

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 16, 1968

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Mrs. JASPER E. (LUCRETIA P.) WARD, also known as Lukie Ward, 2540 Ransdell, Louisville, Kentucky, was interviewed in the office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Louisville, Kentucky, and furnished the following information:

For the past several years she has served as administrative assistant to Reverend A.D. WILLIAMS KING of Louisville, Kentucky, and as secretary of the Kentucky Christian Leadership Conference (KCLC) at Louisville, Kentucky, an affiliate of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC).

About midnight April 3, 1968, or shortly thereafter on April 4, 1968, Mrs. WARD in the company of Mrs. GEORGIA DAVIS of Louisville, Kentucky, a Board member of the KCLC and a Kentucky State Senator from Louisville, and the Reverend A.D. WILLIAMS KING of KCLC and pastor of the Zion Baptist Church in Louisville, arrived in Memphis, Tennessee, in Mrs. WARD's 1967 Cadillac, bearing 1968 Kentucky license K79-447. The purpose of their visit to Memphis, Tennessee was to participate in a scheduled march there on April 5, 1968 to be led by Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. Mrs. WARD and her companions registered in the Lorraine Motel occupying Rooms 201 and 207.

Mrs. WARD did not leave the Lorraine Motel from the time of her arrival until after the shooting of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING at the motel at about 6 p.m. on April 4, 1968, except for one occasion. This was in the afternoon of April 4, 1968, possibly around 3 p.m., when Mrs. WARD left the motel to go to a nearby laundry, exact location not recalled, but the name of the laundry believed to be One-Hour Martinizing. The purpose of her going to the laundry was to pick up some clothes that were there ready for delivery to Mrs. GEORGIA DAVIS. When Mrs. WARD returned from the laundry, she joined a group that was gathered in Room 201 of the Lorraine Motel. As she recalls the individuals in the room were Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., Rev. RALPH ABERNATHY, Rev. ANDREW YOUNG, Attorney CHAUNCEY ESKRIDGE, Rev. BERNARD LEE, Rev. A.D. WILLIAMS KING and Mrs. GEORGIA DAVIS.

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On 4-15-68 at Louisville, Kentucky File # LS 44-947
 by SA WARREN E. WALSH VLW/ds Date dictated 4-16-68

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The above group remained together engaging in just general conversation until approximately 5:40 p.m., April 4, 1968, at which time the group decided that they would go to dinner, and the individuals left to go to their various rooms to freshen up for dinner. Mrs. WARD left Room 201 in the company of Rev. A.D. WILLIAMS KING and the two of them went to Room 207. Rev. A.D. WILLIAMS KING had partaken of some alcoholic beverages during the afternoon and had decided to rest rather than join the group for dinner. Approximately 15 - 20 minutes after arriving in Room 207 at which time Rev. A.D. WILLIAMS KING was sleeping, Mrs. WARD heard a shot. She immediately opened the door to the room and looked out and heard someone yell that Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING had just been shot. The news stunned Mrs. WARD and while she cannot be exactly certain of her exact movements immediately thereafter, as she recalls upon hearing the news she briefly re-entered Room 207 and then immediately went out into the courtyard of the motel. There was much confusion and police were immediately in the area. Mrs. WARD observed nothing which gave her any indication as to the possible identity of the individual responsible for the shooting. Mrs. WARD recalls that she did not advise Rev. A.D. WILLIAMS KING of the shooting of his brother until about 20 minutes after the incident occurred. Rev. KING's reaction was one of extreme grief and he gave no indication that he had any idea as to the identity of the person responsible.

As Mrs. WARD recalls, someone, specific identity not now recalled, thought it best that Mrs. WARD, Mrs. DAVIS and Rev. A.D. WILLIAMS KING not remain the remainder of the night of April 4 - 5, 1968, at the Lorraine Motel. Accordingly, at about 10 p.m. they left the motel and went to the home of a Rev. WILLIAM KYLES whom Mrs. WARD believes is a minister in Memphis. Rev. KYLES or someone suggested that Rev. A.D. WILLIAMS KING remain at his home that evening and that Mrs. WARD and Mrs. DAVIS obtain motel accommodations at a nearby Howard Johnson's Motel. Mrs. DAVIS and Mrs. WARD did go to such a motel and Mrs. WARD registered in the motel, but just as she did so HOSEA WILLIAMS who was present at the time decided that Mrs. WARD, Mrs. DAVIS and Rev. A.D. WILLIAMS KING should go back to the Lorraine Motel and spend the rest of the night. They did this.

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Mrs. WARD and Rev. A.D. WILLIAMS KING being in Room 207 and Mrs. DAVIS occupying Room 201. En route Mrs. WARD had stopped at a drug store and purchased some sleeping pills which she administered to the Rev. KING and Mrs. DAVIS because of their extremely excited condition.

Mrs. WARD commented that she possesses no information which she feels might assist in identifying the individual responsible for the shooting of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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Mrs. JASPER D. (LUCRETIA B.) WARD, also known as Lukie Ward, 2540 Ransdell, Louisville, Kentucky, telephonically furnished the following information:

Since being interviewed on April 15, 1968, Mrs. WARD recalls that in addition to leaving the Lorraine Motel in the afternoon of April 4, 1968, she had left the motel on that date on one other occasion. This was during the morning, believed to be around 11 a.m., when she took some cleaning for Mrs. GEORGIA DAVIS to the nearby cleaners, the One-Hour Martinizing. On this occasion, she was accompanied by the Rev. A.D. WILLIAMS KING because she recalls that as she was taking the cleaning into the cleaners, Rev. KING purchased some beer from a store located diagonally across the corner from the cleaners.

