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C. Ruc 9/30/68
[Signature] 4/11/68

- 1) Cloth and four samples
- 2) Agent's notes re MATALIK 4-11-68cr
- 3) One Photo of EMIL MATALIK 4-11-68cr
- 4) Ten fotos of artist conception of Unsub from BH;
ten fotos of artist conception of Unsub from MP 4-16-68cr
- 5) Three fotos of tee shirt and shorts bearing laundry
mark 4-16-68cr
- 6) Two fotos of artist conception of Unsub who purchased rifle
in BH 4-16-68cr
- 7) Foto of ERNEST SUMPTER GAULT MHC#F3388 4-16-68cr
- 8) One foto of ROBERT J. CORCORAN 4-19-68axl

9) Two fotos & registry card photostat on Ernest Sumpter Gault
MHC #F3388

10) Six fotos of Eric Starvo Galt 4/22/68 cr

11) Five fotos of James Earl Ray 4/22/68 cr

12) Four fotos of James Earl Ray & Walter T. Rife 4/22/68 cr

13) Fotos of clothes 4/22/68 cr

14) Fotos of James Earl Ray 5/3/68 RB

15) photos of James Earl Ray 5/3/68

16) photos of: 1) James Ellis Vaughn jr; 2) James
Robert Vaughn; 3) James William Vaughn 5/3/68 RB

DISPOSITION:

- 1) above samples sent to lab w a/t 4-10-68 rlj/cr 4-10-68cr
- # sent to MP w a/t 4-16-68 na/cr 4-18-68cr

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TRANSFERRED FROM FD-340a TO RED WALLET 4-22-68 BY ROTOR CLERK cr

35. Two lists of cleaning establishments, one of members of Nat.

Inst. of Dry Claening and one of non-members, made available by
Mrs. Cecil Bonis, NIDC, 909 Burlington Ave., Silver Spring, Md. 8/19/68sl

~~36. Photos & negs of Peter D. Lent~~ 9-5-68 cl
36. Encl. + ltrs. addressed to Central Sales from V.H. McBride,
Michael Jerome Walton, R. McBride, J.M. Ray (9/25/68) 4
37. Major Case Prints rec'd 4-7-68 (pm 11/26/68)

1A(35) - Sent to Springfield w/airtel 8/14/68

1A(36) - orig rec'd to Robert Smith on 9/24/68

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- 17) Photos of JAMES EARL RAY taken late Jan. or early Feb. 1968 in California. 5/10/68 PMB
- 18) Photos of JAMES EARL RAY. 5/10/68 PMB
- 19) Photos of artist sketch of King's assassin which appeared in newspaper. Photo of blow-up of individual resembling artist sketch. 5/10/68 PMB
- 20) Samples of marking seal 02B-6 and 20R-3 5/10/68 PMB
- 21) Additional samples of thermo-seal tapes from Lincoln Cleaners. 5/10/68 PMB
- 22) Additional samples of thermo-seal tapes from Sayer ~~XXXXXX~~ Laundry. 5/10/68 PMB
23. Sample of Thermo tape from Sayer 5-15-68 ml
- 24 Sample of Thermo seal machine tape from Lincoln Cleaners 5-15-68 ml
- 25 Two Laundry tags 5-15-68 ml
26. Thermo seal marking tapes from seven cleaners 5-15-68 ml
27. Thermo seal marking tapes from Camelot cleaners Laurel, Md, etc 5-15-68 ml
28. Three samples of Thermo seal Teptek manufacturing marking machine seals. 5-15-68 ml
29. photos of laundry marks placed on shirt and fed liner ~~from~~ for James Earl Ray while using the name of Eric Starvo Galt in LA area. 5-15-68 ml
30. Sample of tape from marking machine 5-16-68 ml
31. Thermo seal marking tapes from 24 cleaners w/code. 5/27/68 ml
32. Employment data on Earnest Sumpter Gault, Harvey G. Schmeier, Inez Cowart Russell Galt. 6/28/68 pmB
33. Computer List and IBM cards of all white, males between ages 35+55 who applied for Drivers lic. during period 3/31-6/3/68. 6/28/68 pmB
34. Neg. & photo of Katherine William 8-15-68 ml
- DISPOSITION:**
- 19) Original 2 photos ret'd to Happer 4/30, copies made of each photo, copies sent to Dallas w/a/t 5/3/68. 5/10/68 PMB
- Photo of artist sketch and photo of blow-up sent to Dallas by a/t 5/3/68
- (19)-2 negatives sent to Bureau 3/17/80 - to be returned - and (returned fr. Bur. 3/31/80 ad)
- 20 sent lab by A/T 5-14-68 5-15-68 ml
- 23-28 sent lab by A/T to 5-14-68 5-15-68 ml
- 27 (a) sent lab w/a/t 5/24/68 5/27/68 ml
- 31 sent lab w/a/t 5/24/68 5/27/68 ml

FBI ATLANTA

10:55 PM URGENT 4/9/68 LBN

TO BALTIMORE AND MEMPHIS
FROM ATLANTA

MURKIN.

RE BALTIMORE TELETYPE TO MEMPHIS APRIL NINE SIXTYEIGHT
CONCERNING EDGAR FRANKLIN JOHNSTON.

MR. AND MRS. CHARLES P. FRANKLIN, SEVEN PARIS DRIVE, ROME,
GEORGIA ADVISED ON APRIL NINE SIXTYEIGHT THEIR SON, EDGAR FRANKLIN
JOHNSTON ARRIVED NINE THIRTY A.M. VIA AIR AT ATLANTA MARCH THIRTY
SIXTYEIGHT FROM SILVER SPRING, MARYLAND AND DEPARTED TEN THIRTY
A.M. APRIL THREE SIXTYEIGHT VIA AIR FROM ATLANTA ENROUTE SILVER
SPRING. THEY COULD NOT RECALL NAME OF AIRLINE USED BY JOHNSTON.

PARENTS ADVISED SON VISITED WITH THEM DURING ABOVE PERIOD.

ATLANTA AREA TELEPHONE DIRECTORY DOES NOT LIST CLYDE L. JOHNSTON.

BALTIMORE ASCERTAIN EDGAR FRANKLIN JOHNSTON'S WHEREABOUTS
THROUGHT SILVER SPRING SOURCES.

