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ALABAMA DRIVER'S LICENSE  
AND AUTOMOBILE REGISTRATION  
FOR ERIC STARVO GALT

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/14/681

Mrs. CONNIE REDDOCH, Supervisor, Motor Vehicle Registration, State of Alabama, Montgomery, Alabama, made available documents which reflect the following information:

Mrs. REDDOCH made available the 1967 transfer registration 1A-88354 which was issued December 15, 1966 to WILLIAM D. PAISLEY, 701 South 48th Street, Birmingham, Alabama, for a 1966 Ford Mustang, VIN 6T07C190647.

This registration was transferred August 30, 1967 to ERIC S. GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama. The transfer form bears signature of GALT.

1968 license 1-38993 was issued October 2, 1967 to ERIC S. GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue, South, Birmingham, Alabama for a 1966 Ford Mustang, 2 door, VIN 6T07C190647. Tag receipt bears signature of registrant.

Photographs were made of the originals of the above described documents.

In event the originals of the above described documents are necessary in a court of law, a subpoena duces tecum should be directed to Mr. HARVEY RABREN, Commissioner of Revenue, Department of Revenue, State of Alabama, Montgomery, Alabama.

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On 4/9/68 at Montgomery, Alabama File # MO 157-2627

by SA G. ROBERT MARTZ  
SA CARMELLO GRAFFAGNINI GRM:ljn Date dictated 4/10/68

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Date 4/14/68

Mrs. GERTRUDE KING, Supervisor, Driver's License Division, Department of Public Safety, State of Alabama, Montgomery, Alabama, made available document which reflected the following information:

License 2848947 was issued to ERIC STARVO GALT, 2606 Highland Avenue, South, Birmingham, Alabama, on September 6, 1967. He is described as a white male, born [redacted] 5'11", 175 lbs., blue eyes and brown hair. His application lists his occupation as "Merchant Marine - unemployed".

File indicates that he did not surrender an out of state license, and was required to take driving test. He took the driving test in a 1966 Mustang bearing 1967 Alabama license 1A-88554.

His file also indicates that a duplicate license was issued to him on March 1, 1968 and was mailed to him at above address. The duplicate license has not been returned, and if it had been returned it would be retained in the file. The application for duplicate license was destroyed after duplicate license was mailed.

No violations are recorded against this individual.

Photographs were made of the original of the above described document.

In event the original of the above described document is necessary in a court of law, a subpoena duces tecum should be directed to Major BARTHELEW BATES, Director of Driver's License Division, Department of Public Safety, State of Alabama, Montgomery, Alabama.

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**INFORMATION CONCERNING  
CONTINENTAL DANCE STUDIO,  
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA,  
FOR THE PERIOD  
JANUARY 1964 - AUGUST 1965**

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Date 4/20/68

CHARLIE HARTZELL, Manager, Dance Club International, 3355 Poplar Avenue, Memphis, furnished the following information:

He stated that he managed the Continental Dance Studio, New Orleans, Louisiana, owned by MARLIN MEYERS, from January, 1964, through August, 1965. He advised that he knew all students who attended Continental Dance Studio during his tenure, and stated he did not recall anyone by the name of ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMEYER, or JOHN WILLARD attending his school at New Orleans.

He advised that his job was to collect weekly payments of students enrolled in dance courses, and advised he felt sure that if GALT did attend any classes at New Orleans, he would certainly recall his name.

He stated that MARLIN MEYERS had numerous photos of students taken at each weekly function and if GALT did attend the studio, MEYERS would most likely have a picture of GALT at the dance studio in New Orleans.

HARTZELL advised that Continental Dance Studio carried its own notes and did not discount or sell the papers to another agency. In view of this he stated if GALT did attend dance lessons at New Orleans, MEYERS should have a copy of his contract.

HARTZELL stated that the following individuals were dance instructors at the Continental Dance Studio during his tenure there:

FRANK DE SIMONE,  
1242 Elysian Fields,  
New Orleans, Louisiana;

CORBET DUKON  
Address Unknown;

On 4/17/68 at Memphis, Tennessee File # ME 44-1987

by SA ANDREW SLOAN and  
SA ROBERT FITZPATRICK RF/bbs Date dictated 4/20/68

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HARRY DUNN,  
2300 NW 93rd Terrace,  
Miami, Florida;

ARTHUR WOLFSON,  
Chicago, Illinois;

BILL LANDPHEIRE  
Address Unknown;

BOB STRICKLAND,  
Sarasota, Florida;

LUELLA LUTZ, Financial Backer,  
119 S. Clayborn,  
New Orleans, Louisiana;

JACKIE COURVILLE,  
2601 Corondelet  
New Orleans, Louisiana.

A photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT was displayed to HARTZELL and he stated that he did not recognize this photo as being identical with any of his students who attended Continental Dance Studios, New Orleans, during his tenure there.

HARTZELL provided a list of students at his dance studio in New Orleans from January, 1965, through August, 1965:

FRED PUTNARK  
VICTOR BETZ  
Mr. CORNIER  
Mrs. GERTEIS  
CAROL ROBBINS  
Mr. GENTILLY  
Mrs. GENTILLY  
Mr. QUELLETTE  
DAVID NUMA  
Mr. DE BORE  
Mrs. DE BORE

Mr. ESTEP  
Mrs. ESTEP  
ELIZABETH BARTH  
Mrs. COBURN  
Mrs. LURIA  
Mrs. WEIL  
Mrs. WALLACE  
Mr. YOUNG  
Mr. HARDOCK  
Mr. BERINGER  
Mr. BENSON  
Mr. REUTHER  
Mrs. LAROS  
Mr. TIELLOTSON  
Mr. PSILOS  
Mr. SLATTERY  
Mr. YAGER  
Mr. WALL  
Mr. FISHER  
Mr. WIGGINS  
WALTER MOELLER  
A Man  
Miss IVEY  
Mrs. COUCH  
Mrs. DIPAOIA  
Mrs. LAWRENCE  
Mrs. FAUBION  
Mr. STRICKLAND  
Mrs. THOMES  
Mr. JACOBS  
A Man  
Mrs. HERNANDEZ  
Mrs. GRIEBS  
Mrs. JO DAUZAT  
Mr. HURRY  
WARREN JACOB  
Mr. MURPHY  
Mrs. BONER  
Mrs. LIVAUDAIS  
Mrs. SHOWMACHER  
NELLIE DEAN  
NINA ROLLAND  
LOUIS HUFF  
HERRING ELVA  
JEANETTE HEARTY  
MARIE GUEBRY

