

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1365)

FROM : SA JOHN S. SALSBURG

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/19/68

Daily contact has been maintained with Mrs. MAMIE MATTHIS, Route 2, Box 245, Clinton, N. C., in an attempt to determine her daughter's whereabouts and thereafter the whereabouts of JOSEPH LUNCEFORD. As of this date, MATTHIS has had no contact with her daughter.

LEAD:

CHARLOTTE:

AT CLINTON, N. C.

Will maintain contact with MAMIE MATTHIS for any information re her daughter and JOSEPH LUNCEFORD.

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TO : SAC (44-1365)

DATE: 4/18/68

FROM : SA WILLIAM HARRIS

SUBJECT: MURKIN

~~REXXXXX~~

Re Agent's Memo dated 4/15/68 to check all schools of Dancing regarding ERIC STARVO GALT.

On 4/17/68 Mrs. Jean Duncan, Jean's School of Dancing, 301 North Fulton St., Salisbury, N.C. advised that she does not offer dancing instruction to adult males and there is no dancing school in Rowan county that does. She advised that most of her students were children between age 6 to 16.

On 4/17/68 Mrs. Mamie Hearne, Hearne School of Dancing, 123 North 2d. St., Albemarle, N.C. advised that she does not offer dancing instruction to adult males and there is no such school in Stanly County to her knowledge.

Cabarrus County being covered by SA KENNETH SMITH.

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FROM : SA WILLIAM HARRIS

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Checking of Bombing suspects on instant matter.

~~ARTHUR LEE CROWELL~~
~~BOMBING SUSPECT~~

On 4/10/68 CE 1812-R advised that Crowell is still employed at Fiber Industries, Salisbury, N.C. and has not been active in the klan since he married and is not presently a member of the klan. Informant stated that he will ascertain whether subject was in Salisbury during the pertinent period.

On 4/11/68 Frank Hall, Asst. Personnel Manager, Fiber Industries advised that Arthur Lee Crowell worked 3pm to 11pm (second shift) March 29, 30 and 4/3/68 and was off on 4/4/68 but returned to work on 4/5/68.

On 4/11/68 an effort was made to locate CROWELL at his residence without success.

On 4/11/68 Homer Agner, Rt. 1, Salisbury, N.C. a neighbor of CROWELL advised that Crowell was at home on 4/4/68.

On 4/12/68 CE 1812-R advised that he had ascertained that CROWELL had not left Salisbury Area as best he could determine on 4/4/68.

On 4/11/68 a 1967 Red Mercury 1968 N.C. 3180 listed to Maxine Agner Crowell, Rt. 1, Box 513, Salisbury and a 1967 black Chev. convertible, 1968 N.C. 3179 listed to Crowell, Rt. 1, Box 513, were observed in Crowell's yard which is brick house in front of Ellis school.

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TO : SAC (44-1365)

FROM : SA ROBERT S. MOORE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/19/68

Re memo 4/15/68 concerning a check of dancing schools in Asheville, N. C., area for information concerning ERIC STARVO GALT.

The following were contacted by SA ROBERT S. MOORE at Asheville, N. C., on the indicated dates and all stated they were unable to locate a record nor did they recall any student attending their respective dance school by the name of ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMYER or JOHN WILLARD:

4/16/68 - Mr. VERNON WALLACE, Vernon's Dance Studio, 71 $\frac{1}{2}$ Haywood St., Asheville, N. C.

4/16/68 - Mr. ARTHUR FRYAR, Asheville Ballet School, 90 $\frac{1}{2}$ Patton Avenue, Asheville, N. C.

4/17/68 - Mr. JOE HALL, Skyway School of Dancing, Public Service Building, Asheville, N. C.

Mr. HALL also advised that he had records for the last five or six years for the ARTHUR MURRAY School of Dance, formerly operating in Asheville, N. C., but has been closed for several months. He later advised that a search of these records failed to reflect anyone by the name of GALT, LOWMYER or WILLARD, as being students at this school.

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FROM : SA ROBERT A. LEVENSTIEN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/19/68

On 4/16-17/68, the following dancing studios were contacted regarding the enrollment in their present and past classes of an individual using any of the following names:

HARVEY LOWMYER

JOHN WILLARD

ERIC STARVO GALT

The dancing studios contacted were as follows:

Charlotte Blume School of Dance, 1312 Morganton Road, Fayetteville, N. C.

Ann Clark School of Dance, Eutaw Shopping Center, Fayetteville, N. C.

Culbreth School of Dance, 2114 Ft. Bragg Road, Fayetteville, N. C.

Rolands Ballroom Dance Studio, 308 Hope Mills Road, Fayetteville, N. C.

This investigation met with negative results.

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FROM : SA EDWARD G. SHERIDAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/19/68

On the late afternoon of 4/18/68, Trooper HARRY L. WILLIAMS, N. C. Highway Patrol Trooper station in Catawba County, N. C., telephonically contacted the Hickory RA and advised that he saw the photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT in the newspaper today and stated that he is certain that he encountered GALT while conducting a road block in Catawba County on the evening of 4/9/68. [WILLIAMS was immediately personally contacted by SA SHERIDAN at which time WILLIAMS furnished the following information:]

On the evening of 4/9/68, WILLIAMS and Trooper MARVIN WRIGHT were participating in a road block check on US 321 at the intersection of N. C. Highway 10, inside the city limits of Newton, N. C. The road block was set up as a result of the general racial situation following the assassination of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. and the purpose of the road block was to locate and confiscate from motor vehicle alcoholic beverages and firearms that might have been in the possession of motorists. The road block lasted from approximately 7:30 p.m. until approximately 11:00 p.m.

Sometime between 9:00 p.m. and 9:30 p.m., 4/9/68, a white male driving a 1955 or 1956 Dodge, 4-door, automobile was stopped by WILLIAMS. WILLIAMS described this automobile as being three toned, that is, having an off white colored top, a dark green hood and trunk, with a strip of green around the sides, partially on the doors, and again having an off white bottom. WILLIAMS did not notice the color of the interior of this automobile. This vehicle was heading north on 321. WILLIAMS specifically remembers that this vehicle was bearing a 1968 Fla. license with the prefix "LOW-". There were four or five digits after the dash but WILLIAMS did not remember these numbers. The white male driving the vehicle was alone and the vehicle was heavily loaded with luggage, having possibly five or six suitcases in the back.

