

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, EL PASO (157-186)

FROM : SA WALLACE A. CROSSMON

SUBJECT: ✓ MURKIN

DATE: 4/11/68

On 4/9/68, records of the following agencies were checked by SA WALLACE A. CROSSMON and none of them contained any record of anyone with the surname of LOWMEYER or LOWMYER:

GLADYS HOLGUIN  
Credit Bureau of El Paso  
El Paso, Texas

Mr. BEN LUHM  
Voter Registration Records  
El Paso County Courthouse  
El Paso, Texas

Lieutenant FERL HARDIN  
Identification Division  
El Paso Police Department  
El Paso, Texas

Captain DON WHITLEY  
Records and Identification  
El Paso County Sheriff's Office  
El Paso, Texas

In addition to the above, El Paso City Directory  
El Paso Telephone Directory were checked for the above

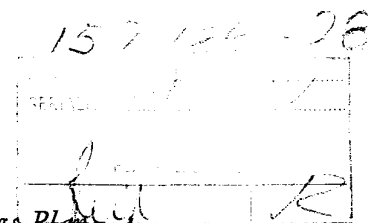
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names with negative results.

On 4/9/68, Special Agent FRANCIS J. PRASEK with the assistance of Special Agent RAY CHEEK, 112th Military Intelligence Group, Fort Bliss, and SANLIN STEWART, 112th Military Intelligence Group, caused a search to be conducted of the Post Locator records of the United States Army Training Center, the United States Army Air Defense Center, and the Civilian Personnel Office, all Fort Bliss, Texas, with no information being developed regarding any individual by the name of HARVEY LOWMEYER or LOWMYER or any variation thereof.



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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, EL PASO (157-186)

DATE: 4/10/68

FROM : SA DAVID J. REID

SUBJECT: MURKIN

The following racial sources and informants were contacted on 4/5/68 and alerted regarding any pertinent information that might come to their attention regarding the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING. They advised they would immediately contact this office if any pertinent information came to their attention regarding this matter:

Liaison Source HARVEY L. WASHINGTON  
Liaison Source ROBBIN E. L. WASHINGTON  
PRI-Ghetto ELMER P. MARTIN  
PRI-Ghetto STERLING M. ANDERSON  
CS-R ALICIA ESTRADA  
PRI-Ghetto JOSE SANTOS (Contacted on 4/8/68)

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Date: 4/10/68

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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-6-16-11)  
FROM: SAC, EL PASO (62-1193) (P)  
SUBJECT: POSSIBLE RACIAL VIOLENCE  
MAJOR URBAN AREAS  
EL PASO DIVISION  
RACIAL MATTERS

OO: EP

Re EP teletype to the Bureau, 4/9/68.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are five copies of a LHM dated and captioned as above.

One copy has been sent to each of the following agencies: OSI, Biggs Field; NISO, New Orleans; 112th MI Group; G-2; and U. S. Secret Service.

Confidential sources utilized in this LHM are as follows:

T-1 is LUVENIA ARNOLD, Assistant Registrar, University of Texas at El Paso (by request)

The contacting Agent is SA FRANCIS J. PRASEK, the location is EP 62-1193.

T-2 is WILLIAM P. JONES, potential confidential source (deemed advisable)

The contacting Agent is SA FRANCIS J. PRASEK, the location is 62-1193.

3-Bureau (Encl. 5) (RM)  
5-El Paso (62-1193) (62-1852)  
(137-447A) (157-183) (157-186)

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Continuing liaison is maintained with the above sources and University authorities, and the Bureau will be advised of any pertinent developments.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
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202 U. S. Court House  
El Paso, Texas 79901  
April 10, 1968

POSSIBLE RACIAL VIOLENCE  
MAJOR URBAN AREAS  
EL PASO DIVISION  
RACIAL MATTERS

On April 9, 1968, El Paso T-1, an official of the University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP), who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that at approximately 11:45 a.m., April 9, 1968, an employee of UTEP, who misunderstood his instructions, hoisted the United States flag to the normal position after completion of the television broadcast of the funeral of Doctor Martin Luther King. Shortly thereafter, a group of Negro students appeared in the college square where the flagpole is located, and the flag was lowered by them back to the half-mast position.

