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THIS INVESTIGATION IS BEING CONDUCTED WITH TOP PRIORITY
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1050 PM URGENT 4-12-68 ARK

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), BIRMINGHAM (44-1740), LOS ANGELES,
NEWARK, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM ATLANTA (44-2386) 2P

MURKIN.

RELATELEPHONE CALL TO ATLANTA APRIL TWELVE SIXTYEIGHT.

LOS ANGELES ADVISED ONE ERIC GALT RESIDED ST. FRANCIS
HOTEL, HOLLYWOOD BLVD., ONE TWENTYONE TO MARCH SEVENTEEN
SIXTYEIGHT, LEFT FORWARDING ADDRESS GENERAL DELIVERY, MAIN
POST OFFICE, ATLANTA, GA., UNTIL APRIL TWENTYFIVE SIXTYEIGHT.
ATLANTA POST OFFICE RECEIVED ON APRIL NINE SIXTYEIGHT FLAT
MARKED BOOK FROM LOCKSMITH LEDGER, LITTLE FALLS, NEW JERSEY,
ZERO SEVEN FOUR TWO FOUR, ADDRESSED TO MR. ERIC S. GALT,
FIFTEEN THIRTYFIVE NORTH SERRANO, LOS ANGELES, CALIF.,
NINE ZERO ZERO TWO SEVEN. NEWARK HAS BEEN ADVISED TELEPHONICALLY.
ON APRIL TWELVE SIXTYEIGHT ATLANTA POST OFFICE RECEIVED LETTER FROM
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY, BOX TWO ONE ONE ONE, HOLLYWOOD,
CALIF., NINE ZERO ZERO TWO EIGHT, POSTMARKED APRIL FOUR SIXTYEIGHT,
HOLLYWOOD, CALIF., ADDRESSED TO ERIC S. GALT, FIFTEEN THIRTYFIVE
NORTH SERRANO, APARTMENT SIX, LOS ANGELES, CALIF. LOS ANGELES
CONTACT SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY. DETERMINE CIRCUMSTANCES
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SURROUNDING LETTER TO GALT. DETERMINE FROM THEIR RECORDS
COMPLETE BACKGROUND ON ERIC S. GALT.

ATLANTA COVERING GENERAL DELIVERY, MAIN POST OFFICE,
ATLANTA, GA.

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10:51 PM 4/12/68 URGENT RCW

TO DIRECTOR(44-38861), ATLANTA (44-2386), CHARLOTTE, HOUSTON,
MOBILE, MEMPHIS (44-1987) AND BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)
FROM MIAMI (44-1854) 3 PGS.

MURKIN. CR. 00: MEMPHIS

RE: SUSPECT ERIC STARVO GALT

RE ATLANTA TEL TO BUREAU AND MIAMI FOUR TWELVE INSTANT.

EASTERN AIRLINES TICKETS FOR APRIL FOUR, FIVE, SIX, NINE AND
TEN REVIEWED TODAY FOR FOLLOWING NAMES: ERIC STARVO GALT,
HARVEY LOWMYER OR LOWMEYER AND JOHN WILLARD. TICKETS FOR
APRIL SEVEN AND EIGHT WILL BE AVAILABLE MONDAY AND TUESDAY
AS THEIR WHEREABOUTS PRESENT TIME UNKNOWN. NO RECORD FOR
ABOVE NAMES LOCATED.

TICKETS REVEAL TICKET ZERO ZERO SEVEN DASH TWO TWO TWO
DASH SIX EIGHT FOUR DASH ONE ZERO EIGHT ISSUED APRIL NINE
LAST, GREENSBORO, N.C., TO JOHN A. GAULT, USING CREDIT CARD
OF ASSOCIATED PIPELINE CONTRACTORS, FOURTEENTH FLOOR, HOUSTON
CLUB BUILDING, HOUSTON, TEXAS. TICKET INDICATES GAULT DEPARTED
GREENSBORO, N.C., TWO ZERO ONE PM, APRIL NINE LAST, FLIGHT
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SIX TWO ONE, FOR ATLANTA, GA., AND DEPARTED ATLANTA, GA., ON FLIGHT THREE FOUR ONE, APRIL NINE LAST, FOUR FORTYFIVE PM, FOR HOUSTON, TEXAS. RESERVATION CARD INDICATES CONTACT POINT AS PHONE SEVEN NINE THREE DASH TWO SEVEN THREE ONE, ROOM SIX ZERO EIGHT , DANVILLE, VA.

TICKET ZERO ZERO SEVEN DASH TWO TWO TWO DASH SEVEN FOUR EIGHT DASH TWO SIX THREE ISSUED APRIL FIVE LAST AT RALEIGH-DURHAM TERMINAL TO N. GAULT, FOR FLIGHT THREE EIGHT SEVEN, RALEIGH TO ATLANTA, DEPARTING NINE ZERO FIVE AM, DEPARTING ATLANTA FLIGHT TWO FOUR NINE AT NINE TWENTY PM FOR RALEIGH. RESERVATION CARD INDICATES CONTACT POINT AT RALEIGH PHONE SEVEN EIGHT TWO DASH TWO NINE EIGHT FOUR AND ATLANTA PHONE EIGHT SEVEN FIVE DASH THREE FOUR ONE ONE, EXTENSION SIX ONE NINE.

EASTERN AIRLINES TICKET ZERO ZERO SEVEN DASH THREE FIVE ONE DASH TWO SEVEN ONE DASH TWO SIX FOUR ISSUED TO W. C. WILLARD. TICKET REFLECTS FLIGHT SIX THREE TWO DEPARTING MONTGOMERY, ALA., APRIL TEN LAST, SEVEN FIFTEEN AM, FOR ATLANTA, DEPARTING ATLANTA FLIGHT TWO SEVEN ZERO, NINE FIFTYFIVE AM, FOR ST. LOUIS, DEPARTING ST, LOUIS FLIGHT EIGHT ZERO THREE,
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APRIL TEN LAST, TWELVE FORTYFIVE PM, FOR SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI. RESERVATION CARDS SHOW CONTACT POINT MONTGOMERY, ALA., RESIDENCE PHONE TWO SEVEN THREE DASH SEVEN FOUR ONE ONE, BUSINESS TELEPHONE TWO SEVEN TWO DASH SEVEN TWO FIVE ONE.