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JOE MAESE  
Mrs. M. BOURGEOIS  
Mr. MONTALBAN  
Mrs. MONTALBAN  
E. D. CARAWAY  
Mr. MUNDI  
Mrs. MUNDI  
FLO DAVIS  
WARREN MOORE  
Mrs. MARTINO  
Mr. CUNNINGHAM  
ROMONA CLAXTON  
Mr. LOPER  
A Man  
MERCEDES RUSSELL  
J. L. KEPPLER  
A Man  
Mr. BENNETT  
CAROL RIVIERE  
Mrs. O'BOURKE  
Miss JOSEPH  
Mr. HOFFMAN  
Mr. BARQUERO  
Mr. MC KENZIE  
Mr. NUNQUESSER  
Mrs. ANDRY  
Mr. WILLIAMS  
Mrs. FASSBINDER  
Mrs. PENEY  
Mr. CURRIER  
Mr. SHELHAMER  
Mr. BONNER  
Mr. BRYAN  
Mr. LAMBERT  
Mr. PARKER  
LOLITA NELSON  
PETER MADERE  
Mr. GERBER

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PHYSICAL EVIDENCE AND LATENT FINGERPRINTS



**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C.**

**To: FBI, Memphis**

**Re: MURKIN**

**Date:**

**FBI File No.**

**Lab. No.**

**April 17, 1968**

**44-38861**

**PC-A5498 BX IZ KS GH**

**D-560096 JK**

**E-565 JZ**

**Specimens received**

**For a listing of the evidence  
see attached pages.**

DELIVERED APRIL 5, 1968 BY SA ROBERT FITZPATRICK, MEMPHIS OFFICE

Submitted by Airtel #1 as recovered by Inspector N. E. Zachary,  
Memphis Police Department in vicinity of 424 South Main Street:

- Q1 Rifle box for Browning .243 Winchester caliber rifle,  
Serial Number 4744Z5
- Q2 .30-06 Springfield caliber Remington "Gamemaster" slide-  
action rifle, Model 760, Serial Number 461476, with Redfield  
telescope sight, Serial Number A17350, with clip
- Q3 .30-06 Springfield caliber Remington-Peters cartridge case
- Q4-Q12 Nine .30-06 Springfield caliber cartridges (five Remington-  
Peters and four R-A-55) in Peters cartridge box, Index  
Number 3033
- Q13 Large green and brown cloth

Submitted by Airtel #2 as recovered by Inspector N. E. Zachary,  
Memphis Police Department in vicinity of 424 South Main Street:

- Q14 "Banner" binocular (Bushnell) 7 by 35, Serial Number DQ408664  
(allegedly in zipper bag when recovered)
- Q15 Zipper bag

ITEMS FROM OUTSIDE COMPARTMENT OF ZIPPER BAG

- Q16 Duck-bill pliers and tack hammer marked "MAGNETIC"
- Q17 Box of "BAND-AID sheer strips"
- Q18 Georgia-Alabama Standard Oil map
- Q19 "Commercial Appeal" Memphis newspaper, first  
section only, issue of April 4, 1968
- Q20 Standard Oil map of the United States

ITEM INSIDE ZIPPER BAG, IN POCKET

Q21 Partial roll of toilet paper

ITEMS LOOSE INSIDE ZIPPER BAG

Q22 Binocular case with instruction booklet, lens cloth and guarantee card

Q23 Binocular box, cardboard

Q24 "Gillette" travel kit purchased at Oliver Rexall Store, Whitehaven, price \$1.89, with razor, lotion shaving cream, deodorant, hair cream and razor blade in dispenser

Q25 Gray paper sack bearing marking "YORK ARMS CO." with receipt dated 4-4-68 in amount of \$41.55

Q26 White and yellow towel

Q27 White handkerchief

Q28 Tube of "Colgate" toothpaste

Q29-Q30 Pair of black socks

Q31 Seven-ounce can of "RIGHT GUARD" deodorant

Q32 Channel Master radio

Q33 Bottle of "BUFFERIN"

Q34 Elastic belt

Q35 Tube of "BRYLCREEM"

Q36 Bottle of "ONE A DAY" vitamins

Q37 Small bar of "Cashmere Bouquet" soap

Q38 Hairbrush

Q39 Bar of "dial" soap, bath size

Q40 Tube of "Head & Shoulders" shampoo

ITEMS LOOSE INSIDE ZIPPER BAG (continued)

- Q41 Can of brown "KIWI" boot polish
- Q42 Can of "PALMOLIVE RAPID-SHAVE" shaving cream
- Q43 Gray-brown button (in sack with beer)
- Q44 Black button (in sack with beer)
- Q45 Toothbrush, "Pepsodent"
- Q46 Safety razor, without blade
- Q47 Plastic bottle of "MENNEN afta" lotion
- Q48 Small bar of "Cameo" toilet soap
- Q49 Small bar of "Cashmere Bouquet" soap, bearing advertisement of Friendship Inns
- Q50-Q51 Two bobby pins
- Q52-Q53 Two cans of "Schlitz" beer, pull tab
- Q54 Plastic "six-pack" carrying device
- Q55 Brown paper sack (containing beer)
- Q56 Small brown paper sack, empty
- Q57 Key
- Q58 Toothpick
- Q59 Metal ring
- Q60-Q61 Two coat hangers
- Q62 Two links from "ADJUST-O" watchband
- Q63 Gray-brown button

Submitted by Airtel #3:

- Q64 Bullet from body
- Q65 Twenty dollar Federal Reserve Note, Series 1963A,  
Serial Number F14002844A
- Q66 Twenty dollar Federal Reserve Note, Series 1963A,  
Serial Number H16164663A
- Q67 Twenty dollar Federal Reserve Note, Series 1963,  
Serial Number F06445143A
- Q68 Fingerprint card for Bessie Ruth Brewer

Results of examination:

FIREARMS - TOOLMARKS EXAMINATIONS

The serial number on the black rifle box, Q1, was determined to be 4744Z5. This box originally contained a .243 Winchester caliber Browning rifle.

The Q3 cartridge case was identified as having been fired in the Q2 rifle. The only marks found on Q3, other than marks made during manufacturing procedures, were one extractor mark which was identified as having been made by the extractor of the Q2 rifle and the marks left on Q3 by the Q2 rifle when Q3 was fired.

The bullet, Q64, from the victim, is a .30 caliber metal-jacketed "soft-point" sporting type bullet of Remington-Peters manufacture which was fired from a barrel rifled with six lands and grooves, right twist. Based on the physical characteristics of the general rifling impressions, the Q64 bullet could have been fired from the Remington rifle, Q2. The Q64 bullet has been distorted due to mutilation and insufficient marks of value for identification remain on this bullet. Therefore, it was not possible to determine whether or not Q64 was fired from the Q2 rifle.

