

REPORT
of theFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: April 9, 1968

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECT, also
known as John Willard;
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. -
VICTIM;
CIVIL RIGHTSFBI File No. 44-38861
Lab. No. D-560801 JK

Specimens received 4/6/68

Q72 .243 Winchester caliber Remington bolt-action rifle,
Model 700, Serial Number 283749 from Aeromarine
Supply CompanyQ73 Telescope sight mount from .243 Winchester caliber
rifleQ74 Original invoice dated 3/29/68, Number 2251A, covering
sale of rifle to Harvey Lowmeyer

Q75 Copy of invoice, Number 2251A

ALSO SUBMITTED: Factory box for .243 Winchester caliber rifle

Nine boxes of caliber .243 Winchester
ammunitionElimination major case prints of Donald F.
Wood and U. L. Mathew Baker

Result of examination:

The name and signature on Q74 and Q75 were searched through the National Fraudulent Check File and compared with signatures appearing on fingerprint cards located for the suspects who had been named in this matter, but no identification could be made.

Q74 and Q75 are temporarily retained.

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J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-560301 JK**

Examination requested by: **Birmingham**

Reference: **Memo 4/8/68**

Examination requested: **Firearms (G&A) - Toolmarks -
Document - Fingerprint**

Remarks:

As pointed out in Bureau teletype to Columbia and Memphis dated 4/8/68, a limited number of handwriting similarities were noted between the signatures of **BOBBY RAY GRAVES**, FBI #410150B, and the questioned signature appearing on Q74 and Q75. However, because of the limited nature of the comparable material any significance of these few similarities could not be assessed. Other information regarding **GRAVES** was set forth in the above teletype.

The results of the other examinations will be furnished to you separately.

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

② - Birmingham Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

2 - Columbia Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

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AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO: SAC, CHICAGO

[Handwritten initials] SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)

MURKIN.

Re Birmingham telephone call this date.

Enclosed herewith is a Photostat copy of the receipt for package mailed to ERIC GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue, which was mailed at Chicago, Illinois. Article was signed for by P. CHERPES, landlord at above address, on 10-4-67.

2-Chicago (enc. 1)

1-Memphis

2-Birmingham

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AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTN: FBI LABORATORY
FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
OO: MEMPHIS

Enclosed herewith is one exposed roll of 35 millimeter Panatomic-X film on cancelled checks of ROBERT BORSARI, 1606 Jackson Boulevard, Tarrant, Alabama.

It is requested that the film be developed and that the signatures of ROBERT BORSARI appearing on the cancelled checks and on the signature card be compared with the known handwriting on invoice for purchase of gun and the handwriting in a letter of suspect ERIC S. GALT to determine if any similarities present, noting that there is other handwriting on the cancelled checks for use in comparison.

Xerox copies of checks and signature card have been made and are retained at Birmingham.

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2 - Memphis
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Transmit the following in PLAINTEXT
(Type in plaintext or code)Via TELETYPE URGENT
(Priority)TO DIRECTOR ATTENTION IDENTIFICATION DIVISION, LATENT
FINGERPRINT SECTION (44-38861)

FROM CLEVELAND (44-565)

MURKIN

ON APRIL EIGHT AGNES DELL ANGELO, CLEVELAND, ADVISED HER ROOM MATE IS GOING WITH ONE DONALD K. MILLER, GOLF PRO AT OAKWOOD COUNTRY CLUB, CLEVELAND, WHO GENERALLY FITS DESCRIPTION OF UNSUB, RESEMBLES ARTISTS CONCEPTION WHICH APPEARED IN LOCAL NEWSPAPER, AND DRIVES WHITE MUSTANG.

MILLER INTERVIEWED THIS DATE AND ADVISED HE RETURNED TO AKRON, OHIO AT APPROXIMATELY FIVE PM, APRIL FOUR LAST FROM MIAMI, FLA. WHERE HE APENT THE WINTER. HE DEPARTED MIAMI ON MORNING OF APRIL TWO LAST IN HIS SIXTYSIX WHITE MUSTANG BEARING SIXTYSEVEN OHIO REGISTRATION C ONE THREE EIGHT EIGHT Y AND FOLLOWED ROUTE WHICH TOOK HIM THROUGH ATLANTA AND MARIETTA, GA., KNOXVILLE, TENN., LEXINGTON, KY., CINCINNATI, OHIO AND ON TO AKRON. DENIES BEING IN MEMPHIS APRIL FOUR LAST.

DONALD K. MILLER DESCRIBED, WM DOB [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AKRON, OHIO, SIX FEET ONE INCHES, ONE SEVENTY LBS.,

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Special Agent in Charge

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SLENDER BUILD, BLOND HAIR, EXTREMELY PALE BLUE EYES, RUDDY COMPLEXION, NO EISIBLE SCARS OR MARKS. HE SERVED IN U.S. COAST GUARD FROM NOVEMBER NINETEEN SIXTY TO MAY NINETEEN SIXTYONE UNDER SERIAL NUMBER TWO ZERO FIVE TWO DASH FOUR FOUR ONE.

LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION REQUESTED TO COMPARE COAST GUARD PRINTS OF MILLER WITH LATENTS OBTAINED IN CAPTIONED MATTER.

AIR MAIL COPIES TO MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM.

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FBI

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Via TELETYPE

URGENT

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861), ATTENTION IDENTIFICATION DIVISION,
LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION.

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (44-565)

MURKIN.

RE CLEVELAND TEL TO BUREAU FOUR SIX SIXTYEIGHT.

JOSEPH A. SVESTKA, ONE ZERO SIX SIX ZERO CARNEGIE AVE., CLEVELAND, OHIO, GRADUATE HOUSE IDENTIFIED AS DRIVER OF NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN OPEL AND IS A GRADUATE STUDENT AT CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY, CLEVELAND, OHIO.

SVESTKA ADVISED HE WAS FORMERLY EMPLOYED PHILCO CORPORATION REDSTONE ARSENAL, NASA, MARSHALL SPACE FLIGHT CENTER, NARTHROP SPACE LABORATORY. ALL AT HUNTSVILLE ALABAMA.

SVESTKA STATED THAT ON THREE DASH TWENTYNINE DASH THIRTY DASH SIXTYEIGHT HE WAS IN BLISSFIELD, MICHIGAN, AND FROM FOUR DASH ONE DASH FIVE DASH SIXTYEIGHT WAS IN HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA AT RESIDENCE OF RICHARD M. WYSKIDA, TWO ZERO ZERO SPRING VALLEY COURT, HUNTSVILLE ALABAMA.

