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CAR DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, AGE THIRTYFIVE, SIX FOOT, ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY POUNDS, LIGHT BROWN HAIR, FAIR COMPLEXION, SLIGHTLY SUN BURNED, PLAID SHIRT.

NEW HAVEN HANDLE.

AIR MAIL COPIES TO MEMPHIS, BOSTON AND BALTIMORE. P.

FBI WFO

FBI WASH DC

846PM BGM

BI CINCINTI

840 PM DEFERRED 4-9-68 RLH

TO DIRECTOR AND WFO (44-703)

FROM CINCINNATI (157-1893)

MURKIN;

REWFOTEL TO BUREAU, CLEVELAND, AND CINCINNATI, SIX FORTY P.M.  
TODAY RE "VENIERS".

CINCINNATI INDICES NEGATIVE.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, WFO <sup>44-703</sup> (157-1576)

MURKIN

Petty Officer PHIL H. MARTINIS, JR. U. S. Navy, Pentagon (residence telephone 354-6274), advised that JOHN W. YAGLENSKI driving dark blue 1964-65 Malibu Chevrolet, bearing current Conn. Dealer's plates DE 1803, had this car serviced on 4/9/68, at Penn Mar Service Station, 355 Jefferson-Davis Highway, Arlington, Va. According to MARTINIS, YAGLENSKI bore a resemblance to profile sketch of suspected assassin that appeared in recent news media. He further described this individual as well dressed white male, noticeably long nose and having bloodshot eyes.

WFO indices negative re YAGLENSKI; NCIC negative re Conn. tags DE 1803.

NH requested conduct credit and criminal and indices. WFO conducting no further investigation at this time UACB or NH.

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1 - WFO <sup>Richmond (info) (RM)</sup>

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QWTTPM MAP

URGENT 4/9/68 MAP

TO DIRECTOR\ WFO\ MEMPHIS \PLAINTEXT\  
FROM BALTIMORE 2P

MURKIN

RE BALTIMORE TEL TO BUREAU AND BALTIMORE PHONE CALL TO  
WFO\ BOTH APRIL NINE INSTANT. CONCERNING ALLEGATION THAT A CUBAN  
NAMED EDDIE CLAIMED HE RETURNED FROM MEMPHIS A FEW DAYS AGO AND HE  
KNEW THREE WEEKS AGO KING WOULD BE KILLED.

EDUARDO RABAGO\ APT. EIGHT\ LONG BRANCH APARTMENTS\ EIGHT  
SEVEN ZERO NINE GILBERT PLACE\ SILVER SPRING\ MD.\ WAITER\  
BANQUET DEPARTMENT\ WASHINGTON HILTON HOTEL\ NINETEENTH ST.  
AND CONNECTICUT AVE.\ NW\ WASHINGTON\ D.C.\ ON APRIL NINE  
INSTANT ADVISED AS FOLLOWS -

ON APRIL EIGHT HE WAS AT SEVEN ZERO SEVEN RESTAURANT\ SEVEN  
ZERO SEVEN UNIVERSITY BOULEVARD EAST\ SILVER SPRING\ MD.\ FROM  
ABOUT THREE PM UNTIL AFTER ELEVEN PM\ DRINKING BEER WITH VARIOUS  
PERSONS. HE DID NOT RECALL MAKING OR HEARING ANYONE ELSE MAKE  
A STATEMENT THAT THEY KNEW THREE WEEKS AGO DR. MARTIN LUTHER  
KING\ JR. WOULD BE KILLED. THERE WAS MUCH DISCUSSION  
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MURDER. IT WAS HIS OPINION THAT IF SUCH A STATEMENT WAS MADE  
IT WAS IN THE SENSE THAT IT WAS "SUSPECTED" KING WOULD BE KILLED  
BECAUSE OF THE BITTER FEELINGS AGAINST KING BY SEGREGATIONISTS.

RABAGO HAS NEVER BEEN TO MEMPHIS\ TENNESSEE\ AND DENIES  
HAVING ANY INFORMATION WHATSOEVER CONCERNING CAPTIONED MATTER  
OTHER THAN WHAT HE HAS READ IN LOCAL NEWSPAPERS.

RABAGO CAME TO U.S. FROM CUBA AS REFUGEE IN FIFTYNINE  
WAS A MEMBER OF TWO FIVE ZERO SIXTH CUBAN BRIGADE\ RECRUITED  
AND TRAINED UNDER CIA\ AND HE PARTICIPATED IN CUBAN INVASION  
IN SIXTYONE. HE ADVISED THAT IF HE RECEIVES ANY PERTINENT  
INFORMATION HE WOULD FURNISH SAME TO FBI. NO EFFORT BEING  
MADE TO LOCATE BARTENDER AL BALLEW\ UACB.

ABOVE FURNISHED TO WFO BY REFERENCED PHONE CALL.

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145PM BJP

1238PM IMMEDIATE 4-9-68 FMB

TO DIRECTOR AND SACS WFO, MEMPHIS  
FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) 1 P

MURKIN.

RE MEMPHIS TEL APRIL EIGHT, LAST.

INVESTIGATION TO DATE INDICATES THAT ERIC STARVO GALT'S  
DESCRIPTION COMPARES FAVORABLY TO INDIVIDUAL WHO PURCHASED GUN  
BIRMINGHAM. REFERENCED TELETYPE INDICATES GALT REGISTERED REBEL  
MOTEL, MEMPHIS, ON APRIL THIRD, LAST, AND DEPARTED APRIL FOURTH,  
LAST. MEMPHIS IMMEDIATELY OBTAIN REGISTRATION CARD, REBEL MOTEL,  
AND FORWARD TO BUREAU FOR HANDWRITING COMPARISON WITH THAT OF JOHN  
WILLARD, NAME USED BY UNSUB.

FOR INFORMATION WFO, GALT MADE STATEMENT TO EFFECT HE HAD  
BEEN IN MERCHANT MARINE. HE IS DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, DOB   
 FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES, ONE SEVEN FIVE  
POUNDS, BLUE EYES, BROWN HAIR. WFO CONTACT U. S. MARITIME SERVICE  
IN EFFORT TO OBTAIN BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND HANDWRITING  
SPECIMENS FOR SUBMISSION TO LABORATORY. SUTEL MEMPHIS AND  
BIRMINGHAM.

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FBI DALLAS

L39 PM URGENT 4-9-68 CBB

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND WFO, MEMPHIS  
FROM DALLAS (44-2649) 3P

MURKIN. OO: MEMPHIS.

REBUTEL APRIL EIGHT LAST.

INVESTIGATION APRIL NINE INSTANT THROUGHOUT DALLAS TERRITORY  
TO LOCATE PERSONS WITH SURNAMES LOWMEYER OR LOWMYER HAS NOT DEVELOPED  
ANYONE BY THAT NAME. REVIEW OF ALL CITY DIRECTORIES  
TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES, VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS, AND CREDIT AND  
CRIMINAL RECORDS TO DATE NEGATIVE AND INVESTIGATION THESE  
RECORDS CONTINUING. DRIVER'S LICENSE RECORDS LOCATED AT AUSTIN,  
TEXAS, TO BE CHECKED BY SAN ANTONIO. AUTO REGISTRATIONS FILED ONLY  
BY LICENSE PLATE NO. AND NOT BY NAME.

