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Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHARLOTTE (44-1365)

DATE: 4/18/68

FROM : SA EDWARD G. SHERIDAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

The following investigation was conducted by SA EDWARD G. SHERIDAN on 4/16/68, at Lenoir, North Carolina:

A review of the current Lenoir, North Carolina, Telephone Directory and City Directory, failed to reveal any listing for a Linen Thread Company, Lenoir Thread Company, or a Chester C. Barfield.

A review of the identification records of the Caldwell County, North Carolina, Sheriff's Office and the Lenoir, North Carolina, Police Department, failed to reflect any record identifiable with CHESTER C. BARFIELD.

Miss SUSIE GREEN, Lenoir, North Carolina, Credit Bureau, upon reviewing the files of her agency, advised that her agency has no listing for a Linen Thread Company, Lenoir Thread Company, or a CHESTER C. BARFIELD. Miss GREEN advised that she never heard of a Linen Thread Company or a Lenoir Thread Company in Lenoir, North Carolina.

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THE RALEIGH TIMES, Monday, April 15, 1968

The 'Unhappy' and 'Thoughtful'

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EDITORS NOTE: On April 4, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was slain by a white sniper, throwing the nation into mourning and violence. The mourning and the violence are subsiding, but the massive manhunt for the killer continues, from a Memphis flophouse to a Birmingham boarding house, from Mexico to Atlanta, in an air of unprecedented secrecy. A UPI team consisting of Randolph Pendleton and Gene Stephens in Birmingham John G. Warner, Henry P. Leifermann and Charles Rond in Memphis and Isabelle McCaig in Washington has assembled the following report on the search.

By JOHN G. WARNER..

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (UPI) — In the dingy flophouse the bathroom window is still jammed open, and across the street the wreaths are wilting on the balcony of the Lorraine Hotel.

In the gutter spoiled Polaroid pictures flutter and tourists trample over a placard which says "I am a man." They can see it all, the place where Martin Luther King Jr. died.

The tears have dried and the eulogies echoed away, the violence is subsiding and the flowers are dying, but the man who killed King is still free.

Within hours after King fell dying the FBI launched the greatest manhunt of the century for a shadowy sailor named Eric Starvo Galt. It searched for Galt in utter secrecy, and those few police departments asked to look out for him asked only to locate him — not to arrest him. No warrant was issued for him.

Officially the FBI will not even concede that it wants a man named Eric Starvo Galt. The name became known only after the FBI issued — and later hastily withdrew — a "locate and notify" order for him.

No such bulletin was issued in Memphis, where King died. No such bulletin was issued in Birmingham, Galt's last known residence.

Eric Galt is an enigma. In fact there is some official suspicion that Eric Galt may not exist, for it is very hard for a man to leave so few traces of himself. As far as can be determined, his trail grows cold in Atlanta, where agents found his white Mustang Thursday. It had been abandoned there Friday morning, the day after the killing.

He was traced to a rooming house in Birmingham where no one has seen him since November — although a duplicate driver's license was mailed to him there last month.

Where he came from, where he has gone, — They are mysteries. The death of Martin Luther King Jr. is a hodge-podge of mysteries — of mysterious men in white hoods, of mysterious radio messages, of mysterious cars and total secrecy.

THE MASTERS

runs. After starting one stroke off the pace, Goalby shot four straight pars, then birdied the fifth, sixth, eighth, 13th, and 14th holes, got his eagle on the 15th and his only bogey on the 17th.

De Vincenzo started with an eagle on the par-four first hole, sinking a 125-yard, nine-iron shot that set the gallery at that green to singing, "Happy Birthday to you." The happy birthday continued with birdies on the second and third holes, the eighth, the 12th, the 15th, and the 17th, before the fatal bogey on the last hole.

Young Bert Yancey of Tallahassee, Fla., also closed

brilliantly with a 7-under-par 65, only one shot over the course record, to take third place at 279, worth \$10,000. Australian Bruce Devlin shot a 69 for fourth place at 280, three strokes behind —leaving him with regrets about the eight he took on one hole last Friday.

Nicklaus, with 67, and Frank Beard, with 70, tied for fifth at 281. The hapless Aaron was in a five-way tie for sixth at 282 with Gary Player, the third-round leader who faded with a 72, Ray Floyd, Lionel Hebert, and Jerry Pittman, a club pro.

It Is Probably Unfair

Name on Masters Will Have 'Asterisk'

Roberto de Vincenzo's error in signing an incorrect scorecard, Goalby would have had a chance to win, no strings attached.

But the pro from Argentina did sign an incorrect card and Goalby is the champion, of-

ficially if not morally.

He was the first and foremost to feel sorry for Roberto. "I didn't want to win it this way," said the handsome former quarterback at Illinois. "I would've had rather had the chance to win it in a playoff, but I'm happy to be the champion".

Goalby played well enough to win outright. He fired a 66 on the final day, and concluded his round in championship fashion; by eagling

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On Friday, the day after the killing, and on Sunday and Monday on television programs, Atty. Ramsey Clark talked freely and optimistically.

The attorney general no longer sees reporters. Sources which normally provided guidance in criminal investigations say they have never seen such secrecy. Normally in a search for a suspect, the FBI freely publicizes descriptions and likenesses. But this secrecy, sources indicate, comes from beyond the FBI, beyond the Justice Department—from the White House.

The day after the slaying, Clark said, "We are very hopeful that we can have an early and successful conclusion" and later he said "our evidence points very strongly" toward only one man being involved in the assassination.

But the FBI did not want Eric Galt touched, bothered or chased. Even though it had not found him, it apparently did not want him to know he was hot. Did it, perhaps, hope that Galt might lead agents to someone else?

The Murder Scene . .

The organ groaned sadly and a lady's voice overflowing with pathos sang "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" through a loudspeaker. In the office of R. S. Lewis and Sons Funeral Home in Memphis Solomon Jones paused in his narrative occasionally to smile at mourners entering the front door. There was a body on view in the chapel.

Jones told in a soft, funeral voice the story of King's last day. He was driving for King on Thursday, April 4, and Jones told his story exactly the way he hold it that night.

He said he was standing on the pavement beside King's car, the engine running and King was turning to leave the balcony and come down to be driven to a friend's house for dinner.

"I heard the shot, and I felt it go past me. Believe me, gentlemen, if it had been a littler lower it would have killed me and not Doctor King. I ran to the street and I looked across and I saw a man jump up from behind the bushes and run back toward Main Street. He had something white on his head, like a hood."