EACH OFFICE RECEIVING THIS COMMUNICATION SHOULD CONDUCT INVESTIGATION TO ELIMINATE GAULTS AND WILLARD AND TO DETERMINE FROM GAULTS IF THEY KNOW ONE ERIC STARVO GALT.

EASTERN AIRLINES TICKETS AND RESERVATIONS FOR APRIL SEVEN AND EIGHT WILL BE REVIEWED AS SOON AS AVAILABLE.

UNKNOWN SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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1053PM URGENT 4/12/68 GGE

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS(44-1987), BIRMINGHAM (44-1740), LOS ANGELES (44-1574), ATLANTA (44-2386).
FROM CHICAGO (44-1114) 3P

MURKIN

RE LA TEL TO BUREAU, ET AL INSTANT AND CHICAGO TELCALLS
TO BIRMINGHAM AND MEMPHIS RE PACKAGE MAILED TO GALT.

EXTENSIVE INQUIRY CONDUCTED DURING MORNING WITH ALL
POSSIBLE MAIL ORDER FIRMS, CHICAGO AREA. BIRMINGHAM FURNISHED
CHICAGO PACKAGE RECEIPT FROM PO THERE AND IMMEDIATE INQUIRY
THROUGH POSTAL INSPECTOR'S, CHICAGO, DEVELOPED THAT GALT ORDERED
THREE HUNDRED THIRTY SEVEN DOLLARS AND TWENTY SEVEN CENTS WORTH
OF CAMERA EQUIPMENT CONSISTING OF KODAK PROJECTOR, CAMERA, FILM
SPLICER AND REMOTE CABLE FROM SUPERIOR BULK FILM COMPANY,
CHICAGO DURING SEPTEMBER LAST.

COMPLETE FILE OF FILM COMPANY OBTAINED AND FLOWN BY SA TO
LAB FOR ANALYSIS. REVIEW OF FILE AND INTERVIEW OF FILM COMPANY
OFFICIALS REVEALS PAYMENT FOR ABOVE ORDER POSSIBLY MADE BY PERSONAL
CHECK OR MONEY ORDER. ALTHOUGH BANKS CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY THROUGH
SOURCES, CHICAGO OFFICE, OFFICIALS ARE PRESENTLY OPENING BANK
FOR REVIEW OF FILM COMPANY ACCOUNT IN EFFORT TO LOCATE GALT
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PAYMENT CHECK AND COMPANY REFUND CHECK. LATTER CHECK SENT TO GALT NOVEMBER TEN LAST, AT HIS REQUEST TO PUERTO VALLARTA, JALISCO, MEXICO, HOTEL, RIO, APARTADO POSTAL NUMBER TWENTY THREE. AND NOT RETURNED TO COMPANY BY BANK AS OF MARCH TWENTY NINE LAST.

FURTHER REVIEW NOTES THAT GALT ADVISED COMPANY BY LETTER OCTOBER FIVE LAST HE WAS LEAVING BIRMINGHAM FOR MEXICO. FURTHER CORRESPONDENCE RE REFUND CHECK ON OCTOBER TWENTY TWO LAST FROM MEXICO AND NOVEMBER TWENTY LAST FROM SERRANO BOULEVARD ADDRESS, LA.

SUE AND THOMAS FLIKEID LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED, MENDOTA, ILLINOIS, THIS DATE. DENY ANY KNOWLEDGE OR ACQUAINTANCE WITH GALT.

EX-HUSBAND OF GINGER NANCE, KENNETH, AND PD, DIXON, ILLINOIS CONFIRM FACT THAT GINGER DEPARTED AREA MAY LAST WITH ANITA KATZWINKEL FOR LA. EX-HUSBAND AND PD ALSO CONFIRM RETURN OF GINGER LATTER PART OF JUNE LAST, WHERE SHE UPON HER RETURN IMMEDIATELY ARRESTED FOR DECEPTIVE PRACTICE, SERVED THIRTY DAY JAIL SENTENCE.

EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION AND INQUIRY CONTINUING THROUGHOUT TONIGHT TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW GINGER NANCE.

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BIRMINGHAM WILL ATTEMPT TO LOCATE TYPEWRITER AVAILABLE TO
GALT AND SUBMIT APPROPRIATE SPECIMENS TO LAB FOR COMPARISON
WITH MATERIAL FROM FILM COMPANY.

ATLANTA, IF REMOTE CABLE FOUND IN GALT'S CAR AVAILABLE,
FURNISH TO CHICAGO FOR DISPLAY TO APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS, FILM
COMPANY. IF NOT AVAILABLE, ADVISE.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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1129 PM URGENT 4/12/68 VLB

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS, ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM
FROM: LOS ANGELES (44-1574) 8P

MURKIN.

RE LA TEL TO BUREAU APRIL TWELVE INSTANT, LA TELEPHONE CALL
TO SAC ATLANTA INSTANT.

RE: INTERVIEW OF JAY VERNON.

