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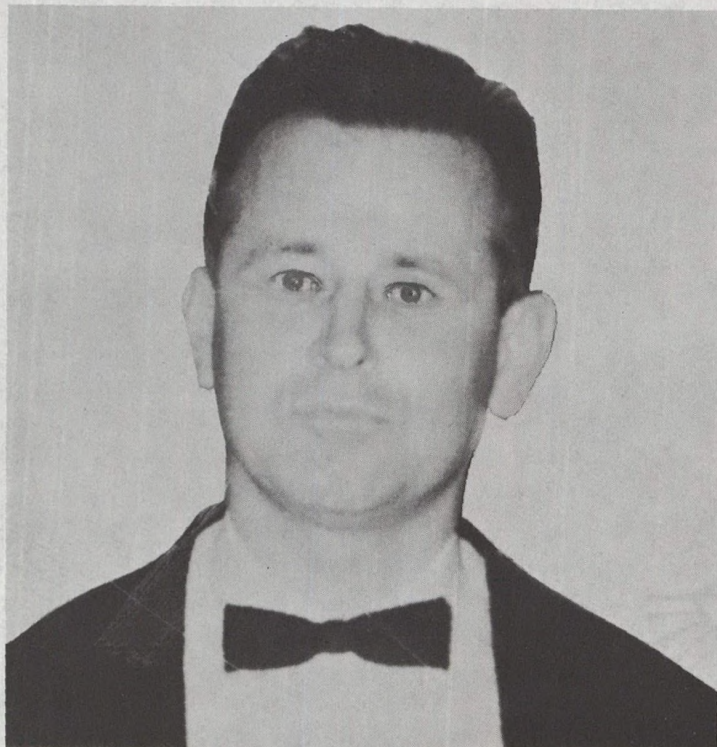
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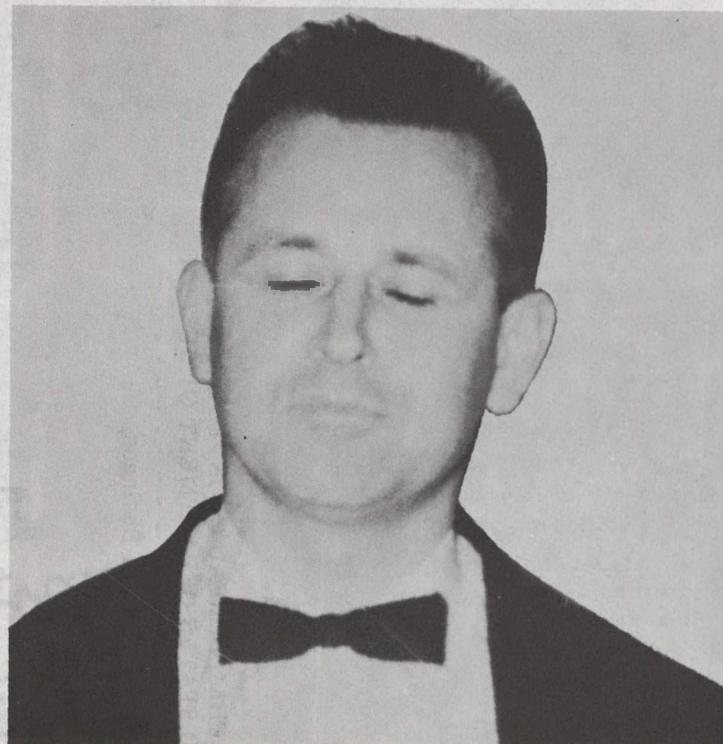
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On 4/12/68, LEE HICKS, Resident, 133 Brunswick Blvd., Buffalo, N.Y., contacted this office in person at approximately 5:10 P.M. She stated that her telephone number is 882-1646 and that she is employed at the Buffalo General Hospital on High Street.

LEE HICKS related that on 4/11/68, she was returning from the office of her Podiatrist, between 6:30 P.M. and 7:00 P.M., and boarded the 13A Niagara Frontier Transit Bus, known as the Kensington Bus.

She said she sat next to a white male near the front of the bus. She furnished the following description of this individual:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	5'10"-6'
Weight	160-165
Characteristics	No glasses
Scars	None
Complexion	Had a few blemishes
Hair	Medium brown

This individual was wearing brown loafers, light khaki pants, light beige jacket with a round insigna on the left side, which was dyed into the fabric of which the jacket was made. The insigna bore the name "University Alabama." She stated that there was nothing additional on the jacket and recalled that this individual was wearing a plaid shirt, color unrecalled.

