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# Shot On Balcony Of Memphis Hotel; Rifle Found Block Away

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Nobel Laureate Martin Luther King Jr., father of non-violence in the American Civil rights movement, was killed by an assassin's bullet last night at Memphis, Tenn.

President Lyndon Johnson, in a brief, solemn message to the nation, disclosed that because of the slaying he had postponed until today his scheduled departure for Hawaii and a Vietnam strategy conference. He had been scheduled to leave about midnight last night.

King, 39 years old, was hit in the neck by a bullet as he stood on the balcony of a hotel. He died less than an hour later in St. Joseph Hospital.

Police said early investigation indicated the assassin was a white male, who was "50 to 100 yards away in a flophouse." He said police had no definite leads, but that two persons were in custody.

POLICE SAID they found a .30-06 rifle on Main Street about a block from the motel, but it was not confirmed whether this was the weapon that killed King.

Governor Buford Ellington immediately ordered 4,000 National Guard troops back into the city. A curfew, which was clamped on Memphis after a King-led march turned into a riot a week ago, was reimposed.

Police said incidents of violence, including several fire bombings were reported following King's death.

The 1964 Nobel Peace Prize winner was standing on the balcony of his motel here, where he had come to lead protests in behalf of the city's 1,300 striking garbage workers, most of them Negroes, when he was shot.



(AP Wirephoto)

**MARTIN LUTHER KING**  
Felled By Assassin

the King party, said, "The bullet exploded in his face, it knocked him off his feet."

Police threw a cordon around a five-block area of the Negro district that contained the Lorraine Hotel where King was slain. Two

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AN AIDE WHO was standing nearby said the shot hit King in the neck and lower right part of his face.

"Martin Luther King is dead," said Assistant Police Chief Henry Lux, the first word of the death.

Assistant Hospital Administrator Paul Hess confirmed later that King died at 7 p.m. of a bullet wound in the neck.

The Rev. Jesse Jackson said he and others in the King party were getting ready to go to dinner when the shooting occurred.

King was on the second floor balcony of the hotel," Jackson said. "He had just bent over. If he had been standing up, he wouldn't have been hit in the face."

King had just told Branch: "My man, be sure to sing 'Blessed Lord' tonight and sing it well."

A SHOT THEN rang out, Jackson said.

Jackson said the only sound King uttered after that was "Oh!"

"It knocked him down," he said. "When I turned around, I saw police coming from everywhere. They said 'Behind you.' The police were coming from where the shot came."

Branch, another member of

## AN EDITORIAL

# Martin Luther King

Martin Luther King's assassination, like the assassination of John F. Kennedy which it recalls, is another of those impulsive acts of violence which issue from the dark recesses of the human spirit to stain the national soil.

By itself, the murder was brutal. That it occurred in the South to a major Civil Rights leader during an era of nation-wide racial tension makes it no less than a national tragedy.

Nothing can undo the Memphis murder. But what can undo much of the non-violent movement that Martin Luther King stood for would be for attempted reprisals to follow in the wake of his death.

The Rev. Mr. King endlessly preached that love, not hatred, was the way to universal brotherhood. He taught that man grew in God's sight by refusing to stoop to the level of his enemies. And he died, as he lived, convinced that the polarization of the races would be disastrous for black and white alike.

At the hour of Martin King's death, which we truly mourn, it remains for all of us to remember the commitment to non-violence which he personified.

## LBJ Deplores King Death

The text of President Johnson's statement:

"America is shocked and saddened by the brutal slaying tonight of Dr. Martin Luther King.

"I ask every citizen to reject the blind violence that has struck Dr. King who lived by non-violence.

"I pray that his family can find comfort in the memory of all he tried to do for the land he loved so well. I have just conveyed the sympathy of Mrs. Johnson and myself to his widow, Mrs. King.

"I know that every American of good will joins me in mourning the death of this outstanding leader and in praying for peace and understanding throughout this land.

"We can achieve nothing by lawlessness and divisiveness among the American people. It is only by joining together and only by working together can we continue to move toward equality and fulfillment for all of our people.

"I hope that all Americans tonight will search their hearts as they ponder this most tragic incident.

"I have canceled my plans for the evening. I am postponing my trip to Hawaii until tomorrow.

"Thank you."

**ONE OF KING'S** staunch enemies, former Alabama Governor George Wallace, now a third party candidate for President, called the assassination a "senseless, regrettable and tragic act."

Washington was plunged into gloom and feared the repercussions of the slaying of Dr. King.

Government leaders called for calm. Some in Congress said open housing legislation should now be passed as a memorial to the man who marched for it.

A \$250-a-plate Democratic Party fund raising dinner broke up early, its thousands of guests leaving the sparkling ballroom in the Washington Hilton in silence and disbelief.

Dr. King, said House Speaker John McCormack (D-Mass.) "was a martyr to a cause — and that cause will be strengthened if the House concurs in the Senate civil rights bill."

The bill, adopted by the House earlier this year, would outlaw discrimination in the sale or rental of 68 per cent of the nation's housing. It also would make civil rights murders—such as King's—a Federal crime.

# Martin Luther King Slain

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white men wearing dark clothing were hustled into the Memphis police station.

## CHAUNCEY ESKRIDGE

King's legal adviser, sobbed outside the emergency room when word came out of King's death.

He said it "ought to have a shocking effect on the whole world. A man full of life, full of love, and he was shot."

"He had always lived with that expectation (of assassination) but nobody ever expected it to happen."

King's driver said he was standing in the street when the civil rights leader strolled onto the balcony and ordered him to start the car and take him to dinner.

"I said, 'It's cold outside, Dr. King. Put your topcoat on,' and he said 'Okay, I will,' and he smiled. Those were his last words, I heard the gun."

HE SAID KING wheeled and fell on his back.

"He had been looking di-

rectly at the man," the driver, Solomon Jones Jr., said. He said a police squad car with four officers in it had driven down the street only moments before.

After the shot, Jones said, he saw a man "with something white on his face" creep away from a thicket across the street.

In Atlanta, Mayor Ivan Allen rushed to King's home and drove his wife to the airport. She was in the terminal awaiting a flight to Memphis when she was told her husband was dead.

King returned to Memphis could lead a massive march Wednesday to try to prove he peacefully. He was at the head of the march last Thursday that erupted into violence that left one dead and 62 injured.

HIS CRITICS immediately stepped up attacks on his planned "Poor People's Campaign" on Washington this month, claiming he could not keep the massive demonstration from turning to violence.

King's aides said he felt he had to lead another demonstration here — and keep it non-violent — to prove them wrong. The march—with 6,000 persons, many of them labor leaders and union men — was planned for Monday. King had vowed to defy a Federal court injunction banning the march if he could not get the judge to lift it.

King died in the same emergency room where James Meredith was rushed in June, 1965, after he was shot down in ambush a few miles south of here at Hernando, Miss. Meredith, however, was not seriously injured.

King was the first major civil rights leader to be slain since the ambush killing of Medgar Evers outside his home in Jackson, Miss., in 1962.

KING WAS IN Memphis for what had become an unexpected involvement for him, and his SCLC. It was a way-side stop before his big demonstration in Washington scheduled in a few weeks.

