

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (44-371) (P)

DATE: 4/19/68

FROM : SA THOMAS J. MANNING

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CIVIL RIGHTS  
OO: Memphis

RE: ERIC STARVO GALT

Investigation in the Longview Resident Agency territory re dancing schools reflected the existence of one dancing school at Chehalis, Washington on a one day a week basis. This is the Olympia Academy of Theatrical Arts and all records for this school are maintained at its Olympia, Washington office.

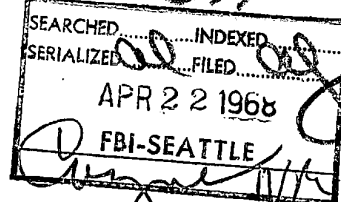
The Tugaw School of Dancing, Colonial Building, Longview, Washington does not conduct adult classes in ballroom dancing. Their clientele consists of young people in ballet and tap dancing.

No other dancing schools operate in the Longview RA area.

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TO : ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES  
FROM : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CIVIL RIGHTS  
(OO: ME)

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

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

The Textile Marking Machine Company suggests the twenty in above code would be the lot number, the R may mean that this was a return of a batch of laundry, and the three is the bundle number.

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Will recontact laundries determined to be operating Thermo-Seal Marking Machines in an effort to locate laundry using the code, "20R-3."

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Approved: [Signature]  
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DATE: 4/22/68

FROM : SA H. EDWARD McNULTY

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CIVIL RIGHTS.

At 9:25 a.m. this date, Mr. ALLEN A. GRAY, mgr., Albertson's Food Store, Lake Forest Park Shopping Center, tel: EM 3-5397, telephonically advised that on last Tuesday or Wednesday he had just opened the above mentioned store and noticed that a man purchased a morning issue of the PI by placing a dime on the counter of an unmanned check stand. This occurred about nine o'clock in the morning, just after opening of the store.

GRAY said that the PI on this particular morning carried pictures of the suspect in MURKIN and that he was sitting at his desk which was about 15 ft. from the checkstand. He saw only a quick sideview of this unknown man but after thinking about the matter for a day or two he thought that this unknown resembled the suspect in MURKIN in light of the news this weekend about a man attempting to go to Canada. GRAY did not know where this unknown man came from or how he left the store and general area. He has never seen this man before and does not recognize him as a store customer.

Gray was unable to describe the unknown man other than to state that he was wearing dirty clothes but generally looked like the pictures which appeared in the PI on that date. GRAY could not recall the hair, ears, specific clothes or any other features of the unknown man.

Gray apologized for his vagueness and felt we would consider him a crack pot; nevertheless, he felt he ought to call in what little he had.

It was suggested to him that if this unknown man came to the store again it would be a great help if a license number of the vehicle driven by this man could be obtained.

Recommended Action: None.

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TO: SAC, ALBANY

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P

MURKIN

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

This investigation, predicated upon a specific request from the Attorney General of the United States, disclosed that the fatal shot had been fired from the bathroom of a cheap rooming house located at 422½ South Main Street, Memphis, which bathroom was located at the rear of the rooming house, and had a window overlooking the Lorraine Motel.

At about 3 p.m. on 4/4/68, an individual using the name JOHN WILLARD had rented Room 5-B in the rooming house at 422½ South Main Street and had paid one week's rent. After hearing the rifle shot at about 6 p.m. on that same day, other tenants in the rooming house observed a man presumably identical with WILLARD, fleeing from the rooming house carrying a large package which was subsequently abandoned by him on the sidewalk in front of the Canipe Amusement Co., 424 South Main Street, Memphis. A neighborhood investigation in the vicinity of 424 South Main Street disclosed that the subject had fled from the scene in a white Mustang.

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

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

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

A search of motel records in the Memphis area disclosed that an individual using the name ERIC S. GALT had spent the night of 4/3/68 at the Rebel Motel, Memphis, Tennessee, and was driving a 1966 white Mustang bearing Alabama License 1-38993. Investigation at Birmingham disclosed that this automobile had been purchased by ERIC S. GALT on August 30, 1968, from a private person in response to a newspaper ad. He paid a total of \$1995 cash. While in Birmingham he furnished the address of 2608 South Highland Avenue, Birmingham. This is also the address which appeared on a driver's license issued to him by the State of Alabama. The driver's license identifying data listed his birth date as [redacted], his height as 5'11", his weight as 170 and his eyes blue and hair brown.

