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Information has been submitted by USPO Eubanks, Northern District of Georgia, in his report of March 15,1968.

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FBI Date: 5/8/68 Transmit the following in _ (Type in plaintext or code) AIRTEL . Via. TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-3\$861) FROM: . SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386)(P) SUBJECT: MURKIN (00: MEMPHIS) Re Dallas airtel to Bureau, 5/1/68, regarding alleged offer of \$100,000 by White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (WKKKK), Jackson, Miss., to anyone who kills MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. Enclosed for Jacksonville are two copies each of Dallas airtel to Bureau, 6/6/67, Kansas City airtel to Bureau, 7/21/67 and Dallas airtel to Bureau, 5/1/68. On 5/8/68, Mr. J. B. MC WHORTER, Spencer International Press, 2335 Brannen Road, Atlanta, Ga., advised DONALD JAMES MISSEN is no longer employed by this company, having left approximately December, 1967, to go to Corpus Christi, Texas, where he was employed by the Americana Encyclopedia Co. MC WHORTER stated he recently learned that NISSEM is working in Panama City, Fla., selling a safety device which operates 3)- Bureau 2' - Jackson (Info) 2 - Jacksonville (Enc. 6) 2 - Memphis (44-1987) Serialited C 2 - Atlanta JTB: lcc FBI-HOUSTON (10)

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as a gyroscope. He stated the name of the unit is the Auto Safety Control and the company office is located in Reno, Nevada. MC WHORTER stated HAROLD B. FITZGERALD is presently located with the Spencer International Press at 3801 Kirbey Drive, Houston, Texas.

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At Panama City, Florida:

Will locate DONALD JAMES NISSEN and interview for any information he may have obtained re alleged offer to kill KING since MISSEN's release from jail on 6/19/67. For info Jacksonville, the Jackson Office in July, 1967, advised the WKKKK were in bad financial straights, having a difficult time raising enough money to defend members of this organization after their arrest.

Information copy furnished Jackson inasmuch as present investigation being conducted that Division.

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Date of Birth

Age

Height

LEROY BASIL MC MANAMAN

None

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Age

At admission, 49 years

5 feet 10 inches

Weight 188 pounds
FBI Number 1244125

Social Security

Number Unknown
Marital Status Divorced
Education 10th grade
Age at first arrest 20 years

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On 5/13/68, Mrs. SYBIL G. EURE, 423 Raymond Road, Jackson, Miss., was reinterviewed.

At the outset she inquired as to the nature of the interview.

It was explained to Mrs. EURE that since the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., her past association with MC MANAMAN may be of a more significant nature.

The alleged offer of \$100,000.00 by the WKKKKOM was explained to her again.

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Mrs. EURE, who appears to be a reasonably successful business woman, neat in appearance, and well spoken, said she now recalls how this alleged offer all started.

She said she recalls that in 1964 when she first met MC MANAMAN, he was out on some kind of bond waiting for an appeal. At the same time the murder of the three civil rights workers in Neshoba County, Mississippi, was at the height of publicity. Sheriff RAINEY of Neshoba County was presumed to be, at the time, an official in the Klan in Neshoba County. At least the newspapers, radio and television news stories indicated this much. During the same period her real estate business was in minor financial difficulty and she recalls casually mentioning that if she approached the Sheriff of Neshoba County she could probably get \$100,000.00 to kill KING. She said she now feels in all probability that MC MANAMAN took her casual statement seriously. She said she now realizes the seriousness of such a statement since KING's murder.

Mrs. EURE stated that she is an outspoken business woman and often passes remarks of this nature more to attract some prospective customers than anything else. She said she believes that this is the basis for MC MANAMAN's information concerning the offer of money by the Klan in Mississippi to kill MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

In attemptig to determine the circumstances concerning her meeting MC MANAMAN in 1964, Mrs. EURE said she met him through a mutual business friend. Her association with MC MANAMAN was business. She said in her opinion MC MANAMAN had a world of knowledge

in real estate business and that if he ever gets out of prison she will always be willing to hire him as an assistant in her real estate business.

