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Via TELETYPE

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI AND NEW ORLEANS, MEMPHIS

FROM: BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)

MURKIN. CR.

RE BIRMINGHAM TELETYPE TO BUREAU, APRIL TEN, INSTANT.

ERIC STARVO GALT REPORTEDLY MADE STATEMENT WHEN PURCHASING MUSTANG IN BIRMINGHAM, HE FORMERLY WORKED ON BARGE IN LOUISIANA. INVESTIGATION BIRMINGHAM REFLECTS BARGE CREWS EMPLOYED AND OPERATE OUT OF LOUISIANA. ROBERT SMITH, TERMINAL EMPLOYEE, TRIANGLE REFINERY, BIRMINGHORET, ALABAMA, ADVISED CROCHETT BARGE COMPANY, NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, EMPLOYS AND HANDLES RECORDS OF BARGE PERSONNEL THAT COMPANY.

MRS. GLORIA RIGSBY, SECRETARY, VULCAN ASPHALT AND REFINERY COMPANY, CORDOVA, ALABAMA, ADVISED CAPT. E. D. PARRA, ROUTE TWO, BOX TWO NINE FIVE, GILLIANO, LOUISIANA, PHONE NUMBER AREA CODE FIVE ZERO FOUR (SIX THREE TWO - SEVEN FIVE SEVEN FIVE), HIRES ALL BARGE PERSONNEL THAT COMPANY, OPERATING INTO BIRMINGHAM AREA.

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NEW ORLEANS, IF NOT ALREADY HANDLED, WILL IMMEDIATELY CONTACT
CAPT. PARRA AND CROCHETT BARGE COMPANY, NEW ORLEANS, AND ASCERTAIN
IF GALT WAS FORMER EMPLOYEE.
END AND ACK

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(Priority)

TO : SAC, BIRMINGHAM
FROM : SAC, MOBILE (157-2627) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
(OO: Memphis)

Re Birmingham telephone call to Mobile Division
and Mobile Division telephone call to Birmingham, 4/6/68.

Birmingham Division requested a check of the
Motor Vehicle Bureau and Drivers License Bureau, State of
Alabama, Montgomery, Alabama, for the name HARVEY LOWMEYER,
1907 South 11th Street, Birmingham. No record at either location
was located for this name as set forth.

The following variations of this surname were checked:
LOWMEYER, LOHMEYER, LOMEYER and LOUGHMEYER. This check included
a variation of the spelling of the "MEYER" portion of this name
as follows: MEYERS, MAYER, MYERS and MEIER.

Additionally the surnames MEYER, MEYERS, MAYER,
MAYERS, MEIER and MEIERS, were checked for individuals
with first name of HARVEY.

The following is the result of this check which
was furnished by telephone to Birmingham Division:

HARVEY LOUIS MEIER, 109 Lincoln Street, Huntsville,
Alabama, issued Alabama Drivers License [redacted] on 11/14/49.
Address at last issuance, 2212 Matthews S.E., Huntsville,
Alabama. Described as DOB [redacted] WM, 160 pounds, 6'2",
eyes blue, hair blond, and notation on application - please
return Illinois license.

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HARVEY L. MEIER, 2212 Matthews S.E., Huntsville, Alabama, issued 1968 Alabama License 47-48172 for a 1963 Ford four-door.

LARRY H. LOHMEYER, 2101 Windover, Huntsville, Alabama, issued 1968 Alabama License 47-64501 for a 1964 Falcon.

LARRY HUGHES LOHMEYER, 426 McClung Street, Huntsville, Alabama, issued Alabama Drivers License [REDACTED] issued on 4/2/57; he was born [REDACTED] WM, 183 pounds, 5'8", eyes brown, hair brown, and indicated had current license from Ohio and Michigan.

H. J. LOHMANN, 12A West Lakeshore, Birmingham, Alabama, issued 1968 Alabama License 1A-88815 for a two-door 1966 Mustang.

HERMAN JOSEPH LOHMANN, 701 Princeton Avenue S. W., Birmingham, issued Alabama Drivers License [REDACTED] on 4/19/66. Described as born [REDACTED] WM 150 pounds, 6'1", eyes blue, hair brown and employed as physician, Baptist Hospital. He indicated he had New York drivers license for 1965. The folder contained an Alabama Highway Patrol arrest ticket dated 9/3/58, for driving with no license, at which time he indicated employment at West End Baptist Hospital. Also on 9/21/58, Alabama Highway Patrol arrest ticket issued to HERMAN JOSEPH LOHMANN, 708 Tuscaloosa Avenue, Birmingham, for speeding.

Information regarding LOHMANN included since this name fell within the close proximity of some of the spellings of LOWMEYER and since registration revealed this individual to have registered a Mustang automobile.

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AIRTEL

REGISTERED MAIL

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

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (44-1854) (P)

MURKIN
CIVIL RIGHTS
(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re Miami teletype to Bureau, 4/9/68.

Enclosed for the FBI Laboratory is one airmail envelope addressed to FBI, Miami, Fla., and a scrap of paper containing, "Get Tommy Nash, Jr., in La Grange, Ga. You will have King's killer."

This envelope containing the note was received in the Miami Office on 4/9/68. The envelope was postmarked Miami Beach, Fla., PM, 7 April, 1968.

Miami indices negative re **TOMMY NASH, JR.**

FBI Laboratory requested to compare writing contained on note and envelope with anonymous letter file and process for fingerprints for possible comparison with any other submissions made in connection with this case.

Atlanta Division was requested in referenced teletype to attempt to identify **TOMMY NASH, JR.**, and eliminate as possible suspect.

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, MIAMI (44-1854) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re teletype to all continental offices from Bureau,
4/8/68.

Miami Office indices, credit and criminal records, city directories, telephone directories, driver's license records, automobile registration records, voter's registration records, court records, property owner's records, tax records, and utility company records throughout Miami Division checked this date with reference to the names of LOWMEYER, LOWMYER, HARVEY LOWMEYER, HARVEY LOWMYER, and all checks met with negative results.

