SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

4/11/68

SA WILLIAM ROBERTS, III - P -

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At 2:30 p.m., 4/7/68, writer was advised by SA ROBERT A. WICKWIRE, Rock Island RA, that information received from Rock Island PD indicated that one BILLY KING, N/M, Age 22, 6'1", 185 pounds, dark brown hair, thin building, was being held for possible questioning re captioned matter.

KING allegedly was from Monroe, La., but was in Memphis, Tenn., on 4/4/68 and made derogatory remarks concerning negroes, etc.

SA WICKWIRE was inquiring as to information re suspect in captioned case, and a call was placed to the Memphis Office, and ASAC HALTER advised the following, which information was in turn furnished to SA WICKWIRE:

COMPOSITE DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT

Race White Sex Male Age 26-40 5'8" - 5'11" Height 150- 170 pounds Weight Hair Dark brown or sandy (combed straight back) Eyes Blue or green Build Medium

Complexion Average Appearance Neat

IMPORTANT DATES AND TIMES:

UNSUB purchased murder weapon on 3/30/68 in Birmingham, Alabama.

UNSUB purchased binoculars at 4:00 p.m. 4/4/68 at sporting goods store in Memphis.

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He Killed King

This is an artist's composite drawing of the sandy-haired, dark complexioned man who is being sought in the assassnation of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The task of finding him apparently has settled down to the grueling police routine of sifting every clue and checking every lead. Story on page 2.



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Memorandum

TO : SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

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FROM : SA RAYMOND F. BERNEKING - P -

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re KThermo-Seal Laundry Tag.

On 4/10/68 HUBERT GENTRY, Plant Manager, Normans Laundry, 145 East Decatur, Street, advised that his company used Thermo-Seal Tags, however, their recording is done as follows:

The first being a number indicating the lot.

The second being an apphabetic letter indicating the first of 52 weeks.

The third being a number indicating the bundle.

He mentioned that the first number changes to one at the beginning of each week and the same with the last number of their bundle number. He stated that they definitely do not use the code as indicated 0 or D 2B-6.

On 4/10/68 HOMER HESS, Office Manager and CARL GREVES, Plant Manager, Shudels and Model Paris, advised that they do not use the code system as shown. They stated that their first is an alphabetic letter, which would indicate shirts only, and the second is their lot number, however, on shorts and tee shirts, they go by numbers first, which they consider their junk lot, which go from one to one hundred.

The following investigation was conducted in reference to the name ERICK STARVO GALT:

Decatur City Directory, Macon County Directory, and Decatur Telephone Directory were checked with negative results.

The following financial institutions, credit records, sheriff's office records, and PD records were checked in Decatur, Illinois with negative results:

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WILLIAM E. HILL, Vice-President and Cashier, Millikin National Bank - negative.

GLENN JOHNSON, Cashier and Vice-President, North Town Bank - negative.

H. McWILLIAMS, Vice-President, First National Bank - negative.

CHERYL WALENSKI, Bookkeeper, Pershing Bank - negative.

MIKE RYAN, Gulf Shores National Bank - negative.

DeETTA MINIX, Soy Capital Bank - negative.

DONNA MERRIMAN, First Federal Savings and Loan Association - negative.

RONALD BATTERMAN, Mutual Home Savings and Loan Association - negative.

Mrs. BETTY WAGGONER, Security Savings and Loan Association - negative.

MADGE GROSCH, Clerk and Reporter, Credit Bureau of Decatur, Inc. - negative.

LOUISE SPENT, Clerk, Macon County Sheriff's Office, - negative.

STANLEY REPNICKE, Supervisor, Records, Decatur, Illinois Police Department - negative.

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DATE: 4/11/68

FROM SA FRANK E. CORN, Sr. - P -

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Re Bureau teletype to Springfield 4/9/68.

