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SAC (170-171) (P)

4/12/68

SA RAYMOND D. ANGLE, JR.

EDWARD (NMN) SMITH
PRI

SMITH was contacted on 4/5/68, for any information he might have concerning the feeling of the Negro element in Jamestown, N.Y., as a result of the assassination of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING at Memphis, Tenn., on 4/4/68.

SMITH advised that although there is a great deal of concern over Dr. KING's assassination, there has been no violent activity occurring, and he anticipates none. He advised that elements of the Negro population in Jamestown, N.Y., will undoubtedly conduct memorial services for Dr. KING, however, he anticipates no violence as a result of his assassination.

With regard to the general racial condition in Jamestown, N.Y., SMITH advised that the Negro is not uneasy, and he does not anticipate violence during the coming summer months. He advised that the primary concern of Negro leaders and local officials, are the housing conditions which have previously been reported and are being attended to by city officials. He advised that at the present time, the Negro community has no specific objectives, and he feels that inasmuch as city officials are heeding the requests of Negro leaders concerning the housing conditions, that this will satisfy the Negro community at this time.

SMITH advised that should any information come to his attention that might indicate violence will occur, concerning the assassination of Dr. KING or any other matter, he will immediately advise SA ANGLE.

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SAC (170-173) (P)

4/12/68

SA RAYMOND D. ANGLE, JR.

VIOLA F. WILFORM, Nee
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PRI

WILFORM was contacted on 4/5/68, for the express purpose of evaluating the feelings of the Negro community as a result of the assassination of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, on 4/4/68.

WILFORM advised that her observations are that the Negro community is shocked over this assassination, and is unable to determine an explanation for Dr. KING's assassination. She advised that although there is general mourning, there appears to be no sentiment for a racial demonstration, and she anticipates no outbreak of violence, as a result of the assassination.

WILFORM advised that the general racial conditions in Jamestown are good, and she sees no reason for the Negroes to create trouble during the coming months. She advised that the Negro leaders and city officials are in constant communication and objectives sought by the Negro community, which are mainly better housing conditions, are constantly under study. WILFORM advised that she anticipates no problems among the Negro and white element for the coming summer months.

She advised, however, that should any information come to her attention which would indicate unrest among the Negro community, she will immediately make this information available to SA ANGLE.

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SAC (170-172) (P)

4/12/68

SA RAYMOND D. ANGLE, JR.

ALFRED (NMN) WILLIAMS, JR.
PRI

WILLIAMS was contacted on 4/5/68, in an effort to determine the feeling of the Negro community as a result of the assassination of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING.

WILLIAMS advised that all indications are the Negro is extremely shocked and puzzled by the assassination of Dr. KING, however, there are no planned demonstrations and he anticipates no acts of violence as a result of the assassination. He feels that the Negro leaders in the community will hold some sort of a memorial service for Dr. KING, however, he anticipates no outbreak of violence, or any other acts of disorder.

WILLIAMS advised that the general racial condition in Jamestown, N.Y. is good, and he sees no probability of violence occurring during the coming summer months, without some form of provocation. He advised that the relationship between the Negro leaders and city officials is good, and there is a minimum problem with regard to the Negro youth and law enforcement. He advised that the main objectives sought by the Negro community are currently being pushed by the NAACP and the Youth Group of the NAACP and these pertain to better housing conditions. He advised that the community leaders have open minds and are willing to discuss mutual problems with Negro leadership.

WILLIAMS advised that should any information come to his attention which would indicate a potential outbreak of violence, or should a demonstration be planned, he would immediately furnish this information to SA ANGLE.

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Landlord Reveals**FBI's Sketch Matches Galt**

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP)—A boarding house owner disclosed Monday he told FBI agents investigating the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. that drawings of a man they were hunting closely resembled a roomer named Eric Galt.

"That's the man. The resemblance is close enough, I'm sure," said Peter Cherpes, 72, owner of the South Side boarding house where he said an Eric Galt lived for six weeks last fall, then dropped from sight.

Mystery Deepens

Developments Monday brought a deepening mystery to the background of the man called Eric Galt. He had said he was employed at a Mississippi shipyard, but there was no record of his name on the employe list in Louisiana, where Galt had said he held a driver's license.

there was no such record on state files. It was much the same story with other efforts to trace Galt.

Cherpes said he identified FBI drawings very similar to one composed by a newspaper artist from descriptions of a man seen fleeing the assassination scene April 4 in Memphis, Tenn.