Mrs. WARD also advised that she and Mrs. DAVIS and Rev. A.D. WILLIAMS KING, prior to their arrival in Memphis, Tennessee about midnight, April 3, 1968, had been vacationing in Panama City, Florida, at the Treasures Island Motel. They had driven to Memphis in Mrs. WARD's automobile from Florida. Prior to leaving the Florida motel, Mrs. WARD had notified Mrs. FRANCES HASTINGS who, together with her husband, owns the motel, that they were departing but that she, Mrs. WARD, would return shortly for about a week's stay. Mrs. WARD inadvertently told Mrs. HASTINGS that she and her companions were going to Birmingham. Mrs. WARD recalls that when she and her companions were nearly halfway to Memphis that she remembered that she had erroneously told Mrs. HASTINGS they were going to Birmingham. She feels that she made this mistake in that she had earlier talked to the HASTINGS who had told her they were originally from Birmingham, Alabama.

After Dr. KING's assassination, Mrs. WARD changed her plans about spending any further time in Florida and at 6:50 a.m., April 6, 1968, she flew from Memphis, Tennessee, to Panama City, Florida, to get the rest of her clothes. She rented a car at the airport and drove to the motel. When she arrived at the motel, she met Mrs. HASTINGS who immediately

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advised Mrs. WARD that the motel was full and there was no room for Mrs. WARD. Mrs. WARD felt this statement to be untrue as there appeared to be room at the motel, and she spoke rather plainly to Mrs. HASTINGS about her feeling that Mrs. HASTINGS did not want her at the motel because she had been in the company of two Negroes, Rev. KING and Mrs. DAVIS. Mrs. HASTINGS made some comment about them, the HASTINGS, run a respectable motel, and Mrs. WARD replied that it was because the motel had that reputation that she and her companions had originally decided to vacation there.

Mrs. WARD stated that it appeared to her that the motel owners, the HASTINGS, did not object to herself and Mrs. DAVIS having occupied the motel, but apparently objected to the presence in the motel of Rev. A.D. WILLIAMS KING.

Mrs. WARD stated that at no time did either of the HASTINGS make any type of specific threat to Mrs. WARD, against Mrs. WARD or her companions, but it was clear to Mrs. WARD that she was no longer welcome at the HASTINGS' motel.

Mrs. WARD left Panama City by plane about 1:30 p.m. on April 6, 1968 and flew to Atlanta, Georgia, where she was met by Mrs. DAVIS.

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FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861

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TO : SAC, LOUISVILLE (44-947)

FROM : SA WILLIAM W. WELSH

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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OO: MEMPHIS

DATE: 4/17/68

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He further explained that this person by the name of DICK MANDT works at Kentucky Finance Corporation, Lexington. No GUALT family lived on Parris Pike in Lexington, an old-time residence of Lexington area. There were two brothers who constitute the GUALT Brothers Construction Company, LLOYD and ERNEST GUALT. He further stated that MANDT, who was previously employed at the Bottle Shop on the corner of Parris Pike and New Circle Road had occasion to meet these people in a course of business. He stated that LLOYD had two sons, one by the name of RICHARD and the other he thought by the name of ERIC GUALT, who would be in his mid-thirties; a white male, approximately 6', around 160 pounds.

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FROM : SA ALONZO L. LACEY, JR.

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The following financial institutions were contacted on 4/12 and 4/15/68. None had information of value:

Mr. B. W. PACE, Farmer's Deposit Bank,
Brandenburg, Kentucky;

DOROTHY CARDEN, First State Bank,
Irvington, Kentucky;

Mrs. SHIRLEY ESKRIDGE, Farmer's Bank,
Hardinsburg, Kentucky;

Miss SHARON MILLER, Breckenridge Bank of
Cloverport, Cloverport, Kentucky;

Mr. W. E. HAMPTON, Farmer's Bank,
Vine Grove, Kentucky.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), BIRMINGHAM (44-1740), MEMPHIS (44-1987),
AND LOUISVILLE (44-947)
FROM CHICAGO (44-1114) 2P

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RE CG TEL TO DIRECTOR ET AL RE PACKAGE MAILED TO GALT
DATED APRIL TWELVE, LAST.

CONTACT WITH OFFICIALS SUPERIOR BULK FILM COMPANY
THIS DATE DEVELOPED ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE BOOKS NOT AVAILABLE ON
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : SAC-LOUISVILLE (44-947)

DATE: 4/17/68

FROM : SA HUGH M. BYRD

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re serial 18 setting out lead for investigation at Lancaster, Ky.

On 4/9/68, BILLY LAYTON, Garrard County Court Clerk, Lancaster, Ky., advised 1968 Kentucky license was issued CALVIN DUNCAN, 905 Maywick Drive, Lexington, Ky., for a 1966 Thunderbird, VIN [REDACTED].

LAYTON stated he is personally acquainted with DUNCAN who is employed by IBM at Lexington. DUNCAN is about 32 years of age, a white male, he is a young man of good standing and reputation. DUNCAN married a TAULBEE girl whose father is the owner of a wholesale grocery business in Lancaster; DUNCAN'S father operates a laundry route out of Lancaster. The above information was telephonically furnished SA RODERICK on 4/9/68 for additional investigation and he reported same.

