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CONTINENTAL DANCE CLUB STUDIOS, aka  
FRIENDSHIP CLUB, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date April 16, 1968

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Mrs. JOAN MYERS, Continental Dance Studios, 7960 Crestwood Boulevard, stated that she was a dance instructor at the Continental Dance Studios, 725 Common Street, New Orleans, Louisiana. She stated that she started her dance instructor training at the Continental Dance Studios in New Orleans, Louisiana, on April 27, 1964, and completed this training around the first of June, 1964. Mrs. MYERS stated she recalls ERIC GALT took dance lessons in New Orleans, Louisiana, at the Continental Dance Studio. Mrs. MYERS stated GALT bought a one-year club membership for dance lessons, but did not have very much money so they had to budget his dance lessons at five hours a week. Mrs. MYERS stated that GALT would have taken these dance lessons from June, 1964, to December, 1964. Mrs. MYERS stated that GALT did not pay for all his dance lessons and still owes the Continental Dance Studios some money for the dance lessons. Mrs. MYERS stated the Continental Dance Studios, New Orleans, Louisiana, went out of business in October, 1965.

Mrs. MYERS stated that in September, 1968, she and her husband, MARLIN, ran an advertisement in the Personal Want Ads of the Birmingham newspaper advertising adult dance classes being formed. She advised no address was listed in the advertisement, only a telephone number to call. Mrs. MYERS stated she does not recall if she or her husband took the telephone call from GALT. Mrs. MYERS advised these dance classes were held at the Friendship Club, Graymont Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama, on Tuesday evening from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Mrs. MYERS stated that GALT began these classes on September 12, 1968, and attended four classes. She advised that he did not appear for the fifth class and a few days later, her husband received a letter from GALT stating he had to go out of town and could not attend any more dance lessons. Mrs. MYERS advised she does not know where the letter was mailed from and that her husband has thrown the letter away.

Mrs. MYERS stated she recognized GALT as the same individual who had taken dance lessons in New Orleans,

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Louisiana, and owed money for those lessons. Mrs. MYERS stated that neither she nor her husband said anything to GALT about the money he owed for the dance lessons in New Orleans, Louisiana, since he was paying for the dance classes in cash. Mrs. MYERS stated that GALT never mentioned that he knew them or had taken dance lessons at the Continental Dance Studio in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Mrs. MYERS stated that GALT never indicated where he was employed or why he was in Birmingham, Alabama. She advised that she never saw GALT smoke and never saw him in any kind of a car. Mrs. MYERS stated that she does not recall GALT wore any type of jewelry. She advised that he was a neat, but careless, dresser. She stated GALT would never look at the person speaking to him and would answer all questions with either "yes" or "no." Mrs. MYERS stated GALT always came to the dance classes by himself and left by himself. Mrs. MYERS advised that GALT never had any conversations with any of the other students. She advised that the only student in the class who talked with GALT was her sister-in-law, DORIS LADNER.

Mrs. MYERS advised ERIC GALT was a white male, in his early thirties, 5' 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ ", 165 pounds, sandy colored hair, worn in a crew cut, medium build, fair complexion, no confidence, light blue eyes, soft spoken with a southern accent. Mrs. MYERS advised she does not recall anything about the hands of GALT.

Mrs. MYERS stated that when she danced with GALT she could not even tell he was there, as he lacked confidence in himself. She advised that he was very interested in dancing, but was a very poor dancer and she does not believe he would ever learn how to dance.

Mrs. MYERS looked through the photographs taken at the dance parties of the Continental Dance Studios in New Orleans, Louisiana, and stated that none of them contained a picture of ERIC GALT.

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

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

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

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**ENROLLMENT AGREEMENT**  
**CONTINENTAL DANCE CLUB STUDIOS**

Date Sept 12, 1967

Gentlemen:

|                                   | Approximate<br>months | Classes    | Private<br>Lessons | Membership<br>Fee      | Deposit or<br>Initiation fee |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|------------|--------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|
| membership of<br>agrees to take a | <u>—</u>              | <u>5hr</u> | <u>—</u>           | <u>10<sup>00</sup></u> | <u>10<sup>00</sup></u>       |

Total Down Payment Paid, To Be Paid in full

Balance to be paid as follows in full

Cash discount allowed within ..... days following date of this contract.

If necessary to cancel an appointment, I will give 6 hours notice to avoid being charged.

