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VERNON A. GOODSON, Sheriff
BUBA ROST, COP

LEXINGTON, TEXAS (LEE COUNTY)

GEORGE PREUSS, Lexington State Bank

TAYLOR, TEXAS (WILLIAMSON COUNTY)

A. O. SCHIER, COP
CHARLES FULLER, Deputy Sheriff, Precinct #6
JOHN GRIFFITH, President, City National Bank, 116 W.
3d St.
EDITH KURTIN, Assistant Cashier, First Taylor National
Bank, 212 N. Main
R. W. RHOADES, First Federal Savings of Austin (Taylor
Branch), 109 W. 5th St.
Great Western Finance, 119 W. 3d St., Manager, JOE
LOCKHART
OMAR KELLY, Manager, Merit Finance Co., Inc., of
Taylor, 114 W. 4th St.
Taylor and Savings and Loan Assn., 210 N. Main, CLAUDE
PATTERSON, Vice President

GEORGETOWN, TEXAS (WILLIAMSON COUNTY)

HENRY MATYSK and AUGUST BOSSHART, Sheriff and Deputy
Sheriff, Georgetown
FRANK MASSAUR, COP, Georgetown
JACK GILLUM, Tax Collector, County Court House
LESLIE MOORE, Vice President, Citizens State Bank,
1111 Austin Avenue
W. ROBERT EANES, President, First National Bank,
Georgetown, 624 Austin Avenue
TRUETT BEARD, First State Bank, Granger
Mrs. NANCY BAKER, Cashier, Georgetown Savings and
Loan, 801 Main
CRYSTAL MICKAN, Texas Capital Corporation, 104 E.
8th St.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, SAN ANTONIO (44-1242) (P) DATE: 4/18/68

FROM : SA JOHN J. BATLEY, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Bureau teletype to all offices dated 4/14/68.

The following persons, all of whom have affiliations with dance studios, were contacted on 4/15/68, for any information they may have regarding the principle suspect in captioned case. None of the persons contacted could provide any information regarding ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMYER, JOHN WILLARD or anyone meeting the description set forth in referenced teletype.

RUTH ELLIS
Ruth Ellis Dance Studio
2000 North Main

MIKE WALLACH
Fred Astaire Dance Studio
310 Broadway

MARY BUQUOR
Buquor Dance Studio
6936 North San Pedro

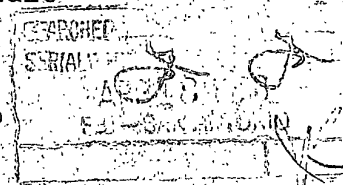
MELODY WOODRUFF
Clairwood Dance Studio
202 Lanark Drive

DOROTHY COBB
Earle Cobb Dance Studio
123 Riviera

CARL WASTLEND
Ballet Folklorico
1823 North Flores

PAUL GARFIELD
Arthur Murray Dance Studio
301 Broadway

PATSY FEST
Patsy Fest Dance Studio
112 Northwest Mall



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LALITA HAGY
Lalita Hagy Dance Studio
111 West El Prado

MARY HOOKER
Mary Hooker Dance Studio
11712A Warfield

MARY CLARK
MAB Dance Studio
408 East Park

CHARLOTTE NASH
Bud Nash Dance Studio
3243 McCullough

ELIZABETH OLIVER
Oliver Armory
1116 Nacagdoches

IRENE BELL
Performing Arts
421 Tower

GENEVIEVE REESE
Genevieve Reese Dance Studio
2903 Chisolm

LUCILLE WHEATON
101 Ogden

ANN HARDING
Ann Harding Dance Studio
414 Torcido

ANNIE TREVINO
Doris Azeli Dance Studio
1908 West Olmos

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Mrs. BETTE HERRINGS
Bette and Glen Dance Studio
Northwest Center Mall

Mrs. BOBBIE KECK
D Keck Dance Studio
4425 East Houston

ALLISON BURGWIN
Fenton Dance Studio
615 Belknap

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1242)

DATE: 4-17-68

FROM : SA FREDERICK A. SLIGHT

SUBJECT: MURKIN

The following investigation was conducted by SA FREDERICK A. SLIGHT at Nuevo Laredo, Mexico:

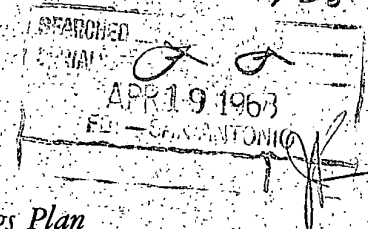
On 4-11-68, GILBERTO CAZARES GARZA, Chief, Mexican Immigration caused a search of the records of that agency to be made and advised that no record could be found that ERIC STARVO GALT had ~~departed~~ ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ been issued a tourist permit to enter Mexico between 4/4/68 and 4/11/68.

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FROM : SA JAMES R. WILSON

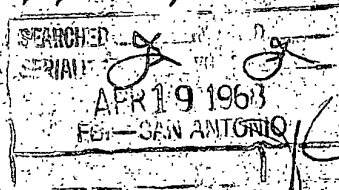
SUBJECT: MURKIN

On this date the following advised no person known ERIC STARVO GALT has ever applied for or received dancing lessons:

AT BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS

JANE JENNINGS, Jane Jennings School of Dance,
555 Boca Chica Blvd.

ALICE O'BRYAN, Obryan School of Dance, 31 Hawthorne Ave.



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TO : SAC (44-1242)

FROM : SA FREDERICK A. SLIGHT

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4-17-68

Re Albany airtel to the Bureau 4-11-68.

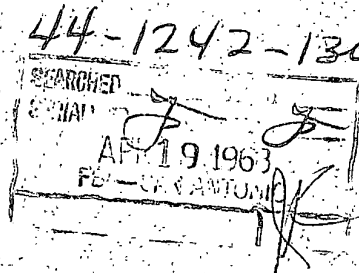
The following investigation was conducted by SA FREDERICK A. SLIGHT at Brownsville, Texas:

On 4-17-68, R.T. FISHER, Supervisor, Model Laundry, 314 W. Elizabeth Street, advised that this laundry had a thermo Seal marking machine but it was rarely used. The operator of this machine is JUANITA MARIN.

On 4-17-68, JUANITA MARIN, Model Laundry, advised that she operates the Thermo Seal machine which bears serial number 31840. She stated that the mark 02B-6 is not a mark used by this laundry and she uses letters to start off her lot number and the letters do not include *the* ~~letter~~ *an* "O". She also stated that she never uses a dash for the lot number and the code as mentioned above is not recognizable to her as one used by this laundry and she is the only one who operates this machine.

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Date: 4/18/68

Transmit the following in PLAINTEXT
(Type in plaintext or code)Via TELETYPE URGENT
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (44-1242)

MURKIN. CR.

RE ATLANTA TEL TO BUREAU APRIL SEVENTEEN LAST.

TOURIST TRAVELING TO MEXICO NOT REQUIRED TO HAVE INSURANCE
ON CAR. MOST INSURANCE COMPANIES LAREDO, TEXAS, ARE AGENTS FOR
MEXICAN INSURANCE COMPANIES AND GENERALLY TOURIST BUYS MEXICAN
INSURANCE IN LAREDO; HOWEVER, HE CAN BUY IT IN NUEVO LAREDO,
MEXICO, SAN ANTONIO, OR ANY OTHER CITY CLOSE TO BORDER.
INSURANCE COMPANIES, LAREDO AND NUEVO LAREDO, NEGATIVE RE GALT.