Trooper WILLIAMS stated that in his own mind he has definitely identified the photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT

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as being identical with this individual he stopped. He stated that there is no doubt in his mind regarding the matter and stated that he would "stake his life on it."

When WILLIAMS stopped this individual, he asked him for his drivers license and registration. The individual there upon presented a valid State of Florida driver's license. WILLIAMS does not remember the name of the drivers license but remembers that it did contain a first, middle and last name. He also noted that the name was uncommon to this area of North Carolina. WILLIAMS stated that this last name was a short name and he believes there were four letters in the last name. WILLIAMS stated that the name could have been "GALT." He stated that if the name was any of the three names of GALT, LOWMYER or WILLIARD, it would have been GALT or LOWMYER.

WILLIAMS stated that he does not remember the street or city address or license number on the drivers license displayed to him. He stated, however, that he specifically remembers that the drivers license listed the driver's occupation as a pilot. WILLIAMS asked the individual what airlines he flew for and the individual gave a name of some not well known airline. WILLIAMS does not now remember the name of the airline given but remembers that the airline had two names to it. He does not remember the individual talking about any cities in Fla. or where he worked.

The individual never did display a registration for the vehicle and the matter of the registration was not pursued by WILLIAMS.

WILLIAMS observed a map folded on the front seat of the vehicle. This map included several southeastern states in the United States. WILLIAMS picked up the map and noted the driver had a route marked out from somewhere in deep central Georgia to Wytheville, Va. WILLIAMS noted that this route marked out constituted almost a straight line. The line ended at Wytheville, Va. WILLIAMS asked the individual where he was going and the individual said he was going on vacation to Wytheville, Va., to visit with some friends or relatives. The individual said he was then going to either Charleston or Bluefield, West Virginia. WILLIAMS

did not remember which of these two towns in West Va. the individual mentioned. The individual did not mention anything specific about his friends or relatives in Wytheville, Va., or Charleston or Bluefield, W. Va., and did not indicate how long he was going to stay at any of these places.

WILLIAMS then instructed this individual how to get on Highway 16 north heading out of Conover, N. C. WILLIAMS advised that the entire conversation took place in about 1½ minutes.

In commenting on the photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT, WILLIAMS advised that the individual he stopped, whom he believes to be GALT, did not have cheeks as full as are GALT's cheeks in the photograph. He stated that the individual had a face considerably less fleshy than is shown in GALT's photograph. He stated that the individual he stopped had noticeable features in that he had a sharp pointed chin, a long and narrow and pointed nose, and large ears. He also noted that the individual's hair was much shorter than is depicted in GALT's photograph and his hair was brushed straight back. He advised that the individual's face was considerably narrower and longer than is depicted in GALT's photograph.

In describing the individual's composure, WILLIAMS advised that the individual was calm and not excited. He stated that the individual was reserved in his talk, answered questions precisely but did not volunteer information. WILLIAMS described the individual as well-groomed, clean shaven and immaculate in appearance. He stated that the individual gave him the impression that he would be precise in everything he did.

WILLIAMS furnished the following description of this individual from memory:

Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Age:	About 30 years
Hair:	Short, receding and brushed straight back - brown but not dark brown

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Complexion:	Light almost pale
Frame:	Fairly small frame
Height:	Unknown
Eyes:	Not noticed
Dress:	Believes was wearing an open collar sports shirt

Trooper MARVIN WRIGHT, who also participated in the road block, advised that he did not talk to the individual stopped by WILLIAMS because he went directly to the car stopped behind the car WILLIAMS stopped. However, WRIGHT described the green in the car WILLIAMS stopped as a faded green. Also, WRIGHT advised, after the individual stopped by WILLIAMS left, WRIGHT specifically remembers WILLIAMS remarking that the license plate on the car was a 1968 Florida license with the prefix "LOW-" WRIGHT also remembers WILLIAMS remarking about what a short last name the individual had.

Neither WILLIAMS nor WRIGHT have seen this individual again since 4/9/68. */// end*

Trooper WILLIAMS furnished a map of the State of N. C., and marked the map as he remembers the map marked in the possession of the individual he stopped.

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Date: **4/18/68**Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via **AIRTEL** _____
(Priority)

TO: SAC, CHARLOTTE
FROM: SAC, NEWARK (44-854)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

If not already done, Charlotte should insure that AUBRY EUGENE WILLARD, Charlotte File #88-6165, captioned, "EUGENE WILLARD, POSSIBLE UFAC", is eliminated as a suspect in this case.

*No action being
taken in view of
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fact as James Earl Ray
4/19/68 JRM*

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William

Approved: *RWB* Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

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DATE: 4/19/68

FROM : SA CRAWFORD F. WILLIAMS

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On the night of 4/18/68 Supervisor HELGESON, Extension 591 at the Bureau, telephonically advised that the Bureau had received Charlotte teletype of 4/18/68 concerning ROBERT FRANKLIN WILLIAMS. He desired to know the reaction of Mrs. CAROLYN RUTH WILLIAMS to the photograph of GALT, ~~He was~~ ~~and also~~ advised that at the time Mrs. WILLIAMS was interviewed no photograph of GALT was available to the agent. He stated that he desired that a photograph be shown to her on the night of 4/18/68 and requested that the agent call the Bureau direct from the RA and apprise him of the results.

SA VICTOR P. HOLDREN was telephonically contacted and instructed to display the photograph of GALT to Mrs. WILLIAMS and to telephonically advise Supervisor HELGESON at the Bureau.

At approximately midnight, SA ^{HOLDREN} ~~HELGESON~~ advised he had shown the photograph to Mrs. WILLIAMS and she stated that this individual is similar but not identical to her ex-husband. He stated a photograph of ROBERT FRANKLIN WILLIAMS was obtained from the Sanford PD.

SA HOLDREN telephonically advised Supervisor HELGESON of the above and was instructed to confirm this by teletype, which was done.

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Memorandum

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FROM : SA CRAWFORD F. WILLIAMS

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/19/68

On the night of 4/18/68 SA PAT FLETCHER of the Indianapolis Office telephonically advised that in connection with the lead set out for Indianapolis in Charlotte teletype of 4/18/68, there is no Hampton, Ind. He said there is a Hammond, Ind., but without more identifying data it would be impossible to identify Mrs. EUNICE SMITH at Hammond.

