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AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, CLEVELAND (44-565)

JH FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)

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OO: MEMPHIS

Re Cleveland teletype to Birmingham dated April 13, 1968.

Records of the Melton Hotel, Birmingham, Alabama, show J. J. REDMAN checked into that hotel at 9:15 p.m. 4/4/68, occupied Room 408, checked out prior to 12:00 Noon, 4/5/68, and paid for room in cash. Employees of hotel do not recall REDMAN and have no other pertinent information concerning him.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)

MURKIN

ReBulet to Bureau, 4/16/68.

Enclosed herewith is original bank draft # [REDACTED] dated 9/28/67, payable to Superior Bulk Film Company in the amount of \$337.24, payable through the First National City Bank of New York, New York, bearing the authorized signature of BOB SELLERS.

WAYNE RUSSELL, Assistant Auditor, Exchange Security Bank, Birmingham, Alabama, advised that his records disclose that the above-described bank draft was purchased 9/28/67 at the bank's Five Points South Branch Office by ERIC S. GALT. RUSSELL advised that when a customer purchases a bank draft, he normally will fill out a purchase form, present it to the teller who will then prepare the bank draft, and then return to the customer the original bank draft and one copy. The bank will then maintain a copy of the bank draft issued which will reflect the name of the purchaser, and the purchase form submitted by the customer is then destroyed at the end of the day. RUSSELL stated that the bank records pertaining to this purchase of the bank draft by GALT would not have been touched by GALT. Therefore, other bank records pertaining to the purchase of this draft are not being obtained.

RUSSELL further advised that the bank draft itself has undoubtedly been touched by numerous persons, and that as far as employees of Exchange Security Bank are concerned, it would be difficult to determine just who may have touched

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this draft; therefore, in view of the above, elimination prints of Exchange Security Bank employees are not being obtained.

The Latent Fingerprint Section is requested to conduct a latent fingerprint examination on the bank draft and to compare any latent prints developed with latent prints previously submitted in this case.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P) DATE: 4/16/68

FROM : SA DAVID B. ZWIRN

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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TAXICABS

On 4/7/68, the trip sheets of City Cab Company, Inc., Birmingham, Alabama, were checked for March 29 and 30, 1968, by SA DAVID B. ZWIRN.

On 4/9, 10, and 12/68, the following interviews were conducted by SA ZWIRN at City Cab Company, 2928 7th Avenue North, Birmingham, as a result of the aforementioned record checks.

The following drivers were negative as to both a fare with a long package on 3/29 and 3/30/68, at or near the airport, either arriving or departing, and the artist's conception:

JEROLD WAGNER
PAUL DAVIS
RUFUS PENNINGTON
FLORENCE COE
ROBERT REIBER
A. J. HOLLOMAN
R. L. POINDEXTER
HOYT L. SMITH
CLIFFORD GREEN
T. W. PRICE
JAMES HARDIN
J. E. TILLERY
THEODORE HARPER
ROB HAYES
CARLOS MARTIN
JAMES VERNON DAVIS
MORRIS EASTERLING
REECE DOCKERY
ROY W. MC CORMICK

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ERNEST MC AVOY
MAX H. HENRY
PAUL THACKER
WILLIAM SHERRILL
FLOYD CRAIG
CLYDE H. CLOUGH
JAMES DOVER
JAMES HALL
JESSIE W. INGRAM
CLANTON J. DEASON
NEVELL A. ADERHOLD, JR.
HOMER E. JUSTICE
WILLIAM WILSON ROBERTS
BUFORD J. CAMPBELL
MURLEN E. RAY

The following drivers furnished the following information, all of which eventually proved not to be pertinent to this case:

REUBEN CRUMPTON, 2103 16th Avenue North, thought he had seen a man like that in the picture in the Elite Cafe downtown Birmingham.

WOODROW POLLARD, 566 41st Street North, thought he had a fare who looked like artist's conception. He said this fare went into a pawn shop on 2nd Avenue between 22nd and 23rd Streets, and bought two golf bags with clubs. All the pawn shops in the area said there was no such transaction in their store.

ROBERT COATES carried a passenger with a long package on this date.

WILLIAM LANGLEY, Lykes Hotel, advised he had a fare who looked like the artist's conception.

H. L. THOMAS, 7408 1st Avenue North, picked up a passenger at Aeromarine Supply Company and seemed quite sure he was our suspect, as he had a long package and met the conception fairly well. However, this occurred on 2/24/68.

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KENNETH STAMM, 1805 26th Street North, believed he picked up a man similar in appearance to the artist's conception at the airport terminal about 12:30 P.M. on 3/29/68. A check of Delta and Southern records revealed that no passenger arriving about that time had the name of a possible suspect. Eastern and United had no planes arriving at that time.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date April 12, 1968

CLYDE ROYAL MANASCO, Route 9, Box 602, Birmingham, Alabama, Clerk, The Gun Rack, located at 1507 S.W. 31st Street, Birmingham, Alabama, furnished the following information:

On March 29, 1968, at about 1:30 p.m., he was in The Gun Rack alone when a man came in the store and made inquiry concerning ballistics of various rifles. He stated this individual did not appear to want to purchase a rifle as much as he was seeking information about ballistics. He stated this man was interested in obtaining information concerning the rifle that would give the flattest and longest trajectory in a bullet. He stated they discussed the various calibers of rifles, including .243, .308 and 30.06. He stated this man, in his opinion, did not come in to buy a rifle but came in for information concerning rifles and ballistics. He said the man asked him if he had a ballistics chart he could take with him, and MANASCO advised him he did have such a chart. The man then asked him if he had a used .243 caliber rifle, which he did not have.

He advised he would describe this individual as a white male, thirty years of age, 5'8" to 5'9" in height, 140 to 150 pounds, light brown hair, light complexion, dressed in sports clothes, and he does not believe the man was wearing a coat when he was in The Gun Rack.

He stated he did not observe this individual's automobile or mode of travel. He gained the impression from conversation with this individual that he had either been or was going to Long-Lewis Hardware Company, Bessemer, Alabama.

He advised he recalls that this individual was interested in the amount of drop a bullet would have at 200 yards and other various distances, and he was seeking information concerning the speed and weight of bullets. Mr. MANASCO said he would give this matter further thought and he might be able to recall additional details concerning this matter.

On 4/8/68 at Birmingham, Alabama File # BH 44-1740 - 805
by SA J. T. ARNETT *J. T. Arnett* hss Date dictated 4/10/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date April 11, 1968

LYNDELL EARL DILBECK, 89 Holiday Trailer Park, Bessemer Super Highway, Bessemer, Alabama, who is employed in the gun and sporting goods department at Long-Lewis Hardware Company, Bessemer, Alabama, furnished the following information:

He recalls some man coming to Long-Lewis Hardware on Friday, March 29, 1968, and asking about a high-powered rifle, but he is sure he referred this individual to MIKE KOPP, who is in charge of that department. He said it was possible that he went to lunch shortly after referring this customer to Mr. KOPP, as he recalls this was about noon-time.

