

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-3231)

DATE: 4/11/68

FROM : SA RONALD W. AULD

SUBJECT: UNSUB; Murder of Martin Luther
King

Re memo of SA JOHN J. O'BRIEN dated 4/6/68

On 4/6/68 JACK BURKE, 2542 W. Knollwood, Tampa, Florida advised that during the early morning hours on 4/6/68 while in the VIP Lounge located on North Armenia just North of Sligh Avenue, Tampa he overheard an individual in the bar make several remarks over the period of about 1 hour concerning the killing of KING in Memphis, Tennessee on the night of 4/4/68. BURKE stated that this individual appeared to be sitting with 3 or 4 others at the bar when these remarks were made.

BURKE stated that he arrived at the bar at about 1:30am and stayed at the bar for several drinks until the bar closed at about 2:45am. BURKE advised that the individual began making the remarks about KING at about 1:50am or 2:00am and each time he made a remark the others around him would laugh.

BURKE stated that he was unable to recall any specific statements made but, he did mention something about being "in Memphis yesterday" and that he had lost a rifle. BURKE stated that he is unable to recall any other remarks made. BURKE stated further that he did not feel now that it is so serious as when he called after arriving home from the bar at about 3:00am 4/6/68 however, he feels that since this individual continued to make remarks for almost an hour that it was to say the least an attempt at very sick humor.

BURKE stated that the entire conversation was not continuously about KING but, this was brought up at various times during the conversation.

BURKE stated that he does not personally know this individual however, the barmaid DORIS may be acquainted with him.

DORIS TOMAS, 417 E. Hanlon, Tampa, barmaid, VIP Lounge, Armenia and Sligh Avenues, Tampa advised that she recalled that a regular customer of the bar who is known to her personally had been in the bar on the morning of 4/6/68 and had made "one or two" remarks about the slaying of KING.



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~~0~~ TOMAS advised that the person making these remarks was a BURT HARPER who resides on W. Hanna St. in Tampa about 8 blocks or so from the lounge. TOMAS stated that HARPER is in the bar several nights a week and on this occasion was with another individual known to her only as "BUSTER" who frequently appears in the lounge with HARPER.

TOMAS stated that she recalled no specific statements made by HARPER about the KING slaying but, stated that all of those she heard were said loudly and in a laughing manner and all customers in the bar who heard them laughed.

TOMAS stated that HARPER is known to her and other persons who frequent the lounge as a joker.

TOMAS stated that during the previous week HARPER was in the bar on Tuesday evening 4/2 and on Thursday evening 4/4 and then came in again on Friday evening 4/5/68. TOMAS stated that HARPER came into the lounge at about 8:30p or so on 4/4/68.

In addition, TOMAS advised that on 4/4/68 she saw HARPER in the early evening at about 5:00p or so when HARPER towed her car from Bond Auto on North Florida to a garage which he operates in Drew Park. TOMAS did not know the exact location of this garage.

TOMAS described HARPER as a White, male, Age 28, Italian features, dark hair and eyes, olive complexion, about 5'8" tall and stocky build.

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TO : SAC, TAMPA (157-^{323/}~~3121~~) P

DATE: 4/15/68

FROM : SA WILLIAM K. GARNER, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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ReMemo of #4 Supervisor, 4/10/68.

In accordance with instructions set forth in rememo, the various flop houses and 2nd rate hotels in the area of the Lakeland RA, the names of which were obtained from the P.D.s in the particular city, have been checked. Inasmuch as Polk County is not a seaport area, no efforts were made to check ships manifests.

The following contacts were made on 4/12/68 by Writer:

LAKELAND

General Hotel, 208 $\frac{1}{2}$ E. Pine, Mrs. JOHNNIE MAE BAUMHARDT
Ford House, 315 N. Kentucky Ave., DENNIS FORD
Orange Hotel, 321 N. Kentucky Ave., Mrs. CECIL BRYANT.
Gideon Apt., 309 N. Kentucky Ave., LESTER E. WOOD
Suwannee Hotel, 216 $\frac{1}{2}$ E. Pine--burned down 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ mos. ago.
Salvation Army, 835 N. Kentucky Ave., MRS. MARGARET HART.

WINTER HAVEN

Lake Region Hotel, 5th ST & Ave."B" N.W., LOUIS C. KELLY, JR.
100 Lake Motel, 2275 8th St. N.W., Mrs. SAM GREENWALD

The following contacts were made on 4/12/68 by Writer:

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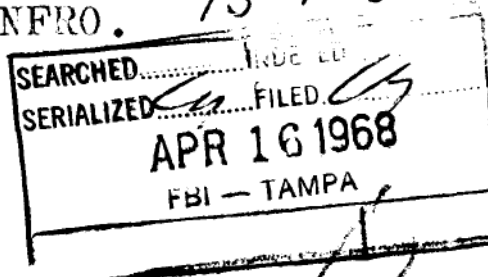
Center House, Center & East Lake, LETT SHARPE.
Ariana Hotel, downtown, Mrs. DALE SPIVEY.
Mims House, Hwy. 92, ALTON MIMS

HAINES CITY

Pines Hotel, 617 Ingraham Ave., CHARLES RENFRO.
Triangle Hotel, Hinson Rd., Mrs. J. HOLLY.



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LAKE WALES

Seminole Hotel, 207 N. 1st St., JAMES PEDERSEN.

BARTOW

NONE

MULBERRY

NONE

FROSTPROOF

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NONE

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TO : SAC, TAMPA (157-3231) (P)

DATE: 4-17-68

FROM : SA ONNIE K. WALKER

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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The following investigation was conducted by SA ONNIE K. WALKER at St. Petersburg, Fla. on 4-11-68:

On 4-11-68 Mrs. SYLVIA G. BROWN, Title Clerk, Auto Tag Agency for St. Petersburg, Fla., Pinellas Co., 1950 - 16th St. No. advised after checking applications for titles and liens that no one by the name of ERIC STARVO GALT had registered any vehicle at their agency from the dates April 4 through April 10, 1968.

