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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, NORFOLK (44-268) - P -
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Bureau airtel to all SACs dated 5/7/68.

As per referenced Bureau airtel, enclosed for Memphis are 15 copies of an investigative insert regarding investigation by the Norfolk Division to date.

Also enclosed for Memphis are 15 copies each of FD 302s reflecting interview of ROBERT LEE MOORE and CLARENCE ELLIOTT FITCHETT.

ADMINISTRATIVE DATA:

A review of the indices of the Norfolk Division under the names JAMES EARL RAY, and all his aliases was conducted with negative results.

A review of ITSMV cases regarding automobiles stolen 3/22/68 and after, was conducted with negative result regarding any possible connection with the subject.

Stops were placed at all overseas agencies and sources of entry into the United States, and copies of the I.O. regarding JAMES EARL RAY were furnished to these agencies.

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Special Agent in Charge

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Distribution of pertinent press releases and photographs of JAMES EARL RAY have been made by the Norfolk Division to the news media in this Division.

INFORMANT DATA:

Appropriate PGIs, CIs, RIs and PRIs - Ghetto, have been contacted in the Norfolk Division with negative results regarding JAMES EARL RAY.

It is noted that various parts of said insert has been synopsisized, i.e. checks of dance studios, laundries, etc, in view of brevity. Detailed notes are maintained in the case file at Norfolk regarding the particular businesses and agencies contacted.

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NORFOLK DIVISION

At Norfolk, Virginia

Will continue investigation and report results of any investigation conducted to Memphis as per Bureau airtel to all SACs dated 5/7/68.

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Date 4/26/19681

CARPER BUCKLEY, Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office said they do not have an account in the name of ERIC STARVO GALT. He added in answer to a request, the Government Printing Office sent today, a copy of the book "Federal Income Tax" to ERIC STARVO GALT, E Street, Elberta, Alabama. They also enclosed a letter stating the cost of the book and explaining the book was sent due to the nature of the request concerning income tax. An envelope addressed to the Government Printing Office was enclosed. BUCKLEY added he would advise the FBI if they receive a reply.

On 4/26/1968 at Washington, D. C. File # WFO 44-703
by SA ROGER D. ASHLAND:RDA:rda Date dictated 4/26/1968

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Date 4/26/19681

HARRY J. HUMPHREY, Administrative Assistant to the Public Printer, Government Printing Office, furnished a Mail Order Form to the Government Printing Office postmarked Pensacola, Florida, April 22, 1968, requesting a Federal Income Tax Book to be sent to ERIC STARVO GALT, E Street, Elberta, Alabama.

The above form was retained in the possession of SA ASHLAND until turned over to SA JAMES H. MORTIMER, FBI Laboratory on April 26, 1968.

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Date 4/26/1968**1**

JAMES BONES, Postal Inspector, Room 3026, Main Post Office Building on April 26, 1968 delivered one mail order form addressed to the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office from ERIC S. GALT, E Street, Elberta, Alabama to HARRY J. HUMPHREY, Administrative Assistant to the Public Printer, Government Printing Office. The form was postmarked April 22, 1968, Pensacola, Florida.

BONES added the Postmaster in Elberta, Alabama said there is no such address. The above form was not in an envelope and so the form was postmarked and treated as a item of mail. No money was attached to the form for the cost of the book requested "Federal Income Tax".

J. ROBERT SIMS, Assistant Postal Inspector In Charge, Chattanooga, Tennessee forwarded it in an envelope to A. J. MURRAY, Postal Inspector In Charge, Washington, D. C. JAMES BONES, Postal Inspector received it on April 26, 1968.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

DATE: 6/7/68

FROM : SAC, WFO (44-703) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Knoxville teletype 4/25/68; WFO letter to
FBI Lab 4/26/68; Bureau letter 4/29/68 (Lab report); and
and Bureau airtel 4/29/68, re fingerprint examination.

Re Government Printing Office Order Form
from ERIC S. GALT, E Street, Elberta, Alabama

Enclosed for Memphis are 15 copies each of three (3)
IRFs reflecting handling of above order form.

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The following investigation was conducted by the
Salt Lake City Division:

Re Friendship Inns

By communication dated April 11, 1968, the Memphis Office advised that a bar of soap commonly found in motels was located in luggage left by the subject when he departed the scene of the shooting. The engraving on the bar of soap bore the name "Friendship Inns."