SVESTKA DESCRIBED AS W/M, DOB [REDACTED] DETROIT, MICHIGAN, FIVE FT. NINE IN., ONE FOUR ZERO LBS., GREEN EYES LIGHT BROWN HAIR, RECEEDING HAIRLINE OVER TEMPLES, MEDIUM BUILD, 44-1740-450
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SVESTKA ADVISED HE HAS BEEN FINGERPRINTED AT LEAST TWICE FOR CLEARANCE ONCE BY THIRD ARMY.

LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION REQUESTED TO LOCATE PRINTS OF SVESTKA AND COMPARE WITH LATENTS IN CAPTIONED CASE.

AIRMAIL COPIES TO MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM.
END.

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Special Agent in Charge

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PLAIN TEXT

TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR, CHICAGO AND MEM PHIS

FROM: CLEVELAND (44-565)

MURKIN

RE KANSAS CITY TEL TO BUREAU, ET AL, APRIL TEN, SIXTYEIGHT.

JACK CODY RESIDES TWO NINE TWO NINE CHAUCER DR., NORTH CANTON, OHIO, TELEPHONE FOUR NINE TWO DASH SIX FOUR NINE SEVEN. CONTACT WITH NEITHBORS REFLECTS CODY PRESENTLY VISITING WIFE'S RELATIVES, CHICAGO, ILL., WHOSE NAME AND ADDRESS UNKNOWN, AND WILL NOT RETURN UNTIL APRIL FIFTEEN, SIXTYEIGHT.

CHICAGO IS REQUESTED TO ASCERTAIN THROUGH PETER WUKOVICH LOCATION OF CODY AT WIFE'S RELATIVES, IF POSSIBLE, AND OBTAIN ALL POSSIBLE INFORMATION.

AIR MAIL COPY TO BIRMINGHAM.

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CC: 1 - BIRMINGHAM (AM)

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AIRTEL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS
FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (44-565) (P)
RE: MURKIN

Re Cincinnati tel to Memphis and Cleveland, 4/11/68.

Contact with Cuyahoga County Auto Bureau reflects Ohio license 205-CD listed to THOMAS W. REED, 23540 David Drive, North Olmsted, Ohio, on a 1967 Ford two door sedan, Serial No. 7W62H23329.

Review of Automobile Identification Manual shows serial no. reflects automobile to be a 1967 Ford two door Galaxie.

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AIRTEL

REGISTERED MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (44-1984)

MURKIN

Re Bureau teletype to all continental offices dated 4/9/68, and Albany teletype to Memphis dated 4/9/68 and captioned as above.

All laundries and laundry suppliers in the Miami Division contacted this date with reference to Thomas-Seal marking machines manufactured by the Textile Marking Company, Syracuse, New York, and to laundry tape mark Θ 2 B-6 or B 2 B-6. Several laundries in Miami Division use Thomas-Seal marking machines; however, none use or have used laundry mark Θ 2 B-6 or B 2 B-6 or any similar markings. Several laundry proprietors advised that red tape is often used to designate a rush order.

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Thermo-Seal machine, formerly used by New Pearless Laundry, 110 Northwest 5th Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, currently owned by Pearless Uniform Service Company, 110 Northwest 5th Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, has not been used since December 1968 and has been mechanically inoperative since that time. Laundry marks S S S-S or S S S-S not used by New Pearless Laundry or Pearless Uniform Service Company.

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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO BUREAU (44-38861) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM COLUMBIA (44-299)

MURKIN - OO: MEMPHIS

RE LOS ANGELES TELETYPE TO BUREAU, MEMPHIS, AND
BIRMINGHAM, APRIL NINE LAST.

PHYLLIS BELLAMY, MYRTLE BEACH, S. C., HAS NOT ASSOCIATED
WITH JOHN OR LILLIAN WILLARD FOR TWO YEARS, NO KNOWLEDGE
PRESENT ACTIVITIES EXCEPT WILLARD PRACTICING ATTORNEY
CONWAY, S. C.

COP H. T. BARKER (NA), CONWAY PD, ADVISED JOHN WILLARD,
ATTORNEY, CONWAY, S. C., ARRESTED HIS DEPARTMENT NUMEROUS
TIMES NINETEEN SIXTY - NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR, DRUNK CHARGE ONLY.
NO INFO TO INDICATE WILLARD A RACIST. SAID SAW WILLARD
AT HEARING, CONWAY, S. C., APRIL ONE LAST. DESCRIBED WILLARD
AS WM, DOB [REDACTED] SIX FEET,
ONE HUNDRED SEVENTYFIVE LBS., BROWN HAIR GREYING, BROWN EYES.
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 - 1 - Columbia
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SAM COX, PERSONAL FRIEND OF COP BARKER, OCCUPIES FLOOR SPACE DIRECTLY BELOW WILLARD'S OFFICE AND ADJACENT TO ENTRANCE. COX SAID SAW WILLARD IN CONWAY SEVERAL DIFFERENT DAYS DURING APRIL ONE THROUGH FIVE, NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT. SAID WHEN WILLARD AT OFFICE, PARKS CAR BEHIND OFFICE. DURING APRIL ONE THROUGH FIVE, NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT, RECALLS SEEING WILLARD'S CAR BEHIND OFFICE EACH DAY.

DETAILS FOLLOW. BIRMINGHAM AND LOS ANGELES ADVISED BY AM.

END

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703) (P)

MURKIN-CR

ReButel to all continental offices 4/8/68, re HARVEY LOWMEYER or LOWMYER and Butel to all continental offices 4/10/68, re suspect ERIC STARVO GALT.

WFO has instituted checks requested in instant teletypes and results are negative to date. WFO will furnish by teletype any positive information developed and will furnish airtel summary of checks made.

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- ② - Birmingham (44-1740)
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RADIOGRAM

URGENT

TO : DIRECTOR
FROM: CINCINNATI (157-1893)

MURKIN

MRS. MARJORIE HARRIS, RR ONE, LOVELAND, OHIO, ADVISED THAT WALTER MICHAEL MALLIN, A FORMER EMPLOYEE OF HERS, MAY BE SUSPECT CAPTIONED MATTER. STATED LAST CONTACT WITH MALLIN WAS AT LONGVIEW STATE MENTAL HOSPITAL. INDICATED HE WAS OBSESSED BY AND TROUBLED WITH CURRENT RACIAL STRIFES. MALLIN EXTREMELY PERPLEXED BECAUSE HE WAS IN WARD WITH ALL NEGROES. MALLIN ESCAPED MAXIMUM SECURITY, LONGVIEW HOSPITAL, MARCH SEVENTEEN, LAST, AND PRESENTLY BEING SOUGHT BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

BUREAU WAS PREVIOUSLY ADVISED OF BACKGROUND FOR MALLIN UNDER CAPTION, "WALTER MICHAEL MALLIN, THREAT AGAINST THE PRESIDENT." RE CI TEL AUGUST TWENTYSIX, SIXTYSEVEN, AND CI AIRTEL SEPTEMBER SEVEN, SIXTYSEVEN.