The Washington effort—a huge camp-in at the capital to demand jobs or income—had taken most of his time since January.

But after last week's march broke into violence and looting, King returned to Memphis to organize a staff.

"He felt we should attempt —after what happened last week—to organize the SCLC in Memphis," an SCLC spokesman said in Atlanta. "We did not have a staff in there."

The supreme test of the theory of non-violence was to have come next Monday, when King planned to lead a massive march down the path where violence broke out last week.

IT WAS THE FIRST time in King's long history of civil rights activity that one of his drives had erupted into violence. He was clearly disturbed.

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REBUTEL TO INDIANAPOLIS AND ST. LOUIS APR. NINE LAST.

ON APR. TEN INSTANT, LTC RICHARD E. COOLEY, U. S. ARMY  
PERSONNEL SERVICES SUPPORT CENTER, FT. BENJAMIN HARRISON, IND.,  
ADVISED SA KENNETH E. MORRIS THE TWO ZERO ONE PERSONNEL FILE  
FOR DONNIE LEON HARDIN, ASN RA [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] WAS TRANSFERRED TO U. S. ARMY ADMINISTRATION CENTER,  
ST. LOUIS, MO. ON JUNE TWO TWO, SIXTYFIVE. REFERENCED TEL HAS  
SET OUT LEAD FOR ST. LOUIS TO REVIEW THIS FILE.

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TO DIRECTOR AND ALL SACS

FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) 1P

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ERIC STARVO GALT, TWO SIX ZERO EIGHT HIGHLAND AVENUE SOUTH,  
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, REGISTERED OWNER OF WHITE NINETEEN SIXTYSIX  
MUSTANG, VIN SIX T ZERO SEVEN C ONE NINE ZERO SIX FOUR SEVEN,  
BEARING NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT ALABAMA LICENSE ONE - THREE EIGHT NINE  
NINE THREE, IS PRIME SUSPECT IN THIS CASE.

ALL OFFICES CHECK ABOVE VIN FOR POSSIBLE RE-REGISTRATION.

NO INDICATION TO BE GIVEN THAT THIS LEAD IS IN CONJUNCTION  
WITH MURKIN CASE.

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*Lt. Jay Romack,  
Operations, Indiana State  
Police Indianapolis, advised  
IC Inman on 4/10/68 that  
no record could be located for  
66 Mustang, VIN 6T07C190647  
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TO INDIANAPOLIS  
FROM SPRINGFIELD (44-56L)

MURKIN; CR.

REBUTEL TO ALL OFFICES APRIL TEN, LAST, AND ST. LOUIS  
TELETYPE TO SPRINGFIELD INSTANT.

RE SUSPECT ERIC STARVO GALT:

GALT CLAIMED EMPLOYMENT AS "BARGER" OUT OF ST. LOUIS.  
CHECKS WITH AMERICAN COMMERCIAL LINES (ACL), ALTON, ILLINOIS,  
REVEAL ALL SUCH PERSONNEL RECORDS AVAILABALE AT ACL HOME  
OFFICE, JEFFERSONVILLE, INDIANA.

INDIANAPOLIS, AT JEFFERSONVILLE, INDIANA, WILL CHECK  
RECORDS RE GALT TO DETERMINE PRESENT OR PAST EMPLOYMENT. P.

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AND MILWAUKEE

FROM CHICAGO (44-1114) 1P

MURKIN.

REBUTEL ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES APRIL NINE, SIXTY EIGHT.

LAUNDRY MARKS. ROBERT DE LASHMIT, VICE PRESIDENT,  
CARMAN CONLEY COMPANY, CHICAGO, DISTRIBUTOR, THERMO SEAL  
MARKING TAPE, ADVISED FOLLOWING LAUNDRIES OUTSIDE CHICAGO  
OFFICE TERRITORY PURCHASED RED TAPE DURING LAST YEAR:  
~~NEW WAY LAUNDRY~~ AND CLEANERS, NINE ONE SEVEN WEST JEFFERSON,  
GARY, INDIANA; DRAPERS UNLIMITED, FOUR FOUR ZERO STEWART  
AVENUE, KALAMAZOO, MICHIGAN; CAPITOL LAUNDRY, TWO ZERO ZERO  
ZERO SAGINAW, LANSING, MICHIGAN; SANITARY LAUNDRY, ONE FOUR  
ZERO ZERO EAST GRAND RIVER, LANSING, MICHIGAN; HENDERSON  
LAUNDRY, FOUR ONE MAIN STREET, MENASHA, WISCONSIN;

INDIANAPOLIS, DETROIT, AND MILWAUKEE CONTACT LAUNDRIES  
YOUR AREAS RE LAUNDRY MARK SET OUT IN REBUTEL.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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*New Way Laundry*  
*has handled by*  
*William Gary*  
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TO INDIANAPOLIS

FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987)

MURKIN, CR.

ON APRIL SEVEN SIXTY EIGHT, INSPECTOR N. E. ZACHARY,  
MEMPHIS POLICE DEPARTMENT, ADVISED HE RECEIVED INFORMATION  
THAT RICHARD DELMAR RAMSEY HAD BEEN MISSING FROM HIS HOME IN  
ANDERSON, INDIANA, SINCE APRIL TWO, SIXTY EIGHT. RAMSEY  
DESCRIBED AS FIVE FEET TEN INCHES, SANDY HAIR, DATE OF BIRTH  
\*  AND A MEMBER OF THE KU KLUX KLAN.

INDIANAPOLIS AT ANDERSON, INDIANA, OBTAIN PHOTOGRAPH AND  
COMPLETE DESCRIPTION OF RAMSEY. CONDUCT THOROUGH BACKGROUND  
AND DETERMINE HIS WHEREABOUTS APRIL FOUR, SIXTY EIGHT.

SUTEL RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION.

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In connection with events in Memphis  
last week — you may find it beneficial  
to check with Bob, Huntville, Tenn. or a  
member in Georgia GPP 7217

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TO SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
FROM SAC, INDIANAPOLIS (44-563)

MURKIN  
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Re Indianapolis teletype to Memphis 4/9/68 and  
Memphis teletype to Indianapolis, 4/9/68.

Enclosed for Memphis are three photographs of  
RICHARD DELMAR RAMSEY. Memphis is requested to return  
photographs to Indianapolis.

On 4/9/68, CHARLES EPPERSON, Plant Security  
Department, Delco Remy Division, General Motors Corporation,  
Anderson, Indiana, advised that on 4/2/68, RAMSEY worked  
from 7:00 AM until 3:30 PM. He stated that on the first and  
on the third through the fifth, he was not at work. EPPERSON  
stated that RAMSEY appeared at work at 9:30 AM on 4/5/68 to  
pick up his pay check and then left, and that he is now, as of  
4/8/68, back on his regular shift, which is 7:00 AM to  
3:30 PM.

On the same date, IP 3247-R advised that at 9:00 PM  
on 4/4/68, RAMSEY had called the informant from the  
informant's home to advise him of the assassination of KING.  
Informant stated he has verified this with his wife that  
RAMSEY actually was at his home at approximately 9:00 PM on  
the fourth, and that the informant left work, reaching his  
home at 10:00 PM, at which time RAMSEY was still there.

