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Mr. ~~WALTER BOL~~, Security Officer, Ingall's Shipbuilding Corporation, Pascagoula, Mississippi, made available for review the Personnel Security Questionnaire pertaining to AARON ISAAC LOFTON dated January 11, 1966, which disclosed the following information:

Date of Birth	<input type="text"/>
Place of Birth	Brookhaven, Mississippi
Sex	Male
Marital Status	Single
Height	6'
Weight	165 pounds
Eyes	Hazel
Hair	Blond
Social Security Number	<input type="text"/>

He has a security clearance of Secret.

He indicated that he had attended the following schools:

September, 1940, to February, 1941, Arlington Grade School, Lincoln County, Mississippi, graduate-no.

February, 1941, to January, 1943, Gravel Hill Grade School, Pitkin, Louisiana, graduate-no.

March, 1944, to October, 1944; Summit Grammar, Summit, Mississippi, graduate-no.

October, 1944, to January, 1945, Wyndot Grammar, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, graduate-no.

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 by SAs DAVID P. HURLEY and LEON ROSS GRABEN: DPH/ccs Date dictated 4/17/68

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January, 1945, to June, 1945, Natchez Grammar, Natchez, Mississippi, graduate-no.

September, 1945, to June, 1948, Summit Grammar School, Summit, Mississippi, graduate-no.

September, 1948, to June, 1949, Hazlehurst High, Hazlehurst, Mississippi, graduate-no.

September, 1949, to May, 1953, Summit High, Summit, Mississippi, graduate-yes.

May, 1953, to October, 1953, Draughon's Business College, Jackson, Mississippi, graduate-no.

September, 1954, to January, 1955, Southern Mississippi Junior College, Summit, Mississippi, graduate-no.

May, 1959, to November, 1959, American Hair Syling Academy, Jacksonville, Mississippi, graduate-yes.

July, 1965, to November, 1965, MDTA School, Pascagoula, Mississippi, graduate-yes.

He indicated that he had the following military service:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Branch of Service</u>	<u>Service Number</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
U.S.	Mississippi National Guard	NG 24919772	February, 1954	January, 1955
U. S.	Army	RA 24919772	January, 1955	November, 1957
U. S.	Army Reserve	AR 24919772	November, 1957	March, 1962.

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LOFTON showed that he received an honorable discharge and that he was registered with Local Selective Service Board Number 62 at McComb, Mississippi, and had a 5-A classification.

He showed the following residences:

Franklin County, Mississippi, from December, 1936, to February, 1941,

Pitkin, Louisiana, from February, 1941, to January, 1943,

McCall's Creek, Mississippi, from January, 1943, to March, 1944,

Summit, Mississippi, from March, 1944, to October, 1944,

Baton Rouge, Louisiana, from October, 1944, to January, 1945,

Natchez, Mississippi, from January, 1945, to September, 1945,

Summit, Mississippi, from September, 1945, to July, 1948,

Hazlehurst, Mississippi, from July, 1948, to June, 1949,

Box 64, Summit, Mississippi, June, 1949, to May, 1953,

Northwest Avenue, Jackson, Mississippi, May, 1953, to October, 1953,

Box 64, Summit, Mississippi, from October, 1953, to January, 1955,

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U. S. Army from January, 1955, to November, 1957,

Napoleon Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana, from November, 1957, to July, 1958,

Jacksonville Beach, Florida, from July, 1958, to November, 1959,

1164 Ogilvie Drive, Atlanta, Georgia, from November, 1959, to February, 1961,

343 8th Street, Atlanta, Georgia, February, 1961, to October, 1961,

1284 Piedmont Avenue, Atlanta, Georgia, from October, 1961, to January, 1962,

602 Ansley Forest Drive, Atlanta, Georgia, from January, 1962, to September, 1962,

8611 Truxton Avenue, Los Angeles, California, from September, 1962, to November, 1962,

103 Autumn Drive, Anaheim, California, from November, 1962, to July, 1963,

924 Hancock Avenue, from July, 1963, to October, 1964, (this address in Los Angeles, California),

1231 North Sweetzer Avenue, Los Angeles, California, from October, 1964, to February, 1965,

708 Avenue B, McComb, Mississippi, from February, 1965, to July, 1965,

Route 1, Box 8B, Gautier, Mississippi, July, 1965, to September, 1965,

1915 Perry Street, Pascagoula, Mississippi, from September, 1965, to present.

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He listed the following employments:

_____ to May, 1953, student, high school
and grammar school,

May, 1953, to October, 1953, student, Draughon's
Business School, Jackson, Mississippi,

October, 1953, to September, 1954, accountant,
McComb Manufacturing Company, DAVE MATTHEWS,
McComb, Mississippi,

September, 1954, to January, 1955, student,
Southwest Mississippi Junior College, Summit,
Mississippi,

January, 1955, to November, 1957, U. S. Army,

November, 1957, to January, 1958, sales clerk,
Holmes Department Store, Canal Street, New Orleans,
Louisiana,

January, 1958, to July, 1958, instructor, Arthur
Murray Studios, TONY KENT, 840 Gravier, New
Orleans, Louisiana,

July, 1958, to November, 1959, instructor, Fred
Astaire Studios, ARTHUR POWELL, Jacksonville,
Florida,

December, 1959, to January, 1961, hair stylist,
Richardo's Beauty Salon, RICHARDO COTTINGHAM,
1938 Peachtree, Atlanta, Georgia,

January, 1961, to January, 1962, hair stylist,
Rich's Lenox Square, MARGARET MOSRIE, Rich's
Department Store, Lenox Square, Atlanta, Georgia,

January, 1962, to March, 1962, hair stylist,
The Chalet, SIDNEY JOHNSON, 2175 Cheshire
Building Road, Atlanta, Georgia,

March, 1962, to October, 1962, hair stylist,
Rich's Lenox Square, MARGARET MOSRIE, Rich's
Department Store, Lenox Square, Atlanta,
Georgia,

July, 1963, to August, 1963, unemployed,

January, 1963, to July, 1963, hair stylist,
J. P. Allen Company, Atlanta, Georgia,

November, 1962, to January, 1963, manager,
Curl N' Comb, Incorporated, JAMES VICTOR,
633 North Euclid Street, Anaheim, California,

July, 1963, to January, 1964, hair stylist,
James Victor Beauty Salon, Slauson Avenue,
Los Angeles, California,

January, 1964, to January, 1965, hair stylist,
May Company Wilshire, ROBERT WILLIAMS, Wilshire
Boulevard, Los Angeles, California,

November, 1965, to present, shipfitter, helper
apprentice, Ingall's Shipbuilding Corporation,

January, 1965, to February, 1965, unemployed,

July, 1965, to November, 1965, trainee M.D.T.A.
School, Pascagoula, Mississippi,

February, 1965, to June, 1965, Howell Motor Company,
McComb, Mississippi,

June, 1965, to July, 1965, unemployed.

