

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Baltimore (44-669)

DATE: 4/16/68

FROM : SA Robert I. Mc Enroe

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 4/16/68, Mrs. JUDY CORRIGAN, Judy Corrigan School of Dance, 11 North Locust St., Hagerstown, Md., advised she instructs only young children in her school.

On 4/16/68, efforts to contact anyone at the Pat Patrick School of Ballroom Dancing, 65 W. Franklin St., Hagerstown, Md., were negative. It appeared that this school might not be operating, and an attempted telephonic contact of the school reflected it had been closed and the telephone disconnected. No further information was obtained from this source.

On 4/16/68, Mr. EUGENE BUDOWSKI, Manager, Fred Astaire World of Dance, residing 822 Dewey Ave., Hagerstown, Md., was contacted; he was unable to furnish any pertinent information, stating ERIC STARVO GALT was not now and had not been registered at that school under that name or the aliases, HARVEY LOWMYER or JOHN WILLARD. He was unable to identify GALT's description as being possibly identical to anyone currently or previously registered at that school. He has operated this school for over one year.

Mr. BUDOWSKI further advised he had been affiliated with the Pat Patrick School of Ballroom Dancing prior to its closing in Hagerstown. He was unable to furnish any pertinent information from his knowledge of the clients of that school.

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TO : SAC BALTIMORE (44-669)

DATE: 4/16/68

FROM : SA RICHARD F. MAYO

SUBJECT: MURKIN

The following Dance Studios within the Salisbury RA Territory were contacted by SA Mayo for any record of ERIC STARVO GALT; HARVEY LOWMYER and JOHN WILLARD and nothing pertinent was developed:

- Mildred Lappe, Dance Plyhouse, Salisbury, Md;
- Betty Webster, Salisbury Studio of Dance, Salisbury, Md;
- Charrie Tyler, Tyler Dance Studio, Cambridge, Maryland.

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MURKIN.

SENT BY CODED TELETYPE

ERIC STARVO GALT, THE PRINCIPAL SUSPECT, HAS BEEN
REPORTED AS HAVING ATTENDED DANCING SCHOOLS IN BIRMINGHAM,
NEW ORLEANS AND CALIFORNIA. ALL OFFICES SHOULD IMMEDIATELY
CHECK ALL DANCING SCHOOLS IN YOUR TERRITORIES FOR ANY RECORD
OF PRIOR ATTENDANCE AT ANY SUCH SCHOOLS BY GALT AND RUN OUT
ANY LEADS DEVELOPED. GALT REPORTEDLY SIGNED UP FOR A ONE
YEAR DANCING COURSE IN NEW ORLEANS IN NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR;
TOOK DANCING LESSONS FOR SEVERAL WEEKS IN BIRMINGHAM
BEGINNING IN SEPTEMBER NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN; AND TOOK A
FOUR HUNDRED NINETYNINE DOLLAR DANCE COURSE FROM DECEMBER
NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN TO FEBRUARY NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT AT LONG
BEACH, CALIFORNIA.

ONE DANCE INSTRUCTOR HAS STATED THAT GALT IS "CRAZY"
ABOUT DANCING BUT A POOR DANCER AND DIFFICULT TO TEACH
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BECAUSE HE DOES NOT REMEMBER INSTRUCTIONS. HE WAS DESCRIBED AS AN INTROVERT WHO VOLUNTEERS NO INFORMATION AND REPLIES WITH YES OR NO ANSWERS WHEN ASKED; DID NOT MINGLE WITH OTHER STUDENTS AND MADE NO EFFORTS TO MAKE FRIENDS OR CONVERSE WITH ANYONE.

ANOTHER DANCE INSTRUCTOR STATED GALT IS A GOOD DANCER, DISPLAYED SLIGHT SOUTHERN ACCENT, RURAL CHARACTERISTICS OF LANGUAGE AND DICTION, TEETH STRAIGHT AND CLEAN, FINGERNAILS CLEAN AND NEATLY TRIMMED; WORE GOLD RING WITH DARK STONE; ALWAYS NEATLY DRESSED WITH SUIT AND SHINY SLIP ON TYPE BLACK ALLIGATOR SHOES WITH THIN SOLES, BLACK HOSE AND WORE TIE TACK AND CUFF LINKS. SMOKED FILTER CIGARETTES AND HAD NERVOUS HABIT OF OCCASIONALLY PULLING AT EAR LOBE. OWNER OF STUDIO STATES GALT SPOKE OF ALABAMA, SAID HE WAS A MERCHANT SEAMAN; SPOKE OF BEING IN MEXICO BUT DID NOT SPEAK SPANISH AND SPOKE ENGLISH BADLY; WAS SOCIALLY INEPT, AN INTROVERT AND A POOR DANCER BECAUSE HE WOULD NOT LOOSEN UP. SMILED RARELY AND WHEN HE DID IT WAS A NERVOUS CROOKED SMILE; PAID CASH FOR LESSONS TAKING A WAD OF BILLS FROM POCKET.

ERIC STARVO GALT DESCRIBED AS FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES, ONE HUNDRED SEVENTYFIVE POUNDS, BLUE EYES, BROWN HAIR, BORN

[REDACTED] PLACE NOT GIVEN.

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GALT MAY HAVE USED THE NAME HARVEY LOWMYER OR JOHN WILLARD OR ANY VARIATION OF THESE TWO NAMES OR ANY OTHER NAME. IN CONNECTION WITH ANY INQUIRIES, NO INDICATION SHOULD BE GIVEN INQUIRIES ARE IN CONNECTION WITH CAPTIONED CASE.