VERNON LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED THIS DATE AT ONE TWO FOUR SIX
WOODBURY COURT, APARTMENT B, UPLAND, CALIFORNIA, (THIRTY MILES
EAST OF LOS ANGELES). VERNON HAS BEEN EMPLOYED BY LOCKHEED AIR-
CRAFT COMPANY, ONTARIO, CALIFORNIA, SINCE APRIL THREE LAST AND
EXHIBITED TO THE INTERVIEWING AGENTS HIS IDENTIFICATION CARD
FROM LOCKHEED. HE ADVISED HE OPERATED THE HOME SERVICE LAUNDRY AND
DRY CLEANING COMPANY, FIVE TWO EIGHT ZERO HOLLYWOOD BOULEVARD
FROM JANUARY SIXTEEN LAST, THROUGH MARCH TWENTY THREE LAST. HE
STATED GALT WAS A REGULAR CUSTOMER TO THE LAUNDRY AND HE CAME IN
EACH SATURDAY AFTERNOON. THE FIRST TIME HE SAW GALT WAS ON
SATURDAY, JANUARY TWENTY, LAST. THE LAST TIME HE RECALLS SEEING
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GALT WAS ON SATURDAY, MARCH SIXTEEN LAST. HE STATED GALT ALWAYS CAME INTO THE STORE ON SATURDAY AFTERNOON AND LEFT A BUNDLE OF LAUNDRY, USUALLY UNDERWEAR AND SHIRTS AND PICKED UP THE LAUNDRY WHICH HE LEFT ON THE PREVIOUS SATURDAY.

VERNON WAS SHOWN A PHOTOGRAPH OF THE T-SHIRT AND SHORTS WHICH WERE FOUND IN THE APARTMENT IN MEMPHIS. HE STATED THE SHORTS WERE SIMILAR TO THE ONES WHICH GALT ORDINARILY WORE AND SAID THE SIZE OF THE SHIRT MATCHED THE SIZE OF GALT. HE COULD NOT STATE FOR SURE WHETHER OR NOT THE TWO PIECES OF UNDERWEAR BELONGED TO GALT.

VERNON IDENTIFIED THE LAUNDRY MARKING ON THE UNDERWEAR AS BEING SIMILAR TO THE MARK USED AT HIS LAUNDRY.

VERNON DOES NOT KNOW GALT BY HIS FIRST NAME; HOWEVER, ENTRIES IN THE LAUNDRY BOOK WHICH WERE OBTAINED FROM VERNON INDICATE THAT GALT'S FIRST NAME WAS GIVEN TO THE LAUNDRY AS ERIC. VERNON STATED GALT USUALLY WORE BERMUDA SHORTS, A SPORTS SHIRT WITH A T-SHIRT UNDERNEATH WHEN HE CAME INTO THE STORE. HE SAID THAT GALT NEVER WORE GLASSES NOR DID HE EVER OBSERVE HIM TO HAVE SUNGLASSES IN HIS POSSESSION. VERNON COULD NOT RECALL WHAT TYPE OF FOOTWEAR GALT WORE WHEN HE CAME INTO THE STORE. VERNON NEVER OBSERVED GALT DRIVING A VEHICLE, NOR DID HE EVER MEET GALT IN ANY OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD RESTAURANTS OR BARS. GALT NEVER GAVE AN ADDRESS TO VERNON OR

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ANY OF THE OTHER EMPLOYEES AT THE LAUNDRY.

VERNON DESCRIBED GALT AS A WHITE MALE, FORTY TO FORTY FIVE YEARS, FIVE FEET NINE INCHES, ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY-FIVE POUNDS TO ONE HUNDRED NINETY POUNDS, GREYING DARK BROWN HAIR. HAIR WAS CUT NEAT, SOMEWHAT LIKE BUSHY FLATTOP AND A WIDE FOREHEAD.

VERNON NEVER NOTICED ANYTHING UNUSUAL ABOUT GALT'S SPEECH, AND STATED HE WOULD ASSUME THAT GALT WOULD COME FROM THE CALIFORNIA AREA AS HE HAD NO NOTICIBLE REGIONAL ACCENT.

VERNON WAS EXHIBITED THE TWO COMPOSITES FURNISHED BY THE BUREAU. HE STATED THAT THE EYES, NOSE AND CHIN ON THE COMPOSITE FURNISHED FROM MEMPHIS SHOULD BE PLACED ON THE COMPOSITE OF BIRMINGHAM. IF THIS WERE DONE, THE COMPOSITE AS FURNISHED BY BIRMINGHAM WOULD BE A BETTER LIKENESS OF GALT.

VERNON SAID GALT ALWAYS PAID FOR HIS LAUNDRY IN CASH USING BILLS IN TEN AND TWENTY DOLLAR DENOMINATIONS. GALT NEVER MENTIONED TO VERNON WHERE HE WORKED.

RE: ERIC STARVO GALT.

RECORDS OF U. S. POST OFFICE, LOS FELIZ STATION, LOS ANGELES REFLECT FORWARDING ADDRESS FOR ERIC GAULT FROM ONE FIVE THREE FIVE NORTH SERRANO TO FIVE FIVE THREE THREE HOLLYWOOD. RECORDS OF ST. FRANCIS HOTEL, FIVE FIVE THREE THREE HOLLYWOOD BLVD., REFLECT THAT ERIC S. GALT STAYED AT THE HOTEL IN ROOM FOUR ZERO

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THREE FROM JANUARY TWO ONE LAST AND CHECKED OUT ON MARCH ONE SEVEN LAST. EXECUTED U. S. POST OFFICE CHANGE OF ADDRESS ORDER STATING HIS FORWARDING ADDRESS WOULD BE GENERAL DELIVERY, MAIN POST OFFICE, ATLANTA, GEORGIA, ON TEMPORARY BASIS UNTIL APRIL TWO FIVE NEXT. NO TELEPHONE IN ROOM.