Under relatives he listed the following:

Father, AARON LOFTON, 1915 Ferry Street,
Pascagoula, Mississippi, born Franklin
County, Mississippi, on [redacted]
U. S. citizen,

Mother, AGNES NUNNERY LOFTON, same, born
Franklin County, Mississippi, on [redacted]
[redacted], U. S. citizen,

Brother, BILLIE J. LOFTON, Star Route,
Gautier, Mississippi, born Franklin County,
Mississippi, dated [redacted]

LOFTON indicated he had visited the following
foreign countries:

Niagara Falls, Canada, left U. S. July 2, 1955,
and returned July 4, 1955, on holiday,

Fort Kobbe, Panama Canal Zone, left U. S.
October, 1955, and returned October, 1957,
with U. S. Army,

Northern Mexico, left U. S. April 15, 1962,
and returned May 1, 1962, on vacation.

He listed the following references:

~~N. A. COPLEN~~, known 20 years, P. O. Box, Summit,
Mississippi, insurance agent,

~~W. D. FLINN~~, known 5 years, 1806 Clavey Road,
designer engineer, Lockheed, Atlanta, Georgia,

Captain ~~A. B. BAXTER~~, known 10 years, 904 Carriage
Hill Apartments, now working North Carolina for
drug company,

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Miss SUE CANTER, known two years, 2856 Westbrook Avenue, administrative assistant to RED SKELTON, California,

MARY D. CAIN, known 20 years, Post Office Box, newspaper editor, Summit, Mississippi.

LOFTON indicated that he had never been arrested, had never acted as a representative of any foreign government, firm, or corporation, and had no relatives residing outside the United States.

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Mr. V. H. ~~FEDERIC~~ Paymaster, Ingalls Shipbuilding Corporation, Pascagoula, Mississippi, furnished the following information from records of his office regarding AARON I. LOFTON, Social Security Number [redacted] Clock Number 12724, and who is currently assigned to Department Number 68, with that corporation:

For the pay week ending March 31, 1968, LOFTON worked 50.5 hours of regular work hours, and 7.3 hours of over time hours.

For the pay week ending April 7, 1968, LOFTON worked 40.0 hours of regular work hours and no over time.

The individual time cards for LOFTON for the period March 29, 1968, through April 4, 1968, disclosed the following:

Date	Clock In	Clock Out
March 29, 1968	6:47 A.M.	3:30 P.M.
April 1, 1968	6:51 A.M.	3:30 P.M.
April 2, 1968	6:47 A.M.	3:30 P.M.
April 3, 1968	6:48 A.M.	3:33 P.M.
April 4, 1968	6:48 A.M.	3:30 P.M.

Mr. FEDERIC stated that each of the above time cards bear the signature "AARON I. LOFTON" and after comparing these signatures with the LOFTON signature on the Security Office Active File Card, Mr. FEDERIC stated he was of the opinion that LOFTON had signed each of the time cards himself. He said that

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due to the security measures and internal controls in use at that facility, it would be nearly impossible for an employee to have someone clock in and out for him each day. He said the only way this could be done would be for another employee, who would have an identification card, to clock in and out for another employee, however, when an employee failed to report for work on his shift, a check was immediately made of the employees time card to determine if the employed had clocked in. He said LOFTON received full pay for the period in question which would indicate that he actually reported for work during the period.

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AARON ISAAC LOFTON was interviewed at Ingalls Shipbuilding Corporation, Pascagoula, Mississippi. He advised he has been employed there since July, 1965, and that he resided with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. AARON A. LOFTON on Martin Bluff Road, Gautier, Mississippi. He has long been interested in ballroom dancing and worked as a dancing instructor at the Arthur Murray Dance Studio in New Orleans, Louisiana from about January to July, 1958. He then went to Jacksonville, Florida, where he taught dancing at the Fred Astair Studio for about one year beginning about July, 1958. While in Jacksonville, he began a course in court reporting, but dropped out of this course and entered a school for hair styling. After completing this course, he worked as a professional hair stylist in Atlanta, Georgia from about 1959 to 1963 when he went to California. He worked at Anaheim, California and Los Angeles as a hair stylist until he returned to Mississippi and obtained employment at Ingalls Shipbuilding Corporation in 1965.

LOFTON said the names JOHN WILLARD and HARVEY LOWMEYER or LOWMYER meant nothing to him. He was shown two artist's conceptions of two white males. He said he does not recall ever having known anyone who closely resembled either of these.

LOFTON was asked whether he had known anyone named GALT. He said he feels sure he has never known anyone by this name. He said the name is very familiar to him, as he is familiar with the character in the novel "Atlas Shrugged" who was called GALT, and he does not recall ever coming across that name again until very recently when the name appeared in the national press

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PETER H. CROOKS/JJF:brh Date dictated 4/17/68

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in connection with the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

LOFTON advised that on the day KING was killed, he worked at Ingalls Shipbuilding Corporation and went home at about 3:30 p.m. He first heard of the shooting on television that evening and later the same evening he went to the home of BEN WOOD, Gautier, Mississippi, to play poker. While there, he learned that KING had died.

LOFTON furnished the following details of his background:

He was born in West Lincoln Community, Lincoln County, Mississippi on [redacted] During World War II, his father, AARON ALTON LOFTON, worked for the Ross Gravel Company near Pitkin, Louisiana, and he believes he went to the Sand Hill rural school.

Still during the War, his family moved to De Ridder, Louisiana where his father worked for a gravel company. He believes they moved back to Lincoln County for a short time. Then to Baton Rouge, Louisiana, where his father worked for the Standard Oil Refinery from about late 1944 to early 1945.

