

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-2386)

FROM : SA JAMES J. ROSE

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
(OO: MEMPHIS)

DATE: 4/17/68

Re: Drivers License Check

Re Bureau airtel to Albuquerque dated 4/16/68,
Serial 474.

The Bureau has noted that the New Orleans Office has determined that in contact with the Louisiana Drivers License Division, that agency has computerized its drivers licenses and a search of those licenses for DOBs, specifically [redacted] reported date for suspect GALT, has disclosed 50 white males with that birth, although the names of GALT, LOWMYER, WILLARD or variations thereof do not appear among these 50 white males. The New Orleans Office should check out these individuals for any pertinent information connected with this case.

LEAD:

ATLANTA

AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA

Will, at the Georgia State Patrol, Drivers License Bureau, determine if that agency is computerized as far as DOBs are concerned and conduct appropriate investigation to determine individuals within the State of Georgia who have drivers license and whose birth date is [redacted]

Lead assigned to IC MARION W. DAVIS.

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TO : SAC (44-2386)

FROM : SA JAMES J. ROSE

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
(OO: MEMPHIS)

DATE: 4/17/68

Re: Anonymous Call, Mapleton Mail Newspaper

Re memo of SA JOSEPH G. SHEA dated 4/16/68, Serial 485.

Referenced memorandum indicated that Mrs. MIRIAM HARKINS of the above newspaper received an anonymous call indicating the person wanted and who drove a white Mustang lives in Mapleton, Georgia. HARKINS was unable to furnish further information about this matter.

LEAD:

ATLANTA

AT MAPLETON, GEORGIA

Will maintain contact with Mrs. HARKINS in an effort to determine if she receives further information through anonymous phone calls in order that this matter can be resolved.

Lead assigned to SA SHEA.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-2386)

DATE: 4/17/68

FROM : SA JAMES J. ROSE

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
(OO: MEMPHIS)'

Re: Apartment House, 61 13th Street

Re memorandum of SA ALDEN F. MILLER dated 4/16/68,
Serial 487.

Above memorandum reflects that MARY ANN, operator at WAGA-TV, advised she received a call following the 11:00 p.m. news in which a middle aged white female reported that the individual being sought by authorities for KING's murder was standing at 61 13th Street, no specific apartment listed. It should be noted that the 11:00 p.m. news reflected that a cab driver had indicated he transported a suspect, identified by artist's conception as GALT, to the vicinity of Peachtree and 14th Street.

City Directories reflect that 61 13th Street is a 16 unit apartment building.

LEAD:

ATLANTA

AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA

Will conduct appropriate investigation at above address in an effort to resolve above information and attempt to identify GALT.

Lead assigned to SA KENNERLY.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-2386)

DATE: 4/17/68

FROM : SA JAMES J. ROSE

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re: GEORGE CLAYTON

Re memorandum of SA O. RICHARD HAMILTON, dated 4/17/68, Serial 487A.

Referenced memorandum indicated that BUDDY CUMMINGS, Desk Clerk, Falcon Hotel, 180 Luckie St., NW, Atlanta, advised that GEORGE CLAYTON, from Birmingham, Alabama, who resides at the above hotel, wears dark glasses, is in his mid twenties, is 5'8" tall, 165 lbs., brown hair (crew cut), and may possibly be identical with Unsub.

LEAD:

ATLANTA

AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA

Will, through appropriate investigation, attempt to eliminate GEORGE CLAYTON as Unsub. in this matter so that this matter can be resolved.

Lead assigned to SA PALFI.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-2386)

FROM : SA JAMES J. ROSE

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
(OO: MEMPHIS)

DATE: 4/17/68

Re: ROBERT DAY

Re Serial 498.

By letter dated 4/14/68, Miss KATHERINE GRANGER advised that an individual named ROBERT DAY, residing at 57 Lombardy Way, has been in the Atlanta area for about one year and has no visible means of support and whose background is untraceable. She suggested that ROBERT DAY may be identical to Unsub. in this matter.

LEAD:

ATLANTA

AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA

At 57 Lombardy Way, will conduct appropriate investigation to resolve this matter and eliminate ROBERT DAY as suspect in this matter.

Lead assigned to SA ROESENER.

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TO : SAC (44-2386)

FROM : SA JAMES J. ROSE

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
(OO: MEMPHIS)

DATE: 4/17/68

Re: Unknown Subject

T. ~~M.~~^{Sr.} SMITH, Senior Attorney, William Olliver Building, telephone 522-7480, called at 9:56 a.m. on this date and advised he is "positive" he saw subject, based on TV picture last night, in Davis Brothers Cafeteria, Marietta Street, at noon on 4/15/68, at which time this individual was eating lunch and was alone.

In view of the fact that Mr. SMITH is a prominent attorney in Atlanta and of reliable competence, the following lead is being set forth.

LEAD:

ATLANTA

AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA

Will immediately contact T. ~~M.~~^{Sr.} SMITH of above address re full details in this matter and attempt to identify Unsub.

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Smith examined photo of Galt and stated he was not same man he saw at Cafeteria.

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TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (P)

FROM : FRANK V. HITT, SAC

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/17/68

At 2:40 P.M., 4/17/68, ORVILLE GAINES, "Constitution" reporter, called and advised that a source of his, who declined to be identified, saw drawing of GALT in the paper and he said this drawing very closely resembles an unemployed chiropractor who also claims to have been a part-time seaman. The source knew this chiropractor one or two years ago in the area of Peachtree and 10th - 14th Streets. The unemployed chiropractor used to hang out in the liquor stores in that area. Source could not remember name.