This is to advise the following were interviewed and/or records checked in regard to the name of LOWMEYER or LOWMYER and all met with negative results:

BILL LAYTON, County Court Clerk; CLIFFORD HURTE, Sheriff; CECIL BLACK, Chief of Police; LOUISE PEEL, Circuit Court Clerk; check of County Judge Records; check of telephone directory for Garrard County; no credit reporting agency in Garrard County, all of above on 4/9/68 at Lancaster, Ky.

At St.anford, Ky., on 4/9/68: MARY GAUNCE, Circuit Court Clerk,

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JEWELL MC WILLIAMS, County Court Clerk; MINOR TEAGUE, Tax Commissioner; Check County Judge Records; W. B. MC MULLIN, Deputy Sheriff; T. J. HESTER, radio operator, PD; check of telephone directory for Lincoln County; no credit reporting agency.

C. N. SCOTTZ, Postmaster, Crab Orchard, Ky., JUNIOR OWENS, Postmaster, Brodhead, Ky., on 4/9/68.

AT MT. VERNON, KY: on 4/9/68: CLIFFORD BALES, County Court Clerk; M. E. CUMMINS, Circuit Court Clerk; WAYNE VAN HOOK, County Judge; BILLY KIRBY, Deputy Sheriff; CLIFFORD PITTMAN, Chief of Police; ROBERT CROMER, Tax Commissioner; telephone directory for the county.

AT MCKEE, KY: on 4/9/68: ALFRED ISAACS, County Court Clerk; DON HAYS, Circuit Court Clerk; HOMER POWELL, County Judge; No credit reporting agency.

At Booneville, Ky., on 4/9/68: OAKLEY WILSON, County Judge; ARTHUR BAKER, Deputy Sheriff; WAYNE MARSHALL, County Court Clerk; LEON ROSS, Circuit Court Clerk; Check of Telephone directory for Jackson & Owsley County; No credit reporting agency in the county.

AT BEATTYVILLE, KY: on 4/9/68: ESTIL THARP, Chief of Police, GERALD HOBBS, Sheriff; CECIL KINCAID, County Judge; MARILYN ARNOLD, Circuit Court Clerk; Mrs. E. B. COMBS, County Court Clerk; check telephone directory; no credit reporting agency.

On 4/10/68, RUBY JOHNSON, Berea College Laundry, Berea, Ky., was contacted in regard to the laundry marks and on the same date CLARK OTTENBURGER, Model Laundry; and Mr. WALKER, Madison Laundry both of Richmond, Ky. Memo submitted as to additional information concerned regarding the laundry markings.

Additional individuals interviewed or record checked regarding name of LAWMEYER or LOWMYER:

On 4/10/68, records of Berea City Judge, Berea, Ky.

M. E. WHICKER, Credit Bureau, Richmond, Ky. Check for Richmond and Berea telephone directory as well as for Madison County.

On 4/10/68 at Irvine, Ky: BILL BABER, PD; ODELL WATSON, County Judge; MILDRED COBB, County Court Clerk; FRED BRANDENBURG, Circuit Court Clerk; BILL JONES, City Judge, Ravenna, Ky.

The following were interviewed or records checked as to ERIC STARVO GALT:

On 4/11/68 at Lancaster, Ky: COLONEL HAMMONDS, Garrard Bank & Trust Company; W. H. SANDERS, National Bank of Lancaster; J. W. DAVIS, PD; CLIFFORD HURTE, Sheriff; Check County Judge and Circuit Court Clerk Records; check of telephone directory for Garrard County.

On 4/11/68 at Stanford, Ky: Check telephone directory for Lincoln County; Miss JANE EMBRY, Lincoln National Bank; WALLACE SIMS, Chief of PD; JAMES HARRIS, Sheriff; Check County Judge and Circuit Court Clerk Records.

RAY MOORE, Peoples Bank, Hustonville; B. C. NORRIS, Jr., National Bank, Hustonville; Mrs. C. N. SCOTT, Branch of Lincoln County Natl. Bank, Crab Orchard.

On 4/11/68 at Mt. Vernon, Ky: ROBERT MCKINNEY, The Mt. Vernon Bank; WAYNE VAN HOOK, County Judge; M. E. CUMMINS, Circuit Court Clerk; BILLY KIRBY Deputy Sheriff; MCKINLEY ARNOLD, City PD; Check of telephone directory for the County.

On 4/12/68 SA HORNBACK interviewed GLENDA GENTRY, Citizens Bank, Brodhead, Ky.

On 4/12/68 at McKee, Ky: FRED HAYS, Sheriff; HOMER POWELL, County Judge; DON HAYS, Circuit Court Clerk; BRUCE HAYS, Jackson County Bank; check of telephone directory for Jackson and Owsley Counties;

on 4/12/68 at Booneville, Ky:

Mr. WILSON, Farmers State Bank; ARTHUR BAKER, Deputy Sheriff; OAKLEY WILSON, County Judge; LEON ROSS, Circuit Court Clerk;

On 4/12/68 at Beattyville, Ky: Mr. C. BEACH, Peoples Exchange Bank;
ESTILL THARP, Chief of Police; GERALD HOBBS, Sheriff; CECIL KINCAID, County Judge;
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S. O.,

BILL JONES, City Judge, Ravenna, Ky., on 4/12/68.

