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TO SAN FRANCISCO
FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)

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RE SAN FRANCISCO TELEPHONE CALL TODAY RE WILLIAM E. CHAMBERS
AND DAVID L. MOZINGER.

CHAMBERS' FATHER, WILLIAM H. CHAMBERS, FIVE TWO FIVE FULTON
AVENUE, SW, BIRMINGHAM, SAID HIS SON DISCHARGED FROM U. S. ARMY
APRIL FIFTEEN, LAST, AT PETLUMA, CALIF. SON HAD PREVIOUSLY ADVISED
PARENTS HE WAS GOING TO VISIT AUNT, MRS. ELMON HURST, REDMONT,
WASHINGTON, THEN WOULD PROCEED TO SAN DIEGO TO VISIT UNCLE,
CLARENCE CHAMBERS, SIX SIX THREE THREE HILL GROVE DRIVE, PHONE
FOUR SIX NINE EIGHT TWO THREE ONE. WOULD ALSO VISIT OTHER RELATIVES
IN SAN DIEGO AREA, IDENTITIES AND ADDRESSES KNOWN TO CLARENCE
CHAMBERS.

CHAMBERS SAID HIS SON HAS BEEN STATIONED IN PETLUMA, CALIF.,
COMPANY A, FOR PAST YEAR, AFTER SERVING TWO YEARS IN JAPAN.
CHAMBERS HAS NEVER HEARD HIS SON TALK ABOUT ANYONE NAMED DAVID L.
MOZINGER, NOR HAS SON EVER WRITTEN ABOUT ANY MOZINGER. SON HAS

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NEVER MENTIONED KNOWING ANYONE NAMED ERIC S. GALT, BY THAT NAME OR
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Birmingham

FROM : Stephen Pierce, clerk

SUBJECT: Eric Starvo Galt

DATE: 4-17-68

Lynn H. Lockhart of Leeds, Alabama advised that while in Leo's Restaurant on South 18th street in Birmingham he overheard a conversation which contained some information which he thought would be of some value to the FBI.

Lockhart overheard two men talking about Galt, one replied that there is a boy that works at the ~~American~~ *Medical* Center Gulf Station on 19th street, who ran around with Galt, and can give information as to his whereabouts. *Thinks E.S. GALT IN BH.* This boy was in Leo's the night MLK was killed. When King's death was announced on T.V. this boy bought drinks for everyone in the restaurant.

Lockhart also advised that Leo's is a meeting place for the Klan, and that the owner, George Leos is a Klan member.

Lynn H. Lockhart is employed by Spencer Furniture Company, office phone: 251-4911, Residence in Leeds: 699-8241.



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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Birmingham

FROM : Stephen Pierce, clerk

SUBJECT: Eric Starvo Galt

DATE: 4-17-68

George Parrish advised that he saw a man that fits the description of Galt in Birmingham a few days before King was killed. He was driving a white 1953 Ford, with Mississippi license AB-551.

Mr. Parrish can be reached at the following number: 648-5835.

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TO : SAC, Birmingham

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SUBJECT: Eric Starvo Galt

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Mrs. Janet Reed of Vestavia, Ala., advised that she had previously lived in Montgomery, Ala. where she saw a man who fits the description of Galt.

Mrs. Reed advised that Sonny K. Livingston lived in an apartment near hers.

Mrs. Reed may be reached at this number: 822-1045.



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FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)


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A BIRMINGHAM INFORMANT

ON APRIL SEVENTEEN INSTANT, ~~PCI CONNIE COX~~ IDENTIFIED PHOTO-
GRAPH AND ARTIST'S CONCEPTION OF SUBJECT AS INDIVIDUAL SHE MET
APPROXIMATELY SEPTEMBER FIFTEEN, NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN AT THE TRAVEL
LODGE MOTEL, NORTH TWENTYSIXTH STREET, BIRMINGHAM, ALA. AT THAT TIME
SHE WAS STAYING WITH HER BOYFRIEND, THOMAS JOSEPH COX, DESCRIBED AS
WMA, FORTYTWO, BORN NEWARK, NEW JERSEY, RETIRED FROM U. S. NAVY.
COX WORKS AS FIRST MATE THROUGH SEAFARERS INTERNATIONAL UNION,
HOUSTON, TEXAS ON SHIPS OWNED BY AMERICAN BULK CARRIERS, NEW YORK,
N. Y. HE HAS CRIPPLED RIGHT LEG.

ON SEPTEMBER FIFTEEN, SIXTYSEVEN, COX BROUGHT AN INDIVIDUAL
TO THE MOTEL ROOM SHE SHARED WITH HIM, INTRODUCING THE MAN AS SHAW
GALT (PHONETIC). PCI DESCRIBES GALT AS WMA, THIRTY, FIVE FT.
ELEVEN INCHES, MEDIUM BUILD, DARK BROWN HAIR, SOFT SPOKEN, WEARING
CHECKED SPORT COAT, DARK TROUSERS AND SPORT SHIRT. HE WAS IN MOTEL

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ABOUT FORTYFIVE MINUTES DRINKING BOURBON WITH ~~HE~~ ^{informant} AND COX. HE MENTIONED HE WAS MERCHANT SEAMAN AND WANTED TO KNOW BEST PLACE TO OBTAIN EMPLOYMENT, STATING HE HAD BEEN IN MOBILE, ALABAMA; PASCAGOULA, MISS., AND NEW YORK, N. Y. HE SAID HE COULD NOT EARN A LIVING IN NEW YORK. HE FURTHER MENTIONED HE HAD A GIRL FRIEND, BUT DID NOT MENTION HER NAME, ADDRESS, OR ANY DESCRIPTIVE DATA. HE DID STATE HE WAS NOT MARRIED. GALT'S SPEECH WAS NOT LOCAL, BUT WAS NOT SIMILAR TO NEW JERSEY ACCENT OF COX. WHEN LEAVING MOTEL, GALT STATED HE HAD TO GO HOME, BUT MENTIONED NO LOCATION. HE LEFT BY HIMSELF, COX REMAINING WITH ~~HE~~ ^{informant}. NO CAR WAS SEEN, HOWEVER, ~~HE~~ ^{informant} ASSUMES HE HAD ONE INASMUCH AS COX PROBABLY PICKED GALT UP IN A BAR AND NO OTHER BARS ARE LOCATED IN PROXIMITY OF THE MOTEL.

