

SAC, LOUISVILLE (44-947)

4/12/68

SA DONALD L. SMITH

MURKIN

The persons listed below were contacted by SA DONALD L. SMITH on 4/11/68, and each advised they have no record of a ERIC STARVO GALT. The name GAULT was also checked with negative results.

Mr. BARRY ARMSTRONG  
The Peoples Bank  
Mt. Washington, Ky.

Mr. ROGER ALFRED  
Bullitt County Bank  
Shepherdsville, Ky.

Mr. BILLY HARDY  
People Bank  
Shepherdsville, Ky.

Deputy Sheriff C. L. CROAN  
Bullitt Co. SO  
Shepherdsville, Ky.

Mrs. SUE SMITH  
Peoples Bank  
Taylorsville, Ky.

Deputy Sheriff JOHN WATERFILL  
Spencer Co. SO  
Taylorsville, Ky.

Chief NAT LESLIE, JR.  
PD  
Taylorsville, Ky.

Mr. ROY LEE WIGGINTON  
Muir, Wilson & Muir Bank  
Bloomfield, Ky.

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The following investigation, of the same type as above, conducted by SA WILLIAM F. LYNCH on 4/11/68, with negative results; persons contacted set out below:

J. KUNDLER  
West Point ~~Bank~~ Pawn Shop  
West Point, Ky.

West Point Bank, HOLLIE SOUCHE, Cashier.  
West Point, Ky.

Mr. ~~ROBERT~~ TERRY MURPHY  
Seaboard Finance Co.  
Muldraugh, Ky.

Mr. CHARLES ROGERS  
Bennett's Military & Pawn Shop  
Muldraugh, Ky.

Mrs. JUANITA HIGGINS  
Household Finance Co.,  
Radcliff, Ky.

Mr. T. A. LINK  
GAC Finance Corp.,  
Radcliff, Ky.

In connection with contact with Mr. LINK, see attached list. Mr. LINK called a central office and determine no GALT or GUALT with account at any of the firms on attached list.

Mr. LOY R. BRASHEAR  
Knox Finance Co.,  
Radcliff, Ky.

Mr. GUY BERRY  
Ft. Knox Credit Union  
Ft. Knox, Ky.

Mrs. OLIVA CLOPTON  
Ft. Knox National Bank  
Ft. Knox, Ky.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOUISVILLE (44-947)

DATE: April 23, 1968

FROM : SA HARMON BACH

SUBJECT: MURKIN

OO: MEMPHIS

Reference SAC memos 4-6,11,12-68, at Louisville.

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AIRMAIL

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FROM: SAC, LOUISVILLE (44-947) (P)

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(1-157-259)  
(1-157-90)

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URGENT 4-23-68

TO ALL FIELD DIVISIONS

FROM DIRECTOR 222114

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**'Brother' Also Hunted****Galt Charged by FBI  
In Plot to Kill Dr. King**

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Eric Starvo Galt was charged yesterday with conspiracy in the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and a warrant was issued for his arrest.

The announcement by Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark was the first official confirmation that officials believed the slaying of Dr. King in Memphis on April 4 was the result of a conspiracy and not the work of one man acting alone. Clark had at first ruled out conspiracy.

The FBI said the conspiracy to kill Dr.

King involved at least one other man, "an individual whom he (Galt) alleged to be his brother." The FBI would give no further identification of this individual.

The state of Tennessee filed first-degree murder charges against Galt about five hours after the FBI filed federal conspiracy charges.

The state warrant charges that Galt "did unlawfully, feloniously, willfully, deliberately, premeditatedly and of malice aforethought kill and murder Dr. King."

Joe Gamble, special agent in charge of the FBI office at Birmingham, said he issued the federal conspiracy complaint against Galt.

**Say Plot Originated March 29**

Gamble declined to comment on whether the FBI considered itself closer to an arrest than before Galt was officially named in the case.

The FBI said the plot originated March 29—seven days before the slaying—and that Galt was reported to have been in Memphis on the day of the slaying and the preceding day.

The FBI portrayed Galt, 36, as a poorly educated "loner" with a taste for country



FBI Photos via UPI

THE FBI released these two photos of a man it identified as Eric Starvo Galt. The original photo at left, has been retouched by FBI artists to show open eyes.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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Courier-Journal

Louisville, Ky.

Date: 4/18/68  
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Author:  
Editor: Barry Bingham  
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and western music, vodka, beer and dancing. It said he speaks with diction reflecting a "rural" background and that he claims to have worked as a cook on Mississippi River vessels and as a merchant seaman. He has taken lessons in dancing and is a graduate of a bartending school.

Clark said Galt is being sought as a fugitive on the charge of having conspired to violate Dr. King's civil rights in violation of Title 18, Section 241 of the U.S. Code.

