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

ON APRIL EIGHTEEN, INSTANT, MRS. PRISCILLA CAPOSELLA, SOUTH KING ST., DANBURY, CONN., TELEPHONE SEVEN FOUR EIGHT DASH ZERO SEVEN ZERO SIX, TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED THAT ONE ROBERT EVANS WAS IDENTICAL WITH THE PHOTOGRAPH OF ERIC STARVO GALT WHICH APPEARED IN PRESS RELEASES, APRIL SEVENTEEN, LAST, EXCEPT THAT EVANS' FACE APPEARED TO BE SOMEWHAT FULLER THAN GALT'S.

TWO YEARS AGO, EVANS WORKED AS A BARTENDER AT AN UNKNOWN BAR ON NORTH AVENUE, NEW ROCHELLE, N.Y., AND LIVED WITH HIS WIFE, LILLIAN, AND FOUR YEAR OLD SON ROBERT EVANS, JR., IN A RENTED FOUR FAMILY HOUSE ON FOURTH STREET, NEW ROCHELLE. MRS. CAPOSELLA TOOK CARE OF ROBERT EVANS, JR., IN HER OWN HOME.

1 - Memphis (44-1987)
1 - New Haven
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Approved: OK/6
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ABOUT TWO YEARS AGO, THE EVANS FAMILY MOVED TO AN UNKNOWN LOCATION ON LONG ISLAND. EVANS WAS GOING TO WORK FOR PAN AMERICAN AIRWAYS AS A MECHANIC AT KENNEDY AIRPORT, N.Y.

BARBARA NEVINS, ELM STREET, NEW ROCHELLE, TELEPHONE BEVERLY FIVE DASH ONE ZERO FIVE THREE, WAS ALSO ACQUAINTED WITH ROBERT EVANS.

CAPOSELLA DESCRIBED EVANS AS FOLLOWS: WHITE, MALE, FIVE FEET, EIGHT INCHES TALL TO FIVE FEET, NINE INCHES, ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY POUNDS, HEAVY BUILD, AGE THIRTY FIVE, HAIR MEDIUM BROWN.

NEW YORK AT KENNEDY AIRPORT, CONTACT PAN AMERICAN AIRWAYS TO DETERMINE IF ROBERT EVANS IS IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT GALT.

MAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS.

Armed and Dangerous

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FBI NEW YORK

10:10 PM AWS

1000PM IMMEDIATE 4-19-68 LLD

TO ALL SACSEXCEPT KANSAS CITY, ANCHORAGE, HONOLULU AND SAN JUAN

MESSAGE RELAY PLAN

FROM DIRECTOR 5P

MURKIN. 00: MEMPHIS.

JAMES EARL RAY, AKA. EARL JAMES RAY, W. C. HERRON, EARL JAMES,
JAMES MC BRIDE, JAMES O'CONNER, JAMES WALTON, JAMES WALYON, JIM
- FUGITIVE; WFAC - ROBBERY FIRST, BUFILE 88-41730. 00: KANSAS
CITY, KC FILE 88-9449; DETERMINED TODAY BY BUREAU TO BE IDENTICAL
WITH ERIC STARVO GALT, AGAINST WHOM FEDERAL COMPLAINT FILED APRIL
SEVENTEEN LAST IN CONNECTION WITH FATAL SHOOTING OF DR. MARTIN
LUTHER KING, JR.

JAMES EARL RAY, INMATE, MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY, JEFFERSON
CITY, MO., ESCAPED PEN APRIL TWO THREE, SIXTY-SEVEN. INVESTIGATION
INDICATED RAY CONCEALED HIMSELF IN A BREAD BOX AND ESCAPED FROM
TRUCK MAKING DELIVERY TO AN AUXILIARY FARM. RAY WAS SERVING TWENTY
YEARS ON CHARGE OF ARMED ROBBERY - FIRST DEGREE AND FOR OPERATING A
VEHICLE WITHOUT OWNER'S CONSENT. ON JULY TWENTY, SIXTY-SEVEN,
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FEDERAL COMPLAINT AUTHORIZED BY AUSA WILLIAM A. KITCHEN, WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI, KANSAS CITY, MO., FILED BEFORE USC, JEFFERSON CITY, MO., CHARGING RAY WITH VIOLATION TITLE EIGHTEEN, SECTION ONE ZERO SEVEN THREE, USC. WARRANT ISSUED.