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(eyes drawn by artist)



Photograph taken 1968

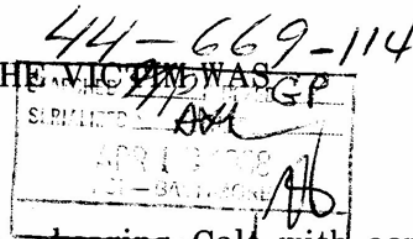
~~Aliases: Harvey Lowmyer, John Willard~~

DESCRIPTION

Age:	36, born July 20, 1931 (not supported by birth records)	Eyes:	Blue or hazel
Height:	5'8" to 5'11"	Complexion:	Medium
Weight:	160 to 175 pounds	Race:	White
Build:	Medium		
Hair:	Brown, possibly cut short		
Occupation:	Has claimed employment as seaman		
Remarks:	Noticeably protruding left ear; reportedly is a lone wolf; allegedly attended dance instruction school; has reportedly completed course in bartending.		

CAUTION

GALT IS SOUGHT IN CONNECTION WITH A MURDER WHEREIN THE VICTIM WAS SHOT. CONSIDER ARMED AND EXTREMELY DANGEROUS.



A Federal warrant was issued on April 17, 1968, at Birmingham, Alabama, charging Galt with conspiring to interfere with a Constitutional Right of a citizen (Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 241).

IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS PERSON, PLEASE NOTIFY ME OR CONTACT YOUR LOCAL FBI OFFICE. TELEPHONE NUMBERS AND ADDRESSES OF ALL FBI OFFICES LISTED ON BACK.

Wanted Flyer 442
April 17, 1968

J. Edgar Hoover
DIRECTOR
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FROM: SAC, BALTIMORE (44-669)

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RESLTEL, APRIL SEVENTEEN, LAST.

RE DANCE SCHOOL PROJECT, SUSPECT AARON ISAAC LOFTON.

REVIEW OF ARMY INTELLIGENCE FILE AT USAIRR, FORT
 HOLABIRD, BALTIMORE, MARYLAND, REFLECTS AARON ISAAC LOFTON,
 BORN [REDACTED] IN
 LINCOLN COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, WAS SUBJECT OF FAVORABLE
 BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION COMPLETED APRIL TWENTY-TWO, NINETEEN
 FIFTY-FIVE, RESULTING IN HIS BEING GRANTED TOP SECRET AND
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COPIES STATEMENT OF PERSONAL HISTORY DATED FEBRUARY TWENTY-SIX, NINETEEN FIFTY-FIVE, AND ARMY REPORT OF INVESTIGATION DATED APRIL TWENTY-SEVEN, NINETEEN FIFTY-FIVE, BEING FORWARDED AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY THIS DATE TO BUREAU AND OTHER OFFICES.

FOR INFORMATION OF BUREAU AND OTHER OFFICES, DCII, FORT HOLABIRD, MARYLAND, CHECKED TODAY WITHOUT LOCATING ANY RECORD OF ERIC STARVO GALT, AKA.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, BALTIMORE (44-669)

DATE: 4/18/68

FROM : SA JAMES P. MC CLARREN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 4/17/68, Mr. JAMES BIRD, Silver Hills Apartments, Building A, Apartment 2, telephone number 422-7649, Milford, Delaware, telephonically advised that he is currently employed by the Delaware Life Times Home, 1140 South State Street, Dover, Delaware.

BIRD advised that during the afternoon of 4/17/68, he met an individual in Milford, Delaware, who indicated that he had information relative to the murder of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING. BIRD said that from his conversation with this individual he believed that this individual might possibly be involved in the murder.

BIRD advised that he was to meet this individual at the Milford Hotel during the evening of 4/17/68. He advised that he could be contacted at the above telephone number or through mobile telephone number 674-1224. BIRD advised that he planned to meet this individual and that he wanted to contact the FBI prior to his meeting.

SA EDWARD J. BEASLEY was advised of the above and he said he would attempt to contact BIRD.

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FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703) (P)

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Enclosed herewith for BA is one photo of ROBERT JOSEPH CORCORAN.

RE: ROBERT JOSEPH CORCORAN
Possibly identical with
ERIC STARVO GALT

On April 18, 1968, Mrs. SARAH RUCKER, Agent in Charge, Washington Passport Agency, Passport Office, WDC, advised that one of their clerks at the Agency observed ROBERT JOSEPH CORCORAN when he applied for a passport at their office on 4/18/68. RUCKER related that they felt this individual resembled photo of GALT as appeared in the Washington Post Newspaper dated 4/18/68.

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Review of CORCORAN's application indicates the following pertinent information:

Name:	ROBERT JOSEPH CORCORAN
Address:	1929 Gwynn Oak Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland
Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Date of birth:	
Place of birth:	Baltimore, Maryland
Marital status:	Married AMELDA D. (ZAKE) CORCORAN on 5/23/54
Occupation:	Salesman
Expected date of departure for West Germany on business trip:	4/24/68
Via:	Air travel
Duration:	14 to 21 days
Parents:	ROBERT E. CORCORAN, born Baltimore, Maryland
	CATHERINE EBBERTS, born Baltimore, Maryland
Height:	5 feet 11 inches
Hair:	Brown
Eyes:	Green
Scar:	On right wrist
Social Security Number:	

CORCORAN has made arrangements to pick up his passport at the Passport Office, WDC, prior to 4/22/68.

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AT BALTIMORE, MARYLAND. Determine if identical to GALT and verify activities during pertinent period.

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Date: 4/20/68

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TO: SAC, BALTIMORE
FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703)
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Re ERNEST STARVO GALT.

Mrs. HAROLD (ELEANOR) HILL, 3002 Pearl Drive, Suitland, Maryland, Housewife, telephonically advised SA ROGER D. ASHLAND on 4/18/68 the following:

Photograph appearing in the Washington Post, 4/18/68, appears to be a photograph of a person she met several times in the Fall of 1967 at a Hillbilly night club, "Surf Club", Colman Manor area, Bladensburg, Maryland. This individual whom she does not know by name, asked her to dance and she refused as she is married. She said he has also tried to get a date with her, but she refused. She described this individual as follows:

Age:	Approximately 38
Weight:	175 - 180 lbs (Stocky build)
Height:	Approximately 5' 6"
Hair:	Brownish-black, worn rather longer than a crew cut.
Race:	White
Sex:	Male

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She said he usually stood at the bar and she could not recall having ever seen him there with anyone accompanying him. He usually wore plaid short sleeve shirts with blue plaid or small checks design. She added he was a gentleman and talked very nice to her. Mrs. HILL said she believes this person was at the Surf Club the last 2 or 3 times upon Friday or Saturday evening during September, October or November, 1967. She said that he always appears clean and neat.

