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CREDIT UNIONS, AND F. A. A. IMMEDIATELY LOCATE AND INTERVIEW
HOWELL FOR ANY POSITIVE INFORMATION RE ERIC GALT.

BIRMINGHAM ADVISED AIRMAIL. P. END.

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URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM: MEMPHIS (44-1987) (4P)

MURKIN. CR.

SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED APRIL THIRTEEN INSTANT.

FIRE STATION ADJOINING CRIME SCENE:

INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED BY BUAGENTS WITH MEMBERS OF MEMPHIS FIRE STATION, MEMPHIS PD, AND SHELBY COUNTY SO, WHO WERE ON DUTY AND PHYSICALLY LOCATED AT THE FIRE STATION, MAIN AND BUTLER, AT TIME OF MURDER OF DR. KING ON APRIL FOUR LAST.

INTERVIEWS WITH THESE OFFICERS REVEAL THAT NO ONE ACTUALLY HEARD THE SHOT FIRED, ALTHOUGH SOME ADMIT HEARING "SOMETHING." ALL OF THE OFFICERS IMMEDIATELY CAME OUTSIDE OF THE FIRE STATION AND A NUMBER OF THESE RAN OUT OF THE NORTH EXITS TO THE FIRE STATION, THEN RAN EAST OVER A FENCE AND DOWN A TEN-FOOT CONCRETE RETAINING WALL WHICH IS LOCATED ON THE WEST SIDE OF MULBERRY STREET.

Airtel _____ A NUMBER OF THESE OFFICERS CONTINUED RUNNING TO THE
Teletype _____ SCENE OF THE SHOOTING AT THE LORRAINE MOTEL. HOWEVER, AFTER

A.M. _____ THE FIRST GROUP OF OFFICERS ARRIVED AND RECEIVED INFORMATION

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INDICATING THAT THE SHOT HAD PROBABLY BEEN FIRED FROM THE REAR OF ONE OF THE BUILDINGS OF THE FOUR HUNDRED BLOCK OF MAIN STREET, THE OFFICERS ON THE SCENE BEGAN TO POINT AND SHOUT IN THE GENERAL LOCATION OF THE ROOMING HOUSE AT FOUR TWO TWO AND ONE-HALF SOUTH MAIN STREET. THEREAFTER, SOME OF THESE OFFICERS WHO HAD STARTED TOWARD THE SCENE TO THE LORRAINE MOTEL TURNED AROUND, RAN WEST TO MAIN STREET, THEN NORTH ON MAIN TO VICINITY OF CANIPE AMUSEMENT COMPANY AND THE ROOMING HOUSE.

OFFICERS STATED THAT THE TIME OF THE SHOOTING WAS APPROXIMATELY FIVE MINUTES AFTER SIX P.M. ON APRIL FOUR LAST AND WITHIN TWO TO EIGHT MINUTES MOST OF THE OFFICERS HAD THE CRIME SCENE GUARDED AND BEGAN QUESTIONING VARIOUS INDIVIDUALS IN THE AREA. OFFICERS ALSO GUARDED THE OBJECTS ALLEGEDLY DROPPED BY UNSUB WHICH WERE IN DOORWAY OF CANIPE AMUSEMENT COMPANY.

RECORD CHECKS:

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AMONG VARIOUS TENNESSEE RECORDS REVIEWED IN AN EFFORT TO DEVELOP INFORMATION RELATIVE TO ERIC STARVO GALT, JEROME WALLIS VERNON, JOHN WILLARD, AND HARVEY LOWMEYER, INCLUDE BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS, CITY DIRECTORIES, AND TELEPHONE BOOKS, CREDIT AND CRIMINAL CHECKS, VOTER RECORDS, SELECTIVE SERVICE RECORDS, PUBLIC UTILITIES, DRIVERS LICENSE, DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY, TENN. BUREAU OF CRIMINAL IDENTIFICATION, WITHOUT LOCATING ANY POSITIVE INFORMATION.

REBEL MOTEL:

ANDY GASDRITZA, AKA ANDY GAST, OVER-THE-ROAD DRIVER, FRUEHAUF TRAILERS, STAYED REBEL MOTEL, ROOM THIRTYFIVE, ARRIVING BEFORE SEVEN P.M., APRIL THREE LAST. DID NOT SEE ANY GUESTS OTHER THAN FELLOW DRIVER EMPLOYEE OF FRUEHAUF. RETIRED TO ROOM ABOUT NINE THIRTY IN EVENING, NOT SEEING ANY CAR AT ROOM THIRTYFOUR. GAST HEARD OCCUPANT SLAM DOOR TO ROOM THIRTYFOUR AT TEN P.M., NO FURTHER NOISES THAT NIGHT.

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FOLLOWING MORNING AT SEVEN A.M., GAST SAW LIGHT COLORED CAR PARKED IN FRONT ROOM THIRTYFOUR, HAS NO RECOLLECTION AS TO MAKE OR MODEL. DID NOT SEE OCCUPANT AT ROOM OR IN RESTAURANT OF MOTEL. GAST DEPARTED MOTEL SEVEN THIRTY A.M.

SOIL SAMPLES TAKEN AT REBEL MOTEL AND ELIMINATION FINGERPRINTS TAKEN FROM ALL EMPLOYEES WITH EXCEPTION OF SARA LOVING, A MAID.

LORRAINE MOTEL:

MR. FRANK LANSKY, ARCHITECT FOR THE LORRAINE MOTEL, MADE BLUEPRINTS OF THE ESTABLISHMENT AVAILABLE FOR USE IN PREPARATION OF EXHIBITS RELATING TO THE CRIME SCENE.

EFFORTS TO INTERVIEW OCCUPANTS OF LORRAINE MOTEL ON APRIL FOUR LAST CONTINUE. P. END.

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TO: DIRECTOR, ATTN: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION,
LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION
SAC, MEMPHIS

FROM: SAC, DETROIT (44-989)

MURKIN.

RE DETROIT TEL TO THE BUREAU, SIX TWENTY FIVE PM, APRIL
ELEVEN LAST, AND MEMPHIS TEL TO DETROIT, TEN TWENTY TWO AM,
APRIL TWELVE INSTANT.