LOTEL MANAGER, ALAN O. THOMPSON DESCRIBED GALT AS BETWEEN THIRTY-FIVE TO FORTY YEARS, FIVE FEET TEN INCHES, SLENDER, DARK EYES, DARK BROWN HAIR SLIGHTLY GREYING AT TEMPLES PARTED LEFT SIDE THEN COMBED BACK. NEVER OBSERVED GALT DRIVING A CAR. STATED GALT RECEIVED PROBABLY ONE PERSONAL LETTER A WEEK BUT DOESN'T RECALL ORIGIN. THOMPSON DID NOT KNOW OF ANY EMPLOYMENT FOR GALT.

ROBERT KEELEY, HOTEL CLERK. ST. FRANCIS HOTEL STATED THAT HE BELIEVES GALT ON FEBRUARY TWO ONE LAST USED A BUSINESS CHECK AND CASH IN PAYING HIS RENT ON THAT DATE WHICH CHECK WAS FOR APPROXIMATELY FORTY DOLLARS AND HAD BEEN RECEIVED IN THE MAIL.

REVIEW OF MICRO FILM RECORDS AT SECURITY FIRST NATIONAL BANK, VERMONT HOLLYWOOD BRANCH, ONE SEVEN ZERO ONE NORTH VERMONT AVE., LA. DISCLOSED CHECK NUMBER ONE ONE SIX EIGHT EIGHT FOUR FROM TREASURER, PACIFIC TELEPHONE COMPANY, UNION BANK, LOS ANGELES, FOR TWENTY EIGHT DOLLARS AND SIXTY FIVE CENTS PAYABLE TO ERIC GALT CARE OF ST. FRANCIS HOTEL, FIVE FIVE THREE THREE HOLLYWOOD BLVD., LA. THIS CHECK WAS ENDORSED BY GALT ON FEBRUARY TWO ONE LAST AT THE ST. FRANCIS HOTEL IN PAYING MONTHLY RENT OF EIGHTY FIVE DOLLARS.

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HYMEN BACKMAN, CHEVRON SERVICE STATION, ONE FIVE ZERO SIX NORTH NORMANDIE AVE., LA, INTERVIEWED AND CONFIRMED WORK DONE ON GALT'S WHITE MUSTANG. GALT PAID IN CASH. GAVE NO INFORMATION AS TO RESIDENCE ADDRESS. BACKMAN DESCRIBED GALT AS TWENTY EIGHT TO THIRTY YEARS OLD, LIGHT BROWN HAIR, SLENDER BUILD, FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES, STOOPED, NEAT CLEAN SHAVEN, DRESSED IN SPORT SHIRT AND SLACKS.

DALE DYKEMA, TRUSTEE OF APARTMENT AT ONE FIVE THREE FIVE NORTH SERRANO, AND VERA BERNHARDT EXHIBITED COMPOSITES OF UNSUB AND BOTH THOUGHT THERE WERE SOME SIMILARITIES IN EACH BUT NEITHER COULD MAKE A POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION.

ALL RESIDENTS AT ONE FIVE THREE FIVE NORTH SERRANO, WHERE GALT RESIDED INTERVIEWED WITH EXCEPTION OF FOUR INDIVIDUALS NOT AVAILABLE. NO PERTINENT INFORMATION DEVELOPED. PERSONS WHO HAVE MOVED FROM APARTMENT BEING LOCATED FOR INTERVIEW. INTERVIEWS TO BE CONDUCTED WITH REMAINDER OF PRESENT TENANTS.

LORRAINE NORMA VERNON, AKA BONNIE VERNON, WIFE OF JAY WALLIS VERNON, WHO RESIDES FOUR EIGHT ONE SIX CASTLE ROAD LA CANADA, CALIFORNIA, INTERVIEWED THIS DATE. SHE REPORTS SHE AND HUSBAND ARE SEPARATED AND DIVORCE PROCEEDINGS PENDING. SHE SAID NAME ERIC GALT ENTIRELY UNFAMILIAR TO HER. COMPOSITE PHOTOS OF HIM EXHIBITED AND SHE DOES NOT RECALL EVER SEEING HIM AT HOME SERVICE LAUNDRY
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RUN BY HER HUSBAND IN HOLLYWOOD, ALTHOUGH SHE SAID SHE DID WORK THERE PART TIME ON SOME SATURDAYS WHILE HUSBAND OPERATED LAUNDRY.

MRS. FRANK (MARGARITA) POWERS, SIX FOUR TWO ONE WESTERN AVENUE, BUENA PARK CALIFORNIA, FORMER MANAGER SERRANO APARTMENTS INTERVIEWED THIS DATE. RECALLS ERIC GALT CAME TO SERRANO APTS. SEEKING APARTMENT ON RAINY NOVEMBER DAY SIXTY SEVEN ANSWERING POSTED SIGN NOTING VACANCY. SHE HAD NEVER SEEN HIM BEFORE. WAS SHOWN BACHELOR APARTMENT (NUMBER SIX ON FIRST FLOOR) WHICH HE TOOK IMMEDIATELY. HE PAID HER IN CASH, ONE HUNDRED TWENTY SEVEN DOLLARS AND FIFTY CENTS, COVERING RENT, CLEANING FEE AND KEY DEPOSIT.

MRS. POWERS NEVER SAW HIM HAVE ANY VISITORS, NOR DID HE HAVE ANYONE LIVING WITH HIM TO HER KNOWLEDGE. WAS QUIET AND TALKED TO NO OTHER TENANTS. DOES NOT RECALL HIM EVER USING SWIMMING POOL. DROVE SMALL WHITE CAR WITH PLATES OTHER THAN CALIFORNIA. PARKED CAR IN BASEMENT GARAGE AND USUALLY WALKED TO NEARBY STORES.

SHE MADE AVAILABLE BOOK OF RECEIPT STUBS COVERING RENT FOR PERIOD MAY ONE THROUGH NOVEMBER TWENTY FIVE LAST; IN WHICH WAS STUB MADE OUT BY HER DATED NOVEMBER NINETEEN LAST IN FAVOR OF ERIC GALT COVERING ABOVE DESCRIBED PAYMENT, WITH ADDITIONAL NOTATION OF PAYMENT OF TEN DOLLARS FOR UTILITIES DATED NOVEMBER TWENTY EIGHT LAST.