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2 - Memphis
1 - Miami
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FBI TAMPA

454PM URGENT 4-10-68 BLW
TO DIRECTOR, BIRMINGHAM AND MEMPHIS
FROM TAMPA (157-3231)

MURKIN, RM.

MRS. BARBARA MAXWELL, THREE TWO ZERO NINE CHIPCO STREET,
THIS CITY, ADVISED THAT ON THIS DATE, SHE OBSERVED WM
PARKED NEAR WEST TAMPA RESTAURANT, WHO RESEMBLED INDIVIDUAL
PORTRAYED IN ARTIST CONCEPTION PHOTO OF DR. KING'S ASSASSIN,
WHICH EARLIER APPEARED IN LOCAL NEWSPAPER, TAMPA TRIBUNE.
WM DESCRIBED AS FIVE FEET EIGHT INCHES, ONE HUNDRED FORTY
FIVE TO FIFTY POUNDS, RED HAIR, MEDIUM BUILD, FAIR COMPLEXION,
APPROXIMATELY FORTY FIVE TO FIFTY YEARS OF AGE.

WM DRIVING WHAT APPEARED TO BE SIXTY FIVE OR SIXTY
SIX PLYMOUTH, BEIGE IN COLOR, BEARING SIXTY EIGHT
TENNESSEE TAG CF SIX ONE EIGHT SEVEN. CURRENT LOCATION
OF VEHICLE NOT KNOWN.

MEMPHIS AT NASHVILLE, WILL DETERMINE REGISTERED OWNER
OF ABOVE CAR AND SET FORTH APPROPRIATE LEADS TO LOCATE
AND OTHER NECESSARY INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE WHEREABOUTS.
ON PERTINENT PERIODS.

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FBI WASH DC

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TO MEMPHIS 44-1987 BIRMINGHAM 44-1740
FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 2P

MURKIN

RE MEMPHIS AIRTEL APRIL NINE AND BIRMINGHAM
AIRTEL APRIL NINE.

TWO LATENT FINGERPRINTS DEVELOPED ON REBEL MOTEL
REGISTRATION CARD DATED APRIL THREE LAST SUBMITTED WITH
MEMPHIS AIRTEL. ONE OF THESE LATENTS IDENTICAL FINGERPRINT
SA JOHN W. BAUER, OTHER LATENT FINGERPRINT NOT IDENTICAL
FINGERPRINTS SA BAUER, SA STEPHEN M. DARLINGTON, OR SAC JENSEN.

ONE LATENT FINGERPRINT DEVELOPED ON BIRMINGHAM ITEM
NUMBER ONE QUOTE RECORD OF ACCESS TO SAFE DEPOSIT BOX NUMBER
FIVE FIVE ONE SEVEN OF ERIC S. GALT, END QUOTE AND ONE LATENT
FINGERPRINT ON BIRMINGHAM ITEM NUMBER TWO QUOTE CONTRACT
FOR SAFE DEPOSIT BOX END QUOTE.

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THESE LATENT PRINTS COMPARED WITH EACH OTHER
AND WITH ALL LATENT PRINTS REMAING UNIDENTIFIED THIS
CASE BUT NO IDENTIFICATION EFFECTED.

LABORATORY ADVISING SEPARATELY.

END

J GA

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FBI LOUISVLE

422PM EST URGENT 4/10/68 CHC

TO DIRECTOR BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM LOUISVILLE (44-947)

MURKIN. CR. OO: MEMPHIS.

RE BIRMINGHAM TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR APRIL NINE, LAST.
F. G. GLAZE, CREDIT CARD DEPARTMENT, STANDARD OIL
COMPANY OF KENTUCKY, LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY, ADVISES
IMPOSSIBLE TO ASCERTAIN IDENTITY OF PURCHASER OF GASOLINE
AT ARNOLD'S TRUCK STOP, TUSCUMBIA, ALABAMA, DURING PERIOD
MARCH TWENTYNINE THROUGH APRIL FOUR, LAST; THIS INDIVIDUAL
REPORTEDLY DRIVING WHITE MUSTANG WITH ARKANSAS TAGS.
GLAZE STATED IN ORDER TO IDENTIFY, NECESSARY HAVE EITHER
CREDIT CARD NUMBER OR NAME OF HOLDER. GLAZE STATES OVER
FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND SUCH TICKETS RECEIVED DAILY AT
LOUISVILLE FROM VARIOUS STATES SERVICED BY STANDARD OIL
OF KENTUCKY AND IMMEDIATELY CO-MINGLED AND POSTED AGAINST
ACCOUNT OF VARIOUS CUSTOMERS.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS@

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Credit cards

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Memorandum

TO : SA'S CLARKE & SYLVESTER

DATE: 4/8/68

FROM : ASAC RALPH J. RAMPTON (44-1740)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR

You have received artist's conception drawings, background and descriptive data on Unsub this case.

Attached are invoices from Aeromarine Supply Co., dated 3/30/68 as follows:

JAMES M. MALLICOAT
708 - 3rd Avenue
Jacksonville, Ala.

HUGH T. RONERGAN, JR.,
3216 - 7th Avenue North
Pell City, Ala.

Immediately contact these individuals and interview them to determine if they saw Unsub on date they were in Aeromarine Supply Co., and whether they can give descriptive information on details concerning Unsub's activities there. Before covering these leads telephonically contact ASAC for appropriate background. These must be handled immediately and reported immediately.

1 SA Clarke
1 SA Sylvester
1 44-1740

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Phone 595-2142
AIRCRAFT — AUTOMOTIVE
MARINE — SPORTING GOODS
PARTS & SUPPLIES

AUTOMARINE SUPPLY CO.
5701 BIRMINGHAM AIRPORT HIGHWAY
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA 35212

INVOICE
NUMBER 001612 K

TO JAMES M. MAGUIRAT, DATE 3/30 1968

ADDRESS 708- 3RD. AVE., JACKSONVILLE, FLA.

ORDER NUMBER ☐ PHONE ☐ WIRE ☐ LETTER ☐ PICK UP ☐ NAME CO. SALES B
SHIP VIA: PARCEL POST TERMS: NET 30 DAY PROX.