DALLAS INDICES NEGATIVE RE LOWMEYER OR LOWMYER.

AT ELEVEN THIRTYFIVE AM, APRIL NINE INSTANT AN ANONYMOUS FEMALE  
CALLED DALLAS OFFICE AND AFTER INSTRUCTING SWITCHBOARD OPERATOR TO  
TAKE THIS NO. DOWN, GAVE SERIAL NO. RA TWO FOUR FIVE FIVE THREE TWO  
SIX EIGHT. AFTER ASSURED NO. WAS WRITTEN DOWN, CALLER STATED IF YOU  
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WILL CHECK THAT, YOU WILL FIND THE INDIVIDUAL WHO KILLED MARTIN LUTHER KING. THIS INFO WAS IMMEDIATELY FURNISHED BUREAU BY TELEPHONE.

WILLIAM H. PATTERSON, AGENT, U.S. SECRET SERVICE, DALLAS, ADVISED THAT WALTER NATHANIEL YSSEL AKA WALTER NATHANIEL YSSEL, JAMES LOUIS MINOR, IS A PROTECTIVE INTELLIGENCE CASE OF U.S. SECRET SERVICE, FILE NO. C O - TWO - FOUR ZERO ONE ONE THREE, AND IS KNOWN TO HAVE OWNED A TWENTYTWO MILLIMETER CANNON AND FIFTY CALIBER MACHINE GUN.

ACCORDING TO PATTERSON, ISSEL IS FROM DALLAS AND IS CURRENTLY IN DALLAS, ARRIVING FROM CLEVELAND, OHIO, ABOUT TWO WEEKS AGO. PATTERSON STATED THAT ACCORDING TO A SANFORD SOBUL, OF A TV STATION IN CLEVELAND, SOBUL LEARNED FROM A SOURCE OF HIS THAT ISSEL LOOKS LIKE A COMPOSITE DESCRIPTION OF THE KILLER OF KING. PATTERSON SAID THERE IS A COMPLETE FILE WITH PHOTO OF ISSEL AT SECRET SERVICE HEADQUARTERS, WASHINGTON. *900-19<sup>th</sup> Ken Giannopoulos*

WFO CONTACT PROTECTIVE INTELLIGENCE DIVISION, SECRET SERVICE, OBTAIN PHOTO AND DESCRIPTION OF ISSEL, AND FORWARD TO MEMPHIS FOR DISPLAY TO WITNESSES. P

END

L X THIS SHLD BE "DEFERRED"

GA. LCC

FBI WASH DC\*

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647PM PM URGENT 4-9-68 BJP  
TO ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES  
FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 2P

MURKIN

AMONG ARTICLES RECOVERED AT SCENE OF SHOOTING,  
APPARENTLY ABANDONED BY UNSUB, WERE A PAIR OF BROWNISH  
CHECKERED PRINT UNDERSHORTS AND WHITE JOCKEY TEE SHIRT  
BEARING CLOTH LAUNDRY TAGS. THESE TAGS WERE MADE BY A  
THERMO SEAL MARKING MACHINE MANUFACTURED BY THE TEXTILE  
MARKING MACHINE COMPANY, SYRACUSE, NEW YORK. THESE TAGS  
ARE ONE QUARTER INCH WIDE AND ONE AND ONE SIXTEENTH  
INCH LONG, RED IN COLOR AND BEAR MARKING WHICH APPEARS  
TO BE "O TWO B DASH SIX" OR "O TWO B DASH SIX." ONLY A  
PORTION OF THE FIRST CHARACTER IS PRESENT ON EACH TAG,  
AND THIS CHARACTER IS CUT ON A SLIGHT BIAS. NO OTHER  
VISIBLE LAUNDRY MARKS WERE FOUND ON EITHER GARMENT.

IMMEDIATE CHECKS OF LOGICAL LAUNDRIES SUGGESTED BY  
TEXTILE MARKING COMPANY HAVE TO DATE BEEN UNPRODUCTIVE.  
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UPON RECEIPT, ALL OFFICES SHOULD IMMEDIATELY TELEPHONICALLY  
CONTACT ALL LAUNDRIES IN YOUR DIVISIONS TO IDENTIFY  
LAUNDRY USING THIS CODE AND THESE TAGS AND PURSUE LOGICAL  
LEADS DEVELOPED.

IF PERTINENT LAUNDRY IDENTIFIED, IMMEDIATELY ADVISE  
BUREAU TELEPHONICALLY.

THIS MUST BE GIVEN TOP PRIORITY HANDLING TO INSURE  
THAT THESE CHECKS ARE IMMEDIATELY RUN OUT.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD ANYONE BE TOLD THIS  
INVESTIGATION IS IN CONNECTION WITH CAPTIONED MATTER.

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937AM URGENT 4-10-68 SAA

TO ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES  
FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 1P

MURKIN OO: MEMPHIS.

RE: SUSPECT ERIC STARVO GALT

IMMEDIATELY CHECK YOUR INDICIES. ALL STATE SELECTIVE  
SERVICE HEADQUARTERS, CITY AND TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES,  
DRIVERS LICENSE BUREAUS, MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISIONS, FINANCIAL  
INSTITUTIONS, CONDUCT CREDIT AND CRIMINAL CHECK AND  
CONTACT OTHER LOGICAL SOURCES TO OBTAIN ANY INFORMATION  
WHATSOEVER RE SUSPECT GALT. DRIVERS LICENSE ISSUED IN  
ALABAMA DESCRIBES GALT AS WHITE MALE, BORN [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES, ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-  
FIVE POUNDS, BLUE EYES, BROWN HAIR.

THIS MUST BE GIVEN TOP PRIORITY AND ALL LEADS MUST BE  
COVERED BY TELETYPE TO THOROUGHLY RESOLVE. NO INDICATION  
TO BE GIVEN THAT THIS LEAD IS IN CONJUNCTION WITH MURKIN CASE.

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*ERNEST GALT*

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DAWSON

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, WFO

DATE: 4/10/68

FROM : SA O. M. SMASAL

SUBJECT: MURKING

ATT'N: SA ROBERT DAWSON

At 9:10 pm this evening Cpl. J. E. O'CONNOR of the Fairfax County, Va. PD, on duty this evening at the Rt. 1 and Ft. Belvoir complex, stated he had learned the following from RUBY DANSBY, 9100 Richmond Highway, Ft. Belvoir, Va. who operates the Belvoir Grill at this address. She resides same address, tel. 781-5841.

She told Officer O'CONNOR that earlier this evening a man had been in the grill to eat, and that he appeared to be a "dead ringer" of the individual whose composite picture she had seen of the suspect wanted for the murder of KING. She described this man as a white, male, height 5'7" - 5'8", sandy, graying hair, thin line mustache, wearing a brown pin stripe suit, and a red-blue plaid flannel shirt. She said the man had no luggage and as far as she could ascertain he was on foot. In conversation with this individual, DANSBY said he told her he was from Knoxville and was hitchhiking his way to Florida.

