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TO:

SAC, NEW YORK

FROM:

SAC, RICHMOND (44-657) -P-

MURKIN

RE: SUBJECT GEORGE WIEDEMAN

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Eyes Dark
Dress Dark suit, white shirt and tie
Accent No particular accent noted

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RH 44-657

LEADS

NEW YORK

AT KENNEDY AIRPORT, NEW YORK, N. Y.

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HOUSTON

AT HOUSTON, TEXAS

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SAC (44-1509)

DATE: 4-21-68

FROM:

SPC EUSEBIO V. BENAVIDEZ

SUBJECT:

MURKIN; CR.

Mr. David Mc Donald, 1322 Rimrock Dr., 448-0996, Houston, telephonically furnished the following:

He is a supervisor at the National Airlines tickettoffice and on this date while thatking tickets he believes he may have seen JAMES EARL RAY. He went on the explain that on this date flight # 23 departing for Las Vegas and San Francisco at 11:15AM was delayed until approximately 12noon; flight #47 departing for Los Angeles at 12noon was delayed until approximately 12:50PM. Uning this period and individual resembling photo of RAY shown on TV this date boarded one of the above flights. He described this person as about 6', brownish hair, had goatee, wearing straw hat and beige Levi type jacket. He was also wearing sunglasses which he raised up when his ticket was being checked by Mc Donald.

Mr. "c.Donald was thanked for the above info.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1509)

DATE:

4/20/68

FROM

SA ROBERT E. WIATT

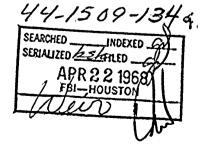
SUBJECT:

MURKIN

ReButel to all offices, 4/14/68.

On 4/17/68, Mrs. JANE S. IEE, owner, Lee Jane School of Dance, 208 N. Coulter, Bryan, Texas, advised there is no dance studio catering to adults in the local area or for that matter in any of the towns within the College Station RA territory.

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	TO:	SAC, ALBANY
	FROM:	SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P) h_{0}
	SUBJECT:	SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P) MURKIN - COST DATA
		ReButel to ME 4/17/68.
	requested	For information of all offices, the Bureau by retel of the Memphis Division as follows:
	matter cor	Please furnish following information on above mpiled or estimated through 4/30/68, and thereafter mulative totals through the end of each month until otice:
	1)	Number of man hours spent on case broken down as to regular hours, overtime hours, and total man hours by following employees (separate figures for each class of employees shown):
		A. Special Agents
		B. Clerical Employees
	2)	Total mileage (estimated or actual) traveled by Bucars used on case. Include mileage for cars traveling to and from other field offices on specia assignment and any personally-owned cars.
a	3)	Any unusual or out-of-ordinary costs, such as cost of chartering airplane, rental of special office space, leased telephone lines, etc. These should be itemized and cost of each item shown.
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Peak number of Special Agents working on case during month for which report is submitted.

You should promptly request all Bureau offices involved in this case to furnish information requested herein to you and it should be included in your report."

Each office is requested to expeditiously furnish the Memphis Division with the above designated data within two work days after the close of each month. Secondly, each office is also requested to advise the Memphis Division even in the event each category is zero or no work is performed on this case during the month.

Memorandum

TO

: SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)

DATE: 4/22/68

FROM : SA KENNETH B. JACKSON

SUBJECT: MURKIN

CR

The following investigation was conducted by SA TIMOTHY DONOMAN AND KENNETH B. JACKSON on 4/19/68:

Mr. M.L. CASSIDY, Proprietor, League City Bar, Old Galveston Road, League City, Texas, advised he had not known of a female named "LOU" working at this bar in recent years and that photographs of ERIC GALT was unfamiliar to him.

MARGARET MOORE, Manager, Diamond Apartments, 628 Highway 3; Mariner Apartments, 1100 E. Main; Todd-Diamond Duplexes, 7th and Danna Streets, all League City. Texas. advised after viewing photograph and description of ERIC GALT that GALT was unknown to her.

