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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

DATE: 4/10/68

FROM : SA LEROY W. SHEETS

SUBJECT: MURKIN *Re: ERIC STARVO GALT*

ASAC CLARK BROWN, San Diego FBI Office called and stated that through their check with the Bank of America one of the officers of the Bank stated that SA PHIL DEILY had inquired of their office concerning GALT. ASAC BROWN wanted this checked out with DEILY and to let him know.

SA DEILY advised that he had checked with the Bank of America on a SALMON PATTERSON with numerous aliases and had talked with PETE TORMEY of the B of A regarding this matter. This is the only case he could recall having discussed with anyone at this bank.

ASAC BROWN was telephonically advised of this information.

Indices of LA negative re GALT.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861), SAC MEMPHIS (44-1987) AND SAC BIRMINGHAM  
 FROM SAC LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN.

RE LOS ANGELES PHONE CALL TO BUREAU BY SAC GRAPP FOUR  
 TEN SIXTY EIGHT, BUTEL TO ALL OFFICES FOUR NINE SIXTY EIGHT  
 AND CLEVELAND TEL TO LOS ANGELES FOUR TEN SIXTY EIGHT.

DURING CHECK OF LAUNDRIES IN HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA, AREA  
 MARKING MACHINE BEARING SERIAL NUMBER THREE ONE FOUR FIVE FOUR  
 WAS LOCATED AT HOME SERVICE LAUNDRY AND DRY CLEANING COMPANY.  
FIVE TWO EIGHT NAUGHT HOLLYWOOD BOULEVARD, LOS ANGELES, WHICH  
 MACHINE HAD BEEN ORIGINALLY SOLD TO DELITE LAUNDRY, ONE SIX  
 NAUGHT SEVEN BROOKLYN AVENUE, LOS ANGELES, AND ONE OF THE  
 MACHINES REFERRED TO IN ALBANY TELETYPE FOUR EIGHT SIXTY EIGHT.  
 SAMPLES OF TAPES MADE BY THIS MACHINE TAKEN AND APPEAR TO BE  
 IDENTICAL WITH LAUNDRY TAGS ON SUSPECT CLOTHING. THESE SPECIMENS  
 BEING SENT TO FBI LABORATORY VIA AIRLINE TONIGHT.

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INVESTIGATION REFLECTS ONE JAY WALLIS VERNON, FBI NO. SEVEN FOUR THREE TWO TWO SIX B, OPERATED THIS LAUNDRY UNTIL MARCH TWENTY FOUR, SIXTY EIGHT, AND MADE NO FURTHER APPEARANCE AT LAUNDRY AFTER ~~THAT DATE~~ <sup>March 27<sup>th</sup></sup>. HE IS DESCRIBED WHITE, MALE, BORN  <sup>TEXAS</sup> ~~FLORIDA~~, FIVE ELEVEN, ONE NINETY FIVE, BROWN EYES, BROWN HAIR. HE IS SUBJECT OF BUFILES FORTY TWO DASH ONE SEVEN TWO SEVEN ONE SIX AND FORTY TWO DASH ONE NAUGHT ONE FOUR FOUR NINE. PHOTOGRAPH OF VERNON BEING SENT TO MEMPHIS VIA AIRLINE.

PRESENT MANAGER, LUCY PINELA, STATED SHE BELIEVES SHE HAS SEEN UNDERSHORTS OF TYPE IN PHOTO AS HAVING BEEN THROUGH HER LAUNDRY. SHE FURTHER STATED THE CODE ON THE GARMENTS WOULD HAVE BEEN USED SOME TIME AFTER MID-FEBRUARY, SIXTY EIGHT, AND THAT ALL RECORDS OF LAUNDRY, AS WELL AS TOOLS, WERE REMOVED FROM PREMISES BY VERNON. SHE LAST SAW VERNON MARCH TWENTY SEVEN, SIXTY EIGHT. PINELA DOES NOT KNOW IDENTITY OF PRESENT OWNER. HOWEVER, TELEPHONE BILL WAS SENT TO MAURICE HOWARD, LOS ANGELES FILE ONE HUNDRED DASH TWO THREE TWO NAUGHT NAUGHT, BUFILE ONE HUNDRED DASH THREE FOUR TWO SIX NAUGHT TWO, WHO IS SUBJECT RESERVE INDEX SECTION B, LOS ANGELES.





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IT IS TO BE NOTED THIS LAUNDRY IS WITHIN FIVE BLOCKS OF ROMPAGE HARDWARE, WHERE PLIERS FOUND IN MEMPHIS APPARENTLY ORIGINATED. PHOTO OF VERNON DISPLAYED TO CURRENT EMPLOYEES ROMPAGE HARDWARE WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

BUREAU AND MEMPHIS WILL BE ADVISED TELEPHONICALLY OF IDENTITY OF AIRLINE FLIGHT NUMBER AND NAME OF CAPTAIN OF PLANE ON WHICH EVIDENCE AND PHOTOS BEING FORWARDED.

MEMPHIS SHOULD DISPLAY PHOTO TO ALL POSSIBLE WITNESSES AND ADVISE BUREAU AND LOS ANGELES OF RESULTS.

LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION IS REQUESTED TO COMPARE PRINTS OF VERNON, FBI NUMBER SEVEN FOUR THREE TWO TWO SIX B, WITH ANY LATENT PRINTS DEVELOPED THIS MATTER.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING AT LOS ANGELES TO DETERMINE PRESENT LOCATION OF VERNON.

INVESTIGATION RE SUSPECT ~~ERIC STARVO GALT~~ NEGATIVE TO DATE. NO RECORD OF GALT AT AMERICAN INSURANCE ASSOCIATION, LOS ANGELES.



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DATE: 4/9/68

FROM : SA G. J. MOOREHEAD

SUBJECT: MURKIN

It has been determined that the unsub in this matter possibly abandoned a pair of duck-billed pliers in the room from which KING was apparently shot.

These pliers bear the name Rompage Hardware on an affixed price label. It has been determined that this concern is located at 5542 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California. The present employers at Rompage are positive that these pliers came from their store. None of these individuals recall any specific sale of these pliers, the price of which was \$1.98.

The coding on the label establishes that these pliers were placed in inventory by Rompage in October, 1966 and sold from a bargain bin tray located near the front of the store. The owner has provided the names of the following former employees who ceased employment subsequent to October, 1966. In some instances the period of employment was brief, however, all these persons must be contacted expeditiously to determine any knowledge or recollection they may have of a sale of these pliers. It is not out of the realm of possibility that these persons may have purchased or appropriated these pliers themselves.

In questioning these persons, it should be sufficient to explain only that these pliers have a bearing on a matter we are investigating.