INVESTIGATION HAS BEEN CONDUCTED BY CHICAGO, SPRINGFIELD, ST. LOUIS, AND KANSAS CITY OFFICES IN UNPRODUCTIVE EFFORT TO LOCATE THIS FUGITIVE. KANSAS CITY IS INSTITUTING A FULL AND COMPLETE REINVESTIGATION IN AN EFFORT TO DEVELOP BACKGROUND DATA, RELATIVES, AND ASSOCIATES OF SUBJECT, WHO MIGHT BE IN A POSITION TO ASSIST IN HIS LOCATION.

IN THIS CONNECTION, JAMES EARL RAY AND WALTER TERRY RIFE ON MARCH SEVEN, FIFTY-FIVE, BURGLARIZED THE U. S. POST OFFICE AT KELLERVILLE, ILL., AND STOLE SIXTY-SIX BLANK U. S. POSTAL MONEY ORDERS WHICH THEY PASSED DURING MARCH, FIFTY-FIVE, IN NUMEROUS STATES, WITH THE RESULT THAT BOTH WERE SENTENCED IN U.S.D.C., KANSAS CITY, MO., ON JULY ONE, FIFTY-FIVE, TO USP, LEAVENWORTH, 'END PAGE TWO

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KANSAS. SUBJECT RAY HAS BEEN DESCRIBED AS A LONER AND RIFE APPARENTLY IS ONE OF HIS FEW CLOSE ASSOCIATES, SUGGESTING POSSIBILITY THEY COULD HAVE BEEN ASSOCIATES IN MURDER OF DR. KING, AND INVESTIGATION ALSO INSTITUTED IN KANSAS CITY AIRTEL TO SPRINGFIELD MARCH ELEVEN LAST TO DEVELOP BACKGROUND INFO RE RIFE AND TO LOCATE HIM FOR INTERVIEW. THIS INVESTIGATION SHOULD ALSO BE RECOVERED AND EXPEDITED TODAY, IT BEING NOTED RIFE AND RAY HAVE BACKGROUND HISTORY IN THE QUINCY, ILL., AREA.

PHOTOS OF JAMES EARL RAY AND WALTER TERRY RIFE ARE BEING FORWARDED AMSD TO BUREAU AND ALL OFFICES.

FOLLOWING IS DESCRIPTION OF JAMES EARL RAY AS FURNISHED BY FBI IDENTIFICATION DIVISION UNDER FBI NO. THREE ZERO SIX FOUR FOUR THREE A: WHITE MALE, DOB AT DECATUR, QUINCY OR ALTON, ILL.; APPROXIMATELY FIVE FEET TEN; ONE SEVEN FOUR LBS., IN SEPTEMBER SIXTY-SIX; RUDDY COMPLEXION; BLUE EYES; BROWN HAIR; MEDIUM BUILD; OCCUPATIONS LABORER AND BAKER; SCARS AND MARKS--SMALL SCAR ON CENTER OF FOREHEAD AND SCAR IN PALM OF RIGHT HAND. ADDRESSES--ST. LOUIS, MO., MARCH SIXTY, TWO ZERO ONE FIVE PARK, ST. LOUIS, MO., OCTOBER FIFTY-NINE; QUINCY, ILL., JULY FIFTY-FIVE, MARCH FIFTY-FIVE, AND APRIL FIFTY; HOTEL QUINCY, QUINCY, END PAGE THREE

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ILL., MARCH FIFTY-FIVE; VICTOR HOTEL, QUINCY, ILL., MARCH FIFTY-FIVE;
EIGHT FIVE THREE WEST FULLERTON, CHICAGO, ILL., MAY FIFTY-TWO; EIGHT
ZERO FIVE ALBY STREET, ALTON, ILL., JULY FIFTY-ONE. FPC--SIXTEEN,
M OVER M, NINE OVER FOUR, U OVER W, 000 OVER IOI, TWELVE, REF NINE
OVER TWELVE. NCIC FPC--ONE SIX ONE THREE ONE ONE ZERO ZERO ONE TWO
ONE TWO I I ONE TWO I I ONE SEVEN. MILITARY RECORD--JAMES EARL RAY,
SN ONE SIX ONE SIX THREE ONE TWO NINE, ENLISTED U. S. ARMY FEBRUARY
FORTY-SIX, AT EAST ST. LOUIS, ILL., AND SERVED ON ACTIVE DUTY UNTIL
DECEMBER TWENTY-THREE, FORTY-EIGHT, AT WHICH TIME GIVEN GENERAL
DISCHARGE AS PRIVATE FIRST CLASS AT CAMP KILMER, N. J., BY REASON
OF INEPTNESS AND LACK OF ADAPTABILITY FOR MILITARY SERVICE. RECORDS
ALSO INDICATE HE RECEIVED TREATMENT FOR GONORRHEA AND SYPHILIS WHILE
A MEMBER OF THE MILITARY.

