FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 15, 1968

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RUBY GOODMAN, Manager, Mayfield Cleaners, 2222 Highland Avenue, made available a dry cleaning receipt book dated September 30, 1967, to October 5, 1967.

This book reflects that red ticket Number \$4591, was issued October 3, 1967, for the pressing of one coat under the name of GAULT. Mrs. GOODMAN advised that the writing on this receipt is in her handwriting, and she is the only one employed at the laundry, except on Thursdays another woman releaves her.

This same receipt book contains an entry October 2, 1967, for the cleaning of a pair of trousers under the name of GAULT, ticket Number R4451.

Mrs. GOODMAN also furnished dry cleaning receipt book dated September 15, 1967, to September 22, 1967, which contains an entry dated September 20, 1967, for the cleaning of one pair of trousers under the name of GAULT, ticket Number R3701.

Mrs. GOODMAN also furnished a dry cleaning receipt book dated September 11, 1967, to September 15, 1967. This book contains a receipt dated September 13, 1967, for the cleaning of one tie and one pair of trousers under the name of GAULT, ticket Number R4962.

She also furnished laundry receipt book dated September 1, 1967, to September 7, 1967, showing an entry September 5, 1967, for the cleaning of two shirts and one coat under the name of GALT.

Mrs. COODMAN advised that she had no recollection whatsoever of the individual named GALT or GAULT.

She was exhibited an artist's conception of the suspect and stated this was not familiar to her.

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CHARLES T. SMITH, Auditor, Birmingham Trust National Bank, Birmingham, advised that normal banking hours Monday through Thursday are from 9:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M., and on Fridays normal banking hours are 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. and 3:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.

He advised that although the bank will normally close at 2:00 P.M., any customer desiring to go to their safe deposit box are permitted to go to their box until 4:00 P.M. He advised that although there is a guard on the door after 2:00 P.M., the guard does not requiry any identification from a customer, nor does he require a customer to sign any register if the customer desires to go to the safe deposit box. He, therefore, advised that the guard would have no records to determine if ERIC S. GALT had gone to his safe deposit box after normal banking hours on August 28, 1967.

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DIANNE BATTLE, 2425 Shades Crest Road, Birmingham, Alabama, was interviewed in the office of CHARLES T. SMITH, Auditor, Birmingham Trust National Bank, Birmingham, Alabama. Miss BATTLE furnished the following information:

She advised she was a former employee of the Birmingham Trust National Bank (BTNB), having resigned from the bank on January 17, 1968. She advised that while employed at the bank she worked in the Safe Deposit Box Section and was so employed in this section during August and September, 1967. She advised that her immediate supervisor was Mrs. CATHERINE REEDY and that she and Mrs. REEDY were the only employees in this section during the time she was employed with BTNB.

Miss BATTLE then furnished the following information: concerning safe deposit box #5517, rented in the name of ERIC S. GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue South.

Miss BATTLE reviewed a contract executed by GALT dated August 28, 1967, the date GALT rented the box from BTNB, and advised that she did not open this account; that the only person who would have opened the account would have been Mrs. REEDY.

a safe deposit box, the time the customer enters the box and the time the customer leaves the box will be stamped and the date the person entered will also appear on the Record of Access to the customer's safe deposit box. She further stated that the customer will place his signature on the Record of Access each time the customer enters the box. In addition, either she or Mrs. REEDY, depending on who assisted the customer in going to the box, will place their initials by the signature of the customer.

After examining the Record of Access to safe deposit box #5517, Miss BATTLE advised that the records show

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GALT entered the box on four different occasions and that on three occasions she had assisted GALT in going to the box, since her initials appeared by his signature. She stated the records show that GALT had entered the box on the following dates and times as set forth below:

Date	Time			
8/28/67	2:32 p.m. to 2:37 p.m.			
9/9/67	1:52 p.m. to 1:56 p.m.			
9/21/67	11:04 a.m. to 11:08 a.m.			
9/28/67	10:16 a.m. to 10:19 a.m.			

Miss BATTLE advised that on August 28, 1967, September 5 and 21, 1967, she assisted GALT in going to the box and that on August 28, 1967, Mrs. REEDY assisted GALT in going to the box.

Miss BATTLE advised that she does recall ERIC S. GALT and that to the best of her knowledge he was friendly on each occasion although he was quiet and said very little to her. She stated that one reason she recalls GALT is the fact that when most customers go to their safe deposit box they will take the box to one of the booths located in the Safe Deposit Section and will stay there for ten minutes or longer; however, on each occasion that GALT came to the box he staved only a few minutes and did not go to any booth. She stated she also recalls that on each occasion he came in he would tell her that she could stay with him since he would only be there a few minutes. She stated, however, that she did not stay with GALT and would return to her desk. Miss BATTLE stated she never observed GALT putting anything in or taking anything out of the box and she never recalls seeing him carrying anything into the safe deposit box section other than one time she does recall he had a small paper bag in his hand.

Miss BATTLE stated that on each occasion GALT came to the bank he was dressed in casual clothes and she did not notice anything unusual about him. She added that on each occasion he came to the bank he was alone and she

reiterated that he was a very quiet individual and said very little to her, and he never attempted to strike up any conversation with her. Miss BATTLE advised that on December 13, 1967, GALT sent a letter to the bank enclosing the keys to the safe deposit box, wherein he advised the bank that he was now living out of Birmingham and was surrendering his safe deposit box. She advised she made a notation to this effect on the Record of Access to GALT's safe deposit box and that she also put on there that he lives in Baton Rouge. Miss BATTLE advised she does not recall anything specific in the letter indicating that GALT was residing at Baton Rouge, and that she believes she obtained this information from the postmark on the envelope in which the letter was received. She advised that this envelope has been destroyed; however, to the best of her knowledge a copy of the letter would be maintained in GALT's file maintained in the Safe Deposit Box Section.

Miss BATTLE described GALT as follows:

Race: White Sex: Male

Age: Late 20's or early 30's

Height: 5'11"
Weight: 170 lbs.

Hair: Brown; cut short

Eyes: Believed blue; did not wear

glasses.

Complexion: Ruddy

Characteristics: Very polite, friendly and quiet.

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Date 4/16/68

O. H. ABRAMS, Manager, Standard Service Station, 2188 Highland Avenue, South, Birmingham, stated that his station purchases S&H green stamps about every two weeks in lots of 100,000. The purchase usually consists of 20 books of stamps with 5,000 stamps per book.

ABRAMS checked his records and ascertained that stamps bearing the number 14LK at the top of the stamp and the number 627 at the bottom of the stamp, on the face, were purchased on September 8, 1967, from S&H salesman, M. E. DAWKINS. At that time stamps bearing the numbers 621-640 were purchased. The next purchase of stamps was on September 22, 1967. ABRAMS stated the number 627 on the stamp would indicate that it was given to a customer sometime during the period September 8-22, 1967.

