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CREDIT CARD OFFICES TO DETERMINE WHETHER GALT HAS STANDARD OIL
CREDIT CARD AND IF SO DETERMINE PURCHASES MADE BY HIM FROM
MARCH ONE LAST TO DATE.

CHARLOTTE REQUESTED TO HANDLE ABOVE LEAD AT HUMBLE OIL
CO. AND SUTEL PERTINENT OFFICES RESULTS.

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Date: 4/9/68

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Via TELETYPE

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TO: DIRECTOR, BIRMINGHAM, MEMPHIS AND CLEVELAND
FROM: CHARLOTTE (44-1365)

MURKIN

RE CLEVELAND TELETYPE APRIL NINE INSTANT.

TOM HICKS, CREDIT DEPARTMENT, HUMBLE OIL AND REFINING
COMPANY, CHARLOTTE, ADVISED SUSPECT GALT HAS NEVER BEEN
ISSUED A HUMBLE CREDIT CARD.

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4/9/68

SAC, CHARLOTTE (157-5800) (P)

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER
KING, JR.
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RE HERMAN EUGENE PATTERSON

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4/4/68;
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stays with the father at their house at the same location, he does see him constantly. Both WILLARD PATTERSON and his wife stated that HERMAN EUGENE PATTERSON had been in Knoxville and other unknown locations in Tennessee for several weeks up until about three weeks ago. At that time he contacted the family and his father sent him money to come home on. HERMAN EUGENE PATTERSON had worked for a few days doing grading work for Cherryville Nurseries, but got drunk over the weekend of 3/30/68. He received a fine in court on 4/2/68 but was not required to pay it on that particular date. They continued that on the morning of 4/4/68 HERMAN EUGENE PATTERSON had said he was going to Cherryville to collect his pay in order to pay off his fine. Sometime after noon, he came back to that neighborhood and said he had paid his fine. At that time he was drinking and continued to be very drunk and Mr. and Mrs. PATTERSON stated they had seen him at least three times between 3:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. on 4/4/68. Part of that time he had been in their house since Mrs. PATTERSON had gotten him to come in and lie down just to get him off the streets.

WILLARD PATTERSON stated that HERMAN EUGENE PATTERSON had called over from the house of their father at the time the news came over the radio or television about the killing of MARTIN LUTHER KING, and HERMAN EUGENE had commented in his drunken fashion that he was elated over this occurrence.

WILLARD PATTERSON stated he knows of a JAMES WEST in Shelby but there is no WEST who is related to his family or to the family of the wife of HERMAN EUGENE PATTERSON. In addition, he has no knowledge of any JIM WEST being an associate of HERMAN EUGENE PATTERSON or of ever being in or around the house of their father, LEM PATTERSON.

On 4/5/68, HERMAN EUGENE PATTERSON was located at the home of a neighbor near his father's house. At that time he appeared sober. He stated that he had been at various places in and around Knoxville, Tenn., up until about a month ago, when the family sent him money and he came home. For

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about two weeks he has been working for HOWELL STROUP doing grading work, but has not worked in the last few days. He was arrested over the past weekend in Shelby for being drunk and on 4/4/68 he went down to the Clerk of Court's Office to pay his fine. He found he did not have enough money and he hitched a ride with an unknown Negro truck driver to Cherryville to collect his pay. He said he went there once before 9:00 a.m. and again about noon. He collected his pay of something under \$20 and returned to Shelby and paid his fine, paying it sometime around noon.

He continued that after that he went out and got drunk and spent most of the afternoon and evening in and around his father's house. He recalled that he had been at one time on 4/4/68 at the service station operated by HOWARD LEWIS in Shelby, and that at one time on that date he had ridden in a cab driven by ADAM HUNT.

PATTERSON stated he had no knowledge of a JIM WEST but said he believed he had heard that name in the last day or two, and possibly it was the name of the Negro truck driver who had given him a ride to Cherryville. He denied any knowledge of a telephone call having been made to the FBI in Knoxville. He added that when he gets drunk he does not remember what happens. He did remember having talked to agent UNDERHILL on the telephone on the night of 4/4/68. PATTERSON was strongly warned against making any false calls to the FBI or police agencies.

The following description was obtained through observation and interview:

Race	White
Age	35
	Has weatherbeaten appearance and looks about 45
Born	7/3/32
	Shelby, N. C.
Height	5'6"
Weight	150 lbs.
Build	Medium to stocky

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Complexion	Tanned and weatherbeaten
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Black
Scars and Marks	Crude tattoos on both arms

He acknowledged that he was identical with the HERMAN EUGENE PATTERSON who had, in 9/67, together with another individual, stolen a taxi cab in Charlotte and driven it to Clover, S. C. In that case, Federal prosecution was declined and PATTERSON, on 9/7/67, was sentenced in local court in Charlotte to serve 90 days.

On 4/5/68, Cab Driver ADAM HUNT, Shelby, stated he had hauled HERMAN EUGENE PATTERSON as a passenger from somewhere in downtown Shelby to a service station operated by HOWARD LEWIS on the edge of Shelby, this being somewhere around noon. He stated he did not recall having seen him later on that date. PATTERSON had apparently started drinking at the time he hauled him.

No further investigation as to HERMAN EUGENE PATTERSON is being conducted by Charlotte.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHARLOTTE (44-1365)

DATE: 4/9/68

FROM : IC CRAIG W. SMITH, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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

On 4/9/68, telephone directories of every city
located in North Carolina were checked for the name of
LOWMEYER, LOWMYER, and all other variations, with negative
results.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHARLOTTE (44-1365)

DATE: 4/9/68

FROM : SA J. RALPH JONES

SUBJECT: **MURKIN**

Re WFO teletype 4/6/68 (copy not received Hickory, N. C.).

Above communication set out that a dentist in Washington had treated **RONNIE CHRISTENBURG** on that day and person with him resembled sketch in newspaper of Unsub in **MURKIN**.