OFFICER O'CONNOR stated he checked out the area, but was unable to locate the individual DANSBY spoke about. He also stated that DANSBY had set aside the dinner utensils the unknown man had used while at the grill.

SA Bob Dawson aware; will notify Alex RA.

1 - WFO  
OMS:  
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*See serial 67 Telephoned to  
SA W = Crowder  
Alex RA  
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*giving to Alex*

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PLAINTEXT

TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR AND SACS, MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM

FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703)

MURKIN - CR.

RE BIRMINGHAM TELETYPE, APRIL NINE LAST.

CHECK OF RECORDS NOT INDEXED BY UNITED STATES COAST  
GUARD HEADQUARTERS, MERCHANT VESSEL PERSONNEL SECTION,  
FEDERAL RECORDS CENTER, SUITLAND, MARYLAND, NEGATIVE RE  
ERIC STARVO GALT. NAME ERNEST GALT AND VARIATIONS OF GALT  
CHECKED THROUGH INDICES AND AT FEDERAL RECORDS CENTER WITH  
NEGATIVE RESULTS.

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Washington, D.C. 20535

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**ROBERT W. FERGUSON**  
**INFORMATION CONCERNING**

A source, who requested that his identity not be made known, advised Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) on March 10, 1968, that he knows a Major Robert W. Ferguson who looks exactly like the composite photograph of the assassin of Dr. Martin Luther King. He described Ferguson as a white male, brownish-red hair, blue eyes, fair complexion, slender build, six feet one inch tall, 180 pounds, about thirty to thirty-five years old, and a member of the United States Army Reserves, who is now operating the Danton China Company at 3111 Columbia Pike, Arlington, Virginia. He advised that Ferguson has been out of town for the past ten days and still has not returned. He stated that Ferguson approached an employee of the CoCo Casa Mia, 3111 Columbia Pike, Arlington, Virginia, and offered the employee a job as a cook at the Skywood Manor Inn and Motel, United States Route 2, Jefferson, New Hampshire 03583, telephone number 586-4371, which Ferguson's mother allegedly manages. He advised that Ferguson may have left Virginia to attend a meeting of the "Ridge Runners" in Florida as a card had been seen on Ferguson's desk from the "Ridge Runners". This card had a photograph of a man running along a ridge with a rifle in his hand and stated that there was a convention in Florida. Source advised that he has seen Ferguson in the uniform of an Army major on one occasion which was the weekend near the end of March when Dr. King was in Washington, D.C., in reference to the Poor People's March. He advised that Ferguson has a 1956 Lincoln Continental, white in color with New Hampshire tags. He advised that Ferguson is divorced

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and has tried to date two of the waitresses at the CoCo Casa Mia. He advised that Ferguson is the boss of the Danton China Company but he cannot understand how this company does any business. He stated that the five or six employees that Ferguson has definitely do not look like the salesmen type. He advised that on the wall of Ferguson's office, although there is only one telephone, there is a large box with many terminals on it and the marking Bell Telephone.

This document contains neither  
recommendations nor conclusions of  
the FBI. It is the property of  
the FBI and is loaned to your agency;  
it and its contents are not to be  
distributed outside your agency.

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4/10/68

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703)

MURKIN

Enclosed for the Bureau are three copies of an LHM re ROBERT W. FERGUSON.

Source mentioned in LHM is JOE L. BROWN, DOB [REDACTED], POB Claremore, Oklahoma, a Negro male who resides at 1759 T St., N. W., Washington, D. C., and is employed at the CoCo Casa Mia, 3111 Columbia Pike, Arlington, Va. On 4/10/68, he gave the information in the LHM to SAS JOHN J. HINCHCLIFFE and WAYNE R. GILBERT and requested that his identity be protected.

WFO indices and NCIC negative re JOE L. BROWN. Indices negative re "Ridge Runners."

WFO file 124-7641, Bufile 124-8875 contains a report of SA JOHN R. ALE, dated 3/24/59, in which ROBERT WALLACE FERGUSON, date of birth [REDACTED], place of birth Lexington, Mass., who had relatives in Jefferson, New Hampshire. This file also indicates that FERGUSON was a covert employee of the CIA from 1951 to 1959 and was being investigated for a position with International Cooperation Administration which was apparently a CIA cover. (S)

Since WFO file indicates that FERGUSON may be a covert employee of CIA, memos being furnished to the Bureau for appropriate dissemination. (S)

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Bureau, through liaison is requested to determine if FERGUSON continues employment with CIA and if so his activities for 4/4/68, are known to CIA (S)

Any dissemination of info from files re FERGUSON should be classified "Secret" as information was obtained from a report which was so classified.

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PLAINTEXT

TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI AND RICHMOND

FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703)

MURKIN-CR.

ED CARRS, SEVEN SIX ONE THREE LEE HIGHWAY, FALLS CHURCH, VIRGINIA, TELEPHONE FIVE SIX ZERO EIGHT FOUR ONE SEVEN, ADVISED THIS DATE HE OBSERVED AT ELEVEN THIRTY P.M. A WHITE MALE WHO MATCHED DESCRIPTION OF ASSASSIN, WHO HAD SANDY HAIR, ABOUT THIRTY YEARS OLD, WEARING A NAVY PEA COAT AT THE FREMONT RESTAURANT BAR SEVEN SEVEN ONE SIX LEE HIGHWAY.

CARRS STATED INDIVIDUAL TOOK A FALLS CHURCH YELLOW CAB DRIVEN BY ONE PAT MURPHY TO MERRIFIELD, VIRGINIA. THIS INDIVIDUAL WAS DRUNK AND HIGHLY NERVOUS. HE CARRIED A "WAD OF MONEY." INDIVIDUAL STATED "I SHOULD BE ON RADIO AND T.V."

RICHMOND IDENTIFY AND PROCESS UNKNOWN INDIVIDUAL.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, WFO (44-703)

DATE: 4/15/68

FROM : SA ROGER D. ASHLAND

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Butels 4/10/68, & 4/8/68.