On 4-11-68 Mr. BILL HERRING, Voter Registration Office, Pinellas Co., 150 - 5th St. No. advised after checking his records which included the most recent registrants that he did not have a record for the following:

ERIC STARVO GALT

HARVEY LOWMEYER,
HARVEY LOWMYER

JOHN WILLARD

ADMINISTRATIVE

On 4-11-68 Mrs. MARJORIE YRE, Secretary and Information Clerk, Florida State Employment Service, Employment Service Division, for Section titled, Professional, Clerical, Sales, Skilled and Semi Skilled advised after checking all records she could find none for:

ERIC STARVO GALT

HARVEY LOWMEYER,
HARVEY LOWMYER

JOHN WILLARD



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On 4-11-68 Mr. JAMES CONNER, Office Force, Fla. State Employment Service, Unskilled Dept. advised their department maintains records for the majority of the hotel and restaurant employees which includes domestic help. He advised after checking all records available, he could not find any for:

ERIC STARVO GALT

HARVEY LOWMEYER,
HARVEY LOWMYER

JOHN WILLARD

I. F. DAVIS

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on 4/15/68

Immediately contact following banks for account in name
of ERIC STARVO GALT

- ① Peninsula St. Bk. - Neg - Mrs. Lilo Silverwood
1506 S. Dale Mabry Asst Cashier.
- ② Tampa Bay Bk. - Neg - * John R. Casey
3863 S. Dale Mabry Asst. V. P.
- ③ First Fed S+LA Branches
 - Ⓐ 721 S. Dale Mabry
 - Ⓑ 4005 S. " "

Furnish results to Bureau.

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Dorothy M. Gault.
of - ~~4/21~~ 4/21/67 - d - 4/21/67
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7213 Shamrock St.
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DATE: 4/15/68

FROM : SA, ROBERT C. SMITH

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CIVIL RIGHTS
(OO: ME)

The following investigation was conducted by SA ROBERT C. SMITH;

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A review of the following city and telephone directories ~~were~~ on 4/11/68 were negative concerning ERIC STARVO GALT:

1966 Arcadia City and 10/67 Arcadia telephone directory
1967 Wauchula city and 10/67 Wauchula telephone directory
1967 Venice city and 5/67 Venice telephone directory
1967 Bradenton city and 5/67 Bradenton telephone directory
1968 Sarasota city and 5/67 Sarasota telephone directory

The following individuals at financial institutions advised on 4/11/68 that they have no checking accounts, savings accounts, or safe deposit boxes in the name of ERIC STARVO GALT:

KEITH VENABLE, VP, Palmer First National Bank & Trust Co, Sarasota, Fla.
KEITH BARTON, Cashier, Sarasota Bank & Trust Co, Sarasota, Fla.
CHARLES BURGESS, Sarasota Federal Savings & Loan Association,

Sarasota, Fla.

CHARLES HENNING, VP, National Bank of Sarasota, Sarasota, Fla.

NIXON HUDDLESTON, Cashier, American Bank, Sarasota, Fla.

ANN GILMER, VP, First Federal Savings & Loan Association, Sarasota, Fla.

CHARLES ROOT, VP, First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Manatee County, Bradenton, Fla.

JOSEPH HOLMES, VP, Manatee National Bank, Bradenton, Fla.

VICTOR CAVANAUGH, Cashier, First National Bank, Bradenton, Fla.

WILLIAM EVANS, Cashier, Inter City National Bank, Bradenton, Fla.

WILLIAM BLADES, Cashier, Manasota Bank, Sarasota, Fla.

A. D. MAC CASKIE, VP, Trail National Bank, Sarasota, Fla.

J. HOWARD KENNEDY, VP, Bank of Palmetto, Palmetto, Fla.

JACK ANDERSON VP, Palmetto Federal Savings & Loan Association, Palmetto, Fla.

Mrs. MARY C. EDDY, VP, Venice-Nokomis Bank, Venice, Fla.

BRUCE GLAZENER, VP, First National Bank, Venice, Fla.

TONI CASE, Manatee County SO, Bradenton, Fla; and Lt. FRANK MAHR, Bradenton PD, Bradenton, Fla, both advised on 4/11/68 that they were unable to locate any record in the files of their respective departments identifiable with ERIC STARVO GALT.

MARY WILDER, Credit Bureau, Bradenton, Fla, advised on 4/11/68 that she was unable to locate any record identifiable with ERIC STARVO GALT; but she did locate a record concerning one WARREN M. GALT, 5607 Gulf Dr, Holmes Beach, Fla, who is employed as a leadman at Tropicana.

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Inc, Bradenton, Fla. She advised that she received an inquiry concerning this individual on 3/28/68 from Standard Oil Co; and her inquiry reflects GALT's wife as PAULA. His former address is indicated as 9715 Ventura Dr, St. Louis, Mo, and his Social Security No as [REDACTED]

Mr. W. G. MC NEELY, Motor Vehicle Division, Manatee County Courthouse, Bradenton, Fla, advised on 4/11/68 that he was unable to locate an automobile license issued in the name of ERIC STARVO GALT, for a 1966 Mustang, VIN: 6T07C190647, since 4/4/68.

MC NEELY also advised that he was unable to locate a Florida operators license issued to ERIC STARVO GALT, DOB: [REDACTED]. He advised that operators licenses in this county are filed by DOB only, and not alphabetically.

Mr. LEIGHTON LE BEOUF, Personnel Director, Tropicana Products, Inc, Bradenton, Fla, advised on 4/11/68 that WARREN M. GALT, 5607 Gulf Dr, Holmes Beach, SSN: [REDACTED], applied for employment with this company on 11/20/67 and was hired. LE BEOUF advised that records reflect GALT was formerly employed by ACF Industries, 2800 DeKalb, St. Louis, Mo, 11/65-9/1/67, when moved to Florida. Records also reflect GALT's wife is PAULA, and they have been married 22 years, but his parents are deceased.

GALT is described in records as w/m, DOB: [REDACTED], St. Louis, Mo, 5'7", 150 lbs.

LE BEOUF advised that records reflect GALT was working 3/29/68 from 2:54pm to 5:44am, 3/30/68; he did not work on 3/30/68; but was employed 4/1/68 from 6:41pm to 11:09pm; and on 4/4/68 from 2:55pm to 11:30pm.

WARREN MILTON GALT, 5607 Gulf Dr, Holmes Beach, Fla, was interviewed on 4/11/68, at his place of employment without disclosing the purpose of the interview, and he advised the following information concerning himself:

Father CLARENCE GALT, deceased

Mother MINNIE SNEED GALT, deceased

Brother HOMER GALT, address unknown, last known in Los Angeles, Calif, about 15 years ago.

No sisters or other brothers

Uncle * CLAUDE SNEED, St. Louis, Mo

Resided Holmes Beach, Fla, since 10/2/67

Military Service US Army, 1943-1946; ASN: [REDACTED] (not positive)

Selective Service Registered LDB 110, St. Louis, Mo

SSN: [REDACTED]

Described w/m, DOB: [REDACTED] St. Louis, Mo, 5'7½", 155 lbs, blonde hair - receding hairline, green eyes.

Wife PAULA

Married 23 years, no children of own.