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IP 44-563

RAMSEY: The following is a description of RICHARD DELMAR

Race	White
Sex	Male
Born	<input type="text"/>
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Brown
Weight	165
Height	6'1"
Residence	1022 West 8th Street Anderson, Indiana

Informant resides Marion, Indiana, and it appears impossible for RAMSEY to have arrived at Marion, Indiana, at the time indicated, if he had been at Memphis 6:00 PM, CST.

Informant advised he had first thought call came to him @ 8:30 PM, but after checking his time card at plant, he ascertained it was closer to 9:00 PM.

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# Hunt Shifts To Mexico



Artist's concept of slayer.—  
UPI.

MEMPHIS, (UPI) — The search for the killer of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., extended to Mexico today.

Police sought a man who obtained a Mexican visitor's permit here the day before the civil rights leader was slain.

A hitchhiker, fitting the description of the assassin, was picked up in Joplin, Mo., last

night but police said the suspect had virtually cleared himself.

In Mexico City, local police were working with agents of the U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation to locate a man, fitting the assassin's description, who obtained a visitor's permit the day before King was killed.

A drawing of a white man, about 6 feet tall, with dark hair, has been distributed to Mexican police and border crossing points were alerted.

Rolando Veloz, of the Mexican consulate here, told authorities he issued the visitor's permit to a man believed to be younger than other descriptions of the sniper.

In Joplin, Mo., a 33-year-old minister was arrested on a vagrancy charge after a motel operator told police the hitchhiker fitted the description of King's assassin.

"We're just about satisfied he had nothing to do with it," said police.

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The Indianapolis News

Indianapolis, Indiana

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TO ALL SACS

FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 2P.

MURKIN

INVESTIGATION HAS ESTABLISHED THAT AN INDIVIDUAL USING THE NAME ERIC STARVO GALT WAS IN MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, ON APRIL FOUR, SIXTYEIGHT, REPORTEDLY DRIVING A NINETEEN SIXTYSIX WHITE MUSTANG WITH ALABAMA LICENSE ONE DASH THREE EIGHT NINE NINE THREE. THE BUREAU IS ANXIOUS TO LOCATE THIS INDIVIDUAL FOR QUESTIONING IN CONNECTION WITH THIS MATTER.

ALL OFFICES COVERING POINTS OF EXIT FROM THE COUNTRY SHOULD INITIATE A CHECK TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT ERIC GALT HAS DEPARTED THE COUNTRY.

ALL OFFICES ARE TO CONTACT THE APPROPRIATE POLICE DEPARTMENTS IN YOUR TERRITORY TO INSURE THAT ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES ARE COVERED BY AN ALL POINTS BULLETIN TO THE EFFECT THAT ERIC STARVO GALT IS WANTED FOR QUESTIONING  
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*State Police  
all points circulation  
Sgt. Jones*

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BY THE FBI.

GALT IS DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, HEIGHT FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES, WEIGHT ONE HUNDRED SEVENTYFIVE POUNDS, EYES BLUE, HAIR BROWN, DATE OF BIRTH

ACCORDING TO HIS DRIVERS LICENSE.

GALT'S CAR IS DESCRIBED AS A NINETEEN SIXTYSIX WHITE HARD-TOP MUSTANG, SIXTYEIGHT ALABAMA LICENSE TAG ONE-THREE EIGHT NINE NINE THREE, VIN SIX T ZERO SEVEN C ONE NINE ZERO SIX FOUR SEVEN. CAR HAD FOUR INDIVIDUAL RED PLASTIC FLOOR MATS, MUFFLER PAINTED SILVER WHEN PURCHASED BY GALT IN AUGUST SIXTYSEVEN.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD IT BE INDICATED TO ANYONE AT ANY PLACE THE NATURE OF THE CASE IN WHICH GALT IS WANTED FOR QUESTIONING BY THE FBI.

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FROM INDIANAPOLIS (44-563)

MURKIN - CR, OO: MEMPHIS.

RE JACKSON TELE. INSTANT, LAUNDY CONTACTS.

WILLIAM DUDENHOFFER, UNISERVICES, INC., INDIANAPOLIS,  
ADVISED HIS ORGANIZATION HAS NUMEROUS ESTABLISHMENTS THROUGHOUT  
COUNTRY AND INVENTORY RECORDS OF EACH WOULD HAVE TO BE CHECKED.  
HE ADVISED THAT HERMAN MILLER, PRESIDENT, ORANGE STATE UNIFORM  
AND LINEN SERVICE, JACKSONVILLE, WOULD BE THE PERSON MOST  
LIKELY TO KNOW WHEREABOUTS OF THERMO-SEAL MACHINE. DUDENHOFFER  
SAID HE COULD THEN CHECK INVENTORY RECORDS FOR THAT LOCATION.  
HE SAID MILLER WILL BE BACK IN JACKSONVILLE APRIL TWELVE NEXT  
AND CONTACT SHOULD BE MADE ONLY WITH THIS INDIVIDUAL.

- 1- Bureau (Air Mail)
- 1- Memphis (44-1987) (Air Mail)
- ①- Indianapolis

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC

DATE: 4/11/68

FROM : IC THOMAS T. INMAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Telephonically contacted 7:00 PM, by SGT. SCHLAGEL, Dispatcher, Indianapolis Police Department, Indianapolis, who advised that at 6:00 PM an IPD radio car was requested to go to the Regal Lounge, 2630 Northwestern, Indianapolis. Upon arrival, the officer found that the individual had left but patrons in the lounge advised that the individual looked very much like photograph appearing in newspapers of KING'S assassin. UNSUB told the people in the lounge that he had been to Birmingham, but hadn't gone to the funeral. He also made derogatory remarks about the Negro race. This individual was a white male.

The only further information concerning him was that he left the lounge in a red or maroon, 2 door, automobile, with license plates similar to Indiana plates after asking directions to the Indiana War Memorial Plaza.

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FBI WASH DC

551PM URGENT 4/11/68 SVW GJM

TO ALL SACS

FROM DIRECTOR 1P

MURKIN

REBUTEL THIS DATE TO PLACESTOPS ON ERIC STARVO GALT  
AND A NINETEEN SIXTYSIX WHITE MUSTANG. DISREGARD  
REFERENCED TELETYPE AND CANCEL ANY ALL POINTS BULLETINS  
THAT MAY HAVE BEEN ISSUED.

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per Sgt. Archer  
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# KING SLAYER MAY HAVE FLED U.S.

MEMPHIS (UPI) — The assassin of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. may have fled the country, according to indications today.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation has asked Mexican authorities to aid in the search.

A police spokesman in Mexico City said yesterday that a drawing of the suspect, a composite of descriptions by persons who saw the sniper in the Memphis rooming house from where King was shot, has been distributed throughout Mexico and at border crossing points.

The Mexican spokesman refused to divulge any further information.

"There is an investigation going on; that is all we can say," he said.