The following persons said they were unable to locate account for ERIC or ERNEST STARVO GALT:

<u>Name of Bank</u>	<u>Person contacted</u>	<u>Date</u>
Columbia Federal Savings and Loan 5301 Wisconsin Ave., N. W. Washington, D. C.	JAMES KIRKWOOD	4/11/68
Columbia Federal Savings and Loan, 730 11th St., N. W. (Pa. Ave. Branch and closed Alabama Ave. Branch checked also)	JOSEPH BERRY	4/11/68
District Building and Loan, 1 Thomas Circle, N. W.	KARL PENNER	4/11/68

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<u>Name of Bank</u>	<u>Person contacted</u>	<u>Date</u>
Eastern Saving and Loan, 336 Pa. Ave., S. E. (Branch at 1629 K St., N. W. also checked.)	HERMAN SCHWERTNER, Comptroller	4/11/68
Enterprise Federal Saving and Loan, 813 Pa. Ave., N. W.	JEAN WILSON, Private Secretary	4/11/68
EQUITABLE Saving and Loan, 915 F St., N. W. (Wisconsin Ave. Branch also negative)	JAMES MC ALEER	4/11/68
1st Federal Savings and LOAN of Washington, 610 13th St., N. W.	WILLIAM GRIM	4/11/68
Franklin Federal Savings and Loan, 808 15th St., N. W.	ELEANOR HEATH	4/15/68
Franklin Federal Savings and Loan, Woodbridge Office, 2381 Rhode Island Ave., N. E.	Miss JACQUELINE GUY, Manager	4/11/68
Washington Permanent Savings & Loan Assoc., 1421 F St., N. W.	SHIRLEY RAMSAMMY, Keypunch Operator, (All Branches) IBM Department	4/15/68
Republic Savings and Loan, 1012 Vermont Ave., N. W. (All branches checked)	Mrs. EUNICE FURMAGE, Assistant Sec. and Treas.	
Prudential Building, 1336 G St., N. W. (All branches checked including Potomac, Md. branch)	FRANCIS BYRNE, Assistant Sec. & Asst. Treas.,	

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<u>Name of Bank</u>	<u>Person contacted</u>	<u>Date</u>
American Saving and Loan, 605 15th St., N. W.	WILLIAM B. FLEHARTY, Manager	4/10/68 (Contacted by SA JAMES W. NORMENT, Jr.)
" (Midtown Branch) 17th & L St., N. W.	Mr. CARTER, Manager	" "
Capital City Savings and Loan, 2010 Rhode Island Ave., N. E.	JOHN L. PHILLIPS, Manager	" "
" (Chevy Chase Office, 4301 Conn. Ave., N. W.)	Mr. J. A. EARLY	" "
" (Downtown Branch, 808 17th St. N. W.)	PORFIRO A. BETANCES, Mgr.	" "
Citizens Federal Saving and Loan, 1300 Wisconsin Ave., N. W.	H. W. BERNSTEIN, Secy.	" "
Guardian Federal Saving and Loan, 1369 Conn. Ave., N. W.	Mrs. OWENS	" "
Home Building, 2023 Eye St., N. W.	EDGAR F. BRITT, Sec. Treas.	" "

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<u>Name of Bank</u>	<u>Person contacted</u> ,	<u>Date</u>
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The following were contacted by  
SA HARVEY E. WILKINSON on 4/12/68  
with negative results: (All branches  
included)

Guardian Federal Savings and Loan,  
1369 Conn. Ave., N. W.  
(Including Silver Spring, Md. and  
Wheaton Plaza, Md. Offices)

RICHARD D. BERNSTEIN,  
Exec. Vice President

Home Building, 2023 Eye St. N. W.  
EDGAR F. BRITT,  
Sec. -Treas.

Home Federal Savings  
& Loan, 1500 K St., N. W.  
JOHN U. RAYMOND, Pres.

Interstate Building,  
15th and New York Ave.,  
N. W. (Includes all branches)  
LAWTON E. INABINET,  
Exec. Vice Pres.

Jefferson Federal Savings and Loan  
1632 K St., N. W.  
JAMES W. CLARK,  
Exec. Vice Pres.

Liberty Savings & Loan,  
1407 G St., N. W. CHARLES E. FRAZIER, Pres.

Lincoln Federal Savings and  
Loan, Prince Georges Plaza,  
W. Hyattsville, Md. MELVIN L. JACOBSON, Exec.  
Vice Pres.

Metropolis Building,  
201 Pa. Ave., S. E. R. W. SANTELMANN,  
Exec. Vice Pres.

Metropolitan Federal Savings and Loan,  
10540 Conn. Ave., Kensington, Md.  
JESSE H. HILDERBRAND,  
Pres.

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<u>Name of Bank</u>	<u>Person Contacted</u>	<u>Date</u>
Montgomery Federal Savings & Loan, 10540 Conn. Ave., Kensington, Md.	PETER T. STATHES, Pres.	4/12/68
National Permanent Savings and Loan, 1400 G St., N. W.	JOHN W. STADLER, Pres.	
Northwestern Federal Savings & Loan, 1415 Eye St., N. W.	RICHMOND H. GIBSON, Pres.	
Oriental Building, 600 F St., N. W.	JOHN GEORGE KOBBS, Pres.	
Perpetual Building, 500 11th St., N. W.	EDWARD C. BALTZ,	

The following WDC Banks were contacted by SA WARREN L. LOVE on 4/10/68, and failed to disclose a checking account, or other banking relationship, past or present, for ERIC STARVO GALT:

Amer. Sec. & Tr. Co.	C. B. Sellner, V-P
D. C. Nat'l. Bank	Jas. Sassa, Cashier
First Nat'l. Bank	Dave Folmer, V-P
Industrial Bank	Drapher Pagan, Ass't. V-P
Madison Nat'l. Bank	Rich. Von Blon, Comptroller
McLachlen Bkg. Corp.	Tom McLachlen, Pres.
Nat'l. Capt. Bank	Ray Bolton, V-P
Nat'l Svgs. & Tr. Co.	Harry Sipe, V-P
Public Nat'l. Bank	H. R. Nash, Cashier
Riggs Nat'l. Bank	Jack R. Cocker, V-P
Security Bank	Dave E. Rozzelle, V-P
Union Trust Co.	Frank Hitt, Ass't. Treas.
United Comm. Nat'l. Bank	Wm. Collins, Pres.

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On 4/10/68, SA ROBERT W. DAWSON conducted the following investigation:

Mrs. OLETA MCCORMACK, Adm. Ass't., D. C. SSS Hdqrs., WDC, advised she could find no record for ERIC STARVO GALT.

Mrs. MARTHA THORNE, USPP, WDC, advised she could find no record for GALT.

No record was located for GALT in the Polk's City Directoy for WDC or the current WDC area telephone directory.

On 4/10/68 ICKENNETH SHAFFER determined there was no record for GALT at the MPD, DMV, and driver's license records.

On 4/10/68 SE CARL H. PETERSON determined there was no record for GALT at the Credit Bureau, Inc., WDC.

On 4/10/68, SA KENNETH HASER, determined there was no record for GALT at the Passport Office, USDS.

WFO indices negative re GALT.



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Re HARVEY LOWMEYER and HARVEY LOWMYER

The following investigation was conducted on  
4/9/68:

WFO indices negative re above names.

Polk's WDC Directory and C & P Telephone  
Directory for D. C. area negative. (SA ROBERT W. DAWSON).

Drivers License and Auto Registrations at DMV,  
WDC, negative. (IC KENNETH SHAFFER)

D. C. Voters Registration for 1964 negative, and  
incomplete for 1968. (SA HARVEY E. WILKINSON)

Passport records, Passport Office, USDS, WDC,  
negative. (SA KENNETH HASER).

