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home in Spanish Fork. He stated he had heard of a GALT family in Bountiful, Utah, and that he had never heard of anyone else named GALT in Utah or any other state.

He advised he did not know ERIC STARVO GALT and could furnish no information concerning him.

On 4/11/68, Mrs. ALICE BAKER, 826 East Third South, Salt Lake City, Utah, advised that HAMILTON S. GALT resides at 624 East Third South. She further advised that GALT left approximately 1½ weeks ago on a vacation to California and would return in approximately three weeks. She could furnish no further information.

On 4/11/68, Miss [REDACTED], 556 East Ninth North, Bountiful, Utah, advised that her father, MATTHEW A. GALT, was the Principal of Millcreek Junior High School, Bountiful, Utah.

Her father has a brother, ROBERT GALT, who is living in Denver, Colorado.

She has three brothers, [REDACTED], age 12; [REDACTED], age 9; and [REDACTED], age 6.

She does not know any person named ERIC STARVO GALT and that ERIC STARVO GALT is not related to her family.

Her grandfather's name is MATTHEW A. GALT and is no longer living.

Re: Dancing Schools

All logical dancing schools in the State of Utah were checked for a record of attendance in the names ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMEYER or LOWMYER and JOHN WILLARD. No such record was located.

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TO: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)

FROM: SAC, MOBILE (157-2627) (P)

RE: MURKIN  
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(OO: ME)

On 4/16/68, DAVID CAMP, 410 Wisconsin St., Mobile, Ala., telephone number 479-9915, telephonically advised SA JOHN B. HEISLER as follows:

Shortly before Christmas of 1966, while CAMP was a student at Birmingham Southern College, Birmingham, Ala., he was selling automobiles for ROY BRIDGES, Volkswagen dealer in Birmingham. At that time one of the other salesmen, JAMES "BIG JIM" MOORE, was heard to make the statement that the assassination of negro leader, MARTIN LUTHER KING, had been "bought and paid for" and that somebody in Birmingham had already been paid to assassinate KING or to have it done. He said that MOORE is a white male, about 6' to 6' 4", 200 pounds, stout build, hair balding and brown.

It is suggested that Birmingham contact JAMES "BIG JIM" MOORE, care of ROY BRIDGES, Volkswagen dealer, and determine if he has any information relevant to this matter.

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TO : SAC (44-1740) (P)

FROM : SA HARRY T. POSEY

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
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DATE: 4/18/68

Re memo of ASAC RALPH J. RAMPTON, 4/17/68.

On 4/17/68, H. GRISHAM MORGAN, Division Freight Agent, Seaboard Coast Line Railroad Company, #30 South 20th Street, Birmingham, Alabama, advised as follows:

The Seaboard Coast Line Railroad at Birmingham owns two pieces of property that is used as parking lots; one is located at the rear of #30 South 20th Street with the entrance on South 19th Street, and the second lot is directly across 19th Street from the entrance of the first parking lot and is on the west side of the street. The two lots have been marked and numbered to accommodate 232 automobiles.

The parking spaces in the two lots are leased to people who work nearby or who are employed by the railroad and the lot is used by the people who lease the spaces, most frequently during the hours between 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Rarely is the space used during the nighttime. There is no attendant on either lot.

Among his duties which he performs for the railroad is to lease the parking spaces in the two parking lots. Occasionally someone will park a car in one of the spaces leased and the person to whom the space is leased will call him and complain. The complainant will furnish the space number and occasionally will furnish the tag number of the car parked in his space. If the tag number is not furnished, MORGAN will go to the space assigned to the complainant and obtain the license number and leave a note on the car. He will then ascertain from the Motor Vehicle Bureau, Jefferson County Court House, the identity of the

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person to whom the license is issued and he will then call the person's home and advise him that the vehicle will be pulled in if it is left on railroad property again. Occasionally he will block the space and the owner of the car will have to come to his office before the car can be removed.

He maintains a record on notebooks which lists the complainant's space number, the license tag of the car which had parked in the space, and the person's name to whom the tag is issued as well as the date.

While reading an article in the Birmingham News during the past week regarding the death of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., he noticed the name GALT and a Highland Avenue address, which seemed to ring a bell to him. The name ERIC STARVO meant nothing to him. He has since checked his records pertaining to complaints received of cars parked in the parking spaces not assigned to them and has been unable to locate a record of a complaint against GALT. He now believes that the association of the Highland Avenue address was in respect to some students of United Electronics Laboratories, 2717 7th Avenue, South, who lived at a rooming house or hotel on Highland Avenue, with whom he had had trouble in that they were parking cars on the railroad parking lot and he had made calls to the rooming house threatening to have the cars pulled in.

He cannot say that a car registered to anyone by the name of GALT has parked in the company parking lots and after viewing the artist's conception, he stated this meant nothing to him. MORGAN stated that when he first noticed the name of GALT in the newspaper he made some kind of remark at home which his son, JOHN D. MORGAN, overheard but at the time he took no significance to his first impression as he was not sure; had he been sure, he would have called the FBI immediately.

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TELETYPE

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, MILWAUKEE (44-388) (P)

MURKIN

RE NEWARK TELETYPE, APRIL FIFTEEN, LAST.

RE ERIC STARVO GALT DASH LOCKSMITHING INSTITUTE RECORDS  
PAREN PUBLICATIONS USED IN ADVERTISING END PAREN.

BETTY HINEZ, SECRETARY, SPARE TIME MAGAZINE, SEVEN SEVEN  
FOUR NORTH FOURTH STREET, TODAY, ADVISED PUBLICATION IS A FREE  
MAIL OUT. ADDRESS LISTS PURCHASED IN NEW YORK AND MAGAZINES  
MAILED FROM WILFIELD MAILING SERVICE, TWO FOUR FOUR SEVEN WEST  
ROOSEVELT ROAD, CHICAGO, ILL. LIST OF FIFTEEN HUNDRED MAILING  
LIST REQUESTS MAINTAINED MILWAUKEE IN ZIP CODE ORDER. NAME  
ERIC S. GALT UNFAMILIAR TO HINEZ RE THIS LIST.

- 1 - Milwaukee (44-388)
- 1 - Chicago (Info) (AM)
- 1 - New York (Info) (AM)
- 1 - Memphis (AM)
- ② - Birmingham (AM)

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: JACKSON (157-9586)

MURKIN; OO: MEMPHIS.

RE JN TEL TO MEMPHIS THIS DATE.

