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TITLE OF CASE <b>ERIC STARVO GALT, aka Eric S. Galt, Eric Gault, Harvey Lowmeyer, Harvey Lowmyer, John Willard; - FUGITIVE; REVEREND MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>SA ALAN G. SENTINELLA</b>	TYPED BY <b>:lcs</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE <p style="text-align: center;"><b>CR</b></p>	

REFERENCES: Memphis teletype to Bureau, 4/5/68, captioned "UNSUB; aka John Willard; MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM, CR."

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- (1) Will report results of Laboratory examination re material previously forwarded thereto.
- (2) Will follow all logical investigation toward the location and apprehension of subject.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

Inside fisur coverage of 113 - 14th St., NE, was maintained by SAs DONALD P. BURGESS and CARL E. CLAIBORNE from 4/13-17/68 under suitable pretext.

Photographs referred to in FD-302 of SAs ROGER L. KAAS and JOHN E. OGDEN reflecting interview of JIMMIE DELTON GARNER, on 4/17/68 are maintained in 1-A Section of Atlanta file.

Results of all negative investigation conducted are maintained in Atlanta file.

During this investigation, all informants and sources of the Atlanta Office were contacted with negative results.

A copy of this report for the United States Attorney Birmingham and Memphis has been included with copies for these offices but not marked as such. Dissemination should be held in abeyance pending Bureau authority.

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On April 17, 1968, Special Agents ROGER L. KAAS and JOHN E. OGDEN recontacted JIMMIE D. GARNER for the purpose of determining what disposition had been made of mail addressed to ERIC S. GALT and delivered to 113 14th Street, N. E., Atlanta, Georgia. GARNER advised he had secured the mail from the table in the hall at this address and had taken the mail to his room for safe keeping. At the Agents' request, GARNER turned the two letters and one package over to the Agents. Special Agent ROGER L. KAAS subsequently delivered this mail to Supervisor A. M. SLOAN, U. S. Postal Substation C, 92 14th Street, N. E., Atlanta, Georgia. SLOAN immediately recognized the name of the addressee, at which time he was instructed by Special Agent KAAS that the addressee no longer resided at the listed address, requesting the items be appropriately stamped and personally thrown in the outgoing by SLOAN to be returned to the sender. He assured the Agents that once he had placed the appropriate hand stamp on these items, no further attention would be paid to them by the other employees.

Subsequently, on April 17, 1968, Special Agents KAAS and OGDEN went through all of the available trash at 113 14th Street, N. E., Atlanta, in an effort to locate the note which, according to GARNER, had been left in Room #2 by GALT prior to GALT's departure. No trace of this note could be found in the trash. GARNER had previously advised that he believed that he threw the note in the trash can in Room #2 and felt certain that the trash had been collected since this occurrence.

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## Copy to:

Report of: SA ALAN G. SENTINELLA                      Office: Atlanta, Georgia  
Date: April 18, 1968

Field Office File #: 44-2386                              Bureau File #: 44-38861

Title: ERIC STARVO GALT, also known as  
Eric S. Galt,  
Eric Gault,  
Harvey Lowmeyer,  
Character: Harvey Lowmyer,  
John Willard;  
Synopsis: REVEREND MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM  
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On 4/11/68, 1966 white Ford Mustang, 1968 Alabama License 1-38993, located in parking area Capitol Homes, Atlanta Public Housing Project. Two residents of project observed a white male, whose general description fits subject, park Mustang approximately 8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m., 4/5/68, and walk toward Memorial Dr., SE, but could not identify photo of GALT. Third resident observed white male sometime after 9:00 a.m., 4/5/68, walk away from parking area and identified photo of subject as this individual. Search of Mustang conducted 4/11-12/68 and pertinent items transported to FBI Laboratory. Information received 4/13/68 that ERIC S. GALT on 3/30/68 changed address to 113 14th St., NE, Atlanta, Ga. Landlord of rooming house this address advised ERIC S. GALT paid rent for Room #2 for two week period commencing 3/24/68. He last saw GALT 3/31/68, at which time second week's rent paid. On morning 4/5/68, landlord found note in GALT's room indicating he had to go to "Birmingham" and had left television set for which he would try to return in about a week. On 4/17/68, landlord identified photo of subject as closely resembling GALT. Furnished signed statement re this identification. One tenant of adjacent rooming house operated by same landlord advised a white Mustang with out-of-state license parked at rear of 113 14th St. for a period of approximately two weeks and approximately two weeks prior to 4/15/68, but never observed operator. Interview of other tenants negative. Search of GALT's