SA FLETCHER was advised that an attempt would be made to obtain more specific information regarding Mrs. SMITH's address and Indianapolis would be advised.

No record of Mrs. FRANK WIMBERLEY was located in the current Dunn telephone directory. Officer BILLY BUTLER of the Dunn PD was contacted by telephone and he advised that Mrs. WIMBERLEY was unknown to that department and her name could not be located in the City Directory.

The long distance telephone operator advised that a FRANKLIN L. WIMBERLEY at 605 N. General Lee St. in Dunn, telephone 892-5148, was listed in her records. Mrs. WIMBERLEY was telephonically contacted at that number and advised she is the sister of ROBERT FRANKLIN WILLIAMS. She stated that her sister, Mrs. EUNICE SMITH (husband GEORGE, deceased) resides at 404 S. Main St., Princeton, Ind., telephone FU 5-2823.

She stated that she has not seen a newspaper containing a photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT. She said she has not seen her brother in several years and does not know his whereabouts but understands that he called Mrs. SMITH in Ind., sometime around Thanksgiving, 1967, at which time he was reportedly in Ga.

Mrs. WIMBERLEY said she would be at home after 3:00 p.m. on 4/19/68 and before 3:00 p.m. could be reached at Adams and Kinton Nursing Home on Highway 421 between Lillington and Dunn, N. C.



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On the night of 4/18/68, Night Clerk WILLIAM AMOS of the Indianapolis Office was furnished the address of Mrs. EUNICE SMITH at Princeton, Ind.

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TO : SAC (44-1365)

FROM : SA J. RALPH JONES

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/18/68

Re numerous telephone calls and Memo all Agents #139, dated 4/9/68. Re. Memo SAC, fr SA C.F. Williams, 4/12/68.

Laundries in Hickory and Newton, N.C. contacted on 4/10/68 with negative results.

On 4/10/68 Mrs. Virginia Pitts, Holiday Laundry, Inc. 452 No. Green St. Morganton, N.C. advised they did all the actual laundry in this area, and further they did use the Thermo Seal maring machine and tags.

She explained that a small tag is attached to the customer receipt, as well as on the clothes, and the bills are filed by the week, not by customer. For this reason it is possible for the same number to be used by a different person each week. She has the bills for past ten months in storage.

On 4/10/68 J. C. "Red" Whisnant, laundry plant of Holiday Laundry Inc., Morganton, N.C. advised that heir system has first-lot number, next driver number, next station where laundry turned in, next bundle number. They use first four parts of numbering system before using fifth part, and do not use the dash as fourth part of system. He also noted that ~~xxx~~ first 3 numbers and letters on the two machines are of same size, indicating all are fifteen point in size, and the last two numbers are larger, indicating they are 18 point in size. (It is noted the ~~third~~ number on questioned tag is a 18 point letter). He furnished samples of the two machines, and these are not being sent in at this time, but retained, since they do not match point size of suspects clothing tags.

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934AM URGENT 4-19-68 SAB
TO CHARLOTTE AND RICHMOND
FROM MEMPHIS 44-1987 1P

MURKIN; CR: 00: ME.

RE KNOXVILLE AIRTEL TO CHARLOTTE, APRIL SEVENTEEN,
LAST.

CHARLOTTE AND RICHMOND HANDLE AND ADVISE.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS. P. END.

BSH

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*Sgt. Murray
advised 4/19/68
CPL*

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1365)

FROM : SA CRAWFORD F. WILLIAMS

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/19/68

At 12:50 a.m. today, Supervisor DICK BATES at the Bureau telephonically advised that the Bureau had received a call from RAYMOND HIGGINS, 300 E. Worthington Ave., Charlotte. HIGGINS works at Mitchell and Becker in the 1900 block of South Blvd.

He advised that he frequents Robertson's Drive-In Restaurant on South Blvd. He said that on the night of 4/18/68 he observed a man in the restaurant whom he is positive is ERIC STARVO GALT. There was a woman with this individual who spoke with a foreign accent.

HIGGINS said he followed the couple out of the restaurant to the 1800 block of South Blvd. where they entered an apartment, possibly at 1821 South Blvd. He said he has seen photographs of GALT and is sure that this individual was GALT. The man's left ear was bigger than his right ear.

Supervisor BATES instructed that this matter be checked out to determine if the unidentified man is GALT.

SA EMANUEL R. JOHNSON is handling this lead.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1365)

FROM : SA ROBERT M. STEVENSON

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/18/68

RE: SUSPECT; DAVID JEFF CROWELL, aka Jeff Crowell

On 4/12/68 Lieutenant PURVIS WALTERS, Police Department, Wadesboro, N.C. advised he is personally acquainted with JEFF CROWELL a resident of Wade Street, Wadesboro. WALTERS advised CROWELL is a member of the County Rescue Squad, which is a part of the Wadesboro Voluntary Fire Dept, and CROWELL works at the Hedrick Gravel and Sand Co., Lilesville, N.C. He stated CROWELL has been living in Wadesboro several years and he is married to a local girl. He advised he comes in contact with CROWELL two or three times each week and to his knowledge CROWELL has been in the Wadesboro area for the past several weeks and he has been working regularly. He advised CROWELL has no arrest record in Wadesboro.

On 4/16/68 MRS EVELYN GATEWOOD, Secretary, Hedrick Gravel and Sand Co, Lilesville, N.C. advised that DAVID JEFF CROWELL works ~~xxx~~ for the Hedrick Company as an employee in Laboratory. She said her records show that he was working on 3/29/68 and 4/4/68. She advised he has been with the Company for about 2 years. She said he is about 24 years of age, married, and lives in Wadesboro. 44-1365-361



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FROM : SA ROBERT M. STEVENS N

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/18/68

On 4/10/68 CE 2239-R (PROB) and CE 2029-R were contacted re captioned matter and they were unable to furnish any information concerning the UNSUB in this matter.

During the period between 4/10/68 and 4/12/68 the following laundries were contacted regarding a laundry mark made by the Thermal Seal Machine Mfg. Co. and these persons at these ~~laundries~~ laundries advised they do not and have not used this type of machine for marking clothes:

Thomas W. Linsenby, Royal Laundry, Wadesboro, N.C.

Ernest Deaton, City Laundry, Troy, N.C.

~~Smith's Laundry~~

C.V. Smith, Smith Laundry, Troy, N.C.