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

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

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

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

For further information re JAMES EARL RAY, all offices are directed to press release furnished them by the Bureau on 4/18/68.

ARMED & DANGEROUS.

Dear Sir:

Did you ever consider looking for a negro? I had a dream, and my dream always come true, so please look for a man more or less like the picture above, and not white, negro, and was always around the late King. They also know you all will not look for a negro, so while looking for him, don't publish, just observe the movement of all those around him.

All I want is justice and to raise the U.S.A from more division and the citizens been fooled. I am not an American, so I have nothing against no one, but I do love America and wish the best for what it stands. I don't want any publicity, but I do see and hear some things some time before they happen.

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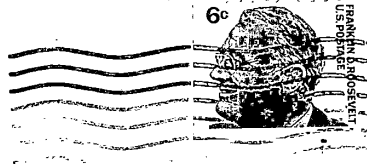
The water hemlock shown here is said to be one of the most poisonous plants in the United States—to both man and animal—and the plants are

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

FBI No. 405,942 G



Photographs taken 1960



Photograph taken 1968  
(eyes drawn by artist)

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

### DESCRIPTION

**Age:** 40, born March 10, 1928, at Quincy or Alton, Illinois (not supported by birth records)  
**Height:** 5'10"  
**Weight:** 163 to 174 pounds  
**Build:** Medium  
**Hair:** Brown, possibly cut short  
**Eyes:** Blue  
**Complexion:** Medium  
**Race:** White  
**Nationality:** American

**Occupations:** Baker, color matcher, laborer

**Scars and Marks:** Small scar on center of forehead and small scar on palm of right hand

**Remarks:** Noticeably protruding left ear; reportedly is a lone wolf; allegedly attended dance instruction school; has reportedly completed course in bartending.

**Fingerprint Classification:** 16 M 9 U 000 12

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### CRIMINAL RECORD

Ray has been convicted of burglary, robbery, forging U. S. Postal Money Orders, armed robbery, and operating motor vehicle without owner's consent.

### CAUTION

RAY IS SOUGHT IN CONNECTION WITH A MURDER WHEREIN THE VICTIM WAS SHOT. CONSIDER ARMED AND EXTREMELY DANGEROUS.

A Federal warrant was issued on April 17, 1968, at Birmingham, Alabama, charging Ray as Eric Starvo Galt with conspiring to interfere with a Constitutional Right of a citizen (Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 241). A Federal warrant was also issued on July 20, 1967, at Jefferson City, Missouri, charging Ray with Interstate Flight to Avoid Confinement for the crime of Robbery (Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 1073).

**IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS PERSON, PLEASE NOTIFY ME OR CONTACT YOUR LOCAL FBI OFFICE. TELEPHONE NUMBERS AND ADDRESSES OF ALL FBI OFFICES LISTED ON BACK.**