^{Informant} ~~HE~~ STATED SHE BECAME ACQUAINTED WITH COX IN HOUSTON, TEXAS EARLY NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN AND BROKE OFF RELATIONS WITH HIM LATE SEPTEMBER LAST.

HOUSTON, AT HOUSTON, TEX., WILL LOCATE AND INTERVIEW THOMAS JOSEPH COX THROUGH SEAFARERS INTERNATIONAL UNION.

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JACKSON, AT PASCAGOULA, MISS., WILL CONDUCT LOGICAL INVESTIGATION CONCERNING SHAW GALT.

MOBILE, AT MOBILE, ALA., WILL CONDUCT LOGICAL INVESTIGATION CONCERNING SHAW GALT.

NEW YORK AT NEW YORK, N. Y., WILL CONTACT AMERICAN BULK CARRIERS, NEW YORK, FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING THOMAS JOSEPH COX IN AN EFFORT TO LOCATE HIM. CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION TO LOCATE SHAW GALT.

BIRMINGHAM, AT BIRMINGHAM, ALA., WILL CONDUCT NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION VICINITY OF TRAVEL LODGE MOTEL CONCERNING SHAW GALT.

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TO: DIRECTOR ~~AND~~ SAC MEMPHIS *and SAC Atlanta*
 FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)

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SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION TODAY.

IN EFFORT TO DETERMINE ADDITIONAL DATA WITH RESPECT TO SIXTYSIX WHITE MUSTANG INVOLVED THIS CASE, JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA, DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE RECORDS CHECKED, AND IT WAS DETERMINED CAR ORIGINALLY SOLD AS NEW MARCH ELEVEN, SIXTYSIX, BY MARING CRAWFORD FORD COMPANY, BIRMINGHAM, TO MELVIN E. HARVEY, THREE THREE ONE ONE HIGHLAND DRIVE, BIRMINGHAM. ON DECEMBER FIFTEEN, SIXTYSIX, TITLE TRANSFERRED FROM HARVEY TO WILLIAM D. PAISLEY, SEVEN ZERO ONE SOUTH FORTYEIGHT STREET, BIRMINGHAM. ON AUGUST THIRTY, SIXTYSEVEN, CAR TRANSFERRED FROM PAISLEY TO ERIC S. GALT, TWO SIX ZERO EIGHT HIGHLAND AVENUE, BIRMINGHAM. MELVIN E. HARVEY WAS SALESMAN FOR MARING CRAWFORD COMPANY, AND IT IS PRACTICE OF THAT COMPANY TO REGISTER DEMONSTRATORS IN THE NAME OF THEIR SALESMEN DURING TIME OF SUCH USE. WARRANTY PLATE AND WARRANTY PAPERS ISSUED IN NAME OF THAT SALESMAN.

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Date 4/15/68

Mr. LONNIE PHIL SMITH was recontacted at the Veterans Administration Hospital (VA) and was shown an artist's conception of an unknown subject who meets the description of the person who shot Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., at Memphis, Tennessee. This conception was obtained through interviews at Memphis. He was also shown an artist's conception of an unknown subject who meets the description of unknown subject who was in Birmingham, Alabama during pertinent period.

After viewing both artist's conceptions, Mr. SMITH advised that he could not identify either as being identical or closely resembling anyone he has had previous contact. Specifically, he stated he could not identify either of the individuals described in the photographs as being identical with the individual he met at the Economy Boarding House in Birmingham, Alabama during September, 1967, who drove him to Leeds, Alabama.

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by SA PAUL A. MEISSNER, JR.,/brh Date dictated 4/15/68

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Mr. LONNIE PHIL SMITH was contacted at the Veterans Administration Hospital (VA). SMITH was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and furnished the following information:

SMITH is presently a patient, suffering from failing eye sight and an arthritic condition who has been assigned to domiciliary number 2 since March 15, 1968. Prior to his admission at the Biloxi VA Hospital, he was a patient at the VA Hospital in Birmingham, Alabama, having been first admitted there December 3, 1967. SMITH has worked as a licensed practical nurse (LPN) in Birmingham, Alabama. He was last employed as an LPN at the Hanover House Nursing Home in Birmingham for one week in September, 1967, he believes the dates to be September 2, 1967 to September 9, 1967.

He had a room at the Economy Boarding House. SMITH could not remember the room number and indicated that he was not particularly friendly with other roomers in that dwelling. During the week he spent at the Economy Boarding House in September, he became acquainted with an individual also rooming at the Economy Boarding House whom he described as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	Middle or late 20's
Height	Medium
Weight	170
Build	Medium
Hair	Brown, business cut.

On 4/13/68 at Biloxi, Mississippi File #

SA PAUL A. MEISSNER, JR.,/brh

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Characteristics

Well-mannered and always
well-dressed

During the week he spent at the Economy Boarding House, exact date unrecalled, the individual described above drove SMITH in his (SMITH's) vehicle to Leeds, Alabama, to visit SMITH's dying brother. This trip, which took one day, resulted in this individual meeting SMITH's sister-in-law, FRANCIS SMITH, and her daughter, GAIL SMITH in Leeds, Alabama. FRANCIS SMITH is presently employed as a nurse at the Leeds Hospital in Leeds, Alabama. During the entire period of SMITH's contact with the above described individual, SMITH advised he does not believe the man identified himself by name. He stated the man did very little talking about himself and would only respond to questions. SMITH advised that one thing he remembered was that the man indicated that he was an artist and he gave SMITH the impression he was not employed at present.

