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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

DATE: 4/17/68

FROM : SA CLAUDE H. GRACE

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SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 4/9/68, the following listed agencies were checked by Agents CLAUDE H. GRACE and ROBERT BORTNER. All inquiries concerning captioned matter in reference to HARVEY LOWMYER, also known as HARVEY LOWMEYER, proved negative.

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The counties covered by the Carbondale Resident Agency are as follows:

Alexander  
Franklin  
Hamilton  
Hardin  
Jackson  
Johnson

Massac  
Perry  
Pope  
Pulaski  
Saline  
Union  
Williamson

It is noted that the Sheriff's Offices of the above counties, as well as all PDs and Credit Bureaus together with county clerks in the above counties were contacted in these checks. It is also noted that in these counties, all banking institutions were also contacted.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

DATE: 4/17/68

FROM : SA ROBERT BLUM RASCOE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Bureau teletype to all continental offices 4/9/68.

The following cleaners were contacted by SA ROBERT BLUM RASCOE with negative results:

Carlinville Cleaners  
317 West Main  
Carlinville, Illinois

Gillespie Cleaners  
306 South Macoupon  
Gillespie, Illinois

Jack's Cleaners  
215 South Macoupon  
Gillespie, Illinois.

② - Springfield (44-561)

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Gillespie, Illinois.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

DATE: 4/17/68

FROM : SA ROBERT BLUM RASCOE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 4/15/68, the following dance studios were contacted in Springfield, Illinois, by SA ROBERT BLUM RASCOE with negative results:

The Bramlet Gwynn Dance Studio  
1012 Reservoir

Caskey Mildred M. Dance Studio  
1016 West Lawrence

Hoffman Laetitia  
318 South Lewis

Irvine Dorothy Proska School of Dancing  
2727 South Pasfield

Kraus Professional School of Dancing  
2056 South 5th

Sansone School of Dancing  
848 North 7th Street

Young Anita Dancing and Baton School  
2401 South 8th.

② - Springfield (44-561)  
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4-17-68

SA DELMAR L. CAIN

MURKIN  
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AT CHAMPAIGN-URBANA, ILLINOIS: (on 4-9-68)

The current Champaign-Urbana City Directory shows no record concerning HARVEY LOWMEYER or HARVEY LOWMYER.

The following persons were contacted and advised that records of their agencies contained no information concerning a HARVEY LOWMEYER or HARVEY LOWMYER:

DELMAR GRUSSING  
Deputy  
Champaign County Sheriff's Office

LILA DRYER  
Records Clerk  
Urbana Police Dept.

MILDRED GRINDLEY  
Records Clerk  
Champaign Police Dept.

GARY WIKOFF  
Manager  
Credit Bureau of Champaign County

MARIE SMITH  
Clerk  
Champaign County Clerk's Office

AT RANTOUL, ILLINOIS:

BETTY MARTIN  
Records Clerk

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The following investigation was conducted on 4-10-68:

AT CHAMPAIGN, ILLINOIS:

The following persons were telephonically contacted, and each advised that records of his agency contained no information concerning ERIC STARVO GALT:

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Records Clerk  
Champaign Police Dept.

GARY WIKOFF  
Manager  
Credit Bureau of Champaign County

CAROL BAKER  
Receptionist  
American National Bank

LORETTA CARL  
Bookkeeper  
Bank of Illinois in Champaign

HARRY WILSON  
Cashier  
Champaign National Bank

LILLIE C. BEHNKE  
Clerk  
Commercial Bank of Champaign

MARIA MAGDSICK  
Clerk  
First National Bank in Champaign

THELMA REEDER  
Clerk  
Champaign Loan and Building Assoc.

CAROL ATKINS  
Receptionist  
First Federal Savings & Loan

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Assistant Bookkeeper  
Busey First National Bank

RITA BOCH  
Bookkeeper  
Champaign County Bank & Trust Co.

Mrs. VALIDA KEISTER  
Assistant Secretary  
Commercial Savings and Loan Assoc.

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BETTY MARTIN  
Records Clerk  
Rantoul Police Dept.

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GENE SCHMIDT  
Cashier  
Bank of Rantoul

Mrs. LORRAIN PASSMORE  
Secretary  
First National Bank of Rantoul

JUDY WOLKEN  
Teller  
Rantoul First Federal Savings and Loan Assoc.

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AT ST. JOSEPH, ILLINOIS:

Mrs. GERALDINE ALT, Bookkeeper, State Bank of St. Joseph, was contacted and she advised that records of the bank contained no information concerning ERIC STARVO GALT.