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MRS. POWERS DESCRIBED GALT AS ADULT MALE CAUCASIAN, AGE IN THIRTIES, HEIGHT FIVE FEET NINE TO ELEVEN, AVERAGE BUILD, LIGHT BLUE EYES, LIGHT BROWN HAIR WITH SOME GREY, CLEAN SHAVEN, LIGHT COMPLEXION, STRAIGHT NOSE, WELL DRESSED AND "GOOD LOOKING."

SHE AND HER HUSBAND MOVED FROM APARTMENT DECEMBER FIFTEEN LAST. GALT STILL RESIDING SERRANO APARTMENTS AT TIME. SHE DID NOT KNOW GINGER OR ANITA KATZWINKEL. RECEIPT BOOK SHOWS PAYMENTS FOR ONE "KATZWINKIL" FOR PERIOD MAY EIGHTEEN THROUGH JUNE ELEVEN LAST FOR APT. SIX, WHICH TIME WAS PRIOR TO TIME POWERS MANAGED BUILDING.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING IN LOS ANGELES TO DEVELOP BACKGROUND INFORMATION RE EMPLOYMENT, ASSOCIATES, AND ACTIVITY WITH VIEW TO ASCERTAINING WHEREABOUTS.

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11:40 PM URGENT 4-12-68 JWE
TO DIRECTOR, CHARLOTTE, MEMPHIS
FROM ATLANTA 44-2386

MURKIN

ON INSTANT DATE R. OBESTER, DESK CLERK, BRIARCLIFF HOTEL, ONE ZERO FIVE ZERO PONCE DE LEON AVE., N.E., ADVISED HE THOUGHT HE RECOGNIZED COMPOSITE PHOTO AS BEING IDENTICAL WITH GUEST REGISTERED AS H.H. FLETCHER. FLETCHER CALLED HOTEL ON APRIL SEVEN SIXTYEIGHT AND MADE RESERVATIONS FOR A DOUBLE AND SINGLE. FLETCHER APPEARED AT HOTEL ON APRIL EIGHT LAST AND MADE TEN DOLLAR DEPOSIT ON ROOMS. ON APRIL NINE LAST TWO WOMEN APPROACHED DESK AND IDENTIFIED THEMSELVES AS WIFE AND FRIEND OF FLETCHER. FLETCHER AND WIFE OCCUPIED ROOM FIVE ZERO ONE AND OTHER GIRL OCCUPIED FIVE TWO EIGHT. APPEARED FLETCHER DID NOT HAVE AUTOMOBILE BUT WAS TRAVELING IN SECOND GIRLS AUTO.

APD OFFICER JACK POPHAM ASSIGNED TO BEAT AROUND HOTEL ALSO RECOGNIZES COMPOSITE AS INDIVIDUAL HE SAW AROUND THE HOTEL.

DAVID ELLER ALTERNATE DESK CLERK ALSO PLACES PERSON SIMILAR TO COMPOSITE IN AND AROUND HOTEL.

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SEARCH OF HOTEL ROOM REVEALED MAKING REFERENCES IN
CONNECTION WITH TRIP TO MEXICO.

MR. AND MRS. FLETCHER GAVE ADDRESS AS SIX ONE FIVE STIRLING
ST., GREENSBORO, N.C.

SECOND GIRL IDENTIFIED BY REGISTRATION RECORD AS SARAH E.
COLLINS, SIX ZERO ONE GUILFORD AVE., GREENSBORO, N.C. AND
WAS DESCRIBED AS FIVE FEET THREE INCHES, TWENTY THREE OR TWENTY
FOUR OR YOUNGER, DISHWATER BLOND, MEDIUM LENGTH, GLASSES, HIPPIE
TYPE DRESS.

CHARLOTTE AT GREENSBORO WILL DETERMINE IF FLETCHERS RESIDE
AT SIX ONE FIVE STIRLING ST. AND DETERMINE WHEREABOUTS ON APRIL
FOUR THRU PRESENT. WILL DETERMINE SARAH E. COLLINS' CONNECTION
WITH FLETCHERS AND VERIFY ADDRESS.

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TO DIRECTOR AND ATLANTA
FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987) 2P

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IN CONNECTION WITH CAPTIONED MATTER, ATLANTA IS REQUESTED TO ASCERTAIN FROM SCLC HEADQUARTERS DR. KING'S ITINERARY FROM MARCH TWENTY, LAST, TO TIME OF DEATH, THEN INITIATE INVESTIGATION IN APPROPRIATE OFFICES TO DISPLAY AT THE FOLLOWING PLACES ARTIST'S CONCEPTIONS OF INDIVIDUAL WHO PURCHASED RIFLE IN BIRMINGHAM ON MARCH THIRTY, LAST, AND MAN WHO PURCHASED BINOCULARS IN MEMPHIS APRIL FOUR, LAST, AS WELL AS PHOTOS OF JEROME WALLIS VERNON:

PERSONNEL AT SCLC HEADQUARTERS;

ALL MOTELS OR HOTELS AT WHICH KING STAYED;

HOTELS, MOTELS, OR ROOMING HOUSES WITHIN REASONABLE SHOOTING DISTANCE OF KING'S PLACES OF ABODE OR PUBLICLY KNOWN MEETIN PLACES.