That section of the code says: "If two or more persons conspire to injure, oppress, threaten, or intimidate any citizen in the free exercise or enjoyment of any right or privilege secured to him by the Constitution or laws of the United States, or because of his having so exercised the same; or

"If two or more persons go in disguise on the highway, or on the premises of another, with intent to prevent or hinder his free exercise or enjoyment of any right or privilege so secured—

"They shall be fined not more than \$5,000 or imprisoned not more than 10 years, or both."

#### FBI Won't Answer Questions

The FBI statement said Galt purchased a 1966 white Mustang in Birmingham on Aug. 30, 1967, and drove 19,000 miles between then and when it was found in Atlanta on April 11.

Without explaining how it knew, the FBI said Galt drove the car to Los Angeles, New Orleans, Birmingham and Mexico before going to Memphis and, after the killing, to Atlanta.

The FBI made public two photographs of a man it identified as Galt and said he used the aliases "Harvey Lowmyer" and "John Willard." In one photograph his eyes are closed; in the other, a print of the first, an FBI artist has sketched in opened eyes.

But the FBI refused to say where or how it got the picture or detailed information about Galt's activities, some of it dating back four years. The announcement was handed to reporters at the Justice Department but no questions were permitted.

Two men who saw the man identified as Galt said the FBI photographs did not look like him.

In Birmingham, Peter Cherpes, Galt's former landlord, said "I don't think so," when asked if the FBI's photographs were of his former tenant.

Charles Q. Stevens, who lives in the Memphis rooming house from which the fatal bullet is thought to have been fired, said:

"Unless he was wearing a wig or had had a face lift or something, it's not the man I saw."

"The hair is too full and the face is too young," Stevens said after viewing the FBI picture.

Stevens, who said he got only a side view of the killer, had contributed to the description used in composite drawings of the alleged assassin.

But agent Gamble, in Birmingham, insisted that the FBI picture is of Galt. He said it was taken this year—"in March, I think."

Galt is described as a white man, between 5 feet 8 inches and 5 feet 11 inches in height, weighing between 160 and 170 pounds, with a medium build. He is said to be a neat dresser.

#### Galt Pulls at Ear

The FBI said Galt has a nervous habit of occasionally pulling at an ear lobe with his hand. His left ear protrudes farther from his head than his right, the FBI said.

In legal language, the FBI complaint charged that Galt and the other man "entered into a conspiracy which continued until on or about April 5, 1968, to injure, oppress, threaten or intimidate Martin Luther King Jr."

"In furtherance of the conspiracy," the FBI charged, Galt purchased a rifle in Birmingham on or about March 30.

FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover said a .30-06 caliber rifle equipped with a telescopic sight was found near a rooming house on South Main St. in Memphis immediately after Dr. King was shot. The rooming house overlooks the Lorraine Motel where Dr. King was staying.

Hoover said FBI agents have determined that the rifle and telescopic sight were purchased from a gun dealer in Birmingham on March 30. The FBI has not identified the dealer.

The FBI did not say that the gun was the murder weapon.

The FBI said Galt is an avid dancer who took lessons in New Orleans in 1964 and 1965; in Birmingham during September and October 1967, and in Long Beach, Calif., from December 1967 to last February.

#### Drove to New Orleans

Galt left Los Angeles last Dec. 15, the FBI said, and drove the white Mustang to New Orleans, where he claimed he contacted either an engineering or a contracting company. The FBI did not explain why he had done so.

It said Galt went to New Orleans Dec.





Associated Press

AN ATLANTA taxi driver, who asked that his name not be used, identifies a sketch as resembling the man he hauled on a short trip the night after Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was slain in Memphis. The sketch was drawn from witnesses' description of the man believed to have killed Dr. King. Associated Press newsman Joe Zellner is at left.

19 and returned to Los Angeles last Dec. 21. While in Los Angeles early this year, the FBI said, Galt took a course at a school of bartending and was graduated on March 2.

FBI agents in Memphis generally refused to comment on Hoover's statement

concerning Galt and the conspiracy warrant.

One agent did say, however, "We have a lot of additional information that is not in the (Hoover's) statement. We even know what filling stations he stopped at (in Memphis)."



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOUISVILLE (157-148)

DATE: 4/18/68

FROM : SA WARREN L. WALSH

SUBJECT: LIAISON WITH SOURCES  
SPONSORING INTEGRATION

Re [REDACTED] aka [REDACTED]

On 4/15/68, as recorded by FD-302 in Louisville file 44-947, captioned individual was interviewed in connection with file 44-947.

During the 4/15/68, interview [REDACTED] expressed a wholly cooperative attitude with respect to furnishing information of interest to the FBI with the request that her name be protected in connection with any information she might furnish.

For the past several years [REDACTED] has served [REDACTED] W [REDACTED] S [REDACTED] and to the Kentucky Christian Leadership Conference (KCLC). She has long been active in civil rights activities in Louisville and is well versed in such matters.

