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INVESTIGATION BIRMINGHAM DETERMINED THAT TELEPHONE EXCHANGES
IN NUMBERS MENTIONED ABOVE ARE LOCATED AS FOLLOWS:

FIVE TWO FOUR AT COLLINSVILLE, ALABAMA;

TWO EIGHT EIGHT AT MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA;

FOUR EIGHT TWO AT ODEN RIDGE, IN FALKVILLE, ALA. AREA;

EIGHT NINE NINE AT ASHFORD, HOUSTON COUNTY, ALABAMA.

MOBILE, IMMEDIATELY DETERMINE POSSIBLE SIGNIFICANCE OF
TELEPHONE NUMBER TWO EIGHT EIGHT - THREE NINE ZERO FOUR AT
MONTGOMERY, AND EIGHT NINE NINE-THREE ZERO SIX ONE AT ASHFORD.

BIRMINGHAM. WILL HANDLE COLLINSVILLE AND FALKVILLE LEADS
TO DETERMINE SUBSCRIBERS. KEEP IN MIND THE SAME EXCHANGES COULD
BE REPEATED IN OTHER STATES AND ABOVE NUMBERS NOT NECESSARILY
ALABAMA NUMBERS.

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245PM URGENT 4-16-68 SAB
TO BUREAU AND MOBILE
FROM MEMPHIS 44-1987

MURKIN; CIVIL RIGHTS; OO: ME.

RE LOS ANGELES TELETYPE APRIL FOURTEEN, LAST.

FOR INFORMATION MOBILE, ERIC S. GALT AT LOS ANGELES IN
DECEMBER, LAST, HAD CHARLES AND RITA STEIN AND MARIE MARTIN
REGISTER FOR WALLACE'S AMERICAN INDEPENDENT PARTY. HE,
HIMSELF, AT THIS TIME DID NOT REGISTER.

MOBILE UACB WILL CONTACT THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE
WALLACE AMERICAN INDEPENDENT PARTY AND REVIEW THEIR
LISTS TO DETERMINE IF ERIC S. GALT IS REGISTERED WITH THAT
PARTY, AND ANY ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND INFORMATION AVAILABLE.

UNSUB ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861), WFO (44-703) AND
MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: MOBILE (157-2627)

MURKIN. CR. OO: ME.

RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR SEVEN FORTYTHREE
PM, APRIL TWELVE LAST.

KENNETH NEWBLE, NEGRO, PEORIA, ILL., ADVISED SPRING-
FIELD ON APRIL TWELVE LAST THAT HE HAD WORKED AS SEAMAN
WITH ONE RICHARD GALT FROM BIRMINGHAM, ALA., SAILING
ON S. S. HUDSON OF VICTORY TRANSPORTATION LINES, NEW YORK,
DECEMBER, SIXTYONE, TO FEBRUARY, SIXTYTWO. DURING VOYAGE
RELIGIOUS, RACIAL AND POLITICAL MATTERS WERE DISCUSSED
AT LENGTH. GALT RELATED HE HAD STUDIED FOR PRIESTHOOD,
CHICAGO, ILL. DURING EARLY YEARS AND WAS EXPERIENCED
VETERAN SEAMAN.

GALT DESCRIBED AS WM, FORTY TO FORTYTWO, SIX FEET,

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ONE HUNDRED SIXTYFIVE POUNDS, CASUAL DRESSER, HAS EXCELLENT KNOWLEDGE OF HAND GUNS AND CONCERNING EUROPE.

SHIPPING COMMISSION, U. S. COAST GUARD, MOBILE, REFLECTS SHIPPING ARTICLES FILED DECEMBER SEVEN, SIXTYONE, ABOARD VOYAGE OF S.S. HUDSON REGISTRY NUMBER TWO FOUR FOUR FOUR SIX THREE. CHECK OF CREW LIST REFLECTS KENNETH A. NEWBLE ABOARD. LIST DOES NOT INCLUDE RICHARD GALT OR ANY INDIVIDUAL THAT LAST NAME.

NEUTRAL RELEASE PAPERS FOR A SEAMAN FILED FEBRUARY TWENTYTHREE, SIXTYTHREE. THIS PAPER REFLECTS S.S. HUDSON WAS DOCKED PORT ARTHUR, TEXAS, FEBRUARY TEN, SIXTYTWO.

WFO AT U. S. COAST GUARD HEADQUARTERS, WILL REVIEW SHIPPING ARTICLES OF S. S. HUDSON FOR PERIOD DECEMBER SEVEN, SIXTYONE TO FEBRUARY TEN, SIXTYTWO IN EFFORT TO DETERMINE IF RICHARD GALT BOARDED SHIP AT ANOTHER PORT. IF NO RECORD, CONDUCT REVIEW OF ARTICLES FROM SIXTYONE TO SIXTYEIGHT TO DETERMINE IF GALT HAD BEEN CREW MEMBER ABOARD S. S. HUDSON.

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IF RICHARD GALT ABOARD SHIP, SET FORTH APPROPRIATE
LEADS TO INTERVIEW AND OBTAIN BACKGROUND. P

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4:50 PM EST URGENT 4/16/68 VSC

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, NEW HAVEN, MOBILE

FROM ATLANTA 44-2386

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RE: SUSPECT GALT, NEIGHBORHOOD ONE ONE THREE FOURTEENTH ST., ATLANTA.

ERIC STARVO GALT RENTED ROOM NO. TWO AT ONE ONE THREE FOURTEENTH ST., NE., ATLANTA, GA., MAR. TWO FOUR, LAST, PAYING ONE WEEK'S RENT IN ADVANCE. ON MAR. THREE ONE, LAST, GALT PAID HIS SECOND WEEK'S RENT IN ADVANCE. THIS WAS THE LAST TIME THE LANDLORD SAW GALT. LEFT LAUNDRY AND DRY CLEANING AT PIEDMONT CLEANERS ABOUT THREE HUNDRED FEET FROM ROOMING HOUSE ON APR. ONE AND PICKED IT UP AT APPROXIMATELY NINE AM, APR. FIVE, LAST. AT APPROXIMATELY EIGHT THIRTY AM, APR. FIVE, LAST, A NINETEEN SIXTYSIX WHITE MUSTANG WITH ALABAMA TAG, REGISTERED TO GALT WAS ABANDONED IN ATLANTA. LANDLORD OF ONE ONE THREE FOURTEENTH ST. ALSO OPERATES SAME TYPE OF HOUSE NEXT DOOR AT ONE ZERO SEVEN FOURTEENTH ST. THESE BUILDINGS ARE HUGE OLD DWELLINGS CONVERTED INTO NUMEROUS EXTREMELY SMALL SLEEPING ROOMS WHICH ARE RENTED BY TRANSIENTS, MANY OF WHOM ARE COOKS AND DISHWASHERS.