JOHN WILLARD, FBI NUMBER EIGHT EIGHT EIGHT NINE ONE SIX E,
IS IDENTICAL WITH JOHN WILLARD REFERRED TO IN RETEL BY JACK
SNYDER, FIRST NATIONAL CREDIT BUREAU, INC., LANSING, MICH.

FBI IDENTIFICATION DIVISION, COMPARE FINGERPRINTS OF
WILLARD WITH LATENT PRINTS DEVELOPED ON EVIDENCE SUBMITTED
BY MEMPHIS DIVISION.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
ATTENTION: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (173-65)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re San Francisco teletype, dated 4/9/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau, Memphis, and Birmingham
are two copies each of a photograph of H. LOHMEYER, California
State Prison Number A-51342.

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Believe Barnett
already showed this
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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
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FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P
RE: MURKIN

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Via TELETYPE URGENT
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TO WFO 44-703
FROM MOBILE 157-2627

MURKIN, CR. OO ME.

RE

RE WFO TEL APR. ELEVEN INSTANT, CONCERNING JOSEPH M.
PRITCHETT, MONTGOMERY, ALA.

MO FILES REVEAL INTERVIEW AUG. TWENTY-EIGHT, SIXTY-FOUR
WITH JOSEPH MALLOY PRITCHETT, PATROLMAN, MONTGOMERY, ALA. PD
ON ALLEGED CR VIOLATION. PRITCHETT, W/M, BORN [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] MONTGOMERY, FIVE FOOT NINE, ONE SIXTY-FIVE,
HAZEL EYES, BLOND HAIR, MARITAL STATUS SINGLE, SERVED IN USN
NOV. SIXTEEN, FIFTY-NINE TO AUG. TWENTY-SEVEN, SIXTY-THREE,
HONORABLE DISCHARGE AT KEY WEST, FLA., PARENTS JOSEPH ALLEN
AND MARTHA PRITCHETT, TWO SIX ONE SOUTH BLVD. MONTGOMERY,
HAS SERVED ON MONTGOMERY PD SINCE OCT. SIXTY-THREE.

IT APPEARS LIKELY THIS INDIVIDUAL IS THE PRITCHETT
REFERRED TO IN RE TEL AND HIS NAVY RECORD SHOULD BE REVIEWED

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TO DETERMINE IF IDENTICAL WITH THE PERSON REFERRED TO BY
GILMER P. STAFFORD. CHECK BEING MADE MONTGOMERY.

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AND BIRMINGHAM, FORTY-FOUR - ONE SEVEN FOUR ZERO.

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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
CR

RE CONTACT OF BUSINESSES ALONG HIGHWAY 78 EAST OF ANNISTON, ALA.

The following individuals who operate service stations, grocery stores, and restaurants, were exhibited a sketch of UNSUB but were unable to identify sketch as individual who had stopped at their place of business: Following contacted 4/9/68:

Mrs. JOHN SORROW, JEAN SORROW, BOBBIE SORROW, Midway Truck Stop;

CHARLES BRIMER, BUDDY BRIMER, BRIMER's Garage;

M.M. PEACE, Hubbard Oil Station and Grocery;

J.C. LETT, Owner, Shell Service Station

AMOS FREEMAN, Citgo Service Station;

HERBERT FREEMAN, Firestone Tires;

MARIE GUTHRIE; RUTH HYATT, Guthrie's Restaurant;

ROGER HARRIS, Red Dart gasoline station and grocery;

TED EDWARDS, Phillips 66 station, Heflin;

HAROLD WAITES, Owner, Heflin Pool Hall;

CURTIS TURNER, Amoco, Heflin

T.J. CROSSON, Shell Truck Stop, Heflin;

FRED GAY " " " "

MARIE VICKERS " " " "

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CLEVE BEASON, Starndard Oil station and grocery, Heflin.

Mr. & Mrs. L.M. ASHLEY, Ashley's Service Station;

HOLLIS ESTES, Sinclair Station, Heflin;

HOWARD GAINES, Gaines Service Station;

CURTIS MANER, Texaco station;

FRED CHEATWOOD, Pure Oil, Heflin

BOB THOMAS, Pure Oil station

CHARLES BARKER, Hilltop Service Station

The following contacted on 4/11/68:

M.L. CHEATWOOD, Hubbard Oil, Edwardsville

JOHN T. PARKER & MARY LEE CHEATWOOD, Parker Grocery, Edwardsville;

ED GRIZZARD, Grizzard Grocery, ~~Edwardsville~~ Fruithurst, Alabama;

RAY HUTCHINSON, General store, Muscadine

MARLIN L. WARD, Ward's Service Station, Highway 78 state line;

Mr & Mrs. JUDGE OLEN, OLEN's Trading Post, Muscadine;

Mrs. W.T. ABNEY, ABNEY's Grocery, Edwardsville;

Mr. and Mrs. ALLEN SPATE, Spate's Grocery and service station;

Mrs. OMA CLARK, Clark's Grocery, Edwardsville;

Mrs. RUBY ROBINSON, R & J Grocery, Edwardsville

It should be noted that most of the above firms are both small grocery stores and sell gasoline. None of the operators could recall anyone resembling sketch or anyone driving a white 1966 Mustang purchasing gasoline at their firms in the recent past.

Sergeant ROY RIDDLE, AST; Sheriff T.H. BAUGHN and D/S NOEL WILLIAMS, all of whom have resided in Cleburne County, Alabama, for the last 40 years and know most residents, advised they had never known anyone resembling sketch as being resident of Cleburne County.

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FROM: BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)

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MEMPHIS AIRTEL APRIL ELEVEN, LAST, ADVISED OF TELEPHONIC
INQUIRY CONCERNING WHETHER JAMES GEORGE ROBINSON OR ROY JAMES SOUGHT
REGARDING INSTANT MATTER. APPROPRIATE LEADS TO LOCATE JIMMY GEORGE
ROBINSON PREVIOUSLY SET OUT.

RICHMOND FILE ONE FIVE SEVEN - FOUR EIGHT THREE, REFLECTS ROY
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GREEN EYES, BROWN HAIR, BELIEVED RESIDING SIX ONE FIVE ZERO WILSON
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RICHMOND AT ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA, REQUESTED TO ASCERTAIN WHERE-
ABOUTS OF ROY JAMES DURING PERTINENT PERIOD.