On 4/8/68 at Bessemer, Alabama File # BH 44-1740 - 806
by SA J. T. ARNETT / hss Date dictated 4/10/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/12/68

QUINTON B. DAVIS, 912 Ann Street, Ensley, Birmingham, Alabama, owner of "The Gun Rack", 1507 31st Street, S.W., Birmingham, Alabama, furnished the following information regarding a customer who had expressed an interest in buying a high-powered rifle.

He advised that during the past several months, an individual has been in The Gun Rack on two or three occasions. He stated that he recalled on one occasion, he talked with this individual and attempted to sell him a rifle. It was about noon and he was alone in The Gun Rack at the time this occurred. He stated that it was raining at the time and he recalls the individual parked his car near the front entrance to The Gun Rack. He stated that he could not recall the exact description of this car but as he recalls, the car was a small car, light in color. He stated if it was a white car, it was dirty.

He advised that he believes this individual was in The Gun Rack two or three months ago, exact date he cannot recall.

He stated when the man came into The Gun Rack, he asked him if he had a Model 264 Browning automatic, Grade 2. He informed the man he did not have a Model 264 Browning, as this was a new rifle and he had not been promised delivery by the Browning Company of Model 264 until June or July 1968. DAVIS advised that numerous gun magazines have carried stories about a Browning Model 264, but they are not available to dealers at this time.

He advised he recalls the man asked him about a Redfield rifle scope, a 3x9 Accu-range scope, and DAVIS

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pointed out in a Redfield 1968 bulletin that on page 6 of this bulletin is the type scope the man made inquiry concerning.

He recalls the man asked him how long it would take for him to get the scope, as DAVIS did not have the scope in stock. DAVIS informed the man it would take two or three days to obtain the scope and have it mounted.

DAVIS advised that he exhibited to the man several different rifles but does not recall the man actually handling any of the rifles. He recalls that among the weapons that he attempted to sell this individual was a Remington Model 742 automatic, a Model 700 7 m.m. Remington Magnum. He stated that the reason he recalls the 7 m.m. Magnum is that he only had one of these guns and he had purchased it for an individual who had refused to take the gun after he had purchased it. He advised that he attempted to sell the man several other guns, including guns with caliber 30/06, .243 and .308, but the man appeared to be more interested in obtaining information regarding the amount a bullet dropped at certain distances than actually in buying a rifle. He stated that he and the man referred to a 1968 gun book and looked up various manufacturer's ammunition and the amount the bullet would drop at various distances for .243 caliber, .308 caliber, and 30/06 caliber.

He advised that in his experience in selling guns and ammunition, most of the people who are interested in ballistics are individuals who do hand reloading. He advised that at the time, he thought this individual was interested in the drop of bullets, as he might be planning to reload ammunition with varying amounts of powder. He advised that now he recalls during their conversation the man did not at any time express any interest in the muzzle velocity of the bullet but was only interested in weights of bullets and the amount of drop at various distances. From the conversation, he gained the impression the man wanted to buy a rifle that would fire a bullet with the least amount of drop, several hundred yards of distance.

He furnished the following description of this individual:

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Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	30-35
Height	5'9" - 5'10"
Weight	150 pounds
Build	Slender
Complexion	Light. Skin did not appear as if the man was ever in the sun; gave the impression of being almost pale.

Characteristics	General impression of being a weak person physically, not the type who would be interested in outdoor big-game shooting.
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He stated the man, during their conversation, did not appear to be too interested in the guns as he was listening very closely to information he furnished regarding ballistics. He stated the man stared at him during their conversation. He advised the man's eyes were light in color, blue, but with different colors, very unusual in appearance, and very noticeable. He stated the man talked very plainly, pronounced each word very clearly. He stated he could not be positive as to whether this man is a Southerner or from some other section of the country, although he does not talk like most Southerners.

He stated the man had thin, bony hands and his fingernails were manicured. He stated the man's face was thin, and although the man talked very intelligently and may have been an educated person, he gained the impression the man was under a strain or slightly mentally disturbed. He stated the man had a very serious expression on his face, although he was polite and courteous. He advised that he believes this man may have been in his store on one occasion during the football season but he does not recall the man buying anything or his reason for being in the store.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 14, 1968

Mr. PETER CHERPES, Economy Rooming House, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, advised that ERIC GALT first came to his rooming house during the last week in August, 1967. He said that ERIC GALT resided in Room 14 during his stay at the rooming house and he was unable to state positively the mode of transportation used by GALT when he first arrived. Mr. CHERPES pointed out that he runs a continuous ad in the Birmingham, Alabama newspapers and more than likely GALT obtained the address of his rooming house from a newspaper. He said that he was unable to recall if GALT telephoned him prior to coming to the rooming house, pointing out that he gets numerous inquiries each day concerning rooms and rates.

Mr. CHERPES said that when ERIC GALT arrived, he had two or three pieces of luggage, was cleanly dressed and said that he previously lived and worked in Pascagoula, Mississippi. He recalled that GALT said he worked for a manufacturing company that made boats and he believed it was the Ingalls Boat Company, Pascagoula, Mississippi. He said that GALT told him he was on vacation and further that he was unemployed during the entire time he stayed at the rooming house.

Mr. CHERPES said that a few days after ERIC GALT arrived, he came to him and asked him if he would go with him to obtain a State of Alabama driver's license inasmuch as he had no driver's license. He said that since GALT was a new tenant, which he desired to keep, he agreed to accompany GALT, which he did, to the driver's license examination station, Birmingham, and waited for GALT while he took his driver's examination and road test. He recalled that GALT had a white recent model Mustang which he drove to and from the driver's license examination station. Mr. CHERPES was unable to recall seeing this white Mustang prior to the day that he accompanied ERIC GALT for his license examination.

Mr. CHERPES said that he recalls that GALT remained to himself most of the time and further recalled that he was always late for breakfast and ate around 10:00 a.m. GALT,

On 4/11/68 at Birmingham, Alabama File # BH 44-1740-808
by SAC JOSEPH H. GAMBLE and
SA WILLIAM A. SAUCIER:WAS/cap:mfl Date dictated 4/13/68

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thereafter, would return to his room and rest and he observed him on occasions leaving during the day. He said that to the best of his recollection GALT would always be on time for the evening dinner, which was served between 5:30 and 6:00 p.m. each day.

Mr. CHERPES said that approximately two weeks later a parcel post package was delivered to the rooming house for ERIC GALT from Chicago, Illinois, and that he is unable to recall the sender. He remembered this package being delivered inasmuch as GALT was not at the rooming house when the package arrived and that he kept the package in his room until GALT returned. He said that GALT did not open the package in his presence and that he took it to his room and, therefore, he is unable to state what merchandise was in the box. He described the box as approximately ten inches in height by 18 inches by 24 inches and weighing approximately 25 pounds. He said that a day or so later, GALT said to him that he was not happy with the merchandise he had received and was returning it to the sender. He said that GALT did not ask him for any wrapping paper, nor did he see him leave the rooming house with the box.