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REGISTERED MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
ATTN: FBI LABORATORY

FROM: SAC, BALTIMORE (44-699)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Albany teletype, 4/8/68.

STAR LAUNDRY, SALISBURY, MARYLAND

Enclosed are four (4) samples (Code 02B-6) obtained from Thermoseal Machine, SN 32500, located at Star Laundry, 908 N. Salisbury Boulevard, Salisbury, Maryland, 4/8/68, by SA RICHARD F. MAYO.

ALFRED H. SMITH, JR., President, Star Laundry, furnished these samples and stated 02B-6 is not his code.

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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, NEW HAVEN

FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703)

MURKIN

ON APRIL EIGHT LAST, MRS. EULA MC REYNOLDS, THREE ONE NINE WATERFORD ROAD, SILVER SPRINGS, MARYLAND, TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED SHE AND HER HUSBAND CHECKED OUT HOWARD JOHNSON HOTEL, HERRITT PARKWAY, MILFORD, CONNECTICUT, EIGHT THIRTY A.M. WEDNESDAY, APRIL THREE LAST AT WHICH TIME THEY OBSERVED NINETEEN SIXTYSIX OR SIXTY SEVEN BLACK MUSTANG, DAMAGED TRUNK, BELIEVED TO HAVE MASSACHUSETTS TAGS, PARKED HOTEL LOT. IN REAR SEAT WERE SEVERAL RIFLES, SOME IN CANVAS BAGS. OPERATOR OF CAR CHECKING OUT AT SAME TIME HAD STAYED ROOM NEXT ON RIGHT TO MC REYNOLDS IN ROOM TWENTYNINE. OPERATOR OF

- 2 - Bureau
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- 1 - Memphis
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CAR DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, AGE THIRTYFIVE, SIX FOOT, ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY POUNDS, LIGHT BROWN HAIR, FAIR COMPLEXION, SLIGHTLY SUN BURNED, PLAID SHIRT.

NEW HAVEN HANDLE.

AIR MAIL COPIES TO MEMPHIS, BOSTON AND BALTIMORE. P.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, BALTIMORE (44-669-~~857~~) DATE: 4/9/68

FROM : SA ROY G. WETZEL

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re: Knoxville tel, 4/8/68.

On 4/8/68 SA ROY G. WETZEL and SA DONALD V. NORTH attempted to locate CLARENCE BENJAMIN MITCHELL at 622 Surrey Square Lane and at Andrews Air Force Base with negative results. Subject's wife, WANDA STELLA MITCHELL was telephonically contacted at her place of employment TRW Systems, 1735 I Street, WDC. Mrs. MITCHELL had CLARENCE BENJAMIN MITCHELL meet Agents at OSI Headquarters, Andrews AFB, Suitland, Md.

At this time MITCHELL advised that on 4/4/68, he was with his wife and children at their present home, 3348 Curtis Drive, Apt. 101, Suitland, Md. MITCHELL also displayed a pawn ticket bearing the date 4/4/68, from the Suitland Loan Company for a guitar and amplifier he pawned on that date. MITCHELL advised that he left WDC for his home in Ripley, Tennessee near Memphis at approximately 9 p.m., on 4/4/68.

Mrs. MITCHELL was recontacted and verified that her husband was at home until late evening on 4/4/68. Mr. ALLEN E. AUSTIN, Suitland Loan Office, Suitland, Md., identified CLARENCE BENJAMIN MITCHELL as the individual who pawned a guitar and amplifier sometime after 2 p.m. on 4/4/68.

MITCHELL stated additional individuals who may be able to verify his presence in WDC were a Mr. ROD ACKERS and his wife and also a Mr. SAMUELSON, all three of Sheeham Ford, Route 5, Suitland, Md.

These three individuals were not contacted, however, it was verified that MITCHELL was driving a cream Ford Mustang with a black vinyl top, bearing 1968 Maryland license GJ 7883 with a Sheeham Ford sticker on the rear trunk. MITCHELL advised that he had some transactions with Sheeham Ford on 4/4/68 with relation to this vehicle.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : ALL AGENTS

FROM : SUPERVISOR MAURICE E. GARRISON

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CIVIL RIGHTS

DATE: 4/10/68

Bureau has designated above captioned as Code for investigation dealing with murder of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. Bureau instructs that all criminal informants, security informants and racial informants be canvassed for possible knowledge concerning assassination with specific emphasis directed toward informants in known hate groups. All leads are to be afforded immediate attention. A composite description of UNSUB furnished by Memphis teletype 4/7/68, is as follows:

Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Age:	26 - 40 years
Height:	5' 8" - 5' 11"
Hair:	Dark brown or sandy, combed straight back
Eyes:	Blue or green
Build:	Medium
Complexion:	Average, smooth
General Physical Appearance:	Neat

Handle immediately.

1 - All Agents
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

408 Post Office Building
Baltimore, Maryland 21202
April 10, 1968

TO ALL BANKS, SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATIONS IN THE STATES OF
MARYLAND AND DELAWARE

Gentlemen:

In connection with an urgent official investigation being conducted by the FBI, it is requested that all customer records of your institution be checked to determine if the name ERIC STARVO GALT appears in your records as having ever transacted any business with your institution.

If this name should appear in your files, it is requested that you telephonically contact the Baltimore Office of the FBI collect, Area Code 301 - Lexington 9-6700, immediately.

Any answer to this reply will be maintained in the strictest confidence. Should at any time in the future information from this record check be required for court production, a subpoena duces tecum directed to the proper authority will be issued.

I appreciate very much your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Edwin R. Tully
Edwin R. Tully
Special Agent in Charge

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
SAC, JACKSON

FROM: SAC, BALTIMORE (44-)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

SENT BY ~~WILLIAM~~

RE: JACK (LNU)
POSSIBLE SUSPECT

ON APRIL TEN INSTANT, SAM H. SMITH, III, TWENTY AUSTIN ROAD, WILMINGTON, DELAWARE, EMPLOYED DU PONT COMPANY, FURNISHED FOLLOWING:

DURING MARCH, NINETEEN SIXTYSIX, HE ATTENDED A RESERVE TRAINING SESSION AT CAMP LEJUNE, N.C., AS A MEMBER OF THE RESERVE MOBILE CONSTRUCTION BATTALION TWENTYFOUR (SEABEES). HIS ROOMMATE WAS AN INDIVIDUAL KNOWN AS JACK (LNU) WHO WAS A WHITE MALE, APPROXIMATELY THIRTYFOUR YEARS OF AGE, FIVE FEET, TEN INCHES, ONE HUNDRED FIFTY TO ONE HUNDRED FIFTYFIVE POUNDS, CO OF SECOND PLATOON, A COMPANY, LIEUTENANT JG. PRIOR TO COM PLETION OF TRAINING, HE WAS POSSIBLY PROMOTED TO LIEUTENANT.

