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1019PM URGENT 4-4-68 MXS

TO ALL SACS

FROM DIRECTOR 1P

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., RACIAL MATTERS.

IN VIEW OF POSSIBILITY OF RETALIATORY MEASURES TAKEN
AS RESULT OF THE ASSASSINATION OF KING, IMMEDIATELY ALERT
ALL SOURCES (RACIAL, SECURITY, AND CRIMINAL), WHO ARE IN
POSITION TO POSSIBLY LEARN OF INFORMATION OF THIS NATURE.
ANY PERTINENT INFORMATION DEVELOPED SHOULD RECEIVE EXPEDITIOUS
DISSEMINATION, BOTH LOCALLY AND TO BUREAU.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SA LEONARD E. FRANK (157-380)

DATE: 4/5/68

FROM : SAC W. B. SOYARS, JR.

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF REVEREND MARTIN LUTHER KING
RACIAL MATTERS

At 7:45 p.m., 4/4/68, USA SIDNEY I. LEZAK called me from his home (telephone 246-2798). He informed that a Departmental representative had just called him re the fact that retaliatory measures could be taken by the negro community anywhere in the United States and LEZAK should keep the Department apprised of any action occurring in Portland. I told LEZAK that we had already initiated action so as hopefully to be informed of any potential for violence that might occur in Portland, that the PPD had initiated similar action and further that we were in close liaison and working closely with the PD officers responsible for handling the matter. He was informed that we would call him if any trouble occurred and he was appreciative.

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FROM : SAC W. B. SOYARS, JR.

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RACIAL MATTERS

For record purposes at 6:10 p.m., 4/4/68, SA FRANK received a call from Night Supervisor HANNES K. WATZLAWEK, SF, who advised as follows:

Inspector JOE SIZOO, Division 5, had called San Francisco from Washington instructing that San Francisco alert all West Coast Offices to the fact that at that time the Bureau was completely swamped with telephone calls, inquiries, etc., and that for that reason the teletype circuits were tied up. West Coast Offices, including Portland, were to be informed that immediate contact should be had, as the result of the assassination of KING, with all sources who might possibly be in a position to give any advance information as to whether any retaliatory measures might be taken by the negro community against whites as a result of the assassination.

At 9:00 p.m., 4/4/68, WATZLAWEK called again, talked to SAC and advised that SIZOO wanted these instructions relayed:

The Bureau was beginning to receive information indicating that in the Detroit, NYC and Miami areas negroes were commencing to pull whites out of cars and some violence was occurring.

The Director was concerned of the safety of FBI employees and had instructed that each SAC, using good judgment, assure that employees coming to work would get their and back home safely.

Further, that Bureau instructions required that there be agent manpower on duty at all times and ready to move if racial trouble occurred in any particular locale. Keep Bureau informed of pertinent racial developments in your area.

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After the call was received at 6:10 p.m. from Night Supervisor WATZLAWEK (subsequently confirmed by the 10:19 p.m. teletype from the Bureau), SA PETER J. MEANEY, Eugene, was alerted at 7:45 p.m. and instructed to handle contacts with appropriate individuals in the Eugene area. At 8:30 p.m. SA VERN DAVIS at Salem was also contacted. He was requested to contact his sources; as well as COP BEN MEYERS and Supt. HOLLY HOLCOMB, OSP.

ADDENDUM:

Action immediately taken after the 6:10 p.m. instructions were received was that SAs FRANK, BROWN, APP HANLON, plus SAC, reported to office -- contact had already been established by SA FRANK with PD. I contacted Multnomah County Sheriff HOLZMAN and SA FRANK contacted JOHN BROWN, Intelligence Officer of the County, alerting them, and we were assured that information coming to their possession would be immediately referred to us.

The various sources alerted will be made a matter of separate communication. Further, the surveillance conducted at the "Spirit House" likewise will be made a matter of separate communication.

AGENTS LISTED BELOW

4/5/68

SAC, PORTLAND

EXTRA DUTY AND STAND-BY

In view of the current racial tension, the Bureau has instructed that offices are to be continually manned by Agent personnel. The following schedule has been prepared for the weekend. In the event of any serious problem with regard to scheduling, please contact SAC or ASAC.

There will be a conference at 5 p.m. Friday, 4/5/68, in the SAC's Office, for all Agents listed.

<u>FRIDAY, 4/5/68,</u>	<u>Agent on Duty</u>	<u>Clerk on Duty</u>
4 p.m. - 12 midnight	LEN H. KURTZ	DAVID LANE

<u>SATURDAY, 4/6/68</u>		
12 midnight - 8 a.m.	DONALD H. STEELE	JOE HUFF
8 a.m. - 4 p.m.	JACK T. HAZEN	LINDA TALLMON
4 p.m. - midnight	MAX E. TAYLOR	DAVE LANE

Stand-by Steno - NORMA MIESSNER
Stand-by Clerk - BECKY McCLENAHAN

<u>SUNDAY, 4/7/68</u>		
12 midnight - 8 a.m.	BRUCE E. HATFIELD	JOE HUFF
8 a.m. - 4 p.m.	ALVIN E. FORBES, JR.	ED TRAEGER
4 p.m. - 12 midnight	THOMAS G. ACKERMAN	DAVE LANE

Stand-by Steno - CAROL ECKSTROM
Stand-by Clerk - MARGE GILLEN

MONDAY, 4/8/68

12 midnight - 8 a.m.	JAMES B. MASON	JOE HUFF
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1 SA KURTZ	1 SA ACKERMAN
1 SA STEELE	1 SA MASON
1 SA TAYLOR	
1 SA HATFIELD <i>Felt</i>	BLH:djl
1 SA FORBES	(7)

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, PORTLAND (157-380)

DATE: 4/5/68

FROM : SA LEN H. KURTZ (A)

SUBJECT: Assassination of Rev. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR,
RACIAL MATTER

Mrs. GEORGIA HARDY, 4746 NE 91st. Ave. 252-4073
requested that her call remain confidential as she would
not like her husband to know of it.