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room with consent conducted and pertinent items transported to FBI Laboratory. Search revealed a portable Zenith television. Operator of Piedmont Laundry pick-up station in general area of above address advised white male using name ERIC GALT left laundry and drycleaning 4/1/68. Same individual picked up these items on morning 4/5/68. Could not identify photo of subject. Other investigation to develop background information re subject negative. Description set forth. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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DETAILS:

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I. RE 1966 FORD MUSTANG

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A. Location of Mustang

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At approximately 4:04 p.m., April 11, 1968, a white Ford Mustang, two door, subsequently determined to be a 1966 model was observed in the following location. This vehicle was located in parking area number nine of Capitol Homes, a public housing project in the City of Atlanta, Georgia. Parking area number nine is entered west off of Connally Street between Memorial Drive and Woodward Avenue. Above vehicle was backed into a position about six parking squares on the left from the front entrance of the parking area.

External observation of the above 1966 Mustang determined that same bore 1968 Alabama license 1-38993. Also this observation determined that a 1967 Alabama license 1A-83354 was laying on the shelf above the rear seat.

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Photographs of 1966 Mustang in Capitol Homes  
parking lot were taken April 11, 1968, by SA CARL E. CLAIBORNE.



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Detective R. L. DAVIS, Auto Theft Squad, Atlanta, Georgia Police Department, advised that he and Detective P. S. MC CRAVY, also assigned to the Atlanta Police Department Auto Theft Squad, were in a radio car on April 11, 1968, and at approximately 2:00 p.m., on that date received a radio message to proceed to Connally Street and Memorial Drive to meet a person. They proceeded to this intersection and on arriving there met KENNETH JONES and IKE POWELL who indicated to them they were ministers in a local church. Mr. JONES informed them that a female member of their church by the name of LORENE, last name unrecalled, had told them that a white Mustang automobile bearing an Alabama license was parked in a parking area of Capitol Homes and in view of the recent publicity concerning the killing of MARTIN LUTHER KING, she suspected that this vehicle might have some connection with this matter. This car reportedly had been parked in the same location since the previous Friday and was not known to belong to anyone living in the Capitol Homes public housing project.

Detective DAVIS said he and Detective MC CRAVY proceeded to the parking area of the Capitol Homes which had an entrance off of Connally Street just south of Memorial Drive. In this parking area, they located a 1966 Ford Mustang which was backed into a parking space on the left side of the parking area. He said they noted that this car was a two door model, white in color, and bore 1963 Alabama license-1-33993. Further, they observed a 1967 Alabama license 1A-33354 lying on the deck above the rear seat of this car. They noted that this car was locked and in order to further determine ownership of same, they unlocked the left front door and from the serial plate on this vehicle determined that it bore Vehicle Identification Number 6T07C103617. Detective DAVIS advised that while obtaining this identification number, he observed a small metal key lying on the floorboard of the car between the two front seats. Detective DAVIS said he took custody of this key and marked same with

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his initials and also dated same. He stated that it was about one and three quarters inches long and was made out of thin, flat metal of a silver color. He stated he did not observe any numbers or markings on the key when he located same.

Detective DAVIS said that in order to determine ownership of this car, he sent the information concerning the license plates and the Vehicle Identification Number to the National Crime Information Center but subsequently determined that one digit was either deleted or incorrectly sent in this message. He said that he also had a message sent to the State Police in Montgomery, Alabama, concerning the license plates described above and the Vehicle Identification Number to which message a reply was received indicating that the Alabama State Police had received a reply from the National Crime Information Center concerning this vehicle relating to one ERIC STARVO GALT but no stolen information was received.

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A Xerox copy of a portion of an Atlanta City map indicating the location of the 1966 Mustang is set forth in Appendix A of this report.

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B. Neighborhood Investigation

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Mrs. MARY L. BRIDGES, Apartment 550, Capitol Homes, located off Memorial Drive, recalled that at about 8:30 AM on Friday, April 5, 1968, she had just gotten her children off to school and was alone in her home. She stated she remembered looking out of the window and observing a white automobile pull up in the parking lot directly across from the door to her apartment. She stated that at that time the parking lot was almost deserted, having very few cars in it, and she thought that the person driving the automobile was one of many people who utilize the parking area at Capitol Homes as a parking lot on their way to work.

