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NO INFORMATION OF VALUE DEVELOPED TO DATE.

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Date: 4/14/68

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)

MURKIN. OO: ME.

SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION TODAY.

POSTAL INSPECTOR HUGH EGERTON, BIRMINGHAM, ADVISED POST OFFICE HAD PICKED UP A MOTEL KEY APPARENTLY DEPOSITED IN BIRMINGHAM MAIL BOX ON APRIL THIRTEEN, LAST, TO BE FORWARDED AS FIRST CLASS MAIL TO MOTEL SINCE IT HAD LEGEND TO RETURN TO MOTEL. INASMUCH AS IT CONTAINED MEXICAN IDENTIFICATION, POSTAL EMPLOYEES REFERRED IT TO EGERTON, WHO FELT IT HAD SIGNIFICANCE IN INSTANT CASE. KEY IS ATTACHED TO A METAL TAG ON WHICH APPEARS THE WORDING AT TOP, "FAVOR DEVOLVER A ^{Paseo} ~~RENO~~DELA REFORMA 325." AT BOTTOM OF TAG ARE THE WORDS "PLEASE RETURN TO PASO ^{Del} ~~RENO~~AREFORMA MEXICA 325." ON THE FRONT OF THE KEY IS THE LEGEND "1131 ALBA" AND ON THE REAR "MIR 39034."

EGERTON, AFTER CONTACTING HIS SUPERIORS, IS HOLDING KEY UNTIL APRIL FIFTEEN, NEXT, AND WILL MAKE SAME AVAILABLE FOR PHOTOGRAPHING. POSTAL EMPLOYEES BEING CHECKED TO DETERMINE ORIGIN OF KEY IN BIRMINGHAM AS TO SPECIFIC MAIL BOX AND LOCATION. SINCE COLLECTION

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Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)(P)

DATE: 4/13/68

FROM : SA JEREMIAH J. SMITH

SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE DIVORCE RECORD CHECKS

Calhoun County divorce records made available by Registrar H .E. EMERSON on 4/10/68 failed to reflect divorce for suspect ERIC STARVO GALT or individuals named HARVEY LOWMEYER or JOHN WILLARD since 1947.

Gleburne County divorce records made available by Registrar HORACE MERRILL on 4/12/68 failed to reflect any divorce for GALT, LOWMEYER or WILLARD since 1947.

Clay County divorce records made available by Registrar O.B.GRIFFIN on 4/11/68 failed to reflect divorce for GALT, LOWMEYER or WILLARD since 1947.

RE ROOMER AT 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham

RICHARD ALAN WEBB, age 20, contacted at 1307 Alexandria Road, Weaver, Alabama, telephone 237-8479 (not 237-3479 as in memo of SA SAUCIER dated 4/12/68). WEBB is step-son of L.J.SHONESY, a CID Investigator presently overseas formerly assigned at Fort McClellan. WEBB advised that he resided at 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, from about end of August 1967 to about end of December, 1967. He was in room 28 on second floor and could not identify sketch of UNSUB, aka ERIC STARVO GALT, as residing at that address. He could not recall seeing any fellow resident in possession of 1966 white Mustang. He advised residents had the option of eating breakfast and supper meals at common dining room or eating out and he could not recall anyone resembling sketch eating in common dining room or associating with anyone who resided at that address. WEBB advised he resided at that address in connection with employment by Educational Products of Birmingham, a firm located at First Avenue North and 13th Street. WEBB can be reached in evening at 1307 Alexandria Road, Weaver, advising he is salesman covering seven counties during daytime.

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TO: DETROIT (44-989)

FROM: MEMPHIS (44-1987) (1P)

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RE DETROIT TEL TO BUREAU SIX TWENTYFIVE PM,
APRIL ELEVEN LAST.

DETROIT ADVISE MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM IF JOHN WILLARD,
FBI NO. EIGHT EIGHT EIGHT NINE ONE SIX E, IS IDENTICAL
WITH THE JOHN WILLARD REFERRED TO IN RETEL BY JACK SNYDER,
FIRST NATIONAL CREDIT BUREAU, INC., LANSING, MICHIGAN.
IF THESE INDIVIDUALS ARE IDENTICAL, DETROIT REQUEST FBI
IDENTIFICATION DIVISION TO COMPARE FINGERPRINTS OF WILLARD
WITH LATENT PRINTS DEVELOPED ON EVIDENCE SUBMITTED BY
MEMPHIS DIVISION.

BIRMINGHAM ADVISED AM. P. END.

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TO: DIRECTOR, CLEVELAND
FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775)

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DONALD LEROY WILLARD, MCSN ONE FIVE TWO-EIGHT SIX-SIX FIVE.
SUSPECT.

FOR INFO OF CLEVELAND, INVESTIGATION CONCERNING THIS SUSPECT PREDICATED ON INFORMATION FROM NEWARK THAT SUSPECT CLOSELY RESEMBLES SKETCH OF UNSUB INSTANT MATTER. NEWARK SOURCE RECALLED SUSPECT AS WHITE MALE, AGE ABOUT TWENTY IN FIFTY FIVE, FIVE FT. ELEVEN IN. TO SIX FT., SLENDER BUILD, WEIGHT ABOUT ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY FIVE, NO FURTHER IDENTIFYING DATA. IDENTIFICATION DIVISION REQUESTED TO SEARCH FOR PRINTS OF SUSPECT AND TO COMPARE SAME WITH ANY AVAILABLE PRINTS.

DONALD LEROY WILLARD, MCSN ONE FIVE TWO-EIGHT SIX-SIX FIVE, ENLISTED USMC JULY ELEVEN, FIFTY FIVE, CLEVELAND, OHIO, AND SERVED ACTIVE DUTY UNTIL JULY TEN, FIFTY NINE WHEN HONORABLY RELEASED FROM ACTIVE DUTY AS CORPORAL, CAMP LEJEUNE, NORTH

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CAROLINA AND TRANSFERRED USMCR AND SERVED INACTIVELY UNTIL JULY TEN, SIXTY THREE, WHEN HONORABLY DISCHARGED. PERFORMED RECRUIT TRAINING PARIS, ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA.

NO RECORD OF DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS; MENTAL OR NERVOUS DISORDERS OR SPECIALIZED TRAINING IN DEMOLITIONS OR EXPLOSIVES.

RECEIVED TREATMENT DURING JAN. FIFTY ONE, "URETHRIS, ACUTE".