The FBI declined comment. Hunt spreads.

But, within a week after Dr. King's slaying, the FBI was hunting a man identified as Eric Starvo Galt, whose last known address was the Birmingham boarding house. The hunt had spread into several states.

An FBI "locate and notify" alert for Galt was put out last Thursday over the Florida police network, but was with-

drawn four hours later as erroneous. At the same time, FBI agents impounded in Atlanta a white Ford Mustang with an Alabama tag issued to Eric Starvo Galt.

The abandoned Mustang matched the description of a suspected getaway car in Memphis.

Told to Keep Quiet

Cherpes said he first was told not to talk about Galt. He said he asked the FBI two days ago if he could discuss the matter and was told, "We suggest you don't, but we can't keep you from it."

Cherpes said the man known as Eric Starvo Galt had a room at the Highland Avenue boarding house from Aug. 26 to Oct. 7, 1967. He registered here that he came from Pascagoula, Miss., Cherpes said.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-374)

DATE: 4/15/68

FROM : SA WALTER J. SAMELSTAD

SUBJECT: MURKIN
(OO MEMPHIS)

Re memo of SA R. GORDON EDDY, 4/9/68.

The following investigation was conducted by SA WALTER J. SAMELSTAD.

The 1968 Rochester Telephone Directory, 1967 Rochester City and Suburban Directories contain no listing for Harvey Lowmeyer or Lowmyer.

On April 12, 1968, Miss Arlene Airy, Credit Bureau of Rochester, Rochester, N.Y., advised their records contain no listing for Harvey Lowmeyer or Lowmyer.

On April 12, 1968, SA ANDREW MANNING reviewed records of the Board of Elections, County of Monroe, Rochester, N.Y. and no record was found for Harvey Lowmeyer or Lowmyer.

The records of the Rochester, N.Y., PD and Monroe County Sheriff's Office, Rochester, N.Y., contain no record for Harvey Lowmeyer or Lowmyer.

62 Laundries were contacted in Rochester, N.Y., by the following with negative results.

SA H.H. HIGGINS
SA D. C. LIVINGSTONE
SA THOMAS J. MOORE
SA JOSEPH J. CAIN

15 Dancing Schools in the Rochester, N.Y. area were contacted by the following with negative results.

SA ANDREW MANNING
SA D.C. LIVINGSTONE
SA RICHARD FOLEY
SAA MAURICE ANTHONY

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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DATE: 4/15/68

FROM : SA RICHARD W. RUDY

SUBJECT: MURKIN
(OO: Memphis)

Ref memo of SA R. Gordon Eddy, 4/10/68.

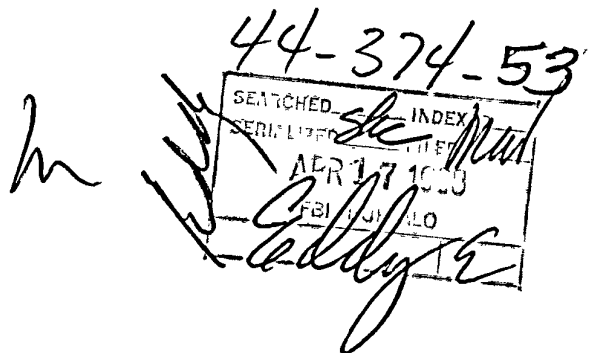
On 4/15/68 the following laundry representatives advised they did not use the laundry numbering system of "02B-6" or D2B-6.":

Mrs. Barbara Swan, American Dry Cleaners and Shirt Laundry, 3039 Lake St., Horseheads, N. Y.;
Miss Cleo Weston, C & K Laundry, Robinson Bldg., Elmira, N.Y.;
Erma Westbrook, Cicci Dry Cleaners and Shirt Laundry, 717 Lake St., Elmira, N. Y.;
Mrs. Ethyl Smith, Diamond Cleaners, 400 Broadway, Elmira, N.Y.;
Mrs. Bella Loeb, Quick Service Laundry & Dry Cleaners, 203 W. 5th, Elmira, N. Y.;
Mrs. Ruth Mattison, South Corning Laundry, 410 Park Ave., Corning, N. Y.;
Seleta Smith, Watson's Laundry and Dry Cleaning Service, 26 Liberty St., Bath, N. Y.; and
Earl Coleman, Mgr., Looohn's Cleaners and Launderers, Inc., 450 Canisteo St., Hornell, N. Y.