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COMPOSITE DESCRIPTION OF GALT IS WHITE MALE, IN THIRTIES, FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES TALL, ONE SEVEN FIVE LBS., BROWN HAIR, BLUE OR POSSIBLY HAZEL EYES.

EFFORTS CONTINUING TO INTERVIEW INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE RESIDENTS OF BUILDING AT ONE ZERO SEVEN OR ONE ONE THREE FOURTEENTH ST. ANYTIME DURING PERIOD MAR. TWENTYFOURTH THROUGH APRIL FIVE LAST TO DETERMINE IF ANYONE RECALLS GALT, OBTAINING ABSOLUTELY ALL INFO RE HIS ACTIVITIES, MOVEMENTS, STATEMENTS, MODES OF TRANSPORTATION, ASSOCIATES, AND PARTICULARLY WHEN LAST SEEN AND THE CIRCUMSTANCES OBTAINED.

RECORDS REFLECT JAMES P. RIORDAN RENTED A ROOM IN EITHER THE BUILDING AT ONE ZERO SEVEN OR ONE ONE THREE FOURTEEN ST., ATLANTA, GA., DURING THE WEEKS STARTING MAR. ELEVEN, EIGHTEEN, AND TWENTYFIVE, LAST, LISTING HIS RESIDENCE AS NINE SEVEN WARD ST., WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT.

RECORDS REFLECT BILLY FAULKNER RENTED ROOM EIGHT AT ONE ZERO SEVEN FOURTEENTH ST., ATLANTA, GA., FOR VARIOUS PERIODS OF JANUARY, FEBRUARY, AND FROM MAR. TWENTYSEVEN THRU APR. NINE LAST. RECORDS INDICATE BILLY FAULKNER CAN BE LOCATED C/O HIS FATHER, WILLIAM G. FAULKNER, P. O. BOX ONE FIVE, MIDLAND CITY, ALABAMA.

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NEW HAVEN, INTERVIEW RIORDAN AND SUTEL RESULTS FOLLOWED BY
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MOBILE, INTERVIEW FAULKNER AND SUTEL RESULTS FOLLOWED BY
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AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

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

RE: Dr. ROY FRANKLIN STINSON,
123 Cox St., Auburn, Ala.
Registered Rip Van Winkle Motel,
Millington, Tenn.
4/6-7/68

Re Memphis airtel to Mobile 12:36 A.M., 4/13/68.

Lead for Mobile at Montgomery, Ala., concerning the automobile of MICHAEL L. MORSE of Birmingham, Ala., was referred to Birmingham by teletype 4/13/68, copy to Memphis.

Concerning Dr. ROY FRANKLIN STINSON, 123 Cox St., Auburn, Ala., SA ROY H. KVELAND on 4/13/68, contacted Lt. UTHUR ELDER, Auburn, Ala. PD. A short time later this date Lt. ELDER advised SA KVELAND that he had ~~presently~~ observed the 1965 Mustang, bearing Ala. 1968 license 47-34808 registered to Dr. STINSON. Lt. ELDER advised that this car is dark green in color.

Inasmuch as this car is dark green rather than white, no further inquiry is being made concerning this car in line with instructions in retel.

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RE: POSSIBLE SUSPECT REPORTED OBSERVED
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA, BY JOHN CHANEY
AND WILLIE CHAMBLESS. SUSPECT
IDENTIFIED AS RONALD WILLIAM WALKER,
ALSO KNOWN AS RONNIE

JOHN CHANEY, Negro male, 803 North Union Circle, Montgomery, Alabama, on April 7, 1968, advised that he had seen the artist's conception of the person who killed Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING and he believes that this person was at Montgomery, Alabama, March 26, 1968. He said that he and WILLIE CHAMBLESS had observed this man who was drinking wine with a group of Negroes on the street. The man in question had said that he was going to Memphis, Tennessee, that night. CHANEY described this individual as a white male, age 30-32, weight 170-175 pounds, height 5'9", complexion ruddy, hair brown-gray, bushy and combed back with receding hairline in front, gold or silver tooth upper left front.

WILLIE L. CHAMBLESS advised on April 7, 1968, that he was with JOHN CHANEY on March 26, 1968, when they observed a Negro male drinking wine on the street with a group of unidentified Negroes. He said he bought a small bag from this individual for \$1.00. He said he had seen a sketch of the person who reportedly had killed Dr. KING and the individual appeared to be identical with the person in the drawing. He described the man as being 39-40 years of age, 5'9", 180 pounds, gray eyes, and ruddy complexion.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent JOHN C. McCLUNEY at Montgomery, Alabama:

On April 8, 1968, JOHN CHANEY, 803 North Union Circle, upon re-interview reported as follows:

He had made inquiry and had learned from "ROOSTER" (LAST NAME UNKNOWN), who resides in Tulane Courts at Montgomery, that "ROOSTER" had been with a white male on Monroe Street in Montgomery, Alabama, on March 26, 1968. "ROOSTER" stated that the white male who sold the bag to WILLIE CHAMBLESS had given his name as RONNIE (LAST NAME

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UNKNOWN). He also stated that he had been in the Merchant Marines. On March 26, 1968, RONNIE had told "ROOSTER" that a companion had been arrested earlier that day at Montgomery, Alabama.

Recontacts were made with CHANEY on April 9, 1968, and April 10, 1968. He was unable to furnish the full and correct name of "ROOSTER" or to furnish the address of "ROOSTER."

On April 8, 1968, ROBERT STRICKLAND, City Jail, furnished his book reflecting the following:

On March 26, 1968, RONALD W. WALKER, white, was booked at the jail at 7:15 p.m. Booked at 7:20 p.m. was THOMAS L. SCOTT, Negro.

WALKER was released on March 31, 1968. He was again booked on April 2, 1968, for drunk and was released on April 7, 1968.

On April 8, 1968, J. S. BALINT, Bureau of Identification, Montgomery Police Department, produced his records which reflected the following:

On March 26, 1968, RONALD WILLIAM WALKER, #136115, was arrested for drunk. He was arrested by C. L. KING and JOE RODGERS. He was again arrested under #136163 on April 2, 1968, for drunk.

WALKER is a white male, born [REDACTED] Springhill, West Virginia, 5'11", 170 pounds, blue eyes, blond hair, medium build and 1½" scar on forehead. His father is HOMER WALKER, Route 1, Box 246A, Culloden, West Virginia. The address given for RONALD WILLIAM WALKER was Culloden, West Virginia.

THOMAS LARRY SCOTT, FBI #578 088A, was last arrested on March 26, 1968, for drunk. His residence was shown as 609 Hill Street, Montgomery, Alabama.

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On April 8, 1968, W. E. THOMAS, employed by the City Street Department, City of Montgomery, reported as follows:

He has supervision of the trustees who are serving jail sentences. For this reason he had supervision and work details of RONALD WALKER who was released on April 7, 1968. THOMAS described WALKER as a white male, about 38 to 40, 6', 170 or 180 pounds. He had a definite receding hairline in front which hair was thick on the side. His hair was sandy blond, not gray but had the appearance of being gray. He stood very erect and walked with a large stride. He wore cowboy boots. His nose was long and pointed and he had a narrow bridge. He stated he had been in the Merchant Marines.