According to Memphis Police Director Frank Holloman, a smooth, gray-haired man from Mississippi with a 25-year FBI ring on his finger, the assassin stood in the bathroom of a nameless flophouse to make his shot.

He rented a room, locked himself in the bathroom and fired out the window, at the back of the building. Then he fled down the stairs and out onto Main Street, one block over from the hotel, which is on Mulberry Street.

He dodged into the doorway of Canipe Amusements Co., one door up the street, and dumped his rifle and a small case containing binoculars in the doorway. Then he leaped into a white Mustang and roared away.

That is how police say it happened, and it is constructed from testimony of witnesses and, presumably from evidence.

But Sidney Walker also claims to have seen something strange. Walker, a tall, wizened Negro, said he was in Jim's Grill, below the flophouse, having coffee when he heard the shot. Walker said he sprinted out the door, around the corner, down Huling Street and into Mulberry Street by the hotel. He saw King's aides gathering around him on the balcony and, he said, he saw a man running down the street, away from him, with a white hood on his head. The police had not yet arrived, he said.

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I'm so unhappy about making see figures," said Roberto. "I ut I really only see a mass of

on this prestigious event three triumphs, summed up the feel-

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the 15th hole and sinking a clutch par putt of four feet on the last hole.

He had nothing whatsoever to do with de Vincenzo's glaring mistake.

The victory amounted to a long haul back for this powerfully built ex-caddie who seemingly had vanished from the face of the golfing earth until last year."

It was not until Goalby learned to control his temper and change his swing that he began to win again.

He credits famed teaching pro Johnny Revolta for the mechanical revolution and Tony Lema and Sam Snead for the mental renaissance.

"I've always gone to Revolta," he said, "and he has helped me tremendously. I've always been a poor driver. I could hit the irons and play all the other shots, but I was always a notorious hooker.

"In the past, I've always left Augusta so disgusted with my driving I never wanted to play another tournament. But now I've corrected my driving."

He was playing in the PGA at Akron with Lema the day before Tony got killed in that airplane crash. "We had never really been friends — it was a difference in personalities, I guess. In that round he made a seven on one hole and didn't say anything. He went

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without harmful insecticide poisons.

the only low 'tar' and nicotine
with natural tobacco taste.

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But, according to Holloman, 150 officers converged on the scene in a matter of seconds.

Chauncey Eskridge, King's lawyer, was standing on the parking lot with Jones when the shot rang out. He, too, ran to the street. He said he saw no one with hoods, but claimed that a group of policemen leaped out of the bushes—the same bushes from which Jones said he saw a hooded man run. Eskridge also said, shortly after the killing, that he saw a beige Cadillac driving down Mulberry Street. Asked about this later, he said the FBI had asked him not to talk about it.

All these witnesses were admittedly in a high state of agitation. Jones said he had to be taken into one of the hotel rooms to calm down before he could drive King's aides to the hospital. The authorities, apparently, lend little weight to the reports of hooded men.

Galt's Past . .

The white stucco house with a red tile roof at 2608 Highland Ave. in Birmingham has a red and white neon sign insistently announcing:

Economy Sleeping

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Room and board at 2608 Highland costs \$27 a week, and most of its guests stay only two or three weeks before they move on. Eric Starvo Galt used to live there.

Peter Cherpes runs the place and he says he talked to the FBI and won't talk to anyone else. Only one of the roomers has been there long enough to remember Galt and that roomer, Percy Strickland, doesn't recall much.

"He was just one of the boys," Strickland said. He said he figured Galt had lived there no more than six months—a long time at 2608 Highland—and doesn't recall seeing him since November.

"The FBI has been asking about him plenty the last week," said Strickland, surveying with pride the two bathtubs full of flowers on the lawn.

Authorities—questioned but not warned to secrecy by the FBI—say that Galt applied for a driver's license at Birmingham on Sept. 6, 1967. He got No. 2898947 mailed to him on Sept. 29. He asked for a duplicate and that was mailed to him on March 1, 1968, to the rooming house. He gave no reason for wanting the duplicate.

When he requested the license, he said he was an unemployed merchant mariner. There is no record of him at the port of Mobile.

He bought the white Mustang which was so passionately sought for a week from William D. Paisley of Birmingham on Aug. 30, 1967. Paisley said the FBI told him not to talk to reporters.

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The Alabama State Employment Office never heard of Eric Galt. The Birmingham police never heard of him, and the Birmingham Credit Bureau has no file on him. No one knows, now, where Eric Galt has been since November.

But it was in Birmingham, four days before King died, that a sporting goods store sold the gun that killed him.

In Memphis . .

The 400 block of South Main Street in Memphis is not an appealing avenue. On the east side there is a big cafe fixtures store, with coffee machines and hot dog cookers in its windows; Jim's Grill, a rundown but clean cafe with a jukebox belting out driving blues and white and Negro help matching for coffee and beer with white and Negro patrons. Next to this are two flights of stairs leading up to Mrs. Brewer's flophouse. One is an entrance and the other is an exit. Both are forbidding but, relatively, the entrance is a good deal more appetizing than the exit. Behind the two buildings that comprise the flophouse—a guest goes from one to the other through a battered passageway—there is a vacant lot. It is overgrown with vines and Mimosa trees and a high fence separates it from the machinery sales parking lot—customers only.

It is a drop of about nine feet from this back lot to the sidewalk of Mulberry Street, and the dirt embankment is held up by a cement wall. Across the street there is the Lorraine Hotel—an old hotel with a modern wing on the rear.

On Huling Street, which connects Main and Mulberry, there is another flophouse entrance. This is "the colored rooming house." Mrs. Brewer's establishment is the "white rooming house." In the doorway of the "colored" version, a Negro man with straight, shoulder-length hair and lady's boots sits, somnolently surveying the scene.

Down South Main Coy the painter peddles his bicycle. The basket between the handlebars is piled high with cans of spray paint and a big box, and the weight is balanced in the rear by a three-foot container of greens and potatoes lashed to the fender. On the front fender a silver sign with black letters says: "Fools comes like 'shoes' all colors and sizes. Coy the artist." Coy is a bushy haired Negro with wild, darting eyes and a beaver hat.

The balcony in front of room 306 at the Lorraine is a tourist attraction now. The wreaths that are draped over it are fading in front of the picture windows and the green and orange curtains. A white trucker gazes up at it and says "It sure is a shame.

"I wish I'd known I was coming here. I'da brought my camera."

At Bessie's Place . .