The family moved to Natchez, Mississippi in about 1945 and stayed for about one year. They then moved to Summitt, Mississippi where they remained until AARON finished the eighth grade in the Spring of 1949. The family then moved to Hazelhurst, Mississippi, where his father worked as a mechanic in a clothing factory. AARON attended the Hazelhurst High School, graduating in May, 1953.

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AARON left the family home in Mississippi in May, 1953 and moved to Jackson where he attended Draughn's Business College for six months. He lived then at the Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA), then at a rooming house near the YMCA. Then in the Fall of 1953, he moved back to Summitt, Mississippi and stayed with his parents until January, 1955, when he went into the United States Army. During this period from late 1953 to the Fall of 1954, he worked at the McComb Manufacturing Company, MC Comb, Mississippi. In the Fall of 1954, he entered Southwest Mississippi Junior College and attended one semester before going into the Army.

During his Army career, he first went to Fort Jackson, South Carolina from January to April, 1955. Then he went to Fort Devens, Massachusetts from April to October, 1955. Then to Brookley Field, Mobile, Alabama for about one week. Then to the Panama Canal Zone from October, 1955 to October, 1957. In October, 1957, he was transferred to the Walter Reed Army Hospital, Washington, D. C., where he stayed for two weeks being treated for a disease of the ear. He was then released to inactive duty and went to his parent's home, who had now moved to a residence near McComb, Mississippi. He was placed in inactive duty at this time and remained in the Reserves until he had completed a total of eight years service. He received an honorable discharge in 1962. He said this discharge was upon his completion of his military obligation and was not due to disability or disciplinary action. He said he was released from active duty a few weeks early because of his ear problem.

He stayed at his parent's home from October to November, 1957, then went to New Orleans, Louisiana, where he resided with a friend, JAMES VAN, an employee

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of WWL Television Station, on West Plum Street, from November, 1957 to January, 1958, and was employed as a sales clerk by D H HOLMES Department Store. He had met JAMES VAN through a mutual Army friend, ROBERT BARBER.

In January, 1958, he moved to a location on St. Ann Street in the French Quarter, exact address unrecalled and at about that time obtained a job teaching dancing in the Arthur Murray Studio. He left this job and this residence on about July 4, 1958 and moved to Jacksonville, Florida.

In Jacksonville, Florida, he rented a cottage with an old Army friend, ROBERT J. BARBER. This cottage, exact address unrecalled, was owned by an attorney named DOUGLAS. He went to work at Fred Astair's Studio in July, 1958 and continued there until November, 1958. From about March, 1958, he was part-time employed and attended school at the Stenographer's Institute for Court Reporting for about one month and then he transferred to the American Hair Styling Academy owned by MICHAEL ANGELO GAGLRANO until November, 1959.

In November, 1959, he moved to Atlanta, Georgia and again stayed with ROBERT BARBER, whose mother had purchased a house there. He stayed at this residence, 1164 Ogilvie Drive, for about two months. He said that BARBER is now manager of a prominent clothing store at Charlotte, North Carolina. This store, name unrecalled, has a principal branch or main store in Atlanta.

He lived at 343 8th Street, Atlanta from February, 1961 to the Fall of 1961 in an apartment he shared with JAMES LINDLEY who he met at this apartment building. Both he and LINDLEY moved to 1284 Peadmont in the Fall of 1961 and stayed until January, 1962. They then moved to 602 Ansley Forest

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Drive, where they lived from January, 1962 to September, 1962. LOFTON then went to California, but LINDLEY remained and probably still lives in the same apartment. LINDLEY was employed as an estimator for the Mead Company in Atlanta.

During the period LOFTON lived in Atlanta, he worked as a hair stylist for Ricardo's Beauty Salon, 1738 Peachtree Street for about one year. Then at Rich's Department Store Salon for about one year, then at the Chalet Salon, 2175 Cheshire Boulevard, for two or three months. Then back to Rich's Department Store from about March to October, 1962, when he moved to Los Angeles.

On arriving in Los Angeles, he lived in a motel for about three weeks while obtaining a beauty operators license, and received his mail at 8611 Truxton Avenue, Los Angeles, which was address of the Weschester International Beauty College, where he took a refresher course to obtain his license. He then lived at 103 Autumn Drive, Anaheim, California from about November, 1962 to July, 1963, and worked at a small shop owned by JAMES VICTOR, who operated the above mentioned school.

He then moved to Los Angeles, 924 Hancock Avenue, and worked for another shop owned by JAMES VICTOR.

He then moved to 1231 North Sweetzer Avenue, Los Angeles and lived there from October, 1964 to February, 1965, and worked in the beauty salon at May Company Department Store. Then in about February, 1965, he moved back to his parent's home at McComb, Mississippi. He noted that between his residence at Anaheim and Los Angeles, he went back to Atlanta for about six weeks and stayed at his old residence there.

At McComb, he worked for the Howell Motor Company selling Volkswagon from February, 1965 to April

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or May, 1965 and quit due to difficulty with uclers. He said he was employed until about July, 1955 and he and his family moved to Pascagoula, Mississippi, where his parents had previously purchased property. They lived in a residence on United States Highway 90 in Gautier west of Pascagoula for about two months. Then the family moved to 1915 Ferry, Moss Point, Mississippi, until July, 1966, when they moved into a new home which they had built on their property at Gautier, Mississippi.

LOFTON was employed by Ingalls Shipbuilding Corporation in July, 1965 and attended the Man Power Development and Training School operated by that company until November, when he went to work. He has continued his employment there to the present time and is employed in the testing laboratory in the welding department.