The Q64 bullet is identical in all remaining observable physical characteristics to the 150 grain bullets in the five loaded .30-06 Springfield caliber Remington-Peters cartridges, Q4 through Q8.

Based on physical characteristics, specimen Q64 and the cartridge case, Q3, could originally have been portions of the same cartridge, which would be the same as the Q4 through Q8 cartridges. No marks are present on Q64 of the type which would permit determining positively whether or not the Q64 bullet was originally a portion of the cartridge represented by Q3.

The five cartridges, Q4 through Q8, conform in description to the type of cartridges packaged by the manufacturer in the Peters cartridge box in which they were submitted. Because of the manner in which cartridges are boxed at the factory, it is not possible to determine whether or not the cartridge represented by Q3 or any of the

Q4 through Q8 cartridges were packaged in the same box by the manufacturer.

The Peters cartridge box in which Q4 through Q8 were submitted also contained four U. S. Military cartridges, containing full-metal jacketed 150 grain bullets, different from Q64. The manufacturer's headstamp on these cartridges is "R A 55." The "R A" indicates that these cartridges were manufactured by Remington Arms Company, Incorporated, Bridgeport, Connecticut. Cartridges bearing "55" are those normally manufactured in 1955.

Examination of the four cartridges, Q9 through Q12, revealed no marks indicating these cartridges had ever been loaded into a weapon. The only marks on these cartridges appear to be marks produced by the manufacturer's machines and marks of the type produced by metal-link ammunition belts of the type used with machine guns. The link belt marks on Q9 through Q12 are suitable for comparison with the metal links from which the cartridges were withdrawn. In metal-link belts, each cartridge serves to hold adjacent links together. As each cartridge is withdrawn, a link (which is expendable) separates from the rest of the belt.

No aluminum, screen-type scratches, paint, wood or other foreign material was found on the muzzle or side of the barrel of the Q2 rifle.

No record was located in the National Stolen Property Index or the National Crime Information Center for a Browning rifle, Serial Number 4744Z5, as originally contained in Q1; for the Q2 rifle; for a Redfield 2X-7X variable telescope sight, Serial Number A17350 (which is mounted on Q2), or for the Bushnell binocular, Q14, Serial Number DQ408664.

No serial number which would facilitate tracing was found on the Weaver telescope sight mount and base on Q2. The screws used to secure the sight tube to the mount were "finger" tight. No tool was required to loosen them and no toolmarks of value for comparison are present.

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The magnification setting of the telescope sight tube was "6 $\frac{1}{2}$ x" when the Q2 rifle was received. Therefore, objects viewed would be enlarged to approximately 6 $\frac{1}{2}$  times normal size.

#### HAIR EXAMINATION

Numerous brown head hairs of Caucasian origin were found on or in specimens Q13, Q15, Q26, Q29, Q30 and Q38. Numerous dark brown to black beard fragments of Caucasian origin were removed from the Q24 and Q46 razors. All of these hairs and beard fragments have been mounted on glass slides for comparisons with any suspects you may develop.

No Negroid hairs were found on or in any of the above-listed evidence.

#### FIBER EXAMINATION

Brown cotton fibers, green cotton fibers and lustrous green viscose fibers like those composing the Q13 bedspread were found on the Q2 rifle and in the debris removed from the Q1 box. These fibers could have originated from Q13.

#### MISCELLANEOUS EXAMINATIONS

Specimen Q1 is a black cardboard box measuring 6  $\frac{3}{4}$ " x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 44 $\frac{1}{4}$ ". Printing on the box indicates it contained a Browning Mauser rifle, "SAFARI" grade. The number "130712" is printed on the end of the box and "4744Z5" has been hand printed on the same end.

Specimen Q13 is a large green and brown bedspread. It is composed of approximately 50% brown cotton, 25% green cotton and 25% lustrous green viscose fibers. It measures 106 $\frac{1}{4}$ " x 85 $\frac{1}{4}$ " and has a herringbone design. The ribs of the herringbone have a 40° angle and each rib is  $\frac{3}{4}$ " in width. No visible, invisible or manufacturer's markings were found on Q13. It exhibits above-average wear and is of the type sometimes found in hotels or motels.

The Bushnell Q14 binocular was manufactured in Japan. Bushnell binoculars are distributed by Bushnell and Company, Incorporated, 639 Bushnell Building, Pasadena, California. Specimen Q14 bears number "DQ408664." A paper

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label on the center post indicates Q14 was passed by the "Japan Telescopes Inspection Institute."

The Q15 zipper bag measures 15" x 20" x 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ " and is an inexpensive bag of Japanese manufacture. The bag is a "Tel-Star" model that retails for about six to seven dollars. This model bag comes in six different sizes, 16", 18", 20", 22", 24" and 26". The importer or jobber for "Tel-Star" luggage is the United Products Corporation, 2500 Genessee, Kansas City, Missouri 64141.

The Q16 duck-bill pliers are 7  $\frac{3}{4}$ " in length and the jaws are 1  $\frac{3}{8}$ " long. A price tag on one handle bears "ROMPAGE HARDWARE \$1.98." Just above the word "Rompag" are three characters printed in blue. Two characters on the left appear to be "10." The single character on the right appears to be "O." No other data was noted on the label.

Also in Q16 is a small tack hammer with a metal head 4  $\frac{1}{8}$ " long. Imprinted on the wooden handle is "MAGNETIC" The handle is painted white with a blue band around the end of the handle. The U. S. Patent Office has no record of the trademark on this hammer.

The Q17 metal "BAND-AID" box contains twenty-one regular adhesive bandages and ten "JUNIOR" adhesive bandages. The number of bandages in the box agrees with the count printed on the box. A small round price tag on top of Q17 has the numerals ".57."

Nothing of significance was noted concerning the partial role of toilet paper, Q21.

Specimen Q22 is a black binocular case for a Bushnell binocular. Inside Q22 was found an instruction booklet, lens cloth and guarantee card.

Specimen Q23 is a cardboard box for a Bushnell binocular. A price tag on Q23 has the numerals "11.67" and "\$39.95" printed on it. Also on this box was hand printed:

"3995  
160  
4155"

Specimen Q24 is a travel kit manufactured by Gillette. It is clear plastic and contains the following:

- 1 - Safety razor with double-edge blade
- 2 - Package of "Gillette" stainless steel double-edge blades
- 3 - 1.3 ounce can of "foamy" shaving cream
- 4 - 1 ounce can "RIGHT GUARD" deodorant
- 5 -  $\frac{1}{2}$  ounce bottle "Sun Up" after shave lotion
- 6 -  $\frac{3}{8}$  ounce tube "HEADS UP" hair dressing

A price tag on the top of Q24 has the following printed on it: "OLIVER ~~REDACTED~~," "WHITEHAVEN PHONE 397-2301," "\$1.89," "E" and "OO."