At 3:15 p.m. on April 4, a dark haired man with a sharp nose and a neat, dark suit walked up to the yellow-walled entrance stairs to Bessie Brewer's place. He asked for a room. Bessie showed him No. 8, on her side of the building, which had a kitchennette. It cost \$10 a week. But he said:

"I only want a sleeping room."

So she took him through the broken mortar into the other building, where rooms 4, 5 and 6 are located. She showed him room 5 and he said, "This will be fine."

He paid his \$8.50 rent with a \$20 bill and two quarters and signed "John Willard" on the register. Mrs. Brewer remembered his smile.

"He had a silly smile," she said.

She didn't remark upon his dress — not the sort of elegance usually found in her establishment—not upon the fact that he carried nothing with him.

Sometime during the next couple of hours he went out again. He went about six blocks away, to York's Arms, and bought a pair of binoculars. The FBI later told York's Arms to say nothing.

Then, perhaps, he picked up the rest of his gear from his white Mustang, parked on Main Street a little ways from the flophouse stairs. The rest of his gear consisted of a Remington 30.06 pump action rifle with a telescopic sight, wrapped in brown paper. A hunter's gun, not an assassin's.

There were reports he had a bite to eat in Jim's Grill.

He sat in his room for a while. He left a depression on the mattress. Then he went into the bathroom and locked it. He was in there for half an hour. Willie Anchutz, who lived in No. 6, wanted in. He knocked on the door. He got no answer.

The bathroom's yellow walls are turning brown and the fixtures are stained with several colors, all of them dingy.

The pull cord on the light bulb overhead brushes a tall man's head as he enters and that old, free-standing bathtub almost butts the wall under the window.

The window is jammed open. It hasn't been closed all winter, another hardship on Mrs. Brewer's guests. In order to get the rifle trained on Room 306, he probably stood in the bathtub, or on it, while Willie was hammering impatiently on the door.

After Willie went away, King emerged on the balcony across the street. He was 200-feet away, 30 degrees to the right, 5 degrees down. With a high-powered rifle, a clear, relatively calm day, a telescopic sight—an easy target. He came in and out of his room three times. The third time he died.

The shot shook Mrs. Brewer's boarding house like a clap of thunder. Willie Anchutz ran to his door.

Willie said he saw the man hurrying down the hall, a long, paper-wrapped object and a blue bag in his hand, and one arm thrown up by his face. The man wasn't running, but he was hurrying.

"That sounded like a shot," Willie observed.

"Yes, it was," confirmed the killer, without looking around or stopping.

He next appeared in front of Guy Canipe's Amusement Co. — "Records 25 Cents."

He ducked into the recessed doorway of Canipe's place and what Canipe did thereafter depended upon when you talked to him. The day after the killing, Canipe said he saw the man drop a rifle and a blue bag — "like a typewriter case" — in the doorway.

"I didn't go out. If you had seen a map drop a rifle in your doorway, what would you have done?" Canipe said — then — that he got busy in the back of his store.

But a week after the shooting, Canipe sat with his brown hat on behind a desk and, carefully spitting into a wastebasket, told him he had gone to the front of the store to see the man race off in a white Mustang. Canipe said he was reluctant to say so much because he was afraid he might get shot himself.

The Chase

White 1966 Mustangs are plentiful in Memphis. In fact, a Ford dealer estimates 600 of them were sold and 400 are still on the street.

"They were wild for white in '66," he said.

As a matter of apparent fact, there were two white Mustangs parked on the 400 block of South Main on the evening of April 4. One roared away seconds after King died and the other, said the boys in Jim's Grill, got away 14 minutes later.

Police Director Holloman had about 40 policemen in the area around the Lorraine because he was worried about King staying in a rough neighborhood. Last time King was in Memphis he had stayed at the fashionable Holiday Inn River-



DALBY tie . . .

By JOHN G. GRIFFIN
UPI Executive Sports Editor

AUGUSTA, Ga. (UPI) — They're engraving Bob Goalby's name on the trophy today as the 1968 Masters golf champion—and while they're at it, maybe they should preserve Tommy Aaron's pencil in bronze.

Because, after all the brilliant golf fired by 72 famous players in four days over the luxurious Augusta National course, it was Aaron's stubby pencil, jotting down the figure "4" instead of "3," that decided the Masters championship. And darn nar broke the heart of dead-game Roberto de Vincenzo.

One of the most stunning moments in golf history came at the climax of Sunday's fourth round of the Masters when De Vincenzo, who apparently had tied Goalby with 277 for 72 holes, lost a stroke because he signed an incorrect scorebard made out by playing partner Aaron.

In the wake of that shock today:

—The pro golfers themselves seemed agreed that the Masters tournament committee did the only thing it could in penalizing De Vincenzo because, as former champion Jack Nicklaus put it, "A rule is a rule." Most agreed with De Vincenzo's own admission, "It was my fault."

—De Vincenzo, his dream of celebrating his 45th birthday with his greatest triumph shattered, was left to murmur sadly, "Maybe I am too old, I guess, to come back and win another time."

—And winner Goalby, who certainly earned a triumph with his brilliant 6-under-par 66 on the final round that included four birdies and an eagle, had to temper his happiness with the observation, "The only thing I regret is the way I won it."

De Vincenzo had a tie for the 72-hole lead slip through his fingers, and with it the right to meet Goalby in an 18-hole playoff that would have taken place today, just when it seemed that he might have won the Masters outright.

It was the 17th green, the next-to-last hole, when he hol-ed a six-foot putt for a birdie three that dropped him 12 strokes under par. On the course behind him, Goalby stood 10 strokes under par with four holes to play.

That's when Aaron, playing in the twosome with De Vincenzo, mistakenly marked down a "4" for De Vincenzo on his scorecard instead of the "3." In U.S. golf, each player keeps a scorecard on which he marks down his own and his opponent's score. At the end, both cards supposedly are compared and the players sign both.

On the 18th, or 72nd, hole, De Vincenzo punched his second shot into the crowd at the right of the green. He chipped out through an alley the fans formed, but left himself an eight-foot putt. He missed the putt for a bogey five and apparently a 72-hole score of 277. Behind him Goalby had just shot an eagle three on the 15th to go 12-under par. Goalby now could win by playing par on the last three holes.

Roberto signed the Cards, never noticing the error Aaron had made on the 17th hole. Officials rebuked him by the

received the symbolic Masters green coat from golf immortal Bobby Jones.

Goalby got a \$20,000 check for first prize and de Vincenzo received \$15,000 for "finishing second."

Nicklaus, who finished in a tie for fifth, estimated that de Vincenzo's loss had cost him "the chance to make about a million dollars," a subject on which Ohio Jack is something of an authority. But, Nicklaus added, "If I know Roberto, it's not the money; he would rather have that green coat."