The following investigation was conducted by
SA J. RALPH JONES:

On 4/6 and 7/68, numerous attempts were made to locate residence of 202 27th St., SW, Hickory, N. C., without success. On 4/8/68, Mrs. **JEAN CHRISTENBURG**, 202 27th St., SW, Hickory, N. C., advised she is the mother of **RONNIE** who left her home on Tuesday, 4/2/68, leaving no word for her and she has no idea as to his whereabouts. **RONNIE** has in past been associated with **JOHN POWELL** who lives in Burke Co., and that on 4/2/68 **POWELL** jumped from courthouse in Morganton where he was to be tried for driving drunk and hit and run. She was unable to describe **POWELL** but made available the boyfriend of her daughter, **BOB CRAWLEY**, who is from Burke Co., and has met **POWELL**.

BOB CRAWLEY, Glen Alpine, N. C., advised **POWELL** is about 22 years of age, 5' 8", 150 lbs., black hair. He resides on the street running down from Crestline Furniture Co., in Valdese, N. C.

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On 4/9/68, Deputy Sheriff **GERALD POTEAT**, SO, Morganton, N. C., advised **POWELL** did jump and run from the courthouse on 4/2/68 and his whereabouts is unknown. He described **POWELL** as a white male, approximately 6', 145 lbs., dark skin and hair, has one slightly cocked eye, about 20 years of age, and escaped in 1959 Ford, green and ivory, license tag unknown. He said

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POWELL's license plates had been seized by the SO and apparently someone had furnished a plate for the car.

POTEAT stated he had never known POWELL to engage in any violent crimes but was a trouble maker with the car and had served a short sentence for B & E.

POTEAT stated that he would attempt to locate a photograph of POWELL plus additional information and make same available as soon as possible.

(SA JONES will recontact SO, Morganton, N. C., in effort to obtain photograph and additional information in order to eliminate POWELL and RONNIE CHRISTENBURG as being connected with instant crime.)

*4/12/68 Avery C. Ervin, NC
Probation officer advised Powell
believed to have gone to Virginia
looking for work.*

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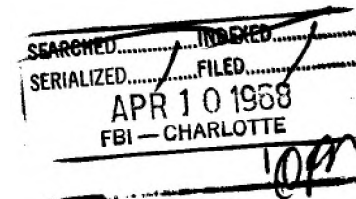
TO : SAC

DATE: 4-10-68

FROM : MORGAN, ACC

SUBJECT: MURKIN

The name ~~ERIC STARVO GALT~~ has been searched in the Charlotte indices with negative results. All variations of this surname has been searched with negative results. There are no cards with surname GALT in the Charlotte indices. The variation GAULT has also ~~with~~ been searched and while we do have some cards with that surname, the name ERIC GALT and STARVO GALT are negative. Variations of GALLT and GALT have also been searched with negative results, no surnames like these appear in our indices.



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TO : SAC, CHARLOTTE (44-1365)

FROM : SA CRAWFORD F. WILLIAMS

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/10/68

On April 10, 1968, Mrs. ~~HAROLD GLENN GIBSON~~, 634 Lansdowne Road, Charlotte, advised that she and her husband last heard from CHARLES GIBSON about one month ago when he placed a long distance collect telephone call to their residence. They refused to accept charges and the call was not completed. She believed he was in Dallas, Texas, at the time of the call, address unknown. She has no information as to his present whereabouts or how he can be located.

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URGENT 4/10/68 VSC

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND CHARLOTTE
FROM ATLANTA 44-2386

MURKIN. CR. OO: MEMPHIS

RE TELETYPE FROM DIRECTOR, APR. EIGHT, LAST.
CREDIT BUREAU, ALBANY, GEORGIA, HAS ONE NAME
PHONETICALLY CORRESPONDING WITH LOWMEYER. RECORDS
REFLECT ONE CAPT. ~~DONALD L. LOHMEYER~~, MARINE CORPS
SN ZERO EIGHT ZERO ONE SIX ZERO. IN NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN,
WAS RESIDING SIXTEEN VANDERGRIFT, JACKSONVILLE, NORTH
CAROLINA, PREVIOUSLY IN VIETNAM AND PREVIOUSLY RESIDING
ALBANY, GA. WIFE 'S NAME, HELEN. NO OTHER IDENTIFYING
DATA.

CHARLOTTE AT JACKSONVILLE, N. C. APPROPRIATELY
CHECK OUT CAPT. LOHMEYER. P
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DATE: 4/10/68

FROM : SA E.R. Johnson

SUBJECT: MURKIN

CE 2103-R (PROB) advised on Friday, 4/5/68 that RONALD LEE KLUTZ was at work all day Thursday and he observed him Thursday Night.

Informant also advised that he observed FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT BOGGS in his car at dusk the previous night. (Thur.)

Informant advised he himself worked all night Wednesday and slept most of the day Thursday returning to work about 7:00pm Thursday night.

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On 4/5/68, WILLARD PATTERSON and his wife MAE were interviewed at their residence located at the rear of 627 S. DeKalb St. Mr. PATTERSON is the brother of HERMAN EUGENE PATTERSON and is the operator of Patterson's Cleaners. He expressed himself as completely disgusted with HERMAN EUGENE PATTERSON, saying he is a notorious and constant drunk and has as little to do with him as possible. However, since he

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stays with the father at their house at the same location, he does see him constantly. Both WILLARD PATTERSON and his wife stated that HERMAN EUGENE PATTERSON had been in Knoxville and other unknown locations in Tennessee for several weeks up until about three weeks ago. At that time he contacted the family and his father sent him money to come home on. HERMAN EUGENE PATTERSON had worked for a few days doing grading work for Cherryville Nurseries, but got drunk over the weekend of 3/30/68. He received a fine in court on 4/2/68 but was not required to pay it on that particular date. They continued that on the morning of 4/4/68 HERMAN EUGENE PATTERSON had said he was going to Cherryville to collect his pay in order to pay off his fine. Sometime after noon, he came back to that neighborhood and said he had paid his fine. At that time he was drinking and continued to be very drunk and Mr. and Mrs. PATTERSON stated they had seen him at least three times between 3:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. on 4/4/68. Part of that time he had been in their house since Mrs. PATTERSON had gotten him to come in and lie down just to get him off the streets.

WILLARD PATTERSON stated that HERMAN EUGENE PATTERSON had called over from the house of their father at the time the news came over the radio or television about the killing of MARTIN LUTHER KING, and HERMAN EUGENE had commented in his drunken fashion that he was elated over this occurrence.