On 4/9/68, the following individuals were contacted in reference to CIVIL RIGHTS, HARVEY LOWMEYER, and advised that their records contained no info re the individual in question:

EVELYN BOLES
County Clerk
Madison County, Illinois
Edwardsville, Illinois

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Deputy FRANK SCHMIDT Madison County SO Edwardsville, Illinois

HARRIETT HASTINGS Credit Bureau Edwardsville, Illinois

GENE ZIMMERMAN Credit Bureau Alton, Illinois

Chief WILLIAM PETERSEN Alton PD Alton, Illinois

Chief CLARENCE VOLLANTINE Wood River PD Wood River, Illinois

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RAYMOND ROSS Deputy Sheriff Calhoun County Hardin, Illinois

ORVILLE JOHNES
County Clerk
Calhoun County
Hardin, Illinois

LILA BLACKORBY
County Clerk
Jersey County
Carrollton, Illinois

GARY MELVIN
Second Deputy
Greene County
Carrollton, Illinois

DOROTHY BROCK County Clerk Greene County Carrollton, Illinois.

The following telephone directories were reviewed with negative information concerning HARVEY LOWMEYER:

Alton, Illinois
Edwardsville, Illinois
Granite City, Illinois
Jerseyville, Illinois
Hardin, Illinois
Hamburg, Illinois
Kampsville, Illinois
Carrollton, Illinois
Greenfield, Illinois
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The following city directories were reviewed with negative information concerning captioned matter:

Wood River, Illinois East Alton, Illinois Alton, Illinois Edwardsville, Illinois Jerseyville, Illinois. OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
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Memorandum

TO : SAC SPRINGFIELD 44

44-561

DATE: 4/10/68

FROM : SA CONNELLEY

SUBJECT: MURKIN

re telephone call

The name of ERIC STARVO GALT was checked at the following locations with negative results.

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Kewanee National Bank Peoples National Bank Kewanee Credit Bureau Kewanee Police Department GALESBURG Community National Bank Farmers and Mechanics Bank 1st Galesburg "ational Bank and Trust Voter Registration files, Knox County Sheriff Office, Knox County Police Dept., Galesburg Credit Bureau CAMBRIDGE Voter Registration file, Henry County Sheriff Office, Henry County Peoples National Bank Annawan State Bank Atkinson Trust and Savings Central Trust and Savings, Geneseo, Ill Farmers National Bank, Geneseo, Ill. Abindon Bank and Trust Farmers "ational Bank of Knoxville First National of Galva



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DATE: 4/10/68

FROM: SA Cuttur Lee Woods

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re: Harvey Lowneyer aka Harvey Lownyer.

The following were contacted on 4/9/68. All advanced They located no record of Lowereyer, or any one spelling name as Lowereyer or Loweryer.

Ira Boyer, County Clark, Registerel Voters Records, Lungston County, Pertuse, Illumin.

William Fry, Chief Seputy Sheriff, Terrigition County S. O.

Edward Hamilton Chief of Police, Portice Selivors, Hemeton Edward there is no Listing of any Lowereyer in City Duriton, Portice, Vel. Margaret Ann Sellon, Credit Bureau of Portuse, Portuse Illinois.

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to High School at Sitley Illinois with his family
to attend the Senier Class play.

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Det It. Tester Brown, Police Department, Bloomington, Illeroni, contacted 4/9/68

Det Sgt Reeland Clemmon, Polis Department Hormal Selinis #19/68.

Many Erlandson, Assit Manager, Cedit Bureau of Bleomington Lue, Bloomington VII. 4/8/68

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Town Muhafield, Chif Clark, City Bloomington Board of Election Commissioners, Bloomington Ill, 4/9/68. Robert Greve, General Manager Model Pani Loundry + Dry Cleaner Bloomington Selivis was centrated 4/10/68, Greve advanied the Companies Bloomington Plant is the only Loundry plant in Bloomington Selivis who was a any toppe of merhing danie. He related his plant Bos not use Thermo-seal mashing Machine, Headward the only plants in the area that use the Thermo-seal mashing markine is his Companies plant Sally Ward Tambry" 116 East Jeffersen street Springheld Ellinis, He atotal the Ileal Troy Townshy, Perna Selivis also use Thermo-seal marking markine.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-561)

DATE: 4-10-68

FROM:

SA Charles R. Wood, Jr.

