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PENNSYLVANIA Continued

Pierce Shirt Laundry
1921 Point Breeze Avenue
Philadelphia
SR 33626
SR 33625
SR 32681

Saritas Cleaners
519 Davisville Road
Willow Grove
SR 33536

Service Cleaners
704 East Market Street
West Chester
SR 31787

Stadhan Supply Company
Philadelphia
SR 31152

State Cleaners and Dyers
5431 Vine Street
Philadelphia
SR 32072

Steel's Hanover Laundry Inc.
110 High Street
Hanover
SR 31348

Tribune Laundry
23 & Clearfield Streets
Philadelphia
SR 31919

Van Balen Laundry
1403 Fifth Avenue
Caraopolis
SR 33011

Wharton's Inc.
552 Lancaster Avenue
Haverford
SR 33958

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RHODE ISLAND

Commodore Cleaners
Front St.
Woonsocket, R.I.
SN32924

Norton Supply Co.
11 LaFayette St
Providence, R.I.
SN31997

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SOUTH DAKOTA

Royal Cleaners & Ldy.
204 Walnut St.
Yankton, S.D.
SN32717

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TEXAS

Athens Laundry & Cleaners
Athens
SR 31751

Blanton Laundry
1313 Proctor Street
Port Arthur
SR 31320

Blue Ribbon Laundry
3824 Cedar Springs
Dallas
SR 33707

Cleco Corporation
Hickory at Second Avenue
Dallas
SR 31257

Driskill Laundry
411 East 19 Street
Austin
SR 31258
SR 31251

Elite Laundry & Cleaners
412 South Oregon Street
El Paso
SR R32101

Fishburn Laundry & Cleaners
3200 Ross
Dallas
SR R32059
SR R32053
SR 30957

W. B. Fishburn Inc.
1200 Main Street
Fort Worth
SR 30858

Model Laundry
Brownsville
SR 31840

Monarch Laundry
2815 South Shepard
Houston
SR 31553
SR 31555

Odessa Laundry
1107 West 10
Odessa
SR R32102

Quality Steam Laundry
Lubbock
SR R32165

Sunshine Laundry & Cleaners
214 East Hutchinson
San Marcus
SR 33476
SR 31768

Vogue Cleaners
207 East Avenue C
Killeen
SR 33621

White Star Laundry
4535 Cole
Dallas
SR R33371
SR R32113
SR R32106

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TEXAS Continued

White Star Laundry
530 San Pedro
San Antonio
SR R31817
SR R31816

C. W. Wilkins Laundry & Cleaners
Comroe
SR 31694

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VERMONT

Beardsley
Route 7
Burlington, Vermont
SN34084

Palmer Bros. Laundry
72-78 Eastern Ave.
St. Johnsbury, Vermont
SN31846
SN32701

Williams Laundry
7 Maple St.
Windsor, Vermont
SN31337

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WEST VIRGINIA

Rockwell Laundry & Cleaners
126 So. Raleigh St.
Martinsburg, W. Va.
SE33873

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WYOMING

Casper Laundry
330 N. Durbin
Casper, Wyoming
SN R33373

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ALL OFFICES PLEASE NOTE: Bureau teletype to All Continental Offices, 4/9/68, stated that all laundries should be contacted in an effort to identify the tape on the shorts and tee-shirt believed to have been abandoned by UNSUB. The Textile Marking Machine Company has advised that the above are the only machines known by that company to be in the above listed states which would be capable of producing the laundry mark on the garments. This company advised that the tapes on the garments are their tapes exclusively and that there is no other marking machine in the world which could have produced the tapes.

Further note, the following are names and addresses with telephone numbers of sales representatives of Textile Marking Machine Company covering the above territories:

DICK BRISTOW
3462 N.W. 13th Ave.
Gainesville, Fla.
Telephone FR2-1290
Covering Florida, Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina
and Southern Mississippi.

JOE COMBS
5232 Devonshire
Oxon Hill, Maryland
Telephone 248-6127
Covering Maryland, Delaware, Pennsylvania,
W. Virginia, Virginia, North Carolina, Eastern
Tennessee and Eastern Kentucky.

FRED WEBER
33 Skylark Lane
Stony Brook, L.I., N.Y.
Telephone 751-2135
Covering Metropolitan New York City, New Jersey,
Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Maine,
New Hampshire, and Vermont.

Upstate New York inquiries should be referred to
Textile Marking Machine Co., Syracuse, N.Y., telephone
446-8110.

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It is suggested in contacts with above establishments the actual operators of Thermo-Seal machines rather than supervisory personnel be contacted. It is further suggested, on the basis of consultation with Textile Marking Machine Company personnel that the letter "O" in instant tape may have been used rather than a dash for first character. If the code is recognizable by insertion of a dash instead of letter "O", or if the code is recognizable as it appears on instant tape, obtain sample of tape and immediately submit to FBI Laboratory for examination.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, (44-310)

FROM : SPC JAMES P. DONLAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/14/68

At 8:35 A.M., instant Mr. JOHN KNAPP, Clerk at the YMCA, Dubuque, Iowa, telephonically contacted this office and advised that an individual by the name of JAMES B. WILSON, had just left the YMCA, destination unknown. Mr. KNAPP advised he saw a photo (Composite drawing) of the unsub in captioned case, in this morning's paper and he feels there is a striking between WILSON and unsub.

Mr. KNAPP advised that WILSON listed no employer and stated his nearest relative was in Oklahoma City, WILSON has no car, and his reason for being in Dubuque, Iowa is unknown. WILSON listed his age as being 51, but Mr. KNAPP advised he is certain he is not over 35 years old.

Mr. KNAPP furnished the following description of JAMES B. WILSON:

*main Ref -
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White Male
Age 35
5'7-5'9"
145-150 LBS.
Thin
Dark, Sun tanned complexion
Grayish Black hair
Clothing: gray and black checkered overcoat, blue shirt, gray work pants, patch on one knee, wearing boots

The telephone number at the YMCA, Dubuque, Iowa is (319) 583-8238

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Omaha (44-310)

FROM : SA Andrew D. Williams

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/10/68

Re memo, dated 4/9/68 and memo dated 4/10/68

On 4/10/68, the following investigation was conducted by SA Andrew D. Williams at Clinton, Maquoketa, and De Witt, Iowa:

All telephone directories ~~for~~ for all cities and towns in Clinton and Jackson counties were reviewed. The city directory was reviewed for the city of Clinton, the only city in Clinton and Jackson counties with a city directory. Every motor registration list for every township in Clinton and Jackson County and the motor registration for the City of Clinton were reviewed. Criminal checks were made at the Clinton County Sheriff's Office, Jackson County Sheriff's Office, Clinton PD, Maquoketa PD and the De Witt PD. The Credit Bureau at Clinton and Maquoketa, Iowa were checked. This entire investigation met with negative results. Every possible spelling for Harvey Lowmeyer and Eric Starvo Galt was utilized.



