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Crafton Laundry
Custom Drapery Cleaners
Eastwood Two Hour Laundry
Fettis Cleaners
Footers Dry Cleaners
Fort Pitt Laundry
Frank and John's Laundry
Happy Day Laundry
Al Heyl's Laundry
Keystone Laundry
Lenanon Laundromat
Liberty Laundry
Marvel Laundry
Marvin's Cleaners
Millvale Cleaning Shop, Inc.
Modern One Hour Cleaners
Mothers Laundry
August Negri Laundry
North Hills Laundromat
Nu-Life Cleaners and Shirt Laundry
Parto Cleaners
Pitt Hand Laundry

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Ruby's Cleaners
Runner's Cleaners
Ruth's Wash-A-Teria
Schenley Hand Laundry
Sec Cleaning Company
Sparkle Two Hour Shirt Laundry
Suburban Cleaning and Laundry
Supreme Laundry
Sweet Clean Laundry
Ted Tidline Laundry
Trowers Cleaners and Shirt Laundry
Tyler's Launderette
White Linen Laundry

The following laundries advised that they do use the thermo-seal marking machines, but do not use red tags and/or codes "O2B-6" or "D2B-6."

Daniel's Cleaners
Champion Laundries and Cleaners
Highland-Budget Laundries
Star White Linen Service
Van Balen Laundry
Fort Pitt Linen Supply

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On April 24, 1968, the above laundries which had been determined to use or to have used the thermo-seal marking machines, were recontacted, and representatives thereof advised that they do not use yellow tapes and do not use the code "20R-3" found on pillowcase and bed sheet located in the trunk of 1966 Mustang registered to ERIC STARVO GALT.

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DANCE SCHOOLS

The following investigation was conducted by
SE RAY J. COLIN, on April 15, 1968:

HERMANN BOHN, Manager, Continental Dance Studios, 391-3162, advised they had no student by the name of GALT. He said they had one phoney in 1966, who was age 28, blond, about 170 pounds, and a complete loss to the company. This fellow gave the name DONALD R. STOWFELL, and signed up for some lessons, and while waiting for the financing to go through, he got a number of "free" lessons. The application, references he gave were untrue. He gave his address as 64 Ewing Road, McKees Rocks, Pa., formerly of RD #2, Duncan, Okla., and that he had been employed by D. R. STOWFELL, Masonry. This man confided to his dance instructor, a Miss STERLING, that he had spent time in jail for assault and battery, and that he had killed his wife's lover. All the credit references turned out to be completely false.

Jack Burkhard Dance Studios,
563-6229, no such student as GALT

Carol Knight Studio of Dance Arts,
881-3181, only has ballet, tap
dancing, etc.

Martha Davis Dance Studios,
431-9933, has no adult students in
ballroom dancing

Bette Douglas Dance Studios,
443-5609, BETTE DOUGLAS - no such
student

Lester Evans Dance Studios, LESTER
EVANS, no student by the name of GALT

Lois Green Dancing School, LOIS GREEN,
no adult students

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Ken and Jean Studio of Dancing,
678-1277, and 371-5186, no
ballroom dancing given

Mae Kort Dancing School, 766-1350,
Mrs. MAE KORT, no student by the
name of GALT

PEGGY A. MOONEY, 731-0188,
Miss MOONEY, no such student

Pittsburgh Playhouse School of the
Theatre, 621-4445, Miss MICHELE
FAITH, no student by the name of GALT

American Talent Academy, 471-2313,
now out of business, phone disconnected

Andrew Dance Studios, 322-4158,
children only

Barth School of Dancing, 281-1632,
Miss MAMIE BARTH, no student by the name
of GALT

Bonnie Faye Dance Studio, 931-3858,
phone number no longer in service

Kenneth Rosslene School of Dance,
921-3465, has no adult students

Ruth Dance Studios, 381-4522, out of
business

Virginia's School of Dancing,
372-6400, negative

ESTHER WILLS, 531-6949, and 941-7332,
no student by the name of GALT

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA WILLIAM LOGAN CURTIS:

On April 15, 1968, HERMAN BOHN, Owner, Continental Dance Studios, Sixth and Wood Streets, Pittsburgh, Pa., was exhibited photographs of ERIC STARVO GALT, and advised that GALT did not resemble their former student, DON R. STOFFELL. BOHN asked receptionist, GEORGINA KELLY, and interviewer, DOROTHY TOMASSI, to look at the photographs, and both stated that this was not STOFFELL.

