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Mr. JOE SULZBY, Manager, Lane Rexall Drug Store, 1024 20th Street South, stated that the tapes from the two cash registers in his store reflect the name of his drug store, as well as the date of purchase for each item. SULZBY stated that any register receipt found that did not bear the name of his store or the date of purchase could not have come from his drug store.

Mrs. ELAINE DODSON, 1719 13th Avenue South, observed the FBI sketch of the Unsub in this case, and stated that he resembles someone who lives somewhere in her neighborhood. She stated she sees this individual three or four times a week driving a white Mustang hardtop. She stated she has not seen this individual for two or three weeks and added that he is always trying to pick up girls on 11th Avenue. She stated that this individual tried to pick her up about a month ago at the Modern Drugs Pharmacy at 11th Avenue and 12th Street South.

She stated that this individual is a white male, 37 - 38 years, dark hair which is lighter in front. She stated that she could not judge this individual's height or weight as she has only seen him in the car, but estimated that he had a medium build. She stated that this individual is usually dressed in a business suit and wears a white shirt and tie.

She stated that she could not be any more specific on whether or not this individual is identical with the sketch but stated that there was a resemblance in the face, although again she stated that she had never seen this individual out of the car. She stated that she did not know the license number of the Mustang nor did she have any idea where this individual lived or worked but assumed he must live in the neighborhood due to the frequent number of times she has seen him.

Mrs. DODSON stated that she would be particularly alert for this individual and would notify the FBI should she observe his license number.

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AT BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA. If Unsub is not identified, will recontact Mrs. DODSON to show her most recent sketch of Unsub and to determine if she has had opportunity to see him since she was last interviewed.

April 15, 1968

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To: SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

Subject: MURKIN

ReButel to Memphis, Birmingham, New Orleans, and
Los Angeles 4/15/68.

Enclosed for each of the above divisions for
possible investigative assistance is photographic copy
of indented impressions appearing on stationery of The
Provincial Motel which was submitted by New Orleans.

Enclosure

- 1 - Birmingham (44-1740) Enclosure
- 1 - New Orleans Enclosure
- 1 - Los Angeles (44-1574) Enclosure

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TO DIRECTOR, BIRMINGHAM, ATLANTA
FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987)

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SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION APRIL FIFTEEN, SIXTHEIGHT.

EFFORTS TO INTERVIEW OCCUPANTS LORRAINE MOTEL, FOUR ZERO SIX MULBERRY, WHO WERE KNOWN TO BE REGISTERED ON APRIL THREE AND FOUR LAST PRODUCED NO POSITIVE RESULTS. MANAGER OF MOTEL, MR. WALTER BAILEY, STATED HE WOULD MAKE EFFORTS TO CONTACT PERSONS HE KNEW WHO WERE IN AREA OF LORRAINE MOTEL AND ADVISE FBI AS SOON AS HE IS ABLE TO LOCATE OTHERS.

TWO ADDITIONAL WITNESSES LOCATED WHO WERE IN JIM'S GRILL AT FOUR EIGHTEEN SOUTH MAIN AT APPROXIMATE TIME SHOOTING OF KING UNABLE FURNISH ANY INFORMATION OF PERTINENCE.

IN VIEW OF ALLEGED MERCHANT MARINE BACKGROUND , VARIOUS SPELLINGS OF SURNAME GALT CHECKED THROUGH U.S. COAST GUARD AT MEMPHIS WITH NEGITIVE RESULTS. RECORDS BUREAU OF PUBLIC DEBT, U.S. TREASURY , BEING CHECKED UNDER NAME GALT, LOWMEYER, AND WILLARD . BLUE SHIELD AND BLUE CROSS ALSO BEING CHECKED.

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WITH REGARD TO MEMPHIS PD INFORMANT'S INFORMATION ON ERIC GAULDEN, AKA. "STEVIE," ETC., SEPARATE INTERVIEW WITH GORDON FORBES AND TOMMY ELLIS PIKE, BOTH OF WHOM STILL CONFINED METHODIST HOSPITAL, MEMPHIS, WITH BODIES AND LUNGS BASLY BURNED, AND SEPARATED INTERVIEWS WITH MR. AND MRS. JAMES FORBES, PARENTS OF GORDON FORBES, PRODUCED NO INFORMATION TO CORROBORATE INFORMATION BY INFORMANT. ALL THESE PERSONS DENY KNOWING ANYONE AS DESCRIBED BY PD INFORMANT. ARTISTS' CONCEPTIONS OF UNSUB EXHIBITED TO EACH OF THESE PERSONS BUT EACH STATED PHOTOS DO NOT RESEMBLE ANYONE THEY HAVE EVER KNOWN.

JAMES O. STEWART, MEMPHIS PCI WHO IS FAMILIAR WITH RECENT ACTIVITIES OF GORDON FORBES AND TOMMY PIKE, STATES NO PERSON OF NAME AND DESCRIBED BY MEMPHIS PD INFORMANT KNOWN TO HIM. EFFORTS TO FURTHER CLARIFY WILL BE MADE TOMORROW. ARRANGEMENTS BEING MADE TO DETERMINE IF AGENTS CAN TALK TO MEMPHIS PD INFORMANT. BELIEVED WITH THIS INTERVIEW MATTER CAN BE RESOLVED.

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TO DIRECTOR /44-38861/, BIRMINGHAM, ATLANTA, MEMPHIS, AND CHICAGO
FROM TAMPA /157-3231/

MURKIN, CR. OO:ME.

RE: SUSPECT ERIC STARVO GALT.

RE CHICAGO TEL DATED FOUR FIFTEEN SIXTY EIGHT.

RE TAMPA REPORT OF SA R. K. HARPER CAPTIONED "BERNARD CLINTON
LEWIS" DATED SEVEN FIVE SIXTYSEVEN.

WILLIAM KENNETH KNIGHT INTERVIEWED INSTANT DATE AND ADVISED
AFTER VIEWING COMPOSITES SUBJECT NOT FAMILIAR TO HIM.

ADVISED HE DIDN'T KNOW ANY MEMPHIS AREA BURGLAR NAME "STEVIE"
GAULDEN, GAULDING, OR GAULDET ASSOCIATED WITH BILLY SIDES, MEMPHIS
PD # FIVE FIVE SIX EIGHT THREE; BUDDY MC CULLOM, MEMPHIS PD #
EIGHT TWO EIGHT ZERO TWO, WHO KNIGHT MET THROUGH JOSEPH BERNARD
GROGAN, FBI # ONE FIVE NINE FOUR NINE THREE C.

KNIGHT STATED HE DID NOT KNOW PIKE, FORBES, OR "DUKE" BY NAME
BUT STATED MEMPHIS POSTAL INSPECTOR FAMILIAR WITH SIDES AND OTHER
MEMBERS OF GROUP IN MEMPHIS. KNIGHT REMEMBERS MEETING SIDES AT
HOUSE NEAR AIRPORT IN MEMPHIS IN FALL OF NINETEEN SIXTYSIX AND
SEVERAL OTHER MEN THERE WHO KNIGHT DID NOT MEET.