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BARNES SAID THAT PRIOR TO THE SEPTEMBER FIFTEEN CHURCH BOMBING IN BIRMINGHAM, A SECRET MEETING WAS HELD IN ALABAMA, LOCATION NOT SPECIFIED. ATTENDING THIS MEETING WERE WILLIAM POTTER GALE, "JEFF" CARDEN, ADMIRAL JOHN G. CROMMELIN FROM WETUMPKA, ALABAMA, AND BARNES. THE ALLEGED PURPOSE OF THIS MEETING WAS TO MAKE PLANS FOR THINGS TO BE DONE. BARNES DID NOT FURTHER ELABORATE ON THIS REMARK. BARNES SAID HE AGREED WITH THE PLAN BUT THAT HE (BARNES) DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE CHURCH BOMBING. HE STATED THAT GALE AND CARDEN WERE INVOLVED, BUT AGAIN DID NOT ELABORATE AS TO THE EXTENT OF THEIR INVOLVEMENT.

BARNES STATED THAT HE WAS "HOT" IN ALABAMA AND HAD TO LEAVE. HE ALSO STATED THAT AFTER THE SECRET MEETING, CROMMELIN TOLD HIM HE PREFERRED BARNES FOR ANY ACTION OVER CARDEN DUE TO THE FACT THAT GARDEN LIKES TO TALK AND DRINKS EXCESSIVELY.

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MOBILE DETERMINE WHEREABOUTS AND ACTIVITY OF JOHN G. CROMMELIN, MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA, NOAH CARDEN AND SIDNEY BARNES AT MOBILE, ALABAMA, AND ROBERT M. "BOB" SMITH, AT PRICHARD, ALABAMA, DURING PERTINENT PERIOD.

BIRMINGHAM HANDLING LEAD REGARDING WHEREABOUTS OF LEONARD WILSON, A WHITE CITIZENS COUNCIL LEADER IN ALABAMA.

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BARNES SAID THAT PRIOR TO THE SEPTEMBER FIFTEEN CHURCH BOMBING IN BIRMINGHAM, A SECRET MEETING WAS HELD IN ALABAMA, LOCATION NOT SPECIFIED. ATTENDING THIS MEETING WERE WILLIAM POTTER GALE, "JEFF" GARDEN, ADMIRAL JOHN G. CROMMELIN FROM WETUMPKA, ALABAMA, AND BARNES. THE ALLEGED PURPOSE OF THIS MEETING WAS TO MAKE PLANS FOR THINGS TO BE DONE. BARNES DID NOT FURTHER ELABORATE ON THIS REMARK. BARNES SAID HE AGREED WITH THE PLAN BUT THAT HE (BARNES) DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE CHURCH BOMBING. HE STATED THAT GALE AND GARDEN WERE INVOLVED, BUT AGAIN DID NOT ELABORATE AS TO THE EXTEND OF THEIR INVOLVEMENT.

BARNES STATED THAT HE WAS "HOT" IN ALABAMA AND HAD TO LEAVE. HE ALSO STATED THAT AFTER THE SECRET MEETING, CROMMELIN TOLD HIM HE PREFERRED BARNES FOR ANY ACTION OVER GARDEN DUE TO THE FACT THAT GARDEN LIKES TO TALK AND DRINKS EXCESSIVELY.

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LOS ANGELES AT LANCASTER, CALIFORNIA, REQUESTED TO DETERMINE WHEREABOUTS AND ACTIVITY OF GALE AND DR. WESLEY SWIFT DURING PERTINENT PERIOD.

MOBILE DETERMINE WHEREABOUTS AND ACTIVITY OF JOHN G. CROMMELIN MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA, NOAH GARDEN AND SIDNEY BARNES AT MOBILE, ALABAMA, AND ROBERT M. "BOB" SMITH, AT PRICHARD, ALABAMA, DURING PERTINENT PERIOD.

BIRMINGHAM HANDLING LEAD REGARDING WHEREABOUTS OF LEONARD WILSON, A WHITE CITIZENS COUNCIL LEADER IN ALABAMA.

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Date: 4/15/68

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Via TELETYPE URGENT
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TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA, MEMPHIS
FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)

MURKIN.

RE MEMPHIS TELS TO BUREAU, APR. FOURTEEN, LAST.

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CASE NO.

Information furnished by Deputy Inspector in Charge D. F. Donahue, Chicago, Illinois at 4:45 PM EST, 4-12-68, in response to telephone request by Asst. Inspector in Charge J. R. Sims.

Information on copy of invoice #179530 from Superior Bulk Film Co. 442 Wells Street, Chicago, Ill., 60610, to Eric S. Galt, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, AL 35206:

1 - Kodak Dual Projector M-95-Z	\$168.00
1 - Combination Splicer	4.49
1 - 20' Remote Control Cable	4.75
1 - Kodak Super 8 D-38	<u>160.00</u>
	\$337.24

"Note" The Kodak Super 8 has been backordered due to the great demand. We will forward as soon as our new supply arrives. We are lending you the Crestline camera in order that you will not be inconvenienced.

Shipment made in two parcels sent special delivery 10-3-67.

Copy of invoice #179530 dated 10-18-67 from the same firm to the same person showing shipment of backordered 1-Kodak Super 8 D-38 and the cost \$15.51 postage due from the first shipment.

"Note" Please excuse the unusual delay.

Letter from Galt dated 10-22-67 to the same firm:

"Dear Sir:

"I ordered 4 items from your company from the address shown below:

2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama

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"I returned the Super 8 Crestline as it reported unsatisfactory in use with Kodak Projector M-95-Z and I did not have time to wait for the Kodak camera. You can send the refund to the below address as I will be here for a while.

Sincerely yours,

Eric S. Galt"

"Puerto, Zallarta, Jalisco, Mexico

"Hotel Rio Apartado Postal #23"

Letter dated 11-20-67 from Galt to the same firm:

"Dear Sir:

"While in Birmingham, Alabama, I ordered 4 items from your company. I returned one for a refund. The Kodak Super 8 Crestline. I sent my address while in Mexico but did not here from you however I did not received any mail while their. So if you wrote the letter, may have got lost. I will be at the below address for 5 months. Thanks.