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TO : SAC, SAN ANTONIO (44-1242)

FROM : SA DOUGLAS M. PRICE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/17/68

On 4/11/68, the following Federal credit unions were contacted by this agent with negative results:

St. Cecilia's San Antonio Federal Credit Union
125 W. Whittier
ROBERT SENG, secretary
Telephone LE 3-7923

Memorial Hospital
Employees Federal Credit Union
225 Camden St.
CELEST CARTER
Assistant Treasurer, Manager
CA 2-8431

St. Gregory's Federal Credit Union
700 Dewhurst St.
DI 2-5271

Southwest Research Institute
Federal Credit Union
8500 Culebra Road
Mrs. B. BROWN, Treasurer
OV 4-2000

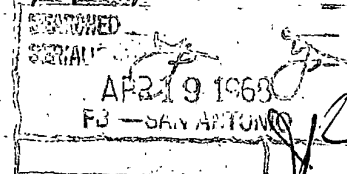
USAF Security Service
Federal Credit Union
Box 18094
Headquarters, USAFSS
Kelly AFB
Mrs. M. MARTINEZ, Treasurer
WA 3-7753

St. Margaret Mary's of San Antonio
Federal Credit Union
123 Waleetka St.
Mrs. G. DILLA
LE 4-7221

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SANYO Federal Credit Union
1000 West Perryman
JOHN EDWARDS, Manager
CA 4-7541

Edgewood School District
Federal Credit Union
6458 West Commerce
C. D. FOSTER
Treasurer
GE 3-1441

Mt. Zio First Baptist Federal Credit Union
330 Nebraska
Mrs. S. WATSON
Assistant Manager
LE 3-7131

Gary Federal Credit Union
P. O. Box 16327
Miss CAROL LEE STEWART
DI 4-9286

Vaughan Employees Federal Credit Union
P. O. Box 7367
ROY VASQUEZ, Manager
CA -7-9344

Blind Federation Federal Credit
Union
719 Steves
DON JARRATT
Treasurer
LE 4-8252

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, SAN ANTONIO

DATE: 4/19/68

FROM : SADEAN N. LLOYD

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Captain Gerald Gentry, Operation Transition, Randolph AFB, OL 2-4468 telephonically advised on 4/19/68 at 8:45 AM that he met a man on the evening of 4/18/68 who resembled ERIC STOVAL GALT.

Gentry has received a transfer to Korea and is selling his Cessna 140 airplane. He placed an ad in the paper and a man called re the plane and met Gentry at Converse Field. The man was driving a 1966 white Chevrolet Dealer's license P 51-276 (Texas) and Ft. Sam Houston sticker A 406 or 4406.

Gentry thought the man acted suspiciously as he knew little about aircraft and was concerned as to how long he could fly on a tank of gasoline. Gentry checked out the Ft. Sam sticker which is issued to a MIKE BURRIS of 2447 Harry Wurzbach and who allegedly worked for the Hematology Dept at Ft. S. m. Gentry saw Galt's photo on the newspaper after returning home on 4/18/68 and noted the resemblance.

If further action is indicated as necessary by SA Jack Kemmy, Gentry can be reached at OL 2 4468.

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check w/ Gentry + w/ dealer. JK

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TO : SAC, SAN ANTONIO (44-1242)(P) DATE: 4/18/68

FROM : SA JOHN M. KEMMY

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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Pursuant to your instructions, SA THOMAS E. MOODY, IV, and the writer observed at San Antonio International Airport on 4/18/68, all persons who arrived on Continental Flight #153. This flight arrived at approximately 11:15 a.m.

Neither SA MOODY nor the writer observed anyone who looked like the photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT.

Two individuals, both wearing moustaches and both appearing to be of Latin descent, alighted from that plane.

It should be noted that the Houston Office telephonically contacted the San Antonio Office stating that an anonymous telephone call had been received on 4/18/68, that an individual boarded Continental Flight #153, who looked like the photograph of GALT except that he was wearing a moustache. Further, the anonymous caller stated this individual was travelling with a Mexican male.

This is for record purposes.

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The confidential source abroad who furnished information relative to Mexican Immigration and Customs records at San Miguel de Camargo, Tamaulipas, Mexico, is SA 547-C.

The confidential source abroad who furnished information relative to these records at Reynosa, Tamaulipas, Mexico, is SA 603-C.

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The following investigation was conducted
by SA LARRY DEE WELCH:

The following Mexican officials caused
searches to be made of Mexican Customs and Mexican
Immigration records for the period of March 1, 1968 to
April 13, 1968, at the listed U.S.-Mexico border point:

RAUL HINOJOSA, Mexican Customs, Camargo,
Tamaulipas, Mexico;

MIGUAL RODRIGUEZ, Mexican Immigration,
Ciudad, Miguel Aleman, Tamaulipas, Mexico;

JOSE MOTTA VALDEZ, Mexican Customs, Ciudad,
Miguel Aleman, Tamaulipas, Mexico;

ROLANDO PICASSO, Mexican Immigration,
Nuevo Guerrero, Tamaulipas, Mexico;

None of the above could locate any record
pertaining to ERIC STARVO GALT or JOHN WILLARD.

JOHN ROBBINS, Officer in Charge, U.S. Immigration
and Naturalization Service, at Hidalgo, Texas, and Patrol
Inspector W. MC BRIDE, U.S. Border Patrol, McAllen, Texas,
each advised he had never heard of ERIC STARVO GALT or
JOHN WILLARD.

The following investigation was conducted by
SA HAROLD H. CROSSETT:

On April 13, 1968, a confidential source abroad
advised records of Mexican Immigration Service and the
Mexican Customs Service at San Miguel de Camargo, Tamaulipas,
Mexico, contained no reference to ERIC STARVO GALT, JOHN
WILLARD, HARVEY LOWMEYER or HARVEY LOWMYER.

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On April 15, 1968, a confidential source abroad advised the records of the Mexican Customs and Immigration Service at Reynosa, Tamaulipas, Mexico, contained no record identifiable with GALT, LOWMEYER or WILLARD.

AT MC ALLEN, TEXAS

On April 15, 1968, DORIA AVILA, Owner, Doria Avila International Academy of Dance, 701 North Main, advised he has no adult students at this time, and he has not had any adults since he opened his dance school approximately six months ago.

On April 15, 1968, Mrs. SHARYN S. GLOVER, Owner, Sharyn's Studio of Dance, 905 North Tenth, advised she does not now have or has never had adult classes in dancing.

On April 15, 1968, Mr. JIM HUBER, Co-Owner, Melba School of Dancing, 1005 Sycamore, advised his school has no adult students and does not hold adult classes. He stated that inquiry among his instructors failed to reveal any who had given private dancing lessons to adult students during the past year or more.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA WILLIAM D. MADDOX on April 10, 1968:

The following banks and savings and loan associations were contacted in Washington County:

First National Bank of Brenham, Texas

Farmer's National Bank

Washington County State Bank

South Central Savings and Loan Association

All of above banks were negative regarding ERIC STARVO GALT.

St. Anthony's Cleaners and Laundry and Fabric Care Center in Brenham, Texas, were contacted regarding type of laundry marks utilized with negative results.

The city and telephone directory for Brenham, Texas, as well as Burton and Old Washington, Texas, were checked with negative results.