FOLLOWING BACKGROUND INFO CONTAINED IN RECORDS: DATE OF BIRTH [REDACTED] TOLEDO, OHIO, SIX FT. ONE INCHES, ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY FIVE LBS., RACE CAUCASIAN, HAIR BLOND, EYES BLUE; MARKS, FOUR INCH SCAR LEFT ANKLE AND TATTOO OF PANTHER HEAD LEFT ARM; EDUCATION FOUR YEARS HIGH SCHOOL, MILITARY OCCUPATION RIFLEMAN, PROPERTY SGT., SUPPLY MAN, PRISON CHASER, EMBARKATION ASSISTANT, ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK AND MESS MAN; ADDRESS, THREE SIX THREE FIVE DOYLE ST., TOLEDO, OHIO, JULY FIFTY FIVE AND NINETEEN FIFTY NINE; RELATIVES,

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FATHER, WALTER LOUIS WILLARD AND MOTHER HELEN WILLARD, SAME ADDRESS NOV. FIFTY FIVE; WALTER WILLARD, RELATION NOT SHOWN, THREE SIX ONE ONE DOYLE ST., TOLEDO, OHIO, NOV., FIFTY SEVEN; SOCIAL SECURITY NO.

PHOTOGRAPH BEING SENT AMSD TO MEMPHIS, APRIL THIRTEEN, INSTANT.

LEAD: CLEVELAND DIVISION AT TOLEDO, OHIO. CONDUCT INVESTIGATION AT THREE SIX THREE FIVE DOYLE, PARENT RESIDENCE AND SUSPECT'S LAST KNOWN RESIDECE, ASWELL AS AT THREE SIX ONE ONE DOYLE ST., OR THROUGH OTHER LOGICAL SOURCES TO DETERMINE WHEREABOUTS OF SUSPECT AT PERTINENT TIME.

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URGENT

TO DIRECTOR, PHILADELPHIA AND MEMPHIS
FROM NEWARK (44-854) (P)

MURKIN

RE SUSPECT JOHN WILLARD.

RE NEW YORK TELETYPE DATED FOUR NINE LAST, LIST OF
INDIVIDUALS WITH AMERICAN EXPRESS CREDIT CARDS.

ONE JOHN D. WILLARD, ACCORDING TO AMERICAN EXPRESS CO.,
WAS ASSIGNED USAF BASE, CALIFORNIA. INVESTIGATION DISCLOSED
JOHN D. WILLARD PRESENTLY IN PHILADELPHIA, PA., AREA, WITH
ADDRESS OF TWENTYFOUR WEST GOVERNOR RD., HERSHEY, PA. PRETEXT
TO THIS ADDRESS TO WILLARD'S MOTHER-IN-LAW, KATHERINE SMITH,
DISCLOSES JOHN WILLARD RESIDES AT ONE ZERO THREE GREAT RD.,
MAPLE SHADE, NJ, AND EMPLOYED BY DEAN WITTER BROKERAGE HOUSE,
ONE SIX TWO SEVEN CHESTNUT ST., PHILADELPHIA, PA. INQUIRY
AT ONE ZERO THREE GREAT RD., MAPLE SHADE, NJ, THROUGH CONTACT
WITH NEIGHBORS, DISCLOSES WILLARD AWAY FOR WEEKEND AND WHERE-
ABOUTS UNKNOWN. PHILADELPHIA ATTEMPT TO LOCATE OFFICER OF
DEAN WITTER BROKERAGE HOUSE AND DETERMINE WHETHER WILLARD'S

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**WHEREABOUTS WERE KNOWN DURING PERTINENT PERIOD FOUR TWENTY-
NINE TO THIRTY SIXTY-EIGHT AND FOUR FOUR SIXTY-EIGHT.**

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AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, SALT LAKE CITY (44-253)
RE: MURKIN
CR

Following is summary of investigation conducted by Salt Lake City Office to date:

Re: Suspect HARVEY LOWMEYER
or LOWMYER

No record was located for the suspect or anyone having the surname LOWMEYER or LOWMYER in State of Utah through check of indices, City Directories, telephone directories, Drivers License Bureau, Motor Vehicle Division, Selective Service, credit and criminal checks, and State Tax Commission.

RUTH SKENETTERS, Election Clerk, Salt Lake County Clerk's Office, Salt Lake City, Utah, advised that voters' registrations in State of Utah are maintained in County Clerk's Office of each county in State. These records are maintained by address only and it is impossible to check a name through these records.

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- ② - Birmingham (44-1740)
- 2 - Memphis (44-1987)
- 2 - Salt Lake City

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Re: Laundry mark #2B-6
or D2B-6

Mr. TED REESE, Sales Representative, Patek and Company, Salt Lake City, stated his company is the representative in this area for Thermo Seal marking machines, manufactured by Textile Marking Machine Company, Syracuse, New York. He stated that only three laundries in State of Utah utilize a Thermo Seal marking machine. These laundries were contacted negatively as set out below:

- (1) Mr. MARVIN HOWARD, Paramount-Murray Laundry Company, Salt Lake City.
- (2) Mr. JOHN JANSEN, Vogue Cleaning and Shirt Laundry, Salt Lake City.
- (3) Mr. DON McELVEY, Model Laundry, Ogden, Utah.

Re: Suspect THERAL BURNS LYMAN

Records of San Juan County Sheriff's Office, Monticello, Utah, showed THERAL BURNS LYMAN, who is identical with the suspect, was killed in a single airplane crash at Blanding, Utah, 6/17/67.

Re: Suspect JOHN CLINTON MILLSAPS

Mrs. TRUDY MILLSAPS, 87 West 2nd North, Salt Lake City, wife of the suspect, furnished information as to the current location of the suspect at Richmond, Virginia. By teletype dated 4/10/68, Richmond was given information to handle.

(SU 44-253)

Re: Suspect ERIC STARVO GALT

A check of credit and criminal records, Drivers License Bureau, Motor Vehicle Departments, City and telephone directories, Selective Service Headquarters, and financial institutions was negative regarding suspect.

Four GALT families were located in Utah as follows:

- (1) ALLAN HUGH GALT, RFD 1, Spanish Fork, Utah.
- (2) MATTHEW A. GALT, 556 East 8th North, Bountiful, Utah.
- (3) MARTIN HAPPER GALT, Box 131, Kanab, Utah.
- (4) HAMILTON S. GALT, 824 East 3rd South, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Investigation has developed that MARTIN HAPPER GALT left Kanab, Utah, approximately five years ago and his last known address was 350 Southwest 21st Avenue, Portland, Oregon. A lead has been sent to Portland for further investigation.