FOLLOWING IS A DESCRIPTION OF WALTER TERRY RIFE, FBI NO.
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FOUR FIVE FIVE EIGHT SEVEN SIX SIX, AS OBTAINED FROM FILES OF USP,
LEAVENWORTH: WHITE MALE, AGE FORTY-FOUR, DOB [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] FIVE FEET NINE AND ONE HALF, ONE SIX ONE LBS., BROWN
HAIR, EYES BLUE GRAY.

KANSAS CITY IS SETTING OUT ALL PERTINENT LEADS TODAY BY
TELETYPE AND TELEPHONE FOLLOWED UP BY TELETYPE CONFIRMATION.
ALL LEADS MUST BE COVERED WITHIN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS WITH BUREAU,
KANSAS CITY, AND MEMPHIS BEING KEPT ADVISED BY APPROPRIATE
COMMUNICATION OF PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS.

SUGGEST BUREAU MAKE IMMEDIATE COMPARISON OF ANY LATENT
FINGERPRINTS DEVELOPED DURING KING INVESTIGATION WITH THOSE
OF WALTER TERRY RIFE TO DETERMINE IF IDENTICAL.

AIR MAIL COPIES SENT ANCHORAGE, HONOLULU AND SAN JUAN.
LEGAT MEXICO CITY AND OTTAWA ADVISED.

SUBJECT RAY HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF ROBBERY WITH DEADLY
WEAPON, HAS BEEN CONFINED IN STATE HOSPITAL, FULTON, MO., IN
SIXTY-SIX, AND SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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4/19/68

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
CIVIL RIGHTS
(OO:MEMPHIS)

Re New Haven teletype to NY, 4/18/68.

Three employees of Pan American Airways named ROBERT EVANS eliminated by review of airline personnel file review. None of these individuals is now or has in the past been employed as a mechanic by PAA.

PAA mechanic RICHARD EVANS resigned 9/30/66, and records presently in dead storage in NJ. Since first name differs New York not requesting PAA to make this file available at this time.

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1 - New Haven (157-818) (INFO)
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AIRTEL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, NEW HAVEN (157-818)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
OO:MEMPHIS

RE: New York telephone call, 4-20-68

Re telephone call requested the NHO interview E.L. FOSS, JR., co-pilot for Eastern Airlines on Flight 106, from Atlanta, Ga., to Kennedy Airport, New York City, on 4-5-68.

E.L. FOSS, Bridgewater, Conn., advised on 4-20-68, that he was co-pilot on Flight 106 from Atlanta, Ga., to Kennedy Airport, New York City on 4-5-68. He advised that he had had opportunity to view the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and stated that he was unable to recall anyone fitting this description being on Flight 106 from Atlanta, Ga., on 4-5-68.

2 - Memphis
1 - Atlanta (44-1286)
1 - New York
2 - New Haven

RAC:jml

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REGISTERED MAIL

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-818)

FROM : SA RAYMOND A. CONNOLLY

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4-20-68

RE: New York telephone call, 4-20-68

SA JOHN SHANLEY, NYO, telephonically advised this date that the NYO had received a teletype from the Atlanta Office requesting that all passengers and crew members of flights out of Atlanta on 4/5 and 4/6/68, be contacted to determine if they could identify subject through photographs. SHANLEY advised that E.L. FOSS, JR., pilot for Eastern Airlines was on flight 106, from Atlanta on 4-5-68, to Kennedy Airport, N.Y. He further advised that E.L. FOSS can be contacted care of PO Box 118, Bridgewater, Conn. He requested that FOSS be contacted this date to determine if he could identify a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY as being on flight 106 from Atlanta on 4-5-68.