The unsub is described as follows:

White; male; 26 - 30; 160 - 170 pounds; 5'11"; medium build; dark brown or black hair combed straight back, no part; had a silly smirk.

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GARRETT DOYLE  
1937 North Mariposa  
3/4/67 - 2/3/68

ROY K. WATSON  
373 North Alameda, Burbank  
November, 1966 - March, 1968

DAVID STALEY  
440 Devonshire, Glendale  
worked in stockroom

PAUL ALLEN HUESEMAN  
4341 Willowbrook  
worked in stockroom

HOWARD JOHN KELLEHER  
5505 Greenbush, Van Nuys  
January, 1967 - June, 1967

DONALD M. CALDWELL  
191 South Commonwealth, part of 1966 until  
1/14/67

THOMAS TOM WARE  
3344 Glenhurst  
former manager  
1959 - 2/25/67

*may have bought the place* Rev. Robert M.  
Malbins  
3344 1/2  
663-4412

JACK EDWIN JONES  
1118 Victory Boulevard  
7/1/67 - September, 1967

*(Burbank?)*

JOE SAMANIEGO  
932 North 20th  
9/23/67 - 9/30/67

*as of 4/11/67, Mrs. Alcaraz advised  
Joe at 420 W. Roosevelt St., Apt. 10,  
Phoenix, Arizona, but going to Tucson.  
arrived but to check with neighbor in  
Apt. 11, Mrs. Bobby Baker tel. # 602-  
253-0978 to see if Joe in Tucson.*

JOHN BURTON  
1849 North Berendo  
10/7/67 - 10/28/67

CHARLES BOSWORTH  
5637 Bowcroft  
Left Christmas 1966, worked during school

*Had for  
time being  
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DENNIS SHELDRIK  
1317 Lucille  
Worked short time in 1966

ALLISON TURNER  
2035<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> North Vermont  
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TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES

DATE: 4/8/68

FROM : SA THOMAS E. SHEIL

SUBJECT: MURKIN

JEANNETTE ROSA, 10799 Northgate, tel. VE 9 6109, telephonically furnished the following information:

She called the FBI Office on two previous occasions today. Her information concerns JOHN RADNEY HUDSON, aka Randy Hudson, whom she considers to be a violent Negro hater. She discovered in the trash today an application for Entry into Australia. This appears to be an immigration form and contains background data on HUDSON, about whom she earlier furnished information.

This form shows that HUDSON was born in [ ] at Roanoke, Ala. His wife is DORIS MAE THOMAS. From 1935 to 1946, he lived at 625 Lafayette Street, Lafayette, Ala. From 1946 to 1961 he lived in Roanoke, Ala. From 1961 to 1966 he again lived at 625 Lafayette St. Lafayette, Ala. He worked for Ford Motor Co. from 1958 to 1960. From 1961 to 1964 he worked for Standard Oil of Kentucky; from 1964 to 1966 he worked for West Point Mfg. Co., Fairfax, Ala. His father was listed as BRADLEY B. HUDSON, Roanoke, Ala.

Mrs. ROSA advised that she last saw subject at 4:20PM on 4/5/68. His two children, YANCEY and GRETCHEN were removed last TUESDAY or Wednesday from El Rincon (PH) School.

Mrs. ROSA advised that subject operates a 1950 Chev truck with Ga. license 12R1252.

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FROM : SA THOMAS E. SHEIL

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/8/68

An unidentified female caller advised that a Mrs. GEORGE CALDWELL, tel. 248-6369, who resides in La Crescenta heard a Negro male tell Mrs. LOWELL MARTIN, a newscaster for KLAC TV, (about a week ago) that "next week there will be a prominent Negro man assassinated and a lot of looting". The caller inquired as to why Mrs. MARTIN had not made this information available to the authorities.

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DATE: 4/10/68

FROM : SA JAMES JOSEPH FARRELL

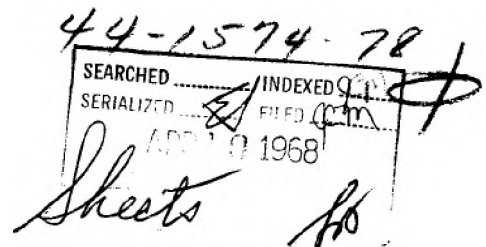
SUBJECT: MURKIN

*3:00 am*  
On this date MR. JAMES HORAN, 933 Walnut Ave., Long Beach, California, a personal friend of the writer, telephonically contacted the writer and furnished the following information.

He advised that in addition to his position as Manager of the Bank of America, Disney Land, he works in the evenings as an accountant for Sami Seafood Restaurant, Pacific Coast Highway, Sunset Beach, California. He stated that on the evening of 4/9/68 a man came into the restaurant seeking employment as a cook. He advised that somehow the man looked familiar to him and when discussing it later with an employee of the restaurant they both felt that he was a dead ringer for the composite picture they had seen in the paper for the assassin of Martin Luther King.

He advised that he then checked the man's W4 form which identified him as HAROLD ECKMAN, Atlanta, Georgia. He described ECKMAN as a w/m, 25-32, 6'2", 185, medium build, sandy hair, windblown complexion. He advised that ECKMAN'S Social Security Number and local phone number are available at the restaurant. He advised they hired ECKMAN as a cook but that he is not too good at it. He also stated that ECKMAN asked for an advance on his first day of work and for this reason they believe he will be back tonite to collect. He further advised that ECKMAN was driving a motor cycle.

*For further information concerning employment contact Richard Katsaris at Sam's Seafood Restaurant ph 430 7551 Eckman starts work at 2<sup>00</sup> p*





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446PM URGENT 4-10-68 LJJ

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, NEW YORK, PHILADELPHIA, ATLANTA,  
DALLAS, SAN FRANCISCO, LOS ANGELES, CHICAGO AND ST. LOUIS.  
FROM CLEVELAND (44-565) 2P

MURKIN. OO: MEMPHIS.

RE SUSPECT ERIC STARVO GALT.

RE BUREAU TEL TO ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES APRIL TEN INSTANT.

RAY MOSSHART, FORMER BUAGENT, ARSON AND FRAUD DIVISION,  
AMERICAN INSURANCE ASSOCIATION, (AIS), WILLIAMSON BLDG.,  
CLEVELAND, OHIO CONTACTED RE CAPTIONED SUSPECT, IT BEING NOTED  
AIS MAINTAINS REGIONAL NAME INDEX BUREAUS THROUGHOUT THE U.S.  
OF ALL TYPES INSURANCE CLAIMS, PERSONAL INJURY AND OTHERWISE.  
MOSSHART ADVISED CV INDEX BUREAU INDICES NEGATIVE RE GALT  
BUT NOTED THE CLEVELAND FILES COVER A FIVE STATE AREA ONLY.  
HE NOTED ADDITIONAL REGIONAL OFFICES ARE LOCATED IN ATLANTA,  
CHICAGO, DALLAS, LOS ANGELES, PHILADELPHIA, SAN FRANCISCO,  
ST. LOUIS AND NEW YORK CITY WITH EXECUTIVE OFFICES AND A FOREIGN  
BUREAU ALSO LOCATED AT NEW YORK CITY.