RE HOMESTEAD STUBBY BROWN PAPER BAG AND SCHLITZ  
BEER CANS FOUND NEAR SCENE OF CRIME, MEMPHIS.JACKSON HAS CONDUCTED EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION  
NORTHERN MISSISSIPPI TO LOCATE STORES HANDLING SCHLITZ  
BEER WITH POP-TOP CANS DATED ZERO THREE OVER ONE FIVE EIGHT  
AND USING HOMESTEAD STUBBY PAPER BAGS.LOCATED IN THE SOUTHHAVEN MINNOW SHOP, SOUTHHAVEN,  
MISS., HIGHWAY FIVE ONE SOUTH, ONE HALF MILE FROM TENN.  
STATE LINE WAS QUANTITY OF SCHLITZ BEER POP-TOP CANS IN  
~~PAPER BAG~~ <sup>Plastic</sup> SIX PACK CONTAINERS, BEARING DATE ZERO THREE  
OVER ONE FIVE EIGHT. LOCATED IN THE SHOP WERE BROWN PAPER1-Atlanta (AM)  
①-Birmingham (AM)  
1-LOS ANGELES (AM)  
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BAGS BEARING TRADE MARK HOMESTEAD; STUBBY WHICH IS USED TO PACKAGE SIX PACKS OF BEER BY SHOP PERSONNEL. THIS BAIT SHOP WAS LOCATED THREE MILES SOUTH OF OLIVER DRUGSTORE, HIGHWAY FIVE ONE, WHITEHAVEN, TENN., WHERE UNSUB. PURCHASED TOILETRY ITEMS.

EMPLOYEES OF SHOP WERE INTERVIEWED, COULD FURNISH NO INFORMATION, DO NOT RECALL OBSERVING WHITE MUSTANG NOR STRANGERS DURING THE PERIOD MARCH THREE - FOUR, LAST. ITEMS OBTAINED AT THE MINNOW SHOP FORWARDED TO LABORATORY FOR COMPARISON WITH ITEMS IN POSSESSION OF LABORATORY.

AIRMAIL COPIES FURNISHED ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, LOS ANGELES.

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

FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-9586) (P)

MURKIN

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA JAMES W. SAMMON on 4/15/68, at Southaven, Mississippi:

Located at the Southaven Minnow Shop, Highway 51 S,  
one-half mile from the Tennessee State Line, was a quantity  
of "Schlitz" beer, 12 ounce, pop-top cans in the plastic six-  
pack holder. This beer was dated "03/158", and was distributed  
from Clarksdale, Mississippi.

Also located in that bait shop was a brown paper  
bag bearing the trademark "Homestead; Stubby; 20; 31K7",  
which is used to package six-packs of beer by the bait shop  
personnel.

This bait shop is located exactly three miles south  
from the Oliver Drugstore, Highway 51, Whitehaven, Tennessee.

BILL MC LAUGHLIN, owner of the bait shop; his wife,  
JANE MC LAUGHLIN; his son, WILLIAM MC LAUGHLIN; and frequent  
customer, LAWRENCE PARKER, all of Southaven, were interviewed.  
All failed to identify the Birmingham and Memphis composite  
photos of Unsub in this matter. None recalled seeing a white  
Mustang with an Alabama license around 4/3-4/68, nor do they

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(1-Package) (RM AM)  
2 - Memphis (44-1987)  
1 - Atlanta (Info)  
① - Birmingham (44-1740) (Info)

1 - Los Angeles (Info)  
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recall a stranger to the area purchasing a six-pack of Schlitz beer there, although they have numerous customers who have never been there before.

Under separate cover being forwarded to the Bureau is a 12 ounce, pop-top Schlitz beer can from the Southaven Minnow Shop dated "03/158". Also being forwarded is one of the aforementioned brown paper bags from that bait shop.

The Laboratory is requested to examine both items to determine the tool mark dating the beer can and the paper bag are identical with those previously submitted by Memphis. The Laboratory is requested to advise interested offices. The items need not be returned.

CONSIDER UNKNOWN SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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INTERVIEWS WITH PERSONS WHO RENTED ROOMS  
AT ECONOMY ROOMING HOUSE, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA RAYMOND J. MAXWELL on April 12, 1968:

O. L. BLACK, Route 5, Box 227, Andalusia, Alabama, telephone number 222-1508, telephonically advised that he had not been in Birmingham, Alabama, and did not stay at the Economy Rooming House on Highland Avenue; however, it was his wife, Mrs. O. L. BLACK, and his daughter, Mrs. JAMES E. WELDON, who stayed at the rooming house.

BLACK advised that the name of ERIC STARVO GALT means nothing to him, and that to his knowledge, he has never heard of ERIC STARVO GALT, nor has he ever heard of HARVEY LOWMEYER.

Mrs. O. L. BLACK, telephonically advised that during the fall of 1967 she and her daughter, Mrs. JAMES E. WELDON, Route 4, Box 73, Opelika, Alabama, took Mrs. WELDON's baby to Birmingham, Alabama, for medical treatment. While they were in Birmingham, they stayed at the Economy Rooming House on Highland Avenue. She recalls staying in Rooms 18 and 29 during the period of September 17 through September 24, 1967. Mrs. BLACK advised that when she was not at the hospital where her grandchild was being treated, she would be resting in her room at the Economy Rooming House and she did not mingle with or associate with other people staying at the rooming house. On occasions, she would talk briefly with other women at the rooming house, but she never engaged in any conversation with any men.

Mrs. BLACK advised that the name of GALT and the name of LOWMEYER are not familiar to her, and she definitely does not remember anyone at the rooming house by the name of GALT or LOWMEYER. She stated that if she saw a picture of GALT, she might be able to state whether she had ever seen this individual at the rooming house, but from a description she could not state whether she saw anyone answering GALT's description at the rooming house.

Mrs. BLACK stated that she would cooperate in any way that she could with the FBI, and if the FBI had any pictures

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that they wanted her to look at, she would be glad to look at these pictures in an effort to determine if anyone was at the Economy Rooming House during the period of time when she stayed at the rooming house in September, 1967.

The following investigation was conducted by SA HOWARD R. LINSOTT on April 13, 1968 at Andalusia, Alabama:

Mrs. O. L. BLACK, Route 5, Box 227, Andalusia, Alabama, was shown the sketch of the suspect ERIC STARVO GALT. Mrs. BLACK advised that she had never seen anyone at the rooming house in Birmingham who resembled the photograph. Mrs. BLACK advised that she resided at the rooming house during the period September 17-24, 1967, at which time she was in Birmingham to see about a grandchild of hers who was in the hospital there. Mrs. BLACK advised that the only time she saw any men around the rooming house was in the mornings at breakfast time; however, she stated she had never seen anyone at breakfast who resembled the photograph.

The following investigation was conducted at Opelika, Alabama, by SA ROY H. EVELAND:

On April 12, 1968, JAMES E. WELDON, 23 Dorsey Street, mail address, Route 4, Box 73, Opelika, Alabama, an employee of Ampex Corporation, advised that his wife, SHELLEY WELDON, and his mother-in-law, Mrs. OVIS LEE BLACK, Route 5, Box 227, Andalusia, Alabama, had stayed at the Economy Rooming House, Birmingham, Alabama, for several days during part of 1967. His daughter, [REDACTED], was having an operation and his wife would stay at the hospital with their daughter during the nights and sleep at the rooming house during the days. The mother-in-law would stay with the daughter at the hospital during the days and would sleep at the rooming house at night. He and his wife have been taking their daughter to the Crippled Children's Hospital in Birmingham for five years for corrective operations. He and his wife generally stay at the Economy Rooming House when in Birmingham. He said that if he had been at the Economy Rooming House during September, 1967, it would have been only for an overnight visit. He does not remember anyone at his rooming house by the name of GALT or a similar name and could not place anyone fitting the description as given for suspect ERIC STARVO GALT.