Mrs. BRIDGES stated that the car pulled up and parked just to the left of her door and that it was backed into the parking spot. She recalled noticing that the car had an out-of-state license plate and upon further inspection stated it was an Alabama plate. She stated that she observed the lone male occupant of the automobile get out of the car and begin to walk across the parking lot in a direction away from her apartment and toward Memorial Drive. She stated that when he reached the other side of the parking lot, he approached Memorial Drive by the left hand lane between two of the apartment buildings directly to the front of her apartment. She stated that this man continued to walk toward Memorial Drive but because her apartment is slightly to the right of the two above apartment buildings, she lost sight of him prior to his arrival at Memorial Drive and therefore was unaware of what direction he took upon arriving at Memorial Drive and was also uncertain as to whether he had entered an apartment further down the street beyond her view.

Mrs. BRIDGES stated that this individual was alone and that she did not observe him locking his automobile. She described the unknown male as being about 30-35 years of age, 5'10" to 6', 165 pounds, medium build, wearing a navy blue suit

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and a white shirt. She stated that he was dark headed but was unable to furnish any further descriptive data re the above individual because she stated that her observation of him was from a rear view and that she never saw this man's face.

She was certain, however, that he was wearing a navy blue suit and appeared to be well-dressed, but she could not recall if he was wearing a tie and could furnish no other information concerning any peculiarities about this individual as regards his gait or attire.

Mrs. BRIDGES advised that the white automobile which he drove into the parking lot remained in her parking lot until April 11, 1968, when it was towed away. She stated that to the best of her knowledge no one had access to that automobile until that time. She also stated that when this unknown male left the parking lot, she thought that he may have been an insurance salesman but was certain that he had no luggage, was carrying nothing in his hand, was bare headed, and without glasses. She could offer no further information in this matter.

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Mrs. MARY L. BRIDGES, 170 Woodward Avenue, Apartment 550, was exhibited seven photographs including two of ERIC STARVO GALT. Mrs. BRIDGES could not identify any of the photographs. She explained that, in regard to the man who had parked the 1966 Mustang near her apartment, she had never seen his face. She advised she had only seen the back of his head, and she did not believe she could identify him.

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Mrs. LUCY CAYTON, Apartment 490, Capitol Homes, Apartment Building, Memorial Drive, advised that she had gotten her children off to school at about 8:15 AM on April 5, 1968, and her husband normally leaves for work at about 8:00. She stated that it is her normal routine to begin cleaning her apartment, and she stated that she had cleaned almost the entire apartment, including the upstairs bedrooms, and while she was sweeping her front stoop, she noticed a white male about 5'8" - 5'9", approaching her apartment from the parking lot which is to the left of her front door. She advised that her front door faces from the opposite direction from the parking lot as does Mrs. PAYNE and Mrs. BRIDGES.

Mrs. CAYTON stated that she did not observe this white male exit from the white Mustang located in the parking lot, but saw him as he approached the Memorial Drive side of the parking lot and he began to walk toward her apartment which is to the left of the end of the parking lot. She stated that this man then came to the back yard area of the two apartment buildings immediately to her left and after stopping at the beginning of the lane to the back yards as if he was attempting to gain his bearings, he then proceeded toward Memorial Drive through the back yard area at which time she lost sight of him. She was unable to determine as to where he journeyed or if he entered an apartment. She stated her first impression was that he was a salesman or an insurance agent looking for an apartment.

It should be noted that the buildings referred to by Mrs. CAYTON are not the same buildings referred to by Mrs. BRIDGES or Mrs. PAYNE in that PAYNE and BRIDGES state that the white male journeyed up the left lane of the front of the apartment building referred to by Mrs. CAYTON whereas she states that the white male proceeded toward Memorial Drive through the back yard lane.

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Mrs. CAYTON stated that this occurred somewhere between 8:15 and approximately 9:30 and she was unable to state a definite time for this incident.

Mrs. CAYTON described the individual she observed leaving the parking lot as being in his late 20s or early 30s, about 5'8"-9", black wavy hair, white male, wearing dark blue suit, white shirt, and a conservative type tie, color and description unrecalled. She stated that she observed this individual to be carrying a small notebook with a piece of paper hanging out of the edges of the notebook resembling an insurance salesman's policy. She stated that he had no glasses and was not wearing a hat. She could offer no further information in this matter.

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LUCY CAYTON, 149 Memorial Drive, Southeast, Apartment 490, was exhibited seven photographs, including two of ERIC STARVO GALT. CAYTON said the photograph of GALT with his eyes open appeared identical to the individual she saw walking in the parking lot toward her apartment on the morning of April 5, 1968.

