMPHIS (44-1987)
SAN FRANCISCO, and LOS ANGELES

FROM: SAC ALBANY (44-493)

MURKIN, CR. OO MEMPHIS.

RE CHICAGO TEL BUREAU APRIL FIFTEEN LAST.

MRS. ROGER MAC ARTHUR, NEE DOROTHY GALT, AND SISTER
MRS. MILDRED RAIBLE, NEE GALT, MARLBORO, VERMONT, ADVISED
THE NAMES ERIC STARVO GALT AND THE NAME MARY MEARS GALT MEAN
NOTHING TO THEM AND ARE NOT KNOWN RELATIVES. BOTH ADVISED
THERE ARE NO KNOWN RELATIVES OF FAMILY RESIDING IN GEORGIA
OR OTHER SOUTHERN STATES. ADDRESSES OF THE FOLLOWING
RELATIVES RESIDING IN CALIFORNIA OBTAINED:

LAWRENCE GALT, BROTHER, ONE ONE NINE SIX SIERRA MADRE
BLVD., SAN MARINO, CALIFORNIA, EMPLOYED THORPE INSULATION CO.,
TWO FOUR SEVEN ONE SOUTH YATES AVE., LOS ANGELES; SHEFFIELD
GALT, BROTHER, FOUR SIX FOUR WEST EIGHTH STREET, CLAREMONT,
CALIFORNIA, DESCRIBED BY SISTERS AS SOMEWHAT MENTAL AND
EXCITABLE WHO THEY REQUESTED NOT BE CONTACTED UNLESS NECESSARY;

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WENDELL GALT, BROTHER, SIX TWO SIX TWO OAKDALE, WOODLAND HILLS, CALIFORNIA; ALICE GALT MARSHALL, AUNT, P.O. BOX ONE EIGHT NINE SEVEN, CARMEL, CALIFORNIA.

MRS. MAC ARTHUR SUGGESTED CONTACT WITH ALICE GALT MARSHALL FOR ADDITIONAL RELATIVES IN CALIFORNIA AREA UNKNOWN TO HER.

DISTANT RELATIVES OF FAMILY AS FOLLOWS:

ALEXANDER GALT, EIGHTY YEARS OF AGE, RETIRED LIBRARIAN FOR CITY OF BUFFALO, BUFFALO, N.Y., AND HIS BROTHER THOMAS GALT, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, STREET ADDRESS UNKNOWN; CLARENCE GALT, SOCIAL WORKER, SEVEN FIVE NINE CHESTNUT ST., SPRINGFIELD, MASS.

FOR INFO SAN FRANCISCO AND LOS ANGELES, RETEL REQUESTED ALBANY TO CONTACT MRS. MAC ARTHUR FORMERLY OF HINSDALE, ILLINOIS, CONCERNING GALT FAMILY RESIDING CALIFORNIA AND GEORGIA.

SAN FRANCISCO AND LOS ANGELES CONTACT ABOVE IN RESPECTIVE AREAS IN ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY SUSPECT ERIC STARVO GALT.

LEADS TO CONTACT DISTANT RELATIVES BEING LEFT TO

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ST. LOUIS.

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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI AND SACS BIRMINGHAM AND MEMPHIS

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)

MURKIN; CIVIL RIGHTS; OO: MEMPHIS

RE CHICAGO TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU DATED APRIL
FIFTEEN LAST.

RE BANK DRAFT OF EXCHANGE SECURITY BANK, BIRMINGHAM,
ALABAMA.

OFFICIAL OF FIRST NATIONAL CITY BANK, NEW YORK CITY,
ADVISED EXCHANGE SECURITY BANK IS A CORRESPONDENT
BANK; HOWEVER, HE STATES THAT ORIGINAL OF DRAFT NUMBER
[REDACTED] WAS RETURNED TO EXCHANGE
SECURITY BANK, WITH REGULAR MONTH END STATEMENTS IN MONTH
IN WHICH NEGOTIATED.

BOB SELLERS IS ASSISTANT VICE PRESIDENT OF EXCHANGE
SECURITY BANK.