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
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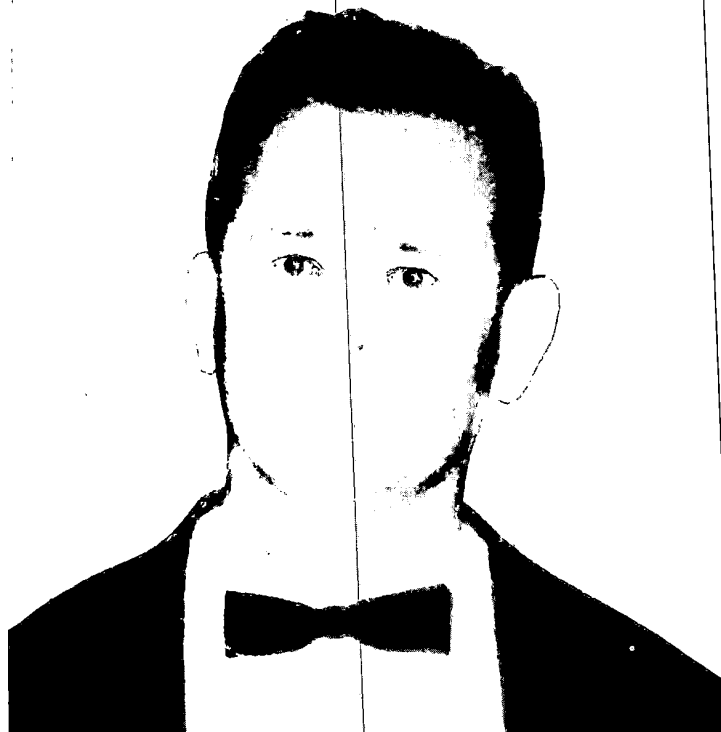
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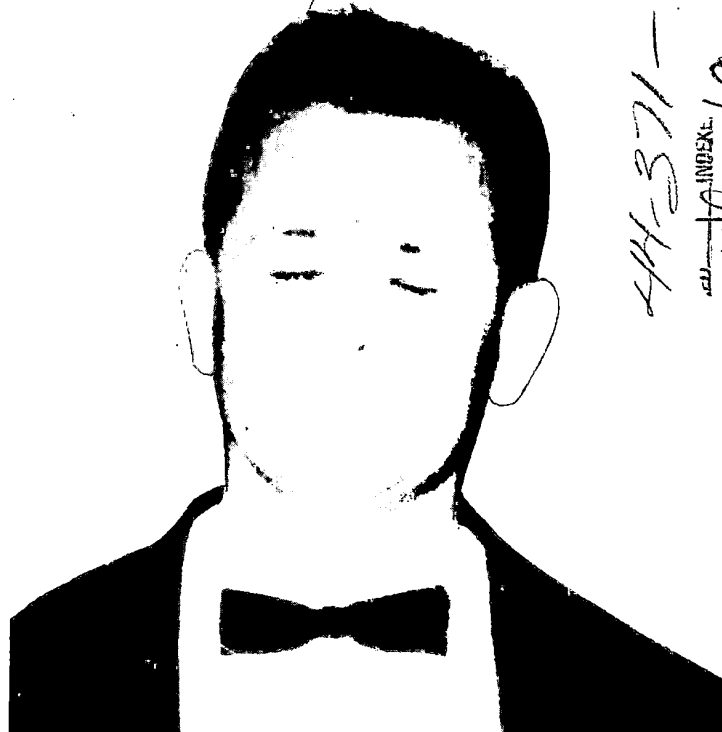
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## CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY ERIC STARVO GALT

FBI No. 405,942 G



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(eyes drawn by artist)



Photograph taken 1968

**Aliases:** Harvey Lowmyer, John Willard

### DESCRIPTION

<b>Age:</b>	36, born July 20, 1931 (not supported by birth records)	<b>Eyes:</b>	Blue or hazel
<b>Height:</b>	5'8" to 5'11"	<b>Complexion:</b>	Medium
<b>Weight:</b>	160 to 175 pounds	<b>Race:</b>	White
<b>Build:</b>	Medium		
<b>Hair:</b>	Brown, possibly cut short		
<b>Occupation:</b>	Has claimed employment as seaman		
<b>Remarks:</b>	Noticeably protruding left ear; reportedly is a lone wolf; allegedly attended dance instruction school; has reportedly completed course in bartending.		

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (44-371)

FROM : SA JOHN L. KETCHAM (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/20/68

On 4/20/68 Mrs. HELEN A DERSON, clerk, Burien State Liquor Store, 153rd and 6th SW, Seattle, called to relate that about 4/12/68 a man had been in the store for a purchase, who she now recalls fits the description in the paper for JAMES RAY. She states the person she recalls as in the store resembles the man pictured in the paper. She had nothing specific which enabled her to make this recollection. He "seemed to be in a hurry." He was alone, she saw no car.

ACTION: None.

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FROM : SA JOHN L. KETCHAM (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/20/68

On 4/20/68 ROBERT RICHARDSON, 1706 - 14th E, Seattle, EA 4-9588, advised at approximately 1PM he had just dropped off at the Greyhound Bus Station a hitchhiker he had picked up about 4PM, 4/19/68 on the freeway near Vallejo, Calif.

After leaving off the man, RICHARDSON had gone to his residence, and on opening his morning P-I, saw a photograph of the hitchhiker looking back at him from the front page. The photo he recognized was the one on the right of the 3, the one with the tousled hair.

RICHARDSON advised the man was not carrying any luggage, but was described generally as listed in the paper. He had no hat, was wearing denim trousers, a cotton shirt, work boots. He was carrying a short jacket, later described to SA EARL as being blue. He was sun-tanned. He has over \$100 with him.

He said he was Canadian and that he was going to Vancouver, B.C. He said he had been hitchhiking from Miami.

He was advised by RICHARDSON that he probably could not hitchhike into Canada, but would have to take a bus. Mr. RICHARDSON thought the man had a Southern accent. The man had given him a name, but RICHARDSON did not recall same.

RICHARDSON appeared so sincere as to be still shaking from the possibility he had driven JAMES RAY up from California.

