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FBI KNOXVLE

11:00 PM URGENT 4-4-68 BPE

TO CHARLOTTE AND MEMPHIS

FROM KNOXVILLE

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., RACIAL MATTERS.

*me*  
INDIVIDUAL GIVING NAME OF JIM WEST, CALLING FROM H U SEVEN  
NINE FOUR DASH FIVE THREE SHELBY, NORTH CAROLINA TELEPHONICALLY  
ADVISED THAT HERMAN EUGENE PATTERSON LEFT SHELBY, N.C. APRIL FOUR  
INSTANT IN ROUTE TENNESSEE HAVING THREATENED TO KILL MARTIN  
LUTHER KING, JR. AND BOASTED KING WOULD BE DEAD IN TWENTY FOUR  
HOURS. WEST WHO IS ANSIOUS THAT HIS IDENTITY NOT BE DISCLOSED AS  
HE IS A COUSIN OF PATTERSON. STATES PATTERSON IS EX-CONVICT,  
WELL KNOWN TO POLICE DEPARTMENT IN SHELBYV, N. C. AND IS  
DESCRIBED AS W M ABOUT THIRTY-THIRTYFIVE YEARS OF AGE. WEST  
GAVE IMPRESSION OF BEING INTOXICATED AND FURNISHED NO ADDITIONAL  
INFORMATION. WILLING TO BE INTERVIEWED IN DETAIL AND CAN BE  
CONTACTED AT NUMBER ABOVE.

LEAD CHARLOTTE AT SHELBYV, N.C. LOCATE AND INTERVIEW  
WEST FOR FULL DETAILS.

END.

GTH

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*Fleming JA*

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FBI KNOXVLE

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1151 PM URGENT 4-4-68 HLR

TO: MEMPHIS AND KNOXVILLE

FROM: CHARLOTTE

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., RACIAL MATTERS.

RE KNOXVILLE TEL TODAY RE PHONE CALL FROM JIM WEST.  
CE UNABLE TO CONTACT JIM WEST, BUT PERSONS AT PHONE H U SEVEN  
NINE FOUR FIVE THREE, SHELBY, N. C., STATE WEST HAS BEEN THERE  
EVENING OF APRIL FOUR, DRINKING, AND LEFT.

HERMAN EUGENE PATTERSON AT LOCATION OF PHONE, SIX TWO  
SEVEN SOUTH DE KALE, SHELBY, N. C., CONTACTED TEN FORTY PM AND  
STATES HE LEFT SHELBY MORNING OF APRIL FOUR, ON PLEASURE  
TRIP TO NASHVILLE AND KNOXVILLE, RETURNING SHELBY ABOUT NINE PM.

HERMAN EUGENE PATTERSON AND OTHER PERSONS AT ADDRESS TOO  
INTOXICATED TO GIVE COHERENT STORY.- CE WILL ATTEMPT TO VERIFY  
WHEREABOUTS PERTINENT PERIOD.

END.

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1310AM 4/6/68 URGENT WHD

TO: DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, DALLAS, AND KNOXVILLE

FROM: NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. OO: MEMPHIS.

RE DALLAS TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND NEW ORLEANS

FOUR SIX INSTANT.

RE KNOXVILLE (NINETY ONE DASH TWO SIX THREE TWO) TELETYPE TO  
DIRECTOR AND NEW ORLEANS FOUR TWO SIXTYEIGHT.

FOR INFORMATION KNOXVILLE, INFORMATION RECEIVED AT DALLAS,  
TEXAS, JAMES JOHNNY HALL, OF TWO NINE SIX ONE GROOM ST.,  
BAKER, LOUISIANA, WAS POSSIBLE SUSPECT IN ASSASSINATION OF  
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HALL DESCRIBED AS RACIST WHO HAS INDICATED  
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. WOULD BE A GOOD "NIGGER" TO KILL.

HALL REPORTED BY KNOXVILLE ARRESTED BY BUAGENTS  
AT KINGSFORD, TENNESSEE APRIL TWO SIXTY EIGHT FOR BANK ROBBERY.  
HALL CHARGED BEFORE UNITED STATES COMMISSIONER SAME DATE.

KNOXVILLE AT KNOXVILLE, TENN., ADVISE IF HALL IN CUSTODY  
AT TIME OF ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. AND IF NOT  
ENDEAVOR TO ESTABLISH WHEREABOUTS OF HALL ON AFTERNOON OF APRIL  
FOUR LAST.

HALL SHOULD BE CONSIDERED TO HAVE SUICIDAL TENDENCIES.

ENL.

WTB

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*Teletype forwarded  
acknowledging Hall in custody  
on BR charge when King  
assassinated. JY*

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FBI KNOXVLE

FBI JACKSVLE

3:45 PM EST URGENT 4/6/68 VED

TO: BUREAU, MEMPHIS, AND KNOXVILLE

FROM: JACKSONVILLE (157-1535)

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. PM

MRS. EGLE ROACH, JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA, ADVISED THAT ARTIST CONCEPTION PHOTO OF INDIVIDUAL BELIEVED TO HAVE ASSASSINATED MARTIN LUTHER KING THAT APPEARED IN TODAY'S ISSUE OF "FLORIDA TIMES UNION," A JACKSONVILLE NEWSPAPER, CLOSELY RESEMBLES ONE OLAF (PHONETIC) WEBB. ROACH SAID SHE KNEW WEBB TEN YEARS AGO WHEN BOTH EMPLOYED FOWEE HOSPITAL IN ATHENS, TENNESSEE. ROACH STATED WEBB LEFT ATHENS, TENNESSEE, NINETEEN FIFTY SEVEN OR FIFTY EIGHT AND TRAVELED TO CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, WHERE HE REPORTEDLY WAS EMPLOYED BY THE CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, POLICE DEPARTMENT. SHE DESCRIBED WEBB AS WHITE MALE AMERICAN, FIVE FEET EIGHT INCHES, ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY LBS., BROWN HAIR, BLUE EYES, LARGE BUSHY EYEBROWS, LONG POINTED NOSE, WORE HAIR SLICK STRAIGHT BACK AND HAD "FUNNY TALK" IN THAT HE KEPT HIS RIGHT ARM STIFF AND STRAIGHT WHEN WALKING.

ROACH HAS NO ASSOCIATION WITH WEBB FOR PAST SEVERAL YEARS, HOWEVER, BELIEVES ARTIST CONCEPTION VERY CLOSELY RESEMBLES WEBB.

KNOXVILLE AT ATHENS, TENNESSEE, DETERMINE BACKGROUND OF WEBB THROUGH RECORDS OF FOWEE HOSPITAL AND FURNISH RESULTS TO CHICAGO.

*Info furnished  
Lennon  
4/6/68  
H:10PM*

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CHICAGO THROUGH CHICAGO PD RECORDS OR OTHER SOURCES  
ATTEMPT TO LOCATE WEBB AND ESTABLISH HIS WHEREABOUTS ON  
APRIL FOUR LAST.

END.

JLR

FBI KNOXVLE

*as no copy sent Chicago  
teletype dictated to Chicago Steno  
telephonically 4/6/68 by*

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Date: 4/6/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO: DIRECTOR  
MEMPHIS  
CHICAGO  
JACKSONVILLE

FROM KNOXVILLE (157-1298) RUC

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. RM.

RE JACKSONVILLE TELETYPE TO BUREAU APRIL SIX, INSTANT.