SUBJECT:

MURKIN

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Re investigation requested by SA ROBERTS, evening of 4-9-68 for contact with area laundries to identify laundry mark described in Butel of 4-9-68.

Following contacts within the territory of Centralia RA negative.

At Mt. Vernon

Tip-top Launderette, VELMA RECTOR Peerless Clng & Pressing, AUDREY THOMAS American Lndy & Clng Co ERNST TONY

At Centralia

Best Way Landeri, CAROLYN MEADOR Centralia Steam Lndy & Clnrs, PAUL GIBSON

At Vandalia

Miggings Clnrs., RESELLA MARCH Vandalia Lndy & Dry Clng, EVELYN PLAUMAN

At Salem

Quality Lndy & Clnrs, BLANCH HOSFTETTER

American Laundry and Cleaning at Mt. Vernon use a tag of similar dimension but attached with two soft zinc prongs, and then only on contrast materials so as to provide for easy removal. Inspection disclosed no apparent similarity.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC (44-561)

DATE: 4-11-68

FROM :

SA Charles R. Wood, Jr.

SUBJECT:

MURKIN

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Re request of SA ROBERTS 4-10-68, for contacts with sources for credit and criminal checks, directory sources, and financial institutions relative to the name ERIC STARVO GALT.

Within the Centralia Resident Agency the contacts were made with those sources previously set forth in a smilar memorandum of 4-9-68.

The following financial institutions were included in the contacts of today, 4-11-68.

MT. VERNON - Jefferson County

Security Bank of Mt. Vernon
First Natl Bank and Trust Co.
Bank of Illinois, Mt. Vernon
First State Bank of Dix, Dix
Texico State Bank, Texico
Ina State Bank, Ina

Bailey Inc. Loans
The Bayer Co.
CIT Personal Loans
Commercial Credit Corp.
Credit Thrift
King City Fedrl Svgs & In

NASHVILLE - Washington County

Farmer's and Mchts Natl Bank First Natl Bank Nashville Savings Loan Assn Ashley State Bank First Natl Bank of Okawville Nashville Svgs & In Assn

First State Bk, Woodlawn Hoyleton State & Savings Bank Old Exchange National Bank Richview State Bank

CENTRALIA, SALEM - Marion County

City National Bank, Centralia Community Trust Bank, Irvington Farmer's State Bank, Hoffman Old National Bank, Centralia First State Bank of Centralia

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Credit Thrift Loans, Centralia Frederich Finance Co., and Consumer Credit Company GAC. Finance Home Bldg and Loan Assn Universal CIT City Building and Loan Assn Salem National Bank Iuka State Bank Community State Bank First Natl Bank of Sandoval Talisman & Affilliates of Illinois, Inc. Credit Thrigt Loans, Salem Illinois Bonds & Investment Co. Kinmundy Bldg. & Loan Assn Salem Bldg & Loan Assn Wabash Production Credit Assn.

CARLYLE - CLINTON COUNTY

Bartelso Savings Bank
Community Bank of Trenton, Ill.
Farmer's and Merchants Bank, Carlyle
First National Bank of Carlyle
State Bank of Breese
State Bank of Aviston
Germantown Savings Bank
Illini Production Credit Assn
Keyesport State Bank

VANDALIA - FAYETTE COUNTY

lst State Bank of St. Peter
lst Natl Bank of Vandalia
State Bank of R Farina
Farmer's & Merchant's Bank, Vandalia
Illinois State Farm (prison) -- no record of inmates using surname GALT, or in alias file.
Brownstown First State Bank
Charleston Production Credit Association
Vandalia Citizen's Svgs and Loan
Welfare Finance Corp.

