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FROM CHICAGO /44-1114/

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RECGTELS TO BUREAU APRIL FIFTEEN LAST, NINE SEVENTEEN PM AND  
APRIL SIXTEEN LAST, AND NK TEL TO BUREAU APRIL FIFTEEN LAST.

RE ADVERTISING - SUPERIOR BULK FILM COMPANY.

COMPANY ADVERTISES IN FOLLOWING MAGAZINES. INQUIRIES APRIL  
SIXTEEN AND SEVENTEEN DETERMINED LOCATION SUBSCRIPTION LIST:

NEW YORK

POPULAR MECHANICS AND SPORTS AFIELD, HEARST CORP.,  
FIVE SEVEN FIVE LEXINGTON AVENUE NYC; SCIENCE AND MECHANICS  
MAGAZINE, DAVIS PUBLICATIONS, FIVE ZERO FIVE PARK AVENUE, NYC;  
U.S. CAMERA, NINE EAST FORTIETH STREET, NYC; FIELD AND STREAM, HOLT,  
RINEHART AND WINSTON, INC., THREE EIGHT THREE MADISON AVENUE, NYC.

NEW YORK NOTE CROSS REFERENCES TO POPULAR MECHANICS, MECHANIX  
ILLUSTRATED AND SCIENCE AND MECHANICS IN RE TELS. RE ERIC STARVO  
GALT - LOCKSMITHING INSTITUTE RECORDS.

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DEPT. PORTLAND PLACE, POPULAR SCIENCE AND OUTDOOR LIFE, POPULAR  
SCIENCE PUBLISHING COMPANY, ONE TWO FIVE FIVE PORTLAND PLACE, BOTH  
BOULDER COLORADO.

CINCINNATI

MODERN PHOTOGRAPHY MAGAZINE, TWO ONE SIX ZERO PATTERSON STREET.

NEW HAVEN

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GREENWICH, CONNECTICUT.

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DOES NOT ADVERTISE IN HUNTING AND FISHING AS PREVIOUSLY ADVISED, BUT  
IN SPORTS AFIELD AND IN OUTDOOR LIFE.

ALL OFFICES DETERMINE IF ANY SUBSCRIBER USING NAME OF ERIC  
STARVO GALT, AKA HARVEY LOWMEYER OR HARVEY LOWMYER, JOHN WILLARD AND  
SET OUT LEADS.

MAKE NO MENTION INQUIRIES CONCERNING CAPTIONED MATTER.

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Date: April 17, 1968

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987),  
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NEW YORK (44-1609)

FROM NEW HAVEN (157-818)

MURKIN - CR.

RE SAN FRANCISCO TELETYPE, APRIL THIRTEEN LAST,  
AND NEW YORK TELETYPE, SAME DATE, TO BUREAU, NEW HAVEN AND  
SAN FRANCISCO.

JOHN GIMBERLY, SECURITY, OTIS ELEVATOR, STAMFORD,  
CONNECTICUT, ADVISED PABLO REYES TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED  
OTIS MORNING OF APRIL SIXTEEN LAST FROM NEW MEXICO AND  
IS ENROUTE STAMFORD VIA AUTO, DUE TO ARRIVE APRIL TWENTY  
TWO NEXT. NO DETAILS AS TO CAR OR ITINERARY.

REYES EMPLOYED OTIS AND ASSIGNED SAIGON AS FIELD  
REPRESENTATIVE. JAMES MC KINLEY, DIVISION MANAGER, OTIS  
ELEVATOR, NEW YORK CITY, AND GIMBERLY BOTH ADVISED REYES  
IS A PHILLIPPINE NATIONAL WITH VERY DEFINITE ORIENTAL  
FEATURES AND COULD NOT BE MISTAKEN FOR CAUCASIAN. IN VIEW  
OF PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS, NO INTERVIEW WILL BE CONDUCTED.

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RE ATLANTA TEL TO DIRECTOR, APR. SIXTEEN, SIXTYEIGHT,  
AND NEW HAVEN TEL TO DIRECTOR, APR. SIXTEEN, SIXTYEIGHT.

RE INVESTIGATION ROOMING HOUSE, ONE THIRTEEN - FOURTEENTH  
ST., NE, ATLANTA:

GEORGE MARSHALL, ATLANTIC STEEL, ADVISED JAMES P. BIORDAN  
INTERVIEWED MAR. TWENTY, SIXTYEIGHT AT WHICH TIME GAVE ADDRESS  
ONE ZERO SEVEN - FOURTEENTH ST., NE, ATLANTA, WAS GIVEN JOB TO  
REPORT MAR. TWENTYFIFTH IN SUPERVISORY CAPACITY. DID NOT SHOW  
UP FOR WORK AND HAS NOT RECONTACTED ATLANTIC STEEL.

BIORDAN W/M, 49 YRS; SIX FEET THREE; TWO FIFTEEN LBS.;  
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WALLINGFORD, CONN.; GAVE PERMANENT ADDRESS NINE SEVEN ROAD  
WALLINGFORD, CONN., AND WIFE'S NAME, LOUISE.

NEW HAVEN RECONTACT LOUISE BIORDAN FOR CURRENT ADDRESS OR  
EMPLOYMENT OF JAMES P. BIORDAN. SUTEL.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW HAVEN (157-818)(P)

FROM : SA LLOYD S. GOODROW

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: April 17, 1968

On 4/17/68, Officer JOHN GUDZIK, Westport, Police Department, Westport, Conn., advised as follows:

On the afternoon of 4/10/68, GUDZIK, while directing traffic in Westport, Conn., observed an individual driving a late model white Ford pickup with Alabama license. The individual driving this car acted furtively and suspiciously. Before GUDZIK had an opportunity to check the car, the individual left in traffic.

GUDZIK has since seen photographs of ERIC STARVO GALT in the press. He advised that the driver of this car bore a strong resemblance to GALT. Two artist's conceptions of GALT were displayed to GUDZIK on 4/17/68. He identified the artist's conceptions bearing the following descriptive data on the back: white, male, age 36, 5'8"-5'10", 150-160 pounds, medium complexion, dark hair (probably brown), as a good likeness to the individual who was driving the late model, white Ford pickup with Alabama license.

GUDZIK could not recall how this individual was dressed, except that he did not wear a hat. The hairline in this photograph of the artist's conception approximated that of the driver of the pickup.

On 4/10/68, there were numerous out-of-state cars in Westport, Conn. These cars were in Westport in connection with Howard Shows which is a carnival.

Howard Shows is now operating on US-1 at the West Haven-New Haven town line.

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GUDZIK did not get the license tag of the Alabama pickup.

LEADS:

NEW HAVEN:

At New Haven, Connecticut

Will, at Howard Shows, a carnival operating on the Post Road on the West Haven-New Haven town line, attempt to locate a late model white Ford pickup with Alabama license.

Will attempt to identify the driver of this vehicle through the photographs of the artist's conception of ERIC STARVO GALT.

Will determine whether or not if the individual that operates or has access to this vehicle is ERIC STARVO GALT.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
 FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
 New Haven, Connecticut  
 April 9, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to  
 File No. 157-820

*Classified per  
 Bureau #s 2/26/79*

**CONFIDENTIAL**

**RACIAL DISTURBANCE  
 NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT  
 APRIL 1968**

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On April 5, 1968, approximately 3,000 individuals, mostly Negroes, attended a rally in memory of the slain Martin Luther King, Jr., which rally was held without incident on the New Haven Green in the center of New Haven, Connecticut. This rally was held by the Black Coalition, a group of Negroes representing various civil rights organizations in the New Haven area.

This rally began at 3:15 pm and terminated at 4:15 pm. Those in attendance marched to the rally from three New Haven Negro neighborhoods.