She has heard on news that the assassin had "a
silly grin" and has "a strange feeling" that he may be
the brother of her brother's wife - described as follows:

Name - JOHN (Jimmy) KELLY
Race white
Age about 37
Height 5'8"
Hair Lt. Brown
Complexion Reddish

Complainant last saw him about 1951 just after he
came back from the Korean war where he was a hero for
shooting a bunch of the enemy single handed. He has been
fond of guns all his life and is a little simple minded;
"just never got over being a kid".

JOHN (Jimmy) KELLY is last known to reside with
his parents in a small town about 50 miles from Memphis
named Forest City, Tenn. and he visits his sister and her
husband (complainant's brother and wife) who live in
Memphis.

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TO: MEMPHIS

FROM: PORTLAND (157-380)

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING JR., RACIAL MATTER

MRS. GEORGIA HARDY, PORTLAND, FURNISHED FOLLOWING STATING
UTMOST IMPORTANCE SHE REMAIN ANONYMOUS. SHE HAS BROTHER EDWARD
E. O'FALLIN, ADDRESS UNKNOWN IN MEMPHIS, TELEPHONE NUMBER
362-1015, EMPLOYED CITY OF MEMPHIS WATER DEPT. O'FALLIN'S
WIFE'S BROTHER JOHN KELLY AKA JIMMY IS SUSPECTED BY MRS. HARDY
OF POSSIBLY BEING ASSASSIN BECAUSE OF NEWS REPORTS LATTER WORE
A GRIN.

KELLY DESCRIBED AS WHITE, AGE ABOUT THIRTY SEVEN, HEIGHT
ABOUT FIVE FEET EIGHT, HAIR LIGHT BROWN, COMPLEXION REDDISH. HE
IS VETERAN OF KOREAN WAR, BATTLE HERO, FOND OF GUNS, A QUOTE
LITTLE SIMPLE MINDED UNQUOTE AND ALWAYS WEARS A SILLY GRIN.
KELLY RESIDES WITH PARENTS, NAMES AND ADDRESS~~ES~~ UNKNOWN, IN
FOREST CITY, TENN. AND VISITS O'FALLIN IN MEMPHIS.

THIS INFO, RELIABILITY UNKNOWN, FURNISHED FOR YOUR
EVALUATION.

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Special Agent in Charge

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TO: MEMPHIS

FROM: PORTLAND (157-380)

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING JR., RACIAL MATTER

MRS. JOHN COCKRELL, ELEVEN TWELVE EAST TWENTYETH, EUGENE, OREGON, TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED THE PORTLAND OFFICE, THAT AFTER READING ABOUT INSTANT ASSASSINATION IN NEWSPAPERS, SHE WAS REMENDED OF A JOHN WILLIARD THAT SHE KNEW AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI DURING THE LATE THIRTIES. HE WENT FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI TO EITHER THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA OR ARIZONA STATE TO SET UP A STUDENT BIBLE CLASS. HE WAS CONVICTED OF EMBEZZLING FUNDS, AND WAS SENT TO THE ARIZONA STATE PENITENTIARY. SHE LAST SAW HIM ABOUT ## TWENTY THREE YEARS AGO IN SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, AND HAS HEARD SINCE THAT HE IS STILL ALIVE AND SPENDING MOST OF HIS TIME IN FLOP HOUSES. SHE DESCRIBES HIM AS WHITE, MALE, NOW FOURTY EIGHT OR FIFTY YEARS OF AGE, FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES, SLENDER BUILD, DARK HAIR, HAS A SILLY GRIN, METICULOUS DRESSER, OF RELIGIOUS NATURE, AND PSYCHOTIC.

MRS. COCKRELL HAS NO IDEA WHERE WILLIARD MAY BE LOCATED, BUT STATES SHE DEFINITELY FEELS HE IS CAPABLE OF INSTANT CRIME.

THIS INFORMATION FURNISHED FOR YOUR EVALUATION. 157-380-7

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, PORTLAND, (157-380)

DATE: 4/7/68

FROM : SA THOMAS G. ACKERMAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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OO: MEMPHIS

At 7:25 PM this date, a woman who identified herself as MRS ROBERT E. WELCH, Telephone # 645-2880, address unknown however is on Skyline Blvd, Portland, Oregon telephonically advised writer that she had been watching Channel 7 and a program entitled PBL regarding the life of MARTIN LUTHER KING and about mid-way through the program she had seen a fellow sitting around a table in the program somewhere where KING was that looked exactly like the composite drawing of the assassin that appeared in the 4/7/68 issue of th Oregonian.

MRS WELCH stated that she and her husband had just recently moved to Portland and that is why she did not know her exact address.

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TO ALL CONTINENTAL SACS
FROM DIRECTOR 1P

MURKIN

THIS IS THE CAPTION FOR THE CIVIL RIGHTS INVESTIGATION
TO IDENTIFY PERSON OR PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ASSASSINA-
TION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., IN MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, ON
APRIL FOUR LAST.

ALL INVESTIGATION MUST BE HANDLE UNDER THE PER-
SONAL DIRECTION OF THE SAC. LEADS ARE TO BE AFFORDED
IMMEDIATE, THOROUGH IMAGINATIVE ATTENTION. YOU MUST
EXHAUST ALL POSSIBILITIES FROM SUCH LEADS AS ANY ONE LEAD
COULD RESULT IN THE SOLUTION OF THIS MOST IMPORTANT INVES-
TIGATION. SAC WILL BE HELD PERSONALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY
FAILURE TO PROMPTLY AND THOROUGHLY HANDLE INVESTIGATIONS
IN THIS MATTER.

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SAC advised 4/7/68
BAC advised 4/7/68*

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SUSPECT MALE WHITE, AGE TWENTY SIX TO FORTY YEARS, HEIGHT FIVE FT. EIGHT TO FIVE FT. ELEVEN INCHES, ONE HUNDRED FIFTY TO ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY LBS.; DARK BROWN OR SANDY HAIR, COMBED STRAIGHT BACK. EYES BLUE OR GREEN; MEDIUM BUILD; COMPLEXION AVERAGE, SMOOTH. GENERAL PHYSICAL APPEARANCE; NEAT.