Mrs. HERZOG, Washington County Tax Office, was contacted at which time she checked both the tax records, motor vehicle registration records and voter registration records regarding the name of GALT or GAULT with negative results.

The following banks were contacted in Summerville and Caldwell, Texas, which is in Burleson County, Texas, with negative results:

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Citizens State Bank, Summerville, Texas

First State Bank, Caldwell, Texas

First National Bank, Caldwell, Texas

It was determined in Burleson County that all laundries in that particular county are handled by a Bryan, Texas, laundry association.

Tax records, voter registration records and motor vehicle registration records in Burleson County were checked for the name GALT or GAULT with negative results.

City and telephone directories for Tunis, Deanville, and Caldwell, as well as Summerville, Texas, were checked in Burleson County with negative results regarding GALT or GAULT.

Credit and arrest checks were made in both Washington County and Burleson County regarding GALT or GAULT with negative results.

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920PM URGENT 4/18/68 GJM

TO ALL SACS

FROM DIRECTOR 1P

MURKIN.

CONTACTS SHOULD BE MAINTAINED WITH ALL MASS COMMUNICATIONS MEDIA IN YOUR TERRITORIES TO INSURE THAT THERE IS FREQUENT REFERENCE TO PHOTOGRAPH OF GALT AND HIS CONNECTION WITH THIS CASE. IF NOT ALREADY DONE, PHOTOGRAPHS SHOULD BE SHOWN OR DISTRIBUTED TO LAW ENFORCEMENT AND OTHER APPROPRIATE AGENCIES IN YOUR AREAS TO INSURE THE BROADEST POSSIBLE PUBLICATION OF SUBJECT'S PHOTOGRAPH AND BACKGROUND.

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Wilson 1:30
arguing 1:30
Lee 2:00
Cassett 4:17

OFFICES COVERING POINTS OF ENTRY OR EXIT FROM COUNTRY INSURE THAT SUBJECT'S PHOTOGRAPH AND BACKGROUND HAVE BEEN WIDELY DISTRIBUTED AND/OR APPROPRIATELY DISPLAYED AND THAT STOPS ARE BEING MAINTAINED.

OFFICES COVERING DEPARTURE OR ARRIVAL OF OVERSEAS FLIGHTS SHOULD ALSO RENEW STOPS AND DISPLAY PHOTOGRAPHS OF SUBJECT APPROPRIATELY. SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FBI LASVEAS

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FBI DALLAS

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1129PM 4-18-68 URGENT JLK

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, MEMPHIS 44-1987, AND SAN ANTONIO
FROM PHILADELPHIA 44-1368

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RE JACKSON TEL TO BUREAU AND PHILA APRIL SEVENTEEN LAST.

RETEL ADVISED EUGENE HINSON, STAR ROUTE ONE, SHALOTTE, N.C.,
OWNER AND OPERATOR OF SOUTH SEVENTEEN TRUCK STOP AND RESTUARANT,
ADVISED APRIL FIFTEEN LAST THAT AT APPROXIMATELY EIGHT PM ON APRIL
THIRD LAST, A WHITE MALE INDIVIDUAL ABOUT THIRTY YRS OLD, FIVE FT
EIGHT INCHES, ONE SEVEN FIVE LBS., BLACK HAIR, DARK YELLOWISH COMP
LEXION, STOCKY BUILD, APPEARED AT TRUCK STOP AND ORDERED FOOD TO
TAKE OUT. THIS INDIVIDUAL WAS ALONE AND DRIVING OLD MODEL PONTIAC,
BEARING SIXTYEIGHT FLORIDA LICENSE TWO W ONE FOUR ZERO SEVEN ONE.

UNKNOWN SUBJ WHILE AT RESTAURANT MADE LONG DISTANCE PHONE CALL
TO PHILA., PA., COLLECT, NUMBER NOT KNOWN, AND TALKED FOR
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*SAC Cole advised.
SA Butta advised.
SA Webb advised
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APPROXIMATELY FORTYFIVE MINUTES. DURING CONVERSATION, THIS INDIVIDUAL WAS OVERHEARD TO RELATE HE HAD PLENTY OF AMMUNITION AS WELL AS A SAWED OFF SHOTGUN, AND REMARKED, "I'LL BE CAREFUL."

THIS INDIVIDUAL ON PARKING CAR TRIED TO PARK IN POSITION WHERE LICENSE COULD NOT BE OBSERVED. WILL BE NOTED DOCTOR MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., WAS SCHEDULED TO SPEAK AT WILMINGTON, N.C., NIGHT OF APRIL FOUR LAST, BUT PLANS CHANGED DUE TO CONDITIONS IN MEMPHIS, TENN. POSSIBILITY EXISTS THIS INDIVIDUAL PLANNING TO BE AT WILMINGTON, N.C., HAD KING APPEARED THERE.

NORTH CAROLINA HWY PATROL RADIO DETERMINED SIXTYEIGHT FLORIDA LICENSE TWO W ONE FOUR ZERO SEVEN ONE IS ISSUED FOR NINETEEN FIFTYSIX PONTIAC COUPE, WILLIAM D. WILLIS, NINE ZERO TWO NINTH ST., JACKSONVILLE BEACH, FLORIDA.

INVESTIGATION JACKSONVILLE BEACH REFLECTS WILLIAM D. WILLIS RESIDE NINE ZERO TWO FOURTEENTH AVE., SOUTH, JACKSONVILLE BEACH, FLA., PAST SEVENTEEN MONTHS. LANDLADY STATES WILLIS IN US NAVY ASSIGNED USS SARATOGA, DOCKED PHILA., PA. WILLIS LEFT APRIL TWO LAST WITH WIFE AND TWO CHILDREN, DRIVING FIFTYSIX PONTIAC, WHITE TOP, BLUE BOTTOM, ENROUTE PHILA WITH THIRTY DAYS LEAVE.

WILLIS DESCRIBED WM, FORTY YRS OF AGE, FIVE FT EIGHT INCHES, ONE FOUR ZERO LBS., MEDIUM BUILD, DARK BROWN HAIR. FORWARDING ADDRESS: M M ONE, A - FOUR DIVISION, USS SARATOGA, CVA SIXTY, FPO NEW YORK, NY.

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NISO, PHILA., ADVISED WILLIAM DAVID WILLIS, MACHINIST MATE FIRST CLASS, USN SN FIVE TWO EIGHT SIX SIX FIVE EIGHT, ASSIGNED USS SARATOGA (CVA-SIXTY), WHITE MALE, DOB [REDACTED] AT LLANO, TEX, HEIGHT FIVE FT SIX INCHES, ONE EIGHT FOUR LBS., BROWN HAIR, BROWN EYES, RUDDY COMPLEXION, TATTOOS RIGHT SHOULDER "VAYA CON DIOS", LEFT SHOULDER EAGLE WITH "USN", PERMANENT ADDRESS NINE ZERO TWO SOUTH FOURTEENTH AVE., JACKSONVILLE BEACH, FLA., WIFE JOYCE MURLEEN BALES WILLIS, FATHER WILL PLEZ WILLIS, GENERAL DELIVERY, LLANO, TEX., MOTHER VIVIAN BERTHA FINLEY HEDGES, THREE THREE TWO GUODOLOUPE ST., KERRVILLE, TEX., SISTER OPAL FOY WILLIS LACKEY, ADDRESS CUTE, TEX., SISTER NELDA RAY WILLIS, LLANO, TEX., CHILDREN - TWO, HOBBY - GUNSMITHING.