LOFTON said that he moved and changed occupations often between the time he was released from military service to 1965 because he was footloose and enjoyed moving around. He said he chose to go to Jacksonville, Florida because his friend, ROBERT BARBER, was there and that he moved on to Atlanta because BARBER had moved to Atlanta before him and had informed him that the hair styling field was good in Atlanta. He said while in Atlanta, he met JAMES VICTOR, who owns several beauty salons in California, at a hair dressing show in Atlanta and that VICTOR asked him to move to California. He said he left the hair styling occupation in 1965 for numerous reasons, some of which were it was an unstable business, he had developed ulcers, and from the tension of trying to please so many women and further that his family wanted him to return homee

LOFTON stated that during the periods he lived in New Orleans, Jacksonville, Atlanta and California, he could not recall knowing anyone well who was strongly racist or rabidly right wing. He said he is a member of the Young Republicans and while in Los Angeles, was actually working for GOLDWATER. In this capacity, he casually met numerous people who were rabidly anti-GOLDWATER and numerous other people who were rabidly anti-Communist,

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but that he was never close to them and did not really know them. He said that he still belongs to the Young Republicans and is County Chairman of the organization in Jackson County, Mississippi. He said this is a small unit and he knows of no one connected with it who has radical or violent views. He said the only other organizations he belongs to are the American Welding Society and the Little Theater in Pascagoula.

Regarding his foreign travel, LOFTON advised that he visited Niagara Falls, Canada, from July 2-4, 1955. He went with some military friends to visit while assigned to Fort Devens, Massachusetts.

He took a vacation trip from April 15, to May 1, 1967 to Mexico. He drove by automobile with NORWOOD BROWN, who owns Norwood Music Store in Savannah, Georgia, BOB HOPPER, a casual acquaintance who worked for a railroad at Atlanta, and BILL (last name unknown), a friend of BROWN from Savannah. He said they entered Mexico at Brownsville, Texas, having obtained a passport in Atlanta. They traveled through the northern portion of Mexico visiting Tosco, Acapulco, Mexico City and some small towns. They left Mexico at Laredo, Texas and drove back to Atlanta. They traveled in a new Ford convertible owned by BOB HOPPER. He said in 1965 he made a one day trip into Encenado, Mexico from Los Angeles, a boarder town, just for a visit. He said he spoke some Spanish which he learned in the Canal Zone. He attended night school at Balboa Junior College there.

He said he had his Southwest Junior College credits transferred to this school. He also had his credits sent to Los Angeles City College where he enrolled, but did not complete three liberal arts courses. In August, 1967, he called CHARLES BRELAND, Registrar at Southwest Junior College and asked him to send his transcript to him, which he needed to attend Jackson County Junior College. He said he has not been on the campus of Southwest Junior College since 1965. LOFTON said he also had his credits sent to the Memphis

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Academy of Arts in about 1957 or 1958 on the recommendation of ROBERT BARBER who is originally from Jackson, Tennessee, but that he did not attend this school. He has passed through Memphis about three times, but has no contacts there and has no relatives there.

He said he traveled in Mexico and from Jacksonville to Atlanta and Los Angeles and then Jackson, Tennessee where BARBER had lived, in 1967 went to Omaha, Nebraska to attend a Young Republican convention.

He said that he owns a 1968 Volkswagon fast-back which he purchased in December, 1967, and he previously owned a 1967 Volkswagon Square-back. He owns no other cars.

He said he owns a .22 caliber revolver with a four inch barrel which he purchased at Gibson's Discount Center in McComb, Mississippi in 1968, but does not recall the brand name. He owns no other gun, but his father has several sporting guns including a shotgun and a .22 rifle, but no high powered rifle.

He said his hobbies are hunting, fishing, the Little Theater and dancing.

He said that his friends are Mr. and Mrs. ~~JOHN GAUTIER~~, Mr. GAUTIER is an attorney in Pascagoula, and his wife is an officer of the Young Republicans; Mr. and Mrs. ~~BEN WOOD~~, who live in Gautier, Mississippi, Mr. WOOD works for Phelps Jewelry Store; and also ~~JIM and GRACE WILSON~~, WILSON is night superintendent of the Jackson Grain Elevator.

LOFTON listed the following relatives:

Father

AARON ALTON LOFTON,
Sewing machine mechanic,
BVD, Pascagoula, Mississippi

Mother	AGNES LOU NUNNERY LOFTON, employed at BVD, Pascagoula, Mississippi
Brother	BILLIE JOE LOFTON, married, resides Gautier, Mississippi, and employed Student Director, Jackson County Junior College, No other brothers or sisters
Mother's sisters	Mrs. GEORGESPRING, McComb, Mississippi, Mrs. HARVEY COWART, Smith- dale, Mississippi
Mother's brother	H. G. NUNNERY, career air- man, United States Air Force, Wright-Patterson Field, Ohio.
Father's brother	CHARLES LOFTON, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
Father's sister	Mrs. HORIS RUSHING, Brook- haven, Mississippi
Half-brothers	P. C. LOFTON, rural route, Brookhaven, Mississippi TOM LOFTON, rural route, Mc Comb, Mississippi
Half sister	EMMA PORTER, address unknown

LOFTON said he has never been arrested and has received only one traffic ticket in his life.

LOFTON stated that none of his associates resemble the artist's conceptions mentioned above which had been shown to him.

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The following description was obtained through observation and interview:

Name	AARON ISAAC LOFTON
Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of birth	<input type="text"/>
Place of birth	Lincoln County, Mississippi
Height	5'11½"
Weight	165
Hair	Sandy-blond
Eyes	Hazel
Complexion	Fair-ruddy
Characteristics	Wears horn-rimmed glasses, smokes Spring or Kent Cigaretts
Army serial numbers	NG 24919772 RA 24919772
Social Security Number	<input type="text"/>
Education	One year of college and trade schools
Residence	Martin Bluff Road, Gautier, Mississippi

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JAMES AIKENS, Superintendent, Welding Department, Ingall's Ship Building Corporation, advised that AARON ISAAC LOFTON works under his direct supervision and that he sees LOFTON on a daily basis. He said that he can say positively that LOFTON has been to work each working day during the month of April. He said that to be even more positive of this he had checked with the Assistant Superintendent and the Assistant agreed with him that he had also seen LOFTON at work each working day this month and specifically on April 4 and 5, 1968.

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by SA JAMES J. FILES: yv Date dictated 4/18/68

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

DATE: 4-29-68

FROM : SA JOHN L. PUDDISTER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On April 11, 1968, Inspector JOSEPH A. SULLIVAN telephonically advised that he did not desire that any negative type investigation, which eliminates local Jackson suspects, be sent to Memphis. He advised that negative type information should be indexed and filed at Jackson rather than be furnished to Memphis.