POSSIBLITY EXISTS SUSPECT IS NON-SMOKER. INDICATIONS WERE THAT SUSPECT RENTED ROOM BETWEEN THREE AND THREE THIRTY PM, APRIL FOUR, LAST, AND DEPARTED ROOM SHORTLY AFTER SIX PM. NO MATCHES OR CIGARETTES FOUND DURING THAT PERIOD, WHICH SUGGESTS SUSPECT MAY BE NON-SMOKER.

RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION MUST BE PROMPTLY FURNISHED BUREAU, MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM. P.

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FBI MEMPHIS

440PM URGENT 4/7/68 CAF

TO ALL SACS

FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987) 2P

MURKIN; CR. OO MEMPHIS.

RE BUTEL TO ALL SAC'S APRIL SEVEN, NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT.

FOR INFO ALL OFFICES, PERTINENT PERIODS IN INVESTIGATION
ARE MARCH TWENTY NINE AND THIRTY IN BIRMINGHAM, ALA., AND
APRIL FOUR, SIXTY EIGHT, IN MEMPHIS, TENN.

IN EVENT ANY DATA DEVELOPED RE SUSPECTS, IF INTERESTED
OFFICES CAN ESTABLISH WHEREABOUTS OF SUSPECTS ON DATES ABOVE,
THIS MAY ELIMINATE SUSPECT. IF THIS CANNOT BE DONE, EFFORTS
SHOULD BE MADE TO SECURE PHOTOGRAPHS OF SUSPECTS IN QUESTION AND
FORWARD PHOTOS TO MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM FOR POSSIBLE ELIMINATION.
PERTINENT DESCRIPTIVE DATA SHOULD BE INCLUDED WITH PHOTOS.

IF UNABLE TO ELIMINATE ON BASIS OF ESTABLISHED WHEREABOUTS
IN PERTINENT PERIODS, INTERESTED OFFICES SHOULD MAKE EFFORTS
TO SECURE FINGERPRINTS OF SUSPECT IN QUESTION AND SUBMIT SAME TO
BUREAU FOR ELIMINATION.

COMPOSITE DESCRIPTION, BASED ON DATA DEVELOPED IN BIRMINGHAM
AND MEMPHIS, IS AS FOLLOWS: 4/7/68
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SAC advised 4/7/68
Frank advised 4/7/68

SAC *[Signature]*

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REGISTRATION RECORDS, VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS, AND
CREDIT AND CRIMINAL RECORDS ON THE SURNAMES LOWMEYER
AND LOWMYER, IN VIEW OF THE UNUSUAL NATURE OF THE NAMES,
DO NOT CONFINE YOUR CHECK TO HARVEY LOWMEYER AND LOWMYER
ONLY. ANY INDIVIDUALS IDENTIFIED AS BEARING THESE SURNAMES
SHOULD BE IMMEDIATELY CHECKED OUT COVERING THE PERTINENT
PERIOD. YOU SHOULD ALSO APPROPRIATELY CHECKOUT ALL
BOMBING SUSPECTS IN YOUR TERRITORIES. — now See 174-80 AS.

HANDLE IMMEDIATELY AND GIVE TOP PRIORITY ATTENTION.

BUFILES CONTAIN NO INFORMATION IDENTIFIABLE ON
HARVEY LOWMEYER OR LOWMYER.

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PLS ACK

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TO ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES

FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 2P

MURKIN

THIS IS THE CASE INVOLVING THE MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., ON APRIL FOUR, LAST, IN MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD ANYONE BE TOLD THIS INVESTIGATION IS IN CONNECTION WITH CAPTIONED MATTER.

IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT A RIFLE ABANDONED NEAR
SCENE OF CRIME WAS PURCHASED BY INDIVIDUAL USING THE NAME
HARVEY LOWMEYER OR LOWMYER.

LOWMEYER OR LOWMYER IS GENERALLY DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, THIRTYSIX YEARS OLD, FIVE FEET EIGHT INCHES TALL, ONE HUNDRED FIFTY - ONE HUNDRED SIXTY POUNDS, BLACK OR DARK BROWN HAIR.

IN VIEW OF THE UNUSUAL NATURE OF THE NAMES LOWMEYER
AND LOWMYER, ALL OFFICES SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CHECK YOUR
INDICES, ALL CITY DIRECTORIES, ALL TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES COVERING
YOUR TERRITORIES, ALL DRIVERS LICENSE RECORDS, ALL AUTOMOBILE
END PAGE ONE

From 1970

Response to Short *AS*

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

TO: ALL AGENTS (157-380)

4/9/68

FROM: SAC W. B. SOYARS, JR.

RE: MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis (44-1987)
Bufile: 44-38861

Above caption is code name for investigation involving murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. 4/4/68, at Memphis.

Bureau instructions require any leads this case be given immediate and the highest priority. No excuses will be accepted for any delay in handling any lead.

Although I cannot at this point advise you details, pertinent investigative periods we are interested in at this time are 3/29/68 and 3/30/68 at Birmingham, Alabama, and 4/4/68 at Memphis. If any suspects are developed, above dates are the ones we are interested in in possibly eliminating a suspect. If we cannot eliminate the suspect, efforts should be made to secure photographs of suspects and forward to Memphis and Birmingham for possible elimination. Descriptive data should be included with photograph. Composite description of subject this case is as follows:

WMA	
Age	26-40
Height	5'8" - 5'11"
Weight	150-170 pounds
Hair	Dark brown or sandy, combed straight back
Eyes	Blue or green
Build	Medium
Complexion	Average, smooth
General physical appearance	Neat
Miscellaneous	Possibility exists suspect is nonsmoker.