BIRMINGHAM OBTAIN ORIGINAL DRAFT AND SUBMIT TO LATENT
PRINT SECTION FOR EXAMINATION.

- 1- New York (44-1609)
- 1- Atlanta (AM)
- 1- Chicago (AM)
- 1- Supv. #23
- 1- ADIC JOHN F. MALONE

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Date April 16, 1968

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Mrs. NORMAN (GEORGIA M.) DAVIS, 733 Cecil Avenue, Louisville, Kentucky, was interviewed at her residence. She furnished the following information:

She is a Kentucky State Senator from the 33rd District of Louisville, Kentucky. She is also a Board member and Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Kentucky Christian Leadership Conference (KCLC) which is affiliated with the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC).

Mrs. DAVIS in the company of Mrs. LUKIE WARD and Rev. A.D. WILLIAMS KING of Louisville, Kentucky, were in Memphis, Tennessee at the Lorraine Motel on April 4, 1968. Their purpose was to participate in a march scheduled in Memphis, Tennessee for April 5, 1968, to be led by the late Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. Mrs. DAVIS volunteered the following as background data concerning the activities of herself, Mrs. WARD and Rev. A.D. WILLIAMS KING immediately prior to their visit to Memphis, Tennessee.

On March 23, 1968, Mrs. DAVIS and Mrs. WARD left Louisville, Kentucky, traveling in Mrs. WARD's Cadillac automobile, to go to Florida for a vacation. On the night of March 23, 1968, they stayed at a Holiday Inn Motel near Birmingham, Alabama, possibly located on Highway 31. The next day they drove to Florida where they stayed at a Howard Johnson Motel in the vicinity of Fort Walton Beach. On March 25, 1968, they drove to Panama City, Florida, where they rented kitchenette #4 of the Treasures Island Motel which was operated by BUD HASTINGS and his wife FRANCES. These individuals also owned the nearby Sunglow Motel. When Mrs. DAVIS and Mrs. WARD occupied kitchenette #4 at the Treasures Island Motel, no other individuals were occupying the motel.

On April 1, 1968, Rev. A.D. WILLIAMS KING of Louisville flew to Panama City and was met at the airport by Mrs. WARD and Mrs. DAVIS, and on that date, he occupied the kitchenette

On 4-15-68 at Louisville, Kentucky File # LS 44-947
by SA WARREN L. WALSH WLW/ds Date dictated 4-16-68

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next to #4 at the Treasures Island Motel believed to be #5.

About 9:30 a.m., April 3, 1968, Mrs. WARD, Mrs. DAVIS and Rev. KING left Treasures Island Motel in Mrs. WARD's automobile for the purpose of going to Memphis, Tennessee, to participate in the scheduled April 5, 1968, march. Mrs. WARD left some of her clothing in kitchenette #4 at the Treasures Island Motel as she planned to return to the motel after the march for further vacationing. Mrs. DAVIS does not believe that the owners of the motel, the HASTINGS, knew at the time Mrs. DAVIS and her companions left the motel that they were going to Memphis, but the HASTINGS did know that Mrs. WARD planned to return in a few days to the motel.

Mrs. DAVIS later learned that when Mrs. WARD, because of the death of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, decided not to further vacation in Florida and had flown to Panama City on April 6, 1968, to obtain the remainder of her clothing, that Mr. and Mrs. HASTINGS had expressed some displeasure to Mrs. WARD about having as guests Mrs. WARD, Mrs. DAVIS and Rev. A.D. WILLIAMS KING. Mrs. DAVIS believed the HASTINGS originally came from Birmingham and recalled that Rev. A.D. WILLIAMS KING used to pastor a church there.

Mrs. DAVIS and Mrs. WARD and Rev. KING arrived in Memphis, Tennessee from Panama City, Florida, and registered at the Lorraine Motel at about 1 a.m., April 4, 1968. Rev. KING and Mrs. DAVIS did the registering and Mrs. DAVIS occupied Room 201 and Mrs. WARD Room 207.