QUANTITY	PART NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	LIST	NET	TOTAL
1	303493	FLOAT BOWL.			2.15
		S. TAX			2.25

RECEIVED BY

TAX
TOTAL

MERCHANDISE CANNOT BE RETURNED FOR CREDIT, REFUND OR EXCHANGE AFTER 10 DAYS FROM SALE DATE
PURCHASE INVOICE MUST ACCOMPANY ALL RETURNS.

*Jackson Co.
Clarke*

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)

FROM : SA FLOYD I. CLARKE

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR

DATE: 4/9/68

Re ASAC memo dated 4/8/68, to SA CLARKE.

The following investigation was conducted by SA
FLOYD I. CLARKE:

JAMES MODE MALLICOAT, was contacted at the Anniston Army Depot where he is employed as a guard. MALLICOAT advised that he visited Birmingham during AEA week which ended on 3/15/68.

Friday, March 15, 1968, MALLICOAT went to the Aero-marine Supply Company to order a float bowl, however, they did not have that part in stock and Aeromarine Supply advised Mr. MALLICOAT that it would be shipped to his residence C.O.D. as soon as it arrived in their stock.

MALLICOAT advised this part was shipped on or about 3/30/68, as Invoice # 001612 K, is dated 3/30/68, and marked C.O.D..

MALLICOAT stated he was not in the vicinity of Aeromarine Supply on either 3/29 or 3/30/68.

MALLICOAT advised after viewing artist's conception drawing that this individual was not the least bit familiar and the names HARVEY LOWMEYER and JOHN WILLARD have no meaning to him.

MALLICOAT resides at 708 - 3rd Avenue, Jacksonville, Alabama, 36265, telephone number 435-6735, has been employed at the Anniston Army Depot as a guard since 6/3/59. He is married, wife's name FRANCIS and she is a teacher in the Jacksonville Board of Education, and has been a teacher in this system for over fourteen years.

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TO : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)

DATE: 4/10/68

FROM : SA MARION B. HUMMEL

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
OO: MEMPHIS

Re telephonic lead on 4/9/68 to exhibit the artist's conception to all motels, hotels, eating and drinking establishments, major service stations on arteries leading into Birmingham, Alabama. The following investigation was conducted out of Huntsville, Alabama.

SA DONALD R. SORENSEN contacted the following establishments on Route 31 from Alabama State Line to and through Athens, Alabama:

Harold Holt and Son
Gulf Service Station
Highway 31
Manager,
BILL SCHLOOSER;

San Ann Service Station
Highway 31
DAN SHANNON, Manager;

MARCH Motel
Mrs. BESSIE HIGGINS
acting manager
(It should be noted that there are no shifts at this motel and Mrs. HIGGINS registers all guests.)

Turner Shell Service Station
Bobby TURNER, owner and manager;

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Athens Motel
Mrs. EDNA LEWTER, owner and manager

The following establishments were contacted
by SA EUGENE J. LANDOLFI on Highway 20 between
Huntsville, Alabama, and the intersection of Highway 20
which is Alternate 72 and Highway 31 at Decatur:

American Service Station
LESTER LONG, Manager
Madison, Alabama;

Highway 20 Texaco Station
JAMES MOORE, Manager;

Gulf Service Station
Highway 20
Lowry Roan, Manager.

The following establishments were contacted on
Highway 31 North from intersection of Highway 20 to
intersection of Highway 72 at Athens, Alabama:

Rogers Texaco Station
BOB ROGERS
Address Route 1, Tanner, Alabama;

Shell Service Station
Highway 31
A. C. BAILEY, Manager;

Gulf Service Station
Tanner, Alabama
JACKIE LEONARD, Manager;

Smitty and Joe's Restaurant
Route 7,
Athens, Alabama
Mrs. EVA BIGGS, Manager

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Town and Country Motel
Athens, Alabama
LOUISE FREEMAN, Desk Clerk who is on duty continuously.

Town and Country Restaurant
Athens, Alabama
Mrs. KATIE LANEY and Mrs. CLARENCE HARRIS
Manager and Assistant Manager;

Circle Front Restaurant
Route 7
Athens, Alabama
Mr. ROBBIE MC CULLEY, Manager.

The following service stations were contacted on Highway 231 South of Huntsville, Alabama meeting SA DALE W. JOHNSON who was working north from Birmingham on Highway 231:

Oakes Phillips 66 Service Station
JOHN STOVER, Manager

Atkinson's Pure Station
CHARLES WALLING, Manager;

S & R. Texaco
O. B. SLATES, Manager

Sinclair Service Station
HENRY THOMAS, Manager

Gulf Service Station
JAMES PARTAIN, Manager

Laddin Shell Service
LOUIE TURNSTILL, Manager

Crown Service Station
JERRY BURGESS, Manager

Billy Oaks Service Station
WILLIAM HARDAGE, Manager

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SanAnn #43
JERRY MASSA, Manager

Independent Service Station
CARL and DUANE LANINGHAM

The following establishments were contacted
by SA ALLEN J. GILSON, JR., on Highway 72 West
between the city limits of Huntsville, Alabama,
and the city limits of Florence, Alabama:

Lakeview Inn and Motel
Florence, Alabama
COLEMAN PARKER

H. M. RAY
Ray's Citco Service Station
Killen, Alabama
Highway 72

Jane's Cafe
Highway 72
Killen, Alabama
JANE HARRISON, owner

FORDELL HARRISON
Center Star Enco Service Station
Highway 72
Killen, Alabama

J. C. PATE
Doug's Food Market
Killen, Alabama
and Standard Oil Station on
Highway 72, Killen, Alabama

J. T. DAVID
Gulf Station
Highway 72, Athens, Alabama

W. Page Restaurant
Highway 72, Athens, Alabama

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W. Beckman American Station
Athens, Alabama

W. Pepper American Service Station
Madison, Alabama

FRANK BRADFORD
H & W Service Station
Madison, Alabama

Milton Clem's Standard Oil Service Station
Athens, Alabama
Highway 72.