The Q25 gray paper bag has the name and address of the "YORK ARMS CO." of Memphis printed on it. Inside this bag was found a cash register receipt dated "APR 4" in the amount of "\$041.55 CBH." The numerals "083" also appear on the receipt.

The Q26 white and yellow checkered towel is 26" x 15". No labels or visible or invisible markings were found on Q26.

Specimen Q27 is an inexpensive common man's handkerchief measuring  $14\frac{1}{2}$ " x 15". No labels or markings were found on Q27.

Specimen Q28 is a partial tube of "Colgate" toothpaste, 3.25 ounce size.

The Q29 and Q30 socks are a pair of black knee length synthetic stretch socks. No markings or labels were found on these socks.

The Q31 can of "RIGHT GUARD" deodorant is a 7 ounce size. "M313" is printed in black on the bottom of the can.

Specimen Q32 is a Channel Master radio receiver. A label affixed to the inside of the rear cover indicates that the receiver is Model 6502, 6 transistor, super heterodyne, with a frequency range of 535-1605 Kc/s and operates

on a 9-volt battery supply. The words "CHANNEL MASTER CORP." are imprinted on the bottom of the label. The words "HONG KONG" are molded on the outside of the light-colored plastic cover; however, some components are marked "JAPAN." A 9-volt Eveready battery, #216, was connected inside the case. The front of the case is made of polished or plated metal and is stamped "6 TRANSISTOR CHANNEL MASTER." The remainder of the case, about one-third down each side, is maroon-colored plastic. The case measures approximately 4" x 2 3/8" x 1 1/4".

Radio products bearing the Channel Master name are very common.

When received, the dial indicated approximately "10" and was turned to approximately 1020 Kc/s. The tuning range of the receiver is approximately 530 Kc/s to 1660 Kc/s, which covers the regular broadcast band. The receiver was operational when received.

The Q32 radio bears scratches on one end interpreted to read "00416."

The Q33 plastic "BUFFERIN" bottle is a 60-tablet size and contained 10 whole tablets and 2 partial tablets, all bearing the letter "B."

Specimen Q34 is a man's elastic belt bearing Greek or Roman heads on the buckle. The belt is 3/4" wide and 31" long, unstretched. The waist measurement of the wearer could not be determined in view of the type of belt.

Specimen Q35 is a partial tube of "BRYLCREEM" hair dressing, 3 ounce size.

Specimen Q36 is a bottle of "ONE A DAY" vitamins, 25-tablet size. There were 21 tablets in the bottle.

Specimen Q37 is a small hotel-size bar of "Cashmere Bouquet" soap.

Specimen Q38 is a clear plastic hairbrush with white synthetic bristles. "U.S.A." has been molded to the underside of the handle.

The Q39 bar of "dial" soap is a 4 7/8 ounce size and has the price "2/45¢" stamped on one end in blue ink.

The Q40 tube of "Head & Shoulders" shampoo is a 2.7 ounce size. It bears a price label with "LIGGETT-REXALL 1678 1.10" on the side.

The Q41 can of "KIWI" brown boot polish is a 1 1/8 ounce size. Some of the polish has been used.

A price tag on the Q42 can of "PALMOLIVE RAPID-SHAVE" menthol shaving cream bears "LIGGETT-REXALL 3478 .79."

Nothing of significance was noted about the Q43, Q44 or Q63 buttons; however, they are suitable for comparison with other buttons present on suspect garments.

Specimen Q45 is a used red-handled "Pepsodent" brand toothbrush. "U.S.A. M K5" is present on the underside of Q45.

The Q46 razor is a "Gillette" make and has no blade in it.

A price tag is on the Q47 3.75 ounce bottle of "MENNEN afta" after shave and skin conditioner lotion bearing "\$1.00 PLS TAX." "202x" is printed in blue ink on the bottom of Q47.

Specimen Q48 is a small bar of "Cameo" soap manufactured by the Brunswick Soap Company, Brooklyn, New York.

Specimen Q49 is a small bar of "Cashmere Bouquet" soap, a product of Colgate-Palmolive Company, New York. A shield with "Member Friendship Inns" has been printed on the wrapper.

The Q50 and Q51 bobby pins are light brown colored, common pins.

Specimens Q52 and Q53 are full cans of Schlitz beer. "MISSISSIPPI TAX PAID 4 CENTS" has been printed in black on the bottom of each can. "03 has been stamped into the 158"

metal in the bottom of each can. Both cans are alike. These cans were found attached to the Q54 carrying device in the Q55 paper bag.

Nothing of apparent significance was noted about the 4" x 6" brown paper Q56 bag.

The Q57 key fits the lock on the Q15 zipper bag and probably belongs to this bag.

Specimen Q58 is a common, round, used toothpick.

The metal split ring, Q59, has overlapping ends. It appears to be the type of ring that new keys are attached to.

Nothing of significance was noted about the Q60 and Q61 coat hangers.

Specimen Q62 is a two-link portion of an "ADJUST-O" silver-colored watchband. The links may be compared with the watchband should same be recovered.

#### SOIL EXAMINATION

Fine smears and deposits of brown silty soil having the appearance of being deposited while wet were found on Q13. The soil in these smears and deposits is suitable for comparison purposes. The specific origin of the soil cannot be determined by a Laboratory examination.

#### DOCUMENT EXAMINATION

Specimens Q18, Q19, Q20, Q23, Q25, Q55 and Q56 were examined for writings and pertinent indented impressions, but nothing of significance was noted.

The Q55 bag is imprinted "HOMESTEAD" "STUBBY." Information available in the Laboratory shows that the "HOMESTEAD" brand name is registered to the Graham Paper Company, 1014 Spruce Street, St. Louis, Missouri 63102, while "STUBBY" refers to the type of bag.

REPORT  
of theFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

To: FBI, Memphis

Date: April 11, 1968

Re: MURKIN

FBI File No. 44-38861

Lab. No. PC-A5505 BX IZ

Specimens ~~for~~ <sup>sent</sup> personally delivered on 4-8-68 by SA Robert Fitzpatrick,  
Memphis

Q69 Undershorts

Q70 T shirt

Q71 Board from windowsill in bathroom

## Results of examination:

The undershorts and the T shirt each bears a laundry tag with what appears to be the characters "02B-6." Only a portion of the first character is present on each tag. The Laboratory does not maintain a file of visible laundry marks. No invisible laundry marks were found on the undershorts or T shirt.