Berea City Judge, Berea, Ky., MORRIS TODD, Berea National Bank; CURTIS DAVIS,
Berea Bank & Trust Company, all of Berea on 4/12/68.

Mrs. WILLIAM GRIGGS, Credit Bureau, Richmond, Ky., 4/12/68.

Check telephone directory of Richmond and Madison County on 4/12/68.

On 4/13/68, WAYNE BROADDUS, Peoples Bank, Paint Lick; JAMES WAGERS,
Waco Deposit Bank, Waco;; CAPERTON BURNAM, ~~XXXXXX~~ National Bank, Richmond;
VERDA M. SWANNER, State Bank, Richmond; check of COUNTY JUDGE AND CIRCUIT
Court Clerk Records, Richmond; check of Richmond City Directory.

All negative as to GAIT.

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FROM MINNEAPOLIS (157-450) 2P

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HODNEY E. BLACK, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF CHEMISTRY,
UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY (PROTECT IDENTITY), PERSONALLY APPEARED
AT ROCHESTER, MINNESOTA RA AND FURNISHED FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

MURPHY LITTLE III, AKA JOHN MURPHY LITTLE, AGE THIRTY-FOUR,
HAS SAME PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION AS ERIC STARVO GALT, AKA.
LITTLE PERIODICALLY STAYS WITH HIS PARENTS, MURPHY LITILE, SR.
TWO THREE TWO SOUTH NAHOVER, LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY. LITTLE HAS
NO VISIBLE MEANS OF SUPPORT, AT ONE TIME CLAIMED TO HAVE BEEN
IN MERCHANT MARINE, ALSO CLAIMS TO BE GUN EXPERT.

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CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY ERIC STARVO GALT

FBI No. 405,942 G



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Aliases: Harvey Lowmyer, John Willard

DESCRIPTION

Age:	36, born July 20, 1931 (not supported by birth records)	Eyes:	Blue or hazel
Height:	5'8" to 5'11"	Complexion:	Medium
Weight:	160 to 175 pounds	Race:	White
Build:	Medium		
Hair:	Brown, possibly cut short		
Occupation:	Has claimed employment as seaman		
Remarks:	Noticeably protruding left ear; reportedly is a lone wolf; allegedly attended dance instruction school; has reportedly completed course in bartending.		

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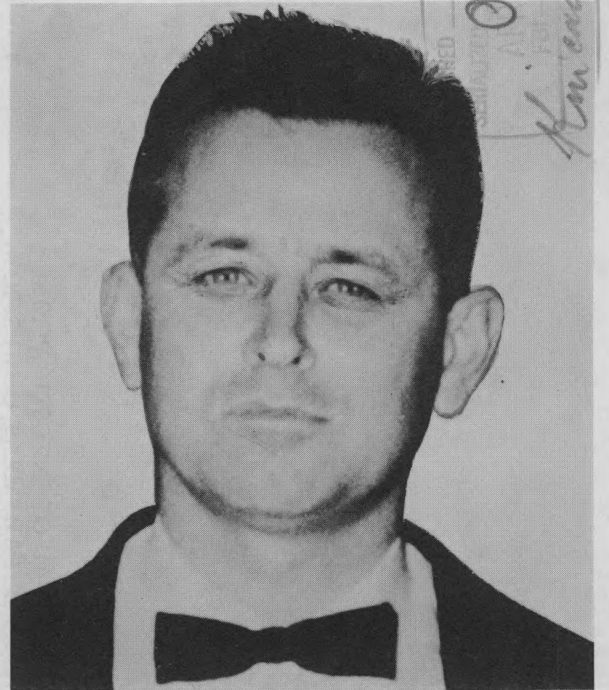
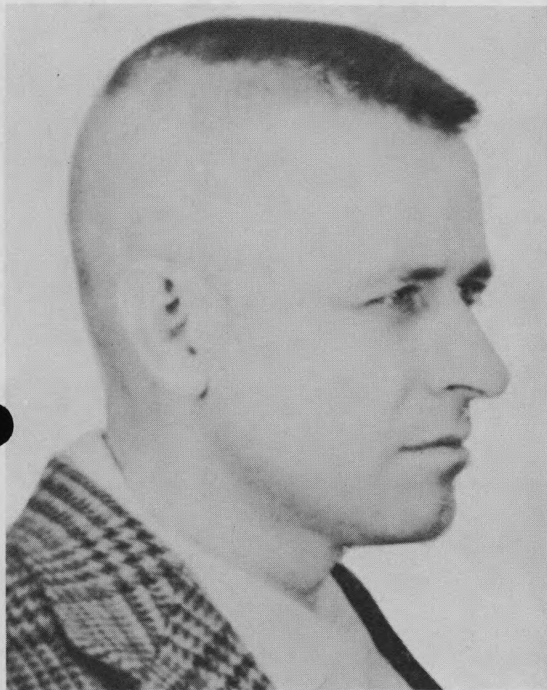
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CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY INTERSTATE FLIGHT - ROBBERY JAMES EARL RAY

FBI No. 405,942 G



Photographs taken 1960

Photograph taken 1968
(eyes drawn by artist)

Aliases: Eric Starvo Galt, W. C. Herron, Harvey Lowmyer, James McBride, James O'Conner, James Walton, James Walyon, John Willard, "Jim,"

DESCRIPTION

Age: 40, born March 10, 1928, at Quincy or Alton, Illinois (not supported by birth records)

Height: 5' 10"

Eyes: Blue

Weight: 163 to 174 pounds

Complexion: Medium

Build: Medium

Race: White

Hair: Brown, possibly cut short

Nationality: American

Occupations: Baker, color matcher, laborer

Scars and Marks: Small scar on center of forehead and small scar on palm of right hand

Remarks: Noticeably protruding left ear; reportedly is a lone wolf; allegedly attended dance instruction school; has reportedly completed course in bartending.

