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TO WFO 44-703
FROM MOBILE 157-2627

MURKIN, CR. OO ME.

RE WFO TEL APR. ELEVEN INSTANT, CONCERNING JOSEPH M.
PRITCHETT, MONTGOMERY, ALA.

MO FILES REVEAL INTERVIEW AUG. TWENTY-EIGHT, SIXTY-FOUR
WITH JOSEPH MALLOY PRITCHETT, PATROLMAN, MONTGOMERY, ALA. PD
ON ALLEGED CR VIOLATION. PRITCHETT, W/M, BORN [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] MONTGOMERY, FIVE FOOT NINE, ONE SIXTY-FIVE,
HAZEL EYES, BLOND HAIR, MARITAL STATUS SINGLE, SERVED IN USN
NOV. SIXTEEN, FIFTY-NINE TO AUG. TWENTY-SEVEN, SIXTY-THREE,
HONORABLE DISCHARGE AT KEY WEST, FLA., PARENTS JOSEPH ALLEN
AND MARTHA PRITCHETT, TWO SIX ONE SOUTH BLVD. MONTGOMERY,
HAS SERVED IN MONTGOMERY PD SINCE OCT. SIXTY-THREE.

IT APPEARS LIKELY THIS INDIVIDUAL IS THE PRITCHETT
REFERRED TO IN RE TEL AND HIS NAVY RECORD SHOULD BE REVIEWED
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TO DETERMINE IF IDENTICAL WITH THE PERSON REFERRED TO BY
GILMER P. STAFFORD. *CHECK BEING MADE MONTGOMERY.*

AM COPIES TO MEMPHIS, FORTY-FOUR - ONE NINE EIGHT SEVEN,
AND BIRMINGHAM, FORTY-FOUR - ONE SEVEN FOUR ZERO.

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ADDENDUM FOR MOBILE: The CR case in question in Mofile
44-1171 and the interview is serial 10.

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TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, BIRMINGHAM 44-1740 AND
MEMPHIS 44-1987
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MURKIN, CR, OO ME.

RE BH TEL TO BU APR ELEVEN INSTANT, EIGHT TWENTY-EIGHT
P.M.

INVESTIGATION PRATTVILLE, ALA., REFLECTS EUGENE AUSTIN
STOUDENMIRE CURRENTLY ATTENDING UNIV. OF SOCIAL STUDIES, A
BRANCH OF UNIV. OF ALA., WHICH IS LOCATED NEAR UNIV. HOSPITAL,
BIRMINGHAM, ALA. REPORTEDLY WILL BE IN CLASSES UNTIL APPROX
EIGHT P. M. THIS DATE. RESIDES ONE FOUR TWO FIVE, TWENTY-
EIGHTH ST. SOUTH, BIRMINGHAM.

BIRMINGHAM INTERVIEW STOUDENMIRE RE HIS KNOWLEDGE OF GALT.
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P *lmw*

Approved: *WMA*
Special Agent in Charge

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Airtel

To: SACs, Memphis
Mobile
Knoxville

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Check of NCIC records discloses two white Mustangs stolen between 12:01 A.M., 1/1/68, and midnight 4/4/68 in the four-state area of Alabama, Arkansas, Mississippi and Tennessee.

NCIC #VO33534808 listed by Alabama State Troopers at Montgomery, Alabama, stolen 1/24/68, their number 0515; license 515454 Alabama 1968; VIN 5F09C291191 for 1965 Ford Mustang two-door white.

NCIC #VO37191113 listed by police department, Shelbyville, Tennessee, stolen 2/28/68, their number 68-991; license EK6342 Tennessee 1967; VIN 5F07A254604 for 1965 Ford Mustang white.

Mobile and Knoxville determine circumstances of thefts in effort to resolve whether or not those cars may have been involved in this case.

Under no circumstances should anyone be told this investigation is in connection with captioned matter.

*Frank
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FROM BIRMINGHAM 44-1740 P

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THOMAS D. FRANKLIN, ROOMER AT TWENTYSIX ZERO EIGHT HIGHLAND AVENUE, BIRMINGHAM ALABAMA, ROOM EIGHTEEN, FROM AUGUST THIRTYONE, NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN TO SEPTEMBER FOURTEEN, NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN. INVESTIGATION AT GADSDEN, ALABAMA, REFLECTS FRANKLIN STUDENT AT AUBURN UNIVERSITY, RESIDING ONE TWO ZERO NORTH COLLEGE STREET, AUBURN, ALABAMA.

MOBILE INTERVIEW FRANKLIN REGARDING ASSOCIATES OF GALT, ALL BACKGROUND INFORMATION KNOWN TO HIM ON GALT, AND ANY OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION REGARDING GALT.

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616PM URGENT 4/12/68 GJM
TO ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES
FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 1P

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EACH OFFICE IS BEING FURNISHED, UNDER SEPARATE COVER,
PHOTOGRAPHS OF TWO ARTISTS' CONCEPTIONS BASED ON DESCRIPTIONS
OF UNKNOWN SUBJECT BY WITNESSES IN MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM
RESPECTIVELY.

THESE PHOTOGRAPHS ARE FOR ASSISTANCE OF AGENTS
HANDLING THIS INVESTIGATION AND ARE NOT TO BE DISSEMINATED
OUTSIDE THE BUREAU.

NO INDICATION IS TO BE GIVEN THAT INVESTIGATION IS IN
CONNECTION WITH THE CAPTIONED CASE.

UNKNOWN SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND
DANGEROUS.

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The following investigation was conducted by SAS ROY H. EVELAND and NORMAN D. JAMES:

According to the records of that office, ASKEW was described as 22 years old, 5'4", 145 pounds, medium build, dark hair.

The 1967 Alexander City Directory listed WILLIAM R. ASKEW (wife, PATSY) as living at 905 E. 5th. His occupation was shown as textile worker, Russell Mill.

According to Officer JONES, he did not believe that ASKEW lived at this address at this time, but was living at 1006 Hillabee Road.

On April 7, 1968, STU ALFORD, Special Deputy, Tallapoosa County Sheriff's Department, advised that last night, April 6, 1968, he and Deputy HERMAN CLAYBROOK got a call from the Newsite, Alabama, police. They traveled to

[Handwritten signature]

Newsite and picked up the police officer, and then subsequently arrested a Negro male by the name of JESSIE KNIGHT for public drunk. After taking the police officer back to the station in Newsite, they headed for Alexander City, Alabama. On their way they came up on a car full of persons who were driving back and forth on the highway. They arrested PERVIS ASKEW, a white male who was driving for driving without a license. The two passengers in the car, WILLIAM ASKEW and JOHN WAYNE WINSLETT, were drinking beer; therefore, they arrested them for violation of prohibition law.

A review of the police records at the Alexander City, Alabama, Police Department, reflected that WILLIAM RANDALL ASKEW, 905 5th Street, a white male, born [REDACTED] had the following arrests: May 8, 1965, violation of prohibition law; May 15, 1965, violation of prohibition law; November 29, 1965, public drunk; April 7, 1967, violation of prohibition law.