WILLIS HAS BEEN ON LEAVE SINCE MARCH TWENTYSIX LAST. LEAVE DUE TO TERMINATE APRIL TWENTYSIX NEXT. LEAVE ADDRESS NINE ZERO TWO SOUTH FOURTEENTH AVE., JACKSONVILLE BEACH, FLA. HOWEVER WILLIS' DIVISION OFFICER, LT. JG FLOYD D. UNDERWOOD, STATED WILLIS DID NOT LEAVE PHILA AREA UNTIL MARCH THIRTY LAST AND RETURNED SARATOGA APRIL FIFTEEN LAST TO PICK UP PAY CHECKS AND MAIL. UNDERWOOD BELIEVES WILLIS MAY BE IN PHILA AREA LOOKING FOR HOUSING. UNDERWOOD RECALLED WHILE SARATOGA

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WAS STATIONED JACKSONVILLE, FLA., WILLIS OWNED AND DROVE OLDER MODEL, APPROX NINETEEN SIXTY, PONTIAC, BLUE AND WHITE. ACCORDING TO LT. UNDERWOOD, WILLIS IS EXCELLENT SAILOR WITH FINE RECORD WHICH CONTAINS NO DEROGATORY INFO.

EXACT LOCATION OF WILLIS AT PRESENT TIME UNKNOWN.

NISO HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO ADVISE PHILA OF WILLIS' RETURN FROM LEAVE STATUS OR ANY INFO INDICATING PRESENT LOCATION OF WILLIS.

SAN ANTONIO AT LLANO AND KERRVILLE, TEX, RESPECTIVELY, CONTACT WILLIS' FATHER AND MOTHER FOR POSSIBLE KNOWLEDGE OF WILLIS' PRESENT LOCATION, SO THAT HE CAN BE INTERVIEWED CONCERNING HIS WHEREABOUTS DURING PERTINENT PERIOD AND INFO IN RETEL.

INFO MAIL COPY CHARLOTTE.

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SA. .WHS

FBI SANANTON

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FBI SANANTON

FBI BUTTE

10:24 AM URGENT 4/19/68 SDT
TO SAN ANTONIO
FROM BUTTE (173-2) 1P

MURKIN.

APRIL EIGHTEEN LAST, ALFRED WAGAR, GREYCLIFF, MONTANA,
ADVISED EVENING, APRIL EIGHT LAST, INDIVIDUAL ANSWERING
GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF ERIC STARVO GALT IN GREYCLIFF DRIVING
OLDER MODEL CAR, TEXAS LICENSE LCN FOUR ZERO ONE. INDIVIDUAL
DRANK BEER AND STRAIGHT SHOTS OF VODKA. WAGAR STATED
ARTIST'S CONCEPTION OF GALT SOMEWHAT RESEMBLED THIS INDIVIDUAL.

SAN ANTONIO DETERMINE REGISTERED OWNER ABOVE LICENSE.
CHECK DRIVER'S LICENSE TO DETERMINE IF POSSIBLY IDENTICAL
WITH GALT.

AIRMAIL COPY MEMPHIS.

END.

DMB

FBI SANANTON

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (ATTN: FBI LABORATORY)
FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (44-1242)(P)
RE: MURKIN
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RE: DONALD D. TANNER--Look-Alike

Re teletypes Houston to Memphis 4/15/68; San Antonio to Memphis 4/16 and 17/68; and New Orleans to San Antonio 4/17/68.

On 4/17/68, W. T. COVINGTON, Owner, Trek Motel, 3100 S. Congress, Austin, Texas, made available to SA JAMES E. FARMER the registration card dated 4/14/68 for SP/4 DONALD D. TANNER, 3925 Canor St., Bellflower, California, which is enclosed for examination by the FBI Laboratory. COVINGTON requested that the registration card be returned for his permanent records.

On 4/17/68, VIRGINIA SCHLEICHER, Day Manager, Trek Motel, advised that the above registration card had been handled by her and by Mr. and Mrs. COVINGTON, the motel owners. It is noted the card has been handled by SA FARMER.

Mrs. SCHLEICHER also advised that she observed TANNER at breakfast prior to his departure and she believed he was left handed.

For the information of the Bureau, Houston advised that it was learned on 4/15/68 one KEN ANDREWS, traveling from California to Conroe, Texas, on 4/13/68 at Benson, Arizona, picked up a hitchhiker dressed in Army uniform, name DON TANNER. TANNER claimed home was Lackville, Calif.,

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and assigned Fort Polk, Louisiana. On 4/14/68, ANDREWS dropped TANNER off at Trek Motel, Austin, Texas. ANDREWS subsequently saw composite drawing in newspaper of MURKIN suspect, claiming composite drawing "dead ringer" of TANNER.

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Date: 4/19/68

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TO: BUTTE (173-2)
FROM: SAN ANTONIO (44-1242)

MURKIN.

REURTEL TODAY.

IN VIEW OF THE FACT TEXAS HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT, AUSTIN, TEXAS, IS IN PROCESS OF RECORDING SIXTYEIGHT LICENSE INFO. AND AS ALL INFO. NOT ON FILE TO DATE, TO FACILITATE CHECKING LEAD CONCERNING TEXAS LICENSE L C N FOUR ZERO ONE, BUTTE IS REQUESTED TO RECONTACT ALFRED WAGAR, GREYCLIFF, MONTANA, TO DETERMINE IF HE CAN FURTHER IDENTIFY YEAR OF ISSUANCE INSTANT PLATE.

FOR INFO BUTTE, SIXTYSEVEN TEXAS LICENSE HAD WHITE BACKGROUND, WHILE SIXTYEIGHT PLATES HAVE BLACK BACKGROUND.

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TO SAN ANTONIO
FROM MEMPHIS 44-1987

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MRS. JAMES P. MAHON, THREE FIVE THREE ONE NORTHWOOD DRIVE, MEMPHIS, THIS DATE ADVISED SHE SAW MAN RESEMBLING GALT APRIL TWELVE LAST AT EIGHT FORTY A.M. AT TEXACO STATION EAST END POPLAR AVENUE. HE WAS IN NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN FORD STATION WAGON BEARING TEXAS PLACES PREFIX A M OR AC ONE EIGHT EIGHT M OR N. HE DEFINITELY RESEMBLED FIRST SKETCH APPEARING LOCAL PAPERS. HE RESEMBLED PHOTOS OF GALT EXCEPT PHOTOS FULLER IN FACE. HER HUSBAND OF SAME OPINION. SHE DESCRIBED THIS MAN AS WM, THIRTYFIVE YEARS OLD, FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES TALL, ONE EIGHTYFIVE POUNDS, LARGE FRAME, BROWN HAIR, RUDDY COMPLEXION, WEARING RED AND WHITE CHECKED SHIRT, WEARING TAN GOLF TYPE CAP WITH VISOR.

SAN ANTONIO REVIEW MOTOR VEHICLE RECORDS AND DETERMINE TO WHOM ABOVE LICENSE VARIATIONS REGISTERED. DETERMINE IF IDENTICAL WITH PHOTO ERIC STARVO GALT. A & D. P.

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REURTEL TODAY FURNISHING INFO CONCERNING LICENSE A M
OR A C ONE EIGHT EIGHT M OR N.

FOR INFO MEMPHIS INSTANT LICENSE IS NOT VALID TEXAS
AUTOMOBILE LICENSE AS SUCH PLATES HAVE THREE LETTER PREFIX
WHICH ELIMINATES USE OF VOWELS FOLLOWED BY TWO TO THREE
NUMERALS.