AT THESE PLACES WHERE PICTURES SHOWN, CHECK GUEST REGISTERS FOR FOLLOWING NAMES WHICH FIGURE IN THIS INVESTIGATION:

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Clem. Mc Gowan
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NOTE THE FOLLOWING COMPOSITE DESCRIPTION OF UNSUB:

WHITE MALE, TWENTY-SIX - FORTY, FIVE FEET EIGHT TO ELEVEN
INCHES, ONE FIVE ZERO TO ONE EIGHT FIVE POUNDS, DARK BROWN
HAIR - SANDY, COMBED STRAIGHT BACK WITHOUT A PART, EYES
BLUE OR GREEN, MEDIUM BUILD, COMPLEXION AVERAGE-SMOOTH,
NEAT APPEARANCE, POSSIBLY NON-SMOKER.

ATLANTA SHOULD IMMEDIATELY HAVE PREPARED SUFFICIENT
COPIES OF PHOTOS OF NINETEEN SIXTY-SEVEN PICTURE OF
VERNON AND OF ARTIST'S CONCEPTIONS TO PROVIDE ENOUGH COPIES
TO APPROPRIATE OFFICES WHEN KING'S ITINERARY BECOMES KNOWN.

BUREAU ADVISE ATLANTA IF THERE IS ANY OBJECTION TO
DISPLAYING ARTIST CONCEPTIONS IN THIS MANNER AT THIS
TIME.

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TO: DIRECTOR, ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM AND MEMPHIS

FROM: LOS ANGELES (44-1574) 1P

MURKIN.

RE LA TEL CALL TO ATLANTA APRIL TWELVE, INSTANT.

RECORDS, DELTA AIRLINES, LOS ANGELES, INDICATE E. N. AND M. GAULT TRAVELED TOURIST CLASS, DELTA FLIGHT EIGHT TWO TWO, ATLANTA, GEORGIA, MARCH TWENTY-SEVEN LAST. NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT DELTA, LOS ANGELES.

POSSIBLE RESERVATION INFORMATION CONCERNING ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER AVAILABLE, DELTA HEADQUARTERS, ATLANTA, GEORGIA, REGARDING GAULT.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) DATE: 4/11/68

FROM : SUPV. ANGELO M. ROBBE

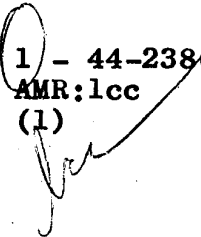
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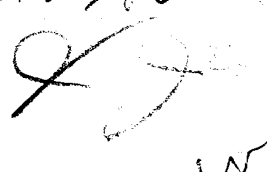
At 6:00 P.M. this date, SA KENNETH R. HEINEMAN contacted the Atlanta Transit System to determine the scheduling of buses on Memorial Drive and Connally.

It was determined there is a stop made there, however, the names of the bus drivers are not available until 4/12/68, and the people who run the office had already gone home.

This will be checked out thoroughly on 4/12/68 and bus drivers interviewed.

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TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) DATE: 4/11/68

FROM : FRANK V. HITT, SAC

SUBJECT: MURKIN

At 10:00 P.M., this date, the following summary of discussion concerning investigative to date is set forth:

SA ROSE and SA CRIM

Neighborhood investigation in pertinent project area conducted.

Mrs. BRIDGES, who lives in apartment near where car parked advised as follows:

At 8:30 A.M. Friday, 4/5/, she observed man in blue suit, 5' 10" to 5' 11", 30 to 35 years of age, carrying nothing leave Mustang (side of car).

Mrs. MANUS -- Negative.

Mrs. PAYNE -- On Friday morning, saw white car come into lot as though individual knew what he was doing in locality. She noticed Alabama plate. Man got out of car, had on dark trousers, with sports coat, white shirt and tie, 5' 8" to 10", 160 to 165 pounds, 25 to 30 years. Locked car, walked across road toward Memorial Drive.

Other individuals basically furnished same info, and they had corroborated stories with one another.

SA PALFI

Manager of Apartments, HARRY R. CHANCE

Furnished info to effect he remembers LEONARD GAULT, son of woman living in apts., but he himself did not reside there. Many complaints associated with his visiting his mother, drunk charges, etc. He never saw the GAULT boy, but believed he was about 40 years of age. He believed he was arrested by police.

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PALFI furnished info concerning various individuals residing over past few years in apartments. Basically negative info,

INVESTIGATION TO BE CONDUCTED 4/12/68

Groups will be sent out, under direction of Supv. KASSINGER, to conduct full neighborhood re above areas, to be inclusive.

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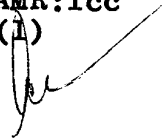
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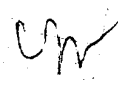
At 6:00 P.M., this date, Agents HALPIN, KENNEDY, KOLEVAR and SPOON were briefed on the facts made available to date on GALT, LOWMEYER, WILLARD and VERNON. They were sent out to check all rooming houses and "flop houses" on Memorial Drive, as well as all the following known "flop houses" :

Lanier Hotel
Sylvan Hotel
Gordon Hotel
Union Mission
Dixie Hotel
Salvation Army

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TO : File (~~157-3684~~)

FROM : SAC FRANK V. HITT

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/11/68

ABE GALLEMAN and RAY MOORE called from WSB, advised the Constitution had a story coming out tomorrow morning concerning the recovery of the car by the FBI, and wanted to know if in view of this we could change our position of "no comment". I told them the only thing I could say was no comment. They said reporters from Birmingham had gone out and established that the car was listed in Alabama to GALT and they had an address on Highland Avenue for GALT, that Birmingham reporters went to that address, found it to be roominghouse but could find no one who knew anyone at that address named GALT. MOORE said this lends an air of mystery to the case and wanted to know if I could comment. I told him I had no comment. He asked if it would be possible for him to have people photograph the car and I told him I had no comment to that. I informed him that when I had information that I could release I would give him a call. This call came to the office at 11:04 PM.

At 10:30 PM I had a call from DON McKEE, Associated Press, Atlanta, working in Memphis. He asked for information concerning a car in the King case, allegedly recovered by the FBI and I told him that I could make no comment.