The individual described above, who drove with him to Leeds, Alabama, appeared to be friends with (First name unknown) CHEETER (Phonetic), the owner of the Economy Boarding House. SMITH advised he saw this individual speaking with CHEETER several times during the week he stayed at the Economy Boarding House. SMITH advised further that during the entire period of his stay at the Economy Boarding House, he was under extreme nervous tension and was distraut. He advised that he could not recall anything else concerning the individual described above, but that should he recall anything further, he would immediately contact the FBI.

SMITH advised that he did not recognize any of the following names as being identical with people he had previously met:

JN 157-9586

JOHN WILLARD

HARVEY LOWMEYER or LOWMYER..

ERIC STARVO GALT

The following description was obtained through observation and interview:

Name	LONNIE PHIL SMITH
Home address	Route 1, Eastaboga, Alabama
Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of birth	<input type="text"/>
Place of birth	Gallant, Alabama
Height	5'8"
Weight	150
Hair	Brown, grey
Eyes	Blue

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS

FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-9586) (C)

MURKIN

Re INTERVIEW OF LARRY PAUL SMITH, JR.,
JOSEPH BOONING (DOB), BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA
2 - 3, 1967.

Enclosed for the Memphis Division are fifteen
(15) copies each of two FD-302's reflecting investigation
in this matter.

Enclosed for the Birmingham Division are
four (4) copies each of two FD-302's reflecting
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MELVIN E. HARVEY, 1023 Lakeview Crescent, Birmingham, presently employed as a new car salesman, Adamson Ford Company, Birmingham, furnished the following information:

HARVEY was employed by Maring Crawford Ford Company until May, 1967. He recalled that in March, 1966, he obtained a new 1966 white Ford Mustang, eight cylinder hardtop from the company's new car lot and thereafter this automobile was used as a demonstrator until it was sold sometime in December, 1966. HARVEY at that time was residing at 3311 Highland Drive, and the car was registered in his name. He stated the automobile never left the State of Alabama during the time it was used as a demonstrator. HARVEY said the warranty plate for this automobile was issued in the name of MELVIN E. HARVEY, 3311 Highland Drive, and that the warranty was in effect until March, 1968. He said any claims made through the use of this warranty plate would be sent to the Warranty Department, Ford Motor Company, Detroit, by any authorized dealer where the work was performed. HARVEY said that any new owner of this automobile, while the warranty was in effect, should have had the warranty plate changed to the new owner's name, but that very often this is not done by the customers.

HARVEY said he had no knowledge whatsoever that this car ever went to California, and he knew no one by the name of ANITA CATZWINKEL and/or GINGER DAY.

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by SA ROBERT M. BARRETT:jbt Date dictated 4/17/68

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1Date 4/17/68

On April 16, 1968, WILLIAM DAVID PAISLEY, JR., 701 South 48th Street, Birmingham, Alabama, furnished the following:

PAISLEY said he had recalled that at the time he sold his 1966 white Ford Mustang to ERIC GALT, on August 30, 1967, he told GALT that the car needed to have the oil changed as soon as possible and that the car needed a tune-up. PAISLEY recalled that the car at the time of sale to GALT had approximately 19,800 miles. He also recalled that the air filter was a factory replacement and that the oil filter was an A/C oil filter that had been purchased from the Texaco station in the Woodlawn area of Birmingham.

On April 17, 1968, WILLIAM DAVID PAISLEY, JR. advised he recalled he purchased this car on or about December 15, 1966. The car at the time had about 9,000 to 9,500 miles and had been used as a demonstrator by the Maring Crawford Ford Company. PAISLEY said the car was never driven by him out of Alabama.

PAISLEY recalled at the time he sold the car to ERIC GALT he also furnished GALT a warranty plate which bore the name of the Maring Crawford salesman, MELVIN E. HARVEY. The car had been registered in HARVEY's name while it was being used as a demonstrator. PAISLEY recalled that the warranty on this automobile was still in effect until March, 1968. He said he had not changed the name on the warranty plate to his own (PAISLEY) as he should have, but had kept the original plate which bore the name, MELVIN E. HARVEY.

PAISLEY said he never drove the automobile to California, and he knew no one by the name of ANITA CATZWINKEL and/or GINGER DAY.

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Date 4/16/68

JOHN WEBSTER DE SHAZO furnished the following signed statement:

"Birmingham, Ala.
April 16, 1968

"I, JOHN WEBSTER DE SHAZO, make the following statement to ROBERT M. BARRETT and WILLIAM A. SAUCIER, who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

"I reside at 17 Montevallo Lane, Mountain Brook, Alabama, and I am a dental student at the University of Alabama, Birmingham, Ala.

"Special Agent BARRETT has shown me a group of seven photographs of seven different white males. From this group I have selected a photograph numbered "V" on the back as the photograph of a man who could be identical with a man I observed on March 29, 1968, at Aeromarine Supply Co., Birmingham, and who I saw purchase a Remington caliber .243 Winchester rifle and a Redfield variable scope sight. I believe this is a photograph of this man, but I could be more positive if I saw this purchaser in person."

/s/ JOHN WEBSTER DE SHAZO

"Witnessed:

/s/ ROBERT M. BARRETT, Special Agent, FBI, Birmingham, Ala., 4/16/68

/s/ WILLIAM A. SAUCIER, Special Agent, FBI, Birmingham, Ala., 4/16/68"

The seven numbered photographs shown to DE SHAZO are identified as follows:

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by SA WILLIAM A. SAUCIER
SA ROBERT M. BARRETT RMB:scb Date dictated 4/16/68

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- I. B. de la BECKWITH
- II. CHARLES EDWARD ERVIN
- III. ELI MONTGOMERY VINES
- IV. CLAUDE CHESTER MC LAREN, JR.
- V. ERIC S. GALT
- VI. GORDON DALE ERVIN
- VII. RICHARD RAY RATCLIFF

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/12/68

Mr. PERCY STRICKLAND, 2608 Highland Avenue, was interviewed at this residence and requested whether or not he remembered an individual by the name of ERIC GALT, who occupied Room 14 from the end of August, 1967, through the middle of October, 1967.