Mrs. HILL said her mother, HELEN CHATLIN, 3002 Pearl Drive, Suitland, Maryland, a cab driver for Washington Cab Company, was with her when this person was at the Surf Club. She added her mother had not returned home and she has not had an opportunity to discuss the photograph with her mother.

Baltimore is requested to interview Mrs. HILL's mother, HELEN CHATLIN, at the above address for additional information concerning this person. Also to make inquiry at the Surf Club, Bladensburg, Maryland, for information concerning a person believed by Mrs. HILL to be GALT. Mrs. HILL added a woman known as NELLIE is usually behind the bar and the manager, CHECK HILL plays in the band at the Club.

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TO ALL SACS PLAINTEXT

FROM DIRECTOR 5P

MURKIN

THE FOLLOWING PRESS RELEASE WAS ISSUED AT WASHINGTON, D.C., AT 5:45 P.M. THIS AFTERNOON. YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO RELEASE AT 6:00 PM E.S.S/T. ALTHOUGH IT IS REALIZED THE WIRE SERVICES WILL CARRY THE FULL TEXT, YOU SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CONTACT THE LEADING NEWSPAPERS AND RADIO AND TV STATIONS IN YOUR DIVISION TO INSURE IT RECEIVES IMMEDIATE WIDESPREAD DISTRIBUTION. YOU ARE ALSO AUTHORIZED TO IMMEDIATELY MAKE AVAILABLE TO ALL MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES COPIES OF THE TWO PHOTOGRAPHS ALREADY IN YOUR POSSESSION. THE DESCRIPTIVE DATA ON THE BACKS OF THESE PHOTOGRAPHS SHOULD BE DELETED. PHOTOGRAPH NUMBER ONE WITH EYES CLOSED SHOULD CARRY THE CAPTION, "ERIC STARVO GALT, ALSO KNOWN AS HARVEY LOWMYER AND JOHN WILLARD." PHOTOGRAPH NUMBER TWO SHOULD CARRY THE CAPTION, "ERIC STARVO GALT, ALSO KNOWN AS HARVEY LOWMYER AND JOHN WILLARD (EYES DRAWN IN BY FBI ARTIST)." YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO REPRODUCE LOCALLY ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS AS REQUIRED. YOU SHOULD ATTEMPT TO INSURE THAT THIS RELEASE AND PHOTOGRAPHS RECEIVE REPEATED COVERAGE BY RADIO AND TV STATIONS. YOU ARE TO MAKE NO ELABORATION WHATSOEVER REGARDING THIS RELEASE.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

APRIL 17, 1968

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ACCORDING TO MR. HOOVER, PERSONS WHO HAVE MET GALT DESCRIBE HIM AS A "LONER" AND STATE HIS LANGUAGE AND DICTATION 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.

THE FEDERAL STATUTE UNDER WHICH GALT HAS BEEN CHARGED PROVIDES A MAXIMUM PENALTY OF TEN YEARS' IMPRISONMENT AND/OR \$5,000 FINE. BOND OF \$50,000 HAS BEEN RECOMMENDED.

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

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WJH FBI BALTO.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, BALTIMORE (44-669)

DATE: 4/18/68

FROM : SA WARREN DAVID MOBERG

SUBJECT: MURKIN

The following investigation was conducted by SA Moberg on 4/18/68 :

Mr. WILLIAM LEROY GALT,, residing at the home called Fort Venture, Located at Bellevue, Maryland, provided the following informationL:

He is president, treasurer and salesman of the firm known as POKE GALT, Inc., and has his offices in Bellevue, Md. He also uses the nickname POKE GALT. He has been in the Bellevue area for about 6 years, having come from Pennsylvania, where he had the same business located in Alden, Pa. and where he residedX in Clifton ~~XXXX~~ Heights, Pa. His business consists of wholesale plumbing and piping. He still retains an answering service in Philadelphia area as some of his customers still come from there. HMX

He has a brother JOHN PETER GALT, recently retired from the U.S. Navy, who currently resides at 3003 Blue Ridge Avenue, Wheaton, Md. , telephone number 949-2443, and another brother CHARLES P. GALT, residing in San Rafael, California.

GALT has no children of his own. He is married to his second wife who has several children of her own, none of the name GALT.

GALT advised that he is aware of the interest of the FBI in an ERIC STARVO GALT from publicity but has no knowledge of that person. He has never heard the name other than from the wide publicity recently given it and has no relative of that name. He could provide no information which might be of any help in this matter.

GALT viewed a photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT appearing on page # 1 of the Baltimore Sun Paper of 4/18/68 and advised that the man ~~XX~~ is unfamiliar to him.

On 4/18/68 Dr. R. LANE WROTH, St. Michaels, Md., who is acquainted with WILLIAM LEROY GALT of Bellevue, Md., advised that to his knowledge ERIC STARVO GALT is unrelated to WILLIAM L. GALT. Dr. wroth viewed the above mentioned photo of ERIC STARVO GALT but advised that it was totally unfamiliar to him.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, BALTIMORE (44-669)

MURKIN

ReBAtel to Bureau, 4/18/68.

