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Search Intensified For King's Assassin

ATLANTA, April 12—(UPI)—FBI agents investigating the sniper-slating of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. have been on the trail of Eric Starvo Galt, listed as an unemployed merchant mariner, for nearly a week, United Press International learned Friday.

Galt's name first moved into dispatches Thursday night when a white Mustang auto, registered to him and resembling one that reportedly sped from the King assassination scene, was found parked at an Atlanta apartment complex.

The Mustang, registered to Galt, carried Alabama license number 1-38993. A check with Alabama authorities established Galt's address as a rooming house at 2608 Highland ave., in Birmingham, but residents, while recalling Galt, said they had not seen him since November.

Listed Self as Jobless

In obtaining his driver's license in 1967, Galt listed his occupation as an unemployed merchant mariner.

The FBI replied with a blanket "no comment" to all questions concerning the King investigation, but persons at the Birmingham rooming house said agents were asking "plenty" of questions about Galt last week. This was four or five days before the Mustang was located.

The only official announcements in the King case have come from Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark, who was sent to Memphis by President Johnson to help with the investigation after King was killed by a sniper while standing on a hotel balcony April 4.

Clark said authorities had a suspect and his "name," but would not disclose the name. He also said that officials had a man on the run and were confident the case would be solved.

Reporters checking with maritime officials in Mobile learned Friday that agents, in addition to questioning persons at the Birmingham boarding house, had also made a check of the docks long before the Mustang was found.

Docks Are Checked

A spokesman at the Seafarers International Union in Mobile said agents had visited the union offices two days ago and had gone through automated files, without success, in trying to get a lead on Galt.

Officials at the Maritime Union of America in Mobile said agents had made a similar check there, and the Star Fishing Co., one of

the largest firms of its kind in the area, said it also had been visited by agents. Agents also checked Coast Guard files in Washington during the day without finding any trace of Galt.

This raised speculation, which again officials refused to confirm or deny, whether someone, as early as last September, set about to establish credentials for a fictitious Eric Starvo Galt.

Alabama officials said that at the time he applied for his Alabama license, at the age of 36, he claimed to have had a Louisiana license since 1962, but there is no record that he ever turned it in.

The name of Galt was further validated when license tags for the Mustang were obtained under that name on Oct. 2, 1967 in Jefferson County, Ala.

Residents of the Atlanta apartment complex where the car was found remember the driver as a neatly dressed man who calmly got out of the car, locked it and walked away. This description roughly tallied with one given by occupants of a rooming house in Memphis, where the assassin waited in a communal bathroom and fired the shot that killed King.

The assassin is believed to have checked into the rooming house under the name of "John Willard." He was described as calm neat and well-dressed—an unlikely candidate for the \$8.50 a week room, which he paid for in advance.

Persons at the murder scene reported a man jumped into a white Mustang and sped away shortly after the fatal shot was fired.

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FBI Presses Intense Hunt In King Death

ATLANTA — (UPI) — A mysterious, elusive stranger with the name—or alias—Eric Starvo Galt, Saturday remained the object of one of the most intensive and secretive manhunts in FBI history.

No warrant has been issued for the arrest of Galt, an unemployed merchant mariner.

The FBI has thus far issued only a "no comment" to all questions about his connection with the sniper slaying of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. last week in Memphis, Tenn.

That Galt's name figured in the investigation became known exactly one week after King's murder. A car answering the description of the one seen leaving the assassination scene was found Thursday in an Atlanta housing development.

The car, described as a white Mustang, bearing Alabama license plates, was registered to Galt at a Birmingham, Ala., residence. The vehicle, according to residents who saw the car abandoned the day after King was slain, was in the housing develop-



UPI Telephoto
ASSASSINATION SUSPECT
Object of intense manhunt.

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ment a week before the FBI had it fingerprinted and impounded.

While no arrest warrant has been issued, the FBI in Miami Thursday issued, then inexplicably rescinded, a "locate and notify" order for Galt.

U.S. Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark said in the hours after King's death that the Justice Department had a suspect "on the run." He declined to identify the person.

United Press International followed a trail left several days ago by the FBI in an effort to backtrack on the elusive Galt.

