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Close liaison is being maintained with the Tucson PD concerning their investigation to locate Dr. JOHNSON. Any developments will be immediately reported to the Bureau and Memphis.

Sgt. BILLY pointed out that in showing Dr. JOHNSON's photograph to any possible witnesses in the KING case, it should be borne in mind that at the time of his disappearance, 3/29/68, his hair was cut in a short crew-cut style, which according to acquaintances was a noticeable feature of Dr. JOHNSON.

Although there have been no facts developed to indicate that Dr. JOHNSON, by his background, profession or actions, would normally be considered a likely suspect in this matter, investigation to date has not completely eliminated him. The general similarity between his description and that of Unsub, the date of his sudden disappearance and the fact he was driving a white sports car when last seen would appear to make him worthy of consideration as a suspect in this matter.

Exhibition of Dr. JOHNSON's photograph to pertinent witnesses and other appropriate investigation being left to the discretion of Memphis.

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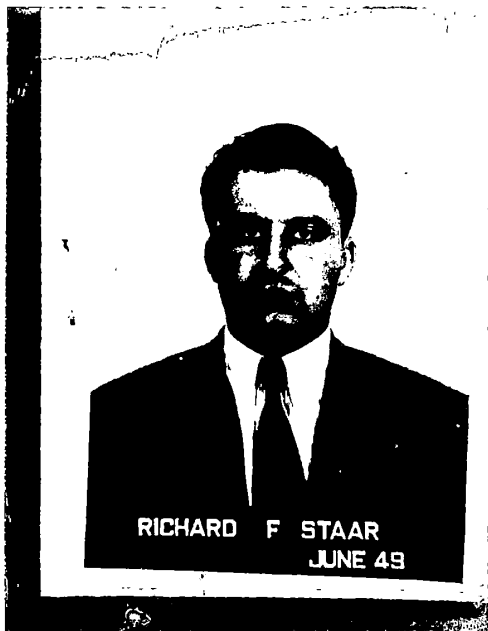
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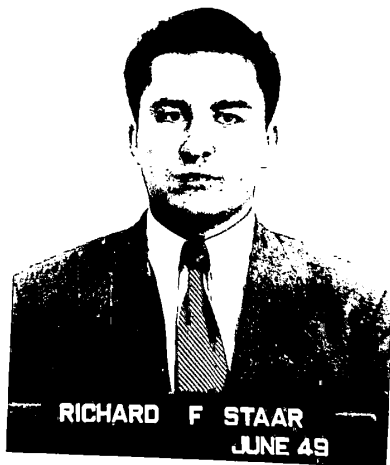


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SUBJECT: ~~STAAR~~, Richard Felix - PHOTOGRAPH
aka: ~~GWIAZDOWSKI~~, Richard Felix

DPOB : 10 January 1923, Warsaw, Poland

Subject of FBI investigations in 1954 (Voice of America)
and 1956 (USIA) - Bureau File 123-15026.

Of possible interest is similarity between his name and
that of "Eric Starvo GALT." In that Richard STAAR is
similar. GWIAZDA is "star" in Polish. Among STAAR's
references on a 1949 PHS is Professor Stanley AULT,
Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana.

From 1959 to 1962 (latest information available) STAAR
was a Professor of Political Science at Emory University,
Atlanta, Georgia. His local residence addresses during
that period are shown as 303 Vickers Drive, N. E.,
Atlanta, 7, and 879 Clifton Rd., N. E., Atlanta, Georgia.

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RE: [REDACTED]

On 4/18/68, [REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] had been
contacted by [REDACTED] who stated that [REDACTED] was
currently in [REDACTED] and was being held in [REDACTED].

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RE GEORGE GRIFFITH.