The CONTINENTAL DANCE CLUB STUDIOS of .....

will provide the above course of instruction and any failure on my part to take the lessons within one year from the date of this agreement shall not obligate the studio any further, but shall not relieve me of my obligations under this agreement. There will be NO REFUNDS on unused lessons. I acknowledge that instead of the regular rate of \$10.00 for each half-hour lesson a reduced rate has been granted me because of the number of lessons purchased, and accordingly I AGREE THAT THIS AGREEMENT MAY NOT BE CANCELLED BY EITHER PARTY.

This course may be transferred to any Continental Dance Club Studio.

The pupil agrees to assume all liability for any injury to (his) (her) person which may be incurred while receiving dance instruction at the studio.

This does not guarantee any specific teacher.

The above constitutes our complete agreement and we shall not be bound by any verbal modification unless it is written into this agreement before it is signed.

Accepted by Continental Dance Club Studios

By Mar. Marlin Meyer .....  
 (Authorized Signature)

Approved by : .....  
 (Signature of Pupil)

|        | Private |  | Group |  |
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| Club   |         |  |       |  |
| Orig.  |         |  |       |  |
| Ext.   |         |  |       |  |
| Renew. |         |  |       |  |

Name Eric Galt

Address 2608 Highland Ave

Home Phone 323-9487

Bus. Phone .....

Membership is subject to cancellation without cause during the first year by action of the Board of Directors of the Club and upon refunding the pro-rata portion of membership dues for the balance of the year remaining.

(HANDWRITING NOT THAT OF GALT)

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|--------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|--------|
| Name <u>Eric Galt</u>          |                     | Phone <u>323-9487</u> |        |
| Works <u>2608 Highland Ave</u> |                     | Address _____         |        |
| Phone _____                    |                     | Phone _____           |        |
| <u>Leasontaker</u>             | Name <u>Sept 12</u> | Date of B             | Amount |
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Mrs. DORIS LADNER, 2121 - 36th Avenue North, Birmingham, Alabama, advised that her brother, MARLIN C. MYERS, and his wife JOAN own and operate the Continental Dance Studios, 7960 Crestwood Boulevard, Birmingham, Alabama. She advised that commencing on or about September 5, 1967, she has been taking dance lessons from her brother. She stated that from September 5, 1967, until approximately two months ago her brother gave dance lessons at the Friendship Club located on Graymont Avenue, Birmingham, and that these lessons were given each Tuesday evening from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

She described him as follows:

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

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IDENTIFICATION AT MAYFIELD CLEANERS,  
BIRMINGHAM, OF RED DRY CLEANING  
TICKET NO. 4591, FOUND IN GALT'S  
EFFECTS AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA.

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Date April 15, 19681

RUBY GOODMAN, Manager, Mayfield Cleaners, 2222 Highland Avenue, made available a dry cleaning receipt book dated September 30, 1967, to October 5, 1967.

This book reflects that red ticket Number \$4591, was issued October 3, 1967, for the pressing of one coat under the name of GAULT. Mrs. GOODMAN advised that the writing on this receipt is in her handwriting, and she is the only one employed at the laundry, except on Thursdays another woman relieves her.

This same receipt book contains an entry October 2, 1967, for the cleaning of a pair of trousers under the name of GAULT, ticket Number R4451.

Mrs. GOODMAN also furnished dry cleaning receipt book dated September 15, 1967, to September 22, 1967, which contains an entry dated September 20, 1967, for the cleaning of one pair of trousers under the name of GAULT, ticket Number R3701.

Mrs. GOODMAN also furnished a dry cleaning receipt book dated September 11, 1967, to September 15, 1967. This book contains a receipt dated September 13, 1967, for the cleaning of one tie and one pair of trousers under the name of GAULT, ticket Number R4962.

She also furnished laundry receipt book dated September 1, 1967, to September 7, 1967, showing an entry September 5, 1967, for the cleaning of two shirts and one coat under the name of GALT.

Mrs. GOODMAN advised that she had no recollection whatsoever of the individual named GALT or GAULT.

She was exhibited an artist's conception of the suspect and stated this was not familiar to her.

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IDENTIFICATION OF SERVICE STATION,  
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, WHERE S & H  
GREEN STAMPS, FOUND IN GALT'S EFFECTS  
AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA, WERE DISTRIBUTED.

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O. H. ABRAMS, Manager, Standard Service Station, 2188 Highland Avenue, South, Birmingham, stated that his station purchases S&H green stamps about every two weeks in lots of 100,000. The purchase usually consists of 20 books of stamps with 5,000 stamps per book.