Sincerely yours,

Eric S. Galt"

"1535 North Serrano, Los Angeles, Calif. 90027"

After they received that letter the company sent refund check to Galt with the following letter:

"Dear Sir:

"A refund check No. 32338 dated November 10 for \$142.89 was remailed to your Mexico address - Puerto, Zallarta, Jalisco, Mexico, Hotel Rio Apartado Postal #23 - at your request.

"We hope this information assists you in locating the aforementioned correspondence.

Yours truly,

Superior Bulk Film Company
442 Wells Street
Chicago, Illinois 60610"

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1740)

DATE: 4/13/68

FROM : SA RICHARD D. SCHWEIN

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SUBJECT: MERKING

Following investigation was conducted 4/12/68 by SA FLOYD CLARKE and SA RICHARD D. SCHWEIN:

LEAD

At Bessemer, Alabama: Locate and interview FRANK C. BEBEE to eliminate as a lookalike and to establish his where abouts during the period 3/11-4/5/68.

DETAILS

Mr. CHARLES D. MITCHELL, owner TOWN MOTEL 414 Third Ave. W. B'ham advised that he had registered a man who looked like the Artists' conception of the KING slayer which appeared in the Memphis Newspaper.

This man registered at the TOWN on 3/1/68 as FRANK C. BEBEE representing EBSCO Industries B'ham. He listed a home address of 5119 Clayton Street Baton Rouge, Louisiana. BEBEE told MITCHELL that he had been staying in a Birmingham rooming house prior to moving to the Motel. BEBEE stayed at the Motel until 3/12/68 when he checked out as his family had arrived in town. Shortly after he left two checks were returned to Mr. MITCHELL which had been issued by BEBEE for payment on his room. These checks were drawn on the Louisiana National Bank of Baton Rouge and were returned marked "Account Closed". Mr. MITCHELL visited Mrs. BEBEE, who he found residing at the Colonial ~~Trailer~~ Trailer Court in Bessemer, Alabama. She told Mitchell that BEBEE had disappeared on 3/12/68 and she had not seen him since.

BOBBY SNOW, Personnel Director, Vulcan Printing Division EBSCO, provided the personnel jacket on FRANK CLIFFORD BEBEE. This record shows that BEBEE was hired on 2/27/68 and worked until 3/12/68 when he left without giving notice. The file reveals that BEBEE was employed as a lithographer at a pay rate of \$3.85 per hour. The file furnishes the following physical and background description.

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Name: FRANK CLIFFORD BEBEE
SEX : Male
Race: White
Age: 41
Dob:
Pob: Phil. Penna.
Hgt: 5'10"
Wgt: 145
Hair: Sandy (Slight greying)
Eyes: Blue
Comp: Fair
Occ: Pressman, Printer, Lithographer
Soc. Sec. #:
Marital: Married, Two children (Names not shown)
Prior Residence: Baton Rouge, La.
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
Military: U.S. Navy 1942-1945 (SN not shown)

Mr. SNOW further advised that BEBEE had resided at DRINKARDS Rooming house 736 W.9th Ave. when he first arrived in B'ham.

C.A. DRINKARD, owner DRINKARDS rooming house advised that BEBEE had resides at his rooming house from 2/25-3/1/68 leaving without notice and paying for his room with a bad check on a Louisiana bank. Mr. DRINKARD stated he knew very little about BEBEE who kept to himself whil a resident of the rooming house.

Mrs. FRANK C. BEBEE was located at her trailer home located in Colonial Acres Trailer Ct. Bessemer, Alabama. She was interviewed on the pretext of an 87 violation concerning her husbands issuing worthless checks on a Louisiana bank.

She advised that her husband told her 3/11/68 that he had to drive to Atlanta Georgia on Company business. She next saw him 4/5/68 when he returned home. He was very nervous and upset before he left and when he returned home he had lost weight and was very nervous and pale. He told her that he had abandoned their car, a 1962 Oldsmobile, in Atlanta. He had gone to see her married daughter in a small town near Memphis. He had then gone to Phoenix, Arizona where he was hospitalized for a week. The ~~type~~ hospital and travelers aid had provided funds for him to fly back to B'ham and he walked from the B'ham airport to Bessemer. Mrs. BEBEE said she could not verify any of this story except she had heard from her daughter near Memphis and BEBEE had stopped there. She does not know the date.

She has only known BEBEE ~~9 months~~ a year and they have been married 9 months. She stated that BEBEE was currently supposed to be working for a small print shop in Birmingham and would return on the 5:15 Greyhound from B'ham. Agents waited until 6:00 pm and BEBEE had not returned. Mrs. BEBEE stated the next bus left B'ham at 6:45 pm and the one after that at 12:30 am. Agents attempted with out success to locate BEBEE at the Greyhound station in B'ham. He was not on the 6:45 bus.

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TO MEMPHIS BIRMINGHAM NEW ORLEANS AND LOS ANGELES
FROM DIRECTOR (44-38861) 2P

MURKIN.

RE PROVINCIAL MOTEL REGISTRATION CARD FROM NEW
ORLEANS. REFERENCED REGISTRATION CARD BEARS NAME "ERIC S.
GALT, TWO SIX ZERO EIGHT HIGHLAND AVENUE, BIRMINGHAM,
ALABAMA," AND INDICATES MUSTANG AUTOMOBILE BEARING ALABAMA
LICENSE ONE THREE EIGHT NINE NINE THREE. DATE OF REGISTRATION
IS DECEMBER SEVENTEEN LAST. ^{12/17/67} QUESTIONED WRITING ON REGISTRATION
CARD DETERMINED TO BE THAT OF GALT. THIS ADDITIONAL WRITING
OF GALT DOES NOT CONTRIBUTE TO OTHER FINDINGS WITH RESPECT
TO THE LOWMYER SIGNATURE.