An address for ASKEW in 1965 was listed as 606 13th Avenue, Alexander City.

On April 7, 1968, WILLIAM RANDALL ASKEW was located at the residence of his father-in-law, FRANKLIN "SONNY" RICH, 905 5th Street, Alexander City, Alabama. ASKEW was intoxicated and had to be aroused before an attempt was made to interview him. He stated that he had been drinking most of the day and realized that he was in an intoxicated condition. He admitted making a telephone call to the Memphis, Tennessee, Police Department, that afternoon from his home phone at 1006 Hillabee Road in Alexander City. He gave his phone number as 329-9567. He advised that his cousin, PERVIS ASKEW, and a friend, DOUG COOLEY, were at his house when he made the telephone call. He stated that he placed the call to Memphis and told the long distance operator that he wanted the Police Department. The operator told him the line was busy and asked for his telephone number, however he gave her some other number that he just made up. About 30 minutes later DOUG COOLEY placed a call to the Memphis Police Department, and the operator told COOLEY that the line was busy, and that she would call him back and asked for the phone number, which COOLEY gave her. The operator called back in about 10 minutes and told COOLEY, who answered the phone, that she had the Memphis Police Department on the line. He then asked

for the phone and asked who was at the other end. A man answered that he was the U. S. Marshal or some other official-sounding name. He then told this person, "Tell the fellow who killed KING that Alabama said Congratulations." He then hung up. ASKEW said this telephone call was strictly "liquor talk," and that he could not give any particular reason for making it, only that he was too drunk to know what he was really doing. He stated that he knows nothing as to who might have killed Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. and knows only what he has read in the newspapers or heard over the T.V. or radio. He said that his cousin, PERVIS, and DOUG COOLEY also had been drinking and were slightly intoxicated. ASKEW stated that he was working at Number 1 Mill, Russell Manufacturing Company, Alexander City on Thursday, April 4, 1968, from 6:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

ASKEW is described as a white male, age 21, born [redacted] Tallapoosa County, Alabama, 5'9", 148 pounds, light brown hair, blue eyes, fair complexion. He is married to PATSY VIRGINIA CAMPBELL ASKEW, and they have a small child.

On April 7, 1968, ASKEW's wife, PATSY, advised that she was not at home this afternoon at the time a long distance telephone call was placed to the Memphis, Tennessee Police Department. She indicated that she and her husband had been having troubles, and that she was staying at her parents' house, 905 5th Street in Alexander City. She recalled that last Thursday after her husband, RANDALL, came home from work, between 2:15 and 2:30 in the afternoon that he remained at home for the rest of the evening until the following morning when he again went to work.

On April 7, 1968, PERVIS ADISON ASKEW, Route 2, Alexander City, Alabama, was contacted at Number 3 Mill, Russell Manufacturing Company, Alexander City, Alabama, where he is employed. He advised that he and DOUG COOLEY visited his cousin, WILLIAM RANDALL ASKEW, that day some time after 3:00 P.M. and remained at RANDALL's house for around 45 minutes. When they first arrived at RANDALL's house, RANDALL was on the telephone and then hung up. He did not know who RANDALL was talking to, and RANDALL did not mention anything about the telephone call. After they had been there for about five to ten minutes, the telephone rang, and RANDALL answered and said something to the effect

that he had not made any call. RANDALL then hung up and did not make any comments about any telephone call. No further calls were received or made by any of them at the time that he and COOLEY were at RANDALL's house. He admits that the three of them had been drinking, but that he and DOUG were not drunk. He said that RANDALL was intoxicated.

He denied knowing anything about the killing of Dr. KING or having anything to do with it, and the only thing he knew about it was through the news media. He claimed further that he was at the home of his cousin, JOHN WAYNE WINSLETT, Fish Pond Road, Alexander City, Alabama, during the afternoon of last Thursday, April 4, 1968.

PERVIS ASKEW is described as a white male, age 31, born [redacted] Tallapoosa County, Alabama, 5'10 $\frac{1}{2}$ ", 150 pounds, light brown hair, hazel eyes; military, served in the U. S. Army, November, 1955 to October, 1957, received honorable discharge, unable to recall serial number; his father is L. B. ASKEW. He admitted having been arrested the previous evening for violating the prohibition law in Alexander City. He also claimed that he had been arrested a few times previously in Alexander City.

On April 7, 1968, a review of the arrest records at the Alexander City Police Department reflected that PERVIS ADISON ASKEW, white male, born [redacted] had numerous arrests for offenses such as public drunk, resisting arrest, disorderly conduct, disturbing the peace, a fray, violation of prohibition law and destroying private property since November of 1961 through April 6, 1968.

The arrest records at the Alexander City Police Department reflected that DOUGLAS COOLEY, white male, born [redacted] residence, 31 Oak Street, Alexander City, Alabama, had one arrest on April 6, 1966, for destroying private property (one mailbox), disposition, fined \$25.00.

On April 7, 1968, ERNEST B. LACEY, Supervisor, Number 1 Mill, Russell Manufacturing Company, Alexander City, advised that WILLIAM RANDALL ASKEW worked under his supervision Tuesday through Friday, April 2-5, 1968, from 6:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

On April 8, 1968, DOUGLAS DURELL COOLEY, 31 Oak Street, Alexander City, Alabama, advised that it was around 4:00 P.M., Sunday, April 7, 1968 when he and PERVIS ASKEW went over to RANDALL ASKEW's house on Hillabee Road in Alexander City. He and PERVIS had been drinking most of the day, and they were slightly intoxicated. RANDALL had also been drinking and was drunk. RANDALL's wife had left him that day, and RANDALL seemed upset and had been drinking heavily. He recalls that RANDALL made two or three calls on the telephone to his wife who was at her parents' place in Alexander City. Without any prompting on their part, RANDALL started talking about the killing of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING. RANDALL mentioned something about KING being buried, but that the Negro people thought that he would rise and come to life again. RANDALL then said that he was going to call Memphis and congratulate them for Dr. KING's assassination. RANDALL then placed a telephone call and shortly thereafter, hung up. About 30 minutes later the phone rang, and RANDALL talked to the operator and then rung up. He (COOLEY) did not have anything to do with this telephone call and knows nothing concerning the assassination of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., other than what he has read in the newspapers and seen and heard on T.V. He believes that the only reason that RANDALL placed the telephone call was because of his intoxicated condition, and that in this condition he was brave enough and foolish enough to have made the call.

As far as he can recall, he was at the VFW Club in Alexander City on Thursday, April 4, 1968, from around 11:30 A.M. to around 10:00 to 10:30 P.M. He believes that MORRIS WHATLEY, who formerly managed the club, was in and out of the club during that period of time.

He claims to have never been in Memphis, Tennessee. He stated that he has been arrested three times in his lifetime, once last Saturday a week ago for violation of prohibition law; several years ago for driving while intoxicated and in April, 1966, for destroying a mailbox.