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Mrs. EARNEST PAYNE, a resident of Apartment 551, 166 Woodward Avenue, S.E., advised that at about 8:30 or 9:00 a.m., the morning of April 5, 1968, she observed a white automobile drive into the parking area which is located adjacent to her apartment. She said that her particular attention was brought to this automobile as she noted that it had an Alabama license plate on it. She made a remark concerning this to her husband.

She continued to watch the automobile and the driver seemed to be familiar with the surrounding territory in that he made no hesitency in the parking of the automobile. When he got out of the car he proceeded north on the walkway between the two apartment buildings located near the parking area toward Memorial Drive. She does not know in which direction this individual might have gone when he reached Memorial Drive as she is unable to see this particular street from her apartment.

She described this individual as a white male, approximately 25 - 30 years of age, who was wearing a sport coat with dark colored trousseurs with sandy hair, weighing approximately 160 pounds, and possibly 5' 10" in height. She further described him as a nice, clean looking individual with sandy hair, dressed as though he were a businessman and carrying a small pad of some type in his hand. She estimated this pad to be approximately five inches wide and possibly ten to twelve inches in length. He impressed her as being a type of insurance man and after he got out of the automobile, he locked it and proceeded up the path as previously noted.

She does not recall every having seen this individual in the area before, neither does she recall having seen an automobile such as the one that was parked near her apartment bearing an Alabama plate being parked in this area before. She could furnish no further information concerning the automobile nor the individual that got out of it.

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Mrs. ERNEST PAYNE, 166 Woodward Avenue, Apartment 551, was exhibited photographs of ERIC STARVO GALT. These were included among five other photographs. Mrs. PAYNE advised she could not identify any photographs. She stated she only had a profile view of the man who parked the 1966 Mustang near her apartment. She said it was her impression that the man she saw appeared younger than GALT, and his hair was lighter. She felt the man she had seen was about thirty years old.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 12, 1968

**CHARLES STEPHENS**, driver, United Cab Company, 255 Forsyth Street, advised that on April 5, 1968, a Friday, at 8:41 a.m., he was traveling in his cab west on Memorial Drive when he was flagged down by an individual between Frazier and Capital Streets. He stated that this individual was a white male, age approximately 29-30 years, 6 feet tall, approximately 175 pounds, slender build, neat appearance, wearing a beige colored trench coat or car coat. **STEPHENS** stated that he was unable to further describe this individual. He stated that he could not remember the hair coloring or other identifying features of this individual. He stated that this individual requested transportation to the Greyhound Bus Depot in Atlanta. **STEPHENS** stated that as far as he could remember there was no further conversation between this individual and himself. **STEPHENS** stated that he dropped this individual off in front of the Greyhound Bus Depot and the fare came to \$.93. He stated that the individual gave him two single dollar bills and told him to keep the change. **STEPHENS** stated that he did not recall this individual having any luggage or carrying any items with him. He stated he did not recall where this individual went after he left the cab.

**STEPHENS** viewed two artist's conception composite photographs and stated that neither of these were familiar to him.

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**CHARLES STEPHENS**, cab driver, United Cab Company, 255 Forsyth Street, Atlanta, Georgia, was exhibited a group of photographs which included the two photographs of **ERIC STARVO GALT**. **STEPHENS** stated that none of the individuals depicted in the photographs resembled the passenger that he transported on April 5, 1968, at approximately 8:41 a.m. from the vicinity of Capitol Avenue and Memorial Drive to the Greyhound Bus Depot in Atlanta. **STEPHENS** stated that the thing he remembered about the passenger he had in his cab was the fact that he had a very lean, thin face and none of the individuals in the above-mentioned photographs displayed such facial characteristics.

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C. Examination of 1966 Mustang

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On April 11, 1968, SA JAMES JOSEPH DOLAN accompanied Reid's Body Shop wrecker of 952 Memorial Drive, Southeast, Atlanta, Georgia, which towed a 1966 Mustang, white in color, two-door, bearing 1968 Alabama License 1-38993, from the Capitol Homes Apartments parking lot two the FBI Garage, located at 275 Peachtree Street, Northeast, Atlanta, Georgia.

The driver of the wrecker was DAIRL  
KIMBELL.

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On April 11, 1968, an examination was made of a 1966 Ford Mustang at the FBI Garage in Atlanta, Georgia.