ABRAMS stated he did not recall any customer who drove a white 1966 Mustang with a red interior. He furnished the names of all employees who were working at his station during the period August 28 to October 7, 1967.

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by SA ROBERT M. BARRETT: epg Date dictated 4/16/68

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Memorandum

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то : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)(Р)

DATE: 4/18/68

FROM : SA JEREMTAH J. SMITH

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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Re telephone call from SA J.T. ARNETT dated 4/18/68, referring to Memphis and Atlanta teletypes regarding individual named GALT (phonetic) associated with car thieves in Anniston area.

CHARLES NOWMAN GAULT was previous subject in BH 26-22408 and placed on five years probation at Birmingham for ITSMV violations. Close associates of GAULT have rebuilt stolen vehicles with salvage serial plates at Birmingham and sold same to JIMMY NELSON Used Cars in Anniston during 1965 and 1966. Associates were subjects in that case and in BH 26-22563, which cases were closed following convictions of GAULT and THOMAS FRANKLIN BRADY in Birmingham and state convictions of subjects who sold cars to NELSON.

Although GAULT and his associates were in a position to know LEO CRUMLEY and associates of CRUMLEY who frequent HAYNESGarage at Anniston there was no indication these two groups of car thieves have ever worked together. GAULT knows G.J.HAYNES and others at Anniston through salvage purchases and BRADY had disposed of salvage and parts of salvage vehicles at South Noble Salvage Yard in Anniston during previous years but is no longer handling salvage at Anniston area salvage yards.

Birmingham files 26-22408 and 26-22563 contain background data on GAULT and his associates and he does not resemble photo of prime suspect ERIC STARVO GALT although he has somewhat similar physical description. CHARLES NEWMAN GAULT is a white male dob ______, Lamar County, Alabama, 5'11", 195, blue eyes, brown hair. Following his conviction GAULT was opened as a PCI and subsequently furnished considerable info regarding stolen car operations in the Birmingham area.

Writer is not acquainted with anyone named "STEVIE" or similar name involved in stolen car activities in the Anniston area, or connected with subjects in BH 26-24440, a pending ITSMV case concerning LEO CRUMLEY and associates who frequent HAYNES garage in Anniston.

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FROM:

SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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Re EDWARD UHLAN HILL mentioned in Birmingham teletype to Bureau, dated 4/13/68.

On 4/16/68 Mrs. EDWARD UHLAN HILL, 701 Cooper Street, Apartment 4, Cédartown, Georgia, advised that she and suspect EDWARD MILL have been separated and she has not seen him since September, 1967. stated that about two weeks ago she heard a report that HILL had been involved in a cutting incident in Piedmont, Alabama, where he had been severely slashed in a fight requiring up to 100 sutures. She stated that sofar as she knew he had not been employed. considered him highly dangerous, however, she never knew him to carry a gun, stating that he usually carried a knife. She had no Piedmont, Alabama address for HILL, however, stated that Piedmont, Alabama police should be aware concerning his location. said his parents still reside at 616 East Avenue, Cedartown, Georgia, however, his parents have always

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been sympathetic to HILL and doubted whether they would furnish any information of value.

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Will contact local Police Department and other logical sources in an effort to determine if EDWARD HILL is still located in that area and if so determine his whereabouts during the pertinent period of KING's assassination. Will note that HILL's wife stated he often carries a knife and she considers him to be dangerous.

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TO:

SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM:

SAC, NORFOLK (44-268)(P)

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RE SUSPECT JEFF ADDISON WILLARD

Re Norfolk teletype to Charlotte, Dallas and Memphis, 4/15/68.

Enclosed for Memphis and Birmingham are two photos each of suspect.

For the information of Birmingham, referenced teletype advised that on 4/15/68 the Norfolk Naval Base Police questioned WILLARD re his possession of a Winchester 30 - 30 rifle, model 843000, SN 2891143, with Weaver Telescopic Sight, patent #263251. Base Police also felt that WILLARD resembled artist's conception of assassin shown in local newspapers. WILLARD is employed as a truck driver with Trans Cold Express, P. 0. Box 22, Dallas, Texas, and was hauling meat for Texas Meat Packers, Dallas. He made a delivery at the Naval Base on 4/15/68.

Base Police questioned WILLARD regarding his illegal possession of rifle on the Naval Base and determined the following descriptive information:

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JEFF ADDISON WILLARD Name White Race Sex Male Birth at Raleigh, N. C. 5 1 7 11 Height 165 pounds Weight Hair Brown Eyes Hazel Tattoo Dagger and pendant on lower left arm Residence 205 McNeil St. Rockingham, N. C. Employment Truck driver Trans Cold Express

Dallas, Texas

#291-2021

N. C. Chauffeur's license

A review of WILLARD's personal belongings by the Base Police revealed the following cards and papers with names and addresses as follows:

Joe's Truck Stop U. S. Route 40 Pennsgrove, N. J.

Driver's license

Wadley Blood Bank 36000 Gaston Ave. Dallas, Texas

Square Deal Transfer, Inc. Dallas, Texas

Midwest Emery Freight System 7000 South Pulaskie Chigago, Ill.

W. G. Frazier Refrigeration Trucks Carrizo Springs, Texas

W. C. "BILL" SMITH 313 W. California St. Rouston, La.

Bank of Fuquay Varina, N. C.

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C. B. HINCLEY Rt. 6 Fishdam Rd. Box 81 D Durham, N. C.

B. E. HALL, JR. 11221 Caressa Dallas, Texas

Dallas and Birmingham display photo as appropriate.

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On April 8, 1968, SAs JOHN H. KRESEK and PATRICK J. MOYNIHAN contacted JAMES T. SMITH, JR., at Griebs Tavern, Box 948, Route 11, Birmingham, and he was shown an artist conception of suspect who purchased rifle from Aeromarine Supply Company, Birmingham. When he looked at the sketch, he exclaimed, "Hey, that's me."

A strong similarity was noted by the Agents between the drawing of the suspect and Mr. SMITH.

SMITH stated that the owner of Griebs Tavern was BRAD BOWDOIN, Route 1, Leeds, Alabama, who was then in the back room of the tavern. SMITH stated that he had been working for BOWDOIN for approximately three months. He also mentioned that his wife, BETTY JOANN, worked as a waitress at the Holland House, in Eastwood Mall, Birmingham.

The following description of JAMES T. SMITH, JR., 318 North 23rd Street, Irondale, Alabama, was obtained through observation and interview:

Race White Sex Ma le Born . at Acmor, Alabama (St. Clair County) 5 * 10 参" Height Weight 170 - 175 lbs. Eyes Blue Hair Brown - gray Remarks Missing upper three front teeth; missing first joint of left index finger U. S. Marine Corps No. 1293137 Military Service (1952 - 1955)Wife BETTY JOANN Children . GREGORY SCOTT, age 6 BRENDA GAIL, age 4 LILLIE SMITH, Railroad Avenue, Mother Leeds, Alabama Father JAMES T. SMITH, Houston, Texas,

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Mr. WILLIAM STONE, Standard Oil Company, Sheffield, Alabama, advised that courtesy cards collected from Arnold Truck Stop, Tuscumbia, Alabama, between March 27 and April 4, 1968, had been forwarded to the Birmingham office of Standard Oil Company, located at 801 - 6th Avenue, South, Birmingham, and could be located in care of Mr. CHARLES JOHNSON at the Birmingham address.