STRICKLAND stated at first that he did not remember anyone by that name, but after conferring briefly with Mr. PETER CHERPES, the landlord, he said that he did remember a young fellow staying in that room for about two months. He advised, however, that he did not know him and does not know anything about his activities while he stayed at this rooming house.

After viewing a composite drawing, STRICKLAND stated that this drawing resembles this individual who stayed in Room 14, although he cannot be certain as he does not remember him that well.

STRICKLAND stated that he cannot remember whether this individual owned an automobile and, if so, what kind or what color it might have been.

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by SAs NEIL P. SHANAHAN and
WILLIAM A. SAUCIER: NPS/jml Date dictated 4/11/68

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MARVIN CONDRAY, Service Manager, O. Z. Hall Ford Company, Birmingham, Alabama, furnished the following:

The O. Z. Hall Ford Motor Company was formerly known as Maring Crawford Ford Company. The policy of the Maring Crawford Ford Company concerning demonstrators was to register the car in Jefferson County, Alabama, in the name of one of the company's salesmen. Mr. CONDRAY said that MELVIN E. HARVEY was formerly a salesman employed by Maring Crawford Ford Company, and HARVEY formerly resided at 3311 Highland Drive, Birmingham, Alabama.

CONDRAV's service records show that a 1966 Ford Mustang was designated on March 11, 1966, as a demonstrator, and was subsequently sold to WILLIAM D. PAISLEY. This car was brought in for repair work on March 9, 1967, at which time the brake light was repaired as was an oil leak and a rattle in the dash. At that time the automobile had 13,164 miles. On April 10, 1967, this automobile was brought in and received a complete brake overhaul. At that time the car had 14,776 miles. This car has Vehicle Identification No. 6T07C-190647.

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DOUGLAS EUGENE CROWSON, 6505 Joppa Court, Birmingham, Alabama, was interviewed at the bar of the Redmont Hotel, Birmingham, and furnished the following information:

He produced driver's license Number 2759471 in the name of DOUGLAS EUGENE CROWSON, address 7554 67th Court, Birmingham, date of birth , 5'6", brown wavy hair, blue eyes, 135 pounds, no scars and marks visible.

CROWSON furnished the following background information:

He is employed by the Transworld Leasing Corporation, Building 3, Suite 318, Office Park Circle. He stated he has not been travelling outside of Birmingham during the last several months. His father is RUBEN CROWSON, 600 Maintenance Drive, Homewood, Alabama, employed at Samford University as maintenance supervisor. His mother is ANN CROWSON, who is employed at the Pharmacy Laboratory, Samford University.

CROWSON advised that he is presently driving a car repossessed by his company, which is a 1957 Ford station-wagon and that he drives in connection with his employment cars leased by the company.

CROWSON identified his immediate supervisor as JOHN D. FORD at the Transworld Leasing Corporation.

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by SA DAVID T. DALY *DTD*
BW SA RALPH N. BUTLER DTD:scb Date dictated 4/11/68

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Date April 16, 1968

Mrs. JOAN MYERS, Continental Dance Studios, 7960 Crestwood Boulevard, stated that she was a dance instructor at the Continental Dance Studios, 725 Common Street, New Orleans, Louisiana. She stated that she started her dance instructor training at the Continental Dance Studios in New Orleans, Louisiana, on April 27, 1964, and completed this training around the first of June, 1964. Mrs. MYERS stated she recalls ERIC GALT took dance lessons in New Orleans, Louisiana, at the Continental Dance Studio. Mrs. MYERS stated GALT bought a one-year club membership for dance lessons, but did not have very much money so they had to budget his dance lessons at five hours a week. Mrs. MYERS stated that GALT would have taken these dance lessons from June, 1964, to December, 1964. Mrs. MYERS stated that GALT did not pay for all his dance lessons and still owes the Continental Dance Studios some money for the dance lessons. Mrs. MYERS stated the Continental Dance Studios, New Orleans, Louisiana, went out of business in October, 1965.

Mrs. MYERS stated that in September, 1968, she and her husband, MARLIN, ran an advertisement in the Personal Want Ads of the Birmingham newspaper advertising adult dance classes being formed. She advised no address was listed in the advertisement, only a telephone number to call. Mrs. MYERS stated she does not recall if she or her husband took the telephone call from GALT. Mrs. MYERS advised these dance classes were held at the Friendship Club, Graymont Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama, on Tuesday evening from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Mrs. MYERS stated that GALT began these classes on September 12, 1968, and attended four classes. She advised that he did not appear for the fifth class and a few days later, her husband received a letter from GALT stating he had to go out of town and could not attend any more dance lessons. Mrs. MYERS advised she does not know where the letter was mailed from and that her husband has thrown the letter away.

Mrs. MYERS stated she recognized GALT as the same individual who had taken dance lessons in New Orleans,

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SA PETER JOHN BODKIN:mfl Date dictated 4/16/68

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Louisiana, and owed money for those lessons. Mrs. MYERS stated that neither she nor her husband said anything to GALT about the money he owed for the dance lessons in New Orleans, Louisiana, since he was paying for the dance classes in cash. Mrs. MYERS stated that GALT never mentioned that he knew them or had taken dance lessons at the Continental Dance Studio in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Mrs. MYERS stated that GALT never indicated where he was employed or why he was in Birmingham, Alabama. She advised that she never saw GALT smoke and never saw him in any kind of a car. Mrs. MYERS stated that she does not recall GALT wore any type of jewelry. She advised that he was a neat, but careless, dresser. She stated GALT would never look at the person speaking to him and would answer all questions with either "yes" or "no." Mrs. MYERS stated GALT always came to the dance classes by himself and left by himself. Mrs. MYERS advised that GALT never had any conversations with any of the other students. She advised that the only student in the class who talked with GALT was her sister-in-law, DORIS LADNER.