On April 8, 1968, Officer C. L. KING, Montgomery Police Department, reported as follows:

He arrested RONALD WALKER and THOMAS SCOTT on March 26, 1968. He was accompanied by Officer JOE RODGERS. SCOTT and WALKER were arrested on Monroe Street near Court Street at Montgomery. Both were drunk.

KING recalled that WALKER was wearing levi type bluejeans, 7" boots and a blue plaid shirt.

On April 8, 1968, THOMAS L. SCOTT, 609 Hill Street, reported as follows:

He was with RONALD WALKER in the late afternoon of March 26, 1968, along Monroe Street, at Montgomery, Alabama. He started drinking with WALKER about 4:30 p.m. in the vicinity of Lawrence and Monroe Streets. They were arrested at about 7:15 p.m. on Monroe Street near Court Street. He recalled that WALKER sold a small black bag and clothes to an unidentified Negro in the vicinity of Lawrence and Monroe Streets an hour or two before the arrest of WALKER and SCOTT.

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AIRMAIL

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

POSSIBLE SUSPECT REPORTED
OBSERVED MONTGOMERY, ALA.,
BY JOHN CHANEY and WILLIE
CHAMBLESS. SUSPECT IDENTIFIED
AS RONALD WILLIAM WALKER, AKA
RONNIE

ReMOtels to Memphis, 4/7,8,9/68.

Enclosed herewith are twenty-five (25) copies
of an insert reflecting investigation under sub-caption.

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The following investigation was conducted in Mobile, Alabama, by SA B. TIM MCCOY on April 12, 1968:

CHARLOTTE CRAWFORD, Merchants Credit Union, Milner Building, advised her files reflected LLOYD GRADY GORUM had secured credit in Mobile, Alabama, area and in so doing the following information was acquired:

Address, 638 Gehrig, Prichard, Alabama, wife, LILLY PAULINE GORUM, same address, employment Kossow Plumbing Company, 3764 Moffat Road, telephone number 471-2434, Mobile, Alabama, occupation plumber, length of employment with Kossow Plumbing one year, age 38, race white, sex male, previous employment November, 1963, M. F. Tew Plumbing Company, Mobile, Alabama.

CRAWFORD advised GORUM maintained a satisfactory credit rating.

Officer EDWARD O. SMITH, Prichard Police Department, advised his records reflected no record identical with LLOYD GRADY GORUM.

PAULETTE BUCHANAN, Mobile, Alabama Police Department, advised her records reflected one reference to LLOYD GRADY GORUM. This consisted of an accident in 1964. At that time his address was listed as 638 Gehrig, Prichard, Alabama, and he possessed Alabama Driver's License number 0271637.

HEIDI EURICH, Mobile County Sheriff's Office, advised her files were negative regarding LLOYD GRADY GORUM.

A review of the current Greater Mobile, Alabama Telephone Directory reflected a LLOYD G. GORUM, currently residing at 638 Gehrig, Prichard, Alabama, telephone number 452-1412. It is noted this is the same identical telephone number as that listed in referenced teletype.

LLOYD GRADY GORUM, 638 Gehrig, Prichard, Alabama, advised he is completely unfamiliar with the person by the name of ERIC STARVO GALT. He advised that he had been in Birmingham, Alabama, once in his life, that being approximately three years ago. He stated his daughter, OPAL GORUM, has a boyfriend, BUDDY PERKINS, who is attending an electronics

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school in Birmingham and often telephonically contacts OPAL at her father's address, 638 Gehrig, Prichard, Alabama, telephone number 452-1412. GORUM could not be certain, but he was of the opinion PERKINS currently resides in Birmingham on Highland Avenue. PERKINS was attending the electronics school during September, 1967, and he was dating OPAL GORUM at that time.

GORUM was of the opinion the telephone call in question was a direct result of this friendship between his daughter and PERKINS.

CHARLOTTE CRAWFORD, Merchants Credit Union, Milner Building, advised her records reflect, regarding a THOMAS H. BROWN, that he currently resides at 1412 Brockline. He is an engineer with W. K. R. G. Radio in Mobile, Alabama. In addition he is a retired U. S. Air Force member, and retired from Brookley Air Force Base in Mobile, Alabama. His wife is EDNA BROWN and he is reflected to be a white male, age approximately 46 years, and while in the service at Brookley Air Force Base tested electronic equipment, and was a General Foreman in this category. The Credit Union records reflected BROWN was assigned to Brookley from June 1, 1932, until his retirement, date unknown.

PAULETTE BUCHANAN, Mobile Police Department, advised her records reflected THOMAS H. BROWN on August 17, 1967, was cited for speeding. His date of birth was reflected to be [REDACTED], and his address 3058 Brookline Drive, Mobile, Alabama. His Driver's License was Alabama issue number 1455195.

HEIDI EURICH, Mobile Sheriff's Office, advised her records were negative regarding THOMAS H. BROWN.

A review of the current Greater Mobile, Alabama Telephone Directory reflected that a THOMAS H. BROWN resided at 3058 Brookline Drive, Mobile, Alabama, telephone number 661-0323. It is noted that this is identical with the telephone number in question in referenced teletype.

The following investigation was conducted on April 12, 1968, by SA CHARLES W. GREGORY:

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On April 12, 1968, Mr. THOMAS H. BROWN, was interviewed in his automobile as he was leaving his place of employment, radio station W.K.R.G., Mobile, Alabama. Mr. THOMAS was questioned concerning his knowledge of one ERIC STARVO GALT, and advised that he knew no one by that name. When asked if he was familiar with the area of the 2600 block of Highland Avenue South, Birmingham, Alabama, or if he had been in that area about October, 1967, he replied in the negative. Mr. THOMAS stated that at that time his daughter lived in the approximate vicinity of the 2600 block Highland Avenue South, about that time, however, he could not recall the exact address and stated she had called home on occasions from there.

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AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, MOBILE (157-2627) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
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TELEPHONE CALLS FROM
BIRMINGHAM, ALA., TO NUMBERS
LISTED TO LLOYD GRADY GORUM,
PRICHARD, ALA., AND THOMAS H.
BROWN, MOBILE, ALA.

Reference is made to Birmingham teletype,
8:25 p.m., 4/11/68.

Enclosed herewith are twenty-five (25) copies
of an insert concerning matter identified in sub-caption
including interviews with GORUM and BROWN.