GENERALLY, RECORDS OF ABOVE OFFICES ARE AVAILABLE ONLY  
TO INSURANCE PEOPLE AND ATTORNEYS, BUT IN VIEW OF COOPERATIVE  
ATTITUDE ON PART OF REGIONAL CLEVELAND OFFICE, IT IS SUGGESTED  
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RECEIVING OFFICES TACTFULLY ATTEMPT TO CHECK SUSPECT'S  
NAME THROUGH THESE INDEX BUREAUS.

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TO ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES (PLAINTEXT)

FROM DIRECTOR (44-38861) 1P

RECEIVED BY CODED TELETYPE

MURKIN OO: MEMPHIS

*ERIC STARVO GALT*

RE: SUSPECT <sup>Vo</sup>ERIC STARVO GALT

IMMEDIATELY CHECK YOUR INDICES, ALL STATE SELECTIVE  
SERVICE HEADQUARTERS, CITY AND TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES,  
DRIVERS LICENSE BUREAUS, MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISIONS, FINANCIAL  
INSTITUTIONS CONDUCT CREDIT AND CRIMINAL CHECKS COX  
CONTACT OTHER LOGICAL SOURCES TO OBTAIN ANY INFORMATION  
WHATSOEVER RE SUSPECT GALT. DRIVERS LICENSE ISSUED IN  
ALABAMA DESCRIBES GALT AS WHITE MALE, BORN [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCH

, 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

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**Complaint Form**  
FD-71 (Rev. 10-26-65)

NOTE: Hand print names legibly; handwriting satisfactory for remainder.

Indices: ☐ Negative ☐ See below

Subject's name and aliases UNSUB: -MURKIN (44-1574)			Address of subject		Character of case CR	
Complainant Phillip Ronney KNXT-TV News, Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS)			Complainant's address and telephone number 6121 Sunset Bl., L. A. HO-9-1212		Complaint received <input type="checkbox"/> Personal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Telephonic Date 4-10-68 Time 1:22 pm	
Subject's Description	Race	Sex	Height	Hair	Build	Birth date and Birthplace
	Age	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Weight	Eyes	Complexion	
	Scars, marks or other data					
<p style="text-align: center;">identity</p> <p><b>Facts of complaint</b>          Ronney got a call at his place of business 4-9-68 pm from a woman who did not disclose her identity who claimed she was in Guaymas, Senora, Mexico over the past week end. She claimed to have observed there a man very closely resembling the suspect described in the press being sought in the Murkin case. She gave no further detail. Also she said he had given this info. to the FBI and Police in E. A. but did not know if any action had been taken on it.</p> <p>Phillip said that in view of the woman's claim she had notified the FBI and the Police, he did not take any action on the matter until he got to thinking about it today and thought he should notify the FBI for what it was worth.</p>						
Action Recommended  <div style="text-align: center;">             Leslie F. Warren              (Agent)           </div>						<div style="text-align: right; font-size: 1.5em; margin-bottom: 10px;">             44-1574-81           </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;">             SEARCHED _____ INDEXED _____              SERIALIZED _____ FILED _____              APR 10 1968              FBI - LOS ANGELES           </div>

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FROM : SUPERVISOR WILLIAM JOHN NOLAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

SAC ROBERT HANCOCK, Albany, telephonically contacted the writer at 9:10 A.M., 4/10/68, at which time he advised that BOB RAY, who was handling the investigation of the laundry machine at Syracuse, had some information that might assist in cutting down the search.

RAY advised that the usual machine manufacturer making laundry tags had the first three characters in 15 point type and the last two in 18 point type. The machine in question is unusual in that the first two letters are 15 point and the last three are 18. Their investigation reflects that approximately three machines were manufactured with this type of type, one of which was originally owned by French Laundry and Cleaners, Anaheim, California, and in 1966 was sold to Comet Laundry and Cleaners, 1227 East Artesia, Long Beach.

SAC HANCOCK was advised that we would call Albany immediately when this was checked out, either negative or positive.

SA SHEETS is making immediate inquiry. The serial number of the machine in question is 32523.

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TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

FROM : SA MALVIN LEE WESSEL

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/9/68

The following persons representing listed agencies were contacted with negative results on 4/9/68 for any information in regard to the following names:

HARVEY LOWMEYER  
HARVEY LOWMYER  
HARVEY LEHMEYER

Mrs. JOSEPHINE CHENEY	Barstow PD
Deputy JAMES E. SMITH	San Bernardino County SO Barstow Substation
DOROTHY ELIZABETH ROWE	City Clerk, Barstow, California (Voters Registration List)
LYLE MARTIN	District Manager, California Interstate Telephone Company
JACQUI L. ROWE	Southern California Water Company
Mrs. OLA SMITH	Southwest Gas Corporation
MILDRED HILL	Credit Bureau of Barstow

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648-19-83475-1 GPO

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Class. \_\_\_\_\_ Case No. \_\_\_\_\_ Last Serial \_\_\_\_\_

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☐ Closed

Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_ Description of Serial \_\_\_\_\_ Date Charged \_\_\_\_\_

87 FD 302 dated 4/9/68

RE: Thomas M. Ware

Transferred to 44-1574-D-1B

Employee \_\_\_\_\_

**RECHARGE**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

To \_\_\_\_\_ From \_\_\_\_\_

Initials of Clerk { \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Date { \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Date Charged \_\_\_\_\_

Employee \_\_\_\_\_

Location \_\_\_\_\_

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 Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_ Description of Serial \_\_\_\_\_ Date Charged \_\_\_\_\_

86 FD 302 dated 4/8/68

RE: KATHREEN MABLE MC BRIDE

Transferred to 44-1574-D-1A

Employee \_\_\_\_\_

**RECHARGE**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

To \_\_\_\_\_ From \_\_\_\_\_

Initials of Clerk { \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
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Date { \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
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Date Charged \_\_\_\_\_

Employee \_\_\_\_\_

Location \_\_\_\_\_



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FD 302 dated 4/8/68

RE: Mr. ART DE LUCA

Transferred to 44-1574-D-1

Employee \_\_\_\_\_

**RECHARGE**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

To \_\_\_\_\_ From \_\_\_\_\_

Initials of Clerk { \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_Date { \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Date Charged \_\_\_\_\_

Employee \_\_\_\_\_

Location \_\_\_\_\_

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TO : SAC

DATE: 4-9-68

FROM : SA RAYMOND T. SPRUILL 44-1574

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 4-9- 68 SA Raymond T. Spruill caused a check to be made of records at the Glendale Police Department , Record Bureau, Glendale , Calif., and no record was located for HARVEY LOWMEYER, HARVEY LOWMYER, or any similarity thereto.