KATHLEEN BAKER, FOREE HOSPITAL, ATHENS, TENN. RECALLS  
INDIVIDUAL ANSWERING DESCRIPTION AS OLAF (PH) WEBB IDENTICAL  
TO WEBB COOK. COOK EMPLOYED FOREE HOSPITAL FOR APPROXIMATELY  
FIFTEEN YEARS. COOK DIED TWO YEARS AGO AFTER HAVING BOTH  
LEGS AMPUTATED DUE TO A DIABETIC CONDITION. ESTIMATED IF  
COOK WERE ALIVE TODAY, HE WOULD BE ABOUT FIFTYFIVE YEARS  
OF AGE. BAKER HAD NO INFORMATION CONCERNING COOK SEEKING  
EMPLOYMENT WITH CHICAGO PD OR GOING TO CHICAGO TO WORK FOR  
PD.

END

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*J**Fleming*

Approved: *WEE*  
Special Agent in Charge

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Date: 4/6/68

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TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, DALLAS AND NEW ORLEANS  
FROM KNOXVILLE (P) 157-1298

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. OO MEMPHIS.

RE NEW ORLEANS TELETYPE TO BUREAU TODAY.

JAMES JOHNNY HALL, BORN [REDACTED],

BROOKHAVEN, MISS., ARRESTED WITH DANIEL EARL KELLUM APRIL TWO,

NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT BY BUREAU AGENTS KINGSFORT, TENN., AND CHARGED

WITH BANK ROBBERY. BOTH STILL IN CUSTODY. SUBJECTS WERE IN CUSTODY

WHEN KING ASSASSINATED.

END

GPZ/pl

*Fleming JH*

Approved: WFE/GF3  
Special Agent in Charge

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FBI KNOXVLE

FBI CHICAGO

746PM URGENT 4-6-68 TAB

TO: DIRECTOR MEMPHIS KNOXVILLE JACKSONVILLE

FROM: CHICAGO (P)

MURKIN *[Signature]*

RE JACKSONVILLE AND KNOXVILLE TELS THIS DATE CAPTIONED  
ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

SEARCH OF RECORDS OF PERSONNEL DIVISION AND BUREAU  
OF RECORDS AND COMMUNICATIONS, CHICAGO PD THIS DATE  
FAILED TO DISCLOSE ANY EMPLOYMENT OR ARREST RECORD  
IDENTIFIABLE WITH OLAF WEBB OR WEBB COOK.

UNLESS ADDITIONAL IDENTIFYING DATA OR MORE DEFINITE  
INFORMATION AS TO WHEREABOUTS OF WEBB CAN BE FURNISHED  
CHICAGO, NO FURTHER ACTION BEING TAKEN.

END

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*Sennon advised  
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC ~~(157-1298)~~

DATE: 4-7-68

FROM : WILLIAM T. BECKLER

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.,

At 12:50 AM today ROBERT MULLIN and MICKEY BUSBY, students at Memphis State University, residence 331 McCord Hall, phone Memphis 321-2349, advised the following information:

Today while hitch-hiking to Knoxville from Memphis they were picked up at Brownsville, Tenn. at about 6:00 PM by an individual who gave his name as BUD MITCHELL, age 25 to 30, six ft., dark brown hair, short normal cut, 145 to 150 lbs., well dressed, medium build, driving pale yellow mustang automobile, bearing Maryland license GJ7883.

MITCHELL told complainants that he had been to Memphis and was returning Washington, D.C. Said lived in Maryland where had wife whom he had run out on about two months ago. Said that he was an ex-government employee, believed to be some type investigative agency.

*copy*  
MITCHELL stated that he had gone to Memphis "to see King march at an earlier date but King chickened out because of the snow." Said that he had pistol under dash of car and that he owned a rifle. MITCHELL allegedly told complainants that "things will quieten down after they bury that creep" and also said that ~~"the president will probably be next."~~ MITCHELL also discussed how easy it was to get an M-1 rifle and clips. He said that he had been to Ripley, Tenn. visiting his relatives on this trip. ~~The - - - - -~~

MITCHELL let MULLIN and BUSBY out at U of T, Knoxville, at about 12:30 AM this date.

MULLIN and BUSBY will be visiting at UT, room J604, Hess hall Sunday April 7 instant and will return Memphis State on Monday next.

No record Knoxville indices re any of above persons.



*Doc advises 930 AM*

*P*

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*as it possible value in this information of murder is that King*

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FBI RICHMOND

1222PM URGENT 4/7/68 EGS

TO MEMPHIS KNOXVILLE

FROM RICHMOND

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. CIVIL RIGHTS.

ON FOUR SEVEN SIXTYEIGHT, ANONYMOUS CALLER ADVISED  
WILLIAM V. WILBURN, FORMER PROFESSOR SOCIOLOGY, UNIVERSITY OF  
RICHMOND, RECALLED AS RADICAL REGARDING RACIAL MATTERS AND  
CLAIMED GRANDMOTHER RAPED BY NEGROES. WILBURN HAS PHYSICAL  
CHARACTERISTICS SIMILAR TO UNSUB THIS CASE. CALLER SAID  
WILBURN LAST KNOWN TO ATTEND GRADUATE SCHOOL UNIVERSITY OF  
TENNESSEE, KNOXVILLE, TENN. IN NINETEEN SIXTYSIX.

KNOXVILLE DETERMINE CURRENT ADDRESS OF WILBURN AND ADVISE  
MEMPHIS.

END.

RKP

FBI KNOXVLE

@

2/12 Highland  
Apr 5  
per student directory

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Lead to Robert J. H.

FBI KNOXVLE

FBI MEMPHIS

1252 PM URGENT 4-7-68 LND

TO KNOXVILLE

FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987)

MURKIN.

RE RICHMOND TEL APRIL SEVEN, INSTANT, TWELVE EIGHTEEN P.M.,  
CAPTIONED "ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., CIVIL RIGHTS."

RICHMOND AND KNOXVILLE PLEASE NOTE CODE NAME WHICH IS USED  
TO FURNISH INFO. PERTAINING TO THE MURDER OF DR. KING.

FOR INFO AND ASSISTANCE OF KNOXVILLE, THE PERIOD OF INTEREST  
IS APPROXIMATELY SIX P.M., APRIL FOUR, PAST. IF WHEREABOUTS  
OF WILLIAM V. WILBURN CAN BE ESTABLISHED AT THAT TIME, THIS WOULD  
APPEAR TO ELIMINATE HIM AS SUSPECT. IF ANY DOUBT REMAINS,  
KNOXVILLE SHOULD MAKE EFFORTS TO SECURE THROUGH SUITABLE SOURCES  
FINGERPRINT RECORD OF WILBURN AND SUBMIT SAME TO BUREAU FOR  
ELIMINATION PURPOSES. AM CC RICHMOND. P.

END

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FBI KNOXVLE

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Roberts JHR

FBI WASH DC

248PM URGENT 4-7-68 SAG  
TO ALL CONTINENTAL SACS  
FROM DIRECTOR 1P

*unsub  
Martin Luther King (Harris)  
Civil Rights*

MURKIN

THIS IS THE CAPTION FOR THE CIVIL RIGHTS INVESTIGATION  
TO IDENTIFY PERSON OR PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ASSASSINA-  
TION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., IN MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, ON  
APRIL FOUR LAST.

ALL INVESTIGATION MUST BE HANDLED UNDER THE PER-  
SONAL DIRECTION OF THE SAC. LEADS ARE TO BE AFFORDED  
IMMEDIATE, THOROUGH IMAGINATIVE ATTENTION. YOU MUST  
EXHAUST ALL POSSIBILITIES FROM SUCH LEADS AS ANY ONE LEAD  
COULD RESULT IN THE SOLUTION OF THIS MOST IMPORTANT INVE-  
STIGATION. SAC WILL BE HELD PERSONALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY  
FAILURE TO PROMPTLY AND THOROUGHLY HANDLE INVESTIGATIONS  
IN THIS MATTER.