Re: Dance School Project
Suspect - AARON ISAAC LOFTON

Enclosed herewith are copies of the following documents concerning AARON ISAAC LOFTON as mentioned in referenced Baltimore teletype:

1. Statement of Personal History (DD Form 398) dated 2/26/55
2. Army Report of Investigation dated 4/27/55

3 - Bureau (Enc. 2)
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC **BALTIMORE (157-2649) (P)** DATE: **4/19/68**

FROM : SA **ROBERT E. WATERS**

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: **EDWARD PURNELL JACKSON**
RACIAL SOURCE

☐

Dates of Contact 3/15/68 and 4/16/68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted MURKIN - CIVIL RIGHTS 44-669 RACIAL VIOLENCE - RACIAL MATTERS 157-857		
Purpose and results of contact ☒ NEGATIVE ☐ POSITIVE ☐ STATISTIC On 4/16/68 the racial source was contacted on both of the above listed matters but with negative results. He stated that he was not aware of any existing or impending situations which might trigger mob violence or riots in Harford County, Md. and that he feels that there is very little potential for this type of activity within the next six months. Should information along these lines come to his attention he will immediately notify the FBI.		
☒ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating VERY GOOD	Coverage

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, (44-669)

DATE: 4/19/68

FROM : SA/ Gene S. Weimer

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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Re Albany Airtel to [redacted]
Re Albany Tel to [redacted]

SOUTHERN MARYLAND AREA:

On 4/10/68 SA's Gene S. Weimer and James K. Thulin contacted all banking institutions, commercial and military bases, in all law enforcement agencies and credit bureau in Charles and St. Marys Counties, Md. but no record, past or present, of a checking or savings account in name of Eric Starvo Galt.

Also all laundries and dry cleaning plants and shops, civilian and military, in these ~~two~~ counties were contacted with negative results concerning the instant Thermo Seal laundry mark.

The Waldorf Laundry at Waldorf, Md. was the only laundry utilizing the Thermo-Seal ~~marking~~ marking process. Mr. J. Burns, Mgr. of this laundry informed 4/10/68 that this laundry has never used the Thermo-Seal tape to mark underwear but only used on shirts.

Mary Credle, the Thermo-Seal machine operator at Waldorf Laundry, contacted 4/15/68 and she also confirmed that this machine only used to mark shirts and never used to mark underwear.

Mr. J. Burns informed that there is a Mr. Joe Conk of Alexandria, Va. (248-6127) who is the WDC area distributor for the Thermo-Seal marking machine. Also a R.E. Frank Co. of WDC is an area distributor for Thermo-Seal tape. Burns suggested that afore two distributors might be of some help in identifying the instant thermo-seal mark in question. This information telephonically furnished to BA 4/10/68 for consideration of advising WFO and RH.

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TO ALL SACS PLAINTEXT
FROM DIRECTOR (44-38861) 1P

SENT BY TELETYPE

MURKIN

THE PHOTOGRAPHS FURNISHED YOUR OFFICES OF ERIC STARVO
GALT BY ROUTING SLIP FOUR SIXTEEN LAST CONTAIN THE COMPOSITE
DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT AS FURNISHED BY VARIOUS WITNESSES. THE
PHOTOGRAPH WITH THE EYES CLOSED IS THE ACTUAL PHOTOGRAPH AS
TAKEN IN MARCH SIXTY-EIGHT. THE PHOTOGRAPH WITH THE EYES OPEN
IS THE SAME PHOTOGRAPH IN WHICH THE EYES HAVE BEEN DRAWN IN BY
AN ARTIST.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, BALTIMORE (44-669)

DATE: 4/19/68

FROM : SA RAYMOND MARIA

SUBJECT: "MURKIN"

On 4/16/68, representatives of the below listed dance studios, which offered ballroom lessons for adults in New Castle County, Delaware, advised that their respective records made no reference to: ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMYER, or JOHN WILLARD:

SALLY EVERETT
Everett's Dance Studio
724 N. Union St., Wilm., Del.

EDNA DIXON
Arthur Murray Dance Studio
1005 Tatnall St., Wilm., Del.

ELAINE STEIN
Achenbach and Stein Dance Studio
121 E. Van Buren St., Wilm. Manor, New Castle, Del.

HARRY CLIFFORD
Recordo School of Dance
1014 Delaware Avenue, Wilm., Del.

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URGENT 4-18-68 EFH

TO ALL SACS (PLAINTEXT)

FROM DIRECTOR 1P

MURKIN

SENT BY CODED TELETYPE

CONTACTS SHOULD BE MAINTAINED WITH ALL MASS COMMUNICATIONS
MEDIA IN YOUR TERRITORIES TO INSURE THAT THERE IS FREQUENT
REFERENCE TO PHOTOGRAPH OF GALT AND HIS CONNECTION WITH
THIS CASE. IF NOT ALREADY DONE, PHOTOGRAPHS SHOULD BE
SHOWN OR DISTRIBUTED TO LAW ENFORCEMENT AND OTHER APPROPRIATE
AGENCIES IN YOUR AREAS TO INSURE THE BROADEST POSSIBLE
PUBLICATION OF SUBJECT'S PHOTOGRAPH AND BACKGROUND.

OFFICES COVERING POINTS OF ENTRY OR EXIT FROM COUNTRY
INSURE THAT SUBJECT'S PHOTOGRAPH AND BACKGROUND HAVE BEEN
WIDELY DISTRIBUTED AND/OR APPROPRIATELY DISPLAYED AND
THAT STOPS ARE BEING MAINTAINED.

OFFICES COVERING DEPARTURE OR ARRIVAL OF OVERSEAS
FLIGHTS SHOULD ALSO RENEW STOPS AND DISPLAY PHOTOGRAPHS
OF SUBJECT APPROPRIATELY. SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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15 copies of flyer to Customs
15 " " to INS
20 " " to Friendship Airport Police

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

APRIL 19, 1968

ATTORNEY GENERAL RAMSEY CLARK ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THE FBI HAS IDENTIFIED JAMES EARL RAY, AN ESCAPEE FROM THE MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY, AS ERIC STARVO GALT, AGAINST WHOM A FEDERAL COMPLAINT WAS FILED LAST WEDNESDAY IN CONNECTION WITH THE FATAL SHOOTING OF THE REVEREND DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

DIRECTOR J. EDGAR HOOVER SAID THAT A SYSTEMATIC AND EXHAUSTIVE SEARCH OF LATENT FINGERPRINTS UNCOVERED IN THE DR. KING CASE AGAINST THE FINGERPRINTS OF THE OVER 53,000 PERSONS FOR WHOM "WANTED NOTICES" HAVE BEEN POSTED IN THE FILES OF THE FBI'S IDENTIFICATION DIVISION LED TO THE DETERMINATION THAT GALT AND RAY ARE IDENTICAL.