AT THOMASBORO, ILLINOIS:

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AT TOLONO, ILLINOIS:

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AT MONTICELLO, ILLINOIS:

The current City Directory of Monticello, Illinois, shows no record of an ERIC STARVO GALT.

The following persons were contacted and each advised that records of his agency contained no information concerning an ERIC STARVO GALT:

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Chief Deputy WELCH  
Piatt County Sheriff's Office

CHARLES WENDT  
Farm Manager  
First State Bank of Monticello

C. N. FINSON  
President  
National Bank of Monticello

JOSEPH HOLBROOK  
Insurance Solicitor  
Piatt County Loan Assoc.

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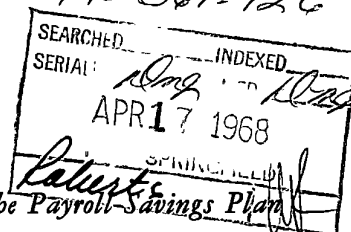
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President  
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JOSEPH HOLBROOK  
Insurance Solicitor  
Piatt County Loan Assoc.

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4/16/68

SA JAMES R. ROGERS

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REVEREND WILLIAM GRIMES  
LIAISON SOURCE

Reverend GRIMES was telephonically contacted on the evening of April 9, 1968, and advised that he had no information regarding possible racial violence in the Quad City area as a result of the assassination of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

On April 11, 1968, Reverend GRIMES was contacted at 1209 Ninth Avenue, Rock Island, Illinois, and advised that he personally felt that the racial violence occurring the night of April 10, 1968, in Rock Island, Illinois, was the work of amateur hoodlums. He advised that his reasons for feeling this way were:

1. The poor job of making the incinerary devices, inasmuch as some of them did not ignite;
2. Only one incinerary device placed at the location of each incident;
3. Through the time of day, indicating that this was juveniles trying to avoid the curfew.

Reverend GRIMES advised that he had contacted numerous homes in the Rock Island west end area where teenagers resided. He stated that in those homes where teenagers lived that might be lead to acts of violence, he had requested that the parents keep the boys in during the evening hours.

Reverend GRIMES advised that he could substantiate

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no information to indicate that outsiders were participating in any of the racial demonstrations in Rock Island, and that he sees no organization in the activities, and only a bunch of kids wanting to get in on the publicity.

SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

4/17/68

SA JOSEPH F. GIGLIO P.

MURKIN

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Credit Bureau of Logan Connty  
Lincoln, Illinois;

JIM MC CALL  
Lincoln Police Department,  
Lincoln, Illinois;

JAMES NORMAN,  
Logan County Sheriff's Office,  
Lincoln, Illinois;

EVA HILL,  
Deputy Clerk,  
Logan County Clerk of Court Office,  
Lincoln, Illinois;

Elks 1968 Lincoln, Illinois City Directory

Lincoln, Illinois telephone directory

HANK WHITEHURST,  
Sheriff  
Menard County  
Petersburg, Illinois;

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Petersburg telephone directory;

JIM COMBS  
County Clerk  
Menard County  
Petersburg, Illinois;

H. GUS CARLS  
County Clerk  
Cass County,  
Virginia, Illinois;

CARL WUBKER,  
Sheriff  
Cass County  
Virginia, Illinois;

RAYMOND TAYLOR  
Chief of Police  
Bearstown, Illinois;

Virginia Illinois telephone directory;

Beardstown, Illinois telephone directory.

Chandlerville, Illinois telephone directory

Mount Pulaski, Illinois telephone directory

BOB HUBER  
Sheriff  
Mason County  
Havana, Illinois;

HARRY HICKMAN  
Chief of Police  
Havana, Illinois;

MARIE RANDALL  
Credit Bureau  
Mason - Menard County  
Havana, Illinois;

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GEORGE STRAVBRIDGE  
Clerk of County Court  
Havana, Illinois'

Havana, Illinois telephone directory

Mason City, Illinois telephone directory.

