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RE NEW YORK TELCALL AND TELETYPE THIS DATE.

MRS. JEAN VERNON, ONE FIVE FIVE SIX BESSEMER HIGHWAY,
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, IDENTIFIED AS SISTER OF MRS. DORIS CRAWFORD,
ONE FIVE FOUR FIVE MARTIN STREET, BIRMINGHAM, AND AS EX-WIFE OF
JAMES PITTSFORD LAY, REPEAT LAY. LAY IS WM, DOB OCTOBER NINE,
TWENTYSEVEN, FAIRFIELD, ALABAMA, AND IS EMPLOYED AS MERCHANT
MARINE ELECTRICIAN BY LYKES BROTHERS SHIPPING CONCERN. HE
PRESENTLY RESIDES WITH FOURTH WIFE AT FIVE FIVE TWO OSCELO CIRCLE,
FAIRFIELD. PHOTOS OF LAY AS FURNISHED BY VERNON NOT SIMILAR TO
SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY.

EFFORTS TO LOCATE LAY TODAY NEGATIVE. LAY WILL BE CONTACTED
AND INTERVIEWED WHEN AVAILABLE.

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FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)

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~~LAST~~ RE CINCINNATI TELETYPE TO BUREAU, APRIL ~~NINTH~~ ^{NINETEEN},
~~NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT~~.

RE UNKNOWN MALE LEAVING COLUMBUS OHIO VIA GREYHOUND
BUS.

RONALD WEISZ, THREE ZERO ONE EAST MAIN STREET, SMITH-
TOWN, NY, A SEVENTEEN YEAR OLD SENIOR AT STONY BROOK PREP SCHOOL,
STONY BROOK, NY, ADVISED AS FOLLOWS ON APRIL TWENTIETH, NINETEEN
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AT APPROXIMATELY THREE THIRTY AM ON APRIL NINETEENTH, NINETY SIXTY EIGHT, HE AND TWO OTHERS, GARY S. GOODMAN, CALDWELL, NEW JERSEY, AND LENNIE (LNU), A FRIEND OF GOODMAN'S FROM UPSTATE NY, WERE SLEEPING IN WAITING ROOM AT PORT COLUMBUS AIRPORT AWAITING SEVEN THIRTY PM TWA FLIGHT TO NY. A TWA CLERK WAS ONLY OTHER PERSON PRESENT IN WAITING ROOM. WEISZ WAS AWAKENED BY AN UNKNOWN MALE WHO ASKED IF HE COULD BUY A SHIRT. WEISZ SOLD HIM FOR ONE DOLLAR A TAN AND GREEN BLAID BUTTON DOWN, LONG SLEEVE SPORT SHIRT, SIZE MEDIUM, BRAND J. C. PENNEY COMPANY. UNKNOWN MALE PAID FROM A LARGE ROLL OF BILLS AND WHILE PAYING DROPPED THREE WRAPPED ROLLS OF COINS ON THE FLOOR. UNKNOWN MALE CHANGED FROM WHITE DRESS SHIRT HE WAS WEARING IN WAITING ROOM AND PLACED THE WHITE SHIRT IN A LOCKER THERE. ABOUT TWENTY MINUTES LATER, HE WENT OUTSIDE AND A CAB DRIVER ENTERED WHO ASKED TWA CLERK TIME THE NEXT FLIGHT LEAVES. HE WAS TOLD FIVE TEN AM AND LEFT. UNKNOWN MALE THEN RETURNED AND ASKED CLERK SAME QUESTION AND RECEIVED SAME ANSWER. UNKNOWN MALE ASKED THE CLERK IF HE COULD LEAVE COLUMBUS ANY OTHER WAY BECAUSE HE SAID HE HAD TO LEAVE IMMEDIATELY. HE WAS TOLD TO TRY A BUS OR TRAIN, AND PROCEEDED TO TELEPHONICALLY CONTACT THE GREYHOUND BUS COMPANY AND A NUMBER OF RAILROADS. HE WAS OVERHEARD BY WEISZ TO SAY THE ONLY TRANSPORTATION SOON ENOUGH FOR HIM WAS A FOUR THIRTY AM GREYHOUND BUS TO LOS ANGELES OR SAN FRANCISCO. THE UNKNOWN MALE HAD A CONVERSATION WITH THE THREE

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BOYS WHO WERE CURIOUS AS TO WHY HE HAD NO LUGGAGE. IN RESPONSE TO THEIR QUESTIONS HE TOLD AT TIMES THREE DIFFERENT STORIES; HE HAD NO LUGGAGE, HE LOST IT, AND IT WAS ROUTED TO ANOTHER AIRPORT. HE ALSO TOLD THEM HE HAD AN UNUSED AIRLINE TICKET TO REDEEM BUT DID NOT HAVE TIME TO DO SO. TWA CLERK SAID HE HAD NO TICKET. UNKNOWN MALE THEN CALLED A CAB AND LEFT ALLEGEDLY FOR GREYHOUND BUS TERMINAL.

ABOUT FOUR THIRTY AM, TWO YELLOW CAB COMPANY DRIVERS ENTERED WAITING ROOM AND THREE BOYS OVERHEARD CONVERSATION REGARDING UNKNOWN MALE THAT ONE DRIVER HAD DRIVEN FROM AIRPORT. DRIVER SAID HE WAS SUSPICIOUS OF THIS PERSON WHO SAID HE WAS FROM ST. LOUIS AND WHOM HE HAD DRIVEN TO A PRIVATE RESIDENCE IN THE AREA. DRIVER SAID HE WAS PAID WITH A ROLL OF DIMES WHICH HAD CINCINNATI ON THE WRAPPER. DRIVER SAID HE WAITED OUTSIDE RESIDENCE TO SEE IF SOMEONE WOULD LET THE UNKNOWN MALE ENTER AT THAT EARLY HOUR, AND WAS TOLD BY THE UNKNOWN MALE NOT TO WAIT BUT TO LEAVE. THE DRIVER DID NOT OBSERVE THE UNKNOWN MALE RING A BELL OR ATTEMPT TO ENTER THIS HOUSE. CAB DRIVER ALSO STATED THIS PERSON RESEMBLED PHOTOGRAPH OF JAMES EARL RAY THAT HE HAD SEEN IN THE NEWSPAPER.