No specific leads, as yet, have been directed to Portland; however, by Butel 4/8/68, we must conduct general investigation as follows:

1 - Each Agent (42) Mailed special to RAS
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(Note Small re. Southern Sargeant)

It has been determined that a rifle abandoned near scene of crime was purchased by individual using the name of HARVEY LOWMEYER or LOWMYER. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD ANYONE BE TOLD INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED RE LOWMEYER IS IN CONNECTION WITH MURKIN. LOWMEYER or LOWMYER is described as:

WMA	
Age	36 years
Height	5'8"
Weight	150-160 pounds
Hair	Black or dark brown

Bureau desires in view of unusual nature of names of LOWMEYER or LOWMYER that all offices conduct the following checks on the names HARVEY LOWMEYER or LOWMYER throughout the United States and on any reasonable variations of such a surname. Following checks are necessary:

- (1) All city directories
- (2) All telephone directories
- (3) All drivers license records (will be handled at Salem)
- (4) All automobile registration records (will be handled at Salem)
- (5) All voter registration records
- (6) Credit and criminal checks

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

In order to supervise this matter at Headquarters City, on the checks outlined above in which only negative information is developed, it will be satisfactory to record your investigation in longhand on a sheet of paper to be attached to this memo showing checks made, individuals contacted and fact that it was negative. Where suspect is developed then it will be necessary to show investigation in an attempt to eliminate the suspect by submitting a memo to this file. Be sure to identify investigating Agent and place where investigation conducted.

RESIDENT AGENTS & ROAD TRIP AGENTS

All Resident Agents and Road Trip Agents will handle the following checks within each of the counties in their territory:

- (1) Review of all city directories
- (2) Review of all telephone directories
- (3) Review of voter registration records
- (4) Credit and criminal

HEADQUARTERS CITY

This matter will be coordinated at Headquarters City by SA SHERK who will cause appropriate checks to be made in Portland and in Multnomah County.

Any additional details or information which we receive will be promptly furnished to you.

I cannot overemphasize the fact that there will be no delays in handling these inquiries.

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Date: 4/7/68

Transmit the following in _____
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Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO : SAC, ALBUQUERQUE
FROM : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
SUBJECT: MURKIN - CR

Note "CHANGED" title. Previously carried under "ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR."

All offices receiving copies of this Airtel note that Bureau has designated above caption as approved code word for investigation dealing with murder of Dr. KING.

Information under above caption should pertain only to investigation that may have bearing on identifying subject instant case. All other information pertaining to racial incidents, and racial activity arising out of assassination of Dr. KING should not be submitted under above caption, but should be submitted by interested offices under the appropriate caption pertaining to Racial Matters.

In addition, all offices in receipt of this information should re-canvass any Criminal Informants, Security Informants, and Racial Informants for possible knowledge concerning assassination, with specific emphasis directed toward informants in known hate groups.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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Special Agent in Charge

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TO ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES
FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 2P

MURKIN

AMONG ARTICLES RECOVERED AT SCENE OF SHOOTING,
APPARENTLY ABANDONED BY UNSUB, WERE A PAIR OF BROWNISH
CHECKERED PRINT UNDERSHORTS AND WHITE JOCKEY TEE SHIRT
BEARING CLOTH LAUNDRY TAGS. THESE TAGS WERE MADE BY A
THERMO SEAL MARKING MACHINE MANUFACTURED BY THE TEXTILE
MARKING MACHINE COMPANY, SYRACUSE, NEW YORK. THESE TAGS
ARE ONE QUARTER INCH WIDE AND ONE AND ONE SIXTEENTH
INCH LONG, RED IN COLOR AND BEAR MARKING WHICH APPEARS
TO BE "O TWO B DASH SIX" OR "D TWO B DASH SIX." ONLY A
PORTION OF THE FIRST CHARACTER IS PRESENT ON EACH TAG,
AND THIS CHARACTER IS CUT ON A SLIGHT BIAS. NO OTHER
VISIBLE LAUNDRY MARKS WERE FOUND ON EITHER GARMENT.

IMMEDIATE CHECKS OF LOGICAL LAUNDRIES SUGGESTED BY
TEXTILE MARKING COMPANY HAVE TO DATE BEEN UNPRODUCTIVE.

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Shank *BS*

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UPON RECEIPT, ALL OFFICES SHOULD IMMEDIATELY TELEPHONICALLY
CONTACT ALL LAUNDRIES IN YOUR DIVISIONS TO IDENTIFY
LAUNDRY USING THIS CODE AND THESE TAGS AND PURSUE LOGICAL
LEADS DEVELOPED.

IF PERTINENT LAUNDRY IDENTIFIED, IMMEDIATELY ADVISE
BUREAU TELEPHONICALLY.

THIS MUST BE GIVEN TOP PRIORITY HANDLING TO INSURE
THAT THESE CHECKS ARE IMMEDIATELY RUN OUT.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD ANYONE BE TOLD THIS
INVESTIGATION IS IN CONNECTION WITH CAPTIONED MATTER.

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1024AM URGENT 4-10-68 SAA
TO ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES
FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 1P

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MURKIN 00: MEMPHIS.

RE: SUSPECT ERIC STARVO GALT

GALT

IMMEDIATELY CHECK YOUR INDICIES, ALL STATE SELECTIVE
SERVICE HEADQUARTERS, CITY AND TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES,
DRIVERS LICENSE BUREAUS, MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISIONS, FINANCIAL
INSTITUTIONS, CONDUCT CREDIT AND CRIMINAL CHECK AND
CONTACT OTHER LOGICAL SOURCES TO OBTAIN ANY INFORMATION
WHATSOEVER RE SUSPECT GALT. DRIVERS LICENSE ISSUED IN
ALABAMA DESCRIBES GALT AS WHITE MALE, BORN [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES, ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-
FIVE POUNDS, BLUE EYES, BROWN HAIR.

THIS MUST BE GIVEN TOP PRIORITY AND ALL LEADS MUST BE
COVERED BY TELETYPE TO THOROUGHLY RESOLVE. NO INDICATION
TO BE GIVEN THAT THIS LEAD IS IN CONJUNCTION WITH MURKIN CASE.
END

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MEMORANDUM

TO: ALL AGENTS (157-380)
FROM: SAC W. B. SOYARS, JR.
RE: MURKIN

4/10/68

RE: SUSPECT ERIC STARVO GALT

By teletype instant date Bureau desires following investigation done concerning subject to obtain any information whatsoever regarding suspect GALT, who is described as WMA, born [redacted] 5'11", 175 pounds, blue and brown. Immediately upon receipt, following leads are to be covered:

ALL RESIDENT AGENTS AND ROAD TRIP AGENTS

- (1) Check city and telephone directories in your territory.
- (2) Check Drivers License Bureaus (handle at Salem).
- (3) Check Motor Vehicle Division (handle at Salem).
- (4) Check of financial institutions. *being handled by circular letter in Portland.*
- (5) Conduct credit and criminal.