END

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*Doc advised 248 PM  
4/7/68 P*

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*A Fleming JH*

*Mr.*

*CO memo L*

PM 4/7/68 URGENT RXP  
TO MEMPHIS AND BALTIMORE  
FROM KNOXVILLE 157-1296  
MURKIN.

RE BUTEL TO ALL OFFICES APRIL SEVEN INSTANT.

ON APRIL SEVEN INSTANT, ROBERT MULLIN AND MICKEY BUSBY,  
CONTACTED KX. OFFICE AND ADVISED THEY HAD HITCH-HIKED TO KX.  
FROM MEMPHIS AND WERE PICKED UP AT BROWNSVILLE, TENN. ABOUT SIX  
P.M. APRIL SIX LAST BY PERSON GIVING NAME BUD MITCHELL, AGE TWENTY-  
FIVE TO THIRTY, SIX FEET, DARK BROWN HAIR, SHORT NORMAL CUT,  
ONE FORTY-FIVE TO ONE FIVE ZERO LBS. MEDIUM BUILD, WELL  
DRESSED, DRIVING PALE YELLOW MUSTANG, BEARING MARYLAND LICENSE  
G-J 7 8 83  
G-J SEVEN EIGHT EIGHT THREE. MITCHELL SAID HE HAD BEEN IN MEMPHIS  
AND WAS RETURNING TO WASHINGTON DC. SAID EX GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE  
AND GAVE IMPRESSION WAS SOME TYPE OF INVESTIGATOR.

MITCHELL STATED THAT HE HAD GONE TO MEMPHIS "TO SEE KING  
MARCH AT AN EARLIER DATE BUT KING CHICKENED OUT BECAUSE OF THE  
SNOW." SAID THAT HE HAD PISTOL UNDER DASH OF CAR AND THAT  
HE OWNED A RIFLE. MITCHELL ALLEGEDLY TOLD COMPLAINANTS THAT  
"THINGS WILL QUIETEN DOWN AFTER THEY BURY THAT CREEP" AND ALSO  
DISCUSSED HOW EASY IT WAS TO GET AN A-ONE RIFLE AND CLIPS. HE  
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SAID THAT HE HAD BEEN TO RIPLEY, TENN. VISITING HIS RELATIVES ON THIS TRIP. THEY FURNISHED ABOVE AS OF POSSIBLE VALUE IN INVESTIGATION OF MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING.

MULLIN AND BUSBY STATED THEY, ARE STUDENTS MEMPHIS STATE UNIVERSITY, RESIDENCE THREE THREE ONE MC CORD HALL, MEMPHIS AND RETURNING TO MEMPHIS BY MONDAY APRIL EIGHT NEXT.

BALTIMORE DETERMINE OWNER OF YELLOW MUSTANG, MARYLAND LICENSE G J SEVE EIGHT EIGHT THREE AND INTERVIEW MITCHELL TO DETERMINE WHEREABOUTS AT SEVEN PM EST APRIL FOUR LAST.

MEMPHIS AT RIPLEY DETERMINE IF MITCHELL KNOWN THAT AREA AND IF THERE DURING PERTINENT PERIOD.

END

FBI MEMPHIS

FBI KNOXVLE

FBI MEMPHIS

602PM URGENT 4/7/68 CAF

TO KNOXVILLE

FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987) 1P

MURKIN; CIVIL RIGHTS

REVIEW OF RECORDS HERTZ RENT-A-CAR, METROPOLITAN  
AIRPORT, MEMPHIS, REVEALED THAT A LIGHT GREEN FORD MUSTANG,  
BEARING NINETEEN SIXTY-EIGHT TENNESSEE LICENSE NUMBER  
BY 5,016  
B Y FIVE ZERO ONE SIX, WAS TURNED IN TO THE METROPOLITAN  
AIRPORT HERTZ REPRESENTATIVE, THREE FIFTEEN PM, ON APRIL  
FIVE, LAST. THE NAME OF INDIVIDUAL TURNING IN THIS VEHICLE  
IS ILLEGIBLE, HOWEVER, VEHICLE WAS RENTED UNDER UNIT NUMBER  
EIGHT SEVEN SEVEN, RENTAL AGREEMENT NUMBER THREE NINE FIVE  
NINE TWO ZERO SEVEN, AT HERTZ RENT-A-CAR, KNOXVILLE,  
TENNESSEE.

KNOXVILLE IDENTIFY INDIVIDUAL RENTING THIS VEHICLE AND  
ELIMINATE HIM AS SUSPECT.

END

DCK

FBI KNOXVLE

*SAC advised  
SA Mascella advised  
4/7 George Brown, Rental Rep. Hertz, Kx,  
advised all administrative offices closed  
until 4/8 at 8:30 AM. EPM*

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FBI MEMPHIS

907PM URGENT 4/7/68 CAF

TO ALL SACS

FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987) 2P

MURKIN; CR. OO MEMPHIS.

RE BUREAU TO ALL SAC'S APRIL SEVEN, NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT.

FOR INFO ALL OFFICES, PERTINENT PERIODS IN INVESTIGATION  
ARE MARCH TWENTY NINE AND THIRTY IN BIRMINGHAM, ALA., AND  
APRIL FOUR, SIXTY EIGHT, IN MEMPHIS, TENN.

IN EVENT ANY DATA DEVELOPED RE SUSPECTS, IF INTERESTED  
OFFICES CAN ESTABLISH WHEREABOUTS OF SUSPECTS ON DATES ABOVE,  
THIS MAY ELIMINATE SUSPECT. IF THIS CANNOT BE DONE, EFFORTS  
SHOULD BE MADE TO SECURE PHOTOGRAPHS OF SUSPECTS IN QUESTION AND  
FORWARD PHOTOS TO MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM FOR POSSIBLE ELIMINATION.  
PERTINENT DESCRIPTIVE DATA SHOULD BE INCLUDED WITH PHOTOS.

IF UNABLE TO ELIMINATE ON BASIS OF ESTABLISHED WHEREABOUTS  
IN PERTINENT PERIODS, INTERESTED OFFICES SHOULD MAKE EFFORTS  
TO SECURE FINGERPRINTS OF SUSPECT IN QUESTION AND SUBMIT SAME TO  
BUREAU FOR ELIMINATION.

COMPOSITE DESCRIPTION, BASED ON DATA DEVELOPED IN BIRMINGHAM  
AND MEMPHIS, IS AS FOLLOWS:

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J. L. [signature]

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SUSPECT MALE WHITE, AGE TWENTY SIX TO FORTY YEARS, HEIGHT  
FIVE FT. EIGHT TO FIVE FT. ELEVEN INCHES, ONE HUNDRED FIFTY TO  
ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY LBS.; DARK BROWN OR SANDY HAIR, COMBED STRAIGHT  
BACK. EYES BLUE OR GREEN; MEDIUM BUILD; COMPLEXION AVERAGE,  
SMOOTH. GENERAL PHYSICAL APPEARANCE; NEAT.

POSSIBILITY EXISTS SUSPECT IS NON-SMOKER. INDICATIONS WERE  
THAT SUSPECT RENTED ROOM BETWEEN THREE AND THREE THIRTY PM,  
APRIL FOUR, LAST, AND DEPARTED ROOM SHORTLY AFTER SIX PM. NO  
MATCHES OR CIGARETTES FOUND DURING THAT PERIOD, WHICH SUGGESTS  
SUSPECT MAY BE NON-SMOKER.

RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION MUST BE PROMPTLY FURNISHED BUREAU,  
MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM. P.

END

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KA...DCK

FBI KNOXVLE

AT...JRE

FBI ATLANTA

SV...SPT

FBI SAVANNAH

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Date: 4/8/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via TELETYPE URGENT  
(Priority)TO: CLEVELAND  
MEMPHIS

FROM: KNOXVILLE (44-696)

MURKIN; CIVIL RIGHTS.

RE MEMPHIS TELETYPE TO KNOXVILLE APRIL SEVEN, LAST.  
MEMPHIS TELETYPE TO ALL OFFICES APRIL SEVEN, LAST.

HERTZ CORP. RENTAL RECORDS REFLECT LIGHT GREEN SIXTYEIGHT  
MUSTANG RENTED BY C. H. MC CORMACK, GRALLA PUBLISHING  
CO., THREE FIVE ZERO SIX W. ONE HUNDRED FORTYFIFTH ST.,  
CLEVELAND, OHIO. CAR SUPPOSED TO HAVE BEEN RETURNED  
APRIL THREE, LAST, AT NASHVILLE, TENN. CAR RETURNED TO  
METROPOLITAN AIRPORT, MEMPHIS, THREE FIFTEEN PM, APRIL FIVE,  
LAST. EMPLOYER HANDLING RENTAL RECALLED ONLY THAT MC CORMACK  
INSISTED ON A MUSTANG .

CLEVELAND, LOCATE MC CORMACK AND ELIMINATE HIM AS  
SUSPECT.

END.

EPM/

Fleming JH

Approved: [Signature]  
Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT  
MEMORANDUM

TO : ALL AGENTS (44-696)

DATE: 4/8/68

FROM: SAC

UNSUB;  
MARTIN LUTHER KING - VICTIM (MURDER)  
CR  
MURKIN

The abbreviated code name for captioned case is MURKIN. All leads in captioned matter are to be afforded immediate, thorough and imaginative attention. Exhaust all possibilities from such leads, as any one lead could result in the solution of this most important investigation. Agents receiving leads will be held personally responsible for any failure to promptly and thoroughly handle investigations in this matter.

For your information, the pertinent periods in investigation are 3/29 and 30/68 in Birmingham, Alabama, when subject was known to be in that area, and 4/4/68 in Memphis, Tennessee at time of commission of offense. In event any data developed re suspects, if it can be established that the suspects could not have been in Birmingham, Alabama on 3/29 and 30/68, or in Memphis, Tennessee on 4/4/68, this may eliminate the suspect. If this cannot be done, efforts should be made to secure photographs of suspects and forward photographs to Memphis and Birmingham for possible elimination. Descriptive data should be included with photographs.

If unable to eliminate on basis of established whereabouts in pertinent periods, efforts should be made to secure fingerprints of suspect in question and submit to Bureau for elimination.

A composite description based on data developed in Birmingham and Memphis is as follows:

Sex	Male
Race	White
Age	26 to 40
Height	5'8" to 5'11"
Weight	150 to 170 pounds
Hair	Dark brown or sandy, <del>combed</del> straight back, no part
Eyes	Blue or green

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Build	Medium
Complexion	Average, smooth
General appearance	Neat
Build	Probably slender

Possibility exists suspect non-smoker. Apparently suspect rented room between 3:00 and 3:30 PM, 4/4/68, and departed room shortly after 6:00 PM. No matches or cigarettes found during that period, suggesting he may be a non-smoker.

Clothing found indicates he wore a T-shirt, size 42, and under shorts, about size 33.

May have been driving a white Mustang, year and license plate unknown.

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FBI WASH DC

359PM URGENT 4/8/68 GJM

TO MEMPHIS, KNOXVILLE, BIRMINGHAM, MOBILE, JACKSON  
MILWAUKEE MINNEAPOLIS  
FROM DIRECTOR 1P

MURKIN

ALL DESIGNATED OFFICES SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CHECK INDICES  
AND IDENTIFY ALL KLAN MEMBERS, MINUTEMEN, OTHER HATE GROUP  
MEMBERS, RABBLE ROUSERS AND ANY OTHER INDIVIDUALS KNOWN TO  
HAVE VIOLENT PROCLIVITIES LOCATED WITHIN YOUR TERRITORIES.  
YOU SHOULD IMMEDIATELY ATTEMPT TO ASCERTAIN THEIR WHEREABOUTS  
DURING THE PERTINENT PERIOD THROUGH CHECK OF INDICES,  
INFORMANTS AND OTHER ESTABLISHED SOURCES. WITH RESPECT TO  
THOSE WHO CANNOT BE IMMEDIATELY ELIMINATED DURING PERTINENT  
PERIOD, YOU SHOULD SUBMIT, ATTENTION IDENT DIVISION, NAME,  
DESCRIPTION, FBI NUMBER, MILITARY SERIAL NUMBER OR OTHER  
IDENTIFYING NUMBERS IN ORDER THAT APPROPRIATE FINGERPRINT  
EXAMINATIONS CAN BE MADE.

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*44-696-17*  
*W. J. Wilson*  
*4-8-68 4:27 PM*  
*K. J. Lee*  
*APR 8 1968*  
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT  
MEMORANDUM

TO : FILE (44-696)

DATE: 4/9/68

FROM: *WFE* SAC

MURKIN  
CR

Re my memo to all Agents 4/8/68.

This is the case involving the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. on 4/4/68 in Memphis, Tennessee.

Under no circumstances should it be revealed that the following investigation is in connection with captioned matter.

It has been determined that a rifle abandoned near the scene of the crime was purchased in Birmingham, Alabama, 3/30/68, by an individual using the name HARVEY LOWMEYER or LOWMYER. The same individual had purchased a rifle in Birmingham on 3/29/68 and this rifle was traded in on the one purchased 3/30/68. LOWMEYER or LOWMYER is generally described as white male, 36 years old, 5'8" tall, 150 to 160 pounds, black or dark brown hair.

In view of the unusual nature of the names LOWMEYER and LOWMYER, immediately check all city directories, voter registration records, and credit and criminal records on the surnames LOWMEYER and LOWMYER. Also determine whether in your county automobile registration records are filed alphabetically. If so, check these. If not, include this fact in the insert dictated by you.

For your information, headquarters city will check all telephone directories in this division and all drivers' license records are being checked at Memphis. Knoxville indices contain no references to individual having the surname LOWMEYER or LOWMYER.

Any individuals identified as bearing these surnames should be immediately checked out covering the pertinent period.

Handle immediately.

WFE:at

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LEADS ASSIGNED AS FOLLOWS:

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~~NEG~~ Rhea, Bledsoe, Marion & Sequatchie Counties - SA HUDSON

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~~NEG~~ Washington, Greene & Unicoi Counties - SA MORRISON

~~NEG~~ Carter & Johnson Counties - SA WIDENER

~~NEG~~ Sullivan County - SA LORAH

~~NEG~~ Hancock & Hawkins Counties - SA QUIRIN

~~NEG~~ Cocke & Hamblen Counties - SA MOODY

~~NEG~~ Claiborne, Jefferson, Union & Grainger Counties -  
SA STARNES

~~NEG~~ Anderson County - SA QUINN

~~NEG~~ Loudon & Roane Counties - SA JOHNSON

~~NEG~~ Campbell, Morgan & Scott Counties - SA VAN RIPER

~~NEG~~ Coffee, Grundy, Warren & Van Buren Counties -  
SA MEWHORTER

~~NEG~~ Bedford, Franklin, Lincoln & Moore Counties - SA AARON

Blount & Sevier Counties - SA RIKE

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-1298)

DATE: 4/8/68

FROM : SA JAMES H. RIKE

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER  
KING, JR.  
RACIAL MATTER

On the dates indicated, the following informants were contacted regarding captioned matter. Each advised he would contact this office if any information was received regarding subject or racial tension in their areas.