On 4-9-68 SA JESSE V. MCNULTY caused a check to be made of records at the Burbank Police Department, Record Bureau, Burbank, Calif., and at the Glendale Merchants Association, Glendale, Calif., and no record was located for HARVEY LOWMEYER, HARVEY LOWMYER, or any similarity thereto.

A check of the telephone and city directories for Burbank and Glendale, Calif., failed to locate a listing for any LOWMEYER or LOWMYER.

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89 FD 302 dated 4/8/68

RE: Ed Choate

Transferred to 44-1574-D-1-C

Employee \_\_\_\_\_

**RECHARGE**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

To \_\_\_\_\_ From \_\_\_\_\_

Initials of Clerk { \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Date { \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Date Charged \_\_\_\_\_

Employee \_\_\_\_\_

Location \_\_\_\_\_

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

DATE: 4/9/68

FROM : SA CURTIS E. HOLT

SUBJECT: MURKING  
CR  
OO: Memphis  
Bufile: 44-38861

On 4/9/68 the following sources of information were checked in efforts to obtain information on any individuals with the last name of LOWMEYER, LOHMEYER, or LEHMEYER:  
Credit Bureau of Victor Valley, Victorville, Calif.  
San Bernardino Co. SO, Victorville Sub-station  
Telephone Directory for Victorville area  
Credit Bureau of Lancaster-Palmdale, Lancaster, Calif.  
Los Angeles Co. SO, Antelope Valley Sub-station, Lancaster  
Telephone and City Directories for Lancaster-Palmdale areas

No record of the above names was located through any of the above sources.

RE: JOHN D. WILLARD, JR.

On 4/9/68, a review of the current city and telephone directories for the Lancaster, Palmdale areas failed to indicate any record of WILLARD.

A review of the Credit Bureau of Lancaster-Palmdale files indicated that ~~JOHN DEE WILLARD~~ was placed in the file on 4/26/65. As of that date, he was 28 years old and resided at 44072 North Beach, Apartment D, Lancaster. He was employed at Edwards Air Force Base as a 1st Lt. with the U. S. Air Force. The file indicated he was single and had a previous address of Bachelors Officers Quarters, Edwards Air Force Base. The file indicated further that a report dated 5/14/65 had been completed for WILLARD by the Credit Bureau of Baton Rouge, Louisiana. No additional information was contained in the file and no derogatory information was located.

On 4/9/68, a review of Los Angeles County SO, Antelope Valley Station, Lancaster, records indicated that JOHN D. WILLARD, JR., 44072 Beech, phone WH 8-5438, Lancaster, reported his vehicle stolen on 12/31/64. The vehicle was recovered abandoned at San Diego on 1/9/65. Vehicle was described as a 1961 Chevrolet, two-door, Impala, medium green, white stripe, VIN 118378142744, bearing 1964 Louisiana license 125G781. The file contained no description of WILLARD.

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On 4/9/68, SA BRUNO UYRC, OSI, Edwards Air Force Base, California advised that base records are very limited on WILLARD as records are sent to an airman's new base when he is re-assigned. UYRC said according to available information, 1st Lt. JOHN D. WILLARD, Jr., Air Force Serial No. 78444 A, was assigned to the base during 1965 but the records do not indicate when he left. While he was at Edwards Air Force Base he resided part of the time at the Bachelor Officers Quarters (BOQ). UYRC said that Major EDWIN A. POST, BOQ Officer, recalled WILLARD and described him as a White, male, 5'8", 150 pounds, sandy hair, thin build, thin face.

On 4/9/68, JAMES ORR, U. S. Postmaster, U. S. Post Office, Lancaster (protect) advised that their records contain a forwarding address for JOHN D. WILLARD, JR., from 44072 Beech, to Beale Air Force Base, California on 12/8/65. A second forwarding address was dated 2/25/67 to 24 West Governor Road, Hershey, Pennsylvania.

Mrs. RUTH RASMUSSEN, Manager, Regal Arms Apartments, 44078 Beech, phone WH 2-3200 stated they also manage the apts. at 44072 Beech. She stated they took over management of the apartments in June, 1966 and the records prior to that date are unavailable. RASMUSSEN said that all the tenants in 44072 are new arrivals and did not reside there in 1965. She said the name of JOHN D. WILLARD, JR. is unfamiliar to her.

**Complaint Form**  
FD-71 (Rev. 10-26-65)

NOTE: Hand print names legibly; handwriting satisfactory for remainder.

Indices: ☐ Negative ☐ See below

Subject's name and aliases <b>MURKIN</b>		Address of subject		Character of case	
Complainant <b>MANFRIED SZESNY</b>		Complainant's address and telephone number <b>1240 Harding, Sylmar, California, 361-2181</b>		Complaint received <input type="checkbox"/> Personal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Telephonic Date <b>4/9/68</b> Time <b>12:25 AM</b>	
Subject's Description	Race <b>Caucasian</b>	Sex <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Height <b>6' 0"</b>	Hair <b>dark brown</b>	Build <b>slender</b>
	Age <b>25/30 yrs</b>		Weight <b>150 #</b>	Eyes <b>(blue-?)</b>	Complexion <b>fair</b>
	Scars, marks or other data <b>PRECISION MOTOR CARS - 4251 W. OLYMPIC, BH, CALIF. 272-0666</b>				
Facts of complaint <p>SZESNY is employed by Precision Motors, Beverly Hills, California, as a mechanic. Also employed there as a mechanic is one BILLY SAINT whose physical description is set forth above. SAINT, according to SZESNY, speaks with a Southern accent, and he lives somewhere in West Los Angeles. Last week SAINT was not at work and, presumably, was on vacation. He returned to work on April 8, 1968.</p> <p>The complainant suggested BILLY SAINT as a suspect based upon his physical description and based upon the fact that he was not at work last week.</p>					
<p><i>16 birth name</i></p> <p><i>name searched on 4/9/68</i></p> <p><i>no record found</i></p> <p><i>Beverly Hills Prod</i></p> <p><i>44-1574-90</i></p> <p><i>4/9/68</i></p> <p><i>SEARCHED INDEXED SERIALIZED FILED</i></p> <p><i>APR 9 1968</i></p> <p><i>FBI - LOS ANGELES</i></p> <p><i>Swann</i></p>					
Action Recommended  <b>H. R. McCULLOUGH</b> (Agent)					

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

DATE: 4/10/68

FROM : SA JOHN W. WARREN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re FD-71 dated 4/9/68 by SA HARRY R. MC CULLOUGH.