HEADQUARTERS CITY

- (1) Check State Selective Service Headquarters (SA STEELE handling).
- (2) SA SHERK handling above at Portland.

As previously noted, if your checks are negative, make certain that you have a legibly handwritten record of your checks, including person contacted, date contacted, etc., which should be forwarded with this memorandum back to SA SHERK for correlation.

If any positive information developed, call SAC so that teletype can be sent to follow-up on such information.

1 Each Agent (42) Mailed SD to RAs
1 66-426 a.m. 4/10/68 lam
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Memorandum

TO : SAC PORTLAND (157-380)

DATE: 4/10/68

FROM : SA DONALD H. STEELE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Suspect Eric Starvo Galt

On 4/10/68 Garnett Robinson, clerk, Oregon State Selective Service Headquarters, 811 NE Oregon Street, Portland, Oregon advised that a check of the Oregon State Selective Service locator file failed to disclose the name Eric Starvo Galt as being registered in the state of Oregon.

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5:00 PM URGENT 4/9/68 SPR
TO PORTLAND
FROM BUTTE (173-2) 1P

MURKIN. CR. OO MEMPHIS.

TODAY, JAMES BIGELOW, ENGINEER, BIA, BILLINGS, MONT., ADVISED
ON APR. FIVE LAST, AT APPROX. FIVE FIFTY P.M.. OBSERVED A
PERSON AT PORTLAND, ORE., AIRPORT WHERE NW AIRLINES DEPARTS,
WHO HE STATES RESEMBLED ARTIST'S CONCEPTION OF UNSUB WHICH
APPEARED IN SPOKANE, WN., NEWSPAPER. STATED PERSON WAS IN
AIRPORT WAITING ROOM AND LEFT AREA SHORTLY BEFORE SIX TEN PM.
DESCRIBES PERSON AS WEARING DARK CLOTHES, NEAT, WM, FIVE TEN,
THIRTY-THIRTYFIVE, ONE SIXTY TO ONE SEVENTY, DARK BROWN HAIR,
STRAIGHT, DARK EYES, DARK SMOOTH COMPLEXION.

PORTLAND, AT PORTLAND, CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION
TO IDENTIFY THIS PERSON.

AM COPY MEMPHIS.

END.

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TO: BUTTE
FROM: PORTLAND (157-380)(P)

MURKIN.

REURTEL APRIL NINE LAST.

TO ASSIST PORTLAND IN INVESTIGATION AT PORTLAND, OREGON, AIRPORT, IMMEDIATELY RECONTACT JAMES BIGELOW AND ASCERTAIN HIM FROM/ADDITIONAL DATA INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING: WAS THE PERSON HE SAW SITTING OR WALKING AT AIRPORT; DID HE OBSERVE INDIVIDUAL CONTACTING OR STANDING NEAR ANY AIRLINE COUNTERS AT AIRPORT. IF SO, WHAT ONE; WAS THE INDIVIDUAL CARRYING LUGGAGE AND IF SO WHAT TYPE INASMUCH AS IT MAY BE NECESSARY TO CHECK FLIGHTS FROM PORTLAND TO OTHER AREAS; WAS HE ACCOMPANIED BY ANYONE; AT THE TIME THE INDIVIDUAL LEFT SITTING ROOM WHICH DIRECTION DID HE HEAD AND DID IT APPEAR THAT HE WAS BOARDING AN AIRCRAFT; WAS THERE ANYTHING UNUSUAL ABOUT HIS ACTIONS WHILE HE WAS BEING OBSERVED; DID HE SEE THE SUSPECT PRIOR TO HAVING OBSERVED THE ARTIST'S CONCEPTION IN NEWSPAPER. FURNISH ADDITIONAL DETAILS RE TYPE OF CLOTHING, MATERIAL, PATTERN, JEWELRY, HE WAS WEARING

1 - Memphis (44-1987)(AM)
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INCLUDING WHETHER HE HAD ON A HAT. REINTERVIEW FOR ADDITIONAL DETAILS RE DESCRIPTIVE DATA, I.E. WAS HE WEARING GLASSES, SMOKING CIGARETTES OR PIPE, PROBABLE NATIONALITY, BUILD, POSTURE, CHEEKS, WALK, ETC.

IN FACT, FULLY INTERVIEW BIGELOW SO THAT PORTLAND CAN LOGICALLY COVER INVESTIGATION AT AIRPORT.

AIRMAIL COPY MEMPHIS.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-380) (P)

FROM : SA ELVIN L. BARTON

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/10/68

Re Bureau teletype to All Offices, 4/9/68.

SA ELVIN L. BARTON conducted the following investigation on 4/9 and 4/10/68:

THOMAS T. GEORGES, JR., manager, Oregon Laundry and Dry Cleaners, 232 SW Columbia Street, Portland, Oregon, advised that his firm uses the Thermo Seal marking machine to put on their cloth laundry tags. He stated that they used the red cloth laundry tag for specials that require only one day service for which they require an extra charge for a customer. He stated that the laundry mark such as O2B-6 or D2B-6 is not their laundry mark as they begin with a two-digit number starting at 10 and going up through 99, and would never use a letter prefix. He stated that JOHN POPP, 9305 SE Harney Court, Portland, Oregon, telephone 771-0725, is the manufacturer's representative that handles this marking machine for the Textile Marking Machine Company, Syracuse, New York. He stated that the distributor in the State of Oregon for this equipment is Van Waters and Rogers, 3950 NW Yeon Blvd, Portland, Oregon, telephone CA 2-1721, and the person to see there for the identity of other laundries using this equipment would be LARRY H. GIRVAN, manager of their Laundry and Dry Cleaning Department.