In addition to the information [REDACTED] furnished on 4/15/68, regarding file 44-947, she furnished the following information:

- 1-157-148
- 1-157-532 (Poor Peoples Campaign)
- 1-157-90 (KCLC)
- 1-157-583 (SIMS)
- 1-157-225 (Major Urban Areas)
- 1-157-431 (Potential Violence, Louisville)
- ① 44-947 (MURKIN)
- 1-157-599 (BULK)
- 1-100-4883 (WECC)
- 1-100-197 (SCEF)

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She has no specific information indicating that any individuals or groups in Louisville are deliberately trying to increase racial tension in Louisville for the purpose of having riots and racial disorders occur in the coming summer months in Louisville. However, she advised that the potential for such disorders exists in Louisville as it does in her opinion throughout the country. She has encountered in her civil rights work, she being a caucasian, a rather deep feeling of distrust among many Negroes in Louisville for caucasians. Although most of her energy is devoted toward working with Negroes toward complete integration, she because of her race, frequently is insulted by some Negroes.

Although she knows of no individuals or organizations planning any racial disorders in Louisville, [REDACTED] distrusts the activities of ROBERT SIMS, who calls himself BOB KUYU and SAM HAWKINS in their efforts to establish a Black Unity League of Kentucky (BULK). SIMS and HAWKINS claim that their purpose in establishing such an organization is to educate the Negro in Negro culture, but Mrs. WARD is concerned that this may not be the only motive they have in trying to establish the organization BULK.

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] promised to immediately advise SA WALSH in the event she learns of any specific information indicating racial disorders will erupt in Louisville.

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] also commented concerning the KCLC. She said that heretofore the KCLC has operated on the basis of a "one shot" operation, that is it would become active for a particular purpose, such as the open housing efforts in Louisville, Ky., and then become inactive. Efforts are being made to change this mode of operation to one of continuous operation for the betterment of the Negro in Kentucky. In this connection the KCLC on 4/15/68, is opening a new office at 1024 S. 28th Street, Louisville, Ky., in a duplex house owned by Kentucky Senator GOERGIA DAVIS and her husband NORMAN DAVIS.

The immediate initial activity to be engaged in is the recruiting of individuals to participate in the Poor Peoples Campaign in Washington, D. C., which project was initiated by the late Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.



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The KCLC Office in Louisville will serve as a regional office for such activity with respect to the States of Kentucky, Indiana, Ohio and West Virginia. The efforts will be coordinated by the Rev. LEO LESSER of Louisville. Although Rev. LESSER currently pastors a church in Nashville, Tenn., he spends much of his time in Louisville. [REDACTED] will serve as [REDACTED] of the KCLC efforts with respect to the Poor Peoples Campaign. Other leading figures in the campaign will be Rev. A. D. WILLIAMS KING, who is Board Chairman of the KCLC and Mrs. GEORGIA DAVIS, a board member of the KCLC.

Under the re-organization of the KCLC, RAOUL CUNNINGHAM will serve as the Office Executive Director of the organization. Dr. JOHN CLAYPOOL, Pastor of the Crescent Hill Baptist Church in Louisville, along with GEORGIA DAVIS will serve as co-chairmen of the Finance Committee of the organization.

[REDACTED] advised that as yet she knows of no individuals who have been recruited from Kentucky to participate in the Poor Peoples Campaign. Heretofore, BOB SIMS has served as SCLC recruiter in the Louisville area, but efforts are being made to remove him from this position. Rev. A. D. WILLIAMS KING is disappointed in SIMS in that SIMS seems to have been spending very little time in connection with the recruiting activity of SCLC, but instead has apparently been devoting all of his time to BLX. Rev. A. D. WILLIAMS KING has told Rev. RALPH ABERNATHY, the apparent successor of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., in the SCLC, that ABERNATHY should take SIMS off the SCLC payroll.

Regarding SIMS and HAWKINS, [REDACTED] further commented that she is curious to know the source of their income. They indicate to her that they have no financial problems. She knows that hereafter in the future they will be receiving no money from SCLC as any money that organization gives to activity in Kentucky will be received by the KCLC. [REDACTED] suspects there is some connection between SIMS and HAWKINS and the WECC, although she does not know as [REDACTED] she stated she is not a member of or connected with the WECC.

During the conversation [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] volunteered that she is on the board of the SCEP, Inc., in Louisville,



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but she has never been active in the organization nor has she ever attended a board meeting of it.

RECOMMENDATION: In view of the cooperative attitude expressed by [REDACTED] [REDACTED] coupled with the fact that she could be a valuable source of this office, it is suggested that credit, criminal and indices checks be made concerning her and thereafter, if it appears advisable, contact be made with her in connection with the captioned program.



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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FROM : SA DONALD L. SMITH

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DANCE STUDIOS

On 4/15/68, Mrs. W. I. BARKER, Credit Bureau of Hardin County, Elizabethtown, Ky., which covers counties surrounding Elizabethtown, advised she knows of no dance studio in this area.

A review of the Elizabethtown telephone directory negative regarding an adult dance studio.