All of the above could furnish no pertinent
information concerning subject in this case.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)(P)

FROM : SA CHARLES DONALD BYRON

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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OO: MEMPHIS

DATE: 4/10/68

NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION IN THE VICINITY
OF 1907 11TH STREET SOUTH, BIRMINGHAM

The following investigation was conducted by
SA CHARLES DONALD BYRON on 4/7/68:

The following persons were recontacted and shown the
FBI sketch of the unknown subject in this case and they all
stated that the sketch was not at all familiar to them:

Mrs. MARY WEHBY, 1905 South 11th Street.

Mr. and Mrs. JAMES S. HAMM, 1918 South 11th Street.

Mrs. MILTON ESSIG, 1914 South 11th Street.

Mrs. DUKE RUMORE, 1900 South 11th Street.

Mr. E. G. GAYLAN, 1906 South 11th Street.

Mrs. J. J. BEAVER, 1910 South 11th Street, observed
the FBI sketch of the Unsub in this case, and stated that the
sketch looks somewhat like the man she met at the A. G. Dixie
Grocery Store two or three Saturdays ago and who was interested
in purchasing her 1954 Packard which only has 20,000 miles on
it. Mrs. BEAVER stated that since she is a very elderly woman
and has such a clean car, everywhere she goes people bother
her, wanting to buy her car. She stated that this individual
who approached her on that Saturday stated that his name was
SAM CORONA and she described him as white male, in his forties,
5'10", 150 lbs., with graying hair.

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The following persons were contacted on 4/7/68, and shown the FBI sketch of the Unsub in this case, and stated he did not look familiar to them:

Mr. and Mrs. JAMES A. SAWYER, 1809 11th Place South.

Mr. WILLIAM RAINEY, 1805 11th Place South.

Miss CORDELIA O'NEAL, 1803 11th Place South.

Mr. and Mrs. STERLING TAYLOR, 1801 11th Place South.

Mr. GEORGE SPANN, JOANN SPANN, and FRED SPANN,
1012 16th Avenue South.

FRED SPANN stated that there was no one home at 1008 or 1006 16th Avenue South, and that the individual at 1000 16th Avenue South was an invalid who was confined to his bed.

Mr. TERRELL LEWIS, 1401 10th Place South.

Mr. and Mrs. RICHARD WEHBY, 1403 10th Place South.

It is noted that no one was home at 1407, 1419, or 1421 10th Place South.

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BIRMINGHAM

AT BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA. Will attempt to contact above residences where no one was at home.

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TO : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P) DATE: 4/10/68

FROM : SA CHARLES DONALD BYRON

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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INVESTIGATION AT BIRMINGHAM AIRPORT MOTEL

The following investigation was conducted by
SAs CHARLES DONALD BYRON AND NEIL P. SHANAHAN on 4/6/68:

Mr. B. L. PATTERSON, Manager, reviewed his records and made available all of the guests' folios, Nos. 17803 through 18052, which represented all of the guests at the motel from 3/26/68, through 3/30/68:

These individual folios were personally reviewed by the above Agents and no one registered at the motel using the name LEHMEYER or LOWMEYER. All of these records were also reviewed for local phone calls as all calls from the rooms are made by the switchboard operator and are recorded. No phone calls were observed to Telephone No. 595-2142, which is the telephone number of Aeromarine Supply.

In addition to Mr. PATTERSON, the following persons observed the FBI sketch of the unknown subject and stated that the sketch was not familiar to them:

GORDON ANDERSON, Bellboy

DONNA PARK, Restaurant Cashier

MONZA MC COY, Bartender

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TO : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)(P)

FROM : SA CHARLES DONALD BYRON

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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DATE: 4/10/68

INVESTIGATION AT BIRMINGHAM MUNICIPAL AIRPORT

The following investigation was conducted by
SA CHARLES DONALD BYRON on 4/6/68:

Mr. J. H. KRUEGER, Reservations Clerk, Delta Airlines, observed an FBI sketch of the unknown subject in this case, and stated that the sketch is not at all familiar to him. He stated, however, that the name W. J. LEHMEYER did sound familiar and he believed that he sold this individual a ticket to Minneapolis via Memphis, Flight 595, on approximately 3/27/68; however, he could not be certain unless a check with the Delta office in Atlanta showed that his initials were on the ticket that was issued. He stated that he checks the baggage over the counter and did not remember handling a long, narrow, cardboard box such as could hold a rifle.

Mr. MAX RATLIFF, Ramp Service Agent, Delta Airlines, advised that he loaded the baggage onto Delta Flight 595, on 3/27/68, but he did not remember handling any long, narrow, cardboard box which could possibly contain a rifle. Mr. RATLIFF observed an FBI sketch of Unsub in this case, and stated that he was not familiar to him.

Mr. JERRY STEWART, Ticket Representative, Delta Airlines, observed the FBI sketch of the unknown subject in this case, and stated that he did not look familiar. Mr. STEWART stated that the only flights from Birmingham to Memphis in the afternoon or early evening are: Southern Flight 286, which leaves Birmingham at 5:11 P.M., and arrives at Memphis at 6:40 P.M.; Delta Flight 595, which leaves Birmingham at 6:23 P.M.; and Delta Flight 55 which leaves Birmingham at 11:56 P.M. He stated it was also possible to go to Memphis via Atlanta, but that this is seldom done.

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Mr. B. H. GAYLE, Ticket Representative, Southern Airways, observed the FBI sketch of the Unsub in this case, and stated that the sketch did not look familiar to him. He stated that to the best of his recollection, a man using the name LEHMEYER telephoned reservations to Mr. QUINTON H. DORSETT of Southern Airways for Flight 286, on 3/27/68, but failed to show up. Mr. GAYLE stated that he does not remember anyone purchasing a ticket within the last week who was carrying a long, narrow, cardboard box which could contain a rifle.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, (44-1740) (P)

FROM : SA ALLEN J. GILSON

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR

DATE: 4/10/68

On 4/6/68, in the afternoon, Mr. J. T. JOHNSON, Malibu Apartments, Huntsville, Alabama, telephonically advised the Huntsville RA that he had some information concerning the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING. Mr. JOHNSON advised he would come by the Huntsville RA later in the week and would furnish some names that he thought would be of assistance to the FBI.