The following investigation was conducted by
SA JAMES V. KINNANE, on April 15, 1968:

On this date, the following operators of dance studios in Erie, Pa., were contacted relative to ERIC STARVO GALT, with negative results:

KATHRYN LITTLE, Little Dance Studio,
18 North Park Road

JAMES W. LONG, Long School of the Dance,
719 State Street

STATIA SUBLETTE, Sublette Dance Studio,
12 East Tenth Street

Lieutenant DONALD GUNTER (National Academy),
Identification Officer, Erie Police Department, advised that he has no record of GALT.

The following investigation was conducted by
SA DEAN M. HOWEN:

The following, the only dance studios in the Beckley, W. Va., area, advised on April 15, 1968, they had no record or knowledge of ERIC STARVO GALT:

JERRY ROSE, Beckley Dance Theatre,
110 1/2 South Fayette Street,
Beckley, W. Va.

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DELORIS MARINO, Dance Studio,
First Avenue, Beckley, W. Va.

The following investigation was conducted by
SA EDWARD R. FLEMING, JR., on April 15, 1968:

There are no popular dance studios within the
Martinsburg, W. Va., Resident Agency territory.

The following investigation was conducted by
SA SHELDON V. TAFT, on April 15, 1968:

The following dance schools at Huntington, W. Va.,
were contacted regarding ERIC STARVO GALT, with negative
results:

Dickinson School of Dance,
Mrs. JEAN B. DICKINSON

Ruth Fergeson School of Dance,
RUTH FERGESON

Lee School of the Dance,
BOBBIE LEE

Mary Rowley Hesson Dance Studio,
MARY HESSON

Flippin School of Dance,
LOUISE FLIPPIN

The following investigation was conducted by
SA CYRIL J. LAFPEY, on April 15, 1968:

A review of the Bell Telephone Company of
Pennsylvania telephone directories for Westmoreland County,
Pa., disclosed only one dancing school listed in the Greensburg
Resident Agency area, namely, the Romero School of Dance, 300
Hamilton Avenue, Greensburg, Pa.

On April 15, 1968, Mr. HENRY L. VENTRESCA, owner and
operator, Romero School of Dance, 300 Hamilton Avenue,
Greensburg, Pa., advised that he conducts dancing instructions
in the central Westmoreland County area, operating out of
Greensburg, Pa., and in Pittsburgh, at Duquesne University.

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Mr. VENTRESCA said a review of his records disclosed no one by the name of ERIC STARVO GALT or any variation thereof, as ever having been a student of any of his dancing classes or utilized as a dancing instructor or dancing partner of any kind.

The following investigation was conducted by
SA FRANK H. GEIERMANN:

The following dance studios were contacted on the dates as indicated, for information concerning ERIC STARVO GALT, with negative results. These cover all dance studios in Elk, Forest, Venango and Crawford Counties, Pa.

April 16, 1968

Dotty Lou Lauer School of Dance,
2 Lincoln Street, Oil City, Pa.,
DOTTY LOU LAUER

Nancy's Dance Studio, 1333 Chestnut
Street, Franklin, Pa., NANCY GREGG

April 17, 1968

Arthur Murray School of Dance,
933 Park Avenue, Meadville, Pa.,
Mrs. GEORGE GRONBERG

Arita Lee Dance Studio, 246½
Chestnut Street, Meadville, Pa.,
Mrs. ARITA L. BLAIR

Lyns Dance Studio, 346 Walnut Street,
Meadville, Pa., LYNNA PATRICK

The following investigation was conducted by
SA WILLIAM T. DOUGHERTY:

The below-listed individuals were contacted on the dates indicated, and all advised that no individual by the name of ERIC STARVO GALT ever attended their respective dancing schools:

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Mr. ERNEST RUGGIERI, Erni Dance
Studio, 214 North Seventh Street,
Connellsville, Pa., April 16, 1968

Miss JEAN KING, Jean King School of
Dancing, 42½ East Fayette Street,
Uniontown, Pa., April 15, 1968

Mrs. KATHERINE LYON, Katy Lyon
Dance Center, 164 South Beeson
Avenue, Uniontown, Pa., April 15, 1968

PENNY SMALLEY, Penny Smalley's Dance
Studio, 68 North Gallatin Avenue,
Uniontown, Pa., April 15, 1968

ANN LOUISE GISMONDI, 167 East Coffey
Street, Uniontown, Pa., studio
maintained at 2 North Main Street,
Masontown, Pa., April 15, 1968

Mr. SAM CALIGUIRE, 607 Rogers Avenue,
Connellsville, Pa., April 15, 1968

The following investigation was conducted by
SA R. STEPHEN THOMPSON:

The following dance studios in Morgantown, W. Va.,
were contacted on the dates indicated, with negative results:

Virginia School of Dancing, 240 High
Street, April 16, 1968

Karen Wolfe Dance Studio,
1310 University Avenue, April 17, 1968

The following dance studios were contacted by
SA EUGENE C. JONES in Fairmont, W. Va., on the dates indicated,
with negative results:

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Monica's Dance Studio, 315½ Adams
Street, April 16, 1968

Ona Dance Studio, 410 Odgen Street,
April 16, 1968

SA JONES also contacted Monica's, Clarksburg,
W. Va., office, on April 16, 1968.

The following investigation was conducted by
SA ROBERT D. WARDEN:

On April 15, 1968, the following individuals, owners
and operators of dancing studios in the Bluefield, W. Va.,
area, were contacted, and they advised they have no record of
ERIC STARVO GALT being or ever having been a student of
theirs. Both persons advised that they have never heard of
GALT before.

Mrs. FRANK SALT, 331 North Bluefield
Avenue, Bluefield, W. Va.

IRENE E. GRAHAM, Irene Esther Graham
School of Dancing, 1316 Pen Mar
Avenue, Bluefield, W. Va.

It is to be noted that there are no dancing schools
in the Princeton, W. Va., area at the present time.

The following investigation was conducted by
SA WILLIAM T. HENDON, JR.:

A survey was made of the telephone directories of
the major communities in Armstrong, Indiana, and Jefferson
Counties, and the following was the only dance studio located:

On April 16, 1968, Mrs. JAMES E. (FRANCES) WAGNER,
of Wagner Dance Studios, Blairsville, Pa., advised that she and
her husband have dance studios in Blairsville, Indiana, and
Jeannette, Pa. She said that she and her husband are the only
employees of Wagner Dance Studios and she has never had a

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pupil or anyone attending her dance lessons by the name of ERIC GALT.

The following investigation was conducted by
SA J. EDWARD MADVAY:

Lead was to contact dance studios in Washington County, for record of ERIC STARVO GALT as a student at any of these dance studios.

The classified telephone directory (yellow pages) for Washington Telephone Directory listed Continental Dance Studios, 313 Sixth Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa. (not contacted since in Pittsburgh).

Sally Miller Dance Studio, 93 South Main Street, Washington, Pa. SALLY MILLER was telephonically contacted at telephone 222-3712, and she did not have the name GALT in her records of students, nor has she ever heard of the name GALT.

The only other dancing school listed was Vella School of Dancing, 126 East Pike Street, Canonsburg, Pa., telephone 745-8872.

LOUISE VELLA, proprietor of this school, and in business for 40 years, was contacted at telephone number 745-8872, with negative results.

Telephonic check with the YMCA, 86 West Chestnut Street, 225-0811, revealed no male dancing instructions at the YMCA.