GAINES furnished this information for whatever assistance it might be

State records for licenses for present and former chiropractors should be checked under suspect's name and aliases in this case.

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FBI ATLANTA

10:50 AM EST URGENT 4/17/68 VSC
TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND SAN ANTONIO
FROM ATLANTA 44-2386

MURKIN

LOS ANGELES TEL TO BUREAU, APR. FIFTEEN, SIXTYEIGHT, PAGE TWO
INDICATES THAT CHARLES STEIN IN A RE-INTERVIEW STATED HE THOUGHT
GALT HAD MEXICAN INSURANCE AS HE HAD NO U.S. INSURANCE ON HIS CAR.

SAN ANTONIO REQUESTED TO CHECK AT NUEVO LAREDO AND DETERMINE
WHAT ACTION AN AMERICAN TOURIST TRAVELING TO MEXICO WOULD
NECESSARILY TAKE TO GET INSURANCE ON HIS CAR AND DETERMINE IF
GALT OBTAINED INSURANCE WHEN HE ENTERED MEXICO.

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FBI SANANTON

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10:57 AM EST SAB

FBI MEMPHIS

10:54 AM EST QPK

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA KENNETH R. HEINEMAN at Atlanta, Georgia:

Mr. BILL PHILLIPS, night supervisor, Atlanta Transit, Incorporated, 125 Pine Street, NE, Atlanta, Georgia, advised that his company runs five separate bus routes past the intersection of Memorial Drive and Connally Street, SE. Each of these routes runs two or three buses past that intersection between 8:30 a.m. and 9:15 a.m., and each bus would have a different operator. The names of the operators and the times at which they would arrive at that intersection can only be obtained from Mr. OWENS, the division superintendent.

On April 12, 1968, Mr. JULIAN A. OWENS, division superintendent, Atlanta Transit, Incorporated, 125 Pine Street, NE, Atlanta, Georgia, furnished the following list of bus operators, who would be the only operators to pass the intersection of Memorial Drive and Connally Street, SE between 8:30 a.m. and 9:15 a.m. on Friday, April 5, 1968. Each of the following bus operators was interviewed but was unable to recall anyone getting on his bus on April 5, 1968 fitting the description of ERIC STARVO GALT:

E.F. PICKARD, 1525 May Avenue, SE, Atlanta, Georgia;

T.O. HENRY, 1606 Tanager Circle, Decatur, Georgia;

U.B. CRAWFORD, 742 Palatine Avenue, SE, Atlanta,
Georgia;

W.B. FUNBERBURKE, 1780 Cecelia Drive, SE, Atlanta,
Georgia;

J.T. MOON, 3151 Thrasher Circle, Decatur, Georgia;

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A.J. HOLBROOK, 355 Gordon Road, Mableton, Georgia;

J.C. VAUGHN, 204 Black Hawk Trail, Mableton, Georgia;

B.L. JORDAN 745 Yale Place, SW, Atlanta, Georgia;

R. L. MORGAN, 2508 Wood Hill Lane, East Point, Georgia.

On April 16, 1968, Mr. K.C. LOWE, who drives a cab for Bus Station Cab Company, 200 Williams Street, NW, Atlanta, Georgia, advised that 200 Williams Street, NW is not a dispatch center but merely the corner of William Street and Cain Street where there is a call box. There are about 20 drivers who work for Bus Station Cab Company, all of whom own their own cabs, and these cabs are merely cars for hire and not metered cabs. There is no dispatch system for these cabs and they operate only from people hailing them from the street. Therefore, they keep no trip sheets and have no record whatsoever of what driver might be in a certain area at a certain time of day.

Mr. LOWE stated that he did not recall picking up anyone in the 14th Street and Peachtree Street area on April 5, 1968 and that he would question all the other drivers concerning a pickup in that area or from the bus station to that area on that date. Mr. LOWE added that should any positive information be developed, he would immediately forward it to the FBI.

On April 16, 1968, Mr. JAMES WYATT, owner, Gate City Taxi Company, 52 Bell Street, NE, Atlanta, Georgia, advised that his trip sheets reflect nothing concerning a call to or from the 14th and Peachtree Streets area. He said that his cab company services only the Negro area of town and never has a trip into the white section. He stated that his drivers never go to the airport or to the bus station on calls unless it is someone that they know personally. They never answer calls from white people and seldom ever allow their cab to be hailed by a white person.

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Mr. WYATT said that he is certain that none of his cabs would have taken anyone from or to the 14th and Peachtree area.

On the same date, Mr. BILL DALLIS, owner, Bill's Cab Company, 457 Cain Street, NE, Atlanta, Georgia, advised that the drivers for his company work only in the Negro area and would not pickup anyone on a call at the bus station or airport unless the call was from someone the driver knew personally. His company maintains no trip sheets and they do not answer calls out at the 14th and Peachtree Street area unless it is someone they know. They do not deliver or pickup in the white areas of town and they do not operate on the hailing system since each call comes only from the dispatcher.

Mr. DALLIS stated that he is certain that none of his drivers could have taken anyone from or to 14th and Peachtree areas on April 5, 1968.

On the same date, Mr. WELCOME HARRIS, Ace Cab Service, 26 Bell Street, NE, Atlanta, Georgia, advised that his trip sheets reflect no calls to or from the 14th and Peachtree Street areas on April 5, 1968.

