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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS(44-1987), ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM $_{
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FROM

NEW\_ORLEANS (157-10673)

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RE: ERIC STARVO GALT, CONTINENTAL DANCE STUDIO, NEW ORLEANS

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Mr. Tavel.
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Mise Gandy.

Mr. Tolson

Mr. Mohr Mr. Bishop Mr. Casper Mr. Callahan

Mr. Conrad.

Mr. DeLoach

FOUR INDIVIDUALS FORMERLY ASSOCIATED WITH CONTINENTAL DANCE STUDIO NEW ORLEANS WHEN IT WAS IN EXISTENCE IN NINETEEN SIXTY FOUR AND SIXTY FIVE LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED INSTANT DATE. RAY E. FARRIS. FORMER CONTINENTAL STUDIOS DANCE INSTRUCTOR. ADVISED HE RECALLED GALT TAKING DANCE INSTRUCTIONS IN NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR FOR A PERIOD OF ABOUT THREE MONTHS. HE SAID THAT GALT WAS A CASH CUSTOMER AND WHO WAS A QUIET INDIVIDUAL. SIMULTANEOUSLY VIEWED BOTH PHOTOGRAPHS OF GALT AND STATED THAT THE PHOTO WITH THE EYES CLOSED IS IDENTICAL WITH THE INDIVIDUAL WHOM HE KNEW AS ERIC GALT. FARRIS THEN STATED THAT THE PHOTO WITH THE EYES OPEN DID NOT STRIKE HIM AS BEING GALT SINCE THE EYES IN THE PHOTO WERE NOT THE SAME AS HE RECALLED GALTS. WHEN QUESTIONED AS TO THE DIFFERENCE FARRIS COULD ONLY STATE THAT THE EYES IN THE PHOTO DO NOT-FARRIS PROVIDED IDENTITIES OF FORMER LOOK LIKE GALTS.

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INSTRUCTORS AND PUPILS.

MRS. SANDRA LOVIN, FORMER RECEPTIONIST AT DANCE STUDIO COULD NOT RECALL ANYONE NAMED ERIC S. GALT. UPON BEING SHOWN PHOTOGRAPHS OF GALT SHE STATED THAT WHILE SHE ASSOCIATES THE PHOTOS WITH NO NAME SHE HAS DEFINITELY SEEN AN INDIVIDUAL WHO APPEARS TO BE IDENTICAL WITH THE PHOTO OF GALT IN NEW ORLEANS BUT DOES NOT IDENTFY PHOTO AS ANY PERSON WHO WAS A CUSTOMER OR CONNECTED WITH THE CONTINENTAL DANCE STUDIO.

LOVIN STATED THAT SHE WAS FORMERLY EMPLOYED AT THE EIGHT

ZERO NINE CLUB AND THE "ATTIC" BOTH LOCATED IN THE FRENCH

QUARTER NEW ORLEANS AND THAT SHE WOULD SIT AND TALK WITH THE

CUSTOMERS. LOVIN FELT THAT SHE MAY HAVE OBSERVED THIS INDIVIDUAL

AT ONE OF THE ABOVE PLACES IN THE PAST.

MARCUS FELOS FOMER INSTRUCTOR DID NOT RECOGNIZE THE NAME OF ERIC S. GALT OR THE PHOTO AS A PERSON WHO WAS A CUSTOMER OR CONNECTED WITH THE CONTINENTAL DANCE STUDIO. FELOS STATED THAT THE PICTURE OF GALT LOOKED FAMILIAR TO HIM AND ASSOCIATED THE NAME "JOHNNY" WITH THE PHOTO AND ADDED THAT "JOHNNY" WAS A COUNTRY TYPE INDIVIDUAL." FELOS ALSO FURNISHED NAMES OF OTHER INSTRUCTORS AND PUPILS AT DANCE STUDIO.

ALL INSTRUCTORS AND PUPILS KNOWN ARE BEING LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED.

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ROGER LOVIN, NEW ORLEANS, ADVISED HAD TAKEN INSTRUCTIONS
TO BECOME A DANCE INSTRUCTOR AT CONTINENTAL DANCE STUDIO ON
SEVERAL OCCASIONS. LOVIN ADVISED DID NOT KNOW ERIC STARVO GALT,
KNOWS NO ONE WHO WAS AT THE CONTINENTAL DANCE STUDIO WHEN HE,
LOVIN, WAS THERE WHO EVEN REMOTELY RESEMBLED THE PHOTO OF
ERIC STARVO GALT DISPLAYED TO LOVIN.

