

1
BH 44-1740
DTD:scb

LAUNDRIES AND CLEANERS,
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA:

In connection with a check of laundries in the Birmingham, Alabama area, Mr. ESCO, Manager of Mayfield Cleaners, was contacted telephonically by SA DAVID T. DALY and he advised that although he used the thermo-sealed machine in marking laundry, laundry mark 2B-6 or 02B-6 had never been used by him and that he had never used a red tape in marking laundry.

BH 44-1740

RENTAL OF SAFE DEPOSIT BOX NO. 5517 AT
MAIN OFFICE OF BIRMINGHAM TRUST NATIONAL
BANK, BY ERIC S. GALT ON AUGUST 28, 1967.

81

1

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/13/68

The following documents were made available to SA JOHN H. KRESEK by the Birmingham Trust National Bank, Birmingham, Alabama:

1. Record of Access to Safe Deposit Box No. 5517 of ERIC S. GALT.
2. Contract for Safe Deposit with ERIC S. GALT.
3. Ledger card (rental record) for Safe Deposit Box No. 5517 in name of ERIC S. GALT.
4. Undated letter from ERIC S. GALT to Birmingham Trust National Bank.

In the event that the above documents are needed for evidence, they may be obtained by execution of a subpoena duces tecum addressed to Mr. C. E. KIRKPATRICK, Vice President, Birmingham Trust National Bank.

On 4/9/68 at Birmingham, Alabama File # BH 44-1740
by SA JOHN H. KRESEK:gas **82** Date dictated 4/13/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date April 14, 1968

The following listed documents pertaining to Safe Deposit Box #5517, Birmingham Trust National Bank, Birmingham, Alabama, rented under the name of ERIC S. GALT, were hand-delivered by SA JOHN H. KRESEK on April 10, 1968, to Mr. JAMES H. MORTIMER, Document Section, FBI Laboratory, Washington, D. C.:

1. Record of Access to Safe Deposit Box #5517 of ERIC S. GALT
2. Contract for Safe Deposit with ERIC S. GALT
3. Ledger card (rental record) for Safe Deposit Box #5517 in the name of ERIC S. GALT
4. Undated letter from ERIC S. GALT to Birmingham Trust National Bank

On 4/10/68 at Birmingham, Alabama - Washington, D. C. File # BH 44-1740
by SA JOHN H. KRESEK:mas Date dictated 4/12/68

83

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

SAFE DEPOSIT DEPT. FORM 213 BIRMINGHAM TRUST NATIONAL

RENTED BY Eric S. Galt
 ADDRESS 2608 Highland Ave. South

FROM	TO	RECEIPT NUMBER	DATE PAID	AMT.	SAFE NO.	RATE	REMARKS
8-28-67	8-28-68	10833	8-28-67	7.00			cash
							Sumner and 12-13-67
							2 keys
							Moved out of house

67AUG 23 PM 2:37	Eric S. Galt
67AUG 28 PM 2:37	Eric S. Galt
67SEP 5 PM 1:55	Eric S. Galt
67SEP 5 PM 1:55	Eric S. Galt
67SEP 21 AM 11:07	Eric S. Galt
67SEP 21 AM 11:07	Eric S. Galt
67SEP 21 AM 11:07	Eric S. Galt
67SEP 23 AM 10:16	Eric S. Galt
67SEP 28 AM 10:15	Eric S. Galt
67SEP 28 AM 10:15	Eric S. Galt
67SEP 13 PM 2:01	Eric S. Galt

RECORD OF ACCESS TO SAFE DEPOSIT BOX NO. 5517

The undersigned, who is the renter of the box shown herein (or whose authority as deputy has been filed with the bank) was, on the date and at the time shown thereon, admitted to this box in the vault of the Main Office of BIRMINGHAM TRUST NATIONAL BANK.

Signature _____ TIME _____ DATE _____

Signature _____ TIME _____ DATE _____

Signature _____ TIME _____ DATE _____

FIRM OR INDIVIDUAL I

_____ desire to rent Safe BIRMINGHAM TRUST NATIONAL BANK, BIRMINGHAM, ALA., No. 5517 in the vault and hereby agree to pay for same \$_____ per annum until keys are surrendered, subject to the rules and conditions printed on the several receipts, which may from time to time be given by said Bank, to which rules and conditions I hereby assent and agree. I hereby acknowledge to have received _____ keys of the safe.

If rental or taxes are not paid on or before the annual due date the Bank is authorized and directed to charge the amount thereof to any deposit or savings account of the undersigned with the Bank. Access to said safe and the right to rent all or any contents thereof may be had by _____ and _____ or either of them or by a deputy authorized in writing signed _____ and _____ or either of them, such writing to be in form satisfactory to an executive officer of the BIRMINGHAM TRUST NATIONAL BANK.

Signature: Eric S. Galt
 ADDRESS: 2608 Highland Ave. South

EMPLOYED BY _____ BUSINESS ADDRESS _____ POSITION _____

SIG. _____ BUSINESS ADDRESS _____ POSITION _____

RESIDENCE ADDRESS _____ BUSINESS ADDRESS _____ POSITION _____

EMPLOYED BY _____ BUSINESS ADDRESS _____ POSITION _____

SIG. _____ BUSINESS ADDRESS _____ POSITION _____

RESIDENCE ADDRESS _____ BUSINESS ADDRESS _____ POSITION _____

EMPLOYED BY _____ BUSINESS ADDRESS _____ POSITION _____

SIG. _____ BUSINESS ADDRESS _____ POSITION _____

RESIDENCE ADDRESS _____ BUSINESS ADDRESS _____ POSITION _____

SAFE NO. 5517

74

Inclosed is two keys
I rented from you.
am moving to Louisiana so won't
need them, I may have left
some containers of something
in the box if so just destroy
them. Thanks

Eric D. Galt

Undated letter from Eric S.
Salt to Birmingham Trust
National Bank

The above document obtained from Charles T. Smith, Auditor BTNB, Birmingham Ala. on 4/9/68 by SA John H. Kresak, FBI, Birmingham.

1

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/13/68

CHARLES T. SMITH, Auditor, Birmingham Trust National Bank (BTNB), advised that since December 13, 1967, Safe Deposit Box No. 5517 has not been rented. He advised that from August 28, 1967, through December 13, 1967, this box had been rented in the name of ERIC S. GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham.

SMITH made available the Safe Deposit Box No. 5517 for examination. In the event the above described box is to be introduced into court, a subpoena duces tecum should be issued to C. E. KIRKPATRICK, Vice President, Birmingham Trust National Bank.

On 4/10/68 at Birmingham, Alabama File # BH 44-1740
by SA ROBERT J. YARNALL:gas ⁸⁷ Date dictated 4/13/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

1

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/16/68

Mrs. CATHERINE REEDY, Manager, Safe Deposit Box Section, main office, Birmingham Trust National Bank (BTNB), Birmingham, Alabama, furnished the following information concerning safe deposit box number 5517.

