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

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

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

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

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

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

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

II. INVESTIGATION CONCERNING ERIC STARVO GALT

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A. Presence of ERIC STARVO GALT in Atlanta, Georgia

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

B. Residence on Fourteenth Street, Northeast

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Mrs. ESTELLE PETERS, Manager, Piedmont Laundry, Pick-Up Station, 1168 Peachtree, Northeast, Atlanta, furnished the following information:

Upon viewing photographs of ERIC STARVO GALT, one photograph with the eyes open and the other furnished with eyes closed, stated that she could not positively identify him by these photographs. She noted that when GALT came into the laundry that his eyes were open and she did state that the photograph with the eyes open looked a good deal more like him than the artist's conception previously exhibited to her.

She further advised that she felt she could tell more concerning an identification of GALT by hearing him talk. She pointed out that the hair in the photograph looks very much like GALT's hair but she could not say that the photograph of GALT is the man who came into her laundry April 1 and April 5, 1968.

Mrs. PETERS advised that she would have to see him in person and hear him speak before she could honestly make a positive identification.

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1. Interviews of Landlord

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JIMMIE DELTON GARNER, 107 - 14th Street, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia, was contacted at 10:37 P.M., April 14, 1968, at which time he furnished the following information:

GARNER made available a record book maintained by him concerning persons who rent rooms at both 107 and 113 - 14th Street, N.E., rooming houses operated by him on a lease basis. A review of this record book failed to disclose any registration in the name GALT. It should be noted this book contains only a record of roomers for the period beginning January 1, 1968.

Upon being questioned concerning individuals renting at these addresses who might have checked out prior to the completion of the period for which they had paid, or others who for any reason might not be recorded in this record book, GARNER named, among others, an individual named (First Name Unknown) GALT. On being questioned concerning GALT, he said this individual was first seen by him on the afternoon of April 5, 1968, between the hours of 5:00 and 6:00 P.M. He explained that another roomer, FRED C. JONES, who occupies room #1 at 113 - 14th Street, N.E., had been sitting in front of this building and was approached by GALT, who inquired concerning the availability of a room. GARNER joined the pair and GALT indicated to GARNER he was interested in obtaining a single, quiet room. Having no such room available, GARNER told GALT he would put him in Room #3, at 107 - 14th Street, which room was a double room and that he would be moved to a single room as soon as one became available. GARNER said he noted GALT was driving a black car, probably a Ford, bearing an out-of-state license plate (state of registration not recalled), and that the car was possibly a 1962 or 1963 model.

GALT accepted this arrangement and paid GARNER while outside the dwelling and he believes he received a \$10 bill and a \$1 bill in payment. The cost of the room was \$10.50 per week and a \$.50 key deposit. During the conversation, GALT indicated he was a welder and originally came from "The Carolinas." He explained that he had a tag for a different state on the Ford because he had been working in another state.

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At this point GARNER indicated that possibly the 'tag' on the Ford was a Tennessee tag, but he was not at all certain of this.

GARNER described GALT as being a white male, 32 - 35 years of age, 5' 11", 190 pounds, dark brown or black hair worn in a brush cut, blue eyes, medium "outdoor" complexion and having a southern accent. He noted no distinguishing features or characteristics and had no recollection of any ring or other jewelry. His dress was casual, specifically described as a shirt and slacks.

GALT moved into Room #5 at 107 - 14th Street, N.E., where he remained until Sunday, April 7, 1968. On this day GALT was moved to Room #6 at 113 - 14th Street, N.E. On this occasion, GARNER observed GALT move his possessions and noted that he had no luggage and all of his possessions were either moved in a paper bag or box.

On April 7, 1968, HAROLD G. ANDERSON, an employee of the Albert Pick Motel, 14th and Spring Streets, N.E., Atlanta, was brought to the rooming house by FRED C. JONES, who is also employed by this hotel. GARNER assigned ANDERSON Room #2 at 113 - 14th Street, N.E., and noted that the individual he believed to be GALT and ANDERSON became friendly.