MARY WHERRY, YWCA, 42 West Maiden Street, telephone 222-3200, checked records and found SALLY MILLER had dancing instructions for couples at the YWCA approximately one year ago, and Mrs. WHERRY checked the list of those participating in this, and the name GALT was not on the list.

ZOISE BAER, proprietor, dance studio, 201 McKean Avenue, Charleroi, Pa., telephone 489-9960, listed in the classified section of the Donora-Monongahalia Telephone

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Directory, was contacted at telephone 483-3003, and she advised that she formerly operated six dance studios; however, all have since been closed and only two operated, one in Charleroi, Pa., and one in Belle Vernon, Pa. She advised that the name ERIC STARVO GALT was unknown to her.

Each individual contacted was asked for the name and location of any other dance studios or places of instruction for male adult dancing, and each mentioned any of the aforementioned places, which are apparently the only dancing instruction places available in Washington County.

The following investigation was conducted by
SA LINNEY L. CONNOLLY, JR.

There are no schools of dance in the Elkins Resident Agency territory, Elkins, W. Va.

The following investigation was conducted by
SA JOHN S. HUGHES:

On April 15, 1968, WILLIAM SIGEL, 17 East Bell Avenue, and RUTH BARNES, 1110 Fifteenth Street, both Altoona, Pa., proprietors of dancing schools, advised that neither of them cater to adult dancing students.

The same information was obtained from WILLIAM STOVER, Kelly School of Dance, Franklin Street; Monty Jay Dance Studio, Mountainview Drive; and WILLIAM WAGNER, Wagner Dance Studio, 115 Haynes Street, all Johnstown, Pa., on April 16, 1968.

These are the only dance schools which operate within the territory of the Johnstown Resident Agency.

The following investigation was conducted by
SA WILLIAM LOGAN CURTIS:

On April 18, 1968, the following dancing schools were contacted with negative results:

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Arthur Murray, 413 Ninth Street,
New Kensington, Pa., no longer
in business

Audrey Ann Studios of Dancing,
847 Fifth Avenue, HELEN SCHULTZ,
owner

Caputo's School of Dancing Arts,
977 Fifth Avenue, New Kensington,
Mr. P. M. CAPUTO, owner

Albert Pagni School of Dancing,
Star Road, Russellton, Pa.,
ALBERT PAGNI, owner

The following investigation was conducted by
SA EUGENE F. CABLE:

There are no dance schools for adults in Beaver
County according to the yellow pages of the telephone
directory.

The following investigation was conducted by
SA JOHN B. WOODRUFF:

On April 16, 1968, the following persons were contacted
at Charleston, W. Va., for any information regarding the
subject in this case, and they were alerted for any future
information regarding him, all with negative results:

ANDRE VAN DAMME, American Academy of
the Dance

JAMES LUCAS, Lucas Studio of
Ballroom Dancing

NAT DANO, Dano School of the Dance

ALMA BRITT, Britt Dance Studio

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CAROLYN HURT, Carolyn's School of
the Dance

MARY LOU CREEL, Mary Lou's Dancing
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On April 15, 1968, SA OLIVER H. HUNTER, III, contacted the following individuals at the described dancing schools in Lawrence and Mercer Counties, Pa., alerted them to the possible visit to their studios of ERIC STARVO GALT and they stated that they had no record or recollection of his ever visiting there:

JEAN A. MILLER
Bartsch Dancing Studio
106 East Lincoln Avenue
New Castle, Pa.

FRANCES D. BILLYK
Billyk Dance Studio
315 Neshannock Avenue
New Castle, Pa.

DOTTY MC GILL
Stewart School of Dance
302 Edgewood Avenue
Grove City, Pa.

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VEHICLE CHECKS

The following investigation was conducted by
SA JOHN B. WOODRUFF:

On April 23, 1968, Mrs. BERTHA COLLINS Secretary, Communications Division, West Virginia State Police, State Capitol Building, Charleston, W. Va., made available all outgoing license checks made through the West Virginia communications center from April 1, 1968, to date, and they were personally checked by the writer for checks made with Georgia and the following Georgia license checks were found:

April 9, 1968, by Police Dept., Beckley, W. Va.,
on 1967, Georgia Registration Nos. 66J954 and 4-06033 or 40-6033.