On 4/9/68, Mr. J. T. JOHNSON, B-6, Malibu Apartments, telephone 883-1829, an employee of the Boeing Corporation, Huntsville, Alabama, appeared at the Huntsville RA and advised his father died and was buried in Nashville, Tennessee, on 1/4/68, at the Cosmopolitan Funeral Home, Nashville, Tennessee. JOHNSON advised he attended the funeral and at the funeral he met two individuals whom he felt could very possibly have been responsible for the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING. He named the individuals as follows:

- (a) E. W. McKNIGHT, about 40 years old, resides at 3013 Vanderbilt Place, Nashville, Tennessee, employed at the Ford Motor Glass Plant in Nashville.
- (b) A. V. OAKLEY, about 35, resides at 3503 West End Avenue, a very short distance from Vanderbilt University Campus.

JOHNSON said he based his belief that these two men may have been responsible for the assassination of KING. At his father's funeral he talked to these two men and they immediately began to talk to him about joining the Ku Klux Klan. JOHNSON advised that they got further into the racial situation and these two individuals advised the only way to stop the Negroes from hurting the white people in this country was to

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take care of them with a well-placed shot from a high-powered rifle. JOHNSON advised both these men said they could do it and they would not hesitate to do it to RAP BROWN, STOKELY CARMICHAEL or MARTIN LUTHER KING. JOHNSON had no further evidence or information which would indicate that these two men were involved in the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING. During the course of the interview JOHNSON indicated that he based his belief primarily on the fact that he saw the artist's conception which appeared in the Huntsville paper on Saturday and felt that OAKELY looked similar to the man described in the Huntsville paper. The artist's conception as referred to in a memorandum to all Resident Agents was discreetly displayed to JOHNSON to determine if subject's may have looked similar to the person depicted in the artist's conception of the FBI.

He was advised of no information but just asked if he looked similar to the person in the FBI's artist's conception, and JOHNSON advised that neither of the men looked like this man due to the fact that both men had receding hair lines and longer faces.

The above information is being furnished to Birmingham for whatever action is deemed necessary in this matter.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, MILWAUKEE (44-388) -P-
SUBJECT: MURKIN

In connection with investigation in instant matter, it was ascertained from file reviews that MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. appeared at Wausau, Wis. on 5/12/67 in connection with a speech in that area. Subsequent to his talk, he held a press conference that same date. Investigation in Wausau developed that on the occasion of KING's appearance in that city, an anonymous call was received by Wausau PD from a male caller who said he would "put a bullet through KING's head." The Wausau police at the time suspected that the caller may have been THEODORE J. ADANK, described by the PD as a possible mental case who could have capabilities of committing violence.

The father of THEODORE is named HARVEY. The father at one time was employed as chef at the Lomar Supper Club, 3701 N. 6th, Wausau. THEODORE ADANK has in the past been employed as a chef at Ponderosa Restaurant in Wausau. It was ascertained on 4/8/68 that THEODORE ADANK left his employment and his whereabouts were unknown.

Investigation also developed in instant matter that THEODORE has a brother named ALLAN PAUL ADANK whose current whereabouts are also unknown. He was also described by the PD as being an individual capable of committing violence and also believed to be mentally incompetent.

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At the news conference held by KING on 5/12/67 the area was sealed off by police to insure that only newsmen were admitted. THEODORE ADANK showed up on that occasion posing as a newsmen, but was evicted by local police.

Above facts were telephoned to Bureau on 4/8/68 with the recommendation that fingerprints in the file on THEODORE and ALLAN ADANK be checked against latents found on the murder weapon in instant matter. Reply was subsequently received from Bureau on 4/8/68 that check of ADANK brothers prints against those taken from the murder weapon negative.

The following are descriptions of individuals in question:

Name	THEODORE J. ADANK
DOB	[REDACTED] at Duluth, Minn.
Height	5'10 1/2"
Weight	180
Build	Medium
Hair	Black, graying, with part
Eyes	Hazel
Marital status	Single
Residence	310 Fulton St., Wausau, Wis.
Characteristics	Long, straight nose
FBI #	3 871 080

Name	ALAN PAUL ADANK
DOB	[REDACTED] at Wausau, Wis.
Height	5'11"
Weight	165
Build	Slender
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown
Marital status	Single
Employment	Unknown
FBI #	8900088

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Investigation conducted at Wausau, Wis. by SAs GERARD J. KENNA and JOSEPH S. WALKER on 4/8/68 developed that THEODORE ADANK has been unemployed and in Wausau area during past pertinent 2-week period. It was developed that he has a girl friend named MARILYN LAVONTE, 763 1/2 Jackson, Wausau. She advised upon interview that she has seen or been in contact with THEODORE ADANK regularly, mentioning that she has had dinner with him each Friday evening during past several weeks. It is noted this would include 3/25/68. She mentioned that on 3/31/68 she also had dinner with ADANK at Stevens Point, Wis., as well as on 4/2 and 5/68, in Wausau.

JOE BRZDZINSKI, who was interviewed at Little Joe's Tavern, 1st St., Wausau, advised 4/8/68 that he was in company of THEODORE ADANK on two occasions the weekend of 3/29-31/68. He could furnish no exact specifics as to where he may have been in THEODORE ADANK's company.

THEODORE ADANK was interviewed by SAs KENNA and WALKER on 4/8/68 and impressed interviewing agents as being somewhat of a mental case. ADANK advised he has been in Wausau during the entire recent 2-week period except for one occasion when he traveled to Milwaukee, Wis. for treatment at Wood, Wis. VA Center in connection with his medical disability pension. His only income appears to be the pension he receives from the Government. He said he returned from Milwaukee that same day, which was 3/25/68. He furnished the identities of another acquaintance and bartender in Wausau who could account for his presence in Wausau on 4/4/68. These individuals will be interviewed on 4/9/68 to further corroborate the opinion that THEODORE ADANK was apparently in Wausau during pertinent periods concerned in instant matter.

Investigation concerning ALLAN ADANK developed he has been absent from Wausau for the past 4 or 5 weeks. His whereabouts are unknown, although THEODORE advised his brother may be working for some construction firm in Chicago. He said

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neither he or other members of his family have been in touch with ALLAN ADANK since he left Wausau some weeks ago.