The following were checked with negative results:

The Credit Bureau, Inc.	SE J. W. SULLIVAN
MPD	IC KENNETH SHAFFER
USPP	IC WILLIAM H. LYERLY, JR.
Montgomery Co. Md. PD	"
Prince Georges Co Md. PD	"
Alexandria Va. PD	IC JOHN B. ARMSTRONG
Arlington, Va. PD	"
Falls Church, Va. PD	"

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Date: **4/12/68**Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
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(Priority)**To: SAC, Washington Field (44-703)****✓ From: Director, FBI (44-38861)****MURKIN****ReWFOairtel 4/10/68.**

Through liaison with the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), the Bureau has determined that Robert Wallace Ferguson has not been employed by that Agency since July 1961, at which time he resigned indicating that he planned to enter private business in New England. His sister, Joyce Marie Ferguson, is a current employee of CIA. Photographs of Ferguson are available if needed. **(S)**

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To: SAC, Washington Field (44-303)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re Washington Field 4/10/68.

Through liaison with the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), the Bureau has determined that Robert William Ferguson has not been employed by that Agency since July 1967, at which time he resigned indicating that he planned to enter private business in New England. His sister, Joyce Marie Ferguson, is a current employee of CIA. Photographs of Ferguson are available if needed. (2)

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TO: SAC, ALBUQUERQUE

FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703)

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JOHN W. DOLLAR, JR., NINE ZERO TWO COMMONWEALTH AVENUE,  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA, TELEPHONE FIVE FOUR EIGHT TWO NINE  
SEVEN TWO, TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED THIS OFFICE TELEVISION  
PICTURE AND DESCRIPTION OF ASSASSIN VIVIDLY FIT <sup>FORMER</sup> HUSBAND OF  
FRIEND ARTIE MC MINN, MOTEL MANAGER IN RUIDOSO, NEW MEXICO,  
WORK PHONE THREE SEVEN EIGHT FIVE FIVE ONE ONE. HUSBAND,  
HENRY MC MINN, FORMERLY EMPLOYED AS SALESMAN MANAGER NATIONAL  
FOUNDATION LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA,  
WHO SHOULD HAVE PICTURES OF HIM, MIXED IN NEGRO CROWD IN

- 1 - Teletype Unit
- 1 - Richmond (By Mail)
- 1 - Memphis (By Mail)
- 1 - Little Rock (By Mail)
- 1 - ~~Phoenix (By Mail)~~ BUREAU
- 1 - Oklahoma City (By Mail)
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LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS, WHILE EMPLOYED THAT COMPANY, IS OLDER THAN DESCRIPTION, BEING ABOUT FORTY BUT LOOKS YOUNGER, NOSE AND HAIRLINE NEARLY IDENTICAL WITH PICTURE. LAST KNOWN TO LIVE WITH PRESENT WIFE IN MEMPHIS BUT LAST SEEN ON MONDAY BEFORE ASSASSINATION BY FORMER WIFE, ARTIE, IN RUIDOSO. AT TIME WAS BROKE, CLAIMED TO HAVE COME FROM LOVETT, TEXAS, AND HEADING FOR PHOENIX, ARIZONA. DOLLAR SAYS TELEPHONED ARTIE WHO HAD NOT BEEN FOLLOWING NEWS BUT WOULD CHECK PAPERS TO VERIFY RESEMBLANCE.

ALBUQUERQUE CONTACT ARTIE MC MINN. BUREAU ADVISED.

COPIES TO RICHMOND, MEMPHIS, LITTLE ROCK, ~~MEMPHIS~~ AND OKLAHOMA CITY FOR INFORMATION. P

# Hunt for Killer Is Pressed; Memphis March Tomorrow

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Police clamped a tight lid yesterday on information about the multistate search for Dr. Martin Luther King's killer.

And planners of tomorrow's march announced King's absence would be symbolized by a vacant spot in the ranks.

Undersecretary of Labor James Reynolds, meanwhile, arrived as President Johnson's emissary "to give whatever assistance I can in the orderly resolution" of the garbage strike which brought King here.

## "Very Encouraging"

Frank Holloman, Memphis police director, described the investigation as "very encouraging" but declined to expand on the manhunt information released Friday by U.S. Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark.

"The furnishing of any more details at this time might jeopardize either the investigation or the conviction of the individual responsible," Holloman said.

Tomorrow's march — one day before King's burial in Atlanta — will begin from a temple near the death scene and work its way through downtown Memphis.

Demonstration leaders said 50,000 people may participate — including several movie stars.

"There will be a vacant spot in the march to symbolize the absence of Dr. King," said Jerry Fanion, one of the organizers.

## Will Head Parade

Another spokesman said Dr. Ralph Abernathy, who replaced King as leader of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, would walk at the head of the parade with a vacant spot at his side.

The federal court order allowing the demonstration requires the marchers to maintain a column four abreast.

"About 5,000 persons are flying in from New York on chartered planes," said the Rev. Ralph Jackson.

"People will be coming from far and near, by bus, by car, by plane," said Bayard Rustin, a close friend of King and organi-

zer of the massive march on Washington in 1963.

Claude Armour, Gov. Buford Ellington's special assistant and former Memphis police commissioner, met with local law enforcement officials, National Guard commanders and march sponsors yesterday to coordinate plans.

Armour declined to say how many troops or police will be deployed on the march route.

## Reuther Expected

"Walter Reuther, president of the United Auto Workers Union, definitely will be here for the march," said Tommy Powell, president of the Memphis Labor Council.

"There will be about 15 other top union officials from around the country and if George Meany cannot come, he'll send a delegation from his office." Meany is president of the AFL-CIO.

Powell also announced a memorial service for King in the 50,000-seat Mid-South Stadium this afternoon. It was being jointly sponsored by businessmen, King's followers, organized labor and other groups.

The eight-week strike by 1,300 Memphis garbage collectors brought King here the week before last and a downtown march triggered a brief riot. King returned last week to plan tomorrow's march, but was gunned down Thursday night at his motel.

## Died Within Seconds

Dr. Jerry Francisco, Memphis medical examiner, yesterday released results of the autopsy on King and said the Nobel Peace Prize winner died within seconds after being hit by a single bullet.

"Tracing the path of the bullet leads me to believe Dr. King was dead before he arrived at the hospital," Francisco said.

"There might have been some sign of life from a medical standpoint, and this prompted the attending physician to make every effort possible to save him."

The bullet pierced King's neck and traveled downward,

fracturing his spinal cord and lodging in the skin on the left side, the autopsy showed.

The city, after a third night of curfew and few incidents, remained calm yesterday.

The first fatality of the Memphis outburst was recorded when Ellis Tate, a 28-year-old Negro, died of wounds he suffered Thursday night. Police said Tate was shot when officers ordered him to drop a rifle and he reacted by firing it.

