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Dr. King Tragedy

The twisted mind behind the trigger that killed Dr. Martin Luther King in Memphis Thursday may have had some hazy idea that the shot was putting something straight; that an evil was being exorcised. But as a crime always does, it was sowing the seed of more evil, not less. Moreover, it was a perpetration of a deed that reverberated throughout the country, shocking, hurting and distressing people regardless of race or vocation who abhor violence and defiance of civilized conduct. Apprehension and punishment of the slayer, however important, can never atone for the wrong that has been done nor erase the damage of the several sorts that has become obvious.

Dr. King was controversial and aroused emotions of people accordingly. He was the winner of a Nobel peace prize and the most celebrated leader of his race in the pursuit of civil rights. His campaigns and demonstrations, pursued under his banner of non-violence sometimes led to violence, as it did nine days ago in Memphis. He affected his position somewhat by adhering to the claimed right of civil disobedience, a challenge to law questionable in a democratic society capable of remedying its wrongs through its ballot and constitutional process. Lately he had veered somewhat from the civil rights to the economic area, lending the support of his following and marches to labor unions in strikes and disputes with employers. At the time of his death he had returned to Memphis for a repeat demonstration or march (the first of which was broken up by rioting) in support of a two-months strike of garbage collectors against the city. The garbagemen were pressing for recognition of their union through

a strike which the mayor said was illegal and which had been enjoined by a court.

Thus Dr. King was in a tense situation, which was apparent from the result of the first march. A controversial leader was on the way to becoming more controversial.

But the slayer's bullet settled no strike or any other issue. It created more tensions in many places. It was a dastardly missile, taking a life without justification or cause.

Sen. Frank Church was hardly wrong when he said of the killing: "We are steeped in violence; it is the curse of the land."

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**SERVICES HELD
IN BATON ROUGE**

**Memorial Tribute Paid at
LSU Cathedral**

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP)—White students from Louisiana State University joined hands with Negroes from residential districts and marched to the site of a memorial service for slain civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King here Sunday.

An ecumenical memorial service, attended largely by Negroes, was held for Dr. King at St. Joseph Cathedral in downtown Baton Rouge. After conducting a separate outdoor service on the university campus, LSU students held a procession through a predominantly Negro section in south Baton Rouge to the downtown cathedral.

The students, numbering about, were joined by Negroes along the line of march to and from the cathedral.

Catholic, Protestant and Jewish clergy representing both races, conducted the memorial services before a crowd which spilled down the cathedral steps into the street outside.

There were no incidents along the line of students' march as police threw up a hurried escort to guide them through Sunday traffic.

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Restraint During Crisis Urged by Negro Summit

16 Organizations Issue Group Proclamation

The New Orleans Negro Summit Conference—representing 16 organizations and 20 individuals—Saturday urged “the entire community to act with restraint in this time of crisis.”

Meanwhile, in other events here relating to the assassination and mourning of Civil Rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., several young Negroes, arriving in two separate groups, marched peacefully and without incident in the Civic Center area.

At the request of President Lyndon B. Johnson, Sunday has been declared a national day of mourning for the slain leader Dr. King. Memorial services are planned here, including one at Jackson Square.

Following is the complete text of the Negro Summit Conference statement:

PEOPLE SHOCKED

“People the world over are shocked and appalled that once again the cowardly forces of racism have prevailed and the great voice of non-violence—Dr. King—has been stilled. We are firmly convinced that it was senseless for these forces to still his voice, when his voice was in fact the voices of millions of black people, many of whom rejected his soothing tones, but who are determined as he, that they too, must share in all of the opportunities that America has to offer its citizens.

“Despite the temporary stilling of his voice, the violent demands of millions must be heard. We do not believe that their demands, though just, are to be translated into violence.

“We are convinced that violence and rioting are self-defeating. After the riots, then what? The sick racism which led to this death must not reproduce more violence.

“We call upon the citizens of New Orleans, all of the citizens, to first recognize that Negroes have not shared in the economic fruits of the American economy. We, therefore, call upon those who are in a position to right these wrongs to act responsibly—and now.

“In the meantime, we call upon the entire community to act with restraint in this time of crisis. Let all of us remember that after the riots the same conditions which lead to riots will still be there.

SAME PROBLEMS

“When the houses have been burned and extinguished, when the rioters as well as the innocent have been jailed and even buried, we will still have the same problems.

“We do not agree that the death of this great American should be used to create violence when he died expressing non-violence.

“We solemnly pledge to work unceasingly to resolve the problems, and we would hope that a majority of the people of the community would work toward these solutions.

“We are convinced that we cannot afford to interpret this appeal to reason as an opportunity to revert to ‘business as usual’ and ‘discrimination and injustice as usual’. We urge serious and determined effort at solutions, only in the hope that our petitions will be heard and respected by action—now.”

The statement was signed by these individuals: The Rev. Milton Upton; Rev. A. L. Davis; Rev. Lutnell Long, Mrs. Dorothy Taylor, Ernest Morial, A. P. Tureaud, Revius Ortique, Clarence Barney, Israel Augustine, Norman Francis, Emmitt Rashful, Henry Dejoie, Arnold

Barnes, Wallace Young, John Ross, Elliott Boisjore, Freddie Warren, Lionel Collins and George Longe.

It was signed by these organizations: New Orleans Southern Christian Leadership Conference, Community Relations Council, Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance, Urban League of Greater New Orleans, New Orleans Voters Association, Louisiana Independent Federation of Electors, New Orleans Realists Association, Southern University in New Orleans, Xavier University, Orleans Parish Progressive Voters League, Knights of Peter Claver, Louisiana Weekly Publishing Co., Concerned Citizens District No. 20, New Orleans PTA Council, Pan-Hellenic Council and the New Orleans Taverns and Restaurants Association.

STATEMENT ISSUED

Ellis F. Hull, Sr., president of the United Voters League, also issued a statement, calling for a continuation of Dr. King’s non-violence philosophy.

Here is the Hull statement:

“Dr. King died for the causes of freedom, justice and peace for all men. The man or men who cowardly stole Dr. King’s life by shooting him down in cold blood have once again brought to light the extent to which senseless and sinful-minded elements of mankind here in America will go in an attempt to destroy the very foundation of freedom, justice and good will toward all men. Dr. King was a symbol of justice and good will and he dedicated his life to that cause.

“I pray that this tragedy will not give rise to lawlessness and riots, instead to new courage and a stronger determination to all good thinking Americans to unite together as one in working to protect the rights and freedom for all Americans without regard to race or color.”

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"While we realize Dr. King died because of the evils of hate and ignorance, we cannot subscribe to such evils. We must instead follow and uphold that philosophy of non-violence for which Dr. King gave his life."

Hull also sent a telegram to the grieving Mrs. King in Atlanta, Ga.

A portion of the telegram read:

"Your husband died for the cause of freedom and justice for all men; and we want to assure that his dying for this cause shall not be in vain.

HEAVEN CAN HEAL

"In this world we have sorrow, but earth has no sorrow that Heaven cannot heal. We pray that the Lord will give you strength and courage in your sadness."

The Jackson Square Memorial Service for Dr. King is scheduled at 3 p. m. It is sponsored by the Federation of Churches, the Rabbinical Council and the Archdiocese of New Orleans.