U.S. Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark, in Washington, said yesterday the "trail has lengthened" since Friday, the day after King slumped to his death on a motel balcony with a gaping rifle bullet wound in his neck.

The FBI has "one man on the run," Clark said. "We have a name, but whether it is the right name remains to be seen."

"We hope he'll be under arrest quite soon. The focus is sharpening and we are quite close, we think, but that depends on how some of the leads we have develop."

The assassin was described by the landlady who rented him a room the day of the slaying as a man with a sharp nose, square chin, black hair receding on the sides, and "a silly smile." He is about 6 feet tall and between 26 and 32 years old, witnesses said.

Police said he was cool and quick-acting.

He had less than 24 hours, after he heard and read that King was staying in the Lorraine Hotel, to choose a site and make preparations for the assassination.

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Indianapolis, Indiana

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 SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)

FROM: SAC, INDIANAPOLIS (44-563)

MURKIN

RE SUSPECT ERIC STARVO GALT

RE BUTEL ALL OFFICES APRIL TEN, LAST; ST. LOUIS TEL TO SPRING-  
 FIELD, APRIL ELEVEN, INSTANT, & SPRINGFIELD TEL INDIANAPOLIS, APRIL  
 ELEVEN, INSTANT.

RECORDS AMERICAN COMMERCIAL LINES SHOW NO PAST OR PRESENT EM-  
 PLOYMENT FOR GALT. ABOVE COMPANY MERGED WITH NUMEROUS COMPANIES &  
 RECORDS DESTROYED.

AN IB SEVEN LISTING SHOWS ONE E. S. GAULT, SOC. SEC. # [REDACTED]  
 [REDACTED], EMPLOYED PRIOR  
 TO NINETEEN FIFTY SEVEN, PROBABLY AMERICAN BARGE LINES CO. NO  
 FURTHER INFO.

UACB - BALTIMORE CONTACT SOURCE FOUR, FOR INFO RE GAULT WHO

① - Indianapolis

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Special Agent in Charge

(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

# Arrest Of King Assassin Seen As 'Very Close'

FROM AP AND UPI

Memphis, Tenn.—The man sought as the slayer of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. gave his name as John Willard.

He spoke with a southern drawl.

He paid for his \$8.50-a-week room with a crisp \$20 bill, fishing it out of a pocket and holding it in both hands before handing it to the landlady at 422½ South Main.

**HE WORE** A dark suit and appeared to have little in common with men who stay in flophouses.

He took Room 5. It is no more than 13 steps from there to the dingy bathroom from which a killer struck Dr. King.

Dr. King was shot as he stood alone on the balcony of the Lorraine Motel exactly 205 feet and 3 inches away across Mulberry Street.

**ARREST OF HIS** killer is "very close," said Attorney General Ramsey Clark.

"The investigation has spread some several hundred miles from the borders of Tennessee at this time," said Clark, dispatched here by President Johnson to help with the investigation and convey to King's widow the government's condolences "at the loss of this great American."

**FUNERAL SERVICES** were set for Tuesday morning at 10:30 a.m. at King's Ebenezer Baptist Church at Atlanta.

Clark said FBI agents were pursuing the investigation "in several sections of the country."

"Large numbers of items of evidence have been uncovered, and a number of out-of-state leads have been developed," he said.

**MEMPHIS POLICE** Chief Frank L. Holloman said last night he, too, was optimistic about an arrest "eventually."

But he said he could not tell whether it would be made "in six hours, a week or longer."

The assassin had a \$155,000 price on his head, the total of awards amassed by the Memphis city council, the Memphis Commercial Appeal and Scripps Howard newspapers, and other sources.

**A SPOKESMAN** for King's family said that after the church services Tuesday there would be a march to Morehouse College at Atlanta, followed by a religious assembly there. He said the funeral was being set up in these stages because religion, education and marches were "all-important" to King.

No information was available yet on burial plans, he said.

A coroner's report said King's death was due to a sniper's bullet severing his spinal cord.

"The bullet was under the skin of the back, next to the left shoulder blade," the coroner said. "It entered at approximately the jawbone" and traveled a downward path.

**A SHORT**, balding white man was taken into custody yesterday while emerging from the building in which the sniper hid—a rundown apartment building directly across the street from the hotel. Although the man did not fit the description of the sniper, he was rushed to the Federal Building and officials did not disclose his connection with the case.

The landlady of the apartment house, Mrs. Bessie Brewer, 44 years old, said the man who is believed to have killed King registered under the name of "John Willard" and that "he had a silly smile."

**"I'LL NEVER FORGET** that smile," said Mrs. Brewer. "He paid his \$8.50 week's rent in cash, with a \$20 bill and two quarters."

Charlie Q. Stephens, in room 6—between the room taken by Willard, and the bathroom—got a better look.

"He was clean shaven and had a long, sharp nose. He had normal eyes and a square chin, thick hair at the front and receded on each side.

**"HE WAS WEARING** a black-solid color-dress suit, a white shirt and a very dark or black, narrow tie. He combed his hair straight back."

What the man who registered did between 3:15 and 6:01 is cloudy.

He did not lay down on the bed. There is evidence he sat on the edge of it. He also moved around the room which has a well-worn wardrobe and a single window with yellow and green floral curtains. The curtains had been placed on top of a nearby mantle, possibly to avoid obstructing his view.

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**STEPHENS SAID** around 5 a.m. the man went to the bathroom and stayed about 25 minutes. Evidently, he now had the weapon.

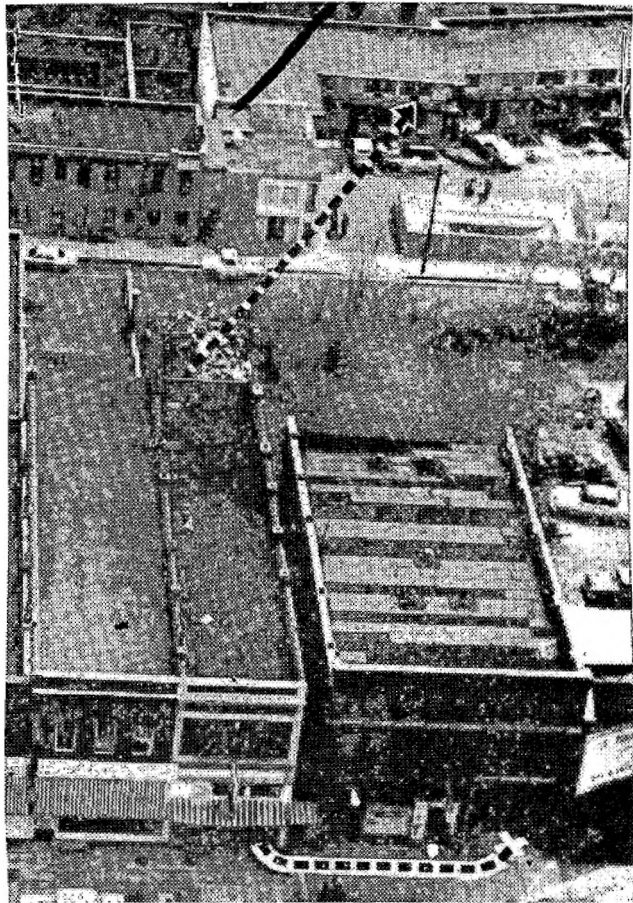
"Willie Anchutz—the man in No. 4—tried to get in the bath and then knocked on my door. I told him that was the man who had rented No. 5. He (Anchutz) returned to his room."