On 4/13/68 WARREN MILTON GALT was re-interviewed by SA's ROBERT C. SMITH & THEODORE R. SEMAN at his place of residence, Holmes Beach, Fla, and furnished the following additional information concerning his relatives:

He was married in Paris, France, 11/46 while in the U.S. Army; he has no children of his own but has two step sons; JOHN DUPUREUR, 33 years, who is employed by an unknown bridge painting contractor at Linton, Iowa at the present time; and ALLEN DUPUREUR, 24 years, who resides at 2311 Gardner Dr, and is employed by American Insurance Co, St. Louis, Mo.

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He advised that his father has no living brothers or sisters, but had two brothers, names unknown, but who died in infancy. If his father were alive he would be 67 years of age; and the brothers would be 65 & 70 years.

He advised that his Mother had only one brother, CLAUDE SNEED, who resides at 10013 Clairmont Dr, St. Louis, Mo.

He advised that his brother, HOMER GALT, was born [REDACTED], at St. Louis, Mo, and was married twice in St. Louis, Mo. The first marriage was in 1944 and divorced the same year, wife unrecalled; and married again in 1946 or 1947 to NELLIE (maiden name unrecalled). He does not know if HOMER still married to NELLIE nor whether they had any children.

He stated that HOMER had only two years of high school education but took an unknown night school course in some type boiler engineering and was employed at an unknown place in Los Angeles, Calif.

He stated that about 5 years ago he called HOMER in Los Angeles concerning their grandmothers funeral in St. Louis, Mo, but HOMER did not attend the funeral. He obtained the telephone number for HOMER from his Uncle, CLAUDE SNEED, and CLAUDE will probably still have the telephone number and possibly HOMER's address.

He advised the only other GALT's known to him are CHARLES GALT, great uncle, who resides on Washington Ave, St. Louis, Mo. CHARLES has a son, STEWART GALT, address unknown. Also is MARTIN GALT, great uncle, address unknown, Ferguson, Mo, who has a son, MARTIN GALT, JR, address unknown.

He also has a Great Uncle, ALBERT GALT, ~~address unknown~~, who was struck by lightning in Little Rock, Ark, on a golf course about 20 years ago; and ALBERT had only one daughter, BETTY, whose whereabouts is unknown.

He was formerly employed by American Car & Foundry, St. Louis, Mo, 11/65-9/67 when he moved to Florida.

He advised that the names JOSEPH or SIMONE GAULT; and ERIC STARVO GALT, are unknown to him.

RALPH FULFORD, Fulford Fish Co, 4531-123rd St, Cortez, Fla, advised SA SMITH on 4/12/68 that he operates only net fishing boats locally, and has hired no new personnel during the past week. He advised there have been no strangers looking for a job during that time.

He also advised there are no shrimp boats operating out of Cortez but only fishing boats, although some operate large fishing boats; such as Bell, Capo and Suncoast.

SUE MADDOS, A. P. Bell Fish Co, 125th St, Cortez, Fla, advised on 4/12/68 that no personnel has been hired during the past week, and no strangers have sought work.

Mr. LLOYD CAPO, Capo Fisheries, Inc, Cortez, Fla, advised on 4/12/68 that no personnel has been hired during the past week, and no strangers have sought work.

Mr. O. L. WILLIAMS, Suncoast Seafood, Cortez, Fla, advised on 4/12/68 that he has hired only two individuals during the past two weeks, and both are local men known by WILLIAMS for several years.

THOMAS RAYMOND, Salvation Army, 1202-14th St W, Bradenton, Fla, advised on 4/12/68 that no one by the name of ERIC STARVO GALT: HARVEY LOWMEYER: HARVEY LOWMYER, or JOHN WILLARD has registered since 3/30/68. He advised that all residents are printed by the Bradenton, Fla, PD prior to furnishing assistance.

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Mrs. AGNES CRIPE, Bradenton Hotel, 1404 $\frac{1}{2}$ -14th St W, Bradenton, Fla, advised on 4/12/68 that there are no new guests in the hotel during the past week. She advised the hotel is closing for the summer season.

Mr. GEORGE LITCHFIELD, Asst. Manager, Dixie Grande Hotel, Bradenton, Fla, advised after reviewing records that no one by the name of ERIC STARVO GALT: HARVEY LOWMEYER: HARVEY LOWMYER; or JOHN WILLARD has registered at this hotel during the past week.

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DATE: 4/16/68

FROM : SA WILLIAM K. GARNER, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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INQUIRIES MADE AT DANCING SCHOOLS IN LAKELAND TERRITORY

On 4/15/68, a review of the General Telephone Directories covering cities located in the Polk County area was made by SA CHARLES A. LONG, JR. It was determined that the only dancing schools ~~located~~ were located in Lakeland and Winter Haven, Fla. The only ~~other~~ listings in Polk County cities other than these two referred to schools situated in Lakeland or Winter Haven.

The following checks were made at those schools listed:

Investigation by SA CHARLES A. LONG, JR., on 4/15/68:

AT WINTER HAVEN:

Attempts were made to contact the managers of the MARY GALLAGHER SCHOOL OF BALLET, at 210 E. Central Ave., and the TAYLOR STUDIO OF DANCE ARTS, 602 Ave. C. SE, with negative results. Both studios were closed.

NELLIE SLOAT, NELLIE SLOAT BALLROOM DANCE STUDIO, 808 Lake Silver Dr. NE, advised that the names of ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMYER and JOHN WILLARD were unknown to her and she had not given dancing lessons to anyone fitting his description.

SLOAT further advised that she is acquainted with the persons who run the GALLAGHER School and the TAYLOR School, and that these studios do not give personal dance instructions for ballroom or modern type dancing and that their clients consist of local children.

AT LAKELAND, FLORIDA

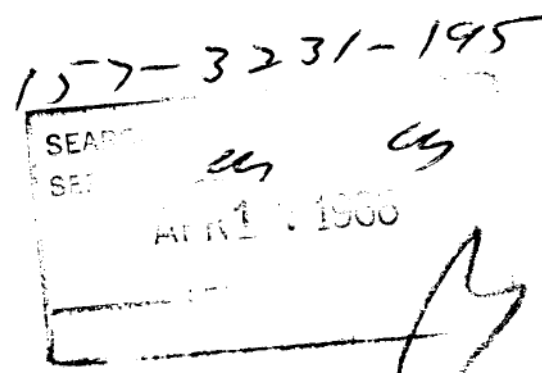
Investigation by GERALD H. KOLB:

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The following persons were contacted, on 4/15/68, with negative results:

MARY FARIDAY STUDIO, 719 E. Palmetto--MARY M. FARIDAY, Owner.

ARTHUR MURRAY STUDIO, 103 W. Main---JOE BLUM, Owner.

BETSYE KAY DANCE STUDIO, 1214 S. Florida---BETSYE KAY FINCH, Owner.