ABRAMS checked his records and ascertained that stamps bearing the number 14LK at the top of the stamp and the number 627 at the bottom of the stamp, on the face, were purchased on September 8, 1967, from S&H salesman, M. E. DAWKINS. At that time stamps bearing the numbers 621-640 were purchased. The next purchase of stamps was on September 22, 1967. ABRAMS stated the number 627 on the stamp would indicate that it was given to a customer sometime during the period September 8-22, 1967.

ABRAMS stated he did not recall any customer who drove a white 1966 Mustang with a red interior. He furnished the names of all employees who were working at his station during the period August 28 to October 7, 1967.

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VISITS BY AN INDIVIDUAL POSSIBLY IDENTICAL WITH  
UNSUB WITH OTHER SPORTING GOODS STORES --  
THE GUN RACK, BIRMINGHAM, AND LONG-LEWIS  
HARDWARE COMPANY, BESSEMER, ALABAMA.

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Date 4/12/68

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

He furnished the following description of this individual:

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

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

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

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date April 12, 1968

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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1Date April 11, 1968

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

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

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LYNDELL EARL DILBECK, 89 Holiday Trailer Park, Bessemer Super Highway, Bessemer, Alabama, advised he is employed in the gun and sporting goods department at LONG-LEWIS HARDWARE COMPANY, Bessemer.

After viewing FBI artist's conception of an individual, exhibited to him by SA J. T. ARNETT, DILBECK advised he could not recall whether this artist's sketch is similar to the person who had made inquiry concerning a high-powered rifle on March 29, 1968.

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Date April 11, 1968

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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| Eyebrows:           | Medium thick (KOPP stated that at the time this individual was in Long-Lewis he was wearing dark horn-rimmed glasses and the side frames were wide and went straight back similar to those worn by Entertainer RAY CHARLES, whose picture he has seen in various advertisements. He observed the eyebrows when the man got something in his eye and took his glasses off.) |
| Mouth:              | Small                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| General Appearance: | Very serious expression on face; facial shape - thin. When the man talked he could observe the cheekbones against the skin.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Nose:               | Thin.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Hands:              | Thin and well kept; nails manicured.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Clothing:           | Business type suit, dark brown color; shirt appears to be identical to a shirt manufactured by SERO Company. KOPP advised he has a Sero shirt and it appeared to be identical to shirt owned by KOPP. This was a white shirt with small blue and yellow pin stripes.                                                                                                       |
| Tie:                | Predominantly green with a stripe, button-down.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

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JOHN MICHAEL KOPP, 1420 - 35th Street, Ensley, Birmingham, Alabama, employed as Manager of the Firearms Department, LONG-LEWIS HARDWARE Wholesale and Retail Store, Bessemer, Alabama, was shown artist's conception of an individual by SA J. T. ARNETT. Mr. KOPP advised that this artist's conception resembled an individual who had made inquiry concerning a high-powered rifle on March 29, 1968; however, in his opinion, it varies from the person's appearance in the following manner:

The hair was not combed exactly like the artist's conception, the hair appearing to be too thick. He stated the man's hair appeared to him to be combed more flat on top, straight back, thinner, and not quite as high. He said the artist's sketch of the man's eyes did not appear exactly as he recalled the person's eyes with whom he talked. The man's face appeared to be thinner than the artist's conception, but stated the artist's conception does resemble this person.

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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA J. T. ARNETT on April 9, 1968, at Bessemer, Alabama:

J. A. LEWIS, salesman, Long-Lewis Hardware Company, after viewing artist's conception exhibited to him, advised he did not recall ever seeing an individual similar to the artist's conception in Long-Lewis Hardware.

WILLIAM P. McCLINTON, owner, Banks Pawn Shop, Bessemer, after viewing artist's conception exhibited to him by SA J. T. ARNETT, advised he could not recall this individual ever being in Banks Pawn Shop. He stated it was possible the man could have been in his place of business, but he did not have detailed information regarding ballistics and very few rifles of any type.

BERNARD BIGBEE, Clerk, Banks Pawn Shop, after viewing artist's conception of an individual, stated he did not recall ever seeing this person or a similar person in Banks Pawn Shop, and did not recall a person of similar appearance making inquiry regarding high-powered rifles and ballistics. He said it was possible this person could have made an inquiry, but in view of the recent increase in business he might not recall this individual.