She advised that a review of the contract for this box reflects that ERIC S. GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue, South, rented this box on August 28, 1967, for a period of one year at an annual rental of \$7. She said that the rental ledger card reflected that GALT surrendered the keys to this box on December 13, 1967, (prior to expiration of his contract) and a notation on the ledger card states he had moved out of town.

Mrs. REEDY advised that she recalls the keys were received from GALT through the mail and that GALT had enclosed a letter saying he was returning the keys as he had moved out of town and that if anything was remaining in the box that the bank was to destroy the items. Mrs. REEDY added that the envelope the letter was received in has been destroyed and she does not recall what postmark the envelope bore.

Mrs. REEDY stated that on December 13, 1967, the box was opened in the presence of bank officials BRUCE BEYER, C. E. KIRKPATRICK, BILLIE BENDER and herself, and the box was found to be empty. She advised that a notation to this effect was made on the record of access to the safe deposit box.

Mrs. REEDY, on examining the contract on this box executed by GALT on August 28, 1967, stated that she is certain she accepted the contract from GALT and, to the best of her recollection, she is certain GALT rented the box on the morning of August 28, 1967, and at that time GALT did not have anything to put into the box, but advised her he would return later in the day to place something in the box. She added that, although normal banking hours are from 9 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., customers do have access to their

On 4/10/68 at Birmingham, Alabama File # BH 44-1740

by SAs ROBERT J. YARNALL and
HENRY A. SNOW: R/Y/jml

88 Date dictated 4/16/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

safe deposit boxes until 4:00 p.m. She stated that, according to the record of access to GALT's safe deposit box, he had entered the box at 2:32 p.m. on August 25, 1967, and stayed there for a period of seven minutes, having checked out at 2:37 p.m.

Mrs. REEDY advised that each time a customer goes to his box, either she or her assistant will go to the box with the customer to assist the customer in getting the box and the bank employee will then place his initials by the signature of the customer. She added that each time a customer enters the box he will sign the record of access. The record of access will be stamped showing the date and time the customer entered the box and the time the customer leaves.

Mrs. REEDY advised that, according to the record of access, GALT entered the box on dates and times set forth below and that DIANNE BATTLES, an employee of her section, assisted GALT in going to the box:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIMES</u>
August 28, 1967	2:32 p.m. to 2:37 p.m.
September 5, 1967	1:52 p.m. to 1:56 p.m.
September 21, 1967	11:04 a.m. to 11:08 a.m.

Mrs. REEDY advised that on September 28, 1967, her initials appear by GALT's signature, indicating she assisted GALT in going to the box on that date and that GALT was at the box from 10:16 a.m. to 10:19 a.m.

Mrs. REEDY stated that she recalls GALT's name; however, she was unable to recall anything specific concerning him and could not describe him. She is certain she would not be able to recognize him again if she saw him since she had only limited contact with him.

She advised that when GALT opened the account she does not recall any specific conversation with him and, since she did not make any notation on the contract as to where he was employed, she feels he probably told her he was self-employed, or possibly did not give her an answer to this question.

BH 44-1740

3

Mrs. REEDY stated that the only other person in her section who may recall GALT is DIANNE BATTLE, who had been employed in this section until January 17, 1968, when she resigned from the bank.

Mrs. REEDY added that only she and one other employee are assigned to this section and, therefore, there is no one else in the section who would have known GALT.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 16, 1968

DIANNE BATTLE, 2425 Shades Crest Road, Birmingham, Alabama, was interviewed in the office of CHARLES T. SMITH, Auditor, Birmingham Trust National Bank, Birmingham, Alabama. Miss BATTLE furnished the following information:

She advised she was a former employee of the Birmingham Trust National Bank (BTNB), having resigned from the bank on January 17, 1968. She advised that while employed at the bank she worked in the Safe Deposit Box Section and was so employed in this section during August and September, 1967. She advised that her immediate supervisor was Mrs. CATHERINE REEDY and that she and Mrs. REEDY were the only employees in this section during the time she was employed with BTNB.

Miss BATTLE then furnished the following information: concerning safe deposit box #5517, rented in the name of ERIC S. GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue South.

Miss BATTLE reviewed a contract executed by GALT dated August 28, 1967, the date GALT rented the box from BTNB, and advised that she did not open this account; that the only person who would have opened the account would have been Mrs. REEDY.

Miss BATTLE advised that when a customer enters a safe deposit box, the time the customer enters the box and the time the customer leaves the box will be stamped and the date the person entered will also appear on the Record of Access to the customer's safe deposit box. She further stated that the customer will place his signature on the Record of Access each time the customer enters the box. In addition, either she or Mrs. REEDY, depending on who assisted the customer in going to the box, will place their initials by the signature of the customer.

After examining the Record of Access to safe deposit box #5517, Miss BATTLE advised that the records show

On 4/10/68 at Birmingham, Alabama File # BH 44-1740
SA ROBERT J. YARNALL and
SA HENRY A. SNOW / RJY:hss 91 Date dictated 4/15/68
ME 44-1987

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

BH 44-1740

GALT entered the box on four different occasions and that on three occasions she had assisted GALT in going to the box, since her initials appeared by his signature. She stated the records show that GALT had entered the box on the following dates and times as set forth below:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
8/28/67	2:32 p.m. to 2:37 p.m.
9/9/67	1:52 p.m. to 1:56 p.m.
9/21/67	11:04 a.m. to 11:08 a.m.
9/28/67	10:16 a.m. to 10:19 a.m.

Miss BATTLE advised that on August 28, 1967, September 5 and 21, 1967, she assisted GALT in going to the box and that on August 28, 1967, Mrs. REEDY assisted GALT in going to the box.

Miss BATTLE advised that she does recall ERIC S. GALT and that to the best of her knowledge he was friendly on each occasion although he was quiet and said very little to her. She stated that one reason she recalls GALT is the fact that when most customers go to their safe deposit box they will take the box to one of the booths located in the Safe Deposit Section and will stay there for ten minutes or longer; however, on each occasion that GALT came to the box he stayed only a few minutes and did not go to any booth. She stated she also recalls that on each occasion he came in he would tell her that she could stay with him since he would only be there a few minutes. She stated, however, that she did not stay with GALT and would return to her desk. Miss BATTLE stated she never observed GALT putting anything in or taking anything out of the box and she never recalls seeing him carrying anything into the safe deposit box section other than one time she does recall he had a small paper bag in his hand.

Miss BATTLE stated that on each occasion GALT came to the bank he was dressed in casual clothes and she did not notice anything unusual about him. She added that on each occasion he came to the bank he was alone and she

BH 44-1740

reiterated that he was a very quiet individual and said very little to her, and he never attempted to strike up any conversation with her. Miss BATTLE advised that on December 13, 1967, GALT sent a letter to the bank enclosing the keys to the safe deposit box, wherein he advised the bank that he was now living out of Birmingham and was surrendering his safe deposit box. She advised she made a notation to this effect on the Record of Access to GALT's safe deposit box and that she also put on there that he lives in Baton Rouge. Miss BATTLE advised she does not recall anything specific in the letter indicating that GALT was residing at Baton Rouge, and that she believes she obtained this information from the postmark on the envelope in which the letter was received. She advised that this envelope has been destroyed; however, to the best of her knowledge a copy of the letter would be maintained in GALT's file maintained in the Safe Deposit Box Section.