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245PM URGENT 4-19-68 SAA

TO ALL SACS

FROM DIRECTOR 4P

MURKIN

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

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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ATTORNEY GENERAL RAMSEY CLARK ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THE FBI HAS IDENTIFIED JAMES EARL RAY, AN ESCAPEE FROM THE MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY, AS ERIC STARVO GALT, AGAINST WHOM A FEDERAL COMPLAINT WAS FILED LAST WEDNESDAY IN CONNECTION WITH THE FATAL SHOOTING OF THE REVEREND DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

DIRECTOR J. EDGAR HOOVER SAID THAT A SYSTEMATIC AND EXHAUSTIVE SEARCH OF LATENT FINGERPRINTS UNCOVERED IN THE DR. KING CASE AGAINST THE FINGERPRINTS OF THE OVER 53,000 PERSONS FROM WHOM "WANTED NOTICES" HAVE BEEN POSTED IN THE FILES OF THE FBI'S IDENTIFICATION DIVISION LED TO THE DETERMINATION THAT GALT AND RAY ARE IDENTICAL.

MR. HOOVER SAID THAT RAY, WHO IS 40 YEARS OF AGE, WAS REPORTED MISSING FROM THE MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI, SINCE APRIL 23, 1967. HE HAD BEEN RECEIVED AT THAT INSTITUTION ON MARCH 17, 1960, TO SERVE A 20-YEAR SENTENCE FOLLOWING CONVICTION IN ST. LOUIS FOR ARMED ROBBERY AND FOR OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE WITHOUT PERMISSION OF THE OWNER.

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IN SEPTEMBER, 1966, WHILE SERVING THIS SENTENCE, HE WAS CONFINED FOR A TIME IN THE MAXIMUM SECURITY WARD AT THE STATE HOSPITAL AT FULTON, MISSOURI.

ACCORDING TO MR. HOOVER, RAY HAS A KNOWN ARREST RECORD DATING BACK TO 1949. PRIOR TO THE 1960 CONVICTION FOR WHICH HE RECEIVED THE 20-YEAR TERM, RAY HAD BEEN CONVICTED OF BURGLARY IN LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, IN 1949; ARMED ROBBERY IN CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, IN 1952; AND FORGING UNITED STATES POSTAL MONEY ORDERS IN MISSOURI IN 1955.

HE HAS SERVED TERMS IN THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY JAIL IN 1949; IN STATE PRISONS AT JOLIET AND PONTIAC, ILLINOIS, IN 1952-54; AND IN THE FEDERAL PENITENTIARY AT LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS, IN 1955-58.

RAY WAS AN ENLISTED MAN IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY FROM FEBRUARY, 1946, TO DECEMBER, 1948, AT WHICH TIME HE WAS GIVEN A GENERAL DISCHARGE DUE TO INEPTNESS AND LACK OF ADAPTABILITY FOR MILITARY SERVICE. WHILE IN THE ARMY, HE RECEIVED A THREE-MONTH SENTENCE AT HARD LABOR FOR BEING DRUNK AND BREAKING ARREST.

MR. HOOVER SAID THAT DURING HIS CRIMINAL CAREER, RAY HAS ALSO USED THE NAMES OF JAMES MCBRIDE, JAMES WALTON, W. C. HERRON AND JAMES O'CONNER. HE IS A WHITE MALE; CLAIMS TO HAVE

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BEEN BORN [REDACTED] IN ILLINOIS; IS APPROXIMATELY 5 FEET 10 INCHES TALL AND WEIGHS ABOUT 163 TO 174 POUNDS. HE HAS BLUE EYES AND BROWN HAIR. THERE IS A SMALL SCAR ON THE CENTER OF HIS FOREHEAD AND A SCAR ON THE PALM OF HIS RIGHT HAND.

RAY HAS CLAIMED THAT HE ATTENDED SCHOOL THROUGH THE 10TH GRADE IN ALTON, ILLINOIS. HE HAS HAD THE REPUTATION OF BEING A "DRIFTER" SINCE LEAVING SCHOOL. HIS VOCATIONAL EXPERIENCE INCLUDES WORKING AS A BAKER, LABORER AND COLOR MATCHER.

IN CONNECTION WITH HIS ESCAPE FROM THE MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY, AN FBI COMPLAINT WAS FILED IN JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI, ON JULY 20, 1967, CHARGING RAY WITH UNLAWFULLY FLEEING FROM THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO AVOID CONFINEMENT. HE HAS BEEN A FEDERAL FUGITIVE SINCE THEN.

RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND EXTREMELY DANGEROUS. ANYONE HAVING INFORMATION CONCERNING HIM SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CONTACT FBI HEADQUARTERS IN WASHINGTON, D. C., OR THE NEAREST FBI OFFICE.

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FBI BUTTE

1:00 PM URGENT 4/19/68 SDT
TO SAN ANTONIO (44-1242)
FROM BUTTE (173-2)

MURKIN.

REURTEL TODAY.

ALFRED WAGAR FAMILY, GREYCLIFF, MONTANA, ADVISED
APRIL ONE NINE INSTANT THEY ARE NOT CERTAIN, BUT BELIEVE
LICENSE HAD WHITE BACKGROUND. AFTER VIEWING PHOTO OF
GALT, WHICH APPEARED IN LOCAL NEWSPAPER TODAY, THEY NOW
STATE THEY DO NOT BELIEVE INDIVIDUAL THEY SAW IDENTICAL
TO GALT.

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RE PHILADELPHIA TEL TO BUREAU APRIL EIGHTEEN LAST.

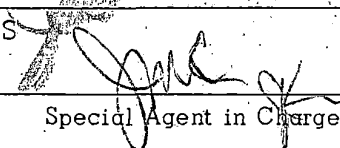
RETEL REFLECTS EUGENE HINSON, STAR ROUTE ONE, SHALOTTE, N.C., OWNER AND OPERATOR OF SOUTH SEVENTEEN TRUCK STOP AND RESTAURANT, ADVISED APRIL FIFTEEN LAST THAT AT APPROXIMATELY EIGHT PM ON APRIL THIRD LAST, A WHITE MALE INDIVIDUAL ABOUT THIRTY YRS OLD, FIVE FT EIGHT INCHES, ONE SEVEN FIVE LBS., BLACK HAIR, DARK YELLOWISH COMPLEXION, STOCKY BUILD, APPEARED AT TRUCK STOP AND ORDERED FOOD TO TAKE OUT. THIS INDIVIDUAL WAS ALONE AND DRIVING OLD MODEL PONTIAC, BEARING SIXTYEIGHT FLORIDA LICENSE TWO W ONE FOUR ZERO SEVEN ONE.

UNKNOWN SUBJECT WHILE AT RESTAURANT MADE LONG DISTANCE PHONE CALL TO PHILA., PA., COLLECT, NUMBER NOT KNOWN, AND TALKED FOR APPROXIMATELY FORTYFIVE MINUTES. DURING CONVERSATION, THIS INDIVIDUAL WAS OVERHEARD TO RELATE HE HAD PLENTY OF AMMUNITION AS WELL AS A SAWED OFF SHOTGUN, AND REMARKED, "I'LL BE CAREFUL."