RICHARDSON agreed to come down to Greyhound Station and help SAs locate suspect. SAs ZANDER, CHIPMAN, EARL, RUBIN and McFAUL contacted to assist.

SAC advised of allegations; directed group to check stations, scour the area - taverns, and to alert R/A at Bellingham to have Canadian authorities to check incoming cars and busses for suspects. SRA CONNOR requested to check 1:45PM bus at Everett, en route Vancouver, B.C. *44-371-136*

On interview RICHARDSON said the suspect went into the depot, but had said he wanted to look over the town.

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Our Lady of <sup>MT</sup> ~~the~~ Virgin - 1531 - Brother P. Lee S.O.  
EA 4-8521

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (44-371)

DATE: 4/20/68

FROM : KENNETH N. YOUNG

SUBJECT: MURKIN

At approximately 11:30 pm this date, MARK SULLIVAN, Star Route, Mission Head, Marysville, Washington, OL9 1870, contacted the office and related the following information:

At approximately noon this date SULLIVAN and his wife were driving north on the road that passes in front of the Free Methodist Conference grounds at Warm Beach, when they noticed a man walking south who appeared to be lost. After taking a closer look at him, SULLIVAN remarked to his wife that he closely resembled JAMES EARL RAY.

This evening while watching the news on TV MRS. SULLIVAN learned that it is believed that RAY may possibly be in the area. Because of this she felt there is a possibility the man on the road may be the suspect.

SULLIVAN described the man as medium height, about 160 lbs., dark hair combed back, not too short, about 30-35 years, wearing what may be blue denim coveralls, although he could not be sure on this point.. SULLIVAN stated that the man was walking south and they passed him driving north.



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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (44-371) (P)

DATE: 4/20/68

FROM : SA REESE H. CHIPMAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE: Memorandum of SA JOHN L. KETCHAM 4/20/68.

At approximately 12:50PM this date ROBERT E. RICHARDSON, 1706 14th Avenue, Seattle telephoned this office and furnished information to SA KETCHAM as set forth in his memo.

SA KETCHAM immediately telephoned to Standby SAs ZANDER and CHIPMAN, as well as SA's EARLE, RUBIN and McPAUL. Coverage was effected as set forth in SA KETCHAM's memo; taverns, Cafes, in immediate area of Greyhound Bus Depot, alerting all Greyhound Bus terminal employees and personally observing entire loading of passengers of 4:00PM, 6:15PM, 8:00PM Greyhound buses for Vancouver B.C. (Bus departure of Trailways Bus to be covered at 10:PM and 2:15AM Greyhound also, by SAs CHIPMAN and ZANDER. Subject was not observed to get on any of the above mentioned three Greyhound buses. The 1:45PM Bus (Greyhound) was checked by Everett while enroute to VBC.

SA's CHIPMAN and EARLE obtained a cardboard sign approximately 23 inches long by 12 inches wide, with the word CANADA drawn in large blue letters thereon, from Mr. richardson. He stated the Unsub used this sign to attract his attention to the fact he was hitchhiking a ride to Canada. Unsub also left a Texaco California road map in RICHARDSON's car, which was obtained.

SA ZANDER also covered Aurora Avenue early in the afternoon for possible hitch hikers, and SA EARL covered this same area later in the Afternoon, as well as spot checking the entrances to the freeway in the downtown area, as unsub told RICHARDSON he usually waited at the entrances to freeways in hitchhiking rides out of large cities. SA ZANDER also covered the departure of the Great Northern International out of Seattle at 3:30PM.

List of Taverns and Cafes, etc covered will be set forth in separate memorandum.

In talking personally to Mr. RICHARDSON after his telephonic contact with SA KETCHAM he furnished the following information to SA's CHIPMAN and EARLE:

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He had just crossed the Carquinez Bridge coming out of Vallejo, California enroute from San Francisco to Seattle, when he observed unsub standing beside the highway ~~holding~~ holding a cardboard sign with the word CANADA on it in large blue letters. The man appeared fairly neat and presentable, and RICHARDSON stopped and picked him up, as RICHARDSON was alone in his 1967 Cadillac. RICHARDSON was very surprised to observe the man had no luggage whatsoever, and was not wearing a hat.

He appeared to be very tanned, almost sun burned, and said he has been in the Bahamas during the past two months and was enroute to Vancouver, Canada where he hoped to obtain a job in Construction. He claimed he hitch hiked an airplane ride from the Bahamas to Miami, and then had hitchhiked all the way from Miami, coming through Alabama, Louisiana, Texas, New Mexico, and Colorado.