WEISZ ESTIMATED HE OBSERVED AND TALKED TO UNKNOWN MALE FOR ABOUT AN HOUR AND AFTER OVERHEARING CAB DRIVER'S CONVERSATION, THE THREE BOYS, TWO CAB DRIVERS AND TWA CLERK DISCUSSED UNKNOWN MALE AND AFTER VIEWING PHOTOGRAPH OF JAMES EARL RAY IN NEWSPAPER, DECIDED THE UNKNOWN MALE CLOSELY RESEMBLED RAY.

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SOMETIME AFTER FIVE AM, THEY DECIDED TO CONTACT THE FBI WITH THIS INFORMATION. GOODMAN TELEPHONICALLY RELATED THE ABOVE CIRCUMSTANCES TO THE CINCINNATI OFFICE. HE WAS INFORMED SOMEONE WOULD BE OUT TO OBTAIN THE DETAILS FROM HIM, BUT HE EXPLAINED THAT THEY HAD RESERVATIONS TO LEAVE FOR NY AT SEVEN THIRTY AM AND COULD NOT WAIT AT THE AIRPORT. GOODMAN ALSO RETRIEVED THE UNKNOWN MALE'S WHITE SHIRT FROM THE LOCKER WHICH HE HAS IN HIS POSSESSION NOW IN NEW JERSEY.

WEISZ DESCRIBED THE UNKNOWN MALE AS WHITE, MALE, ABOUT FORTY FIVE YEARS OLD, FIVE FEET TEN INCHES, ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY POUNDS, MEDIUM-HEAVY BUILD, STRAIGHT, MEDIUM LENGTH, LIGHT BROWN HAIR, THIN LIGHT MUSTACHE, TAN COMPLEXION, NO GLASSES, NO NOTICEABLE ACCENT BUT NOT FROM EASTERN OR NORTH EASTERN US. NO NOTICEABLE SCARS, MARKS OR TATTOOS. DRESS DIRTY WHITE SHIRT, CHINO TROUSERS, BLACK SHOES, NO JACKET, NO HAT.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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 SUBJECT: MURKIN
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 RE CINCINNATI TELETYPE TO BUREAU FOUR NINETEEN LAST
 RE UNKNOWN MALE AT PORT COLUMBUS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.

 LEONARD DRIBINSKY, ~~144~~ ONE THREE ZERO PELHAM ROAD
 NEW ROCHELLE, NY FURNISHED FOLLOWING:

HE IS EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE, HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR,
 WAS VISITING FRIENDS ATHENS COLLEGE OHIO AND EARLY AM FOUR
 NINETEEN LAST MET GARY GOODMAN AND RONALD WEISS COLUMBUS
 OHIO AIRPORT. STATED HE FELL ASLEEP WAITING ROOM, AWOKE AROUND
 FOUR AM, OBSERVED UNKNOWN MALE TALKING TO RONALD AND GARY.
 UNKNOWN MALE ASKED TO BUY SHIRT AND RONALD SOLD SHIRT FOR ONE
 DOLLAR, UNKNOWN MALE TOOK BIG ROLL BILLS FROM POCKET TO PAY.
 MALE THEN ASKED FOR DIME TO MAKE PHONE CALL AND THEN STATED
 QUOTE WHAT AM I DOING UNQUOTE WHERE UPON REMOVED ROLL OF DIMES
 FROM POCKET. MALE WENT TO PHONE BOOTH AND MADE PHONE CALL.

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RONALD AND GARY WENT TO PHONE BOOTH AND TOLD DRIBINSKY THAT THEY HEARD UNKNOWN MALE MAKING INQUIRY ABOUT BUS TO LOS ANGELES OR SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA.

DRIBINSKY DESCRIBED UNKNOWN MALE AS WHITE, AROUND THIRTY FIVE FEET EIGHT, ONE SEVENTY POUNDS, STOCKY BUILD, FAIR COMPLEXION, LIGHT BROWN HAIR, NEED OF HAIR CUT, GROWING NEW MOUSTACHE, RAGGED IN APPEARANCE AND HAD NO SUIT CASE OR OTHER TYPE OF BELONGINGS.

DRIBINSKY STATES WENT BACK TO SLEEP AND LATER HEARD AIRPORT CAB DRIVER TELL RONALD AND GARY HIS FARE, ASSUMED TO BE UNKNOWN MALE, RESEMBLED MAN WANTED BY FBI. AS A RESULT DRIBINSKY THINKS GARY CALLED FBI FROM AIRPORT.

DRIBINSKY STATES SAW PHOTO SUBJECT COLUMBUS NEWSPAPER AND WAS UNABLE TO IDENTIFY PHOTO AS MALE HE SAW AT AIRPORT, ALTHOUGH THERE WAS SLIGHT RESEMBLANCE. MISSOURI STATE PRISON PHOTOS RAY AND PHOTO GALT AS APPEARED NY PAPER EXHIBITED TO DRIBINSKY AND NO IDENT MADE, ALTHOUGH CLAIMS SLIGHT RESEMBLANCE TO UNKNOWN MALE AT AIRPORT.

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CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY INTERSTATE FLIGHT - ROBBERY **JAMES EARL RAY**

FBI No. 405,942 G



Photographs taken 1960

Photograph taken 1968
(eyes drawn by artist)

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

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Fingerprint Classification: 16 M 9 U 000 12

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CRIMINAL RECORD

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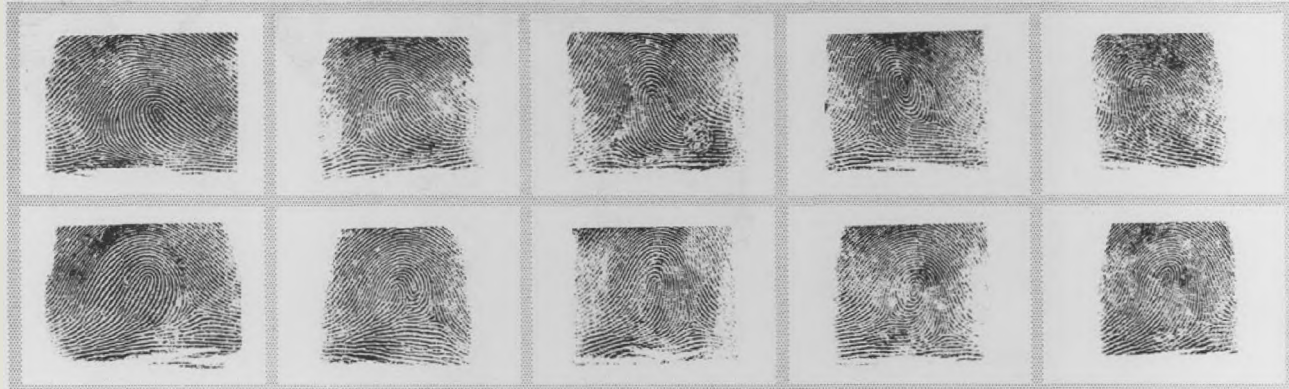
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BUSCADO POR EL FBI

DERECHOS CIVILES - CONSPIRACION FUGA INTERESTATAL - ROBO JAMES EARL RAY

Nº de FBI 405,942 G



Fotografías tomada en 1960

Fotografía tomada en 1968

(Los ojos son dibujados por un artista.)