THIS INDIVIDUAL ON PARKING CAR TRIED TO PARK IN POSITION

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WHERE LICENSE COULD NOT BE OBSERVED. WILL BE NOTED DOCTOR MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., WAS SCHEDULED TO SPEAK AT WILMINGTON, NC., NIGHT OF APRIL FOUR LAST, BUT PLANS CHANGED DUE TO CONDITIONS IN MEMPHIS, TENN. POSSIBILITY EXISTS THIS INDIVIDUAL PLANNING TO BE AT WILMINGTON, N.C., HAD KING APPEARED THERE.

NORTH CAROLINA HWY PATROL RADIO DETERMINED SIXTYEIGHT FLORIDA LICENSE TWO W ONE FOUR ZERO SEVEN ONE IS ISSUED FOR NINETEEN FIFTYSIX PONTIAC COUPE, WILLIAM D. WILLIS, NINE ZERO TWO NINTH ST., JACKSONVILLE BEACH, FLORIDA.

INVESTIGATION JACKSONVILLE BEACH REFLECTS WILLIAM D. WILLIS RESIDED NINE ZERO TWO FOURTEENTH AVE., SOUTH, JACKSONVILLE BEACH, FLA., PAST SEVENTEEN MONTHS. LANDLADY STATES WILLIS IN US NAVY ASSIGNED USS SARATOGA, DOCKED PHILA., PA. WILLIS LEFT APRIL TWO LAST WITH WIFE AND TWO CHILDREN, DRIVING FIFTYSIX PONTIAC, WHITE TOP, BLUE BOTTOM, EN ROUTE PHILA. WITH THIRTY DAYS LEAVE.

WILLIS DESCRIBED WM, FORTY YRS OF AGE, FIVE FT EIGHT INCHES, ONE FOUR ZERO LBS., MEDIUM BUILD, DARK BROWN HAIR. FORWARDING

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ADDRESS M M ONE, A DASH FOUR DIVISION, USS SARATOGA, CVA SIXTY,
FPO NEW YORK, N.Y.

NISO, PHILA., ADVISED WILLIAM DAVID WILLIS, MACHINIST
MATE FIRST CLASS, USN SN FIVE TWO EIGHT SIX SIX FIVE EIGHT,
ASSIGNED USS SARATOGA (CVA-SIXTY), WHITE MALE, DOB [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] AT LLANO, TEXAS, HEIGHT FIVE FT SIX INCHES, ONE EIGHT
FOUR LBS., BROWN HAIR, BROWN EYES, RUDDY COMPLEXION, TATTOOS
RIGHT SHOULDER "VAYA CON DIOS", LEFT SHOULDER EAGLE WITH "USN",
PERMANENT ADDRESS NINE ZERO TWO SOUTH FOURTEENTH AVE.,
JACKSONVILLE BEACH, FLA., WIFE JOYCE MURLEEN BALES WILLIS, FATHER
WILL PLEZ WILLIS, GENERAL DELIVERY, LLANO, TEXAS, MOTHER VIVIAN
BERTHA FINLEY HEDGES, THREE THREE TWO GUODOLOUPE ST., KERRVILLE,
TEXAS., SISTER OPAL FOY WILLIS LACKEY, ADDRESS CUTE, TEXAS,
SISTER NELDA RAY WILLIS, LLANO, TEXAS, CHILDREN - TWO, HOBBY -
GUNSMITHING.

WILLIS HAS BEEN ON LEAVE SINCE MARCH TWENTYSIX LAST. LEAVE
DUE TO TERMINATE APRIL TWENTYSIX NEXT. LEAVE ADDRESS NINE ZERO
TWO SOUTH FOURTEENTH AVE., JACKSONVILLE BEACH, FLA. HOWEVER,
WILLIS' DIVISION OFFICER, LT. JG FLOYD D. UNDERWOOD, STATED

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WILLIS DID NOT LEAVE PHILA. AREA UNTIL MARCH THIRTY LAST AND RETURNED SARATOGA APRIL FIFTEEN LAST TO PICK UP PAY CHECKS AND MAIL. UNDERWOOD BELIEVES WILLIS MAY BE IN PHILA. AREA LOOKING FOR HOUSING. UNDERWOOD RECALLED WHILE SARATOGA WAS STATIONED JACKSONVILLE, FLA., WILLIS OWNED AND DROVE OLDER MODEL, APPROX. NINETEEN SIXTY, PONTIAC, BLUE AND WHITE. ACCORDING TO LT. UNDERWOOD, WILLIS IS EXCELLENT SAILOR WITH FINE RECORD WHICH CONTAINS NO DEROGATORY INFO.

EXACT LOCATION OF WILLIS AT PRESENT TIME UNKNOWN.

INTERVIEW WITH WILLIS' FATHER NEAR LLANO, TEXAS, NEGATIVE. WILLIAM DAVID WILLIS HAS SISTER MRS. GERALD (OPAL) LACKEY LIVING IN CLUTE, TEXAS.

HOUSTON CONTACT MRS. GERALD LACKEY AT CLUTE, TEXAS, FOR POSSIBLE KNOWLEDGE OF WILLIS' PRESENT LOCATION SO HE CAN BE INTERVIEWED CONCERNING HIS WHEREABOUTS DURING PERTINENT PERIOD AND INFORMATION IN RETEL.

AIRMAIL COPY PHILADELPHIA.

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FBI PHILA

450PM 4-19-68 URGENT ERA

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, SACS MEMPHIS 44-1987 AND SAN ANTONIO
FROM SAC PHILADELPHIA 44-1368

MURKIN

RE PHILA TEL TO BUREAU AND MEMPHIS AND SAN ANTONIO APR. EIGHTEEN
LAST - SUSPECT WILLIAM D. WILLIS.

WILLIS WAS LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED AT PHILA INSTANT DATE. WILLIS
ACCOUNTED FOR HIS TIME DURING PERTINENT DATES.

WILLIS ADMITTED MAKING PHONE CALL AT THE SOUTH SEVENTEEN TRUCK
STOP TO HIS GIRL FRIEND IN PHILA AND IN THE CONVERSATION TOLD HER HE WAS
BRINGING HIS RIFLE AND SHOTGUN AND SOME AMMUNITION BACK WITH HIM TO
PHILA. HIS GIRL FRIEND TOLD HIM TO BE CAREFUL BECAUSE OF THE WAY THAT
HIS WIFE HAD BEEN ACTING.

SAN ANTONIO DISCONTINUE LEADS SET FORTH IN RETEL.

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TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, NEW ORLEANS,
SAN ANTONIO, HOUSTON, AND INDIANAPOLIS
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN, CR - POSSIBLE SUSPECT DONALD D. TANNER.

RE INDIANAPOLIS TEL TO MEMPHIS, LOS ANGELES AND
NEW ORLEANS APRIL SEVENTEEN LAST, TWELVE ZERO THREE P.M.
CST.

SHIRLEY KAHN ADVISED DONALD TANNER FRIEND OF HER SON.
TANNER IS NOT IDENT WITH PHOTO OF GALT.
NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION AT LA.

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FBI DALLAS

1031PM 4/19/68 THIS IS RELAY MSG FROM DIRECTOR TO ALL SACS VIA
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TO ALL SACSEXCEPT KANSAS CITY, ANCHORAGE, HONOLULU AND SAN JUAN
MESSAGE RELAY PLAN
FROM DIRECTOR 5P

MURKIN. OO: MEMPHIS.