JACK (LNU) DURING NUMEROUS DISCUSSIONS EXPRESSED HOSTILITY AND HATRED TOWARD MARTIN LUTHER KING, BLAMING HIM FOR THE CON

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FUSION AND DISCORD IN THIS COUNTRY. JACK (LNU) APPEARED VEHEMENT IN HIS CRITICISM OF KING AND STATED THAT SOMEONE SHOULD KILL HIM. JACK (LNU) PERSONALLY STATED, "IF I HAD THE CHANCE, I'D KILL HIM MYSELF." JACK (LNU) WAS AN EXPERT SHOT WITH AN M ONE CARBINE AND ATTAINED THE SECOND HIGHEST SCORE IN HIS DIVISION.

SMITH COULD RECALL ONLY THAT JACK (LNU) WAS EMPLOYED AS A SURVEYOR AND CIVIL ENGINEER IN A SMALL PARTNERSHIP IN THE VICINITY OF CANTON, MISSISSIPPI. HE RESIDED IN CANTON AND WAS ATTACHED TO A SEABEE DIVISION AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI. SMITH INDICATED THAT HE WOULD RECALL JACK'S LAST NAME IF HE WERE ABLE TO REVIEW AN ORGANIZATIONAL LISTING FOR THE RESERVE MOBILE CONSTRUCTION BATTALLION TWENTYFOUR FOR NINETEEN SIXTYSIX.

JACKSON HANDLE.

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TO: SAC, ATLANTA
SAC, MEMPHIS

FROM: SAC, BALTIMORE

MURKIN.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE APRIL EIGHT LAST.

RE EDGAR FRANKLIN JOHNSTON; BOMBING SUSPECT.

RALPH HAMILL, TECHNICAL SUPERVISOR, NATIONAL BROADCASTING COMPANY, WASHINGTON, D.C., ADVISED TODAY JOHNSTON WHO RESIDES ONE ZERO TWO ZERO SEVEN JULEP COURT, SILVER SPRING, MARYLAND, WAS WORKING NINE A.M., TO SIX P.M., MARCH TWENTYNINE LAST AND FROM MARCH THIRTY THROUGH APRIL FOUR LAST WAS ON VACATION STAYING WITH RELATIVES IN GEORGIA.

ATLANTA, WHO HAS BACKGROUND, AND WHO HAS VERIFIED
JOHNSTON'S WHEREABOUTS IN PAST THROUGH RELATIVES, CONTACT
MR. AND MRS. CHARLES P. JOHNSTON, ROME, GEORGIA, PARENTS,
AND CLYDE L. JOHNSTON, ATLANTA, GEORGIA, RE JOHNSTON'S WHEREABOUTS
PERTINENT PERIODS INSTANT CASE.

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TO : SAC, ALBUQUERQUE
FROM : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
SUBJECT: MURKIN - CR

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Information under above caption should pertain only to investigation that may have bearing on identifying subject instant case. All other information pertaining to racial incidents, and racial activity arising out of assassination of Dr. KING should not be submitted under above caption, but should be submitted by interested offices under the appropriate caption pertaining to Racial Matters.

In addition, all offices in receipt of this information should re-canvass any Criminal Informants, Security Informants, and Racial Informants for possible knowledge concerning assassination, with specific emphasis directed toward informants in known hate groups.

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TO SAC, WFO

FROM SAC, BALTIMORE (44-669)

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MURKIN

RE BALTIMORE TEL [REDACTED] APRIL NINE LAST AND ATLANTA TEL
APRIL NINE LAST CONCERNING EDGAR FRANKLIN JOHNSTON,
POTENTIAL BOMBING SUSPECT, EMPLOYED AS ENGINEER NATIONAL
BROADCASTING COMPANY, FOUR ZERO ZERO ONE NEBRASKA AVENUE,
N. W., WASHINGTON, D. C.

RALPH HAMILL, TECHNICAL SUPERVISOR, ABOVE COMPANY,
ADVISED APRIL NINE LAST JOHNSTON WORKED NINE A.M. TO
SIX P.M., MARCH TWENTY NINE LAST AND FROM MARCH THIRTY
LAST THROUGH APRIL FOUR LAST WAS VACATIONING WITH
RELATIVES IN GEORGIA.

MR. AND MRS. CHARLES P. FRANKLIN, ROME, GEORGIA,
JOHNSTON'S PARENTS, STATE HE ARRIVED NINE THIRTY A.M.
MARCH THIRTY LAST AND DEPARTED UNRECALLED AIRLINE FOR HOME
TEN THIRTY A.M., APRIL THREE LAST.

WFO SEE YOUR FILE S [REDACTED] RE JOHNSTON, [REDACTED]
AT PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT ^{DETERMINE} WHEREABOUTS PERTINENT PERIOD
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TO DIRECTOR BIRMINGHAM MEMPHIS ATLANTA BALTIMORE BOSTON
CINCINNATI LAS VEGAS LOS ANGELES NEWARK RICHMOND SAN DIEGO
AND SAN FRANCISCO
FROM: ALBANY /157-273/

MURKIN; CR; OO MEMPHIS

RE ALBANY TEL TO BUREAU APRIL SEVEN LAST AND
TELEPHONE CALLS TO BUREAU, ATLANTA, BOSTON, BALTIMORE,
AND SANFRANCISCO, APRIL EIGHT INSTANT.