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MERLE GAULT REFERRED TO ON PAGE TWENTY-FOUR RE REPORT IS MERLE LYALL GALL, FBI # THREE ONE FOUR SIX SEVEN NINE FIVE, IDENTIFIED BY KNIGHT AS MIDWEST AND FAR WEST BURGLAR ASSOCIATED WITH "BLACKIE" ROBINSON. GALL IS W/M, AGE IN FORTIES AND, ACCORDING TO KNIGHT, DOES NOT RESEMBLE COMPOSITE.

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PM 4/16/68 URGENT WHD

TO: DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM ,LOS ANGELES, MOBILE
FROM: NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

MURKIN

REBUTTEL TO MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, NEW ORLEANS AND LOS ANGELES, APRIL FIFTEEN LAST, RE INDENTED WRITING ON STATIONERY FOUND AT PROVINCIAL MOTEL IN NEW ORLEANS.

TELEPHONE NUMBER FOUR EIGHT TWO DASH ZERO EIGHT NINE FOUR LISTED TO SHIRLEY R. TORTORICH. TORTORICH CONTACTED APRIL SIXTEEN INSTANT, AND ADVISED JOHN HICKOCK, OF PONTIAC, MICH., TELEPHONED HER FROM A FRENCH QUARTER MOTEL ON MARCH TWENTYSIX, SIXTYEIGHT, RE HER CONNECTION WITH PARENTS WITHOUT PARTNERS, AN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION. SHE ADVISED THAT HICKOCK ALSO CONTACTED MRS. JANE FINNEY AND EDWARD TSOI. TELEPHINE NUMBERS OF FINNEY AND TSOI ALSO APPEARED ON THE INDENTED WRITING.

EDWARD M. TSOI FURNISHED SAME INFORMATION.

RECORDS, PROVINCIAL MOTEL, INDICATE HICKOCK REGISTERED AT MOTEL ON MARCH TWENTYSIX LAST.

NEW ORLEANS, DISCONTINUING FURTHER INVESTIGATION RE INDENTED WRITING.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM EL PASO (157-186) (P) 1 PAGE
MURKIN.

RE BUTEL, APRIL FOURTEEN, LAST.

DANCING SCHOOLS

INVESTIGATION UNDER NAMES HARVEY LOWMEYER OR LOWMYER, AND
ERIC STARVO GALT, IN REGARD TO ATTENDANCE AT DANCING SCHOOLS,
COMPLETED BY EL PASO OFFICE, AND NO RECORD LOCAYED UNDER THESE
NAMES AT ANY DANCING SCHOOLS IN EL PASO DIVISION.

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SAN FRANCISCO (173-65), AND NEW YORK 44-1609)

FROM: NEW HAVEN (157-818)

MURKIN-CR

RE: SAN FRANCISCO TELETYPE, APRIL THIRTEEN LAST, AND NEW YORK TELETYPE, SAME DATE, TO BUREAU, NEW HAVEN AND SAN FRANCISCO.

JOHN GIMBERLY, SECURITY, OTIS ELEVATOR, STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT ADVISED PABLO REYES TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED OTIS MORNING OF APRIL SIXTEEN LAST FROM NEW MEXICO AND IS ENROUTE STAMFORD VIA AUTO, DUE TO ARRIVE APRIL TWENTY TWO NEXT. NO DETAILS AS TO CAR OR ITINERARY.

REYES EMPLOYED OTIS AND ASSIGNED SAIGON AS FIELD REPRESENTATIVE . JAMES MC KINLEY, DIVISION MANAGER, OTIS ELEVATOR, NEW YORK CITY, AND GIMBERLY, BOTH ADVISED REYES IS A PHILLIPPINE NATIONAL WITH VERY DEFINITE ORIENTAL FEATURES AND COULD NOT BE MISTAKEN FOR CAUCASIAN. IN VIEW OF PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS, NO INTERVIEW WILL BE CONDUCTED.

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MOBILE, AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM CHARLOTTE (44-1365) 2P

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ON APRIL SIXTEEN LAST, WILLIAM DAWSON BROOKS, COP,
GASTON RURAL POLICE, GASTONIA, TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED THAT
JOSEPH SAMUEL MEADOWS, WHO OPERATES A USED CAR LOT IN BESSEMER
CITY, NC, HAD INFORMATION CONCERNING THE KING ASSISSINATION.

ON APRIL SIXTEEN LAST, MEADOWS ADVISED ON LATE AFTERNOON
OF APRIL FIFTEEN LAST, HE WAS DRIVING NORTH ON INTERSTATE
EIGHTYFIVE IN SC WITH HIS WIFE WHEN A WHITE MUSTANG PASSED
HIM DOING ABOUT NINETYFIVE MILES PER HOUR. HE OBSERVED A
RED AND WHITE LICENSE PLATE ON THE CAR AND HAVING READ IN THE
NEWSPAPER THAT FBI WAS LOOKING FOR WHITE MUSTANG WITH ALABAMA
LICENSE, HE GAVE CHASE. THE MUSTANG TURNED OFF INTERSTATE
EIGHTYFIVE ON WHITE HORSE ROAD NEAR GREENVILLE, S.C., AT WHICH
TIME MEADOWS OBTAINED THE LICENSE NUMBER, WHICH WAS ALABAMA
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LICENSE FIVE TWO DASH TWO FIVE EIGHT SEVEN ONE, THE DRIVER,
WHO WAS ALONE, WAS OBSERVED TO BE THIRTYFIVE TO FORTY YEARS,
ONE SIXTY TO ONE SEVENTY POUNDS, SANDY BROWN HAIR, TAN OR
BEIGE SPORT SHIRT, NO HAT, NO GLASSES, HEAVY EYEBROWS.

LATER ON APRIL FIFTEEN, LAST HIS WIFE OBSERVED A DRAWING
OF ASSASSIN AND COMMENTED THAT THIS WAS MAN THEY HAD SEEN IN
MUSTANG.

MOBILE, AT DMV, DETERMINE TO WHOM LICENSE ISSUED AND
DETERMINE WHEREABOUTS OF REGISTERED OWNER ON PERTINENT
DATES IN THIS CASE.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date April 10, 1968

JIMMY PHILLIPS, Standard Oil Service Station Manager, 7953 Crestwood Boulevard, residence 1204 Concord Avenue, Birmingham, furnished the following.

Until about the middle of March, 1968, PHILLIPS had been the Assistant Manager at the Standard Service Station at 2188 Highland Avenue, Birmingham. He recalled a customer at the Highland Avenue Station who drove a white Mustang and whose first name was ERIC. He described this person as a white male in his early 30's, five feet, nine to ten inches, 180 pounds, black hair, combed straight back, neat dresser, easy-going in his manner.