WILLARD PATTERSON stated he knows of a JAMES WEST in Shelby but there is no WEST who is related to his family or to the family of the wife of HERMAN EUGENE PATTERSON. In addition, he has no knowledge of any JIM WEST being an associate of HERMAN EUGENE PATTERSON or of ever being in or around the house of their father, LEM PATTERSON.

On 4/5/68, HERMAN EUGENE PATTERSON was located at the home of a neighbor near his father's house. At that time he appeared sober. He stated that he had been at various places in and around Knoxville, Tenn., up until about a month ago, when the family sent him money and he came home. For

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about two weeks he has been working for HOWELL STROUP doing grading work, but has not worked in the last few days. He was arrested over the past weekend in Shelby for being drunk and on 4/4/68 he went down to the Clerk of Court's Office to pay his fine. He found he did not have enough money and he hitched a ride with an unknown Negro truck driver to Cherryville to collect his pay. He said he went there once before 9:00 a.m. and again about noon. He collected his pay of something under \$20 and returned to Shelby and paid his fine, paying it sometime around noon.

He continued that after that he went out and got drunk and spent most of the afternoon and evening in and around his father's house. He recalled that he had been at one time on 4/4/68 at the service station operated by HOWARD LEWIS in Shelby, and that at one time on that date he had ridden in a cab driven by ADAM HUNT.

PATTERSON stated he had no knowledge of a JIM WEST but said he believed he had heard that name in the last day or two, and possibly it was the name of the Negro truck driver who had given him a ride to Cherryville. He denied any knowledge of a telephone call having been made to the FBI in Knoxville. He added that when he gets drunk he does not remember what happens. He did remember having talked to agent UNDERHILL on the telephone on the night of 4/4/68. PATTERSON was strongly warned against making any false calls to the FBI on police agencies.

The following description was obtained through observation and interview:

Race	White
Age	35
	Has weatherbeaten appearance and looks about 45
Born	[REDACTED]
	Shelby, N. C.
Height	5'6"
Weight	150 lbs.
Build	Medium to stocky

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Complexion	Tanned and weatherbeaten
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Black
Scars and Marks	Crude tattoos on both arms

He acknowledged that he was identical with the HERMAN EUGENE PATTERSON who had, in 9/67, together with another individual, stolen a taxi cab in Charlotte and driven it to Clover, S. C. In that case, Federal prosecution was declined and PATTERSON, on 9/7/67, was sentenced in local court in Charlotte to serve 90 days.

On 4/5/68, Cab Driver ADAM HUNT, Shelby, stated he had hauled HERMAN EUGENE PATTERSON as a passenger from somewhere in downtown Shelby to a service station operated by HOWARD LEWIS on the edge of Shelby, this being somewhere around noon. He stated he did not recall having seen him later on that date. PATTERSON had apparently started drinking at the time he hauled him.

No further investigation as to HERMAN EUGENE PATTERSON is being conducted by Charlotte.

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407PM URGENT 4-9-68 LMD

TO DIRECTOR, RICHMOND, MEMPHIS AND CHARLOTTE
FROM NEWARK (44-854)

MURKIN

RE RICHMOND TEL TO BUREAU APRIL NINE SIXTY EIGHT RE
SUSPECT LESTER FORSYTHE.

RICHMOND SHOULD REFER TO CASE CAPTIONED LESTER IRVING
FORSYTHE, JR., AKA-FUGITIVE, PV, OO RICHMOND, RICHMOND FILE
~~SEVENTY SIX DASH ONE FIVE NINE ZERO~~, BUFILE SEVENTY SIX DASH TWO
FOUR SEVEN FOUR TWO; FBI NUMBER EIGHT TWO EIGHT FOUR SEVEN FOUR
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P.O. BOX TWELVE, CALDWELL, N.J., IS MAILING ADDRESS FOR
UNITED KALANS OF AMERICA, INC. PAREN UKA, END PAREN, IN N.J.
LESTER FORSYTHE IS NOT KNOWN TO NEWARK AS BEING ANYONE
CONNECTED WITH UKA, AND INDICES NEGATIVE EXCEPT FOR ABOVE
REFERENCE.

RICHMOND, AT STAUNTON, VA., EXHIBIT PHOTO OF LESTER IRVING
FORSYTHE, JR. TO ROBERT JONES TO DETERMINE IF IDENTICAL TO PERSON
IN SAVANNAH.

NEWARK WILL ATTEMPT TO INTERVIEW JOHN BEHRINGER, GRAND
DRAGON OF UKA IN N.J., UNDER SUITABLE PRETEXT ON APRIL TEN
NEXT TO FURTHER IDENTIFY SUSPECT.

MAIL COPY TO BIRMINGHAM WITH COPY OF RE TEL

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI, MEMPHIS, ~~NEWARK~~, RICHMOND
 FROM: CHARLOTTE (44-1365) (P)

MURKIN

AND NEWARK
 RE RICHMOND, TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU TODAY.

SAMUEL TARTLTON, N. C. DEPARTMENT OF ARCHIVES AND
 HISTORY, RALEIGH, N. C., ADVISED TODAY HE WITH BOB JONES,
 STAUNTON, VA., WERE IN SAVANNAH, GA., APRIL FIVE AND SIX,
 SIXTY-EIGHT STAYING AT THE MANGER HOTEL. VISITED LOUNGE IN
 HOTEL TEN THIRTY P. M., APRIL FIVE, SIXTY-EIGHT, AND MET
 (FNU) FORSYTH WHO INDICATED HE WAS TRAVELING AND CAMPAIGNING
 FOR WALLACE FOR PRESIDENT AND INDICATED POSSIBILITY OF
 REMAINING IN SAVANNAH SEVERAL DAYS CONCERNING CAMPAIGN.
 FORSYTH INDICATED SOME CONNECTION WITH KKKK. DID NOT
 INDICATE RESIDENCE OR WHERE HE WAS STAYING IN SAVANNAH.
 APPEARED TO BE TRAVEL WORN AND WAS ALONE. SAID HE WAS FROM
 NEWARK, N. J. JONES, TARTLTON, AND FORSYTH LEFT THE LOUNGE
 TWELVE MIDNIGHT AND VISITED ~~BARBER~~ RESTAURANT BEHIND

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HOTEL WHERE THEY ATE AND LEFT FORSYTH IN THE RESTAURANT. SEVERAL POLICEMEN WERE OBSERVED IN AND AROUND THE RESTAURANT BUT FORSYTH DID NOT APPEAR TO KNOW THE POLICE OFFICERS OR OTHERS IN THE HOTEL OR RESTAURANT.