SEARCH OF PREMISES BELIEVED OCCUPIED BY UNSUB
WHO ASSASSINATED DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING ON FOUR FOUR
SIXTYEIGHT DISCLOSED SUITCASE IN WHICH WAS LOCATED
TEE SHIRT AND UNDERSHORTS BEARING LAUNDRY MARK ON
RED TAPE WITH BLACK LETTERING BELIEVED TO BE THERMO-
SEAL TYPE, MANUFACTURED BY TEXTILE MARKING MACHINE
CO. INC., SYRACUSE, N.Y. THE TAPE IS ONE QUARTER
INCH WIDE AND ONE AND ONE SIXTEENTH INCH LONG AND
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BEARS LETTERS AND NUMBERS ZERO TWO B DASH SIX.

EXPERTS AT TEXTILE MARKING MACHINE COMPANY ADVISE TYPE ON THIS MACHINE IS UNUSUAL IN THAT THE FIRST TWO CHARACTERS ARE FIFTEEN POINT TYPE AND THE LAST THREE CHARACTERS ARE EIGHTEEN POINT TYPE, WITH THE MIDDLE CHARACTER, THE LETTER B, PROBABLY BEING NARROW RATHER THAN REGULAR TYPE. THE USUAL MACHINE CARRIES FIFTEEN POINT TYPE FOR THE FIRST THREE CHARACTERS AND EIGHTEEN POINT TYPE FOR THE LAST TWO CHARACTERS.

TEXTILE MARKING MACHINE EXPERTS ALSO STATED THIS MACHINE IS DEFECTIVE IN THAT IT IS PRODUCING A TAPE ONE AND ONE SIXTEENTH INCH LONG INSTEAD OF ONE AND ONE EIGHTH INCH LONG AND IS NOT PROJECTING THE TAPE FAR ENOUGH RESULTING IN CUTTING OFF A PORTION

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OF THE FIRST LETTER. THE CODE USED IN THE NORTH
EASTERN PART OF THE UNITED STATES IS AS FOLLOWS:

THE FIRST OETTER O STANDS FOR LOT NUMBER; THE
FIRST NUMBER TWO INDICATES THE DAY OF THE WEEK, TWO
BEING TUESDAY; THE SECOND LETTER INDICATES THE FIRST
LETTER OF THE STORE NAME, THIS IS THE LETTER B; THE
LAST NUMBER IS THE BUNDLE NUMBER, THIS IS SIX. COLOR
CODING OF THE TAG MAY DESIGNATE VARIOUS THINGS SUCH
AS A DIFFERENT MONTH OR THE IDENTITY OF A STORE IN
A CHAIN. EXPERTS ALSO STATE THE USE OF THIS SYSTEM
ON LAUNDRY ITEMS IS UNUSUAL IN THAT THE SYSTEM IS
NORMALLY USED ON GARMENTS BEING DRY CLEANED.

THE BUREAU HAS INSTRUCTED THAT ALL TEXTILE
MACHINES USING THIS TYPE TAPE BE LOCATED AND MACHINES
USING THIS CODE BE IDENTIFIED.

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THE CODE USED HAS BEEN TRACED TO THE NORTHEASTERN PART OF THE UNITED STATES, HOWEVER A SIMILAR CODING IS USED IN THE WESTERN PART OF THE UNITED STATES ALSO AND A SIMILAR CODE IS ALSO USED BY COMPANIES WITHOUT THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE COMPANY'S REPRESENTATIVES, THEREFORE ALL THESE MACHINES MUST BE CHECKED.

FOLLOWING ARE MACHINES HAVING FIVE CHARACTERS OR SIX CHARACTERS CAPABLE OF PRODUCING THE INSTANT LAUNDRY TAPE:

ATLANTA:

BLUM'S, MACON, GEORGIA, MODEL NUMBER H FIVE L ONE, SERIAL NUMBER THREE ONE NINE SEVEN THREE.

BALTIMORE:

STAR LAUNDRY, NINE ZERO EIGHT NORTH SALISBURY BOULEVARD, SALISBURY, MARYLAND, MODEL NUMBER H FIVE L FOUR, SERIAL NUMBER THREE TWO FIVE ZERO ZERO.

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BOSTON:

LEWIS NATIONAL CORP., ONE MT. VERNON
AVE, DORCHESTER, MASS., MODEL NUMBER H
FIVE L FOUR, SERIAL NUMBER THREE TWO TWO NINE ZERO
(A DISTRIBUTOR FOR TEXTILE MARKING MACHINE CO.,
THIS MACHINE SHIPPED APRIL SIXTYTWO); SUPERIOR LAUNDRY
SIX TWENTYFIVE CONCORD AVE, CAMBRIDGE, MASS.,
MODEL NUMBER H FIVE K ONE, SERIAL NUMBER R THREE ONE
SEVEN SIX TWO.

CINCINNATI:

SWAN CLEANERS, EIGHT ZERO FOUR MOUNT VERNON
AVENUE, COLUMBUS, OHIO, MODEL NUMBER H FIVE K ONE
SERIAL NUMBER R THREE ONE FIVE FOUR SEVEN.

FLAS VEGAS:

MONARCH CLEANERS, ONE FOUR THREE ZERO SOUTH MAIN
LAS VEGAS, NEVADA, MODEL NUMBER H FIVE L FOUR, SERIAL
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NUMBER THREE TWO FOUR NINE EIGHT.

LOS ANGELES:

BEACH CITIES LAUNDRY, SIX TWO ZERO MAIN STREET,
HUNTINGTON BEACH, CALIFORNIA, MODEL NUMBER R H FIVE
K ONE, SERIAL NUMBER THREE ONE THREE NINE FOUR;
CALIFORNIA OVERALL COMPANY, ONE SIX TWO ZERO COMPTON
AVENUE, LOS ANGELES, CALIF.: MODEL NUMBER H FIVE
K ONE, SERIAL NUMBER THREE ONE THREE FIVE TWO;
DELITE LAUNDRY, ONE SIX ZERO SEVEN, BROOKLYN AVENUE,
LOS ANGELES, CALIF., MODEL NUMBER R H FIVE K ONE,
SERIAL NUMBERS THREE ONE FOUR FOUR NINE, THREE ONE
FOUR FIVE FOUR, THREE ONE THREE NINE TWO, THREE ONE
FOUR FOUR SEVEN: GOLD COAST LAUNDRY, ONE EIGHT THREE
EIGHT EAST FORTY FIRST PLACE, LOS ANGELES: MODEL
NUMBER H FIVE K FOUR, SERIAL NUMBER R THREE TWO THREE
TWO ONE; NICOLAY KETZBECK INC., GAMMATU LAUNDRY,
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EIGHT SIX ONE ONE WEST THIRD STREET, LOS ANGELES,
MODEL NUMBER H FIVE K ONE, CONVERTED FROM H FIVE J
ONE, SERIAL NUMBER THREE ZERO NINE ZERO TWO.