Members of the clergy will gather in Pece Antoine Alley and, after a brief visit to the St. Louis Cathedral, will form a silent procession to the square and to the service.

The program will include a call to worship by the Rev. Milton Upton of the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance, an exhortation to contrition by Bishop Girault M. Jones, a tribute to Dr. King by Rabbi Roy Rosenberg, a statement of consolation for those who mourn by the Very Rev. William Gaines of the Greek Orthodox Cathedral and a homily and closing prayer by Archbishop Philip M. Hannan.

A memorial service for Dr. King is also slated for 3:30 p. m. at the New Zion Baptist Church, 2319 Third st. Other churches are blending in memorial services to Dr. King in their regular Sunday services.

Bishop Jones will celebrate a Requiem Mass Tuesday at 10 a. m. at St. Luke's Church, 2809 Gen. Taylor, as a memorial to Dr. King, who will be buried in Atlanta that day. Dillard president, Dr. Alfred W.

Dent, said classes will be suspended at Dillard Tuesday in memory of Dr. King.

DILLARD MOTORCADE

The somber demonstration for Dr. King at the Civic Center was led by a motorcade from Dillard University, which arrived about 12:30 p. m. led by a group carrying a black box resembling a casket, the marchers paraded around the Civic Center grounds carrying unmarked black placards.

On the casket were the words "I have a dream" and 1929 to 1968, the years of Dr. King's life. One white man carried a white placard marked only with a hole, from which red paint dripped.

Police on foot and on horseback watched the quiet group, with its few white members, as it made its way sedately around the Civic Center grounds several times.

SWEATSHIRTS WORN

Many in the first group wore Dillard sweatshirts or small signs identifying them as Dillard students. Louisiana State Uni-

versity in New Orleans and Southern University were also represented.

About 12:50 p.m., another group approached the grounds, this one a combination of two groups which originated at Third and LaSalle sts. and Howard and Loyola aves. about noon.

Meeting headon, the groups passed each other in procession and at times completely encircled the Civic Center grounds.

The second group, apparently led by local chapters of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, was headed by marchers carrying placards saying "Dillard NAACP—White racism Killed Dr. King," "NAACP Youth Council — We March in Memory of Dr. King," and "Lord Have Mercy on the White Man's Soul."

The two parades passed each other several times, finally gathering around the Civic Center fountain and pool. The casket was taken to the edge of

the pool and after several minutes, the two groups combined and began marching around the grounds again.

Two demonstrators stayed with the casket while the marchers circled the grounds about 10 times, gathering again around the fountain and the casket.

CLAP BRIEFLY

The marchers maintained an eerie silence throughout the demonstration, clapping only briefly at the beginning of the march.

The group took the black casket from the edge of the pool and, after circling the grounds several more times, disbanded near the Louisiana State Office Building.

Many members of both groups wore black arm bands, others wearing black ribbons.

Spectators were few and the marchers paraded slowly in the warm weather without incident.

Two NAACP leaders participating in the demonstration were Gerald Rome, New Or-

leans Youth Council president, and Horace Bynum, president of

the organization's Louisiana chapter.

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Negroes Lower U.S. Flag After March on City Hall

Several Hundred Walk, Mostly Students

Several hundred young Negroes—mostly college students—marched to City Hall Friday. They hauled down the United States flag to half-mast in memory of the death of Civil Rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, killed Thursday in Memphis, Tenn.

Miss Betty Washington, state youth president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), said the meeting was a demonstration in protest against the assassination of Dr. King.

Miss Washington, a student at Louisiana State University in New Orleans (LSUNO), said, "We want our rights. Is that asking too much?"

The demonstrators found the flag was not at half-mast when they arrived. "We don't see how city officials overlooked that fact," said Miss Washington.

Miss Washington, Charles Williams, a student at Southern University in New Orleans, and Donald Soniat, a student at LSUNO and a representative of youth on the national board of the NAACP, expressed dissatisfaction over conditions under which Negroes live in New Orleans.

"There is still discrimination," said Miss Washington. "We want better conditions for Negroes; better jobs and better housing."

The demonstrators then marched to the central business district. While they were gone from City Hall, someone saw the flag at half staff and de-

ced something was wrong. So he raised it full staff again.

SPEEDILY SENT

As soon as this was discovered by the mayor's office, an employe of (the city's public buildings division was speedily sent to bring it down to half mast where the marchers found it when they returned.

This time the Negroes and a few white persons sprinkled among them linked arms and sang, "We shall overcome." They dispersed about 3:30 p. m. The Rev. A. L. Davis told the group, "We must follow the precepts of nonviolence in memory of Dr. King."

Mayor Victor H. Schiro, who had planned to leave the city Friday for health reasons, said he would remain here through the weekend.

Meanwhile, some 6,000 longshoremen— Negro and white alike—remained off their jobs Friday in the Port of New Orleans. Clarence "Chink" Henry, president of International Longshoremen's Association (ILA) Local No. 1419, and Alfred Chittenden, president of the white Union No. 1418, said the move was in respect for the slain civil rights leader, Dr. King.

Both called for a work stoppage until the 7 a. m. shift Saturday.

Henry issued this directive to his men:

"As president of Local 1419, I join with each and every waterfront worker in deploring the brutal assassination Thursday night of Dr. Martin Luther King in Memphis, Tenn.

"This act was intended to cripple the movement for achieving full citizenship for all men in America. But the incorrectness of such reasoning is obvious.

"The teachings of Jesus Christ still live even 1900 years after he was crucified. Similarly, the movement for human dignity in the United States cannot be stopped. The United States continued in the direction of human

dignity even after the assassination of President John F. Kennedy in 1963, and likewise the movement for human dignity must continue even after the death of Dr. King."

OUT OF RESPECT

Chittenden said his union didn't work "out of respect for the feelings of our co-workers over the death of their leader. They are our partners; we work only together."

John E. Morrill of the Sewerage and Water Board said that some 200 of the S&WB's Negro employes did not work at the board's central construction yard, Florida and Peoples.

Gov. John J. McKeithen, reached in New York, commented:

"Murder is the extreme example of defiance of the law.

"The philosophy of doing the act because one feels in his own heart and mind he is justified could eventually lead us to anarchy.

"Those guilty of the foul murder of Dr. King must be brought to justice and dealt with appropriately and immediately.

"People of both races must rededicate themselves to the upholding of law and order. Changes in our society when made must be made under due process of law.

BROUGHT HONORS

"This man's dedication to the cause for which he stood has brought him some of the highest honors the world can bestow. Let us hope and pray that his death, rather than increasing bitterness, might rather bring a rededication to the cause which he espoused during his lifetime—nonviolence—with peace and good will to all men."

McKeithen added, "The people of Louisiana extend their sympathies and condolences to the next of kin of this latest victim and all others of both races who have lost their lives as the result of racial violence."

The New Orleans branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) issued a statement deploring the killing at a specially called press conference at the Claver Building.

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Arthur Chapital, executive director of the branch, read the statement:

"The New Orleans branch joins all people of good will across the nation and the world in mourning the tragic death of Dr. King by assassination. We deplore this brutal and senseless assassination of Dr. King, obviously by a racist who believes that this killing will stop the social revolution that is underway in this country and the world.