Mr. HARRIS stated that his drivers would not pickup anyone on a call from the bus station or airport unless it was someone the driver knows personally, as they operate only within the Negro section of town. They do not deliver or pickup around the 14th and Peachtree area and they service only the Negro community. He is certain that none of his drivers could have picked up anyone from or delivered anyone to 14th and Peachtree Street areas on April 5, 1968.

On the same date, Mr. HERSCHEL MINIFIELD, a driver for Ace Cab Service, 26 Bell Street, NE, Atlanta, Georgia, advised that he recalls on Monday, April 8, 1968, his cab was hailed at Forsyth and Hunter Streets by a white man answering the description of ERIC STARVO GALT. He recalls that this man got into his cab and immediately began questioning him about the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING. This man requested that he be taken to the Ebenezer Church where the funeral for Dr. KING

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was to be held the following day and that he be taken by Dr. KING's home. MINIFIELD recalls that as he complied with the man's wishes, when they arrived at Dr. KING's home, the man seemed to be making some notes in the back seat. After taking this man past the church and the home, MINIFIELD dropped him off across the street from the Ace Cab Service, where this man walked up the sidewalk and joined several white man talking under the viaduct over Bell Street. MINIFIELD can recall nothing more about his conversation with this man or about the man's appearance, except that the man was a white male, about 35 years old, had dark hair and a ruddy complexion and was neatly dressed.

When shown a photograph of the artist's conception of ERIC STARVO GALT, MINIFIELD stated that this man looked extremely similar to the man he picked up and drove around on April 8, 1968.

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310PM URGENT 4-17-68 MCP

TO ATLANTA

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LOS ANGELES

MOBILE

FROM MEMPHIS 44-1987 2 P

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INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED TO DATE RE ERIC STARVO GALT HAS EITHER ESTABLISHED OR ALLEGED RESIDENCE IN ONE OF THE FIELD DIVISIONS MENTIONED.

DATE OF BIRTH AS LISTED ON ALABAMA DRIVERS LICENSE IS JULY TWENTY, NINETEEN THIRTYONE. IT IS RECOGNIZED THAT SELECTIVE SERVICE INQUIRIES HAVE BEEN MADE REGARDING THE THREE NAMES KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN USED BY SUSPECT; HOWEVER, THERE REMAIN A NUMBER OF YEARS IN THIS MAN'S BACKGROUND STILL UNACCOUNTED FOR. BASED ON NORMAL PROCEDURES FOR SELECTIVE SERVICE REGISTRATION, THIS MAN WOULD HAVE BEEN REQUIRED TO REGISTER, IF SUCH WAS DONE, ON OR ABOUT JULY TWENTY, FORTYNINE OR AT LEAST WITHIN A TWO WEEK PERIOD THEREAFTER. IT IS SUGGESTED THAT RECEIVING OFFICES RECONTACT STATE SELECTIVE SERVICE BOARDS AND FROM REVIEW OF REGISTRANTS IN PERTINENT PERIOD POSSIBILITY EXISTS SOME DATA MAY BE DEVELOPED RE

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FAMILIAR NAMES OR SOME OTHER ITEMS THAT MAY LEAD TO
ESTABLISHING IDENTITY UNSUB THIS CASE.

IN CONNECTION WITH ANY INQUIRIES, NO INDICATION SHOULD
BE GIVEN INQUIRIES IN CONNECTION WITH CAPTIONED CASE.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-2386)

DATE: 4/17/68

FROM : SA CHARLES S. HARDING

SUBJECT: MURKIN

At 1:32 PM, 4/17/68, Supv. WILLIAM MARTINDALE, Bureau, called and referred to UPI release at 4:15 AM, 4/17, to the effect that two cab drivers in Atlanta had seen GALT and that one of them positively identified him as having been picked up in the hippie district of Atlanta.

I advised Mr. MARTINDALE these press reports were result of our checking of cabs in the area of 14th St. and Peachtree, that one of the individuals interviewed stated that a hippie passenger he picked up resembled the look alike of the unknown subject, but there was no indication that this had any merit.

Mr. MARTINDALE requested these two interviews be covered in our summary teletype for the day. I assured him this would be done.

*Bishop
Harding & Hein (v. 001)*

*Sp. Bureau Tel.
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TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (P)

FROM : SA CHARLES T. HAYNES

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE 4/17/68

On 4/17/68, Captain STEVE POLK, GBI, assigned as Personal Aide to Georgia Governor LESTER MADDOX at the Georgia State Capitol, Atlanta, requested the writer talk with Miss MARY BASLEY, Receptionist in the Office of Governor MADDOX at the Capitol Building, Atlanta, regarding the following:

Miss BASLEY stated that on 4/11/68, she observed several reporters examining the guest book in the reception room of the Governor's Office. She explained that the guest book is normally used by individuals visiting the Governor's Office on Open House Day each Wednesday, which period is referred to as "Little Peoples Day With The Governor".

Miss BASLEY saw JIM WINN, a reporter for the Savannah and Augusta, Georgia, newspapers, turn to the page in the guest book dated 4/3/68, and sign "ERIC GALT, 903 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama, Jefferson Co., Alabama." TED SIMMONS of the Associated Press and DUANE RINE of the "Atlanta Constitution" were also observed by Miss BASLEY examining the guest book at the same time. She stated these three reporters actually intended to play a joke on another reporter normally assigned to the State Capitol, just for the purpose of seeing his reaction when he realized that ERIC GALT's name appeared in the Governor's guest book.

Above furnished for information in view of the possibility of it being given publicity through the press at any time.