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On 4/9/68 at Sheffield, Alabama File # BH 44-1740

by SA HORACE H. WILLIS / hss Date dictated STALITED FILED

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On April 8, 1968, SA JOHN H. KRESEK contacted Mrs. JOHN H. BRASHER, Roebuck Motel #1, at the intersection of U.S. Highway 11 and Alabama State Highway 75, Birmingham, Alabama. She was shown an artist conception of the suspect who purchased a rifle at Aeromarine Supply Company, Birmingham, and she stated this person looked a great deal like a former customer by the name of T. D. ABBEY, of 615 Shoemaker Street, Pensacola, Florida, who stayed at her motel from March 10, 1968, to April 1, 1968, and who was now living at 2400 Eufaula Avenue, Birmingham.

On April 9, 1968, Mrs. ELIZABETH H. MORROW, 2400 Rufaula Avenue, Birmingham, advised that she rented a room to one T. D. ABBEY on April 1, 1968, who works in the Automotive Section of K-Mart Department Store in Midfield, Alabama.

On April 9, 1968, SAs JOHN H. KRESEK and PATRICK J. MOYNIHAN contacted THOMAS DAN ABBEY, Manager, Automotive Section, K-Mart Department Store, Midfield, Alabama, who advised that he now lives at 2400 Eufaula Avenue, but previously resided at the Roebuck Motel #1, in Birmingham.

Mr. ABBEY stated that he was assistant manager at the K-Mart Store in Roebuck Shopping Center, Birmingham, from February 1, 1968, to March 1, 1968, at which time he was transferred to the K-Mart Store on Green Springs Highway in Homewood, Alabama. He stated from there he was transferred to his present job on March 11, 1968.

The following description of THOMAS DAN ABBEY was obtained by observation and interview:

Race White Sex Male Born Greenwood, Wississippi Height 6 '3" Weight 210 lbs. Eyes Blue Hair Blonde Complexion Fair Small scar under lower right leg Scars U. S. Navy No. 5408356. 44-1740-1026

It is noted ABBEY did not resemble the artist conception of the suspect in this case.

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Mr. CARL GRIMES, Manager, Tarrant City Branch, First National Bank of Birmingham, Tarrant City, Alabama, advised that signature card shows that one ROBERT BORSARI, giving address 1606 Jackson Blvd., Tarrant, Alabama, business address "Redkin Laboratories, Inc.," and stating his business to be "teacher of new theory," telephone number 841-2411, stating he had no former banking connection, opened an account on February 16, 1968, which was handled by Mr. ROBERT M. GANDY. Account was opened with deposit of \$150.00 check on Redken Laboratories, Inc.

Mr. GRIMES stated that a teller who was engaged in preparing statements and canceled checks for mailing to customers, being aware of the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING at Memphis, Tennessee, and recent publicity concerning person who may have been responsible, thought there was something peculiar about the pattern of the account of BORSARI, the canceled checks, and the places where they were cashed. She called it to the attention of Mr. GRIMES and they felt it warranted notifying the FBI to check out this man.

Mr. GRIMES stated that the account was opened after a telephone introduction by JOHN GALLAWAY, whose address is 1606 Jackson Blvd., Tarrant City, Alabama. He described GALLAWAY as an eccentric with a mental problem and Mr. GRIMES has been told he has been in a mental institution. GALLAWAY has a budget checking account at First National Bank, Tarrant City. BORSARI's account is mailed to the address of GALLAWAY. BORSARI is described as a salesman for Redken Laboratories, 14721 Calipa Street, Van Nuys, California. Mr. GRIMES stated he had sent deposit slips to the company and knows that it does exist because the company mails checks for BORSARI to the bank for deposit.

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Mr. GRIMES stated he shook hands with BORSARI when he arrived to open the account at the bank and probably had a 30 second contact with him but he described him as follows:

Age Height Weight Hair

5'8" or 5'9" 160-165 lbs.

Clothing

Long brown chestnut colored or lighter Wearing a sweater, had

neat appearance.

He described GALLAWAY as being a person difficult to get along with, is arrogant and runs Jackson's Shoe Shop on the main street in Tarrant City and lives in the rear of the business. He is described as an agitating person who has had trouble with neighboring people around his business, maybe concerning the parking of automobiles in the wrong places and similar things.

He described GALLAWAY as follows:

Age Height

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35-38 6'1"

Weight

Unknown, but is on the

chubby side

Hair Complexion

Black Olive.

JOHN GALLAWAY asked Mr. GRIMES to finance a car for BORSARI a few weeks ago and Mr. GRIMES said he would not as BORSARI had no credit in the Birmingham area. GALLAWAY had said he would endorse the note with BORSARI and this would have been all right with Mr. GRIMES but two or three days later GALLAWAY called Mr. GRIMES and was bragging that it was financed elsewhere and said the car had been bought.

Mr. GRIMES, in viewing the canceled checks to be mailed to BORSARI, noticed that there was one

payable to the Sheraton in Atlanta on March 15, 1968; one to the Super Store, Walnut Ridge, Arkansas, on April 2, 1968; one to the Newport Motel, Newport, Arkansas, on April 3, 1968; one to Walridge Motel, Walnut Ridge, Arkansas, on April 4, 1968; and one to Holiday Inn, Little Rock, Arkansas, on April 5, 1968. He noted the dates were near or including the murder date and that from a review of a map, the Arkansas addresses were not far from Memphis.

He furnished copies of canceled checks for this account, as well as copies of the statement sheet for the account for a period dating April 9, 1968, and one copy of the signature card.

The checks were itemized as follows:

Check number 114 for \$25.00 dated March 7, 1968, payable to Quality Courts Motel, at Jacksonville, Florida, showing additional name of Heart of Jacksonville Motel. It appears that Phillips Credit Card number was used as identification as noted on the back.

Check number 115 dated March 8, 1968, payable to Eastern Airlines for \$25.00, place not legible. It was charged to the account on March 13, 1968.

Check number 116 dated March 9, 1968, payable to City of Birmingham in amount of \$4.00.

Check number 117 dated March 11, 1968, payable to Delta Airlines, \$25.00, and apparently was cashed at Atlanta, Georgia.

Check number 118 dated March 13, 1968, payable to Delta Airlines in the amount of \$40.00, apparently at Atlanta, Georgia.

Check number 119 dated March 15, 1968, payable to Sheraton-Biltmore (Atlanta) in the amount of \$71.08.

Check number 120 dated March 18, 1968, payable to Delta Airlines in the amount of \$25.00, at Birmingham.