On April 9, 1968, at approximately 9:00 P.M., GALT and ANDERSON came to GARNER's room at 107 - 14th Street, N.E., at which time GALT advised GARNER that both he and ANDERSON were checking out. He said both men appeared to have been drinking. During the conversation, GALT advised he had received a telephone call from a friend in Michigan and had learned that welders were receiving a higher hourly wage there. For this reason, he had decided to go to Michigan to seek work. ANDERSON, who was a motel employee, indicated he was going to Michigan with GALT and hoped to obtain employment as a welder's helper. GARNER recalled he refunded approximately \$17 to ANDERSON, who had paid two weeks in advance on registering on April 7. GALT did not ask for a refund, although he was paid through April 11, but did receive the return of his \$150 deposit for the key.

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Thereafter, GARNER accompanied GALT and ANDERSON to ANDERSON's room where he secured the room keys from both GALT and ANDERSON. At this time he noted several beer bottles in the room and presumed GALT and ANDERSON had been drinking together. GARNER did not actually observe the departure of GALT and ANDERSON, but noted both were gone on the morning of April 10, 1968, as was the previously-described black Ford auto.

GARNER made available the registration for HAROLD G. ANDERSON. This registration does not reflect an address for ANDERSON, but indicates that his father is G. F. ANDERSON, Duluth, Georgia, telephone number 448-4672. GARNER explained that he always attempts to obtain the name and address for a next of kin for his roomers.

GARNER provided the following physical description of HAROLD G. ANDERSON:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	40
Height	5' 9"
Weight	155 - 160 pounds
Hair	Light brown, parted on side
Complexion	Medium
Eyes	Unknown
Distinguishing Characteristics	None noted
Dress	Casual, shirt and slacks

GARNER identified other tenants who resided at 113 - 14th Street, N.E., during the same period that GALT was a roomer there.

GARNER said he was unable to recall GALT's first name, but advised he had observed mail on the hall table of the rooming house at 113 - 14th Street, N.E., which mail was

addressed to GALT. At this point, GARNER accompanied the interviewing Agents to 113 - 14th Street, N.E., where it was observed that there were two letters and a package on the hall table addressed to ERIC S. or E. GALT. The package was postmarked 4/1/68, and the letters were postmarked 4/9 and 4/10/68. GARNER advised his sister, ROBBIE LEE GARNER, a school teacher who resides in the Dixieland Apartments, 1295 Donnelly Avenue, S.W., Atlanta, had visited him on either Friday or Saturday night, April 12 or 13, 1968. At this time his sister had thumbed through the mail on the table at the 113 - 14th Street address and upon noticing the mail addressed to ERIC GALT, she commented to GARNER that this was the same name as the individual who, according to newspaper publicity, was a suspect in the murder of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. GARNER stated that he did not feel there was any likelihood that the GALT who had stayed at 113 - 14th Street, N.E., was identical with this suspect, stating many people have the same name.

GARNER stated that he had neither seen nor heard of GALT prior to April 5, 1968, and that during GALT's stay at his rooming house he saw nothing to indicate that GALT had any connection with any other tenant at this address prior to his arrival there. GARNER was asked whether he had any explanation for the fact that GALT had mail postmarked 4/1/68 addressed to him at 113 - 14th Street, N.E., and according to GARNER, GALT did not arrive at this location until April 5, 1968. GALT said he was unable to explain this, and had no idea how this could occur.

GARNER was also questioned concerning the possibility that GALT or any other roomers had left material with him in storage or for safekeeping. He assured that this was not so. He did report that Rooms #4 and #5 at 113 - 14th Street, N.E., both of which it was noted were fastened with hasps and padlocks, were storage rooms. He stated they contained only linens and possibly a few items of no value left behind by roomers.

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With regard to Room #5 at 107 - 14th Street, N.E., GARNER said that this room had not been occupied by anyone since GALT was transferred from this room on April 7, 1968. He noted, however, that the maid, PERRY LEE ZACHRY or her helper, identity unknown, would have changed the sheets in Room #5 after GALT was moved.