The pair of undershorts is small in size while the T shirt is large.

The pair of undershorts does not have a brand label. The T shirt has a "JOCKEY" brand label.

The T shirt label is held flat with a folded piece of 3/4" wide cellophane tape. The piece of tape is about 1" long. One end has been cut, and the other end has been torn.

The crotch seams of the undershorts have been repaired in two places with brown thread. The repaired areas are hand stitched.

No hairs were found on the undershorts or T shirt.

The Q71 board bears a recent dent which could have been produced by a light blow from the muzzle of a weapon such as the Remington rifle, Serial Number 461476

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previously submitted in this case. The dent contains microscopic marks of the type which could be produced by the side of the barrel at the muzzle but insufficient marks for identification were left on the board due to the physical nature of the wood. The microscopic marks present are different from the type which would be produced by the duck-bill pliers or tack hammer which were in the blue zipper bag previously submitted. No other marks were found on the board.

No gunpowder or gunpowder residues were found on the Q71 board.

No wood, paint, aluminum or other foreign material was found on the rifle barrel nor were any significant marks found on the rifle barrel.

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C.**

To: FBI, Memphis

Date: April 18, 1968

Re: MURKIN

FBI File No. 44-38861

Lab. No. PC-A5530 BX GH JV

Specimens received 4/8/68

CLOTHING FROM MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Q76 Shirt  
Q77 Necktie  
Q78 Suit coat  
Q79 Trousers  
Q80-Q81 Pair of socks  
Q82 Undershorts  
Q83 Undershirt  
Q84-Q85 Pair of shoes

Results of examination:

There is a large hole in the right front portion of the collar of the Q76 shirt. The Q77 necktie has been forcibly torn apart in the right front neck portion also. The object or objects causing the damage were larger than a bullet of .30 caliber size and irregular in shape as all of the yarns were broken, not cut. One or more segments of bone could not be eliminated as the cause of the damage.

The right lapel of the Q78 coat has three damaged areas on the surface of the fabric. These areas have been torn by some object or objects, but the damage does not extend through the lapel. The torn areas vary from  $\frac{1}{4}$ " to 1" in length and the condition of the yarn indicates the object or objects struck the coat from above and probably glanced off the coat.

Due to the sizes and ragged edges of the damaged areas of the Q76 shirt, Q77 necktie and Q78 suit coat, it was not possible to recognize any bullet holes or to

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determine from visual examination whether or not a bullet or any bullet fragments had passed through or struck these items.

No bullet holes were found in Q79 through Q85.

The edges of the hole torn in the Q76 shirt collar, the edges of the three tears on the collar of the Q78 suit coat and the material near the ends of the Q77 necktie were contaminated with traces of lead which could have come from a bullet or from bullet fragments. The lead contamination of these items could not be associated with a particular bullet or lead source.

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C.**

To: **FBI, Memphis**

Re: **MURKIN**

Date: **April 22, 1968**

FBI File No. **44-38861**

Lab. No. **PC-A5530 BX GH JV IS**

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**Results of examination:**

Group "O" human blood was identified on Q76, Q77, Q78, Q79 and Q83.

Human blood too limited in amount for grouping purposes was found on Q82, Q84 and Q85.

Preliminary chemical tests for blood indicated the possible presence of blood on Q80 and Q81. However, there was an insufficient amount of material on these items to permit the necessary additional chemical tests to definitely establish the presence of blood.



**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C.**

To: FBI, Memphis

Re: MURKIN

Date: April 19, 1968  
FBI File No. 44-38861  
Lab. No. PC-A5627 IZ KS  
D-560623 JK  
PC-A5655 KS IS KZ  
PC-A5656 KS  
PC-A5693 KS  
PC-A5695 KS

Specimens received 4/12/68 when personally delivered by  
SA A. F. Miller, from FBI, Atlanta (PC-A5627 IZ KS; D-560623 JK)

**ITEMS FROM 1966 FORD MUSTANG:**

- Q89 Floor mat from right front floor
- Q90 Floor mat from rear floor
- Q91 Floor mat from left front floor
- Q92 Floor mat from trunk
- Q93 Air filter cartridge
- Q94 Wheel jack from trunk
- Q95 Dark blue short-sleeved sweat shirt
- Q96 One rubber sandal, size 7-8½
- Q97 One white fitted sheet
- Q98 One black and white shirt jacket
- Q99 One pillowcase
- Q100 One fitted sheet with yellow thread
- Q101 One black sport shirt
- Q102 One pair of size 34 walking shorts
- Q103 Rug from trunk
- Q104 Pillow from trunk
- Q105 Styrofoam container from trunk
- Q106 One pair of men's brown socks from trunk
- Q107 One hunting knife and sheath
- Q108 Spare tire mounting from trunk
- Q109 Lug wrench from trunk
- Q110 Blue-handled screwdriver from trunk
- Q111 Used windshield wiper blade from trunk
- Q112 One Personna razor blade
- Q113 Soil sample from spare wheel and tire
- Q114 Vacuum sweepings from front passenger side floor
- Q115 Vacuum sweepings from left front floor
- Q116 Vacuum sweepings from rear floor
- Q117 Vacuum sweepings from trunk

Specimens received 4/12/68 when personally delivered by  
SA Jack B. Simpson, FBI, Atlanta (PC-A5655 KS IS KZ)

Q143 Soil from right fender well  
Q144 Soil from right front wheel  
Q145 Soil from right rear wheel  
Q146 Soil from right rear fender well  
Q147 Debris from lower part of left fender  
Q148 Soil from left front wheel  
Q149 Soil from left rear wheel  
Q150 Scraping from front left tire tread  
Q151 Soil from underneath body in front of differential  
Q152 Soil from differential  
Q153 Soil from front of exhaust pipe  
Q154 Soil from underneath body in front section  
Q155 Soil from left fender well  
Q156 Soil from left rear fender well  
Q157 Scrapings from left rear tire tread  
Q158 Scrapings from tread of right rear tire  
Q159 Scrapings from under glove compartment  
Q160 Scrapings from tire tread, right front tire  
Q161 Scrapings from front part of engine  
Q162 Water from windshield washer bag  
Q163 Spare tire and wheel from trunk

Specimen received 4/13/68 from FBI, Memphis (PC-A5656 KS)

K30 Soil from approximately twenty feet from site where gun  
and bedspread abandoned

Specimens received 4/16/68 from FBI, Memphis (PC-A5693 KS)

K44 - K49 Soil from parking lot and area between curb and  
sidewalk near Unit 34 of Rebel Motel

Specimens received 4/16/68 from FBI, Memphis (PC-A5695 KS)

K50 - K59 Soil samples from area in rear of 418 and 422½ South  
Main Street

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**Results of examination:**

The previously submitted bedspread, specimen Q13, is composed of brown cotton fibers, green cotton fibers and green rayon fibers. Brown cotton fibers, green cotton fibers and green rayon fibers that could have come from the Q13 bedspread were found on Q95, Q97 through Q104 and Q106 and in the Q117 sweepings. No such fibers were found on Q89 through Q92 or in the Q114 through Q116 sweepings.