He claimed that he originally had been in Calgary, Canada, and was Canadian, however RICHARDSON's wife is from Canada and the RICHARDSON lived there three years, and he did not feel this man was from Canada, as he did not talk like a Canadian. Further he said he had been in Vancouver previously, but on conversing about Vancouver, RICHARDSON found that unsub did not appear to know anything about Vancouver. He did, however know a great deal about the southern states and mentioned having been in Alabama, knew Miami quite well, had been in Louisiana, Arkansas, and Texas, especially Houston.

RICHARDSON advised he urged this man to take the Bus out of Seattle, as there is a law in Washington against hitchhiking, and the Unsub agreed it was probably a good idea. He had several twenty dollar bills in his wallet.

After thinking on the matter, RICHARDSON believed this man introduced himself to R as Tommy Sanders.

The man wanted to be let out at the Greyhound Bus Terminal, and as he was about to depart Richardson's car he asked the direction of Downtown Seattle, commenting, "I may look around the town and then come back and catch the Bus". RICHARDSON said to walk down to fourth Ave and turn left.

RICHARDSON let him off in front of the Bus Depot at about 11:55AM, and observed unsub went in the front door of the Bus Depot.

RICHARDSON then drove home, went into his apartment and a short time later glanced at the morning PI. He received a real shock, when he observed the photo of James Earl Ray, aka GALT, the one on the right of the three photos (attached to the original of this memo.) He had a very strong feeling this was the man he had driven from California to Washington. He immediately called the Seattle FBI.

He then drove down to the Greyhound Depot, arriving possibly about 1:05PM, looked around but did not see the Unsub. He later spoke with SA's CHIPMAN and EARLE, after which SA EARLE took RICHARDSON and drove around the downtown area, looking for the unsub without success for about forty five minutes.

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## *King Conspiracy Hinted; Galt Is Drifter's Alias*



THESE ARE THREE pictures of the prime suspect sought in the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King. The sketch (center) is an artist's conception drawn immediately after the assassination. Note the marked resemblance of the sketch to the 1960 photo (left) of James Earl Ray, 40, also known as Eric Starvo Galt. At right is another photo of Ray, whom the FBI yesterday identified as Galt. This photo was made while Ray was in prison.

The photo of RAY which closely resembled unsub is shown above denoted by the arrow. RICHARDSON observed, however that unsub's hair was soemewhat shorter than in PI photo with arrow.

Unsub said he had been wearing his hair crew cut but was now letting it grow out, and it appeared to be about in between, and unsub several times rubbed his hand through his hair and complained about his hair being unruly. Said he might go and buy a hat.

Unsub had no belongings, not even a razor, and borrowed RICHARDSON's razor and shaved as they were driving through. Unsub said he was very fond of beer, and had several enroute when they made stops.

When Unsub discovered RICHARDSON carries a revolver, while traveling they briefly discussed guns, and unsub seemed to be knowlexdgeable concerning them. Unsub seemed very interested in hunting, and when RICHARDSON said he has a small ranch in Canada with a hunting cabin, between KAMLOOPS and LILLOOETE, unsub said he had been in KAMLOOPS, however he did not know where LILLOOETE (sp?) was, and RICHARDSON observed it is on the way to KAMLOOPS.

See next page for description of Unsub:

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DESCRIPTION OF UNSUB:

Name used	- - - - -	possibly <u>TOMMY SANDERS</u>
Race	- - - - -	white
Sex	- - - - -	male
Age	- - - - -	about thirty eight to forty
Height	- - - - -	approx 5 ft 10 in
Weight	- - - - -	about 165- to 170 lbs
Build	- - - - -	good - well proportioned
Eyes	- - - - -	believed blue or blue grey
Hair	- - - - -	Medium brown - half way in between crew cut and long. Unsub complained about his unruly hair, and said he might buy a hat.
Scars & marks	- - -	none noticed
CLOTHING	- - -	
Shirt	- - - - -	Wearing a cotton print shirt with a large plaid design - two tone blue with white intermingled
Trousers	- - - - -	Dark olive denim, brownish but not quite as dark as chocolate brown. Richardson displayed a pair of his own the exact same color.
Shoes	- - - - -	Brown work shoes with rather high tops above the ankles and having leather laces.
Jacket	- - - - -	Was carrying a military type jacket, blueish or blue grey, of a gaberdine type of material. "id not wear the jacket during the trip up, and carried it.
Other data	- - - -	Was well tanned, on the verge of being sun burned. Claimed to have just come from two months in the Bahamas. Wearing a gold wrist watch. Talked very freely - used fairly good english - did not sound like a well educated person, but on the other hand was not crude in his speech - possibly like a person with high school education. No noticeable peculiarities which might identify him as coming from any particular area of the country. Appeared to know the Southern States best. Never in Seattle before, - thought Boeing Field was Sea-Tac. Asked about Border crossing into Canada. Said going to Vancouver to try and obtain a job in Construction.