Mr. CHERPES said that during the latter part of March, 1968, he received a business-type letter addressed to ERIC GALT at his address. He said that this letter contained what he believed to be a check for Mr. GALT and that it was also from the same company in Chicago, Illinois which had mailed the above described box to GALT. He said that he held this letter for one or two days and, thereafter, marked it "Not here" and returned it to the U. S. Post Office. Mr. CHERPES described the envelope in which the letter or check came as a business-type envelope, thin, blue in color, window-type.

Mr. CHERPES said that to the best of his memory he believed that ERIC GALT left his residence on Thursday or Friday evening. He said that a few days prior to GALT's departure he had a conversation with ERIC GALT, at which time he said to CHERPES that he had a possible job on a boat at Pascagoula, Mississippi. He said that GALT said he had made a telephone call concerning this possible employment and the following day GALT advised CHERPES that he had confirmed this employment and that he would be leaving and was going to Mobile, Alabama. He said GALT told him he had

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no current address which he could leave in order that his mail could be forwarded, but that he would send him a forwarding address, which he failed to do.

Mr. CHERPES pointed out that at no time previous or since has he observed ERIC GALT and, further, he is unable to remember any other correspondence he may have received while at the rooming house.

Mr. CHERPES pointed out that GALT remained to himself most of the time and did not mix with other tenants. He was always neatly dressed in sport-type, as well as business-type, clothes. He said that GALT was approximately 30 to 35 years in age, approximately five feet ten inches in height, weighed from 170 to 175 pounds, had medium brown hair which he combed straight back with no part, fair complexion, and thin build.

Mr. CHERPES said that he was unable to remember if he had ever seen GALT with any other person leaving the rooming house and was unable to say who his acquaintances, associates or any other individuals GALT may have known in Birmingham, Alabama might be. He said that GALT would on occasions watch television in the TV room and that possibly some of the other guests who were there during the same time as GALT may have talked with GALT or be in a position to furnish additional information concerning his activities. Mr. CHERPES said that he knows ERIC GALT and could identify him should he see him again or if he should return to the rooming house.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date April 14, 1968

Immediately following the receipt of a package at approximately 12:30 a.m., April 8, 1968, containing three weapons from Special Agent ROBERT M. BARRETT, Special Agent RALPH N. BUTLER hand-carried them aboard a Delta Airlines flight, changing to an Eastern Airlines flight in Atlanta, Georgia, and ultimately accompanied them to Mr. GEORGE BONEBRAKE of the FBI Identification Division at approximately 8:00 a.m. on April 8, 1968.

These items, from the time they were delivered to SA BUTLER, did not leave his possession until delivered to Mr. BONEBRAKE.

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Washington, D. C. File # BH 44-1740-809
by SA RALPH N. BUTLER:mas Date dictated 4/11/68

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1Date April 14, 1968

FRANCES BROWN, Waitress, Andy's Lounge, 1923 1st Avenue North, was interviewed and related the following with reference to a man who was in the lounge on the evening of March 29, 1968. Mrs. BROWN stated she recalls the date because this is the day she and her boyfriend drove to Nashville, Tennessee, and she left work early and this individual was still sitting in the lounge when she left.

Mrs. BROWN stated she had an opportunity to view this person for approximately 45 minutes. He entered the lounge at approximately 6:30 p.m., sat at a table on the side of the lounge that she services, and was still sitting there when she left work at 7:10 p.m. During the period this man was under her observation, he ordered and drank two Schlitz beers. Mrs. BROWN stated the person she observed was a white male approximately 35 years of age, neatly dressed, wearing dark trousers, a dress shirt and tie, and a dark brown or blue sport coat. She stated he appeared to be of average height, although she could not tell his exact height because he was seated during the entire period she could see him. She recalls he had blue eyes and sandy, brush-cut hair, which was longer on the sides. Mrs. BROWN stated that the individual sat by himself and did not converse with anyone other than her when he ordered his beer. As best she recalls, he had a local accent.

Mrs. BROWN advised she had never seen this individual before and has not seen him since. She commented that Andy's Lounge caters to regular customers, and it is slightly unusual when a stranger comes in off the street.

On 4/9/68 at Birmingham, Alabama File # BH 44-1740-810
by SA RICHARD D. SCHWEIN:mas Date dictated 4/12/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/13/68

Mrs. WILLIAM ARTHUR JENKINS, wife of Judge JENKINS, residence 3128 Warrington Road, Mountain Brook, stated positively that she has never heard the name HARVEY LOWMEYER being connected in any way with the residence of her mother-in-law at 1907 11th Street, South. She frequently visits at that residence and is certain she would have heard something of that individual had he in fact ever had any connection with the residence. She was also positive that he is not known nor has resided in the neighborhood of her mother's-in-law home.

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by SA HENRY A. SNOW:gas *has* Date dictated 4/12/68

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Date 4/13/68

Mrs. NEWTON (VIRGINIA) SKELTON, residence 2600 Stoney Branch Road, Mountain Brook, who is the sister of Judge WILLIAM ARTHUR JENKINS, was interviewed in his presence and stated emphatically that she has never heard the name HARVEY LOWMEYER in any manner. She is certain that he has never had any connection at the residence of her mother, 1907 - 11th Street, South, since she frequently visits her mother at that address and the name is totally unfamiliar.

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Date 4/13/68

Attorney WILLIAM ARTHUR JENKINS was interviewed at his office, Room 302, Frank Nelson Building, with reference to possible occupants of the address listed as 1907 South 11th Street, Birmingham. Attorney JENKINS has been an acquaintance of many years, is considered reliable and is a former Judge of the Jefferson County Court, Civil Division.

Judge JENKINS stated that his widowed mother, Mrs. WILLIAM ARTHUR (VIRGINIA B.) JENKINS, SR., has resided at the above address for over 30 years and has never had any roomers or boarders in her residence since the death of her husband some years ago. He stated that he personally resides with his family at 3128 Warrington Road, Mountain Brook, a suburb of Birmingham.

Judge JENKINS related that the name HARVEY LOWMEYER or any phonetic variation thereof means positively nothing to him and to his knowledge he has never had any dealings with such an individual either in connection with his legal practice, services on the Bench in the County Court or personally.

He advised that his mother was as of that date a patient at St. Vincent Hospital undergoing medical tests and in the presence of the Agent, he telephonically contacted her at the hospital and was informed that the name HARVEY LOWMEYER was unknown to her and that she had never heard of any individual by that name either at her residence or in the neighborhood. Arrangements were made for a personal interview with Mrs. JENKINS, SR., at that time.

On April 7, 1968, Judge JENKINS arranged for an interview with his mother at St. Vincent Hospital and on that date stated that he still was unable to recall anyone by the name LOWMEYER.

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4/7/68 at Birmingham, Alabama File # BH 44-1740 - 813
by SA HENRY A. SNOW:gas *hsw* Date dictated 4/11/68

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Date 4/13/68

Mrs. WILLIAM ARTHUR (VIRGINIA B.) JENKINS, SR., was interviewed at her assigned room, Room 327, St. Vincent Hospital, in the presence of her son, Judge WILLIAM ARTHUR JENKINS. She stated that the name HARVEY LOWMEYER is totally unknown to her; that she has never had any roomers or boarders in her residence at 1907 11th Street, South, and to her knowledge, none of the neighbors have ever had any person by that name either residing in their homes or employed in any manner.