Miss BATTLE described GALT as follows:

Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Age:	Late 20's or early 30's
Height:	5'11"
Weight:	170 lbs.
Hair:	Brown; cut short
Eyes:	Believed blue; did not wear glasses.
Complexion:	Ruddy
Characteristics:	Very polite, friendly and quiet.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date April 14, 1968

Safe Deposit Box #5517, obtained from CHARLES T. SMITH, Auditor, Birmingham Trust National Bank, Birmingham, Alabama, on April 10, 1968, by SA ROBERT J. YARNALL, was hand-delivered by SA YARNALL to Mr. GEORGE BONEBRAKE, FBI Identification Division, Latent Fingerprint Section, Washington, D. C., on the same date.

On 4/10/68 at Birmingham, Alabama -
Washington, D. C. File # BH 44-1740
by SA ROBERT J. YARNALL:mas Date dictated 4/12/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 17, 19681

CHARLES T. SMITH, Auditor, Birmingham Trust National Bank, Birmingham, advised that normal banking hours Monday through Thursday are from 9:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M., and on Fridays normal banking hours are 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. and 3:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.

He advised that although the bank will normally close at 2:00 P.M., any customer desiring to go to their safe deposit box are permitted to go to their box until 4:00 P.M. He advised that although there is a guard on the door after 2:00 P.M., the guard does not require any identification from a customer, nor does he require a customer to sign any register if the customer desires to go to the safe deposit box. He, therefore, advised that the guard would have no records to determine if ERIC S. GALT had gone to his safe deposit box after normal banking hours on August 28, 1967.

On 4/10/68 at Birmingham, Alabama File # BH 44-1740
by SA'S HENRY A. SNOW & ROBERT J. YARNALL RJY:cap Date dictated 4/15/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

BH 44-1740

CONTINENTAL DANCE CLUB STUDIOS. aka
FRIENDSHIP CLUB, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1

Date April 16, 1968

Mr. MARLIN C. MYERS, Owner, Continental Dance Studios, 7960 Crestwood Boulevard, Birmingham, Alabama, stated that he and Mrs. LOUELLA LUTZ operated Continental Dance Studios, 725 Common Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, from 1964 through October, 1965, when the dance studios went out of business.

Mr. MYERS stated that during 1964 ERIC GALT took five private dance lessons and about three months of group dance lessons at the Continental Dance Studios in New Orleans, Louisiana. Mr. MYERS advised that GALT bought a year's club membership at the Continental Dance Studios in New Orleans, Louisiana, and that GALT paid for these lessons in cash. Mr. MYERS stated that GALT did not have very much money and that he had to budget his dance lessons at five hours per week. Mr. MYERS stated that GALT did not pay for all of his dance lessons and left still owing some money for the dance lessons.

Mr. MYERS advised he was of the opinion that GALT came from the New Orleans, Louisiana, area since he had taken a one-year club membership at the Continental Dance Studios. Mr. MYERS advised that when he operated the Continental Dance Studios in New Orleans, he would advertise the lessons in the want-ad section of the local newspapers.

Mr. MYERS advised he does not have the dance lessons' contract that ERIC GALT completed in New Orleans, Louisiana, but believes that Mrs. LOUELLA LUTZ, who now lives somewhere in California, might have the records of the Continental Dance Studios which went out of business in October 1965.

Mr. MYERS stated that the Continental Dance Studios had their bank account with the Whitney Bank, New Orleans, Louisiana. He stated he is positive that GALT never paid for his dance lessons by check.

Mr. MYERS stated that in September 1968, he and his wife, JOAN, placed an advertisement in the personal section of

On 4/12/68 at Birmingham, Alabama File # BH 44-1740
SAs ROBERT J. YARNALL
and PETER JOHN BODKIN PJB:mas ME 44-1987
 by 95 Date dictated 4/12/68

BH 44-1740

the Birmingham, Alabama, newspapers advertising adult dance classes being formed. Mr. MYERS stated that no address was listed in the advertisement, only a telephone number to call. Mr. MYERS stated he does not recall if he or his wife took the call from GALT concerning the dance classes.

Mr. MYERS exhibited a contract for dance lessons bearing the name of ERIC GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama, dated September 12, 1967. He also produced an index card bearing the name of ERIC GALT, which indicated that GALT took group dance lessons from September 12, 1967, through October 3, 1967. Mr. MYERS advised that neither of these documents were handled or executed by GALT. He advised the dance lessons were held at the Friendship Club, Graymont Avenue, Birmingham, on Tuesday evenings from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Mr. MYERS stated that GALT attended four of the dance classes and did not show up for the fifth dance class. Mr. MYERS stated he received a letter several days after the fifth dance class had been scheduled from ERIC GALT, in which GALT stated he was leaving town and sorry that he could not attend the remaining dance classes. GALT in the letter stated that if he were ever back in the Birmingham area, he would again contact Mr. MYERS for additional dance lessons.

Mr. MYERS stated that the dance lessons GALT attended cost \$10.00 for five dance lessons. Mr. MYERS stated that GALT was extremely interested in dancing but was a very poor dancer. Mr. MYERS stated that due to GALT's interest in dancing, he is of the opinion that he would take dance lessons wherever he went. Mr. MYERS stated he is also of the opinion that GALT would go to dance studios that had cheap lessons and not the expensive dance studios.

Mr. MYERS stated that during the four weeks that GALT took dance lessons, he does not recall ever seeing him smoke. Mr. MYERS stated that GALT talked very little and would answer questions with only Yes or No. Mr. MYERS stated that GALT would not look you in the eye when he talked with you and had a very weak handshake.

Mr. MYERS stated that GALT never mentioned that he had taken dance lessons from Continental Studios, New Orleans, Louisiana, and never indicated that he knew the MYERS.

BH 44-1740

Mr. MYERS stated he never saw GALT in any kind of a car, but he believed that GALT would ride a bus rather than own a car. Mr. MYERS stated that GALT never mentioned where he worked, but in his opinion GALT probably worked on some type of construction work.

Mr. MYERS described ERIC GALT as a white male, about five feet, eleven and one-half inches tall, 165 pounds, sandy-brown hair worn in a crew cut, light blue eyes, fair complexion, medium build, clean shaven, spoke softly, southern accent, and in his early 30's.

Mr. MYERS advised that GALT always arrived at the Friendship Club for the dance lessons alone and always left alone. Mr. MYERS advised that GALT never spoke with any of the other students, with the exception of DORIS LADNER, who is the sister of Mr. MYERS. Mr. MYERS stated it is possible that his sister, Mrs. LADNER, might have learned where GALT was employed or why he was in Birmingham, Alabama.

Mr. MYERS stated that while in New Orleans, Louisiana, he would have dance parties at the Continental Dance Studios, and believes that GALT might have attended one or two of these parties and it is possible he might have a picture of GALT.