Amazing Final Rounds.

Goalby and de Vincenzo both made astonishing final-round

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Goalby's Scrolls W

By BRUCE PHILLIPS,
Times Sports Editor.

AUGUSTA, Ga. — Bob Goalby's name on the Masters scrolls will go down in history with an asterisk.

And it is probably unfair. The 37-year-old native of Belleville, Illinois, won the 32nd staging of this great show here Sunday, but he will forever be accused of backing into it.

Fans won't give him the benefit of the doubt that he might have won it honestly in the playoff. Except for

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By BRUCE
Times Spor

AUGUSTA, Ga.—Sympathy Roberto de Vincenzo here yesterday with Bob Goalby for the the crown jewels of golf.

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open to a Nicer Guy

to De Vincenzo



Sports Shop

By Bruce Phillips
Times Sports Editor

"I thought Roberto looked it over, he seemed to go over it a couple of times. I was also concerned about my own card and was going over it. I put in his scores, he checked it, and left.

"Only when I dropped my card down on the table did I spot the error. But he and I had both signed it, and it was too late."

Aaron said he was sorry, very sorry. He saw a crowd of reporters coming at him, and he quickly dashed out the door and jumped in a green Cadillac, raised all the windows, locked

Police flooded the area in seconds, and within minutes all Memphis was in confusion. Tension mounted, bursting into violence later.

Half an hour after the shooting, from a point of 10 miles across the city, a police car began relaying reports of a hot pursuit. Actually, the police car was parked next to the car of a college student, who had a Citizens Band radio in his car. Over this radio, he was picking up reports from what identified itself as a blue Pontiac, also with CB equipment. The broadcaster in the blue Pontiac said he was chasing a white Mustang. He kept pouring on the details, and the police car radioed them to headquarters. Speeds were rising, 75 m.p.h., now 100 m.p.h.

Three police cars were dispatched to take up the chase, running north of Memphis. The blue Pontiac reported the white Mustang, with three white men in it, had opened fire.

But then the men receiving the calls noticed that the signal strength meter on his receiver was not fading. It was not even fluctuating. The blue Pontiac was going 100 m.p.h.; it wasn't even moving.

Was this, perhaps, an effort to draw police off to the north, opening escape routes to the south?

It is a leisurely eight to 10 hour drive from Memphis to Atlanta.

Sometime between 7 and 9 a.m. Friday, a white Mustang drove up to a small parking lot between two apartment buildings at Capitol Homes, a low-rent, integrated housing project within sight of Georgia's gold domed capitol.

Mrs. Ernest Payne was looking out her window. She remembered the man who got out of the car because she likes people to be neat.

"I thought he worked at the capitol, or was an insurance man. He was dressed so neatly." He was dark haired, dressed in dark clothes, with a pointed nose. He fit, roughly, the description of Eric Starvo Galt. There was no doubt about the car, when the ladies at Capitol Homes finally got worried about it on Thursday, six days later. It was Galt's.

No Comment

The FBI refused comment on the investigation. Holloman will not comment on the investigation. Rumors, both plausible and extravagant, sweep Memphis concerning every conceivable organization or person. The FBI will not comment. Holloman will not.

The Mexican consul got worried about a man to whom he had provided a tourist visa. The investigation roared into Mexico. But it turned out the man with the visa was merely a Memphis State University student, innocent.

A hitchhiker got nervous watching television accounts of King's death in Joplin, Mo. He was hauled in and questioned, but he cleared himself.

Reports flow in to Memphis and Washington from every FBI bureau in the nation. The search for Galt has gone from Mississippi to Alabama to Georgia to Florida.

The bullet was recovered from King's body, but the indications are that was too severely broken up for ballistics tests. A fingerprint, or a palmprint, or both, were found — either in the bathroom or on the rifle. But indications are that authorities don't expect much from them.

Ramsey Clark, however, insists the "physical evidence is very substantial."

The manhunt continues, massive, secret, for one man, perhaps for several men. Life in the South goes on. Many still mourn, few still weep, and some never cared.

"Well, they got him," said a white Memphis cab driver. "I'm glad they done it. If I knew who shot him, I wouldn't turn him in. I'd buy him a drink."



ROBERTO DE VICENZO AND BOB GO
... erroneous scorecard cost Roberto a

And It Couldn't Happen

Slip-up Costly

AUGUSTA, Ga. — There are a number of ways to lose a golf tournament, well known to players and spectators . . . a bad drive, a mis-hit iron, a thin trap shot, three putts. Usually, losers are losers because they either "take the gas" or somebody in the crowd plays better.

But they came up with a new method in the 32nd playing of the Masters here yesterday on Easter Sunday. New for major tournaments, anyway.

Roberto de Vincenzo, who had every reason to believe his 45th birthday would be a joyous one, played the best golf in the entire field and lost—with a signature. His own.

The rumor that something was wrong swept through the press room like a prairie fire. Outside of Augusta National's well-trod acres walled by dogwood blooms and magnolia leaves, fans fought their way to the parking lots still unaware of tragedy unfolding around the fifth green.

De Vincenzo, the amicable, Argentinean, hooked his 4-iron approach on the 18th and had to chip up from the left side of the green. He missed his par putt.

Stunned, he walked to the scorer's table and sat there punishing himself for blowing the chance to win the Masters title outright, by staggering proportions the biggest victory in his life.

Tommy Aaron, his playing partner, filled out his card and

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Re Agents memo 44-8

On 4/16/68 J. P. SEALEY JR, J.P. Sealey School of Dance
105 E. 3rd St., Lumberton, N.C. advised he had had no students
named ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMEYER or JOHN WILLARD.

On the same date it was determined the Baker School of Dancing,
N. Cedar St., Lumberton, N.C. does not teach dancing to adults and
has had no students by the above names.

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RE HITCHHIKER ON INTERSTATE 85,
GASTONIA, NORTH CAROLINA

Patrolman J. M. BRADSHAW, Gastonia, N. C., PD, advised on 4/15/68 that on 4/14/68 at 2:12 p.m., ROY C. MC DOWELL of the Merchant Patrol, advised he had picked up a hitchhiker and let him off on I-85 heading north. Patrolman V. S. TILSON was dispatched to locate this hitchhiker since MC DOWELL had stated that the unknown subject fitted the description of ERIC GALT who apparently was being sought as a suspect in the killing of Dr. KING.