Reporters checking where Galt lived, established he had stayed for a time at a rooming house in Birmingham. Residents said they remembered the man, but had not seen him since November.

Maritime officials in Mobile said FBI agents searched files trying to get some lead, without apparent results.

Coast Guard results were also negative.

Thus arose speculation that the name Eric Starvo Galt might be fictitious, set up as long ago as September in an elaborate coverup.

The name of Galt appears on Alabama driver's license and automobile tag registration forms. But in making application for his Alabama license, he told authorities he held a valid driver's license in Louisiana. There is no record he surrendered it as normally required by law. He said in 1967 that he was 36.

Persons who saw the car abandoned in Atlanta described the driver as a nice-looking and well-dressed man who calmly left the vehicle, locked it, and vanished.

King's killer, using the name of John Willard, checked into a flophouse across from the motel in Memphis where King stayed. He too was described as calm, neat and well-dressed, hardly the type normally associated with an \$8.50-a-week room.

After the murder, witnesses report seeing a man jump into a white Mustang and speed away.

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Mysterious Seaman Eludes FBI; Sought in King Death

ATLANTA, April 14—(UPI)—A mysterious, sharp-nosed seaman named Eric Starvo Galt Sunday eluded an intensive FBI net for the 11th day, and federal officials still refused to discuss the progress of their investigation of the sniper slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Police arrested two hitchhikers at Jacksonville, Fla., Sunday after a Negro motorist reported that one of them was "a dead ringer" for an artist's conception of the slayer. The FBI said later the men had no connection with the case. They were charged with vagrancy.

FBI agents worked around the clock Sunday. Frank Hitt, special agent in charge of the Atlanta FBI office, was at his desk early Easter morning but to each question replied "I'm sorry, I can't comment."

Apparently no warrant has been issued for Galt, a Birmingham, Ala., resident whose car resembling one which sped away from the

assassination scene April 4—was found abandoned in Atlanta Thursday.

The FBI had put out a "locate and notify" bulletin on the car, a 1966 white Mustang bearing Alabama license plates. The bulletin was later cancelled without explanation.

Galt, who listed his occupation as an unemployed merchant mariner when applying for an Alabama driver's license, was traced to a boarding house in South Birmingham. Residents there confirmed they had been questioned by the FBI but said the man known as Galt had not lived there for three months.

The murder weapon, a 30.06 caliber Remington automatic rifle, apparently was purchased in Birmingham several days before the slaying.

The FBI also was checking indications that the name Eric Starvo Galt is fictitious, and that there were two white Mustangs involved in the slaying. Several witnesses said they saw such cars parked near the scene of the sniper slaying.

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False Leads Multiplying In King Case

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — (AP) — Dead-end clues to a man who vanished without a trace apparently confronted FBI agents Tuesday in their investigation of the sniper slaying of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

False leads multiplied in the hunt for Eric Starvo Galt, a mysterious quiet-talking man whose last known address was a Birmingham rooming house. His former landlord said Monday he had identified drawings shown by FBI agents as resembling Eric Galt.

"It's him," said Peter Cherpes, 72, who runs a two-story Southside boarding house where an Eric Galt lived for six weeks last fall.

Galt's abandoned white Mustang was impounded last Thursday by the FBI in Atlanta. It fit the description of a car seen leaving the scene after King was killed April 4 by a sniper firing from a rooming house in Memphis, Tenn.

Memphis witnesses described the suspected assassin, who registered as John Willard at a rooming house opposite King's motel, as about six feet and

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Is Eric Starvo Galt Real?

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sandy-haired and "a clean, neat man." Apparently no trace of Willard has been found.

Associated Press inquiries turned up blanks.

Is there a real Eric Starvo Galt? the FBI was asked. It declined comment. Neither would the FBI say why Galt was wanted.

The man known as Eric Galt had said he was employed at a Mississippi shipyard, but there was no record of him. He claimed he held a Louisiana driver's license six years ago, but no record was found in the files.

