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TO MEMPHIS AND CHARLOTTE FROM NORFOLK (44-268) 1P

MURKIN; SUSPECT DASH ROBERT FRANKLIN WILLIAMS.

MRS. LLOYD BLACK SISTER-IN-LAW OF SUSPECT ADVISED

THIS DATE NEWSPAPER PICTURES AND DESCRIPTION IDENTICAL.

SUSPECT ESCAPED APPROXIMATELY ONE YEAR AGO FROM CONFINEMENT AT ASHVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA. HAS REPEATEDLY STATED

THAT HE WOULD KILL DR. KING. WIFE OF SUSPECT, CAROLYN

RUTH WILLIAMS, ONE ONE ZERO SEVEN RAY AVE., SANFORD, N.C.,

RECEIVED INFORMATION THAT SUSPECT CALLED ANOTHER SISTER

(UNKNOWN) FROM ATLANTA AND REQUESTED MONEY ABOUT ONE

WEEK AGO.

CHARLOTTE DETERMINE IF UFAC, INTERVIEW WIFE AND PRISON AUTHORITIES, OBTAIN PICTURES AND PRINTS.

### Norfolk only:

Norfolk advised of the above by Mrs. Lloyd Black, 839 Marvin Ave., Norfolk, Va.

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# Memorandum

SAC NORFOLK (44-268) (P)

4/18/68 DATE:

FROM

TO

SA DAVID G. FLANDERS

SUBJECT:

MURKIN

Re Memo of SA BONNER this date, and Butel to all SAC's 4/17/68 The following investigation was conducted by the writer on 4/18/68:

LES LEHIGH, Reporter, VB Sun, 3108 Pacific Ave., VB, Va. was furnished copies of the 2 photos of suspect GALT and the press release as per reButel. He advised that if any additional info develops prior to Tuesday 4/23/68 when his paper next goes to press to call him. He gave his phone # at home as 587-4829.

This date Mrs TAWANA SMITH, asst. mgr., Sporting Goods Dept, Kings Dept. Store, VB Blve, NF, Va. furnished their log of firearms sales from 12/17/67 to the present. A review of the log revealed that XNXX there had onle been one sale of a 30-.06 rifle. It occured on 3/21/68 to one J. T. BUCHANAN, 3625 E. Sewells Pt., Road, NF, Va. The rifle was a 30-.06 caliber Kodiac bolt action rifle, SN 11156. Mrs. SMITH advised that her mgr. JIM PEARSON made tha actual sale according to the records.

Photos of GALT were whown to the following clerks at the aforementioned Kings store with negative results:

> Mrs. Smith(supra) Nina Collier JEANNETTE GREEN PEGGY HEATH

A review of the log failed to reveal any name similar to that of GALT under true name and almases.

This date JAMES W. PEARSON, 274 Sedgefield Ave, VB, Va. was interviewed and advised that he does not recall the sale of the above mentioned rifle. He was shown photos of GALT with negative results. He then recalled that he am had one man in mind re above sale: a white male about 24, 5'6", 150#, with dark brown hair. He could not recall whether it was the same man as was recorded as J. T. BUCHANAN, the buyer in the log.

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PEARSON noted that he is so busy at the Kings Dept. Store that he does not pay any attention to the looks of any of his sostumers.

It is noted that PEARSON is the step-father of PAUL ODUM, clerk in the NORFOLK DIVISION.

This date a neighborhood investigation was conducted in the area of 3625 Sewells Point Rd., NF, Va. It was determined that TOMMY BUCHANAN, age about 21 resides at this address with his parents. TOMMY BUCHANAN was described as being about 21 years old, white male, 6'2", 160#, Brown hair, employed at the Naval Base, Norfolk, Va. He drives an International jeep. His father, EARL BUCHANAN drives a red late model Ford. Neighbors noted that TOMMY BUCHANAN is single and has been in the area continuously for some length of time. It has been their belief that he had served in the U.S. Army.

This date the writer contacted Mrs. MAUDE BUCHANAN, at 3625 Sewells Pt., Rd, NF, Va. She advised that her son's full name if JOSEPH THOMAS BUCHANAN, dob (age 23) at NF, Va. He is 6'2" 180#, Dard Brown hair, with hazel eyes, He served three hears in the U.S. Army. She stated that he did purchase a new rifle from Kings Dept. Store recently. She showed it to the writer. She advised that he has not been out of town in months. He is employed at the Naval Base, NF, Va.

She exhibited a photo of her son to the writer and it was apparent that he was not identifiable with GALT.

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FRI WASH DC 305FM URGENT 4-19-68 SAA TO ALL SACS FROM DIRECTOR 4F

MURKIN

THE FOLLOWING PRESS FELFASE HAS JUST BEEN ISSUED AT WASHINGTON THIS AFTERNOON AND YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO MAKE IT IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE TO THE LEADING NEWSPAPERS AND RADIO AND TV STATIONS IN YOUR DIVISION. EVERY EFFORT MUST BE MADE TO INSURE REPEATED AND WIDESPREAD DISTRIBUTION OF THIS IMPORMATION. COPIES OF THE 1968 PHOTOGRAPH OF SUBJECT ALREADY IN YOUR POSSESSION AND WANTED FLYERS SHOULD ALSO BE MADE AVAILABLE TO MEDIA CONTACTS. NO ELAPORATION FRATSOEVER MAY BE MADE REGARDING THIS PELFASE. ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING INVESTIGATIVE LEADS WILL FOLLOW SHOETLY.