Patrolman TILSON stated he located a hitchhiker on I-85 near the intersection of Highway 321 in Gastonia. The individual identified himself as BOB TANNER from Ohio. TILSON stated TANNER was a white male about 30 years of age, 5'10" tall, 185-200 lbs., dark brown hair, dressed in cheap and dirty clothes including a dirty looking topcoat. In speaking to TANNER TANNER indicated he had been in Fla. working on a fishing boat and was heading towards Charlotte to visit a relative.

TILSON also stated that in his opinion TANNER was a mental case and appeared to have the mind of an 8 or 10 year old boy. He further stated that TANNER had a 2 or 3 week's growth of beard.

In his opinion TANNER did not fit the description of GALT as he knew it.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1365)

FROM : SA EMANUEL R. JOHNSON

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/18/68

RE CHESTER C. BARFIELD

Mrs. JEAN PARKS, Manager, Howard Johnson Motel, Statesville Ave., Charlotte, N. C., made available the following information on 4/15 and 4/16/68:

Captioned individual registered at the motel on 4/13/68 and was assigned room 109. He furnished a residence address of 429 E. 23rd, Anniston, Ala. On the registration card he indicated he was representing "Linen Thread Lenoir."

Mrs. PARKS stated that BARFIELD was to attend the Leesona School located on I-85 near the motel. On 4/14/68 he appeared at the motel in either a drunken condition or under the influence of some type drug. That night he and at least one other individual were in his room causing considerable disturbance. On the morning of 4/15/68 BARFIELD failed to go to classes and since she was disturbed over his actions of the previous night and the fact that he did not attend classes, she determined that BARFIELD was employed by the Linen Thread Co., Blue Mountain, Ala., and that his superior was JIM O'DELL.

Subsequently, Mrs. PARKS, on 4/16/68, advised that BARFIELD checked out of the motel and that his whereabouts was unknown to her. In addition, she stated when BARFIELD checked into the motel he checked into the safe \$75 in cash. Subsequently, he received this money on 4/15/68 after indicating that he was going to Atlanta, Ga., in view of the fact that his aunt had died. The last time she saw BARFIELD he was leaving in a cab presumably to go to Atlanta.

When BARFIELD checked out of the motel he obtained \$10 from the clerk on duty and left owing this money to the motel.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHARLOTTE (44-1635)

DATE: 4/18/68

FROM : SA ANDREW M. PALUMBO

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Miami teletype to Bureau, 4/12/68.

The following investigation was conducted by
SA ANDREW M. PALUMBO at Greensboro, N. C.:

A review of the 1968 Greensboro Southern Bell Telephone Directory and Greensboro City Directories does not list a telephone or address for JOHN A. GAULT or GALT. There is no listing for Associated Pipe Line Contractors, Greensboro, N. C.

On 4/13/68, Mr. WILLIAM EDWARDS, employee for Plantation Pipe Line, Winston-Salem Road, Greensboro, N. C., advised that he is not acquainted with one JOHN A. GAULT or GALT. He further stated that he is not acquainted with a company known as Associated Pipe Line Contractors.

On 4/13/68, Mr. ALBURY SUMNER, Operator at the Colonial Pipe Line Co., Gallimere Dairy Rd., Greensboro, N. C., advised that he is not acquainted with one JOHN A. GAULT or GALT.

He advised that he recollects that there was a firm that was connected with Associated Pipe Line Contractors working in Rockingham Co. approximately 2 to 3 years ago. He further advised that he has heard of the Associated Pipe Line Contractors, but their headquarters are located in Houston, Texas.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHARLOTTE (44-1635)

DATE: 4/18/68

FROM : SA ANDREW M. PALUMBO

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Atlanta teletype to Bureau, 4/12/68, and
Atlanta telephone call to Charlotte, 4/13/68.

The following investigation was conducted by
SA ANDREW M. PALUMBO at Greensboro, N. C.:

On 4/13/68, Mrs. HENRY C. COLEMAN, home address
Highway 29, North, advised that she formerly resided at
615 Apartment A, Stirling St., Greensboro, N. C. She
stated that she moved from the above listed residence on
12/1/67.

She further advised that the home in which she
previously resided is owned by MAURICE F. POOLE, whose
home address is listed as 520 Stirling St., Greensboro,
N. C.

Mrs. COLEMAN advised that she is not acquainted
with one H. H. FLETCHER or SARA E. COLLINS.

On 4/13/68, MAURICE F. POOLE, 520 Stirling St.,
Greensboro, N. C., advised that he is the owner of the
residence at 615 Stirling St., Greensboro, N. C. He
stated that Mrs. HENRY C. COLEMAN formerly resided at that
address up until 12/1/67.

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Mr. POOLE advised that he is not acquainted with one H. H. FLETCHER or SARA E. COLLINS.

Mr. POOLE advised that approximately two doors from his residence at 615 Stirling St., is located Fabric and Converter Co., 623 Stirling St., Greensboro, N. C. He advised that on occasions, some of the employees at this establishment reside at the apartment house at 615 Stirling St., Greensboro, N. C.

Mr. POOLE advised that if inquiry is made with Mr. ROGER POOLE, Payroll Clerk, with this firm, it can be determined if H. H. FLETCHER is employed with their company.

A review of the current Greensboro City Directories does not list a name identifiable with H. H. FLETCHER on 615 Stirling St., Greensboro, N. C. There is no listing whatsoever for H. H. FLETCHER in Greensboro, N. C. There is also no listing for SARA E. COLLINS, 601 Guilford Ave., Greensboro, N. C., or anything identical with SARA E. COLLINS listed in Greensboro, N. C.

The concurrent Greensboro City Directory reflects that the occupants at 601 Guilford Ave., Greensboro, N. C., are MIKE M. NICHOLSON and SHEILA CLARKSON.

A review of the current Greensboro Southern Bell Telephone Directory failed to list a name H. H. FLETCHER or SARA E. COLLINS.

The 1968 Cross Reference Directory for Greensboro, N. C., reflects that Miss VIRGINIA KAHN and MARGARET WALKER reside at 615 Stirling St., Greensboro, N. C.

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On 4/13/68, and again on 4/15/68, attempts to contact the occupants at 615 Stirling St., Greensboro, N. C., and 601 Guilford Ave., Greensboro, N. C., met with negative results.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHARLOTTE (44-1365)

DATE: 4/16/68

FROM : SA ROBERT G. PRINCE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re memo of SA CRAWFORD F. WILLIAMS, 4/12/68

On 4/16/68, Mr. HENRY ROEBUCK, Supervisor, Laundry Unit, Caledonia Prison, Tillery, N. C., advised they have had a thermal-seal marking machine manufactured by Textile Marking Machine Co., Syracuse, N. Y., for several years. It has never been serviced and uses the same type as when originally ordered.