SAs CHIPMAN and ZANDER also checked out the 10:PM Trailways Bus with negative results, and *2<sup>15</sup> 4/21/67 Greyhound bus with negative results.*

It is observed that if unsub went into Greyhound Depot about noon, as claimed by RICHARDSON, he undoubtedly learned there was a BUS leaving for Vancouver, B.C. at 12:15PM, and unsub may well have taken that Bus.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (44-371)

DATE: 4/20/68

FROM : KENNETH N. YOUNG

SUBJECT: MURKIN

MRS. GRACE DAILEY, 1340 N. 79th, LA4 4813,  
contacted the office this date and related the following  
information:

On 4/19/68 DAILEY was in the basement of Woolworths  
Store at 3rd and Pike, Seattle, when she noticed a suspicious  
man walking around. She stated that because of his suspicious  
appearance she spoke to a floor walker about him.

Upon viewing the photo in today's paper she noted  
that the man in the store resembles one of the photos of  
the subject JAMES EARL RAY. She stated he was wearing a brown  
jacket, black pants, tall and slim, hair peaked on forehead,  
hair worn short.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (44-371)

DATE: 4/21/68

FROM : KENNETH N. YOUNG

SUBJECT: MURKIN

OFFICER TOM DEVLIN, Kirkland Police Dept., VA2 1244, contacted the office this date and advised of the following:

DEVLIN received a call from A. E. "ART" NORDHOFF, SH# 0515, owner of the Bellevue Airfield, located on highway 10. NORDHOFF stated that on 1/6/68 a man flew a plane into the Bellevue field, stating he would return the next day for it. This man identified himself as EARL J. RAY, address 8654 46th SW, Seattle, phone (unlisted) WE5 0638. (*Disconnected*)

RAY never returned for the plane and NORDHOFF made repeated attempts to contact him, including by registered letter. On 2/10/68 another man came to the airport and paid all the tie-down charges against the plane and flew it out, possibly to Kent, Washington. NORDHOFF does not recall a name for the second man. NORDHOFF stated that he does not remember what either man looked like.

The airplane is described as a Cessna, model 120, serial number 77301.

*ART NORDHOFF*

*6L-4-4830*

*Jim*

*city flight*

*Earl J. Ray.*

*July 1, 65*

*Bonnie Co.*

*wife: unknown*

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (44-371)

DATE: 4/20/68

FROM : KENNETH N. YOUNG

SUBJECT: MURKIN

At approximately 12 midnight this date, LOWELL B. MANNING, 532 NE 80th, LA5 7189, contacted the office and related the following information:

At about 8 pm tonight MANNING had a man come to the door of his home and ask for a girl by the name of "SAM." LOWELL thought he must have had the wrong house and stated the man seemed confused.

Later, while reading the Times paper he noticed the photographs of the subject JAMES EARL RAY. LOWELL stated that the man at the door resembles the photo of RAY taken during 1959. LOWELL described the man as about 5'10", medium build to small build, not over forty, youthful looking, light hair, blue odr hazel eyes, fair complexion. He stated the man was dressed in casual clothing consisting of a blue jacket and dark slacks.



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TO : Director, FBI (44-38861)

FROM : SAC, Kansas City (44-760)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/19/68

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

1a6 JAMES EARL RAY, Missouri Department of  
Correction #00416, dated 3/17/60 and  
9/8/66

1a6 WALTER TERRY RIFE, Kansas City SO #29636  
FBI #4558766

1a6 Stand up photographs of RAY on the left, Kansas City SO  
#29637 and RIFE, Kansas City SO 29236, taken 3/28/55.

2 - Bureau (Encs. 24) (AM)  
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Date 4/19/68

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☐ The enclosed is for your information. If used in a future report, ☐ conceal all sources, ☐ paraphrase contents.