Mrs. JAMES E. (SHELLEY) WELDON, Route 4, Box 73, Opelika, advised on April 12, 1968 that she recalls staying at the Economy Rooming House in Birmingham, Alabama, September 17-24, 1968. She and her mother, OVIS LEE BLACK, of Andalusia, Alabama, were there with her daughter who was a patient at the Crippled Children's Hospital in Birmingham. She said she did not recall anyone by the name ERIC STARVO GALT or any similar name at this rooming house and she does not recall anyone there fitting the description as given for suspect GALT.

AT AUBURN, ALABAMA:

On April 12, 1968 it was ascertained that THOMAS D. FRANKLIN was residing at the Phi Theta Tau, 317 S. College Street, Auburn, Alabama, while attending Auburn University. It was ascertained that on that date he was away from Auburn believed to be attending the Masters Golf Tournament in Augusta, Georgia.

On April 15, 1968, FRANKLIN was contacted on his return to Auburn and advised he had stayed at the Economy Rooming House, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, for about two weeks during the last part of August and early September, 1967. He advised he was working at the Avondale Mills in North Birmingham under the Co-op Program of Auburn University.

FRANKLIN said that he had seen articles in the newspaper recently, including a sketch of suspect in the killing of MARTIN LUTHER KING at Memphis, Tennessee. He said that he did not know anyone by the name of ERIC STARVO GALT, and he does not recall anyone at the Economy Rooming House who looked like the sketch of the suspect which he had seen in the newspaper. He also said he does not recall seeing anyone around the rooming house driving a white Mustang automobile.

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AIR MAIL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
FROM: SAC, MOBILE (157-2627)(P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN  
(OO: MS)

Re Birmingham teletype to Bureau, 3:28 PM,  
4/11/68, and Birmingham teletype to Mobile, 2:06 PM,  
4/12/68.

Re: INTERVIEWS WITH PERSONS WHO  
RANCHED ROOMS BY ECONOMY ROOMING  
HOUSES, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

Enclosed herewith for Memphis are 25 copies of  
a document reflecting interviews with Mr. and Mrs. JAMES E.  
WELDON, Rt. 1, Box 72, Opelia, Ala.; Mr. and Mrs. OYIE  
LEN BLACK, Rt. 3, Box 227, Andalusia, Ala.; and THOMAS D.  
FRANKLIN, 247 1/2 College St., Auburn, Ala. Two copies of  
this document are being furnished to Birmingham, which office  
sent forth the original leads. It is noted that one addi-  
tional person, whose interview was requested by Birmingham,  
namely AMBERY ARMBRISTER, Prattville, Ala., was reported  
to by SA Birmingham, and Birmingham was so advised by  
teletype from Mobile, 3:32 PM, 4/2/68.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS

- 1 - Memphis (Enc. 25)
- ① - Birmingham (44-1740) (Enc. 2)
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TO : SAC (44-1740) (P)

DATE: 4/18/68

FROM : SA PATRICK J. MOYNIHAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
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## Investigation to Identify ERIC GALT's Typewriter

### Singer Company Typewriter:

Investigation was conducted at the various Singer Sewing Center locations in the Birmingham area, since their typewriters are manufactured by Royal Typewriter Company and a number of them use "Royal Pica type".

1. Singer Sewing Center, 2008 Second Avenue, North, Birmingham, 4/16/68. Mr. H. A. SCOTT, Manager, (251-3107) advised that two Singer model typewriters, namely the T-62 and the T-4, utilized "Royal Pica" type. The Singer typewriters are distributed only through the Singer Centers. Mr. SCOTT searched stock card records for the years 1967 and 1968 to the present time under the names ERIC GALT, HARVEY LOWMEYER with variations, and JOHN WILLARD, but no record of the sale of a typewriter to such an individual was found.

The following Singer Sewing Centers were contacted by SA PATRICK J. MOYNIHAN on 4/16/68, and records at each center were reviewed by SA MOYNIHAN, but no record was found reflecting the sale of Singer typewriter under the above mentioned names.

2. Singer Center, 2814 18th Street, South, Homewood, Alabama, Miss MITZY PLEDGER, Bookkeeper.

3. Singer Center, 9090 Gadsden Road, Birmingham, HAROLD JONES, Acting Manager.

4. Singer Center, 2218 Bessemer Road, Birmingham, Mrs. HAZEL WALBURN.



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5. Singer Center, 306 North 19th Street,  
Bessemer, Alabama, FRED WATTS, Manager.

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Mr. S. N. ETHRIDGE, District Manager, Royal Typewriter Company, Inc., 2221 7th Avenue, South, Birmingham (252-6186), furnished the following information on 4/17/68.

This central office handles the sale of all Royal typewriters, both office machines and electric machines, for the Birmingham area. It also handles a small percentage of the portable Royal typewriters. The majority of Royal portable typewriters are, however, sold through various retail outlets in the Birmingham area.

ETHRIDGE advised that he does not have a complete list of all the retail outlets. Such a list would be available from R. E. ELKINS, Resident Manager, Appliance Division, Royal Typewriter Company, 1117 West Peachtree Street, Atlanta, Georgia. ETHRIDGE estimated that there are approximately fifteen to twenty possible outlets in the Birmingham area, including the big department stores and jewelry companies, such as Busch's and Southeastern Wholesale Jewelry.

The central records of Royal Typewriter Company at 2221 7th Avenue, South, in the sales department, were reviewed by SA MOYNIHAN for the entire year 1967 and for 1968, up to the present time. No record of a sale to ERIC GALT, HARVEY LOWMEYER with variations, or JOHN WILLARD was found.

SA MOYNIHAN also reviewed service records at this installation from July 1, 1967 to the present time, but no record of service for a typewriter owned by GALT, LOWMEYER, or WILLARD was found.

On 4/17/68 a communication was directed to the Atlanta Division for contact with Mr. ELKINS to obtain a list of retail outlets in the Birmingham Division.

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AIRMAIL

To: SAC, Jackson

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From: SAC, Birmingham (44-1740) (P)

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GEORGE PARRISH, Birmingham telephone number 648-5835, telephonically advised 4/17/68 that a man who fits the description of ERIC STARVO GALT was observed by PARRISH in Birmingham a few days before victim KING killed. This person was driving a white 1953 Ford with Mississippi license AB-551.

LEAD:

JACKSON DIVISION

AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

Ascertain identity of person whom Mississippi license AB-551 issued. Determine if this person identical with GALT.

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SA ERIC L. WILSON

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Re Memo of ASAC RALPH J. RAMPTON, 4/10/68.