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At Durant, Mississippi

On April 17, 1968, ~~D. C. COLLIER~~, Owner, D.C.'s Taxi, 404 Lee Street, telephone number 653-6517, Durant, furnished the following oral information:

On April 16, 1968, at 2:50 p.m., he picked up a white male passenger at the Continental Trailways Bus Station, Highway 51. COLLIER described this individual as follows:

Name:	Unknown
Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Age:	40s
Height:	5'9"
Weight:	145-150
Eyes:	Brownish
Hair:	Dark brown (full head of hair, no hat)
Complexion:	Brownish
Build:	Skinny
Clothes:	Dark brown suit, white shirt with open collar, no tie, no packages or possessions
Miscellaneous:	Appeared to be drunk.

COLLIER further advised that the subject requested to be taken to a place where he could "obtain a drink". COLLIER stated he drove him to Ellis' Package Liquor Store, Highway 51. Subject paid COLLIER 50¢ for the two block ride. Subject appeared to enter a rooming house located across the street from the package store after which time he advised COLLIER that his services would no longer be needed.

COLLIER stated that at approximately 6 p.m. the same date he received a call from Southland Service Station, Highway 51, to pick up a passenger. COLLIER further stated that he drove to the station where he picked up the same individual who apparently had been talking with the station attendant GUS DICKSON.

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COLLIER stated that he transported the subject to the Durant Hotel, Highway 51, for which passage he was paid 50¢ again.

COLLIER further advised that at approximately 6 a.m. on April 17, 1968, he was parked in his cab asleep at the Illinois Central Train Station. According to COLLIER, the subject appeared on foot and asked information concerning the next bus through Durant. COLLIER stated that he advised the subject that the first bus would arrive at 9 a.m. COLLIER advised the subject stated he did not want to stay that long and hired COLLIER to drive him to Jackson.

COLLIER stated that he transported the subject to Jackson, Mississippi, stopping over at Billups Service Station, Canton, Mississippi, where the subject got change for a \$20 bill. COLLIER stated that he discharged his passenger at approximately 7 a.m. in front of the Sun and Sand Motel located on Lamar Street in Jackson, Mississippi. COLLIER stated subject paid him \$25 cash for the services, furnishing one \$20 denomination Federal Reserve Note, Serial Number F06318518A, series year 1963.

COLLIER stated that the subject engaged in little conversation en route to Jackson, only admitting that his mother (name not furnished) had died in Monroe, Louisiana. COLLIER stated that the subject instructed him to pay no attention in the event he began crying.

COLLIER was exhibited composite drawings of the subject from Memphis and Birmingham. COLLIER stated that the subject in the Birmingham photo had too full a face and it was not a good likeness. COLLIER stated that the Memphis photo did not resemble the subject in any way.

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On April 17, 1968, ~~LUCILLE ELIZABETH FERGUSON~~, Manager, Continental Trailways (CT) Bus Station, Highway 51, advised that approximately 2:50 p.m. on April 16, 1968, the CT Bus arrived at Durant and discharged one male passenger.

Mrs. FERGUSON further advised that the bus driver, ~~WALLER E. "ELLIS" HAYNES~~, address Jackson, Mississippi, "okayed" the subject's ticket, meaning it allowed him to stop over at Durant. According to Mrs. FERGUSON, the subject had a ticket with a destination "beyond Jackson", but she could not recall the name of the town.

Mrs. FERGUSON described the subject as follows:

Name:	Unknown
Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Age:	30s or 40s
Height:	Approximately 5'8"
Hair:	Dark brown
Eyes:	Unknown
Weight:	Unknown
Build:	Medium
Complexion:	Medium
Clothing:	Dark colored suit with a white shirt
Miscellaneous:	Appeared to be "dopey or drunk"

Mrs. FERGUSON stated that that particular CT Bus originates at 10:40 a.m. in Memphis, travels straight down Highway 51 avoiding the interstate. Mrs. FERGUSON stated that the bus makes many local stops en route. Mrs. FERGUSON stated that the bus was scheduled to arrive in Jackson at 4:30 p.m. April 16, 1968, at the CT Station on Pascagoula Street in Jackson.

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Mrs. FERGUSON was exhibited the composite pictures from Birmingham and Memphis. She described the Birmingham photograph as being a slight resemblance to the subject. She stated the Memphis photograph did not resemble the subject at all.

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On April 17, 1968, Mrs. ~~KATHERYN KYLE~~, Manager, Durant Hotel, Highway 51, exhibited a guest registration card having the handwritten signature of "SAMMY STEWART" (illegible). Mrs. KYLE stated that the guest appeared to be in an inebriated condition and requested that she enter his street address, 4707 N Street, Shreveport, Louisiana. Mrs. KYLE stated that the guest was assigned Room 227. According to Mrs. KYLE the guest attempted to place a long distance call to the airport in Jackson, Mississippi, but was refused permission because of his drunken condition. Mrs. KYLE stated that the guest paid his bill of \$3.15 in advance, furnishing three \$1 bills and a quarter as payment.

Mrs. KYLE stated that the guest left a call with the desk to be awakened at 10 p.m. April 16, 1968. Mrs. KYLE stated that the clerk rang his room at that time, but there was no answer.

Mrs. KYLE stated that before 10 p.m. the subject placed a long distance collect call from his room to Shreveport, Louisiana.

Mrs. KYLE further advised that the guest apparently checked out before 8 a.m. April 17, 1968, which is the time she reports for duty.

Mrs. KYLE stated that the night clerk is FRANK WILTSHIRE who lives in Durant.

Mrs. KYLE described the guest as follows:

Name:	SAMMY STEWART (illegible)
Address:	4707 N Street, Shreveport, Louisiana
Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Age:	40's
Height:	5'10" to 5'11"
Weight:	"Not heavy set"

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Hair:	Black, curly and wavey
Eyes:	Unknown
Clothing:	Navy blue suit
Miscellaneous:	Guest was obviously inebriated

Mrs. KYLE was exhibited composite photographs from Memphis and Birmingham. She stated the Memphis photograph appeared to be too young. She described the Birmingham subject as bearing a slight resemblance.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA RALPH D. GARDNER:

AT DURANT, MISSISSIPPI

On April 17, 1968, KENNETH ELLIS, Owner, Ellis' Package Liquor Store, Mississippi Alcoholic Beverage Commission Number 0216, Highway 51, advised on the afternoon of April 16, 1968, a white male appeared in a sober condition at his store and purchased for \$1.70, one-half pint of Seagrams Seven Crown Whiskey.