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Memorandum

TO : SAC, 44-310

DATE: 4/13/68

FROM : SA Ben C. Nix

SUBJECT: MURKIN

The records of the following departments and agencies were personally reviewed by writer concerning the names of LOWMEYER, LOWMYER, and ERIC STARVO GALT with negative results:

Dubuque County

1. Dubuque PD
2. Dubuque County Sheriff's Office
3. Dubuque County Voters Registration
4. Dubuque Credit Bureau

Delaware County

1. Manchester PD
2. Delaware County Sheriff's Office
3. Delaware County Voters Registration

Fayette County

1. Fayette County Sheriff's Office
2. Oelwein PD
3. Fayette County Credit Bureau
4. Fayette County Voters Registration

Winneshiek County

1. Winneshiek County Sheriff's Office
2. Decorah PD
3. Winnehsiek County Credit Bureau
4. Winneshiek County Voters Registration

Allamakee County

1. Allamakee County Sheriff's Office
2. Waukon PD
3. Allamakee County Voters Registration

Clayton County

1. Clayton County Sheriff's Office
2. Clayton County Voters Registration

On 4/12/68, JERRY WETLAUFER, City Laundry, Oelwein, Iowa, telephonically advised that the Thermal Seal laundry mark bearing the mark "O Two BeDash Six" or "D Two B Dash Six" would not have been made at his laundry.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT**TO : SAC, OMAHA****DATE: 4/11/68****FROM : SA ROBERT P. CAMPBELL (44-310)****SUBJECT: MURKIN**

A review of the Sioux City, Iowa City Directory and telephone Directory proved negative for the name ERIC STARVO GALT.

THE following Agencies ~~XXX~~ advised on 4/11/68, that their files contained no record for ERIC STARVO GALT:

Credit Bureau, Sioux City, Iowa
Sioux City Police Department
Sheriff's Office, Woodberry County, Sioux City, Iowa

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Memorandum

TO : SAC OMAHA (44-310)

FROM : SA GEORGE CASTLEMAN, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/11/68

Re memos to all agents 4/9/68 and 4/10/68.

A review of the following records by SA CASTLEMAN failed to reveal any identifiable information with the names ERIC STARVO GALT and HARVEY LOWMEYER, LOWMYER, or any similar sounding name:

Voter registration records, telephone directories, city directories, county plat books, annual farm and ranch directories for the counties of Louisa, Muscatine, and Washington.

The following advised no record could be found identifiable with the above names:

RISHARD PELT, Sheriff, Muscatine County Sheriff's Office
ROSEMARY MARSTON, clerk, Credit Bureau Muscatine & Louisa Co.
LLOYD SUTTLES, Superintendent, Muscatine, Iowa Post Office
DELOUS STECHER, Records Secretary, Muscatine Police Dept.
CHARLES V. WHISLER, Recorder, Muscatine Court House
RUTH CHAMBERLAIN, Clerk, Auto Registration Muscatine Co.
FLORENCE MASON, City Clerk, Muscatine City Hall
EDWARD FULLERTON, Auditor, Louisa County Court House, Wapello
RALPH MCDOWELL, Sheriff, Louisa County Sheriff's Office, Wapello
EARNEST LUND, Assessor, Washington Co. Washington, Iowa
ROBERT PORTER, Clerk, Washington County Court House, Washington
WALT SCROEDER, Auditor, Washington County Court House
CHARLES SNYDER, Sheriff, Washington Co. Sheriff's Office
CLARENCE SEE, Chief of Police, Washington Police Dept.
RAY CARTER, Manager, Credit Bureau of Washington County
NICK GEVOCK, clerk, Washington, Iowa Post Office
MILDRED WILDASIN, clerk, Wilton Junction Post Office
RODGER L. JOHNSTON, Post Master, West Liberty Post Office
LLOYD W. WACHS, Asst. Chief of Police, West Liberty Police Dept.
JOHN N. GRAHAM, Assessor, City Hall, West Liberty, Ia.

On 4/10/68, GEORGE RUSSELL, Manager, Thompson-Hayward Chemical Company, 2040 West River Drive, Davenport, Iowa, advised he is the jobber representing the Textile Marking Co. in eastern Iowa which handles the Thermo Seal marking machine. He stated there are only two known Thermo Seal machines used in the counties covered by the Davenport Resident Agency and these are located at the Magnus Model

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Laundry Company, Muscatine, Iowa and the Crescent Evans Laundry Co. 1206 Harrison St., Davenport, Iowa.

On 4/10/68 ARTHUR R. HOWE, President, Magnus Model Laundry Co. Muscatine, Iowa, advised his company uses the Thermo Seal Marking machine, but his code system is not similar with the code found on tag described in re memo.

On 4/10/68 , VERA OLDENBURG, Office Manager, Crescent Evans Laundry Company, 1206 Harrison, Davenport, Iowa, advised her company utilizes the Thermo Seal marking machine, but the coding system described to her from re memo is not similar with the coding system used by her company.

The following laundries advised that either they utilized the services of Magnus Model Laundry, Muscatine, Iowa or they did not mark their laundry in any way similar with that described in re memo.

Holliday Cleaners, 313 Mulberry, Muscatine
Kenway Cleaners 304 E. 4th Muscatine
Lueller's Cleaners, 209 W. 2nd Muscatine
Phelps Brothers Cleaners and Laundry 315 Orange Muscatine
Watson Cleaners, Washington, Iowa
Washington Cleaners, Washington, Iowa
Patrick's Cleaners, Wapello, Iowa
Winders Clothing, Wapello, Iowa

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FROM SA PARTINGTON

RE: MURKIN

Reurmemos dtd 4-9 & 10-68

On 4-12-68 the below listed sources advised the names LOWMEYER, LOWMYER, and GALT are not known to them and these names are not in their records.