"We also deplore the irresponsible statement attributed to Congressman F. Edward Hebert by the news media when he said in Washington, that, 'King preached violence under the guise of non-violence.' Such irresponsible statements can only erupt to chaos and violence which we don't condone.

"In spite of this we call upon the citizenry to be calm, restrain themselves and refrain from any reprisals or disturbances.

ARM BANDS ASKED

"We call upon all citizens who mourn the loss of Dr. King to wear a black arm band on their left arms until after Dr. King has been buried.

"As evidence of subscribing to the policy of non-violence as enunciated by Dr. King, Roy Wilkins and Whitney Young, we call upon the citizenry of New Orleans, white and Negro, to heed the words of Dr. King in his book, "Where do we go from here, chaos or community progress toward fulfillment of the American dream for all Americans?"

The death of Dr. King caused New York Sen. Robert F. Kennedy to postpone his Presidential campaign visit to New Orleans, Lafayette and Crowley Friday and Saturday. Sen. Kennedy canceled all public meetings after noon Friday, according to Crowley Municipal Judge Edmund Reggie.

Reggie said Sen. Kennedy hopes to reschedule the visits as soon as possible. Those holding tickets to the LSUNO Kennedy address were urged to keep them.

Sen. Kennedy chartered a jet airplane to fly the body of Dr.

King from Memphis to the King home in Atlanta, Ga.

Others at the Claver building press conference expressed shock at the murder of Dr. King, but most called for calm. The Rev. A. L. Davis, president of the New Orleans Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance, said a memorial service for Dr. King will be conducted Saturday at 3:30 p.m. at the New Zion Baptist Church, 2319 Third st.

MINISTER OPTIMISTIC

Rev. Davis was optimistic that violence could be averted in New Orleans if city officials just "do something." He said they could do quite a bit in improved housing, job opportunities and in the area of "police brutality."

Joseph Rome, president of the Youth Council of the NAACP, said he first wanted to extend sympathies to the King family.

"I hope our people take this murder as Dr. King would have—within the laws," said Rome.

Donald Avery, president of the Dillard University chapter of the NAACP, said, "We on the campus find we are in a state of mourning but we are in a state of anger. Will hate prevail here? What will happen next?"

Clarence Barney, executive director of the Urban League of Greater New Orleans, said it is not enough for "pious statements" to be issued by city officials. "They must act on specific issues," warned Barney.

Classes were cancelled at Xavier University and Dillard University.

Students and faculty attended a Mass in the Xavier gym. It was celebrated by the Rev. Kilian W. Downey, O.P., the Rev. Joseph I. Reardon, O.P.; the Rev. Hubert Riley, O.P.; and the Rev. Robert Villegas, C.S.C.

POLK SPEAKS

Dillard University Dean of Students Robert L. Polk spoke at a memorial service in the university chapel. He chastised students for going about their business normally after the first stunning moments when the news of Dr. King's death was released.

"If we can't find time to reflect on what has happened today," said Dr. Polk, "it may

be our last opportunity. We are all involved in what happened in Memphis by our complicity. We were there. We pulled the trigger."

Dillard president Dr. Alfred W. Dent, who called off classes and ordered the flag down at half-mast, said Dr. King presented one of the most significant "moral challenges" the world has known with his non-violent movement.

"This challenge remains with us and I should hope that the very despicable and tragic ending of his life will shock our society into accepting fully his moral challenges," added Dr. Dent.

Students and faculty members at Dillard wore black

mourning bands in respect for Dr. King. Dr. Dent said all weekend social activities have been canceled.

After the memorial service, about 300 students made a number of decisions. They were:

—Write a letter to Memphis authorities and march with it to the Post Office here Monday and then on to City Hall.

—Collect funds for Dr. King's widow.

—Send a Dillard representative to Dr. King's funeral scheduled for 10:30 a. m. Tuesday in Atlanta.

TO FORM GROUP

At the suggestion of Gwendolyn Webster, a New Orleans student leader, they agreed to form a new organization called Student Apostles of Peace to continue the work of Dr. King in a nonviolent manner. They will seek to get other sympathetic student bodies to join them.

Around the city, many flags flew at half-mast in respect for the fallen civil rights leader. In keeping with President

Lyndon B. Johnson's request for a national day of mourning Sunday, LSUNO authorities said they were postponing an open house and dedication of buildings until April 21.

As a token of condolence, Thomas P. Godchaux, president of Total Community Action Inc. which coordinates the anti-poverty program here, sent the following telegram to Dr. King's widow:

"As president of the board of directors of Total Community Action Inc., the New Orleans anti-poverty program coordi-

nating agency, I wish to extend to you our sincere condolences in the hour of your grief.

"We believe the most fitting memorial to Dr. King would be substantive action by the white community to end racial prejudice and poverty."

The Rev. James Stovall, pastor of St. Matthews Methodist Church, described Dr. King "as a symbol of hope and courage to men in despair." He spoke at a memorial service for Dr. King at the Church House. It was

changed from a pre-Lenten service.

"We have all depended on him more than we realize," said Rev. Stovall. "He has given hope and courage to men in despair and things could have been much worse had people not had hope."

He noted that because "we are resistant to change it must be said that we all share in this tragedy."

"We have felt that the race problem was one for the Negro community and the rest of us to go on our way. We have been slow to express ourselves in a positive way. We have reflected our prejudices instead of expressing our faith in the dignity of man."

TAX CONSIDERED

Rev. Stovall continued, "The state of Louisiana is considering a tax for a domed stadium, but the Legislature so far has refused to pass legislation for urban renewal. And we have bragged about our luxury hotels but are not concerned that there are people living in shacks and hovels.

"We must move forward so that the world will know that this catastrophe does not represent America. We must come to a new attitude so that this man will not have died in vain. God will use the life of Dr. King to inspire others to work for justice and freedom."

The Greater New Orleans section of the National Council of Jewish Women sent the following telegram to Mayor Schiro, Gov. McKeithen and the Louisiana congressional delegation:

"The assassination of Dr. King need not bring violence if leaders demonstrate their faith in our democratic principles. We respectfully urge you to strive for an end to injustice, poverty and discrimination with renewed vigor."

The president of Les Bourgeoise Inc., a civic organization, expressed sorrow over the assassination. King C. Wells said:

SHARES WITH WORLD

"Les Bourgeoise shares with the world the grief and shock over the death of Dr. King and call on men of good will in America to set aside a day of mourning for a man who believed so strongly in freedom and democracy and Americanism that he was willing to make the supreme sacrifice by giving his life for this cause."

In conclusion, Wells said, "In every country there is one or two great men who stand out from all the others—this century will probably end with more than two but to date the two men who have made the world better by their passing through it are the late President John F. Kennedy and Dr. King."

The Concert Choir of New Orleans said its presentation of the Bach St. Matthew Passion Sunday night will be dedicated to the memory of Dr. King. It will be held at 8:30 p.m. at McAlister Auditorium on the Tulane University campus.

Dillard Choir at Memorial Services for King



—Photo by The Times-Picayune.

