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Memorandum

TO : SAC, TAMPA (157-3231)

DATE: 4-10-68

FROM : SA EDWARD J. TULLY

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 4-10-68, SA Tully reviewed the local city directories and telephone directories re ERIC STARVO GALT with negative results. In addition the following agencies were checked:

Titusville Credit Bureau
Titusville PD
Brevard County SO
Brevard Tag agency
Brevard License agency
Brevard County Tax rolls
Cocoa Credit Bureau
Cocoa PD
Eau Gallie PD
Melbourne Credit Bureau
Melbourne PD

All of the above agency checks were negative. No attempt was made to check financial records due to the fact the institutions were closed for the day. These checks will be made on 4-11-68 and results furnished telephonically.

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TO : SAC, TAMPA (157-3231)

DATE: 4/12/68

FROM : SA GORDON W. TINDLE

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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RE: SUSPECT ERIC STARVO GALT

The following investigation was conducted with negative results on 4/11/68, by SA GORDON W. TINDLE at Seminole County:

KATHLEEN DAUGHTY, Tax Clerk, Automobile Registrations
Seminole Co. Tax Collector's Office, Sanford.

Mrs. DONNA EVERS, Investigator, Credit Bureau of
Sanford, and Seminole County at Sanford, Fla.

Mrs. CAMILLA BRUCE, Supervisor of Registrations,
Voters Registrations, Seminole Co., Sanford, Fla.

Mrs. RHEA LOWERY, Deputy Sheriff, Seminole Co. SO,
Sanford, Fla.

Sgt. RUSSELL W. TENCH, Sanford PD

Telephone directories and information operator for
Sanford, Geneva, Oviedo, DeBarry, and part of Deltona (Volusia
Co.)

Sanford City Directory

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DATE: 4/15/68

FROM : SA William A. Keller

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re serial 52

On 4/15/68, Art Nash, Equipment Sales Co., 2101 Morrison Ave., Tampa advised that to his knowledge the laundries in the Tampa area that use the Thermoseal Marking Machine are as follows:

Vogue Cleaners, 936 S. Howard

Stirling Cleaners, (2) N.W. Ave. and Fla. Ave.

MacWill Cleaners, S. MacWill Ave.

Modern Cleaners, Bay to Bay Blvd.

Plaza Cleaners, Britton Plaza

It is noted that all of the above have been contacted previously with the exception of Vogue Cleaners.

On 4/15/68, Fred Sigal, V-P, Vogue Cleaners, viewed photo of the questioned laundry mark and advised that his cleaners does not use that type of numbering system and that the tag definitely did not come from his laundry.



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DATE: 4/15/68

FROM : SA S.J. Labadie

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re: COVERAGE OF DANCE STUDIOS

On 4/15/68 Frank Rey, Frank Rey Dance Studio & Theatre, 910 E. Buffalo Ave., Tampa advised he has never taken any adults for any dance classes and he has merely had children.

On 4/15/68 it was ascertained there was no longer any Jacqueline Studio of Dance on E. Reynolds St., Plant City. Inquiring at the Credit Bureau of Plant City established the Studio used to be in the Mayer Bldg., downtown Plant City, on the 100 block on E. Reynolds. Inquiring at the Mayer Bldg. established Jacqueline Studios no longer there but moved to cross E. Kennedy in building next to Goodyear Store. Check of building - 2 stories - adjacent to Goodyear Store showed building completely vacant. The sources contacted as above and inquiring established Jacqueline Studio only taught young girls ballet & the like and no adults at any time.

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Man in Jail Cleared in King's Death

JACKSONVILLE (AP)—A man questioned here Saturday night about the slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., has been cleared of any connection with it, police Lt. P. L. Howell said yesterday.

The man, Clyde Courtney,

33, of Louisville, Ky., was questioned by local and federal officers who said he resembled the sketch of a man wanted in connection with the assassination.

"He has been cleared," said Howell. "There is no connec-

tion except the physical resemblance."

Courtney, arrested on a vagrancy charge, remained in jail in lieu of \$35 bond. His case was set for today in municipal court.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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TAMPA TRIBUNE
TAMPA, FLORIDA

Date: 4/15/68
Edition: LOCAL
Author:
Editor: JAMES A. CLENDINEN
Title:

Character:

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DATE: 4/15/68

FROM : SA S. J. Labadie

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Attached hereto are original notes showing negative investigative conducted to determine if anyone named Eric Starvo Galt, John Willard, Harvey Lowmeyer, or Harvey Lowmeyer left through the Port of Tampa since April 4, 1968.

Attached shows results of interview with Sam Johnson, Customs Agent in Charge, Enforcement Unit; Charles Light, U.S. Customs Marine Division (who made available some copies of ship departures attached); Commander Roger L. Madsen, Captain of the Port, U.S. Coast Guard, Tampa who searched his records for subject suspect with negative results, and of contact with all known shipping companies working out of Tampa, Florida.

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Sam Johnson Anybody leaving Port since 4/4

U.S. Customs, Enforcement Division

1st: Marine Division, U.S. Customs

for any departure of American vessels
as they have to file a crew list
with Customs

A foreign vessel is not required to file
a crew list on departure.

A foreign vessel coming into U.S. has to
file a crew list with Customs.

2nd U.S. Coast Guard - see if any record of anyone
coming in to apply for a seaman's document
(coverage of all applicants range territory)

Also check Coast Guard on Shrimp Boat Captains

Only person who has to sign on a Shrimp Boat is the
Captain.

the only other way to get whoever on Shrimp Boat
check individual companies pay rolls.