There are mysteries within the mystery: Galt left the Birmingham boarding house last Oct. 7, saying he had a ship job in Mobile, Ala., but in December, he turned in the keys to his safety deposit box at the Birmingham Trust National Bank.

In addition, a duplicate driver's license for Eric Starvo Galt was mailed to the Birmingham address March 1, nearly seven months after he left, and it appar-

ently vanished. The Birmingham Post Office indicated no forwarding address was left for Galt.

"The papers said he went down March 1 to ask for a duplicate license and he used the same address, which was wrong. He wasn't here," said Cherpes, who recalls Galt as "nice and friendly, quiet."

Cherpes described Galt as about 6 feet, 165-175 pounds with blue eyes and light brown hair, a neat, taciturn man. "If somebody talked to him, he would talk," the landlord recalled.

Galt had a room at the boarding house from Aug. 26 to Oct. 7, 1967, Cherpes said. The rent was \$22.50 a week.

"He registered here that he came from Pascagoula, Miss.," Cherpes said. The boarder said he worked at Ingalls in shipbuilding jobs, Cherpes added. No record of his employment was found, the company office said Monday at Pascagoula.

"He was here on vacation and he said he was going to stay here about four months," the landlord said. The new boarder usually slept until about 11 a.m., had most of his meals at the rooming house and stayed to himself most of the time.

The second week after he arrived, Galt bought a car, the 1966 white Mustang, paying cash. He needed a driver's license.

"He asked me if I could drive him down to take the test," Cherpes said. "I did."

Called Himself Seaman

On the license application, Galt listed his occupation as "merchant seaman, unemployed." Maritime unions have no record of his name, nor was he drawing unemployment pay from the state.

About a week later, the landlord recalled, Galt got a package in the mail from Chicago: a box about two feet long, a foot wide and weighing 20 to 25 pounds. But Galt complained that it was the "wrong merchandise" and he was going to return it.

Galt left saying he had found ship work in Mobile, but expected "a check from Chicago." A letter to Galt from Chicago arrived at the boarding house in February or March and was returned since there was no forwarding address, Cherpes said.

The landlord recalled that Galt had said he would send his new address. "But he never did send it."

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, DENVER (157-203)

FROM : SA ROBERT C. GUSTAFSON

SUBJECT: MURKIN

AT CHEYENNE, WYOMING:

DATE: 4/15/68

On 4/15/68 a review was made of current telephone directories for the Cheyenne RA territory which includes Albany, Goshen, Laramie and Platte Counties, Wyoming for any dancing studios. The only directory which lists a dance studio was the Cheyenne, Wyoming, directory and this studio was the E. TOLERTON School of Dancing, Cheyenne, Wyoming.

On 4/15/68, Mrs. ELIZABETH TOLERTON, owner, Tolerton School of Dancing, advised she has not had any student with the name of ERIC STARVO GALT, JOHN WILLARD and HARVEY LOWMEYER.

On 4/15/68, Mrs. HELEN JILMSCHEN, Bureau of Vital Statistics, State of Wyoming, advised birth records contain no information pertaining to ERIC STARVO GALT, JOHN WILLARD, and HARVEY LOWMEYER or any variations in the spelling of these names.

Time spent on this project was one hour and 10 minutes. ✓



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On the afternoon of 4/11/68 Attorney RUSSELL X. THOMPSON who is a liaison source of the Memphis Division and who is a law associate of WILLIAM B. INGRAM, who until 12/31/67 was Mayor of the City of Memphis, Tennessee, and whose offices are located at Room 1003, Home Federal Building, Memphis, Tennessee, simultaneously made contact with SA WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE of this office and with Director of Fire and Police of the City of Memphis, FRANK C. HOLLOMAN, stating that he had confidential information from a prospective client, whose name he could not divulge and whose real name he did not actually know, which could conceivably have some bearing on the solution of the assassination of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), who was assassinated in Memphis, Tennessee, on the evening of April 4, 1968.

Thereafter, SA WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE accompanied by Inspector N. E. ZACHARY, head of the Homicide Bureau, Memphis, Tennessee, Police Department, and a National Academy graduate, went to the office of Attorney THOMPSON and there met with him in the presence of his law associate, Attorney WILLIAM B. INGRAM.