MEMORIAL SERVICES were conducted at Dillard University for Dr. Martin Luther King Friday. This is the choir which sang for the services. At extreme left is Dean Robert L. Polk, dean of students. Robed

students in front are John Tillman (left), Iowa, La., president of the Dillard Student Union, and Ronald Johnson Jr., Houston, Tex. Dr. Polk and Dr. Albert W. Dent, president of the university, were among the speakers.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-10673)

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FROM : ASAC

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Inspector JOE SULLIVAN telephonically contacted this office and advised that WALTER LANE BAILEY, owner of the Lorraine Motel, Memphis, Tenn., at which hotel KING was assassinated, had been contacted by some man from DA JIM GARRISON's Office in Orleans Parish for an appointment at 4 p.m., Friday, 4/12/68.

Mr. SULLIVAN inquired as to whether we had any information concerning this and I advised him we did not.

I inquired if he had the name of the person from the District Attorney's Office in Orleans Parish and Inspector SULLIVAN said he did not.

Inspector SULLIVAN advised he was notifying the Bureau immediately.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

DATE: 4/12/68

FROM : SA PHILLIP M. KING

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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Re Birmingham teletype to Director, Jackson, Mobile, Kansas City, Memphis, New Orleans and St. Louis at 10:58 a.m., 4/11/68. (Serial 89)

For information of Baton Rouge and Lake Charles Resident Agencies, referenced teletype advises that suspect ERIC STARVO GALT, white male, dob [redacted] 5'11", 175 lbs., blue eyes, brown hair, stayed at a rooming house in Birmingham from latter part of August, 1967, to early October, 1967. Sometime during this period, he purchased a 1966 white Mustang with \$2,000 cash. Persons interviewed by Birmingham have stated GALT indicated an interest in work as a seaman on barges or other vessels and may have been working aboard vessels or at docks previously.

Birmingham instituted a check with the Wages and Hours, Public Contracts Division, U. S. Department of Labor, for checks concerning investigations involving safety operations in which individuals working as seamen, dock workers and related occupations may have received compensation for injuries, theory being that GALT may have received compensation in October or in that period of time as a result of injuries received by him as a result of his employment.

Investigation at Baton Rouge through the State Employment and Security Commission reflects the following places where such records are kept:

Mr. VINCE VANCA, Secretary, Waterfront Employers Association in New Orleans, maintains a crossindexing for all shore-type workers;

The following three organizations in Baton Rouge: Rogers Terminal, Baton Rouge Marine and Ryans Stevedores, a subdivision of Southern Stevedores,



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Three locations in Lake Charles whose identity can be determined through the State Employment and Security Commission office in that city.

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AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA. Will contact VINCE VANCA and ascertain if there is any record of ERIC STARVO GALT receiving any compensation or any record concerning GALT for use as background and identifying information.

AT BATON ROUGE AND LAKE CHARLES, LOUISIANA!
Will handle the same lead as set out for New Orleans.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-10673)

FROM : SA MICHAEL BARON

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/12/68

On 4/12/68 an individual who identified himself as MIKE COLLINS, UPI news service, telephonically contacted the Baton Rouge RA, requesting information concerning captioned case.

Mr. COLLINS stated he had been notified by his Atlanta Office that the individual, JOHN GALT, who is being sought by the FBI in connection with captioned case, had turned in a Louisiana driver's license when he obtained an Alabama driver's license.

Mr. COLLINS was told there would be no comment and he then inquired as to who was the Agent in charge of the New Orleans Office and was told it was SAC RIGHTMYER.

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FROM : ASAC SYLVESTER

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SAC HITT, Atlanta, telephonically advised he wanted to double check and see if we got anything at the license bureau on GALT. I advised him checks had been made of all records negatively.

Atlanta had no specific leads for New Orleans at this time.

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Birmingham teletype to Bureau, New Orleans, and Memphis, 4/10/68, 3:39 PM, and New Orleans teletype to Bureau, Memphis, and Birmingham, 4/12/68.

RE: ERIC STARVO GALT
Contact with Captain E. D. PARRA, Galliano, La., and with the Crockett Barge Company:

Enclosed for Memphis are 25 copies each of Inserts reflecting results of contact with Captain E. D. PARRA, Galliano, La., on 4/12/68, and KERMIN CROCKETT of the Crockett Towing Co., New Orleans, La., 4/11/68.

The following is a synopsis of the enclosed Inserts.

GALT Captain PARRA of Galliano, La., advised that he had no record of a present or past employee by the name of ERIC STARVO ~~GALT~~ and that this name was not familiar to him. Official of Crockett Company, New Orleans, advised that no one by that name (ERIC STARVO ~~GALT~~) ever employed by their company.
GALT

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-10673)

FROM : SA STEPHEN M. CALLENDER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/12/68

On 4/9/68, Captain S. A. JENNINGS, U. S. Maritime Administration, 701 Loyola Ave., being contacted on the above matter, provided the following information:

The majority of individuals working on tow barges either in the Miss. River, or coast-wise, are probably non-union. They get the job merely by going to the barge towing company, or the captain of the barge.

Captain JENNINGS provided the following names of major companies (towing) in the New Orleans area:

Ingram Towing;
Mississippi Valley Barge Company;
Federal Barge Company;
National Carrier;
Coyle and Company.

Each Agent receiving a copy of this memo should contact the company circled in red on his copy to determine if anyone by the name of ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMEYER, or JOHN WILLARD, is known to have ever been employed by them.

7-New Orleans
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Leads to: *Copy*
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Via TELETYPE URGENT
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987) AND BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)

FROM: NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

MURKIN. CR.

RE BH TEL TO DIRECTOR, ME AND NO, APRIL TEN LAST. #T 3:39 PM

Re: Eric Starvo Galt
~~RE~~ CONTACT CAPT. E. D. PARRA, GALLIANO, LA., AND CROCHETT BARGE CO.

CAPT. E. D. PARRA CONTACTED A.M., APRIL TWELVE INSTANT AND ADVISED NAME OF ERIC STARVO GALT UNKNOW TO HIM AND ^{GALT} WAS NOT AN EMPLOYEE OF THE BARGE RENTALS, INC., THE PARENT COMPANY OF VULCAN ASPHALT AND REFINERY CO., CORDOVA, ALABAMA.

OFFICIAL OF M. L. CROCHETT TOWING COMPANY ADVISED THAT NO ONE BY NAME OF ERIC STARVO GALT WAS EMPLOYED BY HIS COMPANY.

[Handwritten signature]

① - New Orleans

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Sent WA-3:39 PM ME 3:37 PM M Per [Signature]
BT 3:37 PM

Date received 4/10/68	Received from (name or symbol number) NO 1508-R(PROD)	Received by SA'S JOSEPH G. PAGES JAMES A. WOODSON
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Method of delivery (check appropriate blocks)

in person by telephone by mail orally recording device written by Informant

If orally furnished and reduced to writing by Agent: Date Dictated <u>4/11/68</u> to <u>bab</u> Transcribed <u>4/11/68</u> Authenticated by Informant _____	Date of Report 4/10/68
	Date(s) of activity 4/4/68-4/10/68
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Brief description of activity or material

Conversation of SDC members SONNY TAYLOR, R. J. GLOVER and BLUE HOLLOWAY got fourth. GLOVER's wife is angry because GLOVER took out life insurance and made his girlfriend beneficiary. YANK WILSON stated he intends to organize the Klan at Monticary, La.

Remarks:

INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS REPORT MUST BE INDICALLY PARAPHRASED IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE IDENTITY OF THE INFORMANT.