April 19, 1968, by State Police, Beckley, W. Va.,
on 1967 Georgia Registration No. 4D6033.

April 22, 1968, by Sheriff's Office, Marion County,
Fairmont, W. Va., on 1968 Georgia Registration 510-653.

April 23, 1968, by Police Dept., Wheeling, W. Va.,
on 1968 Georgia Registration 6-J3484.

The following investigation was conducted by
SA ROBERT D. WARDEN:

On April 19, 1968, Desk Sergeant WILFRED MATHENA, Police Department, Bluefield, W. Va., and Sgt. R. C. STOVER, West Virginia State Police, Princeton, W. Va., advised the writer that none of their men have reported seeing the 1955 or 1956 Dodge in this area.

On April 23, 1968, Desk Sergeant WILFRED MATHENA, Police Department, Bluefield, W. Va., and Sgt. R. C. STOVER West Virginia State Police, Princeton, W. Va., advised the writer on this date that their departments have not recovered any cars with Georgia license plates since April 4, 1968.

The following investigation was conducted by
SA RAY V. SHOEMAKER:

On April 23, 1968, Detective PAUL PRICE, Auto Squad,

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Huntington, W. Va., Police Dept., advised SA RAY V. SHOEMAKER that there have been no cars stolen in Georgia recovered in Huntington, W. Va., since April 5, 1968. Detective PRICE stated he would remain alert and would immediately notify the FBI if any such situation occurs.

The following investigation was conducted by
SA CYRIL J. LAFFEY:

On April 24, 1968, the following sources were contacted and advised they had no record of any abandoned or suspect stolen automobiles or any inquiries relative to any automobiles with the State of Georgia license plates subsequent to April 4, 1968:

Cpl. HAROLD MOORHEAD, Administrative Office,
Pennsylvania State Police, Troop A,
Greensburg, Pa.

Chief of Police PETER A. PIGNETTI,
Greensburg, Pa., Police Department.

Capt. EDWARD GORDON, Westmoreland County
Detective Bureau, DAO, Greensburg, Pa.

It is noted that all police department agencies in Westmoreland County utilize the Pennsylvania State Police teletype system relative to any suspect abandoned, suspect stolen or suspicious automobiles. Pennsylvania State Police, Greensburg, Pa., also covers Indiana County, Pa.

The following investigation was conducted by
SA WILLIAM T. HENDON, JR.:

The following police agencies were contacted on the dates indicated, and all advised that they had not found any abandoned cars with Georgia registration since April 4, 1968. They will be on the lookout for same and will notify the FBI if any are found:

April 24, 1968 Sgt. TOM CUFF, Troop C,
Pennsylvania State Police, Punxsutawney, Pa.

April 23, 1968, Cpl. JOE SASALA, Pennsylvania

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State Police, Kittanning, Pa.

April 24, 1968, Chief of Police HARRY OWENS,
Indiana, Pa., Police Department

April 23, 1968, Chief of Police MELVIN BOWERS,
Kittanning, Pa., Police Department

April 24, 1968, Patrolman JOHN POSTELWEIGHT,
Punxsutawney, Pa., Police Department

The following investigation was conducted by
SA JAMES V. KINNANE:

On April 24, 1968, Patrolman WILLIAM MC LAUGHLIN,
Erie, Pa., Police Department, advised that there have been no
cars recovered in Erie during the past month bearing Georgia
license plates.

The following investigation was conducted by
SA JOHN S. HUGHES on April 24, 1968:

Sergeant ROBERT MILLIRON, Pennsylvania State Police
Troop Headquarters, Hollidaysburg, Pa.; Trooper DAN JERSEVITCH,
Pennsylvania State Police, DuBois, Pa.; Sergeant ROBERT HARRISON,
Pennsylvania State Police, Clearfield, Pa.; Sergeant LEO DE POLO,
Pennsylvania State Police, Somerset, Pa.; and Sergeant
HOWARD REPPERT, Pennsylvania State Police, Turnpike Detail,
Everett, Pa., all advised that no stolen cars from the
State of Georgia had been recovered in their territory in
the past month.