With regard to Room #6 at 113 - 14th Street, N.E., this room remained vacant until April 13, 1968, when it was rented to DAVID O'DONNELL, 12 Andover Drive, Syossett, New York. He described O'DONNELL as a very young man who is also employed at the Albert Pick Motel and who was brought to the rooming house by FRED C. JONES. He said he does not believe this room was made up prior to its being rented to O'DONNELL, but advised he had given O'DONNELL clean sheets so that he could change the linens himself.

GARNER said he did not know of any association between GALT and other roomers at either of the rooming houses except the association with HAROLD G. ANDERSON, as previously described.

In explanation for the failure of the name "GALT" to appear on the rooming house records, GARNER said that he can only explain this by saying he received payment for the room while away from the place where he maintains his records and had inadvertently failed to record the name when he returned to his room.

The interview of GARNER concluded at 1:38 AM, April 15, 1968.

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During the interview of JIMMIE DELTON GARNER, he asked the question, "How are you coming on the King murder?" He was then asked by interviewing Agent if he had heard or read much concerning this and he stated he had read quite a bit in the newspapers and seen a lot on television. GARNER then indicated that he knew this was why we were asking about GALT.

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At 2:30 a.m. JIMMIE DELTON GARNER telephonically contacted the Atlanta Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation at which time he provided the following information:

Since providing the information concerning ERIC GALT during a personal interview by agents, he has rechecked his records and now believes that the individual whom he knew as GALT actually was registered at the rooming house under the name of WILLIAM LEE, Route 1, Gastonia, North Carolina. GARNER said his records do not reflect the room number to which LEE was assigned but noted that the records do show LEE arrived April 5, 1968, and paid through April 12, 1968. When renting the room, LEE supplied the name Miss BETTY RETIRMAN, 1952 Waltz Street, Warren, Michigan, as the individual to be notified in case of emergency. GARNER said all information provided during the prior interview was accurate except that he now feels certain that WILLIAM LEE's registration pertains to ERIC GALT.

GARNER was questioned as to how he determined this man's name to be GALT when the registration was in the name of LEE. GARNER was unable to satisfactorily explain this except to say that he feels that he concluded that LEE was GALT when GARNER's sister called his attention to the mail at the rooming house which was directed to ERIC GALT.

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In response to a telephonic request received at 9:31 a.m. from JIMMIE DELTON GARNER, he was interviewed in front of his restaurant located at 1052 Northside Drive, Northwest, Atlanta, Georgia.

GARNER opened the conversation by stating "Lee is not Galt." He then made available the registration records for his rooming house. It was again noted these records do not reflect a registration in the name of GALT. At the same time, GARNER produced an envelope bearing the printed name "Eric S. Galt." GARNER said this name was printed thereon by GALT when GARNER requested his full name. Other handwritten notations thereon were, according to GARNER, prepared by himself.

GARNER stated that subsequent to a prior interview, he had been searching his records and his memory and had now determined that on March 24, 1968, late in the evening, an individual knocked on his apartment door, introduced himself as Mr. GALT, and requested a single room.

He was placed in Room Number 2, 113 14th Street, Northeast, Atlanta, Georgia, on noting that the room was small, was offered an adjoining storage room in which to place his surplus belongings. At this point, GALT remarked he would be able to utilize a desk in the storage room for his television set.

GARNER did not see GALT unload his automobile or bring his possessions into the room. He next saw GALT on March 31, 1968, at which time the rent was due and GALT made the statement, "I may as well pay you for another week." This was between 1:00 and 2:30 p.m.

On April 5, 1968, GARNER entered the room at approximately 11:00 a.m. to change the linens. At this time, he found a note on the bed written on a piece of cardboard, believed by him to be a laundry shirt backing, which stated in effect "I've had to go to Birmingham. I've left my TV set here and will try to return for it in

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about a week." He does not recall whether the note was printed or written and destroyed it by throwing it in the trash immediately.

GARNER described GALT as a white male, 33 to 35 years of age, approximately six feet tall, slender build, black hair, worn very short with possibly a part on the side.