Mrs. JULIUS LOOSIER, Hacienda Cafe, 3817 Highway 3, Dickinson, Texas, advised one LUCILLE G. MERKA who was more commonly referred to as "LU" worked as a waitress at this cafe for about two months, terminating about 9/4/65. LU was a white female, age about 40-43, 5'6", dark hair, slender build. She was married to one LUM HOLLAN or HALLAN of Dickinson for awhile prix to her death from cancerin a hospital about one and one half to two years ago in Beaumont, Texas. Mrs. LOOSIER was unable to identify photograph of ERIC GALT as anyone she had known or seen before.

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TO

SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)

DATE:

4/22/68

FROM :

SA CHARLES J. POWELL

SUBJECT:

MURKIN

ReMemo of SPC EUSEBIO V. BENAVIDEZ, 4/21/68.

DAVID McDONALD, Supervisor, National Airlines Ticket Office, Hobby Airport, Houston, Texas, furnished following additional information today:

Last evening while watching the FBI Story on television he observed a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and was immediately reminded of a passenger whom he checked through on either National Airlines Flight 23 or National Airlines Flight 47 at approximately noon, 4/21/68. He described the person as about 6'1", with brown hair and a neatly trimmed goatee approximately 1" long covering the bottom lip and chin area only. He was wearing a light colored cowboy type straw hat, a beige Levi type jacket, and black horn rim sun glasses. He, while being checked by McDONALD, removed his sun glasses and stared intently at McDONALD. McDONALD stated the general configuration and look of this man's eyes appeared to be practically identical with the eyes in the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY. He said the passenger's nose and general shape of his face and mouth also resemble the photograph of RAY. The passenger checked through with no luggage and was carrying a small two-handle type flight bag. He said he was unable to determine whether or not the passenger was identical with RAY but that he felt there was a good possibility that they might be identical.

National Airlines Flight 23 departed Houston at the above described time en route for Las Vegas with final destination San Francisco. National Airlines Flight 47 departed Houston at the above described time en route nonstop to Los Angeles.

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The following stewardesses were aboard Flight 23 and are presently staying at the Jack Tarr Hotel, San Francisco. They are scheduled to depart SanFrancisco International Airport today at 2:35 PM, Pacific Standard Time, aboard National Airlines Flight 22 en route to Miami:

Senior Stewardess MITTUCH RATTIEN DELISE GODLEY

The following stewardesses were on Flight 47 and are presently staying at the Huntley House Hotel, Los Angeles. They are scheduled to depart Los Angeles International Airport today at 2 PM, Pacific Standard Time, aboard National Airlines Flight 48 en route to Miami:

Senior Stewardess LEVINE CARBONE HARRINGTON MC CLAIN

The above stewardesses are scheduled to report to the operations office of National Airlines at the respective airports one hour prior to flight departure time.

McDONALD advised he was unable to determine whether this above described passenger was on National Airlines Flight 23 or 47.

McDONALD also advised that all eight of the above stewardesses could be located for interview on 4/23/68 through Mr. SAM MAMULA, Security Office, General Offices, National Airlines, Miami, Florida, inasmuch as they are all eight based in that city.

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то : SAC (44-1509)

4/22/68 DATE:

FROM : SA G.C. SCHOONOVER, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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Lt. DANNY BROCK, Harris County, Texas Sheriff's Office at Houston, telephonically advised on night of Sunday 4/21/68, at 9:45 p.m., that CECZL RAMSEY, white male age about 51, telephonically advised Lt. BROCK that he operates the Redman's Glub/at 7722 Galveston Road in Houston and that person known/as GALT the FBI was looking for could have been the person in the Club on Saturday afternoon 4/20/68 and that the same person was believed coming back to the club on Monday 4/22/68, about noon time.