The following investigation was conducted by
SA EUGENE F. CABLE:

The Pennsylvania State Police on April 23, 1968,
reviewed all teletypes, and no record of recovered cars
stolen in Georgia in the month of April was located. There
are 59 police departments in Beaver County, all of which
report out of state recoveries to the writer and use
Pennsylvania teletype facilities.

The following investigation was conducted by
SAs R. STEPHEN THOMPSON and EUGENE C. JONES:

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On April 24, 1968, SA EUGENE C. JONES contacted the Fairmont W. Va., Police Dept., and the Clarksburg, W. Va., Police Dept., regarding any vehicles recovered by them since April 4, 1968, with Georgia license plates with negative results.

On April 26, 1968, SA R. STEPHEN THOMPSON contacted the Morgantown Police Department in connection with the same matter with negative results.

On April 24, 1968, SA R. STEPHEN THOMPSON contacted the Marion County Sheriff's Office at Fairmont, W. Va., and discovered that they had sent an inquiry via West Virginia State Police teletype to Georgia authorities regarding a 1966 blue Ford, bearing Georgia License Plates 510-653. They received a reply from Georgia authorities that they had no stolen or missing report on this car. The Marion County Sheriff's Office inquired about the call after receiving a call from JOE SESTITO, owner, Parkette Drive-In Restaurant, that two white males driving this vehicle were in his restaurant and acted suspiciously.

On April 24, 1968, SA R. STEPHEN THOMPSON interviewed SESTITO, and he advised that these two men acted funny in his place and indicated to him that they were staying in the Belmont Motor Inn which is approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ block down the road from his cafe. SESTITO viewed photos of JAMES EARL RAY, also known as ERIC STARVO GALT, and stated that the two men did not resemble any of the photos.

On the same date, AUNILL DEIRIGGI, Manager, Belmont Motor Inn, supplied the registration card dated April 22, 1968, for two men. Only one name appeared on the card, ROBERT E. LOONWY, 859 Washington Ave., Macon, Ga. The card also contained a description of their car, which was described as a 1966 Ford Galaxie, Georgia License 510-653. DEIRIGGI viewed photos of JAMES EARL RAY, also known as ERIC STARVO GALT, and advised that neither of the two men resembled the photos.

The following investigation was conducted by
SA LINNEY L. CONNOLLY, JR.:

Contact with police agencies in the Elkins Resident Agency territory has not revealed any automobiles reported stolen in the State of Georgia.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA EDWARD R. FLEMING, JR.:

On April 24, 1968, records at the Martinsburg and Charles Town, W. Va., Police Departments were checked and no information concerning any car with a Georgia license was found on the various logs and records maintained by these departments.

The following investigation was conducted by
SA GEORGE A. PATTERSON:

The following police agencies were contacted regarding Georgia car recovery:

April 25, 1968

West Virginia State Police and Sheriff's Office,
Lewisburg, W. Va.

The police departments of Lewisburg,
Ronceverte and White Sulphur Springs, W. Va.

West Virginia State Police and Sheriff's Office,
Union, W. Va.

West Virginia State Police and Sheriff's Office,
Hinton, W. Va.

April 26, 1968

West Virginia State Police, Sheriff's Office,
and Police Department, Summersville, W. Va.

West Virginia State Police, Sheriff's Office,
and Police Department, Richwood, W. Va.

West Virginia State Police, Sheriff's Office,
and Police Department, Marlinton, W. Va.

All contacts negative.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA RICHARD A. JONES:

On April 29, 1968, Sgt. CHARLES JEROME, Wheeling, W. Va., Police Department, requested a check on a 1968 Georgia License 6J3484, which he observed on a 1967 or 1968, royal blue, Chevrolet sedan parked for two or three days behind the Madison School on Maryland St.