COURTLAND WILSON, president, New Haven chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, chaired the rally and designated Monday, April 8, 1968, as a day of mourning for King. He called for a boycott by Negroes of all schools and employment on that date. WILSON asked whites in attendance to stand to the rear of the crowd and called for Negroes to come to the front "where they belong."

The following, all Negroes, were speakers at the rally and summaries of their comments are set forth below.

JOHN BARBER - BARBER is a militant Negro leader from Hartford, Connecticut, who according to an article in the August 7, 1967, edition of the "Hartford Courant," a Hartford daily newspaper, was arrested with three other persons and charged with two counts of arson in connection with fire bombings in the North End Section of Hartford on August 5, 1967. BARBER said, "We're going to break the back of law and order in this state," and said that from this moment he would refuse to obey "Whitey's curfews." He concluded by stating, "The day belongs to the white man, but the night is ours."

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- 2 157-820 1 157-new (dead) Jos. HARRIS
- 1 157-818 MURKIN 1 157-new (dead) JOAN THORNELL
- 1 157-533 1 100-18891 R. JOHNSON
- 1 100-18892 HPA
- 1 157-new (dead) (COURTLAND WILSON)
- 1 100-19283 BARBER 1 157-new (dead) MELVIN BOYKIN
- 1 157-756 J. GREENE 1 100-19168 Black Coalition JGN:md (29)

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RE: RACIAL DISTURBANCE  
NEW HAVEN, CONN., APRIL 1968

JEROYD GREENE - GREENE is president of Operation Break-through, an affiliate of the Hill Parents Association, which is a militant action group with headquarters in the Hill Section of New Haven, a mainly Negro neighborhood. GREENE said, "We're going to bring Whitey to his feet in this town tonight" and "I don't want to see any of you. I just want to smell the smoke and see the ashes."

ABDUL MC CULLOUGH - MC CULLOUGH is minister of Muhammad's Mosque #40, Nation of Islam, New Haven. MC CULLOUGH called for all blacks to unite to show white America that blacks belong in the forefront.

Characterizations of the Nation of Islam and Mosque #40 appear in the Appendix.

JOSEPH HARRIS - HARRIS is president of the Dixwell Legal Rights Association. He said he would not instruct Negroes present at the rally to either "do something or not do something." HARRIS said each individual could do what he wanted in retaliation for King's death and called for those present to act individually on their own and to do what they felt they had to do without instructions from anyone.

Mrs. JOAN THORNELL, militant leader, Fair Haven Parents Association, a civil rights organization in the New Haven area, called for an economic boycott by all Negroes of all stores in New Haven.

RONALD JOHNSON - JOHNSON is vice president of the Hill Parents Association and a militant Negro leader who was convicted in Superior Court, New Haven, for conspiracy to bomb municipal buildings on March 7, 1968. JOHNSON said that now is the time for revenge and pointed to nearby cement buildings stating, "You can't knock them down with your bare hands." This drew crowd responses of "Dynamite." Using obscene words, he called for the killing of white people.

MELVIN BOYKIN (phonetic) - BOYKIN was introduced as a childhood friend of King's. He said previous speakers had called for bombing and looting in New Haven, but he cautioned the crowd, "The man is waiting for us tonight."

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NEW HAVEN, CONN., APRIL 1968

Let's be smart and wait until Tuesday."

Several clergymen called for restraint by Negroes in New Haven out of respect to King.

Negroes in attendance applauded all comments made by speakers pertaining to violence in one form or another. However, some Negroes present exhibited approval of statements calling for restraint on the part of some of the speakers.

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APPENDIX

CHARACTERIZATION OF ORGANIZATIONS

MUHAMMAD'S MOSQUE # 40, NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT  
aka., MUHAMMAD'S TEMPLE OF ISLAM,  
NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT

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A source advised on May 22, 1964, that the New Haven Temple of the Nation of Islam was formed in approximately August of 1960, and was commonly known as Muhammad's Mosque.

On August 24, 1965, a second source advised that in late July of 1965, the name of this Mosque, which is located at 142½ Dixwell Avenue, New Haven, Connecticut, was officially changed to Muhammad's Mosque #40.

A third source advised on May 15, 1967, that Muhammad's Mosque #40, is affiliated with the Headquarters of the Nation of Islam at Chicago, Illinois, and looks to ELIJAH MUHAMMAD as its leader.

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APPENDIXNATION OF ISLAM, Formerly Referred to as  
THE MUSLIM CULT OF ISLAM, aka  
Muhammad's TEMPLES OF ISLAM

In January, 1957, a source advised Elijah Muhammad has described his organization on a nationwide basis as the "Nation of Islam" and "Muhammad's Temples of Islam."

On May 5, 1967, a second source advised Elijah Muhammad is the national leader of the Nation of Islam (NOI); Muhammad's Temple of Islam No. 2, 5335 South Greenwood Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, is the national headquarters of the NOI; and in mid-1960 Muhammad and other NOI officials, when referring to Muhammad's organization on a nationwide basis, commenced using either "Mosque" or "Temple" when mentioning one of "Muhammad's Temples of Islam."

The NOI is an all-Negro organization which was originally organized in 1930 in Detroit, Michigan. Muhammad claims to have been selected by Allah, the Supreme Being, to lead the so-called Negro race out of slavery in the wilderness of North America by establishing an independent black nation in the United States. Members following Muhammad's teachings and his interpretation of the "Koran" believe there is no such thing as a Negro; the so-called Negroes are slaves of the white race, referred to as "white devils," in the United States and the white race, because of its exploitation of the so-called Negroes, must and will be destroyed in the approaching "War of Armageddon."

In the past, officials and members of the NOI, including Muhammad, have refused to register under the provisions of the Selective Service Acts and have declared that members owe no allegiance to the United States.

On May 5, 1958, the first source advised Muhammad had, upon advice of legal counsel, tempered his personal statements and instructions to his ministers concerning the principles of his



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NATION OF ISLAM, Formerly Referred to as  
THE MUSLIM CULT OF ISLAM, also known as  
MUHAMMAD'S TEMPLES OF ISLAM

organization in order to avoid possible prosecution by the United States Government; however, he did not indicate any fundamental changes in the teachings of his organization.

On May 2, 1966, a third source advised Muhammad had, in early July, 1958, decided to de-emphasize the religious aspects of the teachings of Islam and to stress the economic benefits to be derived by those Negroes who joined the NOI. This policy change, according to Muhammad, would help him acquire additional followers and create more interest in his programs.

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**A I R T E L**

**TO DIRECTOR, FBI**

**FROM SAC, NEW HAVEN (157-818) P**

**SUBJECT MURKIN - CR**

**Re: New Haven teletype to Bureau, 4/5/68, captioned "ASSASSINATION OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., RM."**

**Enclosed for information of Memphis is one Xerox copy of referenced New Haven teletype.**

**Referenced teletype sets out that New Haven would follow with appropriate letterhead memorandum.**

**In view of the fact that this information at this date does not appear to be pertinent concerning captioned case, no letterhead memorandum is being submitted.**

3 - Bureau  
2 - Memphis (44-1987)  
1 - Kansas City (62-7797) (info)  
4 - New Haven  
2 - 157-818  
1 - 105-6328 (Hart)  
1 - 62-2167 (Minutemen)

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 12, 1968

ALFRED C. SPOERL, 129 Oldfield Road, Trumbull, Connecticut, advised that he is the National Distributions Manager of U.S. Electrical Motors, a division of Emerson Electric with his office at Old Gate Lane, Milford, Connecticut.