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by SA HENRY A. SNOW:gas *Has* Date dictated 4/11/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date April 14, 1968

The following listed documents pertaining to Safe Deposit Box # [REDACTED], Birmingham Trust National Bank, Birmingham, Alabama, rented under the name of ERIC S. GALT, were hand-delivered by SA JOHN H. KRESEK on April 10, 1968, to Mr. JAMES H. MORTIMER, Document Section, FBI Laboratory, Washington, D. C.:

1. Record of Access to Safe Deposit Box # [REDACTED] of ERIC S. GALT
2. Contract for Safe Deposit with ERIC S. GALT
3. Ledger card (rental record) for Safe Deposit Box # [REDACTED] in the name of ERIC S. GALT
4. Undated letter from ERIC S. GALT to Birmingham Trust National Bank

On 4/10/68 at Birmingham, Alabama - Washington, D. C. File # BH 44-1740-815
by SA JOHN H. KRESEK:mas Date dictated 4/12/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/13/68

The following documents were made available to SA JOHN H. KRESEK by the Birmingham Trust National Bank, Birmingham, Alabama:

1. Record of Access to Safe Deposit Box No. [REDACTED] of ERIC S. GALT.
2. Contract for Safe Deposit with ERIC S. GALT.
3. Ledger card (rental record) for Safe Deposit Box No. [REDACTED] in name of ERIC S. GALT.
4. Undated letter from ERIC S. GALT to Birmingham Trust National Bank.

In the event that the above documents are needed for evidence, they may be obtained by execution of a subpoena duces tecum addressed to Mr. C. E. KIRKPATRICK, Vice President, Birmingham Trust National Bank.

On 4/9/68 at Birmingham, Alabama File # BH 44-1740 - 816
by SA JOHN H. KRESEK:gas ^{JK} Date dictated 4/13/68

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Date 4/13/68

CHARLES T. SMITH, Auditor, Birmingham Trust National Bank (BTNB), advised that since December 13, 1967, Safe Deposit Box No. [REDACTED] has not been rented. He advised that from August 28, 1967, through December 13, 1967, this box had been rented in the name of ERIC S. GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham.

SMITH made available the Safe Deposit Box No. [REDACTED] for examination. In the event the above described box is to be introduced into court, a subpoena duces tecum should be issued to C. E. KIRKPATRICK, Vice President, Birmingham Trust National Bank.

On 4/10/68 at Birmingham, Alabama File # BH 44-1740 - 817
by SA ROBERT J. YARNALL:gas Date dictated 4/13/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date April 14, 1968

Safe Deposit Box # [REDACTED], obtained from CHARLES T. SMITH, Auditor, Birmingham Trust National Bank, Birmingham, Alabama, on April 10, 1968, by SA ROBERT J. YARNALL, was hand-delivered by SA YARNALL to Mr. GEORGE BONEBRAKE, FBI Identification Division, Latent Fingerprint Section, Washington, D. C., on the same date.

On 4/10/68 at Birmingham, Alabama -
Washington, D. C. File # BH 44-1740-818
by SA ROBERT J. YARNALL:mas ^{RY} Date dictated 4/12/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 12, 1968

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CLYDE ROYAL MANASCO, Route 9, Box 602, Birmingham, Alabama, Clerk at The Gun Rack, located at 1507 S. W. 31st Street, Birmingham, Alabama, was interviewed, and he furnished the following information:

He advised that he now recalls that the man who came to The Gun Rack and made inquiry concerning ballistics of various rifles did not occur on March 29, 1968, as he had previously informed SA J. T. ARNETT. He stated that on March 29, 1968, he was not at work as he took an examination for a pilots license on March 29, 1968. He stated that he was alone at The Gun Rack at the time the man came in, as the owner of The Gun Rack was out of town on business on Wednesday, March 27, 1968, and he believes that March 27, 1968, is the date that this man came to The Gun Rack.

He stated that since being interviewed by SA J. T. ARNETT on April 8, 1968, he had given this matter considerable thought, and now recalls that this individual had been in The Gun Rack three or four times during the past several months, exact time and dates he could not recall. He stated that he recalls on other occasions when this man came to The Gun Rack he did not make any inquiry of him about any guns, ammunition, or ballistics. He stated on the other occasions he had observed this man, he had come into the store and looked at the various items on display. He stated that this is not unusual, for many customers are "lookers". He stated the man did not handle the weapons on the occasions he was in The Gun Rack. He stated that many customers who come to The Gun Rack pick up and handle numerous weapons without making a purchase. He advised he did not recall ever seeing this individual with another person when he was at The Gun Rack. He stated on the occasions the man was in The Gun Rack, he had offered to show him merchandise, but the man had always been polite in refusing and stated he was only looking.

On 4/10/68 at Birmingham, Alabama File # BH 44-1740-819
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MANASCO stated that as he now recalls, the man coming in the store on March 27, 1968, stated on his arrival, "I would like to see your .243 caliber rifles". MANASCO stated that he did not have any .243 caliber rifles in stock, and he attempted to sell the man a 30/06 caliber rifle. He stated that he recalls he attempted to sell this man a Weatherby rifle, and the man indicated that the price of this rifle was too high. He stated that the man, he did not believe, however, handled any rifles while at The Gun Rack, although MANASCO believes he attempted to hand the man a rifle as he would exhibit them to him. He stated he recalls he tried to sell the man a .742 rifle, caliber 30/06. He stated that on previous occasions that this man had been in The Gun Rack, he had appeared not to be interested in purchasing a gun, but was merely interested in looking at the various weapons. He stated on March 27, 1968, however, he gained the impression that this man was "about ready to buy a gun". He stated, therefore, he attempted to sell the man a gun. He stated the man showed an interest and asked questions about the weight of bullets for the various calibers and the amount the bullet would drop at various distances. He stated he gained the impression that the man was more interested in the inches a bullet dropped at various distances than he was in muzzle velocity of the bullet and weight of the bullet.

He advised he did not recall the man asking him anything about a 6.5 millimeter rifle or ammunition. He stated he has 6.5 millimeter rifle ammunition in stock. He stated that when the man asked him about charts concerning ballistics and weapons, he gave the man a booklet entitled "Winchester-Western 1968 Sporting Arms and Ammunition". This booklet has a cover and is 47 pages in length. He pointed out that this booklet contains various articles on weapons and ballistics of various type cartridges. He stated he also gave this man a booklet entitled "Redfield '68 Scopes, Mounts, Sights". He advised that this booklet has a cover and is 31 pages in length. This booklet, he advised,

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contains various articles on scopes and mounts. He advised the man was also seeking information on rifle scopes. Mr. MANASCO furnished copies of two similar booklets as the ones he had furnished the man on March 27, 1968.