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Remarks:

Enclosed are copies of 1960 photograph of subject  
James Earl Ray.

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TO ALL SACS EXCEPT 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,

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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,  
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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 QJPIL  
DECEMBER TWENPY) BKRTY-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 MILITARYSERVICE. 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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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,<sup>NR</sup> 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

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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 MARCH 10, 1928, 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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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (44-371)(P)

FROM : SA CEMENT W. PAVINU JF

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/18/68

RE: ERIC STARVO GALT

Rememo SA VERNON P. COYNE 4/15/68.

Current Richland WA directories contain no listing for a commercial dance studio.

On 4/18/68 BARBARA YOUNG, Pasco, Wn. PD advised that Arthur Murray formerly had dance studio at Pasco but that this studio closed a year or two ago and no dance studios catering to adults believed operating in the area.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (44-371)

FROM : SA JOHN L. KETCHAM (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/19/68

On 4/19/68, anonymous call received from Tacoma. The male caller advised that 4 days after the murder he had visited with a man in the Idle Hour tavern in Ruston, a suburb of Tacoma, Wash. The man, about 27-28, stocky, apparently educated, black hair, straight, needed a haircut, appears to resemble the photograph of ERIC GALT.

The man said he had just come from the Shelton jail where he had been held about 4 hrs. for hitchhiking.

The man said the assassination was the greatest thing that had ever happened. He also said something about some day making a name for himself.

He said he was going to work for his father over near Bremerton, Wash., that his father had developed some process for treatment of logs to be used for pilings to avoid deterioration.

The man said this was all he knew, but wanted to pass it on.

## LEAD

If GALT's whereabouts not known beyond 4 days after assassination, consider identifying suspect through alleged father, for further consideration.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (44-371) (P)

DATE: 4/19/68

FROM : SA JOHN L. KETCHAM

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 4/19/68 Mrs. MORIAN OWENS, 2218 E. 38th, Seattle, advised that she used to be a lab. technician at the Public Health Hospital, Seattle. She said that she thought she had handled his record for ERIC GALT as a syphilitic patient some years ago, this being over 12 years ago. She called in that she had read that he was supposed to have been a seaman in the past.

Seattle LEAD  
Contact Public Health Hospital (Marine Hospital) for any record in name ERIC GALT.

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*No record  
at U.S. Public Health  
Hospital on Eric Galt.  
per Susan McHenry*

*Medical Records.*

*no record*

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (44-

DATE: 4/17/68

FROM : KENNETH N. YOUNG

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DON HOOKER, 4912 182nd SW, Lynnwood, Washington, PR6 3854, contacted the office tonight and asked what the name of subject ERIC STARVO GALT'S brother is. I informed him we did not have that information.

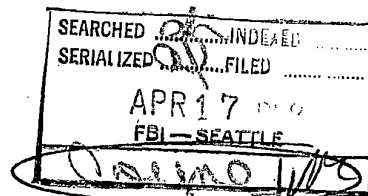
HOOKEER stated that his ex-wife, GLORIA is now married to one WILSON GAULT, originally from Meridian, Miss. HOOKEER described GAULT as about 5'6" to 7", small, round face, light hair, early 40's. He believes GAULT is now employed by the telephone company in northern British Columbia. He stated he believes GAULT arrived here in Seattle on or about the last of March and as far as he knows is still in the area.

HOOKEER stated that the reason for his call is merely the name coincidence and a possible physical resemblance. He stated he does not wish to cause any embarrassment to GAULT and wishes this to be kept confidential.



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ROUGH DRAFT <sup>News</sup> ~~INSERT~~

WALTON: The following investigation was conducted by SA THOMAS B.

At Spokane, Washington

On 4/17/68 the following persons at the indicated dance studios were contacted concerning ERIC STARVO GALT or similar name but all records were negative and no one recognized the name as anyone who had ever taken lessons:

MAXINE DOTY, Doty's Dance Studio, W. 808 Sprague;  
Mrs. NATALIE WARNER, Warner's Dance Studio, W. 820 Sprague;  
Mrs. PATRICIA RIVERA, Arthur Muarry's, W. 610 Sprague;  
Mr. RENE LULEJEAN, Rene's Dance Studio, N. 4328 Cedar.

The above are the only dance studios other than ballet in the city of Spokane.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (44-371)

DATE: 4/18/68

FROM : SA VERNON P. COYNE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

## Re Dancing Schools.

On April 15, 1968, assignments were made to SAs BAILEY and SNELL to cover specified dancing schools in Seattle and King County and the writer was to contact the rest of these schools.