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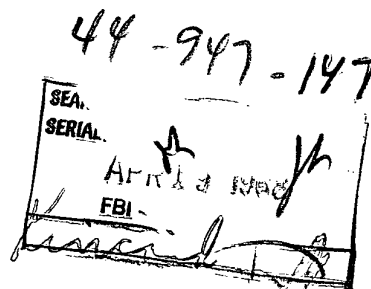
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2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176



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On April 10, 1968, the following laundries were contacted in regards to use of a Thermo-Seal Marking Machine manufactured by the Textile Marking Manufacturing Company, Syracuse, New York; a red cloth tag  $\frac{1}{4}$ " wide and  $1 \frac{1}{16}$ " long and the following code used on tags 02B-6 or D2B-6, with negative results. The following contacts were made:

Perry County, Kentucky

BRUCE COLLINS, employee, Hazard Cleaning and Laundry, 624 East Main Street, Hazard, Kentucky;

LILLY NOLAN, employee, Eversole Cleaners, North Main Street, Hazard, Kentucky;

BILL BURKE, owner, Quality Cleaners, Walkertown Station, Hazard, Kentucky.

Pulaski County, Kentucky

ELLIS HARGIS, employee, Jiffy Laundry, Inc., 239 South Richardson Drive, Somerset, Kentucky;

DONALD C. HOLMES, Manager, Modern Cleaners, South Central Avenue, Somerset, Kentucky;

KAY BARNETT, employee, Big B One-Hour Cleaners, Somerset, Kentucky.

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On April 10, 1968, the following laundries were contacted in regards to use of a Thermo-Seal Marking Machine manufactured by the Textile Marking Manufacturing Company, Syracuse, New York; a red cloth tag  $\frac{1}{4}$ " wide and  $1 \frac{1}{16}$ " long and the following code used on tags 02B-6 or D2B-6, with negative results. The following contacts were made:

Perry County, Kentucky

BRUCE COLLINS, employee, Hazard Cleaning and Laundry, 624 East Main Street, Hazard, Kentucky;

LILLY NOLAN, employee, Eversole Cleaners, North Main Street, Hazard, Kentucky;

BILL BURKE, owner, Quality Cleaners, Walkertown Station, Hazard, Kentucky.

Pulaski County, Kentucky

ELLIS HARGIS, employee, Jiffy Laundry, Inc., 239 South Richardson Drive, Somerset, Kentucky;

DONALD C. HOLMES, Manager, Modern Cleaners, South Central Avenue, Somerset, Kentucky;

KAY BARNETT, employee, Big B One-Hour Cleaners, Somerset, Kentucky.

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Mrs. WILDA SMITH, Checking Account Clerk, First and Farmers National Bank, Somerset, Kentucky;

Leslie County, Kentucky

HENRY BARNES, Leslie County Sheriff's Office, Hyden, Kentucky;

Perry County, Kentucky

WILLIAM RILEY, Radio Dispatcher, Kentucky State Police, Hazard, Kentucky;

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Whitley County, Kentucky:

JOHN BURNETT, Sheriff of Whitley County, Williamsburg, Kentucky;

HARRISON MANNING, Chief of Police, Williamsburg, Kentucky;

GERALDINE MC KEEHAN, Deputy Clerk, Whitley County Clerk's Office, Williamsburg, Kentucky;

Telephone Directory for Corbin and Williamsburg, Kentucky;

RETHA BAKER, Credit Bureau, Corbin, Kentucky.

McCreary County, Kentucky:

KIZZIE CHITWOOD, Deputy Sheriff, McCreary County Sheriff's Office, Whitley City, Kentucky;

CARL BARNETT, Clerk, McCreary County Clerk's Office, Whitley City, Kentucky;

Telephone Directory for McCreary County, Kentucky.

Pulaski County:

ELMER SUMBERS, Radio Dispatcher, Somerset Police Department, Somerset, Kentucky;

ARTIS WITHERS, Deputy Sheriff, Pulaski County Sheriff's Office, Somerset, Kentucky;

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LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION  
SAC, LOUISVILLE (44-947) (P)

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Vehicle recovered at Valley Station, Kentucky, and processed.

Neighborhood investigation conducted in area of recovery, and no suspects were developed.

Identification Division, Latent Fingerprint Section, is requested to compare enclosed latent prints with prints already on file for JAMES EARL RAY for elimination purposes.

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TO LOUISVILLE, MEMPHIS AND KANSAS CITY

FROM JACKSONVILLE /44-769/ 1P

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RE LOUISVILLE TELETYPE TO JACKSONVILLE, APRIL TWENTY THREE  
INSTANT RE GEO. MC BRIDE AS SUSPECT.