JOHN EVANS, Sanitary Laundry, Hamlet, N.C.

J. O. Watts, Watts Cleaners and Laundry, Rockingham, N.C.

Margaret Johnson, Carter's Laundry, ~~Southlake~~ Southern Pines, N.C.

Mrs Lee Graham, Pinehurst Laundry, Pinehurst, N.C.

A. G. Easterling, Scottish Cleaners and Laundry, Laurinburg, N.C.

John Slaughter, Southern Cleaners, Laurinburg, N.C.

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During the period between 4/10/68 and 4/15/68 the arrest records of the following listed law enforcement agencies were reviewed, as well as the listed credit agencies, city directories, and banks were checked for any record or information concerning HARVEY LOWMEYER or LOWMYER, JOHN WILLARD, and ERIC STARVO GALT and no information was obtained from any of these sources:

Police Department and Sheriff's Office, Rockingham, N.C.

Police Department and Sheriff's Office, Wadesboro, N.C.

Police Department and Sheriff's Office, Laurinburg, N.C.

Police Department, Southern Pines, N.C.

Sheriff's Office, Carthage, N.C.

Police Department and Sheriff's Office, Troy, N.C.

Police Department and Sheriff's Office, Wadesboro, N.C.

Credit Bureau, Rockingham, N.C.

Credit Bureau, Laurinburg, N.C.

Credit Bureau, Wadesboro, N.C.

Credit Bureau, Southern Pines, N.C.

City Directories for Rockingham and Hamlet, N.C.; Laurinburg, N.C.; Southern Pines-Aberdeen, N.C.; and Wadesboro, N.C.

The State Bank, Laurinburg, N.C.

Commercial State Bank, Laurinburg, N.C. (Home office), including banks at Gibson, Laurel Hill, Wagram, and Hamlet, N.C.

Southern National Bank, Laurinburg, N.C.

Scotland Savings and Loan Association, Laurinburg, N.C.

Southern National Bank, Rockingham, N.C.

Richmond County Bank, Rockingham, N.C.

Bank of Montgomery, Troy, N.C.

Bank of ~~B~~ Biscoe, Biscoe, N.C.

First National Bank of Anson County, Wadesboro, N.C.

Anson Bank and Trust Co., Wadesboro, N.C.

Southern National Bank, Southern Pines, N.C.

The Carolina Bank, Southern Pines, N.C.

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FROM : SA ROBERT M. STEVENSON

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/18/68

RE: SUSPECT JEFF ADDISON WILLARD

On 4/16/68 COP L. S. ALLEN, Police Department, Rockingham, N.C. advised WILLARD is unknown to him and the records of his Department contains no information regarding him.

On 4/16/68 MRS SHIRLEY HUDSON, residence 1225 Back Street, formerly known as 205 McNeill Street, Roberdel Section, Rockingham, N.C. advised that JEFF ADDISON WILLARD is her brother and he is working as a truck driver for an unknown trucking Company at an unknown place in the State of Texas. She advised WILLARD is in constant travel status in connection with his work and therefore he uses her mailing address in Rockingham as a place for his mail to be sent. She said she never knows of his whereabouts until he calls her occasionally or stops by her home when he has trips through North Carolina, which is about every two of three months. She advised he called her the previous night (4/15/68) from Norfolk, Va. and informed her that he was leaving the next day for a trip "up north". She said he has been working for this unknown trucking Company for about 3 months and he previously lived with their father, ARCHIE WILLARD at Pilot Mt., N.C., who farms for J.T. TUCKER. She said JEFF WILLARD was married to JOYCE HAIR, residence Asheboro, N.C. but they are now divorced. The only other relative is another brother

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HOWARD WILLARD, who lives at Pilot Mt., N.C.

She advised that JEFF WILLARD has never served any prison sentences but she believes he has been arrested ~~xxxx~~ two or three times in the past for being drunk.

She stated he was born on at Raleigh, N C.

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(It is to be noted that Dallas Teletype to Charlotte, dated 4/16/68 advised in substance that WILLARD's employment with the Trans-Cold Express Co., Dallas, Texas had been verified and it was determined that he was working for this Company on 3/29/68 and 4/4/68.)

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ERIC STARVO GALT



DESCRIPTION

Age	36	Sex	Male
Height	5' 10"	Complexion	Dark
Weight	175	Hair	Dark
Build	Medium	Scars	None
Eyes	Dark	Other	None
Occupation	None		
Remarks	Subject was reportedly in the area of the Birmingham store where the rifle was found. He was seen with a woman who was also in the area.		

CAUTION

IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS PERSON, PLEASE NOTIFY ME OR CONTACT YOUR LOCAL FBI OFFICE. TELEPHONE NUMBERS AND ADDRESSES OF ALL FBI OFFICES LISTED ON BACK.

New FBI Poster On Galt

FBI Reportedly Hunting Galt Alone

From Observer Wire Reports

The mysterious Eric Starvo Galt is the lone subject of the FBI's investigation into Martin Luther King's assassination, despite an FBI complaint charging that Galt conspired in the slaying with his alleged

brother, the Los Angeles Times reported Thursday.

A federal source pointed out to a Los Angeles Times reporter that the complaint alleging a conspiracy could have been based on nothing more substantial than testimony by a witness that he had heard Galt say he and a brother planned to kill King or to use the rifle believed to be the murder weapon.

The FBI apparently knows

little about the man called Galt — probably not even whether that really is his name or whether he has a brother.

The complaint charges, however, that "on or about March 29, 1968, at Birmingham ... Galt and an individual whom he alleged to be his brother, entered into a conspiracy which continued until on or about April 5, 1968," to violate King's civil rights.

The civil rights law does not authorize federal prosecution unless there is evidence of a conspiracy.

The FBI distributed "wanted" posters on Galt nationwide Thursday after the 36-year-old mystery man apparently had eluded FBI agents in California.

The New York Times reported Thursday that agents had believed Wednesday, when Attorney General Ramsey Clark announced that a warrant had been issued for Galt's arrest, that they were close to Galt.

In regard to the brother angle, Galt is known to have twice mentioned a brother during the last two months. The first mention was when he told a clerk in a Birmingham gun store that he and his brother planned to go hunting.

FBI Agent Joseph H. Gamble, in charge of the Birmingham Bureau, said in the complaint on which a federal warrant for Galt's arrest was issued that the rifle found discarded on a Memphis street near the scene of King's slaying had been bought by Galt on March 30.