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ANYONE HAVING INFORMATION CONCERNING PIM SHOULD IMMEDIATELY

CONTACT FRI HEADGLAPTERS IN WASHINGTON, D. C., OF THE MEAREST

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ATTORNEY GENERAL FAMSEY CLARK ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THE FOIL WAS IDENTIFIED JAMES FARL HAY. AN ESCAPEE FROM THE MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY. AS ERIC STARVO GALT, AGAINST WHOM A FEDERAL COMPLAINT WAS FILED LAST WEDNESDAY IN CONNECTION WITH THE FATAL SPROTTING OF THE REVEREND DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

DIRECTOR J. EDGAR HOOVER SAID THAT A SYSTEMATIC AND
EXHAUSTIVE SEARCH OF LATENT FINCEPPRINTS UNCOVERED IN THE DP. KING
CASE AGAINST THE FINCEPPRINTS OF THE OVER 53,000 PERSONS FROM BHOM
"WANTED NOTICES" HAVE BEEN POSTED IN THE FILES OF THE FRI"S IDENTIFICATION DIVISION LED TO THE DETERMINATION THAT GALT AND RAY
AFE IDENTICAL.

MR. HOOVER SAID THAT RAY, WHO IS AN YEARS OF AGE, WAS DEPORTED MISSING FROM THE MISSOURY STATE PENITENTIARY AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURY, SINCE APRIL 23, 1967. HE HAD BEEN RECEIVED AT THAT INSTITUTION ON MARCH 17, 1960. TO SERVE A 20-YEAR SENTENCE FOLLOWING CONVICTION IN ST. LOUIS FOR AFMED ROBBERY AND FOR OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE WITHOUT PERMISSION OF THE ORNER.

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PAGE THREE IN SEPTEMBER, 1966, WITLE SERVING THIS SEPTEMBER, HE WAS CONFIDED FOR A TENT. IN THE MAXIBUL SUBSTITUTE NACE AT THE STATE HOSPITAL AT FILTON, MISSOUTH .. ACCOPPING TO MR. HOWER, RAY HAS A KNOWN APPEST SECORD DATTNE HACK TO 1040. PRIOR TO THE 1960 CONVICTION FOR WHICH HE RECEIVED THE CO-YEAR TERM, MAY MAD PEEN CONVICTED OF RUPGLARY IN LOS ANGRETS, CALTROSNIA, IN 1929, ARMED PORRERY IN CHICAGO, ILLINOTS, IN 1958, AND FORGING UNITED STATES FOSTAL MONEY ORDERS FR MESSALUF IN 1955. HE HAS SERVED TERMS IN THE LOS ANDREES COUNTY JAIL IN special Mi "Situatini "Dailad due inflici de suosida divide di senti AND TO THE PEDERAL PENETENTEARY AT LEAVENDRING HAMSAS. IN 1955-50. MORE YMAN STENES CREENIN BUT IN MAN THEFT AND SAFE ON PRO PREDITARY, TORE, TO DECEMBER, TORR, AT PRICH TIME HE WAS CIVEN A CENESAL DISCHARGE DIE TO INCRTACES AND LACK OF ADAPTABILITY FOR NILLIARY SERVICES WHILE IN THE ARMY, NE RESERVED A THREE-MONTH SENTENCE AT MART LARGE FOR RETRO DELWK AND PREAKING OFFICET. MP. POOVER SAID THAT PURING HIS CRIMINAL CAREER, FAY HAS ALSO USED THE NAMES OF JAMES MODERADE, JAMES WALTON, U. C. HERRON AND JAMES O'CONNEE. HE IS A UNITE MALE! CLAIMS TO HAVE

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PEVENTEEN LAST IN CONNECTION WITH RATAL SHOOTING OF DE. MARTIN ALLH EBIC ZIVBAD GVFI, VCRINST WHOM FEDERAL COMPLAINT FILED APRIL CILA, KC FILE 88-9479; DETERMINED TODAY BY BUFFAU TO BE IDENTICAL - EBC111AE: BEVC - BUBBEBA EIBELT BORIFE BE-VILSET OD: NEWSVE MIL . WOYLAW CEMBL. . WOTJAW SEMAL . SEMBL . JAMES WELYON. TAMES EAST SAY, AKA, EARL JAMES SAY, W. C. MERRON, EARL JAMES,

TO ALL SACSEVEEPT KANSAS CITY, ANCHORAGE, HONOLULU AND SAN JUAN

TOWES FORT BEAT INMELE, WISSORGI STRIE BENILENTIESA, HERREON LUTHER KINE, JR.

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FEDERAL COMPLAINT AUTHORIZED BY AUSA WILLIAM A. KITCHEN, WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOUPI, KANSAS CITY, MO., FILED PEFORE USC. JEFFERSON CITY, MO., CHARGING PAY WITH VIOLATION TITLE EIGHTEEN, SECTION ONE ZERO SEVEN THREE, USC. WARRANT ISSUED.

INVESTIGATION MAS BEEN CONDUCTED BY CHICAGO, SPRINGFIELD, ST.

LOJIS, AND KANSAS CITY OFFICES IN UNPRODUCTIVE EFFORT TO LOCATE THIS

FUGITIVE. KANSAS CITY IS INSTITUTING A FULL AND COMPLETE

PEINVESTIGATION IN AN EFFORT TO DEVELOP BACKGROUND DATA, BELATIVES,

AND ASSOCIATES OF SUBJECT, WHO MIGHT BE IN A POSITION TO ASSIST IN

HIS LOCATION.