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TO:

SAC, LOS ANGELES

FROM:

SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)

RE:

MURKIN

Remytel calls to Los Angeles and San Francisco today.

Enclosed herewith is copy of a memorandum from SA CHARLES J. POWELL, 4/22/68, which is self-explanatory.

Los Angeles and San Francisco requested to immediately contact stewardesses on National Airlines flights 23 and 47, and attempt to obtain further description of person resembling JAMES EARL RAY, and determine if this person was on their flights.

2 - Los Angeles (encl 1)

2 - San Francisco (AM)(encl 1)

2 - Memphis (AM)(encl 1)

1 - Houston

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Note: I talked to ASAC, Los Angeles, and SAC, San Francisco

today.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

то : SAC (44-1509)

DATE: 4/18/68

FROM:

SA B. PERKOWSKI, JR.

SUBJECT:

MURKIN

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On 4/18/68, Mrs. ITASKA WEINSTEIN, 5503 Yacht Cluo Drive, Dickinson, Texas (home phone 534-4747), and operator of the ITASKA DanceStudio, Highway #3, about % mile South of Highway #517, League City, Texas (932-9960), stated she wanted no publicity whatever, and advised as follows:

After having been contacted on two separate occasions by agents of the FBI regarding this matter, she happened to see a photograph shown on TV last night of ERIC GALT and stated he looked familiar. Accordingly, she researched her records and located a 3 x 5 card bearing the name of JOHN WILLARD, no address or description. This was written by herself and merely shows that this man appeared for four lessons, three times on Wednesday and once on a Friday. No dates are recorded but she knows these lessons were before her annual recital held in May, and her best guess is that this man took the lessons during the month of April, 1967. She has no other record pertaining to WILLARD and has located nothing which bears his signature or handwriting.

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Her overall impression of this man is that he was not neat, had no personality, and was an extremely poor dancer. He was very quiet, and hard to teach because he had poor equilibrium. She knows nothing about him other thatn what she observed and what he said about himself.

No one else at this studio at present knew him; it is probable that SHIRLEY CARROLL, formerly the bookkeeper here, did know him from contacts when he came for lessons, and probably entered into conversation with him. She now lives at an address in care of J.L. HOECK, at Patton Road, Box 81A, Forest Hill, Maryland 21050, telephone 301-692-6746.

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Shown the photographs of ERIC GALT on his wanted flyer, she commented that the photograph of GALT with his eyes closed most closely resembes him. The eyes drawn into the photograph do not resemble those of the man she knew. In addition, the hair of the man she knew was not as dark as that in the photograph, and his complexion was olive, not fair.

During their very limited conversations, WILLARD stated he worked "at NASA", and did not get of f from work until about 5:30p.m. He also was called back to work overtime on occasion. He did not appear to be a highly educated man, definitely not the "engineer type". He said he went from work to his apartment, or room, took a shower, changed clothes, then came for his lesson. He usually wore a white shirt and dark pants, but once or twice wore a suit. She never did observe a badge or identification tag with his photograph on it, as she as seen many people wear who are employed by NASA.

On one occasion he told her he had gone dencing at a place named the "Breeze ", possibly the Breezeway, located on the Gulf Freeway between League City and Houston. He commented that he did not dance very well.

He owned a record player, and once borrowed one of her records, apparently to take home and practice dencing. Once he brought in a record of Fred Astaire dencing instructions, which he said he had purchased at the Nassau Bay shopping center.

She, Mrs. WEINSTEIN, had told him that she would not dence with him as his partner while teaching him ballroom dancing, it being against her policy. On at least two occasions, therefore, this man brought with him a woman who acted as his partner while he took lessons. This woman she described as follows:

Name: "LOU"

Age: In her 40's, definitely older

than Willard

Height: 5'4"
Build: Average

Dress: Wore ordinary cotton dresses, not

slacks

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(Description continued)

Dark, with reddish cast Miscellaneous: No personality

This woman supposedly worked as a waitress, place unknown, and WILLARD told her, Mrs: WEINSTEIN, he would not be able to bring this woman back with him because she worked too late and she wanted him to pick her up after work.