A check with the West Virginia State Police revealed this vehicle registered to MALORA PARKS, 1021 Azela Ave., Augusta, Georgia. No stolen report.

The following investigation was conducted by
SA DEAN M. HOWEN at Beckley, W. Va.:

On April 24, 1968, VIVIAN RIFFE, radio operator, West Virginia State Police, stated that on April 9, 1968, a teletype message was sent at 6:21 PM by Radio Operator GARNET MURPHY for the Beckley Police Department, to State Police, Atlanta, Georgia, to check 1967 Georgia registrations 66J954 and 4-06033 or 40-6033. The same evening Georgia State Police, Atlanta, replied that 1967 Georgia License 66J954 was registered to J. J. THOMPSON, Midland Ave., Winder, Ga., for a 1959 Chevrolet convertible, Vehicle Identification No. E59B226920, no stolen report; that there were no registrations under the numbers 4-06033 or 40-6033. This message came in at 10:22 PM and was given to Beckley Police Department, no name recorded.

Miss RIFFE also stated that on April 19, 1968, a teletype message was sent at 12:51 PM by Radio Operator GARNET MURPHY to State Police, Atlanta, Ga., to check 1967 Georgia License 4D6033. At 10:35 PM, April 19, 1968, Georgia State Police, Atlanta, Ga., replied that 1967 Georgia License 4-D-6033 is registered to EDWARD H. CUMMINGS, 152 Kessler Dr., Ft. Benning, Ga., on a 1964 Volkswagen, Vehicle Identification No. 0570249, no stolen report.

On April 24, 1968, Mrs. GARNET MURPHY, Radio Operator, West Virginia State Police, advised that Georgia license check information was requested by Beckley Police Dept., on April 9, 1968, and she did not know the purpose of this data.

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Mrs. MURPHY stated that the Georgia license check on April 9, 1968, was sent upon the request of the bookkeeper at the West Virginia Turnpike Service Station, an Esso Station, Beckley Exit, as incomplete data had been received for a gasoline credit purchase some time earlier and the data was needed for proper billing.

Sgt. THOMAS DURRETT, Detective Bureau, Beckley Police Dept., advised he had no knowledge of any request for Georgia license data on or about April 9, 1968.

Sgt. G. T. STARR, Beckley Police Dept., advised he was on duty and in charge the evening of April 9, 1968, and he had no knowledge of any Georgia license data requested that date. He said he was at the Police Department at and around 6 PM on April 9, 1968, and the only other persons there were a new patrolman, in his constant company, and NELSON COOK, clerk, who was answering the telephone calls. Sgt. STARR stated that as a result of numerous unsolved house burglaries, the citizens had been requested to be alert for strange vehicles in their neighborhoods and to notify the police department of license numbers observed, and it is possible that some citizen had called in the two Georgia license numbers on April 9, 1968. He added that NELSON COOK is lax in keeping a complete log of telephone and radio calls and may have failed to record the data received. He said that COOK was on vacation and unavailable.

On May 2, 1968, NELSON COOK, communications clerk, Beckley Police Department, advised that he was working the evening of April 9, 1968, but had no knowledge of any Georgia license checks. He said it was possible that some off-duty patrolman had requested the license checks from his home.

On May 3, 1968, Chief of Police WILLIAM A. TEUBERT, Sgt. G. T. STARR, and Sgt. THOMAS DURRETT, Beckley Police Department, advised they could develop no information to identify anyone from that department who had requested Georgia license checks on April 9, 1968.

The following investigation was conducted by
SA J. EDWARD MADVAY:

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On April 24, 1968, DARLA KESTNER teletype room, Pennsylvania State Police, and Sergeant LEE CHICINNA, Sergeant in Charge of Traffic Detail, Pennsylvania State Police, advised after a review of their records that there had been no automobiles recovered from the State of Georgia since the first of April, 1968.