ROEBUCK furnished samples of red tape with black lettering thereon for comparison purposes, which are enclosed. It is noted the first three characters are of the same size, while the last two are larger, which would indicate this is the usual machine and not identical with the machine in question.

ROEBUCK further advised that the red tape with black lettering was used last year for laundry done for students at Elizabeth City State Teachers College, Elizabeth City, N. C. The code and color of the marking tape would change with each day, and the code would not be the same for a particular student for the entire semester. It would not be possible to identify any particular code for one student in the same semester. However, it is possible that this same code and colored tape could have been used on a particular batch of clothing, and this clothing could have been stolen by the inmates in the laundry, which happens frequently.

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RE: WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN LEE

The following investigation was conducted by
SAs EMANUEL R. JOHNSON and GEORGE B. KNIGHT on April 15 and 16,
1968:

AT GASTONIA, NORTH CAROLINA

On April 16, 1968, Mrs. RUTH OWEN, Gaston County Register of Deeds, Gastonia, North Carolina, made available Volume 20-B of 1933 birth records which indicated that WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN LEE, white male, was born [redacted] at Gastonia, North Carolina. His father was listed as J. D. LEE, white male, age 34 (in 1933), place of birth Tennessee, and his occupation was textile worker. His mother was shown as MABELL TURNER LEE, white female, age 17 (in 1933), place of birth Tennessee, and occupation housewife.

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No record of WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN LEE or his family could be located at the following named places:

Gastonia Police Department
Gaston Rural Police Department
United States Post Office
Gaston County Merchants Association
Duke Power Company
Gaston County Voting Records
Local Board 36

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The following investigation was conducted by
IC MARION E. HILLIARD:

AT RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

On April 16, 1968, Mrs. NELDA BARDEN, Registration Section, and Mrs. DELORES BEASLEY, Driver's License Section, both North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles, and Mrs. MARGARET YATES, North Carolina Selective Service Headquarters, all advised that they could locate no record concerning WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN LEE.

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A I R T E L

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (44-1365)
MURKIN

Re Atlanta teletype to Bureau, Birmingham, Charlotte, Detroit, Los Angeles, and Memphis dated 4/15/68, and Charlotte teletype to Bureau, Atlanta, Detroit, and Memphis dated 4/16/68.

There are being furnished Memphis herewith an original and eight copies of an insert concerning WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN LEE.

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RE: WILLIAM D. WILLIS

The following investigation was conducted by SA DAVID
W. WATSON:

AT SHALLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

On April 15, 1968, EUGENE HINSON, Star Route 1, Shallotte, North Carolina, the owner and operator of South 17 Truck Stop and Restaurant, advised that at approximately 8 p.m., on April 3, 1968, a white male, about thirty years old, 5 feet 8 inches, 175 pounds, black hair, stocky build, dark yellowish complexion, appeared at the truck stop and ordered food to take out. This man was alone and was driving an old model Pontiac, bearing 1968 Florida License 2W14071.

While at the restaurant this individual made a long distance collect telephone call to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. During the conversation, this individual was overheard to relate that he had plenty of ammunition as well as a sawed-off shotgun, and he remarked "I'll be careful".

When the individual arrived at the restaurant, he tried to park his automobile in a position where the license number could not be observed.

Through the North Carolina Highway Patrol, it was determined that 1968 Florida License 2W14071 is issued for a 1956 Pontiac registered to WILLIAM D. WILLIS, 902 9th Street, Jacksonville Beach, Florida.

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A I R T E L

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (44-1365)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Charlotte teletype to Director, Jacksonville,
and Memphis dated 4/16/68.

There are being furnished Memphis herewith an
original and eight copies of an insert concerning WILLIAM
D. WILLIS.

It should be noted that MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.,
was scheduled to speak at Wilmington, N. C., on the night
of 4/4/68 but plans were changed due to conditions in
Memphis, Tenn. Shallotte, N. C., is located approximately
30 miles from Wilmington, N. C., and the possibility exists
that this individual planned to be in Wilmington in connection
with KING's appearance there.

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RE: JOHN A. GAULT

By communication dated April 12, 1968, the Miami Office of the FBI advised as follows:

Records of Eastern Airlines revealed that ticket number 007-222-684-108 was issued April 9, 1968, at Greensboro, North Carolina, to JOHN A. GAULT using a credit card of Associated Pipeline Contractors, 14th Floor, Houston Club Building, Houston, Texas. The ticket indicated GAULT departed Greensboro at 2:01 p.m. on April 9, 1968, Flight Number 621 at Atlanta, Georgia, and departed Atlanta, Georgia, on Flight Number 341, April 9, 1968, at 4:45 p.m. for Houston, Texas. The reservation card indicated his contact point as telephone number 793-2731, Room 608, Danville, Virginia.

By communication dated April 13, 1968, the Richmond Office of the FBI advised as follows:

There is no listing at Danville, Virginia, for Associated Pipeline Contractors. Telephone number 793-2731 is issued to Holiday Inn Motel, Danville, Virginia. Records at motel reflected that JOHN A. GAULT, 5514 Darnell, Houston, Texas, representing Associated Pipeline Contractors, Houston, Texas, checked into the motel on the afternoon of April 4, 1968, and checked out on the morning of April 9, 1968. GAULT was operating a 1968 Ford, with North Carolina License 2953-C. He made long distance telephone calls to telephone number 667-0906, Houston, on April 4 and 8, 1968.

The following investigation was conducted by SPC JIMMIE M. CARPENTER:

AT CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

On April 13, 1968, records of the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles reveal that 1968 North Carolina license 2953-C is issued for a 1968 Ford in the name of Rent-A-Car, Incorporated, 507 Arlington, Greensboro, North Carolina.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA ANDREW M. PALUMBO:

AT GREENSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA

On April 15, 1968, W. L. DELLINGER, Rent-A-Car, Incorporated, Greensboro, North Carolina, advised his records reveal that JOHN A. GAULT, Houston, Texas, representing Associated Pipeline Contractors, rented a 1968 Ford bearing 1968 North Carolina License 2953-C at the car rental agency in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, on April 4, 1968, at 4:09 p.m. to be returned on April 10, 1968. The records reveal that this car was turned in at Greensboro, North Carolina, at 11:22 a.m., on April 9, 1968. When checked out on April 4, 1968, the mileage was 7,308 and at the time it was checked in the mileage was 7,749.