After his appeal was denied in 1964, MC MANAMAN was returned to Kansas and began serving his sentence. She said she went out to the Penitentiary on two occasions in 1964, the first time to pick up MC MANAMAN's automobile which she financed for him. All other visits, two or three times in 1965 and once in 1966, were just friendly visits. She said the last time she visited him was early in 1966 and that she has not seen him or heard from him since that time. She said as far as she knows he is still in prison.

Mrs. EURE was very apologetic, very cooperative, and stated that she has no information whatsoever concerning the person or persons responsible for the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR: If, in the event she receives any information which may be of help in this matter she will immediately contact the FBI.

Mrs. EURE is a white female, approximately 5 feet 9 inches, slender, moderately attractive, approximately 50 years of age.

A further review of the Leavenworth Penitentiary Classification Sheet for MC MANAMAN discloses that his nine year sentence was in animoperative status for 375 days due to an appeal. The Classification Study form of MC MANAMAN, Register Number 81371-L indicates that MC MANAMAN was received at Leavenworth Penitentiary in April, 1964 after his appeal had been denied.

The Bureau, through FBI Identification Division records, may wish to compare the records of DONALD JAMES NISSEN, FBI Number 607320A; LEROY BASIL MC MANAMAN, FBI Number 1244125 (as indicated in prison records) with the known arrest record of JAMES EARL RAY to determine if they were ever confined in the same prison at the same time with subject RAY.

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The above information is being furnished to offices designated for information purposes. No leads are being set out in view of information furnished by Mrs. EURE.

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At the outset she inquired as to the nature of the interview.

It was explained to Mrs. EURE that since the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., her past association with MC MANAMAN may be of a more significant nature.

The alleged offer of \$100,000.00 by the WKKKKOM was explained to her again.

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Mrs. EURE, who appears to be a reasonably successful business woman, neat in appearance, and well spoken, said she now recalls how this alleged offer all started.

She said she recalls that in 1964 when she first met MC MANAMAN, he was out on some kind of bond waiting for an appeal. At the same time the murder of the three civil rights workers in Neshoba County, Mississippi, was at the height of publicity. Sheriff RAINEY of Neshoba County was presumed to be, at the time, an official in the Klan in Neshoba County. At least the newspapers, radio and television news stories indicated this much. During the same period her real esta te business was in minor financial difficulty and she recalls casually mentioning that if she approached the Sheriff of Neshoba County she could probably get \$100,000.00 to kill KING. She said she now feels in all probability that MC MANAMAN took her casual statement seriously. She said she now realizes the seriousness of such a statement since KING's murder.

Mrs. EURE stated that she is an outspoken business woman and often passes remarks of this nature more to attract some prospective customers than anything else. She said she believes that this is the basis for MC MANAMAN's information concerning the offer of money by the Klan in Mississippi to kill MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

In attemptig to determine the circumstances concerning her meeting MC MANAMAN in 1964, Mrs. EURE said she met him through a mutual business friend. Her association with MC MANAMAN was business. She said in her opinion MC MANAMAN had a world of knowledge

in real estate business and that if he ever gets out of prison she will always be willing to hire him as an assistant in her real estate business.

After his appeal was denied in 1964, MC MANAMAN was returned to Kansas and began serving his sentence. She said she went out to the Penitentiary on two occasions in 1964, the first time to pick up MC MANAMAN's automobile which she financed for him. All other visits, two or three times in 1965 and once in 1966, were just friendly visits. She said the last time she visited him was early in 1966 and that she has not seen him or heard from him since that time. She said as far as she knows he is still in prison.

Mrs. EURE was very apologetic, very cooperative, and stated that she has no information whatsoever concerning the person or persons responsible for the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR: If, in the event she receives any information which may be of help in this matter she will immediately contact the FBI.

Mrs. EURE is a white female, approximately 5 feet 9 inches, slender, moderately attractive, approximately 50 years of age.

A further review of the Leavenworth Penitentiary Classification Sheet for MC MANAMAN discloses that his nine year sentence was in animoperative status for 375 days due to an appeal. The Classification Study form of MC MANAMAN, Register Number 81371-L indicates that MC MANAMAN was received at Leavenworth Penitentiary in April, 1964 after his appeal had been denied.