MR. HOOVER SAID THAT RAY, WHO IS 40 YEARS OF AGE, WAS REPORTED MISSING FROM THE MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI, SINCE APRIL 23, 1967. HE HAD BEEN RECEIVED AT THAT INSTITUTION ON MARCH 17, 1967, TO SERVE A 20-YEAR SENTENCE FOLLOWING CONVICTION IN ST. LOUIS FOR ARMED ROBBERY AND FOR OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE WITHOUT PERMISSION OF THE OWNER.

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IN ^{EP}~~SEPTEMBER~~, 1966, WHILE SERVING THIS SENTENCE, HE WAS CONFINED FOR A TIME IN THE MAXIMUM SECURITY WARD AT THE STATE HOSPITAL AT FULTON, MISSOURI.

ACCORDING TO MR. HOOVER, RAY HAS A KNOWN ARREST RECORD DATING BACK TO 1949. PRIOR TO THE 1962 CONVICTION FOR WHICH HE RECEIVED THE 20-YEAR TERM, RAY HAD BEEN CONVICTED OF BURGLARY IN LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, IN 1949; ARMED ROBBERY IN CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, IN 1952; AND FORGING UNITED STATES POSTAL MONEY ORDERS IN MISSOURI IN 1955.

HE HAS SERVED TERMS IN THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY JAIL IN 1949; IN STATE PRISONS AT JOLIET AND PONTIAC, ILLINOIS, IN 1952-54; AND IN THE FEDERAL PENITENTIARY AT LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS, IN 1955-58.

RAY WAS AN ENLISTED MAN IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY FROM FEBRUARY, 1946, TO DECEMBER, 1948, AT WHICH TIME HE WAS GIVEN A GENERAL DISCHARGE DUE TO INEPTNESS AND LACK OF ADAPTABILITY FOR MILITARY SERVICE. WHILE IN THE ARMY, HE RECEIVED A THREE-MONTH SENTENCE AT HARD LABOR FOR BEING DRUNK AND BREAKING ARREST.

MR. HOOVER SAID THAT DURING HIS CRIMINAL CAREER, RAY HAS ALSO USED THE NAMES OF JAMES MC BRIDE, JAMES WALTON, W. C. HERRON AND JAMES O'CONNER. HE IS A WHITE MALE; CLAIMS TO HAVE

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BEEN BORN [REDACTED], IN ILLINOIS; IS APPROXIMATELY 5 FEET 10 INCHES TALL AND WEIGHS ABOUT 163 TO 174 POUNDS. HE HAS BLUE EYES AND BROWN HAIR. THERE IS A SMALL SCAR ON THE CENTER OF HIS FOREHEAD AND A SCAR ON THE PALM OF HIS RIGHT HAND.

RAY HAS CLAIMED THAT HE ATTENDED SCHOOL THROUGH THE 10TH GRADE IN ALTON, ILLINOIS. HE HAS HAD THE REPUTATION OF BEING A "DRIFTER" SINCE LEAVING SCHOOL. HIS VOCATIONAL EXPERIENCE INCLUDES WORKING AS A BAKER, LABORER AND COLOR MATCHER.

IN CONNECTION WITH HIS ESCAPE FROM THE MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY, AN FBI COMPLAINT WAS FILED IN JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI, ON JULY 23, 1967, CHARGING RAY WITH UNLAWFULLY FLEEING FROM THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO AVOID CONFINEMENT. HE HAS BEEN A FEDERAL FUGITIVE SINCE THEN.

RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND EXTREMELY DANGEROUS. ANYONE HAVING INFORMATION CONCERNING HIM SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CONTACT FBI HEADQUARTERS IN WASHINGTON, D. C., OR THE NEAREST FBI OFFICE.
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URGENT 4-19-68 EXR

TO ALL SACS (PLAINTEXT)

FROM DIRECTOR

SENT BY CODED TELETYPE

MURKIN.

THE FOLLOWING PRESS RELEASE HAS JUST BEEN ISSUED AT WASHINGTON THIS AFTERNOON AND YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO MAKE IT IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE TO THE LEADING NEWSPAPERS AND RADIO AND TV STATIONS IN YOUR DIVISION. EVERY EFFORT MUST BE MADE TO INSURE REPEATED AND WIDESPREAD DISTRIBUTION OF THIS INFORMATION. COPIES OF THE 1963 PHOTOGRAPH OF SUBJECT ALREADY IN YOUR POSSESSION AND WANTED FLYERS SHOULD ALSO BE MADE AVAILABLE TO MEDIA CONTACTS. NO ELABORATION WHATSOEVER MAY BE MADE REGARDING THIS RELEASE. ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING INVESTIGATIVE LEADS WILL FOLLOW SHORTLY.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, BALTIMORE (44-669)

FROM : THOMAS R. CHERIGO

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/10/68

The attached self-explanatory memorandum was furnished to this office by Postal Inspector R. M. BOCK.

Mr. BOCK stated that postal employee LAWRENCE J. HAWKINS suggested that PHILLIP JENKINS may be a suspect in captioned case.

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see 157-1694-38

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Jenkins is not ident with subject this case



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April 10, 1968

MEMORANDUM

At 10:15 a.m. on April 10, 1968, a telephone call was received from Lawrence J. Hawkins who lives at 3708 Dolfield Avenue, whose home telephone number is 664-5520. Mr. Hawkins is a postal employee at the Airmail Section of the Main Post Office, and his telephone number there is 962-4230.