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Both THOMPSON and INGRAM emphasized that they would have to insist that their identities be protected at all costs by both the FBI and the Memphis Police Department, inasmuch as there was a possible client-attorney relationship in some of the information which they were about to furnish, but that they were doing this out of what they felt was a civic duty. They stated that they wanted to furnish the information simultaneously to both agencies, lest they give the appearance of playing favorites.

Thereafter THOMPSON orally furnished the following information:

On the night of April 10, 1968, about 9:30 p.m., he received a telephone call at his residence in Memphis, Tennessee, from an unknown individual who gave him a Latin-sounding name. The party contacting him indicated that he was calling from a phone booth either at the Memphis Municipal Airport or located nearby; that he had just arrived in Memphis and wanted to know if THOMPSON was the RUSSELL X. THOMPSON who had received considerable newspaper publicity in connection with representing various criminals, including the purported killer of the Millington, Tennessee, taxi driver, the former client being GLEN NASH. When THOMPSON replied in the affirmative, the unknown caller was asked what was the nature of his inquiry; and he told THOMPSON that it had to do with a murder. He thereafter made arrangements with THOMPSON to appear in THOMPSON's office at 8:30 a.m., 4/11/68. He insisted on coming in early, possibly arriving before THOMPSON's secretary would be there. He stated that he would not consent to having anyone present in his conversation with THOMPSON and THOMPSON agreed.

At about 8:30 a.m., 4/11/68, THOMPSON received a phone call from the unknown individual who stated that he had overslept, would have to eat breakfast, and would be in the office momentarily.

At approximately 9 a.m., 4/11/68, the unknown individual appeared in THOMPSON's office, alone.

THOMPSON described this unknown individual, who he said gave him a Latin alias, which he did not feel privileged to furnish at this time, as follows:

Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Age:	About 37
Weight:	About 175 lbs.
Build:	Flat stomach, reasonably well built
Height:	About 6 feet tall
Complexion:	Normal, in that it was neither pale nor suntanned but was typical of one who had spent a winter in a mild or cold climate.
Hair:	Medium blond, medium length, combed partially back on his head and a little to the side, and the hair tended to stand up slightly. His hair was neat.

THOMPSON stated further that this individual's complexion appeared to have a few minor acne scars which were minimal in nature, giving it a slightly rough texture. His face was rather long and somewhat slender and he had a somewhat pointed nose. He wore a dark blue suit with a faint pin-stripe possibly one-half to one inch apart. He wore a long-sleeve button-down-collar shirt and a reddish tie. He told THOMPSON that he had been in the Army, apparently during the Korean War; that the Army had taught him violence and then turned him out without untraining him. He did not elaborate. He talked as though he were probably a high school graduate or could possibly be one who had a partial college education. His diction was regional in nature, although he bragged to THOMPSON that he could change his accent at will. He told THOMPSON that he could speak Italian and Spanish and illustrated this fact to THOMPSON by speaking some in both languages. THOMPSON stated that he would have to give him the benefit of the doubt as he is not familiar with either language. He also bragged that he had a German Luger which he claimed had once been owned by the late Adolph Hitler. He used some slang in his talk and appeared to be an extrovert, and he was somewhat braggadocio in his over-all manner.

He pulled up his left arm shirt sleeve and showed THOMPSON an alleged tattoo which was just above his wrist with the initials "T. S.," with the "T" being somewhat offset to the top over the "S." He claimed that this was some sort of a Gypsy symbol and then inferred that the "TS" could conceivably be his real initials. He was rather oblique and mysterious in this reference.

He told THOMPSON, although he did not exhibit any, that he had tattoos on other parts of his body, including his arms. He readily admitted that he was using an alias, stated that he never gave anyone his real name but did indicate that the "TS" could always identify him. Paradoxically, he commented that a favorite trick of criminals was to affix in a removable ink on exposed parts of their bodies various tattoos or tattooed initials or symbols which would give an observer the impression that they were tattoos when committing a crime and thereafter the perpetrator would wash this inked impression which had given the tattoo indication.