LOVIN VOLUNTARILY ADVISED HE, LOVIN, WAS PERSONALLY SUMMONED TO THE OFFICE OF JAMES GARRISON, DISTRICT ATTORNEY, ORLEANS PARISH, LA., AROUND THE FIRST OF FEBRUARY, NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT, WHERE HE WAS QUESTIONED CONCERNING LOVIN'S WHEREABOUTS IN NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE IN CONNECTION WITH GARRISON'S INVESTIGATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S ASSASSINATION.

LOVIN STATED HE WAS SHOWN NUMEROUS PHOTOGRAPHS AND RECALLED ONE PHOTOGRAPH WHICH HAD THE NAME "STARVO" ON THE PHOTOGRAPH. HE STATED THAT THE COMPLETE NAME ON THE PHOTO SHOWN HIM IN DA GARRISON'S OFFICE WAS SIMILAR TO THE FICTITIOUS END PAGE THREE

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CHARACTER ERNEST STAVRO BLOFELD AND NOT SIMILAR TO THE NAME ERIC STARVO GALT. PAREN ERNEST STAVRO BLOFELD IS A FICTITIOUS CHARACTER WHICH APPEARED IN THE JAMES BOND STORIES WRITTEN BY IAN FLEMING PAREN.

NO CONTACT IS BEING MADE WITH DA GARRISON'S OFFICE CONCERNING THIS, UACB.

RE: CONTACT WITH DANCE STUDIOS OTHER
THAN NEW ORLEANS PROPER.

DANCE STUDIOS THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF LOUISIANA CONTACTED

THIS DATE NO RECORD IDENTIFIABLE WITH GALT, HARVEY LOWMYER OR

JOHN WILLARD LOCATED. PHOTOS OF GALT DISPLAYED WITH

NEGATIVE RESULTS.

INVESTIGATION BEING VIGORIOUSLY PURSUED.
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RE: ERIC STARVO GALT

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SLMO, TODAY ADVISED RESIDENCE OF NEPHEW HOMER WESLEY GALT, BORN

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SANTA ANITA, BURBANK, CALIF.

LOS ANGELES EXHIBIT PHOTO AND DETERMINE IF ERIC STARVO GALT OR PERSON USING THAT NAME KNOWN TO HIM.

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LA 44-1574

MARYSVILLE, KANSAS, TO VISIT LOHMEYER'S MOTHER, MRS. MARY S.

LOHMEYER. THEY RETURNED TO LA ON APRIL THIRTEEN LAST ARRIVING

ABOUT TEN O'CLOCK PM. LOHMEYERS CAR IS WHITE SIXTY FOUR CHEVROLET

MALIBU TWO DOOR SEDAN WITH CALIFORNIA LICENSE OVP SIX FOUR TWO.

LOHMEYER DESCRIBED AS WHITE, MALE, AGE FORTY SIX YEARS, DOB

INCHES, ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY POUNDS, GRAY EYES, AUBURN HAIR.

MRS. LOUIS S. MARTIN ADVISED SHE AND HUSBAND DID
TRAVEL WITH LOHMEYER TO MARYSVILLE, KANSAS, BETWEEN APRIL FIVE
LAST AND APRIL THIRTEEN LAST.

RE NEWSPAPER ADS FOUND IN MUSTANG IN ATLANTA
INVESTIGATION NEGATIVE RE GALT AT THREE NINE ZERO
FRANKLIN AVENUE, LA, ADDRESS APPEARING ON CLASSIFIED ADS FOR
APARTMENTS OR ROOMS.

RE MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE RECORDS AND PERSONAL PROPERTY

MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE RECORDS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY FOR

PERIOD NINETEEN FORTYNINE TO PRESENT CHECKED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX RECORDS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY FOR YEARS

NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN AND NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT REFLECTED NO PERSONAL

PROPERTY IN NAME OF ERIC GALT.

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EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY QUOTE VINCE ENQUOTE, ACQUAINTANCE
OF GINGER NANCE NEGATIVE. LA PHONE NUMBER FOUR SIX NINE FIVE
EIGHT ONE ONE LISTED TO FILM EFFECTS OF HOLLYWOOD, INC., ONE
ONE FOUR ZERO NORTH CITRUS AVE., LA AND NO QUOTE VINCE ENQUOTE
KNOWN TO THAT COMPANY.