Mr. MYERS stated he will look through the photographs he took at the dance parties in New Orleans, Louisiana, to determine if he had a picture of ERIC GALT.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 16, 1968

Mrs. JOAN MYERS, Continental Dance Studios, 7960 Crestwood Boulevard, stated that she was a dance instructor at the Continental Dance Studios, 725 Common Street, New Orleans, Louisiana. She stated that she started her dance instructor training at the Continental Dance Studios in New Orleans, Louisiana, on April 27, 1964, and completed this training around the first of June, 1964. Mrs. MYERS stated she recalls ERIC GALT took dance lessons in New Orleans, Louisiana, at the Continental Dance Studio. Mrs. MYERS stated GALT bought a one-year club membership for dance lessons, but did not have very much money so they had to budget his dance lessons at five hours a week. Mrs. MYERS stated that GALT would have taken these dance lessons from June, 1964, to December, 1964. Mrs. MYERS stated that GALT did not pay for all his dance lessons and still owes the Continental Dance Studios some money for the dance lessons. Mrs. MYERS stated the Continental Dance Studios, New Orleans, Louisiana, went out of business in October, 1965.

Mrs. MYERS stated that in September, 1968, she and her husband, MARLIN, ran an advertisement in the Personal Want Ads of the Birmingham newspaper advertising adult dance classes being formed. She advised no address was listed in the advertisement, only a telephone number to call. Mrs. MYERS stated she does not recall if she or her husband took the telephone call from GALT. Mrs. MYERS advised these dance classes were held at the Friendship Club, Graymont Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama, on Tuesday evening from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Mrs. MYERS stated that GALT began these classes on September 12, 1968, and attended four classes. She advised that he did not appear for the fifth class and a few days later, her husband received a letter from GALT stating he had to go out of town and could not attend any more dance lessons. Mrs. MYERS advised she does not know where the letter was mailed from and that her husband has thrown the letter away.

Mrs. MYERS stated she recognized GALT as the same individual who had taken dance lessons in New Orleans,

On 4/12/68 at Birmingham, Alabama File # BH 44-1740

by SA ROBERT J. YARNALL and
SA PETER JOHN BODKIN:mfl 100 Date dictated 4/16/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

BH 44-1740

Louisiana, and owed money for those lessons. Mrs. MYERS stated that neither she nor her husband said anything to GALT about the money he owed for the dance lessons in New Orleans, Louisiana, since he was paying for the dance classes in cash. Mrs. MYERS stated that GALT never mentioned that he knew them or had taken dance lessons at the Continental Dance Studio in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Mrs. MYERS stated that GALT never indicated where he was employed or why he was in Birmingham, Alabama. She advised that she never saw GALT smoke and never saw him in any kind of a car. Mrs. MYERS stated that she does not recall GALT wore any type of jewelry. She advised that he was a neat, but careless, dresser. She stated GALT would never look at the person speaking to him and would answer all questions with either "yes" or "no." Mrs. MYERS stated GALT always came to the dance classes by himself and left by himself. Mrs. MYERS advised that GALT never had any conversations with any of the other students. She advised that the only student in the class who talked with GALT was her sister-in-law, DORIS LADNER.

Mrs. MYERS advised ERIC GALT was a white male, in his early thirties, 5' 11½", 165 pounds, sandy colored hair, worn in a crew cut, medium build, fair complexion, no confidence, light blue eyes, soft spoken with a southern accent. Mrs. MYERS advised she does not recall anything about the hands of GALT.

Mrs. MYERS stated that when she danced with GALT she could not even tell he was there, as he lacked confidence in himself. She advised that he was very interested in dancing, but was a very poor dancer and she does not believe he would ever learn how to dance.

Mrs. MYERS looked through the photographs taken at the dance parties of the Continental Dance Studios in New Orleans, Louisiana, and stated that none of them contained a picture of ERIC GALT.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date April 16, 1968

MARLIN C. MYERS, in the presence of his wife JOAN, was contacted at their residence, 953-A North 47th Street, at which time they went through all the photographs taken at the dance parties at the Continental Club, New Orleans, Louisiana, and stated they could not locate a picture of ERIC GALT in any of these photographs. Mr. MYERS stated he does not have any additional photographs which might contain a picture of ERIC GALT.

Mr. MYERS stated he does not believe that LOUELLA LUTZ, his business partner in the Continental Dance Studios in New Orleans, would have the dance lesson contract executed by ERIC GALT in New Orleans since she would have only the business-type records dealing with the payroll and records of this nature.

Mr. MYERS advised that AL LE BRETON, SR., 4432 Spain Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, the landlord of the building where Continental Dance Studios were located, might be able to furnish information as to what happened to the records left at 725 Common Street when Continental Dance Studios went out of business in October 1965.

On 4/12/68 at Birmingham, Alabama File # BH 44-1740
SAs ROBERT J. YARNALL
by and PETER JOHN BODKIN PJB:mas 102 Date dictated 4/12/68
ME 44-1987

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

ENROLLMENT AGREEMENT
CONTINENTAL DANCE CLUB STUDIOS

Date Sept 12, 1967

Gentlemen:

	Approximate months	Classes	Private Lessons	Membership Fee	Deposit or Initiation fee
membership of agrees to take a	—	54	—	10 ⁰⁰	10 ⁰⁰

Total Down Payment Paid in full, To Be Paid _____
 Balance to be paid as follows _____
 Cash discount allowed within _____ days following date of this contract.

If necessary to cancel an appointment, I will give 6 hours notice to avoid being charged.

The CONTINENTAL DANCE CLUB STUDIOS of _____

will provide the above course of instruction and any failure on my part to take the lessons within one year from the date of this agreement shall not obligate the studio any further, but shall not relieve me of my obligations under this agreement. There will be NO REFUNDS on unused lessons. I acknowledge that instead of the regular rate of \$10.00 for each half-hour lesson a reduced rate has been granted me because of the number of lessons purchased, and accordingly I AGREE THAT THIS AGREEMENT MAY NOT BE CANCELLED BY EITHER PARTY.

This course may be transferred to any Continental Dance Club Studio.

The pupil agrees to assume all liability for any injury to (his) (her) person which may be incurred while receiving dance instruction at the studio.

This does not guarantee any specific teacher.

The above constitutes our complete agreement and we shall not be bound by any verbal modification unless it is written into this agreement before it is signed.

Accepted by Continental Dance Club Studios

By Mrs. M. L. Meyer (Authorized Signature)

Approved by _____ (Signature of Pupil)

	Private	Group
Club		
Orig.		
Ext.		
Renew.		

Name Eric Galt

Address 2608 Highland Ave

Home Phone 323-9487

Bus. Phone _____

Membership is subject to cancellation without cause during the first year by action of the Board of Directors of the Club and upon refunding the pro-rata portion of membership dues for the balance of the year remaining.