BLANK PAPER OBTAINED FROM PHONE BOOK AT MOTEL
EXAMINED AND RATHER EXTENSIVE INDENTED WRITING DEVELOPED,
SIGNIFICANCE OF WHICH NOT READILY APPARENT. FOLLOWING

NAMES AND PHONE NUMBERS OF POSSIBLE SIGNIFICANCE DEVELOPED:

^{524 - 1131}
"FIVE TWO FOUR-ONE ONE THREE ONE,"

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"TWO EIGHT EIGHT-THREE NINE ZERO FOUR," "FOUR EIGHT
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TWO-ZERO EIGHT NINE FOUR," "EIGHT NINE NINE-THREE ZERO
SIX ONE." FOREGOING NUMBERS APPEAR TO BE TELEPHONE
NUMBERS. IN ADDITION WORDS EITHER "HERBIE" OR CAN BE
INTERPRETED AS "SHIRLEY" WITH LAST NAME POSSIBLY
"PORICH" OR "PORICK" ALSO NUMBER "THREE SIX ONE NINE-
ROBERT." ALSO NAME INTERPRETED AS "JANE PENNEY" OR
"FENNEY." PHOTOGRAPHS OF DEVELOPED INDENTED WRITING
BEING SENT TO ALL RECEIVING OFFICES TODAY FOR POSSIBLE
INVESTIGATIVE ASSISTANCE. J PROVINCIAL MOTEL REGISTRATION
CARD WILL BE PRECESSED FOR LATENT FINGERPRINTS.

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FBI ATLANTA

2:59 P URGENT 4/15/68 HJM

TO BIRMINGHAM

FROM ATLANTA 44-2386

MURKIN.

RE BIRMINGHAM TEL APRIL ELEVEN LAST.

ROME, GA. PHONE TWO THREE TWO-NINE THREE FOUR THREE IS
PAY STATION, SECOND FLOOR MAIN BUILDING, DARLINGTON SCHOOL
ROME, A PRIVATE BOYS SCHOOL.

INVESTIGATION REFLECTS THERE ARE FORTYFOUR STUDENTS ON
THAT FLOOR WITH THREE HAVING BIRMINGHAM, ALA. CONTACTS.
ROBERT D. THUSTON, HOME ADDRESS TWO FIVE TWO FIVE WATKINS LANE,
BIRMINGHAM RECALLS RECEIVING ONE CALL IN AUTUMN NINETEEN
SIXTYSEVEN ON ABOVE PHONE FROM PARENTS, BELIEVED ORIGINATING
FROM THEIR RESIDENCE. ANOTHER STUDENT, SAMUEL BANKS, HAS
BROTHER, WILLIAM BANKS, STUDENT AT BIRMINGHAM SOUTHERN.
WILLIAM BANKS IN ROME ON VACATION APRIL THIRTEEN LAST
ADVISED HAD CONTACTED BROTHER AT DARLINGTON ON NUMEROUS
OCCASIONS BUT BELIEVES ORIGINATING CALLS AT PHONE THREE TWO EIGHT-
ZERO EIGHT THREE FOUR, HIS APT. AT EIGHT FIVE EIGHT B EIGHTH
ST. WEST, BIRMINGHAM OR FROM FRATERNITY HOUSE PHONE SEVEN EIGHT
SEVEN-ZERO SIX TWO EIGHT. RECALLS MAKING NO CALLS FROM 44-1740-642

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HIGHLAND AVE. BUT WILL OBTAIN PHONE BILL AND MAKE AVAILABLE IF CONTACTED AT BIRMINGHAM SOUTHERN.

WILLIAM WHITE, ANOTHER STUDENT, ADVISED THIS DATE HE HAD RECEIVED NUMEROUS PHONE CALLS FROM PARENTS, MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM B. WHITE, JR. THREE THREE FIVE ONE CHEROKEE ROAD, ON THEIR RESIDENCE PHONE. RECALLS BEING ADVISED BY ANOTHER STUDENT AT DARLINGTON OF RECEIPT OF PHONE CALL FOR WHITE FROM HIS GIRL FRIEND, BETH HENLEY WHO LIVES WITH HER STEPFATHER, CHARLES METCALF, LOCKSLEY DR., BIRMINGHAM. WHITE STATES CALL CAME ABOUT EIGHT O'CLOCK WHEN DARLINGTON PLAYED AVONDALE, GA. HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL GAME WHICH WAS ON OCTOBER SIX, NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN. BETH HENLEY WAS ENROUTE TO SELMA, ALA. AT THAT TIME AND DOES NOT RECALL IF SHE ORIGINATED CALL IN BIRMINGHAM OR SELMA. HENLEY AGE FIFTEEN DASH SIXTEEN AT THAT TIME WAS APPEARING IN A LITTLE THEATER PRODUCTION LOCATED IN HIGHLAND AVE. VICINITY IN BIRMINGHAM.

BIRMINGHAM DETERMINE WHERE BETH HNELEY PLACED CALL TO WILLIAM WHITE, DARLINGTON SCHOOL, ROME. IF THIS INVESTIGATION DOES NOT IDENTIFY PERSON MAKING CALL CONSIDER CONTACTING

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WILLIAM BANKS, BIRMINGHAM SOUTHERN TO VERIFY ORIGIN OF CALL HE
PLACED TO BROTHER AT ROME.

AIRMAIL COPY SENT MEMPHIS. P

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FBI MOBILE

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TO BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)
FROM MOBILE (157-2627)

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RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO ALL OFFICES FOUR FOURTEEN SIXTY
EIGHT.

MRS. ANN RICE, ARTHUR MURRAY DANCE STUDIO, ONE SIX FOUR
GOVERNMENT STREET, MOBILE, ADVISED FOUR FIFTEEN INSTANT, THAT SHE
HAD KNOWLEDGE OF ONE ALBERT WILLARD, WHO TOOK DANCE LESSONS
THROUGH ARTHUR MURRAY DANCE STUDIO, ONE ONE SEVEN AND ONE HALF
MAIN STREET, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA. SHE ADVISED THAT WILLARD
ENTERED DANCE COMPETITIONS IN BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, SEPTEMBER
SIXTEEN SIXTYSEVEN AND AT BILOXI, MISSISSIPPI, FEBRUARY THREE
SIXTYEIGHT. SHE FURNISHED DESCRIPTION OF ALBERT WILLARD WHICH
MATCHED DESCRIPTION OF ERIC STARVO GALT SET FORTH IN REFERENCED
TELETYPE. SHE ALSO ADVISED THAT ALBERT WILLARD IS A PIPE
SMOKER.