Enclosed for Birmingham and Memphis Offices are 1 photograph each of THEODORE and ALLAN ADANK as made available by the Wausau PD on 4/8/68. These photographs should be viewed by pertinent witnesses at Birmingham and Memphis. In the event of any recognition, Milwaukee should be notified immediately for further intensive investigation in this matter.

In the event no identification is made of these photographs, same should be returned to Milwaukee.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)

DATE: 4/9/68

FROM : SA FLOYD I. CLARKE

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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The following are results of survey of service stations, restaurants, hotels, and motels located on Highway 78 from East Aboga, Alabama, and extending east to the intersection of Highways 431 & 78, which was conducted on 4/9/68 by SA FLOYD I. CLARKE:

JOYCE BROWN, Route 2, East Aboga, Alabama, waitress at Spark's Drive-In, East Aboga, Alabama, 236-9686, advised that an individual who resembled artist's conception drawing patronized the Spark's Drive-In on the night of 4/8/68. BROWN stated that this individual was accompanied by two other white males and three white females. The similar individual was dressed in a dark suit and his two companions were dressed in every day sports clothes. When the party first arrived they ordered Schlitz beer but they were informed that that particular brand was not available so they accepted Budweiser instead. BROWN stated that these individuals had not previously visited Spark's but from their conversation she surmised they were from the Gadsden, Alabama area. She also stated that when they left they said they would be back on Saturday and they left in a late model Ford, license unknown.

MARVEL SPARKS, 625 Monte Rose, Anniston, Alabama, 237-1715, owner of Spark's Drive-In furnished substantially the same story as did JOYCE BROWN, stating that a customer on the night of 4/8/68 resembled drawing. However, Spark's stated that one of the three men had been at her place of business approximately three years ago but she could furnish no additional descriptive data regarding any of the individuals.

Both SPARKS and BROWN advised that in the event these individuals returned they would secure a license number and additional descriptive data and furnish it to the FBI immediately after they received it.

SALLY AUSTIN operator of Mu - No Court, Route 5, Anniston, Alabama, 831-4482, advised that an individual who resembled drawing stayed at the Mu-No Court during the day of 3/26/68. AUSTIN advised that her customer was a white male.

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25-30 years of age, accompanied by a white female, blonde, approximately 18 years of age, and he was driving a creme colored early 1960 model Dodge with North Carolina license. AUSTIN could not furnish any other descriptive data as she does not maintain the registration cards for the patrons as they are sent to the owners of the Court who reside in Miami, Florida. AUSTIN advised she would telephonically contact the owners on 4/9/68, secure the information from the registration card, and then advise this Agent on 4/10/68.

The following people were contacted and they were unable to furnish any ~~registering~~ information regarding the identity of individual described in artist's conception drawing. The proprietor of the hotels or motels mention below also reviewed their registers during the period of 3/27 -4/4/68, and advised that they had no record of anyone using the names HARVEY LOWMEYER or JOHN WILLARD registering at their particular establishments; *or variations of above names*

AUSTIN DULANEY
Res. East Aboga
Johnson's Gulf Service Station
East Aboga, Alabama

TRAVIS HAYNES
East Aboga
Billup's Service Station
East Aboga, Alabama
236-9642

LEATRICE JOHNSON
20 W. 25th Street
Anniston, Alabama
Johnson's Grocery
East Aboga, Alabama

HARRY HIXON
Route 3 Box 84
Anniston
236-7058
Hixon's Roadway Enco & Groceries
East Aboga, Alabama
236-9282

WILMA STILLWELL
Route 1
East Aboga
236-0260
Artie's Enco
East Aboga, Alabama

JOHN F. COOK
Route 1
East Aboga
237-1559
Sim's Standard Service Station
East Aboga, Alabama
236-3653

J.C. GRAY
Route 1
East Aboga
Artie's Enco
East Aboga, Alabama

C. L. SIMS
Route 1
East Aboga
Sims Standard Service Station
East Aboga, Alabama
236-3653

CHARLIE CRAFT =
11 C Constantine
Anniston
Billup's Service Station
East Aboga, Alabama
236-9642

J.A. COMER
Route 1
East Aboga
Sims Standard Station
East Aboga, Alabama
236-3653

CECIL CAMP
Munford, Alabama
Customer @ Spark's Drive-In
Oxford, Alabama
236-9686

MILDRED DAVIS
Route 7
Oxford, Alabama
831-0848
Davis' Grocery & Pure Station
Route 7
Oxford, Alabama

WILLIAM D. HURT
Route 7, Box 411
Oxford, Alabama
Hurt's Sure Save - Grocery
Route 7
Oxford, Alabama
831-1343

MARGARET TRAYWICK
Route 7, Box 420
Oxford, Alabama
Hurt's Sure Save - Grocery
Route 7
Oxford, Alabama
831-1343

EMMA SMELLY
P.O. Box 3234
Oxford, Alabama
831-3894
Emma Smelly's Service Station
Route 7
Oxford, Alabama

DARRELL BOATMAN
Route 7, Box 429
Oxford
831-4338
Emma Smelly's Service Station
Route 7
Oxford, Alabama

ROBERT FREEMAN HARRIS
309 Pay Street
Oxford
Harris' Texaco Station
Route 7
Oxford, Alabama
831-9937

P.W. WILSON
27 W. 29th Street
Anniston
237-5713
Harris' Texaco Station
Route 7
Oxford, Alabama
831-9937

RICHARD CREARD
Route 7, Box 275-B
Oxford
Rick's Sinclair Service Center
Route 7
Oxford, Alabama

JAMES SCOTT
111 Hall Avenue
Oxford
236-1793
Rick's Sinclair Service Center
Route 7
Oxford, Alabama

CHARLES SPEARS
Route 2, Box 20
Oxford
831-0326
Rick's Sinclair Service Center
Route 7
Oxford, Alabama

V.C. BROOKS
701 Pace Circle
Oxford
831-9917
Oxford Phillips 66
Oxford, Alabama

DAVID TURLEY
426 Hopsons Street
Oxford
Oxford Phillip's 66
Oxford, Alabama

JOHN DUNNAWAY
Route 7, Box 581
Oxford
831-1318
Oxford Enco Service
Oxford, Alabama