PHILLIPS believes this person at the time claimed he was working for an insurance company or a realty company or possibly Social Security. He made all his purchases in cash and was always alone. PHILLIPS believes this person had been observed by him smoking on occasions, but he could not recall his discussing anything except the night clubs in downtown Birmingham and "chasing women." PHILLIPS believes this man once told him that he was divorced and lived in the Highland area of Birmingham.

PHILLIPS claimed when he first observed this car, it had Georgia license plates and a trailer hitch. PHILLIPS said this man claimed he was from Atlanta and used his Mustang to pull a large boat, with the result that the clutch on the Mustang was then in bad shape.

PHILLIPS believed the last time he saw this man was in February, 1968, and he was positive he could identify him if he saw him again.

On 4/9/68 at Irondale, Alabama File # BH 44-1740 - 838
by SAs NEIL P. SPANAHAN
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/12/68

Mr. CHARLES JACKSON DAVIS, 2608 Highland Avenue, was interviewed at his place of employment, the Cambridge Tile Manufacturing Company, 3506 Fourth Avenue, South, and, after being advised of the nature of the interview, stated that he does not recall anyone by the name of ERIC S. GALT ever living at CHERPES' rooming house. DAVIS stated that he has been living there since they moved into the new rooming house in July, 1967, and he has occupied Room 25 since that time. He said that he cannot recall anyone who has lived in Room 14 and does not recall anyone who has lived there as owning a Mustang automobile.

DAVIS was shown a composite drawing and stated that it does not remind him of anyone who has lived at this rooming house.

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Mr. HILL HARDY was interviewed at the Nifty Paper Company in Birmingham and advised that he is originally from Pensacola, Florida, and has been working for Nifty and living at PETE CHERPES' boarding house for the past four years. He stated that this boarding house was located on 19th Street until July, 1967, when that building was sold, forcing CHERPES to move his boarding house operation to 2608 Highland Avenue.

HARDY advised that he occupies Room 21 and has occupied this room since July, 1967.

When questioned concerning an individual using the name ERIC S. GALT, who occupied Room 14 from August 26, 1967, until October 7, 1967, HARDY advised that the only man he remembers living in that room was an old man. He said he cannot remember anyone by the name of ERIC GALT as living at the rooming house. He also stated, after being advised of GALT's description, that he could not remember anyone with that description living there. He said that he does not recall a white Mustang automobile belonging to anyone living at the rooming house or sitting in the island of the front street in front of this house.

HARDY stated he was sorry he could not be of more help, but that he is a quiet individual himself and stays in his room most of the time and has little or no association with the other tenants at this house.

After viewing an artist's conception shown to him, HARDY advised that it does not resemble anyone he remembers ever living at this boarding house.

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Mr. D. T. GREEN, 2608 Highland Avenue, was interviewed at Rust Engineering Company in Birmingham, where he is employed. GREEN advised that his home is in Decatur, Alabama, and that he is only at the boarding house from Monday evening through Friday afternoon after work. He stated that he cannot remember anyone by the name of ERIC S. GALT or anyone fitting GALT's description living at the rooming house in Room 14 or any other room. GREEN advised that he has little association with any of the other tenants at this rooming house since he has a television in his own room, where he spends most of his time when not at work.

At this point in the interview, Mr. GREEN said that he has a severe drinking problem and this also accounts for the amount of time he spends alone in his room. Mr. GREEN advised, after viewing a composite drawing, that this does not resemble anyone he recalls living at the rooming house since he has been there.

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TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM
FROM SAN DIEGO 44-387

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REBUTEL TO MEMPHIS APRIL TWELVE LAST.

SUSPECT: HARVEY EDWARD LOHMEYER, FBI NUMBER SEVEN THREE
ZERO NINE SEVEN NINE A.

INVESTIGATION OF ARREST RECORDS AT ESCONDIDO POLICE
DEPARTMENT INDICATE MALCOLM FREDRICK EASTHAM, AKA "MACK",
FBI NUMBER FIVE TWO SEVEN SIX FOUR SEVEN C, WAS ARRESTED WITH
LOHMEYER ON THE SAME CHARGE OF ATTEMPTED BURGLARY AND WAS
SENTENCED WITH LOHMEYER TO BE CONFINED CHINO STATE PRISON,
CHINO, CALIFORNIA.

BUREAU REQUESTED TO COMPARE FINGERPRINTS OF MALCOLM
FREDRICK EASTHAM, FBI NUMBER FIVE TWO SEVEN SIX FOUR SEVEN C,
WITH LATENT FINGERPRINTS DEVELOPED THIS CASE.

PHOTOGRAPHS MALCOLM FREDRICK EASTHAM BEING FORWARDED
AMSD MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM TO BE DISPLAYED TO WITNESSES TO
DETERMINE IF IDENTICAL WITH UNSUB.

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TO DIRECTOR, BIRMINGHAM, AND ATLANTA
FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987)

MURKIN.

FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED APRIL
SIXTEEN, SIXTYEIGHT.

EFFORTS STILL CONTINUING TO LOCATE VARIOUS PERSONS WHO
WERE REGISTERED LORRAINE MOTEL AND IN VICINITY AT TIME OF SHOOTING
OF DR. KING.

JACKSONVILLE INDICES, FLORIDA STATE SELECTIVE HEADQUARTERS,
FLORIDA LICENSE BUREAU, AND MOTOR VEHICLE RECORDS CONTAIN NO
INFORMATION CONCERNING ERIC STARVO GALT. ELECTRIC COMPANIES, CITY
AND TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES, CREDIT AND CRIMINAL CHECKS AND ALL
FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS IN JACKSONVILLE AREA CONTACTED WERE
UNPRODUCTIVE RE GALT.

RALPH M. CARPENTER, SALESMAN, YORK ARMS COMPANY, MEMPHIS ,
WHO SOLD BINOCULARS FOUND WITH RIFLE NEAR RIFLE NEAR SCENE OF
ASSASSINATION, SELECTED PHOTO ERIC STARVO GALT FROM GROUP DISPLAYED
TO HIM AS INDIVIDUAL MOST RESEMBLING CUSTOMER WHO PURCHASED BINOCULARS.
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FEMALE INFORMANT OF MEMPHIS PD WHO FURNISHED INFO RE STEVIE OR ERIC USING LAST NAME OF "GAULDEN, GAULDING OR GAULDET," WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE TO BUAGENTS FOR INTERVIEW UNTIL AM APRIL SEVENTEEN NEXT. THIS INDIVIDUAL WILL BE EXTENSIVELY INTERVIEWED CONCERNING HER KNOWLEDGE OF THIS MAN IN AN EFFORT TO IDENTIFY STEVIE OR ERIC.