A second mention by Galt of a brother was when he was about to graduate from a bartenders school in Hollywood, Calif., in March. He turned down a job because, he said, he had to "go see his brother."

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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Rightwinger Said Kill Dr. King If I'm Jailed

KANSAS CITY—(AP) — The U.S. Attorney's office Thursday said an informant "of apparent reliability" told the federal government some time ago that

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was among persons ordered assassinated if Robert Bolivar DePugh ever went to jail.

The information was in a motion addressed to the 8th Circuit Court of Appeals in St. Louis and was a move to have appeals by DePugh and Walter Patrick Peyson dismissed on the theory the two were now fugitives.

DePugh is the leader of the Minutemen, militant right wing organization.

The government's motion quoted the unnamed informant as saying that "DePugh has issued orders to other Minutemen that, if he goes to jail, certain persons connected with his prosecution and others are to be assassinated, including Martin Luther King.

The government said it received this information prior to King's death in Memphis April 4.

DePugh and Peyson are appealing a November 1966 conviction in Kansas City for national firearms, violation. Both are also wanted on a federal grand jury indictment accusing them of conspiracy to rob banks in Seattle in January.

DePugh and Peyson have declared themselves "fugitives from injustice," and the FBI has been looking for them.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC CHARLOTTE (137-1951)

DATE: 4/17/68

FROM : SA WILLIAM HARRIS

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☐ PSI

SUBJECT: CE 1926-C

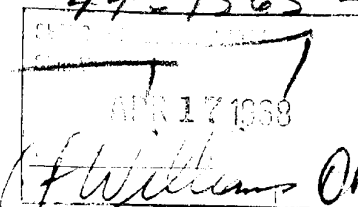
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Dates of Contact		
3/8/68, 4/4/68, and 4/9/68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted		
UNSUB; Non-Scheduled Flight to Las Vegas	162-218	
MURKIN	44-1365	
Purpose and results of contact		
<input type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE		
<p>Re 162-218 -- Informant advised that on 12/10, 11, 12/67, he had made the trip to Las Vegas which was headed by TOM J. FORBES of Sanford, N. C. FORBES allegedly is the owner of the Townhouse Motel and he apparently recruited the passengers. FORBES allegedly got \$100 from each of the 138 passengers for his part in soliciting the customers. He also collected \$10 from each of the passengers for a total of \$1,380 supposedly for the stewardesses serving on the plane, however, he ascertained that FORBES had only given the stewardesses \$20 each. He advised that FORBES had loaned him about \$6,000 while in Las Vegas to buy chips for which informant had given checks and the checks were worthless and FORBES is now bringing criminal action against informant alleging that the checks were given in Sanford, N. C. Informant stated that FORBES won between \$75,000 to \$80,000 on various dice given in Las Vegas and he loaned the passengers money with which to gamble. Informant further advised that he had given an IOU in the amount of \$1,000 at one of the gambling casinos and since that time he has received a telephone call at his residence advising him that he better</p>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating	Coverage
	Excellent	General criminal - gambling
Personal Data		

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- 1 - 137-3382 (TOM J. FORBES)
- (1) - 44-1365

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pay the \$1,000 immediately or he would get into serious trouble; and also a law firm of Nathan, Nathan, & Nathan had written him letters concerning this indebtedness.

Informant advised that he has been participating in small gambling games in Mt. Holly and Gastonia, N. C., and that there were no large games now being operated.

Re 44-1365 -- Informant unable on 4/9/68 to furnish any information, this reported by separate memo.

F B I

Date: 4/19/68

Transmit the following in Plaintext
(Type in plaintext or code)Via TELETYPE URGENT
(Priority)

TO: BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)
FROM: CHARLOTTE (44-1365)

MURKIN

REURTEL APRIL SEVENTEEN LAST.

C. WILLIAMS, LEESONA CORP., CHARLOTTE, N. C., ADVISED ON APRIL EIGHTEEN LAST THAT CHESTER C. BARFIELD WAS TO BE A STUDENT AT A TWO WEEKS SCHOOL BEING HELD AT THAT PLANT. HE ADVISED BARFIELD NEVER REGISTERED AND NEVER PUT IN AN APPEARANCE AT LEESONA CORP. AND HIS PRESENT WHEREABOUTS ARE UNKNOWN. HE BELIEVED BARFIELD WAS RECALLED TO ALA. BY HIS EMPLOYER. BARFIELD NO LONGER REGISTERED AT HOWARD JOHNSON MOTEL.

BIRMINGHAM AT LINEN THREAD CO., BLUE MOUNTAIN, ALA., ATTEMPT TO LOCATE BARFIELD AND INTERVIEW CONCERNING STATEMENTS TO EFFECT HE KILLED KING.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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Approved: R. M. [signature]
Special Agent in ChargeSent 2 19/P M Per BT

F B I

Date: 4/18/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via Airtel _____
(Priority)

To: SAC, Charlotte

✓ From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

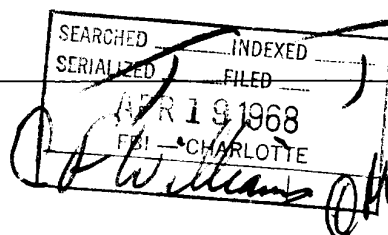
Re Memphis airtel 4/17/68 concerning bedspread.

Reairtel requests photograph of bedspread be
furnished to Charlotte to aid in determining manufacturer
of bedspread.

One color photograph of bedspread is enclosed for
Charlotte.

Enclosure

1 - Memphis (44-1987)



Sent Via _____ M Per _____

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1365)

FROM : SA ROBERT H. CAVERLY

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/19/68

Mrs. MARGARET WIMBERLY, 605 N. General Lee Ave., Dunn, N. C., employed at Adams-Kenton Nursing Home, advised on 4/19/68 she is the sister of ROBERT FRANKLIN WILLIAMS, whom she knew to be an escapee from N. C. Prison System at Asheville 7/12/67.

She was shown a photograph of subject GALT and stated this photo in no way resembles her brother in any manner whatsoever. She stated her brother, whom she last saw 18 months to 2 yrs. ago, is approximately 34 yrs. of age, 5'9", 180-200 lbs. (when last seen), black hair, thinning and receding hairline, brown eyes, dark complexion, wide space between upper front teeth.