SA WILLIAM B. ZIMMERMAN was contacted regarding the above and made contact with E.L. FOSS who advised that he was the co-pilot on flight 106 from Houston, Texas, to Atlanta, Ga., to Kennedy Airport, NY, where he terminated his services. FOSS advised that he had observed a photograph of RAY and was unable to recall anyone fitting this description on flight 106 from Atlanta on 4-5-68.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (44-38861)

DATE: 4/19/68

FROM : SAC, Kansas City (44-760)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Enclosed to the Bureau are six copies and to each office one copy of the following photographs:

JAMES EARL RAY, Missouri Department of
Correction #00416, dated 3/17/60 and
9/8/66

WALTER TERRY RIFE, Kansas City SO #29636
FBI #4558766

Stand up photographs of RAY on the left, Kansas City SO
#29637 and RIFE, Kansas City SO 29236, taken 3/28/55.

2 - Bureau (Encs. 24) (AM)
2 - Each Field Office (Encs. 4) (AM)
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FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN - COST DATA

ReButel to ME 4/17/68.

For information of all offices, the Bureau by retel requested of the Memphis Division as follows:

"Please furnish following information on above matter compiled or estimated through 4/30/68, and thereafter submit cumulative totals through the end of each month until further notice:

- 1) Number of man hours spent on case broken down as to regular hours, overtime hours, and total man hours by following employees (separate figures for each class of employees shown):
 - A. Special Agents
 - B. Clerical Employees
- 2) Total mileage (estimated or actual) traveled by Bucars used on case. Include mileage for cars traveling to and from other field offices on special assignment and any personally-owned cars.
- 3) Any unusual or out-of-ordinary costs, such as cost of chartering airplane, rental of special office space, leased telephone lines, etc. These should be itemized and cost of each item shown.

① - Each Office NH
 2 - Memphis
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 Special Agent in Charge

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- 4) Peak number of Special Agents working on case during month for which report is submitted.

You should promptly request all Bureau offices involved in this case to furnish information requested herein to you and it should be included in your report."

Each office is requested to expeditiously furnish the Memphis Division with the above designated data within two work days after the close of each month. Secondly, each office is also requested to advise the Memphis Division even in the event each category is zero or no work is performed on this case during the month.

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TO : ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES

FROM : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CIVIL RIGHTS
(OO: ME)

Re Albany airtels 4/10/68 and 4/11/68, setting forth concerns who purchased Thermo-Seal marking machines, and Bureau teletype to Memphis, 4/12/68.

The FBI Laboratory advised that pillowcase and bed sheet were found in trunk of 1966 white Mustang registered to ERIC STARVO GALT, which was located at Atlanta 4/11/68. These items contain Thermo-Seal laundry tapes of approximately same size as tapes on items previously recovered, but are yellow in color and contain code, "20R-3." In opinion of Textile Marking Machine Company, Syracuse, New York, the tapes were produced by a different machine than previous tapes since the first three characters are 15 point type and the last two characters are 18 point type.

The Textile Marking Machine Company suggests the twenty in above code would be the lot number, the R may mean that this was a return of a batch of laundry, and the three is the bundle number.

LEADSALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES

Will recontact laundries determined to be operating Thermo-Seal Marking Machines in an effort to locate laundry using the code, "20R-3."

2 - All Continental Offices NH
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TO: SAC, ALBANY

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P

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At about 6 p.m. on 4/4/68, while standing on the second floor balcony outside Room 306 of the Lorraine Motel, 406 Mulberry Street, Memphis, Tennessee, Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. was struck in the right side of the face by a single bullet fired from a 30-06 rifle. The bullet severed KING's spinal cord and death was almost instantaneous.

This investigation, predicated upon a specific request from the Attorney General of the United States, disclosed that the fatal shot had been fired from the bathroom of a cheap rooming house located at 422½ South Main Street, Memphis, which bathroom was located at the rear of the rooming house, and had a window overlooking the Lorraine Motel.

At about 3 p.m. on 4/4/68, an individual using the name JOHN WILLARD had rented Room 5-B in the rooming house at 422½ South Main Street and had paid one week's rent. After hearing the rifle shot at about 6 p.m. on that same day, other tenants in the rooming house observed a man presumably identical with WILLARD, fleeing from the rooming house carrying a large package which was subsequently abandoned by him on the sidewalk in front of the Canipe Amusement Co., 424 South Main Street, Memphis. A neighborhood investigation in the vicinity of 424 South Main Street disclosed that the subject had fled from the scene in a white Mustang.