Mr. Hawkins related that he viewed a television program last night on which there appeared a composite of the alleged killer of Martin Luther King, Jr. Mr. Hawkins stated that the composite resembled closely a white man by the name of Philip Jenkins, who picketed the CORE convention at Broadway and Gay Street, Baltimore, in July 1966. Hawkins states that Jenkins' picture was in the paper at that time.

Hawkins also advised that Jenkins was connected with an organization by the name of Peace International in the 800 block of N. Gay Street, Baltimore, but that the organization is no longer there. Hawkins also advised that Jenkins founded a rifle club on Gay Street and Baltimore.

The above information was transmitted by telephone at 10:30 a.m. this date to Tom Cherigo, Baltimore FBI, who advised that Philip Jenkins is known to them.

R. M. Bock

R. M. Bock
Postal Inspector

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cc: Inspector in Charge
Washington, D. C.

Baltimore FBI ✓

CENTRAL
Savings Bank

CHARLES AND LEXINGTON STS., BALTIMORE, MD. 21203

INCORPORATED 1854

MEMBER FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

LEXINGTON 9-1636

April 17, 1968

Mr. Edwin R. Tully
Special Agent in Charge
United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
408 Post Office Building
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

44-669-48

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Re: Eric Starvo Galt

Dear Mr. Tully:

Eric S. Galt
Eric Galt

In reply to your inquiry we have examined
our records but have found no instance of
Mr. Galt having transacted any business with us.

Very truly yours,

Robert A. Smith

Robert A. Smith
Asst. Vice President

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

408 Post Office Building
Baltimore, Maryland 21202
April 10, 1968

TO ALL BANKS, SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATIONS IN THE STATES OF
MARYLAND AND DELAWARE

Gentlemen:

In connection with an urgent official investigation being conducted by the FBI, it is requested that all customer records of your institution be checked to determine if the name ERIC STARVO GALT appears in your records as having ever transacted any business with your institution.

If this name should appear in your files, it is requested that you telephonically contact the Baltimore Office of the FBI collect, Area Code 301 - Lexington 9-6700, immediately.

Any answer to this reply will be maintained in the strictest confidence. Should at any time in the future information from this record check be required for court production, a subpoena duces tecum directed to the proper authority will be issued.

I appreciate very much your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Edwin R. Tully
Edwin R. Tully
Special Agent in Charge

WE FIND

NO RECORD

IN THIS EXACT STYLE

IF YOU CAN PROVIDE ANY ADDITIONAL
INFORMATION SUCH AS TYPE OF ACCOUNT
OR BRANCH WE WILL BE PLEASED
TO RECHECK.

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THE EQUITABLE TRUST COMPANY
CREDIT DEPARTMENT

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I appreciate very much your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Edwin R. Tully
Edwin R. Tully
Special Agent in Charge

An examination of our files does not disclose that any transactions have been handled for Eric Starvo Galt.

APR 16 1968

BALTIMORE BRANCH
FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF BALTIMORE
FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

BY

[Signature]
MGR. FISCAL AGENCY DEPT.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (44-38861)

DATE: 4/19/68

FROM : SAC, Kansas City (44-760)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Enclosed to the Bureau are six copies and to each office one copy of the following photographs:

JAMES EARL RAY, Missouri Department of
Correction #00416, dated 3/17/60 and
9/8/66

WALTER TERRY RIFE, Kansas City SO #29636
FBI #4558766

Stand up photographs of RAY on the left, Kansas City SO
#29637 and RIFE, Kansas City SO 29236, taken 3/28/55.

2 - Bureau (Encs. 24) (AM)
2 - Each Field Office (Encs. 4) (AM)
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4/22/68

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REGISTERED MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, BALTIMORE (44-669)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re phone calls from Bureau to Baltimore and from Baltimore to Bureau, 4/20/68 and Hyattsville RA phone call to WFO, 4/22/68.

Information received from Bureau supervisor late p.m., 4/20/68 that individual driving Ford Fairlane bearing Maryland license DN 4120, bore strong resemblance to JAMES EARL RAY.

Records, Department of Motor Vehicles, Glen Burnie, Maryland, checked 4/20/68 reflect Maryland license DN 4120 was listed to CHARLES LEROY SELL, 4107 Southern Avenue, Suitland, Maryland.

Mrs. RAMONA WEST, Resident Manager, Penn Southern Apartments, 4135 Southern Avenue, Suitland, Maryland, advised late p.m., 4/20/68 that her records reflect CHARLES LEROY SELL formerly resided at 4107 Southern Avenue; however, he moved sometime in March, 1968 to an unknown address. All records relative to former occupants of apartments are maintained at the WHH Investment Company, 2015 15th Street, Washington, D.C., at the new Dunbar Hotel. Mrs. WEST could not furnish any description of SELL.

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WFO at 2015 15th Street, Washington, D.C., ascertain all information relative to SELL and conduct necessary investigation as to who was driving his vehicle p.m., 4/20/68.

Ascertain if there is any connection between SELL and JAMES EARL RAY.

SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, BALTIMORE (44-669)

DATE: 4/18/68

FROM : Supervisor ROBERT E. ALMON

SUBJECT: MURKIN

At approximately 12:00 noon, 4/18/68, KYLE G. CLARK, ASAC, Chicago, called re captioned case. They advised that an individual, identified as HERBERT O. OTT, checked into a YMCA in Chicago and has been identified by four individuals as possibly being ident with subject GALT. Records available to them reflect that OTT listed his residence as 327 Westowne Road, Baltimore, Maryland, and that he was employed by A.G. Food Company, Baltimore, Maryland, telephone #539-6696.

CLARK advised that they were unable to locate any Baltimore listing for OTT and requested Baltimore to immediately make a pretext call to the A.G. Food Company for any available information concerning OTT.

While ASAC was on the phone, SA ALMON telephonically contacted the A.G. Food Company under a suitable pretext, requesting information concerning OTT.