IN THIS COMMECTION, JAMES EARL RAY AND WALTER TERRY RIFE ON MARCH SEVEN, FIFTY-FIVE, BURGLARIZED THE U. S. POST OFFICE AT MELLERVILLE, ILL., AND STOLE SIXTY-SIX PLANK U. S. POSTAL MONEY ORDERS WHICH THEY PASSED DUPING MAPCH, FIFTY-FIVE, IN NUMEPOUS STATES, WITH THE RESULT THAT BOTH WERE SENTENCED IN U.S.D.C., MANSAS CITY, MO., ON JULY ONE, FIFTY-FIVE, TO USP, LEAVENWOPTP, END FAGE TWO

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KANSAS. SUBJECT BAY HAS BEEN DESCRIPED AS A LONER AND RIFE

APPARENTLY IS ONE OF HIS FEW CLOSE ASSOCIATES, SUGGESTING POSSIBILITY

THEY COULD HAVE BEEN ASSOCIATES IN MURDER OF DR. KING. AND

INVESTIGATION ALSO INSTITUTED IN KANSAS CITY AIRTEL TO SPRINGFIELD

MARCH ELEVEN LAST TO DEVELOP BACKGROUND INFO RE RIFE AND TO LOCATE

HIM FOR INTERVIEW. THIS INVESTIGATION SHOULD ALSO BE RECOVERED AND

EXPEDITED TODAY, IT PRING NOTED RIFE AND RAY HAVE BACKGROUND HISTORY

IN THE RUINCY. ILL.. AREA.

PHOTOS OF JAMES EARL RAY AND WALTER TERRY RIFE ARE BEING FORWARDED AMSD TO BUREAU AND ALL OFFICES.

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ILL., MARCH FIFTY-FIVE; VICTOR HOTEL, GUINCY, ILL., MARCH FIFTY-FIVE; EIGHT FIVE THREE WEST FULLERTON, CHICAGO, ILL., MAY FIFTY-TWO; EIGHT ZERO FIVE ALBY STREET, ALTON, ILL., JULY FIFTY-ONE. FFC--SIXTEEN, MOVER M, NINE OVER FOUR, U OVER W, OOO OVER 101. TWELVE, REF NINE OVER TWELVE. NCIC FPC--ONE SIX ONE THREE ONE ONE ZERO ZERO ONE TWO ONE TWO I I ONE TWO I I ONE SEVEN. MILITARY MCCORD--JAMES EARL RAY, SN ONE SIX ONE SIX THREE ONE TWO NINE, ENLISTED U. S. AFMY FERRUARY FORTY-SIX, AT EAST ST. LOUIS, ILL., AND SERVED ON ACTIVE DUTY UNTIL DECEMPER TWENTY-THREE, FORTY-EIGHT, AT WHICH TIME GIVEN GENERAL DISCHARGE AS PRIVATE FIRST CLASS AT CAMP KILMER, N. J., BY REASON OF INEPTNESS AND LACK OF ADAPTARILITY FOR MILITARYSERVICE. RECORDS ALSO INDICATE HE RECEIVED TREATMENT FOR GONORRHEA AND SYPHILIS WHILE A MEMBER OF THE MILITARY.

FOLLOWING IS A DESCRIPTION OF WALTER TERRY FIFE, FRI NO. END PAGE FOUR

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FOUR FIVE FIVE EIGHT SEVEN SIX SIX, AS OBTAINED FROM FILES OF USP, LEAVENWORTH: WHITE MALE, AGE FORTY-FOUR, DOB

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KANSAS CITY IS SETTING OUT ALL PERTINENT LEADS TODAY PY
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ALL LEADS MUST BE COVERED WITHIN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS WITH PUREAU,
KANSAS CITY, AND MEMPHIS BEING KEPT ADVISED BY APPROPRIATE
COMMUNICATION OF FERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS.

SUGGEST PUREAU MAKE IMMEDIATE COMPARISON OF ANY LATENT FINGEPRINTS DEVELOPED DURING KING INVESTIGATION WITH THOSE OF WALTER TERRY FIFE TO DETERMINE IF IDENTICAL.

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TO:

BUREAU, MEMPHIS, ATIANTA, INDIANAPOLIS

FROM:

CHARLOTTE (44-1365)

MURKIN

FOR INFORMATION OF BUREAU AND ALL OFFICES EXCEPT
MEMPHIS, BY TELETYPE TODAY NORFOLK ADVISED AS FOLLOWS RE
"SUSPECT DASH ROBERT FRANKLIN WILLIAMS:"

"MRS. LLOYD BLACK, NORFOLK SISTER-IN-LAW OF SUSPECT
ADVISED THIS DATE NEWSPAPER PICTURES AND DESCRIPTION IDENTICAL.
SUSPECT ESCAPED APPROXIMATELY ONE YEAR AGO FROM CONFINEMENT AT ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA. HAS REPEATEDLY STATED
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REVIEW OF N. C. PRISON DEPARTMENT RECORDS REVEAL WILLIAMS, FBI NUMBER TUREE SEVEN TWO FOUR THREE THREE F SENTENCED SEPTEMBER SIXTEEN SIXTY-FIVE FOR ASSAULT ON A FEMALE WITH A DEADLY WEAPON, TO SERVE TEN YEARS. HE ESCAPED JULY TWELVE SIXTY-SEVEN AND PRESENT WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN.

PRISON DEPARTMENT RECORDS SHOW HE IS WHITE MALE, BORN AT HARNETT COUNTY, N. C.,

FIVE FEET NINE INCHES, ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE POUNDS, FAIR COMPLEXION, BROWN EYES, BLACK HAIR, OCCUPATION WELDER AND USED CAR SALESMAN, HOME ADDRESS SANFORD, N. C.