In accordance with instructions above contacts made telephonically.

Route copy this memo to SA R. Gordon Eddy.

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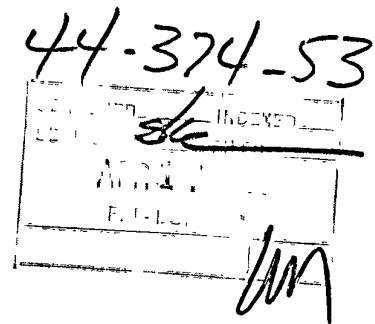
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SUBJECT: MURKIN
(OO: Memphis)

Ref phone call from SA R. Gordon Eddy, 4/15/68
requesting that dance studios be checked for any record
of Eric Starva Galt. The following each advised they had
no record of Galt;

Onifer Patrick, Mgr., Arthur Murray's, 145 W. Water St.,
Elmira, N. Y.;
Halina Lutomski, owner, Madame Halina School of Dance Art,
410 W. Gray St., Elmira, N. Y.; and
Mrs. Victor Nowlan, owner, Nowlan's Academy of Dance Arts,
214 John St., Horseheads, N. Y.

The Corning, N. Y. phone directory merely referred to
above Arthur Murray's and Madame Halina; Bath, N. Y. phone
book was negative; and Hornell, N. Y. phone book referred
to Geri Callahan, Tap-Jazz-Ballet-Baton-Acrobatic.

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Birth Date

Birthplace

Race

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U - Unavailable reference

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-374) (P)

FROM : SA JAMES A. COMFORT

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/17/68

RE: Suspect Dr. ALVIN EUGENE FRENCH

Dr. F. C. TRAPP, Gowanda State Hospital, Helmuth, New York, made available hospital records relative to Dr. ALVIN EUGENE FRENCH on 4/8/68. The file showed FRENCH entered the Hospital as a patient on 3/26/64, #31598. He was discharged on 7/29/65. His illness was diagnosed as dementia praecox, type paranoid.

His wife was shown as BARBARA J. FRENCH, Ripley and Clymer, New York. There was this comment: "My husband's condition deteriorated. He became emotionally deranged, accompanied by increasing aggressive tendencies, hostilities and hate -- expressed desire to harm me -- blaming me for all his troubles." File noted further: "Remained disturbed, resentful, negativistic and paranoid first few weeks."

FRENCH filed a Medical Staff application at Gowanda on which he showed his date of birth as 8/12/27, Marion, Indiana. His Social Security No. is [REDACTED]. He claimed to be married, with three children. He graduated from Houghton College, Houghton, New York, on 6/6/49 with a major in General Science. He graduated from the Albany Medical College, Albany, New York, on 6/5/53, receiving New York State License No. 87822.

FRENCH said he had been in private practice at Ripley, New York, from 8/3/64 to 12/28/64. He had military service from 8/6/45 to 8/8/46. He had served his internship at Hamot Hospital, Erie, Pennsylvania, from 7/1/53 to 6/30/54. He had been Assistant Physician-in-Charge at Rotefunk Mission Hospital, Rotefunk, Sierra Leone, West Africa, from March 1956 to April 1957 and Physician-in-Charge at Mattru Mission Hospital, Mattru-Jory, Sierra Leone, West Africa, from April 1957 to May 1959.

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FRENCH said he had been Resident in Psychiatry at University Hospital, Ann Arbor, Michigan, from 9/1/59 to 8/31/62. He was Senior Resident Psychiatrist at the VA Hospital in Ann Arbor from 12/29/62 to 6/8/63.

FRENCH gave as references:

JOHN TREDWAY, M.D.
233 West 8th Street
Erie, Pennsylvania

HERBERT SHAMALE, M.D.
Department of Psychiatry
University Hospital
Ann Arbor, Michigan

RAYMOND W. WAGGONER, M.D.
Department of Psychiatry
University Hospital
Ann Arbor, Michigan

ROSALIE GINZ, M.D.
Department of Psychiatry
VA Hospital
Ann Arbor, Michigan

The following additional data appeared in FRENCH's file:

He was employed by Gowanda on 7/29/65 as a Senior Psychiatrist. His parents were identified as CLARENCE F. and ETHEL FRENCH, Lake Street, Ransomville, New York. His wife was shown as BARBARA FRENCH, 30 E. Frederick Street, Corry, Pennsylvania. His children were identified as:

DEBORAH, 13
REBECCA, 12
SHIRLEY, 7
(Presumably in 1965)

Dr. TRAPP made available a fingerprint card on FRENCH, which he desires returned.