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A I R T E L

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (44-1365)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Miami teletype to Bureau dated 4/12/68.

There are being furnished Memphis herewith an original and eight copies of an insert concerning JOHN A. GAULT.

By teletype dated 4/14/68, the Houston Office advised that GAULT was located, interviewed, and eliminated as a suspect. He was unable to furnish information regarding the identity of ERIC STARVO GALT, JOHN WILLARD, or HARVEY LOWMEYER.

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RE: UNKNOWN SUSPECT
ALABAMA LICENSE 52-25871

On April 16, 1968, WILLIAM D. BROOKS, Chief of Police, Gaston Rural Police Department, Gastonia, North Carolina, telephonically advised the Charlotte Office of the FBI that JOSEPH SAMUEL MEADOWS, who operates a used car lot at Bessemer City, North Carolina, had information concerning the KING assassination.

The following investigation was conducted by
SA EMANUEL R. JOHNSON:

AT BESSEMER CITY, NORTH CAROLINA

On April 16, 1968, JOSEPH SAMUEL MEADOWS advised that in the late afternoon of April 15, 1968, he was driving north on Interstate Highway 85 in South Carolina with his wife when a white Mustang passed him heading in the same direction doing about 95 miles per hour. He said he observed a red and white license plate on the car and having read in the newspaper that the FBI was looking for a white Mustang with Alabama license, he gave chase. The Mustang turned off Interstate Highway 85 onto White Horse Road near Greenville, South Carolina, at which time he observed the license number which was Alabama License 52-25871. The driver, who was alone, was observed to be 35 to 40 years old, 160 to 170 pounds, sandy brown hair, with heavy eyebrows. He was wearing a tan or beige sports shirt and had on no hat and did not wear glasses.

He advised that later on April 15, 1968, his wife observed a drawing of the assassin and commented that this was the man they had seen in the Mustang earlier that date.

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Date charged

Employee

Location

4/18/68

A I R T E L

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (44-1365)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Charlotte teletype to Bureau, Birmingham,
Mobile, and Memphis dated 4/17/68.

There are being furnished Memphis herewith an
original and eight copies of an insert concerning Unknown
Suspect and Alabama License 52-25871.

By referenced teletype the Mobile Office was
instructed to determine to whom license issued and determine
whereabouts of registered owner on pertinent dates in this
case.

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RE: ERIC STARVO GALT

By communication dated April 11, 1968, the Milwaukee Office of the FBI advised as follows:

Credit records of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, revealed one WILLIAM CALHOUN GALT resides at 7940 South Wildwood, Oak Creek, Wisconsin. GALT was interviewed and advised he has only three living relatives to his knowledge and he named one of the relatives as a half sister, LUCY GLENN GILL, 717 Fairfield Street, Burlington, North Carolina. He named the other two relatives as an uncle, JAMES GALT, SR., at Charlottesville, Virginia, and JAMES GALT's son, JAMES GALT, JR., address unknown.

The following investigation was conducted by SA ANDREW N. PALUMBO:

AT BURLINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA

On April 15, 1968, LUCY GLENN GILL, 717 Fairfield Street, Burlington, North Carolina, advised she does not have any relatives by the name of ERIC STARVO GALT and knows of no relative fitting his description. She advised she has only one living relative by the name of GALT who is JAMES GALT at Charlottesville, Virginia. She advised she has not seen any of her stepfather's relatives since 1956.

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A I R T E L

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (44-1365)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Milwaukee teletype to Richmond 4/11/68,
and Charlotte teletype to Memphis and Richmond 4/15/68.

There are being furnished Memphis herewith an
original and eight copies of an insert concerning ERIC
STARVO GALT.

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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: PHILADELPHIA
DIRECTOR (MAIL)

FROM: JACKSONVILLE (44-769)

MURKIN.

RE CHARLOTTE TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR AND JACKSONVILLE
APRIL SIXTEEN LAST REGARDING SUSPECT WILLIAM D. WILLIS.

REFERENCED TELETYPE ADVISED EUGENE HINSON, STAR ROUTE
ONE, SHALOTTE, N. C., OWNER AND OPERATOR OF SOUTH SEVENTEEN
TRUCK STOP AND RESTAURANT, ADVISED APRIL FIFTEEN LAST THAT
AT APPROXIMATELY EIGHT PM ON APRIL THIRD LAST, A WHITE MALE
INDIVIDUAL ABOUT THIRTY YEARS OLD, FIVE FEET EIGHT INCHES,
ONE HUNDRED SEVENTYFIVE LBS., BLACK HAIR, DARK YELLOWISH
COMPLEXION, STOCKY BUILD, APPEARED AT TRUCK STOP AND ORDERED
FOOD TO TAKE OUT. THIS INDIVIDUAL WAS ALONE AND DRIVING
OLD MODEL PONTIAC, BEARING NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT FLORIDA LICENSE
TWO W ONE FOUR ZERO SEVEN ONE.

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UNKNOWN SUBJECT WHILE AT RESTAURANT MADE LONG DISTANCE
PHONE CALL TO PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA, COLLECT, NUMBER

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 - 1 - Memphis (Airmail)
 - 1 - Jacksonville
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NOT KNOWN, AND TALKED FOR APPROXIMATELY FORTYFIVE MINUTES. DURING CONVERSATION, THIS INDIVIDUAL WAS OVERHEARD TO RELATE THAT HE HAD PLENTY OF AMMUNITION AS WELL AS A SAWED OFF SHOTGUN AND REMARKED, "I'LL BE CAREFUL."

THIS INDIVIDUAL ON PARKING CAR TRIED TO PARK IN A POSITION WHERE LICENSE NUMBER COULD NOT BE OBSERVED. WILL BE NOTED THAT DOCTOR MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. WAS SCHEDULED TO SPEAK AT WILMINGTON, N. C. THE NIGHT OF APRIL FOUR LAST, BUT PLANS CHANGED DUE TO CONDITIONS IN MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE. POSSIBILITY EXISTS THIS INDIVIDUAL PLANNING TO BE AT WILMINGTON, N. C., HAD KING APPEARED THERE.

NORTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY PATROL RADIO DETERMINED NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT FLORIDA LICENSE TWO W ONE FOUR ZERO SEVEN ONE IS ISSUED FOR A NINETEEN FIFTYSIX PONTIAC COUPE, WILLIAM D. WILLIS, NINE ZERO TWO NINTH STREET, JACKSONVILLE, BEACH, FLA.