WILLIAMS EX-WIFE, CAROLYN RUTH WILLIAMS, INTERVIEWED AT SANFORD, N. C. TODAY AND ADVISED SHE DIVORCED HIM WHILE HE WAS SERVING PRISON SENTENCE AND HAS NOT SEEN HIM SINCE TIME OF SENTENCE. SHE STATED WILLIAMS WAS NOT A MEMBER OF THE KIAN BUT ATTENDED PUBLIC RALLIES OF KIAN. WHEN HE GOT DRUNK HE OFTEN TALKED ABOUT MARTIN LUTHER KING AND SEVERAL TIMES SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO KILL THE SOB. SHE ADVISED SHE THOUGHT OF HER HUSBAND WHEN SHE HEARD OF END PAGE TWO

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KING'S ASSASSINATION BECAUSE OF REMARKS MADE BY HIM. SHE STATED WILLIAMS' SISTER, MRS FRANK WIMBERLY, DUNN, N. C., RECENTLY TOLD HER HE HAD CALLED ANOTHER SISTER NAMED EUNICE WHO LIVES IN INDIANA SOMETIME BEFORE CHRISTMAS LAST AND HAD ASKED HER TO SEND HIM MONEY IN ATLANTA. PRISON DEPARTMENT RECORDS REFLECT WILLIAMS SISTER IS MRS. EUNICE SMITH, HAMPTON, INDIANA.

BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO COMPARE FINGERPRINTS OF WILLIAMS,
FBI NUMBER THREE SEVEN TWO FOUR THREE THREE F WITH LATENTS
DEVELOPED IN THIS CASE.

INDIANAPOLIS ATTEMPT TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW EUNICE SMITH, HAMPTON, INDIANA, CONCERNING TELEPHONE CALL RECEIVED FROM WILLIAMS AND FOR HIS WHEREABOUTS.

ATTEMPTS BEING MADE BY CHARLOTTE TO OBTAIN PHOTOGRAPHS OF WILLIAMS WHICH WILL BE FORWARDED TO MEMPHIS UPON RECEIPT.

NO UFAC PROCESS OBTAINED ON WILLIAMS INASMUCH AS PRISON AUTHORITIES HAD NO INFORMATION HE HAD LEFT STATE AND DID NOT REQUEST FBI ASSISTANCE.

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INVESTIGATION CONTINUING AT CHARLOTTE.

NORFOLK ADVISED BY AIR MAIL.

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To: SAC, Charlotte (44-1365)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

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Reurtel 4-18-68.

Unidentified latent fingerprints and latent impressions this case are not identical with fingerprints of ROMENT PRANKLIN WILLIAMS, FBI #372 433 F. He palm prints here for Williams.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO: SAC, No-folk (44-268) DATE: 4/20/68

FROM: 58C. James C. Barker

SUBJECT: Mur Kin

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# Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (44-38861)

DATE: 4/19/68

FROM :

SAC, Kansas City (44-760)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Enclosed to the Bureau are six copies and to each office one copy of the following photographs:

JAMES EARL RAY, Missouri Department of Correction #00416, dated 3/17/60 and 9/8/66

WALTER TERRY RIFE, Kansas City SO #29636 FBI #4558766

Stand up photographs of RAY on the left, Kansas City SO #29637 and RIFE, Kansas City SO 29236, taken 3/28/55.

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SUBJECT:	MURKIN - COST DATA
	ReButel to ME 4/17/68.
requested	For information of all offices, the Bureau by ret of the Memphis Division as follows:
	"Please furnish following information on above impiled or estimated through 4/30/68, and thereafte imulative totals through the end of each month untidotice:
1)	Number of man hours spent on case broken down as to regular hours, overtime hours, and total man hours by following employees (separate figures for each class of employees shown):
	A. Special Agents
	B. Clerical Employees
2)	Total mileage (estimated or actual) traveled by Bucars used on case. Include mileage for cars traveling to and from other field offices on specassignment and any personally-owned cars.
3)	Any unusual or out-of-ordinary costs, such as cost of chartering airplane, rental of special office space, leased telephone lines, etc. These should be itemized and cost of each item shown.
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### ME 44-1987

Peak number of Special Agents working on case during month for which report is submitted.

You should promptly request all Bureau offices involved in this case to furnish information requested herein to you and it should be included in your report."

Each office is requested to expeditiously furnish the Memphis Division with the above designated data within two work days after the close of each month. Secondly, each office is also requested to advise the Memphis Division even in the event each category is zero or no work is performed on this case during the month.

### FBI

Date: 4/19/68

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Re Albany airtels 4/10/68 and 4/11/68, setting forth concerns who purchased Thermo-Seal marking machines. and Bureau teletype to Memphis, 4/12/68.

The FBI Laboratory advised that pillowcase and bed sheet were found in trunk of 1966 white Mustang registered to ERIC STARVO GALT, which was located at Atlanta 4/11/68. These items contain Thermo-Seal laundry tapes of approximately same size as tapes on items previously recovered, but are yellow in color and contain code, "20R-3." In opinion of Textile Marking Machine Company, Syracuse, New York, the tapes were produced by a different machine than previous tapes since the first three characters are 15 point type and the last two characters are 18 point type.

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.

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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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At about 6 p.m. on 4/4/68, while standing on the second floor balcony outside Room 306 of the Lorraine Motel, 406 Mulberry Street, Memphis, Tennessee, Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. was struck in the right side of the face by a single bullet fired from a 30-06 rifle. The bullet severed KING's spinal cord and death was almost instantaneous.

This investigation, predicated upon a specific request from the Attorney General of the United States, disclosed that the fatal shot had been fired from the bathroom of a cheap rooming house located at 4222 South Main Street, Memphis, which bathroom was located at the rear of the rooming house, and had a window overlooking the Lorraine Motel.

At about 3 p.m. on 4/4/68, an individual using the name JOHN WILLARD had rented Room 5-B in the rooming house at 4223 South Main Street and had paid one week's rent. After hearing the rifle shot at about 6 p.m. on that same day, other tenants in the rooming house observed a man presumably identical with WILLARD, fleeing from the rooming house carrying a large package which was subsequently abandoned by him on the sidewalk in front of the Canipe Amusement Co., 424 South Main Street, Memphis. A neighborhood investigation in the vicinity of 424 South Main Street disclosed that the subject had fled from the scene in a white Mustang.