AT YORK

Jervis Elbert Sheriff - York, when
Harry Davis' COB

~~Walter~~ Barton Barth Co Clk

Mrs Edw. Tasson Credit Bureau of York
City Dir of York - no
Phone book at " - "

AT AURORA

Forrest Williams COB

Bill Schultz, Sheriff

W. Ed Coblentz, Pres, Farmers State Bank

Charlotte Bradsh, Co Clk, Hamilton Co

No City Dir at Aurora

Phone book - no

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Tele Books checked re name
~~GALT~~ — no Galt's in books

Clay Center

Deere

Edgar

Fairfield

Guide Rock

Hansen

Hardy

Harvard

Hastings

Grafton

McCool Jet

Osceola

Shelby

Strasbourg

York

Bertrand

Franklin

Naponee

Orleans

Kenesaw

Nelson

Rushlin

Superior

Sutton

Bradshaw

Ester

Fairmont

Geneva

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Stanford

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SA HARMON J. OGREN

MURKIN

The following Laundries which make up all the laundries in the Lincoln RA area were contacted on this date with negative results as to the laundry cloth tag used in OM memo 4/9/68:

Keep-U-Neat Cleaners, Lincoln FERN GAMALL
Model Cleaners and Laundry, Lincoln MRS. DOROTHY POLICK
Best Laundry, Lincoln, P. J. PLAMONDON
Union College Laundry, Lincoln, MRS. GEORGE LEWIS
Sanitary Towel and Laundry, Lincoln, DWIGHT BERGLIN
PARAMOUNT Laundry and Cleaners, Lincoln, LL W. MOWERY
RALPH SELL of Globe Cleaning and Laundry, Lincoln
Globe Laundry, Crete, KENNETH GOOD
Boline Laundry, Tecumseh, Only a Laundermat
Lugsch Cleaners and Laundry, Plattsmouth, DOROTHY HOBBS
Plattsmouth Cleaners and Laundry, CHARLES W. WONDRA
Nebraska City Laundry, Name not obtained
Falls City Cleaners, Do not handle Laundry
Globe Laundry, Syracuse, no longer in business
Fairbury Laundry, No longer in business
Lela's Beatrice Laundry, Beatrice, Mrs. ALICE CAMP
SOUKUP Cleaners, Beatrice, LEO SOUKUP

The following Banks were contacted for the name LOWMEYER, LOWMYER or ERIC GALT with no results:

Auburn State Bank, ZELMA SAILORS, A/C
Carson National Bank, Auburn, ZELMA SAILORS, A/C
Farmers State Bank, Avoca, ROBERT HALLSTROM, C
Beatrice, National Bank, L. R. KITRELL, AVP/C
FNB, Beatrice, E. E. VAN STEENHUYSE, VP/C
Blue Springs State Bank, JOAN CHAPMAN, Bookkeeper
Farmers Bank of Clatonia, HARLEY BERGMEXER, VP
Farmers Bank of Cook, MERLE H. JOHNS, C
City National Bank of Crete, E. L. BARTH, C
Crete State Bank, W. H. COLLETT, VP/C
Jefferson County Bank, Dykin, JOHN TILGNER, D
Dewitt State Bank, JOHN TILGNER, C of above
Citizens State Bank, Dorchester, JEAN BOBOLZ, A/C
Farmers State Bank, Douglas, G.A. DUNLAP, VP
State Bank of Dubois, A.C. FARWELL, VP
State Bank of Elk Creek, MARTHA GARMINE, Teller
American Exchange Bank, Elmwood, DOROTHY OLDFIELD

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The Fairbury State Bank, HARRY ZWEIFEL, Ex VP
 FNB, Fairbury, EDGAR SCHEIPS, C
 FNB, Falls City, EDGER ROERCH, VP
 Richardson Co. Bank, Falls City, CAROLYN KAMMERER, A/C
 Filley Bank, R.E. MORTON, VP/C
 FNB, Friend, P.M. ROGERS, ExVP
 HALLAM Bank, REED CARSTEN, C
 First State Bank, Hickman, D. R. DEBOER, VP/C
 Citizens State Bank, Lincoln, CHARLES E. KNIGHT, VP/C
 City National Bank, Lincoln, MARJORIE PAUL, A/C
 Cornhusker Bank, ELTON H. GIBSON, A/C
 FNB, Lincoln, DARRELL NEIMAN, Bookkeeper
 Havelock National Bank, Lincoln, DONALD W. KELLEY, C
 Lincoln Bank South, Lincoln, RICHARD KEARNS, C
 Natl. Bank of Commerce, Lincoln JOHN SHIFFERLING, A/C
 Union Bank and Trust Company, Lincoln, JAY L. DUNLAP, Pres.
 Home State Bank, Louisville, A. R. KOOP, C
 Martell State Bank, MARY L. WUNDERLICH, C
 Farmers and Merchants Bank, Milford, JAY L. DUNLAP, Pres
 Murdock Corn Growers State Bank, EDWINT. MC HUGH, C
 Pawnee County Bank, Pawnee City, C. B. MATZKE, C
 FARMERS Bank, Prairie Home, L. A. WESTLAND, A/C
 Bank of Salem, O. E. LAWRIE, C
 State Bank of Stella, ANDREW MC MULLEN, C
 Bank of Swanton, DONALD J. JANDRA, VP
 FNB, Unadilla, MRS. BEULAH BRANDT, VP
 FNB, UTICA, ROBERT W. BREDWELL, C
 Citizens State Bank, Virginia, W.E. ERICKSON, C
 Lancaster County Bank, Waverly, DON OLSON, C.
 Nebraska State Bank, Weeping Water, W. N. ROBERTS, C
 Nebraska State Bank, Western, DOROTHY HOHENSEE, C

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 The remainder of the Banks in the RA area will be contacted
 on 4/12/68

MEMO

SAC, OMAHA(44-310)

4/12/68

SA HARMON J. OGREN

MURKIN

Re memo of 4/11/68.

In view of developments relative to identification of GALT the recovery of the car in Atlanta or Birmingham and also due to the fact Voter registration, Credit and Criminal, Drivers License and Auto Registrations were negative for the name GALT, no further attempt will be made to contact the remaining Banks in the Lincoln RA territory.

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
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TO: SAC, ALBANY
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P
RE: MURKIN

In an effort to assist in handling administratively the reams of material being submitted to Memphis Division as office of origin, it is requested all offices in submission of messages use caption which will aid in handling paper. For example, should your office have investigation to report in connection with a specific suspect it would aid if, before entering into the body of text, you would utilize sub-heading after reference, such as "SUSPECT - JOHN ALLEN DOE," or another appropriate caption might be "LAUNDRY CHECKS."

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, OMAHA (44-310)

FROM : SA GRANT ALAN JACOBSEN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/13/68

OO: Memphis

Reur memos dated 4/9/68 (two) and 4/10/68.