Investigation is being conducted regarding the remaining individuals listed above to determine whether they have any connection with suspect.

On 4/11/68, Mrs. HANNAH HYDE, Utah State Motor Vehicle Department, Salt Lake City, advised that a 1966 white Mustang, VIN 5T07C138647, has not been registered in Utah. Mrs. HYDE placed a stop in her records regarding this car.

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Re Birmingham's teletype to Bureau, 4/3/68.

WILLIAMS interviewed and advised that an attorney by the name of EDWARD JOHN STANISPOLSKY, PH.D., was driven to the Broadway Yards on either Wednesday or Thursday the last week of March by ROBERT SMITH. He advised SMITH parked STANISPOLSKY up at the airport in Richmond and his reason for going to Richmond was STANISPOLSKY was to contact him and talk concerning injuries they received while working for the FBI.

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Indices negative in Richmond Division on MILLER
and GILL.

In view of above, no further investigation being
conducted concerning these individuals.

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TO: DIRECTOR, MOBILE
FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775)

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~~JOSEPH MALLOY PRITCHETT, NSN FIVE FOUR ZERO EIGHT FOUR -~~
~~FOUR ZERO, SUSPECT~~

RE WASHINGTON FIELD TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR, MOBILE, AND
ST. LOUIS, APRIL TWELVE, SIXTYEIGHT.

JOSEPH MALLOY PRITCHETT, NSN FIVE FOUR ZERO - EIGHT FOUR -
FOUR ZERO, ENLISTED USN NOV. SEVENTEEN, FIFTYNINE, BIRMINGHAM,
ALA., AND SERVED ACTIVE DUTY UNTIL AUG. TWENTY SEVEN, SIXTY
THREE, WHEN HONORABLY RELEASED FROM ACTIVE DUTY AS RADIOMAN
THIRD CLASS, KEYWEST, FLA., AND TRANSFERRED USNR AND SERVED
INACTIVELY UNTIL NOV. SIXTEEN, SIXTY FIVE, WHEN HONORABLY
DISCHARGED.

NO RECORD OF MENTAL OR NERVOUS DISORDERS OR SPECIALIZED
TRAINING IN DEMOLITION OR EXPLOSIVES.

GIVEN THREE DAYS CONFINEMENT ON BREAD AND WATER ON JULY
TWENTY FIVE, SIXTY ONE, FOR BEING DISRESPECTFUL TOWARDS HIS

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SUPERIOR PETTY OFFICER.

CONVICTED BY SUMMARY COURT MARTIAL AUG. TWENTY THREE, SIXTY ONE, FOR BEING DISRESPECTFUL TOWARDS HIS SUPERIOR PETTY OFFICER. SENTENCED TO PERFORM HARD LABOR WITHOUT CONFINEMENT FOR THIRTY DAYS; RESTRICTED TO DUTY STATION FOR THIRTY DAYS AND TO FORFEIT TWENTY FOUR DOLLARS OF HIS PAY.

RECORDS DISCLOSED PRITCHETT ARRESTED JUNE, FIFTY EIGHT FOR DISORDERLY CONDUCT, MONTGOMERY, ALA. NO FURTHER DETAILS SHOWN.

FOLLOWING BACKGROUND INFO CONTAINED IN RECORDS: DATE OF BIRTH, [REDACTED] MONTGOMERY, ALA.; FIVE FEET TEN INCHES TALL, ONE HUNDRED FIFTY POUNDS, CAUCASIAN HAIR BLOND, EYES BLUE, MARKS, MOLE, LEFT CHECK AND TATTOO OF EAGLE AND FLAG, "USN" LEFT FOREARM; EDUCATION TWO YRS. HIGH SCHOOL; MILITARY OCCUPATION, RADIOMAN; CIVILIAN OCCUPATION, EMPLOYED HOWARD JOHNSON RESTAURANT, SOUTH BLVD., MONTGOMERY, ALA., SUPERVISOR MR. SULLIVAN, JUNE TO AUG. NINETEEN

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FIFTY NINE, ADDRESS ONE FIVE SEVEN MOBILE ST., SEPT. FORTY TWO, TO AUG. FORTY EIGHT; TWO FIVE TWO WAYNE ST., AUG. FORTY EIGHT TO JUNE, FIFTY NINE, AND TWO SIX ONE SOUTH BLVD., JUNE FIFTY FIVE TO NOV. SIXTY FIVE, ALL MONTGOMERY, ALA.; RELATIVES, FATHER JOSEPH A. PRITCHETT AND MOTHER MARTHA MALLORY BOTH OF TWO SIX ONE SOUTH BLVD., NOV. FIFTY NINE; REFERENCES, MR. W. T. BINION, ONE SEVEN FIVE SIX SOUTH COURT ST.; W. E. GLAZINER, IN CARE OF SIDNEY LANIER HIGH SCHOOL; AND C. W. COLLINS, ONE FOUR ZERO COLLINWOOD DR., ALL OF MONTGOMERY, ALA., NOV. FIFTY NINE; SOCIAL SECURITY NO. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] PHOTO, NONE AVAILABLE.

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To: SAC, Springfield (44-361)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

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Reurlet 4-12-68.

None of information furnished, no fingerprint record located Identification Division files of NICHOLS GALT.

Unidentified latent fingerprints this case are not identical with fingerprints of following persons, one of whom maybe identical with named suspect:

NICHOLS HENRY GALT, born 6-12-23, Elgin, Illinois
NICHOLS HENRY GALT, born 2-14-27, Uniontown, Pa.

No palm prints have for these individuals.

- 2 - Memphis (44-1987)
- 1 - Chicago (44-1114)
- 1 - Mobile
- 1 - Birmingham (44-1740)
- 1 - Houston (44-1986)
- 1 - New York (44-1986)

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AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) - P -
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re suspect ERIC STARVO GALT.

Checks of indices, State Selective Service Headquarters, all city and telephone directories, Driver's License Bureau, Motor Vehicle Bureau, financial institutions, credit, criminal, and other logical sources negative for entire Springfield Division.

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2 - Memphis (44-1987)
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2 - Springfield (44-561)
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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM: MEMPHIS (44-1987)

MURKIN, CIVIL RIGHTS, OO: MEMPHIS.