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Charles Light - U.S. Customs, Marine Division, 5th floor
the only vessels which left the Port of Tampa since 4/4/68
are as follows:

Oil Slew Mary A	- Shrimp boat - cleared.
Rosa Lea	" "
Normandy	" "
South Seas	" "
Delta	" "

Whole crew listed because going foreign.

All shrimpers who go like to Campeche - individual
shrimp companies -

Zerox copies of the crew lists of departures as above.

Commander Roger L. Madsen, Captain of Port, U.S.C. Guard
checked records and no applications for Seaman's documents
since April 4

that there are no pending applications for Seaman's
documents

and that there are no forms by _____ (names)
signed on any shrimp boats departing Tampa Port as
Captains - crews not known

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U.S.C.G. Coverage Everglades to Fern Holloway River
in W. Florida

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CARRIER AMERICAN O/S MARY A #512930
(Nationality, name, and official number of carrier)

Date of arrival/departure APRIL 5, 1968
(Cross out one)

Port of arrival/departure TAMPA, FLORIDA
(Cross out one)

Last foreign port before arrival in United States _____ (Place and Country)

(Date departed)

If departing, show first port at and date on which carrier arrived in United States on this trip _____

If departing, show first foreign port after departure from United States **PORT OF SPAIN, TRINIDAD**

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PASSENGER LIST
CREW LIST

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Class _____
(First, Cabin, Tourist, or Other)

Port of arrival/departure TAMPA, FLORIDA
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(Date departed) 12/11/13

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(Nationality, name, and official number of carrier)

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(First, Cabin, Tourist, or Other)

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Port of ~~arrival~~/departure TAMPA, FLORIDA
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Last foreign port before arrival in United States _____ (Place and Country)

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If departing, show first foreign port after departure from United States GEORGETOWN, GUYANA

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CARRIER

AMERICAN O/S NORMANDY # 512077

(Nationality, name, and official number of carrier)

Class

(First, Cabin, Tourist, or Other).

Date of ~~arrival~~/departure
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Angel Perez, Agent, U.S. Customs Enforcement

+ ~~Agencia~~. X (means negative all names)

1. ^x Felicione + Sons Fish Co., Inc., 1415 Ashley 229-7185
Josephine Ann Thomas, Secretary
2. ^x Hammond Shrimp Co., Hookers Point 246-5041
- out of business - George Healey, renter of Bldg. which had
Hammond Shrimp Co. on side thereof.
3. ^x Hankens + Newton Shrimp Co., Inc. 248-2749
Hookers Point
John Donini, clerk, office - Shrimping locally in flats - no record of names
4. ^x Hayes Deep Shrimp Boat Management
Hookers Point 248-5806
Mrs. Hayes, wife of owner
5. ^x Gulf Gold, Inc. 5339 S. Westshore Blvd. 839-5445
+ they don't own any boats, they merely process
shrimp.
6. ^x Ludwig Shrimp Co., Hookers Point 248-3340
(248-3340 - now out of business)
not in current August '67 Tel. Directory
(moved all operations out of Tampa and to
Trinidad - nothing here)
(Per Mr. Wilson, owner, Wilson Shrimp Co.)

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7. ^x Nelson Shrimp Co., Hookers Point 242-4144
 All moved to State of Texas - no longer for
 Per Mr. Wilson, owner Wilson Shrimp Co.
8. ^x Rhodes Shrimp Co., Hookers Pt. 248-3560
 M. H. Rhodes. One left - Foreign - Betty Lou
 4-5 boats go to flats & return daily - all negative
 checked payroll all negative
9. ^x Sahlman's Seafoods, Hookers Pt. 248-5726
 Ruth McDonald, Sec., South Sea left past week - as Monday
 South Sea left with 2 boats owned by Versaggi
 very Versaggi - Dorothy Mortimer, Sec., all names checked negative
10. ^x Singleton Packing Corp.,
 Boat Dock, Hookers Point 248-6191
 Bob Canady, only 1 boat left since 4/4 - no record
11. ^x Trawler Management Inc., Hookers Pt. 242-8771
 Lee Garling, Sec., had 2 boats that left on 4/7
 checked records - names negative
12. ^x Sam Tringali Co., Inc., Hookers Pt. 248-4902
 H. C. McPetere - 2 boats left since 4/4 - no record on payroll of names
13. ^x Wilson Shrimp Co., Hookers Pt. 248-3729
 Bob Hayes, 2 boats left that he is Agent for
 and payroll records negative

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14. ^x Matassini, J & Sons, 2008 Garcia Ave.

229-0829

Only 1 boat - 2 men on boat - know

both but checked anyway and not any of names
Louis Matassini

15. ^x Minabella Fish Co., Inc., 233 S. Water

229-0189

(snapper boats - have about 3-4)

Buster Minabella - King Shrimp boat left other

day - knows persons on boats - names not
employed)

16. ^x Robert E. Collins, Inc.

246-5852

Nashua Pt.

(used to be here at Nashua Pt - in front of business)

Collins now works for Sengleton Packing House on

50th St + 6th Ave. + he no longer has boats

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TO : SAC, TAMPA (157-3231)

DATE: 4/15/68

FROM : SA Dennis R. Nickerson

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR

Re: Dance Studios

The following dance studios were contacted on 4/15/68 and advised that they could locate no record on Eric Starvo Galt, Harvey Lowmeyer or John Willard

- (1) Marnye Hanford, 3607 Swann Ave, Tampa
(SA Nickerson)
- (2) Ela May Richard, Ela May Dance Studio, 3111 N. Leon, Tampa.
(SA Nickerson)
- (3) Arthur Murray Dance Studio, Alvin A. Bernate - manager, 90 & 1/2 N. Franklin
(SA Keller)
- (4) Marina Picalla, Jackie's Dance Studio, 3616 Chestnut St. (SA Keller)
- (5) Joyce Friesslander, Joyce's Dance Studio, 3433 S. West Shore Tampa (SA Hegarty)
- (6) Jim Seckbach, Seckbach Dance Studio, 2817 S. Mac Hill Ave, Tampa (SA Hegarty)

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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS
FROM: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (44-788)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
(OO: Memphis)

On 4/7/68, MICHAEL GARCIA voluntarily appeared at the FBI RA, Gainesville, Fla. and furnished the following information.