He advised that on April 4, 1968, he was in Philadelphia, Mississippi, at a meeting with CARL BRANTLEY, BOB CAMPBELL, BEN HARDWICK, who are officers of the U.S. Electrical Motors Plant, in Philadelphia, Mississippi along with W.F. HOEHING who is from the Milford Plant. He stated that after the meeting he and HOEHING departed Philadelphia at approximately 4:15 p.m. enroute to Memphis, Tennessee where they arrived at approximately 7:10 p.m. He stated they were driving a Dodge Coronet, white with black vinyl top which he had rented from Avis Rent-a-Car, Jackson, Mississippi, on April 3, 1968.

He advised that upon arriving at Memphis, Tennessee he and HOEHING went to the Municipal Airport for dinner and HOEHING was then to take a plane to St. Louis, Missouri. He advised that he had reservations at the Holiday Inn South, Memphis, Tennessee for the evening as he planned on attending a meeting with a U.S. Electrical Motors representative in Memphis on the morning of April 5, 1968. After dinner he advised that he made attempts to leave the airport for his April 5, 1968, appointment but when he learned of the situation in Memphis and that a large portion of the town had been barricaded he decided to cancel his meeting on April 5, 1968. Unable to make plane reservations for New York or Hartford, Connecticut, he finally made arrangements to leave with HOEHING on the plane going to St. Louis whose ultimate destination was Chicago, Illinois. He further advised that he actually never left the airport as he thought it would not be worthwhile. He also advised that the plane finally left Memphis at approximately 9:30 p.m., April 5, 1968.

SPOERL stated that he was in Memphis on April 1, 1968, for another meeting with U.S. Electrical Motors Officials and had

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 by SA JERRY D. MC KINNEY and SA JOHN W. GILL JR. JDM/kbb Date dictated 4/10/68

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then flown to Jackson, Mississippi, where he rented the car on April 3, 1968.

He further advised that when he arrived in Chicago someone made casual mention of him fitting the general description of the individual who had been involved in the KING assassination. To this he made some comment jokingly that that was the reason he had left Memphis. However, he stated that he had not been involved in anyway with the KING assassination and his actual reason for leaving Memphis was that he didn't feel he could make contacts on April 5 and he and HOEHING had discussed this matter and decided to leave for Chicago and conduct work there on April 5, 1968.

The following is a description of ALFRED C. SPOERL:

Race: White  
Sex: Male  
Date of Birth:   
Place of Birth: Shelton, Connecticut  
Height: 6'2"  
Weight: 190 lbs.  
Hair: Blond  
Eyes: Brown  
Address: 129 Oldfield Road, Trumbull,  
Connecticut  
Employment: National Distributions Manager of  
U.S. Electrical Motors, Division of  
Emerson Electric, Old Gate Lane,  
Milford, Connecticut.

On April 8, 1968, SPOERL advised that he had no objection to having his fingerprints taken and he consented to having these done at the Milford, Connecticut, Police Department.



## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 12, 1968

WILBER F. HOEHING, Manager, Materials Control, U.S. Electrical Motors, Division of Emerson Electric, Old Gate Lane, Milford, Connecticut, advised that on April 4, 1968, he and ALFRED SPOERL after a meeting with company officials in Philadelphia, Mississippi, departed for Memphis, Tennessee, at approximately 4:00 p.m. arriving in Memphis at approximately 7:10 p.m. He stated that they were driving a 1967 white Dodge which SPOERL had rented from Avis Rent-A-Car in Jackson, Mississippi, on April 3, 1968.

After arriving in Memphis, Tennessee he and SPOERL had dinner at the restaurant in the Memphis Municipal Airport after which he was to take a plane to St. Louis, Missouri. He further advised that SPOERL's original plans were to meet with company officials in Memphis on April 5, 1968, and that he had reservations at the Holiday Inn South for the evening. He stated, however, that when SPOERL learned of the situation in the city of Memphis they decided that it would not be profitable to go ahead with the scheduled meeting on April 5, 1968. SPOERL then tried to get plane reservations for New York or Hartford, Connecticut, but was unable to do so and finally decided to join him (HOEHING) on the plane for St. Louis, whose destination was Chicago.

He stated that he and SPOERL were together from 4:15 until about 9:30 p.m. April 4, 1968, when SPOERL was in the process of cancelling his plans for his meeting on April 5, 1968.

He stated that he had no reason to believe that SPOERL would be involved in anyway with the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING. He stated that SPOERL was a reputable person and had been with the company several years working his way up to the management level. He stated that his plane finally departed Memphis at approximately 10:00 p.m.

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He further advised that he was in possession of a secret clearance obtained in Phoenix, Arizona, in August, 1966. He gave his date of birth as [REDACTED] in Newark, New Jersey and upon the obtaining of this clearance he was fingerprinted.

April 12, 1968

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TO DIRECTOR, KANSAS CITY, SEATTLE, MEMPHIS, BOSTON,  
BUTTE, DENVER AND NEW YORK *WFO + salt Lake City*  
FROM NEW HAVEN

VINCENT PAUL DE PALMA, MINUTEMEN, IS - MISCELLANEOUS (BUFILE  
ONE ZERO FIVE DASH ONE SEVEN TWO FIVE SIX SEVEN, NEW HAVEN  
FILE ONE HUNDRED DASH ONE NINE ONE FIVE ONE); MURKIN - CR;  
MINUTEMEN, IS - MISCELLANEOUS; DUANE IVAN CARLSON, ET AL,  
BR - CONSPIRACY.

VINCENT DE PALMA DEBRIEFED ~~REINTERVIEW~~ DAYS BY NEW  
HAVEN AGENTS, ENDING AT ELEVEN P.M., APRIL ELEVEN LAST.  
DE PALMA, WHO WAS COMPLETELY COOPERATIVE, FURNISHED VOLUMINOUS  
INFORMATION CONCERNING HIS ENTIRE MINUTEMENT ACTIVITIES  
FROM LATE NINETEEN SIXTY SIX UNTIL HE LEFT MINUTEMEN IN  
THE LATTER PART OF DECEMBER, NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN.  
APPROPRIATE COMMUNICATIONS CONCERNING RESULTS OF INTERVIEW  
WILL BE DISSEMINATED TO INTERESTED OFFICES. FOLLOWING  
BELIEVED PERTINENT PARTS OF INTERVIEW:

AT CONCLUSION OF INTERVIEW, DE PALMA STATED THAT

SEARCHED-29151 (DE PALMA)  
1 - 62-2167 (MINUTEMEN)  
1 - 91-2555 (DUANE IVAN CARLSON)  
1 - 157-818 (MURKIN)

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WHEN HE BECAME A MEMBER OF NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, WHICH WAS AFTER THE PATRIOTIC PARTY CONVENTION IN JUNE, NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN, HE HEARD FROM A NUMBER OF MINUTEMEN IN THE HIGHER ECHELON, INCLUDING ROBERT DE PUGH, WALTER PEYSON, ROBERT BAGWELL, JERRY MILTON BROOKS, AND OTHERS, THAT THE MINUTEMEN HAD A PLAN TO PLACE CYANIDE GAS INTO THE AIR CONDITIONING SYSTEM AT THE UNITED NATIONS BUILDING IN NEW YORK CITY. THIS PLAN WAS OFTEN MENTIONED TO THE POINT WHERE IT WAS CONSIDERED A JOKE AMONG THE MINUTEMEN WHEN THEY WOULD TALK ABOUT WHAT THEY WERE GOING TO DO WHEN "THE FIGHTING STARTED." HE HAD NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AS TO HOW OR WHEN THIS WOULD BE DONE.