JAMES EARL RAY, AKA. EARL JAMES RAY, W. C. HERRON, EARL JAMES,
JAMES MC BRIDE, JAMES O'CONNER, JAMES WALTON, JAMES WALYON, JIM
- FUGITIVE; UFAC - ROBBERY FIRST, BUFILE 88-41730. OO: KANSAS,
CITY, KC FILE 88-9449; DETERMINED TODAY BY BUREAU TO BE IDENTICAL
WITH ERIC STARVO GALT, AGAINST WHOM FEDERAL COMPLAINT FILED APRIL
SEVENTEEN LAST IN CONNECTION WITH FATAL SHOOTING OF DR. MARTIN
LUTHER KING, JR.

JAMES EARL RAY, INMATE, MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY, JEFFERSON
CITY, MO., ESCAPED PEN APRIL TWO THREE, SIXTY-SEVEN. INVESTIGATION
INDICATED RAY CONCEALED HIMSELF IN A BREAD BOX AND ESCAPED FROM
TRUCK MAKING DELIVERY TO AN AUXILIARY FARM. RAY WAS SERVING TWENTY
YEARS ON CHARGE OF ARMED ROBBERY - FIRST DEGREE AND FOR OPERATING A
VEHICLE WITHOUT OWNER'S CONSENT. ON JULY TWENTY, SIXTY-SEVEN,
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FEDERAL COMPLAINT AUTHORIZED BY AUSA WILLIAM A. KITCHEN, WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI, KANSAS CITY, MO., FILED BEFORE USC, JEFFERSON CITY, MO., CHARGING RAY WITH VIOLATION TITLE EIGHTEEN, SECTION ONE ZERO SEVEN THREE, USC. WARRANT ISSUED.

INVESTIGATION HAS BEEN CONDUCTED BY CHICAGO, SPRINGFIELD, ST. LOUIS, AND KANSAS CITY OFFICES IN UNPRODUCTIVE EFFORT TO LOCATE THIS FUGITIVE. KANSAS CITY IS INSTITUTING A FULL AND COMPLETE REINVESTIGATION IN AN EFFORT TO DEVELOP BACKGROUND DATA, RELATIVES, AND ASSOCIATES OF SUBJECT, WHO MIGHT BE IN A POSITION TO ASSIST IN HIS LOCATION.

IN THIS CONNECTION, JAMES EARL RAY AND WALTER TERRY RIFE ON MARCH SEVEN, FIFTY-FIVE, BURGLARIZED THE U. S. POST OFFICE AT KELLERVILLE, ILL., AND STOLE SIXTY-SIX BLANK U. S. POSTAL MONEY ORDERS WHICH THEY PASSED DURING MARCH, FIFTY-FIVE, IN NUMEROUS STATES, WITH THE RESULT THAT BOTH WERE SENTENCED IN U.S.D.C., KANSAS CITY, MO., ON JULY ONE, FIFTY-FIVE, TO USP, LEAVENWORTH, END PAGE TWO

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KANSAS. SUBJECT RAY HAS BEEN DESCRIBED AS A LONER AND RIFE APPARENTLY IS ONE OF HIS FEW CLOSE ASSOCIATES, SUGGESTING POSSIBILITY THEY COULD HAVE BEEN ASSOCIATES IN MURDER OF DR. KING, AND INVESTIGATION ALSO INSTITUTED IN KANSAS CITY AIRTEL TO SPRINGFIELD MARCH ELEVEN LAST TO DEVELOP BACKGROUND INFO RE RIFE AND TO LOCATE HIM FOR INTERVIEW. THIS INVESTIGATION SHOULD ALSO BE RECOVERED AND EXPEDITED TODAY, IT BEING NOTED RIFE AND RAY HAVE BACKGROUND HISTORY IN THE QUINCY, ILL., AREA.

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

FOLLOWING IS DESCRIPTION OF JAMES EARL RAY AS FURNISHED BY FBI IDENTIFICATION DIVISION UNDER FBI NO. THREE ZERO SIX FOUR FOUR THREE A: WHITE MALE, DOB [REDACTED] AT DECATUR, QUINCY OR ALTON, ILL.; APPROXIMATELY FIVE FEET TEN; ONE SEVEN FOUR LBS., IN SEPTEMBER SIXTY-SIX; RUDDY COMPLEXION; BLUE EYES; BROWN HAIR; MEDIUM BUILD; OCCUPATIONS LABORER AND BAKER; SCARS AND MARKS--SMALL SCAR ON CENTER OF FOREHEAD AND SCAR IN PALM OF RIGHT HAND. ADDRESSES--ST. LOUIS, MO., MARCH SIXTY, TWO ZERO ONE FIVE PARK, ST. LOUIS, MO., OCTOBER FIFTY-NINE; QUINCY, ILL., JULY FIFTY-FIVE, MARCH FIFTY-FIVE, AND APRIL FIFTY; HOTEL QUINCY, QUINCY, END PAGE THREE

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ILL., MARCH FIFTY-FIVE; VICTOR HOTEL, QUINCY, ILL., MARCH FIFTY-FIVE;
EIGHT FIVE THREE WEST FULLERTON, CHICAGO, ILL., MAY FIFTY-TWO; EIGHT
ZERO FIVE ALBY STREET, ALTON, ILL., JULY FIFTY-ONE. FPC--SIXTEEN,
M OVER M, NINE OVER FOUR, U OVER W, 000 OVER IOI, TWELVE, REF NINE
OVER TWELVE. NCIC FPC--ONE SIX ONE THREE ONE ONE ZERO ZERO ONE TWO
ONE TWO I I ONE TWO I I ONE SEVEN. MILITARY RECORD--JAMES EARL RAY,
SN ONE SIX ONE SIX THREE ONE TWO NINE, ENLISTED U. S. ARMY FEBRUARY
FORTY-SIX, AT EAST ST. LOUIS, ILL., AND SERVED ON ACTIVE DUTY UNTIL
DECEMBER TWENTY-THREE, FORTY-EIGHT, AT WHICH TIME GIVEN GENERAL
DISCHARGE AS PRIVATE FIRST CLASS AT CAMP KILMER, N. J., BY REASON
OF INEPTNESS AND LACK OF ADAPTABILITY FOR MILITARY SERVICE. RECORDS
ALSO INDICATE HE RECEIVED TREATMENT FOR GONORRHEA AND SYPHILIS WHILE
A MEMBER OF THE MILITARY.

FOLLOWING IS A DESCRIPTION OF WALTER TERRY RIFE, FBI NO.

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FOUR FIVE FIVE EIGHT SEVEN SIX SIX, AS OBTAINED FROM FILES OF USP,
LEAVENWORTH: WHITE MALE, AGE FORTY-FOUR, DOB [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] FIVE FEET NINE AND ONE HALF, ONE SIX ONE LBS., BROWN
HAIR, EYES BLUE GRAY.

KANSAS CITY IS SETTING OUT ALL PERTINENT LEADS TODAY BY
TELETYPE AND TELEPHONE FOLLOWED UP BY TELETYPE CONFIRMATION.
ALL LEADS MUST BE COVERED WITHIN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS WITH BUREAU,
KANSAS CITY, AND MEMPHIS BEING KEPT ADVISED BY APPROPRIATE
COMMUNICATION OF PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS.

SUGGEST BUREAU MAKE IMMEDIATE COMPARISON OF ANY LATENT
FINGERPRINTS DEVELOPED DURING KING INVESTIGATION WITH THOSE
OF WALTER TERRY RIFE TO DETERMINE IF IDENTICAL.