The Bureau, through FBI Identification Division records, may wish to compare the records of DONALD JAMES NISSEN, FBI Number 607320A; LEROY BASIL MC MANAMAN, FBI Number 1244125 (as indicated in prison records) with the known arrest record of JAMES EARL RAY to determine if they were ever confined in the same prison at the same time with subject RAY.

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The above information is being furnished to offices designated for information purposes. No leads are being set out in view of information furnished by Mrs. EURE.

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LEADS

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At Panama City, Plorida:

Will locate DONALD JAMES NISSEN and interview for any information he may have obtained re alleged offer to kill KING since MISSEN's release from jail on 6/19/67. For info Jacksonville, the Jackson Office in July, 1967, advised the WKKK were in bad financial straights, having a difficult time raising enough money to defend members of this organization after their arrest.

Information copy furnished Jackson inasmuch as present investigation being conducted that Division.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Will continue efforts to locate subject RAY.

ADMINISTRATIVE DATA:

Information copies sent Atlanta, Birmingham, Chicago, Houston, Jackson, Kansas City, Los Angeles, New Orleans, and St. Louis Divisions in view of pending investigation in those Divisions.

No leads are being set forth in this report as they have been and are being set out by more expeditious communications.

For the sake of brevity, the body of this report does not contain the voluminous negative information obtained by the Springfield Division during the period of this report. This information is a matter of record in the Springfield Division and reflects negative information re:

- (1) ERIC STARVO GALT, agency checks; barge lines; dance studios
- (2) Laundry checks
- (3) Agency checks re HARVEY LOWMYER or LOWMEYER
- (4) Canvass of unsolved bank robberies in the Springfield Division
- (5) Canvass of law enforcement agencies re unidentified latent fingerprints
- (6) Automobiles stolen from the State of Georgia
- (7) Possible suspects and lookalikes which originated and were resolved wholly within the Springfield Division
- (8) Nonproductive interviews as a result of various telephone and nail coverage

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- (9) Contacts with informants and sources, Springfield Division
- (10) Surveillances of subject's family and associates, Springfield Division

During the course of this investigation, appropriate dissemination has been made by the Springfield Division to all law enforcement agencies and mass media contacts within the Division.

Interviews with SI 1656-C

On March 25, 1968, a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #306 443 A, made at Missouri Department of Corrections on March 17, 1960 was exhibited by SA ELYON H. DAVIS to SI 1656-C. Informant advised that the photograph was familiar to him and was someone that he thought he had known in St. Louis, Missouri, in either 1959 or 1960. Informant stated that he had never seen RAY to his knowledge in Quincy, Illinois. Informant advised that he is very close to WALTER TERRY RIFE and sees RIFE on a daily basis. He advised that RIFE had been living at the home of his brother, LONNIE RIFE at Baylis, Illinois, however, in February, 1967, WALTER TERRY RIFE had started running the restaurant in the Virginia Hotel, in Quincy, Illinois. Informant advised that he would contact WALTER RIFE and determine if RIFE knew anything concerning RAY's whereabouts. advised that he did not feel that WALTER RIFE would cooperate with the Federal authorities inasmuch as it was RIFE's nature to not cooperate with police. Informant advised that WALTER RIFE had been working on a daily basis at the Virginia Hotel in Quincy, and informant knew that in the recent past, RAY has not been in contact with WALTER RIFE.

On April 7, 1968, SI 1656-C was recontacted by SA ELYON H. DAVIS concerning JAMES EARL RAY. Informant advised that he had contacted WALTER TERRY RIFE on several occasions since last contacted and that WALTER RIFE had no information as to the present whereabouts of JAMES EARL RAY. He advised

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that WALTER TERRY RIFE had told him he had not seen RAY since RIFE left Leavenworth Federal Penitentiary in 1957.