Found abandoned in front of 424 South Main Street was a 30-06 Remington model 760 rifle which was determined to have been

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sold to one HARVEY LOWMEYER on 3/30/68 by Aeromarine Supply Co., Birmingham, Alabama.

Investigation at Memphis disclosed that an individual had purchased a set of binoculars at the York Arms Company in Memphis on 4/4/68. These binoculars were among the material abandoned with the rifle and recovered in Memphis. Also recovered was a brown and green herringbone bedspread. The items abandoned in Memphis were all wrapped in this bedspread. The blue bag which was inside the bedspread contained numerous items, among which were the binoculars and a set of underwear consisting of a T-shirt and shorts. The T-shirt and shorts are those on which appears the laundry mark which has been a matter of interest in this case.

A search of motel records in the Memphis area disclosed that an individual using the name BRIC S. GALT had spent the night of 4/3/68 at the Rebel Motel, Memphis, Tennessee, and was driving a 1966 white Mustang bearing Alabama License 1-38993. Investigation at Birmngham disclosed that this automobile had been purchased by ERIC S. GALT on August 30, 1968, from a private person in response to a newspaper ad. He paid a total of \$1995 cash. While in Birmingham he furnished the address of 2608 South Highland Avenue, Birmingham. This is also the address which appeared on a driver's license issued to him by the State of Alabama. The driver's license identifying data listed his birth date as the beat of the beat as 170 and his eyes blue and hair brown.

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The automobile in question, the white Mustang bearing the Alabama tags mentioned above, was recovered in Atlanta on 4/11/68 and determined to have been abandoned there prior to 9 a.m. on 4/5/68.

In connection with the evidence submitted by Atlanta, Birmingham, and Memphis, identifiable latent prints were recovered. It was on the basis of these latents that identification was made of JAMES EARL RAY. In handling future leads, all offices should be particularly interested in securing an identifying number, military, police, or FBI, in connection with suspects so that the necessary check can be made through the Identification Division.

On 4/17/68, AUSA R. MACEY TAYLOR, Birmingham, authorized the filing of a complaint charging ERIC STARVO GALT with a conspiracy to violate Section 241, Title 18, U.S. Code, and

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recommended bond in the amount \$50,000. On that same date, SAC JOSEPH H. GAMBLE filed a complaint before USC MILDRED F. SPRAGUE, Birmingham, and warrant was issued that same date.

For further information re JAMES EARL RAY, all offices are directed to press release furnished them by the Bureau on 4/19/68.

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SAC, NORFOLK (170-105)(P)

4/17/68

SA DAVID G. FLANDERS

RUTH SUZANNE CAPLAN PROBATIONARY RACIAL INFORMANT (CHEID)

CAPLAN was contacted on 4/5/68, and 4/12/68, re the following matters and furnished the following information:

Re 144-268 - Assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING.

She has been in receipt of no information to date re captioned incident. She was notified of FBI interest and she stated that she will be alert to same and will discretely inquire to her VISTA volunteers re this matter and emphasize the importance of their notifying her of any information re captioned murder or possible violence in response to his murder.

Re 157-1241 - Demonstrations at the National Democratic Convention, etc.

Re Memo of SA STEPHEN BOYLE, dated 2/28/68.

CAPLAN advised that she has heard nothing re any local people planning to attend said convention, but said that she would be alert to the possibility.

She advised that former VISTA volunteer, JOHN GALLAGHER, in the Norfolk - Portsmouth area was very close to the Negro populous and attended almost all of the meetings of the Negro people in the Ghetto areas. She stated that he possibly could be of some help in regard to furnishing information regarding the leaders and militants in the Ghetto areas. She advised that he presently is a student at the North Michigan College, and that his current address is 823 West Wine Street, Kalamazoo, Michigan, 49001.

of information CAPLAN stated that she was in receipt/that one MILT MILLER, Nego male, 28, student at the Norfolk Division of the Virginia State College, is presently attempting to organize the Negro youths of the Ghent and Berkley areas.

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It is her knowledge that he has an excellent personality, that he is a former military personnel, and that he is having great success in said organization. As one example, she advised that in regard to the Federal Model City Program in the Tidewater area, that it was necessary to have an election of the residents of the East Chent area to determine their representative to the Model City Program Council. A former VISTA volunteer had been considered for said position but at a meeting during the last part of March, 1968, MILT MILLER through his organizational ability had approximately 35 young Negro males present at the meeting at Lee School and through their vote one (first name unknown) PALIN, was elected to the position of the area representative to the afore mentioned council from the East Ghent area. Mrs. CAPLAN just used this as one example of MILT MILLER's organizational ability. She advised that he is well liked by the "street young Negro males".

Mrs. CAPLAN advised that one (first name unknown) KOKER (phonetic) of the Berkley area of Norfolk is very jealous of MILT MILLERS organizational ability. KOKER is younger and does not possess the ability or pershality of MILLER. KOKER is described as a Negro male, approximately 22 years old. It is known by CAPLAN that KOKER can organize a group of street fighters within a very short period of time in any area of the Norfolk - Portsmouth, Va. area. It is her knowledge that MILT MILLER will have nothing to do with KOKER.