Inquiries and record checks were made with the below-listed persons concerning ERIC STARVO GALT and anyone with a surname of LOWMEYER or LOWMYER, with negative results:

Howard County, Nebraska, 4/11/68

LINDA ULEMAN, County Clerk, St. Paul, Nebraska
DAN SCHENCK, Sheriff, St. Paul, Nebraska
RON BRYER, Chief of Police, St. Paul, Nebraska

SHERMAN COUNTY, NEBRASKA, 4/11/68

MURL BADURA, County Clerk, Loup City, Nebraska
VIRGIL KAMINSKI, Sheriff, Loup City, Nebraska
ROY DOMINQUE, Chief Of Police, Loup City, Nebraska

Valley County, Nebraska, 4/11/68

THELMA DULITZ, County Clerk, Ord, Nebraska
CLARENCE FOX, Sheriff, Ord, Nebraska
WILLIS GARNER, Chief of Police, Ord, Nebraska

Garfield County, Nebraska, 4/11/68

EDWARD SIME, County Clerk, Burwell, Nebraska
MARK LOCKER, Sheriff, Burwell, Nebraska
JACK STEVENS, Chief of Police, Burwell, Nebraska

Wheeler County, Nebraska, 4/11/68

KATHERINE BERNEY, County Clerk, Bartlett, Nebraska
JAMES WOODWORTH, Sheriff, Bartlett, Nebraska
EVERETT E. RUSSO, Chief of Police, Bartlett, Nebraska

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HOLT COUNTY, NEBRASKA, 4/12/68

IRENE BROWN, County Clerk, O'Neill, Nebraska
CHARLES FOX, Sheriff, O'Neill, Nebraska
ROB PROUTY, Chief of Police, O'Neill, Nebraska

Boyd County, Nebraska, 4/12/68

MYRON ARMPFIELD, County Clerk, Butte, Nebraska
WAYNE KINZIE, Sheriff, Butte, Nebraska
CHARLES LUTH, JR., Chief of Police, Butte, Nebraska

Knox County, Nebraska, 4/12/68

WILLIAM EISMAN, County Clerk, Center, Nebraska
HERB THOMPSON, Sheriff, Center, Nebraska
(there is no police department in Center, Nebraska)

Antelope County, Nebraska, 4/12/68

LILLIE FALLESEN, County Clerk, Neligh, Nebraska
VERNON HIXSON, Sheriff, Neligh, Nebraska
J. R. THIEMAN, Chief of Police, Neligh, Nebraska

Boone County, Nebraska, 4/12/68

JACK SHERRILL, County Clerk, Albion, Nebraska
JACK ILLIAN, Sheriff, Albion, Nebraska
JOE REDLER, Chief of Police, Albion, Nebraska

Greeley County, Nebraska, 4/12/68

SONDRA ALBIN, County Clerk, Greeley, Nebraska
E. J. FINN, Sheriff, Greeley, Nebraska
WILLIAM LUKEFAHN, Chief of Police, Greeley, Nebraska

In addition to the above checks, telephone directories pertaining to each town in the above counties were checked for the pertinent names without success. There are no city directories for the above towns, neither is there a credit bureau located in any of the above counties. There are no commercial laundries in any of the above counties.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, OMAHA(44-310)

DATE: 4/13/68

FROM : SA ARNOLD J. KUTA

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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Re Memo 4/10/68 re suspect and Laundries.

It is noted SA GEORGE CASTLEMAN, JR. determined the only laundry in the Davenport area which utilizes the Thermo Seal is the Crescent-Evans Laundry & Cleaners, Davenport, Iowa. He contacted Crescent Evans and also one GEORGE RUSSELL, Thompson-Hayward company, Davenport, Iowa, the jobber for Thermo Seal marking equipment.

On 4/11/68, the following were contacted by SA ARNOLD J. KUTA and all advised they do not use the Thermo Seal marking equipment and that the only laundry and/or cleaners in the area which used the equipment is Crescent-Evans, Davenport, Iowa. All further advised GEORGE RUSSELL, Thompson Hayward company would know of any and all laundries in the area which use the Thermo Seal:

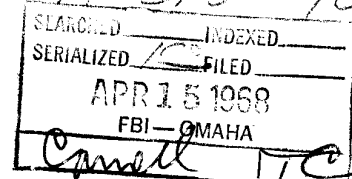
GEORGE A. CHANEZ, Chanez Cleaners, 1604 West Locust;
HAROLD J. BURKE, Burke Cleaners, 1734 Washington Street and
307 East Locust, Davenport, Iowa;
VINCENT D. BURKE, Burke Cleaners, 936 West 4th, Davenport.

Contact with the above confirms the information furnished by Crescent Evans and GEORGE RUSSELL.

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TO ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES
FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 3P

MURKIN.

ERIC STARVO GALT, THE PRINCIPAL SUSPECT, HAS BEEN REPORTED AS HAVING ATTENDED DANCING SCHOOLS IN BIRMINGHAM, NEW ORLEANS AND CALIFORNIA. ALL OFFICES SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CHECK ALL DANCING SCHOOLS IN YOUR TERRITORIES FOR ANY RECORD OF PRIOR ATTENDANCE AT ANY SUCH SCHOOLS BY GALT AND RUN OUT ANY LEADS DEVELOPED. GALT REPORTEDLY SIGNED UP FOR A ONE YEAR DANCING COURSE IN NEW ORLEANS IN NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR; TOOK DANCING LESSONS FOR SEVERAL WEEKS IN BIRMINGHAM BEGINNING IN SEPTEMBER NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN; AND TOOK A FOUR HUNDRED NINETYNINE DOLLAR DANCE COURSE FROM DECEMBER NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN TO FEBRUARY NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT AT LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA.

ONE DANCE INSTRUCTOR HAS STATED THAT GALT IS "CRAZY" ABOUT DANCING BUT A POOR DANCER AND DIFFICULT TO TEACH
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BECAUSE HE DOES NOT REMEMBER INSTRUCTIONS. HE WAS DESCRIBED AS AN INTROVERT WHO VOLUNTEERS NO INFORMATION AND REPLIES WITH YES OR NO ANSWERS WHEN ASKED; DID NOT MINGLE WITH OTHER STUDENTS AND MADE NO EFFORTS TO MAKE FRIENDS OR CONVERSE WITH ANYONE.