She said when she first sat next to him, he stared at her and she thought he was some kind of a "nut."

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She boarded this bus at Main and Chippewa, traveled North on Main to Ferry. The bus then turned East on Ferry and traveled to Wohlers, where she disembarked. When she got off the bus, he was still staring at her and also other Negroes who were passengers on the bus.

The bus continued up East Ferry. She related that the reason she is bringing this to the attention of this office is that she was reading the "Buffalo Evening News" on the evening of 4/10/68 and noticed a description of the suspect, with an artist's sketch. She assumed that the person that killed Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING was from Tennessee and never discounted the white male mentioned above as possibly being connected with the KING assassination.

On 4/12/68, after going to work, she picked up a "Courier-Express" and noticed in this paper that the authorities were looking for a man from Alabama; therefore, she discounted her assumption that the killer was from Tennessee and that he possibly was from Alabama, according to the newspaper. Therefore, she thought she should furnish this information relative to the University of Alabama male for whatever purpose it may serve.

Recommendation

Furnish this information to SA R. GORDON EDDY, to whom the MURKIN case is assigned for whatever action he deems appropriate.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-374)

DATE: 4/18/68

FROM : SA WALTER J. SAMELSTAD

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On April 17, 1968, photographs and press releases were furnished the following:

Donald Whelan, Democrat and Chronicle and Times Union
Craig Heslor, WOKR TV, 17 South Clinton Ave.
Will Moyle, WROC TV, ~~191 East Ave~~ 201 Humboldt St.
Warren Doremus, WHEC TV, 191 East Ave.

Coverage was afforded immediately by above listed persons.



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Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-374) (P)
ATT: SA EDDY

DATE: 4/18/68

FROM : SA RAYMOND D. ANGLE JR

SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE: Memo of SA EDDY dated 4/10/68

The following persons were contacted by SA Angle, on 4/15/68, but were unable to identify through a review of their records, anyone by the name of ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMEYER, HARVERY LOWMYER or JOHN WILLARD:

GEORGE GRONBORG, Owner
Arthur Murray Dance Studio
215 Pine Street
Jamestown, N.Y.

MRS SHIRLEY KOPP, Owner
Academy of Dance Arts
Baker Street Ext
Jamestown, N.Y.

Efforts were made on 4/15, 16 and 17/68 to contact officials at the Lorraine School of Dancing, 22 East 3rd Street, Jamestown, with negative results.

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Memorandum

TO : ALL AGENTS (44-374)

FROM : SAC NEIL J. WELCH

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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DATE: 4/18/68

RE: ERIC STARVO GALT, aka
Harvey Lowmyer,
John Willard -
FUGITIVE

The Bureau has advised that a complaint was filed at Birmingham, Alabama on 4/17/68, charging GALT with conspiring to violate the rights of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. in violation of Title 18, USC, Section 241.

The complaint charges that on or about 3/29/68 at Birmingham, Alabama, GALT and an individual whom he alleged to be his brother, entered into a conspiracy, which continued until on or about 4/5/68 to injure, oppress, threaten or intimidate KING in the free exercise or enjoyment of a right secured to him by the constitution or laws of the U.S.; namely, the right to freely travel from state to state. In furtherance of this conspiracy, GALT on or about 3/30/68 purchased a rifle at Birmingham, Alabama.

The Bureau advised that a 30.06 rifle with a telescopic sight was recovered near the scene of the fatal shooting. It had been purchased from a Birmingham gun dealer on 3/30/68, along with a telescopic sight.

GALT owned a 1966 white Mustang, which he purchased for \$2,000.00 cash on 8/30/67. This car was recovered abandoned 4/11/68, after having been driven more than 19,000 miles.