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Lincoln, Illinois;

JAMES NORMAN,  
Logan County Sheriff's Office,  
Lincoln, Illinois;

EVA HILL,  
Deputy Clerk,  
Logan County Clerk of Court Office,  
Lincoln, Illinois;

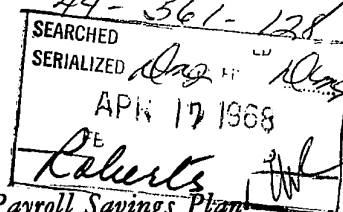
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Menard County  
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Menard County  
Petersburg, Illinois;

H. GUS CARLS  
County Clerk  
Cass County,  
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Sheriff  
Cass County  
Virginia, Illinois;

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Chief of Police  
Bearstown, Illinois;

Virginia Illinois telephone directory;

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Chandlerville, Illinois telephone directory

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Mason County  
Havana, Illinois;

HARRY HICKMAN  
Chief of Police  
Havana, Illinois;

MARIE RANDALL  
Credit Bureau  
Mason - Menard County  
Havana, Illinois;



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GEORGE STRAVBRIDGE  
Clerk of County Court  
Havana, Illinois'

Havana, Illinois telephone directory

Mason City, Illinois telephone directory.

SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

4/17/68

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Lincoln Police Department,  
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JAMES NORMAN  
Logan County Sheriff's Office,  
Lincoln, Illinois;

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Credit Bureau of Logan County,  
Lincoln, Illinois;

Polks 1968 Lincoln, Illinois city directory

CARL SMITH  
Atlanta National Bank  
Atlanta, Illinois;

CLIFFORD LEIMBACH  
Bank of Chestnut  
Chestnut, Illinois;

RON POOLE  
First National Bank in Lincoln  
Lincoln, Illinois;

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BILL ROBINSON  
Logan County Bank  
Lincoln, Illinois;

E. W. BLOOMQUIST  
Middletown State Bank  
Middletown, Illinois;

WILBUR BUSE  
New Holland Farmers Bank  
New Holland, Illinois;

MINNIE BRYSON  
State Bank of Cornland  
Cornland, Illinois;

JEAN BEHNER  
State National Bank of Lincoln  
Lincoln, Illinois

RUTH NICHOLS  
Lincoln Savings and Loan Association  
Lincoln, Illinois

SHARON HANEY  
Farmers Bank  
Mount Pulaski, Illinois;

DEAN CATES  
First National Bank  
Mount Pulaski, Illinois

DALE R. VOLLE  
State Bank of Latham  
Latham, Illinois;

HARRY HICKMAN  
Chief of Police  
Havana, Illinois;

BOB HUBER  
Mason County Sheriff's Office  
Havana, Illinois;

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MARIE RANDALL  
Logan County Credit Bureau  
Lincoln, Illinois

JIM SHIRLEY  
Havana, National Bank  
Havana, Illinois

CAROL WALKER  
State Bank of Havana  
Havana, Illinois

Community Bank of Easton,  
Easton, Illinois

Mason City National Bank  
Mason City, Illinois

WILLIAM HEINHORST  
Peoples State Bank  
Manito, Illinois;

HANK WHITEHURST  
Sheriff  
Menard County  
Petersburg, Illinois;

CONNIE LOTT  
Athens State Bank  
Athens, Illinois

C. W. TOZER  
First National Bank  
Petersburg, Illinois

EDNA KIRBY  
National Bank of Petersburg,  
Petersburg, Illinois

RICHARD RUSH  
Greenvew Community Bank  
Greenvew, Illinois;

CARL WUBEER  
Sheriff  
Cass County  
Virginia, Illinois

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RAYMOND TAYLOR  
Chief of Police  
Beardstown, Illinois;

First National Bank of Arronsville  
Arronsville, Illinois

WILLIAM YAPLE  
Petefish Skiles and Company Bank  
Petefish, Illinois

Pleasant Plains State Bank  
Pleasant Plains, Illinois;

State Bank of Ashland  
Ashland, Illinois

CHARLOTTE SAMPLE  
First National Bank  
Beardstown, Illinois

BOB BUSK  
First State Bank  
Beardstown, Illinois

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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CLIFFORD LEIMBACH  
Bank of Chestnut  
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RON POOLE  
First National Bank in Lincoln  
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Lincoln, Illinois;

E. W. BLOOMQUIST  
Middletown State Bank  
Middletown, Illinois;

WILBUR BUSE  
New Holland Farmers Bank  
New Holland, Illinois;

MINNIE BRYSON  
State Bank of Cornland  
Cornland, Illinois;

JEAN BEHNER  
State National Bank of Lincoln  
Lincoln, Illinois

RUTH NICHOLS  
Lincoln Savings and Loan Association  
Lincoln, Illinois

SHARON HANEY  
Farmers Bank  
Mount Pulaski, Illinois;

DEAN CATES  
First National Bank  
Mount Pulaski, Illinois

DALE R. VOLLE  
State Bank of Latham  
Latham, Illinois;