NEWARK:

CUSTOM SHIRT LAUNDRY, TWO ZERO SEVEN HADDON
AVENUE, WESTMONT, N.J., MODEL NUMBER H FIVE
M FOUR, SERIAL NUMBER THREE TWO SIX FOUR FOUR.

RICHMOND:

FARLINGTON OR FANLINGTON LAUNDRY, THREE EIGHT
ZERO ZERO SOUTH FOUR MILE RUN DRIVE, ARLINGTON,
VIRGINIA, MODEL NUMBER H FIVE L FOUR, SERIAL NUMBER
THREE TWO FIVE ZERO FOUR.

SAN DIEGO

KELLY ORIGINAL FRENCH LAUNDRY, ONE ZERO FOUR
TWO UNIVERSITY AVE., SAN DIEGO, CALIF., MODEL
NUMBER R H FIVE K ONE, SERIAL NUMBERS, THREE ONE
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THREE NINE ONE, THREE ONE THREE NINE FIVE, MODEL
NUMBER H FIVE K ONE, SERIAL NUMBERS THREE ONE FOUR
SIX ONE AND THREE ONE FOUR NINE ONE.

SAN FRANCISCO:

GOLDEN STATE DRIVE IN CLEANERS, TWO ONE SEVEN
FIVE WINCHESTER BLVD., CAMPBELL, CALIF.,
MODEL NUMBER H FIVE L FOUR, SERIAL NUMBER THREE TWO
FIVE ZERO THREE; HIGHLAND DRIVE IN CLEANERS, ONE TWO ZERO
ONE LA SALLE AVENUE, SEASIDE, CALIF., MODEL NUMBER
H FIVE L ONE, SERIAL NUMBER THREE ONE SIX THREE TWO
MARSHALL STEEL COMPANY, FIVE FOUR TWO SEVEN TELEGRAPH,
OAKLAND, CALIF., MODEL NUMBER H FIVE K ONE, SERIAL
NUMBER THREE ONE TWO TWO SIX; SANFORD CLEANERS, TWO
EIGHT SEVEN FIVE EL CAMINO, PAO ALTO, CALIF.,
MODEL NUMBER H FIVE L FOUR, SERIAL NUMBER THREE TWO
FIVE ZERO SIX; STERLING CLEANERS AND LAUNDRY, ONE
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ONE FOUR ZERO HOWARD AVE., BURLINGAME, CALIF.,
MODEL NUMBER H FIVE L FOUR, SERIAL NUMBER THREE
ONE SIX FOUR SEVEN; SUPERIOR FRENCH LAUNDRY, ONE TWO
EIGHT FOUR WEST MAIN AVENUE, OAKLAND, CALIF.,
WHICH HAS NUMEROUS MACHINES OF THIS TYPE SOME OF
WHICH HAVE BEEN RETURNED TO REPRESENTATIVE. MACHINE
H FIVE K ONE SERIAL NUMBER THREE ONE THREE FIVE EIGHT
RETURNED TO TEXTILE MARKING MACHINE HAS BEEN
CHECKED BY ALBANY.

REGARDING THE ABOVE MACHINES ALL OF THOSE
HAVING FIVE CHARACTERS HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AND
THE NUMBERS FURNISHED BY TELEPHONE TO BALTIMORE,
BOSTON AND SAN FRANCISCO. OTHER MACHINES SET FORTH
ABOVE FOR THE DESIGNATION IN THE MODEL NUMBER
INDICATING THAT THEY ARE FIVE CHARACTER MACHINES.
HOWEVER THE RECORDS OF TEXTILE MARKING MACHINE
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COMPANY SHOW SIX DIG. 3. ALL OF THESE MACHINES COULD BE CHECKED TO DETERMINE WHETHER THEY USE THE CODE ON INSTANT TAPE.

THE BUREAU HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO FURNISH ALL OFFICES SET FORTH ABOVE WITH PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE GARMENTS BEARING THE TAPE IN SUFFICIENT QUANTITY TO COVER THESE LEADS.

ALL OFFICES ARE DIRECTED BY THE BUREAU TO IMMEDIATELY CONTACT THE ABOVE CONCERNS AS DESIGNATED, DETERMINE IF THEY USE THE CODE SYSTEM AS SHOWN ON INSTANT TAPE AND IF THEY DO USE THAT SYSTEM, OBTAIN ALL INFORMATION AVAILABLE IN AN EFFORT TO IDENTIFY UNSUB. THE BUREAU HAS FURTHER DIRECTED THAT EVEN IF THEY DO NOT USE THIS SYSTEM, TAPES SHOULD BE OBTAINED USING THE CHARACTERS IN INSTANT TAPE WHICH SHOULD BE FORWARDED IMMEDIATELY TO THE FBI LAB FOR

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COMPARISON WITH INSTANT TAPE.

COPY OF THIS TELETYPE IS FURNISHED TO BIRMINGHAM
IN VIEW OF CHECKS BEING MADE WITH AIRLINE COMPANIES. P.

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IMMEDIATE 4-8-68 DER

TO DIRECTOR BIRMINGHAM MEMPHIS ATLANTA

BALTIMORE BOSTON CINCINNATI LAS VEGAS

LOS ANGELES NEWARK RICHMOND SAN DIEGO AND SAN FRANCISCO

FROM ALBANY 157-273

MURKIN CR OO MEMPHIS

RE ALBANY TEL APRIL EIGHT INSTANT

THE FOLLOWING ARE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF DISTRICT
MANAGERS FOR TEXTILE MARKING MACHINE COMPANY WHO MAY BE ABLE
TO FURNISH ASSISTANCE IN EVENT ANY PROBLEMS DEVELOP:

ATLANTA:

DICK BRISTOW, THREE FOUR SIX TWO, N.W. THIRTEENTH
AVENUE, GAINESVILLE, FLA., TELEPHONE NUMBER F R TWO ONE TWO NINE
ZERO.