Check number 121 dated March 19, 1968, in the amount of \$17.70 is payable to Alabama Leather Company at Birmingham, Alabama.

Check number 122 dated March 18, 1968, in the amount of \$600.00 is payable to Adamson Ford, Inc., at Birmingham.

Check number 123 dated March 20, 1968, in the amount of \$25.00 payable to Eastern Airlines at Pirmingham.

Check number 124 dated March 22, 1968, for \$30.00 is payable to Delta Airlines at Birmingham.

Check number 125 dated March 24, 1968, in the amount of \$35.00, payable to Delta Airlines at Birmingham.

Check number 126 for \$25.00 is dated March 29, 1968, payable to Delta Airlines at Birmingham.

Check number 127 is dated March 30, 1968, for \$20.00 and is payable to Delta Airlines, at Birmingham.

Check number 128 dated March 31, 1968, for \$12.00 payable to V. W. EASLEY and cleared Merchants and Farmers Bank, Mathison, Mississippi.

Check number 129 dated 3/2/68 for \$6.18 payable to Newport Motel, Newport, Arkansas.

Check number 130 for \$10.00 dated April 2, 1968, payable to Rorex AG Super Market, Walnut Ridge, Arkansas.

Check number 131 for \$10.30 payable to Walridge Motel, April 4, 1968. Deposited in bank April 4, 1968, Walnut Ridge, Arkansas

Check number 132 for \$25.00 dated April 5, 1968, payable to Holiday Inn, showing Gulf credit card number

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The following investigation was conducted by SA COLEMAN D. GEARY, III, on April 13, 1968:

RICHARD BOWEN SMITH, also known as "Rick", home address Route One, Chelsea Road, Columbiana, Alabama, advised he is a Freshman at Auburn University and while in school resides at Apartment B-42, 101 Ann Street, Auburn, Alabama. He advised he is the son of BASIL R. SMITH.

He recalled that on March 29, 1968, he took his 40 horsepower Johnson motor and boat to the AEROMARINE Boat Shop, located at 5701 Birmingham Airport Highway, for repairs. He was accompanied by a girl friend, BARBARA MAE LEE, of Route One, Box 13, Helena, Alabama. They arrived at the Aeromarine Shop around 4:30 p.m. BARBARA remained in his 1967 Marina blue Chevrolet truck, which he parked outside the Aeromarine main building while he went inside to make arrangements to have his motor and boat repaired. He said he went in the front door and recalls that there were several people in the store; however, he does not recall anyone in particular other than an older man who was purchasing a lightweight fishing rod, as he had to wait until the salesman waited on this customer before he could talk to him.

He recalled seeing three white males wearing white shirts and slacks in the store looking at pistols on the counter; however, he does not recall seeing anyone in a dark business suit in the store while he was there. He did not see any rifles on display, nor did he observe anyone looking at any rifles with a scope sight while he was in the store. In fact, he was unaware that AEROMARINE sold rifles as he did not see any on display. He said he did not pay any particular attention to any of the people in the store and most of them were average looking to the best of his recollection, and none of them resembled the FBI artist's sketch of the unknown subject in this case.

Concerning the men looking at the pistols, he stated that one of them was a white male, approximately twenty-eight years of age, 6'2" tall, 175 to 180 pounds, very dark hair which was rather thick and combed to the side. He stated the man definitely did not have a crew-cut,

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that he had a medium build and was wearing a white shirt, tie and dark trousers. He was clean-shaven and be believes he may have been wearing green-colored prescription type sunglasses. He said he was very neat and clean-cut in appearance.

He stated one of the other men looking at pistols was a white male, age approximately 25, 5'll" to 6' tall, 160 pounds, slender to medium build, brown bushy hair combed to the side, receding a little on the sides. He said this man was wearing a white shirt, tie, and possibly dark green trousers.

He stated it is possible that the second man described above was a salesman, although he is not certain which of the three men he observed looking at the pistols was a salesman.

The third man he observed looking at pistols appeared to be about thirty years of age, 5'll" tall, 160 pounds, tanned complexion, color of hair unknown; wearing a white shirt, no tie, and color of trousers not recalled. He stated none of these three individuals resembled the FBI artist's sketch, although the first man described by him above had a similarly shaped head but, as pointed out above by him, his hair was thick, long and combed to the side rather than a crew-cut.

After the older man purchased the lightweight spinning rod, he asked the salesman if they serviced Johnson motors and he said they did, at which point he went into the service department on the right side of the main building. He remained there for approximately twenty to thirty minutes talking with the mechanic about his motor and boat, while his girl friend, BARBARA, remained outside in the truck. He stated he did not observe a white Ford Mustang, or any other particular automobile, while he was around the AEROMARINE building. He stated he was probably at AEROMARINE from 30 to 40 minutes sometime between 4:30 and 5:10 p.m. He advised he had paid for the repairs to his Johnson motor and boat by check in the amount of \$87.40.

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BARBARA MAE LEE, Route 1, Box 13, Helena, Alabama, advised she is the girl friend of RICHARD BOWEN SMITH, and recalls that on March 29, 1968, she accompanied RICHARD in his 1967 Chevrolet truck to the AEROMARINE SUPPLY COMPANY, located in Birmingham, to have some work done on his boat and motor. She stated they arrived at AEROMARINE SUPPLY COMPANY sometime around 4:30 p.m. and she remained in the truck while RICHARD went inside to make arrangements to have his boat and motor repaired. She stated the truck was parked facing the Birmingham Airport and not the Aeromarine building; therefore, she does not recall seeing anyone either entering or leaving the Aeromarine building at any time while she was sitting in the truck from approximately 4:30 to 5:10 p.m. on March 29, 1968. does not recall seeing a white Mustang parked in the vicinity of the AEROMARINE building, and the only vehicle she specifically recalls seeing at that time was a Yellow Cab, which was parked across the street from the AEROMARINE building. She did not see anyone get into or out of the Yellow Cab while she was sitting in front of the AEROMARINE building; however, she recalls that the cab left sometime before she and RICHARD left the area.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA HORACE H. WILLIS on April 9 and 10, 1968:

Persons at all open gasoline stations, motels, and eating establishments along Highway 157 from Rural Route, Tuscumbia, Alabama, to Cullman, Alabama, were contacted and shown an artist's conception of an individual purported to be about 36 years of age. In this connection, these persons were questioned concerning a white Mustang with red and white license tag. Each of the following individuals related, in substance, that they were unable to furnish any worthwhile information:

RACHEL BRUMLEY, Brumley's Market, Leighton, Alabama

GWIN ALLEN, Allen's Super Market, Route 3, Town Creek, Alabama

MARION SMITH, Shell Oil Station, Route 3, Town Creek, Alabama

J. C. HOOPER, Shell Oil Station, Highways 157 and 101 Route 3, Town Creek, Alabama

Mrs. MARGARET CONNER, Conner Grocery Route One, Town Creek, Alabama

J. R. DYER Enco Station Operator Route 4, Moulton, Alabama

HOLLIS TERRY Standard Oil Station Route 4, Moulton, Alabama

Mr. M. A. MOTE Mote's Grocery Route 4, Moulton, Alabama

JOY LEE TERRY Mote's Grocery Route 4, Moulton, Alabama

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Mr. WILLIAM G. SMITH Smith's Super Market Houlton, Alabama