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DATE: 4/16/68

FROM : SA WUCN N. SMITH

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 4/15/68 Mr. HARRY MILLER, manager, Carousel Dance Club, 3611 5th Ave. N., St. Petersburg, Florida was contacted at his place of business and advised that no one using the name "Eric Starvo Galt" was presently enrolled in the dance club. He further advised that to the best of his knowledge no one using that name had ever been a member of the club. The names "John Willard" and "Harvey Lowmeyer or Lowmyer" were equally unfamiliar.

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TO : SAC, TAMPA (157-3231)

DATE: 4/16/68

FROM : SA JOHN R. HILFARD

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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On 4/15/68, SA JOHN R. HILFARD contacted Mrs. PAULINE BURNER, of PAULINE BURNER SCHOOL OF DANCE, 940 6 st., S. , St. Petersburg, Fla., at which time she advised that she was totally unfamiliar with the Names,-- ERIC STARVO GALT, JOHN WILLARD, HARVEY LOWMEYER, OR HARVEY LOWMYER, as having been patrons of her school. She stated that the only persons in the age group of the subject that she instructs, would be persons who are the fathers of the children that she teaches (which ~~is~~ are her principal clients).

She stated that should the subject appear at her studios, she would immediately contact the FBI.

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On 4/15/68, William H. Royal,
proprietor, Royal School of Dance, 717 W. Smith
St., Orlando, Fla; 340 Strathly Lane and 534
Chase Ave., Winter Park, Fla, advised SA Thomas
J. Wilkes that Eric Starvo Galt, Harvey
Lowmeyer, Harvey Lowmyer, and John Willard
were not known to him, either by name or
physical description. He stated there was no
such person, to his knowledge, who was a present or
former pupil at any of his three studios, and
he noted that his oldest pupils are in their teens.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA
~~David O. Griffin~~ ^{David O. Griffin} on 4/15/68 in Orlando, Fla.

Carolyn Bourland, Owner, Carolyn's Dancing School, 11 E. Lake Gatlin Rd, Orlando, Fla., advised that her dancing school does not teach adult social dancing, with the exception of about one ten-week class per year. This latter class is almost always comprised of the parents of the children taking the children's courses.

She does not recall anyone by the name of Eric Starvo Galt, Harvey Lowmeyer, Harvey Lowmeyer or John Willard, nor anyone fitting the ^{apparent} description.

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The following ~~was~~ investigation was conducted by SA Thomas B. Mc Nally on 4/15/68

The individuals following advised they could not identify the names Eric Starvo Galt, Harvey Lowmeyer, Harvey Lowmeyer or John Willard as pupils at ~~the~~^{the} dancing schools, past or present.

1. Mrs. Ione Maybarduk, director of the Hawaiian School of Dancing, 111 Laker Lane, Winter Park, Fla. She further advised that the dancing school does not accept male students.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA Philip D. Smith at Orlando, Florida on April 15, 1968:

SISSA BETHEA, operator of BETHEA - EBSEN Dance School, 9 South HYER ST., advised her school has only children as pupils. They only adults they have ever taught was a mother's class. They have never had any male adult students.

Miss BETHEA stated she used to operate BETHEA's Dancing School in Forest City, Florida. That school is now closed, while open they only taught children.

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On 4/16/68, Joan Lovett, owner, JOAN LOVETT School of Dance, 5900 S. Orange Ave., Orlando, Florida advised *SA Daniel P. Holmes* that she only teaches children dancing and has never had a male adult dance student. She has no information about ERIC STARVO GALT.

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TO : SAC (157-3231)

DATE: 4/15/68

FROM : SA GORDON W. TINDLE

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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On 4/15/68, Mrs. Nancy Wetmore, owner of Nancy Wetmore Dance Studio 3007 Edgewater Dr. Orlando, Fla. advised she had no former student or information concerning anyone named Eric Starvo Galt, Harvey Lowmeyer, Harvey Lowmyer or John Willard. She said she has not had any male adult classes.

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TO : SAC, TAMPA (157-3231)

DATE: 4/16/68

FROM : SA JOHN J. RUTLAND

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Rebutels, 4/10/68, and 4/14/68.

The following investigation was conducted by SA JOHN J. RUTLAND:

On 4/12/68, the following individuals advised that ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOUMEYER, HARVEY LOUMYER, and JOHN WILLIARD are unknown to their respective agencies:

Mrs. BESSIE HAGGERTY, Clerk, Credit Bureau of Clearwater, Inc.;

Mrs. PAULINE SCOTT, Clerk, ^{Sid} Local Board No. 112, both Clearwater, Florida.

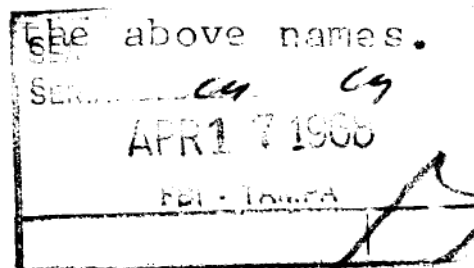
On 4/15/68, R. TAYLOR and MARGURITA GRIFFITH, Arthur Murray Dance Studio, 417 Cleveland Street, Clearwater, Florida, advised that they have no recollection nor can they locate any records of anyone by the name of GALT, LOUMEYER, LOUMYER, or JOHN WILLIARD ever being a student at the dance school.

On 4/15/68, JOHN H. GLANDON, Manager, Fred Astaire Dance Studio, 608 Court Street, Clearwater, Florida, advised that he has no recollection of any student by the name of GALT, LOUMEYER, LOUMYER, or JOHN WILLIARD ever being a student at the school. He said that he would cause a search of his records in those names. He advised on 4/16/68, that he can locate no record of anyone being a student at the school under any of the above names.

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TO : SAC, TAMPA (157-3231)

DATE: 4/12/68

FROM : SA, ROBERT C. SMITH

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CIVIL RIGHTS
(OO: ME)

The attached investigative insert pertains to investigation conducted by SA DONALD G. MONTEGAR at Sarasota, Fla.



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Following investigation conducted by SA Donald G. Montegar
At Sarasota, Fla.

Following persons contacted on 4/11/68 and all advised their respective
files did not reflect a record for Eric Starvo Galt, Harvy Lowmeyer,
or Lowmyer or John Willard:

Elaine Hurst, Sarasota PD
June MacKenzie, Sarasota SO
Laura Fann, Sarasota credit bureau
~~Atarida/Aracena/Aracena/Aracena~~
Joyce Crady, Florida ~~xx~~ drivers license bureau Sarasota Co.
Jean Davis, Salvation Army, 1424, 4th St.
Jack ~~xxx~~ Allain, Villa Goodrich Hotel, 113 N. Goodrich Ave.
Mr. M. Davis, Lynn Hotel, 1543 2nd St.
Mrs. Virginia Ross, Mayfair Hotel 227 Central Ave.
Mrs. R. B. Kirkconnel, license vehicle registration.