DURING OCTOBER, NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN, DE PUGH ORDERED DE PALMA TO LOCATE HOUSE WHICH COULD BE USED AS A HIDE OUT. DE PALMA LOCATED SAME WHICH HE STATED WAS IN A TOWN CALLED PLATT, WHICH HE STATED IS IN THE NORTHERN PART OF KANSAS CITY WHICH HE ALSO REFERRED TO AS NORTH KANSAS CITY. HE FURNISHED COMPLETE INFORMATION AS TO HOW TO LOCATE THIS HOUSE. DE PALMA STATED DE PUGH WANTED THIS HIDE OUT IN ORDER TO KIDNAP THE U.S. ATTORNEY OF KANSAS CITY, BRING



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HIM TO THIS HOUSE FOR QUESTIONING, TORTURE AND ULTIMATE KILLING. DE PALMA STATED THE USA WAS SURVEILLED ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS AND ONE PLAN WAS TO ABDUCT HIM WHILE HE WAS DRIVING HOME. THE SECOND PLAN WAS TO KILL HIM BY PLACING A BOMB IN HIS CAR AT HOME. NEITHER PLAN WAS ABLE TO BE COMPLETED AND HE HEARD NO ADDITIONAL PLANS OTHER THAN THE FACT THAT IF DE PUGH WAS ARRESTED THE USA, AS WELL AS ARTT SPECIAL INVESTIGATORS FRANK BELECKY AND JAMES MOORE, FBI SA ARNETT, J. WHITE, KANSAS CITY RADIO STATION EMPLOYKE, WERE TO BE KILLED.

DE PALMA STATED THAT DE PUGH TOLD HIM THAT IN THE EVENT THERE IS NOT A SUFFICIENT RACIAL RIOT CONDITION IN THE UNITED STATES TO START A REVOLUTION, THE MINUTEMEN WOULD CREATE A REVOLUTIONARY CONDITION BY ASSASSINATING RAP BROWN, MARTIN LUTHER KING AND STOKELY CARMICHAEL. THEY FIGURED THAT THE REVOLUTION WOULD START WITH THE COMING SUMMER, NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT, RIOTS AND THIS IS THE TIME THE MINUTEMEN WOULD TAKE ACTION WITH THE ULTIMATE GOAL OF TAKING OVER THE GOVERNMENT. DE PUGH ALSO MENTIONED SEVERAL PRIME TARGETS FOR STRIKE TEAMS IN THE LINE OF ASSASSINATION.

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ONE OF THE TARGETS MENTIONED WAS THE NINE SUPREME COURT JUDGES, FURTHER, THAT IN CASE OF A NUCLEAR ATTACK OR A CHAOTIC CONDITION IN THE COUNTRY THAT A RELOCATION CENTER FOR THE PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT AND THE CABINET WOULD BE GEORGETOWN, COLORADO. AT LEAST ONE STRIKE TEAM WAS TO BE SENT TO GEORGETOWN, COLORADO, TO ASSASSINATE THEM. DE PUGH THEN STATED THAT WITH THE ASSASSINATION OF THE PRESIDENT, THE SUPREME COURT JUDGES AND THE CABINET HE AND THE "EXECUTIVE COUNCIL" OF MINUTEMEN WOULD THEN MOVE IN TO MAINTAIN ORDER IN THE GOVERNMENT UNTIL A GOVERNMENTAL BODY COULD BE FORMED FROM THE PATRIOTIC PARTY. DE PALMA STATED THAT THERE IS NO EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE MINUTEMEN AND THAT DE PUGH HIMSELF IS THE "EXECUTIVE COUNCIL."

CONCERNING POSSIBLE ASSASSINATION OF NEW YORK ATTORNEY GENERAL LEFKOWITZ, DE PALMA STATED THAT LEFKOWITZ WOULD BE IN THE SAME ASSASSINATION GROUP AS MARTIN LUTHER KING, RAP BROWN AND STOKELY CARMICHAEL.

CONCERNING MONTANA, DE PALMA STATED THAT SHORTLY AFTER HE GOT INTO THE "INNER CIRCLE" BELIEVED TO BE ABOUT SEPTEMBER, NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN, DE PUGH TOLD HIM BRIEFLY

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ABOUT A BUNKER IN A NATIONAL FOREST IN MONTANA, PLACE NOT SPECIFIED. HE STATED IT WAS BUILT INTO THE SIDE OF A HILL AND THE INTERIOR APPROXIMATELY EIGHT BY TEN FEET. HE STATED THIS BUNKER HAD BEEN IN EXISTENCE FOR APPROXIMATELY TWO YEARS AND HAD BEEN MANNED CONSTANTLY DURING THIS PERIOD BY TWO MEN. THIS BUNKER IS ALLEGEDLY ONE AND ONE HALF DAY HIKE FROM CLOSEST ROAD. DE PUGH STATED THAT IN THE EVENT "WE" WOULD HAVE TO HIDE THIS WAS A LOGICAL SPOT AS IT HAD "EVERYTHING WE COULD POSSIBLY NEED." DE PALMA SAID HE ONLY MET ONE MINUTEMAN FROM MONTANA AT A TRAINING SESSION IN INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI, IN JULY, NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN, AND HE DOES NOT KNOW HIS IDENTITY. HE DOES NOT KNOW ANY MINUTEMEN FROM IDAHO NOR ANY BUNKERS IN IDAHO THAT ARE CURRENTLY OR HAVE BEEN IN EXISTENCE.

DE PALMA, ROY BRANSON AND MIKE LNU ATTEMPTED TO BUILD A BUNKER NEAR PARIS, IDAHO, IN NOVEMBER, NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN, WITHOUT SUCCESS DUE TO EXTREME WEATHER.

DE PALMA STATED HE WAS FIRST ADVISED OF CONTEMPLATED BANK ROBBERIES BY DE PUGH AND PEYSON SHORTLY AFTER HE WAS ACCEPTED INTO THE INNER GROUP.

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DE PUGH ORDERED ROY BRANSON AND DE PALMA TO GO TO SALT LAKE CITY ABOUT THE MIDDLE OF NOVEMBER, NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN. ON THANKSGIVING ~~DAY~~ NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN, THEY WERE JOINED AT SALT LAKE CITY BY WALLY AND LINDA PEYSON AND MIKE LNU. AFTER PURCHASING GEAR FOR THE TRIP TO IDAHO, THE FIVE LEFT FOR IDAHO TO BUILD THE BUNKER. AFTER REMAINING IN THIS AREA ABOUT FIVE DAYS THEY RETURNED TO SALT LAKE CITY AND BRANSON LEFT THE GROUP.

PEYSON HAD BEEN DISCUSSING WITH DE PALMA ABOUT THE "OLD MAN." THIS TURNED OUT TO BE A HOUSE AT SALT LAKE CITY THAT HAD BEEN RENTED BY PEYSON AND MIKE LNU. DE PALMA DESCRIBED ~~DETAILS~~ OF THIS HOUSE AS FOLLOWS:

HEADING NORTH OUT OF SALT LAKE CITY THERE IS A FOUR LANE EXPRESSWAY. THIS GOES PAST TWO OIL REFINERIES LOCATED ON THE LEFT SIDE OF THE HIGHWAY. GOING ON THIS HIGHWAY THERE IS A SERVICE ROAD ON THE RIGHT HAND SIDE. PROCEED ON THIS EXPRESSWAY UNTIL YOU COME TO THE SECOND OIL REFINERY WHICH HE BELIEVES IS CHEVRON OIL REFINERY. JUST BEYOND AND POSSIBLY ONE EIGHTH MILE ON THE RIGHT HAND SIDE OF THE EXPRESSWAY AND ON THE RIGHT HAND SIDE OF THE SERVICE