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Savannah, Ga.

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320 PM 4-17-68 URGENT JGA

TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA, DETROIT, LOS ANGELES AND MEMPHIS
FROM BIRMINGHAM 44-1740

MURKIN. CR. OO: MEMPHIS.

RE LOS ANGELES TEL TO BUREAU, APRIL SEVENTEEN, INSTANT.

RE SIXTYSIX WHITE MUSTANG, EIGHT CYLINDER HARDTOP.

JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALA., DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE RECORDS
SHOW THIS CAR, VIN SIX T ZERO SEVEN C - ONE NINE ZERO SIX
FOUR SEVEN, ORIGINALLY SOLD AS NEW, MARCH ELEVEN, SIXTYSIX,
BY MARING CRAWFORD FORD CO., BIRMINGHAM, TO MELVIN E. HARVEY,
THREE THREE ONE ONE HIGHLAND DRIVE, BIRMINGHAM. ON DEC.
FIFTEEN, SIXTYSIX, TITLE TRANSFERRED FROM HARVEY TO WILLIAM D.
PAISLEY, SEVEN ZERO ONE SOUTH FORTYEIGHT STREET, BIRMINGHAM.
ON AUG. THIRTY, SIXTYSEVEN, CAR TRANSFERRED FROM PAISLEY TO
ERIC S. GALT, TWO SIX ZERO EIGHT HIGHLAND AVENUE, BIRMINGHAM.
INVESTIGATION, MARING CRAWFORD FORD CO. ASCERTAINED MELVIN E.
HARVEY WAS SALESMAN FOR THAT COMPANY AND CARS DESIGNATED AS
DEMONSTRATORS WERE REGISTERED IN NAME OF ONE OF THEIR SALESMEN
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DURING TIME OF SUCH USE. WARRANTY PLATE AND WARRANTY PAPERS WERE ISSUED IN NAME OF THAT SALESMAN.

TODAY, WILLIAM DAVID PAISLEY, JR., SON OF FORMER REGISTERED OWNER; ADVISED CAR HAD NINE THOUSAND TO NINETY FIVE HUNDRED MILES ON IT AT TIME OF PURCHASE (DEC. FIFTEEN, SIXTYSIX AND APPROXIMATELY NINETEEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED MILES ON IT AT TIME OF SALE TO GALT (AUG. THIRTY, SIXTYSEVEN). AT TIME OF SALE PAISLEY TURNED OVER TO GALT WARRANTY PAPERS AND WARRANTY PLATE AS WARRANTY IN EFFECT UNTIL MARCH ELEVEN, LAST. THESE PAPERS WERE STILL IN NAME OF MELVIN E. HARVEY.

IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT AT THE TIME RIFLE AND SCOPE SIGHT PURCHASED FROM AEROMARINE SUPPLY CO., BIRMINGHAM, MARCH TWO NINE, LAST, PURCHASER USED NAME HARVEY E. LOWMEYER. IT IS SUGGESTED HE GOT IDEA FOR THIS ALIAS FROM WARRANTY PLATE HE HAD RECEIVED IN NAME OF MELVIN E. HARVEY.

MELVIN E. HARVEY AND PAISLEY BOTH STATE AUTOMOBILE NEVER LEFT ALABAMA DURING TIME IT WAS IN THEIR RESPECTIVE POSSESSIONS AND THAT NAMES ANITA KATZWINKEL AND GINGER DAY ARE UNKNOWN TO THEM.

DETROIT, AT FORD MOTOR COMPANY, ASCERTAIN IF ANY CLAIMS
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FOR REIMBURSEMENT RECEIVED BY WARRANTY DEPARTMENT THAT COMPANY
FOR THIS AUTOMOBILE DURING TIME IT WAS KNOWN TO BE IN POSSESSION
ERIC STARVO GALT, NAMELY AUG. THIRTY, SIXTYSEVEN, THROUGH
APR. FIVE, LAST. FORD DEALERS, BIRMINGHAM, ADVISE ALL WARRANTY
WORK WOULD BE FORWARDED TO WARRANTY DEPARTMENT, FORD MOTOR
COMPANY, BY ANY AUTHORIZED DEALER WHERE WARRANTY WORK WAS
PERFORMED, WHICH COMPANY WOULD THEN SUBMIT THIER CLAIM FOR
REIMBURSEMENT.

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420 PM URGENT 4/17/68 MMH

TO ATLANTA /44-2386/ AND MEMPHIS /44-1987/
FROM JACKSONVILLE /44-760/ 1P

MURKIN.

RE ATLANTA TEL TO MEMPHIS FOUR SIXTEEN LAST RE BUREAU LABOR FILE
REVIEW ON SUSPECTS GALT; WILLARD; LOWMEYER OR LOWMYER.

RECORDS BUREAU OF EMPLOYEE'S COMPENSATION, U. S. DEPARTMENT OF
LABOR, JACKSONVILLE, COVERING STATES OF GEORGIA, FLORIDA AND SOUTH
CAROLINA; FLORIDA INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION, COMPENSATION DIVISION,
TALLAHASSEE, COVERING STATE OF FLORIDA; AND ADMIRALITY CLAIMS, JACK-
SONVILLE DIVISION, MDF, WERE CHECKED FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING
SUSPECTS WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

WILLIAM M. O'KEEFE, DEPUTY COMMISSIONER, BUREAU OF EMPLOYEE'S
COMPENSATION, U. S. DEPT. OF LABOR, SUGGESTED CONTACT WITH THE SOUTH-
EASTERN INDEX BUREAU, SIX FIFTY TRUST COMPANY OF GEORGIA BLDG.,
ATLANTA, GA., SINCE ALL INSURANCE CLAIMS OF INDEPENDENT INSURANCE
COMPANY FOR SOUTHEASTERN AREA ARE CLEARED THROUGH THIS ORGANIZATION.