GARNER had previously noted GALT to be utilizing a light colored, possibly white, automobile and on the morning of April 15, 1968, telephonically contacted Mr. HAROLD WATERS, Room Number 1, 107 14th Street, Northeast, as this automobile was parked near WATERS, at which time he asked WATERS generally if he recalled the make of car and WATERS advised him it was a late model Mustang, possibly 1966 or 1967.

GARNER estimated his total contact with GALT on both occasions did not exceed one-half hour. He stated on both occasions GALT was neatly dressed in a dark suit, white shirt, and tie. He characterized him as looking like a preacher.

The inconsistencies in the information previously furnished by GARNER and the foregoing were thoroughly discussed with him and he could attribute it only to "being confused", in that he had erroneously associated the name GALT with the roomer, WILLIAM LEE, about whom he had furnished the information.

At this time, GARNER made available a three page memorandum in his handwriting which chronologically sets forth his association with GALT. The envelope previously referred to, furnished by GARNER, on which GALT wrote his name, also contained the notation "Could do several different kinds of work." This note was prepared by GARNER.

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GARNER stated he made this notation during his initial contact with GALT, at which time he asked his usual questions of new roomers about their line of work. He said he inadvertently failed to record the information on the envelope in his permanent records. GARNER added that at the time of renting the room, he received a \$1.00 key deposit from GALT and the key was left with the note on the bed by GALT.

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JIMMIE DELTON GARNER was interviewed in the office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, 275 Peachtree Street, Northeast, Atlanta, Georgia, after voluntarily accompanying SAs ROGER L. KAAS and HARRY L. LEE from his place of business, 1052 Northside Drive, Northwest, Atlanta, Georgia. At this time, GARNER stated that he was aware of the discrepancies in the information furnished by him but insisted it was due solely to the confusion which existed in his mind in erroneously relating the name GALT with his roomer, WILLIAM LEE.

He stated he had no reason for telling the Agents that he had no items in his possession which belonged to GALT, when, in fact, he was holding a television set, other than the confusion previously referred to.

In determining the individuals in each of the rooming houses operated by him (107 14th Street, Northeast, Atlanta, Georgia) who may have been in a position to observe GALT, he advised that at the time of renting to GALT, there was no other occupant in this building.

He stated he had closed 113 14th Street on February 11, 1968; after the neighborhood hippies attempted to take it over.

He admitted that he had two double rooms vacant at the time GALT applied for a room and that he had previously rented these for the price of a single room, but GALT insisted on a single room, so he decided to open the other rooming house. He admitted it cost him more to do this than he would receive initially in rent, but that he had been planning to open it, as the other house was filling up.

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GALT remained the sole occupant of this building until April 1, 1968, at which time FRED C. JONES was placed in Room Number 1.

In continuing to question GARNER as to why he had denied holding property for GALT, he finally admitted that it had been his policy in the past to retain for 30 days possessions left behind by roomers, then to claim them as his own, and it was his intention to do this with the television set.

GARNER specifically denied that he had previously known GALT, that GALT had been referred to him by anyone, that he had accepted an extra amount of money from GALT for any reason, or that he had any knowledge concerning his present whereabouts.

GARNER stated that he was born and raised in Mississippi, was a member of the Baptist Church, and was "not a Communist." He denied having any knowledge of the John Birch or other right wing organizations, stating he had joined only one organization which name he could not now recall, but described by him as a civic organization.

He reiterated that it had always been his intention to cooperate with the FBI and that he had, in fact, that morning given the address and telephone number of his restaurant to a roomer, Mr. BURGESS, where he could be reached should GALT return for the television set. He stated he did this so he could immediately notify the FBI of GALT's return.