After lowering the flag, these 30 to 40 students marched around the UTEP campus, into the Administration Building, where they stood around the doorway leading to the office of the President, and they quietly sang the song "We Shall Overcome".

After singing this song, the group marched through the library and the various dormitories on campus, all the while singing.

5-Bureau

1-OSI; NISO; 112th EP T-1 stated that the march was dignified,  
MI; G-2; and orderly, and that the marchers were polite to officials  
USSS, EP

5-EP (62-1193) (62-1852) (137-447A)  
(157-183) (157-186)

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and onlookers. No incidents whatsoever took place during the march, and it was well received by the students.

On April 9, 1968, EP T-2, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that the march continued until approximately 1:30 p.m., with some of the marchers entering the Student Union Building where they marched in the halls complaining of the "exploitation" of Negro athletes by the University Athletic Department.

Again, the march disbanded without any incident whatsoever.

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TO : SAC, EL PASO (157-186)

DATE: 4-10-68

FROM : SA JOHN J. GORMAN

SUBJECT: ✓ MURKIN  
(OO: MEMPHIS)

Rebutel 4-10-68.

Re ERIC STARVO GALT - suspect's name checked through the following agencies and publications on 4-10-68 and no record was found:

AT MIDLAND, TEXAS

- ✓ Telephone and city directories - checked by GORMAN
- Bank of the Southwest - checked by DOYLE TAPP, Vice Pres.
- Commercial Bank & Trust Co. - checked by SMIRLEY GIST, Sec. to VP
- First Natl. Bank - checked by JACK LENDRUM, Auditor
- Midland Natl. Bank - checked by AUDREY RUNKEL, SECRETARY.
- First Savings & Loan Assoc. - checked by Miss POPPY BENIA, Secretary
- Citizen Savings & Loan Assoc. - " " JOHN E. COOPER, Treasurer
- Midland Savings Assn. - checked by JOE WATSON, Treasurer
- PD - checked by Officer W. W. SOWELL
- SO - " " Deputy Sheriff JOHN MCWELL
- Retail Merchants Assoc. - checked by Mrs. RUTH SLOAN

AT STANTON, TEXAS

- ~~xxx~~ Telephone Directory - checked by GORMAN; no city directory
- SO - checked by Mrs. KATHLEEN LEWIS, Office Deputy
- PD - " " COP JAKE BRUTON
- First Natl. Bank - checked by R. G. ANDERSON, President
- No Retail Merchants Assoc in Stanton or Savings & Loan Co.

AT RANKIN, TEXAS

- Telephone directory - checked by GORMAN: no city directory
- SO - (which also covers Mcamey, Texas) checked by Sheriff GENE ECKOLS
- No PD or Retail Merchants Assoc. in Rankin or Savings & Loan Co.
- First State Bank - checked by JOHNNIE HURST, VP

AT MC CAMEY, TEXAS

- ✓ Telephone directory - checked by GORMAN; no city directory
- SO - covered by SO at Rankin
- ✓ PD - checked by ~~xxxxx~~ CLAUDE KILPATRICK, PD
- ✓ Retail Merchants Assoc - checked by Mrs. CHARLES
- Security State Bank - checked by Mrs. DOROTHY LITTLE, FR
- No Savings and Loan listed in Mcamey.

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AT FT. STOCKTON, TEXAS

Telephone Directory - checked by GORMAN

City Directory -----	checked by	Dep. Sheriff	JIM SULLIVAN,	SO
SO -----	"	"	"	"
PD -----	"	"	"	"
Retail Merchants Assoc -----	"	"	"	"
1st National Bank -----	"	"	"	"
Pecos County State Bank -----	"	"	"	"
First Savings & Loan Assoc. ---	"	"	"	"

AT IRAAN, TEXAS

Telephone directory - checked by GORMAN; no city directory

The Iraan State Bank - checked by TRAVIS CURTIS, President

Iraan has no PD and is covered by SO at Ft. Stockton

AT IMPERIAL and SHEFFIELD, TEXAS

Telephone directory - checked by GORMAN; no city directory

Each of above towns comes under SO at Ft. Stockton and neither has a PD, Retail Merchants Assoc or Bank.