The following individuals were contacted on the dates indicated and all advised that a review of their respective records failed to reflect anything identifiable with either ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMEYER, or JOHN WILLARD:

HENRIETTA ELLIOTT, Special Registrar in Chancery, Tuscaloosa, Alabama on April 10, 1968, by SA ERIC L. WILSON

MARCELLE M. NICHOLSON, Registrar in Equity, Bibb County, Alabama, on April 11, 1968, by SA ERIC L. WILSON

CURTIS SCALES, Registrar and Circuit Clerk, Sumter County, Alabama, on April 12, 1968, by SA ERIC L. WILSON

MARY VAREBROUGH, Registrar and Circuit Clerk, Greene County, Alabama, on April 12, 1968, by SA ERIC L. WILSON

L. J. RANDOLPH, Registrar and Circuit Clerk, Lamar County, Alabama, on April 12, 1968, by SA CLARENCE E. WRIGHT

LUCY CRUTCHER, Recorder, Circuit Court, Fayette County, Alabama, on April 12, 1968, by SA CLARENCE E. WRIGHT

WILLIAM LANG, Registrar and Circuit Clerk, Pickens County, Alabama, on April 17, 1968, by SA A. L. KING

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# Memorandum

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

LOS ANGELES

BIRMINGHAM

MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM SAN DIEGO (44-387)

MURKIN.

PETER KEYG, TV CHANNEL FIFTEEN, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED THIS DATE HE RECEIVED CALL FROM HIS AUNT, MRS. ALICE PRESBER, LAGUNA BEACH, CALIFORNIA, TELEPHONE NUMBER FOUR NINE SEVEN DASH ONE ONE SEVEN NINE, ADVISING SHE THOUGHT ERIC E. WINTER, FOUR FOUR FOUR PLUM LANE, ORANGE CALIFORNIA, TELEPHONE NUMBER FIVE THREE EIGHT DASH SEVEN ZERO SEVEN TWO, MIGHT BE A SUSPECT IN THE MURDER OF DR. KING.

MRS. PRESBER STATED PHOTO OF GALT DOES NOT RESEMBLE WINTER, BUT WINTER IS KNOWN RACIST AND RETURNED HOME ON MONDAY FOLLOWING THE SHOOTING OF KING FROM A MONTHS TOUR OF THE SOUTH AND UPON RETURN WAS VERY NERVOUS AND UPSET AND REFUSED TO TALK ABOUT HIS TRIP.

WINTER IS ALSO KNOWN TO HAVE HELPED A FRIEND "SARVO" (PHONETIC) TO ESCAPE FROM ALBANIA SEVERAL YEARS AGO.

WINTER IS IN HIS EARLY FORTIES AND A FORMER CITIZEN OF NEW ZEALAND.

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KEYG ADVISED ALICE PRESBER IS A FRIEND OF WINTER'S WIFE AND ASKED HIM TO REPORT THIS MATTER BECAUSE WHE DID NOT WANT THE WINTERS TO KNOW WHE HAD MADE THE REPORT.

LOS ANGELES, AT LAGUNA BEACH, CALIFORNIA, CONTACT ALICE PRESBER FOR ADDITIONAL INFO.

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FBI MIAMI

4:40PM URGENT 4-18-68 PJJ

TO DIRECTOR, BIRMINGHAM, MEMPHIS AND OMAHA  
FROM MIAMI (44-1854)

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RE IOWA LICENSE NUMBER <sup>8</sup> EIGHT <sup>9</sup> OVER <sup>-</sup> NINE <sup>3</sup> DASH THREE  
SIX EIGHT ONE.

JAMES PARISH, RICHMOND HEIGHTS, FLA., TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED MIAMI OFFICE TODAY THAT HE IS EMPLOYED AS MAILMAN AND PART-TIME SERVICE STATION ATTENDANT AT ZAYRE'S SERVICE CENTER, ONE HUNDRED THIRTYSIXTH ST. AND S. DIXIE HIGHWAY, MIAMI, FLA. WHILE SERVICING SIXTYSEVEN RED MUSTANG LAST EVENING, HE RECALLS DRIVER OF THIS VEHICLE CLOSELY RESEMBLED THE PHOTOGRAPHS OF ERIC STARVO GALT APPEARING IN THE "MIAMI HERALD" OF APRIL EIGHTEEN INSTANT. DRIVER DID NOT LEAVE VEHICLE AND HAD A "FUNNY LOOK ON FACE." HE PURCHASED DOLLAR'S WORTH OF GAS AND HAD WINDOWS OF AUTOMOBILE ROLLED UP, EVEN THOUGH IT WAS WARM OUTSIDE. HAD SANDY BROWN HAIR AND WAS WEARING A RECENTLY GROWN "CLARK GABLE MUSTACHE.

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OMAHA, AT DES MOINES, IOWA, DETERMINE OWNER OF VEHICLE  
THROUGH CHECK OF AUTOMOBILE LICENSE BUREAU AND SET OUT  
APPROPRIATE LEAD TO ESTABLISH IDENTITY OF DRIVER.

HANDLE IN ACCORDANCE PREVIOUS BUREAU INSTRUCTIONS.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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4 47PM URGENT 4-18-68 BLW

TO DIRECTOR, BIRMINGHAM, MEMPHIS, JACKSONVILLE AND  
ATLANTA

FROM TAMPA (157-3231) 2P

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REJKTEL THIS DATE, WHICH ADVISED PERSON DRIVING  
HERTZ RENT-A-CAR, APRIL FIFTEEN, LAST, IN JACKSONVILLE  
SIMILAR IN APPEARANCE TO ERIC STARVO GALT.

RECORDS, HERTZ CO., TAMPA, FLA., REFLECT NINETEEN  
SIXTYEIGHT MERCURY, TWO DOOR, LICENSE THREE E - FOUR  
EIGHT SEVEN ZERO, RENTED APRIL FIFTEEN, LAST, TO ONE  
O. J. REGAN, REPRESENTATIVE OF ELECTRO - AIR CORP.,  
MC KEES ROCK, PA. VEHICLE RENTED AT JACKSONVILLE ON  
FOREGOING DATE. REGAN FURNISHED SIX ZERO FOUR NINE  
DRIFTWOOD TRAIL, MABELTON, GA., AS PERMANENT ADDRESS.  
DISPLAYED GA., LICENSE [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] AS IDENTIFICATION.

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JACKSONVILLE, AT HERTZ RENTAL, IDENTIFY APPROPRIATE  
PERSONNEL WHO HANDLED RENTAL TRANSACTION AND DISPLAY  
PHOTOGRAPHS OF ERIC STARVO GALT AND ADVISE BUREAU AND  
INTERESTED OFFICES OF RESULTS OF SAME.

ERIC STARVO GALT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND  
DANGEROUS.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)

DATE: 4/18/68

FROM : SA JERRY L. EDMONS

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 4/18/68, Mrs. ELEANOR TODD, 4240 Pulaski St., Birmingham, Alabama, came into the FBI Office. Mrs. TODD advised that she was employed by the Internal Revenue and gave her office phone number as 841-3487. She said she was presently living at 3811 43rd Ave. N., which is the home of her mother.