GARCIA is a Private E-3, US Army. His serial number is [redacted] and he is from Tampa, Florida. He is to report to Ft. Lewis, Washington, on 4/20/68, for shipment to Viet Nam. He will be in Tampa, Fla. until it is time for him to report to Ft. Lewis.

GARCIA's father is MANUEL GARCIA, Attorney, Tampa, Florida.

On Saturday, 3/30/68, GARCIA left Ft. Benning, Ga. en route to Gainesville, Florida, where he was formerly a student at the University of Florida. GARCIA took State Road 28 out of Columbus, Georgia, en route to Interstate 75 at Cordele, Georgia. Several miles out of Columbus on "28", at an isolated spot, he picked up a hitchhiker who claimed he was going to Orlando, Florida. GARCIA described this hitchhiker, who gave his name as JACK or HARRY RUSSELL as follows:

2-Memphis
①-Tampa (Info)
1-Miami (Info)
1-Atlanta (Info)
2-Seattle (1- 44-MURKIN) (1- 91-2732)
3-Jacksonville
(1- 91-2283)
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JK 44-769

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	Possibly in 30's or 40's
Height	Approximately 6'
Weight	Approximately 170
Hair	Dark brown or black, streaks of gray
Eyes	Blue or brown, very bright, piercing, and sparkling
Eyebrows	Bushy and dark
Nose	Straight
Teeth	Good
Health	Very healthy looking and agile, walked erect
Marital status	Claimed to have been married at one time
Accent	Nothing noticeable but used good English and appeared well spoken
Characteristics	Had heavy bushy black-brown beard with a little grey
Dress	Light tan trousers; Madras, long sleeved shirt; Dark blue windbreaker; Light tan nylon Thermo jacket; Plain brown shoes with two or three eyelets which he claimed he bought for \$1.25 in a second-hand store and they hurt his feet, size 9 shoe.
Military service	Claims he was in US Air Force in 1947 and received back entry while in the service.

GARCIA advised this individual had a blanket roll which appeared to have some of his belongings inside. The blanket was pastel pink or green in color. He told GARCIA he was a "rail tramp" and had arrived in the Columbus, Ga. area from Seattle by way of New Orleans and Birmingham earlier in the week. He talked as if he knew a great deal about train schedules and functions. He commented a "rail tramp" is hardest kind of individual to catch if he is on the run from

the law as he knows places to hide. He further claimed two Negroes threw him off of a train once causing him to have a concussion and causing his inner ear to fill with blood. He expressed a distinct dislike for Negroes. GARCIA advised that during conversation with this individual he asked GARCIA where he was from. When GARCIA told him he was from Tampa he asked if GARCIA knew anything about the Mafia. GARCIA told him that his father, MANUEL GARCIA, an Attorney, had done some legal work for the TRAFFICANTES in Tampa. He told GARCIA he was going to Orlando to do some work for the Mafia, for which he would receive a new Mercury and \$7000. He told GARCIA upon arrival in Orlando he was to walk up and down a certain street, name unrecalled, in Orlando until someone contacted him. He further stated that from Orlando he was going to Miami after which he would head north through Tennessee, to Idaho, and would feel better when he had a "few G's" in his pocket. He told GARCIA that his job had nothing to do with dope and indicated his job would be done in a week, after when he would be on his way to Idaho. He showed GARCIA a picture which he removed from his billfold of a place where he was going in Idaho. GARCIA recalls this picture showed snow covered mountains and a mountain lake. He claimed he was going to a small camp where he had "laid up" before. GARCIA recalls that he mentioned a waterfall at this place which gave off a spray revealing an image that looked like a reclining woman.

GARCIA advised that this individual appeared to know quite a bit about weaponry and stated that he talked about the AK47, Chinese assault rifle, laser beam, and light anti-tank weapon.

GARCIA advised after arriving in Gainesville he let this individual off on West University Avenue where he claimed he wanted to wash his clothes in a washateria. GARCIA stated that on Sunday, 3/31/68, around noon, he saw this individual hitchhiking on Archer Road toward I-75. He stopped and asked GARCIA if he would give him a ride as far as I-75, but GARCIA was in a hurry and unable to do so. He has not seen this individual since.

JK 44-768

GARCIA stated that he did not give too much thought to the conversation he had with this individual until after the announcement of the assassination of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. on 4/4/68. He stated after this announcement he began to give thought to the conversation mentioned herein that he had with this individual, particularly to his expressed dislike for Negroes and he also mentioned the Communist element among Negroes and he therefore thought he should report this to the proper authorities.

GARCIA reviewed all the pending identification orders but was unable to make an identification. He was asked to study the identification order of ROBERT BOLIVAR DE PUGH, IO #4176, inasmuch as process is outstanding for DE PUGH in Seattle and the description of the hitchhiker somewhat fits DE PUGH. After closely studying DE PUGH, GARCIA stated he could not state whether or not DE PUGH was identical with the hitchhiker, primarily in view of the fact the hitchhiker had such a full bush beard.

The above information is being submitted for the evaluation of the Memphis Division in connection with captioned matter and for evaluation by Seattle in connection with DE PUGH. Any leads to be set forth is being left to the discretion of the office of origin.