THE FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED
IN THE MEMPHIS DIVISION APRIL TWELVE, INSTANT:

LORRAINE MOTEL

FORMER EMPLOYEE, LORRAINE MOTEL DASH HOTEL, SAID SHE
HEARD MURDER SHOT FROM HER LOCATION ON BALCONY APPROXIMATELY
THREE ROOMS NORTH OF DR. KING'S ROOM. SHE WAS WALKING TOWARDS
DR. KING IN A SOUTHERLY DIRECTION ALONG MOTEL BALCONY. NOISE
SOUNDED AS IF IT CAME FROM A NORTHWESTERLY DIRECTION FROM

Airtel — HER POSITION IN FRONT OF ROOM THREE ZERO THREE. SHE LOOKED IN
Teletype — DIRECTION OF SHOT BUT SAW NO ONE AT ALL IN VICINITY. SHE COULD
A.M. — FURNISH NO FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING THE SHOOTING.

A.M.S.D. — NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION FOR LORRAINE HOTEL REVEALS
Spec. Del. — PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT, TREASURER, AND SECRETARY FOR LUCKY

Reg. Mail. — ① — Birmingham (AM)

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HEART LABORATORY, INC., THREE NINE ZERO MULBERRY AVE., MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, LEFT THEIR ESTABLISHMENT AT APPROXIMATELY BETWEEN FIVE THIRTY AND FIVE FIFTYFIVE P.M., APRIL FOUR, LAST, BUT COULD FURNISH NOTHING OF VALUE REGARDING SHOOTING. ATTEMPTS TO INTERVIEW PERSONS REGISTERED AT LORRAINE ON APRIL THREE AND APRIL FOUR, LAST, WHO ARE STILL IN MEMPHIS WERE NEGATIVE, EFFORTS ARE CONTINUING.

NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION CRIME SCENE

TEN WITNESSES IN JIM'S GRILL, FOUR ONE EIGHT SOUTH MAIN, WHICH IS IMMEDIATELY BELOW ROOMING HOUSE AT FOUR TWO TWO AND ONE-HALF SOUTH MAIN, AT TIME OF MURDER OF KING UNABLE TO FURNISH ANY INFO. AS TO IDENTITY OF UNSUB.

INVESTIGATION AT REBEL MOTEL

PHOTOGRAPHS OF ARTISTS' CONCEPTION DRAWINGS DRAWN AT BIRMINGHAM AND MEMPHIS, ALONG WITH PHOTOGRAPH OF JEROME WALLIS VERNON, DISPLAYED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. ALL EMPLOYEES AT THE REBEL MOTEL AND REBEL RESTAURANT, WHO WERE ON DUTY ON

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APRIL THREE AND FOUR, LAST, HAVE BEEN INTERVIEWED, AND NO FURTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING GALT COULD BE FURNISHED. INVESTIGATION AT THE MOTEL AND RESTAURANT COMPLETED.

WILBUR N. HESTER, PREVIOUSLY CARRIED AS WILLIAM HESTER, SPENT NIGHT OF APRIL FOUR, LAST, AT REBEL MOTEL, REGISTERING AFTER HE HAD HEARD OF KING MURDER. HE DID NOT SEE WHITE MUSTANG OR HAVE CONTACT WITH OTHER MOTEL OCCUPANTS. LEONARD EARL DAY, DOB [REDACTED] VICE PRESIDENT AND CHEMICAL ENGINEER OF PACE CORP., MEMPHIS, ARRIVED REBEL MOTEL APRIL THREE, LAST, AT SIX FIFTEEN IN EVENING WITH WIFE, HAD NO CONTACT WITH OTHER MOTEL OCCUPANTS, AND DEPARTED APPROXIMATELY THREE HOURS LATER. WHITE MUSTANG NOT OBSERVED.

BARGE AND RIVERBOAT EMPLOYMENT

REMAINDER OF BARGE AND RIVERBOAT COMPANIES, MEMPHIS DIVISION, CHECKED, BUT NO RECORD OF GALT, JEROME WALLIS VERNON, JOHN WILLARD, OR HARVEY LOWMEYER LOCATED. MARINE UNIONS NEGATIVE.

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INTERVIEW OF MARRELL MC COLLOUGH

MARRELL MC COLLOUGH, MALE NEGRO, RESIDENT TWO SEVEN ZERO GASTON, APT. SIX, MEMPHIS, EMPLOYED AS WAREHOUSEMAN AND WHO HAD BEEN DOING VOLUNTEER WORK WITH SCLC AND RELATED SANITATION STRIKE SUPPORT GROUPS IN MEMPHIS, ADVISED IN INTERVIEW NIGHT OF APRIL ELEVEN, LAST, THAT HE WAS STANDING ON PARKING LOT OF LORRAINE MOTEL ON EVENING OF APRIL FOUR, LAST. HE SAW DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING STANDING ON BALCONY OF SECOND FLOOR OF MOTEL LOOKING IN WESTERLY DIRECTION. MC COLLOUGH HEARD AN EXPLOSIVE SOUND OR GUNSHOT, AND SAW KING FALLING BACKWARDS. IMMEDIATELY MC COLLOUGH LOOKED WEST TOWARD REAR OF BUILDINGS IN FOUR HUNDRED BLOCK OF SOUTH MAIN ST. SAW NO ONE WITH A GUN IN ANY OF THE BUILDINGS, SAW NO ONE IN STREET OR GROUND AREA NEAR MOTEL WITH A GUN, AND SAW NO ONE RUNNING FROM AREA.

MC COLLOUGH RAN UP STEPS TO BALCONY, AND WAS FIRST TO REACH KING. KING WAS FLAT ON BACK WITH HEAD POINTED IN SOUTHEASTERLY DIRECTION AND FEET POINTED IN NORTHWESTERLY DIRECTION. HE WAS OBVIOUSLY DEAD. MC COLLOUGH APPLIED PRESSURE TO RIGHT CHEEK

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BONE AND NECK AREA OF KING. HE WAS LATER RELIEVED IN THIS EFFORT BY REV. RALPH D. ABERNATHY. BASED ON POSITION OF BODY AND DIRECTION OF WOUNDS, MC COLLOUGH FEELS THE SHOT HAD TO HIT KING COMING FROM A NORTHWESTERLY ELEVATED DIRECTION FROM VICINITY OF REAR, AT OR NEAR, FOUR TWENTYTWO ONE-HALF SOUTH MAIN AND NOT FROM GROUND LEVEL.