THOMAS J. TIPPIN, PRESIDENT, OAKLAND TERRACE MENS CLUB,  
PANAMA CITY, FLA., ADVISED THIS DATE THAT GEORGE MC BRIDE HAS BEEN  
KNOWN TO HIM MANY YEARS AS THE OWNER AND PROMOTER OF A TRAVELING  
KID'S CARNIVAL. EACH SPRING MC BRIDE TRAVELS WITH HIS CARNIVAL TO  
PANAMA CITY, FLA., WHERE THE SHOW IS PRESENTED ONE DAY AT OAKLAND  
PARK. THE SHOW WAS PRESENTED THIS YEAR ON APRIL TWENTYONE LAST.  
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following message received

On 4/23/68 at Lexington Ky by  
SA O. James Hallbrook:

WARDIE HONSHUL, Manager,  
Ashland Family Laundry, 219  
Walton Ave. Lexington advised  
Symbol 20 R-3 is not familiar to  
him and is not used by his  
laundry.

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Date: 4/19/68

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(Type in plain text or code)Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO : ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES  
FROM : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CIVIL RIGHTS  
(OO: ME)

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The Textile Marking Machine Company suggests the twenty in above code would be the lot number, the R may mean that this was a return of a batch of laundry, and the three is the bundle number.

LEADSALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES

Will recontact laundries determined to be operating Thermo-Seal Marking Machines in an effort to locate laundry using the code, "20R-3."

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2 - Memphis  
GMR:jms (118)

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
ATTN: MOVEMENT UNIT

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS

MURKIN

The following personnel who have been on special assignment in the Memphis Division in connection with captioned matter returned to their respective offices of assignment on the dates indicated:

WILLIAM J. BILLEAUD, Springfield, 4/20/68  
C. JAMES HOLBROOK, Louisville 4/20/68  
CHARLES L. LUTER, Louisville, 4/20/68  
JAMES J. STANTON, Louisville, 4/20/68  
BETTYE B. STARK, Louisville, 4/20/68  
THOMAS L. BUCKLEY, St. Louis, 4/20/68  
SHIELDS W. SMITH, Cincinnati, 4/20/68  
EDWARD M. QUINN, Cincinnati, 4/20/68  
JEAN M. SAHND, Cincinnati, 4/20/68  
RUBY ARLENE JONES, Little Rock, 4/21/68  
LEONE J. FLOSI, Kansas City, 4/22/68  
M. BARRY CARMODY, Kansas City, 4/22/68  
FRANK J. HABERSHAW, Springfield, 4/22/68

3 BUREAU  
1 CINCINNATI  
1 KANSAS CITY  
1 LOUISVILLE  
1 LITTLE ROCK  
1 ST. LOUIS  
1 SPRINGFIELD  
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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: SAC, LOUISVILLE (44-947) (P) *JP*

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOUISVILLE (44-947) (P)

DATE: 4/24/68

FROM : SA DOUGLAS I. RODERICK

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CIVIL RIGHTS

OO: MEMPHIS

Re Minneapolis teletype to Louisville and  
Memphis, 4/18/68.

Referenced teletype indicates that RODNEY E. BLACK, Assistant Professor of Chemistry, University of Kentucky, whose identity was to be protected, personally appeared Rochester, Minnesota RA and furnished information indicating that he believed that JOHN MURPHY LITTLE, age 34, of 232 South Hanover Street, Lexington, Kentucky, was identical with suspect, ERIC STARVO GALT, in this matter.

It was determined from check of city and phone directories that BLACK is a next-door neighbor to the MURPHY LITTLE, III, family who reside at 236 South Hanover, Lexington, Kentucky.

Mr. and Mrs. LEROY M. SMITH, 238 South Hanover Street, were contacted by SA DOUGLAS I. RODERICK and WILLIAM W. WELSH on 4/18/68, Mr. SMITH having been a personal friend of Agent RODERICK for the past twenty years.

Mr. SMITH stated that is well acquainted with the MURPHY LITTLE family, including suspect JOHN MURPHY LITTLE, and he advised that while they are "a bunch of weirdos" he did not know anything seriously wrong with the family. He stated that they have had considerable trouble with their next-door neighbor on the other side, Professor RODNEY BLACK of the University of Kentucky and have quarreled over such things as the LITTLE's dog and milk delivered to

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the household. He stated that there has been a great deal of animosity and bickering between the two families. He did not believe, however, that Professor BLACK was malicious and would report information just to get the LITTLES in trouble. He stated that to his knowledge, JOHN MURPHY LITTLE, who had recently returned to Lexington, Kentucky, had not been in that vicinity for several months. He stated at no time did he ever see him driving a small white car of any kind and indicated that when he returned from Florida some several days ago, he was driving a gray, late model Cadillac with a Florida license plate on it. He stated that prior to that time he had driven a 1956 white Cadillac convertible and that this was the only white vehicle he had ever seen JOHN MURPHY LITTLE driving.

Mr. and Mrs. LEROY SMITH observed the drawing of ERIC STARVO GALT and stated that it did not in any way resemble JOHN MURPHY LITTLE.