LARRY H. GIRVAN, Laundry and Dry Cleaning Department, Van Waters and Rogers, 3950 NW Yeon Blvd., Portland, advised that the manufacturer's representative JOHN POPP is almost impossible to find at his Portland address and telephone number as he handles several lines of laundry equipment, including the Thermo Seal marking machine and travels about five states including Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, as well as British Columbia.

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Mr. GIRVAN stated that they distribute the Thermo Seal marking machine to various laundries, but that small laundries cannot afford the machine as it is very expensive and is only employed by the larger laundries throughout the State of Oregon. Mr. GIRVAN supplied the names which will appear hereafter of 13 laundries in the State of Oregon which are the only ones that handle this equipment. In addition, he stated they distribute to 3 laundries in the State of Washington which he identified as Griffees Heights Cleaners, and New Method Cleaners, both of Vancouver, Washington, and the Troy Laundry at Longview, Washington. He stated that for the rest of the laundries using this machine in the State of Washington, the Seattle Office of the FBI should contact RALPH OLSON, Manager of Van Waters and Rogers, Seattle, Washington.

SAC, W.B. SOYARS, JR. telephonically furnished the information concerning the State of Washington to SAC J. EARL MILNES, Seattle Office, on 4/9/68.

The following laundries were contacted by SA ELVIN L. BARTON telephonically on 4/9 and 4/10/68 and in each instance, the laundry marking involved was gone over with them carefully and in all instances, the persons contacted advised this is not their laundry mark. In all instances they stated that their Thermo Seal marking machine begins with either one numeral or two numerals rather than a letter such as D or O. None of them use 0 as a prefix.

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Mr. HARRIS, Stacey's Cleaners, 2000 N.E. Alberta;

Mr. DAVIS, Opera House Laundry, 217 NW Everett;

Mr. MURPHY, Portland Laundry and Dry Cleaners,
1740 NE Union;

JACK RAWLINSON, Rawlinson's, 1221 NE Couch;

Mr. LIKENS, Troy Laundry, 1025 SE Pine Street;

Mr. PRIEGER, Professional Hand Laundry, 210 NE 28th;

TOM GEORGES, Oregon Laundry and Dry Cleaners,
232 SW Columbia.

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Mr. BUCHANNAN, Salem Laundry, Salem, Oregon;

Mr. REED, Peerless Laundry, Springfield, Oregon;

PHIL DUFFY, Cascade Laundry, Klamath Falls, Oregon;

X JACK DUMAS, Dumas Domestick Laundry, Medford, Oregon;

X Mr. POLUCK, Mt. Hood Laundry, Sandy, Oregon;

X Mr. COOK, Cook's Cleaners and Launderers, 375 NW Canyon Road, Beaverton, Oregon;

X Mr. POMEROY, Bend Troy Laundry, Bend, Oregon;

X Mr. WAGG, West Coast Laundry, Newport, Oregon;

X Mr. GEORGE ADAMS, Hood River Laundry, Hood River, Oregon.

ADDENDUM:

Contact had with JOHN POPP, sole representative, Textile Marking Machine Company, Syracuse, New York, which sells Thermo Seal Marking Machines for the State of Oregon, verified the listing hereinbefore contacted as the only places where Thermo marking machine seal process is utilized in the State of Oregon.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 157-380

Post Office Box 709
Portland, Oregon 97207

April 10, 1968

TO ALL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS IN THE STATE OF OREGON:

In connection with an important investigation, would you please check your records to determine if either of the below-listed individuals has a checking account, savings account or loan record with your institution:

Harvey Lowmeyer (or Lowmyer)

Eric Starvo Galt

If you ascertain any information concerning either of these individuals, please call collect to the Portland FBI Office, telephone 224-4181, making reference to Portland file 157-380.

Your prompt attention to this urgent request will certainly be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

W. B. SOYARS, JR.
Special Agent in Charge

1 - all financial institutions in State:

318 -- banks
34 -- savings and loan associations
31 -- credit unions
383 -- total

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COLLEGE PLACE, WASHINGTON

College Place Laundry.

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TO : SAC (157-380)

DATE: 4/10/68

FROM : SA ELVIN L. BARTON

SUBJECT: MURKIN

ReButel 4/9/68.

JOHN POPP, representative, Textile Marking Machine Company, Syracuse, New York, advised that he sells Thermo Seal Marking Machines for laundries in the State of Washington and is a sole representative for this company. He stated that the following laundries have these machines:

AT SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

Troy Laundry, with three plants and 19 machines.

Four Star Laundry

Personality Cleaners

There are machines located at the Naval Air Station, Oak Harbor, Whidbey Island, Washington, and one machine at the U. S. Naval Exchange in Seattle, Washington.

AT EVERETT, WASHINGTON

Paris Laundry

AT KIRKLAND, WASHINGTON

Lakeside Cleaners

ELLENSBURG, WASHINGTON

Model Laundry

AT WENATCHEE, WASHINGTON

Crystal Laundry

AT SPOKANE, WASHINGTON

Crystal Laundry



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Memorandum

TO : SAC, PORTLAND 157-380

FROM : CC, LESTER T. AULTOM

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4-10-68

At 12:20 PM date, Mrs ROUNDEMAKER, Matron, City Jail, Portland called and advised that one GERALDINE TANNER, who is in Jail there, had received a letter from Oakland, California that contained several remarks concerning the death of KING and possible dates it would happen.

SAC Advised. SA Tenwick contacted by radio and will handle.
(12:30 PM date)

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, PORTLAND 157-380

DATE: 4-10-68

FROM : CC Lester T. Aultom

SUBJECT: MURKIN

At 12:30 PM date, MR. SAMUEL J. LINDLEY, 5431 SE 41st, phone 774-7622 (Home) 226-3361 Ext 2296 U.S. Forest Service, called and advised at approx 12:15 PM date he had seen a person at the CHUCK WAGON Cafe on 60th and SE Forster, that looked very much like the man we were looking for. Stated he met the description real good.

SAC advised. SA Himmelsback handling lead.

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JACK LONDON SQUARE
NEIGHBORHOOD . . .