(HANDWRITING NOT THAT OF GALT)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 16, 1968

Mrs. DORIS LADNER, 2121 - 36th Avenue North, Birmingham, Alabama, advised that her brother, MARLIN C. MYERS, and his wife JOAN own and operate the Continental Dance Studios, 7960 Crestwood Boulevard, Birmingham, Alabama. She advised that commencing on or about September 5, 1967, she has been taking dance lessons from her brother. She stated that from September 5, 1967, until approximately two months ago her brother gave dance lessons at the Friendship Club located on Graymont Avenue, Birmingham, and that these lessons were given each Tuesday evening from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

She stated she does recall ERIC GALT was a student in her dance class from September 12, 1967, until approximately October 3, 1967. She stated that during that period there were approximately fourteen to sixteen persons in the class and that half of them were men and the other half were women. She stated that at the beginning of the classes in September, 1967, all the students introduced themselves to each other and she does recall at this time that her brother had asked her and her sister, Mrs. WEEKS, who was also a student in the class, to circulate among the students to help them feel at ease. She stated that as a result of doing this she met ERIC GALT and did try to make him feel at ease.

She stated GALT was a very quiet and timid person who had very little to say and did not volunteer any information concerning himself when asked such questions. She stated that to the best of her knowledge he only attended approximately four lessons and that on his last appearance he did seem to converse with her more than he did at the beginning of the lessons; that he did ask her where she was living in Birmingham. She stated that when she told him she lived on the north side of Birmingham, he replied that he knew very little about Birmingham and the only area he was familiar with was the Highland Avenue

On 4/15/68 at Birmingham, Alabama File # BH 44-1740
SA ROBERT J. YARNALL and
by SA PETER JOHN BODKIN / RJY:hss 105 ME 44-1987
Date dictated 4/16/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

BH 44-1740

area where he resided. She stated that from this conversation she feels he is not a native of Birmingham and had not been in Birmingham for any length of time. She stated he did tell her he had taken dancing lessons in New Orleans and when he made this statement, she mentioned that her brother and his wife were from New Orleans and had taught dancing lessons in New Orleans. She stated GALT did not make any indication that he had recalled taking dancing lessons from her brother, although she was aware of this since her sister-in-law, JOAN, had previously mentioned this fact to her.

She stated that during her conversations with GALT he never indicated where he was employed, although she recalls that he either said he was living near an area where construction was going on or was working in construction.

She advised that she noticed when she was talking with him he would not look her in the eyes; that he would either look away or drop his head, and that when he would be sitting in a chair he seemed to be staring into the distance as though he had something on his mind. She further stated that in trying to make him feel more at ease she would attempt to draw him into conversation by bringing up various subject matters; however, he never seemed to respond to any of the questions she asked other than the fact he would either give a yes or no answer. She did state, however, that he was interested in sports and when asked specifically what sport he was interested in, he commented that he liked baseball.

She advised that on each occasion when she arrived for a dance lesson GALT was always there before she was and after the classes were over he always left before she did since she would usually stay around and assist her brother and sister-in-law in cleaning up the studio. She, therefore, was unable to state whether he had an automobile and GALT had never made any comment to her how he would arrive at the dance studio. She stated that when she, her brother, sister and sister-in-law would leave the dance hall, they usually went to the Plantation Barbecue and she had never observed GALT at the Plantation. She stated she has no knowledge as to where GALT would go after the dance instructions were over; that she never observed him in the area of the Friendship Club when she was leaving.

106

BH 44-1740

Mrs. LADNER stated that during the dance instructions they would keep changing partners and therefore no one particular individual would dance with the same partner for any length of time. She stated she never observed GALT talking with any particular student in the class, and she again reiterated that GALT would stay by himself or if a group of people came around to him during one of the breaks, he would just sit there and say nothing.

She added that she never observed GALT smoking cigarettes, nor at any time did she notice any alcoholic beverages on his breath. She advised that she is certain she would be able to recognize GALT if she saw him again.

She described him as follows:

Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Height:	Approximately 5'11"
Hair:	Brown; crew-cut
Eyes:	Blue
Complexion:	Ruddy
Age:	35 - 36
Weight:	175 - 180
Dress:	Would wear shirt, tie, sport coat and occasionally wore a knit turtle-neck shirt; never noticed any jewelry of any kind; always appeared neat.
Characteristics:	Clean-shaven; hands not rough; extremely quiet and reserved.

BH 44-1740

IDENTIFICATION AT MAYFIELD CLEANERS,
BIRMINGHAM, OF RED DRY CLEANING
TICKET NO. 4591, FOUND IN GALT'S
EFFECTS AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 15, 19681

RUBY GOODMAN, Manager, Mayfield Cleaners, 2222 Highland Avenue, made available a dry cleaning receipt book dated September 30, 1967, to October 5, 1967.

This book reflects that red ticket Number \$4591, was issued October 3, 1967, for the pressing of one coat under the name of GAULT. Mrs. GOODMAN advised that the writing on this receipt is in her handwriting, and she is the only one employed at the laundry, except on Thursdays another woman relieves her.

This same receipt book contains an entry October 2, 1967, for the cleaning of a pair of trousers under the name of GAULT, ticket Number R4451.

Mrs. GOODMAN also furnished dry cleaning receipt book dated September 15, 1967, to September 22, 1967, which contains an entry dated September 20, 1967, for the cleaning of one pair of trousers under the name of GAULT, ticket Number R3701.

Mrs. GOODMAN also furnished a dry cleaning receipt book dated September 11, 1967, to September 15, 1967. This book contains a receipt dated September 13, 1967, for the cleaning of one tie and one pair of trousers under the name of GAULT, ticket Number R4962.

She also furnished laundry receipt book dated September 1, 1967, to September 7, 1967, showing an entry September 5, 1967, for the cleaning of two shirts and one coat under the name of GALT.

Mrs. GOODMAN advised that she had no recollection whatsoever of the individual named GALT or GAULT.

She was exhibited an artist's conception of the suspect and stated this was not familiar to her.

On 4/15/68 at Birmingham, Alabama File # BH 44-1740

by SA DAVID T. DALY:cap

105 Date dictated 4/15/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

BH 44-1740

IDENTIFICATION OF SERVICE STATION,
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, WHERE S & H
GREEN STAMPS, FOUND IN GALT'S EFFECTS
AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA, WERE DISTRIBUTED.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/16/68

O. H. ABRAMS, Manager, Standard Service Station, 2188 Highland Avenue, South, Birmingham, stated that his station purchases S&H green stamps about every two weeks in lots of 100,000. The purchase usually consists of 20 books of stamps with 5,000 stamps per book.

ABRAMS checked his records and ascertained that stamps bearing the number 14LK at the top of the stamp and the number 627 at the bottom of the stamp, on the face, were purchased on September 8, 1967, from S&H salesman, M. E. DAWKINS. At that time stamps bearing the numbers 621-640 were purchased. The next purchase of stamps was on September 22, 1967. ABRAMS stated the number 627 on the stamp would indicate that it was given to a customer sometime during the period September 8-22, 1967.

ABRAMS stated he did not recall any customer who drove a white 1966 Mustang with a red interior. He furnished the names of all employees who were working at his station during the period August 28 to October 7, 1967.