At the outset, the unknown individual told THOMPSON that he, personally, had not killed anyone but that he felt that he knew who had killed Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., in Memphis on 4/4/68, and that he was in effect inquiring on behalf of his unidentified friend at this point to determine whether or not a lawyer would be available to represent his friend if necessary. THOMPSON stated that he gave the impression of a person coming to an attorney asking a series of questions about a so-called third party, when in reality the prospective client was really referring to his or her self. He indicated that he had arrived in Memphis the night before via airplane from Chicago, Illinois, and that on arrival in Memphis, he had made contact with an unidentified female whose name he had known and that he spent the night with this female and rather openly stated that she was a prostitute. He even bragged to THOMPSON that she had given him \$200 and laughed saying "This is the first time any whore gave me money." Thereafter stated that he knew the party responsible for killing Dr. King. In fact, he said that the party responsible was his roommate. He indicated that he has at least two and possibly three roommates and stated that he lived at 3050 Hudson Street, Denver, Colorado, and told THOMPSON that the phone number there, not recalled by him, was listed to one of his roommates, a DONAVAN CURTIS.

The unknown individual then elaborated that the person who had killed MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., namely his roommate, had the first name of PETE, last name unknown. He told THOMPSON that the weapon used to kill Dr. KING had been a .30 caliber rifle manufactured by the Savage Firearms Company and that the Remington Rifle described in the newspaper accounts of the killing had not been used. He further stated that the Savage rifle used by PETE was fired directly at KING from a distance not more than 30 yards, from the second story balcony of the Lorraine Motel, where KING was standing at the time he was shot. (Inspector ZACHARY later pointed out that any spot within 30 yards of the balcony within range would have placed the assailant right in the middle of Mulberry Street which runs north and south in front of the Lorraine Motel.)

The individual then told THOMPSON that he was not worried about any future ballistics examination or identification because he could assure THOMPSON that the barrel of the Savage rifle has long since been disassembled and melted down. He further told THOMPSON that there were no Mustang automobiles involved in the getaway by the assailant. He told THOMPSON that instead of an automobile being used as the getaway vehicle, that PETE had used a motor cycle for his getaway. He further indicated that PETE is still in Memphis and that PETE was a "professional gunman."

He further stated that the original stories in the press about Mustangs being parked near the roominghouse on South Main Street, the rear of which overlooked the Lorraine Motel, was erroneous because he personally knew that a big Cadillac was parked near the rooming house and that there were only a total of four cars parked in this immediate vicinity and he claimed to know the makes of all of the cars. He mentioned them but THOMPSON could not recall any other than the Cadillac pointing out that the individual would not allow him to make any notes and that THOMPSON had to make notes after the person left to refresh his memory.

The prospective client further told THOMPSON that his home was originally in New Orleans, La., but that he is temporarily living in Denver, Colorado, at the abovementioned 3050 Hudson Street address. He kept emphasizing that his reason for contacting THOMPSON was that he might engage in another crime and would want an attorney available.

He indicated that on arriving in Memphis on night of 4/10/68 before going to the home of the prostitute to spend the night that he had gone to the Chisca Plaza Hotel Bar and gotten something to drink but was afraid to check into any hotel or motel fearing that he might be traced.

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(OO: Memphis)

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Thereafter, SA WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE accompanied by Inspector N. E. ZACHARY, head of the Homicide Bureau, Memphis, Tennessee, Police Department, and a National Academy graduate, went to the office of Attorney THOMPSON and there met with him in the presence of his law associate, Attorney WILLIAM B. INGRAM.

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(1 - 170-866, RUSSELL X THOMPSON)

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Both THOMPSON and INGRAM emphasized that they would have to insist that their identities be protected at all costs by both the FBI and the Memphis Police Department, inasmuch as there was a possible client-attorney relationship in some of the information which they were about to furnish, but that they were doing this out of what they felt was a civic duty. They stated that they wanted to furnish the information simultaneously to both agencies, lest they give the appearance of playing favorites.