ELLIS stated that the same individual returned approximately three or four hours later the same day, and appeared to be in a drunken or "doped" condition. ELLIS stated that at this time, the individual requested to purchase another one-half pint of Seagrams Seven Crown; however, ELLIS refused in view of the inebriated condition of the customer. ELLIS stated the customer then requested to purchase Schlitz Beer and was advised that package liquor stores are prohibited from selling beer.

ELLIS stated that the individual then requested him, ELLIS, to telephone a taxicab for him. ELLIS stated that he did call a taxi. ELLIS stated that while he, the customer, was waiting for the cab, he appeared to drink straight whiskey from a bottle, which he had brought into the store with him. ELLIS stated he advised the individual that such drinking was also prohibited by law, and the customer discontinued this activity.

ELLIS stated that the customer asked several times what the distance in miles was to Alexandria, Louisiana. ELLIS stated that the customer waited for approximately 20 to 30 minutes for the cab to arrive, but when it did not appear the customer left the store on foot.

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ELLIS described the individual as follows:

Name	Unknown
Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	40's
Height	5 feet, 10 inches
Weight	165 pounds
Hair	Dark
Eyes	Unknown
Complexion	Dark
Build	Medium
Clothes	Dark suit, white shirt and tie

ELLIS was exhibited the Birmingham and Memphis composite sketches without successful identification.

On April 17, 1968, GUS DICKERSON, age 57, Agent, Southland Service Station, Highway 51, advised that on April 16, 1968, at approximately 5:15 P.M., an unidentified white male appeared on foot at his station.

DICKERSON stated that this individual requested to know the mileage to Shreveport, Louisiana. DICKERSON described this individual as appearing to be drunk or "doped up."

DICKERSON stated that he personally noticed a rolled up wad of currency in twenty dollar denominations, amounting to at least \$300, which the individual maintained in his right front pants pocket.

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DICKERSON stated that at the request of the individual, he called a taxicab. DICKERSON stated that after approximately 30 minutes, the individual was picked up by a Durant taxicab.

DICKERSON stated that on April 17, 1968, at approximately 6:15 A.M., this same individual appeared at his service station in the same taxicab, driven by "D. C.," a Negro taxi driver. The taxi driver purchased \$1.00 worth of gas, and the white male passenger paid twenty-five cents for a small coke. DICKERSON stated the cab containing the white male customer and the driver proceeded south on Highway 51.

DICKERSON described the white male as follows:

Name	Unknown
Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	35-38 years
Height	6 feet, 1½ inches
Weight	175-180 pounds
Hair	Blond-black hair, with a few gray hairs at front hairline
Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Ruddy
Build	Medium
Apparel	Dark suit, obviously wrinkled; green shirt, no tie, open collar

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DICKERSON was exhibited the Memphis and Birmingham sketches. DICKERSON stated that the Memphis sketch appeared to be a good likeness of the individual; however, the individual who visited him was at least ten years older than the subject in the picture. DICKERSON stated that the Birmingham drawing appeared an excellent likeness of the customer.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SAs DANIEL J. CONNELL and RALPH D. GARDNER at Durant,
Mississippi, on April 17, 1968:

KATHERYN KYLE, Manager, Durant Hotel, viewed the
following photographs in an attempt to identify the individual
who had registered in Room 227 of the Durant Hotel the night
before:

HASKELL EDWARD JOHNSON
CLARK CHARLES BULWINKLE
CHARLES ROBERT LLOYD
ERIC STARVO GALT
TOM ABLE
NORMAN BRUCE ROLLINS
EARL EDWARD SIMMS

KYLE advised that the individual who stayed in
Room 227, the previous night was not among those in the photographs.
She did say that the individual slightly resembled ERIC STARVO
GALT from the eyes up. KYLE concluded by stating that she
did not take too close a look at this individual.

D. C. COLLIER, D. C. Taxi Stand, Durant, Mississippi,
advised that he was the cab driver who transported a white
male from the Durant Hotel to the Sun-N-Sand Hotel at 6:00 a.m.,
on April 17, 1968. COLLIER stated that this individual
paid a \$25 bill with two \$20s. COLLIER viewed photographs
of the following:

HASKELL EDWARD JOHNSON
CLARK CHARLES BULWINKLE
CHARLES ROBERT LLOYD
ERIC STARVO GALT
TOM ABLE
EDWARD EARL SIMMS
NORMAN BRUCE ROLLINS

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COLLIER stated that he could not identify any of the photographs as being identical to the individual whom he drove to Jackson in his cab that morning.

Mrs. ~~LUCILLE FERGUSON~~, Manager, Trailways Bus Station, Highway 51, Durant, Mississippi, advised that she had only caught a fleeting glimpse of the individual as he stood across the street in front of the package liquor store. FERGUSON viewed photographs of the following:

CLARK CHARLES BULWINKLE
CHARLES ROBERT LLOYD
ERIC STARVO GALT
TOM ABLE
EDWARD EARL SIMMS
NORMAN BRUCE ROLLINS
HASKELL EDWARD JOHNSON

FERGUSON stated that she could not identify any of the photographs and that she had only caught a slight glimpse of the individual.

~~KENNETH ELLIS~~, Manager, Package Liquor Store, Highway 51, Durant, Mississippi, advised that a white male, dressed in a dark suit, had purchased a bottle of 7 Crown in a half pint quantity from him on the afternoon of April 16, 1968. ELLIS added that this individual came back later in the day and attempted to buy another bottle, but ELLIS felt that he was too intoxicated and would not sell him another bottle. ELLIS viewed photographs of the following:

HASKELL EDWARD JOHNSON
NORMAN BRUCE ROLLINS
EDWARD EARL SIMMS
ERIC STARVO GALT
TOM ABLE
CHARLES ROBERT LLOYD
CLARK CHARLES BULWINKLE

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ELLIS stated that he could not identify any of the pictures as being identical with the individual who had been in his liquor store the previous day.