AT CRANE, TEXAS

Telephone directory - checked by GORMAN; no city directory

SO -----	checked by	Sheriff	RAY WEATHERBY
PD -----	"	"	"
Retail Merchants Assoc -----	"	"	"
First State Bank -----	"	"	"

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
SACs, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)  
DALLAS (44-2649)  
FROM : EL PASO (157-186)  
HOUSTON  
SUBJECT: MEMPHIS

DATE: TELETYPE  
RECEIVED VIA TELEPHONE,  
4/11/68, at 8:50 a.m.

SAC, SAN ANTONIO (44-1987)

MURKIN

RE BIRMINGHAM TEL, APRIL TEN, LAST.

MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISION RECORDS, TEXAS HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT,  
AUSTIN, TEXAS, FAILED TO REFLECT ANY RECORD OF TITLE OR  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) AND SACS BIRMINGHAM (44-1746),  
DALLAS (44-2649), EL PASO, HOUSTON, AND MEMPHIS  
(44-1987)

FROM: SAN ANTONIO (44-1242)

MURKIN

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- 1-El Paso (AM) (CONFIRMATORY)

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Dictated to \_\_\_\_\_, at Dallas,  
Sally Provenzio, at El Paso,  
by David A. Wall.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-186)

DATE: 4/10/68

FROM : MAURER

SUBJECT: MURE IN

RE HARVEY LOWMEYER  
HARVEY LOWMYER  
ERIC STARVO GALT

Following contacts made by me April 10, 1968 re above and all negative:

AT PECOS, TEXAS

Telephone and City directories  
Retail Merchants Cr. Bu.--Mrs. Danny Hickey  
PD & SO, checked by me  
Voter Registration check by me.  
Bobby Bell, Asst. VP, Security State Bank  
R.B. McGowen, VP, 1st Nat'l Bank,

AT MONMILANS, TEXAS

Telephone and City directories.  
Retail Merchants Cr. Bu - Mrs. Norine Ketchum, Mgr.  
PD & SO by Bob Patterson, Chief and Sheriff Blackline McMerlin.  
Voter Registration for all of Ward County, checked by me.  
Wayne Harveson, Cashier, 1st State Bank  
Rex Wilson Baker, Cashier, 1st Nat'l Bk.

AT MENTON, TEXAS

Sheriff Punk Jones, advised he is personally acquainted with all 93 registered voters in Loving County -- Negative.

No financial institutions in Menton or Loving County.

Agents time - 1 days  
Communications costs - none  
Travel - 250 miles.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, EL PASO (157-186)

DATE: 4/11/68

FROM : SA HARREL LEON DAVIS

SUBJECT: ✓ MURKIN  
OO: MEMPHIS

On the evening of 4/9/68 an obviously drunk "sergeant" called SPC LEROY TEITSWORTH, advised he knew who had killed MARTIN LUTHER KING.

On the evening of 4/9/68 an attempt was made by SA PAUL S. PULLEN and SA DAVIS to interview SP/6 JACK G. BENNETT, A Battery, School Support Command. BENNETT was so drunk he could not remember his own name, did not recall why he had called the FBI, did recall making a call.

On the morning of 4/10/68 JACK GROSSMAN BENNETT, age 43, ASN RP 14 008 321, was interviewed at the PMO, Fort Bliss. At 10 A.M. BENNETT was still drunk, admitted that he was an alcoholic, only recently released from the "alcoholic" ward at WBGH, upon release promptly got drunk, and had been drunk since. Writer has never seen an individual in such a state of complete mental and physical debilitation from alcoholism. After an interview of more than an hour, rambling, incoherent, and during which BENNETT would ask where he was, why he was there, and at least three times for the identity of the interviewing Agents, he advised he believed the following could be suspects in the killing of MARTIN LUTHER KING, because of their "known" violent antipathy to Negroes:

HUGH LYNN ADAMS, WMA, 38-40, 5'9", 185-190, heavy build, black hair, brown eyes, freckles, broad nose, married, non-smoker and drinker, mechanical engineer, Crumpton Co., Osceola, Arkansas, resides Bassett, Arkansas.