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UNSUB; Theft of Scuba Gear, Ft. Eustis -TGP	52-6622
Assassination of M. L. KING, RM	44-268
NN Community Unity Congress, NNVA	157-1287

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Purpose and results of contact

# Re: 52-7121 on 4/8/68

CI stated that he had had a conversation with suspect JOHN OTIS EDWARDS while EDWARDS was working at the Service Club Cafeteria on the Fort Eustis reservation and during the course of this conversation, EDWARDS had mentioned to him that he, EDWARDS, had a business on the side besides his job at the Service Club. EDWARDS had given him one of his cards which reflected his name and also the suspect's address, which was 506 Middle-boro Terrace in Hampton, Virginia, telephone number 723-4851. This card also reflected that the suspect, EDWARDS, was in a floor sanding and polishing business and also did some painting and carpentry. CI further advised that he had determined that EDWARDS stored his equipment in a garage behind his house, and had contacts with various organizations and companies in the Newport News-Hampton, Virginia, area, and through these contacts

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he gets business for his floor sanding and polishing establishment. EDWARDS was presently working as a bus boy and dishwasher for the Service Club and worked every day until approximately 2:30 p.m. He was presently running around with a girl who worked at the Service Club whose name he believed was ROSA MEEKINS but he was not sure of the last name of this individual. ROSA was the alleged wife of a GI presently somewhere in the State of Georgia. He described EDWARDS as approximately 150 to 170 pounds; light complexion; small mustache; and very broad shoulders.

On 4/9/68. CI advised that he had been in the home of suspect EDWARDS in Hampton, Virginia, and stated that EDWARDS lives in a house valued at about \$25,000 or \$30,000, which was somewhat high for a bus boy and dishwasher working at Fort Eustis. He stated he had driven past the home of EDWARDS trying to determine what his activities were after the march in downtown Newport News in commemoration of the death of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING and EDWARDS has seen him drive past and called him over to his home and asked him if he wanted to see his house and have a couple of beers. CI stated he was escorted and shown the home and garage of EDWARDS and CI noted inside the garage a sander, air-compressor, and other items, but did not notice a large vacuum cleaner. EDWARDS was driving either a red Ford or Chevrolet panel truck and kept a lot of material in this truck. CI advised that also in the floor sanding business with the suspect, was his brother, name unknown. The brother also owned a fabulous home, which was across from the Wythe School in Hampton, Virginia. CI stated he would continue efforts to develop more information on EDWARDS and determine if he was in possession of the stolen vacuum cleaner or if the vacuum cleaner was being used by EDWARDS or his brother.

### Re: 52-7071; 52-6622

CI stated he had been unable to develop any information concerning the theft of 200 rounds of 7.62 millimeter ammunition at Fort Eustis, Virginia, since he had learned about the theft on approximately March 1, 1968, and he further advised that he had been unable to develop any more information on D. K. CRANE or the theft of scuba gear in July, 1967. He also stated he had not developed further information on HARRY THEOPHOLIS JACKSON.

### Re: 44-268; 157-1287

CI stated it would be possible for him to take part in the parade in downtown Newport News in commemoration of the

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death of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr. CI was instructed to participate in the march and to be alert for any individuals attempting or actually causing trouble or trying to stir up trouble over this incident. He was also advised to be alert for any individuals actually looting in downtown Newport News.

On 4/9/68, CI advised that he had participated in the above-described march that had taken place in the afternoon of April 9, 1968, in downtown Newport News, Virginia. He stated the march was peaceful throughout and there had been no problems with the individuals in the march. The police had covered the march adequately and the police were helmeted and there were many of them the whole length of the march. The policemen were seen to be on the rooftops of the buildings along the way of the march and it was also noted that there were numerous police dogs in the area. He stated that he could not accurately estimate the number of people in the march but it was huge. He/been asked to be a parade marshal as he was dressed in a suit and this had given him an opporturnity to watch the whole march. The march itself had formed across from the Whitacker Hospital and had gone from there to the Arch near 25th and 26th Street in downtown Newport News. He had noticed along the way that there were some remarks from the spectators standing on the street as the marchers went past but these had not caused any problems. CI stated that he had noticed about eight or nine young Negro men ranging in age from about eighteen to twenty-five years that traveled in a group by themselves and did not associate much with theother marchers. He had noticed these individuals at the beginning of the march as they had been one of the first groups there when the march formed. He did not know what these individuals were called but he had noted no violence or attempted violence on their part. He noted that these individuals all had Afrotype haircuts and had worn a safari-type jacket and also the same type of trousers. They appeared to be dressed in some kind of uniform but he did not know what they were representing. He did not notice these individuals carrying any weapons and had not overheard any of their conversation because, as he stated before, they kept mainly to themselves. They may have done some talking but this talking was to themselves. He could not recall having seen any of these individuals depart from cars when the parade was formed and did not recall seeing them talking to any particular group of people when the parade started or even after it finished. CI stated that he would attempt to develop more information concerning these individuals such as where they met and what their purpose was.

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At the conclusion of the contact with CI on 4/9/68, he was instructed to be alert to any information concerning possible racial violence or demonstrations in the Peninsula area of Virginia and to immediately report this to case Ag ent.

# Elusive Galt Hunted

# Nationwide

#### By JAY BOWLES

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) The nation's police agencies intensified a nationwide search today for Eric Starvo Galt, the cllusive fugitive sought in the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther Hing Jr.

They were aided by thousands of wanted posters, just gaining wide distribution two days after the FBI publicly identified Galt,

cretly since a week after the April 4 slaying.

The FBI refused comment on queries about whether it believes Galt is the man's real name of was simply a cover built painstakingly over a number of months by the beer-drinking lover of hillbilly music.

Two aliases—John Willard and Harvey Lowmyer-were listed on the federal conspiracy

36, as the man it had sought se- warrant issued against Galt in Birmingham, Ala., Wednesday afternoon and the first degree murder warrant issued by the state against him here Wednesday night.

> "John Willard" was the name used by the man who checked into a Main Street rooming house three hours before King was shot as he stood on the balcony of a motel here. There has

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alias.
The federal agency denied a report that it had taken into custody the man it said Galt described as his brother and that the brother was aiding in the search. The federal warrant, issued Wednesday, claimed that Galt and the brother entered into a conspiracy March 29 to violate King's civil rights.

The statement disclosed for

Memphis the day before King was shot, although he did not move into the rooming house from which the fatal bullet was fired until the day of the assassination.

There were these other developments.

