

4/13/68

*Extra Duty Agent  
(info)  
~~Adger~~*

Mr. Rosen

C. L. McGowan

**MURKIN**

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*7-31-67 enrollment  
5266 Franklin*

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Mr. Rosen

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**ACTION:**

Atlanta will contact the owner of the house and the mailman in order to determine the identities of the individuals residing at this address. Agents will not mention the name of the subject.

In view of the nature of the neighborhood and the necessity of being discreet in covering this matter, SAC Hitt was authorized to use surveillance truck to observe the residence in question.

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Mr. Rosen:  
Mr. Gowan:  
MURKIN

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At 6:39 AM SA Dick Hamilton, Atlanta Office advised that they have now determined the owner of the house at 113 14<sup>th</sup> St N.E. Atlanta is also the owner of the "Catacomb" night club, the hippie hangout. He also advised that they were setting up their surveillance truck in a parking lot across the street from the house. They were not able to go in earlier because they could not get a spot to observe from due to darkness. Hamilton noted there was considerable activity around the above address during the early morning hours as this was the day the hippie newspaper was put out and being sold on the street.

Action: Hamilton was instructed to give consideration to the fact that the address of 113 14<sup>th</sup> St N.E. could be erroneous due to transposed numerals or the like and that variations of the numbers should be also checked out.

Mr. Rosen

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A. Rosen

MURKIN

April 12, 1968

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1 - Mr. McDonough  
1 - Mr. Long  
1 - Mr. Martindale  
1 - Mr. Bishop

*Critt*

In connection with the investigation into the death of Martin Luther King, Jr., the white Mustang owned by Eric S. Galt was located in Atlanta, 4/11/68. A woman living in the area where the car was apparently abandoned saw a neatly dressed white man wearing what she believes was a blue suit park the car at a low class white housing project between 8:30 a. m. and 9:00 a. m., 4/5/68. She attached no significance to this incident, but when the car had not been moved by 4/11/68, she brought this to the attention of her minister, and he reported the car to the Atlanta Police Department.

The Atlanta Police Department, since the car had Alabama license plates, checked with the Alabama Division of Motor Vehicles, who informed the FBI Office at Mobile of the inquiry. Mobile immediately advised Atlanta and the car was taken to the FBI garage for processing.

ACTION:

This is submitted for information.

WLM:rmr

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Memo

Mr. DeLoach

April 12, 1968

A. Rosen

1 - Mr. DeLoach

1 - Mr. Rosen

1 - Mr. Malley

MURKIN

1 - Mr. Shroder 1 - Mr. Sullivan

1 - Mr. McGowan

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT  
JOHN F. KENNEDY

1 - Mr. Martindale

1 - Mr. McDonough

1 - Mr. Mohr

At 12:55 p. m. , Inspector Joseph Sullivan called from Memphis to advise the Memphis Office had been contacted by Walter Lane Bailey, the colored owner of the Lorraine Motel, 406 Mulberry, Memphis, Tennessee, the motel at which King was staying when killed. Bailey advised the Memphis Office he had been contacted by a representative of the District Attorney, New Orleans, Louisiana, who had requested an interview with Bailey and same was arranged for 4:00 p. m. , today. Bailey did not recall the name of the individual who requested the appointment with him.

Sullivan stated that Bailey's wife had passed away and was being buried this afternoon and that because of this situation, he was not pressed for any further details concerning this contact.

ACTION:

Based on the information available, it is not known whether District Attorney Garrison is making an attempt to tie the killing of King in with his investigation into the assassination of President Kennedy or whether some other ulterior motive exists. Sullivan was instructed that in the event additional information is received concerning this contact, he should furnish details to the Bureau.

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SEC. 10 - CIA 10/11/68

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1 - Mr. Sullivan

MURKIN

The Laboratory has determined that laundry tags on clothing believed to have been abandoned by the subject are similar in all respects to laundry tags used by the Home Service Laundry and Dry Cleaning Company, 5280 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, although it cannot be definitely stated that the tags in question were made by this laundry's marking machine.