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Mr. JIMMIE DELTON GARNER observed the below identified photographs which were displayed in a rectangular form as indicated below:

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1. ROGER DEAN UNDERHILL
2. GEORGE GORDON
3. FRANK S. DE NIGRIS

Second Row

4. JAMES A. MARTIN
5. DANIEL JESS GOLDMAN
6. ERIC STARVO GALT

Third Row

7. FRED MULLIS
8. DOUGLAS WALTER TROTTER
9. CHARLES WILLIAM HAVENS

Upon viewing them GARNER unhesitatingly picked up the photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT stating, "This is the best I've seen, if it isn't GALT, it sure looks like him." GARNER was reluctant to make a more positive identification, but said he felt this was a photograph

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by SA ROGER L. KAAS
SA JOHN E. OGDEN RLK:sja Date dictated 4/17/68

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of the man who had rented Room Number 2 at 113 Fourteenth Street, NE, Atlanta, Georgia, from him under the name ERIC S. GALT. The photographs were displayed to GARNER in his room located at 107 Fourteenth Street, NE, Atlanta, Georgia with only GARNER and SAs JOHN E. OGDEN and ROGER L. KAAS present. At the time no indication was given him as to which photograph was GALT or the status of the investigation then being conducted.

Subsequent to the identification GARNER provided the following signed statement:

"April 17, 1968

"I, JIMMIE D. GARNER, furnish the following voluntary statement to ROGER L. KAAS and JOHN E. OGDEN who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. No threats or promises have been made or offered to cause me to make this statement

"I have this date been shown a group of nine photographs which were laid out on a chair in my room at 107 14th Street, NE, Atlanta, Ga. No hint or suggestion was made to me by these agents concerning any of the photographs on display, and I was asked only whether I recognized any of their persons depicted in these photographs.

"From this group I have selected one photograph which closely resembles the man who rented a room from me at 113 Fourteenth Street, NE, under the name of ERIC S. GALT. When I selected

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this photograph I told the agents, "If this isn't GALT, it sure looks like him". I have identified the photograph I selected by placing my initials on the back thereof.

"/s/ JIMMIE D. GARNER

"Witnessed: JOHN E. OGDEN, Special Agent, FBI
Atlanta, Ga.

ROGER L. KAAS, Special Agent, FBI
Atlanta, Ga."

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2. Interview of Other Tenants

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HENRY H. WATERS, Apartment 1, 107 14th Street, Atlanta, advised he is not acquainted with any other tenants in this building other than MC DONALD, the plumber, who lives in Room 2 at this address, and he is not acquainted with any residents of the building located at 113 14th Street.

WATERS was asked if he recalled a white Mustang which may have been parked at the rear of 107 14th Street or 113 14th Street, and he stated he recalled this car well since the owner of this car always parked in such a manner he would use up about three parking spots. WATERS stated there was a shallow ditch between the parking areas at the rear of 107 14th Street and 113 14th Street, and the individual who drove this white Mustang generally parked at the rear of 113 14th Street parallel to this ditch rather than heading into the ditch and in this manner utilized about three parking spots. WATERS said this irritated him since parking space was so short and he would have mentioned it to Mr. GARNER, but GARNER was sick at the time and he did not bother him with it. WATERS said if he had ever seen the driver of this white Mustang, he would have mentioned it to him directly, but he had never seen the driver of this Mustang. He stated he knew there was an out of state plate on this car, but did not recall the state and said it might have been white with black letters. WATERS said he always checked license plates of strange cars parked behind these two houses since roomers generally have out of state cars and local license plates generally belong to people who have no business parking in this area. For that reason he was able to recall that this white Mustang had an out of state license plate on it.

WATERS was asked at what time of the day he generally recalled this car being parked at the rear of 113 14th Street and he said he was only aware at the times when he returned from work about 5:00 p.m. He estimated that this car was in this area for about 2 weeks and he believes it was about 2 weeks since he had last seen this car.

WATERS was unable to identify anyone in the neighborhood by description or artist's composite photograph who might have been identical with the individual believed to have used the name GALT.

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3. Search of GALT's Room

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On April 15, 1968, Mr. JAMES D. GARNER, operator of the rooming house located at 113 - Fourteenth Street, N.E., advised that the small room located at the rear of Room No. 2 was utilized by ERIC S. GALT. He said GALT's rent had expired and that GALT had not returned to claim any of his belongings.

GARNER voluntarily unlocked the door to this room and explicitly stated he had no objections to Agents searching this small room off of Room No. 2.