Caucasian head hairs like the hairs previously found on the Q13 bedspread, in the Q15 zipper bag, on the Q26 towel, on the Q29 and Q30 socks and on the Q38 hairbrush were found on Q95, Q97, Q99, Q100 and Q103. These hairs could have come from the same person. It is pointed out that hairs do not possess enough individual microscopic characteristics to be positively identified as originating from a particular person. Caucasian head hairs were also found in the Q114 through Q117 vacuum sweepings. Some of these hairs are like the Q13, Q15, Q26, Q29, Q30 and Q38 hairs and could have come from the same person. Some of the hairs from Q114 through Q117 are different from the Q13, Q15, Q26, Q29, Q30 and Q38 hairs and did not come from the same person. No hairs were found on Q89 through Q92, Q98, Q101, Q102, Q104 or Q106.

The Q89 through Q91 floor mats are composed of translucent red plastic. No brand names are indicated on the mats. The letters "HIS" are hand printed on the back of each mat, apparently with a felt tip marker. The significance of the letters is not known.

Specimen Q92 is a black and gray plaid rubber mat. No marks were found on Q92.

Specimens Q94, Q108 and Q109 are standard items furnished with Mustangs.

Specimen Q95 is a dark blue short-sleeved sweat shirt of medium size. No labels or laundry marks were found on Q95.

Specimen Q96 is a black and white rubber sandal for the left foot. A label on the bottom bears the following: "MEN'S - M SHOE SIZE 7-8 $\frac{1}{2}$  JAPAN"

Specimen Q97 is a twin-bed size, fitted, white bed sheet. Specimen Q99 is a white pillowcase. A white laundry tape is present on Q97 and Q99. The following is printed in black on each tape: "2-OR-3" It was concluded that the marks on these tapes did not originate from the machine which prepared the laundry tapes on the Q69 shorts and the Q70 T shirt.

Specimen Q98 is a black and white shirt jacket. The following is present on the label of Q98:

" M RN19788 65% DACRON 35% COTTON  
15-15 $\frac{1}{2}$  MONTICELLO SHIRT JACKET TAPERED"

Specimen Q100 is a twin-bed size, fitted, white bed sheet. The sheet is in two pieces. The two pieces are stitched together with yellow thread and white thread. Inquiry at a department store in Washington, D. C., developed the following information concerning Q100: It is a #3 grade irregular seamed sheet. Most such sheets even if manufactured in the United States are sold in other countries. If sold in this country, they are sold in low class "illegitimate stores." Such sheets do not bear the manufacturer's name.

Specimen Q101 is a black short-sleeved shirt. The following is present on the label of Q101:

"ARTURO ROSETTI CUSTOM TAILORED -L- 100% COTTON  
MADE IN U.S.A. RN15722"

Specimen Q102 is a pair of olive green walking shorts. The following is present on the label of Q102:

"HONG KONG DIPLOMAT CUSTOM TAILORED 65% POLYESTER FIBRE  
35% SUPER FINE COTTON WAIST 34"

Specimen Q103 is a light pink, looped pile cotton rug that measures 24" by 56 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". No labels were found on Q103.

Specimen Q104 is a feather pillow that measures about 19" by 24". The pillow has a specification label. The back of the label is stamped "9 1967."

Specimen Q105 is a container for a Polaroid camera, possibly a model 230. No label was found on Q105.

Specimen Q106 is a pair of men's stretch socks with no label.

Other than the laundry tapes on Q97 and Q99, no visible laundry marks were found on any of the cloth items listed above. No invisible laundry marks were found on any of these items.

No buttons are missing from any of the garments listed above.

The Q107 hunting knife has a blade that measures 3 9/16" in length. The blade is rusty. The words "GESCO JAPAN" are imprinted on one side of the blade and the number "45" is imprinted on the other side. The word "GESCO" is stamped on the sheath.

Specimen Q110 is a flat-tipped Stanley brand screwdriver.

Specimen Q111 is an "ANCO" brand windshield wiper blade. Part of the rubber has been torn off.

Specimen Q112 is a "Personna" double-edge razor blade. No hairs were found on Q112.

The K30 and K44 through K59 soils from Memphis are different from the soil found on the previously submitted Q13 bedspread in physical characteristics and composition. Therefore, the soil from the bedspread did not come from the sources of K30 and K44 through K59.

No soil similar to the soil from the bedspread was found in Q113, Q143 through Q158, Q160 and Q161 or on the Q163 tire and wheel. None of these soils from the car originated from the source of the soil on the bedspread.

Although nothing was noted which would aid in the determination of the original sources of specimens Q113, Q143 through Q146, Q148, Q149, Q151, Q152, Q154 and the soil from Q163, they are suitable for comparison purposes. Specimens Q147, Q150, Q153, Q155

through Q158, Q160 and Q161 are either too limited in amount or too mixed with miscellaneous debris to be of value for significant comparisons other than for elimination purposes..

The soils from the car were different from K30 and K44 through K59 in physical characteristics and composition and, therefore, did not come from the sources of K30 and K44 through K59.

No soil of value for significant comparison was found on Q89 through Q106 or in the vacuum sweepings, specimens Q114 through Q117. The mineral debris in Q114 through Q117 consists of typical car floor debris, a mixture of miscellaneous materials from numerous sources. No mineral debris of apparent significance was found in Q114 through Q117.

The scrapings from under the glove compartment, Q159, do not contain blood.

The Q162 liquid was identified as water. No traces of any alcohols such as used in windshield wash were identified in this specimen.



**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C.**

**To: FBI, Memphis**

**Date: April 22, 1968**

**Re: MURKIN**

**FBI File No. 44-38861**

**Lab. No. PC-A5694 IZ**

**Specimens received 4/16/68**

Q204 Pillow  
Q205 Pillowcase  
Q206 Green sofa pillow  
Q207 Bed sheet  
Q208 Bed sheet  
Q209 Black leather strap, 11/32" wide  
Q210 Black leather strap, 5/8" wide  
Q211 Dried plant material  
Q212 Towel with white, blue, green and yellow stripes  
Q213 Red, white and blue plastic pin and portion of pin

**Results of examination:**

Brown cotton fibers, green cotton fibers and green rayon fibers that could have come from the Q13 bedspread were found on Q207 and Q208. None were found on Q204, Q205, Q206 or Q212.