Found abandoned in front of 424 South Main Street was a 30-06 Remington model 760 rifle which was determined to have been

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sold to one HARVEY LOWMEYER on 3/30/68 by Aeromarine Supply Co., Birmingham, Alabama.

Investigation at Memphis disclosed that an individual had purchased a set of binoculars at the York Arms Company in Memphis on 4/4/68. These binoculars were among the material abandoned with the rifle and recovered in Memphis. Also recovered was a brown and green herringbone bedspread. The items abandoned in Memphis were all wrapped in this bedspread. The blue bag which was inside the bedspread contained numerous items, among which were the binoculars and a set of underwear consisting of a T-shirt and shorts. The T-shirt and shorts are those on which appears the laundry mark which has been a matter of interest in this case.

A search of motel records in the Memphis area disclosed that an individual using the name ERIC S. GALT had spent the night of 4/3/68 at the Rebel Motel, Memphis, Tennessee, and was driving a 1966 white Mustang bearing Alabama License 1-38993. Investigation at Birmingham disclosed that this automobile had been purchased by ERIC S. GALT on August 30, 1968, from a private person in response to a newspaper ad. He paid a total of \$1995 cash. While in Birmingham he furnished the address of 2608 South Highland Avenue, Birmingham. This is also the address which appeared on a driver's license issued to him by the State of Alabama. The driver's license identifying data listed his birth date as [redacted] his height as 5'11", his weight as 170 and his eyes blue and hair brown.

The automobile in question, the white Mustang bearing the Alabama tags mentioned above, was recovered in Atlanta on 4/11/68 and determined to have been abandoned there prior to 9 a.m. on 4/5/68.

In connection with the evidence submitted by Atlanta, Birmingham, and Memphis, identifiable latent prints were recovered. It was on the basis of these latents that identification was made of JAMES EARL RAY. In handling future leads, all offices should be particularly interested in securing an identifying number, military, police, or FBI, in connection with suspects so that the necessary check can be made through the Identification Division.

On 4/17/68, AUSA R. MACEY TAYLOR, Birmingham, authorized the filing of a complaint charging ERIC STARVO GALT with a conspiracy to violate Section 241, Title 18, U. S. Code, and

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recommended bond in the amount \$50,000. On that same date, SAC JOSEPH H. GAMBLE filed a complaint before USC MILDRED F. SPRAGUE, Birmingham, and warrant was issued that same date.

For further information re JAMES EARL RAY, all offices are directed to press release furnished them by the Bureau on 4/19/68.

ARMED & DANGEROUS.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC 157-818

FROM : SA LEONARD F. JOHNSON

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/19/68

Re memo of SA LOYD S. GOODROW 4/17/68 setting forth a lead to identify the driver of a late model white ford pickup with unknown Alabama license plates, possibly connected with HOWARD SHOWS, who was reported to resemble ERIC STARVO GALT.

The following investigation was conducted by SAS LEONARD F. JOHNSON and JAMES G. NAGLE.

DAVID D. FARR, an assistant manager of Howard Shows, presently operating on Orange Ave., New Haven, Conn., advised on 4/19/68 that the only owner of a white ford pickup who is attached to Howard Shows is GORDON ALLEN. FARR was shown photographs of ERIC STARVO GALT and he advised that ALLEN does not bear any resemblance to GALT, AND HE DOES NOT RECALL ever seeing anyone resembling the photographs of GALT. He advised that ~~XXXXX~~ Howard Shows operated at Westport, Conn., during the first two weeks in April, 1968. He stated that could personally account for the whereabouts of ALLEN on the night of 4/4/68 because he was present in the concession being operated by ALLEN that night at Westport, Conn. FARR further advised that Howard Shows has never employed anyone by the name of ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMEYER OR JOHN WILLARD.

GORDON ALLEN, who presently operates a chinese football game in Howard Shows, was interviewed on 4/19/68. He advised that he is the owner of a 1967 white Ford pickup bearing Alabama license plates 8P117510. ALLEN is 25 years old, 5'10", 175 pounds, dark brown hair and hazel eyes. He was found to bear no resemblance whatever to the photographs of ERIC STARVO GALT.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW HAVEN (158-818)
Attn: SA James G. Nagle

DATE: 4/20/68

FROM : SA PETER H. DOLAND

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re New York Teletype 4/16/68

On 4/19/68 DUKE ANTONE, Head Instructor, Bartenders School of Mixology, Hartford, Conn., advised that he has been with the school for a long period and did not recall anyone answering description of GALT attending his class. He stated that a complete review of former students failed to reflect the name of JOHN WILLARD, HARVEY LOWMEYER or ERIC STARVO GALT, or any logical variations of these names.