She is confident that WILLARD drove an automobile, but she is completely unable to describe it, other than it must have been an "older" car.

Perhaps the last time she gave this man a lesson, he told her he was going to"visit his mother". She does not believe he told her any more about where his mother lived, and cannot now remember if he did.

Mrs. WEINSTEIN furnished the following descriptive data concerning this man:

> Male Sex: Race:

Carriage:

"Not tall", perhaps 5'9"-10" Height:

Age:

In his 30's Brown, "ordinary" color and haircut, Hair:

combed straight back

Either grey or brown; definitely Eyes: not blue; did not wear glasses

Stocky, not fat or heavy Build:

Olive, not smooth-skinned, although Complexion:

not rough.

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Posture not good, slouched, not that of a "polished man"

That of average working man, no Speech:

accent noticed

Believes, but is not certain, wore Jewelry:

ring and writs watch, no details

recalled

Black, rounded toe, not alligator, Shoes: feet of average size (always notices

size of fleet)

Fingers were not unusually long Hands: Cannot remember if he smoked; does Habits: not remember habit of pulling ear,

but finds many students have this

or other nervous habit

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(Description continued)

Dress:

When wearing slacks, wore belt, and slacks much too long, dragging

on floor, belt worn low.

Miscellaneous: Did not seem "clean"or well-

educated.

Mrs. WEINSTEIN stated she does not at this time remember anything else about this man, but will advise promptly should she recall anything additional. OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
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Memorandum

TO :

SAC WESLEY T. WHALEY

DATE: 4/19/68

FROM :

MARGARET CRUM

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SUBJECT:

MURKIN

LOU - waitress - approximately 40

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STEPHEN-HASSARD & CARR

NASA BOULEVARD

CAR #5

CAR #19

SULLIVAN & RYAN

VAN RY & SWISHER

OLD GALVESTON HIGHWAY

CAR #10

JACKSON & DONOVAN

CAR #41

BROWN & WILLIAMS

LEAGUE CITY & WEBSTER

CAR #8

SCHULTE & SCHWEICKHARDT

KEMAH & SEABROOK

CAR #18

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DICKINSON

CAR #16

BOONE & BLACKMAN

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO

FILE (44-1509)

DATE: 4/22/68

FROM:

SAC WESLEY T. WHALEY

SUBJECT:

MURKIN

Re attached memo of SA PERKOWSKI, 4/18/68.

Based on attached, the area surrounding League City was flooded with agents in an attempt to eliminate the JOHN WILLARD, who allegedly took dancing lessons at Itaska Studios, as subject of this case. This was done prior to the information received that the subject had been identified as JAMES EARL RAY.

All investigation was negative and the assignments are set forth in the secretary's memo of the 19th.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO :

SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)

DATE:

4/22/68

FROM:

SA JOSEPH J. DOOLING

SUBJECT:

MURKIN

On 4/22/68, AUSA RONALD J. BLASK, SDT, Houston, furnished the following information which he received from a friend who desires to remain anonymous:

In May, 1967, a billboard at the intersection of Hillcroft and the Southwest Freeway had an advertisement "Who is John Galt?"

The Houston Poster Advertising Company located on Buffalo Speedway rented this billboard to W. R. STEVENSON, an artist who operates Stevenson Studio, 2502 North Boulevard. STEVENSON obtained the advertisement described above in the name of Objectivists Society and/or NATHANIAL BRANDON, 120 East 34th Street, New York City.

NATHANIAL BRANDON and ANN RAND, author of "Fountain Head", operate and Nathanial Brandon Institute, an ultraconservative right-wing organization.

The name JOHN GALT was used as a character in a book, possibly "Fountain Head" or some other publication by that authoress or the organizations mentioned above.