On April 19, 1968, SI 1656-C was contacted by SA ELYON H. DAVIS and SA THOMAS M. SCHOENHOFER and was exhibited photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #306 443 A, made at Missouri Department of Corrections on March 17, . 1960, as well as a photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT. Informant advised that he has never to his knowledge seen this individual in the Quincy, Illinois area. He advised that he had been contacting WALTER TERRY RIFE almost on a daily basis and that this individual is definitely not with JAMES EARL RAY at the present time. The informant advised that he is certain that WALTER TERRY RIFE was working at his restaurant at the Virginia Hotel during the period from March 29, 1968 through April 4, 1968. Informant advised that he cannot remember exactly where he had ever seen RAY, however, he feels it was in bars located on Olive Street in St. Louis, Missouri, and to the best of his knowledge, it would have been sometime around 1959 or 1960. The informant advised that he is certain that RAY has not been in the Quincy area in the recent past or else the informant would know of it.

Informant advised that he personally is acquainted with all of the Country Music Night Clubs in the Quincy, Illinois general area and visits these places quite frequently and he is certain that RAY has not recently been to any of these night clubs.

Informant was instructed to work full time concerning the development of any information concerning the whereabouts, activities or background concerning RAY.

Interviews with SI 1661-R-Prob:

On May 1, 1968, SI 1661-R-Prob was exhibited the photograph of an unknown male allegedly resembling the subject in this matter taken at a Minutemen Meeting. Informant was unable to identify this individual as being anyone he has come in contact with within the Minutemen Organization.

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Re Prior Threats to MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

On May 3, 1968, Mrs. EUGENE WALDON (protect), Route 3, West Frankfort, Illinois, mother of JOHN C. MEDIZER, advised her son is presently residing at 5506 E. R. L. Thronton (possibly Thornton) Freeway, Dallas, Texas.

During the course of this investigation, WILLIAM HICKLE, Service Representative, Illinois Bell Telephone Company, Quincy, Illinois, (whose identity should be protected,) has furnished information affording appropriate coverage of all of subject RAY's family and associates in the Springfield Division. All leads derived from this source have been checked and telephone subscribers eliminated as having no connection with this matter.

Records of the Illinois Bell Telephone Company, should they be needed in the future, can be obtained through the issuance of a Subpoena Duces Tecum directed to Mr. HICKLE.

It should be noted that the investigative period of this report precedes the date of KING's assassination; this fact due to Springfield Division's prior investigative interest in JAMES EARL RAY, SI file 88-5361, Bufile 88-41730, entitled "JAMES EARL RAY, Aka - Fugitive, UFAC - ROBBERY FIRST."

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May 24, 1968

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Field Office File #:

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Bureau File #:

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JAMES EARL RAY

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TOP TEN FUGITIVE

DOCTOR MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. -

Character:

Synopsis:

VICTIM

CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY;

UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID CONFINEMENT - ROBBERY

Springfield files reflect HARVEY EDWARD LOHMEYER located and interviewed and determined not identical with subject in this case. Birth and other pertinent records located for subject JAMES EARL RAY. Numerous files reviewed re family of JAMES EARL RAY and those within Springfield Division located and interviewed. Prison records checked re RAY! Contact being maintained with all relatives at this time. Information developed and furnished re actual and alleged past associates of RAY. Interviews with possible fellow inmates of RAYs at Illinois State Penitentiary, Pontiac, Illinois, negative. Information developed and set forth re BENNY K. PINKSTON and JOHN C. MEDIZER, who have made prior threats against MARTIN LUTER KING, JR. Investigation conducted to eliminate numerous possible suspects and lookalikes to JAMES EARL RAY. Wife of ROBERT HOOD STRADER located and interviewed. Investigation continuing to locate CECIL RAY. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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I. HARVEY EDWARD LOHMEYER

On April 8, 1968, a check of Springfield Division indices reflected a reference to HARVEY LOHMEYER, white male, age 23 in 1955; 5' 8" tall; FBI #730 979A; home address, Palmyra, Illinois.

On April 13, 1968, a recheck of the records of the Illinois State Prison Farm, Vandalia, Illinois, regarding the sentence served by HARVEY LOHMEYER, inmate number 33316, FBI # 730 979A, was verified as June 5, 1951 to October 20, 1951. LOHMEYER was sentenced from Adams County, Quincy, Illinois, on a charge of riot.