RONALD W. GRIFFITH, RA NO. ONE FOUR NINE THREE ZERO THREE ONE FOUR, ADVISED ARMY AUTHORITIES, EVANSTON, ILL., APRIL EIGHT LAST THAT ARTIST SKETCH OF ASSASSIN LOOKS LIKE HIS UNCLE, GEORGE GRIFFITH, WHO IS DESCRIBED AS W, M., BORN [REDACTED] HARTSELLE, ALA., SIX FEET, ONE HUNDRED SIXTY TO ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY POUNDS, RED HAIR RECEEDING TO MIDDLE OF TOP OF HEAD, CREW CUT, EXTREMELY FRECKLED, DIVORCED, MILITARY SERVICE NINETEEN FIFTY-EIGHT TO SIXTY-TWO AND TOP SECRET CLEARANCE WITH ARMY SECURITY AGENCY, PRIOR EMPLOYMENT WITH DECATUR AUTO. TRANS. CO., DECATUR, ALA. RONALD LAST SAW UNCLE NINETEEN SIXTY-SEVEN. PRESENT ADDRESS AND EMPLOYMENT UNKNOWN. RONALD SAYS UNCLE ONCE MADE STATEMENT "I'D KILL THAT SOB MARTIN LUTHER KING IF I GOT A CHANCE". UNCLE TRIED TO GET RONALD TO JOIN THE KKK. RONALD'S FATHER EDWARD F. GRIFFITH RESIDES RT. FOUR, HARTSELLE ALA. 44-38861-1550

ATTEMPT TO ESTABLISH WHEREABOUTS OF GEORGE GRIFFITH AND PROCESS AS SUSPECT.

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ON APRIL NINE LAST, LT. CLOYCE GRIFFIN, LANSING, MICH.,
PD, ADVISED THAT A JACK ~~SNYDER~~ ^{INFORMANT}, FIRST NATIONAL CREDIT BUREAU,
INC., LANSING, STATED HE HAD SOME INFORMATION RE MURDER OF
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

ON APRIL TEN LAST, SNYDER ADVISED HE GRADUATED LAINGSBURG
COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL IN NINETEEN FIFTY EIGHT, ALONG WITH A
JOHN ~~WILLARD~~, WHO FITS DESCRIPTION AND ARTIST DRAWING OF
INDIVIDUALS WHO MURDERED KING. SNYDER FORMERLY MARRIED
TO RELATIVE OF WILLARD.

SHERRIFF CLIFFORD PORTER, SHIAWASSEE SHERRIFFS OFFICE,
CORINA, MICH., ADVISED APRIL TEN LAST THAT DURING FALL OF
NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN, WILLARD INVOLVED IN SHOOTING OF
FATHER AND COMMITTED PONTIAC STATE MENTAL HOSPITAL.

DRIVERS LICENSE RECORDS, SECRETARY OF STATES OFFICE,
LANSING, REVEAL JOHN EUGENE ~~WILLARD~~, THREE TWO THREE NORTH
CHURCH STREET, ON AUGUST EIGHT, NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN, MADE

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NEW APPLICATION FOR DRIVERS LICENSE. HE IS DESCRIBED AS
BEING BORN [REDACTED] SIX

FEET TALL, ONE HUNDRED SIXTY POUNDS, BLUE EYES, BROWN HAIR

RECORDS, TITLE AND REGISTRATION DIVISION, SECRETARY
OF STATES OFFICE, REVEAL THAT ON NOVEMBER FOUR, NINETEEN
SIXTY SEVEN, WILLARD RESIDING THREE TWO THREE NORTH CHURCH
STREET, PURCHASED NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT MICHIGAN LICENS
PLATES LD ONE ZERO FOUR SEVEN, FOR NINETEEN SIXTY, FOUR DOOR
CHEVROLET, VIN ZERO ONE SIX ONE NINE F ONE SEVEN ONE THREE
NINE THREE.

RECORDS, MICHIGAN STATE POLICE, IDENTIFICATION BUREAU,
REVEAL WILLARD, FBI NUMBER EIGHT EIGHT EIGHT NINE ONE SIX, E,
ARRESTED SHIAWASSEE SHERIFF OFFICE, DECEMBER SIXTEEN, NINETEEN
SIXTY SIX, FOR ASSAULT AND BATTERY.