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ROAD IS A WHITE HOUSE SETTING OFF THE EXPRESSWAY ABOUT ONE HUNDRED TWENTY FEET. IT IS A RANCH TYPE HOUSE WITH THREE AND ONE HALF TO FOUR ROOMS. DIRECTLY BEHIND THE HOUSE IS A BIG GRAVEL BANK WITH A NUMBER OF PIECES OF HEAVY CONSTRUCTION AND EARTH MOVING EQUIPMENT. JUST BEYOND THE HOUSE THE SERVICE ROAD REJOINS THE EXPRESSWAY. WHEN HE WAS THERE THERE WAS A SIGN ON THE FRONT OF THE HOUSE WHICH SAID "TOPAZ MINING COMPANY." ATTACHED TO THE HOUSE WAS A ONE CAR GARAGE AND PARKED IN FRONT OF THE HOUSE WAS A WHITE MILK TRUCK WHICH BELONGED TO MIKE LNU AND HAD KANSAS LICENSE PLATES. DE PALMA STATED THAT INSIDE THE HOUSE HE SAW THE MULTIGRAPH MACHINE WHICH HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN IN INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI, AND A PAD LOCKED CLOSET WHERE NUMEROUS RIFLES, SOME OF WHICH HAD TELESCOPIC SIGHTS MOUNTED THEREON AND MANY UNMOUNTED TELESCOPIC SIGHTS, HANDGUNS, DYNAMITE, BLASTING CAPS, FULL IGNITERS, PRIMER CORD, FUSES MINUTEMEN SUBVERSIVE FILE AND MINUTEMEN TRAINING LITERATURE WERE LOCATED.

DE PALMA DOES NOT KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO THIS MATERIAL SINCE HE LEFT SALT LAKE CITY DURING THE EARLY PART OF

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DECEMBER, NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN.

DE PALMA STATED THAT DURING THE PERIOD THAT HE WAS IN SALT LAKE CITY ON THIS OCCASION PEYSON LEFT FOR ABOUT THREE DAYS STATING HE HAD BUSINESS IN SEATTLE, WASHINGTON.

DISCREPANCIES AND/OR OMISSIONS BETWEEN STATEMENTS FURNISHED BY DE PALMA TO ATTD ON JANUARY SEVENTEEN, NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT AND INFORMATION FURNISHED BY HIM TO THE BUREAU ON APRIL EIGHT LAST, RESOLVED. DE PALMA COULD FURNISH NO INFORMATION CONCERNING MURKIN.

DE PALMA HAS ADVISED HE HAS NO OBJECTION TO THE DISCLOSURE OF HIS IDENTITY AND IS WILLING TO TESTIFY AGAINST DE PUGH AND WALLY PEYSON IF NEEDED. FOR INFORMATION BUREAU, AND BOSTON, DE PALMA DEPARTED NEW HAVEN THIS DATE FOR RETURN TO NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND, AND ADVISED SHOULD HE CHANGE LOCATION OR ADDRESS HE WILL EITHER NOTIFY AGENTS IN PROVIDENCE RA OR NEW HAVEN AGENTS THROUGH HIS MOTHER IN BRISTOL, CONNECTICUT.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW HAVEN (157-818)

DATE: 4-16-68

FROM : SA ROBERT A. DUFFY

SUBJECT: MURKIN

ATTN: SA NAGLE

Re SAC memo, 4-10-68.

The following financial institutions which have their main and/or only office in the territory covered by the Madison RA were contacted and it was ascertained that none of the institutions had an account in the name of ERIC STARVO GALT, including closed accounts and one's presently active. Individual contacted at the bank is also indicated.

City Savings Bank  
393 Main St., Middletown  
ROBERT HICKCOX

Cromwell Savings Bank  
327 Main St., Cromwell  
ARTHUR WEBSTER

Farmers and Mechanics Savings Bank  
225 Main St., Middletown  
EMIL SCHULZ

Middletown Savings Bank  
315 Main St., Middletown  
Mrs. DELORES BURNUM

Moodus Savings Bank  
Moodus, Conn.  
Mrs. MARY POOR

Chester Savings Bank  
Chester Trust Co.  
Main St., Chester  
PETER TIEZZI, JR.

Deep River Savings Bank  
141 Main St., Deep River  
Mrs. DORIS BENDER

Deep River National Bank  
Main St., Deep River  
Mrs. PATRICK BROPHY

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Main St., East Haddam, Conn.  
DOROTHY WARD

Clinton National Bank  
Main St., Clinton  
Mrs. E. RICKERT

Essex Savings Bank  
17 Main St., Essex  
ROBERT HERBST

First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Madison  
256 Samson Rock Drive, Madison  
WILLIAM CHRISTENSEN

Guilford Savings Bank  
1 Park St., Guilford  
DAVID DUDLEY

All other financial institutions in the Madison RA territory are branch banks and their main office is located in areas covered by headquarters city or other resident agencies and the desired check is being done at the main office.



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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) AND ATLANTA (44-2386)  
FROM: NEW HAVEN (157-818)  
MURKIN CR OO:MEMPHIS

RE ATLANTA TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR AND NEW HAVEN,  
APRIL EIGHTEEN, INSTANT

RE INVESTIGATION ROOMING HOUSE, ONE ONE THREE  
FOURTEENTH STREET, NE, ATLANTA:

MRS. JAMES PATRICK RIORDAN, NINE SEVEN WARD  
ST., WALLINGFORD, CONN., RECONTACTED APRIL SEVENTEEN AND  
EIGHTEEN, SIXTY EIGHT. ADVISED HUSBAND'S WHEREABOUTS  
UNKNOWN BUT WILL CONTACT NHO IF LOCATED.

CONTACT SUPERINTENDENT OF MAELS, V. REILLY, MAIN  
POST OFFICE, NEW HAVEN, REFLECTS RIORDAN'S RETIREMENT  
CHECK PICKED UP EARLY APRIL, SIXTY EIGHT, IN GENERAL  
DELIVERY. ABOVE WALLINGFORD ADDRESS ONLY ONE KNOWN TO  
POST OFFICE. REILLY TO CONTACT NHO IF RIORDAN RETURNS.  
MISSING PERSONS BULLETIN FILED BY WIFE WITH WALLINGFORD

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POLICE DEPT., APRIL FIFTEEN, LAST. CAPTAIN LEFEVRE  
TO ADVISE NHO IF RIORDAN LOCATED.

JACK REES, ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR, VETERANS  
ADMINISTRATION HOSPITAL, NEWINGTON, CONN., ADVISED  
APRIL EIGHTEEN, INSTANT, RIORDAN LAST TREATED ON OCTOBER  
SIX, SIXTY SEVEN, AFTER NUMEROUS VISITS FOR ARTHRITIC  
CONDITION. TREATMENT FOLDER NOT TRANSFERRED FROM CONN.  
INDICATING NO SUSTAINED TREATMENT RECEIVED ELSEWHERE.  
REES TO ADVISE NHO IF RIORDAN COMES TO HIS ATTENTION.

U.S. PLASTIC MOULDING, WALLINGFORD, CONN., ADVISED  
APRIL EIGHTEEN, INSTANT, RIORDAN LAST WORKED FEBRUARY TWO  
THREE, SIXTY EIGHT. EDWARD SLATER, PLANT MANAGER, TO  
ADVISE NHO IF RIORDAN RETURNS.

NHO WILL MAINTAIN CONTACT ABOVE SOURCES.

MAIL COPY SENT TO MEMPHIS.

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TO DIRECTOR  
FROM NEW HAVEN (157-820)

RACIAL DISTURBANCE, NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT, APRIL, NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT, RACIAL MATTER.

APPROXIMATELY THREE THOUSAND, MOSTLY NEGRO, ATTENDED RALLY IN MEMORY OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., HELD WITHOUT INCIDENT, BY BLACK COALITION ON UPPER NEW HAVEN GREEN, THREE FIFTEEN THROUGH FOUR FIFTEEN P.M., APRIL FIVE INSTANT.