RE MAP FOUND IN STORAGE ROOM. ATLANTA. GEORGIA.

INQUIRY MADE THIS DATE RE LOCATIONS MARKED ON
MAP AT THE WEST LOS ANGELES, BEVERLY HILLS, AND HOLLYWOOD
POLICE DEPARTMENTS, WHOSE JURISDICTION COVERS MARKED
LOCATIONS. NO RECORDS OF BURGLARIES OR CRIMES OF SIGNIFICANCE
LOCATED FOR THESE LOCATIONS. ALL LOCATIONS, EXCEPT PALM DRIVE
AND SUNSET AND PARK LOCATION, ARE MIDDLE CLASS MULTIPLE DWELLING
UNITS AND SEMI-BUSINESS AREAS. SOMMA WAY AND ROCCA PLACE IN
MOUNTAINOUS HIPPIE NEIGHBORHOOD. PALM DRIVE LOCATION VERY
EXPENSIVE RESIDENTIAL AREA, HOWEVER, FURTHER EAST ON SUNSET
BLVD. IS PALM ST., WHICH IS ON SUNSET STRIP AND MORE LIKELY
LOCATION SUBJECT INTENDED.

NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATIONS CONTINUING AT LOCATIONS

MARKED ON MAP AND FIELD INTERROGATION CARDS BEING CHECKED AT PD'S

COVERING LOCATIONS.

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RE DESCRIPTION OF ERIC S. GALT

INASMUCH AS GALT'S EYES HAVE BEEN DESCRIBED AS BLUE QUOTE PRETTY BLUE EYES ENQUOTE, BROWN AND DARK BY VARIOUS WITNESSES, LOS ANGELES SUGGESTS THAT CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN DURING INVESTIGATION RE GALT THAT HE MAY UTILIZE TINTED CONTACT LENSES.

MOBILE AND BIRMINGHAM OFFICES WILL IDENTIFY AND CONTACT
THE ALL DASH NEGRO COLLEGES WITHIN THEIR DIVISIONS IN EFFORT TO
LOCATE RALPH GALT AND DETERMINE IF RELATED TO SUBJECT ERIC STARVO
GALT.

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Mr. DeLeach

DATE: April 18, 1968

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FROM A. Rosen
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TO HSCA RE HEQUEST DATED 5-3-35

(SEE BUFILE 62-117290)

This case concerns the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

A latent fingerprint has been developed on a map found among items believed to have been left by Galt, 4/5/68, at the Atlanta rooming house. This fingerprint is identical with the fingerprint found on the gun believed to be the murder weapon. It has previously been reported that the fingerprint on the gun, which was purchased at Birmingham, is identical with the fingerprint found on the binoculars purchased at Memphis and abandoned with the gun.

In tracing payments Galt made to the locksmithing school in New Jersey, it was found that one payment was made by a money order purchased at the Bank of America in Los Angeles, Hollywood-Western Branch. A review of the bank's records identified the following money orders purchased in addition to five money orders payable to the locksmithing school:

1/29/68, \$4.25, payable to Free Press of Los Angeles 23 1968

2/1/68, \$3.00, payable to C. M. Hedgpeth

2/26/68, \$6.44, payable to Futura Books

2/26/68, \$9.98, payable to Tiffany Enterprises

6 2 APR 25 1968 C. M. Hedgpeth, Los Angeles, advised that an individual identifying himself as Eric Galt telephonically inquired as to Hedgpeth's

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mail forwarding service and Hedgpeth mailed literature to him at the St. Francis Hotel. Galt returned \$3.00 for mail forwarding service during February, 1968, but no mail was received for Galt. He had requested that any mail be forwarded to the St. Francis Hotel.

At Futura Books, Torrance, California, it was determined that an order was received, 2/27/68, from Eric Galt for a book entitled, "The Sexually Responsive Woman." This firm has been the subject of prior Bureau investigations for interstate transportation of obscene matter.

No record of Galt could be found at Tiffany Enterprises, West Los Angeles. This firm deals in books concerning fetishes, bondage and flagellation.