ATLANTA CONTACT SOUTHEASTERN INDEX BUREAU.

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TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2368)

FROM : SA THOMAS R. HENRY, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/17/68

Re UNSUB; King's Hardware Store (Serial 454).

On 4/17/68, Mrs. PAUL KELLY, 2239 Tanglewood, Decatur, Ga., advised that on Monday, 4/15/68, while shopping in King's Hardware Store, Belvedere Shopping District, she observed a man dressed in Marine Corps dress blue trousers in what appeared to be a Marine Corps fatigue khaki jacket, a cap and unshined shoes. She believed the sleeve of the khaki jacket bore two chevrons indicating to her that he would be a Corporal. She became aware of his presence since she knew it was very unusual for a man to wear dress blue trousers and khaki jacket. Further, that his shoes were not shined and all Marines are very conscientious about shining their shoes. She stated this man bought a .22 rifle, a box of Winchester ammunition and six transistor batteries. She stated that she had thought it over and became highly suspicious stating that if he was a Marine he would certainly have had his "fill of shooting" and if he wanted some rifle practice, he didn't have to buy shells but could get them in the Marine Corps. She described him as a white male, 6' to 6'2", 23-28 years of age, brown hair, blue-green eyes, with a slender build.

She went on to say that she either saw an artist's conception of Dr. KING's killer or read in the paper where someone who apparently had seen the killer abandoning an automobile described him as very good looking. She said that was the determining factor in her call to the FBI since this man described above was, in her opinion, the most handsome man she had ever seen and because of this she felt he should be considered a suspect.

It was pointed out to Mrs. KELLY that Dr. KING was murdered 4/4/68 whereas this individual did not purchase the .22 rifle until eleven days later. She stated she hadn't thought of it that way.

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On 4/17/68, Mr. H. T. SHORT, Manager, King's Hardware, Belvedere Shopping Center, advised that on Monday morning, 4/15/68, he sold a .22 caliber, level action, model 290 Winchester rifle to Sgt. H. K. STANCIL, home address 141 E. Trinity Place, Decatur, Ga. He stated STANCIL has been in his store several times and is in the Marine Corps.

Inasmuch as the complaintant's major reason for feeling that the Marine was the suspect was the fact that, in her opinion he was extremely handsome, and since he purchased a .22 caliber rifle eleven days after the assassination of KING, it is suggested no further action be taken on this lead.

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TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2368)

FROM : SA THOMAS R. HENRY, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/17/68

Re cab company checks (Serial 505).

On 4/17/68, Mr. RAMON DE REFF, Assistant Manager, Red Top Cab Co., 431 Glen Iris Dr., NE, Atlanta, made available for examination the cab company tickets for 4/5/68. A review of these tickets failed to show any ticket indicating a fare from the bus terminal to the 14th-Peachtree St. area nor any pick-up in the 14th-Peachtree St. area.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-2386)

FROM : SA DONALD P. BURGESS

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
(OO: MEMPHIS)

DATE: 4/17/68

Re: GARNER's Roominghouse, 107 14th St., NE

On 4/17/68, at approximately 2:00 p.m., a letter was noted on the table outside the room of the Manager, JIMMIE D. GARNER, addressed as follows: "CARTER M. PITTMAN, 107 14th Street, N. E., Atlanta, Georgia." The sender was indicated as "1320 Fulmouth Street, Chattanooga, Tennessee." No name of sender indicated. The letter was postmarked at Chattanooga, Tennessee. Date believed to be 4/15/68; however, the cancellation stamp was quite light and difficult to read and it may be 4/16/68.

It is to be noted that CARTER PITTMAN is a well-known wealthy segregationist lawyer in Georgia and the CARTER PITTMAN to whom this letter was addressed may be identical with this individual.

It is suggested consideration be given to checking out sender of this letter.

Lead assigned to SA HAMILTON.

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SA DONALD P. BURGESS

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Re: GARNER's Roominghouse, 107 14th St., NE

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AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION
ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re: GARNER's Roominghouse, 113 14th St., NE, Atlanta

Enclosed for the FBI Laboratory are the following items which were located in Room 2 of 113 14th Street, N. E., Atlanta, Georgia, which may have belonged to ERIC STARVO GALT:

1 large key blank uncut, no label,
found in dresser drawer;

1 small key blank, no label, notched
in two places on side and apparently
heated toward front tip, found in
dresser drawer;

1 strand of dark thread found in dresser
drawer near key blanks;

1 needle and brown thread found in dresser
drawer near key blanks;

1 metal strip approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ inch wide and
 $1\frac{1}{2}$ - 2 inches long, with round hole drilled in
one end of strip and strip pointed on other
end, found in dresser drawer;

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1 business card reading as follows:

"Custom Length
Gutters
Vents & Metal Roofs

"Aluminum
Screen & Doors
Custom Mace

"HANEY's SHEET METAL
Gutters Cleaned & Repaired

"Free Estimates
Work Guaranteed

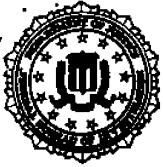
"Phone 436-4581
Smyrna, Georgia"

On the reverse side of above card is written:

"RAY DIXON
436-6675"

EXAMINATION REQUESTED:

FBI Laboratory is requested to examine and preserve the above items. Appropriate items should also be examined by the Latent Fingerprint Section for any prints they may contain.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Atlanta, Georgia
April 17, 1968

NEWS RELEASE

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

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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 in Birmingham, Alabama."