NEGROES IN ATTENDANCE PARADED TO RALLY FROM THREE NEW HAVEN NEGRO NEIGHBORHOODS. COURTLAND WILSON, PRESIDENT, NEW HAVEN NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE, CHAIRED RALLY, DESIGNATED MONDAY, APRIL EIGHT NEXT, AS DAY OF MOURNING AND CALLED FOR BOYCOTT BY NEGROES OF SCHOOLS AND EMPLOYMENT ON THAT DAY.

WILSON ASKED WHITES IN ATTENDANCE TO STAND IN REAR OF CROWD AND CALLED FOR NEGROES IN ATTENDANCE TO STAND UP FRONT WHERE HE CLAIMED THEY BELONGED.

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PRINCIPAL SPEAKERS, ALL NEGRO, AND SUMMARY OF COMMENTS  
FOLLOWS:

JOHN BARBER, MILITANT NEGRO LEADER, HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT,  
SAID, "WE'RE GOING TO BREAK THE BACK OF LAW AND ORDER IN  
THIS STATE," CLAIMED FROM THAT MOMENT HE WOULD REFUSE TO  
OBEY ANY OF "WHITEY'S CURFEWS" AND CONCLUDED, "THE DAY  
BELONGS TO THE WHITE MAN, BUT THE NIGHT IS OURS."

JEROYD GREENE, PRESIDENT, OPERATION BREAKTHROUGH, NEW  
HAVEN, SAID, "WE'RE GOING TO BRING WHITEY TO HIS FEET IN  
THIS TOWN TONIGHT" AND "I DON'T WANT TO SEE ANY OF YOU, I  
JUST WANT TO SMELL THE SMOKE AND SEE THE ASHES."

ABDUL MC CULLOUGH, MINISTER, MUHAMMAD'S MOSQUE NO.  
FORTY, NEWEN OF ISLAM, NEW HAVEN, CALLED FOR ALL BLACKS TO  
UNITE TO SHOW WHITE AMERICA THAT BLACKS BELONG IN THE  
FOREFRONT.

JOSEPH HARRIS, PRESIDENT, DIXWELL LEGAL RIGHTS  
ASSOCIATION, SAID HE WOULD NOT INSTRUCT NEGROES PRESENT TO  
EITHER "DO SOMETHING OR NOT TO DO SOMETHING." HARRIS SAID  
EACH INDIVIDUAL COULD DO WHAT HE WANTED IN RETALIATION TO  
KING'S DEATH AND CALLED FOR THOSE PRESENT TO ACT INDIVIDUALLY,

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ON THEIR OWN AND TO DO WHAT THEY FELT THEY HAD TO DO WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS FROM ANYONE.

MRS. JOAN THORNELL, MILITANT LEADER, FAIR HAVEN PARENTS ASSOCIATION, CALLED FOR ECONOMIC BOYCOTT OF ALL NEGROES OF ALL NEW HAVEN STORES.

RONALD JOHNSON, VICE PRESIDENT, HILL PARENTS ASSOCIATION, AND MILITANT NEGRO LEADER CONVICTED RECENTLY SUPERIOR COURT, NEW HAVEN, FOR CONSPIRACY TO BOMB MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, NEW HAVEN, SAID NOW IS THE TIME FOR REVENGE, POINTED TO NEARBY CEMENT BUILDINGS STATING "YOU CAN'T KNOCK THEM DOWN WITH YOUR BARE HANDS," WHICH DREW CROWD RESPONSES OF "DYNAMITE." JOHNSON CALLED FOR THE KILLING OF WHITE PEOPLE, UTILIZING OBSCENE WORDS.

MELVIN BOYKIN (PHONETIC), INTRODUCED AS CHILDHOOD FRIEND OF KING, SAID PREVIOUS SPEAKERS HAD CALLED FOR BOMBING AND LOOTING IN NEW HAVEN BUT CAUTIONED THE CROWD "THE MAN IS WAITING FOR US TONIGHT - LET'S BE SMART AND WAIT UNTIL TUESDAY."

SEVERAL CLERGYMEN CALLED FOR RESTRAINT BY NEGROES IN NEW HAVEN IN RESPECT TO KING AND CALLED FOR NEGROES TO ACT

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RESPECTFULLY OUT OF HOMAGE TO KING.

NEGROES IN ATTENDANCE APPLAUDED TO ALL COMMENTS MADE BY SPEAKERS PERTAINING TO VIOLENCE IN ONE FORM OR ANOTHER IN RETALIATION TO KING'S DEATH. SOME NEGROES IN ATTENDANCE EXHIBITED APPROVAL OF STATEMENTS CALLING FOR RESTRAINT BY NEGROES.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

~~SECRET~~  
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RE: NEW HAVEN TELETYPE INSTANT.

PERSONNEL, NEW HAVEN POLICE DEPARTMENT, ON SCENE ABOVE RALLY. NEW HAVEN OFFICE MAINTAINING CLOSE LIAISON, NEW HAVEN POLICE DEPARTMENT.

ASSISTANT CHIEF RAYMOND J. KAGAN, JR., NEW HAVEN POLICE DEPARTMENT, ADVISED INSTANT, NEW HAVEN POLICE DEPARTMENT GIRDING FOR POSSIBLE RACIAL VIOLENCE.

BUREAU WILL BE IMMEDIATELY NOTIFIED REGARDING DEVELOPMENTS. INTERESTED AGENCIES ADVISED. RACIAL INFORMANTS AND SOURCES ALERTED AND GIVEN ASSIGNMENTS TO OBTAIN INFO RE POSSIBLE RACIAL VIOLENCE. LHM FOLLOWS.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW HAVEN ( 157-318)

DATE: 4/8/68

FROM : SA EDWARD STONKO

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION of  
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING  
RACIAL MATTERS

The following informants and PCI's were contacted on 4/4,5/68 concerning possible racial riots. No information was developed however all advised that any information received would be immediately furnished to the writer.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW HAVEN (157-818) (P)

DATE: April 17, 1968

FROM : SA WILLIAM C. BRADSHAW

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re memo SA JAMES G. NAGLE, 4/15/68, serials  
103 and 104.

Referenced memo deals with the indices reference  
to one JOHN WILLARD, Hazelton Hotel, Stamford, Conn., about  
whom miscellaneous information was furnished by the New  
York Office.

On 4/17/68, Sergeant DANIEL HANRAHAN, Records  
Room, Stamford, Conn., Police Department, advised  
records reflect that one JOHN WILLARD, white male, born  
[redacted] at Rye, New York, was arrested 2/3/60 on a  
drunk and disorderly charge to which he pleaded guilty.  
HANRAHAN advised that WILLARD had been brought to the  
Stamford Police Department on several occasions, both  
before and after the arrest for drunk and disorderly  
conduct. However, he was not charged on that occasion.

HANRAHAN advised that WILLARD is 54 years of  
age, and looks ten years older than he actually is.

On the same date, Mr. ABRAHAM WELCHER, manager,  
Hotel Hazelton, South Street, Stamford, advised he has  
not seen JOHN WILLARD in several years but described  
him as a man who should now be 55-60 years old, a  
habitual drunk.

In view of the above physical description of  
WILLARD, which is no way matches the physical description  
of the unknown subject in captioned matter, no further  
investigation is being conducted concerning WILLARD.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-818) (P)  
ATTN: SA JAMES G. NAGLE

FROM : SA DOYLE EDWIN FLATT

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/18/68

Re Interoffice memo #39, 4/10/68.

On 4/15/68, the Berton's Laundromat, 73 South Main, Moosup, Conn., advised that they did not use the type of seal markings as mentioned in referenced memo.