On 4/9/68 information was received that an individual by the name of BILLY SAINT, because of his physical description and his absence from work during pertinent period, was considered to be a suspect in this investigation.

On 4/9/68 HORACE RACHEL, Manager, Precision Motor Cars, 9231 West Olympic, Beverly Hills, California, advised that WILLIAM SAINT has been employed for Precision Motors for approximately one year and during that time he has been an excellent employee. He related that SAINT was attending a school sponsored by the Volkswagen Corporation at 11300 Playa, Culver City, California, from 4/1/68 through 4/5/68. RACHEL contacted SAINT at the Volkswagen school on 4/5/68, to determine if he would be back to work on Monday, 4/8/68.

On 4/9/68 WILLIAM SAINT was interviewed at Precision Motors, 9231 West Olympic, Beverly Hills, California, and indicated he had been attending a school sponsored by Volkswagen Cars, Incorporated at Volkswagen Pacific Distributors, 11300 Playa, Culver City, California. This school gave advanced mechanical training in Volkswagen engines and ran from 4/1/68 through 4/5/68. He indicated that he was in attendance at all classes which ran from 8:15 AM to 4:30 PM daily. SAINT has not left Los Angeles area for approximately a year and one-half and his description does not come close to that which has been furnished to the Los Angeles Office as the possible suspect in this matter.

SAINT is approximately 24 years of age, is 6'2½" tall, with black hair (crew cut), and dark complected.

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On 4/9/68 ~~GAIL CUSSEN~~, Service Secretary, Volkswagen Pacific Distributors, 11300 Playa, Culver City, California, advised that a WILLIAM SAINT attended their classes at Pacific Distributors from 4/1/68 through 4/5/68. Their attendance records indicate that he was present at all classes which commenced at 8:00 AM and terminated at 4:30 PM. She indicated that a ~~CAROL HOWE~~ in the training section of their agency takes attendance at these classes and would be able to furnish first-hand information on SAINT's attendance at these classes.

On 4/9/68 CAROL HOWE, Training Secretary, Volkswagen Pacific Distributors, 11300 Playa, Culver City, California, advised that WILLIAM SAINT was in attendance at all classes which ran from 4/1/68 through 4/5/68, at their agency. She indicated she observed SAINT every day during that week. She indicated that on the date of 4/4/68 she observed SAINT at approximately 4:30 PM when classes were terminated.



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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

DATE: 4/10/68

FROM : SA FRANCIS G. KAHL

SUBJECT: MURKIN

LUCY PINELA, Manager of the Home Service Laundry and Dry Cleaning, 5280 Hollywood Blvd., Los Angeles, advised the writer and SA DENNIS LE MASTER, after observing a color photo of the shorts and T shirt found in connection with this case, that she believed the shorts might belong, or were the same type to a former employee known only to her as JIM (LNU) or "Uncle". She said JIM worked at the laundry for a period of about one month during February and March, 1968. She said JIM was a personal friend of J. W. VERNON, and was formerly employed by a garbage disposal firm, name unknown. She believed JIM was a former member of the U.S. Armed Forces, branch unknown. She described JIM as follows:

Sex:	Male
Race:	Caucasian
Age:	About 35
Height:	About 6'2"
Weight:	About 200 lbs.
Hair:	Dark brown
Eyes:	Grey, frequently wore sunglasses with heavy dark frames

She commented the photo on his Driver's License showed him with a large, full beard, which he did not have while working at the laundry. JIM had a girl friend named DONNA (LNU) who was also a former employee at the laundry. JIM had no car.

She advised there were no employment records left at the laundry with which to further identify the former employees, since VERNON paid employees in cash and kept no payroll records of which she knew.

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PINELA stated she last saw VERNON on 3/27/68 at about 9:00 AM at the laundry. He gave no indication concerning his future plans. She advised VERNON had a girl friend DIANE WALL, who lives in Pasadena, exact address unknown.

PINELA advised she never saw VERNON or JIM in the possession of any type of gun. She said a large box of tools belonging to VERNON are now missing from the laundry. She advised she had the home address of DIANE WALL at her residence, and would make this information available later in the day. PINELA's home telephone number is 748-4260, and she would be home between 6:30 and 8:30 PM.

Concerning the placement of the laundry marks on the garments in the photo, she advised this is where their laundry would place thermo-seals to indicate that the clothing was not to be starched.

While Miss PINELA was cooperative, she said it would be difficult at this time to fully answer questions because of the continuous traffic of customers in and out of the store, requiring her attention.

PINELA furnished additional thermo-seal samples on cloth during this interview.

The following employees of the Rompage Hardware Store were displayed photographs of JEROME W. VERNON by Agents:

J. W. SCANTLAND, ETHEL JAME SCANTLAND, RICHARD SCANTLAND, DAVID WEAR, KENNETH LEWIS. *No identification was made.*

~~THE FOLLOWING EMPLOYEES WERE NOT AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW:~~

Additional employees were not available at this time.

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TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

DATE: 4/9/68

FROM : SA G. J. MOOREHEAD

SUBJECT: MURKIN

It has been determined that the unsub in this matter possibly abandoned a pair of duck-billed pliers in the room from which KING was apparently shot.

These pliers bear the name Rompage Hardware on an affixed price label. It has been determined that this concern is located at 5542 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California. The present employers at Rompage are positive that these pliers came from their store. None of these individuals recall any specific sale of these pliers, the price of which was \$1.98.

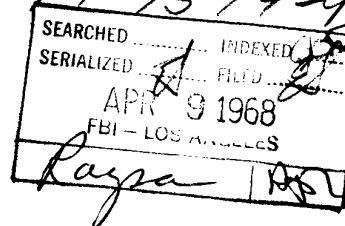
The coding on the label establishes that these pliers were placed in inventory by Rompage in October, 1966 and sold from a bargain bin tray located near the front of the store. The owner has provided the names of the following former employees who ceased employment subsequent to October, 1966. In some instances the period of employment was brief, however, all these persons must be contacted expeditiously to determine any knowledge or recollection they may have of a sale of these pliers. It is not out of the realm of possibility that these persons may have purchased or appropriated these pliers themselves.

In questioning these persons, it should be sufficient to explain only that these pliers have a bearing on a matter we are investigating.