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MEMORANDUM  
TO: SAC, NEW YORK (157-180)  
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (157-180)

DATE: 4/11/68

SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE: MURKIN

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On the evening of 4/10/68 an attempt was made by SA [redacted] and SA [redacted] to interview SA [redacted]. [redacted] was... so drunk he could not remember his own name, did not recall why he had called the FBI, and recalled making a call...

On the morning of 4/10/68 JACK [redacted] and [redacted] were interviewed at the [redacted] and [redacted] was still drunk, admitted that he was an alcoholic, only recently released from the "alcoholic ward at [redacted], upon release promptly got drunk, and had been drunk since. [redacted] has never seen an individual in such a state of complete mental and physical debilitation from alcoholism. [redacted] and [redacted] were interviewed on more than one occasion, and during which [redacted] would ask where he was, and at least three times for the identity of the interviewing Agents, he advised he believed the following could be suspects in the killing of MARTIN LUTHER KING, because of their "known" violent anti-party to Negroes:

- 1. [redacted] 38-40, 5'7", 155-160, heavy build, black hair, brown eyes, freckles, broad nose, married, non-smoker and drinker, mechanical engineer, [redacted] Co., [redacted] Arkansas, resides [redacted] Arkansas.

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GASTON JAMES, WMA, 55, 5'11", 170, blonde hair, blue eyes, long broad nose, married, smokes cigars, farmer and bootlegger, Wilson, Arkansas.

BENNETT advised he had retired from U. S. Army in July, 1964, had come back in from retirement March 1, 1968. Upon "re-treading" he went to Fort Polk, Louisiana, and then came to Fort Bliss. He had no contact with either suspect since February, 1968, was in the hospital at time of assassination, had no word from anyone as to who might have killed KING, but repeated his assertion that ADAMS and JAMES were capable of it.

ACTION: None. It is not believed information above constitutes any value to this investigation, and is being made a matter of record only.



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# Memorandum

TO : ALL AGENTS

FROM : SAC, EL PASO (157-186) (P)

SUBJECT: ✓ MURKIN

DATE: 4/11/68

On 4/4/68, all Agents were advised of contents of Butel that date, which instructed that all racial, security and criminal sources be immediately alerted for any pertinent information regarding the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

All Agents are requested to immediately advise SA REID, to whom this case is assigned, of the results of these contacts.

In addition, Memphis airtel to Albuquerque, dated 4/7/68, instructed all offices to recanvass criminal, security and racial informants for possible knowledge concerning assassination, with specific emphasis directed toward informants in known hate groups.

All Agents immediately recontact criminal, security and racial informants for any information available regarding this matter and immediately furnish results of contacts to SA REID.

- 1 - SAC
- 1 - ASAC
- 1 - Each Agent
- 1 - El Paso (157-186)
- 1 - El Paso (66-108A)

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FBI EL PASO

1:15PM 4-11-68 URGENT CEJ

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
FROM EL PASO (157-186) (P)

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REBUTEL, APRIL NINE, LAST AND KC TEL TO EP, APRIL TEN, LAST.

KANSAS CITY OFFICE ASCERTAINED FROM MIDWEST FACTORY REPRESENTATIVE FROM THERMO SEAL MARKING MACHINES MANUFACTURED BY TEXTILE MARKING MACHINE CO., SYRACUSE, NEW YORK, THAT ODESSA LAUNDRY, ODESSA, TEXAS, HAD ONLY FIVE CHARACTER THERMO SEAL MARKING MACHINES LOCATED IN EL PASO DIVISION.

RUSSELL NORTON, MAONAGER, ODESSA LAUNDRY AND CLEANERS, ODESSA, TEXAS, ADVISED APRIL NINE, LAST, THAT HIS LAUNDRY WAS ONLY ONE IN ODESSA THAT USED THERMO SEAL MARKING MACHINE, THAT HIS MACHINE USES ONLY NUMBERS AND NO LETTERS AND ONLY WHITE TAGS, EXCEPT FOR ORANGE TAGS ON RUSH ORDERS. NORTON SAID MACHINE NOT USED TO MARK ROUGH DRY WORK, SUCH AS SHORTS AND T-SHIRTS.