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TO : SAC, NEW HAVEN (157-818)
ATTN SA JAMES G. NAGLE

DATE: 4/20/68

FROM : SA PETER H. DOLAND

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 4/19/68 Mrs. ROBERT DESJARDINS, 276 Middletown Ave., Wethersfield, Conn., telephonically advised that about 4:00pm - 4:30pm 4/18/68 she had been at McDonalds hamburger stand, Berlin Turnpike, Newington, Conn., and had observed a man who looked somewhat like the picture of GALT in the newspapers. She stated that she had only seen this man for a few seconds and the only other description she could give of him was that he was wearing a sweatshirt. She did not see anyone with him nor did she see if he was in a car.

At 4:15pm 4/19/68, SA DOLAND interviewed the following individuals at McDonalds, all of whom advised that they had been on duty between 4:00pm - 4:30pm the day before, 4/18/68:

GARY DeSIMONO, 24 Clifford St., Newington
JOHN SODERBERG, Spoonville Rd., East Granby,
JAMES HUMES, Blinns, Motel, Newington
ROBERT GINGRAS, 32 Hart St., New Britain.

The above individuals all advised that they had seen no one resembling the picture of ERIC STARVO GALT the previous afternoon, or at any other time, and no one had mentioned to them the possibility that GALT had been at their concession. They also advise that thousands of customers come thru their establishment a day and unless something out of the ordinary occurs, they would not remember any particular customer.

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GSA GEN. REG. NO. 27

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-818) (P)

FROM : SA CHARLES B. MILLS, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/22/68

Re memo of DONALD E. STENHAM, 4/8/68

The following investigation was conducted by the writer and SA CLARENCE L. SMITH, JR., on 4/9/68:

Mrs. GUNTER SCHMIDT, 255 Charles Street, Bridgeport, Conn., was recontacted, and advised as follows:

At 8:30 AM on 4/6/68, she and her mother were at the Sycamore Drive-In, Bethel, Conn. They heard an individual making statements to the effect that "it was about time someone got KING." She described him as in his middle 30s, 5'11", thin build, blonde hair. She believed he fit the description of the killer of KING she heard on the radio.

Investigation at Danbury, Conn., disclosed HENRY R. MC NEASE moved from 4 Division Street to 291 Greenwood Avenue, Bethel, Conn. That address is an Atlantic Service Station, -run by MC NEASE, which was determined to be closed.

WILLIAM O'DONNELL, O'Donnell's Service Station, 51 Grassy Plain Road, Bethel (which is almost directly across an intersection from the Atlantic station) advised as follows:

He is acquainted with MC NEASE, Having spoken with him occasionally. MC NEASE is tall and thin, being at least 6' in height, and possibly as tall as 6'3". He believed MC NEASE was operating his station, which he operated along in recent past, every day of week 4/105/68.

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It is possible he might have been closed one day and it could have gone unnoticed, but not more than one. MC NEASE lived in the station, and drove a yellow Pontiac convertible. He has not seen MC NEASE since Saturday morning. He believes MC NEASE packed up and left over the weekend. MC NEASE was at the station on Friday, April 5. JOEL SUTTON, 28 South Street, Bethel, formerly worked for MC NEASE at the station.

Mrs. JOEL SUTTON, 28 South Street, Bethel, advised her husband formerly worked for HENRY MC NEASE. She drives by the Atlantic station at 291 Greenwood daily, and MC NEASE was there every day from 4/1/68 to 4/5/68. He departed over weekend of 4/6-7/68, apparently without notice. She described MC NEASE as being 6'1" to 6'2" tall.

It was noted that the Sycamore Drive-In is located at 282 Greenwood Avenue, in the immediate vicinity of the MC NEASE station.

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TO ALL SACS RELAY MESSAGE PLAN

FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 1P

MURKIN

YOU ARE REMINDED THAT ALL LEADS IN THIS CASE MUST BE COVERED WITHIN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS, AND ALL LEADS MUST BE SET FORTH BY TELEPHONE OR TELETYPE. ALL BORDER OFFICES COVERING ENTRY INTO MEXICO AND CANADA AND EXIT THEREFROM SHOULD INSURE THAT APPROPRIATE STOPS ARE MAINTAINED RE SUBJECT AND ALL NAMES KNOWN TO BE USED BY HIM AT RESPECTIVE OFFICES OF U. S. IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PATROL. YOU SHOULD ALSO INSURE THAT PREVIOUS STOPS PLACED WITH ANY FACILITY SHOULD INCLUDE ALL NAMES USED BY THE SUBJECT.

