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DATE: April 15, 1968

FROM

SA LARRY W. GREEN

SUBJECT:

MURKIN

On April 8, 1968, the following investigation was conducted concerning the development of the whereabouts and background information on HARVEY LOWMEYER, LOWMYER. No information helpful to this investigation was developed.

### Contacts include:

East St. Louis Police Department, East St. Louis, Illinois. Lt. W. Johnson, Detective Bureau.

Belleville Police Department, Belleville, Illinois. Bill Gregory, Detective Bureau.

Caseyville Police Department, Caseyville, Illinois. Chief of Police Hill.

St. Clair County Sherrifs Office, St. Clair County, Illinois. Ralph Canty, Chief Jailer.

St. Clair County Credit Bureau, St. Clair County, Ill-inois. Operator 25.

All city directories in St. Clair County, Illinois.

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SA WILLIAM ROBERTS, III

SUBJECT:

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### 421 South Sixth Street Springfield, Illinois 62701 April 18, 1968

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Special Agent in Charge

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Letter sent aksox to following:

All press, TV, and radio contacts of Springfield Division. In addition to press release, photos were sent to all newspaper and television contacts.

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In the MURKIN Case it has been ascertained that subject ERIC STARVO GALT is a man of mystery concerning whom the only firm factor appears to be his DOB = 7-20-31. At the suggestion of ASAC KYLE CLARK of the Chicago Division inquiry was conducted at the Driver's License Bureau by IC RAYMOND C. REYNOLDS concerning the feasibility of identifying all holders of Illinois driver's licenses who were born on that date. This would include individuals both born in Illinois, for whom we should have birth records, as well as those individuals born 7-20-31 outside the State of Illinois who currently hold Illinois driver's license.

IC REYNOLDS contacted sources at the Driver's License Bureau and ascertain that such investigation could be made by the computer equipment and that it would take approximately 2 - 3 work days by the State of Illinois. In addition it would take a few days to program the computer equipment properly to cause this selection. The machine could conduct a print-out either of individual slips of paper or one continuous sheet which could include (1) name, address and physical description or (2) only name and address. IC REYNOLDS made it clear this was not a request by the Bureau that this be done but was simply an exploratory inquiry to determine if feasible.

The above was furnished to ASAC CLARK and he was advised that because of the time and expense to the State of Illinois, the Springfield Division would not request such a print-out be conducted unless a specific lead was received to do so. ASAC CLARK readily agreed, stating he felt if this was desired, the Bureau should instruct it be done on a nationwide basis.

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SUBJECT:

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ARTHUR HURRAY SCHOOL OF DANCE 717 Main 673-4574

- \*\* DIANA K. CROWLEY Studio of Dance 2016 W1 Sherman 674-8911
- D-D PRODUCTIONS 1229 W. McClure 688-8422
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## TAZEWELL COUNTY

DENTINO STUDIOS OF DANCE ARTS 204 Court St., Pekin, III. 346-7383

PEKIN SOCIAL DANCE STUDIO 225½ Court St., Pekin, III 346-6826

SYLVIA'S STUDIO OF DANCE 1215 Springfield Rd., E. Peoria, ILL. 699-5691

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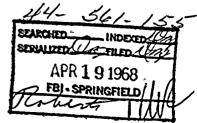
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