KNOWN CONTACTS OF WILLIAM EUGENE SIDES, FBI NO. NINE ONE EIGHT FIVE FOUR NINE B, AND TOMMY ELLIS PIKE, FBI NO. FOUR THREE FIVE ZERO ONE ZERO B, WHO FREQUENT THE MANHATTAN CLUB, PSYCHO LOUNGE, AND CHENNAULT'S, HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO IDENTIFY PERSON DESCRIBED BY PD INFORMANT. EFFORTS ARE CONTINUING TO LOCATE FEMALES ASSOCIATING WITH MEMBERS OF THIS BURGLARY GROUP IN AN EFFORT TO IDENTIFY STEVIE OR ERIC.

JOHN SCOTT CANDRIAN, MENTIONED IN PERVIOUS TELS AS MEMPHIS STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT WHO OBTAINED A TOURIST CARD FROM THE MEXICAN CONSULATE IN MEMPHIS ON APRIL THREE LAST, INTERVIEWED BY BUAGENTS AT MEMPHIS THIS DATE. CANDRIAN DOES NOT FIT DESCRIPTION OF UNSUB IN THIS MATTER AND IS ABLE TO ACCOUNT FOR HIS WHEREABOUTS DURING PERTINENT PERIODS. FINGERPRINTS OF CANDRIAN WILL BE FORWARDED TO THE FBI IDENTIFICATION DIVISION REQUESTING APPROPRIATE EXAMINATION BY LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION. A & D. P.

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837PM URGENT 4/16/68 LCC

TO MEMPHIS 44-1987 BIRMINGHAM 44-1740 ATLANTA 44-2386

LOS ANGELES 44-1574

FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 5 P

MURKIN.

RE ATLANTA LETTER APRIL FIFTEEN LAST RELATING TO
OBJECTS RECOVERED AS RESULT OF SEARCH OF STORAGE ROOM
FORMERLY OCCUPIED BY SUSPECT ERIC S. GALT AT ONE ONE THREE
FOURTEENTH STREET, ATLANTA, GEORGIA. EXAMINATION OF ITEM
THREE, AN ARROW MAP OF GREATER ATLANTA DISCLOSES THE
FOLLOWING MARKS: IN AREA NUMBER ONE SEVEN, INK LINES WERE
NOTED ON DANIEL STREET BETWEEN ARBOR AVENUE AND BOULEVARD
DRIVE; IN AREA NUMBER ZERO THREE AN INK CIRCLE APPROXIMATELY
THREE-EIGHTS INCHES IN DIAMETER THE CENTER OF WHICH WOULD BE
APPROXIMATELY ON AUBURN AVENUE AT COURTLAND; IN AREA
NUMBER ONE FOUR, TWO INK CIRCLES WHICH ARE APPROXIMATELY
CONCENTRIC WITH DIAMETERS OF ABOUT ONE-FOURTH INCH AND
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ONE-HALF INCH. THE CENTERS OF THESE TWO CIRCLES LIE APPROXIMATELY AT THE INTERSECTION OF SIMPSON ROAD AND PAINES; IN AREA NUMBER ZERO NINE AN INK CIRCLE APPROXIMATELY ONE-HALF INCH IN DIAMETER AND THE NUMERAL TEN WERE NOTED. THE CENTER OF THIS CIRCLE LIES APPROXIMATELY ON FOURTEENTH STREET BETWEEN CRESCENT AVENUE AND PEACHTREE ROAD; IN AREA NUMBER ZERO SIX AN INK CIRCLE APPROXIMATELY THREE-EIGHTS INCHES IN DIAMETER APPEARS. THE CENTER OF THIS CIRCLE IS APPROXIMATELY AT THE MEETING PLACE OF HIGHLAND VIEW AND PONCE DE LEON TERRACE.

THE FOLLOWING NOTATIONS WERE NOTED ON ITEM EIGHT OF PAGE TWO, A MAP CAPTIONED LOS ANGELES, CENTRAL SECTION, STREET GUIDE, RICHFIELD, ATLANTIC RICHFIELD CO. ON THE TOP OF THAT SIDE OF THIS MAP WHICH CONTAINS ALPHABETICAL STREET LISTING A SMALL PENCIL CIRCLE WAS NOTED IN THE "VAN NUYS DISTRICT" AT INTERSECTION OF BUFFALO AVENUE AND OXNARD STREET.

ON THE LARGE MAP ON THE OTHER SIDE THE FOLLOWING MARKINGS WERE NOTED IN THE BEVERLY HILLS AREA: VERTICAL
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PAGE THREE

LINES IN INK AT THE EAST END OF THE PARK WHICH IS LOCATED AT OLYMPIC BOULEVARD AND HEATH AVENUE; VERTICAL LINES IN INK AT SAN VICENTE BOULEVARD AND MASSELIN AVENUE; AN INK LINE RUNNING BETWEEN THE TWO VERTICAL LINES GENERALLY FOLLOWING PICO BOULEVARD AND PACKARD STREET; AN INK LINE EXTENDING FROM THE VERTICAL LINE AT THE PARK ALONG OLYMPIC BOULEVARD TO ALFRED STREET.

AN INK LINE AT THE INTERSECTION OF BEVERLY GLEN BOULEVARD AND WOODRUFF; AN INK LINE AT THE INTERSECTION OF BEVERLY GLEN BOULEVARD AND WARNALL AVENUE.

AN INK MARKING AT SUNSET BOULEVARD AND PALM DRIVE.

INK PARENTHESES AROUND WORDS "SOMMA WAY" AND "ROCCA PL" WHICH ARE LOCATED IN STONE CANYON.

THE TROUSERS ARE OLD AND SOILED. POCKETS AND LINING YELLOWED, EDGE OF LEFT FRONT POCKET THREADBARE, HOLES IN BOTH FRONT POCKETS. WAIST THIRTYFOUR AND ONE-HALF INCHES, INSEAM TWENTYSIX INCHES. NAME HANDWRITTEN
END PAGE THREE

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ON RIGHT REAR POCKET PROBABLY CLEANER'S MARK. APPEARS TO BE "Z SOLOFF"; HOWEVER, LAST TWO LETTERS NOT CLEAR. NO VISIBLE CLEANERS MARKS. BROWN TO DARK BROWN CAUCASIAN HEAD HAIRS FROM TROUSERS DIFFERENT FROM HAIRS FROM MUSTANG AND MEMPHIS SCENE. NO HAIRS ON NECKTIE THAT COULD BE ASSOCIATED WITH CLOTH ITEMS PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED THIS CASE. NO LABELS OR MARKS ON NECKTIE.

RE CHANGE OF ADDRESS ORDER SUBMITTED WITH LOS ANGELES AIRTEL DATED FOUR TWELVE LAST. THE ERIC S. GALT SIGNATURE ON THIS CARD WAS FOUND TO HAVE BEEN PREPARED BY THE WRITER OF THE OTHER SIGNATURES IN THIS NAME APPEARING ON SPECIMENS PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED.