Immediately upon their arrival at the Lorraine Motel, Mrs. WARD, Mrs. DAVIS and Rev. A.D. WILLIAMS KING started making inquiry of other guests at the motel as to the whereabouts of Rev. KING's brother, Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING. He could not be located at the motel and HOSEA WILLIAMS remarked that Dr. KING was at a strategy meeting at a church, the name of which Mrs. DAVIS recalls as the Church of the Minimal Salary (Phonetic). Mrs. WARD, Mrs. DAVIS and Rev. KING then went to the church but Dr. KING was not there. Rev. ANDREW YOUNG and some other people, identities not known to Mrs. DAVIS but appearing to be possibly local pastors and ministers, were holding a meeting at the church. A man called "CABBAGE" was speaking at the meeting when Mrs. DAVIS and her companions arrived,

but Mrs. DAVIS and her companions did not stay at the meeting upon learning Dr. KING was not there. Mrs. DAVIS and her companions went to a smaller room in the church where they met Rev. JESSE JACKSON from Chicago, Illinois and conversed with Rev. JACKSON for a few minutes.

Mrs. DAVIS and her companions thereafter returned to the Lorraine Motel arriving about 3 a.m., and the three of them went to Room 207. Here they conversed among themselves with the door to the motel room open for about an hour or an hour and a half at which point Mrs. DAVIS happened to observe a taxi cab, identity not recalled, arriving at the motel and to depart from the cab Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, Rev. RALPH ABERNATHY, and Rev. BERNARD LEE. Mrs. WARD immediately went out and invited the three individuals into Room 207. Doctor KING and his companions joined Mrs. DAVIS and her companions in Room 207. After approximately five minutes Revs. ABERNATHY and LEE left the room, presumably to go to their own rooms. Mrs. DAVIS, Mrs. WARD, Dr. KING and Rev. KING remained in Room 207 until about 5 a.m. when Dr. KING left, advising he was going to Room 306.

During the conversation by the above individuals in Room 207 no one made any mention of indication that they were fearful of any attempt being made that day on Dr. KING's life.

After Dr. KING left Room 207, Mrs. DAVIS also left the room and went to Room 201. About one-half hour later, Dr. KING came to Room 201 and visited with Mrs. DAVIS for about an hour, the talk consisting of general matters, Mrs. DAVIS remembering specifically that during this time she mentioned to Dr. KING that Miss KATHERINE PEDIN of Kentucky was running for U.S. Senator from Kentucky, and Dr. KING indicated he had met Miss PEDIN as she had interviewed him as a member of the President's Commission on Civil Disorders. Also during this visit Mrs. DAVIS told Dr. KING that in view of the march in Memphis, Tennessee having been rescheduled from April 5 to April 8, 1968, Mrs. DAVIS would probably not remain in Memphis over the weekend, but would return to Louisville. However, Dr. KING asked that before Mrs. DAVIS made a final decision he would like to talk to her further about this but that he had to leave as he had a strategy meeting planned in Room 306 at 8 a.m., April 4, 1968, and he anticipated he would re-contact

her about her decision about noon, April 4, 1968.

Shortly after Dr. KING left Room 201, Mrs. WARD joined Mrs. DAVIS in Room 201 where they had coffee and conversed until about noon when Mrs. WARD left. About 1 p.m. or 1:30 p.m. Dr. KING returned to Room 201 and advised Mrs. DAVIS that he needed to relax for a short while and left Room 306 so as not to be bothered unless important matters occurred. From Room 201 Dr. KING phoned Room 306 and spoke with Rev. LEE advising Rev. LEE as to his whereabouts and informed Rev. LEE he did not want to be disturbed unless it was an important matter. While in Room 201 on this occasion Dr. KING made several phone calls using a credit card. Mrs. DAVIS recalls that Dr. KING phoned his secretary, DORA McDONALD, in Atlanta, Georgia, and also made a call to New York, identity of person called not specifically remembered by Mrs. DAVIS, but possibly being a STAN LEVINSON (phonetic) or a (First Name Unknown) WACHTEL (phonetic) as Mrs. DAVIS had heard Dr. KING speak of these individuals.