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CRIMINAL RECORD

Ray has been convicted of burglary, robbery, forging U. S. Postal Money Orders, armed robbery, and operating motor vehicle without owner's consent.

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DIRECTOR J. EDGAR HOOVER STATED THAT A FEDERAL COMPLAINT WAS FILED BY THE FBI IN BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, TODAY CHARGING GALT WITH CONSPIRING TO VIOLATE THE CIVIL RIGHTS OF DR. KING IN VIOLATION OF TITLE 18, SECTION 241, OF THE UNITED STATES CODE.

THE FBI COMPLAINT CHARGES THAT "ON OR ABOUT MARCH 29, 1968, AT BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, ...ERIC STARVO GALT AND AN INDIVIDUAL WHOM HE ALLEGED TO BE HIS BROTHER, ENTERED INTO A CONSPIRACY WHICH CONTINUED UNTIL ON OR ABOUT APRIL 5, 1968, TO INJURE, OPPRESS, THREATEN, OR INTIMIDATE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.,... IN THE FREE EXERCISE OR ENJOYMENT OF A RIGHT SECURED TO HIM BY THE CONSTITUTION OR LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES; NAMELY, THE RIGHT TO FREELY TRAVEL FROM STATE TO STATE. IN FURTHERANCE OF THIS CONSPIRACY, ERIC STARVO GALT DID, ON OR ABOUT MARCH 30, 1968, PURCHASE A RIFLE AT BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA..."

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ACCORDING TO MR. HOOVER, A 30.06 RIFLE EQUIPPED WITH A TELESCOPIC SIGHT WAS FOUND NEAR A ROOMING HOUSE ON SOUTH MAIN STREET IN MEMPHIS IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE FATAL SHOOTING OF DR. KING OCCURRED. THE ROOMING HOUSE OVERLOOKS THE LORRAINE HOTEL AND MOTEL WHERE DR. KING WAS STAYING.

MR. HOOVER SAID THAT FBI AGENTS DETERMINED THAT THE 30.06 RIFLE HAD BEEN PURCHASED FROM A GUN DEALER IN BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, ON MARCH 30, 1968. THE TELESCOPIC SIGHT ALSO WAS PURCHASED FROM THIS DEALER.

THE FBI DIRECTOR SAID THAT GALT, WHO HAS USED THE NAMES OF JOHN WILLARD AND HARVEY LOWMYER IN THE PAST, IS THE OWNER OF A 1966 WHITE MUSTANG BEARING ALABAMA LICENSE PLATES WHICH WAS LOCATED ABANDONED IN ATLANTA, GEORGIA, ON APRIL 11, 1968. INVESTIGATION DISCLOSED THAT GALT PURCHASED THIS CAR FROM A PRIVATE CITIZEN IN BIRMINGHAM ON AUGUST 30, 1967. THE MUSTANG'S ODOMETER SHOWED THAT IT HAD BEEN DRIVEN MORE THAN 19,000 MILES BETWEEN LATE AUGUST, 1967, AND EARLY APRIL, 1968.

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ACCORDING TO MR. HOOVER, GALT'S TRAVELS IN THE MUSTANG INCLUDED TRIPS TO LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA; NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA; BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA; AND MEXICO, AS WELL AS TO MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, AND ATLANTA, GEORGIA. GALT WAS REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN IN MEMPHIS ON APRIL 3 AND 4, 1968, AND TO HAVE DEPARTED FROM THERE FOR ATLANTA.

INTENSIVE INVESTIGATION BY THE FBI HAS DISCLOSED THAT GALT HAS CLAIMED TO HAVE BEEN EMPLOYED AS A COOK ON MISSISSIPPI RIVER VESSELS AND AS A MERCHANT SEAMAN. HE IS SAID TO BE AN AVID DANCER AND TOOK DANCING LESSONS IN NEW ORLEANS IN 1964 AND 1965; IN BIRMINGHAM DURING SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER, 1967; AND IN LONG BEACH CALIFORNIA, FROM DECEMBER, 1967 TO FEBRUARY, 1968.

GALT LEFT LOS ANGELES ON DECEMBER 15, 1967, AND DROVE HIS WHITE MUSTANG TO NEW ORLEANS, WHERE HE CLAIMED HE CONTACTED EITHER AN ENGINEERING OR A CONTRACTING FIRM. HE LEFT NEW ORLEANS ON DECEMBER 19TH AND ARRIVED BACK IN LOS ANGELES ON DECEMBER 21, 1967.

WHILE IN THE LOS ANGELES AREA EARLY THIS YEAR, GALT TOOK A COURSE AT A SCHOOL OF BARTENDING AND WAS GRADUATED ON MARCH 2, 1968.

THE FUGITIVE IS DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE. HE IS APPROXIMATELY 5 FEET 8 INCHES TO 5 FEET 11 INCHES TALL AND WEIGHS BETWEEN 160 AND 175 POUNDS. HE IS SAID TO BE A NEAT DRESSER AND HAS A MEDIUM BUILD.