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

DESCRIPCION

Edad: 40 años, nacido el 10 de marzo de 1928 en Quincy o Alton, Estado de Illinois (fecha y lugar de nacimiento no confirmados por documentos)

Estatura: 5'10" (175 cm.)

Peso: de 163 hasta 174 libras (73 - 79.5 kg.)

Complexión: Mediana

Cabello: Castaño, posiblemente corto

Profesión: Hornero, cotejador de colores para igualarlos, jornalero

Cicatrices y Otras Señas: Pequeña cicatriz en el centro de la frente y pequeña cicatriz en la palma de la mano derecha.

Ojos: Azules

Tez: Mediana

Raza: Blanca

Nacionalidad: Norteamericana

Rasgos Característicos: La oreja izquierda sobresale perceptiblemente. Alega que es persona de índole solitaria. Se dice que frecuentó cursos de baile. Se dice también que completó un curso de "barman" (cantinero).

Clasificación Dactiloscópica: 16 M 9 U 000 12

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ANTECEDENTES CRIMINALES

Ray ha sido condenado por escalamiento, robo, falsificación de giros postales de los EE. UU., robo armado, y manejo de vehículo de motor sin el consentimiento del dueño.

PRECAUCION

SE BUSCA A RAY EN RELACION CON UN ASESINATO EN QUE LA VICTIMA MURIO DE UN BALAZO. SE LE DEBE CONSIDERAR ARMADO Y SUMAMENTE PELIGROSO.

Una orden Federal de arresto se emitió el 17 de abril de 1968 en Birmingham, Estado de Alabama, acusándose a Ray, bajo el nombre de Eric Starvo Galt, del delito de conspiración para interferir con un Derecho Constitucional de un ciudadano (Título 18, Código de los EE. UU., Sección 241). Otra orden Federal de arresto se había emitido el 20 de julio de 1967 en Jefferson City, Estado de Missouri, acusándose a Ray de fuga interestatal para evitar encarcelamiento por el delito de robo (Título 18, Código de los EE. UU., Sección 1073).

SI TIENE ALGUNA INFORMACION RELACIONADA A ESTA PERSONA, TENGA LA BONDAD DE NOTIFICARME O DE PONERSE EN CONTACTO CON LA OFICINA LOCAL DEL FBI (BURO FEDERAL DE INVESTIGACIONES). EL NUMERO DE TELEFONO Y DIRECCION DE TODAS LAS OFICINAS ESTAN ANOTADOS AL DORSO.

J. Edgar Hoover
DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
April 20, 1968

JAMES EARL RAY, also known as
Eric Starvo Galt, Harvey Lowmyer,
John Willard, James McBride, James
Walton, W. C. Herron and James
O'Conner

FUGITIVE

CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY;
INTERSTATE FLIGHT - ARMED ROBBERY

"TEN MOST WANTED FUGITIVES" PROGRAM

James Earl Ray, a Missouri prison escapee who has been sought under the alias Eric Starvo Galt in connection with the gunshot slaying of civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., has been added to the FBI's list of "Ten Most Wanted Fugitives."

FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover ordered the special addition of Ray to the "Ten Most Wanted Fugitives" list, which already contains ten fugitives, to insure the widest possible dissemination of Ray's photograph and description to help effect his earliest possible location.

Ray has been the subject of a massive and intensive search since the brutal gunshot slaying of Dr. King on April 4, 1968, as he stood on the balcony of a Memphis, Tennessee, motel. One rifle bullet, believed fired from the window of a nearby rooming house, felled the victim.

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An exhaustive FBI fingerprint search, comparing latent fingerprints uncovered in the Dr. King case against fingerprints of over 53,000 persons on whom wanted notices have been posted in the FBI's Identification Division, succeeded in determining that Galt and Ray are identical.

A Federal warrant, issued at Birmingham, Alabama, on April 17, 1968, charges Ray, under the alias Eric Starvo Galt, with conspiring to interfere with a Constitutional Right of a United States citizen. Ray is also sought for unlawful interstate flight to avoid confinement after conviction for armed robbery, based on a Federal warrant issued on July 20, 1967, at Jefferson City, Missouri. He had been confined at the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, in March, 1960, with a 20-year sentence following conviction for armed robbery and operating a motor vehicle without permission of the owner. In September, 1966, while serving the sentence, he was confined for a time in the maximum security ward at the State Hospital, Fulton, Missouri. He was reported missing from the Missouri State Penitentiary since April 23, 1967.

Ray, who has an arrest record dating back to 1949 and has been convicted of burglary, armed robbery and forging United States Postal Money Orders, has also been confined in the Los Angeles County Jail, the Joliet and Pontiac, Illinois, State Prisons and the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas.

He served in the Army between February, 1946, and December, 1948, received a three-month sentence at hard labor for being drunk and breaking arrest and was given a General Discharge due to ineptness and lack of adaptability for military service.

Ray is a 40-year-old white male, reportedly born in Illinois on March 10, 1928. He is approximately 5'10" inches tall, weighs from 163 to 174 pounds, has blue eyes and brown hair which he has worn cut short. He has a small scar on the center of his forehead and a scar on the palm of his right hand. He has been described as having a straight, narrow nose and straight and even teeth and to have a nervous habit of occasionally tugging at an ear lobe. His left ear protrudes noticeably.

Acquaintances describe him as a "loner" and "drifter" whose language and diction reflect a "rural" quality and indicate he has had limited education.

He is reportedly a fan of western and country music, drinks vodka and beer, dresses neatly and claims past employment as a merchant seaman and cook on Mississippi River vessels. He is known to have worked as a baker, laborer and color matcher.

He is known as an avid dancer who has taken dancing lessons. He also completed a course at a school of bartending in the Los Angeles area early in 1968.

Ray should be considered armed and extremely dangerous. Anyone with information concerning this fugitive is requested to immediately contact the nearest office of the FBI, the telephone number of which may be found on the first page of local telephone directories.