In addition Mrs. Kirkconnel advised there have been no 1960 Mustang
autos registered with her bureau since 4/1/68

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, TAMPA (157-3231)

DATE: 4/8/68

FROM : SA ONNIE K. WALKER

SUBJECT: MURKIN
RM

RE: BURNS LYMAN

On 4/6/68, JERRY HEDGEMAN, 1039-6th Ave., South, St. Petersburg, Fla., was located and interviewed by SAs JAMES DELK LELAND and ONNIE K. WALKER.

Mr. HEDGEMAN advised that he had worked for one BURNS LYMAND in 1963 or 1964 for approximately 7 to 8 months. He stated LYMAND was an expert tree trimmer. He stated that LYMAND was with his wife and baby. Further that they came to St. Petersburg, Fla., area, apparently from Utah. Further that they had come to Fla., to do tree trimming due to the freeze that occurred in late 1962 or early 1963. HEDGEMAN advised he did not know local address for LYMAND when he lived in St. Petersburg, and that LYMAND had "skipped out" and did not pay a number of outstanding bills and, in fact, skipped out owing him salary.

HEDGEMAN described LYMAND as W/M, age 23-24, (in 1963) 5'9", 140 lbs., sandy-brown hair, complexion light, peculiarities, did a great deal of drinking.

HEDGEMAN advised that LYMAND had 4 or 5 rifles and that almost all of them had scopes on them. According to HEDGEMAN, LYMAND told him that he had used these rifles to do bear hunting with in Utah. Further, that in conversation with LYMAND, he had expressed a great dislike for then President Kennedy and Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING.

HEDGEMAN advised that he has not received any information concerning LYMAND since he skipped out of St. Petersburg in late 1963 or early 1964. He stated that he believes LYMAND had a checking account at the St. Petersburg Bank and Trust Co., St. Petersburg, Fla.

It should be noted that it was observed by interviewing Agents that HEDGEMAN had apparently been doing considerable drinking.

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On 4/8/68, Mrs. R. D. SNEED, JR., Bookkeeping Dept., St. Petersburg Bank and Trust Co., 716 9th St., North, advised that their closed account number [REDACTED] was for BURNS LYMAND of 714 1/2 Grove St., North, St. Petersburg, Fla. Account was opened on 6/5/63 and closed on 2/13/64. Account was opened with deposit of \$60. His occupation was listed as tree trimmer. Mrs. SNEED advised that there were many return items in the account from July 30, 1963 through Nov. 19, 1963. She further advised from the account card that was available, that in all probability, a further check of records at the bank would reveal that the bank, in all probability, closed out the account due to the numerous return items.

On 4/8/68, a check was made at the St. Petersburg Credit Bureau and no record could be found for a BURNS LYMAND.

It is to be noted that the writer in telephonic contact with the Tampa Office on 4/6/68, was advised by SA HUGH J. SMITH that indices revealed a closed 88 case (Tampa file 88-2644) entitled THERAL BURNS LYMAND, who was described as W/M, Age 26, DOB [REDACTED], from the State of Utah, 5'9", brown hair, brown eyes, 310 pounds. Further there was indication in this file that his wife or a relative resided 714 1/2 Grove St., St. Petersburg, Fla.

It would appear from the above that in all probability that the weight of 310 pounds is a typographic error and that the weight should be 130 lbs, it being noted that both individuals are from Utah, both are tree trimmers, both have the name of BURNS LYMAND and the address of 714 1/2 Grove St., appear.

In view of the above, it is suggested the 88 file be reviewed to determine if possible this THERAL BURNS LYMAND is still in a Fugitive status or if he has been apprehended and still in custody, therefore, eliminating him as a suspect or for any possible investigation in this matter.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, TAMPA (157-3231)

DATE: 4/6/68

FROM : SA JOHN E. BUTENSCHOEN

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF
MARTIN LUTHER KING
RM

Tampa Office telephonically advised 4/6/68 by JERRY M. HEDGEMAN, 1039 6th Ave. SO., St. Petersburg, Fla., advising he worked for BURNS LYMAN in 1964 in St. Petersburg. He advised that this work was tree surgery. HEDGEMAN advised that LYMAN has made the statement several times that his ambition was to kill MARTIN LUTHER KING. LYMAN was known to be in possession of several rifles with scopes.

HEDGEMAN advised that LYMAN is a white male, approximately 5'10", 140 lbs., brown hair, and also born in Utah.

LYMAN was the subject of a Bureau case, TP file 88-2644.

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ADDENDUM BY SA AMBLER:

WALKER advised HEDGEMAN located night of 4/6/68 in an intoxicated condition. Claims worked for LYMAN in 1963-64 and hasn't seen LYMAN since; LYMAN made statements didn't like the president and KING, but nothing about killing either. LYMAN from Utah, did have several rifles, some with scopes for bear hunting. No info as to present whereabouts; said was only in area few months; bank may have additional info.

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TO: SAC, BIRMINGHAM

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

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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Re Tampa teletype to Bureau, 4/8/68.

The following investigation was conducted at Nashville, Tennessee, on 4/15/68 by SA M. BARRY CARMODY and SA LEONE J. FLOSI.

An anonymous telephone call was received at the Nashville FBI Office stating that CHARLES HOLLY, an employee of the Checker Cab Company, Nashville, had information concerning a man named GALT who resided in Birmingham, Alabama.

CHARLES HOLLY, 514 Second Avenue South, was interviewed and he furnished the following information:

HOLLY stated that in 1961, 1962, and 1963 he was employed by the Abernathy Furniture Company, 2503 Second Avenue North, Birmingham, and that in 1962 he met a ROBERT GALT (phonetic). GALT introduced a woman who GALT stated was his mother and said they were in the salvage furniture business.

HOLLY stated that GALT claimed to be a used car salesman in Birmingham and worked in the

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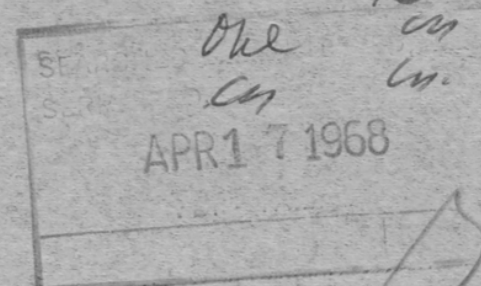
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Bessemer, Fairfield, and South Side areas of the city. HOLLY stated that he recalled that on one occasion, GALT purchased two end tables, one coffee table, and a small pair of lamps for \$85 from the Abernathy Furniture Company, and GALT paid cash for this transaction. HOLLY stated this furniture was delivered by the Abernathy Company to GALT's residence which was located some where on Highland Avenue, Birmingham.