AS OF FEBRUARY THREE LAST, WILLARD WAS TAKING DANCING
LESSONS AT BIRMINGHAM. MRS. RICE ADVISED HER FILES NEGATIVE
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REGARDING HARVEY LOWMYER, JOHN WILLARD AND ERIC STARVO GALT.

BIRMINGHAM CONTACT ARTHUR MURRAY DANCE STUDIO, ONE ONE SEVEN AND ONE HALF MAIN STREET, AND DETERMINE ANY CONNECTION OF ALBERT WILLARD WITH INSTANT MATTER.

MEMPHIS ADVISED AM. P.

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FBI BIRMGHAM

FBI CHICAGO

4 48 PM URGENT 4-15-68 MLE

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), NEW YORK, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740), ATLANTA
(44-2386) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM CHICAGO (44-1114) 2P

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MURKIN.

JOSEPH P. O'CONNOR, AUDITOR, MERCHANDISE NATIONAL BANK,
CHICAGO, TODAY MADE AVAILABLE DRAFT NUMBER ZERO FOUR ZERO ONE
TWO F. P. S. PURCHASED AT THE EXCHANGE SECURITY BANK, BIRMINGHAM,
ALABAMA, SEPTEMBER TWENTY EIGHT, NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN, PAYALE
TO SUPERIOR BULK FILM COMPANY, CHICAGO, FOR AMOUNT THREE HUNDRED
THIRTY SEVEN DOLLARS AND TWENTY FOUR CENTS, DRAWN ON THE FIRST
NATIONAL CITY BANK OF NEW YORK, NEW YORK, BEARING AUTHORIZED
SIGNATURE BOB SELLERS, NOT ENDORSED BY GALT. THE ORIGINAL CHECK
DEPOSITED BY SUPERIOR BULK FILM COMPANY, CHICAGO, ON OCTOBER TWO,
NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN, WAS RECEIVED FROM ERIC S. GALT, TWO SIX ZERO
EIGHT HIGHLAND AVENUE, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, FOR PAYMENT OF
CAMERA EQUIPMENT.

BIRMINGHAM OBTAIN REQUISITION OR PURCHASE FORM FROM
EXCHANGE SECURITY BANK AND SUBMIT TO BUREAU FOR LAB AND LATENT
PRINT EXAMINATION.

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NEW YORK OBTAIN ORIGINAL DRAFT AND SUBMIT TO LATENT
PRINT SECTION FOR EXAM.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/11/68

At approximately 10:30 a.m. DONALD F. WOOD was contacted at Aeromarine Supply Company, 5701 Airport Highway, Birmingham, and advised that he is the son of ROBERT E. WOOD, SR., who is the owner of the Aeromarine Supply Company. WOOD was discreetly questioned concerning the sale of a Remington caliber 30.06 rifle, serial number 461476, which Aeromarine had purchased from Wimberley-Thomas in August, 1966. DONALD F. WOOD immediately stated that he had heard the accounts of the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING the previous day on the radio and had immediately recalled selling a rifle, as was described in the newspaper as the murder weapon, to an individual about a week before the murder. WOOD immediately searched for and found a sales invoice in his records and indicated that on Saturday, March 30, 1968, he had sold this gun to an individual using the name HARVEY LOWMEYER.

After obtaining both copies of this sales invoice, Mr. WOOD was requested to accompany the interviewing Agent to the Birmingham Office of the FBI, which he agreed to do. Mr. WOOD was transported to the Birmingham Office of the FBI, where he furnished the following signed statement:

"Birmingham, Alabama
April 5, 1968

"I, DONALD F. WOOD, hereby make this statement to Special Agent NEIL P. SHANAHAN who has identified himself to me as a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I reside at 405 Lance Lane, Birmingham, Alabama and subscribe to telephone number 836-4918. I am employed by my father, ROBERT E. WOOD, SR. at the Aeromarine Supply Company, 5701 Airport Highway, Birmingham, Ala., as a salesman.

On 4/5/68 at Birmingham, Alabama File # BH 44-1740-645
by SA NEIL P. SHANAHAN:jml Date dictated 4/11/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

"On Friday, March 29, 1968, sometime in the early afternoon I had just returned from lunch when I observed Mr. U. L. BAKER, also a salesman, completing the sale of a rifle to an individual unknown to me. Mr. BAKER had just sold this man a Remington, Model 700, Caliber .243 Winchester with a 2x-7x Redfield Scope mounted thereon. Mr. BAKER had made this sale and had also mounted and bore sighted the scope on our machine. This individual also bought one box of 20 rounds of .243 Norma ammunition. He payed cash for this sale. When I first observed this man he was dressed in a dark business suit with a white shirt and tie, as well as I remember. He was approximately 5'8" tall, 150 to 160 pounds and had dark hair. He had a medium complexion and appeared to be a meek individual. This individual had given his name as HARVEY LOWMEYER and stated that he resided at 1907 South 11th Street, Birmingham, Alabama. He also advised that he was 36 years of age.

"This information was not given to me personally by this individual, but I determined it from the bill of sale that was prepared by Mr. BAKER.

"Following the sale this individual left the store carrying the gun in a cardboard box utilized by the Browning Manufacturing Company. This box was used because with the scope mounted the rifle would not fit in the normal Remington box. He also took the empty Remington manufacturer's carton with him when he left.

"It was, as best I recall, either later that afternoon or early the following Saturday morning when this individual called on the telephone and stated that he had had a conversation with his brother and decided that the gun he had purchased was not the gun he wanted and he requested whether he could exchange it for a Remington, Model 760, 30.06 caliber. I advised him that we could make this exchange but that it would cost him an additional \$5.00.