FRANK BORDEN Jones Grocery Moulton, Alabama

DOC FLANNIGAN McKelvey Chrysler-Dodge Moulton, Alabama

GOLDEN HARRIS Harris Sinclair Station Moulton, Alabama

LELAND JONES Jones Standard Station Moulton. Alabama

IRVIN RAINES Gulf Station Moulton, Alabama

ERNEST GIST Enco Station and Gist Motel Moulton, Alabama

ELTON BLANKENSHIP Grocery and Service Station Moulton, Alabama

WILBURN JARRETT Jarrett Grocery Moulton, Alabama

R. I. PRESTON, Gulf Station, Route 4, Moulton, Alabama

Mrs. TRUDY STRICKLAND
M & M Grocery
Route 3, Moulton, Alabama

Mr. WILLIAM M. JOHNSON Johnson Grocery Route 3, Moulton, Alabama

Miss LOIS LOWERY Kelso Cafe and Service Station Route 2, Danville, Alabama

WAYMON ARCHER Grocery and Service Station Route 2, Danville, Alabama

CURTIS BROWN Brown's Service Station Route 2, Danville, Alabama

ROY WHITE's Grocery and Service Station Vinemont, Alabama

KENNETH WATERS GROCERY Route 5, Cullman, Alabama

FRED LEE Gulf Station, Cullman, Alabama

The following were contacted on Highway 278 between Cullman and Double Springs, Alabama, on April 9 & 10, 1968:

DONALD McKAY, Standard Oil Station, Cullman, Alabama

MAE SMITH Smith Grocery Route 4, Cullman, Alabama

Mrs. NOLA BRYANT Baldwin Restaurant Route 4, Cullman, Alabama

Mr. THOMAS H. SCOTT Route 4, Cullman, Ala.

Mrs. JIMMY HALE Hale's Service Station Route 4, Cullman, Alabama

Mrs. FLOYD PHILLIPS and DILLY PHILLIPS Phillips Grocery Rural Route, Cullman, Alabama

R. H. PARKER Parker Grocery Route 4, Cullman, Alabama

BUSTER CARDEN Bethel Grocery Store Route 10, Cullman, Alabama

RAYMOND WATERS Enco Station Route 10, Cullman, Alabama

FRANK LUKER Route 10, Cullman, Alabama

J. A. WALLACE GROCERY Route 10, Cullman, Alabama

BENNY GREEN 278 Gulf Service Station Route 10, Cullman, Alabama

BERTHA SEYMOUR, MELVIN SEYMOUR and BILLY BAKER SEYMOUR GROCERY Rural Route, Addison, Alabama

CARL CARPENTER Shell Oil Station Addison, Alabama

OTIS COOK Corner Grocery Addison, Alabama

Mrs. ROY HARRIS Harris Grocery Star Route, Houston, Alabama

J. O. HUNTER Hunter Grocery Star Route, Houston, Alabama

HOLLIS WOLF Wolf's Garage Double Springs, Alabama

BILL PULLIUM Standard Station and Cafe Rural Route Double Springs, Alabama

The following persons were contacted on April 10, 1968, between Double Springs and Mississippi State Line on Highways 278 and 78:

ETHEL LYLE and GRADY LYLE Proprietors, Natural Bridge Motel Natural Bridge, Alabama

BUFORD MOBLEY Shell Oil Station Natural Bridge, Alabama

CHARLES TAYLOR
Service Station Operator
Freestone Restaurant and Service Station
Double Springs, Alabama

ANALEE TAYLOR Freestone Restaurant Double Springs, Alabama

BUFORD ROBERTS
Roberts Gulf Station
Route One, Brilliant, Alabama

Mr. and Mrs. WARD and EULA LOGAN Layne Gulf Station and Cafe Route 2, Haleyville, Alabama

WALTER BURLESON Burleson Grocery Route 2, Haleyville, Alabama

Mr. ODELL PRICHARD Armstrong Grocery Route 3, Hamilton, Alabama

B. T. BURLESON Standard Oil Station Route 3, Hamilton, Alabama Mrs. BEN HARRIS Route 3, Hamilton, Alabama

Mrs. J. D. SOUTHERN Route 3, Hamilton, Alabama

JAMES BARKER
Route 3, Hamilton, Alabama

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. RUDICELL Rudicell Grocery Hamilton, Alabama

Mr. MURTON WINDSOR Line Station Hamilton, Alabama

ELMO LANDERS AMCO Station Hamilton, Alabama

BUFORD JENNINGS, owner, Hamilton Courts and Holiday Courts Hamilton, Alabama

W. W. HADLEY Grocery Hamilton, Alabama

P. C. RYE Grocery & Gulf Station Hamilton, Alabama

Mrs. JEAN TRAWICK New Holiday Motel Hamilton, Alabama

J. E. BERRYHILL American Oil Station Hamilton, Alabama

RUFUS TAYLOR Peoples Service Station Hamilton, Alabama

LANDON VANN Standard Oil Station Hamilton, Alabama

CONDIE McFADDEN
O. K. Rubber Company
Hamilton, Alabama

ONEAL JOHNSON Spur Station Hamilton, Alabama

MICHAEL GOGGINS Goggins Grocery Hamilton, Alabama

The following persons were contacted on April 10, 1968, on Highway 243 from Hamilton, Alabama, to the Littleville Community, Rural Route, Russellville, Alabama:

GRADY TICE Tice Grocery Hamilton, Alabama

J. C. EVANS Gulf Station and Grocery Hamilton, Alabama

P. A. PALMER Rural Route, Hamilton, Ala.

GORMAN ARGEL Spur Station Hackleburg, Alabama

RONNIE ANGELYN Spur Station Hamilton, Alabama

HOMER RICH Standard Oil Station Route 3, Phil Campbell, Alabama

C. L. SWINNEY Service Station Operator Rural Route, Phil Campbell, Alabama

Mrs. NATHANIEL JACKSON Grocery Store Spruce Pine, Alabama

OTHO WEST Shell Truck Stop Rural Route, Spruce Pine, Alabama

WILLIAM POUNDERS Holden's Gulf Station Route One, Spruce Pine, Alabama

C. D. HENSON Grocery Route One, Spruce Pine, Alabama

ROY DUBOIS Imperial Service Station Route One, Spruce Pine, Alabama

JANICE ALLEN
Fisher Grocery
Spruce Pine, Alabama

JOE BRADLEY Grocery Spruce Pine, Alabama

BILL JOHNSON General Store Route One, Spruce Pine, Alabama

FRANK GUTHRIE .
Spur Station
Spruce Pine, Alabama

FRANK KEETON Grocery Russellville, Alabama

Mrs. LANIS POUNDERS Grocery Store Russellville, Alabama

A. G. BRITTON Colonial Inn & Restaurant Russellville, Alabama

RAYMOND SMITH Phillips 66 Station Russellville, Alabama

HERSHEL HILL Town Hill Truck Stop Russellville, Alabama

RALPH SHUMAKER Shumaker Motel Russellville, Alabama E. B. FLEMMING Texaco Station Russellville, Alabama