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cc: 1 - Memphis (AM)
1 - Birmingham (AM) (RM)
1 - 175-0-7

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MALLIN, AKA. WALTER MICHAEL MALLING, EDWARD ROTELLE,
MICHAEL TITCHWYG, DESCRIBED WMA, DOB [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] POB LOVELAND, OHIO, FIVE FOOT NINE, ONE FORTYSEVEN
LBS., BLOND HAIR, BLUE EYES, MSN ONE EIGHT FIVE ONE FIVE
FOUR THREE, FBI NO. TWO THREE THREE NINE SIX ZERO D.
PECULIARITIES - LEFT HANDED. MEDICAL RECORD - EXTENSIVE
HISTORY OF MENTAL ILLNESS (PSYCHOTIC).

INASMUCH AS WHEREABOUTS OF MALLIN NOT KNOWN, BUREAU
REQUESTED TO COMPARE FINGERPRINTS OF MALLIN WITH LATENTS
OBTAINED IN CAPTIONED MATTER. IF MALLIN CANNOT BE ELIMINATED
AS SUSPECT BY PRINTS AVAILABLE, CINCINNATI WILL FURNISH
COMPLETE BACKGROUND TO MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM AND CONTINUE
EFFORTS TO LOCATE MALLIN FOR INTERVIEW.

AM COPIES TO MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM. NO LHM SUBMITTED
AS USSS AWARE OF MALLIN'S PRESENT STATUS.

MALLIN SHOULD BE CONSIDERED DANGEROUS IN VIEW OF
PREVIOUS ARRESTS FOR CCW. HE IS MENTALLY UNSTABLE AND
HAS ESCAPED CUSTODY TWICE.

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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)
FROM: MEMPHIST (44-1987)

MURKIN, CIVIL RIGHTS, OO: MEMPHIS.

MEMPHIS SUMMARY TELETYPE IN CAPTIONED MATTER
APRIL ELEVEN, INSTANT.

RE: HARVEY LOWMEYER, AND JOHN WILLARD, ERIC STARVO GALT:

A REVIEW OF ALL LOGICAL RECORDS UNDER THE NAMES,
HARVEY LOWMEYER, JOHN WILLARD, AND ERIC STARVO GALT, IS
CONTINUING THROUGHOUT THE U.S.; HOWEVER, NO PERTINENT
DEVELOPMENTS REPORTED TO DATE. A NUMBER OF PERSONS HAVE
BEEN LOCATED WITH SAME OR SIMILAR NAMES, AND INVESTIGATION
IS CONTINUING TO ELIMINATE THEM AS SUSPECTS.

DEAD LETTER OFFICE CHECK: FOLLOWING GALT'S DEPARTURE FROM

Airtel _____
Teletype _____
A.M. _____
A.M.S.D. _____
Spec. Del. _____
Reg. Mail _____
BIRMINGHAM ROOMINGHOUSE OCTOBER SEVEN, LAST, HE RECEIVED
A LETTER WHICH HIS LANDLORD INDICATES HE RETURNED TO THE
POST OFFICE MARKED RECEIVER HAS MOVED. LANDLORD BELIEVED
THIS LETTER CONTAINED A CHECK, POSSIBLY FROM A MAIL ORDER
HOUSE IN CHICAGO.

1 - Birmingham (44-1740) (AM)
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THE FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION WAS CONDUCTED TO DETERMINE WHETHER THIS LETTER MAY HAVE BEEN DIRECTED TO DEAD LETTER OFFICE, MEMPHIS:

L. L. SIMS, POSTMASTER, AND ANTHONY PERA, SUPT. OF POSTAL SERVICES, MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, POST OFFICE, MADE AVAILABLE DEAD LETTER MAIL AT MEMPHIS POST OFFICE THIS DATE. DEAD LETTER MAIL FOR THREE STATE AREA, INCLUDING ALABAMA, DEPOSITED MEMPHIS POST OFFICE.

REVIEW OF THIS MAIL NEGATIVE UNDER NAME GALT. DEAD LETTER MAIL DEPOSITED AT MEMPHIS CONSISTS ONLY OF FIRST CLASS MAIL. IF SENDER CAN BE IDENTIFIED FROM ENVELOPE, LOCAL POST OFFICES RETURN SUCH MAIL DIRECTLY. WHERE SENDER ILLEGIBLE ON ENVELOPE, MEMPHIS RECEIVES AS DEAD LETTERS AND OPENS. IF CONTENTS IDENTIFY SENDER, MAIL IS RETURNED. IF NO SENDER IDENTIFIED, MEMPHIS DESTROYS UNLESS LETTER CONTAINS ITEM OF VALUE, WHICH IS THEN KEPT ONE YEAR. ALL OTHER DEAD LETTER MAIL DESTROYED WITHIN WEEK AFTER RECEIVED MEMPHIS.

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LAUNDRY MARKS:

ALL LAUNDRIES IN MEMPHIS CONTACTED FOR INFO.
CONCERNING LAUNDRY MARKS IN THIS CASE WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.
LAUNDRIES LOCATED IN AREAS COVERED BY RESIDENT AGENTS
ARE BEING CHECKED.

BARGE AND RIVERBOAT EMPLOYMENT:

BARGE AND RIVERBOAT COMPANIES CHECKED AT MEMPHIS
NEGATIVE RE EMPLOYMENT OF GALT, JEROME WALLIS VERNON, JOHN
WILLARD, AND HARVEY LOWMEYER. SELECTIVE SERVICE HEADQUARTERS,
TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES, LENDING AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS,
CREDIT AND CRIMINAL CHECKS IN PROGRESS THROUGHOUT DIVISION.
MARINE INDEX BUREAU HAS NO INJURY RECORD ON SUSPECT.

TRAVEL:

RECORDS OF THUNDERBIRD MOTEL, JACKSON, TENNESSEE,
AN AFFILIATE OF FRIENDSHIP INNS, FAIL TO REVEAL ANY CUSTOMERS
UNDER NAMES OF JOHN WILLARD, HARVEY LOWMEYER, ERIC S. GALT,
OR JEROME WALLIS VERNON REGISTERED SINCE MARCH TWENTY, LAST.
RECORDS ALSO FAIL TO REVEAL A NINETEEN SIXTYSIX MUSTANG, WHITE,
BEARING SIXTYEIGHT ALABAMA LICENSE ONE DASH THREE EIGHT NINE
NINE THREE, BEING IN POSSESSION ANY CUSTOMER DURING THIS PERIOD.