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AIR MAIL

TO: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)
FROM: SAC, MOBILE (157-2627) (P)
RE: MURKIN *e*
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(OO: ME)

On 4/16/68, **DAVID CAMP**, 410 Wisconsin St., Mobile, Ala., telephone number 479-5915, telephonically advised SA JOHN B. HEISLER as follows:

Shortly before Christmas of 1966, while CAMP was a student at Birmingham Southern College, Birmingham, Ala., he was selling automobiles for ROY BRIDGES, Volkswagen dealer in Birmingham. At that time one of the other salesmen, JAMES "BIG JIM" MOORE, was heard to make the statement that the assassination of negro leader, MARTIN LUTHER KING, had been "bought and paid for" and that somebody in Birmingham had already been paid to assassinate KING or to have it done. He said that MOORE is a white male, about 6' to 6' 4", 200 pounds, stout build, hair balding and brown.

It is suggested that Birmingham contact JAMES "BIG JIM" MOORE, care of ROY BRIDGES, Volkswagen dealer, and determine if he has any information relevant to this matter.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MOBILE (157-2627) DATE: 4/15/68

FROM : SA CARMELO GRAFFAGNINI
SA CLIFFORD A. ROWE

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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The following known Klansmen in Untion # 610 and
Greenshaw County, are set forth below, who will be checked out
as to their whereabouts on March 29, 30 and April 4, 1968:

Unit #610

D. E. DREW
LEWIS STUBBS
J. W. TREMONTANA
GENE VANN
LARRY VANN
JOHN HESTER
LEWIS MALONE
BEN HURST

Greenshaw County Unit

M. O. BODIFORD
JOHN W. MOODY
VERNON MOODY
DAN SHINGEP

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RE: WILLIAM N. HESTER, TROY, ALABAMA, FORMERLY REG-
ISTERED REBEL MOTEL, MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

AT TROY, ALABAMA

WILBUR N. HESTER, 109 Forrest Avenue, Troy, Alabama, on April 11, 1968, informed SA CHILTON B. CREASON that he made a trip to Memphis, Tennessee, on April 4, 1968, spending that night at the Rebel Motel in Room 35. HESTER is a clerk at the United States Post Office, Troy, Alabama. Thursdays are his off-days and he frequently on such days drives trucks for various concerns in the Troy area to supplement his earnings. On April 4, 1968, he drove a tractor-trailer unit delivering a load of chemicals from the Chevron Chemical Company to Swift and Company, Memphis, Tennessee. He traveled alone.

About 7:00 or 7:30 p.m., April 4, 1968, he arrived at Memphis. Since it was too late to deliver his load, he stopped at a service station to inquire as to where he might find a motel for the night where he could keep his tractor-trailer unit nearby. He was referred to the Rebel Motel. He had never stayed at this motel before and had not been in Memphis for a number of years. While at the service station, he heard of the shooting of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING but had no information concerning the details of this event.

HESTER drove on to the Rebel Motel where he checked in at approximately 8:00 p.m., April 4, 1968. He was given Room 35. It was dark by this time and after checking in his room, he cleaned up and ate dinner at the motel restaurant. Following this, he endeavored to call his wife by long distance telephone to allay any apprehension she might have for his safety in view of the tense atmosphere at Memphis; however, he was unable to get a long distance operator and was unable to place the call. After eating dinner, HESTER returned immediately to his room, heard a 9:00 p.m. news special, and then went to sleep. At 5:30 a.m., April 5, 1968, he was called by the motel office. After dressing, he checked out and drove to Swift and Company for his delivery. Immediately thereafter, he left Memphis for his return trip to Troy, Alabama.

HESTER informed that he did not see a white Mustang

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parked in the vicinity of the Rebel Motel and had no contact with any other occupants of the motel except the motel employees at the office and the restaurant. He did not notice any of the neighbors in the adjoining motel rooms, although he did hear some talking in Room 34. He was unable to discern any of the words or whether this conversation was by men or women.

NESTER informed that he knows of no one by the name of ERIC S. GALT nor by the name of ANDY GAST.

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AIR MAIL

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

Re Memphis teletype, 11:56 p.m., 4/10/68.

Enclosed to Memphis are 25 copies of insert reflecting results of interview with WILBUR N. HESTER, 109 Forrest Ave., Troy, Ala., who occupied Room 34 at the Rebel Motel on the night of 4/4/68. It will be noted that HESTER did not check into the motel until several hours after suspect ERIC S. GALT checked out of the motel.

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TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND ATLANTA

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RE AT TEL TO DIRECTOR INSTANT DATE.

WILLIAM G. FAULKNER, BOX THIRTYFIVE MIDLAND CITY, ALA ADVISED INSTANT DATE THAT HE LAST SAW HIS ~~WM~~ SON, BILLY JOE FAULKNER, WM, AGE FORTY, SIX FT., ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY LBS., BROWN HAIR, BLUE EYES, ON APRIL TWO SIXTYEIGHT WHEN YOUNG FAULKNER STOPPED BY HIS HOUSE TO PICK UP CLOTHES. AT THAT TIME HE TOLD FAULKNER THAT HE HAD MOVED FROM ATLANTA. FAULKNER ADVISED THAT HE DOES NOT KNOWN PRESENT WHEREABOUTS OF SON; HOWEVER HE STATED THAT HE DID LIVE IN A ROOMING HOUSE IN ATLANTA AND WORKED ~~AT~~ AS ELECTRICIAN AT SQUARE D ELECTRONICS INC, ATLANTA, GA. FAULKNER STATED SON ~~EAXLY~~ USUALLY CONTACTS HIM EVERY MONTH AND WILL ADVISE MOBILE DIV. OF SONS WHEREABOUTS IMMEDIATELY AFTER CONTACT.

BILLY JOE FAULKNER ALLEDGEDLY HAS TRAVELED TO CENTRAL AMERICA AND HAS WORKED IN PENSACOLA, FAL AND DALLAS TEXAS AS WELL AS HAVING SERVED THIRTEEN YEARS IN U.S AIRFORCE.

THREE ZERO TWOS FOLLOW.

ATLANTA AT SQUARE D ELECTRONICS ATTEMPT TO LOCATE FAULKNER.

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TO: DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, LOS ANGELES, MOBILE

FROM: NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

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REBUTTEL TO MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, NEW ORLEANS AND LOS ANGELES, APRIL FIFTEEN LAST, RE INDENTED WRITING ON STATIONERY FOUND AT PROVINCIAL MOTEL IN NEW ORLEANS.

TELEPHONE NUMBER FOUR EIGHT TWO DASH ZERO EIGHT NINE FOUR LISTED TO SHIRLEY R. TORTORICH. TORTORICH CONTACTED APRIL SIXTEEN INSTANT, AND ADVISED JOHN HICKOCK, OF PONTIAC, MICH., TELEPHONED HER FROM A FRENCH QUARTER MOTEL ON MARCH TWENTYSIX, SIXTYEIGHT, RE HER CONNECTION WITH PARENTS WITHOUT PARTNERS, AN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION. SHE ADVISED THAT HICKOCK ALSO CONTACTED MRS. JANE FINNEY AND EDWARD TSOI. TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF FINNEY AND TSOI ALSO APPEARED ON THE INDENTED WRITING.