Thereafter THOMPSON orally furnished the following information:

On the night of April 10, 1968, about 9:30 p.m., he received a telephone call at his residence in Memphis, Tennessee, from an unknown individual who gave him a Latin-sounding name. The party contacting him indicated that he was calling from a phone booth either at the Memphis Municipal Airport or located nearby; that he had just arrived in Memphis and wanted to know if THOMPSON was the RUSSELL X. THOMPSON who had received considerable newspaper publicity in connection with representing various criminals, including the purported killer of the Millington, Tennessee, taxi driver, the former client being GLEN NASH. When THOMPSON replied in the affirmative, the unknown caller was asked what was the nature of his inquiry; and he told THOMPSON that it had to do with a murder. He thereafter made arrangements with THOMPSON to appear in THOMPSON's office at 8:30 a.m., 4/11/68. He insisted on coming in early, possibly arriving before THOMPSON's secretary would be there. He stated that he would not consent to having anyone present in his conversation with THOMPSON and THOMPSON agreed.

At about 8:30 a.m., 4/11/68, THOMPSON received a phone call from the unknown individual who stated that he had overslept, would have to eat breakfast, and would be in the office momentarily.

At approximately 9 a.m., 4/11/68, the unknown individual appeared in THOMPSON's office, alone.

THOMPSON described this unknown individual, who he said gave him a Latin alias, which he did not feel privileged to furnish at this time, as follows:

Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Age:	About 37
Weight:	About 175 lbs.
Build:	Flat stomach, reasonably well built
Height:	About 6 feet tall
Complexion:	Normal, in that it was neither pale nor suntanned but was typical of one who had spent a winter in a mild or cold climate.
Hair:	Medium blond, medium length, combed partially back on his head and a little to the side, and the hair tended to stand up slightly. His hair was neat.

THOMPSON stated further that this individual's complexion appeared to have a few minor acne scars which were minimal in nature, giving it a slightly rough texture. His face was rather long and somewhat slender and he had a somewhat pointed nose. He wore a dark blue suit with a faint pin-stripe possibly one-half to one inch apart. He wore a long-sleeve button-down-collar shirt and a reddish tie. He told THOMPSON that he had been in the Army, apparently during the Korean War; that the Army had taught him violence and then turned him out without untraining him. He did not elaborate. He talked as though he were probably a high school graduate or could possibly be one who had a partial college education. His diction was regional in nature, although he bragged to THOMPSON that he could change his accent at will. He told THOMPSON that he could speak Italian and Spanish and illustrated this fact to THOMPSON by speaking some in both languages. THOMPSON stated that he would have to give him the benefit of the doubt as he is not familiar with either language. He also bragged that he had a German Luger which he claimed had once been owned by the late Adolph Hitler. He used some slang in his talk and appeared to be an extrovert, and he was somewhat braggadocio in his over-all manner.

He pulled up his left arm shirt sleeve and showed THOMPSON an alleged tattoo which was just above his wrist with the initials "T. S.," with the "T" being somewhat offset to the top over the "S." He claimed that this was some sort of a Gypsy symbol and then inferred that the "TS" could conceivably be his real initials. He was rather oblique and mysterious in this reference.

He told THOMPSON, although he did not exhibit any, that he had tattoos on other parts of his body, including his arms. He readily admitted that he was using an alias, stated that he never gave anyone his real name but did indicate that the "TS" could always identify him. Paradoxically, he commented that a favorite trick of criminals was to affix in a removable ink on exposed parts of their bodies various tattoos or tattooed initials or symbols which would give an observer the impression that they were tattoos when committing a crime and thereafter the perpetrator would wash this inked impression which had given the tattoo indication.

At the outset, the unknown individual told THOMPSON that he, personally, had not killed anyone but that he felt that he knew who had killed Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., in Memphis on 4/4/68, and that he was in effect inquiring on behalf of his unidentified friend at this point to determine whether or not a lawyer would be available to represent his friend if necessary. THOMPSON stated that he gave the impression of a person coming to an attorney asking a series of questions about a so-called third party, when in reality the prospective client was really referring to his or her self. He indicated that he had arrived in Memphis the night before via airplane from Chicago, Illinois, and that on arrival in Memphis, he had made contact with an unidentified female whose name he had known and that he spent the night with this female and rather openly stated that she was a prostitute. He even bragged to THOMPSON that she had given him \$200 and laughed saying "This is the first time any whore gave me money." Thereafter stated that he knew the party responsible for killing Dr. King. In fact, he said that the party responsible was his roommate. He indicated that he has at least two and possibly three roommates and stated that he lived at 3050 Hudson Street, Denver, Colorado, and told THOMPSON that the phone number there, not recalled by him, was listed to one of his roommates, a DONAVAN CURTIS.