Mrs. TODD advised that a man she knows as RICHARD DAVIS looks exactly like the picture of ERIC STAPVO GALT that was in the newspaper. She said DAVIS drove a white automobile of some description but she did not know the make. According to her, DAVIS was an acquaintance of her ex daughter-in-law, MARTHA LOU TODD, who lives on Ave. J in Ensley. She said that DAVIS lived with MARTHA LOU TODD in 1966 and drove an older model black and white Chevrolet with Tennessee plates.

Mrs. TODD said she saw the two of them together in March.

Mrs. TODD said that DAVIS matched the description of GALT given in the paper except his hair was somewhat longer and slightly curly. He claimed to have lived in Huntsville and drove a truck for the Canada Dry Bottling Company. Mrs. TODD had with her some belongings of DAVIS'. These included a shirt with a Canada Dry patch on it, an old Army fatigue cap, and an empty vodka bottle.

DAVIS has the following relatives in Birmingham:

MAUDE DAVIS - Mother

DORIS BRIDGINGTON - Sister who worked at Britling's on

Highland Ave.

According to Mrs. TODD, MARTHA LOU TODD would probably know where DAVIS is living. MARTHA LOU TODD can be reached through her aunt, Mrs. TENCY HUGHES, 2019 Avenue H, Ensley.

Mrs. TODD said that DAVIS and MARTHA LOU TODD had killed her son, M.L. TODD'S former husband. When questioned about this, she said it had been ruled a suicide but she did not believe it.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1740) (P)

DATE: 4/18/68

FROM : SA MARION B. HUMMEL

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
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Re telephonic conversation between SA J. T. ARNETT, SA MARION B. HUMMEL, and SA DONALD R. SORENSEN on 4/17/68 with reference to a Memphis teletype relating that an informant had advised that an individual known as ERIC GAULDEN, aka "Stevie", was an associate of TOMMY ELLIS PIKE; WILLIAM EUGENE SIDES; GORDON FORBES; and UNSUB, aka "Duke", of Memphis. Teletype indicated that these individuals were possibly operating a stolen car ring on a farm near Huntsville, Alabama and that GAULDEN could be identical to suspect GALT in captioned matter. SA ARNETT advised that review of Birmingham indices of these names reflected that TOMMY ELLIS PIKE and WILLIAM EUGENE SIDES were the only individuals indexed in the Birmingham indices, and these individuals were indexed to Birmingham file 26-25195.

Attached to this memorandum is a copy of Memphis letter to Birmingham, 3/26/68, captioned WILLIAM EUGENE SIDES; TOMMY ELLIS PIKE; JERRY MC GILL; BUD MASON; JIMBO STUART; ITSMV; OO:ME. Of these subjects, JERRY MC GILL is one of the fugitive subjects of Birmingham file 87-7049 entitled JIMMY EARL PARKS, aka-FUGITIVE; JERRY LLOYD MC GILL, aka-FUGITIVE; LINDA DELL MC GILL, aka; ET AL. ITSP. OO: Knoxville.

LINDA DELL MC GILL was apprehended on 3/6/68 by Bureau Agents of Huntsville and Decatur RA's at Decatur, Alabama, and the circumstances leading up to this apprehension are as follows:

Sheriff BUDDY EVANS, Limestone Co., Athens, Alabama, received a routine complaint regarding the residence of an old farm house located on Route 9, Athens, Alabama. Sheriff EVANS made an inquiry regarding this complaint and determined that two couples had been residing at this farm house for

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three weeks prior to his inquiry. Immediately after he made his inquiry, they hurriedly abandoned this farm, leaving personal property and other valuables behind. This being quite suspicious, EVANS reported this fact to Bureau Agents, and investigation identified these subjects as MC GILL and his wife LINDA, subject PARKS and an unknown female. Subject LINDA DELL MC GILL was subsequently apprehended at a motel in Decatur, Alabama, but the other subjects were no longer with her and were not apprehended. Their whereabouts are unknown at the present time.

Investigation conducted at this farm house reflected some evidence that possibly this location might have been used to alter stolen automobiles. A wrecked 1968 Chevrolet was abandoned at the house and the serial plate from this vehicle had been removed. A 1968 Chevrolet had been registered at Huntsville, Alabama under the VIN for this wrecked car. The registration was for a fictitious name and address. This car has not been located to date. There was no evidence, however, that any large-scale ring activity had been going on, and there was no indication that other than these four individuals, two male and two female, anyone had been seen in or around this farm house.

In connection with this investigation, SA CRABBE interviewed the landlord of the farm, as well as neighbors, and the results of his interviews do not indicate that anyone other than these two couples were occupants of this farm.

Based upon the above, it would appear that these facts coincide sufficiently with the information set out in Memphis letter, 3/26/68, a copy of which is attached, to assume that this farm and this activity was the farm where MC GILL and PARKS had previously stayed. Concerning Memphis' statement that a contact with these subjects in the Huntsville, Ala. area was PAUL BATES, it should be noted that PAUL BATES is presently incarcerated at the Federal Penitentiary at Atlanta, Ga. and has been there for approximately two years. It would have been impossible for these subjects to have been in contact with PAUL BATES in the immediate past. Also Memphis letter sets out a lead for the

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Birmingham Division at Huntsville to contact a Det. YOUNG at the Huntsville PD for further information regarding this farm and this activity. Det. YOUNG is identical with Lt. CARL N. YOUNG (NA), who has been contacted on a continuous basis regarding this matter. Lt. YOUNG is in possession of no additional information. The information which Lt. YOUNG has concerning this matter coincides with the information already known to the FBI, and he has no new or additional information regarding any other farms utilized by these subjects.

In the absence of any descriptive data regarding the individuals referred to by Memphis, no further investigation is contemplated. It is also pointed out that Memphis is aware of the facts set out above, and they were advised that the Birmingham Division was consolidating its file 26-25195 into 87-7049 and suggesting that Memphis consolidate their files.

**SUGGESTED LEAD:**

**BIRMINGHAM:**

**AT BIRMINGHAM, ALA.:**

Will interview LINDA DELL MC GILL, who is in custody of USM, Birmingham, unless she has made bond, regarding the individuals set out in Memphis letter.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, BIRMINGHAM

DATE: 3/26/68

FROM : SAC, MEMPHIS (26-30685) (P)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM EUGENE SIDES;  
TOMMY ELLIS PIKE;  
JERRY MC GILL;  
BUD MASON;  
JIMBO STUART - 0  
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Lt. JOHN WRIGHT, Burglary Squad, Memphis PD, Memphis, Tenn., advised that an informant of his had furnished information concerning an alleged car theft ring believed to be operating in or near Huntsville, Ala. Lt. WRIGHT stated that this informant had advised that JERRY MC GILL, who is a fugitive at this time, is believed to be living on a farm near Huntsville, Ala. This farm is supposedly used to change identification numbers on automobiles stolen in various sections of the country. According to Lt. WRIGHT, this informant does not have any information as to where the automobiles are sold nor does this informant know where these cars are being stolen.