Houston indices negative concerning all the above names with the exception of NATHANIAL BRANDON who was involved in file 121-398 in 1949.

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Memorandum

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SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)

DATE: 4/22/68

FROM :

SA JOHN G. HOUSTON

SUBJECT:

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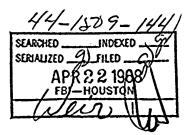
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The following investigation was conducted by SA JOHN G. HOUSTON:

AT PORT ARTHUR, TEXAS:

On 4/15/68, GEORGE LOHMANN, 111 Dryden Place, owner of Blanton's Laundry, 1313 Proctor Street advised he did away with the Thermo Seal Type of Laundry marking about two years ago. Mr. LOHMANN stated he did not recognize the marking "02B-6" and has never used this type of coding. He said that even when he did have the Thermo Seal Type of marking he used the letters of the days of the week first, the lot number second, then the customer's number.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO

SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)

DATE:

4/22/68

FROM :

SA GEORGE T. SULLIVAN

SUBJECT:

MURKIN

The below listed people were contacted on 4/22/68 and advised their records reflect no one by the name of JOHN WILLARD:

HELEN EARNEST, Secretary, Asbestor Workers Local No. 22, 6001 Gulf Freeway

DORIS BAKER, Secretary, Boiler Makers Union No. 74, 8303 Leander

HELEN BOND, Secretary, Boiler Makers Union Local No. 469, 3506 Harrisburg

JOYCE LINTZ, Secretary, Brewery Workers Union Local No. 111, South Coast Building

MALCOLM SCHAFER, Financial Secretary, Bricklayers Union No. 7, 2017 Clay

Mrs. MAURINE MITCHELL, Secretary, Carpenters and Joiners Unions of America, 1800 McGowen

VANCE FRIDGE, Financial Secretary, Carpet and Linoleum Layers Local No. 1863, 1705 Bell

J. O. DEMPSEY, Financial Secretary, Cement Masons Local No. 681, 3130 North Freeway

LESLIE MEINER, Secretary, Electrical Workers Union No. 66, 2506 Sutherland

JOAN BLAKE, Secretary, Communications Workers of America Local No. 6222, 1520 Pease

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312407PM URGENT 4/22/68 GJM

TO ALL SACS RELAY MESSAGE PLAN
FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 1P

MURKIN

YOU ARE REMINDED THAT ALL LEADS IN THIS CASE MUST BE
COVERED WITHIN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS. AND ALL LEADS MUST BE
SET FORTH BY TELEPHONE OR TELETYPE. ALL BORDER OFFICES
COVERING ENTRY INTO MEXICO AND CANADA AND EXIT THEREFROM
SHOULD INSURE THAT APPROPRIATE STOPS ARE MAINTAINED RE
SUBJECT AND ALL NAMES KNOWN TO BE USED BY HIM AT RESPECTIVE
OFFICES OF U. S. IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PATROL. YOU
SHOULD ALSO INSURE THAT PREVIOUS STOPS PLACED WITH ANY
FACILITY SHOULD INCLUDE ALL NAMES USED BY THE SUBJECT.

AND IO'S TO NARCOTIC INVESTIGATIVE AGENCIES IN ORDER THAT
THEIR INFORMANTS MAY BE CONTACTED. YOU SHOULD CONTACT
ALL CRIMINAL INFORMANTS AND APPROPRIATE RACIAL AND SECURITY
INFORMANTS. LEGATS OTTAWA AND MEXICO CITY BEING ADVISED

SEPARATELY.