RALPH SIMMONS, owner, Simmons Pawn Shop, Bessemer, Alabama, after viewing artist's conception of an individual exhibited to him by SA ARNETT, advised he did not recall an individual similar to the artist's conception making any inquiry in his store concerning a high-powered rifle. He stated he does not carry any rifle more high-powered than a 30-30 caliber.

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AUTO RENTAL AGENCIES AND  
USED CAR DEALERS

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ROSCOE HARRIS  
Hiker  
National Car Rental  
2328 5th Avenue, North  
Birmingham, Alabama

CHARLES HILL  
Hiker  
National Car Rental

BRENDA GREER  
Rental Agent  
National Car Rental.

April 9, 1968      Budget Rent-A-Car  
1813-15 1st Avenue, North  
Birmingham, Alabama

Records made available by PATRICIA WHALEY,  
Bookkeeper.

DANNY ENGLISH  
Rental Clerk  
Budget Rent-A-Car

ERVIN DANIELS  
Hiker  
Budget Rent-A-Car

JAMES HOWELL  
Hiker  
Butgett Rent-A-Car.

April 8, 1968      Rent-A-Ford  
(International Fleet Corp.)  
1720 5th Avenue, North  
Birmingham, Alabama

Records made available by C. H. DUNCAN, Partner.

SAM HENDERSON  
Hiker  
Rent-A-Ford

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ROBERT GRAYSON  
Hiker  
Rent-A-Ford.

April 7, 1968      Hertz Rent-A-Car  
2020 5th Avenue, North  
Birmingham, Alabama

Records made available by JOE KLYCE, owner.

JEAN BROXTON  
Hertz Rent-A-Car

GLORIA RODDAM  
Hertz Rent-A-Car

LILA HYDE  
Hertz Rent-A-Car

It is noted that no record of a Mustang that was rented during the period checked was found indicating that this car was taken into Tennessee and then returned to Birmingham.

April 8, 1968      Avis Rent-A-Car  
2023 5th Avenue, North  
Birmingham, Alabama

PETE KLYCE  
Avis Rent-A-Car

MIKE SULLIVAN  
Rental Agent  
Avis Rent-A-Car

CURTIS LEE JONES  
Hiker  
Avis Rent-A-Car

DEWEY RUFFIN  
Rental Agent  
Avis Rent-A-Car

LAURINE ODOM  
Rental Agent  
Avis Rent-A-Car

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April 8, 1968      American Leasing  
2116 5th Avenue, North  
Birmingham, Alabama

Records made available by R. E. JONES, Manager,  
who advised that automobiles rented through this company  
are to be returned to Birmingham and are usually rented  
on a long-term basis.

April 10, 1968      Liberty Leasing  
2428 6th Avenue, South  
Birmingham, Alabama

Records made available by BILL GARRIGAN, Manager.

GAIL JONES  
Bookkeeper  
Liberty Leasing.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA JOHN H. KRESEK, SA HARRY T. POSEY and SA CLAUDE TIMOTHY ADAMS on April 6, 1968, at Birmingham, Alabama:

The records of Hertz Rent-A-Car Company, 2020 5th Avenue North, Birmingham, Alabama, were made available for examination by TOM DYKES, Night Manager.

These records were checked pertaining to automobiles rented by that company from March 20, 1968, to April 6, 1968, and were reviewed for the names HARVEY LOWMEYER and W. H. LEHMEYER, and place of destination, with negative results.

An artist's conception was also displayed to Mr. DYKES of a suspect in this case with negative results.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA's ALVIN LEE KING and HARRY T. POSEY at Birmingham, Alabama:

On April 11, 1968, the following used car lots in the Birmingham, Alabama, area were contacted and a composite conception was displayed to employees of the companies as indicated:

The records of the purchases of automobiles made by the companies contacted during the period of August, 1967, were observed for the names of HARVEY LOWMEYER, W. H. LEHMEYER, JOHN WILLARD, ERIC STARVO GALT, JAY WILLIS VERNON.

No one contacted identified the artist's conception of the suspect and no record of a purchase of an automobile was located containing the above-mentioned names.

Courtesy Used Cars  
2300 7th Avenue South  
JIM DENNIS, Manager  
LEO STANCEL, Salesman  
W. H. MORGAN, Salesman  
STAN ROPER, Salesman.