The following is a description of COOLEY: white male, age 24, born [redacted] Tallapoosa County, Alabama, 6', 220 pounds, brown hair, crewcut, eyes, brown, heavy eyebrows,

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military service, none; Selective Service Number 1-62-43-1, Local Board 62, Dadeville, Alabama, classified 1-Y (kidney trouble); education, ninth grade.

On April 8, 1968, efforts were made to locate MORRIS WHATLEY; however, it was determined that he was out of town on business. Word was left with his wife to have her husband contact the FBI upon his return.

On April 9, 1968, RUBY ASKEW, Robinson Road, Route 2, Alexander City, Alabama, mother of PERVIS ASKEW, advised that she definitely recalls that her son was at home Thursday night, April 4, 1968, as they were together in the living room and heard the broadcast over the television announcing that Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING had just been shot.

On April 10, 1968, MORRIS WHATLEY, Alexander City, Alabama, telephonically contacted the Opelika, Alabama, Resident Agency and informed that as best he can recall he saw DOUG COOLEY at the VFW Club in Alexander City during the afternoon and early evening hours on either Wednesday April 3, 1968, or Thursday, April 4, 1968. He advised that he would try to definitely establish which of these two dates it was that he saw COOLEY at the Club and would notify the local FBI Resident Agency.

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AIR MAIL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS
FROM: SAC, MOBILE (157-2627)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Birmingham teletype to Bureau, Memphis and
Mobile, 4/7/68.

Retel related to a telephone call received by
the Memphis, Tenn. PD at 4:05 P.M., 4/7/68. The call
was determined to have been placed from telephone number
329-9567, subscribed to by RANDALL ASKEW, 1006 Millabee
Highway, Alexander City, Ala.

Enclosed are 25 copies of an investigative
insert referring to investigation relative to "telephone
call to Memphis Police Department, Memphis, Tenn., 4:05 P.M.,
April 7, 1968 by WILLIAM RANDALL ASKEW, Alexander City, Ala."

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-2627)

DATE: 4-9868

FROM : SA Allison A. Catlin

SUBJECT: Assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr. RMK

Re: Memo to SAC by SA Kelty dtd 4-6-68.
The following investigation by SA Allison A. Catlin:

Charlie Reed, Foley, Alabama, on 4-8-68, advised that he is regularly employed at the post office in Foley but that he works some nights as an extra as a Gulf Shores policeman.

Reed stated that he had known JJimmy Howard Bridges while Bridges had been employed in Foley and Gulf Shores Alabama. Reed positively identified a photograph of Jimmy Howard Bridges who is identical with subject in case captioned same (88-6323) wherein Bridges is a bureau fugitive with Denver OO. Bridges has not been in South Alabama area since February 1, 1968. Last info obtained was that Subject may be in Houston, Texas.

Bridges described as ^{age 31} a w m dob 5'8", 190-205 #, reddish brown hair - *Brn eyes. heavy lidd.*

Reed stated that he had seen the artists conception of assassination of King and did not think that Bridges resembled the photograph in any manner.

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AIR MAIL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, MOBILE (157-2627)(P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

On the night of 4/6/68, an unknown female telephonically advised that she had observed the artist's conception of Unsub on television and thought that it resembled JAMES BRIDGES who used to hang out at Radcliff's Restaurant, Gulf Shores, Ala. She said BRIDGES was about 35 years of age, 5'7 1/2" tall, weighed 185 pounds and known to Officer CHARLIE REED of the Gulf Shores PD. Caller would not identify herself or furnish any other information.

CHARLIE REED, Foley, Ala., on 4/8/68, advised that he is regularly employed at the Post Office in Foley and works nights as a policeman in Gulf Shores. He said he has known JIMMY HOWARD BRIDGES when BRIDGES was employed in Foley and Gulf Shores, Ala.

It is noted that JIMMY HOWARD BRIDGES is the subject of MOBILE 88-6123, in which Denver is OO and which is entitled, "JIMMY HOWARD BRIDGES, aka - POSITIVE; UFAP - Causing Injury While under Influence of Intoxicating Liquor." BRIDGES, according to Mobile investigation, has not been in South Alabama since about 2/1/68. He is described as a W/M, born [redacted] Robstown, Texas, 5'8", 205 pounds, reddish-brown hair, brown eyes, heavy build; occupation, bakery equipment technician, fingerprint classification, 14 M 9 U 100 4
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Enclosed herewith for Birmingham and Memphis is photo of subject BRIDGES taken 12/2/66, Colorado Springs, Colorado PD.

Houston airtel dated 4/8/68, Houston file 88-5463, set forth that Subject BRIDGES had been apprehended 4/8/68 and was in custody URM.

In the event Birmingham or Memphis determine that BRIDGES might possibly be a suspect in this case, he may be located through the Houston Office or other information may be obtained from the Denver Office, which is CC.

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BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)

FROM MOBILE (157-2627)

MURKIN. CR. OO: MEMPHIS.

RE BIRMINGHAM TELETYPE EIGHT TWENTY EIGHT PM, APRIL ELEVEN, SIXTY EIGHT, CONCERNING FORMER RESIDENTS OF ECONOMY ROOMING HOUSE, BIRMINGHAM.

BY SEPARATE TELETYPE IT HAS BEEN REPORTED THAT EUGENE AUSTIN SToudenMIRE, PRATTVILLE, ALA., IS NOW IN BIRMINGHAM AND BIRMINGHAM WAS REQUESTED TO INTERVIEW.

INTERVIEWS WITH MRS. JAMES E. WELDON, OPELIKA, ALA., AND MRS. OVIS LEE BLACK, ANDALUSIA, ALA., CONDUCTED AND BOTH STATE GALT UNKNOWN. MRS. BLACK IS MOTHER OF MRS. WELDON AND BOTH WERE IN BIRMINGHAM WHILE MRS. WELDON'S DAUGHTER WAS BEING OPERATED ON AT BIRMINGHAM CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL.

BOTH WILL BE RECONTACTED AND SHOWN ARTIST SKETCH.

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MRS. WELDON'S HUSBAND WAS AT THE ROOMING HOUSE OVERNIGHT
IN SEPTEMBER, SIXTY SEVEN AND ALSO STATED GALT UNKNOWN.
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Special Agent in Charge

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FBI WASH DC

700 PM URGENT 4/12/68 GFH

TO DIRECTOR MOBILE AND ST. LOUIS
FROM WASHINGTON FIELD 44-703 1P

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RE WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE TELETYPE APRIL ELEVEN, SIXTYEIGHT, RE
JOSEPH M. PRITCHET, NO COPY TO ST. LOUIS.

PRITCHET SUGGESTED AS SUSPECT INSTANT CASE. NAVY RECORDS, WDC,
REFLECT JOSEPH M. PRITCHET, NAVY SERIAL FIVE FOUR ZERO EIGHT FOUR
FOUR ZERO, ENLISTED NOVEMBER SEVENTEEN, FIFTYNINE. FILE NOW
LOCATED NAVAL PERSONNEL RECORDS CENTER, ST. LOUIS.