Dear Jimmy,
How are things today? Say I know
you are mad. Honey try to understand
I just couldn't wait. I had to
make it. I had gotten my fill of
Portland. I got there Monday after-
noon. I call David. I didn't really
want anything with him. I just
wanted him to know I was in Oak
land. The next day he was down at
the bar I work at. I wasn't there
I had ridden over on the other
side of the Bay with some friends
by mine. I called him last night
and about 2 hours after I finished
talking to him Fast Johnny
called up to the room and told
me he had a friend of his down
stairs. Said he hadn't told him
I was up here yet. Asked if it was

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soon as you get out.

soon as you get out.
I saw Monica Skis said
looking.

looking.
Tell John Jimmy her he
mad at her.

mad at her.
I have to go Twigs. I have
get my prescription filled before
to late. I have to be ready for
Tonight. Then pools and Ridd

Tonight:
I see those fools and kill
Martin L. King. That is a shame,
you know. It really is. That's the
worst thing in the world they
could have done. Negro Civil Rights
workers don't like that so well. These
Black Panthers are already acting
crazy down here. Killing up the
policemen and things. I know

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② halfway expected him to come up but they didn't. Anyway I going out tonight (Friday) to the club I know he will be. I'm like styling to Henry. I haven't made up my mind what to wear anyway. I'll take some pictures and send you some. I'm going to make sure Dave is there cause I'm going to call Fast Johnny and tell him to bring him. I'll write back and let you know how I come out.

There's not much going on here on the other side of the Bay a few times to get prescriptions for.

I brought a polaroid camera I have been really taking pictures.

I hope you can read this ~~if~~ ~~you~~ awful handwriting. Speak to Chas. How did she come out on her case?

I'm sure be glad when they let you guys loose. Call me as

white was going to kill that bloke. Oh! David is in school. He got out next month.

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Love y'all,
David Star

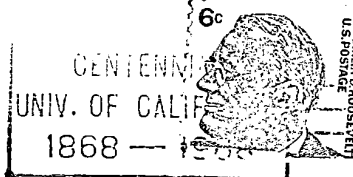
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JACK LONDON SQUARE
NEIGHBORHOOD.....



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Mrs. Twigg Tanner
209 SW. Cox City St.
Portland, Oregon

4/10/68

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AIR MAIL

TO: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO

FROM: SAC, PORTLAND (157-380) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On instant date, GERALDINE MARIE TANNER, a prostitute presently incarcerated at the Portland Jail, Portland, Oregon, upon request was interviewed by SA WILLIAM A. TENWICK, Portland Division. She made available a copy of a letter (one xerox copy enclosed for San Francisco and Memphis) which she received from PEARL R. MILLER, aka KATHY LAWTON, Room 52, London Lodge Motel, Broadway at 7th Street, Oakland, California. In the letter the following quotation is contained: "I knew whites was going to kill that man," referring to KING.

TANNER states that she is well acquainted with MILLER and she insists that MILLER knows something about the individual who killed KING. She is unable to give any basis for this supposition other than she knows MILLER so well and this is so "unlike her" that she is confident MILLER has knowledge of the murder.

MILLER apparently left Phoenix, Arizona, 3/26/68 for Oakland, California. Under Portland PD File #44-261, she has a prior arrest for prostitution.

2-San Francisco (Enc. 1)
1-Memphis (Enc. 1) (info) (44-1987)
2-Portland

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SAN FRANCISCO

AT OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA. Will interview MILLER at above address and determine basis for statement in her letter which was mailed 4/8/68, postmarked Oakland, California.

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FBI BIRMGHAM

1039PPM IMMEDIATE 4-10-68 HEP
TO DIRECTOR AND ALL SACS
FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) 1P

MURKIN

ERIC STARVO GALT, TWO SIX ZERO EIGHT HIGHLAND AVENUE SOUTH,
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, REGISTERED OWNER OF WHITE NINETEEN SIXTYSIX
MUSTANG, VIN SIX T ZERO SEVEN C ONE NINE ZERO SIX FOUR SEVEN,
BEARING NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT ALABAMA LICENSE ONE - THREE EIGHT NINE
NINE THREE, IS PRIME SUSPECT IN THIS CASE.

ALL OFFICES CHECK ABOVE VIN FOR POSSIBLE RE-REGISTRATION.

NO INDICATION TO BE GIVEN THAT THIS LEAD IS IN CONJUNCTION
WITH MURKIN CASE.

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NO JEWELRY, SCARS, OR MARKS, OR OTHER DISTINGUISHABLE

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FEATURES NOTED.

BIGELOW STOPPED IN SPOKANE, WASHINGTON, NIGHTS OF APRIL
FIVE AND SIX LAST, AND BELEIVES OBSERVED ARTIST'S CONCEPTION
IN SPOKANE ON APRIL SIX LAST.

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FBI BUTTE

1:56 PM URGNET 4/10/68 SPR
TO PORTLAND (157-380)
FROM BUTTE (173-2) 2P

MURKIN, CR.

REURTEL, APRIL ONE ZERO INSTANT.

JAMES BIGELOW, BILLINGS, MONTANA, REINTERVIEWED, THIS
DATE. STATED SUSPECT SITTING IN FROMT ROW OF CHAIRS NEAR
TELEPHONE BOOTH IN AREA OF TV SETS, AIRPORT. THESE CHAIRS
FACE TV SET WHICH FACES THE SMALLER AREA FURTHEREST FROM
SHOESHINE AREA. SUSPECT SITTING IN ABOUT SECOND SEAT FROM
STREET SIDE. BIGELOW DID NOT OBSERVE SUSPECT WALKING.
SUSPECT APPEARED TO BE ALONE AND NO LUGGAGE OBSERVED.
BIGELOW UNDER IMPRESSION SUSPECT UNDER TENSION DUE TO WILD
LOOK IN EYES. SUSPECT NOT OBSERVED BY BIGELOW LEAVING ABOVE
AREA. DESCRIBED AS WM, THREE ZERO TO THREE FIVE YEARS OF
AGE, DARK HAIR, ONE SIX ZERO TO ONE SEVEN ZERO POUNDS, FIVE
FEET TEN TO TEN AND ONE-HALF INCHES TALL, TRIM APPEARANCE,
BELIEVED WEARING DARK SPORTS COAT, NOT CERTAIN WHETHER WEARING
TIE OR SPORTS SHIRT, NO HAT, DOES NOT BELIEVE WORE GLASSES,

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FBI ALBANY

1124AN URGENT 4-11-68 DER

TO: DIRECTOR AND (30) SAC RECEIVING ALBANY AIRTEL APRIL TEN LAST.