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GALT HAS BROWN HAIR, WHICH HE WEARS IN A "BRUSH" CUT. HE REPORTEDLY HAS BLUE EYES; HIS NOSE IS STRAIGHT AND NARROW; HIS TEETH ARE STRAIGHT AND CLEAN; AND HE HAS GIVEN HIS DATE OF BIRTH AS JULY 20, 1931.

THE FUGITIVE IS SAID TO HAVE A NERVOUS HABIT OF OCCASIONALLY PULLING AT AN EAR LOBE WITH HIS HAND. HIS LEFT EAR PROTRUDES FARTHER FROM HIS HEAD THAN HIS RIGHT EAR.

ACCORDING TO MR. HOOVER, PERSONS WHO HAVE MET GALT DESCRIBE HIM AS A "LONER" AND STATE HIS LANGUAGE AND DICTION HAVE A "RURAL" QUALITY AND SUGGEST THAT HE PROBABLY DOES NOT HAVE A HIGH DEGREE OF EDUCATION. HE IS SAID TO DRINK ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND HAS A PREFERENCE FOR VODKA AND BEER. HE IS A FAN OF WESTERN AND COUNTRY MUSIC.

GALT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS. ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING HIM SHOULD BE FURNISHED IMMEDIATELY TO THE NEAREST FBI OFFICE.

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ATTORNEY GENERAL RAMSEY CLARK ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT ERIC STARVO GALT IS BEING SOUGHT BY THE FBI AS A FUGITIVE ON A FEDERAL CHARGE ARISING FROM THE FATAL SHOOTING OF THE REVEREND DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., IN MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, ON APRIL 4, 1968.

DIRECTOR J. EDGAR HOOVER STATED THAT A FEDERAL COMPLAINT WAS FILED BY THE FBI IN BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, TODAY CHARGING GALT WITH CONSPIRING TO VIOLATE THE CIVIL RIGHTS OF DR. KING IN VIOLATION OF TITLE 18, SECTION 241, OF THE UNITED STATES CODE.

THE FBI COMPLAINT CHARGES THAT "ON OR ABOUT MARCH 29, 1968, AT BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, ...ERIC STARVO GALT AND AN INDIVIDUAL WHOM HE ALLEGED TO BE HIS BROTHER, ENTERED INTO A CONSPIRACY WHICH CONTINUED UNTIL ON OR ABOUT APRIL 5, 1968, TO INJURE, OPPRESS, THREATEN, OR INTIMIDATE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.,... IN THE FREE EXERCISE OR ENJOYMENT OF A RIGHT SECURED TO HIM BY THE CONSTITUTION OR LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES; NAMELY, THE RIGHT TO FREELY TRAVEL FROM STATE TO STATE. IN FURTHERANCE OF THIS CONSPIRACY, ERIC STARVO GALT DID, ON OR ABOUT MARCH 30, 1968, PURCHASE A RIFLE AT BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA..."

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ACCORDING TO MR. HOOVER, A 30.06 RIFLE EQUIPPED WITH A TELESCOPIC SIGHT WAS FOUND NEAR A ROOMING HOUSE ON SOUTH MAIN STREET IN MEMPHIS IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE FATAL SHOOTING OF DR. KING OCCURRED. THE ROOMING HOUSE OVERLOOKS THE LORRAINE HOTEL AND MOTEL WHERE DR. KING WAS STAYING.

MR. HOOVER SAID THAT FBI AGENTS DETERMINED THAT THE 30.06 RIFLE HAD BEEN PURCHASED FROM A GUN DEALER IN BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, ON MARCH 30, 1968. THE TELESCOPIC SIGHT ALSO WAS PURCHASED FROM THIS DEALER.

THE FBI DIRECTOR SAID THAT GALT, WHO HAS USED THE NAMES OF JOHN WILLARD AND HARVEY LOWMYER IN THE PAST, IS THE OWNER OF A 1966 WHITE MUSTANG BEARING ALABAMA LICENSE PLATES WHICH WAS LOCATED ABANDONED IN ATLANTA, GEORGIA, ON APRIL 11, 1968. INVESTIGATION DISCLOSED THAT GALT PURCHASED THIS CAR FROM A PRIVATE CITIZEN IN BIRMINGHAM ON AUGUST 30, 1967. THE MUSTANG'S ODOMETER SHOWED THAT IT HAD BEEN DRIVEN MORE THAN 19,000 MILES BETWEEN LATE AUGUST, 1967, AND EARLY APRIL, 1968.