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LORRAINE MOTEL:

OWNER WALTER L. BAILEY MADE AVAILABLE HOTEL REGISTRATION CARDS AND LOG BOOK. OWNER AND ALL EMPLOYEES AT LORRAINE INTERVIEWED. NONE OF THEM KNEW OR SAW ANYTING PERTINENT. FOUR PERSONS REGISTERED AT HOTEL ON APRIL FOUR, SIXTY EIGHT, ARE STILL REGISTERED. EFFORTS TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW THEM NEGATIVE TO DATE. LEADS ARE BEING SET OUT TO INTERVIEW ALL PERSONS REGISTERED AT LORRIANE HOTEL ON MARCH THREE OR MARCH FOUR, SIXTY EIGHT, RE ANY INFORMATION THEY MIGHT HAVE ON MURDER. PERSONS STILL IN MEMPHIS WHO WERE REGISTERED AT LORRAINE ON EITHER MARCH THREE OR MARCH FOUR, SIXTY EIGHT, WILLBE INTERVIEWED PROMPTLY.

SOIL SAMPLE FROM REAR OF MOTEL OBTAINED AND FORWARDED. AREA IN FRONT OF ROOMING HOUSE WHERE FATAL SHOT APPARENTLY ORIGINATED IS COMPLETELY PAVED. NO SOIL SAMPLES POSSIBLE HERE.

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JAY WALLIS VERNON:

IN CONNECTION WITH CHECKS CONCERNING UNKNOWN SUBJECT IN THIS MATTER INQUIRY IS ALSO BEING MADE TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER VERNON APPEARED IN MEMPHIS DIVISION. ADJOINING DIVISIONS ARE CONDUCTING SIMILAR CHECKS.

REBEL MOTOR HOTEL:

ROOM THIRTY FOUR, WHERE GALT STAYED, WAS PHOTOGRAPHED FROM THE OUTSIDE AT VARIOUS ANGLES. INTERVIEWING ALL EMPLOYEES WHO WERE ON DUTY AT THE REBEL MOTOR HOTEL FROM SIX PM, APRIL THREE, SIXTY EIGHT, TO THREE AM, APRIL FOUR, SIXTY EIGHT, HAS BEEN COMPLETED. IVAN B. WEBB, DESK CLERK ON DUTY FROM TEN PM, APRIL THREE, LAST, TO SIX AM, APRIL FOUR, LAST, STATES HE REMEMBERS A WHITE MUSTANG WITH ALABAMA PLATES PARKED IN FRONT OF ROOM THIRTY FOUR FROM TEN PM, APRIL THREE, LAST, TO SIX AM, APRIL FOUR, LAST. HE IS POSITIVE OF THIS BECAUSE HE MAKES AN HOURLY TOUR OF THE MOTEL FOR A SECURITY CHECK. HE CANNOT REMEMBER ANYTHING ABOUT THE OCCUPANT OF NUMBER THIRTY FOUR. HE WAS SHOWN ARTIST'S CONCEPTION DRAWINGS SKETCHED IN BIRMINGHAM AND MEMPHIS AND SAID THAT

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THE DRAWING SKETCHED IN MEMPHIS LOOKS FAMILIAR TO HIM.

BECKY ANDERS, ASSISTANT MANAGER, REBEL RESTAURANT, WHICH ADJOINS THE MOTEL WAS SHOWN THE ABOVE DRAWINGS AND STATED THAT THE DRAWING SKETCHED IN MEMPHIS LOOKS FAMILIAR TO HER, BUT SHE COULD NOT IDENTIFY. INTERVIEWS AT THE REBEL RESTAURANT CONTINUING.

MEMPHIS PURCHASE BY UNKNOWN SUBJECT,

ARTIST'S SKETCHES OF UNKNOWN SUBJECT EXHIBITED TO SALESLADY AT OLIVER REXALL DRUGSTORE WHO SOLD UNKNOWN SUBJECT GILLETTE SHAVING KIT POSSIBLY ON APRIL THREE, SIXTY EIGHT. SHE COULD NOT IDENTIFY SKETCHES AS BEING SIMILAR IN APPEARANCE TO INDIVIDUAL WHO PURCHASED SHAVING KIT. SHE ADVISED SKETCHES DO NOT APPEAR TO BE A LIKENESS OF ANYONE SHE HAS EVER SEEN.

ARTISTS' SKETCHES EXHIBITED TO OTHER EMPLOYEES AT OLIVER DRUGS AND TO EMPLOYEES OF BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE VICINITY OF OLIVER DRUGSTORE WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. SKETCHES ALSO EXHIBITED TO EMPLOYEES OF SOME MOTELS IN MEMPHIS AREA, BUT NO PERSON CAN IDENTIFY THOSE SKETCHES AS BEING SIMILAR IN APPEARANCE TO ANYONE STAYING AT THEIR

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MOTELS DURING PERTINENT PERIOD.

CHECK OF MUSTANG CARS:

IDENTITY OF ALL ACTIVE AND RETIRED, ENLISTED,
AND OFFICER MILITARY PERSONNEL AT THE NAVAL AIR STATION, MILLING-
TON, TENNESSEE, WHO OWN AUTOMOBILE VEHICLES FITTING THE
DESCRIPTION OF SUSPECT'S VEHICLE HAVE BEEN OBTAINED. FBI
IDENTIFICATION DIVISION IS BEING REQUESTED TO CHECK THESE
INDIVIDUALS' FINGERPRINTS ON FILE WITH LATENT PRINTS
DEVELOPED ON EVIDENCE SUBMITTED BY MEMPHIS.

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POLICE LIAISON:

MEMPHIS PD CONTINUES TO FURNISH INFO. RECEIVED CONCERNING KING MURDER PROMPTLY. NO SIGNIFICANT DATA WAS RECEIVED FROM THIS SOURCE APRIL ELEVEN, INSTANT. COORDINATION WITH OTHER OFFICES:

CLOSE COORDINATION HAS BEEN MAINTAINED WITH OTHER OFFICES CONCERNING ALL PHASES OF THIS INVESTIGATION, AND DIRECT CONTACT IS MADE WHERE NECESSARY IN URGENT MATTERS, PARTICULARLY THE INVESTIGATION CONCERNING ERIC STARVO GALT AND JAY WALLIS VERNON. DATA CONCERNING APPARENT TRAVEL OF GALT'S MUSTANG VEHICLE IN MEXICO IN OCTOBER, SIXTYSEVEN, WAS FURNISHED SAN ANTONIO DIVISION. SAN ANTONIO WILL CHECK AT NUEVO LAREDO, MEXICO, TO DETERMINE WHAT IDENTIFICATION TRAVELER USED TO SECURE TOURIST STICKER, AND WILL REQUEST LEGAT, IF PERTINENT, TO ASCERTAIN NATURE ANY TRAVEL WITHIN MEXICO BEYOND THE BORDER REGION.

EXPEDITIOUS ATTENTION IS BEING PROVIDED TO ALL FACETS OF THIS INVESTIGATION. ALL OFFICES ARE BEING INSTRUCTED TO FURNISH ANY SIGNIFICANT DATA RECEIVED TO THE BUREAU DIRECTLY, AS WELL AS INTERESTED AUXILIARY OFFICES.
END.