The unsub is described as follows:

White; male; 26 - 30; 160 - 170 pounds; 5'11"; medium build; dark brown or black hair combed straight back, no part; had a silly smirk.

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~~GARRETT DOYLE~~  
1937 North Mariposa  
3/4/67 - 2/3/68

22 A - ~~ACY K. WATSON~~  
373 North Alameda, Burbank  
November, 1966 - March, 1968

~~DAVID STALEY~~  
440 Devonshire, Glendale  
worked in stockroom

~~PAUL ALLEN HUESEMAN~~  
4341 Willowbrook  
worked in stockroom

~~HOWARD JOHN KELLEHER~~  
5505 Greenbush, Van Nuys  
January, 1967 - June, 1967

~~DONALD M. CALDWELL~~  
191 South Commonwealth, part of 1966 until  
1/14/67

~~THOMAS TOM WARE~~  
3341 Glenhurst  
former manager  
1959 - 2/25/67

~~JACK EDWIN JONES~~  
1118 Victory Boulevard  
7/1/67 - September, 1967

~~JOE SAMANIEGO~~  
932 North 20th  
9/23/67 - 9/30/67

~~JOHN BURTON~~  
1849 North Berendo  
10/7/67 - 10/28/67

~~CHARLES BOSWORTH~~  
5637 Bowcroft  
Left Christmas 1966, worked during school

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~~DENNIS SHELDRIK~~

~~1317 Lucille~~

Worked short time in 1966

~~ALLISON TURNER~~

~~20354 North Vermont~~

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TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

DATE: 4/10/68

FROM : SA RICHARD J. RAYSA

SUBJECT: MURKIN

The following individuals, all former employees of Rompage Hardware Store, 5542 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, were contacted on 4/9/68 by the writer and SA JAMES R. PACE re a pair of duck-billed pliers sold at Rompage Hardware:

~~GARRETT DOYLE~~  
1937 North Mariposa  
Los Angeles

~~ACY K. WATSON~~  
373 North Alameda  
Burbank

~~ALLISON TURNER~~  
2035½ North Vermont  
Los Angeles

After viewing photographs of the above pliers, DOYLE, WATSON and TURNER all advised they were unable to recall any specific sale of these particular pliers. None of these individuals purchased this type of pliers at the hardware store, and it was noted that none were similar in appearance to description of UNSUB.

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TO : SAC (44-1574)

DATE: 4/10/68

FROM : SA JACK E. DE VANE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 4/10/68 the following business establishments located within the San Bernardino Residency Agency territory were contacted with negative results in an effort to identify the laundry using a coded thermo seal marking machine as set forth in SAC memo of 4/9/68:

Baseline Laundry & Dry Cleaners, 26212 Baseline, Highland  
Bell Cleaners, 630 North Mt. Vernon, San Bernardino  
American Linen Supply Co. 925 S. 8th. Colton  
D & D Laundry, 127 West Clive, San Bernardino  
Ideal Cleaners & Laundry, 201 E. 40th. San Bernardino  
Inland Center Cleaners and Laundry, Inland Center, San Bernardino  
Jane's Poly Clean Center, 1063 W. Highland, San Bernardino  
Laundromat 1/2 Laundry, 124 E. Highland, San Bernardino  
Lord's Cleaners, 1061 W. 5th. San Bernardino  
North End Laundramatic and Cleaners, 134 W. 40th, San Bernardino  
Sweet-Kleen Launderers, 431 W. Highland, San Bernardino  
1 Hour Martenizing Cleaners, 173 E. 40th. San Bernardino  
Welch's Industrial Uniforms, 960 Oak St. San Bernardino  
Adams Cleaners, 8827 Sierra Ave. Fontana  
Blue Seal Coverall Supply, 105 S. 7th. Colton  
Carousel Cleaners, 255 E. Baseline, Rialto  
Colton Serv-ur-self, 311 N. 5th. Colton  
Norge Equipped Laundry, 202 E. Baseline, Rialto  
Peyton's Econo-wash, 27196 Baseline, Highland  
Rancho Cleaners, 198 E. Baseline, Rialto  
Rialto Cleaners, 236 S. Riverside, Rialto  
Rialto Square Cleaners, 180 W. Foothill, Rialto  
Rogers Laundromat, 8148 Sierra Ave. Fontana  
Sparkle Cleaners, 239 W. Foothill, Rialto  
Thrifty Cleaners, 295 S. 8th. Colton  
Valley Dry Cleaners, 18610 Valley Blvd. Bloomington  
Victoria Plaza Cleaners, 26473 Baseline, Highland  
Dutch Girl Cleaners, 34 W. Colton Ave. Redlands  
Mary's Cleaners, 1821 Mentone Blvd. Mentone  
Mitchell's Quality Hand Laundry, 111 E. State, Redlands  
Redlands Laundromatic, 617 W. State, Redlands  
Yucaipa Laundry, 12059 1st, St. Yucaipa  
Redlands Laundry & Linen, 15 South 6th. Redlands  
Lake Arrowhead Laundry ' Dry Cleaning, Lake Arrowhead  
Crestline Cleaners & Laundry, Crestline

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TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

FROM : SA FREDERICK L. BIGGERS

SUBJECT: MURKING

DATE: April 9, 1968

The following agencies and individuals were contacted on April 9, 1968, and no record was located identifiable with HARVEY LOWMEYER, also known as Harvey Lowmyer:

Whittier Credit Bureau  
Whittier, California

Whittier Police Department  
Whittier, California -  
BERNARD ILERTSON

Downey Police Department  
Downey, California -  
WILLIAM CARPENTER

Montebello Police Department  
Montebello, California -  
Detective DONALD BONK

La Habra Police Department  
La Habra, California

Brea Police Department  
Brea, California -  
Captain A. C. LE BLANC

Whittier City Directory  
Whittier, California

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TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

DATE: 4/10/68

FROM : SA J. CLARE WILLIAMS

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
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Writer received call on above date early AM hours from person who identified himself as RALPH PATRICK HUNT, 14540 St. Andrews Place, Gardena, California, telephone number DA4-9093.

HUNT began by demanding to know why FBI was so vigorously investigating the murder of that "nigger KING" when nothing was done regarding the conspiracy to murder his "friend", NORMAN LINCOLN ROCKWELL.

HUNT stated that the "FBI is as bad as the niggers" and the country would be better off without both, or words to this effect.

HUNT stated that no matter what the FBI did, we would never find the man who shot KING, that in fact, "the FBI did not even have the right rifle".

Writer attempted to obtain more info re these statements, but all HUNT would state was that the man that shot KING would never be found. When asked whether he knew who this man was, HUNT stated that the man "was his friend" and then hung up.