Mrs. LUCILLE WILLIAMS, Town House Motel, Salt Lake City, Utah, furnished a list of 377 Friendship Inn motels throughout the country. She advised that not all of these motels utilized bars of soap bearing the name "Friendship Inns," but that the soap is available to all of these motels and she had no information as to which motels used it and which did not. She said the name of JOHN WILLARD is not known to her.

Re Suspect HARVEY LOWMEYER or LOWMYER

No record was located for the suspect or anyone having the surname LOWMEYER or LOWMYER in the State of Utah through check of indices, City Directories, telephone directories, Driver's license Bureau, Motor Vehicle Division, Selective Service, credit and criminal checks, and State Tax Commission.

RUTH SKEETERS, Election Clerk, Salt Lake County Clerk's Office, Salt Lake City, Utah, advised that voters' registrations in State of Utah are maintained in County Clerk's Office of each county in State. These records are maintained by address only and it is impossible to check a name through the

Re Laundry Mark 02B-6 or D2B-6

Mr. TED REESE, Sales Representative, Patch and Tag, Salt Lake City, stated his company is the representative in this area for Thermo Seal marking machines, manufactured by Texile Marking Machine Company, Syracuse, New York. He stated that only three laundries in State of Utah utilize a Thermo Seal marking machine. These laundries were contacted negatively as set out below:

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- (1) Mr. MARVIN HOWARD, Paramount-Murray Laundry Company, Salt Lake City
- (2) Mr. JOHN JANSEN, Vogue Cleaning and Shirt Laundry, Salt Lake City
- (3) Mr. DON McELVEY, Model Laundry, Ogden, Utah

Mrs. CLEO MACKIE, Fashion Cleaners and Shirt Laundry, Salt Lake City, Utah, stated her organization uses a Thermo Seal marking machine on all laundry processed; however, the above combination of letters and numbers could not be utilized by her company.

Mr. GORDON MARZ, Wasatch Dry Cleaners, 719 East 21st South, Salt Lake City, Utah, advised the above mark is not utilized by his company.

Re Suspect THERAL BURNS LYMAN

By communication dated April 10, 1968, the Sacramento Office advised that one JERRY HEDGEMAN, St. Petersburg, Florida, had advised that BURNS LYMAN, whom he had known in St. Petersburg in about 1963, had expressed a great dislike for Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HEDGEMAN said LYMAN had four or five guns which he had allegedly used for hunting bear in Utah. He allegedly made statements to HEDGEMAN several times that his ambition was to kill MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., among others. HEDGEMAN furnished background information regarding LYMAN which identified him with one THERAL BURNS LYMAN, a white male who was born [redacted], at Moab, Utah.

Records of the San Juan County Sheriff's Office, Monticello, Utah, which were checked on April 11, 1968, showed that THERAL BURNS LYMAN, who was identical with the suspect, was killed in a single airplane crash at Blanding, Utah, June 17, 1967.

Re Suspect JOHN CLINTON MILLSAPS

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By communication dated April 10, 1968, the Charlotte Office advised that WILLIAM CLYDE MILLSAPS, Gastonia, North Carolina, had furnished information indicating that he suspected his nephew, JOHN CLINTON MILLSAPS, who resided in Salt Lake City, may have been involved in the shooting of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. During a visit in January or February, 1968, JOHN CLINTON MILLSAPS had told his uncle that he was going to purchase a high-powered rifle to shoot Negroes with. WILLIAM MILLSAPS observed a sketch of the assassin of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., which he felt strongly resembled his nephew.

Mrs. TRUDY MILLSAPS, wife of JOHN CLINTON MILLSAPS, was contacted at Salt Lake City, Utah, on April 10, 1968, and advised her husband was then in Richmond, Virginia, working with Mr. JAY CUMMINGS, Salesman for Plastic-Vac, Incorporated. She said MILLSAPS and CUMMINGS left Salt Lake City, March 26, 1968, via United Airlines. Since leaving Salt Lake City, MILLSAPS had supposedly been only in Virginia and North Carolina. Mrs. MILLSAPS stated her husband had expressed a strong dislike for Negroes but never made threats and does not own a gun. She described him as 6'4", 200 pounds, brown hair and eyes, and having a partial tattoo of an anchor on his left hand. He was born [REDACTED] at Salt Lake City, Utah.

Re Suspect ERIC STARVO GALT

A check of credit and criminal records, Driver's License Bureau, Motor Vehicle Departments, City and telephone directories, Selective Service Headquarters, and financial institutions was negative regarding suspect.