Their records indicate that a HERBERT O. OTT, who was born on [redacted], worked as a laborer with A.G. Food Company (Gino's Restaurants) from 10/65 until he quit on 2/25/68. The last Gino's Store he worked at was at 6333 Baltimore National Pike. The last Baltimore address, according to their records, was 5641 Calyrn Road, and the individual advised that the name of this street could be wrong as it was written illegibly. A.G. Food had no idea of OTT's current location and had received no inquiries concerning him, such as an employment reference.

This information was immediately furnished to ASAC CLARK, who said that when the matter was resolved that his office would submit a teletype concerning the results and furnish a copy to Baltimore for information.



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Memorandum

TO : SAC, BALTIMORE (44-669)

DATE: 4/20/68

FROM : SAC, WFO (44-703)

SUBJECT: MURKIN - CR
OO:MEMPHIS

105-6362

At 8:00 P.M. on 4/19/68 LESTER L. KIMBLE (retired Lieutenant, United States Navy) who resides at Box 109 Clarksburg, Maryland, telephone number 301-926-3522, furnished SA LOUIS A. CRESCIOLI, the following information:

At 7:30 P.M. on 4/19/68 KIMBLE was in the Midway Diner, which is located on left hand side of Maryland Route Number 355, as you go north from Gaithersburg, Maryland. The owner of this diner, who is about 40 years old, 6' tall, dark hair, medium build, 190 pounds, and sallow complexion, resembles the photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT. The owner's name is unknown to KIMBLE.

KIMBLE requested that his identity not be revealed as the source of the above information.

LEAD:

BALTIMORE OFFICE

AT GAITHERSBURG, MARYLAND

Will conduct appropriate investigation re owner of Midway Diner.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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Info from K. Sampson
by SA Clopin
4/20/68, 10:30
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, BALTIMORE

DATE: 4/20/68

FROM : SA FRANCIS C. O'NEIL

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Bureau Supervisor MARLING GEHRING, Civil Rights Desk, telephonically advised at 4:15 P.M. that the bureau received telephone call from TOMAS EVANS, from Temple Hills, S.E., telephone 894-3242, to the effect he picked up an individual whom he felt looked like the person wanted in this case. This person was hitchhiking at 12:30 P.M. Thursday, 4/18/68 at the beltway and Baltimore-Washington Expressway when picked up. He dropped him off in the Suitland, Maryland area across from Census Bldg. This person claimed he had been transferred from Suitland area to work for the Moran Printing Co., Candler Bldg., Market Place and Pratt St., Baltimore. Complainant alleges he also worked at same printing company at one time and did not know this person. He described this hitchhiker as age 38-40, white male, 5'10 1/2", 170-185 lbs., ruddy complexion, medium build, crew cut hair, shaggy, gray streaks, slight southern accent, brown slacks, sport shirt, cheap blue jacket.

Baltimore directories failed to reflect a Moran Printing Co.
LEAD:

BALTIMORE

AT SUITLAND, MARYLAND

Telephone THOMAS EVANS to obtain further information regarding the Moran Printing Co.

This lead telephoned to SA JOHN S. MULHOLLAND
4:20 P.M.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), BALTIMORE, AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM SAN FRANCISCO (173-65) /1P/

MURKIN.

RE-- SUSPECT ERIC STARVO GALT.

CHARLES P. GALT, PROPRIETOR, GALT ADVERTISING AGENCY,
ONE THREE ZERO BUSH STREET, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, TELEPHONE
THREE SIX TWO DASH ZERO SEVEN FOUR ONE, ADVISED THAT HE RESIDES
AT ONE SIX BALANOS DRIVE, SAN RAFAEL, CALIFORNIA, TELEPHONE FOUR SEVEN
NINE DASH TWO SEVEN ZERO ONE. HE ADVISED THAT THE NAME ERIC STARVO
GALT DOES NOT MEAN ANYTHING TO HIM. HE ADVISED HE NEVER HEARD OF THIS
NAME UNTIL HE READ ABOUT SUSPECT IN THE NEWSPAPERS. HE ADVISED
HE HAS TWO BROTHERS RESIDING IN MARYLAND, JOHN P. GALT, RESIDING IN
WHEATON, MARYLAND, AND WILLIAM LEROY GALT, RESIDING IN TALBOT COUNTY,
BELLVUE, MARYLAND.

LEADS. BALTIMORE LOCATE AND INTERVIEW JOHN P. GALT AT WHEATON,
MARYLAND, AND WILLIAM LEROY GALT AT TALBOT COUNTY, BELLVUE, MARYLAND.

OTHER STATIONS NOTIFIED SEPARATELY.

END.

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*Mayo advised - 10:15 AM
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VAND advised 10:55 PM
HES advised JMW*

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
 FROM: SAC, ALBANY (44-493) (P)
 SUBJECT: MURKIN
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 (OO:MEMPHIS)

Re Albany telephone calls to Bureau, Memphis, Birmingham, New York, Boston, Atlanta, Jackson, Mobile, 4/6-9/68; and Bureau teletype to all offices, 4/9/68.

Following is a list by states of all Thermo-Seal machines capable of producing 5 character tapes, 1 1/8" long, 1/4" wide, as provided by Mr. DONALD BROTON, Textile Marking Machine Company, 2204 Erie Boulevard East, Syracuse, N. Y.

For the information of offices not previously advised, the following is furnished:

3 - Bureau	5 - Milwaukee
5 - Memphis (44-1987)	5 - Minneapolis
5 - Albuquerque	5 - Mobile
5 - Atlanta	5 - New Haven
5 - Baltimore	5 - Norfolk
5 - Birmingham	5 - Omaha
5 - Butte	5 - Phoenix
5 - Charlotte	5 - Portland
5 - Columbia 5 - Denver	5 - Richmond
5 - Jackson	5 - Salt Lake City
5 - Jacksonville	5 - Savannah
5 - Knoxville	5 - Seattle
5 - Las Vegas	5 - Tampa
5 - Little Rock	5 - WFO
5 - Louisville	5 - Albany
5 - Miami	

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 Special Agent in Charge

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Search of premises believed occupied by Unsub who assassinated Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING on 4/4/68, disclosed suitcase in which was located tee-shirt and undershorts bearing laundry mark on red tape with black lettering believed to be thermo-seal type, manufactured by Textile Marking Machine Co., Inc., Syracuse, N. Y. The tape is $\frac{1}{4}$ " wide and $1 \frac{1}{16}$ " long and bears letters and numbers 02B-6.