Information copies being sent to Atlanta, Miami, and Tampa, in the event it becomes necessary to request investigation by these offices concerning the individual described herein.

4-12-68

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS
FROM: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (44-769) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
OO: MEMPHIS

Re Jacksonville airtel to Memphis 4-11-68.

On the evening of 4-11-68, MICHAEL GARCIA telephonically contacted the Gainesville RA advising that he had noted in the "Tampa Times" of 4-11-68 an artist sketch of a man wanted for the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING. GARCIA stated he sketched a beard on this drawing and advised with the beard the drawing is very similar to the hitchhiker he picked up near Columbus, Georgia, on 3-30-68. He further advised that the straight nose in the drawing is very similar to the hitchhiker's nose.

GARCIA stated he would be leaving for Ft. Lewis, Washington, between 4/18 - 20/68 and until time for him to leave, he will be staying at his parents residence, 4802 Woodmere Road, Tampa, Florida.

2 - Memphis
① - Tampa (Info)
1 - Miami (Info)
1 - Atlanta (Info)
1 - Seattle (Info)
3 - Jacksonville
(1 - 91-2263)

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FBI Trails Unemployed Seaman in King Probe

ATLANTA (UPI) — FBI agents investigating the sniper-slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. have been on the trail of Eric Starvo Galt, listed as an unemployed merchant mariner, for nearly a week, United Press International learned yesterday.

Galt's name first surged into the headlines Thursday night when a white Mustang auto, registered to him and resembling one that reportedly sped from the King assassination scene, was found parked in an Atlanta apartment complex.

The Rev. Ike Powell, an Atlanta Methodist minister, said he notified police about the abandoned car Thursday. He said two detectives came out but did not appear excited. FBI agents arrived later and were "all over the place," he said.

No warrant has been issued for Galt's arrest, but it was learned that the FBI in Miami had issued — and then for unexplained reasons withdrew — a "locate and notify" bulletin on Galt Thursday.

The Mustang registered to Galt carried Alabama license number 1-38993. A check with Alabama authorities established Galt's address as a roominghouse at 2608 Highland Ave. in Birmingham, but

residents, while recalling Galt, said they had not seen him since November.

In obtaining his driver's license in 1967, Galt listed his occupation as an unemployed merchant mariner.

The FBI replied with a blanket "no comment" to all questions concerning the King

investigation, but persons at the Birmingham roominghouse said agents were asking "plenty" of questions about Galt last week.

This was four or five full days before the Mustang was located in Atlanta.

The only official announcements in the King case have come from Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark, who was sent to Memphis by President John-

son to help with the investigation after King was killed by a sniper while standing on a hotel balcony last Thursday.

In Washington last night

Clark said "The physical evidence is very substantial" in the case and "I remain hopeful that (the killer) will be arrested soon."

UPI reporters checking with maritime officials in Mobile learned yesterday that agents, in addition to questioning persons at the Birmingham boarding house, had also made a check of the docks long before the Mustang was found.

A spokesman at the Seafarers International Union in Mobile said agents had visited the union offices two days ago and had gone through automated files, without success, in trying to get a lead on Galt.

Officials at the Maritime Union of America in Mobile said agents had made a similar check there, and the Star Fishing Company, one of the largest firms of its kind in the

area, said it also had been visited by agents.

Agents also checked out Coast Guard files in Washington during the day without finding any trace of Galt.

This raised speculation, which again officials refused to confirm or deny, whether someone, as early as last September, set about to establish credentials for a fictitious Eric Starvo Galt.

Alabama officials said that at the time he applied for his Alabama license, at the age of 36, he claimed to have had a Louisiana license since 1962, but there is no record that he ever turned it in.

The name of Galt was further validated when license tags for the Mustang were obtained under that name on Oct. 2, 1967 in Jefferson County, Ala.

Residents of the Atlanta apartment complex where the car was found remember the

driver as a neatly-dressed man who calmly got out of the car, locked it and walked away.

This description roughly tallied with one given by occupants of a roominghouse in Memphis, where the assassin stood in a communal bath and fired the shot that killed King.

The assassin is believed to have checked into the roominghouse under the name of "John Willard." He was described as calm, neat and well-dressed — an unlikely candidate for the \$8.50 a week room, which he paid for in advance.

Persons at the murder scene reported a man jumped into a white Mustang and sped away shortly after the fatal shot was fired.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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TAMPA TRIBUNE
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Date: 4/12/68

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(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority)

TO: SAC, TAMPA (157-3231)

FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

MURKIN

Re Tampa teletype to Director and Jackson, 4/8/68.

Numerous attempts were made to contact Mrs. SUE MALEY of 1125 Poplar Boulevard, Jackson, Mississippi, form 4/8/68 to date.

Mrs. MALEY contacted 4/12/68 and stated her son was in Florida, and she did not desire to talk to anyone as she had been under the care of a doctor.

Mr. RUFUS CREEKMORE, Attorney, Jackson, contacted and stated that Mrs. SUE MALEY advised him she had been contacted by FBI concerning her son's whereabouts.

Mr. CREEKMORE stated that CHARLES E. MALEY, III, has had numerous traffic tickets with the Jackson PD and has been under the care of a psychiatrist and is a very nervous person. Mr. CREEKMORE stated that CHARLES MALEY was still in Florida to the best of his knowledge.

Tampa should note in referenced teletype that MALEY left motel about 10:30 to 11:00 on Thursday, 4/4/68. Tampa should determine from New Yorker Motel in Clearwater, Florida,

② - Tampa
2 - Jackson
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*Clearwater
lead to*

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Rutland
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Approved: *RKM*
Special Agent in Charge

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JN 157-9586

whether CHARLES MALEY left AM or PM on 4/4/68 as if MALEY left motel at PM he could not be considered suspect in this matter.