ROY HUDSON
Lineville, Alabama
Oxford Enco Service
Oxford, Alabama

J.T. GARDNER
Manager
Esquire Inn
831-1141
P.O. Box 3294
101 - 78 By pass
Oxford, Alabama

WALKER COLLINS
1528 Woodstock
Anniston
237-4680
S&S Service Center
Oxford, Alabama
831-1821

CHARLES HOPPER
S & S Service Center
Oxford, Alabama
831-1821

BETTY TRANTHAM (Day Clerk)
P.O. Box 3275
Oxford, Alabama
831- 2151
Samantha Motel
Res. Route 5
Anniston
831-3497

RON SWAN (Ast. Mgr)
701 London Street, Apt. 8
Jacksonville, Alabama
Holiday Inn
Oxford, Alabama

Additional Holiday Inn Employees

WILLIAM JACOBS - Porter
1906 Parkwin
Anniston, Alabama
236-4040

WALTER CURRY - Porter
1914 Parkwin
Anniston, Alabama
237-0433

HELEN WHITESIDE - Day Clerk
305 E. 16th Street
Anniston, Alabama
237-4710

SHIRLEY BROWN - Day Clerk
Route 3, Box 681
Anniston, Alabama
237-7108

ISADORE HUNTER
1110 Astor
Weaver, Alabama
237-9708
Holiday Inn Phillips 66
Oxford, Alabama

B.T. WHITE
250 Pace Street
Oxford
San Ann Service Station
Oxford, Alabama
831-4251

St. Charles Court
Anniston, Alabama
Route 5
Vacant - Unoccupied

McComb Court
Route 5 Box 505 A
Anniston, Alabama
Agnes and MIKE MC GEE
Managers
831-2010

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P) DATE: 4/10/68

FROM : SA RALPH N. BUTLER

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
OO: MEMPHIS

The following investigation was conducted by
SA RALPH N. BUTLER on 4/10/68:

ROBERT SMITH, Terminal Employee, Triangle Refining Company, Birmingham, Alabama, advised there are no barge employees that company, and that Crockett Barge Company, who operates out of New Orleans, Louisiana, brings the crew fuel to that terminal and barge employees are from that company. SMITH stated a Gulf Refueling Station operated by BILL HOLMES contacts many barge personnel arriving at Birmingham and may possess information as to identification of photograph.

BILL HOLMES and C. W. YARBROUGH, Gulf Refueling Station, Birmingham, viewed the photograph (artist's drawing), and advised that they did not know of any barge employees whom they believe to be identical with photograph. Both stated they have occasions to observe most barge personnel when refueling that area.

DOUGLAS ESTELLE, Captain, Barge "Big Bear", of the Water Towing Company, Mobile, was docked at Birmingham, and after viewing the photograph, (artist's drawing), advised he did not recognize anyone believed identical with the photograph.

ELBERT NESMITH, Triangle Refineries, Cordova, Alabama, viewed artist's photograph with negative results.

Mrs. GLORIA RIGSBY, Secretary, Vulcan Asphalt and Refineries, Cordova, Alabama, advised all personnel operating on barges that company are hired by Capt. E. D. PARRA, Route 2, Box 295, Galliano, Louisiana, phone number area code 504-632-7575. Mrs. RIGSBY stated the Office

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Manager, M. R. KACHAROS, was out of the city and she was in charge of the office at this time.

Teletype setting forth leads for New Orleans was sent 4/10/68.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (170-10)

DATE: 4-9-68

FROM : SA *Landers*

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SUBJECT: *BH-251-R-*

Dates of Contact <i>4-8-68</i>		
Titles and File #s on which contacted <i>MURKIN - CR - 44-1740</i>		
Purpose and results of contact <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE <input type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE <input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC <i>Source said he has no information as to the murder of M. L. King. He knows no one who has been missing from the area or who might have been involved.</i>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating <i>Y-good</i>	Coverage <i>Racial</i>
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AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861) and SACs, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
and MOBILE (157-2627)

JH FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)

MURKIN

In connection with investigation to establish identity and background of suspect ERIC STARVO GALT who previously resided at 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Ala., described as white male, born [REDACTED] 5'11" tall, 175 pounds, blue eyes, brown hair, Mobile requested to contact the Regional Office of Veterans Administration in Montgomery to determine if any records re suspect exist there.

This lead telephonically furnished to ASAC REED, Mobile, 4/10/68.

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ATTN: FBI LAB

FROM: SAC, BUFFALO (44-374)

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(OO Memphis)

Re Buffalo tel, dated 4/8/68.

Transmitted herewith to Lab, Birmingham, and Memphis is one Xerox copy each of Liberty National Bank Dealer Plan-Purchaser Statement, obtained from former SA BIRL WILSON. The copies furnished were Xeroxed from a Xerox in the possession of former SA WILSON. The handwriting on the document is reportedly that of suspect Dr. ALVIN EUGENE FRENCH.

For the information of the Laboratory, Dr. ALVIN EUGENE FRENCH has been travelling through the Southern states, passing true name checks and obtaining rental cars through the use of credit cards, some of which have been cancelled. He has a poor financial history with a number of Buffalo area financial institutions.

Dr. FRENCH reportedly served for several years in Africa as a Missionary, during which time he contracted brain fever. He has been under treatment as a mental patient

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at Gowanda State Hospital, Gowanda, New York, and most recently at Rochester State Hospital, Rochester, New York, leaving the latter institution in 9/67.

On 4/3/68, Dr. FRENCH was staying at a Holiday Inn in Williston, Florida. On 4/5/68, he called a girl friend at a Rochester, New York banking institution from Memphis, Tennessee, at which time he said he was going to Atlanta, Georgia, where he would stay at a Holiday Inn. At Atlanta, he said he planned to confer with some of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING's successors.

Former SA WILSON had verified Dr. FRENCH's presence in Atlanta on 4/8/68, at which time Dr. FRENCH indicated he planned to stay in Atlanta until 4/10/68.