To date, the Bureau has furnished the following date showing GALT's whereabouts:

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 - 1 - SEC. SUPV.
 - 1 - EACH AGENT
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1964	New Orleans, Louisiana (took dancing lessons)
1965	New Orleans, Louisiana (took dancing lessons)
8/30/67	Purchased 1966 Mustang, Birmingham, Alabama
9/67-10/67	Birmingham, Alabama (took dancing lessons)
12/67-2/68	Long Beach, California (took dancing lessons)
12/15/67	Left Los Angeles, California for New Orleans, Louisiana, where he allegedly contacted an engineering or contracting firm
12/19/67	Left New Orleans, Louisiana
12/21/67	Arrived Los Angeles, California
3/2/68	Graduated from bartending school, Los Angeles, California
3/30/68	Purchased 30.06 rifle, Birmingham, Alabama
4/3-4/68	Memphis, Tennessee; left Memphis reportedly for Atlanta, where Mustang recovered 4/11/68

The Bureau has furnished the following descriptive
date regarding GALT:

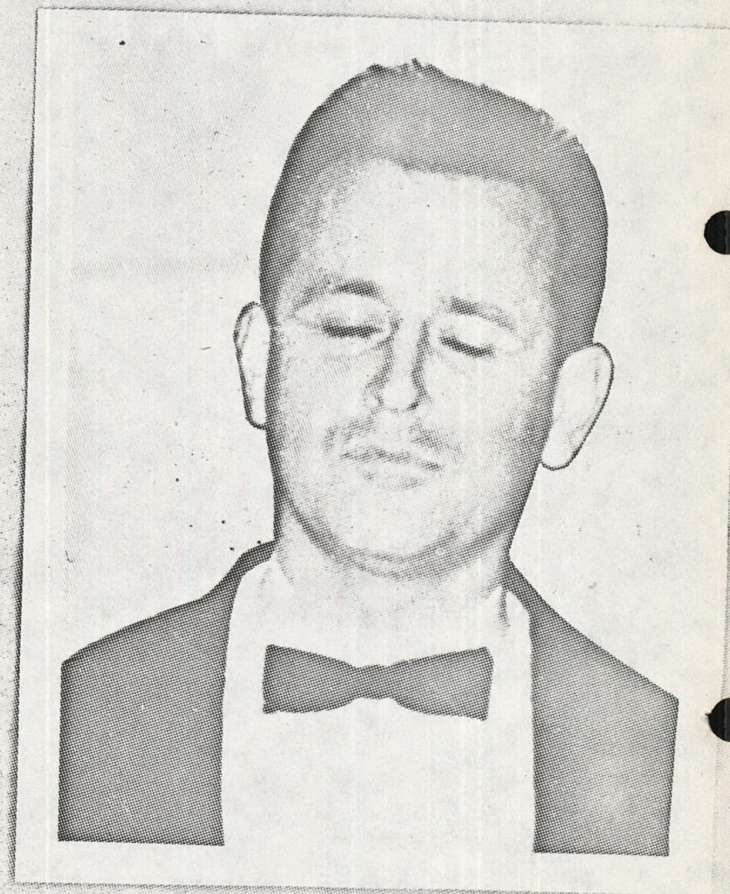
Name	ERIE STARVO GALT
Aliases	Harvey Lowmyer, John Willard
Race	White
Sex	Male
Born	7/20/31 (per GALT)

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Height	5'8"-5'11"
Weight	160-175
Build	Medium
Hair	Brown, brushcut
Eyes	Blue
Nose	Straight and narrow
Teeth	Straight and clean
Occupations	Claims Cook on Mississippi River vessels and merchant seaman; took course at School of Bartending, at which he graduated 3/2/68
Characteristics	Neat dresser; possibly does not have high degree of education; drinks alcoholic beverages with preference for vodka and beer; fan of western and country music; "loner"
Accent	Language indication for rural character

A Xerox copy of two photographs of GALT are attached hereto. The photograph with his eyes closed is an actual photograph of GALT and the photograph with his eyes open is the same photograph with eyes sketched in by Bureau artist.

SINCE KING WAS MURDERED APPARENTLY WITH A SHOT
FROM A 30.06 RIFLE, GALT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND
EXTREMELY DANGEROUS.



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, (44-374) (P)

DATE: 4/18/68

FROM : SA. W. EARL SUMNER

SUBJECT: *MCKIN*
~~ERIC STARVO GALT - FUGITIVE~~
CR.

Re Director Tel to all office 4/14/68.

The following investigation was conducted by SA W. EARL SUMNER at Buffalo.