HERSHEL KING Texaco Station Russellville, Alabama

HOMER OLIVER SHERRILL Route 7, Russellville, Alabama

PAUL BINGHAM GROCERY
Route 7, Russellville, Alabama

STEPHEN WALLACE Route 7, Russellville, Alabama

CHARLOTTE ISOM Dixie Belle Motel Rural Route, Russellville, Alabama

OLUS COOK Grocery Route 7, Russellville, Alabama

SAM THOMAS Jean's Cafe Littleville, Alabama

M. W. BELEW Grocery Littleville, Alabama

Mr. PRATT KENT Kent Grocery Littleville, Alabama

It is noted that at each of the above-mentioned motels the names JOHN WILLARD and HARVEY LOWMEYER were checked with negative results.

On April 11, 1968, divorce records for the following counties in Alabama were examined by SA HORACE H. WILLIS and no information pertaining to ERIC STARVO GALTwas located:

Lawrence County, Moulton, Alabama; Winston County, Double Springs, Alabama; Marion County, Hamilton, Alabama. FBI BIRM GHAM

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11:36 A.M. 4-19-68 URGENT SCD

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861; BIRMINGHAM; MEMPHIS 44-1987; AND NEW YORK 44-1609;

FROM OMAHA 44-310

MURKIN

RE NEW YORK TEL TO BUREAU APRIL EIGHTEEN LAST.

EARL LANDSBERG, MANAGER OF SUBSCRIPTION LISTS, COWLES
PUBLICATIONS, ONE ONE ONE TENTH STREET, DES MOINES, IOWA,
ADVISED THIS DATE SUBSCRIPTION LIST FOR U.S. CAMERA MAGAZINE
NOT LISTED ALPHABETICALLY AND CHECK OF SUBSCRIBERS UNDER.
NAMES ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMYER AND JOHN WILLARD
COULD TAKE SEVERAL DAYS. OMAHA WILL SUTEL BUREAU AND
APPROPRIATE OFFICES WHEN RESULTS OBTAINED.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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TO LOS ANGELES

FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)

MURKIN, CR. OO: MEMPHIS.

RE LOS ANGELES TEL TO THE DIRECTOR INSTANT DATE.

FOR INFORMATION OF LOS ANGELES, JAMES E. HOLMAN IS A FORMER PROSPEROUS AUTOMOBILE DEALER FROM HUNTSVILLE, ALA., WHO LOST MOST OF HIS PROPERTY AND OTHER ASSETS THROUGH GAMBLING AND ALCOHOL AND RECENTLY LEFT HUNTSVILLE. AL MC CARTT IS COLLECTION MANAGER FOR THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK, HUNTSVILLE, AND ERNEST Q. "DUTCH" HOLLAND IS A FORMER DETECTIVE OF THE HUNTSVILLE PD WHO WAS RECENTLY RELIEVED OF DUTY BECAUSE OF LYING BEFORE THE COUNTY GRAND JURY. CARL CAMPHELL, HUNTSVILLE, IS AN ATTORNEY AND ALSO A FRIEND AND ASSOCIATE OF "DUTCH" HOLLAND. CAMPBELL PRESENTLY RESIDES AT THE QUEEN'S MOTOR LODGE, ONE ZERO ZERO ONE THREE MEMORIAL PARKWAY, S.W., HUNTSVILLE. THE EMBER CLUB IS LOCATED AT AND IS PART OF THE QUEEN'S MOTOR LODGE.

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EARL CAMPBELL, ROOM ONE TWO ONE, QUEEN'S MOTOR LODGE, ADVISED TODAY THAT HE DID NOT RECEIVE A TELEPHONE CALL FROM "DUTCH" HOLLAND ON APRIL EIGHTEEN LAST AND DID NOT KNOW THAT HOLMAN WAS IN CALIF. HE STATED, HOWEVER, THAT ON THE EVENING OF APRIL EIGHTEEN LAST TRAVIS STANFIELD, MANAGER OF THE EMBER CLUB, TOLD HIM THAT BETWEEN EIGHT THIRTY AND NINE THIRTY P.M. A LONG DISTANCE CALL FROM A MR. GALT IN CALIF. HAD COME TO THE CLUB FOR CAMPBELL. THE CALL WAS NOT COMPLETED. CAMPBELL DID NOT KNOW A MR. GALT FROM CALIFORNIA AND THOUGHT THAT IT WAS PROBABLY A MISTAKE. CAMBPELL STATED THAT THIS INCIDENT SOUNDS LIKE * "ONE OF **DUTCH' HOLLAND'S JOKES."

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2:54 AM URGENT 4-19-68 ARK
TO DIRECTOR, BIRMINGHAM, MEMPHIS, LOS ANGELES AND NEW ORLEANS

MURKIN.

FROM ATLANTA (44-2386) 7 PGS

SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED ATLANTA APRIL EIGHTEEN NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT.

RE: CONTACT WITH SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC.)

DORA MC DONALD, SECRETARY TO KING, CONTACTED TO DETERMINE WHETERH SUBJECT GALT KNOWN OR PREVIOUSLY OBSERVED BY SCLC STAFF MEMBERS. PERTINENT STAFF MEMBERS ARE PRESENTLY IN A RETREAT AND UNAVAILABLE. GALT UNKNOWN TO MC DONALD. EFFORTS CONTINUING TO INTERVIEW PERTINENT STAFF UPON THEIR RETURN TO CITY.

RE: LOCAL POLICE ACTION.

ATLANTA PD DETAINED ONE RICHARD GORDON PRESSLEY AT LOCAL

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BLOOD BANK BECAUSE OF SIMILARITY IN APPEARENCE TO GALT. DETENTION
RECEIVED CONSIDERABLE LOCAL PUBLICITY AND INVESTIGATION
REFLECTS PRESSLEY NOT IDENTICAL TO GALT BUT IS A CARNIVAL WORKER
AND ALCOHOLIC.

RE DRIVER'S LICENSE CHECK

RECORDS OF STATE DRIVER'S LICENSE CHECKS FOR LICENSEES IN NAME OF GALT AND VARIATIONS THEREOF. INVESTIGATION CONTINUING ON EIGHT SUCH PERSONS SO LICENSED.

RE: STATE PATROL TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS.

RECORDS OF THE GEORGIA STATE MVB REFLECT ONLY ONE RECENT

ARREST OF INDIVIDUAL WITH NAME GALT WHICH PERSON DETERMINED

TO BE FEMALE, BORN

IN TENN. INVESTIGATION CONTINUING TO DETERMINE WHETHER ANY

IMMEDIATE MEMBER OF HER FAMILY COULD BE SUBJECT.