EDWARD M. TSOI FURNISHED SAME INFORMATION.

RECORDS, PROVINCIAL MOTEL, INDICATE HICKOCK REGISTERED AT MOTEL ON MARCH TWENTYSIX LAST.

NEW ORLEANS, DISCONTINUING FURTHER INVESTIGATION RE INDENTED WRITING.

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OKLAHOMA CITY, PHILADELPHIA, PHOENIX, PORTLAND, SACRAMENTO,
SAN ANTONIO, SEATTLE

FROM DIRECTOR 2P

MURKIN

NEW ORLEANS OFFICE HAS DETERMINED THAT COMPLETE FILES OF
LOUISIANA DRIVERS LICENSE DIVISION ARE COMPUTERIZED AND A SEARCH
UNDER THE BIRTH DATE OF JULY TWENTY, THIRTY-ONE DISCLOSED THAT FIFTY
WHITE MALES HAVE THIS BIRTH DATE AND HAVE BEEN ISSUED DRIVERS LICENSES
IN LOUISIANA. ALTHOUGH THE NAMES OF GALT, LOWMYER, WILLARD OR
VARIATIONS THEREOF DO NOT APPEAR AMONG THESE FIFTY WHITE MALES, THE
NEW ORLEANS OFFICE SHOULD CHECK OUT THESE INDIVIDUALS FOR ANY
PERTINENT INFORMATION CONNECTED WITH THIS CASE.

OTHER RECEIVING OFFICES SHOULD DO LIKEWISE IF DRIVERS LICENSE
RECORDS ARE MAINTAINED IN A SIMILAR MANNER IN STATES COVERED BY YOUR
OFFICES.

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WITH CAPTIONED CASE.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MOBILE (157-2627)

FROM : ASAC JOHN M. REED

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/16/68

ED LEE, Public Relations, Alabama State Docks, on 4/15/68 telephonically advised on a confidential basis that he had been contacted by representatives of the Birmingham News concerning investigation of ERIC STARVO GALT. The Birmingham paper apparently thinks that LEE, with his contacts in labor and shipbuilding trade, might be able to come up with something regarding GALT. LEE was most complimentary about our investigation and said that at all of the unions and hiring halls that he went to that the Bureau has been there previously.

LEE mentioned that Birmingham has now gone off on a tangent and asked to check all shipbuilding outfits which he has done. However, he has not come up with any pertinent information with the exception of a HIMON J. WILLARD, 1640 North View Drive, who worked at Alabama Dry Docks from December, 1964 to July, 1966. This individual has Social Security [redacted] and is married to the former MARY PIXON. He said according to their records this individual is approximately 45 years of age.

MOBILE, at Mobile, Ala. Will contact WILLARD to determine if he knows any relatives who possibly might be identical with UNSUB in instant matter.

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INTERVIEWS WITH PERSONS WHO RENTED ROOMS
AT ECONOMY ROOMING HOUSE, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

The following investigation was conducted by
SA RAYMOND J. MAXWELL on April 12, 1968:

O. L. BLACK, Route 5, Box 227, Andalusia, Alabama, telephone number 222-1508, telephonically advised that he had not been in Birmingham, Alabama, and did not stay at the Economy Rooming House on Highland Avenue; however, it was his wife, Mrs. O. L. BLACK, and his daughter, Mrs. JAMES E. WELDON, who stayed at the rooming house.

BLACK advised that the name of ERIC STARVO GALT means nothing to him, and that to his knowledge, he has never heard of ERIC STARVO GALT, nor has he ever heard of HARVEY LOWMEYER.

Mrs. O. L. BLACK, telephonically advised that during the fall of 1967 she and her daughter, Mrs. JAMES E. WELDON, Route 4, Box 73, Opelika, Alabama, took Mrs. WELDON's baby to Birmingham, Alabama, for medical treatment. While they were in Birmingham, they stayed at the Economy Rooming House on Highland Avenue. She recalls staying in Rooms 18 and 29 during the period of September 17 through September 24, 1967. Mrs. BLACK advised that when she was not at the hospital where her grandchild was being treated, she would be resting in her room at the Economy Rooming House and she did not mingle with or associate with other people staying at the rooming house. On occasions, she would talk briefly with other women at the rooming house, but she never engaged in any conversation with any men.

Mrs. BLACK advised that the name of GALT and the name of LOWMEYER are not familiar to her, and she definitely does not remember anyone at the rooming house by the name of GALT or LOWMEYER. She stated that if she saw a picture of GALT, she might be able to state whether she had ever seen this individual at the rooming house, but from a description she could not state whether she saw anyone answering GALT's description at the rooming house.

Mrs. BLACK stated that she would cooperate in any way that she could with the FBI, and if the FBI had any pictures

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that they wanted her to look at, she would be glad to look at these pictures in an effort to determine if anyone was at the Economy Rooming House during the period of time when she stayed at the rooming house in September, 1967.

The following investigation was conducted by SA HOWARD R. LINSOTT on April 13, 1968 at Andalusia, Alabama:

Mrs. O. L. BLACK, Route 5, Box 227, Andalusia, Alabama, was shown the sketch of the suspect ERIC STARVO GALT. Mrs. BLACK advised that she had never seen anyone at the rooming house in Birmingham who resembled the photograph. Mrs. BLACK advised that she resided at the rooming house during the period September 17-24, 1967, at which time she was in Birmingham to see about a grandchild of hers who was in the hospital there. Mrs. BLACK advised that the only time she saw any men around the rooming house was in the mornings at breakfast time; however, she stated she had never seen anyone at breakfast who resembled the photograph.

The following investigation was conducted at Opelika, Alabama, by SA ROY H. EVELAND:

On April 12, 1968, JAMES E. WELDON, 23 Dorsey Street, mail address, Route 4, Box 73, Opelika, Alabama, an employee of Ampex Corporation, advised that his wife, SHELLEY WELDON, and his mother-in-law, Mrs. OVIS LEE BLACK, Route 5, Box 227, Andalusia, Alabama, had stayed at the Economy Rooming House, Birmingham, Alabama, for several days during part of 1967. His daughter, TAMMY LORRAINE WELDON, was having an operation and his wife would stay at the hospital with their daughter during the nights and sleep at the rooming house during the days. The mother-in-law would stay with the daughter at the hospital during the days and would sleep at the rooming house at night. He and his wife have been taking their daughter to the Crippled Children's Hospital in Birmingham for five years for corrective operations. He and his wife generally stay at the Economy Rooming House when in Birmingham. He said that if he had been at the Economy Rooming House during September, 1967, it would have been only for an overnight visit. He does not remember anyone at his rooming house by the name of GALT or a similar name and could not place anyone fitting the description as given for suspect ERIC STARVO GALT.