Thereafter as Dr. KING was just dialing his mother in Atlanta, Georgia, Rev. A.D. WILLIAMS KING came into Room 201 and Dr. KING and Rev. A.D. WILLIAMS KING conversed with their mother telephonically for a few minutes. About 45 minutes later Revs. ABERNATHY and LEE came to Room 201 and Mrs. DAVIS then phoned Mrs. WARD and invited her to Room 201. Mrs. WARD did come to Room 201.

Shortly after Mrs. WARD's arrival in Room 201, Mrs. WARD left to pick up some cleaning for Mrs. DAVIS at a laundry and dry cleaning store, name not recalled, located at Beale and Third Streets in Memphis. Mrs. WARD had taken the cleaning to this location earlier on April 4, 1968, for Mrs. DAVIS, probably about 10 a.m. and as Mrs. DAVIS recalls, she had been accompanied on that occasion by Rev. A.D. WILLIAMS KING.

During the absence of Mrs. WARD from Room 201, CHAUNCEY ESKRIDGE, the attorney from Chicago, and Rev. ANDREW YOUNG, came to Room 201. Mrs. WARD returned from her visit to the laundry very shortly thereafter, making a total of eight individuals in the room. The above eight individuals conversed generally until about 5:45 p.m., when Dr. KING announced that he was going to dinner at the home of Rev. BILLY KYLES in Memphis and he invited Mrs. DAVIS to join him for dinner at the Reverend's home. She advised him that she would need

about 15 minutes or so to freshen up and he stated he would go to his room and freshen up and wait for her. Mrs. DAVIS had just completed her preparation for leaving for dinner because she recalled that she was standing in front of a mirror with her raincoat on taking a last look as to her appearance when she heard a shot. She was stunned for just an instant but then immediately went outside the room and heard someone yell Dr. KING had just been shot. She looked up towards Room 306 and saw what she is convinced were Dr. KING's feet on the balcony protruding slightly over the edge. There was considerable confusion and panic and police arrived almost immediately. Mrs. DAVIS cannot be entirely certain of immediate events following, but as she recalls Rev. JACKSON was in the motel courtyard at the time she went out of Room 201 as was Mrs. WARD. Mrs. DAVIS immediately proceeded up to where Dr. KING was lying and remained in that vicinity until Dr. KING was taken away in an ambulance which Mrs. DAVIS estimates was approximately 10 minutes after she had heard the shot.

Mrs. DAVIS can recall no incident which she observed after coming out of Room 201 after the shot had been fired which she feels has any bearing on ascertaining the identity of the individual responsible for the shot.

After Dr. KING had been taken from the motel in an ambulance, Mrs. DAVIS recalls that Rev. JACKSON was in the courtyard and gave a press statement. Thereafter Mrs. DAVIS went to the motel office where she found Mrs. WARD who was ordering coffee. Then Mrs. DAVIS and a man Mrs. DAVIS recalls as a HAROLD MILLER, possibly a local minister from Memphis or Atlanta, went to Room 207 to advise Rev. A.D. WILLIAMS KING of the shooting of his brother. Rev. KING was asleep and they did not succeed in awakening him. Thereafter Mrs. WARD came to Room 207 and Mrs. DAVIS and the man she believes was named MILLER left the room.

Later on the night of April 4, 1968, possibly around 8:30 p.m. someone, Mrs. DAVIS did not know who, felt that Mrs. WARD, Mrs. DAVIS and Rev. A.D. WILLIAMS KING should not spend the remainder of that night at the Lorraine Motel and Mrs. DAVIS recalls packing her clothes and the three of them going out to the home of Rev. KYLES. After arrival at this home, it was decided again by someone not known to Mrs. DAVIS that Rev. KING would remain at Rev. KYLES that evening but that