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AT 44-2386

RE: SAFETY-DEPOSIT BOXES

INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED IN THE FOURTEENTH ST. AREA OF ALL BANKS FOR THE IDENTITY OF PERSONS RENTING SAFETY-DEPOSIT BOXES DURING PERTINENT PERIOD. INVESTIGATION COMPLETED AND NO PERTINENT INFORMATION DEVELOPED.

RE: CITY MAP OF ATLANTA WITH INKED NOTATIONS.

EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION CONTINUING UTILIZING PHOTOS OF

GALT IN AREA ENCOMPASSING HIGHLAND VIEW DR. AND PONCE DE LEON

TERRACE VICINITY. THUS FAR. NO PERTINENT INFORMATION DEVELOPED.

RE: TELEVISION OBTAINED FROM ONE ONE THREE FOURTEENTH ST. ROOMING HOUSE.

BUREAU LEAD.

BUREAU REQUESTED TO FORWARD PHOTOS OF ZENITH TELEVISION SET FURNISHED BY ATLANTA OFFICE TO THE FBI LABORATORY FOR EXAMINATION TO THE LOS ANGELES OFFICE WITH APPROPRIATE LEAD FOR IT TO BE SHOWN TO WITNESS, BELIEVED TO BE RITA STEIN, FOR IDENTIFICATION OF INSTANT TELEVISION.

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RE: NATIONAL NEWS RELEASE

AS RESULT OF NATIONAL NEWS RELEASE AND ATTENDANT PUBLICITY
THERE TO. NUMEROUS PRESS INQUIRIES CONTINUE AND HAS STIMULATED
VOLUMINOUS NUMBER OF SUGGESTIONS AND EFFORTS TO BE OF ASSISTANCE
ON THE PART OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC. ALL PERTINENT LEADS BEING
HANDLED PROMPTLY IN CONNECTION WITH THIS INFORMATION.

RE: CHECK OF AIR FLIGHTS TO FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

INVESTIGATION REFLECTS LIMITED AIR CONNECTION FROM ATLANTA
TO FOREIGN COUNTRIES WITH DELTA HAVING CONNECTIONS WITH PAN
AMERICAN TO LONDON AND FRANCE AND EASTERN AIRLINES HAVING
FLIGHTS TO MEXICO. OTHER EASTERN FOREIGN FLIGHTS ARE TO CANADA.
APPROPRIATE LEADS SET FORTH FOR CHECKING MANIFEST FOR PERTINENT
FLIGHTS AND DISPLAY OF PHOTO OF GALT TO CREW MAMBERS.

RE TELEPHONE CALLS.

ATTEMPT BEING MADE TO IDENTIFY LONG DISTANCE CALLS PLACED BY TENANTS OF ROOMING HOUSE WHERE GALT RESIDED THRU TENANTS.

RE: SIGNIFICANT IDENTIFICATION.

NIGHT OF APRIL EIGHTEEN SIXTYEIGHT SOURCE TELEPHONICALLY A DVISED AFTER VIEWING TV NEWS BROADCASTS AND NEWS ARTICLES WITHOUT ANY HESITANCY THAT PERSON BEING SOUGHT IN KING MURDER WAS FORMERLY EMPLOYED AS TELEPHONE ADVERTISING SOLICITOR IN A PRIL OR MAY NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN, ATLANTA USING NAME OF JOHN WILLARD. SOURCE ADVISED TWENTY DOLLARS WAS FORWARDED TO JOHN WILLARD AT HIS ADDRESS IN UNKNOWN CITY LOCATED IN LOUISIANA. END PAGE FOUR

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THREE CITIES ARE PROMINENT IN SOURCES MIND AS TO WHERE FUNDS

WERE SENT WHICH ARE LAKE CHARLES, SHREVEPORT OR MONROE, LOUISIANA.

WILLARD DURING SAME PERIOD WAS MOON LIGHTING AS PARTTIME BARTENDER.

SOURCE ADVISED WILLARD QUIT SALES JOB AFTER TWO WEEKS AND SUB
MITTED APPLICATIONS TO SEVERAL BARS AND RESTAURANTS ATLANTA FOR

EMPLOYMENT. SOURCE ADVISED WILLARD WAS RECOMMENDED FOR SUCCESSFUL

PAST SALES PERFORMANCE IN SIMILIAR CAPACITY IN LOUISIANA. SOURCE

CAN NOT RECALL WHO RECOMMENDED WILLARD BUT WILL ENDEAVOR TO

LEARN IDENTITY AND ADVISE.

WILLARD DESCRIBED BY SOURCE AS POSSIBLY OF RURAL BACKGROUND WITH ACCENT OR DIALECT HE DESCRIBES AS POSSIBLY "CAJON". HIS A VOCATION IN LIFE APPEARED TO BE A BARTENDER. A FELLOW EMPLOYEE OF WILLARD IDENTIFIED AS FRAN MURRAY AND BELIEVED RESIDENT PARK HOTEL, ATLANTA, WAS LESBIAN AGE FIFTY DASH SIXTY. ONE THING MURRAY HAD IN COMMON WITH WILLARD WAS THEIR MUTUAL INTEREST IN DANCING. THEY WERE OBSERVED SHOWING EACH OTHER NEW DANCE STEPS.

WILLARD WAS DESCRIBED AS NEAT, PROMPT, NEVER OBSERVED WHEN HE HAD BEEN DRINKING, ALWAYS WORE COAT, WHITE SHIRT AND BOW TIES. WARDROBE WHILE NOT EXTENSIVE DESCRIBED AS CONSERVATIVE, GOOD QUALITY CLOTHES, EXPENSIVE SHOES AND IN GOOD TASTE. USUALLY CARRIED OR WORE LIGHT TAN TRENCH COAT OR RAIN COAT. NEVER KNOWN TO OWN CAR. BOW TIES WORN DURING PERIOD WERE EITHER RED OR BLACK.

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WHILE EMPLOYED UNDER NAME OF JOHN WILLARD USED NAME OF "BILL" WILLARD AS TOO MANY OTHERS HAD GIVEN NAME OF JOHN IN OFFICE. WILLARD HAD EXCELLANT TELEPHONE SALES PITCH REFLECTING PREVIOUS LENGTHY EMPLOYMENT IN THIS FIELD.

ON ONE OCCASION WILLARD ARRIVED AT WORK UNSHAVE. WHILE SHAVING WITH ELECTRIC RAZOR COMMENTED OUT LOUD "MAN I'M STARVO". FELLOW EMPLOYEE OVER HEARD AND SAID YOU MEAN YOUR STARVING DON'T YOU. WILLARD SAID I MEAN STARVO IN MORE WAYS THAN ONE AS THAT'S ONE OF MY NAMES.