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ACCORDING TO MR. HOOVER, GALT'S TRAVELS IN THE
MUSTANG INCLUDED TRIPS TO LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA; NEW ORLEANS,
LOUISIANA; BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA; AND MEXICO, AS WELL AS TO
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, AND ATLANTA, GEORGIA. GALT WAS REPORTED TO
HAVE BEEN IN MEMPHIS ON APRIL 8 AND 9, 1968, AND TO HAVE DEPARTED
FROM THERE FOR ATLANTA.
INTENSIVE INVESTIGATION BY THE FBI HAS DISCLOSED THAT
GALT HAS CLAIMED TO HAVE BEEN EMPLOYED AS A COOK ON MISSISSIPPI
RIVER VESSELS AND AS A WAREHOUSE SEAMAN. HE IS SAID TO BE AN AVID
DANCER AND TOOK DANCING LESSONS IN NEW ORLEANS IN 1964 AND 1965;
IN BIRMINGHAM DURING SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER, 1967; AND IN LONG
BEACH CALIFORNIA, FROM DECEMBER, 1967 TO FEBRUARY, 1968.
GALT LEFT LOS ANGELES ON DECEMBER 15, 1967, AND PROVE
HIS WITH MUSTANG TO NEW ORLEANS, WHERE HE CLAIMED HE CONTACTED
EITHER AN ENGINEERING OR A CONTRACTING FIRM. HE LEFT NEW ORLEANS ON
DECEMBER 19TH AND ARRIVED BACK IN LOS ANGELES ON DECEMBER 31, 1967.
WHILE IN THE LOS ANGELES AREA EARLY THIS YEAR, GALT
TOOK A COURSE AT A SCHOOL OF HANDLING AND WAS GRADUATED ON MARCH 2,
1968.
THE FUGITIVE IS DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE. HE IS APPROXI-
MATELY 5 FEET 8 INCHES TO 5 FEET 11 INCHES TALL AND WEIGHS
BETWEEN 160 AND 175 POUNDS. HE IS SAID TO BE A NEAT DRESSER AND
HAS A MEDIUM BUILD.

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GALT HAS BROWN HAIR, WHICH HE WEARS IN A "BRUSH" CUT. HE REPORTEDLY HAS BLUE EYES; HIS NOSE IS STRAIGHT AND NARROW; HIS TEETH ARE STRAIGHT AND CLEAN; AND HE HAS GIVEN HIS DATE OF BIRTH AS JULY 20, 1931.

THE FUGITIVE IS SAID TO HAVE A NERVOUS HABIT OF OCCASIONALLY PULLING AT AN EAR LOBE WITH HIS HAND. HIS LEFT EAR PROTRUDES FARTHER FROM HIS HEAD THAN HIS RIGHT EAR.

ACCORDING TO MR. HOOVER, PERSONS WHO HAVE MET GALT DESCRIBE HIM AS A "LONER" AND STATE HIS LANGUAGE AND DICTION HAVE A "RURAL" QUALITY AND SUGGEST THAT HE PROBABLY DOES NOT HAVE A HIGH DEGREE OF EDUCATION. HE IS SAID TO DRINK ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND HAS A PREFERENCE FOR VODKA AND BEER. HE IS A FAN OF WESTERN AND COUNTRY MUSIC.

GALT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS. ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING HIM SHOULD BE FURNISHED IMMEDIATELY TO THE NEAREST FBI OFFICE.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, (44-947)

FROM : SA ROBERT MILTON WENNER

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR

DATE: 4/18/68

Re telephone call from Louisville to London, Ky., RA,
4/10/68.

On 4/10-11/68, the following investigation was conducted by SA ROBERT MILTON WENNER with reference to name ERIC STARVO GALT. This name was checked through telephone directories, banking institutions, credit bureaus and various law enforcement agencies as listed below.

Whitley County

Telephone directory covering Corbin, Ky., and Williamsburg, Ky., and surrounding area.

Mrs. RETHA BAKER, Corbin Credit Bureau,
Corbin, Ky. - Credit checks.

JACK VERMILLION, Chief of Police, Corbin, Ky.

Mr. RANDOLPH STIVERS, Executive Vice President,
First National Bank and Trust Company, Corbin, Ky.

Mr. MAX DUNCAN, Executive Vice President,
Corbin Deposit Bank and Trust Company, Corbin, Ky.

Mr. C. M. SHARPE, Vice President,
Bank of Williamsburg, Williamsburg, Ky.

Mr. R. D. BALLOU, Senior Vice President,
Farmers National Bank, Williamsburg, Ky.

Mrs. JOHN BURNETT, Deputy Sheriff, Whitley County,
Whitley County Court House, Williamsburg, Ky.

Mr. FRANK WOOLUM, County Judge, Whitley County,
Whitley County Court House, Williamsburg, Ky.

Mrs. RUTH CRAIG, Clerk, Circuit Court, Whitley
County Court House, Williamsburg, Ky.

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Laurel County

Telephone directory covering London, Ky., and surrounding areas.

RUFUS HARRISON, Radio Dispatcher, Kentucky State Police, London, Ky.

McCreary County

Telephone directory covering Whitley City, Ky., and surrounding areas in McCreary County, Ky.

Mr. CECIL SWAIN, Bank Manager, Pine Knot Branch, McCreary County Bank, Pine Knot, Ky.

Mr. C. C. SHEPHERD, President, Bank of McCreary County, Whitley City, Ky.

Mrs. JO ELAINE KIDD, County Clerk's Office, McCreary County Court House, Whitley City, Ky.

Mrs. KIZZIE CHITWOOD, Sheriff's Office, McCreary County Court House, Whitley City, Ky.

Mr. GEORGE W. HATFIELD, JR., County Attorney, McCreary County Court House, Whitley City, Ky.

Mr. CLARENCE COOPER, Clerk, Circuit Court, McCreary County, Whitley City, Ky.

No information identifiable to subject was located as a result of the above checks.

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Re telephone call from Louisville to London, Ky., RA,
4/9/68

On 4/9/68 the following investigation was conducted by SA ROBERT MILTON WENNER with reference to names of HARVEY LOWMEYER, HARVEY LOWMYER and WILLIAM J. LEHMEYER. Contacts with the following people failed to produce any information identifiable to subject.

Laurel County

Miss JOYCE PROFFITT, London Credit Bureau,
London, Ky. - Credit checks for Laurel County.