On 4/15/68 at Birmingham, Alabama File # BH 44-1740

by SA ROBERT M. BARRETT:epg 111 Date dictated 4/16/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

BH 44-1740

VISITS BY AN INDIVIDUAL POSSIBLY IDENTICAL WITH
UNSUB WITH OTHER SPORTING GOODS STORES --
THE GUN RACK, BIRMINGHAM, AND LONG-LEWIS
HARDWARE COMPANY, BESSEMER, ALABAMA.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/12/68

QUINTON B. DAVIS, 912 Ann Street, Ensley, Birmingham, Alabama, owner of "The Gun Rack", 1507 31st Street, S.W., Birmingham, Alabama, furnished the following information regarding a customer who had expressed an interest in buying a high-powered rifle.

He advised that during the past several months, an individual has been in The Gun Rack on two or three occasions. He stated that he recalled on one occasion, he talked with this individual and attempted to sell him a rifle. It was about noon and he was alone in The Gun Rack at the time this occurred. He stated that it was raining at the time and he recalls the individual parked his car near the front entrance to The Gun Rack. He stated that he could not recall the exact description of this car but as he recalls, the car was a small car, light in color. He stated if it was a white car, it was dirty.

He advised that he believes this individual was in The Gun Rack two or three months ago, exact date he cannot recall.

He stated when the man came into The Gun Rack, he asked him if he had a Model 264 Browning automatic, Grade 2. He informed the man he did not have a Model 264 Browning, as this was a new rifle and he had not been promised delivery by the Browning Company of Model 264 until June or July 1968. DAVIS advised that numerous gun magazines have carried stories about a Browning Model 264, but they are not available to dealers at this time.

He advised he recalls the man asked him about a Redfield rifle scope, a 3x9 Accu-range scope, and DAVIS

On 4/10/68 at Birmingham, Alabama File # BH 44-1740

by SA J. T. ARNETT:scb 113 Date dictated 4/12/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

pointed out in a Redfield 1968 bulletin that on page 6 of this bulletin is the type scope the man made inquiry concerning.

He recalls the man asked him how long it would take for him to get the scope, as DAVIS did not have the scope in stock. DAVIS informed the man it would take two or three days to obtain the scope and have it mounted.

DAVIS advised that he exhibited to the man several different rifles but does not recall the man actually handling any of the rifles. He recalls that among the weapons that he attempted to sell this individual was a Remington Model 742 automatic, a Model 700 7 m.m. Remington Magnum. He stated that the reason he recalls the 7 m.m. Magnum is that he only had one of these guns and he had purchased it for an individual who had refused to take the gun after he had purchased it. He advised that he attempted to sell the man several other guns, including guns with caliber 30/06, .243 and .308, but the man appeared to be more interested in obtaining information regarding the amount a bullet dropped at certain distances than actually in buying a rifle. He stated that he and the man referred to a 1968 gun book and looked up various manufacturer's ammunition and the amount the bullet would drop at various distances for .243 caliber, .308 caliber, and 30/06 caliber.

He advised that in his experience in selling guns and ammunition, most of the people who are interested in ballistics are individuals who do hand reloading. He advised that at the time, he thought this individual was interested in the drop of bullets, as he might be planning to reload ammunition with varying amounts of powder. He advised that now he recalls during their conversation the man did not at any time express any interest in the muzzle velocity of the bullet but was only interested in weights of bullets and the amount of drop at various distances. From the conversation, he gained the impression the man wanted to buy a rifle that would fire a bullet with the least amount of drop, several hundred yards of distance.

He furnished the following description of this individual:

3
BH 44-1740

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	30-35
Height	5'9" - 5'10"
Weight	150 pounds
Build	Slender
Complexion	Light. Skin did not appear as if the man was ever in the sun; gave the impression of being almost pale.

Characteristics	General impression of being a weak person physically, not the type who would be interested in outdoor big-game shooting.
-----------------	--

He stated the man, during their conversation, did not appear to be too interested in the guns as he was listening very closely to information he furnished regarding ballistics. He stated the man stared at him during their conversation. He advised the man's eyes were light in color, blue, but with different colors, very unusual in appearance, and very noticeable. He stated the man talked very plainly, pronounced each word very clearly. He stated he could not be positive as to whether this man is a Southerner or from some other section of the country, although he does not talk like most Southerners.

He stated the man had thin, bony hands and his fingernails were manicured. He stated the man's face was thin, and although the man talked very intelligently and may have been an educated person, he gained the impression the man was under a strain or slightly mentally disturbed. He stated the man had a very serious expression on his face, although he was polite and courteous. He advised that he believes this man may have been in his store on one occasion during the football season but he does not recall the man buying anything or his reason for being in the store.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date April 12, 1968

CLYDE ROYAL MANASCO, Route 9, Box 602, Birmingham, Alabama, Clerk, The Gun Rack, located at 1507 S.W. 31st Street, Birmingham, Alabama, furnished the following information:

On March 29, 1968, at about 1:30 p.m., he was in The Gun Rack alone when a man came in the store and made inquiry concerning ballistics of various rifles. He stated this individual did not appear to want to purchase a rifle as much as he was seeking information about ballistics. He stated this man was interested in obtaining information concerning the rifle that would give the flattest and longest trajectory in a bullet. He stated they discussed the various calibers of rifles, including .243, .308 and 30.06. He stated this man, in his opinion, did not come in to buy a rifle but came in for information concerning rifles and ballistics. He said the man asked him if he had a ballistics chart he could take with him, and MANASCO advised him he did have such a chart. The man then asked him if he had a used .243 caliber rifle, which he did not have.

He advised he would describe this individual as a white male, thirty years of age, 5'8" to 5'9" in height, 140 to 150 pounds, light brown hair, light complexion, dressed in sports clothes, and he does not believe the man was wearing a coat when he was in The Gun Rack.

He stated he did not observe this individual's automobile or mode of travel. He gained the impression from conversation with this individual that he had either been or was going to Long-Lewis Hardware Company, Bessemer, Alabama.

He advised he recalls that this individual was interested in the amount of drop a bullet would have at 200 yards and other various distances, and he was seeking information concerning the speed and weight of bullets. Mr. MANASCO said he would give this matter further thought and he might be able to recall additional details concerning this matter.

On 4/8/68 at Birmingham, Alabama File # BH 44-1740

by SA J. T. ARNETT / hss Date dictated 4/10/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 12, 1968

1

CLYDE ROYAL MANASCO, Route 9, Box 602, Birmingham, Alabama, Clerk at The Gun Rack, located at 1507 S. W. 31st Street, Birmingham, Alabama, was interviewed, and he furnished the following information:

He advised that he now recalls that the man who came to The Gun Rack and made inquiry concerning ballistics of various rifles did not occur on March 29, 1968, as he had previously informed SA J. T. ARNETT. He stated that on March 29, 1968, he was not at work as he took an examination for a pilots license on March 29, 1968. He stated that he was alone at The Gun Rack at the time the man came in, as the owner of The Gun Rack was out of town on business on Wednesday, March 27, 1968, and he believes that March 27, 1968, is the date that this man came to The Gun Rack.