REFERENCE IS MADE TO THE SLIP OF PAPER SUBMITTED BY ATLANTA LETTER OF FOUR FIFTEEN LAST CONTAINING HANDWRITING PREPARED BY JAMES D. GARNER, MANAGER OF THE ROOMING HOUSE ON FOURTEENTH STREET IN ATLANTA. IT WAS CONCLUDED THAT THE WRITING ON THIS PAPER WAS NOT PREPARED BY THE INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PREPARATION OF WRITINGS PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED ATTRIBUTABLE TO ERIC S. GALT.

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EXAMINATIONS OF THE OTHER ITEMS DISCLOSE NO
PERTINENT INFORMATION. LATENT FINGERPRINT RESULTS
BEING FURNISHED SEPARATELY.

PHOTOGRAPHIC COPIES SHOWING THE MARKINGS ON
THE MAPS WHICH WERE DESCRIBED ABOVE WILL BE FORWARDED
SEPARATELY TO RECEIVING OFFICES.

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To: SAC's, Birmingham (44-1740)
Memphis (44-1987)

/From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re Birmingham airtel 4/12/68, submitting palm prints and finger-tip impressions of five bank employees for elimination purposes.

Latent prints previously reported on safe deposit box #5517 are not identical with the submitted prints, which are being temporarily retained in the Latent Fingerprint Section.

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URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) and SAC, MEMPHIS, ATLANTA,
JACKSONVILLE & MIAMI

FROM: SAC, TAMPA (157-3231)

MURKIN, CR, OO: ME.

RE TAMPA TEL TO DIRECTOR, ME AND BM APRIL TEN, SIXTYEIGHT.

E. L. BING, PLANT CITY, FLA. CONTACTED DEPARTMENT
TO ADVISE THAT HE HAD PATRON AT NIGHTCLUB RAINBOW, EATONVILLE,
FLA. ON EVENING APRIL SEVEN LAST WHO CLOSELY RESEMBLED
WITNESS COMPOSITE SKETCH PUBLISHED LOCAL NEWSPAPERS.

BING STATED THAT DURING EVENING PARTY OF SIX-SEVEN
NEGROES AND ONE CAUCASIAN WERE CELEBRATING IN CLUB. AROUND
THREE AM THE WM ASKED BING TO CASH PERSONALIZED CHECK
DRAWN ON CHATTANOOGA BANK, NAME NOT RECALLED. BY WAY
OF IDENTIFICATION THIS INDIVIDUAL STATED EMPLOYED BY
HOLIDAY INN, ME., AS PAINTER AND DISPLAYED CREDIT CARD,
NAME NOT RECALLED. INDIVIDUAL STATED HE WAS BROKE
AND NEEDED MONEY FOR TAXI FROM EATONVILLE TO ORLANDO, FLA.
HE DISPLAYED BUS TICKET, COMPANY UNKNOWN, FROM ORLANDO

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TO MM. BING REFUSED TO HONOR PERSONAL CHECK AND INDIVIDUAL CONTACTED ONE LEON SMITH, WINTER PARK, FLA. TO VOUCH FOR HIM. BING STATES HE REFUSED TO ACDEPT CHECK. BING STATES AT CLOSING TIME FOUR AM, APRIL EIGHT, SIXTYEIGHT HE SERVED UNKNOWN WM SOLICITING PARTY PATRONS FOR TRANSPORTATION TO ORLANDO.

THIS INDIVIDUAL DESCRIBED WM, SIX FEET, ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTYFIVE LBS., DARK BROWN HAIR, COMBED STRAIGHT BACK, RECEDEING ON SIDES TO FORM PEAK, BROWN TROUSERS, BROWN SPORT COAT, WEARING WHITE TURTLENECK SWEATER, HAD PRONOUNCED LIMP IN LEFT LEG, NO REGIONAL ACCENT.

WITNESSES WHO OBSERVED UNIDENTIFIED WHITE MALE AT RAINBOW CLUB, EATONVILLE AND AT ORLANDO APRIL SEVEN - EIGHT, LAST VARY IN DESCRIPTIONS THEY FURNISHED FOR HIM BUT GENERALLY FEEL HE RESEMBLES ARTIST'S CONCEPTION APPEARING IN MASS MEDIA. UNIDENTIFIED WM TRIED TO CASH SIXTY DOLLAR CHECK DRAWN ON UNRECALLED BANK, CHATTANOOGA. UNIDENTIFIED WM TAKEN TO GREYHOUND BUS STATION, ORLANDO, UNIDENTIFIED WM COULD LOGICALLY HAVE TAKEN GREYHOUND BUSES ON APRIL EIGHT

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LAST DEPARTING ORLANDO EIGHT FIFTEEN AM ON RUN THREE ELEVEN;
NINE TWENTY AM ON RUN THREE SIX THREE, TEN TEN AM ON RUN
SIX THREE TWO OR ELEVEN FIFTEEN AM ON RUN TWENTY THREE.
DRIVER ON RUN SIX THREE TWO INTERVIEWED AND UNABLE TO
IDENTIFY DRAWING. A. J. STROUDMIER, MM, WAS DRIVER ON
RUN THREE ELEVEN. CHARLIE TITUS, MM, WAS DRIVER ON RUN
THREE SIX THREE, AND WILLIE RAGAN, JACKSONVILLE, DRIVER
ON RUN TWENTY THREE.

MM AT MM. CONTACT OPERATIONS OFFICE, GREYHOUND,
INTERVIEW STROUDMIER AND TITUS AND EXHIBIT ARTIST'S CONCEPTION.

JACKSONVILLE AT JACKSONVILLE. HANDLE RAGAN LEAD.

MEMPHIS AT MEMPHIS. CONTACT HOLIDAY INN FOR POSSIBLE
IDENTIFICATION OF WM AND EXHIBIT ARTIST'S CONCEPTION.

ATLANTA. AT DALTON, GA. EXHIBIT ARTIST DRAWING
AT BANKS AND PAINTERS COCAL IN EFFORT TO IDENTIFY WM SEEN
AT EATONVILLE AND ORLANDO. UNIDENTIFIED WM TOLD ONE PERSON
HE WAS FROM DALTON, GA. AM COPY TO B. P

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TO: SAC, MINNEAPOLIS
FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re New York teletype to Bureau, Birmingham,
Jackson, Memphis, and Minneapolis.

License ~~17B-528~~ is a De Soto County, Miss.,
license. Jackson handling.

Memphis and Minneapolis disregard leads in
re teletype.

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2-Memphis
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2-Jackson
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TELETYPE

TO: DIRECTOR, ATLANTA, DETROIT, AND MEMPHIS
FROM: CHARLOTTE (44-1365)

MURKIN

RE ATLANTA TELETYPES APRIL FIFTEEN AND SIXTEEN LAST, AND
DETROIT TELETYPE APRIL FIFTEEN LAST.

RE: WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN LEE.