Liberty Motors  
2428 6th Avenue South  
BERTHA TYLER - Bookkeeper  
ROBERT S. COOPER, Salesman  
BILL COOK, Salesman  
FRANCIS COOK, Salesman.

Roy Bridges Rambler  
2222 6th Avenue South  
HOWARD BRASSEALE, Bookkeeper

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CHARLES SCARBROUGH, Salesman  
JACK MILLICAN, Salesman  
JOHN WALKER, Salesman  
CLEMENTS WOOD, Office Manager  
JOHN TATE, Salesman  
J. C. ALVERSON, Salesman  
KELLER WILLIAMSON, Salesman.

Downtown Motors  
330 South 24th Street  
HAROLD ROSS, Salesman

Car Town, Inc.  
400 South 24th Street  
FRANK COOPER, Manager  
C. E. PATTERSON, Salesman  
PETE THOMAS, Salesman.

Foreign Car Center  
2211 4th Avenue South  
TOMMY CHARLES, Owner  
E. L. HUGHEY, Salesman

Penton Motors  
2300 Third Avenue South  
LESTER PENTON, Owner  
W. T. MC CURDY, Salesman

A A OK Used Cars  
2301 Third Avenue South  
RAY WADSWORTH, Manager  
ALISON CREATOZ, Salesman

It is noted that Mr. WADSWORTH stated the  
company was not open during August of 1967.

G & S Motor Company  
2315 Third Avenue South  
J. L. GLOVER, Manager

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Big Hearted Eddie's Used Car Lot  
2425 Third Avenue South  
HAROLD HENDERSON, Manager  
SIMS BUSBY, Salesman and buyer.  
WILLIE CULPEPPER, Mechanic  
ESTES SWINDLE, JR., Mechanic.

Arnold Peek Motor Company  
2230 Third Avenue South  
ARNOLD PEEK, Owner  
LESTER MOMAN, Salesman  
WILLIAM KNIGHT, Salesman  
WILLIAM CLAY, Salesman  
JERRY COVINGTON, Secretary.

Compact Auto Sales  
2424 Third Avenue South  
JOHN D. LINDSEY, Owner

John Smart Motor Company  
201 South 24th Street  
T. L. SIGGERS, Salesman.

Mac Motors  
2400 Second Avenue South  
MAX WEINTRAUB, part owner  
IRVING WEINTRAUB, part owner.

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**LIGGETT REXALL DRUG STORE CONTACTS**

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REXALL AND LANE-REXALL DRUG STORES,  
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA:

The Memphis Division advised the Special Agent in Charge in Birmingham that in the possession of Unknown Subject were cash register receipts from a Liggett Rexall Drug Store which were labeled at the top Liggett Rexall Drug Store and that the right bore a price and at the bottom left-hand corner the numbers 1678 and 3458. The receipts contained neither a date nor a city nor a store number.

On April 6, 1968 the following Liggett Rexall and Lane Rexall Drug Stores in the Birmingham area were contacted by SA DAVID T. DALY and SA DAVID B. ZWIEN, and none of the below-listed stores had a similar cash register receipt in use:

AMOS F. STEVENS, Liggett Rexall Drug Store, 1931 First Avenue, North;

WILLIAM M. WEED, Liggett Rexall Drug Store, 5-Points West Shopping Center;

F. L. RAY, Lane Liggett Drug Store, 1024 South 20th Street;

ROBERT PEDGETT, Lane Rexall Drug Store, 1550-K Montgomery Highway;

C. A. CANAN, Liggett Rexall Drug Store, Eastwood Mall;

H. C. BAILEY, Liggett Rexall Drug Store, Midfield Park Shopping Center, contacted by SAC GAMBLE;

JEWELL JOHNSON, Hall's Liggett Rexall, Centerville, Alabama.

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RECORD CHECKS

The following investigation was conducted by IC WILLIAM H. CUSHEN at Birmingham, Alabama, on April 9, 1968.

Indices of the Birmingham Division were checked, with negative results, regarding the surnames LOWMEYER and LOWMYER.

City directories and telephone directories covering the Birmingham territories were negative regarding the surnames LOWMEYER and LOWMYER.

Miss JEAN BISHOP, Revenue Department, Auto License Department, Jefferson County Courthouse; Miss SYLVIA LITTLE, Board of Registrars, Jefferson County Courthouse; Mr. D. L. WEBBER, Identification Bureau, Jefferson County Sheriff's Office; Miss YVONNE HILL, Identification Bureau, Birmingham Police Department; Miss CATHERINE McCORMIE, City Records Court; and Mrs. JESSIE WILLIAMS, Merchants Credit Association, advised from their respective files they could locate no record regarding the surnames LOWMEYER or LOWMYER.