MC COLLOUGH HAS MILITARY POLICE EXPERIENCE, MANNER AND APPEARANCE EXCELLENT. CREDIBILITY AS WITNESS SHOULD BE BASICALLY SOUND AS TO FIXING DIRECTION OF GUNSHOT.

UNSUB PURCHASE

INVESTIGATION IN THE AREA OF OLIVER REXALL DRUGS WHERE SUBJECT MADE PURCHASE CONDUCTED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

PHOTOGRAPH OF JEROME WALLIS VERNON, AKA. JAY VERNON, EXHIBITED TO MR. RALPH CARPENTER, YORK ARMS, MEMPHIS. CARPENTER ADVISED PHOTOGRAPH OF VERNON BEARS STRONG RESEMBLANCE TO INDIVIDUAL WHO PURCHASED BINOCULARS AT HIS STORE. NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION IN AREA OF YORK ARMS CONDUCTED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. ADDITIONAL HOTELS AND MOTELS CHECKED, AND NO

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INFORMATION OF PARTICULAR SIGNIFICANCE OBTAINED.

LAUNDRY MARKS

INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED AT MEMPHIS DETERMINED THAT LAMAR LAUNDRY, ONE ONE SEVEN TWO LAMAR, AND WHITE ROSE LAUNDRY AND CLEANERS, TWO NINE NINE SOUTH DUNLAP, CURRENTLY USING THERMO SEAL LAUNDRY MARKING MACHINES, HOWEVER, DO NOT USE CODE REFLECTED ON GARMENTS THIS CASE. SAMPLES OBTAINED, AND ARE BEING FORWARDED TO LAB UNDER SEPARATE COVER. LAUNDRIES LOCATED IN RESIDENT AGENCY TERRITORY BEING CONTACTED.

POLICE LIAISON

NO SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS REPORTED BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES, MEMPHIS DIVISION.

COORDINATION WITH OTHER OFFICES

INVESTIGATION OTHER DIVISIONS IS SUCCESSFULLY FILLING IN BACKGROUND DATA CONCERNING GALT, INDICATING THE PRESENCE OF THIS IDENTITY AS EARLY AS NINETEEN SIXTYFIVE. WE ARE CLOSELY COORDINATING WITH OFFICES IN AREAS WHERE GALT'S PRESENCE HAS

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BEEN ESTABLISHED WITH A VIEW TO COMPLETING HIS BACKGROUND AND
SECURING PHOTOS SUITABLE FOR USE IN INTERVIEWS WITH WITNESSES
IN MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, AND ATLANTA. AM CC. TO BIRMINGHAM.
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PLAIN TEXT

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URGENT

TO DIRECTOR, FBI; SACs MEMPHIS AND TAMPA
FROM SAC, NEWARK (44-854) (P)
MURKIN

ON APRIL TWELVE INSTANT, ROBERT SCHLICK, LAVALETTE, N.J., ADVISED THAT MORRIS CLAYTON SKAGGS WORKED FOR HIM WHEN BOTH WERE EMPLOYED BY BIRDELL CONSULTING ENGINEERS, BELMAR, N. J. SCHLICK HAS NOT SEEN SKAGGS FOR OVER ONE YEAR. ON TWO FIVE LAST, HE RECEIVED A LETTER FROM ARK. HIGHWAY DEPT. REQUESTING A REFERENCE FOR SKAGGS. SCHLICK RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL FROM SKAGGS ON APRIL ONE LAST AT TWO THIRTY AM FROM RICHMOND, VA. SKAGGS WANTED JOB BUT SCHLICK TURNED HIM DOWN. SCHLICK STATED THAT SKAGGS HAS STATED MANY TIMES THAT HE IS GOING TO KILL MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. SCHLICK STATED SKAGGS IS A VERY BIGOTTED PERSON AND CAPABLE OF SUCH AN ACT.

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SCHLICK STATED HE IS REPORTING THIS BECAUSE HE READ IN THE NEWSPAPER THAT THE PERSON COMMITTING THIS CRIME HAD ARK. LICENSE PLATES ON HIS CAR. SCHLICK STATED THE ARTIST'S CONCEPTION OF SUSPECTED KILLER AS APPEARS IN THE "NY DAILY NEWS" IS NOT SIMILAR TO SKAGGS EXCEPT THAT THE EAR AND CHIN LINE IS SIMILAR. SKAGGS FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING DESCRIPTION OF SKAGGS:

WHITE MALE, TWENTY FIVE OR TWENTY SIX, SIX FEET, ONE SIXTY FIVE LBS., BLUE EYES, BLOND WAVY HAIR, CHARACTERISTICS ACNE CONDITION ON FACE, TEETH BAD ON TOP, MARITAL STATUS DIVORCED, WIFE UNKNOWN, FORMERLY RESIDED IN OCEAN GROVE, N.J. (EXACT ADDRESS UNKNOWN), ONE SMALL SON, AGE UNKNOWN, MILITARY SERVICE U.S. ARMY (SP-FOUR) (SIXTY FIVE - SIXTY SIX).

SCHLICK STATED SKAGGS NEVER CALLS HIM COLLECT BUT USES COIN TELEPHONES AS HE CAN HEAR COINS DROPPING INTO THE BOX. SCHLICK STATED SKAGGS'S BROTHER IS A CITY COUNSELOR IN PADUCAH, KY. HE STATED HE BELIEVES SKAGGS IS ORIGINALLY FROM PADUCAH. SCHLICK FEELS CERTAIN THAT SKAGGS HAS BEEN ARRESTED BUT DOES NOT KNOW WHERE.

RECORDS OF THE MONMOUTH CO. SHERIFF'S OFFICE, FREEHOLD, N.J., HAVE NO RECORD FOR MORRIS CLAYTON SKAGGS.

NEWARK FILE FORTY SEVEN DASH THREE EIGHT TWO FIVE, CAPTIONED MORRIS SKAGGS, SR., POSSIBLE IMPERSONATION, PITTSBURGH FILE EIGHTY SEVEN DASH ONE ONE SIX NINE FOUR,

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INDICATES THAT GRACE ROMIGH, CLERK, ORLANDO, FLORIDA, POLICE
DEPT., MADE ORIGINAL COMPLAINT AND KNOWS SKAGGS'S BACKGROUND
AND LOCATION OF EX-WIFE.