This vehicle was a two-door 289, eight-cylinder, 2-barrel carburetor, color white, hardtop, bearing 1968 Alabama license 1-38993. The mileage was noted as 39100.8. The Serial number was 6T07C190647, the body 65A, the color H, the trim 25, date 17A, DPSO 21. The serial number, body number, terminal date and DPSO were noted on the serial plate affixed to the left door. Also affixed to the left door was an RPM sticker H. BECKMAN Chevron Service, 1506 North Normandy Avenue, Los Angeles, California, Telephone #666-9921. The sticker reflected oil was drained 2/13/68, wheel bearings were checked at 34185 miles, wheels were aligned at this same mileage.

A Gulf Pride sticker was also affixed at this same location with no address or company name listed; however, mileage was noted on this sticker as 20253 and the only portion of date was "67".

On the left door post was noted an RPM chevron sticker CORT-FOX FORD, 4531 Hollywood Boulevard, Hollywood, California, Telephone 5-1131, reflecting service oiled at mileage 34290, oil filtered at same mileage.

On the left rear trunk lid was a metal insignia "Maring Ford".

The right rear window bore a sticker "Direccion General de Registro Federal de Automoviles, 1967 Octubre Turista, Aduana de Neuvo, Laredo, Tam." (rest of sticker torn).

This same sticker was also affixed to the right front windshield, lower right side, and it bore Folio #H294486. The last word which was torn on the other sticker is reflected on the second sticker as Tamps.

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Tires on the vehicle were as follows:

Right front tire Firestone 7.50 by 14 deluxe Champion (black wall), good tread;

Right rear tire no markings, recap whitewall (tread on tire good), note Mustang symbol center of hubcap of this vehicle missing and area around this center was dented and torn.

Left rear tire no markings, a recap, whitewall (tread good);

Left front tire Medallion 110 7.75 by 14. Notation replaces 7.50 by 14 and notation Nylon tubeless, whitewall (good tread);

Spare tire in trunk Goodyear 6.95 by 14, power cushion. This tire was a whitewall and the tire was flat and the tread was almost bald.

#### ENGINE AREA EXAMINATION

Tag on air filter a Puralator tag, showing Puralator oil filter with a red ink notation Perl, Puralator air filter with red ink notation AFP 43, date of service in red ink 9/23/67. Mileage in red ink 20253. ✓

On left front fender flange about 12 inches from last digit of PVIN a metal plate 1 1/4" by 3 1/2" bearing the following imprinting:

Top left corner D 372, below this 12 A 18 6T07C 190647. Below this 65A M 25, below this RM.

The battery was a Sears All-State high voltage (12 volt 54 plates). Under the negative terminal was a bright metal plate imprinted C8. On the engine side of the battery there was a white tape about the size of a nickel stuck on the battery, also showing the notation C-8.

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The following items of possible evidentiary value were located in the trunk of the vehicle:

- 1) Pair of mens shorts, olive green, make Diplomat, manufactured Hong Kong, China, 65% polyster; 35% cotton, size 34.
- 2) One pillow dated 9/19/67, label "Crushed Landfowl Feathers" Reg. No. CAL 2823, approximately 20" x 26".
- 3) One pillow case bearing laundry mark "20R-3".
- 4) Two halves of styrofoam packing material outside dimensions 8 3/4" x 6 7/8" x 2".
- 5) Styrofoam dividers (two pieces) 1/8" thick, 2 1/4" wide and 6 3/4" long.
- 6) One cotton rug, color beige, 25" wide and 58" long.
- 7) One black sports shirt, five button, no tail, label "Arturo Rosetti Custom Tailors", size large, 100% cotton.
- 8) One sweat shirt, navy blue, short sleeve, no label.
- 9) One plaid plastic floor mat removed from trunk floor.
- 10) One Monticello medium-size shirt jacket, tapered, gray and black, six button.
- 11) One white sheet, form fitted, with additional piece attached and sewn with yellow thread.
- 12) One form fitted white sheet.
- 13) One pair brown socks.
- 14) One flip flop shower or beach shoe, for left foot, made in Japan, size 7 - 8 1/2.
- 15) One camera air release for shutter, Prinz brand.
- 16) Two pieces of card board, gold.
- 17) Small metal clip, (possibly for portable radio system).

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18) Assorted tools: jack, screw driver, lug wrench, hunting knife in case with "GESCO" on case.

19) Piece of Kleenex box with writing "At Pool" on one side and names GINGER DAY and ANITA KATZWINKEL, 1535 Serrano, Apartment 6, on other.

20) One air filter (removed from engine).