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Consider Ray armed and extremely dangerous. Report any information concerning him to the nearest FBI office.

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)

MURKIN; CIVIL RIGHTS; OO: MEMPHIS

Serial 56
RE CLEVELAND TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU DATED APRIL
TEN LAST.

GEORGE MURROW, AMERICAN INSURANCE ASSOCIATION, NEW YORK
CITY, ADVISED HIS INDEX OF INSURANCE CLAIMS CONTAINS NO
INFORMATION CONCERNING ERIC STARVO GALT. HE STATED
HE HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF AN INDEX PERTAINING TO A FOREIGN
BUREAU.

UNSUB SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

1- New York (44-1609)
1- Cleveland (AM)
1- Supv. #23
1- ADIC JOHN F. MALONE

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)
MURKIN.

Serial 49

RE MEMPHIS TELETYPE TO NEW YORK, FOUR TEN LAST.
BERNARD L. HINES, JR., DIRECTOR, "THE INDEX
SYSTEM", EIGHTY FIVE JOHN STREET, NYC, ADVISED CHECK OF THE
AFFILIATED INDEXING SYSTEMS IN THE FOLLOWING CITIES FAILED
TO LOCATE ANY RECORD OF ERIC STARVO GALT:

CLEVELAND, OHIO, ATLANTA, GEORGIA, NEW YORK,
NEW YORK, PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS,
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES,
CALIFORNIA, AND DALLAS, TEXAS.

HINES FURTHER ADVISED THAT A CHECK OF INSURANCE
COMPANY RECORDS ON LOSS INFORMATION SERVICE, FIRE LOSS INDEX
AND BURGLARY AND THEFT LOSS INDEX ALSO NEGATIVE AS TO GALT.

~~UNSUB~~
~~GALT~~ IS CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

1 - New York
1 - Spvr. #23
1 - ADIC MALONE

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
AND SAC, JACKSONVILLE (44-769)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)

MURKIN; CR.

Serial 107

RE ALBANY TELETYPE TO BUREAU, FOUR FIFTEEN INSTANT.

ON THIS DATE RICHARD J. BRAND, JR., ONE ZERO SEVEN
DASH THIRTEEN ONE HUNDRED TWENTY FIFTH STREET, QUEENS, NEW
YORK, ADVISED HE HAS BEEN AT HIS RESIDENCE ENTIRE WEEKEND
OF FOUR THIRTEEN DASH FOURTEEN SIXTY ^{EIGHT} SEVEN AND HAS HAD
POSSESSION OF HIS VEHICLE, NINETEEN SIXTY FOUR GRAY CHRYSLER
NEWPORT BEARING NEW YORK LICENSE QA TWO FIVE FIVE NINE.
THIS VEHICLE WAS OBSERVED BY BUREAU AGENTS IN FRONT OF HIS
HOUSE.

BRAND DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, DATE OF BIRTH
TWO TWENTY FOUR EIGHTEEN, FIVE FEET SIX INCHES, ONE HUNDRED
EIGHTY POUNDS, HAIR BROWN, BALDING, HEAVY MUSTACHE, WEARING
GLASSES.

- 1 - Memphis (44-1987) (AM)
- 1 - Albany (44-493) (AM)
- 1 - New York

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- 1 - Spvr. #23
- 1 - ADIC MALONE

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BRAND ALSO ADVISED HAS NOT BEEN IN STATE ●F FLORIDA
SINCE FIVE YEARS AGO.

BRAND HAS NO MATURE CHILDREN.

CONSIDER UNKNOWN SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
(ATTN: FBI IDENTIFICATION DIVISION)
SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)

MURKIN, CR.

ON THIS DATE, NASSAU COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT ARRESTED JOHN A. BURNS, EIGHTY-EIGHT ALLEN AVENUE, OCEANSIDE, NEW YORK, AS HE ATTEMPTED TO LEAVE GAS STATION WITHOUT PAYING FOR GAS. HE RESISTED ARREST AND SEARCH OF HIS VEHICLE DISCLOSED TWO RIFLES, FOUR ^{GUNSIGHTS} ~~GUNSIGHTS~~, TWO PAIRS OF BINOCULARS. BURNS, DURING QUESTIONING, BECAME INCOHERENT AND AT ONE TIME SAID THAT HE HAD KILLED MARTIN LUTHER KING. HE LATER RECANTED THIS STATEMENT AND CONTINUED TO RAMBLE MAKING QUESTIONING IMPOSSIBLE. HE WAS TAKEN TO PSYCHIATRIC WARD, MEADOWBROOKE HOSPITAL, EAST MEADOW, NEW YORK, AND LATER ARRAIGNED IN NASSAU COUNTY AND CHARGED WITH PETTY LARCENY AND RESISTING ARREST. HE WAS HELD IN LIEU OF THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS BAIL AND HAS BEEN RETURNED TO MEADOWBROOKE HOSPITAL, FOR FURTHER PSYCHIATRIC EXAMINATION. BURNS IS INCOHERENT AT PRESENT TIME AND QUESTIONING NOT POSSIBLE. (REDACTED)

1-ADIC JOHN F. MALONE

1-Supv.#23

JT:amv

Approved: 

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WHEREABOUTS ON APRIL FOUR, ^{LAST} ~~NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT~~. NASSAU
COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT FORWARDING FINGERPRINT CARD TODAY
TO IDENT DIVISION. FINGERPRINT CARD DISCLOSED BURNS, NASSAU
COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT NUMBER FOUR SEVEN TWO ONE ONE,
PRIMARY FINGERPRINT CLASSIFICATION THIRTEEN OVER EIGHTEEN,
WITH AFOREMENTIONED HOME ADDRESS. IDENT DIVISION UPON
RECEIPT OF FINGERPRINT CARD REQUESTED TO COMPARE PRINTS
WITH PRINTS OF UNSUB.

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Special Agent in Charge

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)

DATE: 4/17/68

FROM : SA ROBERT C. NADLER (#241)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 4/17/68, PAUL MORGAN, 112 W. 21st Street, New York, New York telephonically advised that he read the description of ERIC STARVO GALT and the article appearing in the NY News this date and he furnished the following information.