TAMPA, AT ORLANDO, FLA., CONTACT ROMIGH AND THEREAFTER
SET OUT LEADS TO ACCOUNT FOR SKAGGS LOCATION ON DATES MARCH
TWENTY NINE, AND APRIL FOUR LAST.

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TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND JACKSON

FROM NEWARK (44-854) (P)

MURKIN. ~~OO:~~ JACKSON.SUSPECT REX ARMSTEAD:

MR. CLAUDE BROWN, CAPE MAY, NJ, TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED TODAY THAT HE IS FORMER SALES MGR. FOR US OVERSEAS AIRLINES WHICH WAS FORMERLY BASED AT CAPE MAY BEFORE CEASING OPERATIONS ABOUT THREE YEARS AGO. HE STATED THE COMPANY HAD A SECURITY OFFICER BY THE NAME OF REX ARMSTEAD WHO WAS FROM MISS. AND WAS A VIOLENT RACIST. SUSPECT HAD BEEN A DEPUTY SHERIFF IN MISS. BEFORE JOINING COMPANY AND LEFT THE COMPANY SEVERAL YEARS AGO. HE ADVISED HE LAST HEARD OF SUSPECT WHEN ~~HE~~ *JAMES* MEREDITH WAS ENTERING ~~OXFORD UNIVERSITY IN MISS.~~ *University of Miss.* AND SUSPECT WAS ONE OF THE DEPUTY SHERIFFS AT THE SCHOOL. BROWN STATES HE SAW COMPOSITE DRAWING OF REV. KING'S MURDERER IN THE NEWSPAPER AND BELIEVED THAT ARMSTEAD BORE A STRONG RESEMBLANCE TO THE INDIVIDUAL, ~~IN THE DRAWING~~. HE DESCRIBED ARMSTEAD

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AS WHITE MALE, IN HIS THIRTIES, FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES, ONE SIXTY - ONE SIXTY FIVE, SLENDER BUILD, DARK HAIR, FLASHY DRESSER. HE DOES NOT KNOW WHERE SUSPECT'S HOME IS BUT THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE IN TUPELO, MISS. BROWN STATED THE ONLY REASON THAT HE CONSIDERED ARMSTEAD A SUSPECT WAS BECAUSE OF HIS RESEMBLANCE TO THE COMPOSITE DRAWING AND OF HIS VIOLENT RACIST ATTITUDE IN THE PAST. HE HAS NO CURRENT INFORMATION CONCERNING ARMSTEAD AND HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF ANY ACTIVITIES ON THE PART OF ARMSTEAD OR INDICATION THAT HE IS INVOLVED IN THIS MATTER.

JACKSON ATTEMPT IDENTIFY ARMSTEAD AND ESTABLISH HIS WHEREABOUTS DURING PERTINENT PERIODS.

MAIL COPY BIRMINGHAM.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1740)

DATE: 4/15/68

FROM : SA's ALLEN J. GILSON, JR. and
LARRY K. SYLVESTER

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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Rememo of SA ERVIN B. BRUNINGA dated 4/11/68.

The following investigation was conducted on 4/12/68, in an effort to locate JAMES ALTON POUNDERS, white male, born [redacted]

Miss JOANNE SEALE, Birmingham Police Department Records Section, advised their files contained no information on JAMES ALTON POUNDERS.

JOHN HOLCOMB, JR., Birmingham Recorders Court, advised their files contained no information on POUNDERS.

Records of the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office also failed to reflect any information on POUNDERS.

Mr. RICHARD LORENTZ, Veterans Administration Hospital, Birmingham, Ala., advised POUNDERS stayed in the VA Hospital for 100 days in 1966 and 1967. He advised he was admitted on October 14, 1966, and stayed until January 26, 1967. Mr. LORENTZ advised POUNDERS is a chronic alcoholic and tries to stay in VA Hospitals as long as possible. He said he also has stayed at the VA Hospital in Ft. Worth, Texas. Mr. LORENTZ advised he is a most unstable person who has received psychiatric care. LORENTZ advised he referred him to the Alabama Rehabilitation Center and, namely, to a Mr. G. G. HOLMES.

Mr. HOLMES was contacted and advised the only address he knows for POUNDERS is in care of his mother in Russellville, Ala. HOLMES also described POUNDERS as a chronic alcoholic who last came to him on 11/3/67. HOLMES

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told him to sober up and come back. POUNDERS, according to HOLMES, became mad and said he was leaving Birmingham. He has not been seen since, according to HOLMES. HOLMES advised he referred him to the Halfway House, 1825 - 12th Avenue, South, a home for alcoholics, and this is the only place he knew where POUNDERS could be located.

Mrs. MICKEY HAWKINS, Halfway House, advised POUNDERS stayed at her place from 10/3/67 until 10/15/67, and was asked to leave for being drunk. She advised he came back on 12/10/67, and left 12/11/67. She had no idea of his present whereabouts.

It is to be noted 12th Avenue South runs into Highland Avenue and POUNDERS placed a long-distance telephone call to Ft. Worth, Texas, on 10/22/67, from phone booth located at corner of 2600 Highland Avenue.

As all logical investigation has failed to locate POUNDERS and he apparently is no longer in Birmingham vicinity, no further investigation is being conducted re POUNDERS.

DIRECTOR, FBI

4/11/68

ATTN: LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (P)

MURKIN

Submitted under separate cover are the following items of possible evidentiary value recovered from a 1966 Ford Mustang, Serial Number 6T07C190647, bearing 1968 Alabama license 1-38993, which vehicle was examined at the FBI Garage in Atlanta, on the night of 4/11/68, by SAs JACK B. SIMPSON, RICHARD H. DAVIS, CARL E. CLAIBORNE and ALDEN F. MILLER and JACK T. REVERSTEIN:

- 1) A piece of Kleenex box bearing letters "At pool" on one side and names GINGER DAY and ANITA KATZWINKEL, 1535 Serrano, Apt. 6, on other side.
- 2) Four lifts of latent impressions found on auto.
- 3) Rear view mirror from auto.
- 4) 1967 Alabama license plate 1A 88354.
- 5) 1968 Alabama license plate 138993.
- 6) One air release shutter, it being in original package.
- 7) One pair of sunglasses with case.
- 8) Two pieces of cardboard from trunk of auto.
- 9) Scraps of paper from glove compartment.
- 10) Scraps of paper from under rear seat of auto.