ST. LOUIS REVIEW FILE AND FURNISH RESULTS TO MOBILE WITH
COPIES FOR BIRMINGHAM AND MEMPHIS. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

AIR MAIL COPIES TO MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM. P.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : FILE (157-2627)

DATE: 4/12/68

FROM : SAC ALEXANDER

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR

This is to record that at 1:58 PM, 4/11/68, SA DAN O. STEPHENS, Montgomery RA, called and stated he in turn had had a telephone call from the Communications Section of the Alabama Dept. of Public Safety which had had an inquiry from Mr. R. L. DAVIS of the Auto Theft Squad, Atlanta PD, concerning the Mustang in question.

I instructed SA STEPHENS to call the Communications Section back and get further details while I held the line, which he did. SA STEPHENS advised that a teletype message, 2680, had been received from R. L. DAVIS, Auto Theft Squad, Atlanta PD, which read as follows: "Please check stolen and registration on following Mustang: 1967 Alabama license 1A88354, VIN 6T07C190647, 1968 Alabama tag 1-38993. Please rush information."

SA STEPHENS also stated that it was customary on an inquiry of this kind, when there was no stolen report, to make a check of NCIC, and it came out a "Hit." The essence of the message from NCIC was to the effect that this car might be in possession of ERIC STARVO GALT, who should be considered armed and dangerous, there was no warrant outstanding for him, and to call the nearest FBI Office collect.

SA STEPHENS said the Communications Clerk was giving this information to the Auto Theft Squad of the Atlanta PD.

At 2:06 PM I called SAC FRANK HITT of the Atlanta Office and gave him the above. At 2:13 PM I called ASAC CLIFF HALTER of the Memphis Office and advised him of the above. At 2:23 PM I called SAC JOE GAMBLE of the Birmingham Office and advised him of the above.

SA STEPHENS called back and stated that he had determined that a ZV message had been sent to NCIC, which was a test message,



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and a QV message had not been used; therefore, the NCIC monitor in Washington would have no record of the AST inquiry.

At 3:08 PM this information was relayed to Supervisor CHARLES HARDING of the Atlanta Office, at which time he advised that the car had been abandoned on Friday, 4/5/68, at Connolly Place and Memorial Dr., and efforts were being made now to have it impounded, etc.

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MIAMI

11:00 PM 4/12/68 URGENT RCW
TO DIRECTOR(44-38861), ATLANTA (44-2386), CHARLOTTE, HOUSTON,
MOBILE, MEMPHIS (44-1987) AND BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)
FROM MIAMI (44-1854) 3 PGS.

MURKIN. CR. OO: MEMPHIS

RE: SUSPECT ERIC STARVO GALT

RE ATLANTA TEL TO BUREAU AND MIAMI FOUR TWELVE INSTANT.

EASTERN AIRLINES TICKETS FOR APRIL FOUR, FIVE, SIX, NINE AND
TEN REVIEWED TODAY FOR FOLLOWING NAMES: ERIC STARVO GALT,
HARVEY LOWMYER OR LOWMEYER AND JOHN WILLARD. TICKETS FOR
APRIL SEVEN AND EIGHT WILL BE AVAILABLE MONDAY AND TUESDAY
AS THEIR WHEREABOUTS PRESENT TIME UNKNOWN. NO RECORD FOR
ABOVE NAMES LOCATED.

TICKETS REVEAL TICKET ZERO ZERO SEVEN DASH TWO TWO TWO
DASH SIX EIGHT FOUR DASH ONE ZERO EIGHT ISSUED APRIL NINE
LAST, GREENSBORO, N.C., TO JOHN A. GAULT, USING CREDIT CARD
OF ASSOCIATED PIPELINE CONTRACTORS, FOURTEENTH FLOOR, HOUSTON
CLUB BUILDING, HOUSTON, TEXAS. TICKET INDICATES GAULT DEPARTED
GREENSBORO, N.C., TWO ZERO ONE PM, APRIL NINE LAST, FLIGHT
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SIX TWO ONE, FOR ATLANTA, GA., AND DEPARTED ATLANTA, GA., ON FLIGHT THREE FOUR ONE, APRIL NINE LAST, FOUR FORTYFIVE PM, FOR HOUSTON, TEXAS. RESERVATION CARD INDICATES CONTACT POINT AS PHONE SEVEN NINE THREE DASH TWO SEVEN THREE ONE, ROOM SIX ZERO EIGHT , DANVILLE, VA.

TICKET ZERO ZERO SEVEN DASH TWO TWO TWO DASH SEVEN FOUR EIGHT DASH TWO SIX THREE ISSUED APRIL FIVE LAST AT RALEIGH-DURHAM TERMINAL TO N. GAULT, FOR FLIGHT THREE EIGHT SEVEN, RALEIGH TO ATLANTA, DEPARTING NINE ZERO FIVE AM, DEPARTING ATLANTA FLIGHT TWO FOUR NINE AT NINE TWENTY PM FOR RALEIGH. RESERVATION CARD INDICATES CONTACT POINT AT RALEIGH PHONE SEVEN EIGHT TWO DASH TWO NINE EIGHT FOUR AND ATLANTA PHONE EIGHT SEVEN FIVE DASH THREE FOUR ONE ONE, EXTENSION SIX ONE NINE.

EASTERN AIRLINES TICKET ZERO ZERO SEVEN DASH THREE FIVE ONE DASH TWO SEVEN ONE DASH TWO SIX FOUR ISSUED TO W. C. WILLARD. TICKET REFLECTS FLIGHT SIX THREE TWO DEPARTING MONTGOMERY, ALA., APRIL TEN LAST, SEVEN FIFTEEN AM, FOR ATLANTA, DEPARTING ATLANTA FLIGHT TWO SEVEN ZERO, NINE FIFTYFIVE AM, FOR ST. LOUIS, DEPARTING ST, LOUIS FLIGHT EIGHT ZERO THREE, END PAGE TWO

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APRIL TEN LAST, TWELVE FORTYFIVE PM, FOR SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI.
RESERVATION CARDS SHOW CONTACT POINT MONTGOMERY, ALA., RESIDENCE
PHONE TWO SEVEN THREE DASH SEVEN FOUR ONE ONE, BUSINESS TELEPHONE
TWO SEVEN TWO DASH SEVEN TWO FIVE ONE.

EACH OFFICE RECEIVING THIS COMMUNICATION SHOULD CONDUCT
INVESTIGATION TO ELIMINATE GAULTS AND WILLARD AND TO DETERMINE
FROM GAULTS IF THEY KNOW ONE ERIC STARVO GALT.

EASTERN AIRLINES TICKETS AND RESERVATIONS FOR APRIL SEVEN
AND EIGHT WILL BE REVIEWED AS SOON AS AVAILABLE.