He stated that on 1/3/68 he placed an ad in the NY Times indicating that he had an apartment to share and that an individual, JOHN GRUSKIN BLACK, presently residing, 5630 Darlington Road, Pittsburgh, Pa., answered the ad. He further stated that that the picture appearing in the NY News, page 2, closely resembled GALT, however, the photograph on the front page of the paper did not look at all like BLACK. He also related that BLACK subsequently to 1/3/68 shared his apartment, however, prior to the assassination of KING²⁶ left the New York City area, but he returned to the 112 W. 21st Street address the night after KING was murdered. MORGAN described BLACK as a white, male 23-24 years of age, thin build, brown hair and eyes, brush cut haircut, growing long in back, similar to a "hippie". He added that BLACK also returned with another male individual known as " CAPPY " and a female, NANCY (LNU) who also shared the apartment. NANCY (LNU) subsequently returned to the Pittsburgh area, however, she attempted to contact BLACK at MORGAN'S apartment recently and furnished her telephone number as 421-521-7755.

MORGAN stated that BLACK left the apartment on 4/13/68 and his present whereabouts are unknown. MORGAN also related that BLACK while living in NYC was employed at the firm of Taylor, Lieberfeld and Heldman, 235 Park Ave, South, NYC.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : ADIC Malone

DATE: 4/17/68

FROM : SA Karl Robert Bachman 16

SUBJECT: Murkin

at 11¹⁵ P, Mr. Paul W. Williams called the office and asked to speak to you. When he told me it was about Murkin, I told him I would take the information. He said he had just received a call from Paul Morgan, whom he apparently knew from his work in the Boy Scouts. He began to furnish the information he received from Morgan, and then suggested we call Morgan, which the Complaint Agent did, memo attached. (serial 222)

Mr. Williams asked that his best wishes be conveyed to you. He is former President of the Boy Scouts of NY and the former USA from 1955-58.

He lives at 141 Sutton Place South PL 5-0472.

He may call you in A.M.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO :SAC (44-1609)

DATE: 4/17/68

FROM :SA JOSEPH TANGEL (#28) (GARDEN CITY RA)

SUBJECT:MURKIN
CIVIL RIGHTS

The following investigation was conducted by
SA JOSEPH TANGEL, at Nassau County, New York, on 4/11/68:

Re: ERNEST STANLEY GALT
13 Millwood Road
Rockville Centre, New York

The records of Selective Service, Local Board 6, Valley Stream, New York, reflect that ERNEST S. GALT, JR., SSN 30-6-28-718, registered for the Selective Service Act, on 9/14/48. He had enlisted in the National Guard on 6/24/48, and held National Guard Number 21932403. He was given a 5A classification in view of his enlistment in the National Guard. His birth date was shown as 9/13/28.

JAMES A. MOORE, Chief Clerk, Nassau County Board of Elections, Garden City, New York, advised that his records reflected that ERNEST S. GALT, 13 Midwood Rd., Rockville Centre, NY, registered on 10/15/55, at which time he indicated that he was born on 9/13/28, in the US.

BEA COMBES, Clerk, Credit Bureau of Nassau County, Freeport, New York, advised that her records disclose that ERNEST S. GALT was self-employed as Galt Refrigeration Company, and that he worked out of his home. Her files further disclosed that one ERNEST S. GALT was deceased as of 10/62.

JOSEPH HUBER, Post Master, Rockville Centre PO, Rockville Centre, NY, advised that he was personally acquainted with ERNEST S. GALT, who resided at 13 Midwood Rd., Rockville Centre, NY. He said that GALT was in the

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refrigeration business and he worked out of his home. He stated that GALT enjoyed an excellent reputation and was very friendly with one JOHN M. GETTLER, 39 Royal Court, Rockville Centre, NY.

Mr. HUBER stated that to the best of his knowledge GALT had not left the state of NY for any period of time within the past few years and he described GALT as follows:

Race	White
Age	Approximately 37
Height	Approx. 6 feet
Weight	180-190
Hair	Dark Brown (balding)
Marital Status	Married (wife and approximately 5 children).

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW YORK

DATE: 4/18/68

FROM : JAMES G. CLEARY

SUBJECT: ERIC STARVO-GALT.
MURKIN. (Info Concerning).

Anonymous male, who mentioned that he is a retired Policeman, telephonically contacted the NY Office this date and related the following:

Last evening, 4/17/68, while heading across the George Washington Bridge for home, a auto containing four male occupants, stopped the complainant and asked for directions to 52nd Street & Seventh Avenue, NYC. After giving them directions, complainant noted that they were driving a N. J. auto and passed comment that they were from the same State. Their reaction to his comment made complainant feel that the men were not actually from New Jersey and had forgotten that they were driving a New Jersey auto.

Upon leaving the scene and looking into his rear view mirror, complainant noticed that a Port Authority Police car (Geo. Wash. Bridge) drove up and questioned the occupants of the car.

Observing the photo of GALT in today's newspaper, the caller stated that he believed that the photo resembles one of the occupants of the auto. Although he does not have the license number of the car and no further details other than it bore a N. J. Plate, complainant felt that maybe the Port Authority Policeman might have recorded same.

He offered this information for whatever it was worth.

Complainant was advised that his call would be made a matter of record in the NY Office.

*Port of NY Authority
Herman advised of stopping 4/18/68 - \$*
Officer Marks saw car.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW YORK

DATE: 4/18/68

FROM : JESSE C. HOUSE Jr. #12

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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INFO CONCERNING

Dr. PAUL BEREND, 49 E 78 St., NYC., RE 4-2772, telephonically contacted the NYO 11:05 am instant date to furnish the following info:

Dr. BEREND advised that during the period 4/3/68 he was in Columbus, Ohio for a few days during which time he was staying in the downtown Holliday Inn (Town & 4th Strs.). He recall that on the day after MURKIN, 4/5/68 Fri evening, he was in the lobby of Holliday Inn. At this time two male individuals came in and one of them proceeded to register for a room for both.

BEREND stated that he remembered that the name furnished was very strange and had no meaning in that the name ~~was~~ ended with a double consonant. He remembered something like T....GH or TROUGH. BEREND stated that this individual was wearing a blk raincoat, blk hair, had sharp nose, age approx. 35. The female clerk asked if his guest was female, he replied no and refered to his male companion who was blnd, approx. 25 yrs. dressed in a 'hillbilly manner'. BEREND thought at first, they were homosexuals, but later discounted this. They told the clerk that they would pay in advance because they may not stay long and may leave without notice.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)

FROM : HERBERT W. Kilgore (A) ^{W.K.} #23

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4-18-68

Mr. SHELDON SHAPIRO of Taylor, Lieberfeld & Heldman, 235 Park Avenue South, NYC, advised that he is in charge of programing for that firm. He advised that his firm publishes reports for various colleges. He said that from 12/27/67, until 4/13/68, a student from BELOIT COLLEGE, Beloit, Wisc. named JOHN BLACK was employed by ~~xxx~~ that firm. He said that Black was 21 years old and that he was 6' 4" tall and weighed 190 Pounds. He said that BLACK lived in Brooklyn at first and later moved to West 21st Street, NYC. He said that he does not know the number on 21st Street.