Mr. SMITH stated that Mr. MURPHY LITTLE, III, father of the suspect, is a newspaper cartoonist and a syndicated broker for advertising for major newspapers in Eastern and Western United States and that he, the father, recently came back from Florida where he also maintains a home and was driving the white Cadillac convertible and brought considerable of the suspect's material and clothing, moving him back to Lexington, Kentucky. The suspect, however, did not appear for several days after that and at that time was driving the newer gray Cadillac. The SMITHS advised that JOHN MURPHY LITTLE had not lived in Lexington for several years, having gotten into trouble with the wife of a businessman in Lexington, and as part of the settlement of the matter, he had agreed to leave town and had been gone for approximately two and one-half years. He has visited at his parents' home on occasion since that time but has not lived in Lexington, Kentucky.

A check of the records of the Lexington, Kentucky Police Department reveals that suspect has Lexington Police



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Department #15213 and FBI #273820F, and contains the following descriptive information:

Sex	Male
Race	White
Age	31
DOB	2/21/34
POB	Tulsa, Oklahoma
Height	5'9"
Weight	168
Build	Medium
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Ruddy
Teeth	Good
Marital Status	Single
Scars and Marks	None visible
Nationality	USA
Occupation	Student writer
Employment	None
Date of Arrest	6/8/65
Charge	Malicious striking and wounding with intent to kill
Relatives	Father - MURPHY LITTLE 232 South Hanover Street, Lexington, Kentucky; Mother - NORA MAE LITTLE 232 South Hanover Street, Lexington, Kentucky
Disposition	7/20/65, amended to striking in the sudden heat of passion, fined \$500 and placed under a \$500 peace bond.

The report filed by the officers in this case indicates that at 2:25 PM on 6/8/65, JOHN MURPHY LITTLE, alias MURPHY LITTLE, JR., accompanied by his attorney, WALTER TACKETT, now the City Police Judge, came to the City Police Station and met the arresting officers, who were holding a warrant issued 5/28/65 against LITTLE and sworn to by

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██████████ This warrant was issued as a result of severe beating suffered by ██████████ ██████████ ██████████ in her home at ██████████ on 5/28/65. As a result of the beating, ██████████ was admitted to Good Samaritan Hospital for about seven days. LITTLE made no statement of any nature about the case or the charge against him.

With regard to this matter, it was determined from Mr. and Mrs. SMITH, mentioned above, that the suspect had agreed to leave town rather than face a suit or additional charges in this matter.

On 4/19/68, the suspect, JOHN MURPHY LITTLE, was interviewed at his residence, 232 South Hanover Street, Lexington, Kentucky, by SAs DOUGLAS I. RODERICK and WILLIAM W. WELSH.

JOHN MURPHY LITTLE, who does not appear physically to resemble the subject, ERIC STARVO GALT, in this matter, advised that he had returned to Lexington, Kentucky, on 4/10/68 from Miami Beach, Florida, where he resided on property owned by his father at 1980 Bay Drive, Miami Beach, Florida. He has lived there for the past two and one-half years. He stated that the last time he was in Lexington, Kentucky, was for Thanksgiving of 1967. He is employed by his father in the syndicated newspaper advertising brokerage business and travels extensively with his father.

SAC, LOUISVILLE (44-947) (P)

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SA DOUGLAS I. RODERICK

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Re Minneapolis teletype to Louisville and  
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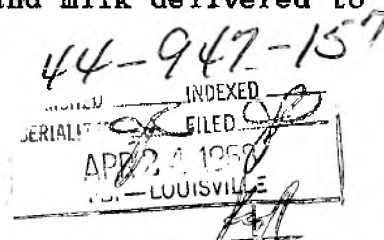
Referenced teletype indicates that [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] personally  
appeared Rochester, Minnesota RA and furnished information  
indicating that he believed that JOHN MURPHY LITTLE,  
age 34, of 232 South Hanover Street, Lexington, Kentucky,  
was identical with suspect, ERIC STARVO GALT, in this  
matter.

It was determined from check of city and phone  
directories that [REDACTED] is a [REDACTED] to the  
MURPHY LITTLE, III, family who reside at 236 South Hanover,  
Lexington, Kentucky.

Mr. and Mrs. LEROY M. SMITH, 238 South Hanover  
Street, were contacted by SA DOUGLAS I. RODERICK and  
WILLIAM W. WELSH on 4/18/68, Mr. SMITH having been a  
personal friend of Agent RODERICK for the past twenty  
years.

Mr. SMITH stated that is well acquainted with  
the MURPHY LITTLE family, including suspect JOHN MURPHY  
LITTLE, and he advised that while they are "a bunch of  
weirdos" he did not know anything seriously wrong with  
the family. He stated that they have had considerable trouble  
with their [REDACTED] on [REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] and have quarreled  
over such things as the LITTLE's dog and milk delivered to

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the household. He stated that there has been a great deal of animosity and bickering between the two families. He did not believe, however, [REDACTED] was malicious and would report information just to get the LITTLES in trouble. He stated that to his knowledge, JOHN MURPHY LITTLE, who had recently returned to Lexington, Kentucky, had not been in that vicinity for several months. He stated at no time did he ever see him driving a small white car of any kind and indicated that when he returned from Florida some several days ago, he was driving a gray, late model Cadillac with a Florida license plate on it. He stated that prior to that time he had driven a 1956 white Cadillac convertible and that this was the only white vehicle he had ever seen JOHN MURPHY LITTLE driving.