DISTRIBUTE SUFFICIENT QUANTITIES OF WANTED FLYERS AND IO'S TO NARCOTIC INVESTIGATIVE AGENCIES IN ORDER THAT THEIR INFORMANTS MAY BE CONTACTED. YOU SHOULD CONTACT ALL CRIMINAL INFORMANTS AND APPROPRIATE RACIAL AND SECURITY INFORMANTS. LEGATS OTTAWA AND MEXICO CITY BEING ADVISED SEPARATELY.

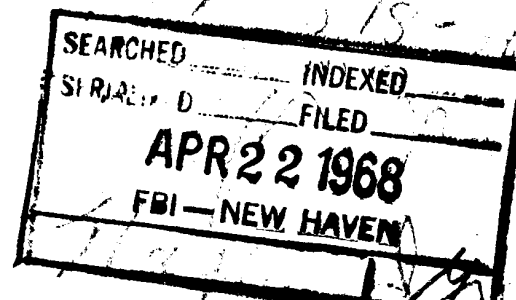
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Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-818)

DATE: 4/17/68

FROM : SA GEO. T. RIORDAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Rememo of SAC 4/10/68.

The following laundries were telephonically contacted in connection with this matter on 4/15/68. No one of these establishments use a thermo seal marking machine mfg. by Textile Marking Machine Co of Syracuse, NY.

Jacopain Cleaners, 1245 Stratford, Bpt.
Joe's Tailor Shop, 894 Wood, Bpt.
Just-Rite Cleaners 7 "ooden Bpt.
K. B. Cleaners, 2959 Fairfield, Bpt.
J. KOHUt cleaners, 1313 E. Main, Bpt.
Lincoln Cleaners, 1088 Madison, Bpt.
Long Hill Cleaners, 10 Broadway, Bpt.
Lordship Cleaners, 202 Jefferson, Stratford.
Luster Cleaners, 4187 Main, Bpt.
M. and M. Cleaners, 441 Pembroke, Bpt.
Michaels One Hour, 338 Boston, Bpt.
National Cleaners, 841 State, Bpt.
Nob Hill Cleaners, 60 Huntington, "pt.
Orland Cleaners, 207 Orland, Bpt.
Park Cleaners, 538 Success Ave, Bpt.
Pat's Cleaners, 420 Harral Ave Bpt.
Pearl's Cleaners, 1531 Main, Bpt.
Peerless Cleaners, Quality Hill, Trumbull
Pequonnock Cleaners, 330 Pequonnock, Bpt.
Professional Cleaners, 1391 Stratford, Bpt.
Randolph Cleaners, 2061 Boston, Bpt.
Rapport's Cleaners, 636 Boston, Bpt.
Rnzulli Cleaners, 639 Artick, Bpt.
Riveria Dry Cleaners, 661 Pembroke, Bpt.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-818)

FROM : SA JOHN E. KELLY

SUBJECT: MURKIN-CR

DATE: 4-23-68

Re Memo of SA HAMES J. DEARY, 4-12-68.

MR. DANIEL GOODELL, Manager of Railway Express Agency, Inc., (REA) 110 Brainard Rd., Hartford, Conn., advised on 4-15-68, that his records indicated that a "pick-up slip" reflected on 4-11-68 that items were to be picked up for J. SALT, 930 Asylum Ave., Hartford, Conn.

GOODELL made available his company's receipts for the items that his various drivers had handled on 4-11-68. It was revealed that among the items picked-up and shipped out on 4-11-68, were three pieces of "Personal Effects", consigned to JENNIFER SALT, 675 West End Ave., New York, NY. The shipper's name was J. SALT, 930 Asylum Ave., Hartford.

GOODELL stated that the items shipped were valued at \$500.00. and they were sent COD. The above information was contained on REA Receipt # 008524, and the driver who picked up the items was JULIUS FRANKOVITS.

In view of the fact that the name recalled by the complainant, MR. MYRON DAVIS, in referenced memorandum, was SALT and not GALT, no further investigation is recommended.

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