While the assassin obviously knew where Dr. King was staying and concealed himself to shoot the civil rights leader, he seems to have carelessly left behind many clues—fingertips, the rifle and other items.

Mrs. Brewer, the operator of the apartment building, and her husband, Frank, 46, agreed that they had heard a shot fired from the communal bath shortly after "Willard" checked in.

Police said the sniper dropped his rifle and a suitcase in the doorway of the apartment building before he leaped into a late model white car and fled.

Mrs. King flew to Memphis in a 74-seat jet, chartered by Democratic Presidential hopeful Senator Robert F. Kennedy, to bring the body of her husband back to Atlanta.



This is where Dr. Martin Luther King was slain in Memphis, Tenn. The broken line (top center) shows the path of the bullet from window of building in the foreground to the second floor balcony where Dr. King was standing. According to Memphis police, the killer then came out of the building, dotted line, foreground, and then dropped his gun in a doorway, at the X. (AP Wirephoto)



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FBI JACKSVLE

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TO DIRECTOR /MAIL/, MEMPHIS /44-1987/ AND INDIANAPOLIS  
FROM JACKSONVILLE /44-769/ 1P

MURKIN. CR. OO MEMPHIS.

RE ALBANY TELETYPE TO BUREAU APRIL NINE LAST, AND BUREAU TELETYPE  
TO ALL OFFICES APRIL NINE LAST.

LAUNDRY CONTACTS:

FOR INFO INDIANAPOLIS, ALBANY ADVISED OFFICIAL, TEXTILE MARKETING  
MACHINE CO. REPORTED THERMO-SEAL MACHINE MODEL H FIVE M FIVE M FOUR, SN  
THREE TWO SIX FOUR SEVEN, FORMERLY OWNED BY STRAHAN'S LAUNDRY, JACKSON-  
VILLE, BUT DISPOSITION UNKNOWN.

INVESTIGATION, JACKSONVILLE, DISCLOSED STRAHAN'S LAUNDRY, JACKSON-  
VILLE, PURCHASED BY UNISERVICES, INDIANAPOLIS, AND CONSOLIDATED WITH  
ORANGE STATE UNIFORM AND LINEN SERVICE, JACKSONVILLE. THIS MACHINE  
NOT USED BY ORANGE STATE AND WHEREABOUTS OF MACHINE UNKNOWN.

INDIANAPOLIS CONTACT WILLIAM DUDENHOFFER, UNISERVICES, FOUR ZERO  
FOUR NINE MILLERSVILLE ROAD. ATTEMPT FROM RECORDS OR OTHERWISE TO  
DETERMINE DISPOSITION OF THERMO-SEAL MACHINE AND WHETHER STILL IN USE.

BUREAU INSTRUCTS NO ONE SHOULD BE TOLD INVESTIGATION IS IN CONNEC-  
TION WITH INSTANT MATTER. HANDLE IMMEDIATELY AND GIVE TOP PRIORITY.

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TO ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES  
FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 1P

MURKIN

EACH OFFICE IS BEING FURNISHED, UNDER SEPARATE COVER,  
PHOTOGRAPHS OF TWO ARTISTS' CONCEPTIONS BASED ON DESCRIPTIONS  
OF UNKNOWN SUBJECT BY WITNESSES IN MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM  
RESPECTIVELY.

THESE PHOTOGRAPHS ARE FOR ASSISTANCE OF AGENTS  
HANDLING THIS INVESTIGATION AND ARE NOT TO BE DISSEMINATED  
OUTSIDE THE BUREAU.

NO INDICATION IS TO BE GIVEN THAT INVESTIGATION IS IN  
CONNECTION WITH THE CAPTIONED CASE.

UNKNOWN SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND  
DANGEROUS.

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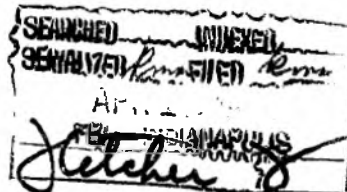
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SAC, CLEVELAND (44-565)

MURKIN  
(OO: Memphis)

Re Cleveland teletype to Bureau, April 8, 1968;  
Cleveland telephone calls to Springfield, Indianapolis  
and Bureau and return calls from each.

Enclosed herewith for Indianapolis And Springfield  
is one (1) copy each of a finished insert regarding investigation  
at Mansfield, Ohio which is self-explanatory. Informational copies  
of this letter and finished insert is being furnished each office  
because of investigation conducted concerning this incident.

Also enclosed for the Memphis Division are six (6)  
colored Polaroid photographs of ALFRED JOSEPH KAMINSKI; 25 copies  
of a finished insert relating to investigation conducted at  
Mansfield, Ohio; 25 copies of FD-302's relating to the interviews  
of ALFRED JOSEPH KAMINSKI, HENRY ALBERS and MARTHA BOSH.

Since there is a reported similarity between the  
appearance of KAMINSKI and the artist's sketch of the Unknown  
Subject, the Memphis Division is requested to display the  
enclosed photographs to logical witnesses for possible identification  
and as a lookalike.

- 2 - Memphis (Enc. 281)
- ① - Indianapolis (Enc. 1)
- 1 - Springfield (Enc. 1)
- 2 - Cleveland

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At Mansfield, Ohio

The following investigation was conducted by SA  
A. JAMES ANDERSON, JR. on April 8, 1968:

Captain ALBERT D. O'NEIL, Mansfield Police Department, related that THOMAS TUCKER, owner of Tucker Furniture, Park Avenue West, telephonically advised that approximately 1:30 P.M. or shortly thereafter, he observed an individual at Prince's Lunch, who strongly resembled a commercial artist sketch of the suspect in the killing of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., which sketch appeared in the "News Journal", Mansfield local newspaper, April 6, 1968. Lunch was purchased with a salvation army meal ticket.

It was immediately determined the only Salvation Army meal ticket presented at this establishment was Salvation Army ticket #4734, having the name ALFRED KAMINSKI written thereon. It was also verified through the Salvation Army that such a meal ticket had been issued to one ALFRED KAMINSKI.

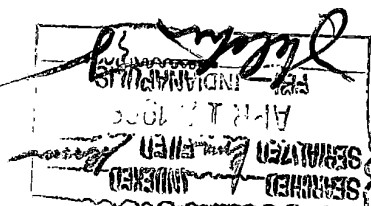
The Salvation Army, Mission Houses, Volunteers of America, cheap bars and cheap hotels were checked for ALFRED JOSEPH KAMINSKI with the assistance of the Mansfield Police Department. KAMINSKI was found on the streets by Captain O'NEIL and SA ANDERSON after which he was interviewed.