DR. TRAPP SAID FRENCH IS POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-374) (P)

FROM : SA THOMAS ALVA GRAY, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/17/68

RE: NORMAN R. WERTZ
BOMBING SUSPECT

Captioned individual is the only bombing suspect in the Buffalo Division.

On 4/10/68, MAUREEN MC QUILLEN, Personnel Department, Records Division, Linde Company, Division of Union Carbide Corporation, Factory and Laboratory, East Park Drive and Woodward Avenue, Town of Tonawanda, New York, advised SA THOMAS ALVA GRAY, JR. that NORMAN R. WERTZ was presently employed at this location of Linde Company as a Senior Technician and had been so employed since 5/9/66. She stated that their records listed WERTZ's date of birth as 9/29/30, and that WERTZ resided at S-3604 North Buffalo Road, Orchard Park, New York, telephone 662-7320. She said that WERTZ works from 8:00 AM to 4:45 PM on Monday through Friday, plus overtime, and that WERTZ was working at this plant on 3/29, 3/30 and 4/4/68.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-374) (P)

DATE: 4/17/68

FROM : SA R. GORDON EDDY

SUBJECT: MURKIN
SUSPECT ERIC STARVO GALT, aka
Harvey Lowmyer,
John Willard

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- 1 - JAMESTOWN RA
- 1 - NIAGARA FALLS RA
- 1 - OLEAN RA
- 1 - ROCHESTER RA
- 1 - SA R. GORDON EDDY

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Date April 16, 1968

RE: MURKIN

☐ For information Retention optional ☒ For appropriate action ☐ Surep, by _____

☐ The enclosed is for your information. If used in a future report, ☐ conceal all sources, ☐ paraphrase contents.

☐ Enclosed are corrected pages from report of SA _____ dated _____

Remarks:

The attached photographs are to be retained in the personal possession of the SAC until otherwise instructed by the Bureau.

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TO DIRECTOR, SEATTLE, BUFFALO AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM CHICAGO (44-1114) 2P

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REVIEW OF CENTRAL RECORDS, INS, CHICAGO, CONTAIN NO
RECORD FOR ERIC STARVO GALT OR OTHER NAMES THIS CASE. LIST
OF SEAMEN WHO JUMPED SHIP IN CHICAGO FOR YEARS SIXTY SIX AND
SIXTY SEVEN REVIEWED NEGATIVELY.

INS NATIONAL OUTLOOK BOOK WHICH CONTAINS LISTING OF
INDIVIDUALS WHO MIGHT BE WANTED BY INS OR WHO ARE TO BE
DENIED ADMISSION TO THE US CONTAINED THE NAMES OF THE FOLLOWING
TWO INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE TO BE DENIED ADMITTANCE.

JAMES DONALD GALT, BORN FEBRUARY THREE, TWENTY SEVEN,
CANADIAN NATIONAL, WHO HAD BEEN PREVIOUSLY DEPORTED AS A
CRIMINAL FOR COMMITTING CRIME OUTSIDE US. MAIN FILE LOCATED
BUFFALO, NEW YORK, NUMBER A ONE ZERO FOUR THREE SEVEN EIGHT NINE TWO.

MAURICE JOSEPH GALT, BORN AUGUST TWENTY ONE, THIRTY FOUR,
CANADIAN NATIONAL, WHO HAD BEEN CONVICTED OF CRIME MORE THAN
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ONCE OUTSIDE US. MAIN FILE SEATTLE, WASHINGTON, UNDER
A ONE THREE FOUR NINE SEVEN SIX ZERO TWO.

BUFFALO AND SEATTLE AT INS REVIEW MAIN FILE FOR
INDIVIDUALS MENTIONED ABOVE. DETERMINE IF ANY RELATIVE NAMED
ERIC STARVO GALT. OBTAIN PHOTO AND PRINTS IF AVAILABLE FOR
ELIMINATION OR OTHERWISE ELIMINATE IN THIS CASE.

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BUFFALO, NEW YORK, NUMBER A ONE ZERO FOUR THREE SEVEN EIGHT NINE TWO.