Contact was made by the writer with the following schools and no information concerning GALT under that name or the name of LOWMYER or WILLARD was obtained:

Aqua Barn Ranch - 15227 Maple Valley Highway  
Lilyan Turner School of Dancing - 1107 Northeast  
45th

Frances Medley School of Dancing in Burien  
(Miss Lilyan Turner has an interest in  
all three of the above and furnished  
the information of a negative nature  
to the writer)

Wanda's School of Dance - 11137 Northeast 8th,  
telephone GL 4-6008

Maribelle's School of Music and Dance - 22212  
105th Northeast - no longer in business

Lorene's Dance Studio - 18049 Bothell Way NE,  
telephone 486-4401

(Repeated contacts at the above dance  
studio failed to locate any person there)

Barclay Dance Studio - 15525 - 1st Avenue South  
(No answer at this number after repeated  
telephone calls)

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (44-371)

DATE: 4/18/68

FROM : KENNETH N. YOUNG

SUBJECT: MURKIN

MRS. NELL DEAN HAYS, 9731 Fremont Ave. No., SU3 9237, contacted the office this evening and related the following information:

While waiting for her bus at 3rd and Union in Seattle, at approximately 3 pm this date, MRS. HAYS noticed a man standing waiting for the bus and reading the newspaper story about ERIC STARVO GALT. She stated this individual appeared to be very nervous.

MRS. HAYS stated that this man bears a resemblance to the picture published in the newspapers of GALT. She stated he was approximately 5'10", 160 lbs., small build, about 35 years, blue eyes, and hair appearing to be about 3" long in the front. He was wearing a black jacket with the hood up so she could not see all of his hair.

The man caught the Stoneway bus, the same one MRS. HAYS was taking. He got off north of Greenlake and she saw him enter a house or apartment at 7314 Winona Ave. She stated that he appeared to be unfamiliar with this bus lines as he did not know that he had to deposit a nickle zone fare before getting off.



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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC ( 44- 371 )

FROM : SA ELGIN E. OLROGG

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/18/68

RE: ERIC STARVO GALT

On 4/18/68 the following ballroom dancing studios were contacted in Tacoma and suspect's photo exhibited with negative results:

Merrick Dance Studio, 1102 $\frac{1}{2}$  North 3rd  
Arthur Murray Studio, 914 $\frac{1}{2}$  Bdwy  
Heatherland Studio, 714 - 6th Avenue.

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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.

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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DN...JRW

FBI DENVER

PX...DLN

*Small building  
advised 4/19/68-VRC*

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Coyne advised*

*5 copies of each  
photo & copy of teletype  
sent to Hazelwood &  
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*R/S to all SACS with photo &  
instructions - 4/19/68-VRC*

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DN...DID YOU RECEIVE ALL SC SAC...JRW

FBI DENVER

BT...DID YOU RECEIVE ALL SAC...YES FHB

FBI BUTTE

PD...DID YOU RECEIV ALL SAC...YES WFT

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (44-371)(P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN  
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RE: Check of INS records  
on MAURICE JOSEPH  
GALT.

Reference Chicago teletype to Director, Seattle,  
Buffalo, and Memphis, 4/17/68.

On 4/18/68, Mrs. ARLEAN FAY, Secretary to the  
Assistant Director in Charge of Investigations, Immigration  
and Naturalization Service (INS), 815 Airport Way South,  
Seattle, made available the file for MAURICE JOSEPH GALT.  
GALT has arrest record from 1959 through 1963 for offenses  
of false pretenses, theft of over \$50, and obtaining food  
by fraud. No violent crimes in his record.

Photograph of MAURICE JOSEPH GALT was obtained and  
is kept in Seattle file. There is no similarity with photo-  
graph of ERIC STARVO GALT since MAURICE GALT is 6' tall,  
and weights 220 pounds.

No relatives were listed in the INS file and  
Investigations Section states that they are not sure he has  
ever been in the United States.

No fingerprints were available in the file but can  
be obtained from RCMP, Identification Branch, Fingerprint  
Section #938 873. All crimes were committed in British  
Columbia, Canada.

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The following description was obtained from the

Name	MAURICE JOSEPH GALT
Fingerprint Section #	938 873
DOB	<input type="text"/>
POB	Vancouver, B. C., Canada
Height	6'
Weight	220 pounds
Hair	Dark brown
Eyes	Green
Complexion	Medium

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