On April 24, 1968, Chief of Police TOM BELLHY, Washington, Pa., Police Department, advised from records that no out-of-state Georgia license tag had been on any vehicle recovered nor had any automobile originating from the State of Georgia been recovered in Washington, Pa.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA WILLIAM T. DOUGHERTY:

On April 30, 1968, the below listed individuals advised that a review of the records of their respective agencies failed to disclose the recovery of any stolen cars from the State of Georgia subsequent to March 23, 1968:

Chief of Police JAMES MAHONEY, Uniontown
Police Department, Uniontown, Pa.

Trooper HARRY EWING, Pennsylvania State
Police, Uniontown, Pa.

Detective NICK STASIA, Connellsville Police
Department, Connellsville, Pa.

Corporal JOSEPH SOUDERS, Pennsylvania State
Police, Waynesburg, Pa.

The following investigation was conducted by
SA GEORGE KETCHEL ADAMS:

On April 11, 1968, Mrs. LUCILLE MC CORWICK, Title and Registration Division, and Mrs. PATRICIA BURNEY, Drivers License Division, West Virginia State Department of Motor Vehicles, Charleston, W. Va., advised the files of their offices contain no information concerning a 1966 Ford Mustang, Vehicle Identification No. 6T07C190647, or ERIC STARVO GALT.

On April 19, 1968, Officer J. C. ROBINSON, Communications Operator, Police Department, Charleston, W. Va., and Mrs. PAULINE DICKSON, Communications Operator, Company B, West Virginia State Police, South Charleston, W. Va., were furnished with descriptive information concerning a three-tone off-white and green 1955-1956 Dodge, four-door sedan bearing 1968 Florida license with a prefix of 10W and followed by four or five digits, numbers unknown. Officer ROBINSON and Mrs. DICKSON stated a review of their respective files was negative for any information concerning such a vehicle. They advised the description of the Dodge would be made available to units in the Charleston, W. Va., area.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA WILLIAM LOGAN CURTIS:

On April 23, 1968, RAY WOLOSIAK, Allegheny County Detective Bureau, advised that there have been no vehicles bearing Georgia license plates recovered in Allegheny County since March 23, 1968. He advised that should any be recovered, he would immediately notify the FBI.

On April 23, 1968, JOHN TUNNEY, Auto Pound, Pittsburgh Police Department, advised that there have been no vehicles with Georgia license plates towed to their Pound since March 23, 1968.

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The following members of the West Virginia State Police advised SA MAX L. GEIMAN that no automobiles from the State of Georgia have been recovered in their respective counties since April 4, 1968:

May 10, 1968	Corporal J. M. DENNIS Pleasants County
May 16, 1968	Trooper C. R. DUNCAN Wood and Wirt County
May 16, 1968	Corporal CARL LAGURSKI Calhoun County
May 16, 1968	Corporal WILLIAM ROBINSON Ritchie County
May 17, 1968	Corporal W. V. BISHOP Jackson County

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The following police departments were contacted on May 3, 1968, by SA OLIVER H. HUNTER, III, and car recovery records reviewed regarding possible stolen cars from the State of Georgia, subsequent to March 23, 1968; that each representative stated that that department has not recovered any vehicles with Georgia plates recently:

Chief DANIEL F. GROSS
Sharon, Pa., Police Department

Chief WILLIAM L. CAPUTO
Farrell, Pa., Police Department

Chief DONALD F. REINHART
Greenville, Pa., Police Department

Chief JOHN C. WHITMORE
Hickory, Pa., Police Department

Chief THOMAS WELTON
Sharpsville, Pa., Police Department

Corporal GEORGE BABICS
Pennsylvania State Police,
Mercer, Pa.

Chief RICHARD E. HANNA
New Castle, Pa., Police Department

Trooper THOMAS J. PETROVICH
Pennsylvania State Police,
New Castle, Pa.

In addition, the above advised that they do not maintain unidentified latent fingerprints files and any unidentified prints on file there in connection with local cases were obtained prior to April 23, 1967; therefore, they were unable to assist in this individual project.

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JAMES EARL RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND
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