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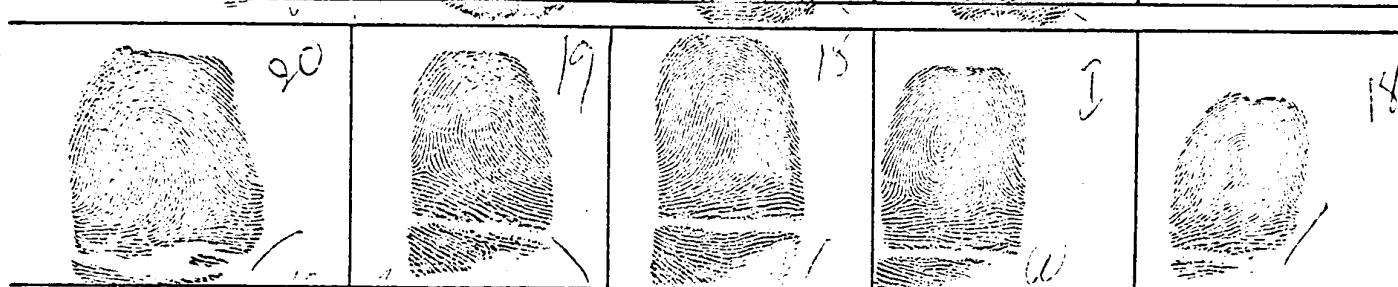
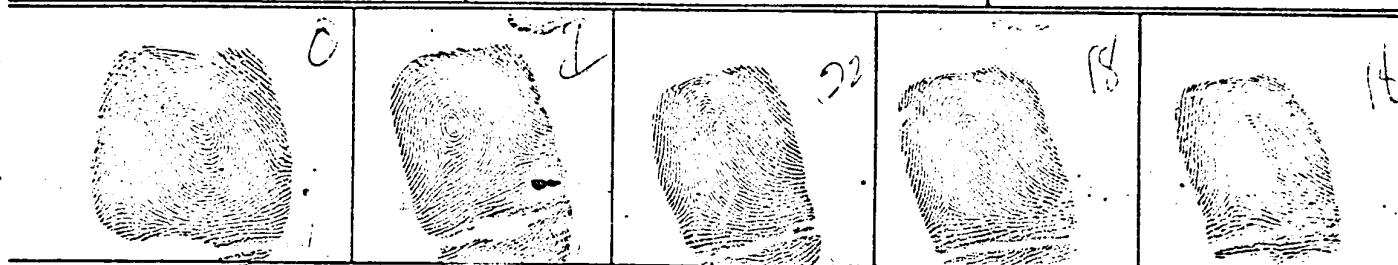
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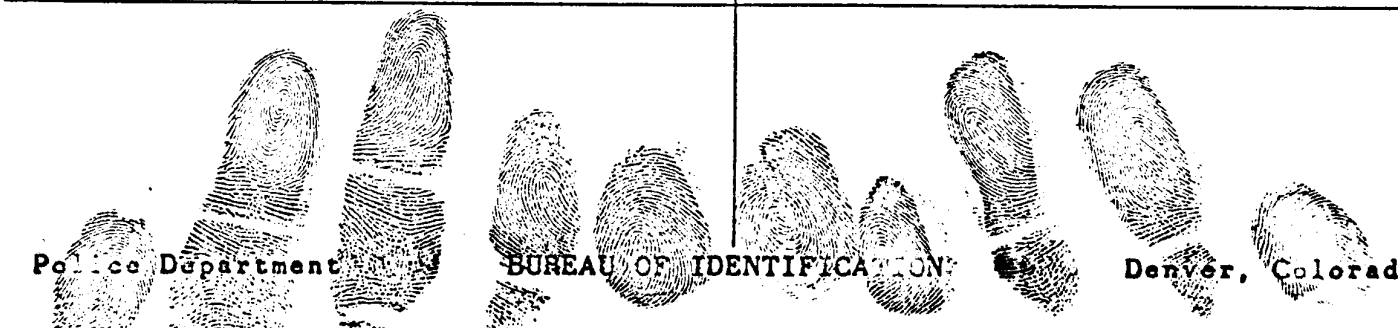
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Police Department BUREAU OF IDENTIFICATION Denver, Colorado