He stated that on the occasions he had observed this man, he at no time was under the impression he had been drinking alcoholic beverages. He stated that he now recalls the individual's description as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	28-32 years old
Height	5'8" - 5'9"
Weight	140-150
Build	Slender
Hair	Light brown
Eyes	Light blue
Complexion	Light (He stated the individual did not appear to have been in the sun and his complexion was almost pale looking.)

MANASCO stated the individual's eyes were very noticeable as the man would look directly at him when he was talking. He stated many customers would look at guns or weapons and carry on a conversation about them, but this customer would look directly into his eyes during the time they were carrying on a conversation. He stated the man appeared to be alert and listened very carefully to the information he furnished concerning guns and ballistics. He stated the man's voice was very clear and of slightly higher pitch than normal, and in his opinion, the man's voice did not sound like a southerner, or at least the man had resided in other sections of the country until his voice did not resemble that of a person who had been in this area for a long time. He stated the man did not appear to be a strong person, but weak physically. He stated the man was polite and gave the impression of being intelligent. He stated the man's teeth were clean and straight although not perfect. He recalls that the man's fingernails had been manicured and the fingernails were even with his fingers.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 11, 1968

JOHN MICHAEL KOPP, 1420 - 35th Street, Ensley, Birmingham, Alabama, employed as Manager of Firearms Department, LONG-LEWIS HARDWARE Wholesale and Retail Store, Bessemer, Alabama, furnished the following information:

He stated that on Friday, March 29, 1968, at about noontime, he recalls a customer making inquiry concerning a high-powered rifle. This individual was seeking information concerning ballistics of the various high-powered weapons. When the man first made inquiry concerning whether they handled high-powered rifles, he asked him if he would like to see a 30-30 and the man said he would not as a 30-30 would not be powerful enough. The man asked if he had a .243, .308 or 30/06 caliber rifle, also inquiring as to the prices of the various rifles, and he informed him he had a Winchester .243 rifle for \$127.95, a .308 for \$154.95 and a 30/06 for \$176.98. He recalls this man asking how many inches would the .308 bullet drop at 600 yards. He also wanted to know the ballistics or drop in a 30/06.

KOPP stated this individual looked at the rifles and is sure he handled the rifles in the store. However, since that time these rifles have been handled by numerous other individuals, and the previous day all of these rifles were removed from the racks and stored in another part of the building, at which time at least four other employees had handled the rifles. He stated he recalls that this individual handled a Browning rifle, opening the action of the rifle and closed it without any difficulty. He said this particular rifle had a unique manner in which the action could be opened and released and unless someone was familiar with this rifle, it would be highly unlikely that he could open and close the action without assistance or careful study of the mechanism. He stated this individual asked him if he had any 6.5 mm. ammunition that would fit a Japanese rifle.

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Mr. KOPP advised that this individual asked if he had any scopes and scope mounts. He recalls the man asked how much a "tip-off" mount would cost. He said the man did not ask him any details concerning the power of scopes, nor did he state what power scope he desired. This individual asked how long it would take to have a scope mounted on a rifle and KOPP informed him it would take at least two days as he sent his rifles to Birmingham to T. K. LEE to have the scopes mounted. He said the man appeared to be shopping and pricing rather than actually interested in the immediate purchase of a rifle.

He stated the individual did not appear to be familiar with Bessemer, Alabama, as he recalls the individual asking him about other places that might have high-powered rifles at Bessemer, and he told the man that BANKS PAWN SHOP and SIMMONS PAWN SHOP might have them, at which time the man asked him where these places were located. KOPP stated these two places of business are located directly across the street from Long-Lewis Hardware Company, and he pointed out Banks Pawn Shop, directly across the street, to this man.

Mr. KOPP advised he did not know whether any other employee at Long-Lewis Hardware Company observed this individual, but that the other employee who works in the same department is LYNDLE EARL DILBECK.

He stated this unknown individual talked in a soft voice but pronounced each word very clearly and had no particular accent. During the conversation he noted that the man pronounced several words in a way which indicated to KOPP that he may have been from another section of the country. He stated he recalls on one occasion, while this man was in the store, he called to an employee in the store whose name is PAUL, and when he called this individual by the name PAUL, it appeared to startle the man and he repeated the name "PAUL" but pronounced it "PAAL."

He stated that at Long-Lewis Hardware there is a moose head trophy on display, and this individual made some comments concerning this being such a nice trophy.

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Although he claimed he had fired at a Moose or some other large game on one occasion and missed, he did not give any details concerning any hunting experience.

KOPP stated this individual did not appear to him to be strong enough to shoot a high-powered weapon. He had an extremely light complexion with a rather "weak" appearance. He did not appear to be an outdoor type who would enjoy big game hunting.

He stated that when the man was about to leave the store he said he would look around some more and might come back to Long-Lewis.

KOPP furnished the following description of this individual who made inquiry regarding a high-powered rifle:

Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Height:	5'9" - 5'10" (KOPP noted that on one occasion he had to look behind this person and it was necessary that he stand on his tiptoes to look over this man's head. KOPP is 6 feet tall. He said he first thought the man to be his height, but noting the fact that from eye level he would have to raise up 2 or 3 inches to look over his head, the man would probably be 5'9" or 5'10".)
Complexion:	Fair; appeared he had not been in the sun and might be sick.
Eyes:	Color not recalled but believed to be light.
Age:	28 - 32
Build:	Slender
Weight:	150 lbs.
Hair:	Light brown to "dishwater blond"
Hair Style:	Combed up in front and flat on top; combed straight back; hair stood up slightly; thin in appearance; medium-short on sides.

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Eyebrows:

Medium thick (KOPP stated that at the time this individual was in Long-Lewis he was wearing dark horn-rimmed glasses and the side frames were wide and went straight back similar to those worn by Entertainer RAY CHARLES, whose picture he has seen in various advertisements. He observed the eyebrows when the man got something in his eye and took his glasses off.)

Mouth:

Small

General Appearance:

Very serious expression on face; facial shape - thin. When the man talked he could observe the cheekbones against the skin.

Nose:

Thin

Hands:

Thin and well kept; nails manicured.

Clothing:

Business type suit, dark brown color; shirt appears to be identical to a shirt manufactured by SERO Company. KOPP advised he has a Sero shirt and it appeared to be identical to shirt owned by KOPP. This was a white shirt with small blue and yellow pin stripes.

Tie:

Predominantly green with a stripe, button-down.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date April 16, 1968

MARLIN C. MYERS, in the presence of his wife JOAN, was contacted at their residence, 953-A North 47th Street, at which time they went through all the photographs taken at the dance parties at the Continental Club, New Orleans, Louisiana, and stated they could not locate a picture of ERIC GALT in any of these photographs. Mr. MYERS stated he does not have any additional photographs which might contain a picture of ERIC GALT.

Mr. MYERS stated he does not believe that LOUELLA LUTZ, his business partner in the Continental Dance Studios in New Orleans, would have the dance lesson contract executed by ERIC GALT in New Orleans since she would have only the business-type records dealing with the payroll and records of this nature.