21) One 1967 Alabama license plate, 1A 88354, found on rear window ledge.

22) 1968 Alabama license plate 138993, affixed to car.

23) Sweepings from trunk, front and rear seat of vehicle.

24) Soil sample from spare wheel of vehicle, found in trunk.

25) Rear view mirror removed from vehicle.

26) One wiper blade found in trunk.

27) Spare wheel pressure plate, spare wheel anchor bolt and toggle lug found in trunk.

28) Sunglasses and case removed from glove compartment.

29) Paper scraps from under back seat.

30) Personna razor blade found on dashboard.

31) Two front floor mats, and rear floor mat removed from vehicle.

32) Four latents lifted from 1966 Mustang, as follows:

- a) lift from door handle(left)
- b) lift found eight inches behind right door handle plunger.



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- c. lift from right door handle.
- d. lift from driver's side door glass (front)

Locations of these prints were photographed.

Lifts were made of the serial plate and the Public Vehicle Identification Number.

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April 17, 1968

Date

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On April 11, 1968, following search and processing of a 1966 white Ford Mustang, evidence obtained therein was prepared for transmittal to the Bureau and hand carried by SA ALDEN F. MILLER via Eastern Air Lines Flight 444 departing Atlanta, Georgia, at 3:59 AM and arriving Dulles Field, Washington, D. C., at 5:40 AM. On April 12, 1968, at 9:00 AM, one container of evidence addressed to the Laboratory itself was turned over to Mr. MORRIS S. CLARK, Hairs and Fiber Section of the Laboratory, for processing. The second container was turned over to SA JAMES H. MORTIMER as it contained items for document examination as well as latent fingerprint processing.

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by SA ALDEN F. MILLER :jlh Date dictated 4/17/68

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Date April 12, 1968

On April 12, 1968, 1966 Mustang, Vehicle Identification Number ST07C190467, was examined at the FBI Garage in Atlanta, Georgia. The following soil samples were obtained from this vehicle:

1. Soil sample from right fender well
2. Soil sample from right front wheel
3. Soil sample from right rear wheel
4. Soil sample from right rear fender well
5. Debris from lower part of left fender
6. Soil sample from left front wheel
7. Soil sample from left rear wheel
8. Scrapings from front left tire tread
9. Soil from underneath body in front of differential
10. Soil sample from differential
11. Soil sample from the front of exhaust pipe
12. Soil sample obtained from underneath body, front part of car
13. Soil sample from the left fender well
14. Soil sample from left rear fender well
15. Scrapings from left rear tire tread
16. Scrapings from tread right rear tire
17. Scrapings of two spots under glove compartment (resembling blood)

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by SAs JACK B. SIMPSON, RICHARD H. DAVIS,  
and JACK T. BEVERSTEIN JBS:jhs

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18. Scrapings from tread right front tire

19. Scrapings from front part of engine

The spare tire and wheel were removed from the vehicle and packaged for Laboratory examination.

A gasoline sample was obtained from the car and placed in a clean container.

The radio in the vehicle was noted to be a Ford radio (FOMOCO), and not in working order. No holes were noted as having been drilled in the dash of the vehicle.

The vehicle had an alternator (standard size).

Several small cracks were noted in the vehicle windshield.

Two China bookends, one of a cat and one of a horse, were found in the trunk and were dusted for latent fingerprints with negative results.

The only tire on the vehicle containing a tube was the right front tire. This tube was examined and reflects the following identification marks: G7 General Popo, 750 by 14, (made for) Hecha Por, General Popo, SA Mexico DI.

A water sample was obtained from the windshield washer bag.

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Date April 17, 19681

On April 12, 1968, Special Agent JACK B. SIMPSON personally delivered the soil samples and other items obtained April 12, 1968, from the 1966 Mustang, Identification Number 6T07C190467, to TOM HUGHES, Federal Bureau of Investigation Laboratory, Washington, D. C.

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by SA JACK B. SIMPSON sja/pnl

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RE: EXAMINATION OF TIRES OF 1966 MUSTANG ABANDONED  
BY GALT IN ATLANTA, APRIL 5, 1968

The following investigation was conducted by SA CHARLES PAUL ROSE and SA ROBERT MICHAEL KANE on April 17, 1968 at Atlanta, Georgia:

The following individuals, who are connected with the sale and manufacture of tire retread equipment used by recapping companies in recapping old tires, were displayed recapped tires from the 1966 Mustang abandoned by GALT in Atlanta. They all noted that the tread design was not a tread made by recappers in the Southeastern states.