If MALEY left 10:30 to 11:00 AM on 4/4/68, check flights from Tampa to Memphis to determine if CHARLES MALEY a passenger on these flights.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, TAMPA (157-3231)

DATE: 4/26/68

FROM : SA JOHN J. RUTLAND

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
(OO:ME)

RE: SUSPECT CHARLES E. MALEY

Photographs of JAMES EARL RAY appearing on Wanted Flyer 442A were shown to Mrs. THERESSA LEON, Manager, New Yorker Motel, Clearwater Beach, Florida, and she advised that there is no resemblance between MALEY and photographs of RAY and that she is confident that they are not the same individual.

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Via _____
(Priority)TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) and SAC, MEMPHIS, ATLANTA,
JACKSONVILLE & MIAMI

FROM: SAC, TAMPA (157-3231)

MURKIN, CR, OO: ME.

RE TAMPA TEL TO DIRECTOR, ME AND BM APRIL TEN, SIXTYEIGHT.
E. L. BING, PLANT CITY, FLA. CONTACTED DEPARTMENT
TO ADVISE THAT HE HAD PATRON AT NIGHTCLUB RAINBOW, EATONVILLE,
FLA. ON EVENING APRIL SEVEN LAST WHO CLOSELY RESEMBLED
WITNESS COMPOSITE SKETCH PUBLISHED LOCAL NEWSPAPERS.
BING STATED THAT DURING EVENING PARTY OF SIX-SEVEN
NEGROES AND ONE CAUCASIAN WERE CELEBRATING IN CLUB. AROUND
THREE AM THE WM ASKED BING TO CASH PERSONALIZED CHECK
DRAWN ON CHATTANOOGA BANK, NAME NOT RECALLED. BY WAY
OF IDENTIFICATION THIS INDIVIDUAL STATED EMPLOYED BY
HOLIDAY INN, ME., AS PAINTER AND DISPLAYED CREDIT CARD,
NAME NOT RECALLED. INDIVIDUAL STATED HE WAS BROKE
AND NEEDED MONEY FOR TAXI FROM EATONVILLE TO ORLANDO, FLA.
HE DISPLAYED BUS TICKET, COMPANY UNKNOWN, FROM ORLANDO

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TO MM. BING REFUSED TO HONOR PERSONAL CHECK AND INDIVIDUAL CONTACTED ONE LEON SMITH, WINTER PARK, FLA. TO VOUCH FOR HIM. BING STATES HE REFUSED TO ACCEPT CHECK. BING STATES AT CLOSING TIME FOUR AM, APRIL EIGHT, SIXTYEIGHT HE SERVED UNKNOWN WM SOLICITING PARTY PATRONS FOR TRANSPORTATION TO ORLANDO.

THIS INDIVIDUAL DESCRIBED WM, SIX FEET, ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTYFIVE LBS., DARK BROWN HAIR, COMBED STRAIGHT BACK, RECEDING: ON SIDES TO FORM PEAK, BROWN TROUSERS, BROWN SPORT COAT, WEARING WHITE TURTLENECK SWEATER, HAD PRONOUNCED LIMP IN LEFT LEG, NO REGIONAL ACCENT.

WITNESSES WHO OBSERVED UNIDENTIFIED WHITE MALE AT RAINBOW CLUB, EATONVILLE AND AT ORLANDO APRIL SEVEN - EIGHT, LAST VARY IN DESCRIPTIONS THEY FURNISHED FOR HIM BUT GENERALLY FEEL HE RESEMBLES ARTIST'S CONCEPTION APPEARING IN MASS MEDIA. UNIDENTIFIED WM TRIED TO CASH SIXTY DOLLAR CHECK DRAWN ON UNRECALLED BANK, CHATTANOOGA. UNIDENTIFIED WM TAKEN TO GREYHOUND BUS STATION, ORLANDO, UNIDENTIFIED WM COULD LOGICALLY HAVE TAKEN GREYHOUND BUSES ON APRIL EIGHT

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LAST DEPARTING ORLANDO EIGHT FIFTEEN AM ON RUN THREE ELEVEN;
NINE TWENTY AM ON RUN THREE SIX THREE, TEN TEN AM ON RUN
SIX THREE TWO OR ELEVEN FIFTEEN AM ON RUN TWENTY THREE.
DRIVER ON RUN SIX THREE TWO INTERVIEWED AND UNABLE TO
IDENTIFY DRAWING. A. J. STROUDMIER, MM, WAS DRIVER ON
RUN THREE ELEVEN. CHARLIE TITUS, MM, WAS DRIVER ON RUN
THREE SIX THREE, AND WILLIE RAGAN, JACKSONVILLE, DRIVER
ON RUN TWENTY THREE.

MM AT MM. CONTACT OPERATIONS OFFICE, GREYHOUND,
INTERVIEW STROUDMIER AND TITUS AND EXHIBIT ARTIST'S CONCEPTION.

JACKSONVILLE AT JACKSONVILLE. HANDLE RAGAN LEAD.

MEMPHIS AT MEMPHIS. CONTACT HOLIDAY INN FOR POSSIBLE
IDENTIFICATION OF WM AND EXHIBIT ARTIST'S CONCEPTION.