She stated that she has not seen her brother nor has she heard from him since his escape and that she last saw him 18 months to 2 years ago. She has no idea of his present whereabouts. She stated in October or November, 1967, her brother called a sister, Mrs. GEORGE (EUNICE) SMITH in Princeton, Ind., asking for money and her brother stated he was calling from Atlanta, Ga.

She stated except for a few years, her brother has lived in N. C. and somewhere around 1956-1957 he lived and worked in Detroit, Mich., address and place of employment unknown; and in 1958, he lived in Tullahoma, Tenn.

She stated she has been in contact with most of her relatives and except for the telephone call in October or November, 1967, none of the relatives have seen or heard from her brother. She furnished the following list of relatives:

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Father

RAYMOND WILLIAMS
Highway 27, near Mason's Store
Lillington, N. C.

Brothers

JOHN WILLIAMS
Highway 301 North
(resides in brick house
in front of Wellon's Candy
Co.)
Dunn, N. C.

WALTER WILLIAMS
address unknown
Hamilton, Indiana

HUBERT WILLIAMS
Address unknown
(is a building contractor)
Indo, California

EARL WILLIAMS
address unknown
Tullahoma, Tenn.

Half brother

JUNIOR WILLIAMS
employed ABC Store
Lillington, N. C.

Sisters

BEATRICE ROBERTS
resides Godwin St., Dunn, N. C.
employed at Lynch's Drug Store,
Dunn, N. C.

Mrs. JOHNNY (MARIE) TAYLOR
Lillington, N. C.

Mrs. GEORGE (EUNICE) SMITH
Address unknown
Princeton, Ind.

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Mrs. SHERWOOD (MARY FRANCES)
REAVES
Last known address
Le Gore, Md.

Half sister

Mrs. JERRY (CAROLYN) TRIPP,
Highway 210 North
between Lillington and Angier,
N. C.

Mrs. BEATRICE ROBERTS, sister of ROBERT WILLIAMS, was contacted on April 19, 1968, at Lynch's Drug Store and was shown a photograph of subject GALT. She advised that this photograph in no way resembles that of her brother. She also stated she has no idea of her brother's present whereabouts.

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TO ALL SACS

FROM DIRECTOR 4P

MURKIN

THE FOLLOWING PRESS RELEASE HAS JUST BEEN ISSUED AT WASHINGTON THIS AFTERNOON AND YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO MAKE IT IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE TO THE LEADING NEWSPAPERS AND RADIO AND TV STATIONS IN YOUR DIVISION. EVERY EFFORT MUST BE MADE TO INSURE REPEATED AND WIDESPREAD DISTRIBUTION OF THIS INFORMATION. COPIES OF THE 1968 PHOTOGRAPH OF SUBJECT ALREADY IN YOUR POSSESSION AND WANTED FLYERS SHOULD ALSO BE MADE AVAILABLE TO MEDIA CONTACTS. NO ELABORATION WHATSOEVER MAY BE MADE REGARDING THIS RELEASE. ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING INVESTIGATIVE LEADS WILL FOLLOW SHORTLY.

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Dwayne Wells advised
Charlotte news-@

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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ATTORNEY GENERAL RAMSEY CLARK ANNOUNCED TODAY 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'CONNOR. HE IS A WHITE MALE; CLAIMS TO HAVE

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BEEN BORN MARCH 10, 1928, 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 EXPERIENCE 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 FBI OFFICE.

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TO CHARLOTTE

FROM BIRMINGHAM 44-1740

MURKIN, CR.

RE BIRMINGHAM TELETYPE TO CHARLOTTE, APRIL SEVENTEEN, LAST.

DISCONTINUE EFFORTS TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW CHESTER BARFIELD
AS HE HAS BEEN LOCATED IN ANNISTON, ALABAMA, AREA AND INTERVIEWED BY
AGENTS THIS DIVISION.

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4-45 PM URGENT 4-19-68 MMW
TO SAN ANTONIO AND CHARLOTTE
FROM NEW ORLEANS 157-10673 3PGS

MURKIN.

RE LOOK ALIKE.

FREDDIE WILLIAMS, TWO SIX ONE THREE NORTH BAYOU DRIVE,
GOLDEN MEADOW, LOUISIANA, ADVISED WHITE MALE, AGE THIRTYFIVE,
FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES, ONE SIX ZERO POUNDS, BROWN HAIR,
COMPLEXION DARK RESEMBLED PHOTO OF SUBJECT GALT AND RENTED
ROOM AT WILLIAMS' RESIDENCE APRIL EIGHTH - ELEVENTH LAST
WITH ANOTHER WHITE MALE, AGE TWENTYFIVE, FIVE FEET EIGHT INCHES,
ONE FOUR ZERO POUNDS, COMPLEXION LIGHT, NAMES OF BOTH UNKNOWN.

WILLIAMS STATED THESE INDIVIDUALS DRIVING NINETEEN SIXTY-
FOUR FORD, TWO DOOR, BEARING SIXTYEIGHT NORTH CAROLINA LICENSE
Y M SIX THREE FIVE FIVE, DETERMINED TO BE REGISTERED JOHN C.
COVELL, ROUTE THREE, BOX ONE THREE FIVE JACKSONVILLE, NORTH
CAROLINA. BOTH DEPARTED GOLDEN MEADOW FOUR A.M. APRIL
ELEVENTH LAST ON BOAT, NAME UNKNOWN, DESTINED PORT ISABEL,
TEXAS.

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CLERK, PRESTON REBSTOCK (PROTECT IDENTIFY),
GOLDEN MEADOW POST OFFICE, ADVISED ON APRIL NINTH LAST
JON D. COWELL RENTED POST OFFICE BOX SEVEN FOUR FOUR AND GAVE
RESIDENCE OF FREDDIE WILLIAMS AS ADDRESS. REBSTOCK SHOWN
PHOTO GALT AND STATED DID NOT BELIEVE IDENTICAL WITH COWELL.

EFFORTS TO LOCATE SIXTYFOUR FORD AND COWELL, GOLDEN
MEADOW, LOUISIANA, AND ADJOINING TOWN NEGATIVE.

MARSHAL NOLAN PLAISANCE, GOLDEN MEADOW, LOUISIANA,
ALERTED SUBJECT RAY'S FUGITIVE STATUS.

NEW ORLEANS INDICES NEGATIVE JOHN OR JON D. COWELL.