WILLARD REPORTEDLY STAYED JEFFERSON HOTEL, ATLANTA. CHECK

OF RECORDS DURING PERIOD REFLECTS ONLY ONE PERSON REGISTERED FROM

LOUISIANA UNDER NAME GLEN WARD, FOUR NINE ONE SIX JEFFERSON

A VE., NEW ORLEANS, FOR APRIL SIXTEEN AND SEVENTEEN SIXTYSEVEN.

WILLARD DESCRIBED AS MANNERLY, A GENTLEMAN AND SOMEWHAT

VAIN IN APPEARANCE OF HAIR. HAIR DESCRIBED AS MEDIUM BROWN

WAVY AND LAYS CLOSE TO SCALP GIVING IMPRESSION OF SHORT OR CREW

CUT HAIR. WILLARD CONSTANTLY CRAVING FOR MONEY. NEVER MENTIONED

FAMILY, PREVIOUS MILITARY SERVICE OR OTHER PERSONAL HISTORY.

SOURCE ENDEAVORING TO DETERMINE WILLARD'S RESIDENCE IN LOUISIANA PRIOR TO COMING ATLANTA FROM RECORDS. THIS INFO WILL BE AVAILABLE APRIL TWENTY NEXT.

CARE MUST BE UTILIZED IN PROTECTING IDENTITY OF SOURCE WHO IS COOPERATING SOMEWHAT RELUCTANTLY BECAUSE OF POLITICAL CONNECTION'S AND RAMIFICATIONS IN ALABAMA.

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ONE THREE BY FIVE CARD BEARING HANDWRITING OF WILLARD OB-TAINED REFLECTING SALE OF ADVERTISING. SHOULD HAVE SEVENTY ONE O THER CARDS WITH SPECIMENS OF HANDWRITING WHICH SOURCE IS EN-DEAVORING TO LOCATE. CARD OBTAINED BEING FORWARDED EXPEDITIOUSLY TO BUREAU LAB.

INVESTIGATION ATLANTA DILIGENTLY BEING PURSUED.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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CORR PAGE ONE THIRD PARA LINE TWO FIRST WD SHD 8D "WHETHER" CORR PAGE FOUR LINE THIRTEEN LAST WD SHD 8D "MEMBERS"

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
APRIL 19, 1968

ATTORNEY GENERAL RAMSEY CLARK ANNOUNCED TO DAY THAT THE.

FBI HAS IDENTIFIED JAMES EARL RAY, AN ESCAPEE FROM THE MISSOURI

STATE PENITENTIARY, AS ERIC STARVO GALT, AGAINST WHOM A FEDERAL

COMPLAINT WAS FILED LAST WEDNESDAY IN CONNECTION WITH THE FATAL

SHOOTING OF THE REVEREND DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

DIRECTOR J. EDGAR HOOVER SAID THAT A SYSTEMATIC AND EXHAUSTIVE SEARCH OF LATENT FINGERPRINTS UNCOVERED IN THE DR. KING CASE AGAINST THE FINGERPRINTS OF THE OVER 53,000 PERSONS FROM WHOM "WANTED NOTICES" HAVE BEEN POSTED IN THE FILES OF THE FBI"S IDENTIFICATION DIVISION LED TO THE DETERMINATION THAT GALT AND RAY ARE IDENTICAL.

MR. HOOVER SAID THAT RAY, WHO IS 40 YEARS OF AGE, WAS REPORTED MISSING FROM THE MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI, SINCE APRIL 23, 1967. HE HAD BEEN RECEIVED AT THAT INSTITUTION ON MARCH 17, 1960, TO SERVE A 20-YEAR SENTENCE FOLLOWING CONVICTION IN ST. LOUIS FOR ARMED ROBBERY AND FOR OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE WITHOUT PERMISSION OF THE OWNER.

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IN SEPTEMBER, 1966, WHILE SERVING THIS SENTENCE, HE WAS CONFINED FOR A TIME IN THE MAXIMUM SECURITY WARD AT THE STATE HOSPITAL AT FULTON, MISSOURI.

ACCORDING TO MR. HOOVER, RAY HAS A KNOWN ARREST RECORD DATING BACK TO 1949. PRIOR TO THE 1960 CONVICTION FOR WHICH HE RECEIVED THE 20-YEAR TERM, RAY HAD BEEN CONVICTED OF BURGLARY IN LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, IN 1949; ARMED ROBBERY IN CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, IN 1952; AND FORGING UNITED STATES POSTAL MONEY ORDERS IN MISSOURI IN 1955.

HE HAS SERVED TERMS IN THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY JAIL IN
1949; IN STATE PRISONS AT JOLIET AND PONTIAC, ILLINOIS, IN 1952-54;
AND IN THE FEDERAL PENITENTIARY AT LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS, IN 1955-58.

RAY WAS AN ENLISTED MAN IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY FROM FEBRUARY, 1946, TO DECEMBER, 1948, AT WHICH TIME HE WAS GIVEN A GENERAL DISCHARGE DUE TO INEPTNESS AND LACK OF ADAPTABILITY FOR MILITARY SERVICE. WHILE IN THE ARMY, HE RECEIVED A THREE-MONTH SENTENCE AT HARD LABOR FOR BEING DRUNK AND BREAKING ARREST.

MR, HOOVER SAID THAT DURING HIS CRIMINAL CAREER, RAY
HAS ALSO USED THE NAMES OF JAMES MCBRIDE, JAMES WALTON, W. C.
HERRON AND JAMES O'CONNER. HE IS A WHITE MALE; CLAIMS TO HAVE

BEEN BORN IN ILLINOIS; IS APPROXIMATELY 5 FEET

10 INCHES TALL AND WEIGHS ABOUT 163 TO 174 POUNDS. HE HAS BLUE *

EYES AND BROWN HAIR. THERE IS A SMALL SCAR ON THE CENTER OF

HIS FOREHEAD AND A SCAR ON THE PALM OF HIS RIGHT HAND.

RAY HAS CLAIMED THAT HE ATTENDED SCHOOL THROUGH THE 10TH GRADE IN ALTON, ILLINOIS. HE HAS HAD THE REPUTATION OF BEING A "DRIFTER" SINCE LEAVING SCHOOL. HIS VOCATIONAL EXPER-1 ENCE INCLUDES WORKING AS A BAKER, LABORER AND COLOR MATCHER.

IN CONNECTION WITH HIS ESCAPE FROM THE MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY, AN FBI COMPLAINT WAS FILED IN JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI, ON JULY 20, 1967, CHARGING RAY WITH UNLAWFULLY FLEEING FROM THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO AVOID CONFINEMENT. HE HAS BEEN A FEDERAL FUGITIVE SINCE THEN.

RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND EXTREMELY DANGEROUS.

ANYONE HAVING INFORMATION CONCERNING HIM SHOULD IMMEDIATELY

CONTACT FBI HEADQUARTERS IN WASHINGTON, D. C., OR THE NEAREST

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