According to WRIGHT's informant, MC GILL, PIKE and SIDES apparently operate this ring outside the Memphis area. MASON and STUART supposedly are the contacts of this ring in the Memphis area. All of the above mentioned individuals have records with the Memphis PD and have been engaged in burglary and other illegal activities in the past. MC GILL, who is supposedly in the Huntsville area, was contacted by telephone in the recent past at Huntsville by a girl friend named GYPSY KELLY. KELLY has telephone #324-4962 and is the ex-wife of an individual serving time in the TSP at this time. Lt. WRIGHT stated that the informant claims that SIDES and PIKE supposedly had a late model, gun metal gray Pontiac and a late model Cadillac in the recent past but it is not know if these automobiles are stolen.

Lt. WRIGHT stated that the only contact known to the Memphis PD of these various individuals in the Huntsville

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area is an individual named PAUL BATES, Huntsville, Ala., PD #013752. He stated that Chief of Detectives YOUNG, Huntsville PD, is the individual the Memphis PD has been contacting in the past concerning all of the above individuals.

Lt. WRIGHT subsequently advised that the only call that he has been able to determine was made to the state of Alabama on the phone of GYPSY KELLY in Memphis was to #352-5968, Hanceville, Ala., not Huntsville. He stated, however, this call was subsequent to the alleged call made by KELLY to MC GILL.

For the additional information of the Birmingham Office, the Memphis Office presently has a case involving subject MC GILL entitled, "JERRY LLOYD MC GILL, aka - FUGITIVE; ET AL; ITSP," OO Knoxville, MEfile #87-11232.

LEADS:

BIRMINGHAM DIVISION

AT HUNTSVILLE, ALA.

Will contact Chief of Detectives YOUNG, Huntsville PD, to determine if he has any information which would indicate that a farm in the Huntsville area is being used to change VIN's on stolen automobiles.

Will note that MC GILL is a fugitive in the Memphis Division.

AT HANCEVILLE, ALA.

Will determine to whom telephone #352-5968 is listed and determine if there is any possibility that this is a farm where VIN's on stolen automobiles are being changed.

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TO SAN ANTONIO  
FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)

MURKIN. OO: ME.

INFORMATION DEVELOPED THAT SUBJECT ERIC STARVO GALT, FUGITIVE,  
WF FOUR FOUR TWO, WAS IN CANADA DURING SUMMER OF SIXTYSEVEN FOR  
ABOUT SIX WEEKS AND POSSIBLY EMPLOYED AT EXPO SIXTYSEVEN.

SAN ANTONIO, ASCERTAIN IF GALT, UNDER TRUE NAME OR KNOWN  
ALIASES, POSSIBLY EMPLOYED HEMISFAIR, SAN ANTONIO. CONDUCT ANY  
OTHER LOGICAL INVESTIGATION TO LOCATE SUBJECT AT HEMISFAIR.

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TO ALL SACS

FROM DIRECTOR

MURKIN

THE FOLLOWING PRESS RELEASE WAS ISSUED AT WASHINGTON, D.C., AT FIVE FORTYFIVE P.M. THIS AFTERNON. YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO RELEASE AT SIX P.M. EASTERN STANDARD TIME. ALTHOUGH IT IS REALIZED THE WIRE SERVICES WILL CARRY THE FULL TEXT, YOU SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CONTACT THE LEADING NEWSPAPERS AND RADIO AND TV STATIONS IN YOUR DIVISION TO INSURE IT RECEIVES IMMEDIATE WIDESPREAD DISTRIBUTION. YOU ARE ALSO AUTHORIZED TO IMMEDIATELY MAKE AVAILABLE TO ALL MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES COPIES OF THE TWO PHOTOGRAPHS ALREADY IN YOUR POSSESSION. THE DESCRIPTIVE DATA ON THE BACKS OF THESE PHOTOGRAPHS SHOULD BE DELETED. PHOTOGRAPH NUMBER ONE WITH EYES CLOSED SHOULD CARRY THE CAPTION, "ERIC STARVO GALT, ALSO KNOWN AS HARVEY LOWMYER AND JOHN WILLARD." PHOTOGRAPH NUMBER TWO SHOULD CARRY THE CAPTION, "ERIC STARVO GALT, ALSO KNOWN AS HARVEY LOWMYER AND JOHN WILLARD (EYES DRAWN IN BY FBI ARTIST)." YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO REPRODUCE LOCALLY

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INSURE THAT THIS RELEASE AND PHOTOGRAPHS RECEIVE REPEATED  
COVERAGE BY RADIO AND TV STATIONS. YOU ARE TO MAKE NO ELABORA-  
TION WHATSOEVER REGARDING THIS RELEASE.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

APRIL 17, 1968

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ACCORDING TO MR. HOOVER, PERSONS WHO HAVE MET GALT DESCRIBE HIM AS A "LONER" AND STATE HIS LANGUAGE AND DICTION HAVE A "RURAL" QUALITY AND SUGGEST THAT HE PROBABLY DOES NOT HAVE A HIGH DEGREE OF EDUCATION. HE IS SAID TO DRINK ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND HAS A PREFERENCE FOR VODKA AND BEER. HE IS A FAN OF WESTERN AND COUNTRY MUSIC.

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

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TO ALL SACS

FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861

MURKIN

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

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TO: DIRECTOR AND SACS MEMPHIS  
ATLANTA

FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)

MURKIN.

SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION TODAY.

IN REFERENCE TO INFORMATION DEVELOPED IN MEMPHIS CONCERNING AN ALLEGED CAR THEFT RING BELIEVED TO BE OPERATING IN ALABAMA AND HAVING RAMIFICATIONS IN THIS CASE, BIRMINGHAM HAS CONDUCTED SUFFICIENT INVESTIGATION TO CONCLUDE THIS IS CASE ENTITLED WILLIAM EUGENE SIDES; TOMMY ELLIS PIKE; JERRY MC GILL; BUD MASON; JIMBO STUART; ITSMV, OO MEMPHIS. OF THESE SUBJECTS, JERRY MC GILL IS ONE OF THE FUGITIVE SUBJECTS OF BIRMINGHAM CASE ENTITLED JIMMY EARL PARKS, AKA - FUGITIVE, ET AL, ITSP, OO KNOXVILLE. THE FARM WHERE SUBJECTS OPERATED WAS APPARENTLY LOCATED ON ROUTE NINE, ATHENS, ALABAMA (NEAR HUNTSVILLE) AND HAS BEEN INVESTIGATED IN BIRMINGHAM WITHOUT DEVELOPING ANY FACTS TO DATE CONNECTING SUBJECTS WITH THIS CASE.