On same date, the following voters records were checked for the names of HARVEY LOWMEYER, LOWMYER, LOHMEYER, and LOHMYER, and ERIC STARVO GALT, and GAULT. All results were negative.

Sterling, Conn.  
Union, Conn.  
Canterbury, Conn.

DORIS TAYLER, town clerk  
ALFRED LAMOTHE, 1st selectman  
MARGUERITTE SIMPSON, town clerk.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC: NEW HAVEN  
(ATTN: SA J. NAGLE)

FROM : DONALD E. STENHAM (CLERK)

SUBJECT: MURKIN (157-818)

DATE: 4/18/68

At approximately 6:08pm., 4/18/68, NHO was telephonically contacted by WILLIAM DeMARTIN, 16 Garden St., Meriden, Conn., tel. (237-2887). He advised that at about 4:00pm he picked up a lone hitch-hiker on Rt. 44 in Lakeville, Conn. Hitch-hiker was traveling south and explained he was destined for Boston. When DeMARTIN picked up same he explained to him that he was on the wrong route for Boston. Then he offered to take him to Meriden and the train station. Hitch-hiker resembled GALT (alleged assassin of Rev. Martin Luther King). Just prior to reaching the town of Meriden, Conn., hitch-hiker inquired as to whether there were many negroes in aforementioned town.

Unsub (hitch-hiker) spoke seldom but did say that he was originally from Burlington, Vermont.

On reaching train station Unsub claimed to be heading for Hartford, Conn. for a short period of time before proceeding to his destination, Boston, Mass.

Immediately after dropping off Unsub, DeMARTIN told Meriden PD.

DeMartin did describe GALT and UNSUB with similiar likenesses and NHO contacted SA MATTHEW STANKIEWICZ who made further inquiry.

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745PM URGENT 4/18/68 GJM

TO ALL SACS

FROM DIRECTOR 1P

MURKIN.

CONTACTS SHOULD BE MAINTAINED WITH ALL MASS COMMUNICATIONS MEDIA IN YOUR TERRITORIES TO INSURE THAT THERE IS FREQUENT REFERENCE TO PHOTOGRAPH OF GALT AND HIS CONNECTION WITH THIS CASE. IF NOT ALREADY DONE, PHOTOGRAPHS SHOULD BE SHOWN OR DISTRIBUTED TO LAW ENFORCEMENT AND OTHER APPROPRIATE AGENCIES IN YOUR AREAS TO INSURE THE BROADEST POSSIBLE PUBLICATION OF SUBJECT'S PHOTOGRAPH AND BACKGROUND.

OFFICES COVERING POINTS OF ENTRY OR EXIT FROM COUNTRY INSURE THAT SUBJECT'S PHOTOGRAPH AND BACKGROUND HAVE BEEN WIDELY DISTRIBUTED AND/OR APPROPRIATELY DISPLAYED AND THAT STOPS ARE BEING MAINTAINED.

OFFICES COVERING DEPARTURE OR ARRIVAL OF OVERSEAS FLIGHTS SHOULD ALSO RENEW STOPS AND DISPLAY PHOTOGRAPHS OF SUBJECT APPROPRIATELY. SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW HAVEN (157-818) (P)

DATE: April 17, 1968

FROM : SA WILLIAM C. BRADSHAW

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re memo DONALD E. STEEDHAM dated 4/15/68 serial 107.

Referenced memo refers to THOMAS ANDERSON, the manager of the Community Theater, who had advised that he had seen an individual resembling the artist's conception of the assassin.

On 4/17/68, THOMAS ANDERSON, was contacted at Perkin-Elmer, Inc., Wilton, Conn., and he advised that in his spare time he serves as assistant manager of the Community Theater in Fairfield, Conn. He stated on Sunday, 4/7/68, while on duty at the theater, an unknown individual approached the theater and spoke to the cashier, Mrs. PATRICIA WARREN. During the course of the conversation, he asked Mrs. WARREN what there was to do in town, and generally acted in an unsettled and nervous manner. He eventually bought a ticket to the theater, stayed approximately 40 minutes, called a taxicab from the lobby, and departed. The taxicab utilized was one of the Fairfield Cab Company.

ANDERSON stated that the individual was 34-38 years old, a white male, 6 feet tall, 160-170 pounds, wearing a light gray suit with a white turtleneck sweater, he had no glasses no had and no topcoat.

ANDERSON stated that Mrs. WARREN was the other individual, referred to in the referenced memo.

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On the four to eight shift was one officer on duty in the neighborhood of the theater, and that ANDERSON mentioned to the police officer that the individual was acting in a suspicious and nervous manner.

LEADS:

At Fairfield, Connecticut

Will interview PATRICIA WARREN, cashier, Community Theater.

Will, as deemed warranted, review records of the Fairfield Cab Company, noting that ANDERSON mentioned a uniformed police Officer. In addition, ANDERSON advised that the individual departed from a CR&L bus across the street from the theater which he believed had arrived from Bridgeport which time was about 3:30 p.m.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-818)

DATE: April 18, 1968

FROM : SA W.C. Hendricks, Jr.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re memos of SAC C.E. Weeks dated 4/10/68 and 4/15/68.

On the dates indicated, individuals mentioned hereinafter were contacted for information concerning ERIC STARVO GALT. None could furnish positive information:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Person contacted</u>
4/10/68	Mrs. SADKE DUNN, Manager, Credit Bureau of Ansonia, Inc., Ansonia, Conn. (contacted by I.C. JOSEPH SHERIDAN)
4/10/68	Lt. JOSEPH REARDON, Ansonia, Conn. Police Department.
4/11/68	Mrs. ALVINA HODGE, Clerk, New Haven Credit Bureau, New Haven, Conn. (Also covers Ansonia, Derby and Shelton, Conn).
4/16/68	Lt. FRANK J. FERRARA, Derby, Connecticut, Police Department
4/16/68	Lt. PETER SIRACO, Shelton, Conn., Police Department.
4/16/68	Chief of Police K. CONNORS, Seymour, Conn., Police Department.
4/16/67	NANCY KUCIA, Miss Nancy's School of Dance, 145 Main St., Seymour, Conn.

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LORRAINE JUDD, Lorraine Judd Dance Studio,  
384 East Main St., Ansonia, Connecticut

On April 11, 1968, a review was made of current City and Telephone Directories for Ansonia, Derby and Shelton, Connecticut. None of these directories contained the name of GALT.

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TELETYPE

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TO: DIRECTOR,  
SACs BIRMINGHAM and MEMPHIS

FROM: SAC, BOSTON (157-644) (P)

MURKIN. CR. OO:MEMPHIS.

RE NEW HAVEN TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR AND BOSTON TELETYPE TO  
DIRECTOR APRIL EIGHT LAST.

JOHN TORRES, BRAYTON AVENUE, SOMERSET, MASSACHUSETTS,  
OWNER, NU-BRITE CLEANERS AND DYERS, ONE FIVE SEVEN BRIGHTMAN  
STREET, FALL RIVER, MASSACHUSETTS, OBSERVED COLOR PHOTOGRAPH OF  
LAUNDRY MARK AND ADVISED HE HAD NEVER USED THIS CODE. IN HIS  
LIMITED USE OF THERMO SEAL MACHINE, TORRES CODED FIRST LETTER OF  
DAY OF WEEK ( OR TU FOR THURSDAY), FOLLOWED BY BUNDLE NUMBER  
IN NUMERICAL ORDER. HE DOES NOT KNOW ANY OTHER SPECIFIC LAUNDRY  
USING THERMOSEAL MARKING.

AIRMAIL COPY TO NEW HAVEN.