Copies:

- 3 - Jackson (RM)
 - 1-157-5208 (SDC)
 - 1-157-2444 (R. J. GLOVER)
 - 1-157-5589 (SONNY TAYLOR)
- 6 - New Orleans
 - 1 - 170-282A
 - 1 - 157-3489 (R. J. GLOVER)
 - 1 - 157-4924 (SONNY TAYLOR)
 - 1 - 157- (WOODSON HOLLOWAY)
 - 1 - 157- (YANK WILSON)
 - 1 - 157- (Sub, MARTIN LUTHER KING-Victia)

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Edwards

Alexandria, Louisiana
April 10, 1968

SILVER DOLLAR GROUP

R. J. GLOVER and SONNY TAYLOR met on April 6, 1968, and GLOVER stated he is more sure than ever that TOMMIE LEE JONES is an FBI informant. GLOVER said he will take care of JONES sometime.

Mrs. R. J. GLOVER is reportedly upset because GLOVER took out \$12,000 worth of life insurance on himself and made his girlfriend, EDNA PENNINGTON the beneficiary. Mrs. GLOVER found this out when the policy came to the GLOVER residence by mistake. She is threatening to go to Vidalia, Louisiana, and kill PENNINGTON.

Mrs. GLOVER was also upset because JACK SEALE had brought GLOVER'S Oldsmobile car home after using it for some time and the muffler was torn up. Also the door was damaged. She reportedly told SONNY TAYLOR not to have anything to do with JACK SEALE and L. C. MURRAY as they "will sell you out".

BLUE HOLLOWAY told SONNY TAYLOR on April 5, 1968, he was working for the County Highway Department, Natchez, Mississippi, and had moved or was moving to Natchez.

ORIEK, MONTEBRY, LOUISIANA

YANK WILSON and SONNY TAYLOR met on April 10, 1968. WILSON was upset about the Negro riots and stated the Klan

at Monterey, Louisiana, must be reorganized and he would do it. He invited TAYLOR to attend meetings when the klan started meeting again.

UNSUB, MARTIN LUTHER KING - VICTIM

Source has no information on the shooting of MARTIN LUTHER KING.

Cover Sheet for Informant Report or Material
 FD-306 (Rev. 6-2-67)

		Date prepared
Date received 4/9/68	Received from (name or symbol number) NO 1325-R (PROB)	Received by SA JAMES A. WOOTEN SA JOSEPH G. PEGGS

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 in person by telephone by mail orally recording device written by Informant

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Date of Report
4/9/68
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4/2/68-4/9/68

Brief description of activity or material
Conversations of SDG members R. J. GLOVER, E. D. MORACE, and JAMES SCAROBROUGH set forth. GLOVER still thinks TOMMIE JONES is FBI Informant. DON WILKERSON stated ERNEST AVANTS has

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170-136A

Remarks: extra money and has sold out to the FBI.

INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS REPORT MUST BE PROPERLY PARAPHRASED IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE IDENTITY OF THE INFORMANT.

- 7-JACKSON 1-(157-5206 SDG) (RM)
 - 1-(157-7444 R. J. GLOVER)
 - 1-(157-7479 JAMES SCAROBROUGH)
 - 1-(157- ERNEST AVANTS)
 - 1-(157-7543 E. D. MORACE)
 - 1-(157- DON WILKERSON)
 - 1-(157- JAMES "BILL" BLANEY)
- 8-NEW ORLEANS 1-(170-136A)
 - 1-(157-6542 SDG)
 - 1-(157-3489 E. D. MORACE)
 - 1-(157-6008 BILL BLANEY)
 - 1-(157-3788 JAMES SCAROBROUGH)
 - 1-(157- WAYNE REED)
 - ①-(157- UNSUB, MARTIN (157-10473) LUTHER KING - VICTIM)

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Wooten

April 9, 1968
Alexandria, Louisiana

SILVER DOLLAR GROUP

R. J. GLOVER visited E. D. MORACE late on April 2, 1968, and asked MORACE if he had found a container for burying explosives yet. MORACE said he had a sheet metal man working on it. GLOVER was talking about TOMMIE LEE JONES and said he is sure JONES is an FBI informant and he is watching JONES, but does not want JONES to know it. GLOVER said someone had recently told him some more information about JONES being an informant. GLOVER recalled the time that JONES claimed his wife received a telephone call saying GLOVER and JAMES LEE were going to kill him. It was GLOVER's opinion that JONES was making that up just to throw them off.

GLOVER talked of the Negro situation and said there is sure to be riots all summer they must be ready to fight the Negroes. GLOVER said that some evening soon he wants E. D. MORACE and two other men to drive to Roxie, Mississippi and talk to JACK DAVIS, the barber there who helped GLOVER and DON WILKENSON when they had car trouble. GLOVER wants MORACE to express appreciation to DAVIS for this help. GLOVER was driving the pickup truck belonging to JACK SEALE.

GLOVER requested MORACE to ask JAMES SCAROBROUGH the next time he sees SCAROBROUGH about the meeting SCAROBROUGH and a group of men had two Sundays before and why MORACE and GLOVER were not invited.

JAMES SCAROBROUGH and E. D. MORACE talked on April 6, 1968, and MORACE asked SCAROBROUGH about a meeting he and some men attended two Sundays before. SCAROBROUGH said that was just the Concordia Parish Rifle Association. MORACE was later heard to remark that the meeting had to do with the Minutemen; he felt sure. SCAROBROUGH was getting ready for the Negro revolution which he feels sure is coming soon. His wife had just purchased a case of soup and a case of canned beans for him to stock the hunting camp on the levee near Ferriday, Louisiana.

MORACE stated that if the revolution was coming he needed a better weapon and that he found three men to go in with him to buy one of the machine guns SCAROBROUGH knew about. SCAROBROUGH said he had talked to the man recently and the price of a machine gun had gone up to \$165.00. MORACE asked SCAROBROUGH to see about getting him one.

SCAROBROUGH gave MORACE a stack of klan posters which he wanted put up on the highway near Ferriday, Louisiana, the night of April 10, 1968.

BILL BLANEY, WAYNE REED, DON WILKENSON, and E. D. MORACE met at the King Hotel, and the Bonanza Club at Ferriday, Louisiana, on the night of April 6, 1968. REED and BLANEY were intoxicated. REED asked MORACE if he would help WILKENSON out. WILKENSON then stated he feels sure ERNEST AVANTS has sold out to the FBI, like TOMMIE JONES. WILKENSON said that AVANTS has moved to a new house and got new furniture like JONES. WILKENSON said that if AVANTS talks it will send him, WILKENSON to the electric chair. WILKENSON said he wanted to know that if AVANTS talks that someone will take care of him. MORACE stated he would take care of AVANTS if AVANTS testifies against WILKENSON and sends him to the electric chair. WILKENSON did not say what crime he and AVANTS had committed.

UNSUB, MARTIN LUTHER KING - VICTIM

Source has no information on who shot MARTIN LUTHER KING.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-10673) DATE: 4/12/68

FROM : SA STEPHEN M. CALLENDER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

There is attached for each Agent receiving a copy of this memo, a list identifying ships sailing out of the port of New Orleans on 4/4/68 - 4/9/68, as well as the departure date and owners of the vessels.