Lucy Pinela, present manager of Home Laundry and Dry Cleaning, believes she has seen undershorts of the type in question and says the laundry tag in question would have been used sometime after mid-February, 1968; however, all records, as well as tools, were removed by Jay Wallis Vernon, also known as Jerome Wallis Vernon, former manager who operated the laundry until 3/24/68 and last appeared at the laundry 3/27/68.

The laundry Vernon managed is about five blocks from the Rompage Hardware Store which has been identified as the source of a pair of pliers believed to have been abandoned by the killer.

Vernon has FBI number 743 226 B and his fingerprints are not identical with any of the latent prints developed in this case. His handwriting is not identical with the handwriting in this case.

Vernon was born 12/14/35 at Pampa, Texas, and was a Bureau Army Deserter Fugitive in 1953 after he failed to return to his duty station, Fort Campbell, Kentucky, as ordered. He surrendered to the Sheriff's Office, Craig, Colorado, 10/25/53. He became a Bureau Air Force Deserter Fugitive when he deserted from Mather Air Force Base, California, in 1963 and he was arrested by FBI Agents, 10/18/63 at Las Vegas.

Enclosure  
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**Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach**  
**RE: MURKIN**

Vernon has been on probation since 8/31/67 on a local forgery charge. He purchased the Home Service Laundry 1/15/68 and removed all cash and records, 3/25/68, failing to keep an appointment the same day to discuss payment for the laundry with the former owner. Although his present whereabouts are not yet known he has been placed in Los Angeles on 4/6/68.

The white Mustang owned by Eric S. Galt was located in Atlanta, 4/11/68, as a result of an inquiry made by local authorities to the FBI National Crime Information Center. The car was in the parking area of a low class white housing project adjacent to the intersection of Memorial Drive and Connally Street. The project has 795 apartments containing a total of 3,245 rooms.

Investigation established that the car was parked in Atlanta between 8:30 a. m. and 9:00 a. m., 4/5/68, by a white male, 5' 11", 165 pounds, neatly dressed in a suit, possibly blue. He walked away after locking the car. He had no hat, did not wear glasses, and carried no luggage. One witness saw him refer to a small notebook about three by five inches in size.

When Galt purchased this car in Birmingham, 8/30/67, the odometer reading was about 20,000; it is now 39,100. Stickers on the car show it was serviced by Cort Fox Ford Company, Hollywood, California, no date given; was serviced by Beckman Chevron Service, Los Angeles, 2/13/68, mileage: 34185; and an official Mexican tourist sticker indicates the car has been in Mexico.

In the trunk were various items of clothing and bedding, four floor mats, an air filter cartridge, a hunting knife and tools. Also found in the trunk was a piece of cardboard torn from a paper tissue box on which is written "Ginger and Anita Katzwinkel, 1335 Surano, Apt. 6." Below the address appear two words believed to be "Olkahombe" and "Broutt." The word "day" is written above the words "Ginger and Anita."

**Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach**  
**RE: MURKIN**

The car has been completely processed for latent fingerprints and has been minutely examined in all respects. All items from the car are presently being examined in the Laboratory and Identification Division at Washington.

Records of an apartment house located at 1535 North Serrano, Los Angeles, show that Galt paid rent in cash for an apartment at this address for the months of November and December, 1967. When the receiver for the apartments went to collect rent approximately 1/18/68, Galt had left the premises. He received a letter from Galt dated 1/21/68, postmarked in Los Angeles 1/22/68, which stated, "Dear Sir, I am writing to inform you that I moved from the apt. I informed the original manager so I am enclosing the keys. I made a deposit on keys but as I lost one will forfeit deposit. Sincerely." The letter was signed Eric S. Galt. This letter is being flown to the FBI Laboratory.

Apartment six at the above address is presently rented to Jennie Morgan who has lived there since 2/12/68. She has no knowledge Galt or the Katzwinkels. The information operator at Los Angeles reported a listing for Anita Katzwinkel, 1831 North Gramercy Place, but it has been determined this telephone was disconnected 4/8/68. The cross listing directory shows Anita Katzwinkel as residing in apartment 303. This apartment was occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas M. Flikeid beginning in October, 1967. They paid rent 4/1/68 saying they were moving within thirty days and on 4/5/68 the manager found a note in the apartment indicating they had moved out.