UNKNOWN SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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TO ALBUQUERQUE, ATLANTA, BUTTE, DENVER, JACKSON, LAS VEGAS, LITTLE
ROCK, MEMPHIS, MILWAUKEE, MINNEAPOLIS, MOBILE, NEW ORLEANS,
OKLAHOMA CITY, PHILADELPHIA, PHOENIX, PORTLAND, SACRAMENTO,
SAN ANTONIO, SEATTLE.

FROM DIRECTOR 1P

MURKIN

CHECK STATE BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS FOR ALL MALE BIRTHS ON
JULY TWENTY, NINETEEN THIRTY ONE SPECIFICALLY FOR ERIC STARVO GALT,
JOHN WILLARD AND HARVEY LOWMYER, AS WELL AS ALL VARIATIONS OF THESE
NAMES. ALSO CHECK MALE BIRTHS FOR THIS DATE WHOSE MOTHER'S
MAIDEN NAME WAS ONE OF THE ABOVE SURNAMES OR A LOGICAL VARIATION.
EXPEDITE BUT DO NOT INDICATE SUCH INQUIRY IS CONNECTED WITH
CAPTIONED CASE.

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743 PM 4/12/68 URGENT CEK

TO DIRECTOR(44-38861) AND CHICAGO, MEMPHIS, AND MOBILE.
FROM SPRINGFIELD(44-561)

MURKIN

RE SI TEL CALLS TO MEMPHIS AND CHICAGO INSTANT.

*4/11/68
25-3274*

KENNETH NEWBLE, NEGRO, PEORIA, ILLINOIS, ADVISED TODAY HE HAD WORKED AS SEAMAN WITH ONE RICHARD GALT FROM BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA SAILING ON S.S. HUDSON OF VICTORY TRANSPORTATION LINE, NY, NY, DECEMBER SIXTYONE TO FEBRUARY, SIXTYTWO ON VOYAGE TO SPAIN WITH RETURN TO PORT AUTHUR, TEXAS. NEWBLE AND GALT WERE BOTH MEMBERS OF SEAFARERS INTERNATIONAL UNION, MOBILE, ALABAMA WITH NATIONAL OFFICE LOCATED, BROOKLYN, NEWYORK. TOBY DANCY, NEGRO, MOBILE, ALABAMA WAS MEMBER OF SAME UNION AND SAILED ON S.S. HUDSON WITH THEM. DURING VOYAGE, RELIGIOUS, RACIAL AND POLITICAL MATTERS WERE DISCUSSED AT LENGTH. GALT RELATED HE HAD STUDIED FOR PRIESTHOOD, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS DURING EARLY YEARS AND WAS EXPERIENCED VETERAN SEAMAN.

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GALT DESCRIBED WM, FORTY - FORTYTWO, SIX FEET, ONE HUNDRED SIXTYFIVE POUNDS, CASUAL DRESSER, HAD EXCELLENT KNOWLEDGE OF HANDGUNS AND CONCERNING EUROPE.

SI FILES INDICATE NEWBLE APPEARS IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT OF SSA, FORTYEIGHT CASE, CLOSED, NO PROSECUTION IN FIFTYNINE AT WHICH TIME HE WAS MEMBER OF U.S. MERCHANT MARINE, MOBILE, ALABAMA, WITH ID CARD NUMBER Z ONE ONE TWO ONE SIX SEVEN FIVE. NEWBLE ARRESTED IN GAMBLING RAID, PEORIA, ILLINOIS PD, DURING SIXTYSEVEN.

BUREAU REQUESTED CHECK IDENT RECORDS TO DETERMINE IF RICHARD GALT, BORN APPROXIMATELY [REDACTED] [REDACTED] DESCRIBED ABOVE HAD U.S. COAST GUARD Z NUMBER ASSIGNED DURING SIXTYONE-SIXTYTWO. IF SO, FURNISH IDENT RECORD WITH LEADS TO LOCATE AND ELIMINATE.

MOBILE, IMMEDIATELY CONTACT SEAFARERS INTERNATIONAL UNION FRO RECORD AND PHOTO RICHARD GALT BASED ON ABOVE DATA. ALSO CONFIRM NEWBLE'S RELIABILITY BY VERIFYING UNION MEMBERSHIP. ATTEMPT CONTACT TOBY DANCY FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RE GALT AND WHEREABOUTS.

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CHICAGO CHECK RECORDS ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO IN EFFORT
TO VERIFY EARLY PRIESTHOOD STUDIES AND OBTAIN INFORMATION
TO ASSIST IN LOCATING FOR ELIMINATION.

BIRMINGHAM AND HOUSTON CHECK LOCAL SOURCES CONCERNING
ANY BACKGROUND RICHARD GALT BASED ON ABOVE.

NEW YORK, CHECK RECORDS VICTORY TRANSPORTATION LINE
AND NATIONAL OFFICE, SEAFARERS INTERNATIONAL UNION FOR
INFORMATION TO ASSIST IN LOCATING AND ELIMINATING GALT.

COPIES MAILED BIRMINGHAM, HOUSTON AND NEW YORK. P.

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FBI MEMPHIS

1236 AM URGENT 4-13-68 DND

TO MOBILE

FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987)

MURKIN, CR.

INVESTIGATION AT MEMPHIS REVEALED MICHAEL L. MORSE,
FIVE ZERO TWO FOUR EIGHTH TERRACE SOUTH, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA,
REGISTERED RIP VAN WINKLE MOTEL, SEVEN NINE TWO ZERO HIGHWAY
FIFTY ONE NORTH, MILLINGTON, TENNESSEE, FROM APRIL FOUR - FIVE,
SIXTY EIGHT, DRIVING SIXTY SEVEN FORD ALABAMA LICENSE ONE A
SEVEN SIX FOUR FOUR FOUR.

MOBILE AT MONTGOMERY DETERMINE IF AUTO IS WHITE MUSTANG AND
IF INFORMATION POSITIVE ADVISE BIRMINGHAM TO DETERMINE POSSIBLE
CONNECTION MORSE MAY HAVE WITH ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

ALSO DR. ROY FRANKLIN STINSON, ONE TWO THREE COX STREET,
AUBURN, ALABAMA, REGISTERED RIP VAN WINKLE MOTEL, SEVEN NINE TWO
ZERO HIGHWAY FIFTY ONE NORTH, MILLINGTON, TENNESSEE, ON ^{APRIL} PARIL SIX -
SEVEN, SIXTY EIGHT, DRIVING SIXTY FIVE MUSTANG, ALABAMA LICENSE
FOUR SEVEN - THREE FOUR EIGHT ZERO EIGHT.

MOBILE AT MONTGOMERY DETERMINE IF AUTO IS WHITE IN
COLOR AND IF INFORMATION POSITIVE AT AUBURN DETERMINE POSSIBLE
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CONNECTION STINSON MAY HAVE WITH ASSASSINATION OF DR. MARTIN
LUTHER KING. P.

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TO: SAC BIRMINGHAM(44-1740)

FROM: SAC MOBILE (157-2627)

MURKIN.