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 overlooked 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 was also purchased from this dealer.

The FBI Director stated that Galt, who has used the names of John Willard and Harvey Lowmeyer 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.

According to Mr. Hoover, Galt's travels in the Mustang include trips to Los Angeles, California, New Orleans, Louisiana, Birmingham, Alabama, and Mexico, as well as 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 or 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 19, and arrived back in Los Angeles on December 21, 1967.

While in 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 a white male. He is approximately 5' 8" to 5' 11" tall and weighs between 160 and 175 pounds. He is said to be a neat dresser and has a medium build.

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 earlobe 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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TO ATLANTA

FROM JACKSON (157-8586)

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REVIEW OF JACKSON FILES DISCLOSED DONALD JAMES NISSEN, ATLANTA FILE ONE HUNDRED DASH FIVE FIVE EIGHT SIX, AND ATALANTA SEVEN SIX DASH TWO EIGHT SEVEN SIX, WAS MENTIONED IN MATTER CAPTIONED, ALLEGED OFFER OF ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS BY WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, JACKSON, MISS., TO ANYONE WHO KILLS MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

IF NOT ALREADY DONE, ATLANTA SHOULD SUBMIT NAMES, DESCRIPTIONS AND FBI NUMBERS TO F BUREAU AS POSSIBLE SUSPECTS IN CAPTIONED MATTER. PHOTO OF NISSEN AVAILABLE AT ATLANTA. END VSC

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) DATE: 4/17/68

FROM : SA JOHN P. GRANFIELD

SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE: SUSPECT PHASE

On 4/17/68 MRS. AMY JOHNSON, nee BOOKER, telephoned at the Atlanta Office and declined to furnish her home address, telephone number, or place of employment. She advised she resides in Marietta, Ga.

She reported as follows:

On 4/15/68 she and a companion whom she declined to identify were in the Broadview Plaza, Piedmont Road, between 5 and 6 p.m. when she observed a dark green or black two-door automobile, make not known, but which appeared to be of the "sporty" type. She advised that this car bore Alabama tag, number not known. She stated three men were in this vehicle but she did not observe what they were doing. She stated this vehicle was parked in one of the lanes in front of Walgreens Drugstore about a quarter of the total length of the lane away from the drugstore.

She stated she did not pay too much attention to this vehicle or the occupants on 4/15/68 but stated that she and her companion returned to the same place sometime between 5 and 6 p.m. 4/16/68 and observed that the same car was parked in about the same place. Three occupants were in the vehicle and she observed that the individual who was in the passenger seat in the front left the car and went into the drugstore. She advised that this individual was a white male, age approximately 30, 6' tall, 160-165 lbs., neat appearance, wearing glasses, and a sport shirt and slacks. She stated that the shirt was grey or light blue. She advised she decided to go into the drugstore and observed the passenger in the drugstore but she did not observe him purchase anything but did see him meet another individual whose description she could not recall. She advised that the driver of the vehicle and the individual who was in the back seat then went to Kresge Department Store and she described the driver of the vehicle as being white male, approximately 30 years of age, 5'6" or 7" tall, 175 lbs., light hair, wearing slacks and sports shirt. She stated

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that the only description she has of the individual in the rear seat is that he was a white male, having dark hair.

She reported that the individual who had been sitting in the right front seat after leaving the drugstore and the individual whom he had met in the drugstore went to Kresges where he met the other two individuals inside the store and after being in there a short time the three returned to the car. She advised that the individual who had been in the right front seat then returned to Kresges and fumbled with the paper stand outside the store then went into the record shop and the individual in the back seat then went to the record shop. She advised she does not know what then transpired.

She advised that the individual who had been sitting in the right front seat appeared to resemble the artist's conception of ERIC GALT, which he had observed in a newspaper.

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FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 2P

MURKIN.

RE ATLANTA LETTER APRIL FIFTEEN,
AND DELIVERY OF EVIDENCE APRIL SIXTEEN BY SA JOHN
SULLIVAN.

SIX LATENT FINGERPRINTS AND ONE LATENT
IMPRESSION, WHICH MAY BE FINGERPRINT IMPRESSION OF THE
LOWER JOINT OF THE FINGER, OR PARTIAL PALM PRINT, DEVEL-
OPED ON MAP OF MEXICO, Q ONE NINE FOUR. NO LATENT
IMPRESSIONS FOUND OR DEVELOPED OTHER ITEMS THIS SUB-
MISSION SUITABLE FOR LATENT EXAMINATION.

ONE OF THE LATENT FINGERPRINTS ON THE MAP
OF MEXICO IS IDENTICAL WITH LATENT FINGERPRINT PREVI-
OUSLY DEVELOPED ON THE REMINGTON MODEL SEVEN SIX ZERO
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LATENT PRINTS ON MAP COMPARED WITH OTHER LATENT
PRINTS THIS CASE, NO ADDITIONAL IDENTIFICATION EFFECTED.

LABORATORY REPORTING SEPARATELY.

CONFIRMING.

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The following investigation was conducted
by SA ROBERT J. KOLEVAR on April 16, 1968:

A representative of the following cab companies reviewed their trip sheets for the period of April 5, 1968 for any fare which originated in the Fourteenth and Peachtree Street area traveling to various parts of the city with particular emphasis placed on trips traveling to the airport, bus terminal and Ponce de Leon Place and Highland Terrace.