SAN ANTONIO AT PORT ISABEL, TEXAS. CONTACT PORT
AUTHORITIES IN EFFORT TO LOCATE JOHN D. COWELL AND
DETERMINE IF IDENTICAL TO SUBJECT RAY.

CHARLOTTE AT JACKSONVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA. WILL, AT
ROUTE THREE, BOX ONE THREE FIVE, ATTEMPT TO CONTACT JOHN D.
COWELL AND DETERMINE IF IDENTICAL SUBJECT RAY.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS

END

JMC

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Agents Memo No. 156, Series 1968
Charlotte, North Carolina

MEMO ALL AGENTS:

RE: MURKIN

By teletype to all SAC's dated April 18, 1968,
the Bureau advised as follows:

"Contacts should be maintained with all mass communications media in your territory to insure that there is frequent reference to photograph of GALT and his connection with this case. If not already done, photographs should be shown or described to law enforcement and other appropriate agencies in your areas to insure the broadest possible publication of subject's photograph and background.

Offices covering points of entry or exit from country insure that subject's photograph and background have been widely and/or appropriately displayed and that stops are being maintained.

Offices covering departure or arrival of overseas flights should also renew stops and display photographs of subject appropriately. Subject armed and dangerous."

In connection with the above by Agents Memo No. 154, dated April 18, 1968, all Senior Resident Agents were furnished photographs of GALT. In the event additional photographs are desired, they are available at Charlotte and will be furnished upon request.

SA WATSON at Wilmington will make available to Customs and Immigration officials photographs of GALT and insure that stop previously placed is in effect.

1 - Each Agent
1 - 44-1365
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CFW:jw

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ROBERT M. MURPHY
SAC

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHARLOTTE (44-1365)

FROM : SA CRAWFORD F. WILLIAMS

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/20/68

At 7:20 A. M., 4/20/68, Supervisor DICK BATES at the Bureau, telephonically advised that a call had just been received at the Bureau from JAMES H. WILLIAMS, a Negro male, who resides at 137 Adams Street, Rochester, New York. WILLIAMS was calling the Bureau from a location near Washington, D. C. He advised at approximately 11 P. M. on night of 4/19/68, he stopped at an Amoco Service Station on Interstate Highway 85 just before getting to Durham, N. C. While at the station, a man who he believes was identical with JAMES EARL RAY, aka, ERIC STARVO GALT, drove into the station in a 1960 Chevrolet, gray with a rust red top, bearing North Carolina license YT 1618. The man put gas in his own car and appeared to be in a hurry to leave. He was described as a white male, five feet eleven inches, one hundred eighty-five pounds.

LEAD:

Will determine to whom license YT 1618 registered or issued to and have registered owner contacted to determine if identical with subject.

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Don't check!
Long known address
Box 58
East Spencer, NC

1. Smith
Subsiding 80
notified 9:11 AM

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C. Williams

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1365)

DATE: 4-21-68

FROM : Colin P. Overton, SPC

SUBJECT: MURKIN

At 9:15A.M., today writer received telephone call from MR. PETER S. GILCHRIST, 146 Placid Pl., Charlotte, N.C. (Telephone 334-1919) who advised the following:

GILCHRIST advised that on April 12, last, he was traveling from Atlanta, Ga., to Houston, Tex., via Eastern Airlines Flight 133y. GILCHRIST advised that this flight left Atlanta at 11:05AM and arrived in Houston, Tex., approximately one and one half hours later.

GILCHRIST stated that upon viewing JAMES EARL RAY's photo in today's paper that he is sure that RAY was a passenger on the flight to Houston. Gilchrist stated that an individual sat directly across the aisle from him on the flight. He stated this individual was traveling without luggage. He stated the only ~~XXXXXXXX~~ difference between RAY and this individual was the color of hair, He stated the individual on the plane was blond with the same characteristics as RAY. He stated that he was hesitant about calling the FBI because he realized that we probably had received numerous calls from people like himself who ~~xxxx~~ thought that they had seen RAY.

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Mr. GILCHRIST stated that he thought we might be able to



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check the airline passenger records for that flight. He stated that there were approximately forty-five to fifty persons on the flight to Houston. He stated that as far as he knew, this person got off the plane in Houston, Tex.

Mr. Gilchrist advised that if we needed to contact him any further concerning this information that he would be glad to talk with the agents. He gave his telephone as 334-1919.

Mr. Gilchrist was thanked for his information and advised that it would be made a matter of record and that the supervisor would review it for any action deemed necessary.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHARLOTTE (44-1365)

DATE: 4-19-68

FROM : SPC, JIMMIE M. CARPENTER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 4-19-68, Larry Monteith, Records Technician, CE PD, telephonically advised that he had received a call from James Bumgardner, who gave his phone number as 392-7868. Monteith stated that he felt the FBI might be interested in the information received from Bumgardner.

Bumgardner stated he lived with James Earl Ray, who the FBI has identified as the true name for Eric Starvo Galt, for a year and a half in Forest City, N.C. He stated that Ray talked of Missouri and Jacksonville, Fla. He further stated that Ray had a wife and children living in Jacksonville, Fla. Bumgardner stated that he had tried on several occasions during this time to get the Forest City PD to arrest Ray. He stated that Bo Sisk, a police officer with the Forest City PD took pictures of Ray, which should be available at the Forest City PD.

Bumgardner gave the following description of Ray: Blue eyes, fair complexion, light brown hair, 165 POUNDS, 5 feet 9 inches to 5 feet 10 inches tall, 28 years old.

Bumgardner gave the address where they lived as Miss 44-1365-377 Smith's Boarding House, 208 Broadway St., Forest City, N.C.

Supervisor Eleazer and SA C. F. Williams advised

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TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, SACS MEMPHIS 44-1987 AND SAN ANTONIO

PLAINTEXT

FROM SAC PHILADELPHIA 44-1368

SENT BY CODED TELETYPE

MURKIN

RE JACKSON TEL TO BUREAU AND PHILA APRIL SEVENTEEN LAST.