02B-6

Experts at Textile Marking Machine Company advise type on this machine is unusual in that the first two characters are 15 point type and the last three characters are 18 point type, with the middle character, the letter B, probably being narrow rather than regular type. The usual machine carries 15 point type for the first three characters and 18 point type for the last two characters.

Textile Marking Machine experts also stated this machine is defective in that it is producing a tape $1 \frac{1}{16}$ " long instead of $1 \frac{1}{8}$ " long and is not projecting the tape far enough resulting in cutting off a portion of the first letter. The code used in the Northeast part of the U. S. is as follows:

The first letter O stands for lot number; the first number 2 indicates the day of the week, two being Tuesday; the second letter indicates the first letter of the store name, this is the letter B; the last number is the bundle number, this is 6. Color coding of the tag may designate various things such as a different month or the identity of a store in a chain. Experts also state the use of this system on laundry items is unusual in that the system is normally used on garments being dry cleaned.

The Bureau has instructed that all textile machines using this type tape be located and machines using this code be identified.

ALABAMA

(These names were obtained and furnished to the Birmingham Office telephonically on 4/5/68.)

Alexander City Laundry
Alexander City, Alabama

Capitol City Laundry
507 South Decatur
Montgomery, Alabama

Homer L. Corum
2508 Memorial Parkway South
Huntsville, Alabama

Empire Rouse, Inc.
1083 Adams Avenue
Montgomery, Alabama

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Oakwood College Laundry Dept.
Huntsville, Alabama

James F Odell
Huntsville, Alabama

Quality Laundry and Cleaners
Auburn, Alabama

Snow White Laundry and Cleaners
9052 Park Avenue
Enterprise, Alabama

White Swan Laundry
Huntsville, Alabama

Young's Laundry
216 North College Street
Auburn, Alabama

Following machines were originally located as shown
but have been sold or otherwise disposed of by the purchasers,
present owners not known:

Bishop Cleaners and Laundry
Dothan, Alabama
Model H5M4B-1, Serial #33095

Chin's Laundry,
361 St Louis Street
Mobile Alabama
Model H5K1, Serial Nos. R32111, R32112, R32114, R32021,
R32023, R32167, and R31886

Palace Laundry
701 St Anthony Street
Mobile, Alabama
Model H5K4, Serial Nos. R32514, R32535

Above was furnished to Mobile by Albany teletype,
4/9/68, and by prior telephone call.

ARIZONA

Acme Laundry
3316 North 3rd Street
Phoenix, Arizona

Allen's Cleaners
4192 North 40th Street
Phoenix, Arizona

American Laundry
101 South San Francisco
Flagstaff, Arizona

Bartoli's Cleaners
9103 North Central
Phoenix, Arizona

Cleaners and Laundry Equipment Co.
Carmelbush Mail
Scottsdale, Arizona

Gila Valley Laundry
Safford, Arizona

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Clover Cleaners and Laundry
2543 North Campbell
Tucson, Arizona

Jim Dandy Cleaners
1119 East 6th Street
Tucson, Arizona

Hammerton Laundry
1718 West Buckeye Road
Phoenix, Arizona

Maroney Cleaners
4903 North Central
Phoenix, Arizona

McKane Laundry
245 West Madison
Phoenix, Arizona

Oliver Drachonan Laundry
300 East 6th Street
Tucson, Arizona

Phoenix Laundry
333 North 7th Street
Phoenix, Arizona

Pioneer Laundry and Dry Cleaners
1400 North First Avenue
Tucson, Arizona

Pride Laundry and Cleaners
3192 East Indian School Storage
Phoenix, Arizona

San-Way Valet Laundry
551 North Country Club Drive
Mesa, Arizona

Sparkle Laundry and Cleaners
4500 East Broadway
Tucson, Arizona

Sparkle Laundry and Cleaners
1801 East McDowell
Phoenix, Arizona

Spic and Span Cleaners
P. O. Box 189
Kingsman, Arizona

Varsity Cleaners and Laundry
921 East 3rd Street
Tucson, Arizona

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ARKANSAS

Acme Laundry Cleaners, Harrison, Arkansas

Broadmon (OHM), Broadmon Shopping Center,
University Ave., Little Rock

City Laundry & Cleaners, 425 Main St., Malvern

Fayetteville 1-Hour Martinizing, Evelyn Hill
Shopping Center, Fayetteville

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COLORADO

American Sales
321 W 45th Avenue
Denver, Colorado

Arrow Laundry
29th and Wyandoth
Denver, Colorado

Broadmoor Hotel,
Laundry Dept
Colorado Springs, Colorado

Capital Laundry and Cleaners
13th and Federal
Denver, Colorado

City Elite Laundry
2701 Lawrence
Denver, Colorado

Couture Laundry and Cleaners
219-221 N Cascade
Colorado Springs, Colorado

Denver Hilton Hotel
1551 Court Place
Denver, Colorado

Denver Laundry
810 West 18th Street
Denver, Colorado

Ideal Laundry and Cleaners
2500 Curtis Street
Denver, Colorado

New Fashion Cleaners
10033 East Colfax
Aurora, Colorado

New Method Laundry
939 E Colfax
Denver, Colorado

New Method Laundry and Cleaners
321 Rood Avenue
Grand Junction, Colorado

Scientific Supply Company
800 Water Street
Denver, Colorado

Sew-Equipment Inc.
825 Water Street
Denver, Colorado

Snow-White Laundry
2515 W. Colorado Springs Blvd.
Colorado Springs, Colorado

Sunnyside Cleaners
1420 W. 26 Avenue
Denver, Colorado

Thompson-Hayward Chemical Co.
1501 West 13th Avenue
Denver, Colorado