With the consent of GARNER, this room was searched and the removal of the below-listed articles was conducted in GARNER's presence and he observed and identified each item taken..

The following list of articles were taken from the small room as indicated above, from the locations as follows:

On Top of the Desk in the Room

- 1) Booklet "What is the John Birch Society?"
- 2) A Gulf Oil Company map of Atlanta
- 3) An Arrow map of Greater Atlanta
- 4) Box of Nabisco saltine crackers
- 5) A Jar of French's mustard
- 6) One coffee cup
- 7) One water glass
- 8) A small can of Carnation evaporated milk
- 9) Jar of Maxwell House instant coffee

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- 10) One box of "C & H" sugar
- 11) One knife
- 12) One pencil, National's Citation
- 13) One wire electric cup water heater
- 14) One portable Zenith television

Behind the Desk

Found behind the desk was a booklet "Your Opportunities in Locksmithing."

Found in the left-hand drawer of the desk were the following items:

- 1) A jar of Kraft's Catalina French dressing
- 2) Package of golden grain California lima beans
- 3) Can of "Iris" ground black pepper
- 4) Box of five National's Citation pencils
- 5) A Gulf map of Southeastern USA
- 6) A Shell map of Texas and Oklahoma
- 7) A map of Mexico
- 8) A city of Los Angeles published by Mitock and Sons
- 9) A map of Los Angeles
- 10) A Shell map of Louisiana
- 11) A map of California
- 12) An Enco map of Arizona and New Mexico

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13) A Standard Oil map of Birmingham and vicinity

Each of these items was identified in order that the items might be forwarded to the Laboratory for examination.

During this search, GARNER observed and identified each article taken.

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On April 15, 1968, the items obtained with the consent of Mr. JOHN D. GARNER, Manager of the rooming house located at 113 14th Street, Atlanta, Georgia, were transported to the FBI Laboratory in Washington, D. C., by SA JOHN G. SULLIVAN.

Transportation to Washington, D. C., was via Delta Airlines Flight 338 departing Atlanta at 11:45 p.m. on April 15, 1968.

Delta Flight 338 was met at Friendship Airport by SA JOHN PATTERSON at 1:40 a.m. on April 16, 1968. SA SULLIVAN was transported via Bureau car to the FBI Laboratory in Washington, D. C., where pertinent items were turned over to Bureau Supervisor FREDERICK WALLACE.

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C. RECORDS CHECKS AND OTHER INQUIRIES
CONDUCTED IN GEORGIA TO IDENTIFY GALT.

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1. Airlines

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During the period April 12 through 15, 1968,
SA CHARLES S. HARDING caused a check to be made of
Delta Airlines, Atlanta, Georgia, Computer Records,
with negative results for the dates April 4, 5, 6, 9,
10, or 11, 1968.

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2. Birth

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3. Banks

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On April 15 and 16, 1968, SA JAMES J. DOLAN telephonically contacted all banks reflected on pages 145-147 of the classified section of the current Atlanta Telephone Directory with negative results regarding opening or closing of safe deposit box subsequent to March 15, 1968.

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SA MARION E. CHEEK and SA TRAVIS L. LYNCH on April 16, 1968, contacted all banks in the general area of 14th and Peachtree Streets, Northeast, Atlanta, Georgia, with negative results for information regarding a checking account, savings account, loan account, charge account, or issuance of a cashiers check during the recent past with negative results.

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4. City and Telephone Directories

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During the period April 8-10, 1968, a review was made of available Telephone and City Directories for major communities in each of the 116 counties covered by the Atlanta office with negative results.

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A review on April 10, 1968, by SA ALAN G. SENTINELLA of the current Atlanta Telephone Directory, Atlanta City and Suburban Directories for the years 1966, 1967, and 1968 was negative.

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5. Credit and Arrest

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IC MARION W. DAVIS ascertained during the period April 8-10, 1968, that records of the following agencies were negative:

Credit Bureau of Atlanta, Inc.
Atlanta, Georgia

Atlanta Police Department, Identification Division
Atlanta, Georgia

Atlanta Police Department, Station Captain's Office
Atlanta, Georgia

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