Every possible lead is being immediately covered in Los Angeles to locate the Katzwinkels and to develop further information on Galt. Atlanta is also making every possible effort to trace Galt's movements.

There is no record of Gieger or Anita Katzwinkel in Bureau indices or the Identification Division.

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Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach  
RE: MURKIN

ACTION:

Attached for approval is a memorandum for the White House, the Attorney General, the Deputy Attorney General, and the Civil Rights Division.

All investigation is being conducted on a top priority basis and you will be advised of pertinent developments.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

*In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.*

April 12, 1968

**MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.**

The murder of Martin Luther King, Jr., on April 4, 1968, continues to receive the most vigorous investigative attention.

Additional suspects have been developed and are being expeditiously processed. Other investigative phases of this case are being exhaustively pursued throughout the country.

Additional examinations, comparisons and analyses of physical evidence by the FBI Laboratory and Identification Division are being performed on a continuous basis.

No effort or expense is being spared in our total commitment to the successful outcome of this investigation.

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Mr. DeLoach

April 11, 1968

A. Rosen

1 - Mr. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. Rosen  
1 - Mr. Malley  
1 - Mr. McGowan  
① - Mr. Long  
1 - Mr. Bates

MURKIN  
BUFILE: 44-38861

On 4/10/68, SA Richard F. Bates, Civil Rights Section, telephonically contacted Mrs. Jean Wilkins, Office of the Director, Bureau of Prisons, Department of Justice, and requested that the files of the Bureau of Prisons be searched for any record on suspect Eric Starvo Galt under his full name and under any possible combinations such as Gault, Gwalt, and variations of the first name. Mrs. Wilkins was furnished a description of Galt.

Subsequently, Mrs. Wilkins on 4/10/68 contacted SA Bates and advised that a complete search of the Bureau of Prisons active and inactive files on present and former inmates of Federal penitentiaries disclosed no names identical or possibly similar to suspect Galt's name. Mrs. Wilkins stated that one of the most competent clerical employees in the Bureau of Prisons was used to conduct this search which was extremely thorough.

ACTION:

None. For information.

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Memo

Mr. DeLoach

April 11, 1968

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1 - Mr. Sullivan

MURKIN

In connection with this investigation it is being recommended that copies of two separate artists' conceptions of the unknown subject, one based upon descriptions given by witnesses in Memphis and the other by witnesses in Birmingham, be furnished to Agents handling this investigation in the field.

The unknown subject has been generally described as a white male, five feet eight inches to five feet eleven inches in height, weight between 130 and 170 pounds, medium build, dark brown or black hair, and 27 to 36 years of age.

It has previously been impressed upon the field and it is being reiterated that in connection with any inquiries conducted no indication should be given that the investigation involved the captioned case.

Attached is one copy each of the artists' conceptions submitted by the Memphis and Birmingham Offices.

RECOMMENDATION:

That copies of the two artists' conceptions be furnished to the field for the use of Agents handling this investigation.

Enclosures (2)

EJM:es  
(11)

*See teletype to  
all Continental Offices  
4-12-68, EJM/ao*

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Mr. Rosen

April 11, 1968

C. L. McGowan

1 - Mr. Rosen

1 - Mr. Malley

1 - Mr. ~~Shroder~~ *Malley*

1 - Mr. Long *Long*

MURKIN

At 2:11 a. m. , 4/11/68, Robert Easton, Attorney, Inter-Division Information Unit of the Department, advised Extra Duty Supervisor H. E. Helgeson that he had just received a phone call from a man identifying himself as Frank Clemente, 2121 W. Erie Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, phone MO6-7469. Clemente stated he had observed an individual in Chicago on 4/7/68 who resembled the published artist's conception of unknown subject. This person was changing a tire on an automobile and when Clemente offered to help, he declined assistance.

ACTION:

Above information furnished to Night Supervisor Herbert Stallings, Chicago Office. He was instructed to have Clemente interviewed today and follow up any logical leads developed as a result of the interview.