Only two such fares were noted and both of these were handled by the Atlanta Lincoln Cab Company with the results set forth following that company's entry.

1. Mr. ABRAM SANDLER, Co-owner, East Atlanta Cab Company, 534 Flat Shoals Avenue, Southeast.

2. Mr. MACESO MITCHELL, Operator, Gulf Cab Company, 136 Flat Shoals Avenue, Southeast.

3. Mr. JOHN SANKFIELD, Town Cab For Hire, 60 Flat Shoals Avenue, Southeast. SANKFIELD advised that he only operates one vehicle and this vehicle is being repaired presently and has not been in operation for approximately four weeks.

4. Mr. R. E. CORNE, Bookkeeper, Atlanta Lincoln Cab Company, 55 Milton Avenue, Southeast. CORNE noted two fares, the first of which originated at 1230 Peachtree Street, Northeast, terminating at the Greyhound Bus Terminal. This cab was driven by PAUL DOTTERER, a driver for the Veteran Cab Company. DOTTERER was shown a composite photograph of the suspect in this matter and stated that he did not believe

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that his fare was identical to this individual.

The second trip noted by CORNE originated at 221 Fourteenth Street and terminated at the Trailways Bus Terminal. This cab was driven by W. L. HENDSON. HENDSON was also exhibited a composite photograph of the suspect and he stated that the photograph was not similar to his fare.

On April 17, 1968, Mr. J. B. HURLAY, Assistant Station Superintendent, Post Office Substation "F", was contacted regarding the possibility that an individual using the name GALT might possibly be using a General Delivery address.

HURLAY advised that approximately a dozen individuals were using the General Delivery services and none were listed under the name GALT.

An inquiry was then made concerning the most recent dates on applications where General Delivery services were made. The only recent application was made on April 1, 1968, being an individual using the name FLOYD E. BOUGHER.

Mrs. M. P. HICKS, Clerk, Substation "F", was exhibited a composite photograph of the suspect in this case and she stated that BOUGHER and the individual portrayed in this photograph were positively not identical.

HURLAY also advised that his substation covers the geographical area of Northeast Atlanta which is bounded on the South by Ponce de Leon Avenue, on the East by Briarcliff Road, on the North by the Seaboard Airline Railroad and on the West by the Southern Railroad System.

The composite photograph of the suspect in this case was exhibited to the following postal clerks who handle

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General Delivery mail in the event the suspect attempts to obtain General Delivery services in the future:

Mrs. M. P. HICKS
Mr. RICHARD JOBES
Mr. H. E. CALDWELL

All of the individuals contacted were requested to keep this matter confidential.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 17, 1968

On April 17, 1968, re-examination was made of three recapped tires on 1966 Mustang, Serial Number 6T07C190647. The following photographs were made:

Photograph number one is a photograph taken of instant Mustang during examination April 17, 1968.

Photograph number two consists of one Polaroid shot and one Film-Pak shot of tire recap from left rear, tire number 000029B, size 6X95X14. This tire bears a weight inscribed "Goodyear."

Photograph number three is a shot of recap tire number 20427372, size 7X75X14, and the original marking on this tire is "Medallion 110." A Polaroid shot was made of this recap.

Photograph number four is a photograph of tire recap number 4174P807, size 650X14. The original tire marking is "B.F. Goodrich Silvertown" and a balance weight is inscribed as "Goodyear." A Polaroid shot was also made of this recap.

Photograph number five is an additional photograph of recap number 000029B. No additional Polaroid was taken in conjunction with photograph number five.

Photograph number six is a side view of recap number 000029B. A Polaroid shot was made in conjunction with photograph number six.

Photograph number seven is a side view of tire number 20427372. A Polaroid shot was made in conjunction with this photograph.

Photograph number eight is a side view of recap tire 4174P807. A Polaroid was made in conjunction with this photograph.

On 4/17/68 at Atlanta, Georgia File # Atlanta 44-2386 -595
by SAs JACK B. SIMPSON, RICHARD H. DAVIS and
HILBERT ARPS JBS:hjm Date dictated 4/17/68

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In connection with the removal of armrest from this vehicle, additional latent prints were located, lifted, marked and preserved. Three latents were recovered from the left armrest and two latents were recovered from the right armrest.

Examination of the tires reflected only tire 000029B bore a recap number, this number being 601.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (P)

DATE: 4/17/68

FROM : SA RICHARD H. DAVIS

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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OO: Memphis
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Re Instant 1966 White Mustang

On 4/17/68 the 1966 White Mustang in this case was examined in the FBI Garage by SA RICHARD H. DAVIS and Automotive Mechanic DUANE PRESTON.

The following parts of the car were removed in order to ascertain if there was anything of evidentiary value which would not ordinarily be noticed unless these parts were removed.

Left and right door panels, interior of door were examined and nothing was noted. At the time of the removal of the left and right arm rests were turned over to SA JACK B. SIMPSON to examine for latent fingerprints.

The back of the rear seat was removed and nothing was noted in the area covered by this seat back.

Floor insulation from underneath and behind the rear seat were removed and nothing was noted.

The left and right rear interior side panels were removed and nothing was noted in the area covered by these panels.

The rear window ledge was removed and nothing was noted in the area covered by this ledge.

The left and right front seats were removed and nothing was noted (this area had been vacuumed during a vacuuming of the floor in the previous examination).