He stated that since being interviewed by SA J. T. ARNETT on April 8, 1968, he had given this matter considerable thought, and now recalls that this individual had been in The Gun Rack three or four times during the past several months, exact time and dates he could not recall. He stated that he recalls on other occasions when this man came to The Gun Rack he did not make any inquiry of him about any guns, ammunition, or ballistics. He stated on the other occasions he had observed this man, he had come into the store and looked at the various items on display. He stated that this is not unusual, for many customers are "lookers". He stated the man did not handle the weapons on the occasions he was in The Gun Rack. He stated that many customers who come to The Gun Rack pick up and handle numerous weapons without making a purchase. He advised he did not recall ever seeing this individual with another person when he was at The Gun Rack. He stated on the occasions the man was in The Gun Rack, he had offered to show him merchandise, but the man had always been polite in refusing and stated he was only looking.

On 4/10/68 at Birmingham, Alabama File # BH 44-1740

by SA J. T. ARNETT:cap

117

Date dictated 4/12/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

BH 44-1740

MANASCO stated that as he now recalls, the man coming in the store on March 27, 1968, stated on his arrival, "I would like to see your .243 caliber rifles". MANASCO stated that he did not have any .243 caliber rifles in stock, and he attempted to sell the man a 30/06 caliber rifle. He stated that he recalls he attempted to sell this man a Weatherby rifle, and the man indicated that the price of this rifle was too high. He stated that the man, he did not believe, however, handled any rifles while at The Gun Rack, although MANASCO believes he attempted to hand the man a rifle as he would exhibit them to him. He stated he recalls he tried to sell the man a .742 rifle, caliber 30/06. He stated that on previous occasions that this man had been in The Gun Rack, he had appeared not to be interested in purchasing a gun, but was merely interested in looking at the various weapons. He stated on March 27, 1968, however, he gained the impression that this man was "about ready to buy a gun". He stated, therefore, he attempted to sell the man a gun. He stated the man showed an interest and asked questions about the weight of bullets for the various calibers and the amount the bullet would drop at various distances. He stated he gained the impression that the man was more interested in the inches a bullet dropped at various distances than he was in muzzle velocity of the bullet and weight of the bullet.

He advised he did not recall the man asking him anything about a 6.5 millimeter rifle or ammunition. He stated he has 6.5 millimeter rifle ammunition in stock. He stated that when the man asked him about charts concerning ballistics and weapons, he gave the man a booklet entitled "Winchester-Western 1968 Sporting Arms and Ammunition". This booklet has a cover and is 47 pages in length. He pointed out that this booklet contains various articles on weapons and ballistics of various type cartridges. He stated he also gave this man a booklet entitled "Redfield '68 Scopes, Mounts, Sights". He advised that this booklet has a cover and is 31 pages in length. This booklet, he advised,

BH 44-1740

contains various articles on scopes and mounts. He advised the man was also seeking information on rifle scopes. Mr. MANASCO furnished copies of two similar booklets as the ones he had furnished the man on March 27, 1968.

He stated that on the occasions he had observed this man, he at no time was under the impression he had been drinking alcoholic beverages. He stated that he now recalls the individual's description as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	28-32 years old
Height	5'8" - 5'9"
Weight	140-150
Build	Slender
Hair	Light brown
Eyes	Light blue
Complexion	Light (He stated the individual did not appear to have been in the sun and his complexion was almost pale looking.)

MANASCO stated the individual's eyes were very noticeable as the man would look directly at him when he was talking. He stated many customers would look at guns or weapons and carry on a conversation about them, but this customer would look directly into his eyes during the time they were carrying on a conversation. He stated the man appeared to be alert and listened very carefully to the information he furnished concerning guns and ballistics. He stated the man's voice was very clear and of slightly higher pitch than normal, and in his opinion, the man's voice did not sound like a southerner, or at least the man had resided in other sections of the country until his voice did not resemble that of a person who had been in this area for a long time. He stated the man did not appear to be a strong person, but weak physically. He stated the man was polite and gave the impression of being intelligent. He stated the man's teeth were clean and straight although not perfect. He recalls that the man's fingernails had been manicured and the fingernails were even with his fingers.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date April 11, 1968

LYNDELL EARL DILBECK, 89 Holiday Trailer Park, Bessemer Super Highway, Bessemer, Alabama, who is employed in the gun and sporting goods department at Long-Lewis Hardware Company, Bessemer, Alabama, furnished the following information:

He recalls some man coming to Long-Lewis Hardware on Friday, March 29, 1968, and asking about a high-powered rifle, but he is sure he referred this individual to MIKE KOPP, who is in charge of that department. He said it was possible that he went to lunch shortly after referring this customer to Mr. KOPP, as he recalls this was about noon-time.

On 4/8/68 at Bessemer, Alabama File # BH 44-1740
by SA J. T. ARNETT / hss 120 Date dictated 4/10/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

1

BH 44-1740
ME 44-1987
JTA:hss

LYNDELL EARL DILBECK, 89 Holiday Trailer Park, Bessemer Super Highway, Bessemer, Alabama, advised he is employed in the gun and sporting goods department at LONG-LEWIS HARDWARE COMPANY, Bessemer.

After viewing FBI artist's conception of an individual, exhibited to him by SA J. T. ARNETT, DILBECK advised he could not recall whether this artist's sketch is similar to the person who had made inquiry concerning a high-powered rifle on March 29, 1968.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 11, 1968

JOHN MICHAEL KOPP, 1420 - 35th Street, Ensley, Birmingham, Alabama, employed as Manager of Firearms Department, LONG-LEWIS HARDWARE Wholesale and Retail Store, Bessemer, Alabama, furnished the following information:

He stated that on Friday, March 29, 1968, at about noontime, he recalls a customer making inquiry concerning a high-powered rifle. This individual was seeking information concerning ballistics of the various high-powered weapons. When the man first made inquiry concerning whether they handled high-powered rifles, he asked him if he would like to see a 30-30 and the man said he would not as a 30-30 would not be powerful enough. The man asked if he had a .243, .308 or 30/06 caliber rifle, also inquiring as to the prices of the various rifles, and he informed him he had a Winchester .243 rifle for \$127.95, a .308 for \$154.95 and a 30/06 for \$176.98. He recalls this man asking how many inches would the .308 bullet drop at 600 yards. He also wanted to know the ballistics or drop in a 30/06.

KOPP stated this individual looked at the rifles and is sure he handled the rifles in the store. However, since that time these rifles have been handled by numerous other individuals, and the previous day all of these rifles were removed from the racks and stored in another part of the building, at which time at least four other employees had handled the rifles. He stated he recalls that this individual handled a Browning rifle, opening the action of the rifle and closed it without any difficulty. He said this particular rifle had a unique manner in which the action could be opened and released and unless someone was familiar with this rifle, it would be highly unlikely that he could open and close the action without assistance or careful study of the mechanism. He stated this individual asked him if he had any 6.5 mm. ammunition that would fit a Japanese rifle.