CHECK WITH OTHER LAUNDRIES IN EL PASO DIVISION NEGATIVE. CARRIEL NIPP, MAMAGER, SNOWWHITE LAUNDRY AND CLEANERS, MIDLAND, TEXAS, ADVISED THERMO SEAL MARKING MACHINE USED UNTIL ABOUT THREE YEARS AGO, BUT NO RED TAGS WERE USED BY THAT LAUNDRY.

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Date: 4/11/68

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Via TELETYPE URGENT  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)  
SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: SAC, EL PASO (157-186) (P)

✓ MURKIN

REBUTEL, APRIL NINE, LAST AND KC TEL TO EP, APRIL TEN, LAST.

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Special Agent in Charge

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BH - 1:19pm JGA  
ME - 1:22p M

Per [Signature]

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**CARRIEL NIPP, MANAGER, SNOWHITE LAUNDRY AND CLEANERS, MIDLAND, TEXAS, ADVISED THERMO SEAL MARKING MACHINE USED UNTIL ABOUT THREE YEARS AGO, BUT NO RED TAGS WERE USED BY THAT LAUNDRY.**

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# King Death Conspiracy Possible?

By MARTIN WALDRON

(C) 1968, New York Times News Service

**MEMPHIS** — A possibly fake Memphis police report which was broadcast shortly after the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. last Thursday night has given rise to speculation that the civil rights leader was the victim of a murder conspiracy.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation and Memphis police for several days have claimed that the killing was done by one man.

Memphis police who were searching for King's killer on the night he was shot were drawn to the north side of the city 34 minutes after the shooting by a false report from "Police Car 160" that a white Mustang automobile, believed to be the getaway car, was speeding along city streets.

Detectives have been investigating the possibility that the report was relayed by an accomplice of the killer to the central police radio in an effort to keep attention away from Southern Memphis where the killer may have actually fled.

The fake police report may be another in a series of apparently false clues which has confused the investigation.

Frank C. Holloman, director of the Memphis Fire and Police Departments, said that the fake police report is under "intensive investigation."

"We have this aspect as well as some other aspects of this case under investigation at this time," Holloman said. "Beyond that I cannot comment."

Holloman, who is a retired FBI inspector, refused to say if he now believes that more than one person was involved in the slaying of King.

"I just can't comment on that," he said.

Last week, Holloman agreed with a statement by Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark that the slaying appeared to have been done by only one person.

Although both Holloman and Clark have said that the slaying was extremely well planned, they said there had been no evidence gathered indicating that more than one person was involved. Holloman also declined to predict an early solution to the murder.

The false police report broadcast at 6:35 p.m., a little more than a half-hour after the fatal shot was fired at 6:01 p.m. and while police were in the process of setting up road blocks around the city, said that a white Mustang was headed east in north Memphis and was being chased by Police Car 160.

At 6:35 p.m., the police radio reported that a blue hardtop 1966 Pontiac had joined the chase for the White Mustang.

In the next 10 minutes, several progress reports on the "chase" were relayed through the headquarters radio to other police cars headed to the area.

At 6:47 p.m., the police radio broadcast a report that someone in the white Mustang was shooting at the blue Pontiac.

That ended the broadcasts concerning the chase.

The Commercial Appeal, a Memphis newspaper, Wednesday quoted Police Lt. R. W. Bradshaw, who was assigned to Police Car 160 that night, as saying that he did not see a white Mustang and did not chase one that night.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

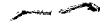
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TO ALL SACS

FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 2P.

MURKIN

INVESTIGATION HAS ESTABLISHED THAT AN INDIVIDUAL USING THE NAME ERIC STARVO GALT WAS IN MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, ON APRIL FOUR, SIXTYEIGHT, REPORTEDLY DRIVING A NINETEEN SIXTYSIX WHITE MUSTANG WITH ALABAMA LICENSE ONE DASH <sup>3 2 7 7 3</sup> THREE EIGHT NINE NINE THREE. THE BUREAU IS ANXIOUS TO LOCATE THIS INDIVIDUAL FOR QUESTIONING IN CONNECTION WITH THIS MATTER.