At a later hour, THOMAS TUCKER, identified above, examined Polaroid colored photographs of KAMINSKI as displayed to him by Captain O'NEIL. O'NEIL commented TUCKER immediately identified the photograph of KAMINSKI as being identical to the individual he observed in Prince's Lunch as mentioned above.

On the evening of April 8, 1968, the Springfield and Indianapolis Divisions telephonically advised the Cleveland Division that investigation verified that one ALFRED JOSEPH KAMINSKI had stayed at the Salvation Army, March 29, 1968 in Springfield, Illinois; at the Mission House, Muncie, Indiana, April 4, 1968.

The fingerprint classification of KAMINSKI's fingerprints as taken at the Mansfield Police Department were telephonically made known to the Identification Division of the Bureau. Subsequently, the Identification Division advised the Mansfield Police Department fingerprint classification concerning the fingerprints of KAMINSKI is a classification similar to the classification of the known fingerprints of ALFRED JOSEPH KAMINSKI, as on file in the Identification Division; that the known fingerprints of KAMINSKI

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on file are not identical to latent fingerprints in this matter.

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To: SAC, Albany

From: Director, FBI

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
RACIAL MATTERS

Many offices are using above caption in communications to the Bureau concerning a variety of activities and racial incidents arising out of the killing of Martin Luther King, Jr. This is creating problems from administrative and filing standpoints and should be discontinued immediately. Captions descriptive of the activity involved should be used in accordance with instructions in the FBI Handbook, page 154h of Part III.

For example, in reporting information concerning disturbances that may have occurred in Albany the caption "Racial Disturbances Following Assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., Albany, New York, April 9, 1968, Racial Matters" could be used.

②- All Offices

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TO MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
FROM INDIANAPOLIS (44-563)  
MURKIN, CR, OO: MEMPHIS

REURTEL TODAY.

RECORDS, PURDUE UNIVERSITY, LAFAYETTE, IND. REVEAL  
SIXTYSIX MUSTANG REGISTERED TO DONALD LA RUE AS DARK BLUE.  
EFFORTS TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW LA RUE TO DATE NEGATIVE,  
HOWEVER, ARRANGEMENTS BEING MADE TO CONTACT LE RUE APRIL  
FIFTEEN NEXT TO VERIFY COLOR INSTANT SIXTYSIX MUSTANG AND  
MEMPHIS WILL BE ADVISED.  
END.

① - Indianapolis

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REURTEL APRIL THIRTEEN INSTANT, CONCERNING DONALD LA RUE.

ONLY MUSTANG VEHICLES OF INTEREST ARE OFF-WHITE. DISCONTINUE  
UNLESS YOU HAVE OTHER INFORMATION NECESSITATING INQUIRY TO  
OUTLINE IN URTEL. P.

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TO INDIANAPOLIS

FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987)

MURKIN; CIVIL RIGHTS. OO ME.

INVESTIGATION AT MEMPHIS REVEALED DONALD LARUE, SON  
FOUR, MONTMORENCI, INDIANA, REGISTERED HOLIDAY INN, FOUR  
ZERO TWO TWO THOMAS, MEMPHIS, FROM APRIL TWO - THREE, LAST  
DRIVING NINETEEN SIXTY-SIX MUSTANG, INDIANA LICENSE FOUR  
THREE A ONE ONE ZERO ZERO.

AT INDIANAPOLIS, DETERMINE IF LARUE'S AUTOMOBILE IS WHITE  
IN COLOR AND IF INFORMATION POSITIVE, INTERVIEW LARUE AT  
MONTMORENCI TO DETERMINE POSSIBLE CONNECTION WITH THE  
ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING.

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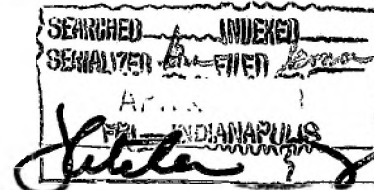
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, ALBANY (44-493) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
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(OO:MEMPHIS)



Re Bureau teletype, 4/9/68, and Albany airtel to Bureau, 4/10/68.

For the information of offices not previously advised, the following is set forth:

Search of premises believed occupied by Unsub who assassinated Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING on 4/4/68, disclosed suitcase in which was located tee-shirt and undershorts bearing laundry mark on red tape with black lettering believed to be thermo-seal type, manufactured by Textile Marking Machine Co., Inc., Syracuse, N. Y. The tape is  $\frac{1}{4}$ " wide and  $1 \frac{1}{16}$ " long and bears letters and numbers 02B-6.

Experts at Textile Marking Machine Co. advise type on this machine is unusual in that the first two characters are 15 point type and the last three characters are 18 point type, with the middle character, the letter B, probably being narrow rather than regular type. The usual machine carries 15 point type for the first three characters and 18 point type for the last two characters.

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Special Agent in Charge

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Textile Marking Machine experts also stated this machine is defective in that it is producing a tape 1 1/16" long instead of 1 1/8" long and is not projecting the tape far enough resulting in cutting off a portion of the first letter. The code used in the Northeast part of the U. S. is as follows:

The first letter O stands for lot number; the first number 2 indicates the day of the week, two being Tuesday; the second letter indicates the first letter of the store name, this is the letter B; the last number is the bundle number, this is 6. Color coding of the tag may designate various things such as a different month or the identity of a store in a chain. Experts also state the use of this system on laundry items is unusual in that the system is normally used on garments being dry cleaned.

The Bureau has instructed that all textile machines using this type tape be located and machines using this code be identified.

The following is a list of locations of Thermo-seal marking machines by states in alphabetical order made available by Mr. DONALD BROTON, Textile Marking Machine Co., 2204 Erie Blvd. East, Syracuse, N. Y., on 4/7-10/68:

CALIFORNIA

Acme French Laundry  
502 East Cota  
Santa Barbara, California

Serial #32698

Albert Cleaners  
300 East Valley Blvd.  
Alhambra, California

Serial #32499

Ambassador Laundry  
3504 Main Street  
San Diego, California

Serial # R 31550, 31531

Ambassador Laundry  
201 East Haley  
Santa Barbara, California

Serial #31084  
Serial #34292  
Serial #31397

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CALIFORNIA (Con't)

American Laundry  
7 Sacramento  
Placerville, California

Serial #31267

American Laundry  
13th Empire  
San Jose, California

Serial #R32411

American Laundry and Cleaners  
800 Empire  
San Jose, California

Serial #R31873,  
Serial #R31871

Sesma Cleaners  
Anaheim, California

Serial #30663

Arlington French  
2426 West Washington  
Los Angeles, California

Serial #R33297

Arrow Laundry and Cleaners  
3020 West Magnolia Blvd.,  
Burbank, California

Serial #31248  
Serial #31277

Atlas Cleaners and Dyers  
15428 Parthenia  
Sepulveda, California

Serial #R32322

Automatic Laundry and Cleaners  
424 South Indian Road  
Palm Springs, California

Serial #R31551

Avalon Laundry  
3020 Hines  
Culver City, California

Serial #32189, Serial #32190,  
Serial #32191, Serial #32192,  
Serial #31900

Bariteau Laundry and Cleaners  
496 West San Fernando  
San Jose, California

Serial #33890  
Serial #33050  
Serial #33048

Bariteau's of Santa Cruz  
620 Water Street  
Santa Cruz, California

Serial #33107

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CALIFORNIA (Con't)