4/11/68

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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR
DALLAS
MEMPHIS

FROM: DETROIT (44-989)

MURKIN

RE DETROIT TEL TO BUREAU, ET AL TWELVE FIFTY EIGHT PM,
APRIL TEN LAST.

INVESTIGATION DETROIT INDICATES AN UNKNOWN UNIFORMED
MARINE SGT. (E FIVE) WAS DRINKING AT CONTINENTAL BAR NUMBER TWO,
SOUTH TERMINAL, METROPOLITAN AIRPORT, DETROIT, APRIL THREE
LAST FROM APPROXIMATELY FOUR PM TO ELEVEN PM. WITNESSES STATE
MARINE ATTEMPTING TO FLY TO MEMPHIS, MILITARY STANDBY STATUS.
STATED HE HAD BEEN IN LONG BIEN, VIETNAM AND IMPLIED HOME IS
MEMPHIS. UNSUB OVERHEARD TO STATE "WHEN I GET THERE, YOU
WON'T HAVE ANY TROUBLE WITH NIGGERS". UNSUB ALLEGEDLY ATTEMPTED
PHONE CALL TO "LET THEM KNOW I'M COMING". UNSUB MENTIONED SOME
COLORED MEN HAD RAPED A WOMAN BUT NOTHING REMEMBERED BY BARTENDER
WITNESS. UNSUB LAST OBSERVED BY TICKET AGENT, DELTA AIRLINES,
APPROXIMATELY ELEVEN PM ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN TRANSPORTATION TO
MEMPHIS. DIRECT DELTA FLIGHTS MEMPHIS CANCELLED UNTIL EIGHT
ZERO FIVE AM APRIL FOUR LAST. MANIFEST PRESENTED BY B. G.

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PEARSALE, SUPERVISOR, DELTA AIRLINES, INDICATED FLIGHT FIVE EIGHT FIVE SLASH ZERO FOUR DEPARTED DETROIT EIGHT ZERO FIVE APRIL FOUR LAST AS SCHEDULED WITH FOLLOWING MEMPHIS BOUND PASSENGERS: CUEP, GRUDEN, PETERSON, RUBIDEAU, WOJNO, CUMMINGS, MICHAEL, COLLINS, STAFFER.

PEARSALE ADVISED NOTATIONS ON MANIFEST INDICATE STAFFER SOLELY FLEW MILITARY STANDBY.

UNSUB IN COMPOSITE IS DESCRIBED AS: WHITE, MALE, LATE TWENTIES TO LATE THIRTIES, FIVE FEET NINE INCHES TO SIX FEET, ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY LBS., MEDIUM MUSCULAR BUILD, SHORT MEDIUM BROWN HAIR, WEATHERED COMPLEXION, POSSIBLE SLIGHT SOUTHERN ACCENT, NEAT UNIFORM WITH SEVERAL ROWS OF RIBBONS, INCLUDING VIETNAM CAMPAIGN, MILITARY Demeanor, NOT NOTICED TO SMOKE, NO LUGGAGE, THIN FACE, NOSE, ^{AND} CHIN, BEER DRINKER.

UNSUB BELIEVED SLIGHTLY INTOXICATED EVENING APRIL THREE LAST BUT IN CONTROL OF FACULTIES.

HOTEL REGISTRATION RECORD, DETROIT, INDICATE STEWARDESSES ON FLIGHT FIVE EIGHT FIVE, ANNE BATEMAN AND JULIE CRENSHAW, BOTH STATIONED DALLAS, TEXAS.

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DALLAS WILL CONTACT DELTA AIRLINES, DALLAS, AND INTERVIEW
BATEMAN AND CRENSHAW ATTEMPTING TO DETERMINE IF ANYONE ABOARD
FLIGHT FIVE EIGHT FIVE MEETING UNSUB'S DESCRIPTION.

AM COPY FURNISHED BIRMINGHAM.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P) DATE: 4/12/68

FROM : SA ERVIN B. BRUNINGA

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis

Re telephonic lead from ASAC to exhibit artist's conception of person who purchased rifle at Birmingham, to hotels, motels, service stations, and eating establishments on highways between Birmingham, and Memphis, Tennessee. The artist's conception was exhibited with no pertinent results on 4/10/68, to the following persons:

DENNY SMITH, Spur Service Station, near intersection of Highways 43 and 72, Tuscumbia, Alabama.

DORAN NASH, Carl's Cafe, at intersection of Highways 43 and 72, Tuscumbia.

PHYLLIS MC CORKLE, Kent's Drive-In Restaurant, near intersection of Highways 43 and 72, Tuscumbia.

BOBBY SMITH, Enco Service Station, near intersection of Highways 43 and 72, Tuscumbia.

FAYE PITTMAN, Four-Way Motel, near intersection of Highways 43 and 72, Tuscumbia. The registration cards at the Four-Way Motel were searched for registrations 3/26/68 through 4/10/68, under names ERIC STARVO GALT, JOHN WILLARD, and HARVEY LOWMEYER, but no significant registration card was located. Mrs. PITTMAN advised the Four-Way Motel uses chenille type bedspreads and none was missing during the above period of time. She further stated the motel has never used any type of bedspreads other than a chenille type.

DORIS DAWSON, Citgo Service Station, near intersection of Highways 43 and 72, Tuscumbia.

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J. E. VANDIVER, Shell Service Station,
Highway 43,

ORA MC DANIEL, Gulf Service Station,
Highway 43.

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

DATE: 4/12/68

FROM : SA ALLEN J. GILSON, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
OO: MEMPHIS

The following tire dealers on the Southside of Birmingham, Alabama, were contacted by SAs C. B. STANBERRY and ALLEN J. GILSON, JR. Wherever records of sales were maintained they were checked from late August, 1967, through to the first week in October, 1967, under the names of JOHN WILLARD, HARRY LOWMEYER, J. WALLIS VERNON. These checks met with negative results. The artist conception in this matter was also shown to the store managers and employees. None of them recognized him as ever being in their store. The dealers are as follows:

Tire Engineering Company, 3200 Sixth Avenue South,
Mr. WARNER S. MASSEY and HOWARD F. JOHNSON.

OK Tires, 601 South 21st Street,
Mr. FLOYD HOUSTON.

Jim Byrum, American Auto Service,
2002 Seventh Avenue South.

Bryant General Tires, 2008 Second Avenue South,
Mr. LARRY WARD.