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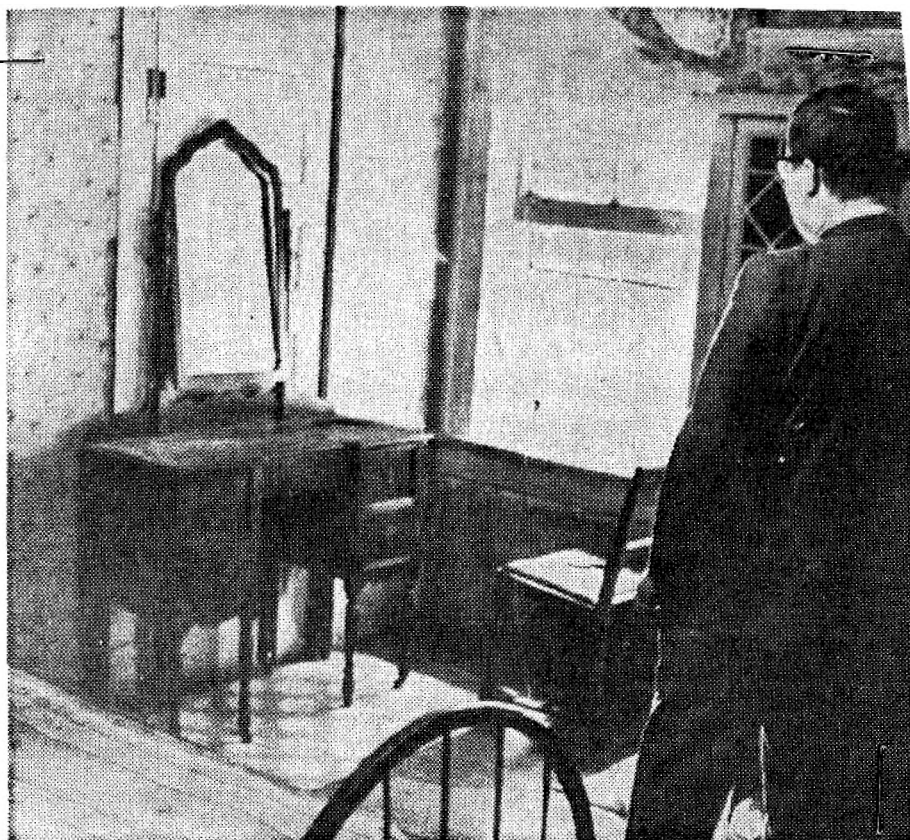
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—Associated Press

**The Memphis flophouse room that the assassin rented.**

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703) (P)

MURKIN-CR

ReButel to all continental offices 4/8/68, re HARVEY LOWMEYER or LOWMYER and Butel to all continental offices 4/10/68, re suspect ERIC STARVO GALT.

WFO has instituted checks requested in instant teletypes and results are negative to date. WFO will furnish by teletype any positive information developed and will furnish airtel summary of checks made.

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- 3 - Bureau
  - 2 - Birmingham (44-1740)
  - 2 - Memphis (44-1987)
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, WFO (44-703)

FROM : ROBERT H. SYLVESTER, Clerk

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CR

DATE: 4/10/68

Mr. JAMES G. L. HOWARD, 7115 Leesville Blvd., Springfield, Va., telephone 256-3067, called WFO at 7:34pm, this date, and said he saw an individual who resembles the artist sketch of unsub (apparently Memphis PD sketch). This male was seen driving a Volkswagen sedan, light green in color, bearing North Carolina license BY 7044 (year unknown), at 8:00am, this date, at the corner of Gallows Road and Route 50, Fairfax, Virginia. HOWARD followed this vehicle north on Gallows Road to Route 50, at which point the vehicle turned left on Route 50 and headed west.

Mr. HOWARD said that in his opinion the facial features of the man driving the vehicle resemble the artist sketch of unsub.

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703) (P)

MURKIN  
(OO:ME)

Re Dallas teletype, 4/9/68.

Enclosed for ME is 1 photo of WALTER NATHANIEL ISSEL, to be displayed to witnesses as possible suspect.

On 4/10/68 SA HARVEY E. WILKINSON reviewed file at Protective Intelligence Research, U. S. Secret Service, Washington, D. C., re ISSEL and following info noted:

ISSELL first came to attention of USSS when CV Office, FBI, notified USSS 10/28/64 info received that one WALTER N. ISSEL had reportedly made statement that JOHNSON and KENNEDY should have been shot, and he had purchased a 50mm automatic tank gun.

On 12/1/66 USSS developed info ISSEL practices sometimes 5 hours a day with a high power rifle in his back yard.

- See serial 40*
- 3 - Bureau
  - 2 - Memphis (44-1987) (Enc. 1)
  - 1 - Dallas (44-2649) (Info)
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On 3/21/68 USSS developed info at CV that ISSEL currently using name of JAMES MEINER (a close friend of ISSEL who lives at Jacks Trailers Ct., Chardon, Ohio) and is living in Texas with wife or girl friend JULIA ANN HOOD, white, age 19.

On 4/5/68 ISSEL called a USSS Agent stationed in Cleveland, Ohio, at 2:15 p.m. Said he was calling from Dallas, Texas, but didn't say why.

No handwriting specimen for ISSEL available  
USSS file.

Following description of ISSEL obtained from  
USSS file:

Name and aliases:	WALTER NATHANIEL ISSEL, aka Walter Nathaniel Yessel James Louis Meiner
Sex:	Male
Race:	White
Birth data:	<div></div> Cleveland, Ohio
Residence:	April, 1968 4814 Frio Street Dallas, Texas
	Sept., 1965 7247 Middle Ridge Road, Madison, Ohio
	1964 35811 Matoma Drive Eastlake, Ohio
Height:	5'11"
Weight:	150 lbs.
Build:	Slender
Hair:	Brown
Eyes:	Brown
Peculiarities:	<div></div>

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Occupation:

Marital status:

Close relatives:

FBI Number:

Social Security Number:

Other identifying numbers:

[REDACTED] expert rifle  
shot; may have VD. ~~Active~~ to  
to one passive act as a "homo,"  
"likes dogs"

Salesman - bread, encyclopedias,  
and Fuller Brushes

separated or divorced

Father deceased

Mother deceased

Step mother: GLENAH MAE ISSEL,  
Lyndhurst, Ohio (1956)

Brothers and sisters (in 1964):

LOUIS, age 31, Ohio

CARL, age 21, USAF

GAIL, age 18, Cleveland, Ohio

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Cleveland, Ohio PD# 93528

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discharged "other than honorable"

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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR AND SAC CHICAGO

FROM: SAC, WFO

MURKIN.

GOETZ OERTEL, EMPLOYED NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE  
ADMINISTRATION, FOUR ZERO ZERO MARYLAND AVENUE, S.W., ROOM FIVE  
ZERO ONE SEVEN (TELEPHONE CODE THIRTEEN - TWO ZERO ONE FIVE  
SEVEN), WASHINGTON, D. C., ADVISED APRIL TEN INSTANT AS FOLLOWS:

OERTEL IN CHICAGO APRIL THREE LAST AND TOOK CAB WHEREIN  
DRIVER MADE STATEMENT TO EFFECT THAT KING WOULD BE KILLED AND  
BY A WHITE MAN. CAB COMPANY AND DRIVER'S NAMES UNKNOWN. OERTEL  
ENTERED CAB AT SHERMAN HOTEL WEDNESDAY, APRIL THREE LAST, AT  
ABOUT EIGHT THIRTY AM AND WAS DRIVEN TO ILLINOIS INSTITUTE OF  
TECHNOLOGY ON THIRTYFIFTH STREET (WEST END) ARRIVING AT ABOUT  
EIGHT FIFTYEIGHT AM.