Several Caucasian head hairs were found on the Q206 sofa pillow and on the Q208 sheet and numerous such hairs were found on the Q207 sheet. Some of these hairs are like the previously described hairs from the Q38 hairbrush and other items and could have come from the same person. It is pointed out that hairs do not possess enough individual microscopic characteristics to be positively identified as originating from a particular person. Most of the hairs from Q206, Q207 and Q208 are different from the previously described hairs from Q38 and other items and did not originate from the same person.

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The Q209 strap, which appears new, measures 37½" in length. This strap fits the strap guides on the Q14 binoculars and could be the strap for Q14. No strap is presently on Q14.

A short hand strap is presently on the Q22 binoculars case. The Q210 strap has the same appearance as the hand strap on Q22 except that it is longer. Specimen Q210 could be the shoulder strap for the Q22 case. The Q210 strap appears new and measures 37" in length.

No plant material similar to specimen Q211 was found in the previously submitted debris from the Mustang.

No marks to indicate source were found on Q213. The Q213 pin appears to be a patriotic emblem.

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Your File No. 44-1987  
FBI File No. 44-38861  
Latent Case No. 91075

April 24, 1968

RE: JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #405942G

Latent fingerprint previously reported on the Remington model 760 rifle, serial #461476, Q2; the latent fingerprint on the telescopic sight, serial #A17350, on the rifle, Q2; latent fingerprint on the binoculars, Q14; the latent fingerprint on the newspaper, Q19; the latent fingerprint on the after shave lotion bottle, part of Q24; and the latent fingerprint on the Schlitz beer can, Q53, have all been identified with the fingerprints of James Earl Ray.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/26/68

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Mr. HARRY SERO, 295 North McNeil, Memphis, Tennessee, advised that he is former inmate No. 01903J at the Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP), Jefferson City, Missouri.

SERO said he first came to Memphis, Tennessee, on about January 13, 1962, at which time he was wanted in Missouri for having violated his parole from the MSP. Upon his arrival in Memphis he went to work as a house remodeler, later working in a Gulf service station at the corner of Jefferson and Lauderdale Streets. SERO took over management of this station in about April 1962 and operated it until November 21, 1962, at which time he left Memphis after having gotten into trouble with the local police for having written some bad checks. SERO said he first went from Memphis to Pennsylvania to visit relatives and continued to run until he finally settled in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and went to work in a Texaco service station.

On February 14, 1964, SERO was arrested in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and was returned to the MSP where he was put in "B" block. He remained there from sometime in February 1964 until about June 12, 1964, at which time SERO was turned over on rendition to the State of Tennessee.

During the approximately four months that SERO was in the MSP he became friendly with JAMES EARL RAY. SERO also was acquainted with another inmate, one RAYMOND CURTIS, who has recently talked to newspaper reporters concerning his association with RAY. SERO said he can recall making the statement in the presence of RAY and CURTIS and other inmates that while he, SERO, had been in Memphis some unknown individual had speculated that if MARTIN LUTHER KING had ever attempted an economic boycott in the city of Memphis, it would be worth a large amount of money to Memphis businessmen to have KING killed. SERO said this conversation had actually taken place in his presence in Memphis but it had been mere speculation and had had no basis in fact. He said he later related this conversation to his prisonmates merely to make conversation and had not intended to imply that any person

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On 4/24/68 at Memphis, Tennessee File # Memphis 44-1987

by SA JOE C. HESTER:mnr Date dictated 4/26/68

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or group of persons had or were even contemplating placing a bounty on MARTIN LUTHER KING.

SERO stated that after being returned to Tennessee he was sentenced to three years for uttering forged checks and was incarcerated in the Tennessee State Penitentiary at Ft. Pillow. He said he believes he also related this same speculative conversation to inmates at the Ft. Pillow Prison.

SERO described JAMES EARL RAY as a "hayseed" and a "born loser." He said that to his knowledge RAY had never successfully gotten away with any criminal offense, and it was his belief that RAY had been detected and apprehended following each of his criminal offenses. He said it was his recollection that RAY had a great dislike for Negroes but he cannot recall that he particularly disliked MARTIN LUTHER KING. He said he would not describe RAY as a loner but would simply say he would not know how to make friends or how to mix with other persons. He said that RAY was a regular user of amphetamines in prison but he did not know him to use other narcotics, and he recalled that RAY had mentioned taking narcotic pills prior to being incarcerated.

SERO said that RAY has a deep need for recognition and that he idolizes notorious criminals who are the subjects of wide-spread publicity. He said that when he considers RAY's need for recognition and then considers his dislike for Negroes, it is believable that RAY might have killed MARTIN LUTHER KING for no monetary gain.

He said that RAY had no important criminal connections to his knowledge as criminals of this type would not bother to associate with RAY. He said RAY never talked about his family but did indicate on one occasion that he had friends in Kansas City, Missouri. SERO said he has not heard from RAY since he left MSP, and he has no idea where he might be at present.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 4/20/68

LAWRENCE CHANCELOE ~~HOWELL~~, 1888 Denison Street, Memphis, Tennessee, telephone 682-9840, employed at the Federal Aviation Agency, Democrat Road, Memphis, furnished the following information:

HOWELL advised that he resided in Room 23 in a rooming house at 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama, from approximately September 11, 1967, until October 3, 1967. Mr. HOWELL advised that while in this rooming house, he was not acquainted with any individual named GALT, and when shown artist's conceptions of GALT, he could not recall having seen anyone of a similar appearance at the rooming house.

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On 4/16/68 at Memphis, Tennessee File # Memphis 44-1987

by SA ROBERT W. GOODWIN and  
SA ROBERT FITZPATRICK: RF/bbs/wp Date dictated 4/20/68

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 4/29/68

**LAWRENCE CHANCELOR HOWELL**, 1888 Denison Street, Memphis, Tennessee, telephone 682-9840, employed at the Federal Aviation Agency, Democrat Road, Memphis, was reinterviewed and furnished the following additional information:

**HOWELL** advised that he resided in Room 23 in a rooming house at 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama, from approximately September 11, 1967, until October 3, 1967. Mr. **HOWELL** advised that while in this rooming house, he was not acquainted with any individual named **GALT** or **JAMES EARL RAY**. **HOWELL** was shown a photograph of **RAY**, and he stated that he still could not recall having seen anyone of a similar appearance at the rooming house.