Mrs. JAMES E. (SHELLEY) WELDON, Route 4, Box 73, Opelika, advised on April 12, 1968 that she recalls staying at the Economy Rooming House in Birmingham, Alabama, September 17-24, 1968. She and her mother, OVIS LEE BLACK, of Andalusia, Alabama, were there with her daughter who was a patient at the Crippled Children's Hospital in Birmingham. She said she did not recall anyone by the name ERIC STARVO GALT or any similar name at this rooming house and she does not recall anyone there fitting the description as given for suspect GALT.

AT AUBURN, ALABAMA:

On April 12, 1968 it was ascertained that THOMAS D. FRANKLIN was residing at the Phi Theta Tau, 317 S. College Street, Auburn, Alabama, while attending Auburn University. It was ascertained that on that date he was away from Auburn believed to be attending the Masters Golf Tournament in Augusta, Georgia.

On April 15, 1968, FRANKLIN was contacted on his return to Auburn and advised he had stayed at the Economy Rooming House, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, for about two weeks during the last part of August and early September, 1967. He advised he was working at the Avondale Mills in North Birmingham under the Co-op Program of Auburn University.

FRANKLIN said that he had seen articles in the newspaper recently, including a sketch of suspect in the killing of MARTIN LUTHER KING at Memphis, Tennessee. He said that he did not know anyone by the name of ERIC STARVO GALT, and he does not recall anyone at the Economy Rooming House who looked like the sketch of the suspect which he had seen in the newspaper. He also said he does not recall seeing anyone around the rooming house driving a white Mustang automobile.

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AIR MAIL

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

Re Birmingham teletype to Bureau, 8:28 PM,
4/11/68, and Birmingham teletype to Mobile, 2:05 PM,
4/12/68.

Re: INTERVIEWS WITH PERSONS WHO
RENTED ROOMS AT ECONOMY ROOMING
HOUSE, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

Enclosed herewith for Memphis are 25 copies of
an insert reflecting interviews with Mr. and Mrs. JAMES E.
WELDON, Rt. 4, Box 73, Opelika, Ala.; Mr. and Mrs. OVIN
LEE BLACK, Rt. 5, Box 227, Andalusia, Ala., and THOMAS D.
FRANKLIN, 317 S. College St., Auburn, Ala. Two copies of
this insert are being furnished to Birmingham, which office
set forth the original leads. It is noted that one addi-
tional person, whose interview was requested by Birmingham,
namely AUSTIN STONEMAN, Prattville, Ala., was reported
to be in Birmingham, and Birmingham was so advised by
teletype from Mobile, 3:32 PM, 4/2/68.

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RE: ERIC STARVO GALT

The following investigation was conducted by SA
EDWARD A. HEGSTETTER at Mobile, Alabama, on dates indicated:

On April 16, 1968, Mr. FRANK MURDOCK, Marine Manager,
Sealand Service, E. A. Roberts Building, Mobile, Alabama,
advised that a check of current crew lists of the "S.S. Maiden
Creek" and "M/V New Yorker" reflected no record of a crew
member by the name ERIC STARVO GALT, JOHN WILLARD or HARVEY
LOWMEYER or any variations of these names.

Mr. MURDOCK advised that the "S.S. Clayborne" was
under his direct control and a check of Crew Manifests also
reflected no record for the above named individuals.

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

Re New Orleans teletype to Director, 6:45 p.m.,
4/15/68.

Enclosed for Memphis are 25 copies of investigative
insert reflecting investigation re ERIC STARVO GALT.
Enclosed are 2 information copies of insert for New Orleans.

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TO DIRECTOR, ALBUQUERQUE, ATLANTA, BUTTE, DENVER,
JACKSON, LAS VEGAS, LITTLE ROCK, MILWAUKEE, MINNEAPOLIS,
MOBILE, NEW ORLEANS, OKLAHOMA CITY, PHILADELPHIA,
PHOENIX, PORTLAND, SACRAMENTO, SAN ANTONIO, SEATTLE
FROM MEMPHIS 44-1987 2P

MURKIN; CR: OO: ME.

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

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

NEW ORLEANS COMPARE DESCRIPTIONS OF FITY WHITE
MALES CONTAINED ON LOUISIANA DRIVERS LICENSES AGAINST
ALABAMA DRIVERS LICENSE DESCRIPTION AND ELIMINATE
OBVIOUS NON-IDENTS. LOCATE REMAINING PERSONS AND
OBTAIN ADEQUATE BACKGROUND AND ADDITIONAL IDENTIFYING
DESCRIPTIVE DATA SUITABLE FOR LOCATION AND LATENT
COMPARISONS BY IDENTIFICATION DIVISION. ASCERTAIN
LOCATION OF LICENSES DURING PERTINENT PERIOD OF THIS
CASE.

OTHER RECEIVING OFFICES SHOULD DO LIKEWISE IF
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DRIVERS LICENSE RECORDS ARE MAINTAINED IN SIMILAR
MANNER IN STATES COVERED BY YOUR OFFICES.

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IS IN CONNECTION WITH CAPTIONED CASE.

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FBI BIRMGHAM

1:XXX 1053 AM URGENT 4-17-68 JGA

TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA, CHICAGO, KANSAS CITY, LOS ANGELES, MEMPHIS,
NEW ORLEANS AND MOBILE.

FROM BIRMINGHAM 44-1740 P

MURKIN; CR. OO MEMPHIS.

INTERVIEW WITH ASSOCIATE OF ERIC STARVO GALT REVEALED GALT
ON OCCASION CLAIMED TO BE COOK AND BAKER ABOARD SHIP. NO BAKERY
OR COOKING SCHOOL LOCATED BIRMINGHAM. LOCAL BAKERY OFFICIAL CLAIMS
PERSONNEL TRAINED AT BAKERY SCHOOL IN KANSAS CITY OR CHICAGO.

RECEIVING OFFICES REQUESTED CHECK COOK AND BAKER SCHOOL UNDER
NAMES GALT, HARVEY LOMEYER AND JOHN WILLARD.

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TO MOBILE AND ATLANTA

FROM JACKSON

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ROBERT DUVAL ROGERS, FIVE TEN SPANISH MAIN, SPANISH FORT, ALABAMA, CONTACTED MERIDIAN RESIDENT AGENCY THIS DATE AND ADVISED THAT ABOUT TWO P.M., APRIL EIGHT, LAST, HE LEFT SPANISH FORT ALABAMA, EN ROUTE MORTON, MISSISSIPPI. ROGERS STATED HE DROVE THROUGH SARALAND TO CITRONELLE, ALABAMA, AND AS HE STARTED TO TURN RIGHT ON U.S. HIGHWAY FORTYFIVE AT ROSA A. LOTT NEGRO SCHOOL AND PETROLEUM CLUB ON HIGHWAY FORTYFIVE SOUTH OF CITRONELLE, ALABAMA, HE NOTICED A LIGHT BLUE OR LIGHT GREEN SIXTYTHREE RAMBLER AUTO BEARING UNKNOWN GEORGIA LICENSE PLATE. ROGERS SAID HE PULLED IN BEHIND THIS RAMBLER GOING IN A NORTHERLY DIRECTION AND THE RAMBLER SPED OFF AT EXTREMELY HIGH RATE OF SPEED. ROGERS SAID HE FOLLOWED THAT CAR THROUGH CITRONELLE. HE SAID THAT THE RAMBLER TURNED EAST ON DIRT ROAD ABOUT ONE

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FUNDRED FIFTY YARDS SOUTH OF INTERSECTION OF HIGHWAY SEVENTEEN ABOUT ELEVEN MILES NORTH OF CITRONELLE.