"At approximately 9:00 AM on Saturday, March 30, this same individual returned to the store with the gun he had previously purchased. When he returned the gun he had the gun still in the Browning box. I told him that I would change the scope from the caliber .243 rifle to the Model 760, but that it would take me until approximately 3:00 o'clock in the afternoon and I instructed him to return at 3:00 o'clock and to bring the original Remington box for the caliber .243 weapon with him when he came as I would need a box to store the gun in. I gave him the Model 760 gun and I believe that I left it in the Browning carton. I did not receive the \$5.00 because in exchanging the scope I had to use a Weaver base and rings instead of the Redfield base and rings and this made up the cost difference. I also exchanged the box of .243 caliber ammunition for a box of 30.06 ammunition which I believe was Peters Core Lockett, 150 grain, 20 rounds per box. He left the store carrying the gun in the cardboard box.

"During the course of our dealings on Saturday I asked this individual why he didn't want the caliber .243 gun and I told him that it was a big enough gun to bring down any deer in Alabama. He stated in an offhand manner that he wanted the 30.06 caliber gun because he was going to use it to hunt in Wisconsin.

"At the present time this is all that I can remember concerning the transaction with this individual.

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"I have read this signed statement and accept where I have initiated one correction. I find it to consist of this and two other pages and it is true and correct.

"/s/ DONALD F. WOOD

"/s/ NEIL P. SHANAHAN, Special Agent,
FBI, 4/5/68.

"/s/ MARVIN M. EUBANKS, Special Agent,
FBI, Birmingham, 4/5/68."

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Date 4/11/68

JOE F. BIDDLE, Manager, Sporting Goods Department, Wimberley-Thomas Hardware Company, 1809 First Avenue, South, Birmingham, was contacted at approximately 8:30 a.m. and advised that he had already been contacted by the man from Remington-Arms Company in Bridgeport, Connecticut, and had been advised by him that Remington 30.06 rifle, serial number 461476, had been shipped to Wimberley on March 30, 1966, under Remington invoice number 55868.

Mr. BIDDLE stated that this order was received and was, in fact, a shipment of 418 guns of various types.

He consulted his record book, captioned Daily Report of Sale of Guns and Pistols, and determined that Remington rifle, caliber 30.06, marketed under Remington symbol number 9684, serial number 461476, had been sold on August 31, 1966, to Aeromarine Supply Company, 5701 Airport Highway, Birmingham.

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1Date April 9, 1968

Mrs. WILLIAM D. PAISLEY, 701 48th Street South, Birmingham, furnished the following.

On August 29, 1967, Mrs. PAISLEY received a telephone call from a man later identified as ERIC GALT in answer to a newspaper ad the PAISLEYS had run in an effort to sell their 1966 white Mustang. GALT inquired if the car had been sold yet and was told that it had not. He then said he would like to look at it and asked how to get to the PAISLEY residence. He told Mrs. PAISLEY that he was "not familiar with the city." She thought at the time that the caller might be one of her teenage sons' companions who was playing a joke on her, so she asked the caller (GALT) "Do you work?" GALT said "I'm a barger. I'm here looking for a job with Social Security." He then explained to Mrs. PAISLEY that a barger was a person employed on a river barge, and he was working on such a barge between New Orleans and either Memphis and/or St. Louis.

Mrs. PAISLEY later saw GALT when he was dealing with her husband concerning the automobile. She described him as a white male, age about 32, five feet, ten inches tall, 160 pounds, dark brown hair, neat-looking, neat dresser, quiet, and possibly a Texas accent but definitely not northern, eastern or Virginian.

Mrs. PAISLEY said she did not believe she could identify this man if she saw him again.

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Date 4/12/68

WILLIAM DAVID PAISLEY, JR., 701 South 48th Street, Birmingham, on April 9, 1968, furnished the following:

Sometime in late August, 1967, PAISLEY's father had run an ad in the Sunday newspaper in an effort to sell their 1966 white two-door hardtop Mustang with red interior and whitewall tires. They advertised the car as being for sale for \$1,995. A couple of days later, a man later identified as ERIC GALT and PAISLEY's father picked up PAISLEY at the home of one of his friends. PAISLEY's father was driving the car and GALT was riding in the front seat. They drove around the area for awhile and then returned to the PAISLEY residence. GALT did not ask any questions, look at the motor or in the trunk of the car. He said, "I'll be glad to take this car off your hands." He then agreed to give PAISLEY's father a down payment if Mr. PAISLEY would take GALT back to downtown Birmingham. They then agreed to meet the next morning at the First National Bank to settle the deal, because PAISLEY's father has his office in that building and PAISLEY at the time was employed in the First National Bank.

Mr. PAISLEY suggested that GALT obtain a cashier's check. PAISLEY and his father then took GALT to First Avenue North and 20th Street, where he got out of the car. That evening, August 29, 1968, PAISLEY tried to call GALT at the telephone number GALT had left with PAISLEY's father. PAISLEY was unable to talk to GALT as he was not at the number called and PAISLEY learned this number was at a rooming house on Highland Avenue. The next day PAISLEY's father received a telephone call from GALT who said he was six blocks away from the First National Bank building and would meet the PAISLEYS in front of the First National Bank at about 10:15 A.M. They met in front of the bank at 10:15 A.M. and GALT produced \$2,000 in cash, mostly twenties, with some 100-dollar bills. They stepped inside the bank where the money was counted and GALT was given a bill of sale.

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PAISLEY then took GALT to the parking lot where the car was parked and showed him how to drive the car. He then gave GALT the keys and GALT drove off.

DAVID PAISLEY recalled that he observed this same car for about six weeks after the sale, parked in front of the rooming house in the 2600 block of Highland Avenue, but that he had not seen this automobile since about the first of October, 1967. He also recalled that on one of these occasions he observed a front bumper tag with a drawing of a Confederate flag thereon.

PAISLEY recalled GALT saying that he worked on a barge on the Mississippi River "out of St. Louis" to New Orleans. He would work a month and then be off for two weeks, and that this was a lonely life. He also said he had saved all his money from his job and would pay cash for the car.

PAISLEY also recalled that GALT was emphatic about not test driving the automobile, and said that his Louisiana license had expired and he had not obtained an Alabama driver's license yet. He also recalled GALT making a statement that he did his banking at the Birmingham Trust National Bank, and "I have my money there."