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The Latent Fingerprint Section is requested to examine this material for any latent impressions and to compare any of value with suspects previously named in this case.

DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTN: FBI LABORATORY

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SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386)

MURKIN

Transmitted under separate cover are the following items recovered from examination 4/11/68, of a 1966 Ford Mustang, SN 6T07C190647, bearing 1968 Alabama license 1-38993. This vehicle was examined at the FBI garage in Atlanta, Georgia, by SAs JACK B. SIMPSON, CARL E. CLAIBORNE, RICHARD H. DAVIS, JACK T. BEVERSTEIN, and ALDEN F. MILLER.

The following items of evidence are being submitted to the Laboratory:

- 1) Floor mat from right front floor
- 2) Floor mat from rear of car
- 3) Floor mat from left front side
- 4) Floor mat from trunk
- 5) Air filter cartridge
- 6) Wheel jack from trunk
- 7) Dark blue short sleeve sweatshirt
- 8) One rubber shoe, size 7-8½
- 9) One white fitted sheet
- 10) One black and white shirt jacket
- 11) One pillowcase
- 12) One fitted sheet with yellow thread
- 13) One black sport shirt
- 14) One pair of size 34 walking shorts
- 15) Rug from trunk
- 16) Pillow from trunk of car
- 17) Styrofoam container from trunk of car
- 18) One pair of brown men's socks from trunk of car
- 19) One hunting knife and sheath
- 20) Spare tire mounting from trunk

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- 21) Lug wrench from trunk
- 22) Blue handled screwdriver from trunk
- 23) Used windshield wiper blade from trunk
- 24) One Personna razor blade
- 25) Soil sample from spare wheel and tire
- 26) Vacuum sweepings from front passenger side
- 27) Vacuum sweepings from left front
- 28) Vacuum sweepings from rear
- 29) Vacuum sweepings from front

FBI Laboratory under the circumstances existent in this case is requested to afford the submitted material all manner of technical examination feasible and immediately advise Inspector SULLIVAN and SACs Atlanta, Birmingham, Los Angeles, and Memphis of the results.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (44-2366) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Attached for information of Field Offices receiving this, in one copy each of the following communications:

1) Atlanta letter to Bureau, Attention, Latent Fingerprint Section, dated 4/11/68, which submitted under separate cover, various items of possible evidentiary value recovered from instant 1966 Mustang in this matter.

2) Atlanta letter to Bureau, Attention, FBI Laboratory, dated 4/11/68, which transmitted under separate cover various items from examination of above-mentioned auto.

This material was delivered to the FBI Lab by Special Agent of the Atlanta Division during the early morning hours of 4/12/68.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)

DATE: 4/12/68

FROM : SA J. T. ARNETT

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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SHIRLEY CARR, 3052 Lorne Drive, Birmingham, Alabama, advised on 4/7/68, that she is a barmaid in the Court Room of the Parliament House Motor Hotel, Birmingham, Alabama, and has been employed in this capacity for several years. After viewing an artist's conception of an individual exhibited to her by SA J. T. ARNETT, she stated that this artist's conception reminded her of an individual she knew only by the name of "BOB". She stated that she has not seen this individual for several months, but recalls that quite some time ago, the exact time she cannot recall, IDA GOODE, who was at that time employed at the Parliament House as a barmaid, dated this individual, and she should be able to furnish his complete name. She advised that IDA GOODE is now employed at the Domino Lounge, Homewood, Alabama. She advised as best she can recall, "BOB" was a salesman from Memphis, Tennessee, who came to Birmingham approximately every two weeks. She advised she recalls that "BOB" related to her on one occasion that he had three children and his wife had been killed in an automobile accident. She said subsequent to this, IDA GOODE had informed her this was not true as on one occasion she had called BOB's home and had talked to his wife.

The following investigation was conducted by SA's NEIL G. MARTIN and J. T. ARNETT on 4/8/68:

IDA GOODE, 1264 49th Place South, Apt. D., Birmingham, Alabama, after viewing an artist's conception exhibited her by SA J. T. ARNETT, advised this artist's conception did resemble an individual known to her as "BOB", however, it was not an exact likeness of "BOB".

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She described "BOB" as a white male, age 30-32, height 5'9", weight 150 pounds, slender build, gave impression of being skinny, fair complexion, and eyes light colored. She stated that she met "BOB" approximately 2½ to 3 years ago, and she dated him three times. She stated she could not recall BOB's last name, but he is a salesman and works out of Atlanta, Georgia. She stated that "BOB" had informed her that his wife was dead, having been killed in an automobile accident, and he had three children. He advised her he had a housekeeper who kept the children. She stated "BOB" claimed he had fallen in love with her and had given her his home phone number. She stated she did not believe "BOB"'s story about his wife, and she telephoned the number he had given her in Atlanta, Georgia, and the woman who answered the phone stated she was BOB's wife. She advised that the woman stated that it was not unusual for women to call there stating that "BOB" had informed them that he had fallen in love with them. She advised it was a most unusual conversation. In fact, the woman even suggested they go shopping together when she accompanied "BOB" to Birmingham.

She advised she does not get off from work until 2:00 A.M. in the morning, and there is not many places to go at that time. She recalls they went to George's Club which is now closed, but at that time it was located on 1st Avenue North, Birmingham. She stated that "BOB" drove an old stationwagon, she believed a Chevrolet, and this stationwagon was loaded with black suitcases which contained articles connectioned with "BOB"'s employment. She stated she cannot recall the merchandise or articles "BOB" sold but does not believe it was anything in the clothing line. She advised that "BOB" was not checked into the Parliament House Motor Hotel, as on the occasions they went out they would go in her automobile and she would return him to his stationwagon which was parked near the Parliament House.

"BOB" informed her that when he left Birmingham, he traveled to Montgomery and Mobile. She stated he would be in Birmingham approximately every two weeks. She advised that she has not seen "BOB" in approximately two years. She advised that she has recently dated HAROLD SARGENT from Sylacauga, Alabama, a white male, 34 years old, 6'2", 200 pounds, long black hair. She has also dated JOHN AMES,

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Birmingham, Alabama, who is 6'1" and 200 pounds. She advised that SARGENT has a good friend in Birmingham by the name of "JIM", who slightly resembles the artist's conception, however, he is in his early twenties and she believes his name is JIM GRAHAM, and he is employed at the Original Equipment Auto Parts Company, Birmingham, Alabama.