ANOTHER DANCE INSTRUCTOR STATED GALT IS A GOOD DANCER, DISPLAYED SLIGHT SOUTHERN ACCENT, RURAL CHARACTERISTICS OF LANGUAGE AND DICTION, TEETH STRAIGHT AND CLEAN, FINGERNAILS CLEAN AND NEATLY TRIMMED;; WORE GOLD RING WITH DARK STONE; ALWAYS NEATLY DRESSED WITH SUIT AND SHINY SLIP ON TYPE BLACK ALLIGATOR SHOES WITH THIN SOLES, BLACK HOSE AND WORE TIE TACK AND CUFF LINKS. SMOKED FILTER CIGARETTES AND HAD NERVOUS HABIT OF OCCASIONALLY PULLING AT EAR LOBE. OWNER OF STUDIO STATES GALT SPOKE OF ALABAMA, SAID HE WAS A MERCHANT SEAMAN; SPOKE OF BEING IN MEXICO BUT DID NOT SPEAK SPANISH AND SPOKE ENGLISH BADLY; WAS SOCIALLY INEPT, AN INTROVERT AND A POOR DANCER BECAUSE HE WOULD NOT LOOSEN UP. SMILED RARELY AND WHEN HE DID IT WAS A NERVOUS CROOKED SMILE; PAID CASH FOR LESSONS TAKING A WAD OF BILLS FROM POCKET.

ERIC STARVO GALT DESCRIBED AS FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES, ONE HUNDRED SEVENTYFIVE POUNDS, BLUE EYES, BROWN HAIR, BORN [REDACTED], PLACE NOT GIVEN.

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GALT MAY HAVE USED THE NAME HARVEY LOWMYER OR JOHN WILLARD OR ANY VARIATION OF THESE TWO NAMES OR ANY OTHER NAME. IN CONNECTION WITH ANY INQUIRIES, NO INDICATION SHOULD BE GIVEN INQUIRIES ARE IN CONNECTION WITH CAPTIONED CASE.

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OF NO. 10
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

DATE: 4/15/68

TO: ALL AGENTS
FROM: SAC PAUL C. YOUNG (44-310) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
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ERIC STARVO GALT, the principal suspect, has been reported as having attended dancing schools in Birmingham, New Orleans, and California. All offices should immediately check all dancing schools in your territories for any record of prior attendance at any such schools by GALT and run out any leads developed. GALT reportedly signed up for a one year dancing course in New Orleans in 1964; took dancing lessons for several weeks in Birmingham beginning in September, 1967; and took a \$499.00 dance course from December, 1967, to February, 1968, at Long Beach, California.

One dance instructor has stated that GALT is "crazy" about dancing, but a poor dancer and difficult to teach because he does not remember instructions. He was described as an introvert who volunteers no information and replies with yes or nor answers when asked, did not mingle with other students, and made no efforts to make friends or converse with anyone.

Another dance instructor stated GALT is a good dancer, displayed slight Southern accent, rural characteristics of language and diction, teeth straight and clean, fingernails clean and neatly trimmed, wore gold ring with dark stone, always neatly dressed with suit and shiny slip-on type black alligator shoes with thin soles, black hose, and wore tie tack and cuff links. He smoked filter cigarettes and had nervous habit of occasionally pulling at ear lobe. Owner of studio

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states GALT spoke of Alabama, said he was a merchant seaman, spoke of being in Mexico but did not speak Spanish and spoke English badly, was socially inept, an introvert and a poor dancer because he would not loosen up. He smiled rarely and when he did it was a nervous crooked smile, paid cash for lessons, taking a wad of bills from his pocket.

ERIC STARVO GALT is described as 5'11", 175 pounds, blue eyes, brown hair, born [REDACTED], place not given.

GALT may have used the name HARVEY LOWMYER or JOHN WILLARD or any variation of these two names or any other name. In connection with any inquiries, no indication should be given inquiries are in connection with captioned case.

SA THOMAS W. CARROLL will contact all dance studios in Omaha. Each RA will immediately contact dance studios in their territories and furnish results of their investigation to SA CARROLL.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, (44-310)

DATE: 4/15/68

FROM : SPC JAMES P. DONLAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

At 7:05 PM, instant, Mr. SHORTDECKER, Clerk at the Buffalo Center Hotel, Buffalo Center, Iowa contacted this office and furnished the following information:

Sunday a individual who gave his name as WILLIAM WEAVER signed out of the hotel enroute to Minneapolis, Mr. SHORTDECKER advised WEAVER was a transient, with out funds, had no car or drivers license. WEAVER was put up at the hotel as "a guest of the city". Weaver alledgedly told police that he abandonded his car in Missouri. WEAVER told SHORTDECKER he was from BIRMINGHAM. Mr. SHORTDECKER stated subject fit the discription of unsub in captioned case and from a ~~xxx~~ newspaper description, he ~~xxx~~ fit description perfectly.

Mr. SHORTDECKER was advisd that an agent would contact him concerning this information.

ASAC advised, 8:45

SA CAMPBELL advised, 9:30 PM, and will handle.

William Weaver.
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Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-310)

DATE: 4-15-68

FROM : SPC JAMES P. DONLAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

This date Mr. CLAYTON BLUE, Russell, Iowa, Tel.# 535-2842, telephonically contacted this office and advised that he and ROBERT OEHLER, Woodburn, Iowa, Tel.#: 678-2183, had picked up a hitch hiker out side of Des Moines, Iowa on Thursday, 4/11/68. Mr. BLUE advised hitchhiker fit the newspaper discription of unsub in this case. Mr. BLUE could not remember if hitchhiker gave a name or not, but did say tha t he was from Birmingham, Ala., and heading for Minneapolis. Mr. BLUE advised that subject was broke and that he furnished him with .50¢ to by cigarettes. Hitchhiker gave his occupation as truck driver and advised he was separated from his wife.

The following is a d^escription of hitchhiker as furnished by Mr. BLUE.

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Age: 36-37

Hair: Dark, bushy

Height: 5'9"

Weight: 150 lbs.

Remarks: Was very dirty, narrow nose, no luggage, southern accent, wearing brown sweater and tan pants.

Mr. BLUE could not recall where he dropped this hitchhiker off at. I asked Mr. BLUE if the name BUFFALO CENTER, IOWA was familiar to him, he stated that to the best of his knowledge he dropped this hitchhiker off at or near this town.

Mr. BLUE was thanked for calling.

*S. A. Campbell advised
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Memorandum

TO : SAC, OMAHA(44-310)(P)

DATE: 4/15/68

FROM : SA JOHN A. WOODSIDE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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Re Memos to all Agents dated 4/9 & 4/10/68.