Xavier Von Koss is the owner of American Business Consultants, Long Beach, California, from whom Galt once stated he was taking a course. Von Koss claims to be a "master" hypnotist and previously stated he maintains no records and could not recall Galt. Von Koss now advises he has found a notation showing that Eric S. Galt-was in his office, 1/4/68, at 2 p. m. for a hypnotic session that lasted forty-five minutes.

Legat Ottawa furnished the following information. The room clerk who formerly worked at 2589 Rue Notre Dame Est, Montreal, Canada, Province of Quebec, has been located in Windsor, Ontario. His name is Quintel. He recalls Eric Galt and states he can identify him. He indicates that drawings appearing recently in the Canadian press do not look like Galt.

He stated he did not have any explanation as to why the name was written on the back of the ledgerbut he believes that such a notation was made by Galt himself. As Quintel recalls Galt lived in Apartment 18 for about one and one-half months during 1967. Quintel believed that this was probably August and September but he could be mistaken. He was under the impression that Galt had worked at Expo 67 (this is why he thought it was during August and September that Galt was there as the Expo closed in September of 1967). When he left Galt stated that he was returning to the United States to care for some sick relatives.

Quintel indicated that Galt, upon arriving at the apartment, had asked about parking facilities and was quite irritated when he was advised that parking facilities were available but there would be an additional charge

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of \$20 a month. Quintel thought that Galt had been referred to an Esso service station nearby which had parking facilities. He further advised that Galt had bought a suit of clothes from the Tip Top Shop. He stated that Galt was a quiet man and had only two visitors that he could recall, both of them "elderly women" about 40 to 42 years old.

The records are being reviewed again at the apartment in Montreal to try to obtain further information concerning Galt. In the event Galt did work at Expo 67 it would have been necessary for him to be photographed to obtain an identification card and it would have been necessary for him to have a work permit if he were an American citizen. These are being checked.

Jimmie Garner, manager of the hippie rooming house in Atlanta where Galt roomed from 3/24/68 to 4/5/68, selected Galt's photograph without hesitation from a group of nine photographs and said, "This is the best I've seen. If this isn't Galt, it sure looks like him."

Continuing investigation at Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico, where Galt has been placed from 10/19/67 to 11/13/67, indicates that Galt spent the night of 11/6/67 with a woman tentatively identified as Alicia or Elisa Arellano Torres, last known to reside at Contreras Medellin 77, Guadalajara, Jalisco. Efforts are being made to have her located and interviewed.

A local complaint charging Galt with murder was reportedly filed at Memphis, 4/17/68, after Federal process was obtained at Birmingham.

## ACTION:

Intensive investigation is continuing throughout the field to effect the apprehension of Galt.

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## Memorandum

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Mr. Deldach

DATE:

4/18/68

FROM

T. E. Bishop

SEE NOTE ON REVERSE SIDE

SUBJECT:

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ISSUANCE OF WANTED FLYER IN SPANISH

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UPI, in a story that went on the wire at 1:04 p.m., 4/18/68, states that wanted flyers 'also were printed in Spanish for distribution for points on the U.S.-Mexican border, a spokesman said.' It is noted that the story does not identify the spokesman with any agency at all. Mr. Tolson has inquired as to how this information was secured by UPI when the wanted flyers in Spanish are still being printed and none have been distributed yet.

I have checked with all the men in my office and none of them have given out any information concerning wanted flyers in Spanish, nor have any inquiries concerning this matter been received. Copies of the English wanted flyers were given to Associated Press and UPI this morning. I have also checked with Mr. Rosen and with Mr. C. Q. Smith in the Mechanical Section and neither of them received any inquiries concerning the publication of Spanish language wanted flyers.

It is noted that several copies of the English wanted flyer were furnished to the Information Office of the Department of Justice this morning, at their request, and there is a good likelihood that the information about Spanish wanted flyers might have been given out by that office, in answer to an inquiry, as an "educated guess," since our press release reflects that the subject had included Mexico in his travels.

In accordance with the instructions that we have received, we are maintaining a 'no comment' policy to additional inquiries on this case, and it is noted that reporters are directing more and more of their inquiries to the Department of Justice Information Office because they apparently have concluded that they can get more additional information there than from us.

RECOMMENDATION

ENCLOSURE

For information.

1 Mr. DeLoach 1 Mr. Rosen APP Mr. Callahan TEB:mls (5)

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FOR MR. TOLSON
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