Baseline Laundry  
26212 Baseline  
San Bernardino, California

Serial #32580  
Serial #32662  
Serial #32668

Beach Cities Laundry  
620 Main Street  
Huntington Beach, California

Serial #31393  
Serial #31394

Bell-Boy, Inc.  
7445 Girard Avenue  
LaJolla, California

Serial #32087

Biels Laundry and Cleaners  
1611 W st Commonwealth  
Fullerton, California

Serial #R33547  
Serial #30640

The Biltmore Hotel  
515 South Olive Street  
Los Angeles, California

Serial #31276

Blue Bird Laundry and Cleaners  
3350 El Cajon Blvd.  
San Diego, California

Serial #33447  
Serial #33458

Blue White Laundry  
526 South Greenleaf  
Whittier, California

Serial #32259

Carlos Laundry and Cleaners  
949 Lauren  
San Carlos, California

Serial #R32445  
Serial #R32442  
Serial #R32444

Carters Drive-In Cleaners  
75850 East Baseline  
29-Palms, California

Serial #33846

Christensen Laundry and Cleaners  
8410 Melrose  
West Hollywood, California

Serial #33480

China Boy Laundry  
502 South Cleveland  
Oceanside, California

Serial #32423

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CALIFORNIA (Con't)

Colfax Laundry, Inc.  
10241 Woodley Avenue  
Grand Hills, California  
Serial #33580

Colfax Cleaners  
10243 Woodley Avenue  
Mission Hills, California  
Serial #32716

Colonial Cleaners  
2355 Chesnut  
San Francisco, California  
Serial #32586

Community Linen Rental Service  
900 North LaBrea  
Los Angeles, California  
Serial #31487

Consolidated Laundry  
404 East Monterey  
Pomona, California  
Serial #R32653  
Serial #R32643  
Serial #R32652

Courtesy Laundry  
835 Moffett Road  
Mountainview, California  
Serial #R32868

Credit Cleaners  
21650 Alessandro Blvd.  
Riverside, California  
Serial #R32178

D and B Automatic Laundry  
and Dry Cleaners  
1331 South Saviers Road  
Oxnard, California  
Serial #32547

D and D Laundry  
127 West Olive  
San Bernardino, California  
Serial #32572, Serial #32625

Davis Laundry  
Davis, California  
Serial #32795

Delite Laundry  
1607 Brooklyn Avenue  
Los Angeles, California  
Serial #31449      Serial #31392  
Serial #31454      Serial #31447

DeLux Cleaners and Laundry  
761 West Main  
Barstow, California  
Serial #33292

Deluxe Cleaners  
1366 E Street  
San Bernardino, California  
Serial #32501

Deluxe Cleaners and Laundry, Inc.  
Mather AFB  
Sacramento, California  
Serial #R31986

Deluxe Laundry  
761 West Main Street  
Barstow, California  
Serial #R31947

Deluxe Laundry  
1745 E Street  
Oakland, California  
Serial #30942

Deluxe Laundry  
1745 East 14th Street  
Oakland, California  
Serial #30948  
Serial #30941

Desert Hand Laundry and Cleaners  
4775 East Ramon Road  
Palm Springs, California  
Serial #33642      Serial #32702  
Serial #32704      Serial #32703  
Serial #R31655

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CALIFORNIA (Con't)

Diamond Laundry and Cleaners  
398 West San Carlos Street  
San Jose, California  
Serial #31438

Domestic Laundry and Dry Cleaners  
70 North Ventura Avenue  
Ventura, California  
Serial #R32412

Economy Cleaners  
1915 West San Carlos Avenue  
San Jose, California  
Serial #32258  
Serial #32279

Enterprise Laundry and Linen  
Supply  
620 North Fresno Street  
Fresno, California  
Serial #31995

Arthur J. Sanders Company  
c/o Excel Laundry  
1077 West Baker Street  
Costa Mesa, California  
Serial #32749

Expert Laundry and Cleaners  
3632 East Broadway  
Long Beach, California  
Serial #R33349

F. and M. Cleaners  
1436 Cherry  
Long Beach, California  
Serial #32781  
Serial #R32386

Fairfax Laundry  
101 Bolines Road  
Fairfax, California  
Serial #33620

Fashion Cleaners  
Saratoga and Stevens Creek Road  
Santa Clara, California  
Serial #32090

Flair Fine Cleaners  
11702 San Vicente Blvd.  
Brentwood, California  
Serial #33786

Fletcher Cleaners  
5039 York Avenue  
Los Angeles, California  
Serial #33307

Comet Laundry and Cleaners  
1227 Arteria  
Long Beach, California  
Serial #32523

French Laundry  
417 East Mill Street  
Porterville, California  
Serial #32899

George Cleaners and Laundry  
44759 North Beech Avenue  
Lancaster, California  
Serial #32627

Gold Coast-Coronet Laundry, Inc.  
1838 East 41st Place  
Los Angeles, California  
Serial #R32321

Golden State Drive-In Cleaners  
2175 Winchester Blvd.  
Campbell, California  
Serial #32503

Hal's Cleaning Center  
541 Oceana Center  
Pacific, California  
Serial #33619



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CALIFORNIA (Con't)

Healdsburg Steam Laundry  
206 Healdsburg Avenue  
Healdsburg, California  
Serial #33113

Heavens the Cleaners  
712 Wagon Wheel Road  
Ventura, California  
Serial #32067

Hi-Lo Laundry  
3969 Sepulveda  
Culver City, California  
Serial #33780  
Serial #33802

Highland Drive-In Cleaners  
1201 LaSalle Avenue  
Seaside, California  
Serial #31632

Holly Laundry and Cleaners  
48 Broadway  
Chula Vista, California  
Serial #30769

Home Laundry and Cleaning  
200 North Fairview  
Santa Ana, California  
Serial #R32035

H-Hour, Inc.  
1915 West San Carlos  
San Jose, California  
Serial #32667

Ideal Hand Laundry and Dry  
Cleaners  
906 East Orange Grove Avenue  
Pasadena, California  
Serial #32714

Imperial Laundry and Cleaners, Inc.  
2165 South Elm  
Fresno, California  
Serial #R31614

Imperial Cleaners and Laundry  
11942 Garden Grove Blvd.  
Garden Grove, California  
Serial #31539

Jan Mar Laundry  
705 East Garvey Blvd.  
Monterey Park, California  
Serial #32894  
Serial #R32325  
Serial #R32326

Joy Cleaners and Laundry  
7076 Sepulveda Blvd.  
Van Nuys, California  
Serial #31634

Kimball Cleaners  
3569 West 8th Street  
Los Angeles, California  
Serial #32705

Kings Laundry and Cleaners  
First and Broadway  
Atwater, California  
Serial #31241

Kleen Kraft Laundry  
3709 Avalon Blvd.  
Los Angeles, California  
Serial #R32177

Paramount Cleaners  
LaCrescenta Shopping Center  
LaCrescenta, California  
Serial #R33144