Mr. SHAPIRO advised that His firm does work for Beloit College and Black was recommended by the college. He said that BLACK missed no days at work and that he knows nothing derogatory about BLACK. He said BLACK left to go back to school. He said that BLACKS home address is ~~xxx~~ 5630 Darlington Road, ~~Pittsburgh~~ Pittsburgh, Pa.,

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1056PM 4-18-68 URGENT ERA

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861 AND SAC NEW YORK PLAINTEXT
FROM SAC PHILADELPHIA 44-1368

MURKIN

RE OKLAHOMA CITY TEL TO BUREAU, DALLAS, PHILA AND MEMPHIS
APRIL EIGHTEEN INSTANT.

MRS. DONOVAN WOODSIDE, THREE ZERO NINE ELMWOOD DRIVE, 3\$.9,\$,
OKLA, ADVISED THIS DATE THAT ON APRIL SIX LAST, AN INDIVIDUAL
RESEMBLING ERIC STARVO GALT BOARDED AMERICAN AIRLINE FET FLIGHT THREE
THREE EIGHT IN DALLAS, TEX, AND DEPLANED AT PHILA. SHE SAW THIS
INDIVIDUAL IN WAITING ROOM AT DALLAS FOR FEW MINUTES PRIOR TO TIME
THEY BOTH BOARDED PLANE. THE INDIVIDUAL WAS IN AN AISLE SEAT ON
LEFT SIDE OF PLANE ABOUT MIDWAY OF THE PLANE AND WAS TRAVELING
TOURIST CLASS. FLIGHT LEFT DALLAS NINE ZERO FIVE AM AND HAD ONE
STOP AT FRIENDSHIP AIRPORT, BALTIMORE, BEFORE ARRIVING AT PHILA
ONE THIRTYONE PM. THE INDIVIDUAL DID NOT LEAVE PLANE AT BALTIMORE
AND WAS NOT SEEN CONVERSING WITH ANYONE. DURING FLIGHT FROM DALLAS
TO BALTIMORE, AN ELDERLY COUPLE WERE SEATED WITH HIM. THIS COUPLE
LEFT THE PLANE IN BALTIMORE AND HE WAS SEATED ALONE DURING REMAINDER
OF FLIGHT.

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MRS. WOODSIDE DESCRIBED ABOVE PERSON AS WHITE MALE, APPROX THIRTYFIVE YRS OF AGE, FIVE FT TEN INCHES, ONE SEVENTY TO EIGHTY LBS, LIGHT COLORED EYES, WEARING BUSINESS SUIT, BROWN SHOES WITH WHITE SOCKS AND BROWN STRAW COWBOY STYLE HAT. SHE STATED HE CLOSELY RESEMBLED FBI PHOTOGRAPH OF GALT APPEARING IN LOCAL OKLAHOMA CITY NEWSPAPERS THIS DATE.

NEW YORK ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY ABOVE INDIVIDUAL THROUGH CONTACT WITH AMERICAN AIRLINES TICKET CENTER, SIX THREE THREE THIRD AVE, NYC, AND DETERMINE IF IDENTICAL WITH SUBJ GALT.

Is Paul
Conrad

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

CORR PAGE ONE, PARA TWO, LINE ONE, LAST WORD SHD BE "EDMOND"

END

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NY...WPK

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (44-38861)

FROM : SAC, Kansas City (44-760)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/19/68

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.

2 - Bureau (Encs. 24) (AM)
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

DATE: 4/19/68

TO: SAC (44-1609)
FROM: SA JOHN F. SHANLEY #23
SUBJECT: MURKIN
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(OO: MEMPHIS)

RE: ERIC STARVO GALT aka - FUGITIVE

Enclosed herewith to each agent in the NYO is a double photograph of subject, ERIC STARVO GALT, which has been released to the public.

GALT is described as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	7/20/31 (Not supported by birth records)
Height	5'8" - 5'11"
Weight	160 - 175
Build	Medium
Hair	Brown, possibly cut short
Eyes	Blue or hazel
Occupation	Has claimed employment as seaman
Remarks	Noticably protruding left ear; reportedly is a lone wolf; allegedly attended dance instruction school; has reportedly completed course in bartending

CONSIDERED ARMED AND EXTREMELY DANGEROUS.

1-Each Supervisor (Encl. 1)
1-Each SAC (Encl. 1)
1-Each Agent (Encl. 1)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1609) (23)

FROM : SA JOHN W. ROBINSON (#42)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/19/68

Reference is made to NY teletypes to the Director and Memphis, 4/5/68, captioned "Assassination of Reverend Martin Luther King, Memphis, Tennessee, 4/4/68, Racial Matters", and NYteletype, 4/7/68, captioned "MURKIN".

On 4/6/68, SAS JOHN W. ROBINSON and WILLIAM BARRON interviewed MIKE GENTILE, owner of the Four Way Private Taxi Company, 1005 Allerton Avenue, Bronx. GENTILE showed his drivers trip records to the SAS which indicated that CY CAPPEL worked as a driver from 6:00pm to 12 midnight on 4/4/68.

CAPPEL'S home address is 1602 Taylor Avenue, Bronx, New York. During the day CAPPEL works for the Varsity Bus Co., 751 Zreza Avenue, Bronx.

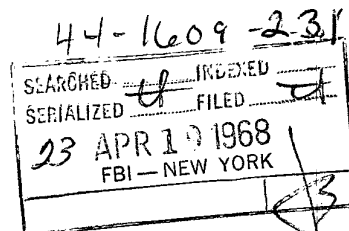
GENTILE described CY CAPPEL as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	Late 20's
Weight	185 lbs.
Height	6 feet
Hair	Blonde and wavy
Complexion	Fair
Nationality	Irish
Marital Status	Married

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
CIVIL RIGHTS
(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re Bureau telephone call, 4/18/68 and New York teletype dated 4/19/68.