4/4 and 4/5/68	CLARENCE TEETER (157-1121) Racial Source
4/5/68	WILLARD WHALEY (137-2792) PCI
4/5/68	ROBERT DALE MURR (137-2835) PCI
4/5/68	KX 279C (137-2838)
4/5/68	EDGAR DALE MCKINNEY (137-2903) PCI

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Date: 4/7/68

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
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TO : SAC, KNOXVILLE  
FROM : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN - CR

Note "CHANGED" title. Previously carried under "ASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR."

All offices receiving copies of this Airtel note that Bureau has designated above caption as approved code word for investigation dealing with murder of Dr. KING.

Information under above caption should pertain only to investigation that may have bearing on identifying subject instant case. All other information pertaining to racial incidents, and racial activity arising out of assassination of Dr. KING should not be submitted under above caption, but should be submitted by interested offices under the appropriate caption pertaining to Racial Matters.

In addition, all offices in receipt of this information should re-canvass any Criminal Informants, Security Informants, and Racial Informants for possible knowledge concerning assassination, with specific emphasis directed toward informants in known hate groups.

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RGJ:ME  
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Approved: RGJ  
Special Agent in Charge

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1126 AM IMMEDIATE 4-9-68 JGA

TO KNOXVILLE 134-9 AND MEMPHIS

FROM BIRMINGHAM 44-1740

MURKIN.

REBUAINTEL JUNE THIRTEEN, SIXTYTHREE.

KNOXVILLE SHOULD OBTAIN DESCRIPTIVE DATA AND SUBMIT TO  
IDENTIFICATION DIVISION RE MARTIN LA VERNE CRISP, IDENTIFIED AS A  
FORMER MEMBER OF ASSOCIATION OF GEORGIA KLANS. IT IS NOTED THAT  
CRISP ALLEGEDLY INQUIRED OF ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL IN NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE  
REGARDING ANYONE WHO WOULD BE WILLING TO PAY TO ARRANGE FOR THE  
MURDER OF REVEREND MARTIN LUTHER KING.

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TO ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES

FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 2P

*Chart  
O.R.  
Kingsport  
Marionette*

MURKIN

THIS IS THE CASE INVOLVING THE MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., ON APRIL FOUR, LAST, IN MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD ANYONE BE TOLD THIS INVESTIGATION IS IN CONNECTION WITH CAPTIONED MATTER.

IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT A RIFLE ABANDONED NEAR SCENE OF CRIME WAS PURCHASED BY INDIVIDUAL USING THE NAME HARVEY LOWMEYER OR LOWMYER. *nothing similar / p*

LOWMEYER OR LOWMYER IS GENERALLY DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, THIRTYSIX YEARS OLD, FIVE FEET EIGHT INCHES TALL, ONE HUNDRED FIFTY - ONE HUNDRED SIXTY POUNDS, BLACK OR DARK BROWN HAIR.

IN VIEW OF THE UNUSUAL NATURE OF THE NAMES LOWMEYER AND LOWMYER, ALL OFFICES SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CHECK YOUR INDICES, ALL CITY DIRECTORIES, ALL TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES COVERING YOUR TERRITORIES, ALL DRIVERS LICENSE RECORDS, ALL AUTOMOBILE  
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*WJ*

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*[Signature]*

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REGISTRATION RECORDS, VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS, AND  
CREDIT AND CRIMINAL RECORDS ON THE SURNAMES LOWMEYER  
AND LOWMYER, IN VIEW OF THE UNUSUAL NATURE OF THE NAMES,  
DO NOT CONFINE YOUR CHECK TO HARVEY LOWMEYER AND LOWMYER  
ONLY. ANY INDIVIDUALS IDENTIFIED AS BEARING THESE SURNAMES  
SHOULD BE IMMEDIATELY CHECKED OUT COVERING THE PERTINENT  
PERIOD. YOU SHOULD ALSO APPROPRIATELY CHECKOUT ALL  
BOMBING SUSPECTS IN YOUR TERRITORIES.

HANDLE IMMEDIATELY AND GIVE TOP PRIORITY ATTENTION.

BUFILES CONTAIN NO INFORMATION IDENTIFIABLE ON  
HARVEY LOWMEYER OR LOWMYER.

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PG...ZRC

FBI PITTSBGH

KX...RXP

FBI KNOXVLE

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT  
MEMORANDUM

TO : FILE (44-696)

DATE: 4/9/68

FROM: *B* SAC

MURKIN

Among articles recovered at scene of shooting apparently abandoned by Unsub were a pair of brownish checkered print under-shorts and white jockey T-shirt bearing cloth laundry tags. These laundry tags are cloth, red in color, and measure 1/4" wide by 1-1/16" long. They are printed in black ink. On each the first letter or digit is partially cut off on a slant and the mark would read either O2B-6 or D2B-6.

These laundry tags have been identified as tags manufactured by the Textile Marking Machine Company of Syracuse, New York and marketed under the trade name Thermo Seal Marking Tape. The tags were printed by a machine manufactured by the same company and sold under the trade mark Thermo Seal Marking Machine.

Apparently this type machine is widely distributed throughout the United States and it appears impracticable to try to trace the sale of every machine.

LEAD:

Contact every laundry in your area to determine whether or not they use this type tag and, if so, whether these particular tags could have been from their laundry. If so, determine whose laundry mark it is.

In the event the laundry issuing these tags is identified, the Bureau is to be advised immediately by telephone.

Under no circumstances should anyone be told this investigation is in connection with captioned matter.

Leads to be handled immediately.

WFE:at

ASSIGN TO

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*Fleming*

LEADS ASSIGNED:

Chattanooga & Hamilton County - SA WELBORN

Rhea, Bledsoe, Marion & Sequatchie Counties - SA HUDSON

McMinn & Monroe Counties - ~~SA~~ LENNON

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Washington, Greene & Unicoi Counties - SA MORRISON

Carter & Johnson Counties - SA WIDENER

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Hancock & Hawkins Counties - SA QUIRIN

Cocke & Hamblen Counties - SA MOODY

Claiborne, Jefferson, Union & Grainger Counties - SA STARNES

Anderson County - SA QUINN

*100* Loudon & Roane Counties - SA JOHNSON

Campbell, Morgan & Scott Counties - SA VAN RIPER

Coffee, Grundy, Warren & Van Buren Counties - SA MEWHORTER

Bedford, Franklin, Lincoln & Moore Counties - SA AARON

Blount & Sevier Counties - SA RIKE

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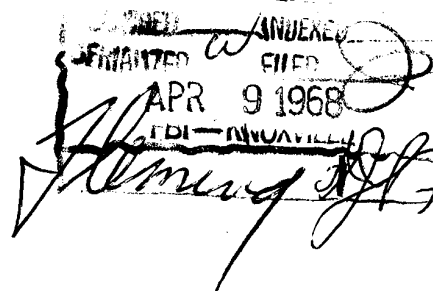
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TO ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES  
FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 2P

MURKIN

AMONG ARTICLES RECOVERED AT SCENE OF SHOOTING, APPARENTLY ABANDONED BY UNSUB, WERE A PAIR OF BROWNISH CHECKERED PRINT UNDERSHORTS AND WHITE JOCKEY TEE SHIRT BEARING CLOTH LAUNDRY TAGS. THESE TAGS WERE <sup>MARKED</sup> MADE BY A THERMO SEAL MARKING MACHINE MANUFACTURED BY THE TEXTILE MARKING MACHINE COMPANY, SYRACUSE, NEW YORK. THESE TAGS ARE ONE QUARTER INCH WIDE AND ONE AND ONE SIXTEENTH INCH LONG, RED IN COLOR AND BEAR MARKING WHICH APPEARS TO BE "D TWO D DASH SIX" OR "D TWO A DASH SIX." ONLY A PORTION OF THE FIRST CHARACTER IS PRESENT ON EACH TAG, AND THIS CHARACTER IS CUT ON A SLIGHT BIAS. NO OTHER VISIBLE LAUNDRY MARKS WERE FOUND ON EITHER GARMENT.