RETEL ADVISED EUGENE HINSON, STAR ROUTE ONE, SHALOTTE, NC, OWNER AND OPERATOR OF SOUTH SEVENTEEN TRUCK STOP AND RESTAURANT, ADVISED APRIL FIFTEEN LAST THAT AT APPROXIMATELY EIGHT PM ON APRIL THIRD LAST, A WHITE MALE INDIVIDUAL ABOUT THIRTY YEARS OLD, FIVE FT EIGHT INCHES, ONE SEVEN FIVE LBS, BLACK HAIR, DARK YELLOWISH COMPLEXION, STOCKY BUILD, APPEARED AT TRUCK STOP AND ORDERED FOOD TO TAKE OUT. THIS INDIVIDUAL WAS ALONE AND DRIVING OLD MODEL PONTIAC, BEARING SIXTYEIGHT FLORIDA LICENSE TWO W ONE FOUR ZERO SEVEN ONE.

UNKNOWN SUBJ WHILE AT RESTAURANT MADE LONG DISTANCE PHONE CALL TO PHILA, PA, COLLECT, NUMBER NOT KNOWN, AND TALKED FOR APPROX
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Approved: _____ Sent 1009P M Per [Signature]
Special Agent in Charge

1 - Charlotte (AM)

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FORTYFIVE MINUTES. DURING CONVERSATION, THIS INDIVIDUAL WAS OVERHEARD TO RELATE HE HAD PLENTY OF AMMUNITION AS WELL AS A SAWED OFF SHOTGUN, AND REMARKED, "I'LL BE CAREFUL."

THIS INDIVIDUAL ON PARKING CAR TRIED TO PARK IN POSITION WHERE LICENSE COULD NOT BE OBSERVED. WILL BE NOTED DOCTOR MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., WAS SCHEDULED TO SPEAK AT WILMINGTON, NC, NIGHT OF APRIL FOUR LAST, BUT PLANS CHANGED DUE TO CONDITIONS IN MEMPHIS TENN. POSSIBILITY EXISTS THIS INDIVIDUAL PLANNING TO BE AT WILMINGTON, NC, HAD KING APPEARED THERE.

NORTH CAROLINA HWY PATROL RADIO DETERMINED SIXTYEIGHT FLORIDA LICENSE TWO W ONE FOUR ZERO SEVEN ONE IS ISSUED FOR NINETEEN FIFTYSIX PONTIAC COUPE, WILLIAM D. WILLIS, NINE ZERO TWO NINTH ST, JACKSONVILLE BEACH, FLA.

INVESTIGATION JACKSONVILLE BEACH REFLECTS WILLIAM D. WILLIS RESIDED NINE ZERO TWO FOURTEENTH AVE, SOUTH, JACKSONVILLE BEACH, FLA., PAST SEVENTEEN MONTHS. LANDLADY STATES WILLIS IN US NAVY ASSIGNED USS SARATOGA, DOCKED PHILA PA. WILLIS LEFT APRIL TWO LAST WITH WIFE AND TWO CHILDREN, DRIVING FIFTYSIX PONTIAC, WHITE TOP, BLUE BOTTOM, ENROUTE PHILA WITH THIRTY DAYS LEAVE.

WILLIS DESCRIBED WM, FORTY YRS OF AGE, FIVE FT EIGHT INCHES, ONE FOUR ZERO LBS, MEDIUM BUILD, DARK BROWN HAIR. FORWARDING ADDRESS MM ONE, A-FOUR DIVISION, USS SARATOGA, CVA SIXTY, FPO NEW YORK, NY.

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NISO, PHILA, ADVISED WILLIAM DAVID WILLIS, MACHINIST MATE FIRST CLASS, USN SN. [REDACTED] ASSIGNED USS SARATOGA (CVA-SIXTY), WHITE MALE, DOB [REDACTED] AT PII LLANO, TEX, HEIGHT FIVE FT SIX INCHES, ONE EIGHT FOUR LBS, BROWN HAIR, BROWN EYES, RUDDY COMPLEXION, TATTOOS RIGHT SHOULDER "VAYA CON DIOS," LEFT SHOULDER EAGLE WITH "USN," PERMANENT ADDRESS NINE ZERO TWO SOUTH FOURTEENTH AVE, JACKSONVILLE BEACH, FLA, WIFE JOYCE MURLEEN BALES WILLIS, FATHER WILLIAM PLEZ WILLIS, GENERAL DELIVERY, LLANO, TEX, MOTHER VIVIAN BERTHA FINLEY HEDGES, THREE THREE TWO GUODOLOUPE ST, KERRVILLE, TEX, SISTER OPAL FOY WILLIS LACKEY, ADDRESS CUTE, TEX, SISTER NELDA RAY WILLIS, LLANO, TEX, CHILDREN - TWO, HOBBY - GUNSMITHING.

WILLIS HAS BEEN ON LEAVE SINCE MARCH TWENTYSIX LAST. LEAVE DUE TO TERMINATE APRIL TWENTYSIX NEXT. LEAVE ADDRESS NINE ZERO TWO SOUTH FOURTEENTH AVE, JACKSONVILLE BEACH, FLA. HOWEVER WILLIS' DIVISION OFFICER, LT. JG FLOYD D. UNDERWOOD, STATED WILLIS DID NOT LEAVE PHILA AREA UNTIL MARCH THIRTY LAST AND RETURNED SARATOGA APRIL FIFTEEN LAST TO PICK UP PAY CHECKS AND MAIL. UNDERWOOD BELIEVES WILLIS MAY BE IN PHILA AREA LOOKING FOR HOUSING. UNDERWOOD RECALLED
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WHILE SARATOGA WAS STATIONED JACKSONVILLE, FLA, WILLIS OWNED AND DROVE OLDER MODEL, APPROX NINETEEN SIXTY, PONTIAC, BLUE AND WHITE. ACCORDING TO LT. UNDERWOOD, WILLIS IS EXCELLENT SAILOR WITH FINE RECORD WHICH CONTAINS NO DEROGATORY INFO.

EXACT LOCATION OF WILLIS AT PRESENT TIME UNKNOWN.

NISO HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO ADVISE PHILA OF WILLIS' RETURN FROM LEAVE STATUS OR ANY INFO INDICATING PRESENT LOCATION OF WILLIS.

SAN ANTONIO AT LLANO AND KERRVILLE, TEX, RESPECTIVELY, CONTACT WILLIS' FATHER AND MOTHER FOR POSSIBLE KNOWLEDGE OF WILLIS' PRESENT LOCATION, SO THAT HE CAN BE INTERVIEWED CONCERNING HIS WHEREABOUTS DURING PERTINENT PERIOD AND INFO IN RETEL.

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