RECORDS, CLINTON COUNTY SHERIFF OFFICE, ST. JOHNS,
MICHIGAN, REVEAL WILLARD ARRESTED APRIL SIX NINETEEN SIXTY
SEVEN FOR ASSAULT. PHOTO OBTAINED FROM CLINTON COUNTY SHERIFF
OFFICE APRIL ELEVEN INSTANT AND FORWARDED TO MEMPHIS OFFICE ON
THIS DATE, AMSD, FOR ELIMINATION PURPOSES. MEMPHIS COPY PHOTOGRAPH
AND FORWARD TO BIRMINGHAM TO BE EXHIBITED TO GUN DEALER.
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POLICE OFFICERS, MURFREESBORO, N. C., ON APRIL ELEVEN
INSTANT, ADVISED AS FOLLOWS:

ON APRIL TEN LAST, AT TWO THIRTY P.M., AS A RESULT OF A
COMPLAINT THEY LOCATED A INDIVIDUAL ATTEMPTING TO COMMIT SUICIDE
IN VICINITY OF MURFREESBORO, N. C. INDIVIDUAL IDENTIFIED AS
RICHARD JAMES DAYHOFF, ASN RA ONE EIGHT SEVEN FOUR SEVEN EIGHT
EIGHT FOUR, MILITARY UNIT FIVE SIX FOUR TRANSPORTATION CO
BT DASH FIVE, FT. STORY, VA., DRIVING SIXTY-THREE DODGE DART,
TWO-DOOR SEDAN, WITH SIXTY-EIGHT NEW MEXICO LICENSE TWO DASH
SIX ZERO THREE SEVEN ONE, MOTOR NO. SEVEN ONE THREE SEVEN ONE
SEVEN FOUR ZERO THREE ZERO. DAYHOFF HAD FABRICATED A TUBE
MADE OF MAPS FROM EXHAUST PIPE INTO WINDOW OF CAR. DAYHOFF WAS
IRRATIONAL, MENTALLY DISTURBED AND UNABLE TO GIVE COHERENT
STORY AS TO HIS TRAVELS AND ROUTES DURING PAST TWO WEEKS, SINCE
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HE RECEIVED A TWELVE DAY LEAVE STARTING MARCH TWENTY- NINE LAST. HE DID STATE HE HAD VISITED FAMILY AT THREE FIVE ZERO NINE MARY ELLEN, N. E. (COURT) ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO. DAYHOFF INDICATED THIS WAS HIS SECOND SUICIDE ATTEMPT, AND THIS CONCERNED HIS FAMILY'S DISAPPROVAL OF HIS ASSOCIATION WITH A FIFTEEN YEAR OLD GIRL. DAYHOFF DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, AGE TWENTY, ONE FOUR ZERO LBS., FAIR COMPLEXION, BLOND HAIR, BLACK EYES.

NORFOLK, AT FT. STORY, VA., CONTACT MILITARY AUTHORITIES AND HAVE THEM DETERMINE IF DAYHOFF IS RATIONAL WHAT HIS ROUTE OF TRAVEL HAD BEEN AND CITIES VISITED.

IDENTIFICATION DIVISION, WILL COMPARE FINGERPRINTS OF DAYHOFF, DESCRIBED ABOVE, WITH THOSE OBTAINED IN CAPTIONED MATTER. 11

DAYHOFF RELEASED TO MILITARY AUTHORITIES LATE P.M., APRIL TEN LAST.

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TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, LOS ANGELES, JACKSONVILLE
FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987) 3P

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RE MEMPHIS TEL, APRIL FOURTEEN INSTANT, RE INFO FURNISHED BY
MEMPHIS PD INFORMANT.