IMMEDIATE CHECKS OF LOGICAL LAUNDRIES SUGGESTED BY TEXTILE MARKING COMPANY HAVE TO DATE BEEN UNPRODUCTIVE.  
END PAGE ONE



PAGE TWO

UPON RECEIPT, ALL OFFICES SHOULD IMMEDIATELY TELEPHONICALLY  
CONTACT ALL LAUNDRIES IN YOUR DIVISIONS TO IDENTIFY  
LAUNDRY USING THIS CODE AND THESE TAGS AND PURSUE LOGICAL  
LEADS DEVELOPED.

IF PERTINENT LAUNDRY IDENTIFIED, IMMEDIATELY ADVISE  
BUREAU TELEPHONICALLY.

THIS MUST BE GIVEN TOP PRIORITY HANDLING TO INSURE  
THAT THESE CHECKS ARE IMMEDIATELY RUN OUT.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD ANYONE BE TOLD THIS  
INVESTIGATION IS IN CONNECTION WITH CAPTIONED MATTER.

END

DE JRM

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Date: 4/9/68

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Via TELETYPE

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TO: SACS MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM

FROM: KNOXVILLE (44-696)

MURKIN

RE BMHM TEL TO KX AND MEMPHIS TODAY.

*turn up*

INFORMATION PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED BUREAU IN REPORT CAPTIONED  
"MARTIN LA VERNE CRISP DASH THREE EIGHT NINE FIVE FOUR DASH OR;  
~~xxx~~ AEA A; TGP. BUFILE ONE SIXTEEN DASH TWO SIX NINE SIXX SIX.  
This REPORT INDICATES CRISP CLAIMS MEMBERSHIP ASSOCIATION GEORGIA  
KLANS SEVERAL YEARS AGO. CRISP INTERVIEWED RE STATEMENT MADE  
REGARDING MURDER OF KING AND RESULTS FURNISHED BUREAU VIA  
AIRTEL JUNE TWENTY, SIXTYTHREE, BUFILE ONE FIFTYSEVEN DASH TWO  
NINE FOUR.

A.J. FISHER, JR., SECURITY OFFICER, Y DASH TWELVE PLANT  
UNION CARBIDE, OAK RIDGE, ADVISED THIS DATE EMPLOYMENT RECORDS  
SHOW CRISP WORKED FIVE DAYS, APRIL ONE THROUGH FIVE FROM  
SEVEN AM TO THREE PM EACH DAY.

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM S. KNOXVILLE  
BRANCH, MARK NATIONAL BANK, SHOWS CRISP'S SALARY AT SIX  
HUNDRED DOLLARS PER MONTH.

JLF/jlf

Approved: *[Signature]*  
Special Agent in Charge

Sent

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KX FILES SHOW CRISP DESCRIBED WHITE, MALE, DOB,   
, ROBBINSVILLE, N.C., SIX FT. FOUR IN.,  
ONE EIGHTYH TWO HUNDRED LBS., BLUE GRAY EYES, MARRIED, WIFE  
MARY VERGINIA CRISP, FBI NO. THREE THREE FOUR THREE ZERO NINE  
EIGHT, RESIDENCE TWO ZERO ONE SEVEN FLAGLER AVE., NW, KX.  
EMPLOYED UNION CARBIDE, Y DASH TWELVE PLANT, OAK RIDGE, TENN.  
NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED AT KX UAC.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

FBI WASH DC

942AM URGENT 4-10-68 SAA

TO ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES

FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 1P

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MURKIN OO: MEMPHIS.

RE: SUSPECT ERIC STARVO GALT

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IMMEDIATELY CHECK YOUR INDICIES, ALL STATE SELECTIVE  
*Memphis*  
SERVICE HEADQUARTERS, CITY AND TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES,  
DRIVERS LICENSE BUREAUS, MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISIONS, FINANCIAL  
INSTITUTIONS, CONDUCT CREDIT AND CRIMINAL CHECK AND  
CONTACT OTHER LOGICAL SOURCES TO OBTAIN ANY INFORMATION  
WHATEVER RE SUSPECT GALT. DRIVERS LICENSE ISSUED IN  
ALABAMA DESCRIBES GALT AS WHITE MALE, BORN   
, FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES, ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-  
FIVE POUNDS, BLUE EYES, BROWN HAIR.

THIS MUST BE GIVEN TOP PRIORITY AND ALL LEADS MUST BE  
COVERED BY TELETYPE TO THOROUGHLY RESOLVE. NO INDICATION  
TO BE GIVEN THAT THIS LEAD IS IN CONJUNCTION WITH MURKIN CASE.

END

DE...LAB

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT  
MEMORANDUM

TO : FILE (44-696)

DATE: 4/10/68

FROM: SAC

MURKIN

RE: SUSPECT ERIC STARVO GALT

Immediately check city directories, motor vehicle registrations if filed alphabetically in your counties, credit and criminal checks, and logical financial institutions for any trace whatsoever of ERIC S. GALT, ERIC STARVO GALT, ERIC GALT, or logical variations.

An Alabama driver's license describes GALT as a white male, born 7/20/31, 5'11", 175 pounds, blue eyes, brown hair.

Advise telephonically if any trace found.

Give no indication that this name is in any way connected with captioned investigation.

Top priority must be given this investigation.

WFE:at

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in Buu →

Believed - 1966 White Mustang, 1968 ALA 1-38993

VIN-6T07C190647-

Bought in Aug. 1967 - Birmingham - Not ala  
Driver's license on 3/1/68. - Claimed he had lost  
license -

No loss  
seen

Cocke  
Kamblen ASSIGN TO

44-696-27

Moody

Determine if  
re-registered

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-696)

FROM : SA JOE D. STARNES

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CR

DATE: 4-10-68

Re memo from SAC dated 4-9-68.

On 4-9-68, SA JOE D. STARNES contacted the following individuals regarding HARVEY LOWMEYER or LOWMYER in the Counties indicated and no information about him could be found in the records checked:

## JEFFERSON COUNTY

C. F. HARDY, County Clerk, Dandridge, Tenn.

BETTY BALLARD, Deputy Clerk, Sessions and Circuit Court, Dandridge, Tenn.

CAROL BALES (voter registration), Register of Deeds

C. F. HARDY, County Clerk, stated that automobile registration records are filed in his office by license number only and not alphabetically.