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Mrs. WARD and Mrs. DAVIS should spend the evening at a Howard Johnson Motel in Memphis. Mrs. WARD and Mrs. DAVIS together with individuals not now recalled went to the Howard Johnson Motel where Mrs. WARD registered for the two of them, but the plans again changed as Mrs. DAVIS recalls HOSEA WILLIAMS indicated that Mrs. DAVIS and her companions should return to the Lorraine Motel for the evening. Mrs. WARD and Mrs. DAVIS were then driven in Mrs. WARD's car by an unknown individual back to the Lorraine Motel where they entered Room 201. A short time later Rev. KYLES brought Rev. A.D. WILLIAMS KING back to the motel at which point Mrs. WARD left Room 201. Mrs. DAVIS spent the remainder of the night by herself in Room 201.

On Friday morning, April 5, 1968, Rev. A.D. WILLIAMS KING left the Lorraine Motel to go to the airport to meet the wife of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING who was arriving in Memphis on that morning.

Mrs. WARD and Mrs. DAVIS left Memphis, Tennessee, about 9 a.m., April 5, 1968, and drove to Atlanta, Georgia.

Mrs. DAVIS advised that during her stay in Memphis, on April 4 - 5, 1968, she personally had received no threats against her life nor does she have any knowledge of anyone at the Lorraine Motel being specifically threatened on that occasion.

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Mrs. WARREN E. GILBERTA P. WARD, also known as Lukie Ward, 2540 Bausdell, Louisville, Kentucky, telephonically furnished the following information:

Since being interviewed on April 15, 1968, Mrs. WARD recalls that in addition to leaving the Lorraine Motel in the afternoon of April 4, 1968, she had left the motel on that date on one other occasion. This was during the morning, believed to be around 11 a.m., when she took some cleaning for Mrs. GEORGIA DAVIS to the nearby cleaners, the One-Hour Martinizing. On this occasion, she was accompanied by the Rev. A.L. WILLIAMS KING. Because she recalls that as she was taking the cleaning into the cleaners, Rev. KING purchased some beer from a store located diagonally across the corner from the cleaners.

Mrs. WARD also advised that she and Mrs. DAVIS and Rev. A.L. WILLIAMS KING, prior to their arrival in Memphis, Tennessee about midnight, April 3, 1968, had been vacationing in Panama City, Florida, at the Treasures Island Motel. They had driven to Memphis in Mrs. WARD's automobile from Florida. Prior to leaving the Florida motel, Mrs. WARD had notified Mrs. FRANCIS HASTINGS who, together with her husband, owns the motel, that they were departing but that she, Mrs. WARD, would return shortly for about a week's stay. Mrs. WARD inadvertently told Mrs. HASTINGS that she and her companions were going to Birmingham. Mrs. WARD recalls that when she and her companions were nearly halfway to Memphis that she remembered that she had erroneously told Mrs. HASTINGS they were going to Birmingham. She feels that she made this mistake in that she had earlier talked to the HASTINGS who had told her they were originally from Birmingham, Alabama.

After Dr. KING's assassination, Mrs. WARD changed her plans about spending any further time in Florida and at 6:50 a.m., April 6, 1968, she flew from Memphis, Tennessee, to Panama City, Florida, to get the rest of her clothes. She rented a car at the airport and drove to the motel. When she arrived at the motel, she met Mrs. HASTINGS who immediately

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advised Mrs. WARD that the motel was full and there was no room for Mrs. WARD. Mrs. WARD felt this statement to be untrue as there appeared to be room at the motel, and she spoke rather plainly to Mrs. HASTINGS about her feeling that Mrs. HASTINGS did not want her at the motel because she had been in the company of two Negroes, Rev. KING and Mrs. DAVIS. Mrs. HASTINGS made some comment about them, the HASTINGS, run a respectable motel, and Mrs. WARD replied that it was because the motel had that reputation that she and her companions had originally decided to vacation there.

Mrs. WARD stated that it appeared to her that the motel owners, the HASTINGS, did not object to herself and Mrs. DAVIS having occupied the motel, but apparently objected to the presence in the motel of Rev. A.D. WILLIAMS KING.