MRS. RUTH OWEN, GASTON COUNTY REGISTER OF DEEDS, GASTONIA,
N. C., MADE AVAILABLE TODAY VOLUME TWENTY DASH B OF NINETEEN
THIRTY-THREE BIRTH RECORDS INDICATING THAT WILLIAM JENNINGS
BRYAN LEE, WHITE MALE, WAS BORN [REDACTED] AT
GASTONIA, N. C. HIS FATHER WAS LISTED AS J. D. LEE, WHITE MALE,
AGE THIRTY-FOUR IN THIRTY-THREE, POB TENNESSEE, OCCUPATION
TEXTILE WORKER. HIS MOTHER IS MAXBELL TURNER LEE, WHITE FEMALE,
AGE SEVENTEEN IN THIRTY-THREE, POB TENNESSEE, OCCUPATION
HOUSEWIFE.

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FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED AT GASTONIA AND RALEIGH,
N. C., ON APRIL FIFTEEN AND SIXTEEN, LAST, WITH NEGATIVE
RESULTS. NO RECORD COULD BE LOCATED PERTAINING TO THE LEE
FAMILY AT GASTONIA PD, GASTON RURAL POLICE DEPT. (SO).

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LB THIRTY-SIX, USPO, THE GASTON COUNTY MERCHANTS ASSN., DUKE POWER CO. RECORDS, PUBLIC SERVICE RECORDS, AND GASTON COUNTY VOTING RECORDS, ALL GASTONIA, N. C.; AND STATE SELECTIVE SERVICE HEADQUARTERS AND REGISTRATION SECTION AND DRIVERS LICENSE SECTION OF NCDMV, ALL RALEIGH, N. C.

DETROIT REINTERVIEW BETTY REITNERMAN FOR ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING RELATIVES OR ACQUAINTANCES IN GASTONIA, N. C., AREA WHO MAY KNOW WHEREABOUTS OF LEE.

AM COPIES TO BIRMINGHAM AND LOS ANGELES.

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REGISTERED - AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, SACRAMENTO (100-427) (P)
RE: MURKIN
CR

Re Atlanta teletype to Director, 4/13/68, and
Sacramento teletype to Director, 4/13/68.

Re Department of Motor Vehicles check concerning
JOHN DOUGLAS GALT, born [REDACTED].

Enclosed herewith for Atlanta is copy of JOHN
DOUGLAS GALT's driver's license number B87665 with
photograph; copy of his application for driver's license
with right thumb print; complete driving record, including
all abstracts of traffic violations, convictions and legal
action taken by California State Department of Motor
Vehicles.

Sacramento is retaining no copies.

- 3 - Bureau (RM)
 - 2 - Atlanta (RM) (Enc. 16) (44-2386)
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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, SAN DIEGO (44-387) (P)
MURKIN

Re San Diego teletype to Bureau, Memphis, and
Birmingham, 4/16/68.

SUSPECT:

HARVEY EDWARD LOHMEYER, FBI Number 730979A.

Records of the Escondido Police Department, Escondido, California, were reviewed on 4/16/68 on the arrest of HARVEY EDWARD LOHMEYER, arrest number 8980, and no additional information of value was noted concerning LOHMEYER. A review of these records did, however, reflect that MALCOLM FREDERICK EASTHAM, aka., "Mack" was arrested with LOHMEYER on the same charge. The following information is set forth concerning MALCOLM FREDERICK EASTHAM, aka., "Mack":

| | |
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| Sex | Male |
| Race | White |
| Nationality | American |
| Born | [redacted] at Ethel, West Virginia |
| Height | 5' 10" |
| Weight | 135 pounds |
| Hair | Brown |
| Eyes | Gray |
| Build | Medium |
| Complexion | Fair |
| Scars and marks | Tattoo of dog on right forearm and dog on left upper arm. |

- 2 - Memphis (Encs - 6) (AIRMAIL-SPECIAL DELIVERY)
② - Birmingham (Encs - 6) (AM - SPECIAL DELIVERY)
2 - San Diego

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| Occupation | Cook |
| Name of nearest relative | PATRICIA ANN EASTHAM General Delivery, Ramona, California |
| Chauffeur's license Number | G442583 |
| Time in City | Two months |
| Time in County | Two Years |
| Time in State | Two Years |

The records of the Escondido Police Department reflect EASTHAM was transferred to San Diego County Jail 10/20/58.

Records of the San Diego County Sheriff's Office, Number 206747, for MALCOLM FREDERICK EASTHAM reflects that the information pertaining to the above arrest is on micro-film and not readily available, however the following subsequent arrest was noted for MALCOLM FREDERICK EASTHAM:

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| Arrested | 11/7/61, 261.1 Penal Code, Rape, sentenced to Chino State Prison, 12/18/61. |
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The following background appears in this record concerning EASTHAM:

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|------------------------------------|---|
| Sex | Male |
| Race | White |
| Marital status | Married |
| Wife | Name of wife not listed |
| Hair | Brown |
| Eyes | Hazel |
| Height | 5' 11" |
| Weight | 140 pounds |
| Build | Slender |
| Date of birth | [redacted] at Ethel, West Virginia |
| Occupation | Cook |
| Tattoes | Tattoo of dog left forearm; dog right upper arm. |
| California Driver's License Number | G442583. |
| Address | 2645 Grove Street, National City, California |
| Telephone | OR 4-4292 |
| Social Security Number | [redacted] |

SD 44-387

The records indicate that BILLY TRIPPETT, 2645 Grove Street, National City, California is a brother-in-law.

The records also indicate subject has FBI Number 527647C.

Enclosed herewith for the Memphis and Birmingham Offices are 3 copies each of two photographs taken of EASTHAM during November, 1961.

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Display photograph of EASTHAM to appropriate witnesses to determine if identical with unknown subject in this case.

MEMPHIS

Display photographs of EASTHAM to appropriate witnesses to determine if identical with unknown subject this case.

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Date: 4/12/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
RM
OO: Memphis

Re Atlanta telephone call to Birmingham,
4/12/68.

Enclosed herewith for Birmingham is one
silver-colored key about 1 5/8" long, made of light-
weight metal.

For information of Bureau and Memphis,
on 4/12/68 Detective R. L. DAVIS, Auto Theft Squad,
Atlanta, Georgia Police Department, made available
to the Atlanta Office the key enclosed herewith
to Birmingham. Detective DAVIS advised that when
he examined the 1966 Mustang, VIN 6T07C190647 in
Atlanta, Georgia on 4/11/68 he found this key in
this car on the floor board between the front seats.
The key is made of very light-weight metal and
would appear to have been held by a pair of pliers
and heated and would further appear to be handmade.

Atlanta Office Fingerprint Expert
CARL E. CLAIBORNE found no latent fingerprint of

3 - Bureau
② - Birmingham (Enc. 1) (RM) (RRR) *key'd*
2 - Memphis (44-1987)
2 - Atlanta
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value on instant key. Same initialled by Detective DAVIS and receiving SAs JOHN B. REYNOLDS and JOHN J. LANGSFELD.

Birmingham utilize instant key for any pertinent value investigation in this matter and if no value apparent, submit key to FBI Lab for possible future value and examination of evidence in this case.