WHILE PASSING THROUGH A PARKING LOT BETWEEN THE HOTEL AND THE RESTAURANT, FORSYTH POINTED TO AN AUTOMOBILE INDICATING IT WAS HIS AND HOPED RIOTERS ~~WOULD~~ NOT DAMAGE IT NOTING HE HAD WALLACE STICKERS ON THE BUMPER.

VEHICLE BELIEVED TO BE LATE MODEL STATION WAGON, POSSIBLE CHEVROLET OR FORD, COLOR POSSIBLY GRAY OR BLUE.

FORSYTH IS DESCRIBED AS A WHITE MALE, TWENTY-FIVE TO THIRTY YEARS OF AGE, FIVE FEET SIX INCHES, ONE FIVE ZERO POUNDS, MEDIUM BUILD, LIGHT PALE COMPLEXION, BLOND HAIR RECEDING AND COMBED CLOSE TO HEAD OR CUT SHORT. NEAT DRESS BUT CLOTHING WELL WORN. NORTHERN ACCENT. FORSYTH INDICATED HIS MONEY WAS RUNNING LOW.

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TARLTON SUBSEQUENTLY OBSERVED ARTIST'S CONCEPTION
ON TELEVISION BUT DID NOT FEEL FORSYTH APPEARED SIMILAR TO
THIS CONCEPTION.

IF ROBERT JONES, STAUNTON, VA., IDENTIFIES PHOTOGRAPH
OF LESTER IRVING FORSYTHE, JR. - FUGITIVE AS IDENTICAL WITH
INDIVIDUAL SEEN IN SAVANNAH, RICHMOND ADVISE SAVANNAH TO LOCATE.

NEWARK ADVISED BY AIRMAIL.

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TO: MEMPHIS

FROM: CHARLOTTE (157-5400)

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~~ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. RM.~~RE MEMPHIS TEL *4/8*

MR. ALFRED HERBERT HARLEY, THREE TWO ONE SIX JAMES PLACE, GREENSBORO, N.C., ADVISED THIS DATE HE IS PRESIDENT AND OWNER SPEEDLINE MANUFACTURING COMPANY, A PIPE INSULATION MANUFACTURER OF GREENSBORO, N.C. HARLEY STATED HE HAS A PRIVATE PILOT'S LICENSE AND OWNS AND OPERATES HIS OWN COMPANY'S AIRCRAFT, NUMBER SEVEN FIVE ONE TWO Y, A TWIN *Comanche* ~~Cessna~~. HARLEY DEPARTED GREENSBORO, N.C., FOUR A.M., TUESDAY, APRIL TWO, SIXTYEIGHT, ON COMPANY BUSINESS IN HIS PLANE AND ARRIVED ST. LOUIS, SIX THIRTY A.M., APRIL TWO.

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HARLEY ADVISED HE STAYED AT HOLIDAY INN MOTEL NEAR AIRPORT
IN ST. LOUIS.

HARLEY DEPARTED ST. LOUIS TWO THIRTY P.M., APRIL THREE,
SIXTYEIGHT, AND ARRIVED MEMPHIS AIRPORT APPROXIMATELY FOUR
P.M., WEDNESDAY, APRIL THREE. HE STAYED AT ADMIRAL BENBOW
MOTEL NEAR AIRPORT AND SPENT WEDNESDAY EVENING WITH MR.
GRAHAM LOTT, AVIATION MATERIALS, INC., FOUR TWO SEVEN
EIGHT SWINNEA RD., MEMPHIS, TENN., CONCERNING THE SALE
OF AN AIRCRAFT. ON APRIL FOUR, HARLEY CALLED ON CUSTOMERS
ARMSTRONG CONTRACTING AND SUPPLY COMPANY AND INDUSTRIAL
INSULATION COMPANY IN MEMPHIS, TENN. HARLEY FINISHED
BUSINESS EARLY AFTERNOON OF APRIL FOUR AND HAD PLANNED
TO FLY BACK TO GREENSBORO, N.C. HOWEVER, UPON CHECKING
FLIGHT SERVICE STATION AND WEATHER BUREAU AT AIRPORT,
BAD WEATHER BETWEEN MEMPHIS AND GREENSBORO DELAYED HIS
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DEPARTURE UNTIL EARLY NEXT MORNING, APRIL FIVE. HARLEY ADVISED ALTHOUGH HE HAS PILOT'S LICENSE, HE IS NOT INSTRUMENT QUALIFIED. HE STATED HE TURNED IN RENTAL MUSTANG AT APPROXIMATELY EIGHT THIRTY A.M., APRIL FIVE, AND DEPARTED AIRPORT APPROXIMATELY NINE A.M., ARRIVING IN GREENSBORO APPROXIMATELY ONE P.M.

HARLEY DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, DOB SEVEN THREE, EIGHTEEN, ~~3-4-68~~ POB CAMARHARIE, STATE OF N.Y., FIVE FEET ELEVEN, ONE FIVE ZERO LBS., BLACK HAIR, HAZEL EYES, SCARS, MARKS AND PECULIARITIES CONSTANTLY BLINKS EYES WHILE CONVERSING, HAS HEAVY BLACK BEARD, POCK MARKS ON CHEEKS, FACE CONSIDERABLY RINKLED, AND SHOULDERS SOMEWHAT STOOPED. INSERT FOLLOWS.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1365)

DATE: 4/9/68

FROM : SA THOMAS H. GEORGE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

At 8:55 P.M., SA BURGIN called from Whiteville PD advising that FREDERICK LEON DUNSTAN had been arrested at 7:30 P.M. by Whiteville PD for possession of non-tax paid whiskey & public drunkenness. DUNSTAN was at that time placing a call to the Attorney General's Office, exact complaint unknown.

BURGIN advised he had just arrived at Whiteville, however, in talking to police officers, had determined DUNSTAN was extremely unreliable & had a reputation for drinking. He advised he would interview DUNSTAN.

In view of info, it was furnished at 8:58 P.M. to Night Supervisor WILLIAM BAILEY, Division 6, SOG.