Mr. MYERS advised that AL LE BRETON, SR., 4432 Spain Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, the landlord of the building where Continental Dance Studios were located, might be able to furnish information as to what happened to the records left at 725 Common Street when Continental Dance Studios went out of business in October 1965.

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by and PETER JOHN BODKIN PJB:mas ME 44-1987
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DONALD F. WOOD was contacted at Aeromarine Supply Company, Birmingham, and was shown a group of seven photographs of various white males. These photographs were numbered one through seven in Roman numerals as follows:

- I. BYRON DE LA BECKWITH
- II. CHARLES EDWARD ERVIN
- III. ELI MONTGOMERY VINES
- IV. CLAUDE CHESTER McLAREN, JR.
- V. ERIC S. GALT
- VI. GORDON DALE ERVIN
- VII. RICHARD RAY RATCLIFF

After viewing photographs of the above seven individuals, DONALD F. WOOD furnished the following signed statement:

"Birmingham, Ala
April 16, 1968

"I, DONALD F. WOOD, make the following voluntary statement to Special Agents NEIL P. SHANAHAN and PATRICK J. MOYNIHAN, who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the F.B.I. I am employed by my father as a salesman at Aeromarine Supply Company in Birmingham, Alabama.

"I have just viewed a group of photographs of seven white men and after careful consideration I have selected #5 as the man to whom Mr.

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U. L. BAKER sold a rifle and scope sight on 3-29-68 and the man that returned this rifle to me on 3-30-68 and exchanged it for another rifle. This man signed the sales invoice as HARVEY LOWMEYER.

"I can't say exactly at this time but I think that this is the man. To the best of my memory I believe that this is the man that bought the gun.

"I have read this statement consisting of this and one other page and it is true & correct to the best of my knowledge.

"/s/ Donald F. Wood

"Witness:

"/s/ Neil P. Shanahan, Special Agent, FBI
4-16-68

"/s/ Patrick J. Moynihan, Special Agent, FBI,
4/16/68"

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Date April 16, 1968

Mr. MARLIN C. MYERS, Owner, Continental Dance Studios, 7960 Crestwood Boulevard, Birmingham, Alabama, stated that he and Mrs. LOUELLA LUTZ operated Continental Dance Studios, 725 Common Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, from 1964 through October, 1965, when the dance studios went out of business.

Mr. MYERS stated that during 1964 ERIC GALT took five private dance lessons and about three months of group dance lessons at the Continental Dance Studios in New Orleans, Louisiana. Mr. MYERS advised that GALT bought a year's club membership at the Continental Dance Studios in New Orleans, Louisiana, and that GALT paid for these lessons in cash. Mr. MYERS stated that GALT did not have very much money and that he had to budget his dance lessons at five hours per week. Mr. MYERS stated that GALT did not pay for all of his dance lessons and left still owing some money for the dance lessons.

Mr. MYERS advised he was of the opinion that GALT came from the New Orleans, Louisiana, area since he had taken a one-year club membership at the Continental Dance Studios. Mr. MYERS advised that when he operated the Continental Dance Studios in New Orleans, he would advertise the lessons in the want-ad section of the local newspapers.

Mr. MYERS advised he does not have the dance lessons' contract that ERIC GALT completed in New Orleans, Louisiana, but believes that Mrs. LOUELLA LUTZ, who now lives somewhere in California, might have the records of the Continental Dance Studios which went out of business in October 1965.

Mr. MYERS stated that the Continental Dance Studios had their bank account with the Whitney Bank, New Orleans, Louisiana. He stated he is positive that GALT never paid for his dance lessons by check.

Mr. MYERS stated that in September 1968, he and his wife, JOAN, placed an advertisement in the personal section of

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the Birmingham, Alabama, newspapers advertising adult dance classes being formed. Mr. MYERS stated that no address was listed in the advertisement, only a telephone number to call. Mr. MYERS stated he does not recall if he or his wife took the call from GALT concerning the dance classes.

Mr. MYERS exhibited a contract for dance lessons bearing the name of ERIC GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama, dated September 12, 1967. He also produced an index card bearing the name of ERIC GALT, which indicated that GALT took group dance lessons from September 12, 1967, through October 3, 1967. Mr. MYERS advised that neither of these documents were handled or executed by GALT. He advised the dance lessons were held at the Friendship Club, Graymont Avenue, Birmingham, on Tuesday evenings from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Mr. MYERS stated that GALT attended four of the dance classes and did not show up for the fifth dance class. Mr. MYERS stated he received a letter several days after the fifth dance class had been scheduled from ERIC GALT, in which GALT stated he was leaving town and sorry that he could not attend the remaining dance classes. GALT in the letter stated that if he were ever back in the Birmingham area, he would again contact Mr. MYERS for additional dance lessons.

Mr. MYERS stated that the dance lessons GALT attended cost \$10.00 for five dance lessons. Mr. MYERS stated that GALT was extremely interested in dancing but was a very poor dancer. Mr. MYERS stated that due to GALT's interest in dancing, he is of the opinion that he would take dance lessons wherever he went. Mr. MYERS stated he is also of the opinion that GALT would go to dance studios that had cheap lessons and not the expensive dance studios.

Mr. MYERS stated that during the four weeks that GALT took dance lessons, he does not recall ever seeing him smoke. Mr. MYERS stated that GALT talked very little and would answer questions with only Yes or No. Mr. MYERS stated that GALT would not look you in the eye when he talked with you and had a very weak handshake.

Mr. MYERS stated that GALT never mentioned that he had taken dance lessons from Continental Studios, New Orleans, Louisiana, and never indicated that he knew the MYERS.

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Mr. MYERS stated he never saw GALT in any kind of a car, but he believed that GALT would ride a bus rather than own a car. Mr. MYERS stated that GALT never mentioned where he worked, but in his opinion GALT probably worked on some type of construction work.

Mr. MYERS described ERIC GALT as a white male, about five feet, eleven and one-half inches tall, 165 pounds, sandy-brown hair worn in a crew cut, light blue eyes, fair complexion, medium build, clean shaven, spoke softly, southern accent, and in his early 30's.

Mr. MYERS advised that GALT always arrived at the Friendship Club for the dance lessons alone and always left alone. Mr. MYERS advised that GALT never spoke with any of the other students, with the exception of DORIS LADNER, who is the sister of Mr. MYERS. Mr. MYERS stated it is possible that his sister, Mrs. LADNER, might have learned where GALT was employed or why he was in Birmingham, Alabama.

Mr. MYERS stated that while in New Orleans, Louisiana, he would have dance parties at the Continental Dance Studios, and believes that GALT might have attended one or two of these parties and it is possible he might have a picture of GALT.