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by SA ROBERT FITZPATRICK:wp Date dictated 4/25/68

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

AT AUBURN, ALABAMA:

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

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

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

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 4/30/68

Lieutenant A. S. ZELINSKI, Inspectional Bureau, Memphis Police Department, Memphis, Tennessee, advised that he and Lieutenant J. L. HARRISON met Memphis City Engineer ARTHUR C. HOLBROOK, P. E., Tennessee License No. 5173, and a surveying crew at the Lorraine Motel on April 23, 1968, at 8:30 a.m. Certain engineering measurements were subsequently taken.

Lieutenant ZELINSKI advised that an engineer's transit was placed over the spot where Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., was shot, the telescope being positioned 59 inches above the balcony floor. This height was based on information contained in the autopsy report of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., which indicated that the missile entered his body at a point 59 inches above the right heel with the head positioned to correspond with the path of the missile. He stated that the point where Dr. KING was standing when shot was indicated to them by Reverend JAMES BEVEL, a representative of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, who was staying at the Lorraine Motel.

From this position, two triangles were established with a baseline common to the two triangles established and measured. Every effort was made to ensure accuracy. It was determined that the level distance from the second floor rear bathroom window sill of 422½ South Main Street to the point where Dr. KING was standing on the balcony of the Lorraine Motel was 206.36 feet and the in-line distance from the window sill to the point where Dr. KING was standing was 207.02 feet. The window sill at the rear of 422½ South Main was determined to be 16.63 feet higher than a point 59 inches above the floor of the balcony of the Lorraine Motel at the location Dr. KING was standing when he was shot. The downward angle of the direct in-line distance from the second floor window sill at the rear of 422½ South Main to a point 59 inches above the balcony of the Lorraine Motel at the point where Dr. KING was standing was determined to be 4 degrees 36 minutes 25 seconds.

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by SA HOWARD D. TETEN:wp Date dictated 4/30/68

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| TITLE OF CASE<br><b>CHANGED<br/>JAMES EARL RAY, aka<br/>Eric Starvo Galt,<br/>W. C. Herron,<br/>Harvey Lowmyer,<br/>James McBride,<br/>James O'Conner,<br/>James Walton,<br/>James Walyon,<br/>John Willard,<br/>Jim - FUGITIVE<br/>IO # 4182,<br/>WF # 442-A;<br/>Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM</b> |                                    | REPORT MADE BY<br><b>SA JOE C. HESTER</b>                           | TYPED BY<br><b>WP</b>                    |
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Title marked changed to reflect the subject's true name of JAMES EARL RAY and to reflect additional aliases of the subject.

## REFERENCE

Report of SA JOE C. HESTER dated 4/17/68 at Memphis.

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## ENCLOSURES

TO CHICAGO AND KANSAS CITY:

One copy of referenced report.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

On April 19, 1968, the Washington Field Office initiated a check of files of the Passport Office, United States Department of State, concerning JAMES EARL RAY, and nothing identifiable with RAY was located. A further check is underway at the Washington National Record Center at Suitland, Maryland, in retired passport files.

In order to cover the possibility that subject RAY may have recently been issued a passport and the record thereof had not been received in Washington, Mr. EDWARD STOKEN, Passport Office, sent a teletype message to all passport agencies. The Passport Office in Honolulu was checked telephonically with negative results. On April 19, 1968, Mr. ROBERT D. JOHNSON, Acting Director, Passport Office, telephonically advised SA KENNETH HASER that all passport agencies had teletyped Washington that their records are negative concerning RAY.

Mr. JOHNSON further advised that he had issued instructions whereby the Duty Officer of the Passport Office was alerted concerning RAY and instructions were made to all passport agencies to refer immediately to the nearest FBI office any information concerning RAY and his intended travel.

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The period of this report precedes the last period date of the last report, as this report contains investigation which for reasons of brevity were not included in the last report.

Leads for other offices continue to be set out by more expeditious means than by report, and it would serve no purpose to list such leads in this report.

It should be noted that in the interviews with persons who were at Jim's Grill, 418 South Main Street, on the night of 4/4/68 at about the time of the murder, they report seeing a white Mustang parked almost in front of Jim's Grill. The owner of this Mustang has not been located and has not voluntarily come forth. It is not believed that this Mustang is pertinent to this investigation and should not be confused with the Mustang that was parked just south of Canipe Amusement Company, 424 South Main Street, in which car it is believed the subject fled from the scene. The crime scene diagram on page 4 of referenced Memphis report indicates the positions, or what is believed to be the approximate positions, of the two white Mustangs as mentioned above.

#### INFORMANTS

All offices have been requested to maintain contact in this matter with criminal, security, and racial informants.

The Memphis Office has maintained contact with informants, none of whom have been able to furnish any positive information regarding the subject or his whereabouts.

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Will continue efforts to locate the subject.

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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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## Copy to:

Report of: **SA JOE C. HESTER**  
Date: **April 30, 1968**

Office: **Memphis**Field Office File No.: **ME 44-1987**Bureau File No.: **44-38861**

Title: **JAMES EARL RAY;  
Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM**

Character: **CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY;  
UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID CONFINEMENT - ROBBERY**

Synopsis: Photographs of subject RAY exhibited to persons at rooming house, 422½ South Main Street, Memphis; to persons at Rebel Motel, Memphis, and to clerk at Oliver Rexall Drug Store, Whitehaven, Tennessee, without effecting a positive identification. Salesman at York Arms, Memphis, who sold binoculars indicated he could not positively identify 1968 photograph of JAMES EARL RAY as binocular purchaser but believes that photograph is identical with purchaser. Additional interviews with occupants of Lorraine Motel set out, including interviews with Mrs. GEORGIA M. DAVIS and Mrs. LUCRETIA B. WARD, who describe activities immediately prior to murder. Persons who were at Jim's Grill, 418 South Main Street, Memphis, on 4/4/68 interviewed. Information regarding emergency room treatment of victim KING set forth. Information regarding Alabama driver's license and automobile registration in the name of ERIC STARVO GALT set forth. Former manager, Continental Dance Studio, New Orleans, Louisiana, located and unable to recall that subject attended this school in New Orleans. Laboratory findings set forth regarding evidence located at Memphis. Latent fingerprints found on the Remington Model 760 rifle, on the telescopic sight, on the binoculars, on the newspaper, on the after-shave lotion bottle, and on the Schlitz beer can have all been identified with the fingerprints of the subject. HARRY SERO, former jailmate at Missouri State Penitentiary, interviewed. Additional persons who resided Economy Rooming House, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, located and interviewed, with negative results. Memphis City Engineer measured distance from where shot fired to where victim struck as 207 feet. IN VIEW OF THE CRIME FOR WHICH SUBJECT BEING SOUGHT, HE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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