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Night Supervisor
Huntley Helgas, Div. 6,
SOG Tel. advised
2:00 AM, 4/10/68, that
Dunstan interviewed. will
to be interviewed by SA BURGIN
5:00 AM late 4/10

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TO : SAC, CHARLOTTE (44-1365) (P)

FROM : SA ROBERT M. STEVENSON

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/9/68

On 4/9/68, Mrs. MAUDE GIBSON, residence address, Red Springs, N. C., was interviewed at the Scotland County Hospital, Laurinburg, N. C., as a patient. She was questioned concerning the current location of her son, CHARLES NELSON GIBSON. Mrs. MAUDE GIBSON furnished the following information concerning her son.

CHARLES NELSON GIBSON, was born [redacted] Robeson Co., N. C., ~~quit~~ high school and enlisted in the USAF in April 1947 or 1948. He served in the Air Force through the Korean War, after which he was discharged about 1952. Since about 1952 he has never settled down and has traveled from place to place all over the U. S. He is not married and to her knowledge has never been married. He maintains infrequent contact with her and will call her collect two or three times each year. She has never received any correspondence from him. Each year she receives, through the mail, letters from GIBSON's former employers enclosing the W-2 Forms for his income tax data which she keeps as she has no forwarding address.

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She described her son as an alcoholic and a person who has a mental problem. She said that he was confined in the VA Hospital in Tomah, Wisconsin, for about 9 months, approximately 4 years ago. He visited her home for a short time after being released from this VA Hospital after which he left her home and she has not seen him to date.

She stated the last contact she has had with her son was approximately six weeks ago when she received a collect long-distance telephone call from him, reportedly from Dallas,

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Texas, and she did not accept the collect call inasmuch as she was of the impression that her son was intoxicated and she could hear music in the background. She assumed that he was calling to request her to send him some money. She said that she understands that her son called collect another son of hers, HAROLD GLENN GIBSON, at Charlotte, N. C., at the same time, and her son in Charlotte also refused to accept the collect telephone call.

She advised that her son, CHARLES NELSON GIBSON, usually has work at various construction jobs and based on information she has received concerning his income tax data, he does not stay on one job very long and has been in practically every state in the U. S.

She stated that he has been arrested on many occasions in the past 15 years, usually for public drunk and assault. She recalled that he was arrested in Fayetteville about 4 years ago which she thinks he paid out and to her knowledge he has never served a prison sentence.

She stated that she knows of no associates or acquaintances of her son and the only other relatives she has are three sons in addition to CHARLES NELSON GIBSON. One son, HAROLD GLENN GIBSON resides at 634 Lansdown Rd., Charlotte, N. C., home phone 366-6780 and is employed as a salesman for the Beaunit Mills in Charlotte. Another son, EARL JONES GIBSON, age 40, retired from the USMC after serving 21 years and is presently residing Jacksonville, Fla., address unknown and his employment is with an unknown printing company. Her other son, THOMAS ALLEN GIBSON, a confirmed alcoholic, is confined at the state mental hospital, Columbia, S. C.

Mrs. GIBSON was most cooperative during this interview and she expressed much concern in helping to have her son located. She said that she knows very little regarding his habits or beliefs but did not consider him to be a dangerous

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individual. She said that he is an alcoholic and has been an alcoholic for the past 15 years. She said that she believes that his excessive drinking has effected his mind because when he was visiting her about 4 years ago, he seemed to be in a trance at times and some correspondence she received from a doctor at the VA Hospital at Tomah, Wisc., indicated to her that he had some type of mental problem. Mrs. GIBSON expressed her regret in that she was unable to furnish any additional information that would assist in locating her son.

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Robert S. Moore

MURKIN.
RM.

Re Agents Memo 137.

The following were contacted on the indicated dates and

know of no logical suspects in captioned matter:
AT ASHEVILLE, N.C.

4/8, 9/68 J.C. Hall (NA), Chief of Police, Asheville Police Department

4/8, 9/68 J.E. Jarvis (NA), Asst. Chief of Police, Asheville PD

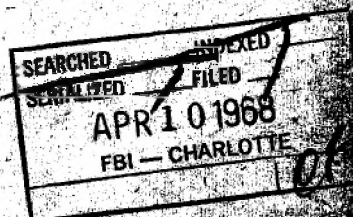
4/8/68 William E. Roland, PRI

4/8/68 George A. Gragg, PRI

4/9/68 Christopher C. Arrington, PSI

4/9/68 C. 1969C.

RSM.



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645PM PM URGENT 4-9-68 BJP
TO ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES
FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 2P

MURKIN

AMONG ARTICLES RECOVERED AT SCENE OF SHOOTING,
APPARENTLY ABANDONED BY UNSUB, WERE A PAIR OF BROWNISH
CHECKERED PRINT UNDERSHORTS AND WHITE JOCKEY TEE SHIRT
BEARING CLOTH LAUNDRY TAGS. THESE TAGS WERE MADE BY A
THERMO SEAL MARKING MACHINE MANUFACTURED BY THE TEXTILE
MARKING MACHINE COMPANY, SYRACUSE, NEW YORK. [THESE TAGS
ARE ONE QUARTER INCH WIDE AND ONE AND ONE SIXTEENTH
INCH LONG, RED IN COLOR AND BEAR MARKING WHICH APPEARS
TO BE "O TWO B DASH SIX" OR "D TWO B DASH SIX." ONLY A
PORTION OF THE FIRST CHARACTER IS PRESENT ON EACH TAG,
AND THIS CHARACTER IS CUT ON A SLIGHT BIAS. NO OTHER
VISIBLE LAUNDRY MARKS WERE FOUND ON EITHER GARMENT.

IMMEDIATE CHECKS OF LOGICAL LAUNDRIES SUGGESTED BY
TEXTILE MARKING COMPANY HAVE TO DATE BEEN UNPRODUCTIVE.

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UPON RECEIPT, ALL OFFICES SHOULD IMMEDIATELY TELEPHONICALLY
CONTACT ALL LAUNDRIES IN YOUR DIVISIONS TO IDENTIFY
LAUNDRY USING THIS CODE AND THESE TAGS AND PURSUE LOGICAL
LEADS DEVELOPED.