INSPECTOR N. E. ZACHARY, MEMPHIS PD, FURNISHED FOLLOWING
ADDITIONAL INFO ON APRIL FOURTEEN:

ZACHARY PERSONALLY TALKED TO MEMPHIS PD INFORMANT ON TELEPHONE
SUBSEQUENT TO FURNISHING INFO IN RETEL, WHICH HE RECEIVED SECOND
HAND. AT THIS TIME SOURCE FURNISHED FOLLOWING INFO RE SUSPECT:

SHE FIRST MET THIS MAN FIVE OR SIX WEEKS AGO AT THE
MANHATTAN CLUB IN MEMPHIS. THE SECOND OCCASION WAS TWO OR THREE
NIGHTS BEFORE THE LAST PARADE OF THE SANITATION WORKERS IN MEMPHIS.
THIS MEETING WAS AT THE PSYCHO LOUNGE. ON THE THIRD AND LAST
OCCASION SHE SAW HIM AT CHENNAULT'S ON BELLEVUE, MARCH TWENTY
FIVE OR TWENTY SIX LAST, AND SHE BELIEVES THIS WAS THE NIGHT
GORDON FORBES WAS INJURED.

THE INDIVIDUAL NAMED DUKE IS BELIEVED TO HAVE COME FROM
THE BIRMINGHAM AREA. SHE FEELS HE MAY HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH
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THE FARM WHICH THIS GROUP USES AS A HIDEOUT. THE FARM IS SUPPOSED TO BE LOCATED BETWEEN BIRMINGHAM AND MOBILE. IN ADDITION TO A HIDEOUT, IT IS SUPPOSED TO BE THE SEAT OF OPERATIONS FOR A LARGE CAR THEFT RING WHICH ^BBRINGS CARS FROM ST. LOUIS AND MEMPHIS TO THE FARM. SHE SAID A BIG MAN, A MAN OF INFLUENCE, IS SUPPOSED TO OWN THE FARM AND MAY BE BEHIND THE WHOLE OPERATION.

WITH REGARD TO THE SUSPECT'S PHYSICAL APPEARANCE, SHE SAID HE HAS THE COLDEST BLUE-GRAY OR HAZEL EYES, SHE HAS EVER SEEN. HIS HAIR IS BROWN, LOOKS LIKE A FLAT TOP GROWING OUT. IT IS COMBED STRAIGHT BACK. WHEN HE HAS IT GREASED, IT IS DARKER IN COLOR. HE TALKS OUT OF THE LEFT SIDE OF HIS MOUTH, HAS A RESERVED, QUIET VOICE, AND SELDOM VOLUNTEERS ANY INFORMATION. HIS APPEARANCE IS NEAT AND CONSERVATIVE. HE HAS A LIGHT SUNTAN AND HAS ALWAYS WORN ^ELONGSLEEVED SHIRTS WHEN SHE HAS OBSERVED HIM. SHE PLACES HIS HEIGHT AT FIVE FT. TEN OR ELEVEN, BUILD SLENDER, ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY TO ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY FIVE.

THERE IS A GAP IN HIS TEETH VISIBLE WHEN HE SMILES AND DRAWS HIS MOUTH TO THE LEFT SIDE OF THE FACE. THIS GAP IS BETWEEN HIS UPPER TEETH. THERE IS A SUGGESTION OF A HAIRLINE MUSTACHE HAVING RECENTLY BEEN SHAVED OFF. SHE SURMISES

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THIS SINCE THERE IS A CONTRAST LINE IN THE TAN ON HIS UPPER LIP.

THE GOLD RING SHE OBSERVED ON HIS LITTLE FINGER IS ONE-FOURTH TO ONE-HALF INCH WIDE AT THE TOP.

SHE OVERHEARD SUSPECT TALKING WITH GORDON FORBES. ON THE BASIS OF THIS CONVERSATION, SHE BELIEVES THAT FORBES WAS THE CAPTAIN ON A FISHING BOAT OUT OF PANAMA CITY, FLA. THEY WERE TALKING ABOUT SOME KIND OF FISH THAT WOULD BEGIN TO RUN SOON. FORBES ASKED SUSPECT IF HE WAS GOING BACK ON THE BOAT. SUSPECT SAID, "NO, UNLESS THINGS GET A HELL OF A LOT WORSE THAN THEY ARE."