Mr. JOHN N. GROSS, County Judge, Laurel County,
London, Ky. - Arrest check.

Mr. JOHN NOE, Chief of Police, London, Ky.
Arrest check.

Clay County

Mrs. WILMA GRIGSBY, Clay County Credit Bureau,
Manchester, Ky. - Credit checks for Clay County.

Mr. ROBERT GREGORY, Clay County Court House,
Manchester, Ky. - Arrest check and county record
checks - Voter Registration.

Leslie County

Mr. HENRY ROBERTS, Sheriff, Leslie County,
Hyden, Ky. - Arrest check.

MILDA SIZEMORE, Clerk, Leslie County Court House,
Hyden, Ky. - Voter Registration.

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Perry County

GRACE H. STRONG, Clerk, Circuit Court, Perry
County Court House, Hazard, Ky. - Arrest check.

EARL DEATON, County Clerk's Office, Perry County
Court House, Hazard, Ky. - Voter Registration
and arrest checks.

WILLIE STANLEY, Deputy Sheriff, Perry County Court
House, Hazard, Ky. - Arrest check.

A search of the telephone directories covering Clay,
Knox, Laurel, Leslie and Perry Counties, Kentucky, failed to
reflect any information identifiable to subject. There are
no city directories available for all above mentioned counties.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOUISVILLE (44-947)

FROM : SA GEORGE WILLIAM ALLF

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/18/68

As a result of a survey by SA THOMAS F. KELLERMAN of the Kentucky Driver's License records in Frankfort, Kentucky, a driver's license was located for one WILLIAM KYLE LOHMEYER, 4112 Pixley Way, Louisville, Kentucky, a white male, born [REDACTED] 5'10" tall.

Since LOHMEYER fits the description of the MURKIN Unsub., the following investigation was conducted by SA GEORGE WILLIAM ALLF:

It is noted the current Louisville City Directory lists WILLIAM K. LOHMEYER, 4112 Pixley Way, as an employee of Klarer of Kentucky Meat Packers.

On 4/10/68, Miss EUILLA WOHRLE, Personnel Department, Klarer of Kentucky, 1065 East Main Street, Louisville, Kentucky, advised company records reflect WILLIAM K. LOHMEYER was hired on 5/10/65 as a production laborer. He is employed on the day shift, Monday through Friday. Time card records reflect LOHMEYER reported for work on 3/30 and 3/31/68, and also on 4/4/68.

On 4/10/68, Mr. ROBERT HAY, Supervisor, Klarer of Kentucky, advised SA ALLF that WILLIAM K. LOHMEYER is employed under his direct supervision at Klarer of Kentucky. HAY has been LOHMEYER's immediate supervisor for approximately six months and verified that LOHMEYER has reported for work every day for at least the past three weeks. HAY stated LOHMEYER has a good reputation and has recently attended an IBM school at his own expense, and will soon move on to a better job within the company.

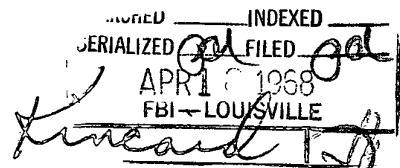
In view of the above, LOHMEYER is no longer considered a suspect in the MURKIN case.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOUISVILLE (44-947)

FROM : SA WILLIAM B. HUNTER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/18/68

On 4/9 and 10/68, the below listed individuals were contacted by either SA WILLIAM B. HUNTER or SA RICHARD C. POHLMAN in regards to a red laundry mark, approximately $\frac{1}{4}$ " wide by $1 \frac{1}{16}$ " long, being a product of the Themo Seal Machine.

None of the below listed individuals have any knowledge of such a mark or tag being used by laundries in the Northern Kentucky Area.

Those individuals contacted are as follows:

ROBERT GRAY, Manager, Artistic Cleaners,
Elsmere, Ky.

ESTHER WEITKAMP, Owner, Crown Laundry Company,
Newport, Ky.

ROBERT GEISEN, Manager, Atlas Dry Cleaners,
Newport, Ky.

Mrs. GLADIS PETTET, Manager, Globe Laundry and
Dry Cleaners, Covington, Ky.

Mr. LEONARD HARRISON, Manager, Home Laundry,
Covington, Ky.

HELEN CRUERY, Assistant Manager,
Covington Laundromat,
Covington, Ky.

MARGARET BROWN, Co-owner, Brown's Cleaning Center,
Florence, Ky.

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MARY VASSER, Clerk, Mauri-Lou Dry Cleaners,
Erlanger, Ky.

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Date: April 19, 1968

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TO: MINNEAPOLIS (157-450)

FROM: LOUISVILLE (44-947)

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REURTEL APRIL EIGHTEEN, LAST, RE SUSPECT MURPHY
LITTLE, III, AKA JOHN MURPHY LITTLE.

INVESTIGATION AT LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY, REVEALS LITTLE
ELIMINATED AS SUSPECT AFTER TENTATIVELY ESTABLISHING WHERE-
ABOUTS IN MIAMI, FLORIDA, NIGHT OF MURDER. LITTLE BEARS
NO RESEMBLANCE TO PHOTO OF UNSUB. BY VIRTUE OF IDENTIFICATION
OF JAMES EARL RAY AS SUBJECT. *NO FURTHER*

NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED RE LITTLE
UACB BY MEMPHIS. AIR MAIL COPY SENT TO MEMPHIS.

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