METEL TO MOBILE 12:36AM APRIL THIRTEEN IN PART QUOTED AS
FOLLOWS:

"INVESTIGATION AT MEMPHIS REVEALED MICHAEL L. MORSE, FIVE ZERO
TWO FOUR EIGHTH TERRACE SOUTH, BIRMINGHAM, ALA. REGISTERED RIP
VAN WINKLE MOTEL. SEVEN NINE TWO ZERO, HIGHWAY FIFTY ONE NORTH,
MILLINGTON, TENN. FROM APRIL FOUR-FIVE, SIXTY EIGHT, DRIVING
SIXTY SEVEN FORD, ALABAMA LICENSE ONE A SEVEN SIX FOUR FOUR FOUR.

MOBILE AT MONTGOMERY DETERMINE IF AUTO IS WHITE MUSTANG AND
IF INFORMATION POSITIVE, ADVISE BIRMINGHAM TO DETERMINE POSSIBLE
CONNECTION MORSE MAY HAVE WITH ASSASSINATION MARTIN LUTHER KING JR."

ALA. LICENSE RECORD INFO DOES NOT REFLECT COLOR OF CARS AND
ACCORDINGLY BIRMINGHAM SHOULD ASCERTAIN COLOR AND HANDLE AT BH.

AIRMAIL COPY ME.

JTB/

1-cc MEMPHIS(AIRMAIL)

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3:00PM URGENT 4/12/68 RJH 2P

TO: DIRECTOR ATLANTA BIRMINGHAM LOS ANGELES MEMPHIS MOBILE
FROM: ALBANY (44-493)

MURKIN, CR. OO MEMPHIS.

RE ALBANY AIRTELS APRIL TEN AND ELEVEN LAST, AND ALBANY
TELCALLS TO BUREAU APRIL TWELVE INSTANT.

LAUNDRY MARKS.

FBI LABORATORY ADVISED TODAY A PILLOWCASE AND BED
SHEET WERE FOUND IN TRUNK OF SIXTYSIX WHITE MUSTANG
REGISTERED TO ERIC STARVO GALT WHICH WAS LOCATED ATLANTA
APRIL ELEVEN LAST. THESE ITEMS CONTAIN THERMO-SEAL LAUNDRY
TAPES OF APPROXIMATELY SAME SIZE AS TAPES ON ITEMS PREVIOUSLY
RECOVERED BUT ARE YELLOW IN COLOR AND CONTAIN CODE TWO ZERO
^{2 0}
^{R - 3}
R DASH THREE. TAPES IN OPINION OF TEXTILE MARKING MACHINE CO.
WERE PRODUCED BY A DIFFERENT MACHINE THAN PREVIOUS TAPES SINCE
FIRST THREE CHARACTERS ARE FIFTEEN POINT TYPE AND LAST TWO CHARACTERS ARE
ARE EIGHTEEN POINT TYPE.

TEXTILE MARKING MACHINE COMPANY SUGGESTS THE TWO ZERO
IN ABOVE CODE WOULD BE THE LOT NUMBER, THE R MAY MEAN THAT
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THIS WAS A RETURN OF A BATCH OF LAUNDRY AND THE THREE IS THE BUNDLE NUMBER. THEY SUGGEST FIRST CHECKING HOME SERVICE LAUNDRY AND DRY CALANING, HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA, TO DETERMIN IF IF THEY HAVE A SECOND THERMO-SEAL MACHINE.

EACH OFFICE TO WHOM THIS COMMUNICATION DIRECTED SHOULD CHECK ALL LAUNDRIES ON LISTS IN REAIRTELS TO IDENTIFY THIS CODE, OBTAIN SAMPLES IF CODE RECOGNIZED AND FURNISH TO FBI LABORATORY AND ADVISE ALBANY.

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TO SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)
FROM SAC, MOBILE (157-2627)

MURKIN. CR. OO: MEMPHIS.

RE ALBANY TEL TO BUREAU, ET AL. APRIL TWELVE LAST.

MR. W. R. PFASSMAN, LILLY-WHITE LAUNDRY, DEMOPOLIS,
ALA. FARMS OUR CUSTOMERS LAUNDRY FOR CLEANING BY NORTHINGTON
CLEANERS, TUSCALOOSA, ALA. WHICH HE ADDED USES THERMO-
SEAL LAUNDRY TAPE. HE SUGGESTED MRS. BURGIN OF NORTHINGTON,
TELEPHONE SEVEN FIVE SIX DASH FIVE FIVE FOUR SIX BE
CONTACTED FOR FURTHER DETAILS. PFASSMAN USES NO THERMO-
SEAL LAUNDRY TAPE.

SUGGEST BIRMINGHAM INCLUDE THIS INTERVIEW WITH
OTHERS CONDUCTED WITH LAUNDRY PROPRIETORS AT BIRMINGHAM
REQUESTED IN RETEL. NO INSERT BEING SUBMITTED BY MOBILE.

AIRMAIL COPIES BEING DESIGNATED FOR MEMPHIS. PENDING.

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TO DIRECTOR, MOBILE

FROM ST. LOUIS (44-715)

MURKIN - CR

JOSEPH MALLOY PRITCHETT, - SUSPECT.

RE WFO TEL TO BU, MO, AND SL, APRIL TWELVE, SIXTYEIGHT.

JOSEPH MALLOY PRITCHETT, NSN FIVE FOUR ZERO - EIGHT FOUR - FOUR ZERO, ENLISTED USN NOV. SEVENTEEN, FIFTYNINE, BIRMINGHAM, ALA., AND SERVED ACTIVE DUTY UNTIL AUG. TWENTY SEVEN, SIXTY THREE, WHEN HONORABLY RELEASED FROM ACTIVE DUTY AS RADIOMAN THIRD CLASS, KEYWEST FLA., AND TRANSFERRED USNR AND SERVED INACTIVELY UNTIL NOV. SIXTEEN, SIXTY FIVE, WHEN HONORABLY DISCHARGED.

NO RECORD OF MENTAL OR NERVOUS DISORDERS OR SPECIALIZED TRAINING IN DEMOLITION OR EXPLOSIVES.

GIVEN THREE DAYS CONFINEMENT ON BREAD AND WATER ON JULY TWENTY FIVE SIXTY ONE, FOR BEING DISRESPECTFUL TOWARD HIS SUPERIOR PETTY OFFICER.

CONVICTED BY SUMMARY COURT MARTIAL AUG. TWENTY THREE, SIXTY ONE, FOR BEING DISRESPECTFUL TOWARD HIS SUPERIOR PETTY OFFICER. SENTENCED TO PERFORM HARD LABOR WITHOUT CONFINEMENT FOR THIRTY DAYS; RESTRICTED TO DUTY STATION FOR THIRTY DAYS AND TO FORFEIT TWENTY DOLLARS OF

HIS PAY

RECORDS DISCLOSED PRITCHETT ARRESTED JUNE, FIFTY EIGHT FOR DIS-
ORDERLY CONDUCT, MONTGOMERY, ALA. NO FURTHER DETAILS SHOWN.