They are: Mr. BUD REESE, Operations Manager, Dugco Supply Division of Duggan Manufacturing Company, 410 Fourteenth Street, Atlanta; GERALD SMITH, ELMO BROWN Gordy Tire Company, Fourteenth Street, Atlanta; BOB SEWELL, BALY Tire Company, 4900 Peachtree Industrial Boulevard, Chamblee; LOU SWAN, Salesman, Wilson Tire and Supply Company, Atlanta, Georgia.

Mr. THAD PERDUE, LeMaster Retread Equipment Company, Atlanta, Georgia, advised that the left front tire is design WT/771-X, wide track and retread manufactured by the Super Mold Corporation, Lodi, California. He noted the number 601 appears on the recap portion of the tire and stated the manufacturer should be able to identify the current location of recap machinery with this number.

He suggested that the tread on the two rear tires was possibly made by mold manufactured by the Los Angeles Matrix Company, Los Angeles, California, or the Ace Mold Company, El Monte, California. Appearing on the recap portion of the two rear tires in small letters is RGT. PERDUE observed the weather worn condition of casings in the form of small cracking and stated his experience in California

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leads him to believe tires possibly had been in California and cracking due to Ozone in atmosphere, as this is a common condition in that area. PERDUE is acquainted with tire recap business in Southeastern states and stated both treads are foreign to this area of the United States, which is further substantiated by other investigation in the Atlanta area. Wear on each tire is difficult to estimate inasmuch as original tread unknown, but estimated to exceed five thousand miles on each tire.

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II. INVESTIGATION CONCERNING ERIC STARVO GALT

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A. Presence of ERIC STARVO GALT in Atlanta, Georgia

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On April 13, 1968, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Newark, advised that information developed at Locksmithing Institute, 1500 Cardinal Drive, Little Falls, New Jersey revealed the address of ERIC S. GALT was changed on March 30, 1968 to 113 Fourteenth Street, Northeast, Atlanta, Georgia.

B. Residence on Fourteenth Street, Northeast

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 4/16/68

Miss ROBBIE LEE GARNER, Apartment D-8, 1295 Donnelly Avenue, S. W., furnished the following information:

She is the only sister of JIMMIE D. GARNER who operates rooming houses at 107 and 113 - 14th Street. She has a key to GARNER's room at 107 1/2 14th Street and visits him occasionally. On Saturday, April 13, 1968, she visited his room about Noon. GARNER was not in his room and she stayed for only a brief time. In looking about the room she observed the name "GALT" written in dark blue ink on a piece of paper, size about 2" x 4". The paper was either white or light blue in color. She was not positive if the paper was a separate slip or the back of an envelope. She believes it was located on a table near the phone.

She had heard of the name GALT in connection with the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

About 8:00 P.M., April 13, 1968, she again visited her brother. He was in bed and appeared to be very drowsy and tired. She did not enter the room but merely opened the door and attempted to converse with him. She mentioned that she had seen the name "GALT" written on a paper in his room, but this did not cause any particular reaction, as GARNER seemed to be about half asleep. He did say something about the name GALT being a common name.

She said her brother does not keep up on current affairs and may not have even been aware of the news about GALT. She said that in addition to running the rooming houses, he also runs GARNER's cafeteria on Northside Drive. She stated he gets up about 4:00 A.M. and works about a 16-hour day. She advised that GARNER attended Mississippi Southern and was an Army officer during World War II. She stated her brother is in very poor financial condition. She stated she never heard of her brother belonging to any kind of organizations or clubs and she does not believe he has any political interests or motivations. She said she was certain that GARNER would not assist nor shield anyone involved in any criminal activity.

Miss GARNER advised she is a teacher at Sandtown School on Campbellton Road.

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A Xerox copy of a portion of an Atlanta City map indicating the location of 113 Fourteenth Street is set forth in Appedix A of this report.

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April 16, 1968

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Mrs. ESTELLE PETERS, Manager, Piedmont Laundry, Pick-Up Station, 1168 Peachtree, Northeast, home residence 1033 Milam Terrace Apartments, Clarkston, Georgia, home telephone number 433-4024, business telephone number 892-1467, advised that on April 1, 1968 shortly before 10 a.m. a white male came into the laundry and placed four undershirts, three underdrawers, one pair of socks, one wash cloth, as well as dry cleaning consisting of one pair of trousers, one coat and one tie and gave her the name ERIC GALT. She stated that she asked him if he spelled ERIC as ERIC and he replied yes and proceeded to spell his last name as GALT.