HOLLY stated that Mr. ABERNATHY's mother may recall GALT as GALT was in the furniture store on several occasions.

HOLLY described GALT as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	Middle or late 20's
Height	6'2"
Weight	160-170
Complexion	Ruddy
Hair	Brown.

HOLLY further advised that GALT mentioned that GALT was a hunter and a fisherman, and GALT stated he was able to kill quail with a 22 rifle. HOLLY could not recall if GALT owned a car.

HOLLY further advised that if he saw a photo of the assassin of Dr. KING, he would be able to state if this were the ROBERT GALT whom he had met in Birmingham. HOLLY stated he has not had any contact with GALT since the transaction at the Abernathy Furniture Company.

The following information was ascertained from observation and interview:

Name	CHARLES HOLLY
Race	White
Sex	Male
DOB	[REDACTED]
POB	Dora, Alabama

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Height	5'11½"
Weight	163
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Blue
Social Security No.	[REDACTED]
Employment	Checker Cab Company Nashville, Tenn.
Military service	Served in U. S. Army from May, 1947, to November, 1950
Army SN	[REDACTED]
Arrests	Admitted an arrest for carrying a concealed weapon in 1958 in Calumet, Illinois.

The above information is being furnished for evaluation to the Birmingham Division, and it is being left to the discretion of that office as to whether this information is of lead value.

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Date: 4/16/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, TAMPA (157-3231)

MURKIN

Re Tampa teletype to Director dated 4/15/68 and report of SA RICHARD K. HARPER dated 7/5/67 at Tampa entitled, "BERNARD CLINTON LWEIS, ET AL".

RE DONALD EUGENE SPARKS, FBI # 71618A

On 4/16/68, WILLIAM KENNETH KNIGHT, FBI #2557953 furnished the following information to Special Agent RICHARD K. HARPER at the Tampa City Jail where he is presently incarcerated.

KNIGHT advised that after thinking about the MARTIN LUTHER KING assassination he learned the following which he thought he should relate.

He advised the armed robbery of SHELBY JACKSON at Baton Rouge, Louisiana on June 5, 1966 about which KNIGHT furnished information to SA RICHARD K. HARPER which is contained in referenced report. The following incident took place while travelling toward Memphis, Tennessee along with DONALD EUGENE SPARKS, and HERMIT EUGENE WING FBI # 377580B.

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KNIGHT advised that they were listening to the car radio and the news of the shooting of MEDGAR EVANS was broadcast and the three of them were trying to figure out a route to Memphis which would bypass possible road blocks. During the conversation which took place KNIGHT recalled SPARKS and WING discussing the fact that SPARKS had been offered a \$10,000. payment to kill MARTIN LUTHER KING. They did not elaborate on this other than to indicate that when both were in the state penitentiary at McAlester, Oklahoma, some "agents" had come to interview SPARKS concerning this alleged offer and payment and that he had "run them off" meaning that he had refused to talk to the agents about the matter.

KNIGHT was quizzed thoroughly concerning this incident and advised that it was not discussed further, nor would SPARKS mention who had approached him with the offer.

KNIGHT stated that SPARKS is perfectly capable of committing a murder and is a known hater of Negroes. According to KNIGHT, SPARKS is not known to make jokes and it was believable to KNIGHT that an actual offer was made to SPARKS by someone.

For the information of offices receiving, DONALD EUGENE SPARKS is presently incarcerated at Fort Payne, Alabama and has been incarcerated during the period of the MARTIN LUTHER KING murder which would definitely eliminate SPARKS as a suspect.

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Furthermore, Tampa is not in a position to elaborate this information and it is requested that:

OKLAHOMA CITY DIVISION

AT OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA & McALESTER, OKLAHOMA

Review files for any pertinent details regarding "agents" attempting to interview SPARKS concerning alleged offer to kill MARTIN LUTHER KING.

For the information of Oklahoma City, Tampa files reflect SPARKS incarcerated at McAlester, Oklahoma from 3/9/65 - 5/10/66 under penitentiary #71755. Oklahoma should advise the Bureau, Memphis and Birmingham of any pertinent information in this regard.

BIRMINGHAM DIVISION

AT FORT PAYNE, ALABAMA

May desire to interview DONALD EUGENE SPARKS concerning this matter upon receipt of background information from Oklahoma.

(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

King's Staying

Each hour that passes without the apprehension of the assassin of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. increases the possibility that he may not be caught. For the reported details of the killer's movements all point to a planned crime, executed with a cool—quite possibly a professional—skill.

So it may not be too early to suggest that if the trail of the suspected killer turns cold, and if his capture does not seem imminent, it could be advisable for a special commission to investigate the available information on the crime and make public disclosure of as much of it as may be possible without seriously interfering with the efforts of the appropriate law enforcement agencies.

We suggest this for the important reason that the monstrous deed—and the reaction to it—can profoundly affect the course of inter-racial relations across this nation for an immeasurably long time.

This may be particularly true if no culprit is brought to answer for it at the bar of justice.

Perhaps even now the suspected killer of Dr. King is under surveillance or on the verge of being arrested. Perhaps, as Attorney General Ramsey Clark suggests, lawmen have him on the run and may even be catching up with him.

But there is much reason to suspect that the actual assassination was the work of a hired gunman. It has many marks of the gangland-style slaying—where an anonymous killer—by—trade quietly moves in, executes and moves on. Such killings, as any big city police department well knows, are most difficult to resolve.

Most frequently, of course, murders by hired hoods result from rivalry between gangs of racketeers. But murder for political ends is not unknown in this country and indeed is a classic weapon, around the world, in the arsenal of the political extremist and of the ruthless Communist revolutionary.

Trained killer-agents do exist, and the possibility is real that the murder of Dr. King was the work of such.

To suggest this does not, however, explain the who or why of it.

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SARASOTA HERALD TRIBUNE
SARASOTA, FLORIDA

Date: 4/12/68
Edition: LOCAL
Author:
Editor: DAVID BREED
Title: LINDSAY, JR.

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As we have observed before, the violence in the hours following the event was predictable. So was a national expression of indignation and shame that this terrible thing can happen in a society committed to the right of its individual members to life, and the pursuit of happiness.

Who could hope to gain by the kind of response that followed the killing?

The obvious inevitability of an angry reaction in Negro communities and a deep resentment in the white community, it seems to us, lessens the likelihood that the King murder was the work of one of the country's pathetic little organizations of angry white supremacists.

Furthermore, the various groups of extremists are so thoroughly salted with FBI agents and informers that information about any plotted lynch-slaying would probably have gotten to the authorities by now — if indeed it had reached them in advance and enabled them to avert the tragedy.