HARRY HICKMAN  
Chief of Police  
Havana, Illinois;

BOB HUBER  
Mason County Sheriff's Office  
Havana, Illinois;

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MARIE RANDALL  
Logan County Credit Bureau  
Lincoln, Illinois

JIM SHIRLEY  
Havana, National Bank  
Havana, Illinois

CAROL WALKER  
State Bank of Havana  
Havana, Illinois

Community Bank of Easton,  
Easton, Illinois

~~Mason City~~ National Bank  
Mason City, Illinois

WILLIAM HEINHORST  
Peoples State Bank  
Manito, Illinois;

HANK WHITEHURST  
Sheriff  
Menard County  
Petersburg, Illinois;

CONNIE LOTT  
Athens State Bank  
Athens, Illinois

C. W. TOZER  
First National Bank  
Petersburg, Illinois

EDNA KIRBY  
National Bank of Petersburg,  
Petersburg, Illinois

RICHARD RUSH  
Greenview Community Bank  
Greenview, Illinois;

CARL WUBKER  
Sheriff  
Cass County  
Virginia, Illinois



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RAYMOND TAYLOR  
Chief of Police  
Beardstown, Illinois;

First National Bank of Arronsville  
Arronsville, Illinois

WILLIAM YAPLE  
Petefish Skiles and Company Bank  
Petefish, Illinois

Pleasant Plains State Bank  
Pleasant Plains, Illinois;

State Bank of Ashland  
Ashland, Illinois

CHARLOTTE SAMPLE  
First National Bank  
Beardstown, Illinois

BOB BUSK  
First State Bank  
Beardstown, Illinois

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

DATE: 4/17/68

FROM : SA THOMAS M. SCHOENHOFER

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SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re suspect, ERIC STARBO GALT

The following agencies and sources were checked concerning suspect with negative results:

Morgan County

Credit Bureau of Jacksonville, LILL PACK

Sheriff's Office, BETTY CAMERER (Sheriff's Office covers records of all Morgan County PD)

Macoupin County

Credit Bureau, JAMEL LIPPOLD

Sheriff's Office, DOROTHY HOECKER, (Sheriff's Office covers all records of Macoupin County PD)

Montgomery County

Credit Bureau, HELEN STOWE

Sheriff's Office, JEROME KELLER (Sheriff's Office covers all Montgomery County PD).

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Benld, Illinois.

First National Bank of Benld, JOS RIZZIE, Cashier

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Brighton, Illinois

Cashier First National Bank of Brighton, FRANCES OERTEL,

Bunker Hill, Illinois

Cashier First National Bank of Bunker Hill, RALPH GERDT,

Carlinville, Illinois

Cashier Carlinville National Bank, CHARLES ASHWORTH, Cashier  
Farmers and Merchants National Bank, DON DENBY,