The Clerk of the Circuit and Sessions Court for Jefferson County was contacted in lieu of contacting OVAL "DICK" JARNIGAN, Sheriff of Jefferson County, who was out campaigning at the time.

It is noted that all arrests in the County are recorded in either the records of the Sessions Court or the District Court.

## GRAINGER COUNTY:

NANCY ROACH, Deputy Clerk, Sessions and Circuit Court, Rutledge, Tennessee.

DENNIS BOWMAN, Deputy Sheriff, Grainger County, Rutledge, Tennessee.

JDS:gsh  
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*Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan*

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*Flaming JH*

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Mrs. W. H. KITWELL (voter registration)  
Office of the Superintendent of Roads, Rutledge,  
Tenn.

WALLACE COPE, Clerk, Grainger County,  
stated automobile registration filed only by license  
number and not alphabetically.

UNION COUNTY:

LODINE SMITH, Secretary, County Court  
Clerk, Maynardville, Tennessee, stated automobile  
registration records on file only by license  
number and not alphabetically.

BERNICE SEXTON, Clerk and Master, Union  
County, Tenn.

HORACE DALE, Clerk, Sessions and Circuit  
Court, Maynardville, Tenn.

It is noted that there are no city directories  
in Jefferson, Grainger and Union Counties. There is  
no credit Bureau in any of these counties.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-696)

FROM : IC ROBERT E. SWABE

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CR

DATE: 4/9/68

Re Bureau teletype to all Continental Offices  
dated 4/8/68.

On 4/9/68 Mrs. WILLIAM CARPENTER, Clerk, Knox County Election Commissioner's Office, made available to the writer all Voter Registration records for Knox County, Tennessee. A review of these records by the writer failed to reflect the name HARVEY LOWMEYER or HARVEY LOWMYER.

On 4/9/68 the following individuals were contacted by the writer and requested to search their respective records concerning HARVEY LOWMEYER and HARVEY LOWMYER, at which time they advised that no record could be located concerning the above-mentioned names:

Mrs. HARRIET W. GRAY, Knox County Sheriff's Office;  
Mrs. HAZEL BROOKS, Knoxville Police Department;  
Mrs. ALICE JULIAN, Knoxville Credit Bureau.

A review of the Knoxville City Directories and Telephone Directories for all cities covered by the Knoxville Division was made by the writer on 4/9/68 in attempt to locate a listing for the name HARVEY LOWMEYER and HARVEY LOWMYER with negative results.

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*Fleming JF*



5010-108

*Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan*

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FBI CINCINTI

1251PM URGENT 4/10/68 BLE  
TO KNOXVILLE AND MEMPHIS  
FROM CINCINNATI (157-1893)

MURKIN CR OO:MEMPHIS

MARTIN W. MOSELEY, SUPERINTENDENT, OHIO BUREAU OF CRIMINAL  
IDENTIFICATION AND INVESTIGATION, LONDON, OHIO, ADVISED DAVID  
R. SCRUGGS, TENNESSEE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, KINGSFORD,  
TENNESSEE, HAD ADVISED HIM HE HAD RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM INFORMANT  
LESTER CLIFFORD LEE HAD TOLD INFORMANT HE HAD BEEN HIRED TO KILL  
A PROMINENT CITIZEN OF TENNESSEE. SCRUGGS BELIEVED THIS TO BE  
PROSECUTOR OF ONE OF TENNESSEE COUNTIES. SOME OF INFORMATION  
FURNISHED BY INFORMANT PROVEN INCORRECT AS REGARDS MURDER OF ONE  
HEBRON ROBINSON, <sup>62-914-1</sup> AKA. REBE.0

3394 Paris Blvd

AS OF MARCH ELEVEN, LAST, LEE RESIDED THIRTY THREE PARIS  
BOULEVARD, COLUMBUS, OHIO, BUT CLYDE MANN, INVESTIGATOR, OHIO  
ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE, ADVISED HE RECEIVED INFORMATION LEE  
SUPPOSED TO FLY TO TENNESSEE LATTER PART OF LAST WEEK. LEE'S  
HOME ADDRESS IS ONE ONE FIVE FOUR DUTCH VALLEY ROAD, KNOXVILLE,  
AND PAGE ONE

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TENNESSEE.

LEE DESCRIBED W/M/A, DOB [REDACTED], FIVE  
FEET NINE INCHES, ONE EIGHTY FIVE POUNDS, BROWN HAIR, BLUE  
EYES, FBI NUMBER FOUR TWO FOUR SIX ZERO FIVE TWO.

KNOXVILLE CONTACT SCRUGES RE ABOVE INFORMATION IF NOT ALREADY  
KNOWN.

END

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FBI KNOXVLE

FBI KNOXVLE

FBI INDAFOLS

251PM URGENT 4-10-68 MLC

TO MEMPHIS (44-1987), ATLANTA, KNOXVILLE  
FROM INDIANAPOLIS (44-563)

MURKIN - CR

OO, MEMPHIS

— ANONYMOUS LETTER RECEIVED INDIANAPOLIS THIS DATE AND  
POSTMARKED INDIANAPOLIS, P.M., APR. EIGHT LAST. IN CONNECTION  
WITH EVENTS IN MEMPHIS LAST WEEK - YOU MAY FIND IT BENEFICIAL  
TO CHECK BOB, HUNTSVILLE, TENN. SIX ONE FIVE <sup>6 6 3 2</sup> SIX SIX THREE TWO  
<sup>1 6 3</sup> ONE SIX THREE, OR A NUMBER IN GEORGIA, SIX EIGHT EIGHT SEVEN  
TWO ONE SEVEN."

KNOXVILLE AD ATLANTA HANDLE.

END

CKH

FBI KNOXVLE

TUB

*Van Riper*  
*4-10-68 3:55 PM*

*Huntsville lead Van Riper*

*W*

*44-672-30*

*APR 14 1968*

*TRM*

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/10/68

Mr. BRYAN GREENE, General Manager, Hertz Corporation, Knoxville Municipal Airport, Knoxville, Tennessee, advised that his records reflected the following information.

On April 1, 1968, his office received a teletype from the Cleveland Office of the Hertz Corporation reserving a car for Mr. C. H. McCORMICK, Gralla Publishing Company, 3506 West 145th Street, Cleveland, Ohio. McCORMICK arrived at the Knoxville Municipal Airport at 10:30 the same day and presented to the rental office a Hertz Corporation Credit Card number 3361-870-0008BNA70, and Ohio driver's license bearing his name and number U462266.

The car requested and received by McCORMICK was a 1968 light green Mustang bearing Tennessee license number BY-5016. The mileage out was 4,404. McCORMICK indicated on the application that he intended to return said car to Nashville, Tennessee on April 3, 1968.

Arrangements for the rental of this car were prepared under Rental Agreement No. 3959207. He stated that he had not received official notification as of this date regarding the return of this Mustang. He concluded by stating he did not believe McCORMICK to have stayed in the Knoxville, Tennessee area over night inasmuch as his local address at Knoxville would have been noted on the rental agreement.