Agents receiving this memo should contact the company circled in red pencil on the attached, and review the manifest records for the ships, to determine the date and time of departure, and whether there was any member of the crew or passengers using the name of ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMEYER, or JOHN WILLARD, or variations in the spelling of these surnames.

The majority of the addresses of these companies is listed on pages 628 and 629 of the Yellow Pages of the telephone directory, under either steamship agencies or companies.

*Leads assigned
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The following investigation was conducted at New Orleans, Louisiana, by Special Agent PHILIP L. PETLEY on April 11, 1968:

EDWIN McCABE, Harbor Master, Port of New Orleans, located on the 26th floor of the International Trade Mart Building, advised his files contain the following list of all ships sailing from the Port of New Orleans from April 4, 1968, through April 9, 1968:

	<u>Departure Date</u>
<u>Biehl Steamship Company</u>	
SS "Lazzaro Mocenigo"	April 6, 1968
SS "Nepal Express"	April 6, 1968
<u>Kerr Steamship Company</u>	
SS "Brigitte Cord"	April 4, 1968
<u>Smith and Johnson Steamship Company</u>	
SS "Dordrecht"	April 4, 1968
<u>LeBlanc Parr Steamship Company</u>	
SS "Explorer"	April 4, 1968
<u>Gulf and South American Steamship Company</u>	
SS "Gulf Trader"	April 4, 1968
<u>Texas Transport and Terminal Company</u>	
SS "Honor"	April 4, 1968
SS "Sucre"	April 7, 1968

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	<u>Departure Date</u>
SS "Korendijh"	April 6, 1968
SS "Monreale"	April 7, 1968
SS "Albion Victory"	April 6, 1968
SS "Grebbedijh"	April 7, 1968
SS "Marie Louise Bolten"	April 8, 1968
SS "Grotidijh"	April 8, 1968

States Marine Isthmian Steamship Company

SS "Steel Voyager"	April 4, 1968
SS "Doriefs"	April 6, 1968

Lykes Brothers Steamship Company

SS "Stella Lykes"	April 4, 1968
SS "Howell Lykes"	April 7, 1968
SS "Louise Lykes"	April 7, 1968
SS "Dick Lykes"	April 7, 1968
SS "Leslie Lykes"	April 8, 1968
SS "Dolly Turman"	April 8, 1968
SS "Elizabeth Lykes"	April 9, 1968

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The Hansen Tidemann, Inc.

SS "Stephanie"	April 4, 1968
SS "Split"	April 7, 1968
SS "Atlantic Breeze"	April 7, 1968
SS "Gand"	April 7, 1968

Strachan Steamship Company

SS "Willowbank"	April 6, 1968
SS "Canerounkust"	April 6, 1968
SS "Jason"	April 6, 1968
SS "Shunkai Maru"	April 7, 1968
SS "Hoegh Opal"	April 6, 1968

International Maritime Steamship Company

SS "Ioannis"	April 6, 1968
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A. J. Fritz and Company Forwarding

SS "New Venture"	April 7, 1968
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Dalton Steamship Company

SS "New York Maru"	April 5, 1968
SS "Gen-Ei-Maru"	April 8, 1968
SS "Romanija"	April 8, 1968

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	<u>Departure Date</u>
<u>United Fruit Steamship Company</u>	
SS "Santo Cerro"	April 6, 1968
SS "Birgitte Cord"	April 8, 1968
<u>E. S. Binnings Steamship Company</u>	
SS "Stella Polaris"	April 6, 1968
SS "Neidenfels"	April 6, 1968
SS "Cuidad De Santa Marta"	April 6, 1968
<u>Gulf Puerto Rico Steamship Company</u>	
SS "Maiden Creek"	April 6, 1968
SS "New Yorker"	April 6, 1968
<u>Jan C. Uiterwyk Steamship Company</u>	
SS "Maria A"	April 7, 1968
SS "Cornilia B"	April 8, 1968
<u>Fowler and McVitei, Inc.</u>	
SS "Pacific Apollo"	April 6, 1968
<u>Hellenic Steamship Company</u>	
SS "Hellenic Sunbeam"	April 4, 1968
<u>Panama Canal Zone Steamship Company</u>	
SS "Cristabal"	April 6, 1968

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Gulf Motor Ship Steamship Company

SS "Morly II"

April 8, 1968

Gulf Coast Steamship Company

SS "Scandia Clipper"

April 4, 1968

SS "Sophia"

April 8, 1968

Ayers Steamship Company

SS "Trans Ocean Merchant"

April 9, 1968

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AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Butte teletype to Memphis and New Orleans, 4/9/68,
2:16 PM.

Employee of Hill Top Motel,
Delhi, Louisiana

Enclosed for Memphis are 25 copies each of FD-302s (3),
re interviews with CLARENCE L. ROBINSON, Mrs. C. L. ROBINSON,
and MAX DIXON, on 4/10/68, at Delhi, La.

The following is a synopsis of the enclosed FD-302s.

CLARENCE L. ROBINSON, who resides at Hill Top Motel,
Delhi, La., could not recall making any specific remarks con-
cerning MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., but he may very well have done
so, as he has never been a big supporter of many of KING's
activities.

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TO: SAC, JACKSON

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

**SUBJECT: MURKIN
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OO: ME

Enclosed herewith for the offices receiving this communication are five copies each of three studies done by known artists of the UNSUB in captioned matter.

Photo #1 is based on information furnished by witnesses at Memphis, Tennessee. Photos #2 and #3 are based on information furnished by witnesses at Birmingham, Alabama.

Witnesses who have observed our principal suspect, **ERIC STARVO GALT**, and witnesses who observed UNSUB alone in Memphis and Birmingham have displayed enough similarity in their descriptions and reaction to artists' conceptions to indicate that UNSUB and GALT are probably identical.

Investigation to date indicates it is entirely possible that GALT identity is fictitious and was established as a cover.

The best description we have appears to be the description of GALT which was furnished above.

- 2-Jackson (Encs. 15)
- 2-Memphis (Encs. 15)
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- 2-St. Louis (Encs. 15)
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when he obtained an Alabama drivers license in late 1967. Witnesses, however, have described GIBBS as both taller and shorter, heavier and lighter, and there is no uncertainty about the hairline and eyes. The best photo appears to be #1. Photo #2 is highly regarded if he appeared a bit more youthful. With the limitations set forth herein, the description set forth for GIBBS may be regarded as the best composite description at this time:

Race	White
Sex	Male
DOB	[REDACTED]
Height	5'11"
Weight	175
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Brown
Complexion	Fair
Appearance	Neat, slimcut, neat clothes
Accent	Western or Texas, definitely not Southern
Personality	Very shy and quiet; often observed wearing a business suit, shirt, and tie
Marital status	GIBBS indicated he was divorced.

The Bureau has instructed in using these pictures in connection with this investigation that the identity of the conception of the artists on the GIBBS suspect be avoided. Appropriate protest should be used in case thereof until such time the Bureau releases an official artist conception.

GIBBS has used the aliases JOHN WILLARD and HARVEY LOWMEYER.

FBI WASH DC

616PM URGENT 4/12/68 GJM

TO ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES

FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 1P

MURKIN

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

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

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

UNKNOWN SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND
DANGEROUS.