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The lower chrome door moldings were removed on both sides and the rug of the car was lifted so that the portion of the floor covered by the rug could be examined. Nothing was noted.

The left and right floor interior panels were removed and the front rug of the car was lifted in order to examine the area of the car covered by the rug. Nothing was noted.

The information concerning the lifts from the left and right arm rests by SA SIMPSON has been incorporated into FD-302/

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386)

FROM : SA JAMES J. ROSE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/17/68

RE: SELECTIVE SERVICE CHECKS

Re Memphis letter to Atlanta dated 4/17/68 (Serial 581).

Referenced communication indicated that it would be reasonable to presume that a two week period is normally used by Selective Service regulations requiring that a registrant contact local board on his 18th birthday. Communication further indicated that subject would have to register on or about 7/20/49 or a two-week period thereafter.

LEAD:

ATLANTA

AT GEORGIA STATE HEADQUARTERS, SELECTIVE SERVICE SYSTEM

Review records for two-week period after 7/20/49 re any information regarding ERIC STARVO GALT.



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TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386)

DATE: 4/17/68

FROM : SA JAMES J. ROSE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE: EMPLOYEES COMPENSATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR CHECK

WILLIAM M. O'KEEFE, Deputy Commissioner, Bureau of Employees Compensation, U. S. Department of Labor, advised that name check in name of ERIC STARVO GALT and his known aliases can be made at the Bureau of Employees Compensation, U. S. Department of Labor located at 65 Trust Company of Georgia Building, Atlanta.

LEAD:

ATLANTA

AT ATLANTA, GA.

Will at the above Bureau of Employees Compensation review records in name of ERIC STARVO GALT in the event he received injuries for workman's compensation in the past.



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At 6:20 p.m. Mr. SAM OLDEN, 325 Tenth Street, N.E. Apartment 4, Atlanta, telephone number 874-6592, advised that he believes he may have seen ERIC GALT at approximately 10 a.m., April 12, 1968.

He stated that he, OLDEN, was crossing Tenth Street in front of his residence and an individual believed by him to be GALT, who was walking up Tenth Street toward Grady High School stopped him and asked him where ROYCE BENNETT lived. He told the individual he did not know and continued on his way and did not think much of the incident until publicity this date.

He stated that the individual generally fit the publicized description of GALT and the most noticeable thing about this individual was his blue eyes which seemed to slant in.

He stated that Argonne Street would be the next street to where he ran into the individual. OLDEN is leaving at 7:30 p.m. for church.

He was informed that he would be contacted before that time by agents to exhibit photographs of GALT to him.

Lead assigned SA JACK B. SIMPSON.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386)

FROM : SA JAMES J. ROSE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/17/68

RE: APARTMENT HOUSE, 113 14th STREET

SA DONALD P. BURGESS upon terminating his assignment as undercover at above apartment house made a detailed scrutiny of the room occupied by GALT and found a business-type card bearing the name Haney's Sheet Metal, phone 436-4581, Smyrna, Ga., concealed behind the upper portion of a door molding. On the reverse side of the business card was written "RAY DIXON, 436-6675".

In view of the fact that GALT occupied this room and in view of the fact the above-described card appeared to be concealed the following lead is being set:

LEAD:

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AT SMYRNA, GEORGIA

Will locate personally and interview RAY DIXON upon determining his address through city directories via telephone 436-6675 and carefully interview concerning any information he may have re ERIC STARVO GALT.



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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) DATE: 4/17/68

FROM : SA JAMES J. ROSE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re: Complaint of F. C. EVANS

SA JOHN J. LANGSFELD telephonically advised that in liaison with Atlanta Police Department, he was informed that F. C. EVANS, 482 Holderness Street, who is the night supervisor at a local service station, telephonically advised the Atlanta Police Department that he had seen an individual who appeared identical with the photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT, which was displayed on local television this evening at his service station, at about 5:00 in the morning.

SAs ROBERT J. KOLEVAR and DONALD G. WILSON were immediately dispatched to interview Mr. EVANS.

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TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) DATE: 4/17/68

FROM : SUPV. EDWARD T. KASSINGER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re unknown suspect ED COUCH, Phenix City,
Alabama - Complainant

At 5:25 p.m. on 4/17/68, ED COUCH, calling from Phenix City, Alabama, Telephone Number 205-298-9159, advised that he wanted to see an Agent concerning captioned matter this evening. COUCH identified himself as a retired Sergeant Major of the United States Army who is presently being treated in Room 254, Cobb Memorial Hospital, Phenix City, Alabama. He refused to give any further details on the telephone.

I telephonically furnished this information to SA JIM HART at Columbus, Georgia, Resident Agency, who will handle.

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TO: SAC, ALBUQUERQUE
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Atlanta is currently attempting to eliminate individuals with surnames of GALT in the Atlanta territory who may be identical with subject, ERIC STARVO GALT.

On 4/12/68, Lt. A. W. BARTLETT, Lockheed-Georgia Company, Marietta, Georgia, advised that information concerning HARRY OLIVER GALT revealed GALT had two brothers, STEPHEN D. GALT, Cartersville, Georgia, who is employed as a U. S. mail carrier, and RICHARD V. GALT, Carlsbad, New Mexico, who is employed as a U. S. forest ranger.

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ALBUQUERQUE

AT CARLSBAD, NEW MEXICO

Will locate and interview RICHARD V. GALT, eliminate as a suspect, and attempt to determine any information regarding ERIC STARVO GALT.

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