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TO ALL SACS RELAY MESSAGE PLAN

FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 1P

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YOU ARE REMINDED THAT ALL LEADS IN THIS CASE MUST BE COVERED WITHIN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS. AND ALL LEADS MUST BE SET FORTH BY TELEPHONE OR TELETYPE. ALL BORDER OFFICES COVERING ENTRY INTO MEXICO AND CANADA AND EXIT THEREFROM SHOULD INSURE THAT APPROPRIATE STOPS ARE MAINTAINED RE SUBJECT AND ALL NAMES KNOWN TO BE USED BY HIM AT RESPECTIVE OFFICES OF U. S. IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PATROL: YOU SHOULD ALSO INSURE THAT PREVIOUS STOPS PLACED WITH ANY FACILITY SHOULD INCLUDE ALL NAMES USED BY THE SUBJECT.

DISTRIBUTE SUFFICIENT QUANTITIES OF WANTED FLYERS
AND ID'S TO NARCOTIC INVESTIGATIVE AGENCIES IN ORDER THAT
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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987), HOUSTON,
PHOENIX (44-371), DALLAS, JACKSONVILLE AND KANSAS CITY
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FROM:

SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)

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TO

SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)

DATE:

4/22/68

FROM:

SA JOHN THOMAS KESLER

SUBJECT:

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ReButel to All Continental Offices, 4/8/68.

A review of the 1967 City Directory for Beaumont, Port Arthur, Orange, and Vidor, Texas, failed to reflect a listing for ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMEYER, or JOHN WILLARD.

A review of the current telephone directories for the following cities also failed to reflect a listing for the above mentioned individuals:

Jasper, Texas
Beaumont, Texas
Orange, Texas
Bridge City, Texas
Port Arthur, Texas
San Augustine, Texas
Woodville, Texas
Spurger, Texas
Hemphill, Texas
Bronson, Texas
Pineland, Texas
Cleveland, Texas
Kirbyville, Texas
Liberty, Texas
Dayton, Texas

Credit and criminal checks, Port Artur and Beaumont, Texas, negative concerning GALT, LOWMEYER or WILLARD.

On 4/11/68, Inspector L. G. TURNER, JR., Beaumont, Texas, advised a review of all ships departing the Beaumont-Port Arthur, Texas, area for foreign ports since 4/4/68 failed to reflect a passenger or crew member under the name of JOHN WILLARD, HARVEY LOWMEYER, or ERIC STARVO GALT.

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On 4/17/68, it was noted that the building previously utilized by Dance City, USA, in the Ridgewood Shopping Center, Beaumont, Texas, was vacant. Sign on the door indicated the studio moved to 284 Bowie, Beaumont, or contact could be made through Dance City, USA, Houston, Texas, telephone NA 2-2500.

Inquiry at 284 Bowie Street, Beaumont, Texas, reflected the Arthur Murray Dance Studio had been closed for approximately one month. Inquiry at the Bow Tailor Shop, 282 Bowie Street, Beaumont, Texas, determined that the Arthur Murray Studio was closed and the representative for the studio, JOSEPH A. LANZO, could be contacted through the Arthur Murray School of Dancing in Houston, Texas.

There are no other dancing schools presently in operation in the Beaumont, Texas, area.

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TO:

SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)

DATE:

4/22/68

FROM:

SA DAVID W. HEDGECOCK

SUBJECT:

MURKIN

The following investigation was conducted by SA's FRANK M. IVEY and DAVID W. HEDGECOCK:

AT LA PORTE, TEXAS:

Mrs. BESSIE BIEBIG, Credit Bureau of La Porte, advised on 4/19/68 that she was unable to locate a record identifiable with subject under the name JOHN WILLARD, HARVEY LOWMEYER, or ERIC STARVO GALT.