IF PERTINENT LAUNDRY IDENTIFIED, IMMEDIATELY ADVISE
BUREAU TELEPHONICALLY.

THIS MUST BE GIVEN TOP PRIORITY HANDLING TO INSURE
THAT THESE CHECKS ARE IMMEDIATELY RUN OUT.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD ANYONE BE TOLD THIS
INVESTIGATION IS IN CONNECTION WITH CAPTIONED MATTER.

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9 48AM URGENT 4-10-68 SAA
TO ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES
FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 1P

MURKIN OO: MEMPHIS.

RE: SUSPECT ~~ERIC STARVO GALT~~

IMMEDIATELY CHECK YOUR INDICIES, ALL STATE SELECTIVE
SERVICE HEADQUARTERS, CITY AND TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES,
DRIVERS LICENSE BUREAUS, MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISIONS, FINANCIAL
INSTITUTIONS, CONDUCT CREDIT AND CRIMINAL CHECK AND
CONTACT OTHER LOGICAL SOURCES TO OBTAIN ANY INFORMATION
WHATSOEVER RE SUSPECT GALT. DRIVERS LICENSE ISSUED IN
ALABAMA DESCRIBES GALT AS WHITE MALE, BORN [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES, ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-
FIVE POUNDS, BLUE EYES, BROWN HAIR.

THIS MUST BE GIVEN TOP PRIORITY AND ALL LEADS MUST BE
COVERED BY TELETYPE TO THOROUGHLY RESOLVE. NO INDICATION
TO BE GIVEN THAT THIS LEAD IS IN CONJUNCTION WITH MURKIN CASE.

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RMXX.RSB

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O'Connor - Durham
Brady - High Point
Harris - Salisbury
Jones - Hickory
McDaniel - Eliz City
IC Ward - Jacksonville
Adams - Kinston
Shields - New Bern
Schultz - Winston Salem
Wall - Rocky Mt
Brown - Asheville

Howe - Raleigh
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Memorandum

TO : SAC, CE (44-1365)

FROM : IC RALPH D. HILL

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/10/68

On 4/10/68, Mr. WILLIAM CLYDE MILLSAPS, 926 Howard Ave., off Auten Road, Gastonia, N. C., telephone 865-0792, appeared at the Charlotte Office of the FBI and advised that he would like to furnish the following information to the FBI on a strictly confidential basis:

He stated he has a nephew by the name of JOHN CLINTON MILLSAPS, white male, age 20, 6' 1"-6' 2", 220 lbs., BROWN HAIR, dresses well, who resides in Salt Lake City, Utah, telephone number 1-801-359-4897, which is an unlisted number. He stated the boy was discharged from the Army in the summer of 1967. He advised the boy inherited a considerable amount of money from his father and is now wealthy.

Mr. MILLSAPS stated that in January or February, 1968, the boy and his wife visited him for approximately three days. He stated that during this visit, the boy advised him that he was going to purchase a high-powered rifle to shoot Negroes with. He stated he advised the boy at that time not to get involved in any type of violence. He stated the boy did not indicate that he was a member of any type of organization during his conversation regarding the purchase of the rifle. Mr. MILLSAPS stated the boy is reportedly a "crack shot" with a rifle.

Mr. MILLSAPS stated he did not hear from his nephew again until approximately one week prior to the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING. He stated he received a telephone call from the boy from Richmond, Va. He advised the boy told him he was working for a sign company but did not mention the name of the company. He said that the boy advised him he was coming to visit him for about three days and then would go on to Atlanta, Ga. He stated that during the telephone conversation he asked the boy why he was working as a traveling salesman but the boy did not say. He stated he told the boy that he did not have to do that type of work due to the large inheritance he had received. Mr. MILLSAPS stated the boy did not come to his home as he said he would. Therefore, he called the boy's residence in Salt Lake City and talked with the boy's wife, who advised him that his



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*Mr. Millsaps
addressed letter
to nephew in
87 W. S. North
Salt Lake City.*

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nephew was not at home due to his employment with a machine company, name of company not mentioned. Mr. MILLSAPS thought it was strange that the boy advised him he was working for a sign company and the boy's wife advised he was employed by a machine company. He stated he requested the boy's wife have him call, but has not heard from the boy yet.

Mr. MILLSAPS stated that after MARTIN LUTHER KING was killed, a composite drawing of the subject responsible was published in the newspaper. He stated that viewing the picture, he feels his nephew strongly resembles the individual. Mr. MILLSAPS stated he is afraid that the killer of MARTIN LUTHER KING could possibly be his nephew due to the resemblance of the boy with the picture in the paper and the fact that the boy had stated he was going to purchase a high-powered rifle to use on Negroes. He stated he had no other reason to suspect his nephew other than the reasons mentioned above.

Mr. MILLSAPS stated he does not know what kind of automobile his nephew drives but at one time had a Cadillac and later purchased a new Chevrolet. He stated he feels the boy is not driving around the country in connection with his employment but feels he is flying on commercial airlines because the boy stated during the telephone call mentioned above that he would call him from the Charlotte Airport when he arrived. *end*

Mr. MILLSAPS stated he did not have his nephew's address with him, but would call this office from his home and furnish the address.

Mr. MILLSAPS stated he was not interested in any reward money and only wanted justice done in the killing of MARTIN LUTHER KING. He further advised he would talk to an Agent at any time. He stated he is retired and is usually home. Mr. MILLSAPS again requested that this information be held in strict confidence. He was advised it would.

Mr. MILLSAPS appeared to be a stable individual.

*Mr. Millsaps
advises he
does not
have photo
of nephew,
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHARLOTTE

DATE: 4/10/68

FROM : SA CHARLES W. MILLER (44-1265)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

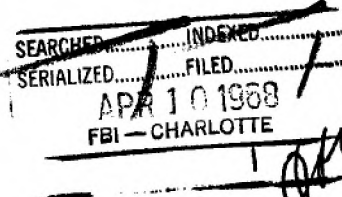
Miss MARY BROWN, American Laundry & Cleaners, 319 E. Morehead St., advised her company uses the Thermo Seal Marking Machine, and uses a code similar to code on underwear. However, after checking for a tag similar to instant tag, she advised that the closest she could find was tag "2:B-6". She advised that all codes started with a number, not a letter, and that the number zero was not used. Instant tag was $\frac{1}{4}$ " X $1\frac{1}{8}$ ", was pink, not red, and indicated that shirts only were laundered.