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OERTEL DESCRIBED DRIVER AS WHITE MALE, POSSIBLY HAVING A POLISH NAME, MEDIUM BUILD, AGE IN FIFTIES, HAGGARD FACE, LONG SHARP NOSE, VERBOSE AND FANATICAL TALKER. NO DESCRIPTION OF CAB.

OERTEL ADVISES BELIEVES CAN IDENTIFY DRIVER BY PHOTOGRAPH.  
CHICAGO HANDLE.

Mr. Gale

April 10, 1968

W. V. Cleveland

*52-C-152441*  
*52-577941*  
*F.O.*  
**FRED SHELTON**  
3204 22nd STREET, NORTHEAST  
WASHINGTON, D. C.  
TELEPHONE 529-2821  
COMPLAINANT

*Fred* Shelton called at 6:25 a.m., instant date, and spoke to Duty Supervisor Carl W. Spillers. He advised that at about 7:30 p.m., 4/9/68, a white man driving a Plymouth or Pontiac with Maryland tags came to his home and asked to store four guns in his garage until 7:00 a.m., 4/10/68. Shelton looked at two of the guns, one a high powered rifle and one a shot gun. He did not look at the other two guns. Shelton said he is self-employed as a building contractor, suspects there is something irregular in the matter, and doesn't want to get involved. He indicated he did not know the person who left the guns.

It was suggested to Shelton that he call the Metropolitan Police immediately in view of the 7:00 a.m. time set to pick up the guns. He said he would call police immediately.

#### ACTION

Information was relayed to SA Don Bassett, Washington Field Office, who advised he would pass information to Intelligence Group, Metropolitan Police. For information.

- 1 - Mr. Gale
- 1 - Mr. Cleveland
- 1 - Mr. Spillers

1 - Washington Field Office  
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, WFO (44-703)

DATE: 4/10/68

FROM : SA ROBERT W. DAWSON

SUBJECT: MURKIN - CR

Above is caption of case relating to the assassination of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr. The Bureau has instructed that under no circumstances should anyone be told this investigation is in connection with captioned matter.

Rev. MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr., was murdered at Memphis, Tennessee at about 6:03 p.m. on 4/4/68, by a single shot from a 30.06 rifle fired from a rooming house in the vicinity of KING's motel. KING was standing on a second floor deck at the time he was shot. The rifle and other items possessed by the killer who registered in the rooming house as JOHN WILLARD were abandoned at or near the rooming house. The killer is reported to have fled in a white Mustang automobile. The gun was purchased in Birmingham, Alabama by a HARVEY LOWMEYER or LOWMYER.

Investigation has disclosed one ERIC STARVO GALT was in Birmingham during the Fall of 1967 and was registered at a motel near Memphis the night before KING's murder. He reportedly resembles unknown subject in this matter.

Unknown subject is described as white male, age 26-32, 5'11", 160-170 pounds, medium build, dark brown or black hair combed straight back without a part.

WFO has been instructed to contact all criminal, security, and racial informants with specific emphasis directed toward informants in known hate groups.

All Agents promptly contact all informants or potential informants and advise case Agent by r/s of negative results. Positive information should receive immediate and preferred handling, utilizing teletypes.

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(1 - Each Agent on Squads ASAC, C-1, C-2, C-3, C-4, C-5, C-6, C-7, C-8, C-9, C-10, C-11, C-12, C-13, C-14, C-15, C-16, C-17, C-18, C-19, C-20, C-21, C-22, C-23, C-24, C-25, C-26, C-27, C-28, C-29, C-30, C-31, C-32, C-33, C-34, C-35, C-36, C-37, C-38, C-39, C-40, C-41, C-42, C-43, C-44, C-45, C-46, C-47, C-48, C-49, C-50, C-51, C-52, C-53, C-54, C-55, C-56, C-57, C-58, C-59, C-60, C-61, C-62, C-63, C-64, C-65, C-66, C-67, C-68, C-69, C-70, C-71, C-72, C-73, C-74, C-75, C-76, C-77, C-78, C-79, C-80, C-81, C-82, C-83, C-84, C-85, C-86, C-87, C-88, C-89, C-90, C-91, C-92, C-93, C-94, C-95, C-96, C-97, C-98, C-99, C-100, C-101, C-102, C-103, C-104, C-105, C-106, C-107, C-108, C-109, C-110, C-111, C-112, C-113, C-114, C-115, C-116, C-117, C-118, C-119, C-120, C-121, C-122, C-123, C-124, C-125, C-126, C-127, C-128, C-129, C-130, C-131, C-132, C-133, C-134, C-135, C-136, C-137, C-138, C-139, C-140, C-141, C-142, C-143, C-144, C-145, C-146, C-147, C-148, C-149, C-150, C-151, C-152, C-153, 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RE WASHINGTON FIELD TEL TO THE BUREAU, APRIL NINE, SIXTYEIGHT, CONCERNING ONE ED MEARS, MADONNA, OHIO.

THE ONLY CITY WITHIN CLEVELAND TERRITORY HAVING ANY SIMILARITY TO MADONNA, OHIO, IS MEDINA, OHIO.

ON APRIL NINE, SIXTYEIGHT, COP HOMER DAVIS (NA), MEDINA, OHIO, PD, ADVISED THAT EDWARD MEARS, GRANGER LAKE, MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO, IS SON OF MILLIONAIRE AMOS MEARS, FORMERLY OF MEDINA, NOW RESIDING PORT LAUDERDALE, FLA. EDWARD MEARS IS NATIVE OF MEDINA COUNTY AND EXTREMELY WEALTHY. MEARS IS IN THE REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT BUSINESS AND IS CURRENTLY DEVELOPER OF GRANGER LAKE APARTMENTS, AN EXCLUSIVE APARTMENT PROJECT. APPROXIMATELY TEN YEARS AGO, EDWARD MEARS RETURNED TO MEDINA FROM FLA. AND COMMENCED A DEVELOPMENT CALLED RUSTIC HILLS LOCATED ON EAST SIDE OF MEDINA. THIS TOO IS EXCLUSIVE RESIDENTIAL AREA. CHIEF DAVIS STATED MEARS HAS NEVER BEEN

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CONSIDERED ANTI-NEGRO; IN FACT, HE HAS MANY NEGROES IN HIS EMPLOYMENT AT HIS REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT. TO CHIEF DAVIS' KNOWLEDGE, MEARS HAS NEVER HAD ANY TROUBLE WITH ANY OF HIS EMPLOYEES. MEARS IS ALSO OWNER MANAGER OF NEGRO HEAVYWEIGHT BOXING CONTENDER AMOS JOHNSON OF MEDINA. MEARS HAS FINANCED JOHNSON'S CAREER AND TRAVELED EXTENSIVELY WITH JOHNSON WHILE MEETING OTHER BOXERS. MEARS HAS NO KNOWN ARREST RECORD AND IS CONSIDERED EXTREMELY REPUTABLE.