GEORGE HUNT, Managing Editor, PHIL KUNHARDT, Assistant Managing Editor and TERRYSON SCHAD, Editor Counsel, Time, Inc., NYC, were contacted on 4/18/68 with respect to photographs taken in Newark, N.J. on 3/27/68 by CURTIS WAY. Bureau note page 3 paragraph one line one of retel states "Rose took three colored photos of Dr. King." It is requested that that line be corrected to read "Curtis Way took three colored photos of Dr. King".

CURTIS WAY, THEODORE ROSE and GLORIA WAY were interviewed by ADIC JOHN F. MALONE and SAs EDWARD R. CHORY and WILLIAM C. NASH concerning circumstances of the pictures taken by WAY at Newark. When agents departed, the WAYs and ROSE were in the process of reaching some sort of agreement with Time, Inc. for reward in furnishing photographs aforementioned.

- 3- Bureau (Encls. 3)
- 2- Memphis (44-1987) (INFO)
- 2- Newark
- 1- New York

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HUNT made available three negatives for the pictures taken on 3/27/68 by CURTIS WAY at the Abyssinian Baptist Church, 224 West Kinney Street, Newark, New Jersey. He stated that these negatives were being furnished to the Bureau for official investigation purposes only and requested that no other news source or news media be furnished these negatives or copies thereof by the Bureau. The individual who THEODORE ROSE, GLORIA and CURTIS WAY positively identify as ERIC STARVO GALT appears in the following photographs as follows:

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| Photo #1 | White male, center of picture, directly above head of Dr. KING and positioned to the immediate left of white pillar. |
| Photo #2 | White male, left center of picture, directly above Dr. KING's head; appears to have pipe in hand. |
| Photo #3 | White male, upper center of picture, left of white pillar; appears to be conversing with colored male, possibly a photographer. |

The enclosed negatives need not be returned.

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
CIVIL RIGHTS
(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re photographs of assassination scene.

Enclosed herewith to the Bureau are 107
photographs of the assassination scene taken by
Photographer JOSEPH LOUW.

Copies have not been retained by New York.

The Bureau is requested to make available
one copy of each photograph to the Memphis Office.

UNSUB SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

3- Bureau (Encls. 107)
2- Memphis
1- New York

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Via TELETYPE

(Priority) *Urgent*

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, LOS ANGELES

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)

MURKIN, CIVIL RIGHTS.

REFERENCE CHIEF STEWARD, "SMITH TOURIST", MAY-
AUGUST, NINETEEN SIXTY FOUR.REFERENCE COLUMBIA AIRTEL APRIL EIGHTEEN LAST. - *Ser. 192*

JAY W. JACOBS, CLIPPER MARINE CORPORATION, THIRTY
NINE BRAODWAY, NEW YORK CITY, ADVISED APRIL NINETEEN
INSTANT, THE CHIEF STEWARD ON THE VOYAGE OF THE "SMITH
TOURIST" FROM NEW ORLEANS TO INDIA, MAY-AUGUST, NINETEEN
SIXTY FOUR, WAS MAURICE WOLVERTON, Z NUMBER SEVEN ZERO
SEVEN-SIX FIVE ONE.

UNITED STATES BULK CARRIERS IS NOW DEFUNCT AND
SHIP, NOW NAMED "U.S. TOURIST", IS OWNED BY AEC SHIPPING
CORPORATION, AND MANAGED BY CLIPPER MARINE.

- 1 - Columbia (44-299) (AM)
- 1 - Memphis (AM)
- 1 - ADIC JOHN F. MALONE
- 1 - Supervisor #23

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WOLVERTON IS A WHITE MALE; BORN SPRINGFIELD, OHIO, JUNE SIXTH NINETEEN TWENTY SIX; FIVE FEET ELEVEN AND ONE HALF INCHES; ONE HUNDRED SIXTY FIVE POUNDS; BLUE EYES; BROWN HAIR; SCARS ON LEFT THUMB AND LEFT SHOULDER; NEXT OF KIN, AUNT, RUTH STEVENS, TWO NINE ONE FIVE SUNSET PLACE, APARTMENT NUMBER ONE ONE ZERO, LOS ANGELES; SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER [REDACTED]

WOLVERTON SAILED ON "UNITED STATES CAPER" SEPTEMBER-DECEMBER, NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN; ON "UNITED STATES TOURIST", DECEMBER TWENTY THIRD, LAST TO PRESENT.

PRESENT VOYAGE "UNITED STATES TOURIST" STARTED JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA, MARCH TWENTY EIGHT, LAST. SHIP SAILED FROM JACKSONVILLE FOR BALTIMORE, MARYLAND, APRIL SECOND, LAST. SHIP DIVERTED TO SUNNY POINT, NORTH CAROLINA, ARRIVING APRIL FIVE, LAST. SHIP SAILED FROM SUNNY POINT APRIL SIXTEENTH, LAST FOR PANAMA AND LONG

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BEACH, CALIFORNIA, TO ARRIVE THERE MAY FIRST NEXT FOR
ONE DAY REFUELING STOP.

COMPANY DOES NOT KNOW IF WOLVERTON ACTUALLY ABOARD
SHIP MARCH TWENTY EIGHT THROUGH APRIL FIVE LAST.

BUREAU REQUESTED TO COMPARE PRINTS OF WOLVERTON
Z NUMBER SEVEN ZERO SEVEN-SIX FIVE ONE, WITH PRINTS
AVAILABLE THIS CASE.

MEMPHIS AND COLUMBIA ADVISED BY MAIL.

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NEW YORK ---07--- 419 PM RDR
5-10 PM AST URGENT 4-19-68 JEB
TO DIRECTOR AND NEW YORK
NEW YORK VIA WASHINGTON
FROM SAN JUAN (157-61) 2P

SENT BY CORD TELETYPE

MURKIN.

ON MORNING OF APRIL NINETEENTH INSTANT LIEUTENANT
FELIX VEGA, LARES, PUERTO RICO, ADVISED A COMPLAINTANT,
FELIPE HERNANDEZ, WHO RESIDES AT CARRETERA DE LARES A ARECIBO
NUMBER ONE TWO NINE, ENTRADA PARA CALLEJON, FURNISHED THE
FOLLOWING INFORMATION-

THE PHOTOGRAPH OF ERIC STARVO GALT APPEARING IN
THE EL MUNDO NEWSPAPER BUPHOTOS RELEASED APRIL SEVENTEEN LAST
CONTAINS THE SAME GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS OF AN INDIVIDUAL
KNOWN AS JOE (LAST NAME UNKNOWN), WHO IS MARRIED TO MERITA
CASULL, FORMERLY OF BARRIO VAYANA DE HATILLO, PUERTO RICO ON APRIL
SIX, AND LEFT ON APRIL THIRTEEN LAST.