Mrs. WARD stated that at no time did either of the HASTINGS make any type of specific threat to Mrs. WARD, against Mrs. WARD or her companions, but it was clear to Mrs. WARD that she was no longer welcome at the HASTINGS' motel.

Mrs. WARD left Panama City by plane about 1:30 p.m. on April 6, 1968 and flew to Atlanta, Georgia, where she was met by Mrs. DAVIS.

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Mrs. JASPER D. (GREGGIA B.) WARD, also known as Lukie Ward, 2540 Ransdell, Louisville, Kentucky, was interviewed in the office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Louisville, Kentucky, and furnished the following information:

For the past several years she has served as administrative assistant to Reverend A.D. WILLIAMS KING of Louisville, Kentucky, and as secretary of the Kentucky Christian Leadership Conference (KCLC) at Louisville, Kentucky. An affiliate of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC).

About midnight April 3, 1968, or shortly thereafter on April 4, 1968, Mrs. WARD in the company of Mrs. GEORGIA DAVIS of Louisville, Kentucky, a Board member of the KCLC and a Kentucky State Senator from Louisville, and the Reverend A.D. WILLIAMS KING of KCLC and pastor of the Zion Baptist Church in Louisville, arrived in Memphis, Tennessee, in Mrs. WARD's 1967 Cadillac bearing 1968 Kentucky license K79-447. The purpose of their visit to Memphis, Tennessee was to participate in a scheduled march there on April 5, 1968 to be led by Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. Mrs. WARD and her companions registered in the Lorraine Motel occupying rooms 201 and 207.

Mrs. WARD did not leave the Lorraine Motel from the time of her arrival until after the shooting of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING at the motel at about 9 p.m. on April 4, 1968, except for one occasion. This was in the afternoon of April 4, 1968, possibly around 3 p.m., when Mrs. WARD left the motel to go to a nearby laundry, exact location not recalled, but the name of the laundry believed to be One-Hour Martinizing. The purpose of her going to the laundry was to pick up some clothes that were there ready for delivery to Mrs. GEORGIA DAVIS. When Mrs. WARD returned from the laundry, she joined a group that was gathered in Room 201 of the Lorraine Motel. As she recalls the individuals in the room were Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., Rev. RALPH DRENNATHY, Rev. ANDREW YOUNG, Attorney CHARLES ESKRIDGE, Rev. EPHRAIM CEE, Rev. A.D. WILLIAMS KING and Mrs. GEORGIA DAVIS.

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The above group remained together engaging in just general conversation until approximately 5:40 p.m., April 4, 1968, at which time the group decided that they would go to dinner, and the individuals left to go to their various rooms to freshen up for dinner. Mrs. WARD left Room 201 in the company of Rev. A.D. WILLIAMS KING and the two of them went to Room 207. Rev. A.D. WILLIAMS KING had partaken of some alcoholic beverages during the afternoon and had decided to rest rather than join the group for dinner. Approximately 15 - 20 minutes after arriving in Room 207 at which time Rev. A.D. WILLIAMS KING was sleeping, Mrs. WARD heard a shot. She immediately opened the door to the room and looked out and heard someone yell that Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING had just been shot. The news stunned Mrs. WARD and while she cannot be exactly certain of her exact movements immediately thereafter, as she recalls upon hearing the news she briefly re-entered Room 207 and then immediately went out into the courtyard of the motel. There was much confusion and police were immediately in the area. Mrs. WARD observed nothing which gave her any indication as to the possible identity of the individual responsible for the shooting. Mrs. WARD recalls that she did not advise Rev. A.D. WILLIAMS KING of the shooting of his brother until about 20 minutes after the incident occurred. Rev. KING's reaction was one of extreme grief and he gave no indication that he had any idea as to the identity of the person responsible.