Thus the suspicion mounts that Dr. King's death was coldly planned by other agents of subversion and disorder — and thus it becomes most important that facts about the deed be disclosed to the American people as soon and as fully as possible.

For now there is a feeling among many black Americans that all of "white society" is to blame, and a few who were moved to lash out vengefully but senselessly brought looting, burning and destruction in many places in the country.

that kind of response — in the memory of Dr. King, who devoted his life to believing by non-violent means a better future for the American Negro. It has served to alienate — from the cause of fuller rights and opportunities for a minority race — members of the majority race.

Yet it is just as unfair for the white citizen to blame Negroes as a whole for lawless and violent behaviour in the aftermath of the King tragedy as it is for the Negro to blame white people in general for his having been shot from ambush in Memphis.

We must not forget the possibility, which has ample historical precedent, that foreign enemies of America may seek to provoke chaos between the races by deliberate murder to create martyrs, skillfully arranging for the blame to appear to fall on other Americans. With over 60,000 troops presently tied down in riot control, the military advantage to our enemies of the present situation, however caused, is apparent.

And what if, as could happen, an admired white leader should be one day shot by an escaping, dark-skinned killer? What tragic response could be expected? Whose cause would be harmed? Whose purposes served?

Truly, this is a time of many trials for America, when we need a sense of unity, cooperation, patience and a measure of trust. It is not a time to allow any murderous plot by persons unknown to divide, disrupt, destroy.

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TO ALL SACS

FROM DIRECTOR

MURKIN

THE FOLLOWING PRESS RELEASE WAS ISSUED AT WASHINGTON, D.C.,
AT FIVE FORTYFIVE P.M. THIS AFTERNOON. YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO RELEASE
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ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS AS REQUIRED. YOU SHOULD ATTEMPT TO INSURE THAT THIS RELEASE AND PHOTOGRAPHS RECEIVE REPEATED COVERAGE BY RADIO AND TV STATIONS. YOU ARE TO MAKE NO ELABORATION WHATSOEVER REGARDING THIS RELEASE.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

APRIL 17, 1968

ATTORNEY GENERAL RAMSEY CLARK ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT ERIC STARVO GALT IS BEING SOUGHT BY THE FBI AS A FUGITIVE ON A FEDERAL CHARGE ARISING FROM THE FATAL SHOOTING OF THE REVEREND DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., IN MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, ON APRIL 4, 1968.

DIRECTOR J. EDGAR HOOVER STATED THAT A FEDERAL COMPLAINT WAS FILED BY THE FBI IN BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, TODAY CHARGING GALT WITH CONSPIRING TO VIOLATE THE CIVIL RIGHTS OF DR. KING IN VIOLATION OF TITLE 18, SECTION 241, OF THE UNITED STATES CODE.

THE FBI COMPLAINT CHARGES THAT "ON OR ABOUT MARCH 29, 1968, AT BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, ...ERIC STARVO GALT AND AN INDIVIDUAL WHOM HE ALLEGED TO BE HIS BROTHER, ENTERED INTO A CONSPIRACY WHICH CONTINUED UNTIL ON OR ABOUT APRIL 5, 1968, TO INJURE, OPPRESS, THREATEN, OR INTIMIDATE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.,... IN THE FREE EXERCISE OR ENJOYMENT OF A RIGHT SECURED TO HIM BY THE CONSTITUTION OR LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES; NAMELY, THE RIGHT TO FREELY TRAVEL FROM STATE TO STATE. IN FURTHERANCE OF THIS CONSPIRACY, ERIC STARVO GALT DID, ON OR ABOUT MARCH 30, 1968, PURCHASE A RIFLE AT BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA..."

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ACCORDING TO MR. HOOVER, A 30.06 RIFLE EQUIPPED WITH A TELESCOPIC SIGHT WAS FOUND NEAR A ROOMING HOUSE ON SOUTH MAIN STREET IN MEMPHIS IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE FATAL SHOOTING OF DR. KING OCCURRED. THE ROOMING HOUSE OVERLOOKS THE LORRAINE HOTEL AND MOTEL WHERE DR. KING WAS STAYING.

MR. HOOVER SAID THAT FBI AGENTS DETERMINED THAT THE 30.06 RIFLE HAD BEEN PURCHASED FROM A GUN DEALER IN BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, ON MARCH 30, 1968. THE TELESCOPIC SIGHT ALSO WAS PURCHASED FROM THIS DEALER.

THE FBI DIRECTOR SAID THAT GALT, WHO HAS USED THE NAMES OF JOHN WILLARD AND HARVEY LOWMYER IN THE PAST, IS THE OWNER OF A 1966 WHITE MUSTANG BEARING ALABAMA LICENSE PLATES WHICH WAS LOCATED ABANDONED IN ATLANTA, GEORGIA, ON APRIL 11, 1968. INVESTIGATION DISCLOSED THAT GALT PURCHASED THIS CAR FROM A PRIVATE CITIZEN IN BIRMINGHAM ON AUGUST 30, 1967. THE MUSTANG'S ODOMETER SHOWED THAT IT HAD BEEN DRIVEN MORE THAN 19,000 MILES BETWEEN LATE AUGUST, 1967, AND EARLY APRIL, 1968.

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ACCORDING TO MR. HOOVER, GALT'S TRAVELS IN THE MUSTANG INCLUDED TRIPS TO LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA; NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA; BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA; AND MEXICO, AS WELL AS TO MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, AND ATLANTA, GEORGIA. GALT WAS REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN IN MEMPHIS ON APRIL 3 AND 4, 1968, AND TO HAVE DEPARTED FROM THERE FOR ATLANTA.

INTENSIVE INVESTIGATION BY THE FBI HAS DISCLOSED THAT GALT HAS CLAIMED TO HAVE BEEN EMPLOYED AS A COOK ON MISSISSIPPI RIVER VESSELS AND AS A MERCHANT SEAMAN. HE IS SAID TO BE AN AVID DANCER AND TOOK DANCING LESSONS IN NEW ORLEANS IN 1964 AND 1965; IN BIRMINGHAM DURING SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER, 1967; AND IN LONG BEACH CALIFORNIA, FROM DECEMBER, 1967 TO FEBRUARY, 1968.

GALT LEFT LOS ANGELES ON DECEMBER 15, 1967, AND DROVE HIS WHITE MUSTANG TO NEW ORLEANS, WHERE HE CLAIMED HE CONTACTED EITHER AN ENGINEERING OR A CONTRACTING FIRM. HE LEFT NEW ORLEANS ON DECEMBER 19TH AND ARRIVED BACK IN LOS ANGELES ON DECEMBER 21, 1967.