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Mr. Rosen

C. L. McGowan

MURKIN

April 11, 1968

1 - Mr. Rosen

1 - Mr. Malley

1 - Mr. McGowan

① - Mr. Long

SAC Gamble of the Birmingham Office telephonically advised that he had received a call from General Doster of the Alabama National Guard on the evening of 4/9/68. Gamble was unable to contact the General and on 4/10/68 the Adjutant of the Alabama National Guard appeared at the Birmingham Office and desired to know whether the rifle used in the killing of Martin Luther King, Jr., had been purchased in Alabama. He pointed out that the National Guard had the responsibility for the over-all security in the State and a tense racial situation might develop if it is true that the rifle used in the killing had been purchased in Birmingham, Alabama.

ACTION:

After talking with Mr. DeLoach, SAC Gamble was instructed that he could advise the General of the Alabama National Guard for his confidential information that it appeared that a rifle found near the scene of the shooting was in fact purchased in Birmingham, Alabama; that the FBI if asked about this will neither confirm or deny it; that we are pursuing a strict no comment position.

CLM:rmr  
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The Attorney General

Director, FBI

MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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1 - Mr. Rosen  
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Attached for your information is a memorandum setting forth an important current development in this investigation.

Enclosure

1 - The Deputy Attorney General (Enclosure)

1 - Mr. Stephen J. Pollak (Enclosure)  
Assistant Attorney General

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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In connection with our investigation into the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr., on April 4, 1968, investigation has indicated that the killer may have left the scene in a white Mustang automobile.

Further investigation has established that a 1966 white Mustang automobile, vehicle identification number 6T07C190647, 1968 Alabama license plates 1-38993, was in Memphis on April 3 and 4, 1968. This automobile is registered to one Eric S. Galt, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama. It was purchased by Galt from a private citizen in Birmingham on August 30, 1967.

Galt is known to have resided in Birmingham from September, 1967, to October, 1967, but his present whereabouts are unknown and nothing is known concerning his activities prior to the purchase of the Mustang.

We are instituting a nation-wide search to locate this automobile.

MEMO

Mr. DeLoach

A. Rosen

MURKIN

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Eric Galt, the prime suspect who resembles the artist's conception of the subject, owns a white Mustang, was in Memphis 4/3-4/58, and whose handwriting resembles the subject's, continues to be a mystery man. He is known to have lived in Birmingham from September to December, 1967, and to have been in a Memphis motel 4/3-4/58, but no other record of his existence has yet been found. All offices are continuing an extensive search of every logical source for some reference to this individual.

It is noted that Galt claimed to have been a "barger" working on Mississippi River barges between St. Louis and New Orleans. Many small companies operate such barges and all are being contacted as quickly as possible. We have been advised, however, that seamen working on the barges never refer to themselves as "bargers" but that this is a European term. Despite the fact that Galt has been described as having a Texas or western accent, full consideration is being given to the possibility that he is not a native American and appropriate checks are being made including records of Immigration and Naturalization Service, Passport and Visa Office of the State Department, and other such repositories of information concerning foreign nationals in the United States.

All offices are arranging for local law enforcement agencies to issue all point bulletins on Galt's automobile in order that he may be quickly located for questioning.

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A full description of Galt's Mustang automobile has been entered in the National Crime Information Center so that we will be immediately aware if any inquiry is made concerning this car by any law enforcement agencies in the country.

Enclosure

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**Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach**  
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There has been recent press publicity regarding an alleged search for King's killer in Mexico. We have made no such search. It is noted, however, that Legat, Mexico City advised that Mexico City Police, on the basis of an alleged resemblance of Claude Chester McLaren, Jr., to an artist's conception of the subject, questioned him as he was boarding a plane 4/8/68 in Mexico City to travel to Houston. McLaren identified himself as employed by a firm in Venezuela. He had traveled from New Orleans to Honduras 3/30/68 and entries on his passport verified this fact. McLaren was photographed by the Mexicans, and although it appears that he was out of the country during the pertinent period, his photograph is being obtained to display to pertinent witnesses.