SOURCE DREW IMPLICATION FROM THIS FORBES AND THE SUSPECT MIGHT HAVE SHIPPED ON THE SAME FISHING BOAT OR OPERATED OUT OF THE SAME PORT ON FISHING BOATS.

SOURCE HAS THE IMPRESSION THAT SUSPECT TOLD HER THAT HE WAS ORIGINALLY FROM UP NORTH BUT HAD BEEN IN THE SOUTH FOR SEVERAL YEARS.

INSPECTOR ZACHARY ARRANGED FOR THE SOURCE TO MEET THE BUREAU ARTISTS ON THE NIGHT OF APRIL FOURTEEN, SIXTY EIGHT.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM SAC, NEW YORK (100-100000)
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TO: DETROIT (44-989)

FROM: DIRECTOR 1P

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REURTEL TODAY.

NO WANTS LOCATED NCIC OR BUREAU FUGITIVE INDICES ON WILLIAM
JENNINGS BRYAN LEE BASED ON INFORMATION FURNISHED IN RETEL.

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TO DIRECTOR

ATLANTA

CHARLOTTE

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FROM DETROIT (44-989) 3P

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NCIC

RE ATLANTA TEL TO DIRECTOR, APRIL FIFTEEN INSTANT, SETTING FORTH RESULTS OF INTERVIEW WITH JIMMIE DELTON GARNER, ROOMING HOUSE MANAGER, ATLANTA, WITH COPIES DIRECTED TO DETROIT AND OTHER OFFICES.

INTERVIEW OF BETTY REITERMAN INDICATES WILLIAM LEE, MENTIONED IN RETEL, IS HER BROTHER, WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN LEE, WHITE MALE, BORN [REDACTED] NORTH CAROLINA OR CHICAGO, ILL., FIVE FT., EIGHT AND ONE HALF INCHES, ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY LBS, DARK BROWN HAIR, BROWN EYES, NO KNOWN SCARS OR MARKS, MARRIED, WIFE NAMED JOANNE LEE WITH FOUR CHILDREN, OCCUPATION - WELDER WHEN EMPLOYED, LAST SAW LEE IN DETROIT APPROXIMATELY FOUR MONTHS AGO, DOES NOT KNOW HIS CURRENT WHEREABOUTS. STATED LEE DID NOT HAVE ARREST RECORDS, HOWEVER, INVESTIGATION DETROIT DISCLOSES THAT LEE HAS LENGTHY ARREST RECORD AND IDENT WITH SUBJECT OF FBI NO. SIX THREE TWO EIGHT B. REITERMAN FURTHER

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ADVISED THAT LEE'S MOTHER, MRS. WALTER CROSBY, RESIDES IN WARREN, MICH. AREA AND DURING INTERVIEW REITERMAN WAS RETICENT TO VOLUNTEER SPECIFICS. SOME SIMILARITIES NOTED BETWEEN PHYSICAL DESCRIPTIONS OF LEE AND SUSPECT GALT. INTERVIEW WITH BETTY REITERMAN, ONE NINE FIVE TWO WALTZ, WARREN, MICH., CONTINUING. LEE'S MOTHER WILL ALSO BE INTERVIEWED BY DETROIT. DETROIT ENDEAVORING TO OBTAIN PHOTOGRAPH OF LEE.

WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN LEE APPEARS TO BE IDENTICAL WITH CASE ENTITLED "WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN LEE; ITSMV", AS REFLECTED IN REPORT OF SA DEAN C. ROLSTON, DATED FEBRUARY TWENTYNINE, NINETEEN FIFTY TWO, AT KANSAS CITY, KC OO. DESCRIPTION OF LEE AS SET FORTH IN SA ROLSTON'S REPORT SHOWS HE WAS BORN [REDACTED] [REDACTED] GASTONIA, NORTH CAROLINA, FIVE FT., TEN INCHES, ONE FIVE FOUR LBS, BROWN HAIR, BROWN EYES, RUDDY COMPLEXION, WHITE, SCARS AND MARKS-- THREE QUARTER INCH SCAR MIDDLE OF FOREHEAD, ARMY SERIAL NO. RA ONE SIX THREE SIX THREE FOUR SIX ONE.