The U.S. attorney's office in Kansas City quoted an informant of "apparent reliability" as saying King was among persons

beel no reference to the second the first time that Galt was in marked for death if Robert Bolivar Depugh, leader of the mili tant right-wing Minutemen or ganization, ever went to jail.

> \* A Birmingham man who said he had a brief business dealing with Galt told reporters that the hunted man once tald him he had a wife living in he Rocky Ridge section of the Alabama City. There was no dificial confirmation.

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## Hunted Man of Today Began Running in '49

#### By JERRY COHEN

Times/Post News Service

LOS ANGELES—The criminal career of James Earl Ray, the man suspected of killing Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. began in downtown Los Angeles early on an October evening in 1949.

He tried to steal a typewriter from the thirdfloor office of The Forum Cafeteria.

The assistant manager caught him in the act and scuffled with him, but Ray got away—not for long, however.

As he fled across a parking lot, an attendant heard the assistant manager's cries and grabbed Ray. The two struggled. Ray broke free, but a bank savings book and his army discharge papers fell to the pavement from his torn shirt pocket.

That happenstance, and an extraordinary coincidence, led to the first arrest in Ray's long career of lawlessness—a span of misconduct which apparently reached a climax in Memphis April 4, when Dr. King was assassinated.

Four days later, Oct. 11, 1949, the parking lot attendant recognized Ray emerging from a bank.

He attracted the attention of nearby policemen, who arrested Ray and matched him up with the bank book and army papers.

Ray was given 90 days in the county jail and placed on two years probation by Superior Judge W. Turney Fox, now retired.

Judge Fox's leniency was based on the report of Deputy County Probation Officer Herbert W. Audit and the plea of Deputy Public Defender Richard S. Buckley, who represented Ray, unemployed and broke.

Audit today is in the Probation Department's Santa Monica office, while Buckley has risen to head of the public defender's office.

Buckley, in appealing for probation when Ray appeared Dec. 30, 1949, before Judge Fox for sentencing, said:

"I feel he not only is eligible for probation but that he is a fit subject for probation. This man is in a position to stand on his own feet, and apparently has done so for a period of time.

"He apparently is thrifty, acquired some savings and also did fairly well in the Army. In view of these circumstances, I feel he is a good risk on probation...."

"I think you have a point there," Judge Fox told Buckley.

Then the judge turned to Ray and informed thim that as a condition of his probation:

"I want you to stay out of drinking places and not indulge in the use of alcoholic liquor or frequent or go to places where it is the principal order of sale."

Audit, the probation officer, had noted that Ray "spends much time on dates with girls" and admitted to "occasional excessive use of intoxicants."

His remarks, and those of the judge, have an ironic echo today, since women and liquor appear to have played major roles in the subsequent life of Ray, who was only 21 at the time.

Audit also observed that Ray appeared to be of normal intelligence, was a Roman Catholic but did not attend church, attended movies two or three times a week and "likes to read magazines and common ordinary books."

Ray, who had been in Los Angeles only two days when he got into the trouble at The Forum Cafeteria, was the oldest boy in a family of three, Audit reported to Judge Fox.

The probation report also disclosed that:

He was reared by his parents in Alton and Quincy, Ill., across the Mississippi River from St. Louis.

His father, Gordon, died in 1946, by which time young Ray had quit high school in Ewing, Mo., across the river from his home. He got only as far as the ninth grade.

Ray joined the Army Feb. 19, 1946, got a general discharge—still a private—on Dec. 23, 1948.

He spent most of that time in Germany, and during part of his service career there he was assigned to the Military Police.

After his discharge, he apparently lived at the home on his serviceman's readjustment pay, and when that ran out moved to Chicago where he got a job operating a mold in a rubber plant, while attending a television repair school five nights a week.

He earned \$55 a week but was laid off work in September 1949. He remained in Chicago only a few days before heading for Los Angeles.

He denied that he had entered the cafeteria in Los Angeles to steal. He claimed he had attended a downtown movie earlier, then had climbed a fire excape into The Forum's third-floor office because:

"I guess maybe I had some beers or some-

When apprehended, he denied he ever had been in trouble with the law. A check of FBI files could establish no previous arrest record.

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## Ray Also Galt, 4 Others

# FBI Names Ex-Con As Suspected Slayer

Ray started running in 1949. Page 8.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The elusive Eric Starvo Galt, who is wanted for the killing of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., was identified by the FBI Friday as a 40-year-old drifter and ex-convict named James Earl Ray.

The FBI said Galt's real identity was traced through "a systematic and exhaustive search of latent fingerprints" developed in the King case against the fingerprints of more than 53,000 persons for whom wanted notices are on file in the bureau's identification division.

Galt is only one of the names Ray has used in brushes with the law which began, according to the FBI dossier, when he was 21.

The FBI said he has used the names of James McBride, James Walton, W. O. Herron and James O'Connor.

He is described as about 5 feet 10, weighing 163 to 174 pounds, with blue eyes and brown hair and two scars: a small scar in the center of the forehead and another on the palm of his right hand.

At the time King was shot and killed by a sniper in Memphis, Tenn., April 4, Ray was being sought on a jailbreaking charge.

The FBI said he escaped on April 23, 1967, from the Missouri State Penitentiary at Jefferson City, where he was serving a 20-year sentence for armed robbery in St. Louis.

Ray, sought on a Tennessee murder charge in the King slaying, has an arrest record dating at feast to 1349 when he served





The FBI has announced that James Earl Ray (left, photographed in St. Louis before his prison escape a year ago) and Eric Starvo Galt (right, as he appears on a wanted poster) are the same.

time in Los Angeles on a burglary charge.

This followed his discharge from the Army. The FBI said he was an enlisted man from February 1946 to December 1948 when he received a general discharge for ineptness and lack of adaptability.