On 4/8/68 at Knoxville, Tennessee File # KX 44-696-31

by SA EMIL P. MOSCHELLA/clf *efm* Date dictated 4/9/68

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SUSPECT ERIC S. GALT, WHITE MALE, DOB

, FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES, ONE SEVEN FIVE  
POUNDS, BLUE EYES, BROWN HAIR, REPORTEDLY A BARGE OR RIVER  
BOAT MAN, HAD RESIDED TWO SIX ZERO EIGHT HIGHLAND AVENUE,  
BIRMINGHAM, LAST FALL. SUSPECT STAYED REBEL MOTEL, HIGHWAY  
SEVENTY-ONE, MEMPHIS, ARRIVING SEVEN FIFTEEN PM, APRIL  
THREE, LAST, DEPARTED APPROXIMATELY NOON, APRIL FOUR, LAST,  
DRIVING WHITE MUSTANG, NINETEEN SIXTY-EIGHT ALABAMA LICENSE  
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ONE - THREE EIGHT NINE NINE THREE. OTHERS REGISTERED AT  
MOTEL IN ADJACENT ROOM WERE ANDY GAST, ROUTE SIX, FREMONT,  
OHIO; WILLIAM HESTER, ONE ZERO NINE FOREST AVENUE, TROY,  
ALABAMA. FOLLOWING SUSPECT'S DEPARTURE ROOM THIRTY-FOUR  
L. N. PAGE, ONE TWO EIGHT TWO ABBE ROAD, SHEFFIELD, OHIO,  
OCCUPIED SAME, ROOM THIRTY-FOUR, EIGHT THIRTY PM FOR APRIL  
FOUR, LAST.

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*Lead given to Mike  
at Pigeon Forge*

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SUSPECT CLAIMED EMPLOYMENT INGALL'S SHIPYARD, PASCAGOULA, MISSISSIPPI, BUT RECORDS REFLECT ONLY INEZ COWART GALT, WHITE FEMALE, AGE TWENTY-FIVE - THIRTY, EMPLOYED AUGUST TWENTY-ONE - SEPTEMBER SEVEN, NINETEEN FORTY-FOUR, SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER [REDACTED].

SUSPECT DEPARTED HIGHLAND ADDRESS ABOUT DECEMBER 1, LAST, FOR NEW JOB ON BARGE OR TUGBOAT AT MOBILE. WHILE RESIDING BOARDING HOUSE LAST FALL RECEIVED PACKAGE FROM CHICAGO RETURNED BY HIM TO THE MAIL ORDER HOUSE UNOPENED. SUSPECT REPORTEDLY OBTAINED DUPLICATE ALABAMA DRIVER'S LICENSE MARCH ONE, LAST, CLAIMING LOUISIANA DRIVER'S LICENSE EXPIRED NINETEEN SIXTY-TWO. USCG HEADQUARTERS HAS NO PORT SECURITY CARD OR MERCHANT MARINE Z CARD ON GALT. UNSUB ABANDONED CERTAIN TRADE ARTICLES AFTER SHOOTING OF KING ON APRIL FOUR, LAST. ONE ARTICLE IS A BAR OF CASHMERE BOUQUET SOAP, A WRAPPER OF FRIENDSHIP INNS, NAME OF MOTEL OR TOWN NOT LISTED.

ATLANTA CONTACT EARL FUOSS, REGIONAL INSPECTOR, SE  
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REGION, IRS, TO LOCATE PAST INCOME TAX RETURNS ~~EARL~~ <sup>ERIC S.</sup> GALT  
NINETEEN SIXTY TO PRESENT.

AT LAGRANGE, GEORGIA CONTACT TOWN AND COUNTRY MOTEL,  
FRIENDSHIP INNS' AFFILIATE, AND CHECK RECORDS OF GUESTS  
OF MARCH TWENTY TO APRIL THREE, LAST, UNDER THE NAMES JOHN  
WILLARD, HARVEY LOWMEYER, AND SUSPECT GALT. NOTE SUSPECT  
GALT DRIVING ABOVE DESCRIBED MUSTANG WITH ALABAMA LICENSE.

AT MARIETTA, GEORGIA: WILL AT THE TRAVELERS HAVEN  
MOTEL CONDUCT SAME INVESTIGATION

AT PERRY, GEORGIA, WILL AT THE COLONIAL MANOR  
MOTEL CONDUCT SAME INVESTIGATION.

AT BALTIMORE, THROUGH BALTIMORE SOURCE FOUR DETERMINE  
CURRENT INFORMATION ON INEZ COWART GALT.

AT BIRMINGHAM, WILL IMMEDIATELY FORWARD COMPOSITE  
SUSPECT TO OFFICES RECEIVING THIS COMMUNICATION.

AT CHICAGO, CONTACT SEARS AND ROEBUCK, MONTGOMERY  
WARD, SPEIGELS AND ALDENS FOR CUSTOM OR MAIL ORDER RECORD  
OF PACKAGE DIRECTED TO GALT AT BIRMINGHAM TO DEVELOP BACKGROUND  
INFORMATION.

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CLEVELAND AT FREMONT, INTERVIEW ANDY GAST, ROUTE SIX, RE  
KNOWLEDGE AND CONTACT WITH SUSPECT.

AT SHEFFIELD, OHIO, INTERVIEW L. N. PAGE, ONE TWO EIGHT  
TWO ABBE ROAD RE ANY OBJECTS LEFT IN ROOM BY SUSPECT FORMER  
OCCUPANT, REBEL MOTEL, AS WELL AS KNOWLEDGE OF SUSPECTS.

JACKSON AT COLUMBUS, CONTACT COLUMBUS MOTEL WILL  
CONDUCT SAME INVESTIGATION AS REQUESTED OF ATLANTA.

AT JACKSON, WILL AT THE FOLLOWING MOTELS CONDUCT  
SAME INVESTIGATION AS THAT REQUESTED AT ATLANTA:

COLUMBUS - COLUMBUS MOTEL

CORINTH - SOUTHERN MOTEL

GREENVILLE - GILHARA MOTOR HOTEL.

GREENWOOD - NAAMAN'S MOTEL

HATTIESBURG - DUMAS MOTEL

TUPELO - TOWNHOUSE MOTEL

WEST POINT - MARSHALL MOTEL

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MOBILE AT PIGEON FORGE, WILL AT THE VACATION LODGE  
MOTEL CONDUCT SAME INVESTIGATION AS REQUESTED OF ATLANTA.

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LOUISVILLE AT PADUCAH, REVIEW NATIONAL MERITIME UNION AND ILA RECORDS FOR INFORMATION RE SUSPECT GALT WORKING ABOARD BARGES OR RIVER BOATS.

MOBILE AT TROY, INTERVIEW WILLIAM HESTER, ONE ZERO NINE FOREST AVENUE, RE KNOWLEDGE AND CONTACT WITH SUSPECT AT REBEL MOTEL.

AT MOBILE, WILL CONTACT ALL BARGE AND RIVER BOAT COMPANIES TO LOCATE EMPLOYMENT RECORD AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION OF SUSPECT GALT WHO MAY NOT BE A UNION MEMBER.

WILL CONTACT LOGICAL SEAMAN'S BOARDING HOUSES FOR RECORD OF SUSPECT.

NEW ORLEANS AT BATON ROUGE, REVIEW MOTOR VEHICLE RECORDS NINETEEN SIX ONE - SIX-TWO TO LOCATE DRIVERS LICENSE AND BACKGROUND OF SUSPECT GALT.

ST. LOUIS, WILL CONTACT SIU AND NMU UNION HALLS FOR RECORD OF SUSPECT GALT.

WILL ALSO CONTACT EAGLE BOAT AND FUEL, ECONOMY BOAT STORE, OAY BROTHERS MARINE, ST. LOUIS FUEL AND SUPPLY AND WAYNE VAHLE, INC., RE PAST EMPLOYMENT OF SUSPECT GALT.  
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AT SAVANNAH, RE CONTACT SAVANNAH MOTOR LODGE AND CONDUCT  
INVESTIGATION AS SET FORTH FOR ATLANTA.

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