The following investigation was conducted by SA JOHN A.
WOODSIDE:

On the dates indicated the following individuals were
contacted for any information they may have had regarding the
names of Harvey Lowmeyer or Lowmyer, or of Eric Starvo Galt.
All of those contacted advised that they had no record of
either name and had no positive information to offer.

AT BURLINGTON, IOWA

Helen Cooper, Clerk, Credit Bureau of Burlington, Iowa on 4/9/68
Evelyn Leezer, Clerk, Credit Bureau of Burlington on 4/11/68
James Von Ende, Clerk, Burlington Police Department on 4/9/68
Merritt Quick, Sheriff, Des Moines County S.O. on 4/9/68
Homer Dickenson, Deputy Sheriff, Des Moines County on 4/10/68
Larry Ruschill, Patrolman, Burlington Police Dept. on 4/10/68

AT FT. MADISON, IOWA

James Carrell, NA, Sgt., Ft. Madison, Iowa Police Dept. on 4/9/68
Marvin Pratt, Patrolman, " " " " " on 4/10/68



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LEE SEEGRIST, Deputy, Lee County S.O. on 4/9 & 4/10/68
Donna Cox, Credit Bureau of Ft. Madison, Iowa on 4/9/68
Sheryl Lee, " " " " " on 4/10/68

AT KEOKUK, IOWA

HOWARD HARMAN, Chief of Police, Keokuk Police Dept. on 4/9/68
Ray Eller, Assistant Chief, " " " on 4/10/68
H.R. STRUBE, Clerk, Lee County Sheriff's Office on 4/9/68
Lois Henson, Voter Registration Clerk, Lee County on 4/10/68
Carlene Adams, Credit Bureau of Keokuk, Iowa on 4/9/68
Priscilla Happs, " " " " " on 4/10/68

AT KEOSAUQUA, IOWA

ORVILLE LEE, Sheriff, Van Buren County S.O. on 4/10/68
Herchel Dickey, Deputy Sheriff, Van Buren County on 4/10/68

AT FAIRFIELD, IOWA

Ralph Brown, Clerk, Jefferson County S.O. on 4/11/68
Russell Simmons, Chief of Police, Fairfield, Iowa on 4/11/68
Mrs. R. Bereton, Clerk, Credit Bureau of Fairfield on 4/11/68

AT MT. PLEASANT, IOWA

Russell Van Tuyl, Sheriff, Henry County S.O. on 4/10/68
Carl Hill, Deputy Sheriff, " " " on 4/11/68
Ruth Ogg, Voter Registrar, Henry County on 4/10/68
Dianne Thompson, Credit Bureau of Mt. Pleasant, on 4/10/68
Werner Smith, Chief of Police, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa on 4/11/68

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The City Directories and Telephone Directories of Burlington, Ft. Madison, Keokuk, Keosauqua, Fairfield, ~~M~~ and Mt. Pleasant, Iowa were searched for the names of Harvey Lowmeyer or Lowmyer and Eric Starvo Galt with negative results.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, OMAHA(44-310)

DATE: 4/15/68

FROM : SA JOHN A. WOODSIDE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

OO: MEMPHIS

Re Memo to All Agents dated 4/9/68.

The following investigation was conducted by SA JOHN A.

WOODSIDE:

On the indicated dates the following Laundry and Cleaning establishments were contacted regarding their use of a Thermo Seal marking machine with marking similar to "O Two B Dash Six" or "D Two B Dash Six". Although a few of those laundries contacted used a similar machine, the types of marks used were totally dissimilar and the type of tag used was of a different size. Results of these contacts were negative.

AT BURLINGTON, IOWA

On 4/11/68, Bob Camp, Camp Laundry & Cleaners
" " , Wally Peterson, Sickels Laundry & Cleaners
" " , Dick Smith, Miller-Diamond Laundry
" " , Leona Baldredge, North Hill Ldy. & Cleaners
" " , Mrs. Ronald Rambo, Martinizing Cleaners

AT FT. MADISON, IOWA

On 4/10/68, J. Childers, Spotless Cleaners
" " , JOHN L. FLACH, Troy Cleaners Inc.

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AT KEOKUK, IOWA

On 4/12/68, Paul Delaney, Delaney Laundry & Cleaners

On 4/12/68, Stanley Fox, Holiday Cleaners

AT KEOSAUQUA, IOWA

There are no laundries or cleaning establishments in Van
Buren County, Iowa.

AT FAIRFIELD, IOWA

On 4/11/68, Mrs. Larry Henshaw, Fairfield Laundry & Cleaners

AT MT. PLEASANT, IOWA

On 4/11/68, Larry Mendenhall, Modern Laundry & Cleaners

" " , Karl R. Smith, Smitty's Laundry & Cleaners

MEMO, SAC, Omaha(44-310)

4-15-68

FROM SA PARTINGTON

MURKIN

On ~~3/4~~ 4-13-68 COP EMERY MARTIN, Superior, Nebr., stated there is no one named LOWMEYER, LOWMYER, OR GALT living at Superior, Nebr, and arret resoced of his dept fail to contain thesenames.

The below listed persons statedon 4-15-68 records of their respective organizations fail to contain the name GALT.

COP GEORGE MAUL, Hastings, Nebr.
Sheriff BOB ANDERSON, " "
County Clerk EMMA BERG, " "
Co Treas CHESTER YOST, " "
KENNETH UDEN, Owner, Gr Bu of Hastings

The name GALT does not appear in the Hastings telephone book nor the city directory

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TO : SAC, OMAHA (44-310)

DATE: 4/16/68

FROM : SA FORREST L. FOSTER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Reference memo to all agents dated 4/9-10/68

A check of the current Council Bluffs, Iowa telephone and city directories failed to list anyone by the name of Eric Starvo Galt or Harvey Lowmeyer (Lowmyer).

Bernice Heck, Credit Bureau, 305 West Broadway, Council Bluffs Iowa on 4/15/68 advised she was unable to locate any record identifiable with Eric Starvo Galt, Harvey Lowmeyer or Lowmyer.

Lieutenant Tom Bockert, Identification Bureau, Police Department and Pottawattamie County Deputy Sheriff Earl E. Miller, Identification Bureau, Sheriff's Office, both at Council Bluffs, Iowa on 4/15/68 advised they were unable to locate any record in the files of their respective offices identifiable with Eric Starvo Galt; Harvey Lowmeyer or Lowmyer.