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FBI MEMPHIS

1218AM URGENT 4/13/68 CAF
TO NEW ORLEANS
FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987) 1P

MURKIN; CIVIL RIGHTS. OO: ME.

INVESTIGATION AT MEMPHIS REVEALED RUSSELL E. WHITCOMB, ONE TWO ONE SEVEN TRENTON, APARTMENT SIXTEEN B, WEST MONROE, LOUISIANA, EMPLOYED PRENTISS LEE TRACTOR COMPANY, REGISTERED HOLIDAY INN, FOUR ZERO TWO TWO THOMAS, MEMPHIS, APRIL SIX - SEVEN, LAST, DRIVING FORD WITH LOUISIANA LICENSE

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
AT BATON ROUGE, DETERMINE IF AUTOMOBILE WHITE MUSTANG, AND IF INFORMATION POSITIVE, AT WEST MONROE, DETERMINE POSSIBLE CONNECTION WHITCOMB MAY HAVE WITH ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING.

END

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FBI NEW ORLS

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Max Howard advised 4/13/68

*Sylvester advised
12:28 AM*

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Max Howard

*ME advised above
B/W 44-1987 request
etc above*

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Via TELETYPE URGENT
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TO: MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

MURKIN

RE MEMPHIS TEL TO NEW ORLEANS, APRIL THIRTEEN, INSTANT
AT TWELVE EIGHTEEN AM.

CONTACT AT DMV BATON ROUGE, LA., DETERMINED THAT
NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT LA. LICENSE [REDACTED]
IS REGISTERED TO A BLUE AND WHITE NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR FOUR-DOOR
FORD, VIN FOUR A SIX TWO TWO ONE EIGHT EIGHT SEVEN ONE ZERO,
OWNED BY PRENTISS LEE TRACTOR COMPANY, TWO ZERO EIGHT
WHITE COLAMUS, WEST MONROE, LA. NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION
BEING CONDUCTED RE THIS VEHICLE.

1 - New Orleans
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TO: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)
SAC, JACKSON
SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

RE: MURKIN

Re NO tel 4-11-68.

Latent fingerprints this case not identical fingerprints of
~~BILLY DAVIS McGRUFF~~, date of birth [redacted] Sebastipol, Mississippi,
Army service #RA [redacted] No palm prints available.

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FBI BIRMGHAM

550 PM URGENT 4-13-68 SSP

TO DIRECTOR, FBI, LOS ANGELES, MEMPHIS AND NEW ORLEANS, ALBANY
FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)

MURKIN. CR. OO: MEMPHIS

INVESTIGATION AT CONTINENTAL DANCE STUDIO, BIRMINGHAM,
ALABAMA, DISCLOSED SUSPECT ERIC GALT USES PERSONAL ADS SELECTING
DANCE STUDIOS. OWNER, CONTINENTAL DANCE STUDIO, ADVISED GALT
EXTREMELY "CRAZY" ABOUT DANCING AND WOULD FREQUENT DANCE STUDIOS WHERE
LESSONS WOULD BE VERY INEXPENSIVE. OWNER, CONTINENTAL DANCE STUDIOS,
IS OF OPINION GALT WOULD FREQUENT CHEAP DANCE STUDIOS TO OBTAIN
DANCE INSTRUCTIONS.

ALBANY, NEW ORLEANS AND LOS ANGELES, IF NOT ALREADY DONE, WILL
CONTACT DANCE STUDIOS WHERE DANCE LESSONS CAN BE OBTAINED AT VERY
LOW COST.

END.

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SSP advised 4/13/68.

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FBI BIRMGHAM

747PM URGENT 4-13-68 HEP

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, NEW ORLEANS, ATLANTA
FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) 2P

MURKIN

SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION.

~~MARLIN AND JOAN MEYERS~~, OWNERS AND INSTRUCTORS OF CONTINENTAL DANCE STUDIO, UNABLE TO LOCATE PHOTOGRAPH OF GALT. WILL CONTINUE TO SEARCH. BOTH BELIEVE HE TOOK LESSONS FROM THEM IN NEW ORLEANS BETWEEN JUNE AND DECEMBER, NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR. THEY STATED HE ENROLLED IN THEIR STUDIO IN BIRMINGHAM IN SEPTEMBER, NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN, AT WHICH TIME THEY RECOGNIZED HIM AS A FORMER STUDENT. THEY SAID HE READ THEIR ADVERTISEMENT IN THE PERSONAL SECTION OF THE NEWSPAPER. LESSONS WERE GIVEN AT THE FRIENDSHIP CLUB ON GRAYMONT AVENUE. THEY STATED HE IS A PERSON "CRAZY" ABOUT DANCING ALTHOUGH A VERY POOR DANCER. HE IS DIFFICULT TO TEACH BECAUSE HE CAN NOT REMEMBER INSTRUCTIONS. THEY DESCRIBED HIM AS AN INTROVERT, A PERSON WHO KEEPS TO HIMSELF AND ONE WHO VOLUNTEERS NO INFORMATION ABOUT HIMSELF. WHEN ASKED A QUESTION HE GIVES A YES OR NO OR A
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SHORT ANSWER. HE DID NOT MINGLE WITH OTHER STUDENTS AND MADE NO EFFORT TO MAKE FRIENDS OR CONVERSE WITH ANYONE. THEY CONSIDERED HIM TO BE A "LONER". THEY DO NOT BELIEVE HE HAS A MENTAL PROBLEM NOR DO THEY THINK HE IS A HOMOSEXUAL. THEY DO BELIEVE HE WILL CONTINUE TO TAKE DANCING LESSONS IN SMALL, INEXPENSIVE STUDIOS. IDENTITIES OF OTHER STUDENTS WHO ATTENDED DANCING CLASSES WITH HIM OBTAINED AND EFFORTS BEING MADE TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW.

ADDITIONAL TAXI DRIVERS LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED RE TRIP SHEETS DURING PERTINENT PERIOD.

INSURANCE CREDIT AGENCIES CONTACTED TO DETERMINE APPLICATION FOR AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE IN BIRMINGHAM AREA NEGATIVELY.

CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN SUPERIOR BULK FILM COMPANY AND GALT REFLECTS POSSIBILITY ANOTHER PACKAGE MAILED TO GALT AT HIGHLAND AVENUE ADDRESS ON OCTOBER EIGHTEEN, SIXTYSEVEN. POSTAL INSPECTOR BEGAN SEARCH THIS DATE FOR RECEIPT.

ADDITIONAL SUSPECTS INVESTIGATED AND ELIMINATED.

POSSIBILITY OF OBTAINING RECORD OF ALL TELEPHONE CALLS BETWEEN BIRMINGHAM AND MEXICO FOR FIRST WEEK IN OCTOBER BEING EXPLORED.

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10:06 PM URGENT 4-13-68 NLB

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987), BIRMINGHAM
AND NEW ORLEANS (157-1574)
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

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RE LOS ANGELES TEL TO DIRECTOR, APRIL TWELVE LAST.

LOUELLA LUTZ REINTERVIEWED THIS DAY BUT COULD FURNISH
NO INFORMATION CONCERNING ERIC STARVO GALT.