Mrs. MYERS advised ERIC GALT was a white male, in his early thirties, 5' 11½", 165 pounds, sandy colored hair, worn in a crew cut, medium build, fair complexion, no confidence, light blue eyes, soft spoken with a southern accent. Mrs. MYERS advised she does not recall anything about the hands of GALT.

Mrs. MYERS stated that when she danced with GALT she could not even tell he was there, as he lacked confidence in himself. She advised that he was very interested in dancing, but was a very poor dancer and she does not believe he would ever learn how to dance.

Mrs. MYERS looked through the photographs taken at the dance parties of the Continental Dance Studios in New Orleans, Louisiana, and stated that none of them contained a picture of ERIC GALT.

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1Date 4/13/68

At 8:30 A.M., the records of the Jefferson County Department of Revenue were examined to determine the registered owner of an automobile bearing 1968 Alabama tag no. 1-38993. These records indicated that this tag was issued on October 2, 1967, to Mr. ERIC S. GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama, for a 1966 Mustang, two-door, eight cylinder, Vehicle Identification No. 6T07C190647. This record also indicated that this car bore a previous 1967 Alabama tag no. 1A-88354. A check of the records concerning this number revealed that this number was issued for the same automobile to a Mr. WILLIAM D. PAISLEY, 701 48th Street South, Birmingham, Alabama, who bought this car from Maring Crawford Ford Company, Birmingham, on December 15, 1966. This car had originally been registered by Maring Crawford Ford Company, on March 11, 1966, as having been sold to MELVIN E. HARVEY, 3311 Highland Drive, Birmingham. The record shows the car was transferred from HARVEY's name to PAISLEY on December 15, 1966, and was then transferred from PAISLEY to ERIC S. GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama, on August 30, 1967.

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by SAs NEIL P. SHANAHAN and
ROBERT M. BARRETT:NPS:jml:jbt Date dictated 4/11/68

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Date 4/13/68

Mr. PETER CHERPES, owner and manager, Economy Rooming House, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, made available for review his receipts as well as guest registration cards for the months of August, September, October, November and December, 1967.

A review of these receipts and guest cards disclosed the following individuals were at the rooming house during the period August 26, 1967, through October 7, 1967:

1. Mr. D. T. GREEN, 2007 8th Street, South, Decatur, Alabama, employed Rust Engineering Company, occupied room 24 and 27 from August 4, 1967 through February 1, 1968.

2. Mr. HILL HARDY, room 21 and still a guest, having arrived Economy Boarding House July, 1967. Mr. HILL HARDY employed Nifty Paper Company, Birmingham, Alabama.

3. Mr. PERCY STRICKLAND presently occupies room 17 and has resided at this boarding house for several years.

4. Mr. CHARLES JACKSON DAVIS, room 25, and employed Cambridge Tile Manufacturing Company, 3506 4th Avenue, South, Birmingham.

5. FORREST M. COLE, 4018 Gastin or Castis Circle, Jackson, Mississippi, occupied room 19 and 18 from September 26, 1967, through October 31, 1967.

6. Mr. JULIAN DIFFEY or DIFFERY occupied room 26 from August 25, 1967, to September 1, 1967. He furnished address as 7340 Queenstown Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama

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7. JAE E. BELL, 2537 Wycliff Drive, Pensacola, Florida, occupied room 26 from September 18, 1967, to September 25, 1967. Notation on registration card indicates Mr. BELL employed Stegall and Company.

8. Mr. O. L. BLACK, Route 5, Box 227, Andalusia, Alabama, telephone 222-1508, occupied rooms 18 and 29 from September 17, 1967, to September 24, 1967.

9. Mr. THOMAS D. FRANKLIN, 110 Arcade Street, Gadsden, Alabama, occupied room 18 from August 31, 1967, to September 14, 1967. Notation on the registration card indicates Mr. FRANKLIN employed Avondale Mills.

10. Mr. LONNIE P. SMITH, no address listed, occupied room 22 from September 2, 1967, to September 9, 1967. Notation of the registration card indicates Mr. SMITH employed Hanover Nursing Home.

11. Mr. BILLY CLEVELAND, Star Route North, Sulligent, Alabama, occupied room 29 from October 2, 1967, to October 12, 1967.

12. Mr. DANIEL LEE SMITH, 708 South 80th Street, Atlanta, Georgia, occupied room 18 from October 5, 1967, to October 18, 1967.

13. Mr. AUSTIN SToudenMIRE, 348 Doster Street, Prattville, Alabama, occupied room 22 from September 20, 1967, to October 11, 1967.

14. Mr. RICHARD ALAN WEBB, 1307 Alexandria Road, Weaver, Alabama, telephone 237-3479, occupied room 28 from August 31, 1967, through October 12, 1967.

15. JAMES E. WELDON, Route 4, Box 73, Opelika, Alabama, telephone 745-7558. No room listed. Was guest in boarding house from September 17, 1967, through September 28, 1967.

16. Mr. GEORGE DWIGHT PARK, JR., 2308-D 6th Avenue, North, and YMCA, Birmingham, occupied rooms 26 and 18 from September 23, 1967, to December 30, 1967.

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17. Mr. LAWRENCE HOWELL occupied room 23 from September 11, 1967, through October 3, 1967. Mr. HOWELL employed Federal Aviation Agency and resides 1888 Dinison, telephone 682-9840, Memphis, Tennessee.

18. Mr. DENNIS GRIFFIN occupied room 11 from August 31, 1967, through September 25, 1967. Employment Alabama Material Company, 2605 7th Avenue, South, Birmingham.