AT HOUSTON, TEXAS:

The following persons were contacted in efforts to locate and/or identify the unknown waitress described only as first name "Lou". Each of these persons reviewed subject's Wanted Flyer and each advised they could offer no information concerning "Lou" or subject:

L. B. WRIGHT, owner, Flintlock Inn, 810 Nasa Boulevard

ELIANE HUDSON, Manager, Monterrey House Restaurant, 914 NASA Boulevard

D. W. ROBINSON, Manager BETTY COPELAND, Berger Town Restaurant No. 2, 918 NASA Boulevard

RAYMOND E. HANKAMER, JR., Manager, Holiday Inn Motel, 1300 NASA Boulevard

LESLEY C. BARCLAY, Manager, Sveden House Restaurant, Nassau Bay Shopping Village

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BARRY FLEISHCHMANN, Manager, Nassau Bay Hotel, 1622 NASA Boulevard

On 4/19/68, Mrs. LOUISE CASEY, Waitress, Nassau Bay Hotel, 1622 NASA Boulevard was interviewed at the hotel. Mrs. CASEY furnished the following information concerning herself:

Mrs. CASEY advised she was born LOUISE ANETTE BOLEENO, 10/19/28, at Buffalo, New York. The following physical description was noted:

Height 4'11"
Weight 100 pounds
Eyes Green

Hair Blond with reddish tint

Mrs. CASEY advised she has been employed by the Nassau Bay Hotel as a waitress since March, 1965, and at no time has she dated anyone. Mrs. CASEY advised she has been married to RICHARD CASEY for 19 years and has a 17-year-old son. She advised that subject's name and photograph were completely unfamiliar to her, with the exception of recent press coverage and that at no time has she ever taken dancing lessons. Mrs. CASEY advised she currently resides at 98 Bayou Lane, Kemah, Texas, and that her husband, RICHARD, is employed as an engineer by Link, Temple and Vault, contractors at the Manned Spacecraft Center. Mrs. CASEY advised that during the spring and summer of 1967 she was employed fulltime working evenings in the Club Seville at the Nassau Bay Hotel. Mrs. CASEY advised she has never been arrested and that the only time she has ever been fingerprinted was in 1951 or 1952 when she was employed as a part-time clerk at the Post Office in Buffalo, New York, during the Christmas Season. She advised subsequently she and her husband have resided at Columbus, Ohio; Baltimore, Maryland; Granada Hills, California; and League City, Texas, prior to her present residence. She advised she and her husband moved to League City in February, 1965, and while at League City lived at the Diamond Apartments, 613 Texas Highway No. 3.

Mrs. CASEY advised the only other waitress in the area that she knows whose first name could be LOU is Mrs. LOUISE WALLACE who is also employed as a waitress at the Nassau Bay Hotel.

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DATE:

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FROM :

SA DAVID W. HEDGECOCK

SUBJECT:

MURKIN

The following investigation was conducted by SA's FRANK M. IVEY and DAVID W. HEDGECOCK:

On 4/19/68, BARRY FLEISCHMANN, Manager, Nassau Bay Hotel, 1622 NASA Boulevard, advised that he employs two waitresses whose first name is "Lou". He advised that Mrs. LOUISE CASEY is employed as a waitress in the hotel restaurant and Mrs. LOUISE WALLACE is employed in the hotel coffee shop.

Mrs. LOUISE CASEY was interviewed on 4/19/68 and it was determined she is not identical with the "Lou" (LNU) previously determined in this case. Mrs. LOUISE WALLACE was on a day off on 4/19/68 and efforts to locate her at her home, 1410 Farm-Market Road 518, Kemah, Texas, met with negative results.

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AT NASSAU BAY or KEMAH, TEXAS:

Mrs. LOUISE WALLACE should be interviewed to determine if she may be identical with the unknown waitress developed during investigation of this matter.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA GEORGE P. D. HUDNOR on April 10, 11, and 12, 1968 and listed below are the names of those individuals with their titles, agencies, and locales, who were contacted in order to have their records reviewed for the names of ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMEYER, or LOWMYER, or any similar name. All record checks were negative.