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BUREAU REQUESTED TO CHECK INDICES ON WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN LEE, SEARCH RECORDS IDENTIFICATION DIVISION, AND COMPARE FINGERPRINTS WITH ANY LATENT FINGERPRINTS THIS CASE.

INVESTIGATION -DETROIT CONTINUING.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: April 17, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen *AR*

SUBJECT: MURKIN

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. McDonough
1 - Mr. Long
1 - Mr. Martindale
1 - Mr. Mohr
1 - Mr. Bishop
1 - Mr. Gale
1 - Mr. Conrad
1 - Mr. Sullivan

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Tele. Room ☒
Holmes ☒
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PROPOSED PROSECUTIVE ACTION

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

On 4/16/68 the Attorney General authorized the filing of a complaint charging Galt with violation of Title 18, Section 241, U. S. Code, for conspiring to interfere with the constitutional rights of Martin Luther King, Jr. It was understood that no publicity would be given to the complaint unless some change in the situation indicated the complaint should be made public. A proposed complaint is set out below:

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REC-38

44-38861-1555

On or about March 29, 1968, at Birmingham, Alabama, in the Northern District of Alabama, Eric Starvo 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 injure, oppress, threaten, or intimidate Martin Luther King, Jr., a citizen of the United States, residing in Atlanta, Georgia, in the free exercise or enjoyment of a right secured to him by the Constitution or laws of the United States, namely, the right to freely travel from state to state. In furtherance of this conspiracy, Eric Starvo Galt did, on or about March 30, 1968, purchase a rifle at Birmingham, Alabama, all in violation of Section 241, Title 18, U. S. Code.

The above proposed complaint is considered to disclose the absolute minimum information that would be acceptable to a U. S. Commissioner or Federal Judge. To satisfy the judicial officer, it may be necessary to add some additional details such as the description of the gun and the fact it was abandoned at the crime scene. If necessary, such detail will be added but only to the extent necessary to obtain a warrant.

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FOR REVIEW AT FBIHQ AND/OR DELIVERY
TO HQ: 3 3 28

TO HSCA RE REQUEST DATED 2-3-78
(SEE BUFILE 62-117290)

1 - Mr. Tolson
 1 - Mr. Boardman
 1 - Mr. Nichols
 1 - Mr. Belmont
 1 - Mr. Ladd
 1 - Mr. Clegg
 1 - Mr. Glavin
 1 - Mr. Rosen
 1 - Mr. Tracy
 1 - Mr. Harbo
 1 - Mr. Mohr
 1 - Mr. Winterrowd
 1 - Mr. Holloman
 1 - Mr. Gandy

Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach
RE: MURKIN

Under the statute being used the complaint can be filed in any District in which the conspiracy took place or an overt act occurred. On the basis of facts presently available, we are limited to filing the complaint at Memphis or Birmingham.

We understand that we cannot rely on the U. S. Attorney at Memphis. If we tried to file there, we would immediately lose control of the situation and the complaint would become public knowledge.

We have checked with Birmingham and we have no assurance we could keep a complaint filed there a secret. We would have to go through the U. S. Attorney's Office and Macon Weaver, the U. S. Attorney, is presently in Houston. The U. S. Commissioner is a woman who does not have too firm a grasp on her operations.

Investigation at the Canadian address given by Galt, 7/31/67, has not been productive and a Kansas City address as of 3/1/67, that we obtained in Canada is nonexistent. Galt is last known to have been in Atlanta, 4/5/68, and his present whereabouts are unknown. We are faced with the danger that he may leave the country before he is located.

In view of the above circumstances, it now appears charges should be immediately filed and Galt's fugitive status should be given the widest possible publicity.