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FROM: SAC ALBANY (44-493)

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RE CHICAGO TEL BUREAU APRIL FIFTEEN LAST.

MRS. ROGER MAC ARTHUR, NEE DOROTHY GALT, AND SISTER
MRS. MILDRED RAIBLE, NEE GALT, MARLBORO, VERMONT, ADVISED
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NOTHING TO THEM AND ARE NOT KNOWN RELATIVES. BOTH ADVISED
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OR OTHER SOUTHERN STATES. ADDRESSES OF THE FOLLOWING
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CALIFORNIA, DESCRIBED BY SISTERS AS SOMEWHAT MENTAL AND
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DISTANT RELATIVES OF FAMILY AS FOLLOWS:

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FOR INFO SAN FRANCISCO AND LOS ANGELES, RETEL REQUESTED ALBANY TO CONTACT MRS. MAC ARTHUR FORMERLY OF HINSDALE, ILLINOIS, CONCERNING GALT FAMILY RESIDING CALIFORNIA AND GEORGIA.

SAN FRANCISCO AND LOS ANGELES CONTACT ABOVE IN RESPECTIVE AREAS IN ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY SUSPECT ERIC STARVO GALT.

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Galt Is Charged by FBI

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — The FBI charged Eric Starvo Galt Wednesday with conspiracy in the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Joe Gamble, special agent in charge of the FBI office at Birmingham, said he issued the complaint Wednesday.

Declines to Comment

Gamble declined to comment on whether the FBI considered itself closer to an arrest than before Galt was officially named in the case.

The charging of Galt was first announced Wednesday by the FBI in Washington.

In the first official mention of a conspiracy in connection with the April 4 assassination of Dr. King in Memphis, the FBI said the alleged plot involved also a man Galt described as his brother.

Issues Photo

And the FBI issued a photograph which it identified as being one of Galt, "also known as Harvey Lowmyer and John Willard."

The FBI said a warrant was issued in Birmingham, Ala., on the basis of an FBI complaint which charged that Galt "and an individual whom he alleged to be brother, entered into a conspiracy" which began around March 29 at Birmingham and ended about April 5 to "injure, oppress, threaten, or intimidate Dr. Martin Luther King Jr."

Galt was charged with conspiring to violate Dr. King's civil rights.

An FBI statement said Galt has given his date of birth as July 20,



CHARGED — The FBI has released this photo which it identified as Eric Starvo Galt, a man it charged with conspiracy in the slaying of Martin Luther King. The FBI said eyes were drawn in by an artist because the original photo had the subject's eyes closed. AP

1931, has brown hair, wears his hair in a brush cut, reportedly has blue eyes, a straight narrow nose, is between 5-feet-8 and 5-feet-11 and weighs between 160 and 175 pounds.

The FBI said "the fugitive is said to have a nervous habit of occasionally pulling at an ear lobe with his left hand. His left ear protrudes farther from his head than his right ear."

The FBI statement said that Galt, on or about March 30,

bought a rifle at Birmingham. The bureau did not say specifically that this was the rifle that killed Dr. King.

Rifle Found

But the statement said, "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.

The FBI said Galt owns a 1966 white Mustang with Alabama license plates which was found abandoned in Atlanta, Ga., April 11. It was bought from a private citizen in Birmingham last Aug. 30.

In Memphis Galt was charged late Wednesday with first degree murder. Dist. Atty. Phil Canale filed the charge. It was signed by General Sessions Court Judge Wayne Lindsey.

The FBI said "Galt's travel in the Mustang included trips to Los Angeles, Calif., New Orleans, La., Birmingham, Ala., and Mexico as well as to Memphis, Tenn., and Atlanta, Ga. Galt was reported to have been in Memphis on April 3 and 4, 1968, and to have departed from there for Atlanta."

Witness Says Photo Doesn't Match Galt

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — An FBI photograph of Eric Starvo Galt, charged with conspiracy in the slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King, does not resemble the man seen leaving the scene shortly after the slaying, a witness said Wednesday.

"Unless he was wearing a wig or had had a face lift or something, it's not the man I saw," said Charles Q. Stevens, who lives in the second floor rooming house from which the fatal bullet is thought to have been fired.

Picture Unlike Suspect, Cabby Says

ATLANTA, Ga. (AP) — An Atlanta taxi cab driver said Wednesday night that an FBI picture he identified as a man he hauled two blocks the night after Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated was different from the picture of Eric Starvo Galt released by the FBI Wednesday.