Mr. MYERS stated he will look through the photographs he took at the dance parties in New Orleans, Louisiana, to determine if he had a picture of ERIC GALT.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 16, 1968

Mrs. DORIS LADNER, 2121 - 36th Avenue North, Birmingham, Alabama, advised that her brother, MARLIN C. MYERS, and his wife JOAN own and operate the Continental Dance Studios, 7960 Crestwood Boulevard, Birmingham, Alabama. She advised that commencing on or about September 5, 1967, she has been taking dance lessons from her brother. She stated that from September 5, 1967, until approximately two months ago her brother gave dance lessons at the Friendship Club located on Graymont Avenue, Birmingham, and that these lessons were given each Tuesday evening from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

She stated she does recall ERIC GALT was a student in her dance class from September 12, 1967, until approximately October 3, 1967. She stated that during that period there were approximately fourteen to sixteen persons in the class and that half of them were men and the other half were women. She stated that at the beginning of the classes in September, 1967, all the students introduced themselves to each other and she does recall at this time that her brother had asked her and her sister, Mrs. WEEKS, who was also a student in the class, to circulate among the students to help them feel at ease. She stated that as a result of doing this she met ERIC GALT and did try to make him feel at ease.

She stated GALT was a very quiet and timid person who had very little to say and did not volunteer any information concerning himself when asked such questions. She stated that to the best of her knowledge he only attended approximately four lessons and that on his last appearance he did seem to converse with her more than he did at the beginning of the lessons; that he did ask her where she was living in Birmingham. She stated that when she told him she lived on the north side of Birmingham, he replied that he knew very little about Birmingham and the only area he was familiar with was the Highland Avenue

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area where he resided. She stated that from this conversation she feels he is not a native of Birmingham and had not been in Birmingham for any length of time. She stated he did tell her he had taken dancing lessons in New Orleans and when he made this statement, she mentioned that her brother and his wife were from New Orleans and had taught dancing lessons in New Orleans. She stated GALT did not make any indication that he had recalled taking dancing lessons from her brother, although she was aware of this since her sister-in-law, JOAN, had previously mentioned this fact to her.

She stated that during her conversations with GALT he never indicated where he was employed, although she recalls that he either said he was living near an area where construction was going on or was working in construction.

She advised that she noticed when she was talking with him he would not look her in the eyes; that he would either look away or drop his head, and that when he would be sitting in a chair he seemed to be staring into the distance as though he had something on his mind. She further stated that in trying to make him feel more at ease she would attempt to draw him into conversation by bringing up various subject matters; however, he never seemed to respond to any of the questions she asked other than the fact he would either give a yes or no answer. She did state, however, that he was interested in sports and when asked specifically what sport he was interested in, he commented that he liked baseball.

She advised that on each occasion when she arrived for a dance lesson GALT was always there before she was and after the classes were over he always left before she did since she would usually stay around and assist her brother and sister-in-law in cleaning up the studio. She, therefore, was unable to state whether he had an automobile and GALT had never made any comment to her how he would arrive at the dance studio. She stated that when she, her brother, sister and sister-in-law would leave the dance hall, they usually went to the Plantation Barbecue and she had never observed GALT at the Plantation. She stated she has no knowledge as to where GALT would go after the dance instructions were over; that she never observed him in the area of the Friendship Club when she was leaving.

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Mrs. LADNER stated that during the dance instructions they would keep changing partners and therefore no one particular individual would dance with the same partner for any length of time. She stated she never observed GALT talking with any particular student in the class, and she again reiterated that GALT would stay by himself or if a group of people came around to him during one of the breaks, he would just sit there and say nothing.

She added that she never observed GALT smoking cigarettes, nor at any time did she notice any alcoholic beverages on his breath. She advised that she is certain she would be able to recognize GALT if she saw him again.

She described him as follows:

Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Height:	Approximately 5'11"
Hair:	Brown; crew-cut
Eyes:	Blue
Complexion:	Ruddy
Age:	35 - 36
Weight:	175 - 180
Dress:	Would wear shirt, tie, sport coat and occasionally wore a knit turtle-neck shirt; never noticed any jewelry of any kind; always appeared neat.
Characteristics:	Clean-shaven; hands not rough; extremely quiet and reserved.

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
ATTN: FBI LABORATORY

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Enclosed herewith is the file of the Superior Bulk Film Company, Chicago, Illinois, concerning ERIC S. GALT. Also enclosed are Xerox copies of this material.

It is requested that the latent fingerprint section, Identification Division, process the letters and order blank prepared by GALT for latent fingerprints. If any latents are developed, it is requested that they be compared with the unidentified latents pertinent in captioned matter. These items do not have to be returned to the film company, but could be of possible value in any future prosecution.

The handwriting section, FBI Laboratory, is requested to compare the handwriting and handprinting of ERIC S. GALT in the enclosed material with the handwriting samples of value in captioned matter.

NO This material should be retained since the Birmingham Division is in the process of attempting to obtain typewriter specimens in that area for comparison purposes with this material.

It may not be possible to obtain elimination prints at the film company, due to the numerous clerical personnel who handle these records. However, in the event latent prints are developed, Chicago will make every effort to obtain elimination prints if so desired.

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TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA, CHICAGO, KANSAS CITY, LOS ANGELES, MEMPHIS,
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FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)

MURKIN; CR. (OO: MEMPHIS).

INTERVIEW WITH ASSOCIATE OF ERIC STARVO GALT REVEALED GALT
ON OCCASION CLAIMED TO BE COOK AND BAKER ABOARD SHIP. NO BAKERY
OR COOKING SCHOOL LOCATED BIRMINGHAM. LOCAL BAKERY OFFICIAL CLAIMS
PERSONNEL TRAINED AT BAKERY SCHOOL IN KANSAS CITY OR CHICAGO.

RECEIVING OFFICES REQUESTED CHECK COOK AND BAKER SCHOOL UNDER
NAMES GALT, HARVEY LOWMEYER AND JOHN WILLARD.

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TO NEW ORLEANS (157-10673) AND LOS ANGELES
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MURKIN. CR.

RE NEW ORLEANS TELETYPE APRIL ONE SIX, SIXTYEIGHT.

RE INVESTIGATION CONCERNING CONTINENTAL DANCE STUDIOS.

MARLIN MYERS, OWNER, CONTINENTAL DANCE STUDIOS, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA,
STATED IS ~~THE~~ POSITIVE ERIC GALT TOOK DANCE LESSONS CONTINENTAL
DANCE STUDIOS, NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA IN NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR. *UNDER*
NAME ERK S. GALT

MYERS STATED CONTINENTAL DANCE STUDIOS, NEW ORLEANS, DID NOT
HAVE ANY EMPLOYEES AND TURNOVER IN DANCE INSTRUCTORS VERY *rapid*.
MYERS FURNISHED FOLLOWING NAMES OF DANCE INSTRUCTORS WHO POSSIBLY
WERE AT CONTINENTAL DANCE STUDIOS, NEW ORLEANS, DURING NINETEEN
SIXTYFOUR, BUT CANNOT FURNISH ADDRESSES:

FRANK DESIMONE, NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA,

JANET KISER, POSSIBLY MARRIED TO DESIMONE,

MARCUS FELOS, ADDRESS UNKNOWN,

SANDRA BANKSON, PHONE NUMBER NINE FOUR FIVE - FOUR SIX ONE TWO.