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: SAC, DENVER (157-203)

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OO: Memphis

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Denver indices were negative concerning DONAVAN CURTIS as well as CURTIS DONAVAN, mentioned in reairtel.

Denver telephone directories and city directories were also negative.

A call to the Denver telephone operator indicated she has a non-listed number for DON LEON CURTIS, 3050 Hudson Street, Denver, and that number is 355-5846.

Denver indices indicate one DONOVAN L. CURTIS, age 27, had been arrested in Sterling, Colorado, in October, 1967, on a morals charge. (62-0-9830)

Another reference in Denver files indicated that DONOVAN LEON CURTIS, age 30, described as a former barber, had been arrested on a morals charge in Logan County, Colorado, on 10/19/61. (94-47-641)

Because of the above-mentioned arrest, records of the Denver Police Department were searched at which time the attached arrest record for DONOVAN LEON CURTIS was obtained. The Denver PD number on this arrest record is 105979 and the FBI number 969833 D.

Enclosed for the information of Memphis is one photograph of DONOVAN LEON CURTIS, which was taken by the Denver PD on the occasion of his arrest 12/15/62.

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Also enclosed for Memphis is a copy of a Colorado driver's license for DONAVAN LEON CURTIS, 3475 South Pennsylvania Street, Englewood, Colorado. The license contains a photograph of CURTIS and the license was issued on 4/5/67. It is noted the above-mentioned Denver PD record, as well as the above-mentioned Colorado driver's license both contain descriptions of CURTIS.

It is also pointed out for the information of Memphis that the license issued to CURTIS does not indicate he must wear glasses, while driving, yet he is wearing glasses in the photograph. It also appears from observation of the two above-mentioned photographs that CURTIS could possibly be wearing a toupee in each of them.

It is suggested to Memphis that the above-mentioned photographs be displayed immediately by Memphis Agents to Mr. RUSSELL X. THOMPSON for the purpose of ascertaining whether CURTIS could possibly be the individual who contacted Mr. THOMPSON in person in Mr. THOMPSON's office on the morning of 4/11/68, and furnished the information set forth in referenced airtel.

It is noted the description of CURTIS generally fits the description of the individual who contacted Mr. THOMPSON.

Other logical inquiries continue to be conducted by Denver, based on contents of referenced airtel.

Memphis is requested to ~~immediately~~ advise Denver results of above-mentioned display of photographs to Mr. THOMPSON.

It is not necessary to return enclosed photographs to Denver.

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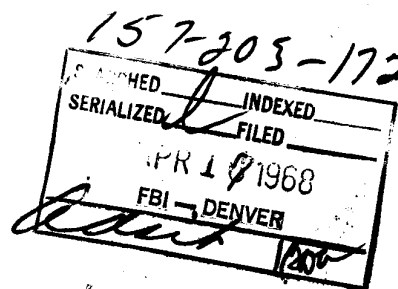
RE BUREAU TEL TO ABOVE OFFICES, APRIL SIXTEEN, LAST.

ALABAMA DRIVERS LICENSE OF ERIC STARVO GALT
LISTS DESCRIPTION OF WM, BORN [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES, ONE SEVEN FIVE
POUNDS, BLUE EYES, BROWN HAIR.

NEW ORLEANS COMPARE DESCRIPTIONS OF FIFTY WHITE
MALES CONTAINED ON LOUISIANA DRIVERS LICENSES AGAINST
ALABAMA DRIVERS LICENSE DESCRIPTION AND ELIMINATE
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