Mr. and Mrs. LEROY SMITH observed the drawing of ERIC STARVO GALT and stated that it did not in any way resemble JOHN MURPHY LITTLE.

Mr. SMITH stated that Mr. MURPHY LITTLE, III, father of the suspect, is a newspaper cartoonist and a syndicated broker for advertising for major newspapers in Eastern and Western United States and that he, the father, recently came back from Florida where he also maintains a home and was driving the white Cadillac convertible and brought considerable of the suspect's material and clothing, moving him back to Lexington, Kentucky. The suspect, however, did not appear for several days after that and at that time was driving the newer gray Cadillac. The SMITHS advised that JOHN MURPHY LITTLE had not lived in Lexington for several years, having gotten into trouble with the wife of a businessman in Lexington, and as part of the settlement of the matter, he had agreed to leave town and had been gone for approximately two and one-half years. He has visited at his parents' home on occasion since that time but has not lived in Lexington, Kentucky.

A check of the records of the Lexington, Kentucky Police Department reveals that suspect has Lexington Police

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Department #15213 and FBI #273820F, and contains the following descriptive information:

Sex	Male
Race	White
Age	31
DOB	2/21/34
POB	Tulsa, Oklahoma
Height	5'9"
Weight	168
Build	Medium
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Ruddy
Teeth	Good
Marital Status	Single
Scars and Marks	None visible
Nationality	USA
Occupation	Student writer
Employment	None
Date of Arrest	6/8/65
Charge	Malicious striking and wounding with intent to kill
Relatives	Father - MURPHY LITTLE 232 South Hanover Street, Lexington, Kentucky; Mother - NORA MAE LITTLE 232 South Hanover Street, Lexington, Kentucky
Disposition	7/20/65, amended to striking in the sudden heat of passion, fined \$500 and placed under a \$500 peace bond.

The report filed by the officers in this case indicates that at 2:25 PM on 6/8/65, JOHN MURPHY LITTLE, alias MURPHY LITTLE, JR., accompanied by his attorney, WALTER TACKETT, now the City Police Judge, came to the City Police Station and met the arresting officers, who were holding a warrant issued 5/28/65 against LITTLE and sworn to by

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██████████ This warrant was issued as a result of severe beating suffered by ██████████ ██████████ in her home at ██████████ on 5/28/65. As a result of the beating, ██████████ was admitted to Good Samaritan Hospital for about seven days. LITTLE made no statement of any nature about the case or the charge against him.

With regard to this matter, it was determined from Mr. and Mrs. SMITH, mentioned above, that the suspect had agreed to leave town rather than face a suit or additional charges in this matter.

On 4/19/68, the suspect, JOHN MURPHY LITTLE, was interviewed at his residence, 232 South Hanover Street, Lexington, Kentucky, by SAs DOUGLAS I. RODERICK and WILLIAM W. WELSH.

JOHN MURPHY LITTLE, who does not appear physically to resemble the subject, ERIC STARVO GALT, in this matter, advised that he had returned to Lexington, Kentucky, on 4/10/68 from Miami Beach, Florida, where he resided on property owned by his father at 1980 Bay Drive, Miami Beach, Florida. He has lived there for the past two and one-half years. He stated that the last time he was in Lexington, Kentucky, was for Thanksgiving of 1967. He is employed by his father in the syndicated newspaper advertising brokerage business and travels extensively with his father.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC Louisville 44-947

DATE: 4-12-68

FROM : SA John K. Penrod

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
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James E. Hickey, Patrolman, National Maritime Union, Paducah, Ky. advised on 4-11-68 his union is the only local for marine or barge line employees in Paducah and his records contain no information concerning Eric Starvo Galt. Hickey stated the NMU office at 203½ N. 7th Street, St. Louis, Mo. would have more complete information concerning the membership of the NMU.

On 4-10 & 11-68 all laundries in Ballard, Calloway, Carlisle, Fulton, Graves, Hickman, Livingston, Marshall, and Mc Cracken Counties were contacted with negative results concerning a red Thermo seal marking tape with the mark of 02B-6 or D2B-6. On these same dates all banks in the previously mentioned counties were contacted and none had a checking account or any information in their files concerning Eric Starvo Galt.

Credit and criminal checks and city and telephone directories were checked in all the county seats of the above mentioned counties concerning Galt with negative results.

The above investigation was conducted by SA Jos. P. Mullen and the writer.