ROGERS STATED HE RECALLED SEEING A SIGN NEAR THIS DIRT ROAD WHICH READ "MOBILE FORTYTHREE MILES." ROGERS STATED HE TURNED AROUND AT THE INTERSECTION OF HIGHWAY SEVENTEEN AND WENT BACK TO THE DIRT ROAD WHERE HE SAW THE RAMBLER GOING AT A HIGH RATE OF SPEED OVER THE HILLS IN AN EASTERLY DIRECTION ON THIS DIRT ROAD. ROGERS STATED JUST PRIOR TO HIS LEAVING SPANISH FORT HE HAD OBSERVED SUCH A SKETCH OF THE SUSPECT WHO KILLED DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING IN MOBILE, ALABAMA, NEWSPAPER. HE STATED THAT THE MAN DRIVING THE ABOVE MENTIONED RAMBLER AUTOMOBILE BORE A VERY CLOSE RESEMBLANCE TO THAT SKETCH. ROGERS DESCRIBED THE DRIVER OF THAT CAR AS A WHITE MALE, ABOUT THIRTYFIVE YEARS OF AGE, BLACK OR BROWN HAIR, RECEDING HAIRLINE AND A THIN FACE. HE SAID THIS MAN HAD DARK CLOTHING HANGING IN THE BACK

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OF THE RAMBLER.

MOBILE AT CITRONELLE, ALABAMA. WILL CONDUCT
NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION ON ABOVE DESCRIBED DIRT ROAD AND ATTEMPT
TO IDENTIFY OWNER OF ABOVE DESCRIBED RAMBLER AUTOMOBILE.
AIRMAIL COPY SENT MEMPHIS.

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TO MOBILE AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM CHICAGO (44-1114) 1P

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DORIS HILL, CLERK, STOYAS DRUGS, TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED THIS DATE THAT LATE LAST EVENING INDIVIDUAL DESCRIBED AS WMA, AGE THIRTY FIVE, FIVE FEET TEN INCHES, ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY POUNDS, ENTERED STORE, CLAIMED HE WAS THE PERSON WHO SHOT KING. STATED HE HAD FIRED SHOT THAT WOULD START THE THIRD WORLD WAR. ALSO SAID THAT HE WOULD FINISH IT MAY ONE NEXT AND CAUSE A HOLOCAUST IN CHICAGO THAT WOULD MAKE HIROSHIMA NAGASAKI LOOK LIKE CHILD'S PLAY. HE PLACED TWO LONG DISTANCE PHONE CALLS TO MOBILE, ALABAMA, PHONE SIX SIX ONE - FIVE EIGHT EIGHT FOUR TO DR. DAVID HORTON, INDIVIDUAL'S BROTHER IN LAW. BOTH TIMES HORTON REFUSED TO SPEAK TO CALLER. INDIVIDUAL DID NOT APPEAR DRUNK BUT WAS QUITE IRRATIONAL. MOBILE INTERVIEW DR. HORTON RE CALLER'S INDENTITY. DETERMINE STABILITY IF POSSIBLE, AND ANY CONNECTION WITH CAPTIONED MATTER. SUTEL CHICAGO IN VIEW OF RACIAL COMMENTS RE SITUATION HERE.

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TO ATLANTA

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FROM MEMPHIS 44-1987 2 P

MURKIN.

INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED TO DATE RE ERIC STARVO GALT HAS
EITHER ESTABLISHED OR ALLEGED RESIDENCE IN ONE OF THE FIELD
DIVISIONS MENTIONED.

DATE OF BIRTH AS LISTED ON ALABAMA DRIVERS LICENSE IS

[REDACTED]

IT IS RECOGNIZED THAT SELECTIVE
SERVICE INQUIRIES HAVE BEEN MADE REGARDING THE THREE NAMES KNOWN
TO HAVE BEEN USED BY W(USPECT; HOWEVER, THERE REMAIN A NUMBER OF
YEARS IN THIS MAN'S BACKGROUND STILL UNACCOUNTED FOR. BASED ON
NORMAL PRODCEDURES FOR SELECTIVE SERVICE REGISTRATION, THIS MAN
WOULD HAVE BEEN REQUIRED TO REGISTER, IF SUCH WAS DONE, ON OR
ABOUT JULY TWENTY, FORTYNINE OR AT LEAST WITHIN@A TWO WEEK PERIOD
THEREAFTER. IT IS SUGGESTED THAT RECEIVING OFFICES RECONTACT
STATE SELECTIVE SERVICE BOARDS AND FROM REVIEW OF REGISTRANTS IN
PERTINENT PERIOD POSSIBILITY EXISTS SOME DATA MAY BE DEVELOPED RE
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FAMILIAR NAMES OR SOME OTHER ITEMS THAT MAY LEAD TO
ESTABLISHING IDENTITY UNSUB THIS CASE.

IN CONNECTION WITH ANY INQUIRIES, NO INDICATION SHOULD
BE GIVEN INQUIRIES IN CONNECTION WITH CAPTIONED CASE.

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329PM URGENT 4/17/68 CAB

TO MOBILE

FROM DIRECTOR 1P.

MURKIN

REMOTEL APRIL FIFTEEN LAST.

IN VIEW OF ESTIMATED COST AND WORK INVOLVED, YOU SHOULD
NOT PURSUE THE IDENTIFICATION OF ALL MALE BIRTHS ON JULY
TWENTY, NINETEEN THIRTY-ONE ANY FURTHER AT THIS TIME.

AIR MAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS.

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FROM BIRMINGHAM

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MURKIN. CR. OO: MEMPHIS.

FOLLOWING MESSAGE RECEIVED FROM BOSTON THIS DATE WITH LEAD
AT MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA. MOBILE HANDLE.

"RE BALTIMORE TEL APRIL FIFTEEN LAST.

WILLIAM RUSSELL, CIRCULATION MANAGER, DOW JONES AND
CO., INC., PUBLISHERS OF NATIONAL OBSERVER, CHICOPEE, MASS.,
STATED A REVIEW OF SUBSCRIBERS HAS DISCLOSED NONE WHICH CAN BE IDENTI-
FIED WITH ERIC STARVO GALT. INQUIRIES INCLUDE ALL SUBSCRIBERS IN CANADA

ONE SUBSCRIPTION OF POSSIBLE REFERENCE IS LISTED FOR MRS.
JUNIOR GALT, TWO THREE ONE ONE WEST CLOVERDALE PARK, MONTGOMERY,
ALABAMA.