ATLANTA. AT DALTON, GA. EXHIBIT ARTIST DRAWING
AT BANKS AND PAINTERS LOCAL IN EFFORT TO IDENTIFY WM SEEN
AT EATONVILLE AND ORLANDO. UNIDENTIFIED WM TOLD ONE PERSON
HE WAS FROM DALTON, GA. AM COPY TO B~~U~~. P

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U3XPM URGENT 4-15-68 RMF

TO DIRECTOR /44-38861/, BIRMINGHAM /44-1740/, ATLANTA /44-2386/,
MEMPHIS /44-1987/, TAMPA /
FROM CHICAGO /44-1114/

MURKIN

RE MEMPHIS TEL TO CHICAGO, APRIL FIFTEEN, INSTANT.

RETEL REPORTED THAT FEMALE WHITE INFORMANT OF MEMPHIS
PD BELIEVES SHE HAS SEEN ERIC STARVO GALT IN AND AROUND MEMPHIS
LOUNGES WHERE HE WAS KNOWN AS "STEVIE," LAST NAME SOMETHING
LIKE GAULDEN, GAULDING OR GAULDET. HE WAS SUPPOSEDLY TIED IN
WITH BIG TIME SAFE BURGLARS, INCLUDING WILLIAM EUGENE SIDES,
TOMMY ELLIS PIKE, JAMES GORDON FORBES AND "DUKE", POSSIBLY
IDENTICAL JOSEPH MITCHELL MAINER, MEMBER OF OLD MAINER GANG
FROM YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO. AUTHENTICITY OF INFO CANNOT BE PRESENTLY
EVALUATED.

Q. when is here
TAMPA INTERVIEW WILLIAM KENNETH KNIGHT, CONSIDER SHOWING
ARTIST CONCEPTION, FOR POSSIBLE IDENTITY "STEVIE".

MEMPHIS DETERMINE LOCATION JACK CONNOR BOLAND FOR SAME INTER-
VIEW PURPOSE SINCE BOLAND PREVIOUSLY INFORMED ON THIS GROUP.

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ALL OFFICES SEE REPORT OF SA RICHARD K. HARPER, TAMPA, JULY FIVE, LAST, CAPTIONED "BERNARD CLINTON LEWIS, AKA; ET AL; BB, CONSPIRACY, ITSP, TGP, AR," ON PAGE TWENTYFOUR MENTIONS BANK SCORE IN ARIZONA SET UP BY MERLE GAULT OF RENO, NEVADA.

(2) TAMPA ADVISE BUREAU, MEMPHIS AND CHICAGO WHETHER MERLE GAULT WAS EVER IDENTIFIED, AND IF NOT, SOTEL LAS VEGAS TO DETERMINE HIS IDENTITY AND BACKGROUND.

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FROM TAMPA /157-3231/

MURKIN, CR. OO:ME.

RE: SUSPECT ERIC STARVO GALT.

RE CHICAGO TEL DATED FOUR FIFTEEN SIXTY EIGHT.

RE TAMPA REPORT OF SA R. K. HARPER CAPTIONED "BERNARD CLINTON
LEWIS" DATED SEVEN FIVE SIXTYSEVEN.

WILLIAM KENNETH KNIGHT INTERVIEWED INSTANT DATE AND ADVISED
AFTER VIEWING COMPOSITES SUBJECT NOT FAMILIAR TO HIM.

ADVISED HE DIDN'T KNOW ANY MEMPHIS AREA BURGLAR NAME "STEVIE"
GAULDEN, GAULDING, OR GAULDET ASSOCIATED WITH BILLY SIDES, MEMPHIS
PD # FIVE FIVE SIX EIGHT THREE; BUDDY MC CULLOM, MEMPHIS PD #
EIGHT TWO EIGHT ZERO TWO, WHO KNIGHT MET THROUGH JOSEPH BERNARD
GROGAN, FBI # ONE FIVE NINE FOUR NINE THREE C.

KNIGHT STATED HE DID NOT KNOW PIKE, FORBES, OR "DUKE" BY NAME
BUT STATED MEMPHIS POSTAL INSPECTOR FAMILIAR WITH SIDES AND OTHER
MEMBERS OF GROUP IN MEMPHIS. KNIGHT REMEMBERS MEETING SIDES AT
HOUSE NEAR AIRPORT IN MEMPHIS IN FALL OF NINETEEN SIXTYSIX AND
SEVERAL OTHER MEN THERE WHO KNIGHT DID NOT MEET.

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LYALL GALL, FBI # THREE ONE FOUR SIX SEVEN NINE FIVE, IDENTIFIED BY
KNIGHT AS MIDWEST AND FAR WEST BURGLAR ASSOCIATED WITH "BLACKIE"
ROBINSON. GALL IS W/M, AGE IN FORTIES AND, ACCORDING TO KNIGHT,
DOES NOT RESEMBLE COMPOSITE.

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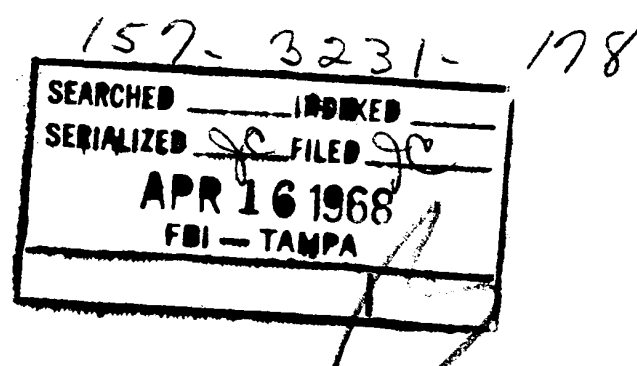
TO : SAC, TAMPA (157-3231)

FROM : SA JAMES DELK LELAND

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CIVIL RIGHTS

DATE: 4/15/68

Mrs. MARGARET BRYANT, 6475 1 Ave. N., part owner, and LESTER JACOBSEN, 7011 5 Ave. N., part owner, Bryant-Jacobsen Studio of Dance, who operates schools of dance in St. Petersburg, Fla. both advised on 4/15/68 that no one by the name of ERIC GALT had ever been a student in their schools.