"The one the FBI showed me was much younger. The face was much thinner. The cheeks weren't as fleshy," said the driver, who has asked that he not be identified.

He said the FBI agent showed him three photographs. "He may have shown me that one, but that wasn't the one I recognized," the driver said.

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Re Chicago tel, 4/17/68; and Buffalo tel, 4/18/68,
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Buffalo, New York. This photograph is almost nine years
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The Latent Fingerprint Section is requested to
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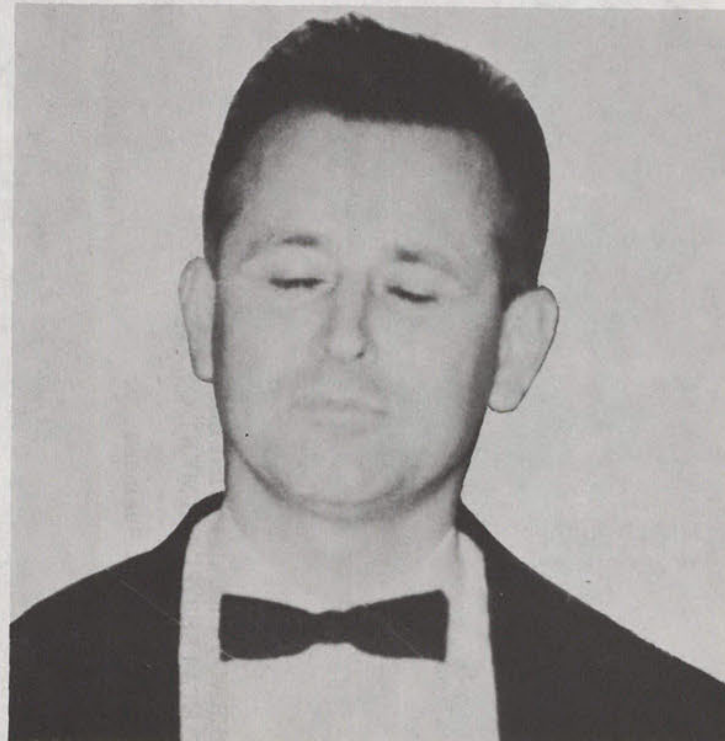
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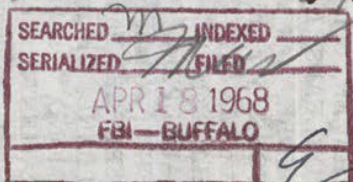
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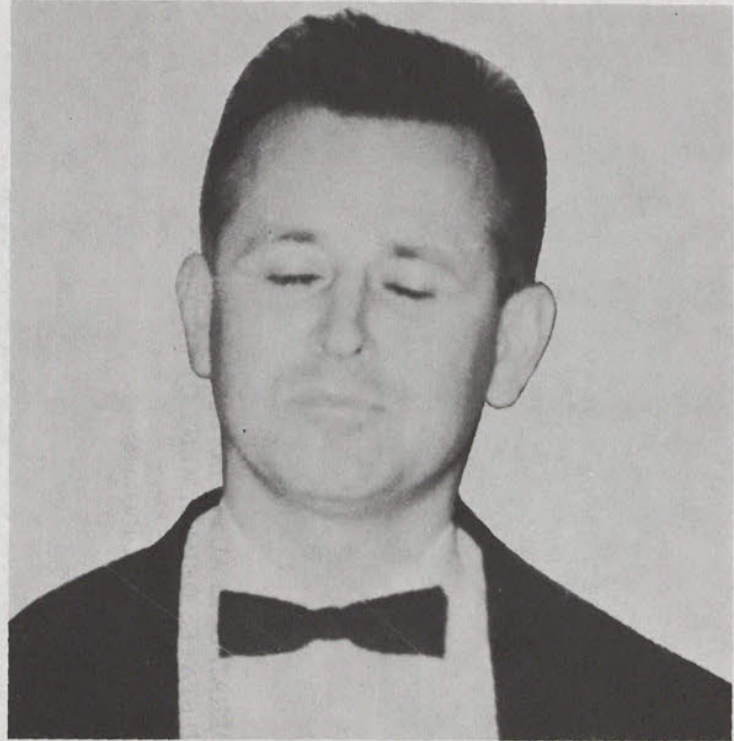
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