Indices check located 5-0-677 on same name and address.

Matter is being routed to Supervisor TEMPLE for appropriate action.

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TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

DATE: 4/11/68

FROM : SA MELVIN L. FLOHR

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CR

Re memo of SA J. CLARE WILLIAMS, 4/10/68.

The following investigation was conducted by the writer and SA EUGENE B. MCCARTHY re RALPH PATRICK HUNT, on 4/10/68.

The records of the Gardena Police Dept reflect that RALPH PATRICK HUNT was arrested in 1955 for drunk. He was also arrested in 1955 on a charge of malicious mischief. The records reflected that HUNT resided at 14540 St. Andrews Place, Gardena. He was born on [ ] Missouri and is described as a white male, 5ft 8 inches, 140 lbs, Hazel eyes, and Blond hair. Captain J. BYRNS, Gardena PD advised that he used to reside near HUNT and that he recalled HUNT as being drunk a great deal of the time.

~~THEODORE HUNT, 14540 St. Andrews Place, Gardena~~ advised that he is the father of RALPH PATRICK HUNT. He stated that, since the Korean War, his son has been a hopeless drunk. When drunk, RALPH HUNT makes all types of phone calls and usually gives his father's phone number and address. THEODORE HUNT became quite emotional while talking with the agents about his son and, at one point, started to cry. He advised that his son resides in an apartment at the corner of Seville and Randolph in Huntington Park. He also advised that his son works once in awhile for Signal Trucking Service Ltd, 4455 Fruitland, Vernon.

Inquiry was made at the residence of RALPH PATRICK HUNT, 2680 Seville, Apt P, Huntington Park, but HUNT was not at home and persons who were asked when he could be expected, could provide no information.

Inquiry was then made at the Signal Trucking Service, 4455 Fruitland, Vernon. It was learned from the paymaster that HUNT sometimes works there, but has not worked lately.

In view of the information that HUNT is often drunk and has ~~had~~ made calls before, when drunk, recommended that no further action be taken re HUNT

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TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (~~100-0~~)

DATE: 9/9/71

FROM : SA PETER W. JORGENSEN

SUBJECT: RALPH PATRICK HUNT  
Info Concerning

Subject contacted the Los Angeles Office by phone instant date and complained in abusive language about the U.S. sending back to Ireland a recent IRA representative.

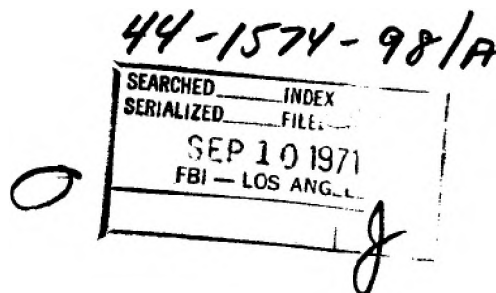
Subject stated he is now and has in the past collected money for the IRA and sent it to Ireland. He gave his address as the Park Hotel, Room 69, located on Slauson Ave., near Pacific Ave.

The above name is submitted for indexing in the event he comes to the attention of this office in the future.

LA indices list 5-0-677 and 44-1574-97 and 44-1574-98 on the name RALPH PATRICK HUNT.



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

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1013PM URGENT 4-11-68 ENT

TO DIRECTOR, BIRMINGHAM, LOS ANGELES AND MEMPHIS  
FROM KANSAS CITY (44-760) 2P

MURKIN.

RE PHILADELPHIA TEL TONIGHT.

W. C. HARVEY, SALES MANAGER, UNITED PRODUCTS, KANSAS CITY,  
MISSOURI, ADVISED FOURTEEN THOUSAND SETS OF "TEL-STAR" BAGS IMPORTED  
BY UNITED PRODUCTS. NINETY-NINE PER CENT OF BAGS SOLD BY UNITED  
PRODUCTS IN SETS OF SIX: FIFTEEN INCH, SIXTEEN INCH, EIGHTEEN INCH,  
NINETEEN INCH, TWENTY-TWO INCH AND TWENTY-FOUR INCH BAGS.

SALES REPRESENTATIVE IN LOS ANGELES IS CARL LER/ZMAN. <sup>6</sup>SIX  
<sup>1 6 8</sup>ONE SIX EAST EIGHTH ST., LOS ANGELES, CALIF., PHONE <sup>6 2 2</sup>SIX TWO TWO  
<sup>- 0 8 2 4</sup>DASH ZERO EIGHT TWO FOUR, HOWEVER, HARVEY STATES LERTZMAN ONLY  
WITH COMPANY SINCE JANUARY LAST AND DOES NOT BELIEVE HE HAS HANDLED  
TEL-STAR LUGGAGE. STANDARD LUGGAGE, LOS ANGELES, WAS JOBBER FOR  
UNITED PRODUCTS LAST YEAR BUT AGAIN HARVEY DOES NOT BELIEVE THEY  
HANDLED TEL-STAR LUGGAGE.

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HARVEY WAS TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED AT HIS HOME AND DOES NOT HAVE ACCESS TO HIS SALES RECORDS UNTIL AM TOMORROW IN VIEW OF CITY-WIDE CURFEW IN EFFECT IN KANSAS CITY.

A COMPLETE LIST OF SALES REPRESENTATIVES IN COUNTRY OBTAINED. MEMPHIS ADVISE IF LEADS SHOULD BE SET OUT TO CONTACT THEM.

HARVEY STATES ALSO THAT THERE ARE TWO DIRECT MAIL FIRMS WHICH HANDLED A LIMITED NUMBER OF THESE BAGS.

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936PM 4-11-68 IMMEDIATE JMA

TO DIRECTOR, BIRMINGHAM, KANSAS CITY, LOS ANGELES, MEMPHIS  
FROM PHILADELPHIA (44-1368)

MURKIN

RE MEMPHIS AND KANSAS CITY TELS TODAY.

JOSEPH PECHTER ADVISED HE IS MANUFACTURER'S REPRESENTATIVE  
FOR "TEL STAR" BAGGAGE IN EASTERN PENNA., MARYLAND, NEW JERSEY  
AND D.C.

HE DOES NOT KNOW MANUFACTURER'S REPRESENTATIVE IN LOS  
ANGELES AREA.

"BILL" HARVEY OF UNITED PRODUCTS IN KANSAS CITY, ADDRESS AND  
PHONE NUMBER UNKNOWN IS PERSON WHO CAN IDENTIFY  
MANUFACTURER'S  
REPRESENTATIVE IN LOS ANGELES.

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749PM URGENT 4-11-68 ENT

TO DIRECTOR, LOS ANGELES, MEMPHIS AND PHILADELPHIA  
FROM KANSAS CITY (44-760) 1P

MURKIN.