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MYERS STATED THAT FRANK DESIMONE WOULD POSSIBLY BE ABLE TO FURNISH CURRENT ADDRESSES FOR ABOVE INDIVIDUALS AND FURNISH NAMES OF OTHER DANCE INSTRUCTORS AND POSSIBLY THEIR WHEREABOUTS.

MYERS STATED ONLY STUDENT HE CAN RECALL IS ONE ORLENA MILLER WHO OWNS COSTUME SHOP, DRIER STREET, NEW ORLEANS. MYERS ADVISED MILLER VERY CLOSE FRIEND OF JIM GARRISON.

MYERS STATED MRS. LOUELLA LUTZ WOULD POSSIBLY HAVE RECORDS FOR CONTINENTAL DANCE STUDIOS, CONTAINING NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF ALL DANCE INSTRUCTORS.

MYERS STATED ALL DANCE INSTRUCTORS WERE PAID BY CHECK DRAWN ON WHITNEY BANK, NEW ORLEANS, LA.

NEW ORLEANS ATTEMPT TO LOCATE DANCE INSTRUCTORS IN NEW ORLEANS.

LOS ANGELES CONTACT LOUELLA LUTZ FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING DANCE INSTRUCTORS.

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

4/17/68

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AIR MAIL

TO: SAC, MOBILE
FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)(P)
RE: MURKIN
CR
OO: MEMPHIS

On 4/15/68, Mr. PHIL MASON, Assistant Vice President, University of Alabama, Huntsville Campus, contacted SA DALE W. JOHNSON at the Huntsville, Alabama, Resident Agency.

Mr. MASON advised that he had, earlier in the day, read in the local newspaper an account of the current status of the investigation relative to the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING, and had also read information indicating the FBI might possibly be looking for an individual by the name of ERIC, or EDWARD, GALT.

Mr. MASON stated this is a rather unusual name and he explained that during 1935 to 1938, he had been employed as principal of the Gilbertown Junior High School, Gilbertown, Alabama, and at that time there had been a family with the last name of GALT who had several school-age boys. Mr. MASON stated he had no information that they were connected in any way with the assassination; however, since this is a rather unusual name he thought it was his duty to furnish this information to the Bureau.

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AT GILBERTOWN, ALABAMA. Will immediately make discreet credit and criminal checks to determine if any record can be located of ERIC STARVO GALT in that community.

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(2) Will also make inquiry of birth records, if not previously done, for any record of GALT.

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3:46 AM URGENT 4-17-68 FMK

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987), BIRMINGHAM (44-1740),
JACKSON
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574) 2P

MURKIN.

ARTHUR YEAKEL, PATROLMAN, SAN BERNARDINO, CALIFORNIA,
PD, ADVISED WHILE WORKING AT A SPECIAL OFFICE ON APRIL
THIRTEEN LAST IN SAN BERNARDINO, HE WAS APPROACHED
BY A WHITE MALE TRAVELING ALONE WHO ASKED FOR DIRECTIONS
TO GLENDALE, CALIFORNIA.

INDIVIDUAL, CARRYING MAP OF LOS ANGELES AREA IN HAND
WITH GLENDALE DASH PASADENA AREA CIRCLED, WAS DRIVING
FIFTY FIVE TO FIFTY SEVEN FORD, MEDIUM BLUE OVER DARK
BLUE IN COLOR, MISSISSIPPI LICENSE, ITAWAMBA COUNTY, NO.
TWO NINE FOUR SEVEN ZERO ZERO.

YEAKEL STATED INDIVIDUAL APPEARED TO BE OF SAME OR
CLOSE PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION AS LISTED IN NEWSPAPERS FOR

UNSUB - MURKIN CASE AND RESEMBLED ARTIST CONCEPT

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APPEARING IN NEWSPAPERS, ALTHOUGH HAIR LINE NOT AS
RECEDED OR NOSE NOT AS POINTED. YEAKEL OBSERVED INDIVIDUAL
LEAVING IN VEHICLE TOWARD GENERAL DIRECTION OF GLENDALE.

JACKSON ASCERTAIN TO WHOM LICENSE ISSUED AND CONDUCT
APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION TO IDENTIFY CURRENT DRIVER OF
VEHICLE.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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

FROM : SA CHARLES DONALD BYRON

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
OO: MEMPHIS

DATE: 4/10/68

NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION IN THE VICINITY OF FIVE POINTS SOUTH

The following persons were contacted by SA CHARLES DONALD BYRON on 4/8/68, and observed the FBI sketch of the unknown subject in this case with negative results:

At 1629 11th Avenue South:

Mrs. CLINTON GARRETT, Receptionist for
J. W. BRITTAIN, DDS.

Mrs. M. J. VOUDRIE, Receptionist for
ALLEN J. KOSLIN, DDS.

Miss NANCY WRIGHT, Nurse for ALLEN J. KOSLIN, DDS.

Mrs. SUE LANSDELL, Nurse for Dr. GEORGE R. GORDON, MD.

Miss BETTY PARKER, Nurse for Dr. GEORGE R. GORDON, MD.

J. W. BRITTAIN, DDS.

GEORGE R. GORDON, MD.

Mrs. B. J. JACKSON, Receptionist for Drs. P. T. and
G. P. FALLETTA, 1613 11th Avenue South.

Mrs. WALTER BARNETT and Mrs. DOROTHY WHITTAKER,
Receptionists for Dr. SEABURT GOODMAN, 1605 11th
Avenue South.

Dr. SEABURT GOODMAN, 1605 11th Avenue South.

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Mr. JOHN PETERMAN and Mrs. LAURA GRAY,
Highland Jewelers, 1926 11th Avenue South.

HENRY H. JONES, 1602 11th Avenue South.

Mrs. RUTH PETERS, Secretary, St. Andrews
Episcopal Church, 1180 11th Avenue South.

Mr. WAYNE HENSON, 1160 11th Avenue South, Apt. 26.

Attempts were made to contact persons at the following addresses; however, no one was home:

1160 11th Avenue South, Apartments 28, 25, 24, 23,
22, 21, 20, 19, 18, 17, 16, 15, 13.

Mr. and Mrs. JAMES E. GOFF, 1420 13th Avenue South, advised that they are the landlords of the six apartments located in their building and they are certain that no one has resided in their building who resembles the FBI sketch which they observed.

It was noted that no one was at home at 1418, 1408 $\frac{1}{2}$ 13th Avenue South, and that 1416 13th Avenue South was vacant.

Mr. JERRY KEEL, 1408 13th Avenue South, observed the FBI sketch of Unsub and stated that he is not familiar to him, and that BARBARA GRAYSON lives at 1408 $\frac{1}{2}$ 13th Avenue South, and he is certain that she has had no visitors resembling the FBI sketch.

FRED Z. SHUNNARAH, 1412 11th Place South, was interviewed at his mother's residence, 1404 13th Avenue South, at which time he observed the FBI sketch and stated that he knew of no one who resembled the sketch.

It was noted no one was at home at 1149 14th Street South.