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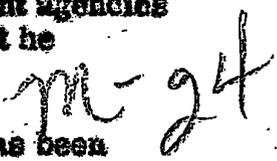
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*Galt*

Mr. Rosen

April 10, 1968

C. Isaac McGowan

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① - Mr. Long

**MURKIN**

**This is to advise that the name Eric Starvo Galt was searched against the following records with the results as indicated:**

**Internal Revenue Service, Birmingham, was checked by Charles Knight of the Internal Revenue Service, with negative results. The records could not be checked through the Martinsburg, West Virginia, central headquarters since we do not have a social security number for Galt.**

**The records of Defense Central Index of Investigation were checked with negative results by Lt. Col. Phillip Ash, Office of Provost Marshal.**

**The records of the Bureau of Prisons, U. S. Department of Justice, checked with negative results.**

**Passport Records of the Department of State were checked and no reference could be found concerning Eric Galt.**

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Mr. DeLoach

A. Rosen

MURKIN

April 10, 1968

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In investigating the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., the field has developed a good suspect who has been using the name Eric Starvo Galt. Galt registered at a motel in Memphis, Tennessee, on the afternoon of 4/3/68 and departed on 4/4/68. Galt was driving a 1966 white Mustang with Alabama tag 1-38993. The registration at the motel and the registration for the car indicate Galt's address to be 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama. The investigation has disclosed that a person using the name Galt resided at that address for a three month period from approximately 9/1/67 to 12/1/67. Efforts to further identify Galt have been fruitless.

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommended that the attached teletype be directed to all offices instructing those covering ports of exit to check to determine if Galt has departed from the country, and further instructing all offices to advise local police that Galt is wanted for questioning by the FBI. The offices are being cautioned that they are not to disclose the nature of the case for which Galt is wanted.

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dated 4-10-68  
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Laundry

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April 10, 1968

C. L. McGowan

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- ① - Mr. Long

**MURKIN**

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ACTION:

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MEMO

Mr. W. C. Sullivan

April 10, 1968

G. C. Moore

Long

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
RACIAL MATTERS

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RECOMMENDATION:

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Enclosure  
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To: SAC, Albany

From: Director, FBI

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NOTE:

See memorandum G. C. Moore to Mr. W. C. Sullivan, same caption, dated 4/10/68, prepared by JCT:bff.

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Mr. DeLoach

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(It is noted that the binoculars which were purchased in Memphis, 4/4/68, were also purchased with \$20 bills and a \$20 bill was used to pay one week's rent on the room in the flop house which was occupied by the subject.)

The subject returned to Aero Marine Supply Company 3/20/68 to state that his brother had advised him the gun he had purchased was not heavy enough for the type of hunting they would be doing and had recommended that he exchange it for a .30-06 caliber rifle. The store changed the telescopic sight from the .243W Remington to a .30-06 caliber Remington pump gun, which the subject carried from the store. This is the rifle that was recovered in Memphis immediately after the shooting of King.

In purchasing the rifle the subject used the name Harvey Lowmyer and signed this name across the invoice of the sale. The clerk who handled the transaction has entered the name on the invoice as Harvey Lowmeyer. It is noted that this clerk is advanced in age and interviewing Agents have found him to be hard of hearing.

The invoice for the gun shows Lowmyer's address as 1907 South 11th Street, Birmingham, Alabama. Extensive investigation in the area of this address has failed to produce any information concerning the subject. A taxi driver has been located who recalled that on 3/28/68 he picked up a man resembling the subject about a half mile from Aero Marine Supply Company and drove him to the general vicinity of the address given on the invoice. This passenger was carrying a blue overnight bag similar to the zipper bag recovered at Memphis.

Lowmyer is a very unusual name. Although it is very likely that this is not the subject's actual name, it also appears likely that he is acquainted with someone named Lowmyer. This surname and all logical variations are being checked through the Bureau's files in the field as well as at the Seat of Government, and all field divisions are checking telephone directories, city directories, voting lists and similar sources to locate all persons having this or a similar name.