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TO : SAC, OMAHA (44-310)

DATE: 4/16/68

FROM : SA FORREST L. FOSTER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Reference memo to all agents dated 4/9/68

The following laundries were contacted in Council Bluffs, Iowa on 4/15/68 with negative results:

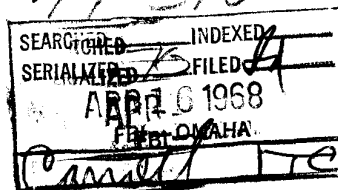
Broadway Cleaners & Laundry, 125 West Broadway
Helen Brownell

M. Brown, Brown's Laundry & Cleaning, 2828 West Broadway

Rex Robinson, Band Box Cleaners, 506 East Broadway

Mrs Mildred Smith, Lustertone Cleaners, 3343 West Broadwaya

John Cronland, Elite Cleaners, 3144 West Broadway.



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Memorandum

TO : SAC, OMAHA (44-310)

FROM : SA FORREST L. FOSTER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/16/68

Reference memo of SAC Micheaux dated 4/9/68

Don W. Wilson, 242 Vine Street, Council Bluffs, Iowa on 4/15/68 advised he is the operator of Don's Bar, 218 West Broadway, Council Bluffs, Iowa. He stated on Tuesday, 4/9/68 a lone male came into his place of business and during conversation at the bar with other customers, names unknown made the statement he killed Dr King. Wilson stated the man was in his bar but a short time and left alone. He did not know the man and has not seen him since. Mr Wilson stated he did not know if the man was joking or just trying to attract attention by making the statement.

Mr Wilson stated the only description he could furnish of the man was that he was a young white male. He could not describe how the man was dressed. He did not know if the man was from Council Bluffs, Iowa or out of town.

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TO: SENIOR RESIDENT AGENTS
FROM: SAC, PAUL C. YOUNG
SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/17/68

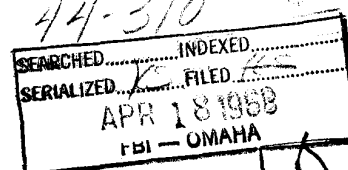
The following information received by teletype from Director at 8:11 p.m. this date.

"The following press release was issued at Washington, D.C. at fortyfive p.m. this afternoon. You are authorized to release at six p.m. eastern standard time. Although it is realized the wire services will carry the full text, you should immediately contact the leading newspapers and radio and TV stations in your division to insure it receives immediate widespread distribution. You are also authorized to immediately make available to all media representatives copies of the two photographs already in your possession. The descriptive data on the backs of these photographs should be deleted. photograph number one with eyes closed should carry the caption, "Eric Starvo Galt, also known as Harvey Lowmyer and John Willard." Photograph number two should carry the caption, "Eric Starvo Galt, also known as Harvey Lowmyer and John Willard (eyes drawn in by FBI artist). You are authorized to reproduce locally additional photos as required. You should attempt to insure that this release and photographs received repeated coverage by radio and TV stations. You are to make no elaboration whatsoever regarding this release."

You should immediately contact all major news media (radio, TV and press) to determine if they have already received this photograph and news release from the wire services. If not, make it available to them for immediate release, but to not make any comment concerning this matter. Prepare a memo to show what contacts were made and what distribution was given this release.

1-Each Resident Agent (2 encl)

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FBI Continues Mum About King Slaying

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — The FBI maintained a steadfast silence Thursday in the face of queries, rumors and reports about the gun and the bullet which killed Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. here a week ago.

It refused comment on whether:

— Ballistics test matched the bullet with a rifle found near the scene.

— Firearms dealers in Birmingham, Ala., had been questioned about sales of Remington rifles.

Both reports have been published, but the FBI says they did not originate with its agents.

Shortly after King's assassination one week ago, police found a 30-06 rifle with a telescopic sight one block away.

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FROM SA JOSEPH R. PARTINGTON

RE: MURKIN

Rememo of SA THOMAS W. CARROLL dtd 4-10-68. — *Serial 17*

HENRY WASHINGTON, "egor, Cook at Yancey Hotel, Grand Island, Nebr stated his wife JOY WASHINGTON is "edgy" and nervous over the death of DR KING. He said ~~xx~~ she works at the CAAP, Grand Island, and mentioned to him that a man who works there looks like the artists' conception of subject, as carried in newspapers. MR WASHINGTON said he thinks this amounts to nothing.

JOY WASHINGTON, 1104 E 4th St, GI, stated on 4-12-68 the artists' conception of the killers photo in the GI paper 4-6-68 resembles a LOREN MERCIER who works at CAAP. She said the photo in the Omaha paper 5/ 4-11-68 does not look like MERCIER. She said MERCIER was absent from work for a few days at the time DR KING was killed. She knows nothing about him.

GORDON WILDE, Security Officer, CAAP, Grand Island stated LOREN LEON MERCIER works as a leadman and fork lift operator at CAAP. He works on Line 2, is assigned badge 5009 and is described as follows:
WMA, 6' 2, 175, red hair, light freckled comp, add 211 W 30th, Kearney, Nebr divorced. He drives a 1953 2-door green Ford with CAAP decal 8865. WILDE furnished a photo of MERCIER. He said MERCIER was at work on 3/29 and 30/68. On 4/3 thru 8 he was not at work. He called in on 4-3-68, 4-4-68, and 4-8-68 and said he was ill at home in Kearney.

THURSTON NELSON, COP, Kearney, stated on 4-12-68 he has known MERCIER all his life and he was a classmate of NELSON'S daughter through high school. He said he is not a murderer and would not "hurt a fly." He said he is a drunk. He has been arrested by the KPD for Disturbing the Peace, Drunk Driving, and traffic violations. He said he was also arrested at Broken Bow, Nebr for Drunk. NELSON said he is a harmless drunk and not vicious. DALE SAUTTER, Sheriff, Kearney, stated on 4-12-68 his office has never arrested MERCIER.

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MERCIER was contacted 4-15-68 after several earlier attempts had been made to locate him. He was contacted at work at CAAP. He said he was born at Campbell, Nebr. [redacted]. He lives with his parents, LLOYD and BESSIE MERCIER at Kearney, Nebr. He said on 4-3-68 at 3:30 PM he met one BARBARA (MRS PAT) FARRELL, Grand Island, age 30, a co-worker at CAAP, in Grand Island. They drove in FARRELL'S car to ~~7/4/68~~ Hastings, Nebr and had beer at the Barrel Tavern. They drove to Joe's Tavern in Lexington, Nebr and had some more beer. They then had a bit of sex in the car. They drove back to GI arriving about 11:30 PM, 4-3-68. He then got in his old car and drove to Kearney arriving at his parents home about 12:30 AM, 4-4-68. He said he had the flu and a hangover the next day which was 4-4-68 and he stayed home. He said he and FARRELL had been working the 4 PM to midnight shift but on 4-3-68 they decided to play rather than work.