PAISLEY described GALT as a white male, 5'8"-8½", age 32, tall, 145 pounds, dark brown or black hair with a widow's peak and cut short. This person was not a smoker, was very clean-cut, very shy and quiet. He claimed he was divorced and that his wife was presently living on Rocky Ridge or Dolly Ridge Road "over the mountain," referring to an area south of Homewood, Alabama. PAISLEY recalled this person had an accent which was possibly Western, but was definitely not from the Alabama area. PAISLEY also recalled this person saying he was unemployed at that time.

PAISLEY said he could definitely identify this person if he ever saw him again.

On April 10, 1968, DAVID PAISLEY observed an artist's conception of a person who had purchased a rifle at Aeromarine Supply, Birmingham, on March 29, 1968. PAISLEY said this artist's conception did not resemble ERIC GALT.

PAISLEY said his father had told GALT during the transaction that GALT would have to get insurance for the Mustang as the PAISLEYS would cancel their car insurance by calling State Farm Insurance Company that day (August 30, 1968). PAISLEY recalled that GALT did not ask any questions or say anything further about car insurance.

During his contacts with GALT, PAISLEY said he never detected the odor of alcohol on GALT nor did he observe GALT smoke cigarettes. PAISLEY said the ad for the automobile had been run in the "Birmingham News" on Sunday, August 27, 1967, only.

PAISLEY recalled GALT, after inspecting PAISLEY's Mustang, saying that this was the cleanest one that GALT had seen. He also recalled GALT saying, "I've got my money in the Birmingham Trust," and did not refer to the bank as the "BTNB," which is commonly done by natives of Birmingham. In connection with GALT's divorced wife whom GALT claimed was living on Rocky Ridge Road or Dolly Ridge Road, "over the mountain," PAISLEY recalls GALT saying, "Yeah, that's the way it goes."

PAISLEY said the price of \$1,995 for the Mustang was \$300 too much, but this price was never questioned by GALT and this price did not seem to bother GALT in any way. GALT said he had been saving his money and because he worked on a barge he had no place to spend it.

PAISLEY said he could not recall how GALT was dressed on August 29, 1967, but did believe that on August 30, 1967, GALT was wearing a sport coat, a dress shirt, with no tie, open at the neck.

Prior to GALT's taking possession of the car on August 30, 1967, PAISLEY's father asked GALT how GALT was going to get his driver's license. GALT replied that he had a friend "over at the rooming house," who would take him to the place where he could obtain a driver's license and change the registration on the car.

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DAVID PAISLEY recalled that during the month to six weeks after the sale he had observed this car parked on numerous occasions in front of the rooming house in the 2600 block of Highland Avenue. He had noted that this car seemed to be dirty from non-use, rather than from being driven, and that on the last occasion of observing this car which would have been about the first of October, 1967, the car still had the slick bald tires that had been on it when it was sold.

PAISLEY furnished the following detailed description of the automobile:

1966 white Mustang, two-door hardtop, eight cylinder, 289, four individual red plastic floor mats, push button radio, heater, remote control outside mirror, day-night inside mirror, very clean engine, mileage 20,000 miles, equipped with Autolite battery, four whitewall, bald tires. The spare was in good shape but had a wider whitewall than the tires on the wheels. The seats were medium red in color and the carpeting was maroon or dark red. The body condition of the car was excellent and the muffler was painted shiny silver.

PAISLEY said that he had forgotten to advise on April 9, 1968, that on April 5, 1968, sometime between 1:00 P.M. and 1:30 P.M., while driving east on Fifth Avenue North, in front of the U. S. Post Office, PAISLEY observed a 1966 clean, white Mustang hardtop, which he thought could possibly be the same car he had sold to GALT. He also, at the same time, observed the back of a man getting into this car whose build resembled that of GALT. PAISLEY said he could not be definite that this was the same car and that the individual was GALT, as he only had a fleeting glimpse.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date April 9, 1968

WILLIAM D. PAISLEY, 701 48th Street South,
Birmingham, furnished the following.

On August 29, 1967, a man later identified as ERIC GALT came to the PAISLEY residence in a taxi cab. This man apparently was the same man who had called earlier in the day and talked to PAISLEY's wife about an ad the PAISLEYS had placed in a local newspaper in an effort to sell their 1966 white Mustang. PAISLEY showed the automobile which has a red interior to GALT and offered to let him test-drive the car. GALT refused to drive the car, saying he did not have an Alabama drivers license, but he did have one in Louisiana. PAISLEY then drove GALT around the area, and during this drive picked up PAISLEY's son DAVID. When they returned to the PAISLEY residence, GALT said "I'll take it off your hands." GALT said he did not like the off-white color of the car, but apparently was otherwise satisfied. GALT then suggested that he give PAISLEY some earnest money, and asked if PAISLEY would drive GALT to the downtown area of Birmingham. It was then agreed that they would meet the next day at about 10:00 a.m. at the First National Bank to settle the deal. GALT told PAISLEY that he, GALT, had his bank account at the Birmingham Trust National Bank. GALT asked PAISLEY how he wanted payment for the car, and PAISLEY suggested a cashier's check. GALT said he did not know how to get a cashier's check, and PAISLEY said he would show him how the next day. PAISLEY, accompanied by his son DAVID, then took GALT to First Avenue and North 20th Street, where GALT got out of the car.

The next day PAISLEY received a telephone call from GALT, who said he would meet him at the First National Bank to settle the deal. At about 10:15 a.m., they met in front of the bank, and GALT took \$2,000 cash out of his shirt pocket and gave it to PAISLEY. PAISLEY suggested they go inside the bank and count the money, which they did. PAISLEY deposited the money in the bank, and GALT went with PAISLEY's son to a parking lot where he took possession of the car.

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PAISLEY recalls GALT mentioned that he worked on a barge line between New Orleans and St. Louis, and that he would work 20 days and then be off 10 days. He recalled GALT saying that he was married, and that his wife was now living "over in Rocky Ridge," referring to an area south of Homewood, Alabama.

PAISLEY described GALT as a white male, age about 32, five feet, ten and one-half inches tall, 160 to 165 pounds, dark brown hair, neat-looking, neat dresser, quiet, accent was not from the Alabama area.

Mr. PAISLEY said he did not believe he could identify GALT if he ever saw him again.

PAISLEY produced a bill of sale for this transaction which shows the car was sold to ERIC GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama, telephone 323-9487, for \$1,995 on August 30, 1967.