ACTION:

1. We should openly file the proposed complaint at Birmingham.
2. We should issue a wanted flyer and a fugitive press release.
3. We should issue an Identification Order even though no fingerprints are available.
4. At the appropriate time, the Attorney General should be advised that circumstances have required the action being taken.

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Date: 4/17/68

Transmit the following in _____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
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Re Oklahoma City teletype to Bureau and Jackson,
dated 4/14/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau is an investigative insert and three FD 302's. The investigative insert sets forth in detail the contents of referenced communication concerning information furnished by Reverend STEVE HAMMONDS, Oklahoma City. The FD 302 interviews of DAVID MARLON BREWER, OSCAR MAYNARD WORD and JACK C. PETERS, all of Jackson, eliminate OSCAR MAYNARD WORD as a possible suspect in captioned matter.

There are fifteen (15) copies of each enclosure, identified above, for Memphis.

There are four enclosures for Oklahoma City, one copy of each item identified above.

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Information received from the Oklahoma City FBI Office on April 14, 1968, reveals that Reverend STEVE HAMMONDS, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, observed an individual at 7:15 p.m. on April 13, 1968, proceeding east on Interstate Highway 40, about forty miles east of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. This individual resembled the artist conception of the murderer of Doctor MARTIN LUTHER KING which recently appeared in an Oklahoma City newspaper. Reverend HAMMOND, a former Oklahoma City policeman, stated this individual was driving a black Mustang convertible with white top and the vehicle was bearing 1968 Mississippi license HB-9317.

Reverend HAMMONDS was interviewed by the FBI at Oklahoma City and advised that the artist sketch of the individual observed at Birmingham in connection with this case bears some resemblance to the individual observed by him in the above mentioned Mustang. He stated that the individual he saw had a long sharp nose and was dressed in green uniform type work clothes.

On April 15, 1968, Sheriff FRED THOMAS, Hinds County Sheriff's Office, Jackson, Mississippi, advised that 1968 Mississippi license HB-9317 was issued to DAVID BREWER, 5063 Sharpe Street, Jackson, Mississippi, for a 1962 Ford.

DAVID BREWER, 1043 Pyle Street, Jackson, Mississippi, was interviewed by SA SAMUEL N. JENNINGS on April 15, 1968, regarding the 1968 Mississippi license HB-9317 which was issued to a 1962 Ford owned by BREWER. The interview is as follows:

ENCLOSURE

44-38861-1556

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/15/68

aka. David Brewer
DAVID MARLON BREWER, 1043 Pyle Street, Jackson, Mississippi, telephone number 352-6813, was interviewed at his place of employment, Hodges Engineering Company, 5175 Galaxie Street, Jackson, Mississippi. BREWER was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and the nature of the inquiry. He furnished the following voluntary information:

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BREWER advised that he is the owner of a 1965 black Mustang convertible with a white top and the vehicle has 1968 Mississippi license HB-9317 on it. This tag was purchased for a 1962 Ford Falcon which was sold to a teenager in Jackson, Mississippi, and BREWER removed the tag and placed it on the Mustang when he purchased it, without advising anyone of the transfer of license plate. BREWER advised that he has not been in this Mustang recently since he was having trouble making the monthly payments and he let OSCAR WORD, an employee of the Briarwood Texaco Station, Interstate 55 North, Jackson, Mississippi, take over the vehicle and the monthly payments in February, 1968. BREWER advised that WORD has been having trouble with his wife recently and about a week ago, she took the Mustang and their children and left WORD, allegedly going to stay with her mother at Las Vegas, Nevada. About Wednesday, April 10, 1968, WORD found out where his wife was in Nevada and took a bus there immediately to either bring her back or bring the Mustang vehicle back.

BREWER advised he has not seen WORD for about a week but believes he will be back at work at the Briarwood Texaco Station as soon as he returns to Mississippi.

BREWER described OSCAR WORD as follows:

On 4/15/68 at Jackson, Mississippi File # Jackson 157-9586
by SA SAMUEL N. JENNINGS:ccs Date dictated 4/15/68

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