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FOLLOWING BACKGROUND INFO CONTAINED IN RECORDS; DATE
OF BIRTH, [REDACTED] MONTGOMERY, ALA.; FIVE FEET
TEN INCHES TALL, ONE HUNDRED FIFTY POUNDS, CAUCASIAN, HAIR BLONDE,
EYES BLUE, MARKS, MOLE, LEFT CHECK AND TATTOO OF EAGLE AND FLAG,
"USN" LEFT FOREARM; EDUCATION TWO YRS. HIGH SCHOOL, MILITARY OCCUPATION
RADIOMAN; CIVILIAN OCCUPATION, EMPLOYED HOWARD JOHNSON RESTAURANT,
SOUTH BLVD., MONTGOMERY, ALA., SUPERVISOR MR. SULLIVAN, JUNE TO AUG.
NINETEEN FIFTY NINE, ADDRESS ONE FIVE SEVEN MOBILE ST., SEPT. FORTY TWO,
TO AUG. FORTY EIGHT; TWO FIVE TWO WAYNE ST., AUG. FORTY EIGHT TO JUNE,
FIFTY NINE, AND TWO SIX ONE SOUTH BLVD., JUNE FIFTY FIVE TO NOV.
SIXTY FIVE, ALL MONTGOMERY, ALA.; RELATIVES, FATHER JOSEPH A. PRITCHETT
AND MOTHER MARTHA MALLORY BOTH OF TWO SIX ONE SOUTH BLVD., NOV FIFTY
NINE; REFERENCES, MR W. T. BINION, ONE SEVEN FIVE SIX SOUTH COURT ST.;
W. E. GLAZINER, IN CARE OF SIDNEY LANIER HIGH SCHOOL; AND C. W. COLLINS,
ONE FOUR ZERO COLLINWOOD DR., ALL OF MONTGOMERY, ALA., NOV FIFTY NINE;
SOCIAL SECURITY NO. [REDACTED]
PHOTO, NON E AVAILABLE.

AIRMAIL COPIES TO MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM.

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7:16 PM URGENT 4-13-68 NLB
TO DIRECTOR , MEMPHIS AND MOBILE
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN.

ON INSTANT DATE, ALTON LEWIS ABSTON, AKA. GILBERT R. ABSTON, HARDROCK, A PRISONER IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY JAIL, ADVISED IN FIFTY-SEVEN OR FIFTY-EIGHT HE WAS CELLMATE IN DRAPER PRISON, ELMORE, ALABAMA, OF ONE WILLIAM LENNARD OR WILLIAM LENNORD. ABSTON CLAIMED PROFILE PICTURE OF SUSPECTED KILLER OF KING APPEARING IN "LOS ANGELES TIMES" FITS LENNARD "TO A TEE". ABSTON ADVISED LENNARD THEN SERVING TIME ON MANSLAUGHTER CHARGE FOR SHOOTING A NEGRO. LENNARD'S TALK IN PRISON CENTERED AROUND HIS HATRED OF NEGROES. LENNARD TOLD ABSTON HE ONCE FOLLOWED KING FROM BESSEMER, ALABAMA, TO TUSCALOOSA, ALABAMA, IN HOPES OF GETTING OPPORTUNITY OF SHOOTING KING. LENNARD CONSTANTLY FIGURING WAYS OF "GETTING RID" OF KING AND SAID HE WOULD DO IT IF NO ONE BEAT HIM TO IT.

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LENNARD TOLD ABSTON HIS FATHER, A GUNSMITH, MADE HIM A GUN THAT COULD NOT BE TRACED. LENNARD DESCRIBED AS WHITE, MALE, THIRTY-FIVE TO THIRTY-SIX, FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES TO SIX FEET, ONE SEVEN FIVE TO ONE EIGHT ZERO POUNDS, BROWNISH RED HAIR I N BUTCH CUT, EYES BELIEVED BLUE, SOUTHERN ACCENT, RESIDED BESSEMER, ALABAMA, WHERE HIS FATHER AND GRANDFATHER MAY NOW BE LIVING. ABSTON, WHO REQUESTED CONCEALMENT OF IDENTITY, RECALLED THE NAME GALT BEING MENTIONED IN DRAPER PRISON BUT COULD NOT RECALL DETAILS.

MOBILE CHECK RECORDS OF DRAPER PRISON, ELMORE, FOR PHOTOGRAPH AND BACKGROUND DATA OF LENNARD, AND, IF DEEMED LOGICAL, APPROPRIATELY ADVISE BUREAU AND INTERESTED OFFICES.

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849PM URGENT 4-13-68 HEP

TO MOBILE

FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) 1P

MURKIN

FOLLOWING TEL FROM BOSTON TO BIRMINGHAM AND MEMPHIS,
APRIL THIRTEEN, SIXTYEIGHT:

Lee county/opelika RA.
"ANONYMOUS CALLER ADVISED SHE SAW A NINETEEN SIXTY WHITE NASH,
ALABAMA REG. FOUR THREE - FOUR ZERO ZERO SIX, IN THE KENMORE SECTION
OF BOSTON TODAY. THE DRIVER, WHO WAS THE ONLY OCCUPANT, RESEMBLED
ARTISTS CONCEPTION DRAWING OF SUBJECT THAT SHE HAD SEEN IN NEWSPAPER
EXCEPT HE WORE GLASSES. SHE OBSERVED THE DRIVER WHILE THE CAR
WAS MOVING.

BIRMINGHAM OBTAIN LISTING AND CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION."

MOBILE HANDLE.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/13/68

Mrs. GERTRUDE KING, Supervisor, Driver's License Division, Alabama Department of Public Safety, telephonically advised as follows:

License 2848947 was issued to ERIC STARVO GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue, South, Birmingham, Alabama, on September 6, 1967. He is described as a white male, born [redacted], 5'11", 175 lbs., blue eyes, and brown hair. His application lists his occupation as "Merchant Marine - unemployed".

File indicates that he did not surrender an out of state license, and was required to take driving test. He took the driving test in a 1966 Mustang bearing 1967 Alabama license 1A-88354.

His file also indicates that a duplicate license was issued to him on March 1, 1968 and was mailed to him at above address. The duplicate license has not been returned, and if it had been returned it would be retained in the file. The application for duplicate license was destroyed after duplicate license was mailed.

No violations are recorded against this individual.

She made available Xerox copies of the application, which bears signature of licensee.

On 4/9/68 at Montgomery, Alabama File # MO 157-2627 -119
by SA DAN O. STEPHENS -ljr Date dictated 4/11/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/13/68

Mrs. CONNIE REDDOCH, Motor Vehicle Division, Alabama Department of Revenue, telephonically advised as follows:

1967 License 1A-88354 was issued December 15, 1966 to WILLIAM D. PAISLEY, 701 South 48th Street, Birmingham, Alabama, for a 1966 Ford Mustang, VIN 6T07C190647.

This registration was transferred August 30, 1967 to ERIC S. GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama. The transfer form bears signature of GALT.