Four GALT families were located in Utah as follows:

- (1) ALLAN HUGH GALT, RFD 1, Spanish Fork, Utah
- (2) MATTHEW A. GALT, 556 East 9th North, Bountiful, Utah
- (3) MARTIN HAPPER GALT, Box 131, Kanab, Utah
- (4) HAMILTON S. GALT, 824 East 3rd South, Salt Lake City, Utah.

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Investigation has developed that MARTIN HAPPER GALT left Kanab, Utah, approximately five years ago and his last known address was 950 Southwest 21st Avenue, Portland, Oregon.

Mr. ALLAN HUGH GALT, RFD 1, Box 799, Spanish Fork, Utah, advised on April 11, 1968, he was born in Tracy, California, on July 9, 1917, and that his father, HUGH GALT, was killed in California in 1920. He said his father was born in Scotland, and that his father's brother, HAMILTON GALT, resided in Salt Lake City, Utah. He said HAMILTON had two other brothers besides HUGH, but that their whereabouts were not known to him. He advised that his mother, ANNA MONK GALT MOORE, resided at Spanish Fork and that his own wife and four children, ages 8 to 17, reside with him in the family home in Spanish Fork. He stated he had heard of a GALT family in Bountiful, Utah, and that he had never heard of anyone else named GALT in Utah or any other state.

He advised he did not know ERIC STARVO GALT and could furnish no information concerning him.

On April 11, 1968, Mrs. ALICE BAKER, 826 East Third South, Salt Lake City, advised that HAMILTON S. GALT resides at 824 East Third South. She further advised that GALT left approximately one and one-half weeks prior on a vacation to California and would return in approximately three weeks. She could furnish no further information.

On April 11, 1968, Miss LYNNETTE GALT, 556 East Ninth North, Bountiful, Utah, advised that her father, MATTHEW A. GALT, was the Principal of Millcreek Junior High School, Bountiful, Utah.

Her father has a brother, ROBERT GALT, who is living in Denver, Colorado.

She has three brothers, ANDREW, age 12; RUSSELL, age 9; and ROBERT, age 6.

She does not know any person named ERIC STARVO GALT and stated ERIC STARVO GALT is not related to her family.

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Her grandfather's name is MATTHEW A. GALT and is no longer living.

Re Dancing Schools

All logical dancing schools in the State of Utah were checked for a record of attendance in the names ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMEYER or LOWMYER, and JOHN WILLARD. No such record was located.

Re JAMES EARL RAY

By communication on April 19, 1968, the Omaha Office advised that Subject JAMES EARL RAY had allegedly become acquainted with one BILL HOLLAND, who in 1950, reportedly lived in Salt Lake City.

The Salt Lake City directories for the periods 1948 through 1955 were reviewed and it was determined that the only possibilities listed were WILLIAM A. HOLLAND, 1714 Roberts Street; WILLIAM H. HOLLAND, 1852 East 17th South, and WILLIE M. HOLLAND, 246 North Eighth West.

On April 20, 1968, WILLIAM A. HOLLAND, currently residing at 161 1/2 Commonwealth Avenue, and WILLIE M. HOLLAND, 246 North Eighth West, Salt Lake City, were contacted and both advised subject RAY was unknown to them and further that they had not been in the Las Vegas, Nevada, area in 1950.

Records of the Credit Bureau of Salt Lake City show that WILLIAM HENRY HOLLAND, who formerly resided at 1852 East 17th South in Salt Lake City, had apparently moved to 857 Crenshaw Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, in 1957. Los Angeles was requested by communication to locate WILLIAM HENRY HOLLAND.

At 8:00 PM, on April 21, 1968, Mr. HOWARD ROESCHLEY, 120 South Queen Anne Avenue, Seattle, Washington, telephonically contacted the Salt Lake City Office. Mr. ROESCHLEY said he and his wife were staying in Room 218 of the Imperial 400 Motel in Salt Lake City. At about 10:00 AM that date they were eating breakfast in the Hot Shoppe located between Fifth South and Sixty South on Main Street, Salt Lake City, when

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Mrs. ROESCHLEY observed an individual who to her appeared identical with a sketch she had seen of the Subject in this matter.