Mrs. PETERS described the dry cleaning and the coat as being a black checked coat with small check blocks and being an ordinary man's suit coat. She said it was not a sport coat or blazer, but an ordinary suit coat.

She described the trousers as a gray on the darker side and the tie as being black with tan and brown diagonal stripes.

She stated that GALT told her that he did not want any starch in his laundry and wanted the laundry folded.

An artist's sketch of GALT was exhibited to Mrs. PETERS and she advised that she could not say whether or not the sketch resembled GALT. She said she would not be in a position to state whether she could identify GALT if she were to see him again.

Mrs. PETERS continued that she recalled GALT as being in his thirties and slightly taller than Special Agent KANE, who is six feet in height and approximately the same weight as Special Agents KANE and ROSE whose weights are approximately 185 pounds.

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GALT was clean shaven, neat with ordinary complexion. She failed to notice any particular regional accent and did not notice any peculiar marks or clothing characteristics. She did not recall his attire at the time the laundry and dry cleaning was placed April 1, 1968.

Mrs. PETERS advised from her ledger maintained by her in the usual course of business, the laundry and dry cleaning of GALT was picked up between 9 and 10 a.m. possibly closer to 9 a.m., on April 5, 1968 by the same individual who placed the laundry on April 1, 1968. She did recall that he was one of the earlier customers in the day and was of the opinion that he picked the laundry up earlier than he deposited the cleaning and laundry. To the best of her recollection, GALT entered the laundry and stated that he was there to pick up the laundry and cleaning of ERIC GALT.

At the time he obtained the completed laundry and dry cleaning, he was abrupt and short in his manner of speech giving her the impression that he was in a hurry or had a car parked in an area where he should not have parked. He appeared impatient while waiting for her to locate his laundry and cleaning. GALT paid for the laundry and cleaning in cash and she was of the opinion that he walked North on Peachtree Street toward Fourteenth Street after leaving the Laundry. She was unable to furnish his mode of dress on April 5, 1968 other than to stated that he did appear to be well shaven and neatly attired. Mrs. PETERS explained that the only area visible to her on Peachtree Street has prohibited parking and that his car, if he had one, would not have been parked immediately in front of the Laundry. Both times GALT was observed he appeared to be alone and she did not associate any other person with GALT. She did not obtain the impression that GALT was depositing cleaning and laundry for anyone other than himself although she did not assign or mark the laundry. She did assign the dry cleaning

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items and was of the opinion that they would have been his clothing.

Mrs. PETERS produced a laundry slip from her transactions of April 5, 1968 indicating that ERIC GALT on April 1, 1968 deposited nine items of laundry described as three drawers, four undershirts, one pair of socks and one wash cloth. The notation appeared on the laundry slip "No Starch and Folded", indicating that the laundry would have been placed in a small rectangular stapled package. The laundry mark EGC83 would have been affixed in indelible black pencil in all the laundry items at the main plant of the Piedmont Laundry prior to laundering. She explained that the EG would indicate the customer as ERIC GALT and the C83 is the designation for her pick-up station. In addition, the laundry slip indicates the marker as A Lot 10 which she explained as being the laundry designation and the lot number. A 19-30 appears on the laundry slip and she explained this as meaning the ledger and entry number utilized by her in her bookkeeping system. The total amount of the laundry was \$1.16.

In addition, she furnished a green dry cleaning slip dated April 1, 1968 bearing the name ERIC GALT which has the dry cleaning tag 8 over 755 stapled to the slip. She explained that this tag 8 over 755 would have been placed in each dry cleaning item by staples and this is the Laundry's designation to identify the dry cleaning. The dry cleaning slip reflects one coat, black check; one pair of trousers, gray and one tie, black with tan and brown stripes were deposited on April and claimed on April 5, 1968 by GALT at a total cost of \$1.55.

Mrs. PETERS furnished the above described laundry and dry cleaning slips indicating they were prepared by her April 1, 1968.

Mrs. PETERS explained that no laundry slips are issued to the customer by the laundry and the laundry and the customer would not have been issued a slip to claim his laundry

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and dry cleaning as all of these items are handled  
by the laundry personnel only.

Mrs. PETERS recalled that GALT made no other  
remarks or any conversation giving her any other impression.  
She had no recollection of any prior transactions with GALT.

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A xerox copy of the above mentioned laundry  
and dry cleaning slip is set forth in Appendix B.

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