His Army record showed a three-month sentence at hard labor for being drunk and breaking arrest, the FBI said.

The bureau's dossier on Ray indicates he has been a drifter since he left school in the 10th grade at Alston, Ill.

He has worked as a baker, laborer and color matcher.

In 1952, according to the FBI, he was convicted in Chicago for armed robbery and served two years in Joliet and Pontiac, Ill. state prisons. In 1955, the FBI

said, he was convicted of forging U.S. postal money orders in Missouri and was confined to Leavenworth penitentiary until 1958.

The FBI said Ray was sent to the Missouri State Penitentiary on March 17, 1960, and spent some time in September 1966 in the maximum security ward at the state hospital in Fulton, Mo.

The FBI said Ray has listed his birthdate as March 10, 1928, and his birthplace as Illinois.

The city clerk at Alton, Ill., Paul A. Price, said a James Earl Ray was born there on March 10, 1928, the son of a laborer.

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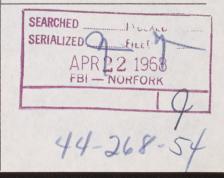
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The principal at Alton Senior High School said his records showed three James Rays at tended the school during the period Ray would have been there, and he was trying to determine whether any of them was the man identified by the FBI as Galt.

The bureau did not say what set of fingerprints in the King case was matched with those of Ray, but it is presumed that prints were found on a rifle dropped near the scene of the killing as well as in the furnished room occupied by the sniper.

The FBI also has reported recovering a white Mustang automobile in Atlanta, Ga., believed to have been used by the killer.

In a warrant obtained by the FBI Wednesday, the fugitive was accused of conspiring with an individual "alleged to be his brother" to "injure, oppress, threaten, or intimidate Martin Luther King Jr."

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## Memorandum

TO

: ALL AGENTS

DATE: 4/18/68

FROM : SAC, NORFOLK (44-268)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE: ERIC STAR VO GALT, - FUGITIVE

Attached for each Agent are two photographs of ERIC STARVO GALT, aka Harvey Lowmyer and John Willard. GALT is described as follows:

> Race Sex Height Weight Build Hair Eyes DOB Nose Teeth Characteristics

White Male 5'8" - 11" 160-175 pounds Medium

Brown (worn in "Brush" cut)

Blue

(not verified) Straight and narrow Straight and clean Neat dresser;

Left ear protrudes farther from his head than his right ear;

Has nervous habit of occasionally pulling at ear lobe with his hand;

Described as a "loner";

Language and diction have a "rural" quality

Drinks alcoholic beverages, preferring Vodka and Beer

A fan of Western and Country music

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The photograph of GALT with his eyes closed is an actual photograph, while the photograph of GALT showing his eyes open was prepared from the actual photograph by an FBI artist.

A federal complaint was filed in Birmingham, Alabama, on 4/17/68, charging GALT with conspiracy to violate the Civil Rights of Reverend Doctor MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., in violation of Title 18, Section 241, United States Code. The complaint charged 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..."

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 Doctor KING occurred. The rooming house overlooks the Lorraine Hotel and Motel where Dr. KING was staying. It was determined that the rifle and telescopic sight had been purchased from a gun dealer in Birmingham, Alabama, on March 30, 1968. The name HARVEY LOWMYER was used by GALT when purchasing this gun. He used the name JOHN WILLARD when registering at the rooming house.

GALT 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 odometer showed that it had been driven more than 19,000 miles between late August, 1967, and early April, 1968. 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 3-4, 1968, and to have departed from there for Atlanta.

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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 August and September, 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 19, 1967, and arrived back in Los Angeles on December 21, 1967. While in Los Angeles area, early this year, GALT took a course at a school of bartening and was graduated on March 2, 1968.

The pertinent dates for elimination purposes in this case are March 29,30, 1968, in Birmingham, Alabama, and April 4, 1968, in Memphis, Tennessee

The following below listed Agents are requested to provide the indicated law enforcement agencies with the above background information and attached photographs.

Chesapeake PD SA RAY Hampton PD SA BRANON Newport News PD SA LOWE Norfolk PD SA RAFFERTY Portsmouth PD SA RAPER Virginia Beach PD SA CUMMINGS Suffalk PD SA MC NABB Williamsburg PD SA BURRELL Eastern Shore SA TUBERSON NISO SA MCNERNEY LANGLEY AIR FORCE BASE SA DAVIS SA MARCOLINE Fort Eustis

GALT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS

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On April 17, 1968, the names, ERIC STARVO GALT, JOHN WILLARD, and HARVEY LOWMEYER were checked through the below listed records by SA PATRICK H. LANG.

Miss JANE E. DAVIS, Secretary for FRANK WATKINS, Voter Registrar for Nansemond County, Virginia, furnished the Voter Rolls for the county and a survey of these records failed to reflect the above referenced.names.

Mrs. GLORIA MORGAN, Records Division, Nansemond County Courthouse produced the county arrest records. A survey of these records failed to yield any positive information.

Mrs. LIBBY SAUNDERS, Clerk, Municiple Court, Franklin, Virginia, furnished the arrest records for the City of Franklin. These records did not yield any positive information.

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### UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO: SAC, NORFOLK (44-268)

DATE: 4/22/68

FROM

SA JOHN P. BUNSZEL

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Memo to SAC, 4/18/68.

On 4/18/68, the City Repair crew, working on Liberty Street, Berkley, were observed by SAS JOHN P. BUNSZEL and JOSEPH E. SMITH as a result of information received that one of them resembled ERIC STARVO GALT.

It was determined from JAMES SOREY, Foreman, that he has had a crew at that location for the entire day, all employees of the City of Norfolk, Department of Public Works. Only two of the crew were Caucasidn and neither of the two individuals even remotely resembled GALT. SOREY confirmed that both of the Caucasian employees have worked on his crew for several months.

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