He said he was home with the flu on 4/4,5,6,7 and 8/68. He said his mother and father were with him. He did not have a doctor but did consult telephonically with DR LEROY SMITH, Kearney Clinic while he was ill. ~~7/4/68~~ He said BARBARA FARRELL is married to one PAT FARRELL who works for Swift and Co, GI. He said he would prefer that she not be contacted re this matter. He said it would be too bad for him if PAT FARRELL knew the above story. PAT thought BARBARA was working while they drank, etc, on 4-3-68.

It was noted MERCIER has the following scars.

1 "	ct	sc	daig	rt	forehead
1/2 "	"	"	"	"	left cheek
"	"	"	"	"	left chin.

He said he did not kill DR KING. ~~SA~~ Volunteered to take a lie detector test. Attempts to locate MRS BARBARA FARRELL, 1013 So Eddy, Grand Island on 4-16-68 proved unsuccessful as nobody was home.

PICTURE OF MERCIER AVAILABLE IF NEEDED.

On 4-16-68 BARBARA FARRELL, 1013 So Eddy, GI, stated she was with MERCIER from 3:30 PM, 4-3-68 until 11:30 PM, 4-3-68 and they drank beer in Hastings and Kearney. She let him out of her car in downtown GI at 11:30 PM, ~~3-4-68~~ 4-3-68 and she presumes he went home to Kearney.

Because subject was working on the pertinent dates in March and was in GI at 11:30 PM 4-3-68, it appears ~~that~~ he had nothing to do with the murder of DR KING. No further action is being taken ~~at~~ unless advised otherwise by the SAC, OM.

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TO : SAC, 44-310

DATE: 4/15/68

FROM : SA BEN C. NIX

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re telephone conversation with ASAC Franck, 4/14/68.

On 4/14/68, JOHN DAVID KNAPP, night clerk at the YMCA, Dubuque, Iowa, furnished the following information:

He advised that he and another employee of the YMCA were sitting in the lounge area of the YMCA when an unknown man came in the lounge. This man asked if it would be all right if he rested in the lounge since he had been up all night. This was approximately at 7am, 4/14/68. KNAPP and the other employee began talking about the assassination of Martin Luther King, and the man that had come in became noticeably nervous. At this time Knapp remembered the artist conception he had seen in the newspaper of the supposed killer of King and he thought this man resembled the artist conception.

At this point, Knapp approached the man and began talking to him. Through the course of the conversation Knapp learned from this man that he had stayed at the YMCA in Dubuque, Iowa, over the night of 4/12-13/68, under the name of JAMES WILSON. The man advised Knapp that he was originally from Oklahoma, but had recently come from Rockford, Illinois, where he had been working in a Del Monte Canning Co. factory. Knapp advised he was familiar with the area surrounding Rockford, Illinois, and Knapp asked this person if he knew where Rochelle, Illinois, was located. The man stated he did not. Knapp knows that this is where the Del Monte Canning Co. factory is located.

Knapp then asked the man if he had ever been in the Merchants marines and the man said he had approximately 20 years ago, and that he had been stationed in Guam and other islands in the Pacific.

Knapp has no idea how this individual came to Dubuque, Iowa. He had no luggage. Knapp believes there is a chance this person will come back to the YMCA since he asked how much a room was for a week indicating he might rent one. He advised he worked at Jim's Cafe in Dubuque, Iowa, however Knapp noted that there is not a Jim's Cafe in Dubuque, Iowa.

Knapp made available the registration card for this person and the following information was obtained:

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Name:	James B. Wilson
Employer:	Jim's Cafe
Church preference:	pro d .
Member of Y:	no
Age:	51
Nearest relative:	Archie Wilson
Address:	Oklahoma, City, Okla.
How long plan to be guest:	overnight
Ever been guest here:	no
Room	219
Dates:	4/12-13/68
Amount:	\$2.31

Knapp stated this person left the YMCA around 8:30am, and he, Knapp, has not seen him since. He noted and described the unknown person as follows:

Race:	white
Sex:	male
Age:	35
Height:	5'8"
Weight:	140-150
Hair:	black and graying; combed back on sides and wave in front.
Eyes:	possibly blue
Facial features:	shallow
Complexion:	dark in face
Build:	thin
Dress:	gray checked car coat; gray work pants; blue shirt with white specks; army combat boots

Knapp noted the age difference than that stated by unknown subject when he registered and the age he, Knapp, stated this person appeared. He stated definitely the person did not look 50 years of age. The person talked with a southern accent.

Knapp stated he doubted if this meant anything but he thought he should report it to the appropriate authorities. Knapp was thanked for the information and advised that should this person return to the YMCA to notify writer.

On 4/15/68, Jack Kritikos, owner and manager of Jack's Cafe, 7th and Main Streets, Dubuque, Iowa, advised that a person named Jim LNU came to his establishment asking for job as a dishwasher on Friday morning, 4/12/68. Kritikos hired this person. The man did not have any identification as far as Kritikos knows. He worked from 10am until 8:45pm. Kritikos paid him \$4.00 and told this person that he had more money coming and to come back tomorrow. He has not seen this person since.

While conversing with this person Kritikos learned that he had come from the Rockford, Illinois, however he originally came from Oklahoma. Kritikos did not note a southern accent when this person talked.

Kritikos described this person as follows:

Race:	white
Sex:	male
Age:	over 50
Height:	over 6'
Weight:	200
Hair:	black, mixed with gray
Facial features:	long
Dress:	work clothes

Kritikos has no idea where this person could be located at the present time. He stated that should he come to his cafe he would notify writer immediately.

On 4/15/68, the registrations of the following hotels in Dubuque, Iowa, were checked with negative results concerning a James B. Wilson. It should be noted that these are the low rate hotels in Dubuque, Iowa, where transients frequent.

Canfield Hotel
Merchants Hotel
Page Hotel

It was noted by writer that Knapp, the YMCA desk clerk, appeared to be playing detective and appeared to be furnishing a description of this person as he had read the description in the newspapers. Kritikos, owner and manager of Jack's Cafe, however, was very definite in his description and stated that this person was definitely over 50 years of age.

No further investigation being conducted in regard to this inquiry, UAC.