1968 License 1-38993 was issued October 2, 1967 to ERIC S. GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue, South, Birmingham, Alabama, for a 1966 Ford Mustang, 2 door, VIN 6T07C190647. Tag receipt bears signature of registrant.

She made available Xerox copies of the tag receipt and the transfer form.

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Date 4/14/68

Mrs. GERTRUDE KING, Supervisor, Driver's License Division, Department of Public Safety, State of Alabama, Montgomery, Alabama, made available document which reflected the following information:

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No violations are recorded against this individual.

Photographs were made of the original of the above described document.

In event the original of the above described document is necessary in a court of law, a subpoena duces tecum should be directed to Major BANKHEAD BATES, Director of Driver's License Division, Department of Public Safety, State of Alabama, Montgomery, Alabama.

On 4/9/68 at Montgomery, Alabama File # MO 157-2627-121
by SA G. ROBERT MARTZ GRM:ljr
SA CARMELLO GRAFFAGNINI Date dictated 4/10/68

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Photographs were made of the originals of the above described documents.

In event the originals of the above described documents are necessary in a court of law, a subpoena duces tecum should be directed to Mr. HARVEY RAHREN, Commissioner of Revenue, Department of Revenue, State of Alabama, Montgomery, Alabama.

On 4/9/68 at Montgomery, Alabama File # MO 157-2627-122
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TO ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES
FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 3P

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ERIC STARVO GALT, THE PRINCIPAL SUSPECT, HAS BEEN REPORTED AS HAVING ATTENDED DANCING SCHOOLS IN BIRMINGHAM, NEW ORLEANS AND CALIFORNIA. ALL OFFICES SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CHECK ALL DANCING SCHOOLS IN YOUR TERRITORIES FOR ANY RECORD OF PRIOR ATTENDANCE AT ANY SUCH SCHOOLS BY GALT AND RUN OUT ANY LEADS DEVELOPED. GALT REPORTEDLY SIGNED UP FOR A ONE YEAR DANCING COURSE IN NEW ORLEANS IN NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR; TOOK DANCING LESSONS FOR SEVERAL WEEKS IN BIRMINGHAM BEGINNING IN SEPTEMBER NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN; AND TOOK A FOUR HUNDRED NINETYNINE DOLLAR DANCE COURSE FROM DECEMBER NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN TO FEBRUARY NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT AT LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA.

ONE DANCE INSTRUCTOR HAS STAT THAT GALT IS "CRAZY" ABOUT DANCING BUT A POOR DANCER AND DIFFICULT TO TEACH
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BECAUSE HE DOES NOT REMEMBER INSTRUCTIONS. HE WAS DESCRIBED AS AN INTROVERT WHO VOLUNTEERS NO INFORMATION AND REPLIES WITH YES OR NO ANSWERS WHEN ASKED; DID NOT MINGLE WITH OTHER STUDENTS AND MADE NO EFFORTS TO MAKE FRIENDS OR CONVERSE WITH ANYONE.

ANOTHER DANCE INSTRUCTOR STATED GALT IS A GOOD DANCER, DISPLAYED SLIGHT SOUTHERN ACCENT, RURAL CHARACTERISTICS OF LANGUAGE AND DICTION, TEETH STRAIGHT AND CLEAN, FINGERNAILS CLEAN AND NEATLY TRIMMED,; WORE GOLD RING WITH DARK STONE; ALWAYS NEATLY DRESSED WITH SUIT AND SHINY SLIP ON TYPE BLACK ALLIGATOR SHOES WITH THIN SOLES, BLACK HOSE AND WORE TIE TACK AND CUFF LINKS. SMOKED FILTER CIGARETTES AND HAD NERVOUS HABIT OF OCCASIONALLY PULLING AT EAR LOBE. OWNER OF STUDIO STATES GALT SPOKE OF ALABAMA, SAID HE WAS A MERCHANT SEAMAN; SPOKE OF BEING IN MEXICO BUT DID NOT SPEAK SPANISH AND SPOKE ENGLISH BADLY; WAS SOCIALLY INEPT, AN INTROVERT AND A POOR DANCER BECAUSE HE WOULD NOT LOOSEN UP. SMILED RARELY AND WHEN HE DID IT WAS A NERVOUS CROOKED SMILE; PAID CASH FOR LESSONS TAKING A WAD OF BILLS FROM POCKET.

ERIC STARVO GALT DESCRIBED AS FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES, ONE HUNDRED SEVENTYFIVE POUNDS, BLUE EYES, BROWN HAIR, BORN PLACE NOT GIVEN.

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GALT MAY HAVE USED THE NAME HARVEY LOWMYER OR JOHN WILLARD OR ANY VARIATION OF THESE TWO NAMES OR ANY OTHER NAME. IN CONNECTION WITH ANY INQUIRIES, NO INDICATION SHOULD BE GIVEN INQUIRIES ARE IN CONNECTION WITH CAPTIONED CASE.

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MURKIN OO: MEMPHIS

THERE ARE BEING FORWARDED TO THE BUREAU THREE ZERO TWO'S REFLECTING INFORMATION CONCERNING THE MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION AND THE DRIVER'S LICENSE REGISTRATION FOR ERIC STARVO GALT. THESE THREE ZERO TWO'S ARE BEING PLACED ON EASTERN AIRLINES FLIGHT SIX SIX FOUR LEAVING MOBILE ELEVEN THIRTY P.M., APR. FOURTEEN SIXTYEIGHT, ARRIVING ATLANTA TWO TEN A.M.

ATLANTA IS REQUESTED TO HAVE AGENT PERSONNEL AVAILABLE TO RECEIVE THESE THREE ZERO TWO'S ON ARRIVAL.

INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO MOBILE INDICATES THAT THERE WILL BE AN EASTERN AIRLINE FLIGHT THREE SIX EIGHT WHICH WILL LEAVE ATLANTA AT FOUR FORTY A.M., ARRIVING WASHINGTON D.C., SEVEN FIFTY A.M., FOUR FIFTEEN NEXT

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, MOBILE (157-2627) (P)
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(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re Memphis telcon, 4/14/68.

There are enclosed herewith to the Bureau 3 copies each and to Memphis 2 copies each of 302's of SA DAN O. STEPHENS dated 4/9/68 and 4/11/68 and of SA G. ROBERT MARTZ and SA CARMELLO GRAFFAGNINI dated 4/10/68, each reflecting information concerning the automobile registration and driver's license registration pertaining to ERIC GALT.

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ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
RACIAL MATTERS

Many offices are using above caption in communications to the Bureau concerning a variety of activities and racial incidents arising out of the killing of Martin Luther King, Jr. This is creating problems from administrative and filing standpoints and should be discontinued immediately. Captions descriptive of the activity involved should be used in accordance with instructions in the FBI Handbook, page 154h of Part III.

For example, in reporting information concerning disturbances that may have occurred in Albany the caption "Racial Disturbances Following Assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., Albany, New York, April 9, 1968, Racial Matters" could be used.

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