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On May 3, 1968, Mr. ROBERT PALLOTTO, Manager, Garvin Tire Service Center, 7257 Reseda Boulevard, Reseda, California, advised that his company purchased the Matrix in question in the late part of 1962 or early part of 1963 and his company has been and is still using the Matrix to mold tires. Mr. PALLOTTO advised that his company's tires do bear the identification mark of "GT" but he has no idea how the identification mark of "RGT" would get on one of the tires. A review of all of the sales invoices of the Reseda Center from August, 1967 to the end of March, 1968, failed to reflect any tire purchase identifiable to JAMES EARL RAY. PALLOTTO advised that his company often merely writes the word "cash" on the invoice rather than any name or address and it would therefore be impossible to identify the persons purchasing tires. PALLOTTO advised that his company also has a branch service center in North Hollywood, California, and their records would be available for review.

On 5/3/68 at Reseda, California File # Los Angeles 44-1574
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SA WILLIAM G. ATHERTON/ WGA/dey Date dictated 5/9/68

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On May 10, 1968, L. D. JOHNSON, Manager, Garvin Tire Service Center, 5140 Lankershim Boulevard, North Hollywood, California, advised that a review of the sales invoices for August, 1967, through March, 1968, for the North Hollywood Branch of the Garvin Tire Service Centers failed to reveal any item identifiable to JAMES EARL RAY, also known as Eric Starvo Galt and it was noted that many of the invoices merely had the notation "cash".

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On May 1, 1968 a photograph and ink impression reflecting the tread design of the recapped tires found on the Mustang automobile abandon by JAMES EARL RAY in Atlanta, Georgia, were exhibited to the following tire mold company owners with the object of determining if their respective companies manufactured the tire mold from which the recaps were made. The following owners advised that their company did not make the mold in question.

RUDY PELUSI, Owner, L. A. Matrix Co.
5530 Borwick Street
South Gate, California

BERT HUGHS, Owner, Ace Tire Mold Co.
1617 Chico Street
South El Monte, California

PAUL TROBEMAN, Owner, General Equipment Exchange
354 Tennessee Street
Redlands, California

PETER KEADY, Owner, Balloon Tire Mould Corp.
4546 East Washington Boulevard
Los Angeles, California

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INVESTIGATION CONCERNING LETTER
WRITTEN BY ERIC S. GALT TO THE
AMERICAN-SOUTHERN AFRICA COUNCIL,
WASHINGTON, D.C., DECEMBER, 1967

The Washington Field Office, FBI, advised that on May 9, 1968 JOHN ACORD, Chairman, American-Southern Africa Council, 800 Fourth Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. furnished that office a letter received from ERIC S. GALT. The letter is quoted as follows:

"December 28, 67

"Dear Sir,

"I recently read an article in the L.A. Times on you concil, the local John Birch Society provided me with your address. My reason for writing is that I am considering immigrating to Rhodesia, however their are a couple legal questions involved.

"1: The U.S. Government will not issue a passport for travel to Rhodesia.

"2: Would there be any way to enter Rhodesia legally (from the Rhodesian Government point of view).

"I would appreciate any information you could give me on the above subject or any other information on Rhodesia.

"Sincerely

Eric S. Galt
1535 N. Serrano
Los Angeles, California, 90027"

Mr. ACORD advised he was in Rhodesia when the letter was received at his office and his secretary replied to this letter with a form letter enclosing literature on Rhodesia.

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On May 10, 1968, Mrs. BETH WOODIN, Secretary to Mr. REX H. WESTERFIELD, West Coast Director of Public Relations for the John Birch Society, 2627 Mission Road, San Marino, California, searched her files for the years 1967 and 1968 for a record of correspondence with or from ERIC S. GALT, but was unable to locate any record of correspondence with GALT.

On May 13, 1968, REX H. WESTERFIELD advised he had rechecked the files and records of the John Birch Society and had interviewed the persons who had normally had telephonic contact with the public and there is no record of ERIC S. GALT having contacted the Society at any time through the mail, by phone or in person.

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INVESTIGATION REGARDING ASSOCIATES
OF RAY AFFILIATED WITH AMERICAN
INDEPENDENT PARTY

CHARLES J. STEIN advised RAY, as condition to driving him to New Orleans, Louisiana, during December, 1967, requested STEIN, RITA STEIN and MARIE MARTIN to register with the American Independent Party in an effort to have the name of GEORGE WALLACE placed on the ballot as a candidate for the President of the United States.

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On May 9, 1968, RODERIC BURNS DUFF, 131 North Ivy Street, Monrovia, California, furnished the following information:

He is the President of the Los Angeles chapter of the Citizen's Council of America and is employed as a leadman in the plastic department of Mapo Productions, 1400 Grand Central Avenue, Burbank, California.

The Los Angeles Citizen's Council holds monthly meetings, usually at Embassy Hotel Auditorium, Los Angeles, which are open to the public but not advertised in the newspapers due to potential picketing. DUFF viewed a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY, and could not identify RAY as ever attending any of these open meetings.

In addition, DUFF advised that he is very active in support of the 1968 Presidential Campaign of Governor GEORGE C. WALLACE and is frequently at the WALLACE headquarters in Arcadia, California and Bell Gardens, California, and at the former office on Lankershim Boulevard, Los Angeles. He advised that he never saw anyone resembling RAY at these offices nor heard the name of ERIC STARVO GALT mentioned there.

DUFF concluded by stating that JAMES EARL RAY, also known as Eric Starvo Galt, is completely unknown to him by either photograph or name and he had no idea of who else could possibly be involved in the assassination of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING.

On 5/9/68 at Monrovia, California File # Los Angeles 44-1574
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PHYSICAL EVIDENCE

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During the investigation regarding ERIC GALT's communication with "The Local Swinger" he submitted a typewritten letter, signed ERIC S. GALT, to be forwarded to an individual listed in a list of Swingers maintained by that club. This letter furnished by the United States Postal Inspector in Charge, San Francisco, California, was furnished the FBI Laboratory, Washington, D.C. for examination with typewriting samples previously submitted. Also furnished for typewriting examination was a typewritten advertisement to be placed in the "Los Angeles Free Press", avant garde newspaper, which bore the typewritten name and address of ERIC S. GALT, 406 South Second, Alhambra, California 91802.

RESULTS OF EXAMINATION

REPORT
OF THEFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: May 8, 1968

Re: MURKIN
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FBI File No. 44-38861

Lab. No. D-562360 JK

Specimens received 5/3/68

- Q315 Sheet of paper bearing typewritten message dated 2/17/68, beginning "I AM ANSERING..." and signed "Eric S. Galt"
- Q316 Typewritten advertisement beginning "SINGLE MALE CAUC. 36..." bearing typewritten name and address "ERIC S. GALT, 406 SO 2nd, ALHAMBRA. 91802"

ALSO SUBMITTED: One copy of the 2/2/68 issue of the
"Los Angeles Free Press"

Result of examination:

The typewritten impressions on Q315 and Q316 are the same as the impressions appearing on other typewritten items in the name Eric S. Galt which were previously submitted. Because of the lack of identifying defects, it could not be determined whether the same typewriter was employed to prepare the current and previous submissions, but no significant differences were noted.

The Eric S. Galt signature on Q315 was prepared by the individual who prepared the signature in this name appearing on numerous other items received.

The submitted material is temporarily retained.
Photographs were made.

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