FROM ALBANY:

MURKIN, CR.

RE ALBANY AIRTEL APRIL TEN LAST.

IT IS SUGGESTED IN COVERING LEADS REAIRTEL THAT PERSONAL CONTACTS BE MADE WITH OPERATOR OF MACHINES IN PREFERENCE TO SUPERVISORY PERSONNEL AS TEXTILE MARKING MACHINE CO., SYRACUSE, NY, NOW SUGGESTS THAT ZERO IN FIRST CHARACTER MAY HAVE BEEN INSERTED BY MACHINE OPERATOR IN PREFERENCE TO USING A DASH.

IF OTHER CHARACTERS SIMILAR TO QUESTIONED CODE, SUGGEST IMMEDIATE SUBMISSION TO BUREAU LAB FOR COMPARISON.

ALL OFFICES BEING ADVISED BY ALBANY.

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TO: WFO AND BUREAU (44-38861)

FROM: PORTLAND (157-380)

MURKIN

DONALD CHURCHILL RESIDING ROUTE ONE, BOX ONE SIX FIVE, NEHALEM, OREGON, APPEARED THERE NIGHT OF APRIL NINE FROM PUERTO RICO AND VIRGIN ISLANDS. CHURCHILL REPORTED TO BE SIMILAR IN APPEARANCE TO SKETCH OF UNSUB, AND TALKED OF INSTANT MURDER.

ON INTERVIEW, CHURCHILL STATES HE WAS IN W.D.C., APRIL FOUR TO CONFER WITH HIS ATTORNEY, FRED C. SACKS, TEN THIRTY FIFTEENTH STREET, NW, W.D.C, CONCERNING DIVORCE. HE RESIDED IN A MOTEL IN NE W.D.C., ADDRESS SHOULD BE KNOWN TO SACKS. HE HEARD OF INSTANT MURDER ON RADIO AND DECIDED TO GO SOMEPLACE WHERE THERE IS PEACE. HE TOOK A PAN AM. PLANE ON APRIL FIVE TO PUERTO RICO FROM DULLES AIRPORT LEAVING HIS VOLKSWAGEN, NEW YORK LICENSE TZ FIVE THREE FIVE SIX, AT UNION SERVICE STATION ACROSS STREET FROM MOTEL. NOTE ON CHECK STUB CONFIRMS PAYMENT TO PAN AM. APRIL ^{Fiftn} ~~FIFTEEN~~. HAS TICKET STUB DATED APRIL EIGHT FOR PAN AM. FLIGHT FROM ST. THOMAS, VIRGIN ISLANDS

1 - Memphis (AM) (RM)

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TO PORTLAND, OREGON. CHURCHILL HAS WIFE, FAITH, AND CHILDREN WHO RESIDE, TWO SIX ONE HENRY, BROOKLYN, N.Y. HE IS AGE THIRTY SIX, SIX FEET, ONE SEVENTY POUNDS, BROWN HAIR, BLUE EYES, PAST EMPLOYMENTS, PILOT, PAN AM., STOCKBROKER, N.Y. NOW UNEMPLOYED AND ^{Possibly} MENTALLY DISTURBED.

WFO. CONTACT FRED C. SACKS, TEN THIRTY NW FIFTEENTH, W.D.C., TO CONFIRM CHURCHILL'S PRESENCE THERE ON APRIL FOUR LAST.

AM COPY TO MEMPHIS.

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

FBI WASH DC

406PM URGENT 4/11/68 CAB

TO ALL SACS

FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 2P.

MURKIN

INVESTIGATION HAS ESTABLISHED THAT AN INDIVIDUAL USING THE NAME ERIC STARVO GALT WAS IN MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, ON APRIL FOUR, SIXTYEIGHT, REPORTEDLY DRIVING A NINETEEN SIXTYSIX WHITE MUSTANG WITH ALABAMA LICENSE ONE DASH THREE EIGHT NINE NINE THREE. THE BUREAU IS ANXIOUS TO LOCATE THIS INDIVIDUAL FOR QUESTIONING IN CONNECTION WITH THIS MATTER. *SPK*

ALL OFFICES COVERING POINTS OF EXIT FROM THE COUNTRY SHOULD INITIATE A CHECK TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT ERIC GALT HAS DEPARTED THE COUNTRY.

ALL OFFICES ARE TO CONTACT THE APPROPRIATE POLICE DEPARTMENTS IN YOUR TERRITORY TO INSURE THAT ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES ARE COVERED BY AN ALL POINTS BULLETIN TO THE EFFECT THAT ERIC STARVO GALT IS WANTED FOR QUESTIONING
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BY THE FBI.

GALT IS DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, HEIGHT FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES, WEIGHT ONE HUNDRED SEVENTYFIVE POUNDS, EYES BLUE, HAIR BROWN, DATE OF BIRTH [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], ACCORDING TO HIS DRIVERS LICENSE.

GALT'S CAR IS DESCRIBED AS A NINETEEN SIXTYSIX WHITE HARD-TOP MUSTANG, SIXTYEIGHT ALABAMA LICENSE TAG ONE-THREE EIGHT NINE NINE THREE, VIN SIX T ZERO SEVEN C ONE NINE ZERO SIX FOUR SEVEN. CAR HAD FOUR INDIVIDUAL RED PLASTIC FLOOR MATS, MUFFLER PAINTED SILVER WHEN PURCHASED BY GALT IN AUGUST SIXTYSEVEN.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD IT BE INDICATED TO ANYONE AT ANY PLACE THE NATURE OF THE CASE IN WHICH GALT IS WANTED FOR QUESTIONING BY THE FBI.

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175 LBS., BLUE EYES, BROWN HAIR.

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LIC. 1-38993, VIN 6-T-07-C-190647, CAR HAD FOUR INDIVIDUAL
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