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TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM

FROM ATLANTA 44-2386 P

MURKIN

RE MEMPHIS TELS APRIL FOURTEEN LAST, CONTAINING DATA FURNISHED BY MEMPHIS PD INFORMANT.

SOURCE ADVISED THIS DATE LARGE NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS, INCLUDING NUMEROUS OLD TIME BURGLARS KNOWN THROUGHOUT SOUTHEASTERN SECTION US, HAVE RECENTLY ESTABLISHED AUTO THEFT RING PRESENTLY CENTERING SOME PLACE IN ALA. SOURCE ADVISED LEO CRUMLEY, KNOWN TO BIRMINGHAM AND MEMPHIS DIVISIONS, IS PRINCIPAL SUBJECT IN THIS CASE AND IS LIVING IN ANNISTON, ALA., WHERE HE COULD BE CONTACTED AT TELEPHONE NUMBER

TWO THREE SIX - EIGHT FOUR NINE ZERO. CRUMLEY HAS CAR LOT AND SOURCE HAS HEARD LATE MODEL AUTO'S OBTAINED FROM LARGE NUMBER OF SOURCES ARE HANDLED BY CRUMLEY, WHO HAS BEEN OBTAINING AS MUCH AS TWENTYFIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS FOR A LATE MODEL AUTO.

SOURCE STATES JOHN OSCAR LUCK, KNOWN TO ATLANTA DIVISION AND TERRY MCCORRY, WHITE FEMALE, ARE CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH CRUMLEY AND MCCORRY CAN BE LOCATED TELEPHONE NUMBER EIGHT THREE ONE-FOUR THREE EIGHT THREE, ANNISTON ALA.

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SOURCE STATES CRUMLEY, PLACED LONG DISTANCE CALL TO AN UNKNOWN INDIVIDUAL IN TALLEDEGA, ALA. AND CRUMLEY TOLD SOURCE THIS INDIVIDUAL HAD HIGHLY-PLACED SOURCES IN STATE OF ALA. AND HE WAS RECEIVING ASSISTANCE THROUGH THIS PERSON. SOURCE SAID FOLLOWING THIS CALL AND AT SPECIFIC REQUEST OF CRUMLEY, WARRANT AGAINST AN ASSOCIATE OF SOURCE'S IN ALA. WAS DROPPED.

SOURCE BELIEVES DATA BEING FURNISHED BY MEMPHIS PD SOURCE RE THIS CAR RING CASE IS ENTIRELY ACCURATE, BUT SOURCE HAS NO INFORMATION INDICATING THAT AN INDIVIDUAL DESCRIBED SIMILARLY TO GALT HAS ANY DIRECT CONNECTION WITH THIS GROUP.

SOURCE BELIEVES PHOTO OF GALT CAN BE EXHIBITED TO PERSONS FAMILIAR WITH THIS MATTER WHEN THIS CAN BE EFFECTED AND THIS MATTER CAN BE CLARIFIED WHEN PRACTICAL.

BIRMINGHAM AND MEMPHIS REQUESTED TO EXERCISE PARTICULAR CAUTION
TO PROTECT THIS SOURCE.

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FBI BIRMGHAM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P) DATE: 4/16/68

FROM : SA MARION B. HUMMEL

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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OO: MEMPHIS

On 4/15/68, the writer interviewed Mr. BILLY POSEY, 2118 Medaris Road, Huntsville, Alabama, telephone number 859-1732. POSEY advised that on 4/14/68, he had observed artist's conception photographs in the local Sunday newspaper of the suspect in the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. at Memphis, Tennessee. POSEY advised that the profile view of the artist's conception strongly resembled an individual by the name of KENNEDY who had stayed periodically with POSEY's mother, Mrs. NELLIE POSEY, between 1963 and 1965. POSEY advised that his mother, NELLIE POSEY, operated a small grocery store located at 306 Church Street, Huntsville, Alabama, and that she had a group of rooms in the rear of this grocery store which she rented to roomers. Most of the occupants of these rooms were itinerant type individuals. POSEY noted that this address has subsequently been demolished and the entire area is now incorporated into an urban renewal area, and none of the former residences or places of business remain. Neither is Mrs. NELLIE POSEY available for interview. POSEY advised that he recalls this individual's name as either JOHN or JAMES KENNEDY, and that he was an itinerant painter or day laborer. He said that he seems to recall that this individual worked for approximately one week with the K & M Painting Company, and he does not know any other individual for whom he worked.

He stated that this individual roomed with his mother on two or three occasions during the period of 1963 to 1965, and he has not seen him since 1965. He described this individual as a white male whose age would now be 31-32, height 6', weight 175 pounds, build slender, complexion medium, hair brown and wavy, high forehead, eyes recessed and extremely deep blue (very noticeable deep blue). His voice was regional and no particular accent. He had an extremely heavy beard which was also very noticeable.

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POSEY advised that the profile view looked very much like KENNEDY, however, the full front view was definitely not identical with him. He said that he recalled that KENNEDY was very antagonistic toward the Negro race. POSEY was unable to furnish the identity of any employment for KENNEDY or any other individual who might know him.

On the same date, the writer contacted Mrs. NELL ROGERS, Bookkeeper, K & M Paint and Glass Company, Inc., 105 Seminole Drive, S.W., Huntsville, Alabama, who employs a number of painters. Mrs. ROGERS has been the bookkeeper for K & M for a number of years and is familiar with many of the painters employed by the company. Mrs. ROGERS advised that she cannot recall any painters by the name of JOHN or JAMES KENNEDY working for K & M. She reviewed her records of present and former employees, and was unable to locate any employment record for an individual by the name of KENNEDY as having been employed by K & M.

In view of the vagueness of the identification on the part of POSEY, it is recommended that no further action be taken in regard to KENNEDY.

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URGENT 4/17/68 VFP

TO BIRMINGHAM 44-1740

FROM MOBILE 157-2627

MURKIN. OO ME.