Chapin, Illinois

Chapin State Bank, L. T. ANDERSON, Cashier

Chesterfield, Illinois

Cashier First National Bank of Chesterfield, K. L. WOODS,

Coffeen, Illinois

Coffeen National Bank, RUSSELL GREENWOOD, Cashier

Franklin, Illinois

Franklin Bank, CHARLES MARTIN, Cashier

Gillespie, Illinois

Peoples State Bank of Gillespie, MARY CIONI, Cashier

Girard, Illinois

State Bank of Girard, EARL TALKINGTON, Cashier

Godfrey, Illinois

Godfrey State Bank, PAUL L. CONNELLY, Cashier

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Hillsboro, Illinois

Hillsboro National Bank, EARL CHAPIN, Jr., Cashier

Montgomery City National Bank, JAMES WHITEN, Cashier

Jacksonville, Illinois

Elliot State Bank, ROLLYN TRATTER, Cashier

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Cashier

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Litchfield, Illinois

First National Bank of Litchfield, CHRIS ZUBER, Cashier

Litchfield Bank and Trust, HARRY BUTLER, Cashier

Litchfield National Bank, EDITH KOVAL, Cashier

Medora, Illinois

Farmers State Bank of Medora, T. T. EDDLEMAN, Cashier

Meredosia, Illinois

VAN WILSON, Farmers and Traders State Bank of Meredosia, ROY  
Cashier

Modesto, Illinois

Bank of Modesto, LYDIA BAUDRY, Cashier

Mt. Olive, Illinois

National Bank of Mt. Olive, ROY ROBISON, Cashier

Nokomis, Illinois

First National Bank of Nokomis, CARL SPEARS, Cashier

Palmyra, Illinois

Bank of Palmyra, FRANK WILTE, Cashier

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Raymond, Illinois

First National Bank of Raymond, RAYMOND HOUGH, Cashier

Shipman, Illinois

Citizens State Bank of Shipman, J. E. HUNT, Cashier

Staunton, Illinois

First National Bank of Staunton, ED TREADWAY, Cashier

Virden, Illinois

MORTIMER, Farmers and Merchants State Bank of Virden, ALLEN  
Cashier

State Bank of Virden, WILLIS WILLOUGHBY, Cashier

Waggoner, Illinois

State Bank of Waggoner, H. K. WARNER, Cashier

Waverly, Illinois

Phone 435-2971

Wemple State Bank, JAMES STURGEON, Cashier

Witt, Illinois

Cashier The Security National Bank of Witt, Mr. BRUECKNER,

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-561)

DATE: 4-15-68

FROM : SA Charles R. Wood, Jr.

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
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Rebutel all offices 6:37 PM 4-14-68.

A search of directories and source material for the communities within the Centralia RA does not disclose the presence of any of the commercially syndicated dance studio organizations.

There are a number of private dance teachers and instructors, most of whom confine instruction to school age pupils in techniques related to ballet, classic, modern a group dance instruction.

Mrs. JAN PEGG, J. & J. Studios, Centralia, advised she has been a professional dance instructor in Centralia for more than six years and has no knowledge of incorporated dance studios in the area, such as the Arthur Murray chain and the like. She also teaches in Salem and Vandalia.

SHIRLEY FARTHING, Odin, Illinois, teaches school age dance groups.

P. F. PROFANCEK, Circle Drive, Centralia, teaches dance groups.

MILDRED OSTERMEIER, Mt. Vernon, Illinois, teaches school age pupils only.

Each of the above advised no inquiries for dance instruction from adult pupils on an individual basis had been received during the past year or so. The only other sources would be club groups who meet for instruction in square dance techniques and these are composed of local area residents.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC(44-561)

DATE: 4/16/68

FROM : SA CHARLES TRAVELSTEAD

SUBJECT: MURKIN

At 7:38 AM, 4/16/68, SA EMMETT A. SCHMITT telephonically advised as follows:

WILLIAM MATHEWS, 1501 Wiley Drive, Urbana, had just called Springfield Office to report he had seen a man in the Ill. Central RR freightyard, Champaign, during the early AM hours of this date, who answered the description of the composite of the KING killer. MATHEWS said he was an ICRR employee.

Writer and SA DELMAR A. CAIN established contact with MATHEWS and he advised man seen by him was observed by him in the freightyard on several occasions from about 2:30 AM on; that he had come in on a freight train from New Orleans; that he had slept in the old yard office during the night, and that he, MATHEWS, had given him 50¢ for breakfast as he was broke. MATHEWS said man was dirty and dishelved with a several days growth of beard. According to MATHEWS, the man asked for directions to local "skid row" and said he was planning to go to Chicago. MATHEWS last saw the man at Clifford Jacobs Restaurant, adjoining the freightyard, where he was having breakfast just before 6:00 AM.

MATHEWS accompanied writer and SA CAIN to the freightyard where man in question was found asleep on the second floor of the old yard office. He was interviewed with the following result:

He identified himself as MILFORD GEORGE TASKER, aka MEL TASKER. He is an unemployed common laborer from Baltimore, Md. He was last employed as an attendant at Transit Truck Stop, Inc., near Baltimore, where he worked about 3 weeks during late March-early April, 1968. He exhibited a statement of earnings form from this employer showing that he was last paid \$41.69 on 4/5/68. He also exhibited a sales slip showing a purchase of clothing 4/6/68 from Benny's Army and Navy Store, 600 E. Baltimore St., Baltimore. His last address there was 116 S. Broadway, Baltimore. He has a brother, PAUL WILLIAM TASKER, residing 113 Van Dor(ph) Terrace, Dundalk, Md. Claimed to have been in Baltimore since about 8/67 until he left hitchhiking to New Orleans on or about

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4/8/68. Caught a ride with a girl named AVON(ph)(Lnu) driving a new model red Pontiac. She was enroute to her home in Maysville, La. and let him out at Leesville, La. They spent 2 nights on the road. He caught a bus in Leesville on in to New Orleans. Paid \$7.00 for a bus ticket. Spent night of 4/11/68 in New Orleans bus terminal and night 4/12/68 in mission for bums called Ozanam Inn, 843 Camp St., New Orleans. He exhibited a card confirming this and showing he was assigned bed #62 at the mission. Tried to sleep in park night of 4/13 but run out by PD and told to leave town. Had tried to get work in New Orleans 2-3 days thru local Manpower office but unsuccessful. Started to hitchhike to Chicago but couldn't catch a ride. Hopped freight and wound up in Champaign freightyard early AM 4/16. TASKER is W,M,A and further described as follows:

DOB: 4/9/37, POB: Keyser, W. Va., 5'11½", 150, thin build, brown hair, blue eyes, 5½" vertical scar on stomach, tattoo of black panther on left forearm, tattoo "Mel" left upper arm near shoulder. Served Army, 1961-63, SN US [REDACTED], honorable discharge. Immediately prior to last employment in Baltimore, he was jailed there for 90 days-charge-assaulting a police officer. Prior to this rap, he had been out only 8 days from serving a 30 day jail in Baltimore, again for assault. Claimed he had once used alias HAROLD CONNER while hiding from his wife who was looking for him for non-support. Claimed he had been in Tennessee only once in his life and that was while driving thru enroute Louisiana with AVON(ph)(Lnu), mentioned above. Claimed she was a nicely dressed young girl and had picked him up for company because she was afraid as a negro had thrown a rock thru her car window.

Documents in TASKER's possession seemed to confirm enough of his story to eliminate him.

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DATE: 4-16-68

FROM : SA JOE A. COPELAND

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
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On 4-16-68, Mr. L.J. O'BRIEN, owner, O'Brien's Model S Laundry and Dry Cleaning, 208 East Van Buren Street, Danville, Illinois, advised he has two Thero Seal Identification Marking Machines which were purchased from Thero Seal Marking Machine Mfg., Textile Marking Mfg. Co. of Syracuse, New York. These two machines were examined by Mr. O'BRIEN and SA COPELAND and the serial numbers of these machines were observed to be 33410 and 34320.

O'BRIEN stated that sometimes last fall or summer, 1967, he traded machines with this company and received machine number 34320 in the trade and sent back to the company machine serial number 33407.

He said each laundry and cleaning establishment has its own particular technique in marking ~~laundry~~ laundry and described his as follows:

This laundry uses two numbers, a letter, followed by a dash and then followed by two more numbers, therefore, laundry marks 02B-6 and D2B-6 could not have been made at this laundry.

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TO: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)  
FROM: SA JIMMIE C. WHITAKER  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Bureau teletype 4/14/68.

The following Dance studios are located in the Mt. Carmel  
Resident Agency territory:

Cynthia's School of Dance, 704 Popular, Robinson, Ill. 544-7781

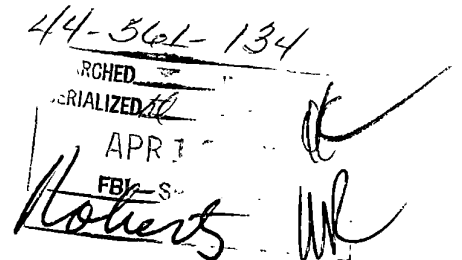
La Veta's School of Dance, 607 Maple, Lawrenceville, Ill.  
943-2446

Grewell Kaye School of Dance, 213 W. Wabash, Effingham,  
Ill. 342-6242.

Above studios contacted with negative results.

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SA FRANK E. CORN, SR.

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MURKIN

References to laundry markings found on evidence during investigation of MURKIN.

On 4/10/68, the following laundry establishments were contacted in connection with the markings found on the articles of evidence and were questioned as to their knowledge of any laundry establishment which might be using the Thermo Seal Marking Machine, which is manufactured by the Texile Marking Machine Company. They advised they did not know of anyone in the Alton area that used this type of machine, however, some of the larger establishments which are located in the St. Louis, Missouri, area might be using this type of a marking machine. They advised that they could give no clue as to the code that was found on the articles of evidence, the code being 0-2B-6 or B-2B-6.

Illinois Cleaners

Operated by OPAL PITTMAN,  
Alton, Illinois

Temple Laundry

Operated by MILTON KUMCA,  
Alton, Illinois

Alton Laundry

MARAGRET KIRSCH,  
Alton, Illinois

Burts Laundry

ROSE ALICE, Alton,  
Illinois

One Hour Comet  
Laundry

B. VALICOFF, Woodriver,  
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Paragon Cleaners

CALVEN DANDER, East  
Alton, Illinois

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Stork's Cleaners

LUCILLE STORK,  
Alton, Illinois



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