U. S. Tire, Inc., Mr. J. S. PUARLES and
Mr. M. MAHAFFEY.

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Memorandum

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

DATE: 4/12/68

FROM : SA ROBERT J. ADAMS

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
OO: MEMPHIS

On 4/8/68, a neighborhood investigation was conducted in the vicinity of 1907 11th Street South, Birmingham, Alabama, in an effort to locate one HARVEY LOWMEYER. An artist's conception of the individual who purchased the weapon at the Aero-Marine Supply Company, Birmingham, Alabama, was shown to the following persons, with negative results:

BETTY THRAILKILL
Bun and Bun
1107 South 20th Street

ROGER ROZZELL
Bun and Bun
1107 South 20th Street

GWEN JACKSON
Toddle House
2014 Highland Avenue

FAY BAGGETT
Toddle House
2014 Highland Avenue

ROBIN JACKSON, Receptionist
Service Bureau Corporation
2015 Highland Avenue

STEVE KLEIN, Owner
Klein's Flowers
2009 Highland Avenue

PEARL HIGGINBOTTHAM
Rexall Drugs
2001 Highland Avenue

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C. KING
Rexall Drugs
2001 Highland Avenue

JULE SHOPE
Rexall Drugs
2001 Highland Avenue

ROBERTA KING
Rexall Drugs
2001 Highland Avenue

SANDRA HARDY, Secretary
General Binding Company
1203 South 20th Street

JANE MANCHA
La Mancha's Tamales
1207 South 20th Street

WILLIAM STROZIER
Standard Oil
1225 South 20th Street

JIM MARLAR, Owner
Standard Oil
1220 South 20th Street

FRANCES LAFON, Cashier
Electrolux Corporation
1103 South 20th Street

MILDRED CASANO, Collection Clerk
Electrolux Corporation
1103 South 20th Street

ERSKIN POSEY, Service Manager
Electrolux Corporation
1103 South 20th Street

ROSE BARKSDALE
Catholic Information Center
1101 South 20th Street

Sister MARY SHAUN
Catholic Information Center
1101 South 20th Street

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KERRY ALEXANDER LIKIS
Stereo Center
2018 11th Avenue South

ELEC A. COUCH
Stereo Center
2018 11th Avenue South

FLORA J. BEAVERS
Fred S. Jones Company
1901 11th Avenue South

MELINDA LAY
Fred S. Jones Company
1901 11th Avenue South

JEAN KYSER
Fred S. Jones Company
1901 11th Avenue South

MAE VINCENT
Fred S. Jones Company
1901 11th Avenue South

SHERRY RAY
Fred S. Jones Company
1901 11th Avenue South

MARY CREEL
Fred S. Jones Company
1901 11th Avenue South

DANNY L. NEWMAN, Owner
Universal Interior
1907 11th Avenue South

KATHERINE E. WRIGHT, Manager
Easy Cleaning Center
1909 11th Avenue South

Mrs. GEORGE LANE
The Book Shelf
1915 11th Avenue South

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WILLIAM GOODMAN
The Book Shelf
1915 11th Avenue South

NELL HOGG
Nell's Millinery
1917 11th Avenue South

FRANCES LOEB
Gallery 31 Inc.
1921 11th Avenue South

JOSEPHINE LOEB
Gallery 31 Inc.
1921 11th Avenue South

Mrs. DAVID DANNEMAN
Foods for Health, Inc.
1923 11th Avenue South

Mrs. SAM SONDOCK
Foods for Health, Inc.
1923 11th Avenue South

MILDRED ATKINS
1531 11th Avenue South

W. H. MORELAND
1525 11th Avenue South

E. C. McCLAIN
1501 11th Avenue South

Mrs. H. D. CHARLES
Highland Sundries
1111 15th Street South

FREDERICK ZYLMAN
1415 11th Avenue South

CHARLES McELROY
1407 11th Avenue South

Tower Court Apartments
1312 11th Avenue South
(could locate no maintenance personnel or
tenants)

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MARIE BARLEW
1300 11th Avenue South

GLORIA PHILLIPS
1228 11th Avenue South

GWENDOLYN HIGGINS
1228 11th Avenue South
Apartment 2
(could locate no maintenance personnel or
other tenants)

PEARL BEASON
1311 11th Avenue South
Apartment 1-A

Mr. and Mrs. ERNEST STUART
1311 11th Avenue South
Apartment 1-B

Mr. and Mrs. JERRY WARD
1311 11th Avenue South
Apartment 4-C

SAWAIIH ESSA
1319 11th Avenue South

SELMA MIZERANY
1319 11th Avenue South

ANNIE CRUTCHER, Maid
1830 12th Avenue South

EULA ROPER
Bob Swenson's Gift Shop
1822 12th Avenue South

CHARLES H. WILSON
1804 12th Avenue South

GERTRUDE ENGLAND
1804 12th Avenue South

MARGARET NEAL
1804 12th Avenue South

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ARLENE OWENS, Receptionist
1800 12th Avenue South

BARBARA DeARMOND
1800 12th Avenue South

PEGGY PARSONS
1800 12th Avenue South

ELIZABETH HALE
1627 12th Avenue South
Apartment 1
(the manager was working and no other
tenants were at home)

J. D. EADS
1625 12th Avenue South

FRANK W. BALL
1625 12th Avenue South

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. COPELAND
1621 12th Avenue South

Mr. and Mrs. O. T. ALEXANDER
1621 12th Avenue South

Mr. and Mrs. CHARLES DOBBS
1611 12th Avenue South

Mr. and Mrs. JOHN LEE
1523 12th Avenue South

VIRGINIA GRIFFIS
1519 12th Avenue South

Mr. and Mrs. ALLEN SHIRLEY
1519½ 12th Avenue South

Mr. and Mrs. PAUL FARMER
1511 12th Avenue South

Mrs. JOHN LANKFORD
1509 12th Avenue South

DELBERT HOLCOMB
1201 15th Street South

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ROSA L. PARKER
1203 15th Street South

BERTHA FRENCH
1205 15th Street South

GUY MASTERSON
1207 15th Street South

Mrs. TOM HINDMOR
1209 15th Street South

T. J. TURRENTINE
1209 15th Street South

Mrs. C. S. MISSILDINE
1211 15th Street South

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)

DATE: 4/12/68

FROM : SA DALE W. JOHNSON

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Investigation determined Unsub, aka Eric Starvo Galt purchased 1966 Mustang automobile which had been advertised in the want-ad section of the Birmingham News Sunday, 8/27/67.

AT BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

The following investigation was conducted by SA DALE W. JOHNSON on 4/11-12/68:

The following professional used car salesmen were contacted and acknowledged they had placed want-ads in the Birmingham News on Sunday, 8/27/67 in an effort to sell new and/or used Mustang automobiles. Each person was exhibited an artist's conception of Unsub, whereupon each advised he was certain Unsub had not purchased any automobiles from him, and no one was able to furnish any information or lead as to the identity of Unsub.