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Laundry	Address	Person Contacted
1. American Dry Cleaning Also Branch, "	319 E. Morehead 3205 Plaza Rd. 5032 Pineville Rd.	Mrs. Mary Brown Uses machine & system.
2. Amos Cleaners	2813 S. Tryon	Amos Smith - Watson does laundry, uses
3. Anderson Dry Cleaners	1601 Elizabeth Ave.	Renee Brest - no
4. Apex Uniform Service	1036 Atando	Charles Morse - No
5. Arrow Lndry & Cleaners	1933 E. 7th	James Kelly - no
6. Careful Cleaners	1720 N. Pegram	Mrs. Curling - Plaza Hills does laundry - no.
7. Central Hat Shop	127 W. Trade	R.W. Lewis - no
8. Chantilly Clean & Laund	2644 Shenandoah	No
9. Coachman Cleaners	4001 Park Ave.	Edw. Starvey - No - Pins
10. Costners Cleaners	400 Central Ave. 2903 Central Sharon Shpg Center 2807 S. Blvd 3001 Plaza Rd. 1619 E. 7th	E. D. Young " Uses Pins " 7 initials " "
11. Dandy Cleaners	2700 Freedom Br.	Kenneth Hill
12. Derita Cleaners	6114 Derita Rd.	Mary Baumbardner No
13. Domestic Laundry, Inc.	811 S. McDowell	Mr. Harris - no
14. Dream Cleaning, Inc.	1432 W. Morehead	R. W. Elliott - no
15. Five Point Laundry Branch xxx Branch	1906 Rozl Ferry Rd. 2215 Freedom Dr. 1329 E. Blve	Robert Smith - no
16. 4 Seasons Clnr & Lndy	4314 Plaza	Mrs. Dorothy Cook -no
17. Gay Lndry & Cleaners	1101 N. Breward	Sylvia Byers no
18. Gordons Cleaners	115 Westerly Hills	Ralph Gordon
19. Halyburton's Cleaners	2919 Shamrock Dr.	Paul Halyburton - No
20. Hand Craft 1 Hr. Clnr.	Park Rd. Shpg Center.	Mrs. M. Heffernon Pins
21. Indep. Linen Service.	3311 Griffith	xxxxxxx Davis Reeves

Julian's Laundry & Dñrs

City Industrial

918 E. Morehead

1101 S. Mint

Julian Bell - no

Robt. Helms - no

O. W. Miller

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Date: 4/10/68

Transmit the following in PLAINTEXT

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Via TELETYPEURGENT

(Priority)

TO: MEMPHIS (44-1987)
 FROM: CHARLOTTE (44-1365)

MURKIN. OO: MEMPHIS.

RE BIRMINGHAM TEL TO DIRECTOR AND ALL SACS APRIL TEN
 INSTANT AND ATLANTA TEL TO CHARLOTTE, CINCINNATI AND MEMPHIS
 APRIL TEN INSTANT.

JOHN SEXTON, NCDMV, RALEIGH, N.C., TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED
 SIXTYSIX MUSTANG, VIN SIX T ZERO SEVEN C ONE NINE ZERO SIX
 FOUR SEVEN NOT REGISTERED STATE OF N.C.

N.C. LICENSE D V FOUR ZER ZERO ONE IN RE ATLANTA TEL
 REGISTERED TO ATWATER MOTOR COMPANY, SEVEN THREE NINE SOUTH
 MAIN ST., BURLINGTON, N.C., TO BE DISPLAYED ON SIXTYEIGHT
 FORD FOUR DOOR WITH NO STOLEN REPORT IN FILE FOR LICENSE NOTING
 A VEHICLE FOUR DOOR COULD NOT BE MUSTANG. AIRMAIL COPY BIRMINGHAM
 AND. ATLANTA.

END.

- 1 - Atlanta (44-2386) (Airmail)
- 1 - Birmingham (44-1740) (Airmail)
- ① - Charlotte

THG:mfd

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FBI BIRMGHAM

920PM IMMEDIATE 4-10-68 HEP
TO DIRECTOR AND ALL SACS
FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) 1P

MURKIN

ERIC STARVO GALT, TWO SIX ZERO EIGHT HIGHLAND AVENUE SOUTH,
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, REGISTERED OWNER OF WHITE NINETEEN SIXTYSIX
MUSTANG, VIN SIX T ZERO SEVEN C ONE NINE ZERO SIX FOUR SEVEN,
BEARING NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT ALABAMA LICENSE ONE - THREE EIGHT NINE
NINE THREE, IS PRIME SUSPECT IN THIS CASE.

ALL OFFICES CHECK ABOVE VIN FOR POSSIBLE RE-REGISTRATION.

NO INDICATION TO BE GIVEN THAT THIS LEAD IS IN CONJUNCTION
WITH MURKIN CASE.

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8:40 PM MST U R G E N T 4/10/68 LES

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987), CHARLOTTE (44-1365),
AND RICHMOND.

FROM SALT LAKE CITY (44-253)

MURKIN. OO - MEMPHIS.

FOR INFORMATION RICHMOND, CHARLOTTE BY TELETYPE THIS DATE
ADVISED AS FOLLOWS:

"TODAY WILLIAM CLYDE MILLSAPS, GASTONIA, N.C., FURNISHED
THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON CONFIDENTIAL BASIS:

"HIS NEPHEW, JOHN CLINTON MILLSAPS, WHITE MALE, AGE TWENTY,
SIX FEET ONE INCH TO SIX FEET TWO INCHES, TWO HUNDRED TWENTY
POUNDS, BLOND HAIR, WHO RESIDES EIGHTYSEVEN WEST SOUTH NORTH
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH, UNLISTED TELEPHONE THREE FIVE NINE FOUR
EIGHT NINE SEVEN, WAS DISCHARGED U.S. ARMY SUMMER OF SIXTYSEVEN.
NEPHEW INHERITED CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF MONEY AND IS INDEPENDENTLY
WEALTHY. IN JANUARY OR FEBRUARY LAST, JOHN MILLSAPS AND WIFE
VISITED WILLIAM MILLSAPS FOR APPROXIMATELY THREE DAYS. DURING
VISIT, JOHN MILLSAPS STATED HE WAS GOING TO PURCHASE A HIGH-
POWERED RIFLE TO SHOOT NEGROES WITH. HIS NEPHEW DID NOT INDICATE

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HE WAS A MEMBER OF ANY ORGANIZATION. NEPHEW REPORTEDLY A CRACK SHOT WITH RIFLE.