Mr. and Mrs. ROESCHLEY were contacted at the Imperial 400 Motel on April 21, 1968. Mrs. ROESCHLEY said she observed the above-mentioned individual sitting at the counter at the Hot Shoppe Cafe. She said he was alone and that he was acting in a suspicious manner, in that he kept watching the door and glancing around as though he were trying to hide from something. She said he did not talk to anyone and did not seem to know anyone in the restaurant. This individual was sitting at the counter when the ROESCHLEYS came in and was still there when they left. She said he was probably in his 30's, about six feet tall, having dark hair cut in a crew cut, blue eyes, was well-groomed in a grayish-green suit and wearing a matching shirt and tie. She said he was very smartly dressed. Mrs. ROESCHLEY said she felt uneasy about this individual all day because of his actions, and then when she saw a picture of JAMES EARL RAY on television during the FBI Program, she realized that this individual bore a very strong resemblance to RAY. She said she could furnish no additional information concerning this individual and has no idea whether or not he was staying at Covey's Motel and could not state whether or not he had a car.

By communication dated May 11, 1968, the Butte Office advised that on May 9, 1968, at about 7:00 P.M., an unknown individual resembling the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY was seen in Casey's Golden Pheasant Bar, Billings, Montana. Inquiry at the Ponderosa Motel where this individual reportedly was staying determined that R. NELSON and M. C. MARGULIES, representing Tappan Kitchens, 3080 South Second West, Salt Lake City, Utah, and driving a Cadillac bearing Utah License EA 8748, occupied room 129 from April 30 through May 9, 1968.

On May 11, 1968, Mrs. SHIRLEY AIRKSON, Secretary, North American Builders, 3080 South Second West, Salt Lake City, advised that M. C. MARGULIES and ROGER NELSON are siding salesmen for this company. She said MARGULIES was presently in Salt Lake City and that NELSON was in Minnesota for the weekend and would return to the Ponderosa Motel on May 13, 1968. She said NELSON had been with the company for one year, and MARGULIES for five years. Mrs. AIRKSON said neither is identical with JAMES EARL RAY.

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On May 16, 1968, Mrs. GWEN INSELBERGER, Utah State Bureau of Vital Statistics, State Health Department, advised that reports of all unknown deceased persons are referred to the Bureau of Vital Statistics. She said none has been referred since April 4, 1968. A copy of the identification order of JAMES EARL RAY was furnished Mrs. INSELBERGER and she stated she would compare reports concerning unknown deceased persons with that identification order in the future.

On May 22, 23 and 24, 1968, Mr. MAX MARTINEZ, Utah State Driver's License Bureau, State Capitol, Salt Lake City, made available film negatives of all driver's licenses issued during the months of April and May, 1968. Approximately 30,000 negatives were reviewed by Special Agents NORMAN S. HIGSON, GREGORY ANTHONY POST, JOHN W. CROFTS, JR., JAMES E. QUICK, WALTER I. ANDERSON, JR., and WILLIAM J. GEIERMANN. No identification was made with JAMES EARL RAY.

Major police agencies which maintain unidentified latent fingerprints in Utah have been contacted and these fingerprints searched against those of JAMES EARL RAY. No positive results were obtained.

Salvation Army and charitable-type missions in the State of Utah have been furnished copies of the identification order relating to JAMES EARL RAY. No pertinent information has been received as a result of this distribution.

Re Laundry Mark 20R-3

The following have been contacted and stated the above laundry mark was not utilized by their respective companies:

GORDON MARZ, Wasatch Dry Cleaners, 719 East 21st South, Salt Lake City;

Mrs. CLEO MACKIE, Fashion Cleaners and Shirt Laundry, Salt Lake City;

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Mr. MARVIN HOWARD, Paramount-Murray Laundry Company,
Salt Lake City;

Mr. JOHN JANSEN, Vogue Cleaning and Shirt Laundry,
Salt Lake City;

Mr. CLYDE AKINS, Model Laundry, Ogden, Utah

Miscellaneous

All logical criminal, security and racial informants have been contacted on a confidential basis in this matter and no pertinent information has been developed.

Mr. HAL VINSON, National Auto Theft Bureau, Salt Lake City, was contacted April 28, 1968, regarding cars recovered in his district, which includes Utah and part of Idaho. He was requested to be alert for any cars recovered which may have been stolen in the State of Georgia. He stated he can recall no such cars having been recovered; however, he will be alert to such information in the future.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM : SAC, SALT LAKE CITY (44-253) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 6/10/68

Re Bureau airtel to All SACS and Legats, dated
5/7/68.

In accordance with reairtel, there are transmitted
herewith, fifteen copies of an insert reflecting investigation
conducted by the Salt Lake City Division.

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