THEIR PRESENT ADDRESS IS BELIEVED TO BE ONE ZERO THREE FIVE
DEKALB AVENUE, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK. DURING THEIR STAY NEAR
LARES, JOE WAS KNOWN TO HAVE FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS IN CASH
ON HIS PERSON, ACTED EXTREMELY NERVOUS AND WAS FREQUENTLY
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OBSERVED COVERING HIS FACE WITH HIS HAT. JOE DESCRIBED
AS THIRTY FIVE TO FORTY YEARS, FIVE FEET SEVEN INCHES TALL,
ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY TO ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY POUNDS,
SMOKES CAMEL AND CHESTERFIELD BRAND CIGARETTES.

LEADS

NEW YORK

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK

WILL CONDUCT LOGICAL INVESTIGATION AT BROOKLYN
ADDRESS TO FULLY IDENTIFY AND DETERMINE PRESENT WHEREABOUTS
OF JOE AND MERITA.

SAN JUAN

AT LARES, PUERTO RICO

IS CONTACTING FELIPE HERNANDEZ FOR FURTHER DETAILED
INFORMATION.

END

RDR

R RELAY

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JLW FBI NEW YORK

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Transmit the following in PLAINTEXT
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(Priority)

TO: SAC, SAN JUAN (157-61)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)

MURKIN.

Serial 235

REFERENCE SAN JUAN TELETYPE TO BUREAU, DATED APRIL
NINETEENTH, INSTANT.

REFERENCED INFORMATION CONCERNING JOE LAST NAME UNKNOWN
(LNU) FURNISHED BY COMPLAINANT, FELIPE HERNANDEZ.

REFERENCED TELETYPE ADVISES JOE LNU, MARRIED TO MERITA
CASULL, HAS SAME GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS OF PUBLISHED
PHOTOGRAPH OF ERIC STARVO GALT. ALSO STATES JOE LNU LEFT
PUERTO RICO ON APRIL THIRTEENTH, LAST, AND BELIEVED TO BE
RESIDING IN BROOKLYN, NEW YORK.

SAN JUAN ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE IF JOE LNU WAS IN PUERTO
RICO ON PERTINENT DATES, INSTANT MATTER, NAMELY MARCH
TWENTY-NINE AND THIRTY, LAST, AND APRIL FOURTH, LAST, PRIOR
TO NEW YORK'S INVESTIGATION AT BROOKLYN.

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1-Memphis (AM)
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Special Agent in Charge

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TO: SAC, NEW YORK

FROM: SAC, RICHMOND (44-657) -P-

MURKIN

RE: SUBJECT GEORGE WIEDEMAN

On 4/15/68, Mrs. SADIE REID, a waitress at the Watstull Restaurant and Motel on Interstate 81 at Arcadia, Va., advised on 4/15/68, that at about 9:00 A.M., 4/11/68, a young white man came into the restaurant and ate breakfast. While he was there, he purchased two post cards and when he left asked if she could mail the cards for him. She agreed to mail the cards and after he left, she read them and noted the contents and the way that they were signed and decided to turn them over to the FBI rather than mail them.

Mrs. REID furnished the cards which read as follows:

"George,

"Should you ever again warn me about Houston's rain, you'll be speaking to a confirmed believer. Visability was so poor, could only do 40MPH. Having neither radar nor pontoons, stayed over at Winnie, Tex (25 mi W. of Beaumont)

"Had rain all thru Louisiana, too, but from Alabama on its been beautiful.

"/s/ Jack"

- ② - New York (REGISTERED MAIL)
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2 - Memphis, 44-1987 (REGISTERED MAIL)
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SA Kennedy at JFK RA advised 4:30 PM 4/22/68

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This post card was addressed to GEORGE TORMEY,
8810 Grape, Houston, Texas.

The other card reads as follows:

"Comrade,

"Congratulations on your work in Memphis.
Your precision was flawless. Oswald needed 3
"messengers" but you performed with only one.
Your departure was also perfect. They hunt in
Mexico for a bird that is in New York.

"See you at Tuesday's cell meeting.

"Regards,
"/s/ Ivan"

This post card was addressed to GEORGE WIEDEMAN,
TWA Air Cargo Bldg. 81, J. F. Kennedy Airport, Jamaica,
N. Y.

It was noted that both of the cards were hand
printed in ink and appeared to have been written by the
same individual. The cards are being maintained in the
Richmond file.

Mrs. REID described the man who gave her the
post cards as follows:

Race	White
Age	27-28
Height	5'6" - 5'7"
Weight	155-160 lbs.
Hair	Cut short, black
Eyes	Dark
Dress	Dark suit, white shirt and tie
Accent	No particular accent noted

This individual was driving a 1966-67 black
Ford with Tennessee license plates, number unknown. She
did not know in which direction he was traveling when he
left the restaurant but indicated she had not seen the man
before and was not a local resident.

RH 44-657

LEADS

NEW YORK

AT KENNEDY AIRPORT, NEW YORK, N. Y.

Will identify GEORGE WIEDEMAN, TWA Air Cargo Building 81, to determine if he should be considered a logical suspect in this matter and attempt to learn from him the identity of the sender of the post card named JACK, and if he considers JACK to be a suspect in this matter.

HOUSTON

AT HOUSTON, TEXAS

Will contact GEORGE TORMEY, 8810 Grape, to determine if he knows identity of sender of these post cards named JACK and if JACK should be considered a logical suspect in captioned matter.

UNSUB ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

Indices Search Slip
FD-160 (Rev. 10-1-59)

TO: CHIEF CLERK

Date

Subject

George Wiedemann

Aliases

Address

Birth Date

Birthplace

Race

Sex

☐ Male

☐ Female

☐ Exact Spelling

☐ All References

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File Review Symbols

I - Identical

NI - Not identical

? - Not identifiable

U - Unavailable reference

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WIEDEMAN, GEORGE HENKINS

121-6951*

WIEDEMAN, GEORGE H. 9/64 105-67198-9

WIEDEMAN, GEORGE H. (MD)
103 Central Street
Leominster, Mass.

100-31551

S. 2993- p. 55- Letter addressed to ANNA SEGHERS,
bearing above return address, was examined by Lab.
for code of cipher messages with negative results.

WIEDEMAN, GEORGE H.
4 E. 95th St.
New York City

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