PHOTOS OF ERIC STARVO GALT SHOWN TODAY TO WILLIAM DAVID PAISLEY, JR., SON OF SELLER OF MUSTANG TO GALT, AUGUST, LAST. PAISLEY SAID THE PHOTO WITH EYES SHUT DOES RESEMBLE THE ERIC S. GALT

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WHO PURCHASED THE PAISLEY'S MUSTANG, BUT PAISLEY DID NOT CARE TO MAKE A POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION UNTIL HE COULD SEE GALT IN PERSON. PAISLEY COMMENTED IT APPEARED THAT GALT HAS PUT ON SOME WEIGHT SINCE PAISLEY SAW HIM IN AUGUST, NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN, AS GALT'S FACE APPEARS FATTER THAN WHAT PAISLEY RECALLS. AFTER STUDYING THE PHOTO OF GALT FOR SEVERAL MINUTES, PAISLEY COMMENTED THAT THE MORE HE LOOKED AT THE PHOTO THE MORE HE BELIEVED IT WAS A PHOTO OF THE ERIC S. GALT KNOWN TO PAISLEY LAST AUGUST.

PAISLEY'S MOTHER, MRS. WILLIAM D. PAISLEY, SR., AFTER VIEWING PHOTOS OF GALT, SAID SHE CAN'T BE SURE IF THIS IS THE MAN SHE OBSERVED BUY THE PAISLEY MUSTANG IN AUGUST, NINETEEN, SIXTYSEVEN, BUT TO BEST OF HER RECOLLECTION, WHICH IS ADMITTEDLY VAGUE AS SHE PAID NO ATTENTION TO THIS BUYER, THE PHOTO DID RESEMBLE THE PURCHASER, EXCEPT THE MAN IN THE PHOTO HAS A FULLER FACE THAN THE PURCHASER AND THE HAIR IN THE PHOTO IS TOO DARK. SHE SAID THE MOUTH AND NOSE IN THE PHOTO DEFINITELY REMIND HER OF THE PURCHASER.

WILLIAM DAVID PAISLEY, SR., SAID THERE IS A RESEMBLANCE BETWEEN THE MAN IN THE PHOTO (GALT) AND THE ERIC S. GALT WHO PURCHASED PAISLEY'S NINETEEN SIXTYSIX WHITE MUSTANG IN AUGUST,

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NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN. PAISLEY SAID HE COULD NOT MAKE A POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION, BUT ADDED THE MAN IN THE PHOTO HAS A FATTER FACE THAN THE ERIC S. GALT WHO BOUGHT THE MUSTANG.

CLYDE MANASCO, EMPLOYED GUN RACK, BIRMINGHAM, STATES PHOTO GALT APPEARS IDENTICAL TO MAN IN GUN RACK MARCH TWENTYSEVEN, SIXTYEIGHT, EXCEPT FACE IN PHOTO APPEARS SLIGHTLY BROADER THAN HE RECALLS.

MR. HERBERT KELLY, WHO IS EMPLOYED AS COOK AT ECONOMY ROOMING HOUSE, BIRMINGHAM, AND WHO SERVED GALT MEALS DURING PERIOD OF RESIDENCE, VIEWED TWO PHOTOGRAPHS OF ERIC STARVO GALT THIS DATE. KELLY, AFTER VIEWING, STATED "I BELIEVE THESE PHOTOGRAPHS OF GALT ARE IDENTICAL WITH THE ERIC GALT WHO RESIDED AT THIS ROOMING HOUSE. THESE PICTURES BEAR A VERY CLOSE RESEMBLANCE TO HIM." KELLY WILL NOT MAKE POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION, GIVING AS HIS REASON THAT HE DESIRES TO VIEW GALT IN PERSON BEFORE MAKING POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION.

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PETER CHERPES, OWNER, ECONOMY ROOMING HOUSE, VIEWED PHOTOGRAPHS AND SAID "I BELIEVE THIS IS ERIC GALT WHO RESIDED AT MY ROOMING HOUSE. THE PHOTOGRAPHS BEAR A VERY CLOSE RESEMBLANCE TO HIM; HOWEVER, I CAN'T BE SURE UNTIL I SEE HIM IN PERSON."

ROBERT WOOD, OWNER AEROMARINE SUPPLY COMPANY, ADVISED HIS WIFE RECEIVED AN ANONYMOUS TELEPHONE CALL THIS DATE. CALLER STATED "WE'LL KILL YOU" AND HUNG UP. WOOD AND WIFE BELIEVE THIS TO BE WORK OF CRANK. IF ADDITIONAL CALLS ARE RECEIVED, HE WILL REQUEST AN UNLISTED TELEPHONE AND ADVISE POLICE.

LOGICAL RIFLE RANGES IN BIRMINGHAM AREA CHECKED WITHOUT DETERMINING ANY INFORMATION INDICATING GALT UTILIZED RANGES FOR SIGHTING-IN RIFLE.

THE RECORDS OF UNITED ELECTRONICS LAB, A TRAINING SCHOOL LOCATED AT TWO SEVEN ONE SEVEN SEVENTH AVENUE SOUTH, BIRMINGHAM, WERE CHECKED FOR THE NAMES KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN UTILIZED BY THE SUBJECT. RECORDS OF THE DAY SCHOOL, EVENING SCHOOL, AND CORRESPONDENCE DIVISION WERE NEGATIVE.

BIRMINGHAM IS IMMEDIATELY CHECKING OUT LEADS RECEIVED FROM INDIVIDUALS IN AREA WHO ALLEGED THEY HAVE SEEN PERSONS RESEMBLING

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GALT. WHERE APPROPRIATE, LEADS HAVE BEEN SET OUT TO OTHER OFFICES AND THUS FAR NO POSITIVE INFORMATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED INDICATING WHEREABOUTS OF GALT.

U. S. ATTORNEY MACON WEAVER <sup>advised he</sup> RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL FROM DISTRICT ATTORNEY <sup>EARL MORGAN</sup> FOLLOWING CONFERENCE WITH COUNTY COMMISSIONER. <sup>MOREAN</sup> DESIRED TO KNOW WHY BIRMINGHAM WAS CHOSEN FOR FILING OF COMPLAINT. WEAVER CALLED ATTORNEY GENERAL, WHO ADVISED HIM DECISION RE LOCATION WAS MADE BY FBI. ATTORNEY GENERAL SAID HE ASSUMED BIRMINGHAM CHOSEN BECAUSE IT WAS PLACE WHERE FIRST OVERT ACT OF CONSPIRACY OCCURRED. WEAVER CONVEYED THIS INFORMATION TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY, WHO APPEARED SATISFIED. IT WAS DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S PRIME CONCERN FILING OF PROCESS IN BIRMINGHAM <sup>might</sup> ~~WOULD~~ <sup>reflect on</sup> ~~RESULT IN INJURY~~ ~~TO~~ BIRMINGHAM'S REPUTATION.