GUS DICKERSON, Agent, Southland Service Station, Route 51, Durant, Mississippi, advised that an individual dressed in a dark suit had been in his service station the previous afternoon or early that morning accompanied by a cab driver known to DICKERSON as D. C. COLLIER. DICKERSON stated that COLLIER bought a dollar's worth of gas and that the individual with COLLIER put a coin in the soft drink machine and purchased a bottle of soda. DICKERSON stated that this individual displayed a large roll of \$20 bills approximating \$300 or \$400. DICKERSON viewed photographs of the following:

HASKELL EDWARD JOHNSON
NORMAN BRUCE ROLLINS
EDWARD EARL SIMMS
ERIC STARVO GALT
TOM ABLE
CHARLES ROBERT LLOYD
CLARK CHARLES BULWINKLE

DICKERSON stated that the individual who had been in his service station exhibiting the large roll of \$20 bills strongly resembled the photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT. DICKERSON stated that he could not be absolutely certain and that the individual seemed to have a much thinner face than the one exhibited by GALT in the photograph. DICKERSON stated that he had heard that the same individual had been in the Corner Grill Cafe in Durant the previous afternoon.

~~IKE JENKINS~~, Proprietor, Corner Grill Cafe, Durant, Mississippi, advised that he could not recall a strange

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individual being in his cafe on the afternoon of April 16, 1968. JENKINS then advised that there was an individual in there the morning of April 16, 1968. JENKINS further advised that this individual had gotten off the train at the depot across the street and was hitchhiking to New Orleans. JENKINS viewed photographs of the following:

HASKELL EDWARD JOHNSON
NORMAN BRUCE ROLLINS
EDWARD EARL SIMMS
ERIC STARVO GALT
TOM ABLE
CHARLES ROBERT LLOYD
CLARK CHARLES BULWINKLE

JENKINS advised that none of the photographs appeared familiar to him.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA PATRICK R. COONEY at Shreveport, Louisiana:

On April 17, 1968, ~~KATHY COOK~~, clerk, Bureau of Identification, Shreveport, Louisiana, Police Department, advised that her records reflect that an individual named ~~SAMMIE STEWART~~ was arrested by the Shreveport Police Department on February 22, 1966, for being drunk and disorderly. He was assigned Shreveport Police Department number 62700. The disposition listed on this arrest is \$10 bond forfeited, on February 24, 1966.

The following description of STEWART was obtained from this file:

Sex	Male
Race	White
Occupation	None
Date of Birth	
Place of Birth	Florien, Louisiana
Height	5' 9 3/4"
Weight	152 pounds
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Ruddy
Build	Medium
Residence	305 North MacDill, Tampa, Florida

This file contained an FBI Identification Record, which showed STEWART's FBI Number to be 549 315 A. The following arrests were shown on this FBI Identification Record:

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<u>Contributor of Fingerprints</u>	<u>Name and Number</u>	<u>Arrested or Received</u>	<u>Charge</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
Sheriff's Office, Tampa, Florida	SAMMIE STEWART Number 36372	October 9, 1948	Drunk	None
Office of Special Investigations, Air Force	SAMMIE STEWART Number 41 54283	October 2, 1950	Applicant	None
Sheriff's Office, Shreveport, Louisiana	SAMMIE STEWART Number 15952	June 26, 1955	Driving while intoxicated	None listed

The current Shreveport, Louisiana, City Directory shows a listing for a SAMMY STEWART, residing at 1741 Southern Avenue, Shreveport, Louisiana. No other information is contained in the City Directory.

The following investigation was conducted by SA JAMES W. SMITH at Shreveport, Louisiana:

On April 17, 1968, Captain BOBBY WILKINS, Bureau of Identification, Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office, made available his file on SAMMIE STEWART, which file reflected that STEWART was assigned Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office number 15952 and was arrested on June 26, 1955, by the Louisiana State Police for driving while intoxicated. STEWART was released after posting \$350 bond. This file reflects STEWART's FBI Number to be 549 315 A.

The following description was obtained from the files of the Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office regarding SAMMIE STEWART:

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Sex	Male
Race	White
Date of Birth	<input type="text"/>
Place of Birth	Florien, Louisiana
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Black
Height	5' 9 3/4"
Weight	168 pounds
Remarks	Gap between upper teeth

A photograph of SAMMIE STEWART taken June 27, 1955, was made available by the Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA EUGENE TEREFENKO at Shreveport, Louisiana:

On April 17, 1968, VIRGINIA RION, clerk, Retail Merchants Credit Association, advised that she could locate no record identifiable with SAMMY or SAMMIE STEWART in the files of the Retail Merchants Credit Association.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

DATE: 4/17/68

FROM : SA ROY F. RODMAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 4/17/68, a number of photos including that of ERIC STARVO GALT were exhibited to Mr. J. W. BROOKS and JUANITA JONES, desk clerks, at the Sun-n-Sand Motel, Jackson, Miss., for the purpose of determining whether or not the picture of GALT was identical to an individual who had attempted to register at that motel early this date. After checking these photos, both BROOKS and JONES failed to identify picture of GALT as in any way resembling the individual who attempted to register there that date. They described the individual who had attempted to register at about 8:00 a.m., that morning as a white male, about 50 years of age, 5'11", 180 pounds, with dark hair. He arrived in a Yellow Cab without luggage and appeared to be in a drunken condition. He was unshaven and dressed in rumpled sports clothing. He had a potbelly. Since he was obviously not the type of person they desired as a guest, he was refused a room and another Yellow Cab was called for him, and he departed the premises in same.

(Photo of Sammie Stewart received from Shreveport, La. RA, exhibited to J. W. Brooks and Juanita Jones, supra, they identified Stewart as being the man who attempted to obtain a room at the Sun-Sand, Inc, on 4/17/68. They also recalled he used the name "Stewart".)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-9586) (P)

DATE: 4/22/68

FROM : SA JOHN DENNIS MILLER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Jackson teletype to Director, Birmingham, Jacksonville, and Memphis, 4/12/68.

Attached hereto is an investigative insert reflecting investigation conducted by the writer in Benton and Tippah County, Miss., in connection with captioned matter.