RE CHARLOTTE TELETYPE TO BUREAU, BIRMINGHAM, MOBILE AND
MEMPHIS TWO ZERO ONE PM, FOUR SEVEN SIXTYEIGHT.

THE LICENSE NUMBER REFERRED TO IN RE TEL, ALABAMA LICENSE
FIVE TWO DASH TWO FIVE EIGHT SEVEN ONE IS FOR MORGAN COUNTY COVERED
BY BIRMINGHAM DIVISION. LEAD SET FORTH FOR MOBILE AT DMV SHOULD
BE HANDLED BY BIRMINGHAM IN MORGAN COUNTY.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)

DATE: 4/17/68

FROM : SA ROBERT M. BARRETT

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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On 4/17/68 JERRY W. BOOTH, 3718 Poe Dr., Cahaba Heights, Alabama, an employee at the Standard Service Station, 2188 Highland Ave. So., Birmingham, advised he could not recall any individuals who were customers of that station during the Fall of 1967, and who drove a 1966 white Mustang. He could not recall any white Mustangs which completely matched the description of the instant car, nor did he know any customers named "ERIC".

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TO ATLANTA

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FROM MEMPHIS 44-1987 2 P

MURKIN.

INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED TO DATE RE ERIC STARVO GALT HAS
EITHER ESTABLISHED OR ALLEGED RESIDENCE IN ONE OF THE FIELD
DIVISIONS MENTIONED.

DATE OF BIRTH AS LISTED ON ALABAMA DRIVERS LICENSE IS

[REDACTED] . IT IS RECOGNIZED THAT SELECTIVE
SERVICE INQUIRIES HAVE BEEN MADE REGARDING THE THREE NAMES KNOWN
TO HAVE BEEN USED BY SUSPECT; HOWEVER, THERE REMAIN A NUMBER OF
YEARS IN THIS MAN'S BACKGROUND STILL UNACCOUNTED FOR. BASED ON
NORMAL PRODCEDURES FOR SELECTIVE SERVICE REGISTRATION, THIS MAN
WOULD HAVE BEEN REQUIRED TO REGISTER, IF SUCH WAS DONE, ON OR
ABOUT JULY TWENTY, FORTYNINE OR AT LEAST WITHIN A TWO WEEK PERIOD
THEREAFTER. IT IS SUGGESTED THAT RECEIVING OFFICES RECONTACT

STATE SELECTIVE SERVICE BOARDS AND FROM REVIEW OF REGISTRANTS IN
PERTINENT PERIOD POSSIBILITY EXISTS SOME DATA MAY BE DEVELOPED RE
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FAMILIAR NAMES OR SOME OTHER ITEMS THAT MAY LEAD TO
ESTABLISHING IDENTITY UNSUB THIS CASE.

IN CONNECTION WITH ANY INQUIRIES, NO INDICATION SHOULD
BE GIVEN INQUIRIES IN CONNECTION WITH CAPTIONED CASE.

A & D.

END.

J GA

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FBI SAN FRAN

456PM URGENT 4/17/68 NJM

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM & MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM SAN FRANCISCO (173-65) (P) 2P

MURKIN

RE SUSPECT ERIC STARVO GALT

RE SAN FRANCISCO TELEPHONE CALL TO BIRMINGHAM, THIS DATE.

ON APRIL SEVENTEEN, INSTANT, MRS. DAWN COCHRANE, TELLER, FIRST
SAN FRANCISCO BANK, SIX FIVE JEFFERSON STREET, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF-
ORNIA, ADVISED THAT IN REVIEWING OLD COPIES OF THE NEWSPAPERS
SHE SAW A SKETCH OF SUSPECT IN INSTANT CASE. THIS SKETCH RESMEMBLES
A MAN WHO PURCHASED FROM HER ON APRIL FIFTEEN, LAST, SIX HUNDRED
FIFTY DOLLARS IN TRAVELLERS CHECKS FOR WHICH HE PAID CASH IN ONE
HUNDRED DOLLAR BILDS.

THIS INDIVIDUAL GAVE HIS NAME AS DAVID L. MOZINGER, IN CARE OF
GENERAL DELIVERY, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, AND WAS DESCRIBED AS
WMA, THIRTY YEARS OF AGE, SIX FEET TALL, ONE SEVEN ZERO TO ONE EIGHT
ZERO POUNDS, DARK BROWN HAIR. HE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY AN INDIVIDUAL WHO
GAVE HIS NAME AS WILLIAM E. CHAMBERS, FIVE TWO FIVE FULTON AVENUE,
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA.

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MRS. COCHRANE IDENTIFIED THE INDIVIDUAL IN THE SKETCH COMPOSED AT BIRMINGHAM AS BEARING CLOSE RESEMBLANCE TO MOZINGER.

REFERENCED TELEPHONE CALL REQUESTED BIRMINGHAM TO DETERMINE FULL IDENTITY OF CHAMBERS AND HIS KNOWLEDGE OF MOZINGER.

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TO MEMPHIS (44-1987) AND BIRMINGHAM.

FROM KNOXVILLE (44-696)

MURKIN. CR. OO:MEMPHIS

UNSUB SEEN AT WALKER'S HARDWARE STORE TUSCUMBIA, ALABAMA.

MAN, PROBABLY NEGRO, IDENTIFIEDSELF AS P. EDWARD RICKS,
EIGHT ZERO EIGHT EAST EIGHTH STREET, TUSCUMBIA, ALABAMA, TELEPHONICALLY
CONTACTED CHATTANOOGA, R A EVENING APRIL SEVENTEEN INSTANT, THAT
HE SAW MAN RESEMBLING PHOTO OF SUBJECT APPEARING IN MEMPHIS
COMMERCIAL APPEAL TWO DAYS AGO, IN WALKER'S HARDWARE STORE, TUSCUMBIA,
ABOUT FOUR P M APRIL SIXTEEN LAST BUYING A SMALL HAND GUN,
PERHAPS TWENTY-TWO OR THIRTY-TWO CALIBER, AND A BOX OF AMMO, ABOUT
SIX INCHES BY SIX INCHES.