On 4/8/68 at Bessemer, Alabama File # BH 44-1740

SA J. T. ARNETT / hss

by

122 Date dictated 4/10/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

BH 44-1740

Mr. KOPP advised that this individual asked if he had any scopes and scope mounts. He recalls the man asked how much a "tip-off" mount would cost. He said the man did not ask him any details concerning the power of scopes, nor did he state what power scope he desired. This individual asked how long it would take to have a scope mounted on a rifle and KOPP informed him it would take at least two days as he sent his rifles to Birmingham to T. K. LEE to have the scopes mounted. He said the man appeared to be shopping and pricing rather than actually interested in the immediate purchase of a rifle.

He stated the individual did not appear to be familiar with Bessemer, Alabama, as he recalls the individual asking him about other places that might have high-powered rifles at Bessemer, and he told the man that BANKS PAWN SHOP and SIMMONS PAWN SHOP might have them, at which time the man asked him where these places were located. KOPP stated these two places of business are located directly across the street from Long-Lewis Hardware Company, and he pointed out Banks Pawn Shop, directly across the street, to this man.

Mr. KOPP advised he did not know whether any other employee at Long-Lewis Hardware Company observed this individual, but that the other employee who works in the same department is LYNDEL EARL DILBECK.

He stated this unknown individual talked in a soft voice but pronounced each word very clearly and had no particular accent. During the conversation he noted that the man pronounced several words in a way which indicated to KOPP that he may have been from another section of the country. He stated he recalls on one occasion, while this man was in the store, he called to an employee in the store whose name is PAUL, and when he called this individual by the name PAUL, it appeared to startle the man and he repeated the name "PAUL" but pronounced it "PAAL."

He stated that at Long-Lewis Hardware there is a moose head trophy on display, and this individual made some comments concerning this being such a nice trophy.

BH 44-1740

Although he claimed he had fired at a Moose or some other large game on one occasion and missed, he did not give any details concerning any hunting experience.

KOPP stated this individual did not appear to him to be strong enough to shoot a high-powered weapon. He had an extremely light complexion with a rather "weak" appearance. He did not appear to be an outdoor type who would enjoy big game hunting.

He stated that when the man was about to leave the store he said he would look around some more and might come back to Long-Lewis.

KOPP furnished the following description of this individual who made inquiry regarding a high-powered rifle:

Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Height:	5'9" - 5'10" (KOPP noted that on one occasion he had to look behind this person and it was necessary that he stand on his tiptoes to look over this man's head. KOPP is 6 feet tall. He said he first thought the man to be his height, but noting the fact that from eye level he would have to raise up 2 or 3 inches to look over his head, the man would probably be 5'9" or 5'10".)
Complexion:	Fair; appeared he had not been in the sun and might be sick.
Eyes:	Color not recalled but believed to be light.
Age:	28 - 32
Build:	Slender
Weight:	150 lbs.
Hair:	Light brown to "dishwater blond"
Hair Style:	Combed up in front and flat on top; combed straight back; hair stood up slightly; thin in appearance; medium-short on sides.

BH 44-1740

Eyebrows:

Medium thick (KOPP stated that at the time this individual was in Long-Lewis he was wearing dark horn-rimmed glasses and the side frames were wide and went straight back similar to those worn by Entertainer RAY CHARLES, whose picture he has seen in various advertisements. He observed the eyebrows when the man got something in his eye and took his glasses off.)

Mouth:

Small

General Appearance:

Very serious expression on face; facial shape - thin. When the man talked he could observe the cheekbones against the skin.

Nose:

Thin.

Hands:

Thin and well kept; nails manicured.

Clothing:

Business type suit, dark brown color; shirt appears to be identical to a shirt manufactured by SERO Company. KOPP advised he has a Sero shirt and it appeared to be identical to shirt owned by KOPP. This was a white shirt with small blue and yellow pin stripes.

Tie:

Predominantly green with a stripe, button-down.

1

BH 44-1740
ME 44-1987
JTA:hss

JOHN MICHAEL KOPP, 1420 - 35th Street, Ensley, Birmingham, Alabama, employed as Manager of the Firearms Department, LONG-LEWIS HARDWARE Wholesale and Retail Store, Bessemer, Alabama, was shown artist's conception of an individual by SA J. T. ARNETT. Mr. KOPP advised that this artist's conception resembled an individual who had made inquiry concerning a high-powered rifle on March 29, 1968; however, in his opinion, it varies from the person's appearance in the following manner:

The hair was not combed exactly like the artist's conception, the hair appearing to be too thick. He stated the man's hair appeared to him to be combed more flat on top, straight back, thinner, and not quite as high. He said the artist's sketch of the man's eyes did not appear exactly as he recalled the person's eyes with whom he talked. The man's face appeared to be thinner than the artist's conception, but stated the artist's conception does resemble this person.

136

BH 44-1740
JTA:hss

The following investigation was conducted by
SA J. T. ARNETT on April 9, 1968, at Bessemer, Alabama:

J. A. LEWIS, salesman, Long-Lewis Hardware Company, after viewing artist's conception exhibited to him, advised he did not recall ever seeing an individual similar to the artist's conception in Long-Lewis Hardware.

WILLIAM P. McCLINTON, owner, Banks Pawn Shop, Bessemer, after viewing artist's conception exhibited to him by SA J. T. ARNETT, advised he could not recall this individual ever being in Banks Pawn Shop. He stated it was possible the man could have been in his place of business, but he did not have detailed information regarding ballistics and very few rifles of any type.

BERNARD BIGBEE, Clerk, Banks Pawn Shop, after viewing artist's conception of an individual, stated he did not recall ever seeing this person or a similar person in Banks Pawn Shop, and did not recall a person of similar appearance making inquiry regarding high-powered rifles and ballistics. He said it was possible this person could have made an inquiry, but in view of the recent increase in business he might not recall this individual.

RALPH SIMMONS, owner, Simmons Pawn Shop, Bessemer, Alabama, after viewing artist's conception of an individual exhibited to him by SA ARNETT, advised he did not recall an individual similar to the artist's conception making any inquiry in his store concerning a high-powered rifle. He stated he does not carry any rifle more high-powered than a 30-30 caliber.

BH 44-1740

AUTO RENTAL AGENCIES AND
USED CAR DEALERS

BH 44-1740

ROSCOE HARRIS
Hiker
National Car Rental
2328 5th Avenue, North
Birmingham, Alabama

CHARLES HILL
Hiker
National Car Rental

BRENDA GREER
Rental Agent
National Car Rental.

April 9, 1968 Budget Rent-A-Car
1813-15 1st Avenue, North
Birmingham, Alabama

Records made available by PATRICIA WHALEY,
Bookkeeper.

DANNY ENGLISH
Rental Clerk
Budget Rent-A-Car

ERVIN DANIELS,
Hiker
Budget Rent-A-Car

JAMES HOWELL
Hiker
Butgett Rent-A-Car.

April 8, 1968 Rent-A-Ford
(International Fleet Corp.)
1720 5th Avenue, North
Birmingham, Alabama

Records made available by C. H. DUNCAN, Partner.

SAM HENDERSON
Hiker
Rent-A-Ford