Likewise, the names of JOHN WILLARD, ERIC S. GALT, and others as they became of interest, were checked through all available sources and records without any identification located.

NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATIONS

Throughout the period covered by this investigation, intensive coverage was afforded all neighborhoods where it had been determined that GALT had had any contacts.

This investigation covered a 25-block area surrounding the address 1907 - 11th Street South, Birmingham, where GALT indicated he resided when murder weapon was purchased under name HARVEY LOWMEYER. This neighborhood investigation also extended to include the address 1907 - 11th Avenue South.

All the business establishments in the Five Points South area, which is centered at the intersection of South 20th Street, 11th Avenue South, and Magnolia Avenue, were checked based on a reported taxicab trip of an individual who had been let out in that area.

All the surrounding area and blocks around GALT's rooming house, 2608 Highland Avenue, were checked, including the high-rise apartment building of the Sheraton Apartments at 2909 Highland Avenue, which address had been considered pertinent based on a cab fare picked up at that address and discharged near the rooming house of GALT. All the area around 4th Avenue and 20th Street North in downtown Birmingham was checked, based on the report of a cab driver that he had picked up a fare at that intersection.

The entire area surrounding the Continental Dance Club Studios, aka Friendship Club, on Graymont Avenue, where GALT had enrolled for dancing lessons, was checked.

The names and addresses of all individuals contacted have been made a part of the Birmingham file, but are not being set forth herein in the interest of brevity although some results of contacts are reported on the following pages.

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1Date April 10, 1968

JIMMY PHILLIPS, Standard Oil Service Station Manager, 7953 Crestwood Boulevard, residence 1204 Concord Avenue, Birmingham, furnished the following.

Until about the middle of March, 1968, PHILLIPS had been the Assistant Manager at the Standard Service Station at 2188 Highland Avenue, Birmingham. He recalled a customer at the Highland Avenue Station who drove a white Mustang and whose first name was ERIC. He described this person as a white male in his early 30's, five feet, nine to ten inches, 180 pounds, black hair, combed straight back, neat dresser, easy-going in his manner.

PHILLIPS believes this person at the time claimed he was working for an insurance company or a realty company or possibly Social Security. He made all his purchases in cash and was always alone. PHILLIPS believes this person had been observed by him smoking on occasions, but he could not recall his discussing anything except the night clubs in downtown Birmingham and "chasing women." PHILLIPS believes this man once told him that he was divorced and lived in the Highland area of Birmingham.

PHILLIPS claimed when he first observed this car, it had Georgia license plates and a trailer hitch. PHILLIPS said this man claimed he was from Atlanta and used his Mustang to pull a large boat, with the result that the clutch on the Mustang was then in bad shape.

PHILLIPS believed the last time he saw this man was in February, 1968, and he was positive he could identify him if he saw him again.

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On 4/9/68 at Irondale, Alabama File # BH 44-1740  
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and ROBERT M. BARRETT RMB:mas Date dictated 4/9/68

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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA JERRY L. EMMONS on April 8, 1968, at Birmingham,  
Alabama:

Mr. SIDNEY MAYBERGER, Mayberger's Dry Goods Store, 1031 South 20th Street, was shown an artist's conception of the unknown subject in this case. He advised that he though this picture resembled an ex-convict named JIMMY LEONARD. He said he did not know where LEONARD lives but he saw LEONARD in Birmingham last week.

Mr. J. L. BUFFINGTON, Pay-Less Drugs, 1035 South 20th Street, advised that the artist's conception of the unknown subject he was shown looked like MELVIN BROWN, a pharmacist who lives in Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

JANET INGRAM, Term Finance Company, 530 South 21st Street, was shown an artist's conception of the unknown subject. She advised that he looked like one FLOYD POHLMAN who works at the San Ann Service Station, 42nd Street and First Avenue, North.

LELA WILDER, La Dame Cleaners, 1920 11th Avenue, South, advised that a man named L. L. FINCH, who allegedly resembled the artist's conception of the unknown subject, came in and picked up a man's blue suit, a pair of green work pants, and a pink dress. This man paid for these items with a new \$20 bill. The address on the cleaning ticket was shown as 1316 19th Street, Southwest. Mrs. WILDER described the man as being 5'10" to 6', 160 to 165 pounds, greenish-gray eyes, and dark brown hair.