ALL OFFICES COVERING POINTS OF EXIT FROM THE COUNTRY SHOULD INITIATE A CHECK TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT ERIC GALT HAS DEPARTED THE COUNTRY.

ALL OFFICES ARE TO CONTACT THE APPROPRIATE POLICE DEPARTMENTS IN YOUR TERRITORY TO INSURE THAT ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES ARE COVERED BY AN ALL POINTS BULLETIN TO THE EFFECT THAT ERIC STARVO GALT IS WANTED FOR QUESTIONING  
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BY THE FBI.

GALT IS DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, HEIGHT FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES, WEIGHT ONE HUNDRED SEVENTYFIVE POUNDS, EYES BLUE, HAIR BROWN, DATE OF BIRTH [REDACTED] [REDACTED], ACCORDING TO HIS DRIVERS LICENSE.

GALT'S CAR IS DESCRIBED AS A NINETEEN SIXTYSIX WHITE HARD-TOP MUSTANG, SIXTYEIGHT ALABAMA LICENSE TAG ONE-THREE EIGHT NINE NINE THREE, VIN SIX T ZERO SEVEN C ONE NINE ZERO SIX FOUR SEVEN. CAR HAD FOUR INDIVIDUAL RED PLASTIC FLOOR MATS, MUFFLER PAINTED SILVER WHEN PURCHASED BY GALT IN AUGUST SIXTYSEVEN.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD IT BE INDICATED TO ANYONE AT ANY PLACE THE NATURE OF THE CASE IN WHICH GALT IS WANTED FOR QUESTIONING BY THE FBI.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, EL PASO (157-186)

DATE: 4-11-68

FROM : SA FRANCIS J. PRASEK

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Rememo of SPC LEROY TEITSWORTH dated 4-10-68 advising that Mrs. RUTH RETZOLKA, Rt. 80, Clint, called this office.

The following investigation was conducted by SA FRANCIS J. PRASEK in an attempt to identify Mrs. RETZOLKA:

A review of the telephone directories covering the Clint, Texas, area fails to show any mention of any person by the name of RETZOLKA as does the Fabens, Texas, and the El Paso, Texas, directory.

On 4-11-68 Mrs. FERN C. FIELDS, Postmistress, U. S. Post Office, Clint, Texas (protect identity) advised that there is no family by the name of RETZOLKA served by the USPO at Clint, Texas. There is no record of any person by the name of RETZOLKA, RUTH RETZOLKA, or any variation of the name receiving mail at the General Delivery window of the Clint Post Office. There is no route 80 in Clint, Texas.

On 4-11-68 Mrs. BERNIECE CORNWALL, U. S. Post Office, Fabens, Texas (protect identity) advised that there is no person by the name of RUTH RETZOLKA or any family by that surname receiving mail through the Fabens Post Office. Further there is no rural route under the jurisdiction of the Fabens post office.

A review of the mail boxes along Highway # 80 enroute to Clint and Fabens failed to show any with the name of RETZOLKA.

## RECOMMENDATION

FJP:

(1) No further indication of investigation at this time.

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635PM URGENT 4/11/68 GJM

TO ALL SACS

FROM DIRECTOR 1P

MURKIN

REBUTEL THIS DATE TO PLACESTOPS ON ERIC STARVO GALT  
AND A NINETEEN SIXTYSIX WHITE MUSTANG. DISREGARD  
REFERENCED TELETYPE AND CANCEL ANY ALL POINTS BULLETINS  
THAT MAY HAVE BEEN ISSUED.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
FROM EL PASO (157-186) (P)

MURKIN

REBUTELS APRIL EIGHT AND TEN LAST.

INVESTIGATION RE HARVEY LOWMEYER OR LOWMYER AND ERIC STARVO  
GALT COMPLETED BY EL PASO OFFICE AND NO RECORD LOCATED UNDER THESE  
NAMES. NOTED STATE SELECTIVE SERVICE RECORDS, DRIVER'S LICENSE  
RECORDS AND AUTO REGISTRATION RECORDS UNDER VIN NUMBERS COVERED  
BY SAN ANTONIO OFFICE IN AUSTIN FOR ENTIRE STATE. NO BOMB SUSPECTS  
LOCATED IN EL PASO DIVISION.

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