Buffalo does not know whether any handwriting of unsub in captioned case available. If available, it should be compared with Dr. FRENCH's handwriting.

UNSUB ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

DIRECTOR, FBI

4/10/68

Attn: Identification Division, Latent Fingerprint Section

SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)

MURKIN

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OO: Memphis

Enclosed herewith is one safe deposit box obtained from CHARLES T. SMITH, Auditor, Birmingham Trust National Bank (BTNB), Birmingham, Alabama, on 4/10/68 by SA ROBERT J. YARNALL; one box 20 Norma cal. .243 Winchester ammunition; one Remington rifle box, model 76030/06, Springfield, Stock #9684, Ser. #461476, bearing Aero Marine Supply Company, Sticker #504A, price \$139.95.

For information of the Bureau, the safe deposit box was rented in the name of ERIC S. GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Ala. on 8/28/67. This box was surrendered by GALT on 12/13/67. Since 12/13/67 this box has not been rented by the BTNB. Investigation determines, however, that the following bank employees had at one time or another touched this box:

LOIS DIANNE BATTLE
BRUCE WILLIAM BYER
CECIL EDWIN KIRKPATRICK
CATHERINE A. REEDY
JEAN DAWN BENDER

The Latent Fingerprint Section is requested to process this safe deposit box for fingerprints. Elimination prints of the above listed bank employees have been taken and are attached herewith.

In addition to the elimination prints of the above listed employees, elimination prints have also been taken

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on CHARLES T. SMITH, Auditor, BTNB. The above listed elimination prints are to be used in connection with the fingerprint examination previously conducted on documents received from BTNB pertaining to the safe deposit box rented in the name of GALT, as it was determined that all the above listed employees had at one time or another handled these documents.

The box of Norma cartridges, cal. .243 Winchester, was furnished by DON WOOD subsequent to his original interview. Mr. WOOD stated he located this box of ammunition lying on some other supplies, some ten or fifteen feet from the ammunition storage bins and it is possible that this box of ammunition is the box of ammunition that was originally given to customer using name HARVEY LOWMEYER when he purchased ammunition and the Remington model 700 cal. .243 Winchester on 3/29/68.

The Bureau is requested to examine the box and the cartridges for latent fingerprints. Elimination prints have been previously furnished the Bureau of U. L. BAKER and DON WOOD, who also handled this box.

The same examination is requested of the Remington Model 760 rifle box, it being noted that DON WOOD located this box in the garbage subsequent to his original interview. This box was in the rear of Aero Marine Supply Company and had been open to the rain. This box is the container of the second gun obtained by subject, the model 760 Remington, 30-06 cal., ser. #461476. This box may have been handled by subject, although it never left the Aero Marine Supply Company.

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409AM URGENT 4-10-68 RJM

TO DIRECTOR MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, AND SACRAMENTO
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN, CR.

RE LOS ANGELES TELETYPE TO BUREAU, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM,
AND SACRAMENTO APRIL NINE LAST CONCERNING SUSPECT THERAL BURNS
LYMAN, FBI NUMBER NINE ZERO EIGHT ONE THREE ZERO E.

RETEL SHOULD BE CORRECTED AS FOLLOWS: PAGE FOUR, PARAGRAPH
TWO, LINE TWO WORD THREE AND LINE THREE WORD EIGHT READING QUOTE
LOHMEYER UNQUOTE SHOULD READ QUOTE LYMAN UNQUOTE.

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425PM URGENT 4-10-68 SMK

TO HOUSTON, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775) 2P

MURKIN. CIVIL RIGHTS. OO: MEMPHIS.

RE BIRMINGHAM TELETYPE TO BUREAU, MEMPHIS, ST. LOUIS AND
NEW ORLEANS, APRIL NINE, LAST, CONCERNING SUSPECT ERIC
STARVO GALT, AND BUTEL APRIL TEN LAST TO ALL SACS.

INQUIRY AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, DETERMINED THAT COMPLETE
EMPLOYMENT RECORDS FOR SIOUX CITY AND NEW ORLEANS BARGE LINES,
INC., ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, WOULD BE AT MAIN OFFICE OF COMPANY
AT FIVE ZERO ONE TWO TELEPHONE ROAD, HOUSTON, TEXAS.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF HOUSTON, BIRMINGHAM OFFICE
REPORTED THAT SUSPECT GALT, DATE OF BIRTH [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] ONCE INDICATED HE HAD BEEN EMPLOYED AS BARGER OUT
OF ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, BETWEEN ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, AND
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA. GALT INDICATED HE HAD AN UNCLE, KARL
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HOUSTON, DETERMINE IF GALT EVER EMPLOYED BY PREVIOUSLY
MENTIONED BARGE LINES.

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FBI MINNAPLS

4 45PM URGENT 4-10-68 RLT

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, SEATTLE
FROM MINNEAPOLIS 157-450

MURKIN. CR. OO - MEMPHIS

RE BUREAU TEL TO ALL OFFICES DATED APRIL TEN INSTANT.

RE SUSPECT ERIC STARVO GALT.

FILES OF MINNEAPOLIS OFFICE INDICATE ONE THOMAS STONER
GALT, BORN [REDACTED] WAS HONORABLY
DISCHARGED FROM USAF, SERIAL NUMBER [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] IN NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE FOR UNSUITABILITY DUE
TO CHARACTER OF BEHAVIOR DISORDERS (PACIFIST). FATHER IS
LOWELL TRUMAN GALT WHO IN NINETEEN SIXTYSIX WAS EMPLOYED AS
STATISTICAL ADVISOR, ANKARA, TURKEY, POSSIBLY WITH THE U.S.
GOVERNMENT. DICKINSON STATE COLLEGE, DICKINSON, NORTH DAKOTA,
INDICATES TRANSCRIPT FOR THOMAS GALT SENT SIX THREE SIX THREE
NORTHEAST RADFORD DRIVE, SEATTLE, WASHINGTON, APRIL FOUR,
LAST.

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SEATTLE, UNDER SUITABLE PRETEXT INTERVIEW INTERVIEW THOMAS STONER
GALT FOR ANY KNOWLEDGE HE MAY HAVE OF SUSPECT ERIC STARVO GALT.
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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