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JOE COMBS, FIFTY TWO THIRTY DEVONSHIRE, OXON HILL,
MARYLAND, TELEPHONE TWO FOUR EIGHT SIX ONE TWO SEVEN.
CINCINNATI

JACK CODY, TWENTYNINE TWENTYNINE CHAUCER DRIVE, SHERWOOD
VILLAGE, NORTH CANTON, OHIO, TELEPHONE FOUR NINE TWO SIX FOUR
NINE SEVEN.

BOSTON:

FRED WEBER, THIRTYTHREE SKYLARK LANE, STONYBROOK,
LONG ISLAND, TELEPHONE SEVEN FIVE ONE TWO ONE THREE FIVE.
LOS ANGELES, SAN FRANCISCO, LAS VEGAS AND SAN DIEGO

FRED RAUPACK, ONE EIGHT FOUR ZERO NINE HIAWATHA,
NORTHRIDGE, CALIFORNIA, TELEPHONE EM THREE EIGHT NINE SIX
THREE. P.

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TO ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES (PLAINTEXT)

FROM DIRECTOR (44-38861) 2P

44-669
12:00 noon

MURKIN

AMONG ARTICLES RECOVERED AT SCENE OF SHOOTING, APPARENTLY ABANDONED BY UNSUB, WERE A PAIR OF BROWNISH CHECKERED PRINT UNDERSHORTS AND WHITE JOCKEY TEE SHIRT BEARING CLOTH LAUNDRY TAGS. THESE TAGS WERE MADE BY A THERMO SEAL MARKING MACHINE MANUFACTURED BY THE TEXTILE MARKING MACHINE COMPANY, SYRACUSE, NEW YORK. THESE TAGS ARE ONE QUARTER INCH WIDE AND ONE AND ONE SIXTEENTH INCH LONG, RED IN COLOR AND BEAR MARKING WHICH APPEARS TO BE "O TWO B DASH SIX" OR "D TWO B DASH SIX." ONLY A PORTION OF THE FIRST CHARACTER IS PRESENT ON EACH TAG, AND THIS CHARACTER IS CUT ON A SLIGHT BIAS. NO OTHER VISIBLE LAUNDRY MARKS WERE FOUND ON EITHER GARMENT.

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CHECKS OF LOGICAL LAUNDRIES SUGGESTED BY TEXTILE MARKING COMPANY HAVE TO DATE BEEN UNPRODUCTIVE
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UPON RECEIPT, ALL OFFICES SHOULD IMMEDIATELY TELEPHONICALLY
CONTACT ALL LAUNDRIES IN YOUR DIVISIONS TO IDENTIFY
LAUNDRY USING THIS CODE AND THESE TAGS AND PURSUE LOGICAL
LEADS DEVELOPED.

IF PERTINENT LAUNDRY IDENTIFIED, IMMEDIATELY ADVISE
BUREAU TELEPHONICALLY.

THIS MUST BE GIVEN TOP PRIORITY HANDLING TO INSURE
THAT THESE CHECKS ARE IMMEDIATELY RUN OUT.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD ANYONE BE TOLD THIS
INVESTIGATION IS IN CONNECTION WITH CAPTIONED MATTER.

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TO ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES (PLAINTEXT)
FROM DIRECTOR (44-38861) 2P

MURKIN.

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THIS IS THE CASE INVOLVING THE MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., ON APRIL FOUR, LAST, IN MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD ANYONE BE TOLD THIS INVESTIGATION IS IN CONNECTION WITH CAPTIONED MATTER.

IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT A RIFLE ABANDONED NEAR SCENE OF CRIME WAS PURCHASED BY INDIVIDUAL USING THE NAME HARVEY LOWMEYER OR LOWMYER.

LOWMEYER OR LOWMYER IS GENERALLY DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, THIRTYSIX YEARS OLD, FIVE FEET EIGHT INCHES TALL, ONE HUNDRED FIFTY - ONE HUNDRED SIXTY POUNDS, BLACK OR DARK BROWN HAIR.

IN VIEW OF THE UNUSUAL NATURE OF THE NAMES LOWMEYER AND LOWMYER, ALL OFFICES SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CHECK YOUR INDICES, ALL CITY DIRECTORIES, ALL TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES COVERING YOUR TERRITORIES, ALL DRIVERS LICENSE RECORDS, ALL AUTOMOBILE
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REGISTRATION RECORDS, VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS, AND CREDIT AND CRIMINAL RECORDS ON THE SURNAMES LOWMEYER AND LOWMYER. IN VIEW OF THE UNUSUAL NATURE OF THE NAMES, DO NOT CONFINE YOUR CHECK TO HARVEY LOWMEYER AND LOWMYER ONLY. ANY INDIVIDUALS IDENTIFIED AS BEARING THESE SURNAMES SHOULD BE IMMEDIATELY CHECKED OUT COVERING THE PERTINENT PERIOD. YOU SHOULD ALSO APPROPRIATELY CHECK OUT ALL BOMBING SUSPECTS IN YOUR TERRITORIES.

HANDLE IMMEDIATELY AND GIVE TOP PRIORITY ATTENTION.

BUFILES CONTAIN NO INFORMATION IDENTIFIABLE ON HARVEY LOWMEYER OR LOWMYER.

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FBI MEMPHIS

724PM URGENT 4/7/68 CAF

TO ALL SACS

FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987) 2P

MURKIN; CR. OO MEMPHIS.

RE BUTEL TO ALL SAC'S APRIL SEVEN, NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT.

FOR INFO ALL OFFICES, PERTINENT PERIODS IN INVESTIGATION ARE MARCH TWENTY NINE AND THIRTY IN BIRMINGHAM, ALA., AND APRIL FOUR, SIXTY EIGHT, IN MEMPHIS, TENN.

IN EVENT ANY DATA DEVELOPED RE SUSPECTS, IF INTERESTED OFFICES CAN ESTABLISH WHEREABOUTS OF SUSPECTS ON DATES ABOVE, THIS MAY ELIMINATE SUSPECT. IF THIS CANNOT BE DONE, EFFORTS SHOULD BE MADE TO SECURE PHOTOGRAPHS OF SUSPECTS IN QUESTION AND FORWARD PHOTOS TO MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM FOR POSSIBLE ELIMINATION. PERTINENT DESCRIPTIVE DATA SHOULD BE INCLUDED WITH PHOTOS.