As Mrs. WARD recalls, someone, specific identity not now recalled, thought it best that Mrs. WARD, Mrs. DAVIS and Rev. A.D. WILLIAMS KING not remain the remainder of the night of April 4 - 5, 1968, at the Lorraine Motel. Accordingly, at about 10 p.m. they left the motel and went to the home of a Rev. WILLIAM KYLES whom Mrs. WARD believes is a minister in Memphis. Rev. KYLES or someone suggested that Rev. A.D. WILLIAMS KING remain at his home that evening and that Mrs. WARD and Mrs. DAVIS obtain motel accommodations at a nearby Howard Johnson's Motel. Mrs. DAVIS and Mrs. WARD did go to such a motel and Mrs. WARD registered in the motel, but just as she did so HOSEA WILLIAMS who was present at the time decided that Mrs. WARD, Mrs. DAVIS and Rev. A.D. WILLIAMS KING should go back to the Lorraine Motel and spend the rest of the night. They did this,

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Mrs. WARD and Rev. A.D. WILLIAMS KING being in Room 207 and Mrs. DAVIS occupying Room 201. En route Mrs. WARD had stopped at a drug store and purchased some sleeping pills which she administered to the Rev. KING and Mrs. DAVIS because of their extremely excited condition.

Mrs. WARD commented that she possesses no information which she feels might assist in identifying the individual responsible for the shooting of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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Re Memphis tel dated 4-13-68 to Louisville advising records Lorraine Motel-Hotel, Memphis, reflect A.D. WILLIAMS KING of Louisville, Ky. was registered in Room 201 on 4-4-68 and C. A. DAVIS and L. B. WARD of Louisville were registered in Room 207 on 4-4-68 and requesting these individuals be interviewed re captioned matter.

Enclosed for the Bureau and Atlanta is one copy each, for Jacksonville two copies, and for Memphis nine copies each of FD-302's recording interviews on 4-15 and 4-16-68 with Mrs. JASPER (LUCRETIA B.) WARD, and on 4-15-68 with Mrs. NORMAN (GEORGIA M.) DAVIS of Louisville, Ky. Rev. A.D. WILLIAMS KING is currently in Atlanta, Ga. in care of his father's residence there, but is expected to return to Louisville late on 4-17-68 and will be contacted as soon as possible thereafter by Louisville.

Neither Mrs. DAVIS nor WARD knew of any C.A. DAVIS of Louisville having been at the Lorraine Motel on 4-4-68, and it appears the motel records erroneously listed Mrs. DAVIS' name as C. A. DAVIS.

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It should be noted that during the interview with Mrs. JASPER WARD she very confidentially advised that although she is a close friend of Rev. A.D. WILLIAMS KING, the brother of the late Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., and thinks highly of him having served as his administrative assistant in connection with the Kentucky Christian Leadership Conference (KCLC) for the past several years, she felt it her duty to advise the FBI only that at the time Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING was assassinated Rev. A.D. WILLIAMS KING was in her room, 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's having been shot. Mrs. WARD was unable to awaken Rev. A.D. WILLIAMS KING until about 20 minutes later and during this period she made concerted efforts to keep other individuals from the room to learn of Rev. A.D. WILLIAMS KING's condition. Mrs. WARD stated that Rev. 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.

Concerning Rev. A.D. WILLIAMS KING, Mrs. WARD further commented that he has had an alcohol problem since she has known him, but that in her estimation he is an exceptionally intelligent individual, a compassionate person, and one that she does not believe would ever intentionally advocate violence in connection with the racial issue. In this connection she commented that when she was able to convey to Rev. KING the report of his brother's having been shot and probably critically wounded, he immediately assumed the person responsible was a white man and commented he was going to make an immediate news statement to the effect that he hates all white people, but then at once changed his views by commenting he could not make such a statement as it would not be a true statement, pointing out that he certainly does not hate Mrs. WARD who is a white person.

Mrs. WARD further commented that she does not feel that the condition of Rev. A.D. WILLIAMS KING at the time of his brother's assassination has any bearing whatever on the assassination and if she may later be called to testify before some public type committee which may inquire into the assassination, she seriously doubts if she would furnish the above information to such committee, but she did feel that she had an obligation and a duty to confidentially report this information to the FBI.