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TO : SAC, TAMPA (157-3231)

DATE: 4/15/68

FROM : SA WILLIS R. SMITH

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
(OO:MEMPHIS)

The following individuals at dancing schools operated in the Sarasota, Florida area were contacted on 4/15/68 by SA WILLIS R. SMITH, and none of these individuals could find any record of ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMEYER, HARVEY LOWMYER, JOHN WILLARD, or anyone with similar names or variations of these names, who had ever been a student or employee at these schools:

Mrs. BYRON LIEBEL, Manager
Byron Dance Studio
123 East Tampa
Venice, Florida

JOAN TATUM, Owner-Manager
Joan Tatum Dance Studio
2040 Bee Ridge Road
Sarasota, Florida

CLARA SERIO, Receptionist-Secretary
Arthur Murray School of Dancing
1532 Main Street
Sarasota, Florida

CLIFFORD MANOCK, Manager
MICHAEL STARKEY, Asst. Manager
Michael Ford Dance Studio
1233 N. Gulfstream Avenue
Sarasota, Florida

JEAN KIRKHAM, Manager-Owner
Florida Ballet Arts School
930 St. Andrews Drive
Sarasota, Florida

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TO : SAC (157-3231)

FROM : SA Joseph J. Pieper

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: April 15, 1968

Joseph Davenport, Manager, Arthur Murray Dance Studio, 1819 Central, St. Petersburg, Florida, advised on 4/15/68 that their records do not contain the names: Erich Starvo Galt, John Willard, or Harvey Lowmeyer (with variations).

Mr. Davenport advised that most of their students are over 45 years of age, and he has no recollection of any male student in his 30's, who has the characteristics attributed to Erich Galt.

Mr. Davenport advised that he is personally acquainted with all of the students, and would know of these characteristics; however, that Donald Anderson, Counsellor-Interviewer, has an even closer relationship with the students.

Donald Anderson, Counsellor-Interviewer, Arthur Murray Dance Studio, advised on 4/15/68 that none of the students in the past few months have the Galt characteristics.

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TO : SAC, TAMPA (157-3231) P

DATE: 4/15/68

FROM : SA WILLIAM K. GARNER, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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Contacts at various auto tag agencies located in Polk County, Fla concerning possible re-registration of 1966 Mustang, VIN # 6T07C190647, were negative. The contacts were:

On 4/11/68
BARTOW -- JACK LAURENT

On 4/12/68
WINTER HAVEN ** Mrs. FRANK TILLIS

HAINES CITY -- J.E. CARLTON

LAKE WALES -- RUTH DORMINEY

LAKELAND -- JUDY SHEPARD

AUBURNDALE -- Winter Haven

MULBERRY -- Bartow

FROSTPROOF -- Lake Wales

FT. MEADE -- Bartow

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, TAMPA (157-3231)

FROM : SA JAMES DELK LELAND

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CIVIL RIGHTS

DATE: 4/15/68

The writer received a telephone call from the Tampa Office on night of 4/12/68 to effect that WILLIAM J. SCHMIDT, a banker, 5622 Orange Rd. N., Seminole, Fla., had observed a memo in his bank to be alert for ERIC GALT.

The writer contacted SCHMIDT the same night and determined that he had seen a memo obtained from Fla. Natl Bank containing names of GALT, JOHN WILLARD, HARVEY ^wLOMEYER, and HARVEY ^wLOMYER based on original FBI inquiry.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, TAMPA (157-3231)

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On 4/11/68 Dr. IRVING HALL, 712 39th Street W., Bradenton, Fla., telephonically advised the Sarasota RA that between the hours of approximately 8:00 and 10:00 p.m. 4/7/68 he and his wife viewed a television program over channel 3, educational television station WEDU-TV, Tampa, Florida. HALL stated the program was a panel-type discussion concerning the study of the march on Washington that was to be lead by Rev. MARTIN LUTHER KING in the Spring of 1968. HALL stated a white male who was a member of the panel who was sitting on the floor near a Negro who was standing and who was the moderator made several comments that dealt with KING leading the march. The white male, according to HALL, reportedly made a comment to the effect, "If KING leads the march on Washington the march will be a Negro march and the poor white people will be getting screwed."

HALL stated that upon viewing the artist's conception of the assassin of KING and comparing the description that had been set forth in local newspapers regarding the assassin, he believes the white male on the above television program who made remarks critical of KING's leadership appeared a similar description to the artist's conception of the assassin.

Mr. R. LEROY LASTINGER, General Manager, WEDU-TV, Educational Television Channel 3, 908 South 20th Street, Tampa, on 4/12/68 advised from approximately 8:30 to 10:30 p.m.

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on 4/7/68 his channel experienced a live interconnection which was broadcast in the Tampa area under the auspices of Public Broadcast Laboratory which program originates from New York City and which the local station would not have any record of on radio or TV tape. He said that all he could say was the FBI would have to contact "AV" WESTIN, Director, Public Broadcast Laboratory, 342 Madison Avenue, New York City, and they would have the film. He volunteered the information that he recalled Public Broadcast Laboratory sent a crew along with Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING some time in the past sort of following his career and were closely following any plans to march on Washington. He said he personally had no way of even knowing in what cities or where the panel discussion took place that was broadcast on the night of 4/7/68 through his Channel 3 station.

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AT NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK

Contact "AV" WESTIN, Director, PBL, 342 Madison Avenue, and conduct appropriate investigation.

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AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, COLUMBIA (44-289)
FROM: SAC, TAMPA (157-3231) (P)
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Re Columbia airtel to Tampa, April 13, 1968.