UNKNOWN MAN SIGNED FOR PURCHASE IN REGISTER AT STORE. RICKS
DESCRIBED MAN AS WMA, FIVE FT. NINE IN., ONE SEVEN FIVE LBS.,
BLACK OR DARK HAIR, AGE IN THIRTY'S. RICKS STATED HE IS VISITING
TEMPORALILY IN CHATTANOOGA BUT DECLINED TO GIVE LOCAL ADDRESS.

BH AT TUSCUMBIA CHECK RECORDS AND EXHIBIT PICTURE OF SUBJECT
AT WALKER'S HARDWARE STORE TO DETERMINE IF UNKNOWN MAN IS IDENT
WITH SUBJECT.

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TO DIRECTOR AND BIRMINGHAM, AND ATLANTA

FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987) 5P

MURKIN.

FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED APRIL
SEVENTEEN INSTANT.

RECORDS MEMPHIS ALCOHOL LICENSING COMMISSION AND RECORDS
HOTEL AND RESTAURANT EMPLOYEES AND BARTENDERS UNION, LOCAL EIGHT
FOUR SEVEN, CHECKED FOR ANYONE IDENTICAL WITH ERIC STARVO GALT AND
HIS KNOWN ALIASES. RESULTS NEGATIVE.

HOUSTON CITY DIRECTORIES, VOTER REGISTRATION, CREDIT AND
CRIMINAL CHECKS, SOURCES AND LAUNDRY INQUIRIES ALL NEGATIVE IN
NAMES ERIC STARVO GALT, JOHN WILLARD, AND HARVEY LOWMEYER. MEMPHIS
WATERFRONT HANGOUTS AND ALL DANCE STUDIOS CHECKED AND NO INFORMATION
CONCERNING GALT DEVELOPED.

COMMUNICATION SENT CHARLOTTE DIVISION TO HAVE ALL TEXTILE
MANUFACTURERS CONTACTED IN EFFORT DETERMINE MANUFACTURER OR SOURCE
OF BEDSPREAD. COMMUNICATION SENT BUREAU TO HAVE PHOTO BEDSPREAD SENT
CHARLOTTE.

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WHITE FEMALE INFORMANT OF MEMPHIS POLICE DEPARTMENT INTERVIEWED BY BUREAU AGENTS THIS DATE AND FURNISHED SUBSTANTIALLY SAME DESCRIPTION OF ERIC GAULDEN ALSO KNOWN AS STEVIE AND ETC., HOWEVER, CLAIMED ERIC HAS HAZEL EYES AND LAST TWO TIMES SHE OBSERVED HIM HE WAS WEARING A TIE AND POCKET HANDKERCHIEF BEARING INITIAL "G".

CLAIMS SHE FIRST MET ERIC EARLY EVENING ON A DATE IN THE LATTER PART OF FEBRUARY, LAST, AT PSYCHO LOUNGE WHERE HE WAS SITTING WITH A GROUP OF TWELVE TO FIFTEEN PERSONS INCLUDING TOMMY PIKE, KNOWN MEMPHIS BURGLAR, AND GORDON FORBES WHOSE FATHER IS IN CHARTER BOAT BUSINESS IN FLORIDA. ERIC INTRODUCED HIMSELF TO INFORMANT AND WHEN INFORMANT OVERHEARD ANOTHER PERSON IN GROUP CALL ERIC BY NAME OF STEVIE SHE QUESTION HIM ABOUT HIS NAME AND HE SAID STEVEN OR STEFAN WAS HIS MIDDLE NAME. ERIC MENTIONED THAT A GROUP OF THEM HAD BEEN BOATING ON THAT DAY AND THAT SHE HEARD LATER ON IN THE EVENING FORBES ASK ERIC "IF HE WAS GOING BACK ON THE BOAT." ERIC REPLIED "I DON'T KNOW, IF THINGS PAN OUT AS I PLAN I MAY NEVER GO BACK ON THE BOAT." END PAGE TWO

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INFORMANT DOES NOT KNOW SIGNIFANCE OF THIS REMARK.

SECOND TIME INFORMANT MET ERIC WAS AT MANHATTAN CLUB AT APPROXIMATELY THREE A.M., A COUPLE OF DAYS BEFORE THE BIG SNOW THAT OCCURRED IN MEMPHIS ON MARCH TWENTY TWO, LAST. LAST TIME SHE SAW ERIC WAS BETWEEN THREE THIRTY AND FIVE A.M., ON MARCH TWENTY EIGHT, LAST, AT CHENNAULT'S RESTAURANT. ERIC LEFT RESTAURANT APPROXIMATELY FIVE A.M., STATING HE HAD TO GO SEE "DUKE" AND INDICATED HE MAY RETURN TO RESTAURANT AFTER SEEING "DUKE". DUKE IS UNKNOWN TO INFORMANT.

SHE NEVER HEARD ERIC MENTION NAME OF "JIM RUBINO" NOR DID ERIC EVER GIVE ANY REASON FOR BEING IN MEMPHIS. SHE HAS NEVER OBSERVED ERIC IN ANY AUTOMOBILE NOR HAS SHE EVER HEARD ANYONE SAY THAT HE DRIVES ANY AUTOMOBILE. ERIC NEVER MENTIONED ANY TYPE OF TRAVEL TO HER HOWEVER DID VOLUNTEER THAT HE RESIDED IN SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, FOR A BRIEF PERIOD OF TIME AND HAD FRIENDS WHO LIVED IN A COMMUNITY THAT BEARS LAST NAME "BEACH" NEAR LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.

THE INFORMATION SHE FURNISHED POLICE DEPARTMENT CONCERNING
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