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CALIFORNIA (Con't)

LaMesa Automatic Laundry  
8367 Lemon Avenue  
LaMesa, California  
Serial #31680

Lee's Laundry and Cleaners  
11521 East Rosecrans  
Norwalk, California  
Serial #R32382, #R32381

Lido Cleaners  
1782 Newport Blvd.  
Costa Mesa, California  
Serial #32761

Laundry and Dry Cleaning Equip-  
ment Company  
1142 Mission Street  
San Francisco, California  
Serial #32051

John P. Lynch Company  
1401 16th Street  
San Francisco, California  
Serial #31330

Madera Cleaners and Laundry  
321 South C Street  
Madera, California  
Serial #31418

Magic Cleaners and Laundry  
10711 Sepulveda  
Mission Hills, California  
Serial #R32676

Mar-Den Laundry  
1024 North Lake Street  
Burbank, California  
Serial #33649

Mar-Dean Laundry  
8905 Glenoaks  
Sun Valley, California  
Serial #33645

M.B.L., Inc.  
1060 O'Brien Drive  
Menlo Park, California  
Serial #31490, Model H5K-1  
Shipped from factory 5/9/60.

Melcraft Corporation  
825 North LaBrea  
Los Angeles, California  
Serial #32360

Melcraft Corporation  
825 North LaBrea  
Los Angeles, California  
Serial #32334      Serial #32329  
Serial #32328

Menlo French Laundry  
558 Oak Grove  
Menlo Park, California  
Serial #33005      Serial #32785  
Serial #33046

Merlen Laundry  
1322 V Street  
Sacramento, California  
Serial #31381  
Serial #31401

Modern Way Laundry  
1129 West 25th Street  
Los Angeles, California  
Serial #31068

Midway Laundry  
3460 Midway Drive  
San Diego, California  
Serial #32739

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CALIFORNIA (Con't)

New Era Laundry and Cleaners  
(Distributor)  
408 East Orange Grove  
Pasadena, California  
Serial #33540  
Model H5K-4  
Shipped from factory 4/1/65

North Side Laundry  
3040 State Street  
Santa Barbara, California  
Serial #32507

Nu System Cleaners  
First and Front Street  
Selma, California  
Serial #R32324

Nu Way Laundry  
8th and C Streets  
Victorville, California  
Serial #32573  
Serial #32505

Ojai Valley Cleaners  
345 East Ojai Avenue  
Ojai, California  
Serial #33044

Orange Villa Laundry  
1772 North Tustin  
Orange, California  
Serial #33041

Orchid Cleaners and Laundry  
1535 South Nevato Blvd.  
Nevato, California  
Serial #33704

Paralamo Laundry  
4928 Paramount Blvd.  
Lakewood, California  
Serial #33116  
Serial #32765

Paramount Cleaners  
400 West Main Street  
Santa Maria, California  
Serial #31374

Peninsula French Laundry  
1251 California Drive  
Burlingame, California  
Serial #33352  
Serial #R31885

Pride Laundry  
5867 West 3rd Street  
Los Angeles, California  
Serial #R32969

Pullman Colonial Laundry and  
Cleaners  
665 16th Street  
San Diego, California  
Serial #31907, Serial #32495

Rancho Cleaners  
198 East Baseline  
Rialto, California  
Serial #R32384

Ray-fa Cleaners and Laundry  
4362½ South Figueroa  
Los Angeles, California  
Serial #34045

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CALIFORNIA (Con't)

Ricardo's Cleaners and Laundry  
24232 Hawthorne Blvd.  
Walteria, California  
Serial #31154

Riverside (dba)  
Washwell  
4021 West Alameda  
Burbank, California  
Serial #32938

Robin Cleaners and Laundry  
Hamilton AFB, California  
Serial #32799

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Ross Cleaners & Laundry  
2500-02 South Saviers Rd.  
Oxnard; SN 31388

Eytina Laundromat  
2525 Yorktown  
Sacramento; SN 32878

Sainte Claire Laundry  
867 Sherman St.,  
Santa Clara; SN 31431; 31433

Sanitary Laundry  
2140 O'Farrell  
San Francisco; SN 31315; 31274

San Diego Finish Laundry  
1130 25th St.  
San Diego; SN R33792

San Diego Fluff Dry Laundry  
1130 25th Street  
San Diego; SN 31271

Nicolay-Ketzbeck, Inc.  
Sanimatic Laundry  
8611 West 3rd St.  
Los Angeles; SN 30902

Sanimatic Cleaners & Laundry  
8611 West 3rd St.  
Los Angeles; SN 31432

Sanitary Golden West Laundry  
3815 Broadway  
Oakland; SN 33047; 31879;  
SN 31880; 31878; 31881

Sanitex Cleaners & French  
Hand Laundry, Inc.  
1631 16th St.,  
Bakersfield; SN 31386; R33348;  
SN R32867

San Leandro French Laundry  
San Leandro; SN 33616

San Leandro French Laundry  
251 Estudillo Ave.  
San Leandro; SN 32711; 31815;  
SN 31814

San Rafael Laundry & Cleaners  
926 Third St.  
San Rafael; SN 33617

Santa Fe Laundromatic & Dry  
Cleaners  
10018 Orr and Day Road  
Santa Fe Springs; SN 32715

Saratoga Laundry  
1173 B Campbell  
San Jose; SN 31637

Sarin Equipment Co.  
1093 Natoma St.  
San Francisco; SN 32902

Savoy Cleaners & Laundry  
220 North Verdugo Rd.  
Glendale, Calif; SN 33110

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Sequoia Laundry & Cleaners  
53 North Perry St.  
Redwood City; SN 33572

Sequoia Linen  
53 Perry St.  
Redwood City; SN 33613

Sesma Cleaners  
130 Elm Street  
Anaheim; SN R33595

Sid's Cleaners  
709 West Duarante  
Arcadia; SN 32209

Sloan Laundry & Cleaners  
3001 North Main St.  
Los Angeles; SN R32387

Space Dry Cleaning & Laundry  
Vandenberg Air Force Base,  
Calif.; SN 31901

Sparkle Laundry  
2941 Tulare St.  
Fresno; SN 32855

Sparkle Laundry & Cleaners  
1011 West San Bernardino  
Covina; SN 32357

Sparkle Cleaners & Laundry  
1100 Harbor Blvd.  
Anaheim; SN 32049

Sparkle Laundry & Cleaners  
624 Scenter St.  
Taft; SN R32416

Sparkle Laundry & Cleaners  
121 Niles St.  
Bakersfield; SN 32261

Speedway Laundry  
4759 Valley Blvd.  
Los Angeles; SN R32533

Speedway Laundry & Cleaners  
4757 Valley Blvd.  
Los Angeles; SN R32489; R32487

Spic & Span Dry Cleaners  
& Laundry  
5910 Edinger,  
Huntington Beach; SN R33505

Stanford Cleaners  
2875 ElCamino  
Palo Alto; SN 32506

Stonewood Laundry & Cleaners  
9043 Stonewood Ave.,  
Downey; SN 33038

Sudden Service  
1412 Blakstone  
Fresno; SN 32438