Mr. GEORGE KORDON, manager, Rhythm Dance Studio, 1444 Hertel, on 4/16/68 advised that he has known and can recall most all of the students he has had, and no one fit the ~~xxxxxx~~ general description of subject.

He checked all his records and could find no one by subject's known name or any of his aliases. He was sure noone by subject's name had every been a member of his dance club.

On 4/16/68 in the A.M. and P.M. on 4/17 and 4/18 a check was made at Xaiver Cugat Dance Club, 2798 Delaware Ave, and Cora Tapson Dance Studio 1388 Main Street where it was determined both of these businesses were closed. It was noted on the door at Stuhlmiller School of Dance, 2799 Delaware Ave that this School was closed for Easter Holidays and would be closed until 4/22/68. It would appear that this is the explanation for these Dance Schools and Clubs being closed on 4/16/17/and 18.

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Manhunt for Galt Is Pressed by FBI

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP)—The FBI continued its massive manhunt Thursday for shadowy Eric Starvo Galt, charged in the sniper slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

But little more was known publicly about the alleged assassin of the civil rights leader than when his name first arose a week ago. It was learned, however, that a man registered as Eric S. Galt in a Memphis motel a day before King was killed.

Police agencies continued their "no comment" handling of queries—including questions about a newspaper report that the search had spread outside the country, to Mexico or Cuba. And they were silent on any details at all about a man with whom Galt may have conspired in the slaying.

Warrant Is Issued

A murder warrant was issued here Wednesday night for the 36-year-old Galt, five hours after the FBI charged him with conspiracy to violate the civil rights of Dr. King. The FBI warrant charged him with conspiring with a man "whom he alleged to be his brother."

Dr. King was killed by a single bullet the night of April 4 as he leaned over the second-floor railing of a Memphis motel. Po-

lice have said the shot was fired from the common bathroom of a low-cost hotel across the street.

The FBI said Galt had used the names of Harvey Lowmyer and John Willard. A man registered as "John Willard" checked into the hotel just three hours before Dr. King was killed.

Ivan B. Webb, night desk clerk at the Rebel Motel here, said a man registered there under the name of Eric S. Galt on April 3. Webb said a white Mustang bearing Alabama license plates and Mexican tourist stickers was parked near the room occupied by Galt.

Car Impounded

A similar car has been impounded in Atlanta, Ga., and the FBI said that car belonged to Galt. A white Mustang is believed to have been the getaway car after the slaying.

Police recovered a 30.06 Remington rifle with telescopic sight soon after the slaying. The weapon had been abandoned in a doorway near the scene of the shooting.

The Birmingham News said in a copyrighted story Thursday that a gun which the FBI said had been purchased in that city had been identified in ballistics tests as the 30.06 rifle which killed Dr. King.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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SGT. ROBERT E. MUIR, RCMP, NIAGARA FALLS, ONTARIO,
ADVISED THIS DATE ~~SUSPECT~~ ^{SUBJECT}, ERIC STARVO GALT, POSSIBLY
SEEN BY ONE OF THEIR INFORMANTS IN NIAGARA FALLS, ONTARIO
ON APRIL TWELVE, LAST.

VICTOR KRSTIC, OWNER, VICTOR'S MEN'S SHOP, NIAGARA
FALLS, ONTARIO, RCMP INFORMANT, WHO IS DESCRIBED AS OF
KNOWN RELIABILITY, WAS INTERVIEWED BY A BUAGENT AND SGT.
MUIR THIS DATE.

KRSTIC ADVISED THAT, AFTERVIEWING PHOTO AND ACCOMPANYING
PRESS RELEASE OF ERIC STARVO GALT, WHICH APPEARED IN "NIAGARA
FALLS EVENING REVIEW," NIAGARA FALLS, ONTARIO, DATED APRIL,
EIGHTEEN, LAST, HE RECOGNIZED IT AS THAT OF A CUSTOMER WHO
WAS IN HIS STORE ON THE MORNING OF APRIL TWELVE, LAST.
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FROM : SA SYLVESTER B. SMITH

SUBJECT: MURKIN
(OO: Memphis)

DATE: 4/19/68

Rememo to all Agents, dated 4/9/68.

The following individuals were contacted for any information they may have relative to captioned matter with negative results:

BU 394-S (Security Informant)
Contacted 4/16/68

WILLIAM MILLER PRI (G)
295 Main Street
Contacted 4/19/68

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