April 10, 1968

At Orange, Texas

- 1. DAN GRAY
 Officer, Identification Division
 Orange, Police Department
- 2. GIENDA ROBINSON, clerk Identification Division Orange County Sheriff's Office
- 3. ROSEMARY AARON, Clerk
 Tax Accessor and Collector's Office
- 4. JUDY SMITH, Clerk Retail Merchants Association

April 11, 1968

At Jasper, Texas

- 1. BUTCH NIGER
 Dispatcher
 Jasper County Sheriff's Office
- 2. ALTON WRIGHT COP, Jasper Police Department
- 3. ESTELLE HINSON
 Clerk, Jasper Credit Bureau
 (CB covers Jasper and Newton Counties)
- 4. MARTIN LINSEY
 Tax Accessor and Collector
 Jasper County, Texas

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At San Augustine

- 1. N. L. TINDALL Sheriff, San Augustine County Sheriff's Office
- 2. BILL MC CALLUM COP, San Augustine Police Department
- 3. DOYLINE BENNEFIELD, Clerk Retail Merchants Association
- 4. Mrs. JIMMIE AIFORD
 Tax Accessor and Collector
 San Augustine, County, Texas

At Hemphill, Texas

- 1. MUTT BARLOW
 Deputy, Sabine County Sheriff's Office
- 2. VIRGIE SPEIGHTS
 Retail Merchants Association
 Sabine County, Texas
- 3. PAUL SMITH
 Tax Accessor and Collector
 Sabine County, Texas

At Newton, Texas

- 1. CURTIS HUMPHREYS
 Sheriff, Newton County Sheriff's Office
- 2. BILL DAVIS COP, Newton Police Department
- 3. ELIZABETH SMITH
 Chief Deputy
 Tax Accessor and Collector's Office
 Newton County, Texas

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At Woodville, Texas

- 1. JOHN GRAMMER COP, Woodville Police Department
- 2. RICHARD COLE Deputy, Tyler County Sheriff's Office
- 3. PETE THORNTON
 Tax Accessor and Collector
 Tyler County, Texas

At Kountze, Texas

- 1. CURTIS DAVIS
 Dispatcher, Hardin County Sheriff's Office
- 2. WILLIE BEAN
 Tax Accessor and Collector's Office
 Hardin County, Texas



Memorandum

TO

SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)

DATE:

4/22/68

FROM

SA HOLLIS Q. BOONE

SUBJECT:

MURKIN

The following investigation was conducted in this case at Dickinson, Texas, by SA HOLLIS Q. BOONE and SA M. CLAY BLACKMAN on 4/19/68:

Attempts to locate a waitress by the name of LOU (LNU) were negative, and photograph of subject was shown to all persons interviewed also with negative results. In the course of this investigation the following persons were contacted:

FRED GRIEGER, Deputy Sheriff, Galveston County SO

ROBERT BRUCE, Galveston County SO

It should be noted that the two above officers assisted the agents in locating restaurants and boarding houses in this area.

MARY WILD, Mary's Cafe

CARLO EMMETT, T&C Night Club and Motel

LAVON BOOTH, Colonial Rooms All 1967 room receipts were reviewed.

E. R. COOK, owner, rooming house, 4401 Gore

Mrs. PRESTON G. NORTHRUP, Northrup Trailer Park, Highway 517

LUCILLE GRAHAM, Railroad Cafe

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Mrs. JACKIE ROSS, Railroad Cafe

Four Seasons Beauty Salon, TINA VAN HOY

FRANK BOSTICK, Bostick Restaurant, Texas City, Texas

LINDA SKEPTER, Pete's Cafe, La Marque, Texas

Closed accounts, Security Savings and Loan, and Miss VIRGINIA WEIGELT, Citizens State Bank, were checked for possible accounts of subject with negative results.

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SUBJECT: JAMES EARL RAY, AKA ETAL

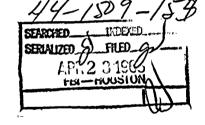
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The following people and places were contacted with regards to the name JOHN WILLARD. No positive information was developed.

A.B. COOPER, ROOFERS AND WATERPROOFERS AND PIPE WRAPPERS

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