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Date: **APRIL 17, 1968****PLAIN TEXT**Transmit the following in _____
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(Priority)**TO: CHARLOTTE****FROM: BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)****MURKIN, CR. OO: ME.****RE CE TEL TO BH AND DIRECTOR APRIL FIFTEEN, LAST.**

JAMES M. COLLINS, PERSONNEL MANAGER, LINEN THREAD COMPANY, BLUE MOUNTAIN, ALABAMA, ADVISED THIS DATE THAT CHESTER C. BARFIELD, JR. HAS BEEN EMPLOYED BY THAT FIRM SINCE JULY TWENTY, LAST.

BARFIELD SHOWS HIS DATE OF BIRTH TO BE

ON COMPANY RECORDS. COLLINS ADVISED BARFIELD'S NORMAL WORK WEEK IS FROM SIX AM TO TWO PM, MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY. TIME AND ATTENDANCE RECORDS SHOW THAT BARFIELD WORKED FROM SIX AM TO TWO ZERO SIX PM APRIL FOUR, LAST.

CLAUDE BLACK, BARFIELD'S IMMEDIATE SUPERVISOR, ADVISED THAT BARFIELD HAS NOT MISSED A DAY'S WORK SINCE JANUARY FOUR AND FIVE, LAST WHEN HE WAS ILL WITH THE FLU. BLACK STATED BARFIELD IS PRESENTLY ATTENDING A SPECIAL SCHOOL IN CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA, WHICH IS BEING GIVEN BY THE UNICORNER WINDING COMPANY, CHARLOTTE. THIS SCHOOL WAS TO BEGIN APRIL FIFTEEN, LAST, AND RUN FOR TWO WEEKS. BARFIELD LEFT WORK FRIDAY AFTERNOON EN ROUTE TO CHARLOTTE

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VIA ATLANTA, GEORGIA, WHERE HE WAS GOING TO LEAVE HIS MOTHER AT A FRIEND'S HOUSE WHILE ATTENDING SCHOOL IN CHARLOTTE. BARFIELD WAS GIVEN TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS ADVANCE FOR EXPENSES BY LINEN THREAD COMPANY WHEN HE LEFT FRIDAY APRIL FIFTEEN, LAST.

CRIMINAL CHECK ON BARFIELD IN BLUE MOUNTAIN AREA NEGATIVE. CREDIT CHECK REVEALED NUMEROUS REPOSSESSIONS AND HEAVY INDEBTEDNESS.

CHARLOTTE WILL CONTACT AND INTERVIEW BARFIELD AT UNICORNER WINDING COMPANY REGARDING HIS STATEMENTS TO EFFECT HE KILLED DR. KING.

END ACK PLS

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TO CHARLOTTE

FROM BIRMINGHAM 44-1740 P

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/11/68

HOLLIS STRICKLIN, General Manager, Yellow Cab Company, 1008 North 19th Street, Birmingham, Alabama, made available the taxicab trip sheets for August 26, 1967.

- (1) Driver RAY JAMES, Taxicab No. 42, made 23 trips, according to his trip sheet. JAMES came on duty at approximately 6 A.M.

Trip #8 reflects one passenger taken from 2909 Highland Avenue to 2600 Highland Avenue, total fare 50 cents.

Trip #14 reflects one passenger taken from 1031 Eighth Avenue, South, to South Highland (exact address not specified), fare \$1.20.

- (2) Driver MILFORD ROUSE, Taxicab No. 37, made 40 trips, according to his trip sheet. ROUSE came on duty at approximately 4 P.M.

Trip #21 reflects one passenger was taken from the "L&N" to South Highland (exact address not specified), fare \$1.

Trip #33 reflects one passenger taken from Trailways to South Highland (exact address not specified), fare 65 cents.

On 4/10/68 at Birmingham, Alabama File # BH 44-1740 - 852
by SA JOHN F. JANSEN:jml *L 72* Date dictated 4/11/68

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Date April 8, 1968

JOE B. GILLILAND, 5013-B Georgia Road, Birmingham, telephone 592-0429, advised as follows:

He advised he has worked in the electrical shop at Hayes International Corporation for 15 years, and in September of 1967 was laid off. Beginning then, he went to work for Yellow Cab Company as a dayshift driver. He advised that he drives Taxi Cab #52 and begins work at 6:00 a.m.

At approximately 9:00 a.m. on March 28, 1968, he drove a fare from the Tutwiler Hotel to the airport. The taxi cab starter at the airport advised that they had too many taxis at the airport and he need not wait at that cab stand.

GILLILAND advised that he returned toward town along the airport highway, and at 15th Avenue in front of the Enco Station he picked up a fare that flagged him down. He stated this individual was standing on the grass in front of the service station between the two entrance ramps.

He described this individual as a white male, six feet to six feet, one inch, 180 pounds, 35 to 40 years old, wearing a blue suit with a black tie. This individual was carrying a small overnight, blue suitcase about 24 inches long. The man opened the back door and placed the suitcase on the back seat beside him. This individual stated "You go where I tell you. Go down 5th Avenue to 20th Street and turn left."

GILLILAND advised this individual made no further comments during the trip until they reached the vicinity of Five Points South, when the passenger stated "This is good enough. I'll get out right here."

GILLILAND advised that he let his passenger off on the northwest corner of 20th Street and 9th Avenue South, referred to as Five Points South. The total fare was \$2.16, and this individual gave him three one-dollar bills and told

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him to "keep the change - buy a cup of coffee."

GILLILAND stated that on Thursday, March 28, 1968, he had 18 total fares, and this particular run was his fifth of the day; therefore, the time would be placed at approximately 9:00 a.m. He was unable to recall whether the suitcase this individual was carrying was leather, nylon, or of some other composition. He stated the last he saw of this individual was when he stepped from the cab up onto the curb on the northwest corner of 20th Street and 9th Avenue South.

When displayed the artist's conception of the individual using the name HARVEY LOWMEYER, GILLILAND advised the face was familiar and he was quite certain that it was the individual he took to Five Points South.

On March 29, 1968, he made two trips from the airport, the first being two boxes which were transported from the Railway Express to Office Park Circle, and the second a fare from the terminal to 4740 1st Avenue South. GILLILAND stated he could not recall this particular fare but was relying on his trip sheet.

GILLILAND advised he could not recall the fare from the Tutwiler Hotel to the airport on March 30, 1968, or the return trip from the airport to 4604 South Long. These last two trips were the last two of the day, so that the time would be placed around 4:00 p.m. He has no recollection of the number of passengers, their sex or race.

4/15/68

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AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

SUBJECT: MURKIN;
CIVIL RIGHTS.

Re Sacramento teletype dated 4/15/68.

Baltimore Source 4 has already been checked through
me of the names of the suspects in this case, and to date,
no Social Security Number has been developed.

Should a Social Security Number be developed
concerning ERIC STARVO GALT, JOHN WILLARD, or HARVEY LOWMEYER,
it will be furnished to Sacramento.