On April 16, 1968, FRED KENNEMER, Manager, EYZ Mobile Home Sales, 8620 South Orange Blossom Trail, Orlando, Fla., furnished the following to SA GORDON W. TINDLE:

NICHOLAS GEORGE TELEGAS, is "sort of" a friend of the family. He may be in love with DEBORAH KENNEMER, his daughter, but she is not romantically interested in him.

KENNEMER said he spoke to TELEGAS in Charlotte, S. C., just before he departed to visit with them and made arrangements to pick him up at the Orlando, Fla., Train Station, advising TELEGAS that he might be a little late.

KENNEMER said he went to meet TELEGAS' train which was due about 1:55 PM on April 4, 1968, from Charleston, S. C., but it was a little behind schedule and he went on another short errand. KENNEMER said he picked up TELEGAS at about 2:30 PM at the

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Orlando train station. He said TELEGAS stayed until April 10, 1968, and departed for his home.

Columbia will advise Bureau and Birmingham of any results in this matter.



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Tampa, Florida
April 12, 1968

**RACIAL INCIDENTS
TAMPA DIVISION
APRIL 5-10, 1968**

Reference is made to memorandum submitted by this office under above caption on April 10, 1968.

ALEX TAYLOR, Intelligence Unit, Tampa, Florida Police Department, advised at 5:30 PM, April 10, 1968, that no significant racial incidents had been reported in the city of Tampa during the daylight hours of said date. He said the department had gone back to working regular eight hour shifts, and to regular procedure, that the command post had been closed, and no future racial difficulties were expected.

Mr. TAYLOR was recontacted on the morning of October 12, 1968, at which time he advised that the racial situation in Tampa remains quiet, and no future significant racial disturbances are anticipated in connection with the incident of the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING.

JOHN ALLEN, President of the Charlotte County Chapter, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), advised on April 10, 1968, concerning some "heated exchanges"

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and fighting which had erupted between Negroes and white students at Charlotte County Junior High School, Punta Gorda, Florida, on said date. He said there were rumors of impending racial violence due to said situation. Mr. ALLEN said that Charlotte County Sheriff BENT and Punta Gorda Chief of Police ROY ASHEY had been to the school and had helped calm the situation. White parents had picked up their children on April 10, 1968, and had taken them home, according to ALLEN and the principal of the school had decided to stagger dismissal times at the high school and junior high school to avoid having all of the students congregate at the same time, thereby avoiding some violence potential. Mr. ALLEN further stated that the junior high school would not be in session on April 11, 1968, in order to keep the junior high school students separated from the senior high school students, who would be in session.

As of April 12, 1968, no further information has been developed concerning the above described situation at Punta Gorda, Florida, however, no incidents of racial violence have been reported in connection with same.

Appropriate law enforcement and Federal authorities have been advised concerning the situations described above.

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RE: MURKIN
TP file 157-3231

The following investigation was conducted on 4/15/68 by
SA JAMES B. HAFLEY:

AT OCOEE, FLORIDA

Mrs. RUTH WOOD, Ruth Wood School of Dance, 616
Cardinal Street, advised that for the past several years she has
taught dancing to local school children in West Orange County,
Florida, but has never taught any adults. The names ERIC STARVO
GALT, HARVEY LOWMEYER, HARVEY LOWMYER and JOHN WILLARD were totally
unfamiliar to her. She said she knew of no other dancing schools in
this section of Orange County, Florida.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, Tampa

DATE: 4/15/68

FROM : SA Richard K. Lythall

SUBJECT: Murkin

The following investigation was conducted by SA Richard K. Lythall on 4/15/68:

DT Orlando, Fla. The following advised that records of their respective dance studios are negative re Eric Starvo Galt, Harvey Lowmeyer, or John Willard:

Dorothy de Houghton, de Houghton Dance Studio, 2300 Ridge Ave.

Judy Simms, Fred Blaine Dance Studio, 157-3231-187
317 N. Orange.

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RE: MURKIN

Following persons contacted at the places indicated advised on 4-15-68 that they do not now have nor ever did have anyone taking dance lessons at their establishmentsX by the name ERIC STARVO GAULT, HARVEY LAWMEYER, HARVEY LAWMYER or JOHN WILLARD:

MRS. MARGE RAVENSCROFT, owner MARGE RAVENSCROFT DANCING SCHOOL

Orlando, Fla.

Miss ANN MONROE, clerk ORLANDO DANCE-O-RAMA

Orlando, Fla.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC TAMPA ~~157-3231~~ (157-3231)

DATE: 4/6/68

FROM : SA JOHN J. O'BRIEN

SUBJECT: UNSUB: MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING
COMPLAINANT: JACK BURKE

At 3 AM on 4/6/68 the following information was received telephonically from a man identifying himself as JACK BURKE, 2542 W. Knollwood, Tampa, Fla., (932-3097) who is employed by Georgia Marble Co. :

About 2:30 AM this date he was having a drink at the VIP bar on North Armenia. There were four or five "laborers" at the bar who seemed to know each other and might be termed a group. one of these men in a loud voice described how he had a very busy day yesterday because he had been in Memphis, Tenn., and had shot MARTIN LUTHER KING and had hidden the rifle. This performance was greeted by some laughs from the group. These men seemed to be well known to the barmaid, named Dora.

BURKE described this man as W/M 5'7", Italian extraction, age 26 complexion, hair and eyes were all dark. He was dressed in a light plaid sport shirt and kahki pants.

BURKE said that he could identify this man if he were to see him again, and noted that he was supplying the above info for whatever action was deemed advisable

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*SA and advised
9:10/A as per instructions #4 signed [signature]*



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