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The FBI Laboratory in comparing the Lowmyer signature with known handwriting available in the Bureau's files has noted that certain letters in the signature of one Bobby Ray Graves, FBI # 410 150 D are similar in handwriting to comparable letters in the Harvey Lowmyer signature. Due to the limited nature of the material available for comparison, the significance of these few similarities could not be assessed, but the field has been instructed to immediately check out Bobby Ray Graves, who is Exalted Cyclops of the Klan in the area of Boiling Springs, South Carolina. Graves' fingerprints are not identical with latent fingerprints that have been developed in this case.

Personnel and other customers at Aero Marine Supply Company identified three other weapons handled by the subject. These have been processed in the Identification Division and two latent fingerprints as well as a palm impression were developed on one of the rifles.

Personnel of the Exhibits Section are presently in the field preparing an artist's conception of the subject based on descriptions being provided by persons who observed subject in both Birmingham and Memphis; the picture is being revised through interviews with newly developed witnesses.

It is pointed out that the subject apparently ran out of the flop house immediately after the shooting and abandoned the rifle which is believed to be the murder weapon, as well as a small zipper case containing a pair of binoculars and various personal items. A white Mustang automobile was seen driving away at a high rate of speed but it is not known if the subject left in this car.

Wrapped around the abandoned rifle was a cloth which appears to be a bedspread or blanket. This is believed to be of the type used by motels and extensive efforts are being made to trace this item.

In the zipper bag was a pair of binoculars purchased in Memphis 4/4/68 on which a latent fingerprint has been identified that is identical with a latent fingerprint developed on the abandoned rifle believed to be the murder weapon. Other items in the zipper bag,

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In addition to the tee shirt and shorts bearing the laundry marks previously described, included a pair of pliers, two cans of Schlitz beer, a hammer, a bar of soap from a Friendship Inn Motel, a small transistor radio and various toiletry items. Extensive investigation is underway in an effort to trace each of these items and the pair of pliers has been traced to a Los Angeles hardware store which received it in October, 1965, as one of a lot of twelve. The pliers were put in a bargain barrel near the front door upon receipt and one pair remained in the barrel 4/8/68. Employees do not recall any sale of these pliers but an extensive search is being made of credit sales records.

A total of 13 latent fingerprints have been developed in this case. These include two latent fingerprints found in Room 5B of the flop house which is believed to have been occupied by the subject on the afternoon of the killing, one latent fingerprint on what is believed to be the murder weapon, one on this rifle's telescopic sight, one on the binoculars, one on a can of beer, one on a newspaper, one on a bottle of aftershave lotion, three on a cartridge box, and two on a rifle handled by the subject at the Aero Marine Supply Company. With the exception of the rifle, the telescopic sight and the two latent prints found in Room 5B, all of the latent prints are from items found in the abandoned zipper bag.

In addition to the widespread investigation which has been indicated above, intensive efforts are being made to locate the white Mustang automobile, and to identify and trace all other items of physical evidence. A large number of suspects have been processed and eliminated and additional suspects are being developed on a daily basis, both from information provided by citizens and as a result of our investigation. We also are checking out Klan members, Minutemen, rabble rousers and other persons known to have a potential for this type of crime because of their prior activities, associations, or statements. Every conceivable, logical investigative approach is being vigorously pursued on a top priority basis for the purpose of solving this case at the earliest possible hour.

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The press has given widespread publicity to reports that Joplin, Missouri, police arrested a suspect who resembles the artist's conception of the killer. This individual is Lynn Ray Cleveland who was arrested 4/9/68 while hitchhiking after a woman thought he resembled the subject. Cleveland, who is 33 years old, is a former mental patient from Texas. He had only five cents when arrested and had no luggage or identification. He claims to be a traveling minister but rambles incoherently and cannot furnish definite information as to his past whereabouts. Investigation is underway to establish his whereabouts and his fingerprints are being forwarded for comparison. Fingerprints in the Identification Division of one Lynn Ray Carpenter who may be identical with the Joplin suspect are not identical with the latents in this case.

**ACTION:**

Attached for approval is a memorandum to the White House with copies for the Attorney General, the Deputy Attorney General and the Civil Rights Division.

All phases of this investigation are being pushed to the utmost and you will be kept advised of developments.