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① - Birmingham
2 - Sacramento (100-427)
2 - Memphis
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404PM URGENT 4-17-68 LLD

TO MEMPHIS 44-1987 BIRMINGHAM 44-1740 LOS ANGELES 44-1574
FROM DIRECTOR 44-38661 2P

MURKIN.

RELALET FOUR SIXTEEN LAST SUBMITTING NINE MONEY
ORDERS. EXCEPT FOR TWO SIGNATURES ON THESE MONEY ORDERS
WHICH ARE DISTORTED, IT WAS DETERMINED THAT THE ERIC S. GALT
AND ^{ERIC} GRIC GALT SIGNATURES ON THESE MONEY ORDERS PREPARED
BY THE WRITER OF SIGNATURES IN THIS NAME ON OTHER SPECIMENS.

BECAUSE OF LACK OF COMPARABLE WRITINGS AND
VARIATIONS IT COULD NOT BE DETERMINED WHETHER OTHER
WRITINGS ON THESE MONEY ORDERS BY GALT, HOWEVER,
SIMILARITIES NOTED BETWEEN PAYEE NAMES ON MONEY ORDERS
AND THE GALT WRITINGS.

BECAUSE OF LACK OF COMPARABLE LETTERS AND LETTER
COMBINATIONS IT COULD NOT BE DETERMINED WHETHER THE
HARVEY LOWMYER SIGNATURE BY WRITER OF MATERIAL ON THE
MONEY ORDERS AND OTHER WRITINGS OF GALT.

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TYPEWRITTEN MESSAGE SIGNED ERIC S. GALT AND POST OFFICE
DEPARTMENT FORM FOR DELIVERY OF MAIL THROUGH AGENT
SIGNED ERIC S. GALT. IT WAS DETERMINED THAT THE GALT
SIGNATURES ON THESE TWO ITEMS PREPARED BY WRITER OF
SIGNATURE IN THIS NAME APPEARING ON OTHER SPECIMENS
RECEIVED. STYLE OF TYPE IN LETTER SAME AS THAT
APPEARING ON OTHER ITEMS ATTRIBUTABLE TO GALT BUT
LACK OF IDENTIFYING DEFECTS PREVENTS DETERMINATION THAT
SAME TYPEWRITER EMPLOYED.

RESULTS OF LATENT EXAMINATION SEPARATE.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

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

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Re ERIC STARVO GALT - Suspect.

ReMobile airtel to WFO 4/10/68, no copy for Bureau.

On 4/15/68 check of the records of Identification Unit, Veteran's Administration, WDC, determined that the name ERIC STARVO GALT could not be located in the indices of that office. Mrs. LOUISE ARMSTRONG, Supervisor of that office, advised that she had the above name checked under various spellings of first, middle and last name with negative results.

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- 3 - Bureau
- 2 - Memphis (44-1987)
- ① - Birmingham (44-1740) (Info)
- 1 - Mobile (157-2627) (Info)
- 1 - WFO

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SACs NEW YORK AND MEMPHIS
FROM NEWARK (44-854)

MURKIN

RE SUSPECT ERIC GALT

ALBERT LEVY, THIRTY FOUR WILLOW TERRACE, HOBOKEN, N. J.,
TODAY ADVISED THAT HE IS A COMPANY ENGINEER FOR UNITED FRUIT CO.,
AND ABOUT FOUR YEARS AGO WORKED WITH AN INDIVIDUAL, (FNU) GALT,
OR GAULT IN THE ENGINE DEPT. OF THE S.S. ESPARTA. LEVY
DESCRIBED THIS INDIVIDUAL AS WHITE MALE, ORIGINALLY FROM GULF
AREA, AGE FIFTY FIVE TO SIXTY, ONE FIFTY LBS., WORE GLASSES, AND
A MEMBER OF NATIONAL MARITIME UNION. FOLLOWING EMPLOYMENT WITH
UNITED FRUIT CO., GALT WENT TO WORK FOR AMERICAN EXPORT LINES.
LEVY ADVISED THAT UNITED FRUIT CO. RECORDS RE GALT WOULD BE
MAINTAINED AT PIER THREE, NORTH RIVER, NEW YORK, AND THAT THE
COAST GUARD WOULD ALSO HAVE A RECORD OF HIM. LEVY REQUESTED THAT
HIS NAME NOT BE USED AS SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

IN VIEW OF SIMILAR NAME AND MERCHANT MARINE BACKGROUND,
NEW YORK CHECK UNITED FRUIT CO., UNION, AND COAST GUARD RECORDS,
AND SET OUT LEADS TO ELIMINATE AS SUSPECT *or relative of suspect*
MAIL COPY TO BIRMINGHAM.

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AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS
FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673) (P)

MURKIN

Re Suspect EUGENE SMITH MANSFIELD.

One photo each of EUGENE SMITH MANSFIELD is being enclosed for Birmingham, Memphis and Jackson.

Investigation previously conducted by the New Orleans Office to locate and interview MANSFIELD determined that he worked in Grand Isle, La., in late 1967 as a welder with Grand Isle Shipyards and Duran Construction Company.

ANDREW ADAMS, Grand Isle, La., associated with PERCY CROSBY, Grand Isle, advised on 3/25/68, that MANSFIELD left the area in January, 1968, after being gone for several days at a time on several prior occasions. He is living with CROSBY's 19 or 20 year old daughter, MEELYNE CROSBY, and reportedly has left a wife and four children somewhere, place unknown to ADAMS.

ADAMS said he co-signed note when MANSFIELD bought a 1968 blue Ford pickup truck at Ford dealer, Lockport, La., and financed same through Commercial Securities Co., Lockport.

MANSFIELD, according to ADAMS, is an alcoholic and was previously in Grand Isle about a year or more ago when arrested by Jefferson Parish SO for stabbing at Tony Marullo's Bar.

- 2 - Memphis (Enc. 1)
 - ② - Birmingham (Enc. 1)
 - 2 - Jackson (157-9586) (Enc. 1)
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Records of Jefferson Parish SO (JP60), #23897, on EUGENE SMITH HANFIELD, FBI #302 455 B, reflect he was arrested for aggravated battery on 11/15/66 after stabbing DANNY QUINN MARTIN with a pocket knife.

Photos of HANFIELD with description on back thereof were obtained.

On 4/11/68, observation of the usual logging places from Port Sulphur, La., to Triumph, La., were observed and no vehicle similar to that in possession of HANFIELD was observed.

Photo of subject was shown to the following and HANFIELD had not been observed in the Burns area:

Deputy ERNEST AMOS

Deputy GEORGE MARTINEZ

Chief Deputy HARRY L. PACKARD

HANFIELD as of 4/11/68, had not been processed by the Plaquemine Parish Itinerant Labor Bureau.

RAY GIBBONS, Gibbons Certified Welders, Triumph, La., advised HANFIELD had not contacted him for employment or for any other reason. He said welders are in demand.

M. I. MIDDLETON, Packard, Inc., has no records of HANFIELD.