None of the above sources, and those previously set out in memo of 4-9-68, were able to determine accounts now or past, or reference to the name of this suspect.

4/12/68

ARETEL

AIR MAIL

TO:

DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

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SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) - P -

SUBJECT: MUREIN

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) DATE: 4/12/68

FROM: SA ELYON H. DAVIS

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 4/9/68 and 4/10/68 the following Circuit Court Clerks of counties located in Quincy, Illinois RA area were contacted and each advised that there is no HARVEY LOWMEYER or HARVEY LOWMYER on the voter registration list in his county.

ART WITTE, Adams County, Quincy, Illinois; PAUL HULSON, McDonough County, Macomb, Illinois; DON RUNKLE, Schuyler County, Rushville,

Illinois;

FRANCIS CRABTREE, Scott County, Winchester,

Illinois;

LONNIE WAGNER, Brown County, Mt. Sterling,

Illinois;

ROSCOE MC DANIEL, Hancock County, Carthage,

Illinois;

WAYNE LIGHTLE, Pike County, Pittsfield,

Illinois:

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JOHN BOYLES, Uptown Laundry, 206 North Twelfth

Street, Quincy, Illinois;

BILL BARTHOLOMEW, Bill's Quincy Quick Laundry, 234 North Twelfth Street, Quincy, Illinois.

On 4/9/68 the city directories of Quincy, Illinois, and Macomb, Illinois, were reviewed by SA ELYON H. DAVIS and the name HARVEY LOWMEYER or HARVEY LOWMYER was not located in either book. Also the telephone directories of both cities were reviewed on that date.

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Captain MAROLD HUNSAKER, Quincy, Illinois Police Department;

Deputy HARRY DEMPSEY, Adams County Sheriff's

Office, Quincy, Illinois;

Deputy JAMES BUSAN, Brown County, Mt. Sterling, Ill. DICK ASHCRAFT, Sheriff, Schuyler County,

Rushville, Illinois;

Sheriff BILL RICH, McDonough County, Macomb,

Illinois;

Chief ROBERT DE POY, Macomb, Illinois PD; JAMIE RHEA, Sheriff, Hancock County, Carthage,

Illinois:

Sheriff JAMES WADE, Pike County, Pittsfield,

Illinois:

DALE FARMER, Manager, Credit Bureau of LaMoine

Valley, Macomb, Illinois;

ELIZABETH ROTH, Assistant Manager, Credit Bureau of Quincy, Inc., Quincy, Illinois

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SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

DATE: 4/12/68

FROM

SA JIMMY L. BERTHAY

SUBJECT:

MURKIN

With regard to the contacting of laundries as instructed in Butel 4/9/68, the following laundries in Sangamon County, State of Illinois, were contacted by SA JIMMY L. BERTHAY on 4/9/68. This was done in an effort to identify the laundry mark described in Butel of above date.

LAUNDRIES

REMARKS

AAA Linin and Towel Springfield, Illinois

This establishment uses a paper having a printed number which is stapled to the garment and does not use the thermo seal marking equipment.

Arvins Laundry Springfield, Illinois

This laundry uses a pencil to mark the garment at time it is received and does not utilize thermo seal marking equipment.

Fink's Springfield, Illinois

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Dote April 11, 1968

BILLY RAY KING was interviewed at the Rock Island, Illinois, Police Department, by ROBERT A. WICKWIRE and CHARLES E. SMITH who identified themselves as Special Agents of the FBI. KING was warned of his rights and he waived them as shown on an executed warning and waiver form.

BILLY RAY KING advised he has resided for ten years at 102 Arlington Street, Lake Providence, Louisiana. He has been employed as a deck hand on different boats in the Mississippi River since he was 18 years of age. He stated for the last three months he has been employed as a deck hand on a towboat for the K.G.W. Towing Company out of Greenville, Mississippi.