HUGH PEMBERTON, Martin's Flower Shop, 1931 11th Avenue, South, advised that the artist's conception of the unknown subject which he was shown closely resembled one JOHN SCHNATZ, who was formerly employed by him. SCHNATZ supposedly lives somewhere on 44th Street, South.

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HASTINGS COLVIN, 1908B 29th Avenue, South, was contacted in regard to his brother, who allegedly resembled the artist's conception of the unknown subject. COLVIN said his brother was named WOODROW COLVIN and lives in Powderly. WOODROW COLVIN has worked for the Progressive Farmer in Birmingham for 25 years and is 53 years of age.

Mr. M. E. ALLISON, 1311 13th Avenue, South, Apartment A, advised that the artist's conception which he was shown strongly resembled one MIKE GILL, who formerly resided at 1400 14th Street, South. GILL's mother has worked for the Birmingham Board of Education and GILL allegedly has a police record.

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NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION, VICINITY  
1907 11th AVENUE, SOUTH:

The following persons at the below-listed addresses were contacted by SA DAVID T. DALY on April 8, 1968 and the artist's conception of Unknown Subject was displayed to them, with negative results:

JANE MC KENZIE, receptionist; PERRY ANN OAKES, bookkeeper, Doctors' Offices, 1815 South 11th Avenue;

Mrs. ERMA DANENBERG, receptionist; Mrs. MARGARET HODGES, nurse, Doctors Offices, 1815 South 11th Avenue;

Mrs. MARY JOE JENKINS, receptionist; PEGGY CHAPMAN, nurse, Doctors Offices, 1807 South 11th Avenue;

1801 South 11th Avenue, vacant;

1717-B 11th Avenue, no one at home;

GLORIA KIMBER, Assistant Director, Diabetes Trust Fund, 1717-C, 11th Avenue, South;

1717-A 11th Avenue, South, vacant;

DAISY PILKINTON, JEAN BARKER, SUSAN PEOPLES, Mrs. BILLIE HICKMAN, IRIS COPLEY, VIVIAN BENASELY, receptionist, Dental Arts Building, 1715 11th Avenue, South;

1113 11th Avenue, South, vacant;

JANE POTTS, receptionist; LUCILLE SNODGRASS, nurse, 1701 11th Avenue, South;

1160 11th Avenue, South, no one at home at the following apartments: 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11. BILL RUSSELL, Apartment 4; CECIL REDD, Apartment 12, contacted, negatively;

1110 and 1112 12th Street, South, the Highland Beauty and Barber Shops, respectively, were closed.

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SAM CAWTHAN, Kilgo Carpet Service, 1108 12th Street, South;

NORMA STEVENS, JIM STEVENS, MARY MC PHERSON, Jim and Norma's Restaurant, 1104 12th Street, South;

JOHN ASHCRAFT, LESLIE L. ASHCRAFT, RICHARD BITTINGTER, JUDY BITTINGTER, WILLIE MAE FIKES, CLAUDE BLEVINS, all employees of Ashcraft Florist, 1100 12th Street, South;

BRAXTON ADAMS, Humble Oil Station, 1100 Cullom Street;

Mrs. FLORA HARRIS, 1100 South 19th Street, Fitzgerald Apartments, who requested that occupants of other apartments not be interviewed inasmuch as they are all female outpatients from Bryce Mental Hospital, Tuscaloosa, Alabama;

DEBRA VINCENT, WANDA PATE, MAE VINCENT, Apartment A, 1126 South 19th Street;

GERALD BAYLIS, JOAN BAYLIS, Apartment D, JERRY ARNETT, CAROL ARNETT, Apartment C, 1126 South 19th Street;

1130 19th Street, South, not at home;

Mrs. RUTH HAMMETT, 1117 15th Street, South;

HARRY G. MOORE, 1119 15th Street, South.

BOARDING HOUSES

All known boarding houses, in addition to the one where GALT had resided, were contacted with especial attention to those on the southside of Birmingham. This included those who normally advertise in the classified section of the daily newspapers; those who have signs proclaiming rooms for rent, and those listed in the yellow pages of the Telephone Directory.

The above investigation proved negative except for numerous "look-alikes" who were immediately checked out. The names of all individuals contacted during this phase of the investigation have been recorded in the Birmingham file.