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Date April 12, 1968

TO: CHIEF CLERK

Subject Eric Starvo Galt

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

DATE: 4/13/68

FROM : SA STEPHEN M. CALLENDER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re: Eric Starvo Galt

In efforts to determine more about the operation of the Continental Dance Studio during the time it was being operated in New Orleans in 1964, and 1965, so that we might locate any contract for ERIC STARVO GALT, on this date I contacted SAC GAMBLE at Birmingham.

I requested GAMBLE to contact MARLIN MYERS who formerly operated the dance studio in New Orleans to determine the following:

(1) Did he have either an accountant or a CPA handle the books of the studio?

(2) Identity of the bank where the studio had an account.

(3) Did the dance studio sell the contracts to any local finance company or did the studio finance their own contracts.

SAC GAMBLE subsequently advised that according to MYERS, GALT was a regular customer and attended the dance studio from June, 1964, until about December, 1964.

The dance studio on occasion sold the contracts with customers to local finance companies; however, MYERS recalled that in the specific case involving GALT, they did not do this. GALT regularly kept up his payments until December, 1964, and when his payments got behind MYERS contacted telephonically the place where GALT lived and was informed by an unknown woman that GALT had left town.

MYERS could not recall the telephone number nor the area in New Orleans, but in some way the name of Napoleon Ave., sticks in his memory, that he believed GALT lived in either a second or third rate rooming house.

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See Napoleon Ave pz

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According to MYERS, they did not have an accountant handle the books as the books were handled by Mrs. LUTZ.

The dance studio had their account with the Whitney National Bank in New Orleans.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-10673)

FROM : ASAC SYLVESTER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/12/68

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SAC GAMBLE, Birmingham, advised that ERIC STARVO GALT on 9/12/67 answered an ad in a Birmingham newspaper put there by the Continental Dance Studios in Birmingham. He went to the Studio and there contacted a MARLIN MYERS and signed up for dance lessons. At this time MYERS recognized GALT as having been a former student at the Continental Dance Studio in New Orleans (729 Common Street) in 1965, date unknown. He took three months of dance lessons here. MYERS believes he showed up for the entire lesson.

According to MYERS, he had a partner, LOUELLA LUTZ, in New Orleans. Continental Dance Studio went out of business in October, 1965; LOUELLA LUTZ moved to California and took all the records.

When he was in Birmingham, GALT took four lessons (he signed up for five); 1/2 hour each week, 7:30 - 8:00 p.m. He left there 10/5, 6, or 7/67; he wrote a letter to the Studio stating he could not take the fifth lesson because he was leaving town; the letter was not kept.

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Date: APRIL 12, 1968

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Via TELETYPE URGENT
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TO: DIRECTOR(44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987), LOS ANGELES
BIRMINGHAM ~~XXX~~

FROM: NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

MURKIN

RE BIRMINGHAM TEL CALL TO NEW ORLEANS ~~TODAY~~ *and*
NEW ORLEANS TEL CALL TO LOS ANGELES ~~RE: ERIC STARVO GALT~~ 4/12/68
RE: ERIC STARVO GALT

FOR INFO LOS ANGELES RE TEL CALL ADVISED THAT GALT
1967
ON SEPTEMBER TWELVE ~~LAST~~ ANSWERED AD IN BIRMINGHAM NEWSPAPER
BY CONTINENTAL DANCE STUDIOS, BIRMINGHAM. *also in Birmingham,* GALT WENT TO DANCE
STUDIO ~~AND~~ CONTACTED MARLIN MYERS AND SIGNED UP FOR DANCE
LESSONS. AT THIS TIME MYERS RECOGNIZED GALT AS HAVING BEEN
A FORMER STUDENT AT THE CONTINENTAL DANCE STUDIO ~~XXX~~
~~NEW ORLEANS~~ SEVEN TWO NINE COMMON ST. NEW ORLEANS IN NINETEEN
SIXTY FIVE. ACCORDING TO MYERS, GALT TOOK THREE MONTHS OF DANCE
LESSONS IN NEW ORLEANS.

MYERS
ACCORDING TO MYERS, ~~HE~~ HAD A PARTNER IN OPERATING THE
DANCE STUDIO IN NEW ORLEANS BY THE NAME OF LOUELLA LUTZ AND
~~THE~~ THE DANCE STUDIO WENT OUT OF BUSINESS IN OCTOBER NINETEEN
SIXTY FIVE. LUTZ SUBSEQUENTLY MOVED TO CALIFORNIA AND TOOK
ALL THE RECORDS.

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INVESTIGATION AT NEW ORLEANS HAS DETERMINED THAT LOUELLA LUTZ RESIDED AT THE CLAIBORNE TOWERS APARTMENTS, ~~ONE~~ APARTMENT SIX ZERO FOUR, ONE ONE NINE ^{SOUTH} CLAIBORNE AVE, NEW ORLEANS IN NINETEEN SIXTY FIVE AND NINETEEN SIXTY SIX. INFO RECEIVED FROM CLAIBORNE TOWERS REVEALS THAT LUTZ MOVED IN NINETEEN SIXTY SIX (SPECIFIC DATE NOT INDICATED) TO FIVE FIVE ONE FIVE ASH STREET, APARTMENT SEVEN, LOS ANGELES. LUTZ WAS ALLEGEDLY GOING TO LIVE WITH HER BROTHER. FURTHER INVESTIGATION HAS DETERMINED THAT APPARENTLY LUTZ WAS A WIDOW WHILE LIVING IN NEW ORLEANS AND HER DECEASED HUSBANDS NAME WAS JOHN J.

PREVIOUS INVESTIGATION AT NEW ORLEANS TO IDENTIFY GALT THROUGH CREDIT BUREAU, BANKING INSTITUTION, POLICE DEPARTMENT AND OTHER RECORDS AS WELL AS THROUGH TELEPHONE AND CITY DIRECTORIES HAS BEEN NEGATIVE.

LOS ANGELES WILL IMMEDIATELY LOCATE LUTZ AND ~~RE~~ ASCERTAIN FROM HER IF SHE STILL HAS ^{Name} CONTRACT OF GALT AND OBTAIN ALL ^{any photos} INFO FROM THE CONTRACT AND ANY INFORMATION SHE MAYBE ABLE TO RECALL ABOUT GALT IN NEW ORLEANS AND SUTEL.

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Special Agent in Charge

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821 PM URGENT 4/12/68 GFH

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

FROM DIRECTOR IP

MURKIN

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

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TO: DIRECTOR(44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

MURKIN

RE NEW ORLEANS TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS 4/11/68

AT 8:24 PM

RE: SUSPECT ERIC STARVO GALT

CONTINUED REVIEW THIS DATE OF PUBLIC SOURCE RECORDS
THROUGHOUT AREAS OF LOUISIANA CONDUCTED HOWEVER NO RECORD
~~XXXXXXXX~~ IDENTIFIABLE WITH ~~GALT~~ GALT LOCATED.

RE: HARVEY LOWMEYER

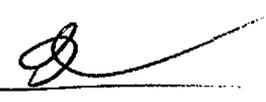
DURING SAME CONTACTS NO RECORD IDENTIFIABLE WITH LOWMEYER
LOCATED.

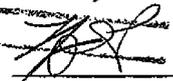
RE: LAUNDRY TAGS

CONTINUED CONTACT WITH LAUNDRIES IN LOUISIANA CONDUCTED
THIS DATE WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS AS TO CODE AND TAG IN W QUESTION.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING.

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