At 10:50 PM I talked to KENT PRINCE, with Associated Press, Atlanta. I informed him that I had no comment concerning this case.

I also talked to MEMROSE BROWN, UPI, at 10:10 PM and JERRY TIERS, UPI, at 10:15 PM and informed that I had no comment.

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At 10:35 RALPH DAWSON, Nashville, Tenn. News, called about this matter and was informed that we had no comment.

At 11:25 PM JACK NELSON who is in Atlanta as the Los Angeles Times representative called, first talking to Supv. HARDING and asked HARDING if he knew ERIC GALT. HARDING said he had no comment he could make and call was switched. He repeated the information. I told him we had no comment. He then pointed out that he had been of assistance in the past, that they could run down the information, but that it would be easier if they had help from this office and would appreciate our help. I informed him we could not make any comment.

At 11:30 PM ETERS, from UPI, called from the lobby of the building where he was with his photographer. He said his office had received information that a car was in FBI possession, in this bldg., and he wanted pictures. I told him that we had no comment and would notify them when we had information we could release.

At 11:20 PM I called Supv. HELGESON on duty in Mr. ROSEN's Office at the Bureau, and informed him of the substance of the information on the 11 o'clock newscast. I also pointed out to him that RAY MOORE was a member of the same church as the preacher who originally informed the police and that undoubtedly he and MOORE had been in touch because MOORE had informed me of his relationship with the preacher.

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TO : FILE (157-3094)

DATE: 4/11/68

FROM : SAC FRANK V. HITT

SUBJECT: MURKIN

At 3:05 PM SAC ALEXANDER called from Mobile, advised he had just received info. from the Alabama Motor Vehicle Bureau that it had received a teletype or telegram from Det. R. L. DAVIS, Auto Squad, Atlanta PD, asking if there was a stolen, or any registration on a Mustang and 1967 Ala. plates 1A 88354 or 1968 Ala. plates 1 38993. He asked that the information be rushed. Ala. checked NCIC and got a message that this car and these license plates were registered to GALT, no warrant was outstanding, that he was ARMED & DANGEROUS and the FBI should be called collect.

Following by SA JOHN J. LANGSFELD:

JERRY PRICE, Auto Theft Squad, Atlanta PD, 4/11/68, advised at request of Det. R. L. DAVIS (same squad) he entered stolen check with NCIC this date on the Mustang in question.

As result of inquiry entered, NCIC, following reply received:

"NCIC check reveals following on VIN 6T07C190647 EW-A Wash. DC FBI. Subject is ERIC STARVO GALT, male white (80-Code, Civil Rights & Election Laws). USE CAUTION. No warrant. If not in local custody keep under observation. Immediately call FBI collect 202 393 7100, Ext. 2521".

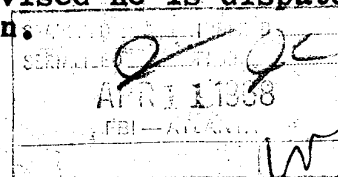
When PRICE finished furnishing the above information Detective R. L. DAVIS walked into PRICE's office and telephonically advised that a woman, name unknown, who lives in the area where "the Mustang" is located, called her preacher, KENNETH JONES, and told him that she had observed a man leave "the Mustang", locking same on Friday last.

Rev. JONES contacted the PD, furnishing this information. JONES can be located through Tele. 688-1567, or 939-4124 or through his Assistant IKE POWELL, Tele. 577-1569 or 378-1511.

DAVIS stated the car is in the first parking lot on the right on Cohley Street off Memorial Drive. He advised he is dispatching a unit to keep the vehicle under observation.

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TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44- 2386) DATE: 4/11/68

FROM : FRANK V. HITT, SAC

SUBJECT: MURKIN

SAC HITT talked, in conference call, with Inspector JOE SULLIVAN, Memphis; SAC JENSEN, Memphis and SAC GRAPP in Los Angeles at 6:10 P.M. this date, at which time the following transpired:

HITT: We got some stickers on this car from Calif. Service 21368 and the other does not have a date. The mileage was 24,000 and now is 39,000. Both of these are in Hollywood, Area, 4500 - 31 Hollywood Blvd. (Repeating) Re the Mustang, the serial number is the right one. There is a service sticker on the door from the Cort Fox Ford Co., 4531 Hollywood Blvd., tele. 51131, in Hollywood, Calif. It shows car was serviced for oil and an oil filter at 34,291 miles. There is another sticker on it from H. Beckman Chevron Service, 1506 North Normandy Avenue, Los Angeles, Calif.

GRAPP: Do you have a date on the second sticker.

HITT: No date; the telephone number of the H. Beckman Chevron Service is 666-9921. This shows car ~~XXXXXXXX~~ serviced 2/13/68; they packed wheel bearings and aligned wheel bearings and the mileage was 34,185. The mileage on the car right now is 39,100. There is an emblem on the rear end of the car that shows the name from Marion Ford.

GRAPP: Does it say any more?

HITT: We have a Turista sticker on the car. This is on the window, a Mexican type sticker. It is dated 1967, October Turista Folio No. H 294486, and then that has under it "Director General," with something ~~XX~~ scratched out and then Federal, and then under that is "Advana de Neuvo Lareda" and right under that is "Tamps."

GRAPP: Is the Marion Ford sticker on the window?

HITT: No on the metal plate on back of trunk

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GRAPP: Where is Marion Ford?

SULLIVAN: Probably Birmingham.

HITT: There is another sticker on the side window of the car like the Mexican one.

SULLIVAN: Nuevo could be re the state of "Tampico, etc."

HITT: JOE, there ar all the facts I have here on the immediate ~~XXXXX~~ search of the car. What the significance is I don't know. I don't know all facts re this case.

GRAPP; Is there anything on the car other than the servicing showing it has been in Calif, a registration ticket or receipt?