IF UNABLE TO ELIMINATE ON BASIS OF ESTABLISHED WHEREABOUTS IN PERTINENT PERIODS, INTERESTED OFFICES SHOULD MAKE EFFORTS TO SECURE FINGERPRINTS OF SUSPECT IN QUESTION AND SUBMIT SAME TO BUREAU FOR ELIMINATION.

COMPOSITE DESCRIPTION, BASED ON DATA DEVELOPED IN BIRMINGHAM AND MEMPHIS, IS AS FOLLOWS:

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SUSPECT MALE WHITE, AGE TWENTY SIX TO FORTY YEARS, HEIGHT FIVE FT. EIGHT TO FIVE FT. ELEVEN INCHES, ONE HUNDRED FIFTY TO ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY LBS.; DARK BROWN OR SANDY HAIR, COMBED STRAIGHT BACK. EYES BLUE OR GREEN; MEDIUM BUILD; COMPLEXION AVERAGE, SMOOTH. GENERAL PHYSICAL APPEARANCE; NEAT.

POSSIBILITY EXISTS SUSPECT IS NON-SMOKER. INDICATIONS WERE THAT SUSPECT RENTED ROOM BETWEEN THREE AND THREE THIRTY PM, APRIL FOUR, LAST, AND DEPARTED ROOM SHORTLY AFTER SIX PM. NO MATCHES OR CIGARETTES FOUND DURING THAT PERIOD, WHICH SUGGESTS SUSPECT MAY BE NON-SMOKER.

RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION MUST BE PROMPTLY FURNISHED BUREAU, MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM. P.

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BALTIMORE 01 950 AM DHH
URGENT 4-10-68 DHH
TO ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES (PLAINTEXT)
FROM DIRECTOR (44-38861) 1P

MURKIN 00: MEMPHIS

SENT BY COLORED TELETYPE

RE: SUSPECT ERIC STARVO GALT

IMMEDIATELY CHECK YOUR INDICES, ALL STATE SELECTIVE
SERVICE HEADQUARTERS, CITY AND TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES,
DRIVERS LICENSE BUREAUS, MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISIONS, FINANCIAL
INSTITUTIONS, CONDUCT CREDIT AND CRIMINAL CHECK AND
CONTACT OTHER LOGICAL SOURCES TO OBTAIN ANY INFORMATION
WHATSOEVER RE SUSPECT GALT. DRIVERS LICENSE ISSUED IN
ALABAMA DESCRIBES GALT AS WHITE MALE, BORN [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES, ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-
FIVE POUNDS, BLUE EYES, BROWN HAIR.

THIS MUST BE GIVEN TOP PRIORITY AND ALL LEADS MUST BE
COVERED BY TELETYPE TO THOROUGHLY RESOLVE. NO INDICATION
TO BE GIVEN THAT THIS LEAD IS IN CONJUNCTION WITH MURKIN CASE.

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FROM DIRECTOR 1 P

MURKIN

THIS IS THE CAPTION FOR THE CIVIL RIGHTS INVESTIGATION TO IDENTIFY PERSON OR PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., IN MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, ON APRIL FOUR LAST.

ALL INVESTIGATION MUST BE HANDLED UNDER THE PERSONAL DIRECTION OF THE SAC. LEADS ARE TO BE AFFORDED IMMEDIATE, THROUGH IMAGINATIVE ATTENTION. YOU MUST EXHAUST ALL POSSIBILITIES FROM SUCH LEADS AS ANY ONE LEAD COULD RESULT IN THE SOLUTION OF THIS MOST IMPORTANT INVESTIGATION. SAC WILL BE HELD PERSONALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY FAILURE TO PROMPTLY AND THOROUGHLY HANDLE INVESTIGATIONS IN THIS MATTER.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC BALTIMORE (44-669)

DATE: 4/10/68

FROM : SA RICHARD F. MAYO

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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On 4/10/68 the following laundries in the below listed counties were contacted by SA Richard F. Mayo in an effort to identify laundry mark 02B-6 and nothing pertinent was developed. The laundries with the asterick beside the name used the Thermo Seal Marking machine, but the code was not theirs:

WICOMICO-WORCESTER-SOMERSET COUNTIES

- Sunshine Laundry, Salisbury, Md
- Connelly-Phillips Cleaners, Salisbury, Md
- * -Delmarva Cleaners, Salisbury, Md
- * - Star Laundry, Salisbury, Md
- * -Hoffman Laundry, Berlin, Md

DORCHESTER COUNTY

- Dorset Laundry, Cambridge, Md
- Choptank Laundry, Cambridge, Maryland
- Elyte Laundry, Cambridge, Md.

TALBOT-CAROLINE COUNTIES

- McCords Laundry, Easton, Md
- Merrimac Laundry, Easton, Md
- Sunshine Laundry, Federalsburg, Md.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Baltimore (44-669)

DATE: 4/10/68

FROM : SA Robert I. Mc Enroe

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 4/10/68, inquiries made with following regarding any record concerning one ERIC STARVO GALT; no record was located:

J. WESLEY DEAVERS, Boonsboro Bank, Boonsboro, Md.

KARL K. KEPLER, Citizens Bank of Keedysville, Keedysville, Md.

SAMUEL G. REEL, JR., Farmers & Merchants Bank, 59 W. Washington St., Hagerstown, Md.

RICHARD KNEPPER, First National Bank of Maryland, 101 W. Washington St., Hagerstown, Md.

ROBERT G. STULL, Hagerstown Trust Company, 83 W. Washington St., Hagerstown, Md.

JULIA A. AYERS, The Hancock Bank, Main St., Hancock, Md.

CHARLES LUMM, Maryland National Bank, 82 W. Washington St., Hagerstown, Md.

A. HART MC KINLEY, People's National Bank, Main St., Hancock, Md.

JOHN ROULETTE, Sharpsburg Bank of Washington County, Sharpsburg, Md.

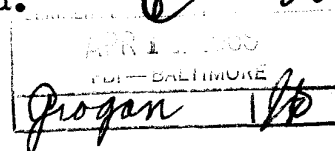
CHARLES N. HARSH, Williamsport Washington County National Savings Bank, Williamsport, Md.