"WILLIAM MILLSAPS DID NOT HEAR FROM HIS NEPHEW AGAIN UNTIL APPROXIMATELY ONE WEEK PRIOR TO MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, AT WHICH TIME HE RECEIVED A TELEPHONE CALL FROM NEPHEW WHO WAS IN RICHMOND, VA., WORKING FOR A SIGN COMPANY, NAME UNKNOWN. JOHN MILLSAPS INDICATED HE WAS COMING TO VISIT FOR THREE DAYS AND THEN WOULD GO TO ATLANTA, GA. WHEN NEPHEW FAILED TO ARRIVE, WILLIAM MILLSAPS CALLED HIS RESIDENCE IN SALT LAKE CITY AND TALKED WITH HIS WIFE WHO STATED NEPHEW EMPLOYED WITH A MACHINE COMPANY, NAME NOT MENTIONED. HE HAS NOT HEARD FROM HIS NEPHEW SINCE THAT TIME.

"AFTER MARTIN LUTHER KING WAS KILLED, WILLIAM MILLSAPS OBSERVED DRAWING OF ASSASSIN WHICH STRONGLY RESEMBLES HIS NEPHEW. HE STATED HE IS AFRAID THAT THE KILLER OF KING COULD BE HIS NEPHEW DUE TO RESEMBLANCE OF THE BOY TO THE PICTURE AND THE FACT THAT HIS NEPHEW STATED HE WAS GOING TO PURCHASE A HIGH-POWERED RIFLE TO USE ON NEGROES.

"AT ONE TIME, JOHN MILLSAPS OWNED A CADILLAC AND AFTER PURCHASED A NEW CHEVROLET BUT DOES NOT KNOW WHAT KIND OF AUTOMOBILE

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HE HAS AT THIS TIME. HIS NEPHEW POSSIBLY USES COMMERCIAL AIRLINES INASMUCH AS HE INDICATED HE WOULD CALL WILLIAM MILLSAPS FROM AIRPORT UPON ARRIVAL."

MRS. TRUDY MILLSAPS, WIFE OF JOHN CLINTON MILLSAPS CONTACTED TODAY, ADVISED HUSBAND IS IN RICHMOND, VA., PHONE SEVEN ZERO THREE DASH TWO THREE THREE DASH FOUR FOUR NINE SIX, WORKING WITH JAY CUMMINGS, SALESMAN FOR PLASTIC-VAC INC. RICHMOND REPRESENTATIVE FOR PLASTIC-VAC IS LLOYD PETERSON. MILLSAPS AND CUMMINGS LEFT SALT LAKE CITY MARCH TWENTYSIX LAST VIA UNITED AIRLINES. RICHMOND ADDRESS FOR MILLSAPS UNKNOWN, HOWEVER, USUALLY STAYS HOLIDAY INN WHERE DISPLAY IS SET UP. SINCE LEAVING SALT LAKE CITY MILLSAPS HAS SUPPOSEDLY BEEN ONLY IN VIRGINIA AND NORTH CAROLINA.

MRS. MILLSAPS STATED HUSBAND HAS EXPRESSED STRONG DISLIKE FOR NEGROES BUT NEVER MADE THREATS AND DOES NOT OWN GUN. MILLSAPS FURTHER DESCRIBED, SIX FOOT FOUR; TWO-HUNDRED LBS.; BROWN HAIR AND EYES; PARTIAL TATTOO OF ANCHOR ON LEFT HAND; BORN [REDACTED] [REDACTED] SALT LAKE CITY.

RICHMOND DETERMINE WHEREABOUTS OF MILLSAPS DURING PERTINENT PERIOD.

AM COPIES TO ATLANTA AND BIRMINGHAM.

END

FBI CHARLT

THGX

FBI ATLANTA

8:12 PM URGENT 4/10/68 LBN

TO CHARLOTTE, CINCINNATI, AND MEMPHIS
FROM ATLANTA (44-2386)

MURKIN, CR. (OO: MEMPHIS)

RE MEMPHIS TEL TO ATLANTA APRIL NINE SIXTYEIGHT.

RETEL STATED AS FOLLOWS:

"RECORDS, MEMPHIS MOTELS, INDICATE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS
REGISTERED ON DATES INDICATED AND LISTED FORD AUTOMOBILES
REFLECTING INDICATED LICENSE NUMBER:

CHARLES B. ADAMS, ONE HUNDRED CARDINAL LAKE DRIVE, DULUTH,
GA., GEORGIA LICENSE ONE SIX FIVE ONE NINE ZERO NINE, REGISTERED
APRIL TWO LAST.

TODD W. READ, P.O. DRAWER ONE SEVEN THREE FOUR, ATLANTA,
GA., OHIO LICENSE TWO ZERO FIVE C.D., CHECKED IN APRIL TWO AND
OUT APRIL FIVE LAST.

J.B. RICHARDSON, P.O. BOX TWO NINE ZERO ZERO ONE,
ATLANTA, GA., NORTH CAROLINA LICENSE DV FOUR ZERO ZERO ONE,
CHECKED IN APRIL ONE AND OUT APRIL THREE, LAST.

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IF ABOVE CARS DETERMINED TO BE MUSTANGS, CONDUCT
APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION."

ON APRIL TEN INSTANT, MRS. LENA RUDERSEAL, GEORGIA MOTOR
VEHICLE BUREAU, ATLANTA, ADVISED GEORGIA LICENSE NUMBER
ONE SIX FIVE ONE NINE ZERO NINE IS A NON-EXISTENT NUMBER.

CHARLOTTE WILL CHECK NORTH CAROLINA LICENSE DV FOUR
ZERO ZERO ONE AND CINCINNATI WILL CHECK OHIO LICENSE TWO ZERO
FIVE CD REFERRED TO IN ABOVE QUOTED TELETYPE.

END....

CPO

FBI CHARLT

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