The only positive results of investigation to date has already been furnished interested offices. In this regard, see referenced teletype.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

The following investigation was conducted by
SA JOHN DENNIS MILLER on April 9, 1968:

J. W. COOMBS, Personnel Manager, Ripley Shoe
Products, Ripley, Mississippi, confidentially advised
that a review of his records reflect that JERRY GOOLSBY
formerly of Route 4, Ripley, Mississippi, had executed an
employment application with his firm.

A review of that record reflects the following
descriptive data:

Date of birth	[REDACTED]
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Blond
Height	Six feet three inches
Weight	One hundred eighty pounds
Military service	U. S. Army, April 2, 1958 to July 2, 1959,
Social Security Number	[REDACTED]
Prior arrests	None listed

COOMBS advised that he knows JERRY GOOLSBY
personally and stated that GOOLSBY is currently employed
at Oakly Ford, East, a Ford dealer in Memphis, Tennessee.
COOMBS stated that GOOLSBY resides at an unknown location
in Memphis.

In connection with his employment, he drives all
sorts of demonstrator automobiles.

COOMBS stated that GOOLSBY was not a violent
person and he, COOMBS, would be greatly surprised if
GOOLSBY was involved in any sort of violent acts.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA JOHN DENNIS MILLER:

On the night of April 8, 1968, Tippah County Deputy Sheriff BRUMLEY advised that he knows no one named JERRY GOOLSBY, but is familiar with a white male named JERRY GOOLSBY.

Deputy Sheriff BRUMLEY described GOOLSBY as a white male, five feet eight inches, one hundred sixty-five pounds, blond hair, blue eyes, fair complexion, who is employed as a car salesman in Memphis, Tennessee. He advised that GOOLSBY has been arrested for public drunkenness in Tippah County. He advised that he thought, but was not positive, that GOOLSBY has been residing in Memphis for some time.

On April 9, 1968, attempts to locate and interview Mrs. JERRY GOOLSBY, Ripley, Mississippi, and DILLARD GOOLSBY of Route 4, Ripley, Mississippi, were met with negative results.

On April 9, 1968, Tippah County Deputy Sheriff W. H. KELLUM, advised that he is familiar with JERRY GOOLSBY who formerly resided in Ripley, Mississippi, but now resides at an unknown location in Memphis, Tennessee, in connection with his employment as an automobile salesman in that city.

KELLUM stated that the Tippah County Sheriff's Office has arrested GOOLSBY previously for public drunkenness and stated that GOOLSBY has been known to become rowdy when drinking.

KELLUM stated that GOOLSBY has not been observed to his knowledge in the Ripley, Mississippi, area for the past several weeks and advised that GOOLSBY frequents

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the Ripley, Mississippi, area only on weekends.

KELLUM advised that to the best of his knowledge GOOLSBY was not a violent person and he would not consider him a good suspect in the KING slaying.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

FROM : SA JOHN L. PUDDISTER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4-29-68

On April 11, 1968, Inspector JOSEPH A. SULLIVAN telephonically advised that he did not desire that any negative type investigation, which eliminates local Jackson suspects, be sent to Memphis. He advised that negative type information should be indexed and filed at Jackson rather than be furnished to Memphis.

In view of above, the attached has been marked for indexing into the Jackson files.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA MICHAEL J. O'NEILL at Fayette, Mississippi:

On April 8, 1968, Mr. ALBERT LEHMANN, Lehmann Auto Company, advised that on April 3, 1968, he was at the Jack Wright Cafe in Fayette and he overheard a man by the name of SMYTHE state that when MARTIN LUTHER KING went to Memphis on April 4, 1968, he would be killed. LEHMANN advised that he did not push the issue any further with SMYTHE but thought that the FBI should be advised. LEHMANN stated that SMYTHE works for the Mississippi Power and Light Company in Fayette. LEHMANN stated that when SMYTHE made this statement it was his (LEHMAN's) opinion that the statement was not made as a threat and he felt that SMYTHE made the statement just as a passing remark.

STANLEY E. SMYTHE was interviewed at his place of employment in Fayette, Mississippi, the Mississippi Power and Light Company. SMYTHE admitted making the statement but stated that when he did he was in the town clerk's office and not at Jack Wright's Cafe. He stated that this statement was made by him just as a passing remark and did not mean it as a threat in any way. He stated that it was the opinion of many people that at one time or another harm would come to MARTIN LUTHER KING if he carried on as he was.

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Date 4/12/68

STANLEY E. SMYTHE was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent. SMYTHE then furnished the following information at his place of employment, the Mississippi Power and Light Company in Fayette, Mississippi.

When asked about his activities on the night of April 3, 1968, SMYTHE stated that he got off work at about 5:30 and then went home. SMYTHE stated that he was home all evening and did not leave the house. He stated he does not remember being at Jack Wright's Cafe on this particular evening. When asked if he had made any kind of statement concerning Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., on this particular evening, SMYTHE advised that while he was at the town clerk's office he did make the statement that when MARTIN LUTHER KING went to Memphis on April 4, 1968, he would be killed. He said he made this statement only as a passing remark and did not intend it to be a threat. SMYTHE stated that in fact many people had been talking about the fact that MARTIN LUTHER KING someday would be killed due to his radical attitudes and activities. SMYTHE stated that the last time he was in Memphis, Tennessee, was sometime back in 1965.

The following is a description of STANLEY E. SMYTHE obtained through interview and observation:

Name -	STANLEY E. SMYTHE
Race -	White
Sex -	Male
Date of Birth -	<input type="text"/>
Place of Birth -	New Orleans, Louisiana
Height -	5'11½"
Weight -	197 pounds
Hair -	Curly, black, graying
Eyes -	Blue
Complexion -	Ruddy

On 4/8/68 at Fayette, Mississippi File # Jackson 157-9586

by SA MICHAEL J. O'NEILL/pac Date dictated 4/9/68

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Build -	Medium to stocky
Address -	Post Office Box 296, Fayette, Mississippi
Marital Status -	Divorced
Automobile -	1966 Pontiac Executive four door, 1968 Mississippi License 32-109
Army Serial Number -	34074933
Social Security Number -	<input type="text"/>
Weapons -	Smith and Wesson snub nosed .38 caliber

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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FROM : SA JOHN L. PUDDISTER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4-29-68

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In view of the above, the attached has been marked for indexing for filing at Jackson.

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