WHILE IN THE LOS ANGELES AREA EARLY THIS YEAR, GALT TOOK A COURSE AT A SCHOOL OF BARTENDING AND WAS GRADUATED ON MARCH 2, 1968.

THE FUGITIVE IS DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE. HE IS APPROXIMATELY 5 FEET 8 INCHES TO 5 FEET 11 INCHES TALL AND WEIGHS BETWEEN 160 AND 175 POUNDS. HE IS SAID TO BE A NEAT DRESSER AND HAS A MEDIUM BUILD.

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GALT HAS BROWN HAIR, WHICH HE WEARS IN A "BRUSH" CUT. HE REPORTEDLY HAS BLUE EYES; HIS NOSE IS STRAIGHT AND NARROW; HIS TEETH ARE STRAIGHT AND CLEAN; AND HE HAS GIVEN HIS DATE OF BIRTH AS .

THE FUGITIVE IS SAID TO HAVE A NERVOUS HABIT OF OCCASIONALLY PULLING AT AN EAR LOBE WITH HIS HAND. HIS LEFT EAR PROTRUDES FARTHER FROM HIS HEAD THAN HIS RIGHT EAR.

ACCORDING TO MR. HOOVER, PERSONS WHO HAVE MET GALT DESCRIBE HIM AS A "LONER" AND STATE HIS LANGUAGE AND DICTION HAVE A "RURAL" QUALITY AND SUGGEST THAT HE PROBABLY DOES NOT HAVE A HIGH DEGREE OF EDUCATION. HE IS SAID TO DRINK ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND HAS A PREFERENCE FOR VODKA AND BEER. HE IS A FAN OF WESTERN AND COUNTRY MUSIC.

GALT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS. ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING HIM SHOULD BE FURNISHED IMMEDIATELY TO THE NEAREST FBI OFFICE.

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Gil Butler

Ch 13 (has)

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St Pete Times - Independent

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Radio WLAB

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① Orlando

Orlando Sentinel

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Roy Martin

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295-3990 John Kay

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245-0740 Tony Gerard

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GA 4-8537

Doc Pingree ^{Sent} 4/18
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③ Sarasota 1813

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958-7755 Dave Frayer

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- ① Brevard Centinel (Brevard Centinel is insert of Orlando Centinel. Roy Martin Orlando Centinel has release and photo)
- ② Cocoa Tribune, Titusville Star Advocate and Day Tribune - Nancy Jaffer - has both
- ③ WEZY Inc - John Sterns - no release
- ④ ~~WINK Inc.~~

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- ① ~~WINK~~ WINK Radio - John Gould - has

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TO ALL SACS

FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861

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GALT BY ROUTING SLIP FOUR SIXTEEN LAST CONTAIN THE
COMPOSITE DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT AS FURNISHED BY VARIOUS
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FBI TAMPA

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, TAMPA (157-3231)

DATE: 4/25/68

FROM : SA [unclear], R. [unclear]

SUBJECT: [unclear]

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(OO: ME)

Re 157-3231-209

On 4/18/68 Mrs. Robert [unclear], 200 [unclear] Island, Island Estates, Clearwater, Fla. advised that she was having lunch at Woolworth's Dept. store, Cleveland Plaza Shopping Center, Clearwater, Fla. at approx. noon on 4/17/68 when an individual who she described as w/m, 35 yrs. old, 5'7" - 5'8", 160-165 lbs., light brown complexion, wearing a dark suit, white long sleeve dress shirt and tie, sat down next to her.

She stated that this individual seemed nervous and his attitude was cocky. He gave the impression that "he was the cat that just swallowed the bird" and made sarcastic remarks about the food and the waitresses. She advised that he had a round face, pale complexion, clean shaven and kept rubbing the back of his right hand with the index finger of his left hand. Mrs. [unclear] advised that it did not appear that he was trying to make a pass at anyone.

Mrs. [unclear] viewed a picture of Eric Starvo Galt and advised that although



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there were similarities between Galt and the individual at Woolworth's, she did not think they were identical.

The following employees at Woolworth's French Laundry, Cleveland Plaza Shopping Center, Clearwater were contacted on the dates indicated and ~~received~~^a picture of Eric Starvo Galt. They advised that they had never seen this individual before, nor could they recall the individual about whom Mrs. Roche was speaking.

In view of the fact that the description of Unsub is not similar to Ray and the fact that Mrs. Roche and employees could not identify Unsub as being identical to Ray, no further investigation was wanted.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Tampa (157-3231)

FROM : SPC Millard J. Roberts, Jr.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/17/68

At 11:55 PM, this date, Mr. HOWARD NOYES, 306 19th Ave., N.E., St. Petersburg, Fla., Telephone number 898-3904, telephonically contacted this office and furnished the following information;

NOYES stated that he observed an individual resembling ERIC STARVO GALT on April 6, last on flight 180Y, Eastern Airlines in route from Tampa to Washington, D.C. NOYES further advised that this individual sat next to the window on the right side of the aircraft, 3 rows from the rear. NOYES advised that 2 other men were with this individual, all wearing dark business suits and appeared nervous. Individual resembling GALT had a tan case with him which he placed under the seat. NOYES stated that the end dimensions of this bag were approx. 1 ft. by 6 inches, appeared to him to be either a gun case or a musical instrument case. NOYES stated that this man's hair was short, but unlike the photograph, was wavy. NOYES stated that if further information was needed he could be contacted at the above address.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, TAMPA (157-3231)

DATE: 4/24/68

FROM : SA ALAN R. KLEIN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re 157-3231-210

On 4/18/68, Mr. Howard Noyes, 306 19th Ave NE, St. Petersburg, Fla. advised that he was a passenger aboard Eastern A.L. flight #1804 from Tampa to WDC which departed Tampa 9:15 AM, 4/6/68. Noyes sat next to the window on the right side the second row from the rear of the plane. Three other individuals all dressed in business suits, boarded the plane in Tampa; two of these individuals sat directly in front of him in the 3rd row from the rear and the 3rd individual was believed seated directly in front of him in the fourth row from the rear. Noyes advised that one of the individuals, the person who sat directly in front of him, looked very similar to the picture he had seen in the newspaper of Eric Starvo Galt. Noyes viewed a picture of Galt has furnished by writer and advised that although there were similarities he could not positively identify this individual on the airplane as being identical to the picture of Galt.

He described this individual as being a w/m 30-35, 5'9" 170 lbs medium build slightly wavy short dark brown hair, wearing business suit.

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This individual appeared very suspicious and was very nervous and conscious about a box which he had under his seat. Noyes described this box as being 1 foot wide and 6" long, with a dark orange or tan new leather type surface. This box appeared to be a gun or musical instrument case.

Individual resembling Galt spoke very little during the trip to his companions and it is believed that all three individuals departed at WDC.