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MR. PAISLEY, SR., A RESPECTED AND REPUTABLE BIRMINGHAM LUMBER COMPANY SALES MANAGER, COMMENTED THAT SINCE YESTERDAY AFTERNOON HE HAS BEEN CONTINUALLY HARASSED BY NEWS REPORTERS, INCLUDING TOM LANKFORD OF "THE BIRMINGHAM NEWS," GENE STEVENS OF "UPI," AND UNKNOWN NEWSMEN FROM LOS ANGELES AND NEW YORK. STEVENS TOLD PAISLEY, SR., THAT EVEN THOUGH PAISLEY HAD BEEN TOLD BY THE FBI NOT TO TALK TO NEWSMEN, PAISLEY, SR., DID NOT HAVE TO OBEY THESE INSTRUCTIONS AND COULD GIVE HIS STORY TO THE PRESS. PAISLEY, SR., STATED HE TOLD STEVENS HE WAS NOT UNDER ANY FBI ORDERS NOT TO TALK TO THE PRESS, AND THEN ANSWERED A FEW OF STEVENS' QUESTIONS. PAISLEY, SR., NOTED THAT STEVENS WAS TWISTING PAISLEY'S ANSWERS AND USING "LOADED" QUESTIONS, SUCH AS "HOW LONG DID YOU KNOW GALT BEFORE YOU SOLD HIM THE MUSTANG"? PAISLEY THEN TERMINATED THIS INTERVIEW. AT ONE THIRTY A.M. TODAY PAISLEY RECEIVED LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE CALL FROM UNKNOWN REPORTER IN NEW YORK, BUT PAISLEY

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REFUSED TO ANSWER ANY OF HIS QUESTIONS. PAISLEY RECALLED TELLING LANKFORD HE COULD NOT IDENTIFY GALT FROM THE PHOTOS, BUT THIS WAS DONE TO PACIFY LANKFORD AND GET RID OF HIM. PAISLEY CONFIDENTIALLY ADVISED THAT BOTH HIS WIFE AND HIS SON, [REDACTED], HAVE BEEN UNDER DOCTOR'S CARE FOR NERVOUS CONDITIONS, AND HE WAS FEARFUL WHAT EFFECT THE HARASSMENT BY NEWS MEDIA WOULD HAVE ON THEM. BECAUSE OF THE RUDENESS AND INCONSIDERATION OF THE NEWS MEDIA, PAISLEY HAS RETREATED TO THE RESIDENCE OF HIS BROTHER-IN-LAW IN AN EFFORT TO AVOID THE NEWS MEDIA. HE IS MAINTAINING CONTACT WITH FBI, BIRMINGHAM, AS TO HIS WHEREABOUTS AND EXPRESSED HIS GRATITUDE FOR COURTEOUS MANNER IN WHICH THE FBI HAS DEALT WITH HIM, HIS SON, AND HIS WIFE.

IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT ON APRIL TWELVE, LAST, TWO REPORTERS CLAIMING TO BE FROM "THE LOS ANGELES TIMES" CONTACTED ROBERT WOOD, OWNER OF AEROMARINE SUPPLY COMPANY, BIRMINGHAM, AND HIS SON DONALD AND DEMANDED INFORMATION CONCERNING THE SALE OF THE RIFLE. WOOD LATER TOLD BUAGENT THAT BOTH MEN REEKED OF ALCOHOL AND WERE APPARENTLY UNDER INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL AT TIME. BOTH PRODUCED IDENTIFICATION AS BONA FIDE REPORTERS.

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CHERPES ADVISED THAT HE HAS BEEN HARASSED CONTINUOUSLY BY TELEVISION AND NEWS MEDIA FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING GALT. CHERPES SAID THAT UNRECALLED NEWSPAPERMEN HAVE INQUIRED OF HIM IF THE FBI HAD PAID HIM NOT TO DIVULGE INFORMATION CONCERNING GALT OR IF THEY HAVE OFFERED HIM MONEY TO KEEP HIM QUIET. CHERPES SAID THAT HF HAS SET THE NEWS MEDIA STRAIGHT; THAT HE WOULD NEVER ACCEPT MONEY; AND THAT AT NO TIME HAS THE FBI EVER APPROACHED HIM OR MENTIONED MONEY.

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TO: DIRECTOR, ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, AND MEMPHIS

FROM: SACRAMENTO (100-427) (P) 1P

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RE ATLANTA TELETYPE TO BUREAU, APRIL SEVENTEEN, LAST.

ON APRIL EIGHTEEN, INSTANT, LEWIS WALKER, MANAGER, CUSTOMER SERVICE, SUPER MOLD COMPANY, FOUR TWO ZERO NORTH SACRAMENTO, LODI, CALIFORNIA, ADVISED LOCATION OF MOLDING MACHINE COULD BE DETERMINED MORE EXPEDITIOUSLY IF TIRE SIZE, DEPTH OF TREAD LEFT OF TIRE, AND ALL OTHER MARKINGS ON TIRE WERE KNOWN BESIDES THE NUMBER SIX ZERO ONE. WALKER SPECIFICALLY INQUIRED IF MARKING W T SLASH SEVEN SEVEN ONE - X APPEARED ON TIRE.

ATLANTA AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA, DETERMINE TIRE SIZE, DEPTH OF TREAD LEFT OF TIRE, AND ALL OTHER MARKINGS ON TIRE. SPECIFICALLY DETERMINE IF MARKING W T SLASH SEVEN SEVEN ONE - X IS ON TIRE AND SUTEL SACRAMENTO.

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FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 2P

MURKIN.

RE ATLANTA LETTER APRIL FIFTEEN,  
AND DELIVERY OF EVIDENCE APRIL SIXTEEN BY SA JOHN  
SULLIVAN.

SIX LATENT FINGERPRINTS AND ONE LATENT  
IMPRESSION, WHICH MAY BE FINGERPRINT IMPRESSION OF THE  
LOWER JOINT OF THE FINGER, OR PARTIAL PALM PRINT, DEVELOPED  
ON MAP OF MEXICO, Q ONE NINE FOUR. NO LATENT  
IMPRESSIONS FOUND OR DEVELOPED OTHER ITEMS THIS SUB-  
MISSION SUITABLE FOR LATENT EXAMINATION.

ONE OF THE LATENT FINGERPRINTS ON THE MAP  
OF MEXICO IS IDENTICAL WITH LATENT FINGERPRINT PREVIOUSLY  
DEVELOPED ON THE REMINGTON MODEL SEVEN SIX Z  
RIFLE, Q TWO, AND WITH LATENT FINGERPRINT PREVIOUSLY  
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DEVELOPED ON THE BINOCULARS, Q FOURTEEN. OTHER  
LATENT PRINTS ON MAP COMPARED WITH OTHER LATENT  
PRINTS THIS CASE, NO ADDITIONAL IDENTIFICATION EFFECTED.

LABORATORY REPORTING SEPARATELY.

CONFIRMING.

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TO; SAC, BIRINGHAM

FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987)

MURKIN; CR

MR. HUBERT ALLEN, T HREE ONE ONE SIX LYNCHBURG,  
MEMPHIS , ADVISED HE OBSERVED YOUNG MAN IN MEMPHIS TODAY,  
WHOM HE BELIVES RESEMBLES PHOTO OF GALT. HE STATED YOUNG  
MAN DRIVING A LATE MODEL BLACK FORD WITH ALABAMA NATIONAL  
GUARD LICENSE TWO SIX NINE ONE.

BIRINGHAM IDENTIFY, OBTAIN MILITARY SERIAL NUMBER AND  
REQUEST FINGERPRINTS COMPARISON.

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