DON KELLER
Sales Manager
Bill Strange Dodge, Inc.
3028 Bessemer Road

DALE BURNETTE
Salesman
Midfield Volkswagen
549 Bessemer Highway

EARL TUCKER
Salesman
Bessemer Chrysler-Plymouth
2217 Bessemer Highway

JOE HUTCHISON
Salesman
Bill Whiten Rambler
2212 Avenue E

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RON WEATHERS
Salesman
O. Z. Hall Ford
2500 1st Avenue North

ERNIE COOPER
Salesman
Jim Skinner Ford
200 Roebuck Plaza

CHARLES GIBBS
Long-Lewis Ford
4200 Bessemer Highway

The following individuals were contacted and advised they also had placed want-ads in the Birmingham News Sunday, 8/27/67, as private individuals attempting to sell their personally-owned automobiles. Each advised they received several telephonic inquiries from unidentified individuals and had a very few mail inquiries. Each reviewed an artist's conception of Unsub, and all stated they were positive Unsub had not contacted them regarding their automobiles.

O. E. CONGDON
3536 Laurel View Road

GEORGE E. JOHNSON
2532-C 21st Street, Ensley

JERRY W. NORRIS
814 Milgray Lane
Bessemer

CHARLES E. NASH
6805 South 68th Street

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)

DATE: 4/10/68

FROM : SA PATRICK J. MOYNIHAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

INVESTIGATION AT THOMAS JEFFERSON HOTEL
1631 2nd Avenue North
Birmingham, Alabama

The following investigation was conducted on
4/6/68 by SAs RONALD P. KLUG and PATRICK J. MOYNIHAN.

Mr. GORDON LOCKHART, Desk Clerk, was afforded an opportunity to observe artist's conception #1. He examined it closely and advised that this man was not familiar to him.

Mrs. WANDA RUSSELL, Manager of the Green Olive Bar in the Thomas Jefferson Hotel, advised she resides at 3421 Alameda Avenue, SW, Birmingham (788-8540). She has been operating this establishment for the past eight months.

Artist's conception #1 was exhibited, and after close examination she advised that she believed she had seen this individual, or someone very strongly resembling him, in the Green Olive Bar as a customer on one occasion in the recent past. She mentally reviewed the customers and activities in the bar, and advised that this individual would have been in the bar on the evening of Friday, 3/29/68, from approximately 8:00 until 8:45 p.m. The bar is generally very quiet on a Friday and Saturday night, and there are relatively few customers. On such occasions it is her habit to pay careful attention to the customers so that she will recognize and know them for future visits. She established in her mind that he was there from about 8:00 to 8:45 p.m. because during his entire visit the organist was playing the organ. She described the man who was in the bar as about 5' 9" tall, 150 to 155 pounds, approximately 30 years old, with hair between dirty blond and brown. He had a high hairline that was not receding. He was unaccompanied and quiet

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in his manner. He spoke to no one at the bar, and in the approximately 45 minutes he was present, he had three drinks of Canadian Club Water. She had some conversation with him and did not believe he was a southerner as he did not have a local or southern accent.

There was a general conversation at the bar, aimed at Mrs. RUSSELL, indicating that she had failed to recognize the Mayor of Bessemer, Alabama, who had been in the bar earlier in the evening. In this connection, the unknown customer asked her if she recognized him, and she replied negatively, asking in turn if she should. He said No, that he was only joking.

He was dressed in a tan, slightly longer than waist length, windbreaker-type jacket (no lining) and wore a solid-colored sport shirt which was open at the throat. She recalled he had asked if he needed a coat and tie and she advised that such was not necessary.

Mrs. RUSSELL remembered that he was at the bar at the same time as two other men, one of whom was a subsequent "skip" from his bar and hotel bill. On the night in question, she had Mr. HARLAN D. WALKER, the Assistant Manager, in the bar because there was some question in his or her mind regarding the possibility of a "skip" by one of these unknown individuals. She expressed her belief that the individual who skipped was registered in the hotel as Mr. TANT or TANTE. She did not believe that FRANCES TAYLOR, the organist, would have noticed the individual in the artist's conception because during his visit at the bar, she was at the other end of the lounge playing music. She advised further that Mr. WALKER was absent from the hotel and probably would not return until the next day. She was unable to state if the individual who resembled the artist's conception was a guest in the hotel on the day in question. She had never seen this individual before or since.

EARL VINSON identified himself as one of two Assistant Managers of the hotel, and he resides at 7410 52nd Court North, Birmingham, Alabama. He closely examined

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artist's conception #1, and advised that this individual was unknown to him. Mr. VINSON reviewed the then available hotel reservation records for 3/29/68 and six cards were involved. On the basis of names, addresses, and other information appearing on these cards, as well as VINSON's personal knowledge, it did not appear likely that the individual observed in the bar by WANDA RUSSELL could be identical with any of these individuals.

VINSON advised further that the complete records of 3/29-30/68 were ^{not} unavailable, locked in the Auditor's Office, and could ^{not} be reviewed at this time.

Mrs. ELSIE LESLIE identified herself as the hostess at the Carriage House Restaurant in the Thomas Jefferson Hotel. She has been employed by the hotel on and off for 12 years and as hostess for the past 18 months. She resides at 1147 14th Avenue South, Birmingham, Alabama (328-7828).

Artist's conception #1 was exhibited to Mrs. LESLIE, and she advised that she believed she had seen this individual, and that he looked familiar to her. She said she had seen him in the restaurant on one occasion in the last week or two and had seen him on a couple of occasions in the restaurant sometime ago, possibly as long ago as a year. She was unable to pinpoint the date or time of her most recent observation, but believed it was in the past two weeks.

She described the individual who came into the restaurant as approximately 40 years old, about 5' 11", 180 pounds, with hair which she would describe as sandy or with a reddish tint. She said he looked like a salesman, was quiet and gentlemanly, and was alone at any time she saw him. Most recently, she believed he was dressed in a sport jacket and slacks, but along conservative lines. She said she had no idea whether he was ever a guest in the hotel and could furnish no other information regarding the man she had in mind.

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Miss IDA LOUISE PORTERA identified herself as a waitress during the evening hours at the Carriage House, so employed since August 1967. She examined artist's conception #1, and advised this individual was completely unfamiliar to her.

WANDA RUSSELL was recontacted subsequently on 4/6/68, and recalled that Mr. JAMES, of the Southern Bell Telephone Company, was in the bar at the same time as the man in the artist's conception on 3/29/68.

ROBERT LEE JAMES was located and advised that he resides at 405 Rhett Avenue, Huntsville, Alabama (536-0220), and he is an employee of the Southern Bell Telephone Company. He recalled that he was in the Green Olive Bar in the hotel on the evening of 3/29/68 from about 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. and in the company of ED CUTSHALL. Mr. JAMES examined artist's conception #1 and advised that he definitely did not recognize this individual as anyone known to him, and pointed out that on the evening in question he was in the far end of the lounge with his back to the bar.