IF PREVIOUS INQUIRIES CONCERNING THAT INDIVIDUAL NOT
CONDUCTED, BIRMINGHAM SHOULD CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVVESTIGATION.
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

APRIL 17, 1968

ATTORNEY GENERAL RAMSEY CLARK ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT ERIC STARVO GALT IS BEING SOUGHT BY THE FBI AS A FUGITIVE ON A FEDERAL CHARGE ARISING FROM THE FATAL SHOOTING OF THE REVEREND DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., IN MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, ON APRIL 4, 1968.

DIRECTOR J. EDGAR HOOVER STATED THAT A FEDERAL COMPLAINT WAS FILED BY THE FBI IN BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, TODAY CHARGING GALT WITH CONSPIRING TO VIOLATE THE CIVIL RIGHTS OF DR. KING IN VIOLATION OF TITLE 18, SECTION 241, OF THE UNITED STATES CODE.

THE FBI COMPLAINT CHARGES THAT "ON OR ABOUT MARCH 29, 1968, AT BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, ...ERIC STARVO GALT AND AN INDIVIDUAL WHOM HE ALLEGED TO BE HIS BROTHER, ENTERED INTO A CONSPIRACY WHICH CONTINUED UNTIL ON OR ABOUT APRIL 5, 1968, TO INJURE, OPPRESS, THREATEN, OR INTIMIDATE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.,... IN THE FREE EXERCISE OR ENJOYMENT OF A RIGHT SECURED TO HIM BY THE CONSTITUTION OR LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES; NAMELY, THE RIGHT TO FREELY TRAVEL FROM STATE TO STATE. IN FURTHERANCE OF THIS CONSPIRACY, ERIC STARVO GALT DID, ON OR ABOUT MARCH 30, 1968, PURCHASE A RIFLE AT BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA..."

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ACCORDING TO MR. HOOVER, A 30.06 RIFLE EQUIPPED WITH A TELESCOPIC SIGHT WAS FOUND NEAR A ROOMING HOUSE ON SOUTH MAIN STREET IN MEMPHIS IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE FATAL SHOOTING OF DR. KING OCCURRED. THE ROOMING HOUSE OVERLOOKS THE LORRAINE HOTEL AND MOTEL WHERE DR. KING WAS STAYING.

MR. HOOVER SAID THAT FBI AGENTS DETERMINED THAT THE 30.06 RIFLE HAD BEEN PURCHASED FROM A GUN DEALER IN BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, ON MARCH 30, 1968. THE TELESCOPIC SIGHT ALSO WAS PURCHASED FROM THIS DEALER.

THE FBI DIRECTOR SAID THAT GALT, WHO HAS USED THE NAMES OF JOHN WILLARD AND HARVEY LOWMYER IN THE PAST, IS THE OWNER OF A 1966 WHITE MUSTANG BEARING ALABAMA LICENSE PLATES WHICH WAS LOCATED ABANDONED IN ATLANTA, GEORGIA, ON APRIL 11, 1968. INVESTIGATION DISCLOSED THAT GALT PURCHASED THIS CAR FROM A PRIVATE CITIZEN IN BIRMINGHAM ON AUGUST 30, 1967. THE MUSTANG'S ODOMETER SHOWED THAT IT HAD BEEN DRIVEN MORE THAN 19,000 MILES BETWEEN LATE AUGUST, 1967, AND EARLY APRIL, 1968.

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ACCORDING TO MR. HOOVER, GALT'S TRAVELS IN THE MUSTANG INCLUDED TRIPS TO LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA; NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA; BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA; AND MEXICO, AS WELL AS TO MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, AND ATLANTA, GEORGIA. GALT WAS REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN IN MEMPHIS ON APRIL 3 AND 4, 1968, AND TO HAVE DEPARTED FROM THERE FOR ATLANTA.

INTENSIVE INVESTIGATION BY THE FBI HAS DISCLOSED THAT GALT HAS CLAIMED TO HAVE BEEN EMPLOYED AS A COOK ON MISSISSIPPI RIVER VESSELS AND AS A MERCHANT SEAMAN. HE IS SAID TO BE AN AVID DANCER AND TOOK DANCING LESSONS IN NEW ORLEANS IN 1964 AND 1965; IN BIRMINGHAM DURING SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER, 1967; AND IN LONG BEACH CALIFORNIA, FROM DECEMBER, 1967 TO FEBRUARY, 1968.

GALT LEFT LOS ANGELES ON DECEMBER 15, 1967, AND DROVE HIS WHITE MUSTANG TO NEW ORLEANS, WHERE HE CLAIMED HE CONTACTED EITHER AN ENGINEERING OR A CONTRACTING FIRM. HE LEFT NEW ORLEANS ON DECEMBER 19TH AND ARRIVED BACK IN LOS ANGELES ON DECEMBER 21, 1967.

WHILE IN THE LOS ANGELES AREA EARLY THIS YEAR, GALT TOOK A COURSE AT A SCHOOL OF BARTENDING AND WAS GRADUATED ON MARCH 2, 1968.

THE FUGITIVE IS DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE. HE IS APPROXIMATELY 5 FEET 8 INCHES TO 5 FEET 11 INCHES TALL AND WEIGHS BETWEEN 160 AND 175 POUNDS. HE IS SAID TO BE A NEAT DRESSER AND HAS A MEDIUM BUILD.

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GALT HAS BROWN HAIR, WHICH HE WEARS IN A "BRUSH" CUT. HE REPORTEDLY HAS BLUE EYES; HIS NOSE IS STRAIGHT AND NARROW; HIS TEETH ARE STRAIGHT AND CLEAN; AND HE HAS GIVEN HIS DATE OF BIRTH AS .

THE FUGITIVE IS SAID TO HAVE A NERVOUS HABIT OF OCCASIONALLY PULLING AT AN EAR LOBE WITH HIS HAND. HIS LEFT EAR PROTRUDES FARTHER FROM HIS HEAD THAN HIS RIGHT EAR.

ACCORDING TO MR. HOOVER, PERSONS WHO HAVE MET GALT DESCRIBE HIM AS A "LONER" AND STATE HIS LANGUAGE AND DICTION HAVE A "RURAL" QUALITY AND SUGGEST THAT HE PROBABLY DOES NOT HAVE A HIGH DEGREE OF EDUCATION. HE IS SAID TO DRINK ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND HAS A PREFERENCE FOR VODKA AND BEER. HE IS A FAN OF WESTERN AND COUNTRY MUSIC.

GALT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS. ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING HIM SHOULD BE FURNISHED IMMEDIATELY TO THE NEAREST FBI OFFICE.

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