He added that he had been injured on his boat approximately twenty days ago and had been treated at the Greenville, Mississippi, General Hospital, but had been recuperating at his home in Lake Providence, Louisiana. He had recovered and arranged to catch his boat, which is the George Weathers, at Quincy, Illinois. His Personnel Director, JERRY WILSON, with the K.G.W. Towing Company in Greenville, Mississippi, had given him an airplane ticket from Greenville, Mississippi, to St. Louis, Missouri, to Quincy, Illinois, for April 5, 1968; however, he determined that all planes were full and was instructed to take a bus to Memphis, Tennessee, to catch a plane to St. Louis. He left his home by Trailway Bus around noon on April 4, 1968 and proceeded to Memphis, Tennessee, which is about 175 miles. He arrived in Memphis sometime in the afternoon probably around 4:00 p.m. While at the Trailway Bus Depot, the riots broke out due to the shooting of MARTIN LUTHER KING. He advised that the bus depot was closed. There was no busses allowed to leave or enter and the people in the bus depot were forced to remain in the depot all night He advised that the depot was only two or three blocks from the Lorrdine Motel in Memphis, Tennessee, where KING was shot. He advised that he knows where this motel is located as he had stayed there on previous occasions. He added that it was general knowledge in all the papers that Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING was in Memphis and staying at the Lorraine Motel.

On4-7-68	Rock Island, II	linois File # S	1 44-561 - 64
SA CHARLES E. SA ROBERT A	SMITH S WICKWIRE		ed 4-9-68
3	ecommendations nor conclusions	7	e FBI and is loaned to your agency:

KING stated that he did not shoot MARTIN LUTHER KING but hastily added even if he had done so, he would not tell. He also stated that MARTIN LUTHER KING got just what he deserved and that the people in the North are getting just what they deserved on this racial problem as they caused the whole thing. When asked if he was a member of the KKK, KING stated that he was not a member but also added even if he was, he would not tell.

KING then stated during the early hours before daybreak, the busses started to move and he was able to take a taxi to the airport. He recalled that the fare was somewhere around \$4.65. When he arrived at the airport, he determined that there was only one plane that he could catch to Quincy, Illinois; however, this plane was full and he was placed on stand by. When the plane left and he could not get on, he then made a long distance telephone call to his boss JERRY WILSON who then told him to catch a bus to St. Louis and a bus to Quincy where he could catch the boat. He advised that he took a cab back to the bus depot where he boarded a Trailway Bus for St. Louis, Missouri. He advised this was early in the morning and arrived in St. Louis sometime around noon. He then caught a bus from St. Louis to Quincy; however, this bus made many different stops and he arrived too late in Quincy to catch the boat. He then took another bus to Rock Island, Illinois, where he now awaiting for the boat which is due to arrive at 12:00 madight.

KING stated that he owns a 1967 bright blue Mustang which is at his home at Lake providence, Louisiana. He explained that the papers for this car are in the name of his friend TRAVIS SHEFFIELD, who lives approximately three blocks away on Foster Street. He stated he bought this car from SHEFFIELD and is making the payments but he has not had the papers changed over to his name. The car is at his home. KING also admitted that he owned a .38 pistol and a shotgun which are both at his home.

The following description was obtained from observation and interview:

Name
Sex
Race
Date of Birth
Place of Birth
Height
Weight
Hair
Eyes
Complexion
Address

Occupation Education Marital Status Employment

Mother Arrests

BILLY RAY KING Male White April 23, 1925 St. Joseph, Louisiana 6'1" 185 pounds Dark Brown, Curly Medium to ruddy. 102 Arlington Lake Providence, Louisiana Deck Hand, Towboat Seventh Grade Single K.G.W. Towing Company Greenville, Mississippi GERTRUDE FRITH Admits juvenile arrest before the age of 18 for assaulting a Negro police officer in Lake Providence. Louisiana, explaining he beat this officer with a pipe, served nine months in a reform school at Monroe, Louisiana; Admits arrest at the age of 18 for carrying a pistol at Lake Providence, Louisiana, fined \$200.00 and \$37.00 costs and two years probation.