MILDRED HEES, First Federal Savings & Loan Association, 100 W. Washington St., Hagerstown, Md.

RALPH CUSHEN, Home Federal Savings & Loan Association, 128 W. Washington St., Hagerstown, Md.

HARRIET POPE, Washington County Building & Loan Association, 35 W. Franklin St., Hagerstown, Md.

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RONALD KIDD, Credit Bureau of Hagerstown, 43 Summit Ave., Hagerstown, Md.

MELVA GUYER, Police Department, Hagerstown, Md.

WILLIAM MASON, Washington County Sheriff's Department, Hagerstown, Md.

In addition, a review of the current telephone and city directories for Washington County, Md., failed to reflect a listing for GALT.

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FBI ALBANY

1024AM URGENT 4-11-68 DER

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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FBI BIRMGHAM

849 AM URGENT 4-11-68 JGA
TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND BALTIMORE
FROM BIRMINGHAM 44-1740

MURKIN.

RE JACKSON TELETYPE TO BUREAU, MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM
APRIL TEN, SIXTYEIGHT.

FOR INFORMATION BALTIMORE INVESTIGATION PASCAGOULA,
MISSISSIPPI REFLECTS WHITE FEMALE NAMED INEZ COWART GALT,
SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] EMPLOYED INGALL'S SHIPBUILDING CORPORATION,
PASCAGOULA, MISS, FROM AUGUST TWENTYONE THROUGH SEPTEMBER
SEVEN, FORTYFOUR. SIMILARITY OF EMPLOYEES NAME AND OF SUSPECT
ERIC STARVO GALT.

BALTIMORE CONTACT BA SOURCE FOUR AND OBTAIN COMPLETE
EMPLOYMENT FOR INEZ COWART GALT AND ALL AVAILABLE BACKGROUND.

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522AM URGENT 4-9-68 REM

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, AND WFO
FROM BALTIMORE 2P

MURKIN

RE BU TELEPHONE CALL TO BA, AM APRIL NINE SIXTYEIGHT.

BUREAU ADVISED INFO TELEPHONICALLY RECEIVED FROM LT. S.T. HALL, MONTGOMERY COUNTY PD, MARYLAND, THAT LATTER RECEIVED CALL FROM FNU MC CLALLAND, WHO RUNS SEVEN ZERO SEVEN RESTAURANT ON UNIVERSITY BLVD., SILVER SPRING, MARYLAND, RE OVERHEARING A CUBAN TELLING A MAN IN BAR EVENING APRIL EIGHT LAST THAT HE KNEW KING WAS TO BE KILLED THREE TO FIVE DAYS BEFORE IT HAPPENDED AND THAT CUBAN HAD LEFT MEMPHIS FEW DAYS AGO.

CHESTER MC CLELLAND, RESIDENCE ONE EIGHT ZERO EIGHT KANAWHA SREET, ADELPHI, MARYLAND, TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED THIS AM AND ADVISES HE OPERATES SEVEN ZERO SEVEN RESTAURANT, SEVEN ZERO SEVEN UNIVERSITY BLVD., SILVER SPRING, THAT A CUBAN NAMED EDDIE LNU, WHO FREQUENTS HIS RESTAURANT AND ABOUT TWO TOT HREE TIMES EACH WEEK, WAS IN BAR EVENING APRIL EIGHT LAST DRINKING HEAVILY. MC CLELLAND EVERHEARD EDDIE TELL PART TIME BARTENDER, AL BALLEW, THAT HE HAD

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RETURNED FROM MEMPHIS FEW DAYS AGO AND THAT HE KNEW THREE WEEKS AGO THAT KING WOULD BE KILLED.

EDDIE DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, AGE FORTYFIVE TO FIFTY YEARS, HEIGHT FIVE TEN, WEIGHT ONE SIXTYFIVE TO ONE SEVENTY POUNDS, HAIR BLACK, TYPICALLY CUBAN, AND LOUD TALKING, PARTICULARLY WHEN DRINKING; RESIDES LONG BRANCH APTS., SEVEN HUNDRED BLOCK UNIVERSITY BLVD. AT PINEY BRANCH ROAD, SILVER SPRING, MD., AND EMPLOYED AS CHEF OR COOK AT SHERATON BELVEDERE HOTEL OR SHERATON HOTEL, WDC.

MC CLELLAND STATES AL BALLEW MOVED LAST WEEK AND CURRENT ADDRESS UNKNOWN, THOUGH HAS FULL TIME EMPLOYMENT AT SEARS STORE, MONTGOMERY MALL, SILVER SPRING, MD.

WFO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW EDDIE FNU RE ALLEGED TRIP TO MEMPHIS AND KNOWLEDGE KING'S DEATH.

BA CONDUCTING SAME INVESTIGATION SILVER SPRING.

BUREAU INSTRUCTS EXPEDITIOUS HANDLING ALL LEADS THIS CASE.

END

CORR P I L I W I SHD BE MC CLEELANDXXXXXX MC CLELLAND

JMB

FBI MEMPHIS

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Baltimore

DATE: 4/6/68

FROM : SA Joel E. Gooch

SUBJECT: Racial Matters (Murkin)

SA ~~E~~du. C. Palmer, WFO, advised that files of his division reflect: Emil Matalik, no DOB or POB, observed by Soviet look out. Matalik, w/m, 5'10" - 5'11", 150-160, light brown crew cut hair and noticeable limp, was observed as visitor to Soviet Embassy, WDC, on 2/12/68. Same was followed to rooming house, 430 K Street, N.W. where it was determined that he was residing. Matalik contacted Tass, Russian News Agency, and said that he had press release which was to effect that he is a candidate ~~for~~



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the World and United States
Head; also that he is leader
of new government called
"The One United Nations
Organization." He contact-
ed the Associated Press
in order to make same
press release, but was
hung up on.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

901-534-3807

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44 New)
FROM : John F. Hanson
SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4-6-68

St. Thomas McKew, Homicide, B&D
advised as follows 2:03 PM: EMIL MATALIK,
white, male, born 7-5-29 Highland, Wis.,
was picked up today as a good
look alike for photo of suspect
appearing in today's front page of
news American. He appears to be a
mental case & won't give much
information. McKew will hold on a
local charge (investigation).

Richard Long, Supervisor, Division
6, SOB advised as follows: Matalik
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