She advised that ELIZABETH GORDON, Barmaid at the Court Room, Parliament House Motor Hotel, is acquainted with all of these individuals with the possible exception of "BOB" and may be able to furnish information regarding JIM's last name, but she believes his name is GRAHAM.

ELIZABETH GORDON, Barmaid, Court Room, Parliament House, Birmingham, Alabama, home address 603 Morris Boulevard, Birmingham, Alabama, advised that JIM GRAHAM who is age 23, is employed at Original Equipment Auto Parts Company, Birmingham, Alabama. She was furnished an artist's conception and advised the individual's hair should be combed up and straight back. She stated that there were numerous individuals who come to this bar fitting this description, however, she recalls a man in his late thirties who was in the bar during the previous week about 4 P.M. in the afternoon. She stated she could not advise whether he was identical to the person in the artist's conception.

JAMES F. CARR, JR., Doorman, Parliament House Motor Hotel, advised that he was not on duty during the previous week, but during the past several weeks he has observed a green Chevrolet stationwagon parked near the Parliament House Hotel which contained black suitcases, about 4:00 P.M. in the afternoon. He stated that from where the stationwagon was parked the operator was not a guest at the hotel, and usually the stationwagon would leave after a short period of time. He stated he could not recall observing the individual who owned the stationwagon.

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The following individuals were contacted on 4/7/68, in an effort to locate IDA GOODE's home address:

Mrs. ROBERT M. SUTTON, Apt. 1, 1517 16th Avenue South, Birmingham, Alabama.

MARGIE ADAMS, 1272 49th Place South, Birmingham, Alabama.

JESSE BISHOP, Pleasant Grove, Alabama.

JANE BISHOP, Pleasant Grove, Alabama, sister of IDA GOODE.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) AND SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) 1P

MURKIN

RE ST. LOUIS TEL APRIL ELEVEN LAST AND SPRINGFIELD
TEL TO INDIANAPOLIS APRIL ELEVEN LAST.

RE SUSPECT ERIC STARVO GALT.

BARGE LINES IN SPRINGFIELD DIVISION NEGATIVE RE GALT.

INDIANAPOLIS ADVISE BUREAU AND MEMPHIS RE AMERICAN COMMERCIAL
HOME OFFICE RECORDS ON GALT. INDIANAPOLIS AND BIRMINGHAM
ADVISED BY AIRMAIL.

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TO: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)
FROM: SAC, ALBANY (44-493) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Birmingham tel, 4/10/68.

NYS DMV records not maintained by VIN; therefore,
it is not possible to determine if instant vehicle ever
re-registered in the State of New York.

DMV records negative re GALT.

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CC: ② Birmingham
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To: SAC, Jackson (157-9586)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

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ReJWtel 4-11-68.

Latent fingerprints and latent impression, which maybe a finger or palm print, not identical fingerprints BILLY RAY WHITE, FBI #890 395 D. No palm prints here for White.

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)
SAC, ATLANTA

FROM: MEMPHIS (44-1987) (3P)

MURKIN; CR.

RE BIRMINGHAM TELETYPE TO BUREAU, APRIL TWELVE LAST.

FOR INFORMATION ATLANTA, REFTEL ADVISED LAWRENCE HOWELL OF ONE EIGHT EIGHT EIGHT DENISON ST., MEMPHIS, TENN., WHO IS EMPLOYED AT F. A. A. RESIDED AT THE ECONOMY ROOMING HOUSE, BIRMINGHAM, ALA., FROM AUGUST, NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN, TO OCTOBER THREE, NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN, ROOM TWENTYTHREE. ERIC GALT RESIDED AT SAME ROOMING HOUSE FROM AUGUST TWENTYSIX TO OCTOBER SEVEN LAST.

ATTEMPTS TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW HOWELL AT MEMPHIS TO DATE WERE NEGATIVE. HOWELL'S SUPERVISOR AT F. A. A. ADVISED THAT HOWELL HAD REQUESTED LEAVE ON APRIL ELEVEN LAST UNTIL APRIL SIXTEEN NEXT TO GO TO ATLANTA, GA., IN ORDER TO WITHDRAW MONEY FROM A FEDERAL CREDIT UNION. HOWELL'S

Airtel SUPERVISOR WAS UNABLE TO GIVE AN ATLANTA ADDRESS WHERE
Teletype HOWELL COULD BE LOCATED. A CHECK OF HOWELL'S PERSONNEL

A.M. RECORD AT F. A. A. DATING BACK TO NINETEEN SIXTY DISCLOSED

A.M.S.D. THAT LAWRENCE CHANCLOR HOWELL, WM, DOB
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NINETEEN THIRTYTWO, POB - TALIAFERRO COUNTY, GA., SSN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HAS BEEN EMPLOYED AT
F. A. A. AS AN ELECTRONICS TECHNICIAN SINCE APRIL TWENTYSEVEN,
NINETEEN SIXTY. HOWELL'S ADDRESS AT THAT TIME WAS ONE EIGHT
ONE NINE FISHER ROAD, S. E., ATLANTA, GA; WIFE LISTED AS
NORRENE ELLIOTT HOWELL. REFERENCES LISTED ON NINETEEN SIXTY
APPLICATION WERE: J. D. BRIDWELL, TWO THREE TWO PRYOR ST.,
ATLANTA; REV. LLOYD O. LYLE, SEVEN EIGHT THREE CONFEDERATE
ST., ATLANTA; J. W. LIPSCOMB, ONE EIGHT ONE ONE FISHER ROAD,
S. E., ATLANTA; CHARLES E. PRATT, BOX SIX THREE SEVEN, ROUTE
ONE, AUSTELL, GA.

RELATIVES WERE LISTED AS:

MOTHER, INEZ HOWELL, EIGHT ZERO THREE PARKWAY ST.,
DALTON, GA.; SISTER, PATRICIA JUNE HITE, TWO EIGHT FOUR SEVEN,
WHITE OAK DRIVE, DECATUR, GA.

CHECK AT HOWELL'S NEIGHBORHOOD REFLECTS THAT NEIGHBORS
BELIEVE HOWELL WENT TO VISIT HIS WIFE'S PARENTS AT ATLANTA,
GA., LAST NAME ELLIOTT, NO ADDRESS GIVEN.

ATLANTA THROUGH ABOVE RELATIVES, REFERENCES, FEDERAL