HITT: Negative. We ~~XXXXXX~~ haven't gotten into the trunk yet. It was apparently cleaned out by Unsub or by the people in area before we arrived.

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HITT: We know answer to Birmingham ~~XXXXXX~~ picture question. JOE GAMBLE told me (Supv. HARDING) they showed picture to people at boarding house and they didn't make him. We do need to ~~XXXXX~~ contact these two stations and find out who name was who had car servieed.

SULLIVAN: Trace "Tamps" stamp also.

HITT: (to SULLIVAN) Did you ask LA to check airlines arrivals out there?

SULLIVAN: Not yet.

HITT: This car was abandoned here last Friday morning the fifth. It has been sitting there since that time and we have a couple of people who say it was between 8:30 and 9:00 ~~MAX~~ A.M.

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ CONVERSATION ENDED.

The information set forth above was furnished to Section Chief CLEM McGOWAN at the Bureau at 7:30 PM.

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TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) DATE: 4/11/68

FROM : SUPV. EDWARD T. KASSINGER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Between 5:30 and 6:30 P.M., this date, the following assignments made:

RE: Check of following names:

ERIC STARVO GALT

HARVEY LOWMEYER

JOHN WILLARD

JAY WALLACE VERNON, aka
Jerome Wallace Vernon
AFSN 19707383

Airline checks made under all four names for reservations out of Atlanta to Los Angeles for 4/5 and 4/6/68 as follows:

SA KEEL: checked EAL (negative

SA RENAGHAN: Checked TWA (local records negative; made phone call to Kansas City to check additional records and as of 7:10 P.M., awaiting response.)

Supv. HARDING checking DAL.

SAs BARRETT, RACKLEFF and RIORDAN making personal contact with all cab companies to determine whether any dispatch record relating to pickup of a passenger or passengers between 8:30 and 10:00 A.M., Friday, 4/5/68, in vicinity of Memorial and Connally or in the Capitol Homes area. Pursuant to info developed, SAs PALFI and HAMILTON in making check of Capitol Homes Manager's Office to the effect that one of the employees

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recalled difficulty with a woman tenant (name not recalled) who was the mother of individual believed to be named LEONARD GAULT, additional investigative assignments were made to SAs PALFI, TACKITT, LEWIS and CIECKA. The Capitol Homes employees believed GAULT's first name was LEONARD, his mother had remarried, LEONARD was a drunkard who caused difficulty in the project and as a result the management ultimately asked his mother to leave the project about two years ago. The Manager's recollection was that the woman lived at 81 Hunter Street in Apt. 228 or 228A, or at 83 Hunter Street in Apt. 213 or 213A. Records could not be searched based on address information only. SA PALFI determined, however, the names of persons who had been in the apartment project in that Hunter St. area and PALFI, TACKITT, LEWIS, CIECKA assigned to develop info further to identify GAULT's mother and his whereabouts.

ASAC KYLE CLARK, Chicago, telephonically advised at 6:30 P.M. this date, running check of sources in Chicago of possible origin of package 18" x 12" x 8" weighing 20 - 25 pounds, received by GAULT while residing in Birmingham from Chicago supply house. Further details re this package not pertinent here except CLARK anxious to determine whether Atlanta locates transmitter receiver in the car recovered in Atlanta this date, in order to expedite check by Chicago of supply houses that area.

SA MILLER, who was in basement checking car, advised no electronic equipment or transmitter noted other than the Ford commercial radio. However, in trunk were two halves of white styrofoam, such as is used to pack electronic, radio or other fragile equipment. The size of these pieces is approximately 8 3/4" x 6 7/8" x 4"; inside measurements 4 1/4" to 4 1/2" x 5 1/2" - 5 3/4" leaving an inside recessed height of 3 1/4". Car did have a new Sears Battery with symbol on it of C68, probably indicating March, 1968 purchase. No evidence around cable connections of accessory wires being attached directly to this battery.

SA SULLIVAN made check of rental car agencies, under the above names, as follows:

A-1 Rent-A-Car
399 Spring Street, N.W. -- Negative
Tele. 522-8420
BILL MAIN (manager)

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Aero Rent-A-Car
617 W. Peachtree
Tele. 875-7492 -- Number Disconnected

Airways Rent-A-Car of Atlanta
527 Courtland Avenue, N.E.
JESSIE AIKENS
Tele. 525-8237 - 875-2741 -- Negative

American Car and Truck
399 Spring
Tele. 524-7247 -- No Answer

Americar Rental System of Atlanta
672 Peachtree
873-2666
766-2077
HAL YILMAZ -- Negative

Atlanta Rent-A-Car
1915 Piedmont Drive
875-2581 -- Negative

Ais Rent-A-Car
143 Courtland
522-3328
E. E. MALONE -- Negative

I instructed SA SULLIVAN to make check of Atlanta Penitentiary under names furnished to determine any releasee can be identified.

SAs KEEL and RENAGHAN and PERRY instructed at 7:30 P.M. this date to make check under all names for flights from Atlanta to Mexico City, 4/5/ - 4/6/68.

SA OGDEN instructed to check names through Drivers License Bureau.

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At 8:00 P.M. this date I called CIEM MC GOWAN at the Bureau, and suggested to him that it appeared logical to pursue the theory that after subject abandoned instant car in Atlanta that he could have boarded a plane in Atlanta to Mexico City, where he had been previously. I pointed out to him there was a strong likelihood that manifests were available in Mexico City, which manifests would show point of origin of passenger. This would, therefore, be a more accurate complete check, in that it would take care of late boarders and permit a more concentrated effective check on arrivals from Atlanta. I also pointed out to him that it was nighttime in Atlanta and a phone call at this time from the Bureau would permit a daytime check in Mexico City. He said he would have this check made on the basis of names cited above for arrivals on 4/5, 4/6 and 4/7/68, from Atlanta.