AIR MAIL COPIES SENT ANCHORAGE, HONOLULU AND SAN JUAN.
LEGAT MEXICO CITY AND OTTAWA ADVISED.

SUBJECT RAY HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF ROBBERY WITH DEADLY
WEAPON, HAS BEEN CONFINED IN STATE HOSPITAL, FULTON, MO., IN
SIXTY-SIX, AND SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND SACS, MEMPHIS
NEW ORLEANS

FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (44-1242)

MURKIN.

RE MY PHONE CALLS TO DALLAS, MEMPHIS, AND NEW ORLEANS TODAY. RE DALLAS PHONE CALL INDICATING ATTU AGENT JOE KALISTER RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM SHERIFF, CENTERVILLE, TEXAS, THAT INDIVIDUAL IN JAIL MADE STATEMENTS CONCERNING ~~THE~~ KING ASSASSINATION.

ON THIS DATE SHERIFF ROYCE WILSON, CENTERVILLE, TEXAS, ADVISED THAT ON APRIL SEVENTEEN, LAST, HE PICKED UP HERMAN PETER KACKENMESTER, WHITE MALE, SIX FOOT TWO INCHES, TWO THIRTY POUNDS, BROWN EYES, BROWN HAIR, DOB [REDACTED] MOLE ON RIGHT CHEEK, WEARS EYEGASSES, HOME ALLEGEDLY NEW JERSEY, OCCUPATION AUTHOR, ENGINEER, FOR QUESTIONING IN CONNECTION WITH ~~THE~~ SALE OF NEW BOAT AND MOTOR AT CENTERVILLE. KACKENMESTER DRIVING LIGHT BLUE SIXTYFOUR CHEVROLET WIDE SIDE PICKUP, SIXTYEIGHT LOUISIANA LICENSE EIGHT ZERO DASH SEVEN FOUR FIVE, WITH IRON, WOOD BURNING STOVE IN BACK. HE HAD NO IDENTIFICATION PAPERS

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OR DRIVERS LICENSE, CLAIMED THESE HAD BEEN STOLEN. HE WAS RAMBLING, MADE NO SENSE IN HIS CONVERATION. SHERIFF NOTICED KACKENMESTER HAD WRITTEN IN RED PENCIL ON HOUSTON POST NEWSPAPER ^{WORDS TO THE} ~~THE~~ FOLLOWING EFFECT.

CKM MOVEMENT, THIS IS ONLY THE BEGINNING, JOHN F. KENNEDY, DATE, MR. X, DATE, MRS. X, DATE, AIRPLANE CRASH, DATE, AIRPLANE CRASH AGAIN, DIFFERENT DATE, ^{ML. KING} ~~MLK~~, APRIL SIXTYEIGHT. BY THE WAY THERE WERE FIVE MEN KILLED IN A PRISON LAST NIGHT. I PAID TWENTYSIX CENTS FOR THIS NEWSPAPER AND LEFT IT IN A LAUNDRY. DRAWN ON THE BOTTOM OF NEWSPAPER WAS PICTURE OF GARBAGE TRUCK BACKING OVER A LIGHT POLE.

^{SHERIFF} SHERIFF BASED ON ABOVE ^{accusation} ~~QUESTIONED~~ KACKENMESTER REGARDING KING ~~APPEAR AND~~ KACKENMESTER SAID HE DID NOT KILL KING BUT SAID HE WAS INVOLVED, LATER SAID HE KNEW WHO DID KILL KING. HE RAMBLED IN CONVERSATION MAKING NO SENSE. SHERIFF ASKED HIM WHAT CMK MOVEMENT WAS AND KACKENMESTER TOLD HIM IT WAS "HYPOTHETICAL." HE ALSO TOLD SHERIFF IN RECENT PAST HE TOOK ~~A~~ BUS FROM NEW JERSEY TO SAN FRANCISCO, WENT TO SLEEP, WOKE UP IN CORPUS CHRISTI AND WORKED HIS WAY BACK TO

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NEW ORLEANS AND BOUGHT A PICKUP TRUCK FOR SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS. HE HAD NINE HUNDRED SEVENTY DOLLARS; SEVEN HUNDRED DOLLARS WAS IN AMERICAN EXPRESS MONEY ORDERS. HE HAD LETTER WRITTEN TO FOREIGN MINISTER IN CANADA AND A LETTER STATING HE HAD FILED SUIT AGAINST PENTAGON IN AMOUNT OF TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS PLUS ONE DOLLAR AND A QUARTER FOR CAUSING PRESIDENT JOHNSON TO SEND TROOPS TO VIETNAM.

SHERIFF FEELS KACKENMESTER IS A QUOTE NUT END QUOTE AND RELEASED HIM NINE FIFTEEN A.M. THIS DATE RETURNING ALL PAPERS TO HIM.

KACKENMESTER DID NOT SAY WHERE HE WAS GOING BUT ASKED DIRECTIONS TO DALLAS, TEXAS. SHERIFF HAS SEEN ERIC STARVO GALT'S PHOTOGRAPH. STATES KACKENMESTER DEFINITELY ~~IS~~ NOT GALT.

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NEW ORLEANS CHECK INDICES, MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION
FOR ABOVE PICKUP, TO IDENTIFY KACKENMESTER AND DETERMINE
IF KACKENMESTER INVOLVED IN KING'S ASSASSINATION.
~~OBTAIN IDENTIFYING NUMBER TO COMPARE WITH FINGERPRINTS~~
DETERMINE HIS WHEREABOUTS DURING PERTINENT PERIOD.

AIRMAIL COPY FURNISHED DALLAS FOR INFORMATION.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (44-1242) (P)
RE: MURKIN

Re Birmingham teletype to San Antonio 4/18/68 requesting San Antonio to determine if GALT under true name or known aliases possibly employed HemisFair, San Antonio.

On 4/19/68 FRANK MANUPELLI, Executive Vice President, HemisFair 1968, San Antonio, advised that a check of HemisFair records which include fair employees, exhibitor employees, and concession employees failed to reflect anyone employed there by the names of ERIC STANVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMYER or LOWMEYER, or JOHN WILLARD.

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SA JOSEPH G. BUTLER, JR.

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RePH teletype to BU 4/18/68.

The following investigation was conducted by SA
JOSEPH G. BUTLER, JR.:

AT LLANO, TEXAS

WILLIAM PLEZ WILLIS, who resides at the Triangle Cafe, was located on the ranch of KEN GRAY approximately 16 miles north and east of Llano. WILLIS last heard from his son, WILLIAM DAVID WILLIS, during July or August, 1967. In this letter DAVID mentioned getting 30 days leave and indicated he intended to spend a part of this leave in the Kerrville-Ingram, Texas, area.

WILLIS stated he had no idea where his son, DAVID, could be contacted prior to reporting to his next duty station.

Mr. WILLIS said DAVID's mother, VIVIAN HODGES, heard from DAVID the last time to his knowledge, about Christmas 1967. Mrs. HODGES' address in Kerrville is unknown but she is believed to be employed as a waitress at the Chatter-box Cdn Kerrville.

DAVID has a brother, DAMON DEAN WILLIS, age 25, living in Kerrville and doing construction work. DAMON's residence and employment are unknown to Mr. WILLIS.

DAVID's sister, Mrs. TED (NELDA) LACKEY, lives northwest of old Ingram. Her husband, TED, is employed at the T. J. Moore Lumber Yard in Ingram.

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