His previous identification and arrest record contains only an arrest on August 10, 1959, by Adams County Sheriff's Office on the charge of robbery and the disposition for the charge is shown as "pending". His inmate number 33316 and FBI number 730 979A do not show other sentences at this institution for this person under the name LOHMEYER or in the alias file.

Also, on April 13, 1968, the records of the penitentiary show HARVEY LOHMEYER, Illinois State Penitentiary Menard Number 24525, received at Menard, May 19, 1955, to serve 2 to 5 years on a charge of burglary. He was paroled July, 1958. A review of the file for associates and correspondents reflects no information that LOHMEYER associated for corresponded with ERIC GALT.

On April 13, 1968, THOMAS R. LOHMEYER, DONALD L. LOHMEYER, WALTER R. LOHMEYER, JR, all brothers of HARVEY EDWARD LOHMEYER, FBI #730 979 A were interviewed and all presently reside in Quincy, Illinois area. DONALD L. LOHMEYER is employed by Durst Dairy at Quincy, Illinois, and was working during period March 29, 1968 and April 4, 1968 and his attendance at work was verified. THOMAS R. LOHMEYER and WALTER R. LOHMEYER, JR. are both employed by Monogram Industries, Quincy, Illinois, and both were in Quincy, Illinois, from March 29, to April 4, 1968.

On April 12, 1968, investigation was conducted in the Quincy, Illinois area in an effort to locate HARVEY EDWARD LOHMEYER, FBI #730 979A.

Investigation showed that HARVEY EDWARD LOHMEYER has not been in the Quincy area for many years and that his last known place of residence was somewhere in the State of California.

On April 13, 1968, the records of the Quincy, Illinois Police Department, were reviewed and showed the following records for brothers of HARVEY EDWARD LOHMEYER:

WALTER R. LOHMEYER, JR.

Race
Sex
Date of Birth
Place of Birth
Height
Weight
Hair
Eyes
Complexion
Build
Tattoo

Occupation

White
Male
2/16/17
Quincy, Illinois
5' 102"
180 lbs.
Brown
Brown
Ruddy
Medium
Two swords on left
forearm
Laborer,
Monogram Industries
825 South Front Street
Quincy, Illinois

The file showed the following arrests for WALTER LOWEYER, JR.:

DATE	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
6-16-40	Selling liquor	\$25 fine
10-2-43	Speeding	\$10 fine
3-15-51	. Peace disturbance	\$25 fine
7-19-52	Careless driving	\$15 fine
7-16-54	Reckless driving	Sentenced 90 days Vandalia State Prison Faru
3-16-55	Peace disturbance	\$25 fine
8-23-59	Careless driving	\$15 fine

The Quincy Police Department files showed the following physical description of DONALD LOWINGER:

RACE:	White
SEX:	Male
DATE OF BIRTH:	8-20-30
HEIGHT:	5'7"
WEIGHT	153 lbs.
HAIR:	Brown
EYES:	Brown

The file showed the following arrests for DONALD

LOHMEYER

DATE	CHARGE	· DISPOSITION
4-26-47	Investigation	Released
1-29-51	Careless driving	\$25 fine
4-29-52	Speeding	\$20 fine
10-27-56	Speeding	\$5

The files showed the physical description of THOMAS R. LOHIEYER as follows:

RACE: White SEX: Male not shown AGE: 517511 HEIGHT: 150 lbs. WFIGHT: HAIR: Brown EYES: Brown Ruddy COMPLEXION: HOME ADDRESS: 1501 North 4th St. Quincy, Ill.

The files showed the following arrest record for THOMAS R. LOHMEYER:

DATE	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
6-28-45	В & Е	Released
3-15-51	Peace disturbance	\$25 fine
5-25-52	Peace disturbance	\$10 fine
3-15-55	Peace disturbance	\$15 fine

On 4-13-68 ELIZABETH ROTH, Credit Bureau of Quincy, Inc., Quincy, Ill., furnished the following information concerning the LOHMEYERS in the files of her office:

WALTER RAY LOHMEYER, JR., in 1/68 was residing at 1877 Hampshire Street, Quincy, Illinois. He presently owns his home at that address and is very slow in payment on credit bills. He has been employed by Monogram Industries, Quincy, Ill., for approximately 20 years. No information of any connections of WALTER R. LOHMEYER, JR., outside Quincy, Illinois.