INVESTIGATION JACKSONVILLE BEACH REFLECTS WILLIAM D. WILLIS RESIDED NINE ZERO TWO FOURTEENTH AVE., SOUTH, JACKSONVILLE BEACH, FLA. PAST SEVENTEEN MONTHS. LANDLADY STATES WILLIS IN U. S. NAVY ASSIGNED "USS SARATOGA", DOCKED PHILADELPHIA, PA. WILLIS LEFT APRIL TWO LAST WITH WIFE AND

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TWO CHILDREN, DRIVING FIFTYSIX PONTIAC, WHITE TOP, BLUE BOTTOM,
ENROUTE PHILADELPHIA WITH THIRTY DAYS LEAVE. WILLIS DESCRIBED
WM, FORTY YEARS OF AGE, FIVE FEET EIGHT INCHES, ONE HUNDRED
FORTY LBS., MEDIUM BUILD, DARK BROWN HAIR. FORWARDING
ADDRESS MM ONE, A-FOUR DIVISION, USS SARATOGA, CVA SIXTY,
FPO NEW YORK, NEW YORK

PHILADELPHIA DETERMINE WILLIS WHEREABOUTS PERTINENT
PERIOD.

BLIND:

INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED BY SA JOSEPH J. RUCCI, JR.
INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM A. A. COLLINS, NINTH STREET, SOUTH,
JACKSONVILLE BEACH LANDLORD AND JACKSONVILLE BEACH UTILITIES
COMPANY.

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Date: 4/17/68

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TO: SAC, CHARLOTTE
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN;
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MEMPHIS OO
RE: BEDSPREAD

For information of Charlotte, bedspread abandoned by UNSUB in Memphis determined by FBI Laboratory to be composed of 75 per cent cotton, 25 per cent rayon, measuring 106 1/4" by 85 1/4", coloring - brown cotton, green cotton and green rayon. Laboratory advised no markings found to indicate its source or manufacturer. Bureau being requested to furnish Charlotte with photograph of bedspread.

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Will contact all textile manufacturers upon receipt of photograph from Bureau in effort to determine source or manufacturer of bedspread.

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2 - Memphis

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1365)

FROM : S.A. David A. Mambro

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/12/68

W. G. T. Kemick - Laundry office of CCAC
Base laundry advised that he has
six thermoseal machines. Kemick
advised that his machines are
specially ordered with the prefix
US which cannot be removed
from the machines although
the rest of the code can be
altered but it definitely does
not match the case in question.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1365)

DATE: 4/18/68

FROM : SA L. J. SWAIM

SUBJECT: MURKIN
(SUSPECT ROBERT FRANKLIN WILLIAMS)

Re Norfolk teletype and telephone conversation this date with SA Crawford Williams.

On 4/18/68 Mrs. Carolyn Ruth Williams, 1107 Ray Ave., Sanford, N. C., tel. 776-5436, advised she has been separated from suspect since 6/14/65 and divorced from him since 8/26/66. She last saw him on 9/13/65 when he was convicted and sent to prison, has had no contact with him directly or indirectly since that time, and has no knowledge of his present whereabouts.

He escaped from prison on 7/12/67, and about a week later telephoned his mother-in-law, Mrs. Lenoire Johnson, rt. 4, Sanford, tel. 775-5887, and asked her if she was going to Church. When she said she was, he threatened her by saying it would be the last church she would ever go to. Suspect blames Johnson for some of their marital difficulties.

About three weeks ago, Mrs. Frank (Margaret) Wimberly, Dunn, N. C., (has telephone), who is suspect's sister, told Carolyn Williams that suspect shortly before Xmas, 1967, had telephoned another sister, Mrs. Eunice (LNU) who lives someplace in Indiana. He asked Eunice to send him some money and stated he was calling from Atlanta, Ga. She does not believe Eunice sent the money.

Suspect is not a member of the KKK but did attend several Klan rallies in Sanford. Mrs. Williams said that when he was drunk, he often talked about Dr. King and several times stated he would like to "kill the S.O.B." Other than these statements, she has no reason to believe suspect is implicated in instant matter. However, he is emotionally unstable, has a violent temper, is always fighting, and on one occasion threatened a N. C. highway patrolman, who stopped him for speeding, by pretending he was reaching for a gun in the glove compartment.

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Mrs. Williams described suspect as white, male, born [redacted], Harnett Co., N. C., brown eyes, brown hair, 5'10", 175, and as having a round brown birthmark, about 4" in diameter on his stomach. His two upper front teeth are noticeably separated.

Mrs. Williams, who works at the Federal Spinning Mill, Sanford, on the 3 - 11PM shift, advised she believes she has a photo of suspect taken about 1964. She will make an effort to locate it and make it available on 4/19/68.

Above information furnished SA Crawford Williams this date.

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AT SANFORD, N. C., will obtain photo from Mrs. Williams.

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RE: DONALD G. DENTON

The following investigation was conducted by
SA EDWARD W. LUDEMANN:

AT HAVELOCK, NORTH CAROLINA

On April 15, 1968, THOMAS BENTON, Criminal Investigations Division, advised that Corporal DONALD G. DENTON, Marine Serial Number [REDACTED], MAD, NATTC, Naval Air Station, Memphis, Tennessee, was residing at the Base Motel, 133 Main Street, Havelock, North Carolina. He advised that DENTON stated he was driving a 1965 white Mustang, two door, with Tennessee License KN-3502, with a Mississippi driver's license. DENTON stated that the Memphis Police Department had confiscated his car because he thought he had killed MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

BENTON advised that he had been in contact with the Marine Corps Air Station, at Memphis and that DENTON is on leave from April 6, 1968, through April 22, 1968.

HARRY CRISIAN, Manager, Base Motel, advised that DENTON had resided at his motel since April 9, 1968. He advised he considers DENTON "weird" and said he married a Cherry Point, North Carolina, servicewoman on April 12, 1968. He said DENTON very rarely leaves the motel. He described DENTON as follows:

Height:	5 feet 8 inches to 5 feet 9 inches
Weight:	145 pounds
Hair:	Brown
Eyes:	Hazel

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Age:	20 to 21 years old
Nose:	Prominent
Complexion:	Light
Characteristic:	Missing front teeth

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (44-1365)
MURKIN

Re Charlotte teletype to Director and Memphis dated 4/15/68.

There are being furnished Memphis herewith an original and eight copies of an insert concerning DONALD G. DENTON.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHARLOTTE 44-1365

DATE: 4/18/68

FROM : SA DONALD M. MURRAY

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re al Agents memo #148, 4/15/68.

All Dance schools were contacted in Wake, Granville, Vance,
Franklin, Warren and Johnston Counties with negative results.



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