ALSO CONTACTED CONCERNING THIS MATTER WERE SHERIFF NORM STUART AND CHIEF DEPUTY SHERIFF ART NAFTZGER, BOTH OF MEDINA COUNTY SO, AND THEY TOO DESCRIBED MEARS AS BEING OF VERY GOOD REPUTATION AND OUTSTANDING CITIZEN.

MEARS DESCRIBED AS WM, FORTYFIVE YEARS, FIVE FT. TWO INS. TO FIVE FT. FOUR INS., ONE SEVENTY TO ONE NINETY LBS., STOCKY BUILD.

EDWARD MEARS DESCRIBED ABOVE IS THE ONLY EDWARD MEARS LOCATED IN MEDINA, OHIO, AS A RESULT OF CREDIT AND TELEPHONE AND CITY DIRECTORY CHECKS.

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BASED ON ABOVE COMMENTS BY CHIEF DAVIS, SHERIFF STUART  
AND CHIEF DEPUTY SHERIFF NAFTZGER, CLEVELAND IS TAKING NO  
FURTHER ACTION, UACB.  
AIR MAIL COPIES TO MEMPHIS, CINCINNATI, WASHINGTON FIELD.

END

FBI BOSTON

750PMURGENT 4-8-68 WMG

TO DIRECTOR BUTTE AND DENVER AND MEMPHIS

FROM BOSTON

MURKIN. CR.

RE DENVER TEL INSTANT.

FOR CLARIFICATION DE PALMA DID NOT STATE HE FURNISHED  
INFORMATION PREVIOUSLY TO ATTU CONCERNING MONTANA HIDEOUT.

DE PALMA HEARD ABOUT THIS HIDEOUT BUT HAS NEVER BEEN THERE  
AND HAS NO FURTHER DETAILS CONCERNING LOCATION.

AIR MAIL COPIES TO WFO SALT LAKE CITY, AND LITTLE ROCK.

END

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FBI MEMPHIS

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TO WFO PLAINTEXT

FROM BALTIMORE A44-669

*white Cat. Council*

*10:01 July 17  
let 4-7. H.S.*

MURKIN

RE BA TEL APRIL NINE LAST AND ATLANTA TEL  
APRIL NINE LAST CONCERNING EDGAR FRANKLIN JOHNSTON  
POTENTIAL BOMBING SUSPECT, EMPLOYED AS ENGINEER NATIONAL  
BROADCASTING COMPANY, FOUR ZERO ZERO ONE NEBRASKA AVENUE  
N.W., WASHINGTON, D.C.

*not true NW*

RALPH HANILLA, TECHNICAL SUPERVISOR, ABOVE COMPANY,  
ADVISED APRIL NINE LAST JOHNSTON WORKED NINE A.M. TO  
SIX P.M., MARCH TWENTY NINE LAST AND FROM MARCH THIRTY  
LAST THROUGH APRIL FOUR LAST WAS VACATIONING WITH  
RELATIVES IN GEORGIA.

MR. AND MRS. CHARLES P. FRANKLIN, ROMEN, GEORGIA,  
JOHNSTON'S PARENTS, STATE HE ARRIVED NINE THIRTY A.M.  
MARCH THIRTY LAST AND DEPARTED UNRECALLED AIRLINE FOR HOME  
TEN THIRTY A.M., APRIL THREE LAST.

WFO SEE YOUR FILE RE JOHNSTON. AT PLACE  
OF EMPLOYMENT DETERMINE WHEREABOUTS PERTINENT PERIOD

INSTANT MATTER.

END

DJS

FBI WFO

*AT 2:00  
and 2:30  
call to 3rd room  
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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 10, 1968

Captain C.M. Vickers, pilot, American Airlines flight 132, which was scheduled to arrive National Airport, W.D.C. from Memphis, Tennessee on the evening of April 9, 1968 at 9:29PM, delivered to SAs NORMAN A LEONARD and JOSEPH R MELLITT a manila envelope at 9:35PM.

Instant envelope was delivered to S.A. JAMES H MORTIMER F.B.I. laboratory, handwriting section at 10:04P.M.

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On 4/9/68 at Washington D.C. File # W.F.O. 44-703-60A  
by SAs NORMAN A LEONARD, JOSEPH R. MELLITT Date dictated 4/10/68  
J.R.M.

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URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR AND SAC, CHARLOTTE

FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703)

MURKIN - CR

JAMES G. L. HOWARD, SEVEN ONE ONE FIVE LEESVILLE  
BOULEVARD, SPRINGFIELD, VIRGINIA, TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED WFO  
NIGHT OF APRIL TEN, LAST, THAT ABOUT EIGHT A.M., APRIL TEN,  
LAST, HE OBSERVED INDIVIDUAL RESEMBLING ARTIST SKETCH OF  
UNKNOWN SUBJECT IN A GREEN VOLKSWAGEN, NORTH CAROLINA LICENSE  
BY SEVEN ZERO FOUR FOUR AT GALLOWES ROAD AND ROUTE FIFTY, FAIRFAX,  
VIRGINIA. CAR PROCEEDED WEST ON ROUTE FIFTY.

CHARLOTTE OBTAIN IDENTITY OF REGISTERED OWNER ABOVE  
CAR AND SET FORTH LEADS TO PROCESS DRIVER.

AIRMAIL COPIES TO RICHMOND AND MEMPHIS FOR INFORMATION.

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2 - Teletype Unit  
1 - Memphis (Info) (AM)  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703)

MURKIN - CR

ReWFO telephone call to RH (Alexandria RA) 4/11/68.

At 9:10 p.m., 4/10/68, Corporal J. E. O'CONNOR, Fairfax County, Va., Police Dept., advised SA O. M. SMASAL he had learned the following from RUBY DANSBY, 9100 Richmond Highway, Ft. Belvoir, Va., who operates The Belvoir Grill, at this address, telephone 781-5841; that earlier in the evening, a man had been in The Belvoir Grill and he appeared to be a "dead ringer" of the individual whose composite picture she had seen of the subject wanted for the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr. O'CONNOR stated that DANSBY had described this man as a white male, 5'7" to 5'8", sandy graying hair, thin line mustache, wearing a brown pin-stripe suit and a red-blue plaid flannel shirt. She said that the man had no luggage and as far as she could ascertain, he was on foot. In conversation with this individual, DANSBY said he told her he was from Knoxville and was hitchhiking to Fla.

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Officer O'CONNOR stated he checked out the area, but was unable to locate the individual described by DANSBY.

Officer O'CONNOR stated that DANSBY had set aside the dinner utensils that the unknown man had used at the grill.

RH obtain the dinner utensils and submit to Laboratory for fingerprint comparison.

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