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# Ray Reportedly Said He'd Get King 'Bounty'

By RICHARD LEGGITT

DALTON, Ga. (UPI) — A prison buddy of James Earl Ray said yesterday that when Ray heard in 1963 there was a "million dollar bounty" on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., he smiled and said, "I'll collect it."

Ray, a 40-year-old fugitive from the Missouri State Prison, is accused by the FBI of conspiracy in the assassination of Dr. King in Memphis April 4.

In the Dalton jail, Raymond Curtis, 40, awaiting appeal on a murder sentence, said he knew Ray when the two men were in the Kansas City jail, in federal prison at Leavenworth, Kan., and in the state prison at Jefferson City, Mo.

He described Ray as likeable, addicted to "dope," a "loner" and a man concerned only with money.

On the day President John F. Kennedy was assassinated — Nov. 23, 1963 — Curtis said he, Ray and about 150 other prisoners were in an exercise yard at the Missouri State Prison when they heard the news.

He said Ray remarked, "Well, somebody made a pretty penny on that."

## Didn't Know 'New Man'

About a week later, Curtis said, he and Ray were in the yard when "a new man just in off the street" told them "the 'businessmen's association' has a million dollar bounty out for Martin Luther King."

Ray smiled, Curtis recalled, and said, "If there's a million dollars out for King, I believe if I ever get out I'll collect it."

Curtis said he didn't know what the "new man" meant by the "businessmen's association." He said he couldn't remember who the man was.

"I didn't think much about it at the time," Curtis said. "In prison, you hear all sorts of hellacious ideas." There is no evidence that any such bounty even existed.

Authorities in Jefferson City confirmed that Curtis and Ray were in prison at the same time. Authorities in Dalton said the FBI had interviewed Curtis Sunday and Monday night. The FBI refused comment on the matter.

Curtis said Ray told him "he always carried a gun. He was always interested in money," Curtis said, but never mentioned racial matters.

He said Ray told him that if he ever



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**INMATE CURTIS**  
Says Ray addicted to 'dope'

wanted to kill someone, he would buy a gun under a false name and have everything ready for an escape. "He used to talk a lot about escaping to New Zealand, Brazil and Argentina," Curtis said.

"I wouldn't say he was a friend," Curtis said. "But I was about as close to him as anybody in Jeff City."

Curtis, convicted of killing a man in the holdup of a poker game here last year, said when he heard of Dr. King's death he did not connect it with Ray because he didn't know Ray had escaped from prison.

In Cleveland, meanwhile, an unidentified 31-year-old man who served time with Ray at Jefferson City suggested that Ray's alias of Eric Starvo Galt came from books rented to him at the Missouri State Prison.

"One of the books was Ian Fleming's 'On Her Majesty's Secret Service,'" the man said.

"In that, Eric Stavro Blofeld was the head of Spectre," the man said. He also said that Ray rented Ayn Rand's "Atlas Shrugged." John Galt is a leading character in the book.

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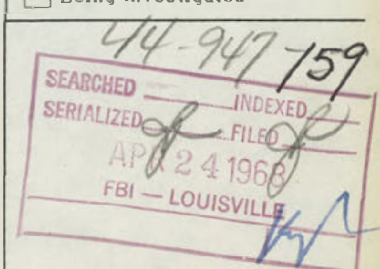
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# King-Death Suspect Escaped After Brother Visited Prison

From L.A. Times-Washington Post and UPI Dispatches

James Earl Ray, accused of assassinating Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., was visited in the Missouri State Prison by his brother, John, a day before escaping last year, Warden Harold Swenson said yesterday.

An FBI complaint filed on April 17 accused Eric Starvo Galt, whom the FBI has since identified as James Earl Ray, of conspiring with "an individual whom he alleged to be his brother," to violate Dr. King's civil rights. The complaint did not name the individual.

In Tennessee, Memphis police have accused James Earl Ray, in the name of Galt, with murder. A nationwide hunt is on for the suspect.

Warden Swenson said prison records showed it was the eighth time John Ray had visited his brother, who was serving 20 years for robbery.

Swenson said prison records show that Jerry Ray, another of the suspect's brothers, visited him five times.

At Dalton, Ga., a convict said Ray once

bragged he was going to collect a "million-dollar kitty" put up by a mysterious "businessman's association" for the "removal" of Dr. King. Authorities said there is no evidence any such fund ever existed.

Convict Raymond Curtis, awaiting an appeal of a murder conviction, said he had served with Ray in jail once and prison twice and first heard him mention Dr. King shortly after the 1963 assassination of President Kennedy.

"Well, somebody made a pretty penny on that," he said Ray commented.

About a week later, Curtis said a "new man just in off the street" told them "the businessmen's association has a million-dollar bounty out for Martin Luther King."

He said Ray smiled and said, "If there's a million dollars out on King, I believe if I ever get out I'll collect it."

Curtis said he and Ray were in the Missouri prison at the time. Ray fled the prison last year by hiding in a bread truck.

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