WILLIAM EDWARD CUTSHALL, of 4237 Mountaindale Road, Birmingham (595-2040), identified himself as an employee of the Southern Bell Telephone Company, and recalled that he was in the bar with ROBERT LEE JAMES on the evening of 3/29/68. He examined artist's conception #1 and advised this individual is completely unknown to him. He said that he and JAMES were seated at a table in the lounge with their backs to the bar and paid no attention to the patrons at the bar.

FRANCES TAYLOR BUSENLEHMER, of 571 Rutherford Circle, Birmingham, identified herself as the organist at the Green Olive Bar, and she generally performs from 8:00 p.m. to midnight, Monday through Saturday. She examined artist's conception #1 and thought she remembered an individual slightly similar to the man in the artist's conception as having been in the bar in the recent past. She described the man she recalled as over 6' tall and 195 pounds. He was in the bar with another male individual, and they were there

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until the bar closed at about midnight. She subsequently recalled that the man she had in mind was in on Saturday night, 3/30/68.

The following investigation was conducted on 4/7/68 by SA PATRICK J. MOYNIHAN.

Mrs. BILLIE MARTIN identified herself as the Day Hostess at the Carriage House Restaurant and a resident of 5868 34th Street North, Birmingham, Alabama (841-2833). She examined artist's conception #1 and advised that this individual was not known to her.

Mrs. SARAH DAY, of 2369 23rd Street, Ensley, advised that she was the 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Desk Clerk at the hotel, having started on 3/28/68. She examined artist's conception #1, and advised that this individual was completely unfamiliar to her.

BENJAMIN BIRKENFELD, 1000 18th Street, Birmingham, (322-7325), was afforded an opportunity to examine artist's conception #1, and advised that he did not believe he knew the man depicted.

ROY MAULDEN, of 121 Village Court, Birmingham (252-3769), identified himself as a bellman at the hotel, and he was so employed on 3/29-30/68 from approximately 3:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. He examined artist's conception #1, and advised that this individual is unknown to him.

HARLAN D. WALKER identified himself as the Assistant Manager and a resident at the hotel. He recalled that he worked the evening of 3/29/68 and remembered being in the bar with WANDA RUSSELL at one time in connection with a possible "skip" whom he identified as BARDY TANTE, of 801 Jackson Blvd., Fort Gaines, Georgia, as per his hotel registration records. WALKER examined artist's conception #1, and advised that he did not know this individual and had no recollection of such an individual as a guest or visitor at the hotel. He said that the above-mentioned TANTE was a big man physically and not at all like the artist's conception.

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HARLAN WALKER made available hotel records for 3/29-30/68, and the guest ledgers of all guests were reviewed for the dates 3/26/68 through 4/3/68, with particular attention to the names WILLARD and LOWMEYER/with variations, but no likely registration was found.

Local telephone calls made by all guests at the hotel were reviewed from 3/26 through 3/31/68, but there was no record of a call to 595-2142 (Aeromarine Supply).

W. L. PALMER, of 855 West 5th Street, Birmingham, employed in the Hendon Car Park used by the Thomas Jefferson Hotel for guests' automobiles, observed artist's conception #1, and advised that this individual was unknown to him.

The following investigation was conducted on 4/8/68 by SAs JOHN H. KRESEK and PATRICK J. MOYNIHAN.

Artist's conception #2 was exhibited to Mrs. WANDA RUSSELL, Manager of the Green Olive Bar, and she advised that it was so different from the first artist's conception that the individual who was in the bar on the evening of 3/29/68 did not in her mind resemble the individual depicted in artist's conception #2. She advised further that if artist's conception #2 had been exhibited to her initially, she would not have connected it at all with the individual concerning whom she previously furnished information.

Mrs. ELSIE LESLIE, the Hostess of the Carriage House Restaurant, was afforded an opportunity to examine artist's conception #2, and she advised that it bore a resemblance to artist's conception #1, but much less of a resemblance to the individual concerning whom she previously furnished information, and she did not believe that this was the same individual.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)

DATE: 4/12/68

FROM : SA CHARLES Z. RENFROE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

The following Jefferson County, Alabama, libraries were checked for cards in the names of suspects ERIC S. GALT, JOHN WILLARD, HARVEY LOWMEYER, and JAY WALLIS VERNON, with negative results:

Tarrant Public Library
Tarrant, Alabama

Bessemer Public Library
Bessemer, Alabama

Fairfield Public Library
Fairfield, Alabama

The Birmingham FBI artist's conception of Unsub was shown to the following library employees in the Birmingham area; with negative results:

Mrs. KATHLEEN MARTIN, Assistant Librarian,
Tarrant Public Library

GWENDOLYN HOOKS, Librarian, and
LUCILLE MCGHEE, Assistant Librarian,
Slossfield Branch
Birmingham

Mrs. WILLIAM F. STACK, Librarian,
Pratt City Branch
Birmingham

Mrs. GENEVA BLACKBURN, Librarian,
East Ensley Branch
Birmingham

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SANDRA RAWLS, Assistant Librarian,
Ensley Branch,
Birmingham

CAROL NELSON, Assistant Librarian,
and HELEN HOGLUND,
Central Park Branch,
Birmingham

BARBARA WHITE, Assistant Librarian,
West End Branch,
Birmingham

GAYNELL COLEMAN, Librarian, and
LUCILLE HETHCOAT, Assistant Librarian,
Wylam Branch,
Birmingham

Mrs. WILLIAM GARRETT, Librarian,
Fairfield Public Library,
Fairfield, Alabama

MARGARET DAVIS, Librarian,
EMILY SMITHERMAN, Assistant Librarian,
IRIS MENZEL, Assistant Librarian,
NORMA PARSONS, Assistant Librarian,
Bessemer Public Library,
Bessemer, Alabama

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)(P) DATE: 4/12/68

FROM : SA WILLIAM H. LEE

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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On 4/9/68, the following individual were contacted at their respective establishments consisting of restaurants, motels, and gas stations, located on U. S. Highway 31 South and Interstate 65, from the River Bridge at Decatur, Alabama, to the city limits of Birmingham, Alabama. An artist's conception of the Unsub was displayed to each of these individuals as well as descriptive information and the names of HARVEY LOWMEYER and JOHN WILLARD were discussed with them, with negative results:

Mrs. GLADYS DRAKE, Cashier, Bentley Restaurant, Highway 31 South.

BRENT REECE, 2421 Highway 31 South, Manager, and JOHN STOVER, Attendant, Texaco Service Station.

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TROY WATTS, Owner, Travelers Motel, Highway 31 South, Decatur.

Mrs. DEBIE DANIELS, Manager, Starlight Motel, Highway 31 South, Decatur.

JACK PITTS, Manager, Crescent Motel, Highway 31 South, Decatur.

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