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303PM URGENT 4-19-68 SAA

TO ALL SACS

FROM DIRECTOR 4P

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James Earl Ray*

MURKIN

THE FOLLOWING PRESS RELEASE HAS JUST BEEN ISSUED AT WASHINGTON THIS AFTERNOON AND YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO MAKE IT IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE TO THE LEADING NEWSPAPERS AND RADIO AND TV STATIONS IN YOUR DIVISION. EVERY EFFORT MUST BE MADE TO INSURE REPEATED AND WIDESPREAD DISTRIBUTION OF THIS INFORMATION. COPIES OF THE 1968 PHOTOGRAPH OF SUBJECT ALREADY IN YOUR POSSESSION AND WANTED FLYERS SHOULD ALSO BE MADE AVAILABLE TO MEDIA CONTACTS. NO ELABORATION WHATSOEVER MAY BE MADE REGARDING THIS RELEASE. ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING INVESTIGATIVE LEADS WILL FOLLOW SHORTLY.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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ATTORNEY GENERAL RAMSEY CLARK ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THE FBI HAS IDENTIFIED JAMES EARL RAY, AN ESCAPEE FROM THE MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY, AS ERIC STARVO GALT, AGAINST WHOM A FEDERAL COMPLAINT WAS FILED LAST WEDNESDAY IN CONNECTION WITH THE FATAL SHOOTING OF THE REVEREND DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

DIRECTOR J. EDGAR HOOVER SAID THAT A SYSTEMATIC AND EXHAUSTIVE SEARCH OF LATENT FINGERPRINTS UNCOVERED IN THE DR. KING CASE AGAINST THE FINGERPRINTS OF THE OVER 53,000 PERSONS FROM WHOM "WANTED NOTICES" HAVE BEEN POSTED IN THE FILES OF THE FBI'S IDENTIFICATION DIVISION LED TO THE DETERMINATION THAT GALT AND RAY ARE IDENTICAL.

MR. HOOVER SAID THAT RAY, WHO IS 40 YEARS OF AGE, WAS REPORTED MISSING FROM THE MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI, SINCE APRIL 23, 1967. HE HAD BEEN RECEIVED AT THAT INSTITUTION ON MARCH 17, 1960, TO SERVE A 20-YEAR SENTENCE FOLLOWING CONVICTION IN ST. LOUIS FOR ARMED ROBBERY AND FOR OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE WITHOUT PERMISSION OF THE OWNER.

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IN SEPTEMBER, 1966, WHILE SERVING THIS SENTENCE, HE WAS CONFINED FOR A TIME IN THE MAXIMUM SECURITY WARD AT THE STATE HOSPITAL AT FULTON, MISSOURI.

ACCORDING TO MR. HOOVER, RAY HAS A KNOWN ARREST RECORD DATING BACK TO 1949. PRIOR TO THE 1960 CONVICTION FOR WHICH HE RECEIVED THE 20-YEAR TERM, RAY HAD BEEN CONVICTED OF BURGLARY IN LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, IN 1949; ARMED ROBBERY IN CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, IN 1952; AND FORGING UNITED STATES POSTAL MONEY ORDERS IN MISSOURI IN 1955.

HE HAS SERVED TERMS IN THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY JAIL IN 1949; IN STATE PRISONS AT JOLIET AND PONTIAC, ILLINOIS, IN 1952-54; AND IN THE FEDERAL PENITENTIARY AT LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS, IN 1955-58.

RAY WAS AN ENLISTED MAN IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY FROM FEBRUARY, 1946, TO DECEMBER, 1948, AT WHICH TIME HE WAS GIVEN A GENERAL DISCHARGE DUE TO INEPTNESS AND LACK OF ADAPTABILITY FOR MILITARY SERVICE. WHILE IN THE ARMY, HE RECEIVED A THREE-MONTH SENTENCE AT HARD LABOR FOR BEING DRUNK AND BREAKING ARREST.

MR. HOOVER SAID THAT DURING HIS CRIMINAL CAREER, RAY HAS ALSO USED THE NAMES OF JAMES MCBRIDE, JAMES WALTON, W. C. HERRON AND JAMES O'CONNOR. HE IS A WHITE MALE; CLAIMS TO HAVE

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BEEN BORN [REDACTED] IN ILLINOIS; IS APPROXIMATELY 5 FEET  
10 INCHES TALL AND WEIGHS ABOUT 163 TO 174 POUNDS. HE HAS BLUE  
EYES AND BROWN HAIR. THERE IS A SMALL SCAR ON THE CENTER OF  
HIS FOREHEAD AND A SCAR ON THE PALM OF HIS RIGHT HAND.

RAY HAS CLAIMED THAT HE ATTENDED SCHOOL THROUGH THE  
10TH GRADE IN ALTON, ILLINOIS. HE HAS HAD THE REPUTATION OF  
BEING A "DRIFTER" SINCE LEAVING SCHOOL. HIS VOCATIONAL EXPER-  
IENCE INCLUDES WORKING AS A BAKER, LABORER AND COLOR MATCHER.

IN CONNECTION WITH HIS ESCAPE FROM THE MISSOURI STATE  
PENITENTIARY, AN FBI COMPLAINT WAS FILED IN JEFFERSON CITY,  
MISSOURI, ON JULY 20, 1967, CHARGING RAY WITH UNLAWFULLY FLEEING  
FROM THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO AVOID CONFINEMENT. HE HAS BEEN A  
FEDERAL FUGITIVE SINCE THEN.

RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND EXTREMELY DANGEROUS.  
ANYONE HAVING INFORMATION CONCERNING HIM SHOULD IMMEDIATELY  
CONTACT FBI HEADQUARTERS IN WASHINGTON, D. C., OR THE NEAREST  
FBI OFFICE.

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SAC, NEW HAVEN (62-0)

4/6/68

SA JAMES G. NAGLE

REVEREND JAMES K. EARLY  
GOSPEL EXPRESS CHURCH  
BOX 1692  
HARTFORD, CONN. 06101  
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

The above captioned individual appeared at the New Haven Office 4/6/68, dressed in the garb of a cleric and stated that he is the pastor of the above church.

EARLY, who is a Negro, stated he stayed in New Haven last night at the Holiday Inn, 30 Whalley Avenue, and this early a.m., had a dream which he called a vision, in which it came to him that the killer of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING was one of the police guards outside of Dr. KING's motel.

The killer after the shooting of Dr. KING, went running up to Dr. KING's aides and stated, "What happened? Did you hear a shot".

There upon, EARLY woke up. He described the killer as 6', 25-30, white with rough skin.

He stated he could not furnish any other information.

In the absence of any scientific truth in reality of dreams, the above information is being filed and no further action is being taken.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC: NEW HAVEN

DATE: 4/8/68

FROM : DONALD E. STENHAM (CLERK)

SUBJECT: MURKIN CR.

At approximately 7:00pm 4/8/68 NHO was telephonically contacted by MRS. GUNTER SCHMIDT, Bridgeport, Conn. (tel. 368-4063). She advised that while she was in a diner (SYCIMORE DRIVE-IN) with her mother in Bethel, Conn. there was a male individual a couple booths in front of her who resembled assassin of MARTIN LUTHER KING. He had a good tan complexion and spoke with a southern accent. The main thing that aroused Mrs. Schmidt's attention however was the fact that individual in question was overheard stating "It's about time some-one put King in a pine box". UNSUB was accompanied by a female and they drove off in a metallic tan colored convertible bearing Conn. Reg. EY 9038.

A check of the Connecticut Motor Vehicle Dept., Hartford, Ct., on 4/9/68 indicated that Conn. Registration EY 9038 is registered to HENRY R. McNEASE, 4 Division Street, Danbury, Conn., for a 1962 Pontiac convertible, yellow.

A check of NHO indices negative on McNEASE.

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