RE MEMPHIS TEL TODAY.

KANSAS CITY LEAD WILL BE HANDLED AM APRIL TWELVE NEXT INASMUCH  
AS KANSAS CITY UNDER CURFEW UNTIL SIX AM APRIL TWELVE DUE TO RACIAL  
DISTURBANCES PRESENTLY OCCURRING.

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734PM IMMEDIATE 4/11/68 CAF

TO DIRECTOR, LOS ANGELES, KANSAS CITY, PHILADELPHIA, AND  
BIRMINGHAM  
FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987) 2P

MURKIN.

IN CONNECTION WITH SUSPECT INSTANT CASE, AMONG ITEMS  
RECOVERED BY MEMPHIS DIVISION WAS BLUE SOFT ZIPPER TYPE OVERNIGHT  
BAG. BAG HAS ZIPPER COMPARTMENT ON OUTSIDE AS WELL. FBI LAB  
ADVISED INQUIRIES MADE IN C. C. AREA DISCLOSE THIS TYPE BAG  
PROBABLY "TEL-STAR" TYPE BAGGAGE MAUFACTURED IN JAPAN. BAG  
RECOVERED IS TWENTY INCH BAG WHICH SELLS IN FIVE NINETYFIVE TO  
SIX NINETYFIVE PRICE RANGE IN WASHINGTON, D. C. LABORATORY  
ADVISED IMPORTER OR JOBBER FOR THIS TYPE BAG IS UNITED PRODUCTS  
CORP., TWO FIVE ZERO ZERO GENESSEE, KANSAS, MISSOURI, SIX  
FOUR ONE FOUR ONE.

THE MANUFACTURERS REPRESENTATIVE, LOCATED PHILADELPHIA,  
PENNSYLVANIA, IS JOSEPH PECHTER, EIGHT TWO ONE WELLENS AVENUE,  
PHILADELPHIA, PENNA., ONE NINE ONE FOUR ONE, TEL. GL FIVE DASH  
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REQUEST KANSAS CITY MAKE IMMEDIATE EFFORTS DETERMINE WHETHER ANY INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT UNITED PRODUCTS CORPORATION, KANSAS CITY, REGARDING ANY FIRMS IN LOS ANGELES WHO HANDLE THIS TYPE BAG.

PHILADELPHIA REQUESTED CONTACT MANUFACTURER'S REPRESENTATIVE IN ITS TERRITORY TO DETERMINE IF HE CAN FURNISH INFORMATION RE ANY DISTRIBUTION THIS TYPE BAG IN LOS ANGELES. EVERY EFFORT MUST BE MADE TO SECURE THIS INFORMATION IMMEDIATELY AND FORWARD SAME TO LOS ANGELES FOR ASSISTANCE IN INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED REGARDING POSSIBLE SUSPECT.

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Date: 4/11/68

Transmit the following in PLAIN  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via TELETYPE URGENT  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
SACS, MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
BIRMINGHAM ~~HEP~~ 1574  
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-~~1987~~)

MURKIN.

MRS. ~~ELIZABETH MC VEY~~, SEARCHERS INVESTIGATING  
COMPANY, NINE EIGHT ONE SOUTH WESTERN, LOS ANGELES,  
ADVISED THIS DATE ~~WILLARD BOYKIN~~, EMPLOYEE OF ABOVE  
FIRM, WAS ON ASSIGNMENT IN GUADALAJARA, MEXICO, ON  
APRIL TEN LAST.

THIS MORNING BOYKIN TRAVELLED TO ~~PORTA VILLARRA~~ <sup>PUERTO VALLARTA</sup>, MEXICO,  
WHERE HE HIRED A MEXICAN GUIDE. GUIDE TOLD BOYKIN UNSUB,  
WHO KILLED DR. KING, WAS STAYING AT FOUR WINDS HOTEL,  
~~PUERTO VALLARTA~~  
~~PORTA VILLARRA~~.

BOYKIN IS STAYING ROOM FIVE ONE ONE HILTON HOTEL,  
GUADALAJARA, MEXICO, AND KNOWS NAME OF MEXICAN GUIDE  
WHO MADE ABOVE STATEMENT REGARDING UNSUB.

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MC VEY HAS NO OTHER DETAILS CONCERNING THIS INFORMATION  
AND ABOVE BEING FURNISHED TO BUREAU IN EVENT BUREAU DESIRES  
TO HAVE LEGAT, MEXICO, CONTACT BOYKIN AT GUADALAJARA.

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RE TELEPHONE CALL OF INSPECTOR JOSEPH A. SULLIVAN AT  
MEMPHIS, AND BUREAU TELEPHONE CALL, APRIL ELEVEN, INSTANT.

RE JEROME WALLIS VERNON, AKA.

ARMY RECORDS REVEAL J. WALLIS VERNON, ARMY SERIAL NUMBER

[REDACTED] ENLISTED AT LOS  
ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, AND SERVED FEBRUARY SIX, FIFTYTHREE, TO  
SEPTEMBER FOUR, FIFTYFOUR. UNDESIRABLY DISCHARGED AS PRIVATE,  
FORT ORD, CALIFORNIA, DUE TO UNFITNESS, HABIT OF CHARACTER  
RENDERING RETENTION UNDESIRABLE.


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DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS: SPECIAL COURT-MARTIAL, JUNE NINETEEN, FIFTYTHREE, FORT CAMPBELL, KENTUCKY, FOR ABSENCE WITHOUT OFFICIAL LEAVE (AWOL), FROM MAY TWO - SIX, FIFTYTHREE, AND MAY SIX - NINE, FIFTYTHREE. RECEIVED FIFTEEN DAYS RESTRICTION AND FORFEITURE OF SIXTYFOUR DOLLARS.

SPECIAL COURT-MARTIAL, DECEMBER SIXTEEN, FIFTYTHREE, CAMP CARSON, COLORADO, FOR AWOL, JULY SIX, FIFTYTHREE, TO OCTOBER TWENTYFIVE, FIFTYTHREE. SENTENCED TO THREE MONTHS CONFINEMENT AT HARD LABOR AND FORFEITURE OF ONE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS.

SPECIAL COURT-MARTIAL, JULY FOURTEEN, FIFTYFOUR, FORT ORD, CALIFORNIA, FOR AWOL FROM MAY SEVENTEEN, FIFTYFOUR TO JUNE TWENTYONE, FIFTYFOUR. SENTENCED TO THREE MONTHS CONFINEMENT AT HARD LABOR AND FORFEITURE OF ONE HUNDRED SIXTYFIVE DOLLARS.

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