The file showed that THOMAS R. LOHMEYER's last known address was 1527 South Fifth Street, Cuincy, as of 6/65. He later made inquiries concerning purchasing a home in Payson, Illinois. As of 4/66 a credit check showed he had been employed by Monogram Industries in Quincy for 11 years. Nothing was contained in the file that would indicate that LOHMEYER had ever lived anywhere except the Quincy area.

The credit bureau files showed that DONALD L. LOHMEYER was last known to reside at 1501 North Fourth Street, Quincy, Ill., as of 8/66. On 11/66 the records show he was employed as a laborer at Durst Dairy, Quiney, and his wife at Illinois Bell Telephone Co., Quincy, Ill. The file did not show any residence for DONALD LOHMEYER outside the Quincy, Ill., area.

On 4-13-68, CHARLES GABRIEL, Office Manager, Durst Dairy, Quincy, Ill., advised that DONALD L. LOHMEYER is employed by that company as a laborer and that he was working on 3-29-68 and 3-30-68 and 4/1-4/68. He advised that LOHMEYER did not work on 3-31-68 as that was his day off. He also advised that LOHMEYER has been a good employee for many years and was a very quiet individual and had not been involved in any violence during the period of time he was employed by Durst Dairy.

On 4-13-68, DONALD L. LOHMEYER was interviewed at his place of employment, Durst Dairy, Quincy, 111. He advised he has not been out of the State of Illinois, for a number of months and that he was working on 3-29 and 3-30-63 as well as 4/1-4/68. He advised he has not seen his brother, HARVEY EDWARD LOMMEYER for many years and only knew that HARVEY was living somewhere in California. He stated during the period from 3-29-68 until 4-4-68 he had seen his brothers, WALTER R. LOHMEYER and THOMAS R. LOHMEYER almost on a daily basis and knew for certain that neither one had been outside the Quincy, Ill., area. He advised that the name ERIC STARVO GALT was completely unfamiliar to him and he has never known anyone by that name to be associated with any member of the LCHMEYER family. He also advised he has never known any member of his family other than HARVEY EDWARD LOHMEYER , to use the name HARVEY EDWARD LOHMEYER.

On 4-13-68 Mrs. WALTER R. LOHMEYER, JR., 1877 Hampshire Street, Quincy, Ill., was interviewed and furnished the following information:

Her husband has not been out of the State of Illinois since 3/29/68 and he has been employed regularly at Monogram Industries with the exception of the dates 3-29 and 30-68 and 4-1 and 4-2-68 during which dates the union was on strike at Monogram. She advised that on these dates her husband was on the picket line and did not leave Quincy. She stated also that THOMAS R. LOHMEYER is employed by Monogram Industries and was at work on 4-3 and 4-4-63 and was on the picket lines at Monogram Industries on 3/29-30/38 and 4/1-2/63.

On 4-13-68 WALTER R. LOHMEYER, JR., 1877 Hampshire St., was interviewed and advised he has not been out of the Quincy, Ill, area since 8-15-67. He advised he has been to work every day during work days with the exception of 3/29-30/63 and 4/1-2/68 on which dates he was on the picket line at Monogram Industries his place of employment in Quincy, Ill. He stated that on each date from 3-29-68 until 4-4-68, he saw his brother, THOMAS R. LOHMEYER, who is also employed by Monogram Industries and was at work on each date with the exception of the dates the union was on strike.

On 4-13-63 BILL LONG, Personnel Manager, Monogram Industries, S25 South Front St., Quincy, verified that WALTER R. LOHMEYER, JR., and THOMAS LOHMEYER were employed on every date during the last two months, with the exception the days the union was on strike.

He advised on 3/29-30/68 and 4/1-2/68 both the LOHMEYERS had been observed on the picket lines at Monogram Industries.