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APRIL 17, 1968

ATTORNEY GENERAL RAMSEY CLARK ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT ERIC STARVO GALT IS BEING SOUGHT BY THE FBI AS A FUGITIVE ON A FEDERAL CHARGE ARISING FROM THE FATAL SHOOTING OF THE REVEREND DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., IN MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, ON APRIL 4, 1968.

DIRECTOR J. EDGAR HOOVER STATED THAT A FEDERAL COMPLAINT WAS FILED BY THE FBI IN BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, TODAY CHARGING GALT WITH CONSPIRING TO VIOLATE THE CIVIL RIGHTS OF DR. KING IN VIOLATION OF TITLE 18, SECTION 241, OF THE UNITED STATES CODE.

THE FBI COMPLAINT CHARGES THAT "ON OR ABOUT MARCH 29, 1968, AT BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, ...ERIC STARVO GALT AND AN INDIVIDUAL WHOM HE ALLEGED TO BE HIS BROTHER, ENTERED INTO A CONSPIRACY WHICH CONTINUED UNTIL ON OR ABOUT APRIL 5, 1968, TO INJURE, OPPRESS, THREATEN, OR INTIMIDATE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.,... IN THE FREE EXERCISE OR ENJOYMENT OF A RIGHT SECURED TO HIM BY THE CONSTITUTION OR LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES; NAMELY, THE RIGHT TO FREELY TRAVEL FROM STATE TO STATE. IN FURTHERANCE OF THIS CONSPIRACY, ERIC STARVO GALT DID, ON OR ABOUT MARCH 30, 1968, PURCHASE A RIFLE AT BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA..."

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ACCORDING TO MR. HOOVER, A 30.06 RIFLE EQUIPPED WITH A TELESCOPIC SIGHT WAS FOUND NEAR A ROOMING HOUSE ON SOUTH MAIN STREET IN MEMPHIS IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE FATAL SHOOTING OF DR. KING OCCURRED. THE ROOMING HOUSE OVERLOOKS THE LORRAINE HOTEL AND MOTEL WHERE DR. KING WAS STAYING.

MR. HOOVER SAID THAT FBI AGENTS DETERMINED THAT THE 30.06 RIFLE HAD BEEN PURCHASED FROM A GUN DEALER IN BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, ON MARCH 30, 1968. THE TELESCOPIC SIGHT ALSO WAS PURCHASED FROM THIS DEALER.

THE FBI DIRECTOR SAID THAT GALT, WHO HAS USED THE NAMES OF JOHN WILLARD AND HARVEY LOWMYER IN THE PAST, IS THE OWNER OF A 1966 WHITE MUSTANG BEARING ALABAMA LICENSE PLATES WHICH WAS LOCATED ABANDONED IN ATLANTA, GEORGIA, ON APRIL 11, 1968. INVESTIGATION DISCLOSED THAT GALT PURCHASED THIS CAR FROM A PRIVATE CITIZEN IN BIRMINGHAM ON AUGUST 30, 1967. THE MUSTANG'S ODOMETER SHOWED THAT IT HAD BEEN DRIVEN MORE THAN 19,000 MILES BETWEEN LATE AUGUST, 1967, AND EARLY APRIL, 1968.

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ACCORDING TO MR. HOOVER, GALT'S TRAVELS IN THE MUSTANG INCLUDED TRIPS TO LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA; NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA; BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA; AND MEXICO, AS WELL AS TO MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, AND ATLANTA, GEORGIA. GALT WAS REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN IN MEMPHIS ON APRIL 3 AND 4, 1968, AND TO HAVE DEPARTED FROM THERE FOR ATLANTA.

INTENSIVE INVESTIGATION BY THE FBI HAS DISCLOSED THAT GALT HAS CLAIMED TO HAVE BEEN EMPLOYED AS A COOK ON MISSISSIPPI RIVER VESSELS AND AS A MERCHANT SEAMAN. HE IS SAID TO BE AN AVID DANCER AND TOOK DANCING LESSONS IN NEW ORLEANS IN 1964 AND 1965; IN BIRMINGHAM DURING SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER, 1967; AND IN LONG BEACH CALIFORNIA, FROM DECEMBER, 1967 TO FEBRUARY, 1968.

GALT LEFT LOS ANGELES ON DECEMBER 15, 1967, AND DROVE HIS WHITE MUSTANG TO NEW ORLEANS, WHERE HE CLAIMED HE CONTACTED EITHER AN ENGINEERING OR A CONTRACTING FIRM. HE LEFT NEW ORLEANS ON DECEMBER 19TH AND ARRIVED BACK IN LOS ANGELES ON DECEMBER 21, 1967.

WHILE IN THE LOS ANGELES AREA EARLY THIS YEAR, GALT TOOK A COURSE AT A SCHOOL OF BARTENDING AND WAS GRADUATED ON MARCH 2, 1968.

THE FUGITIVE IS DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE. HE IS APPROXIMATELY 5 FEET 8 INCHES TO 5 FEET 11 INCHES TALL AND WEIGHS BETWEEN 160 AND 175 POUNDS. HE IS SAID TO BE A NEAT DRESSER AND HAS A MEDIUM BUILD.

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GALT HAS BROWN HAIR, WHICH HE WEARS IN A "BRUSH" CUT. HE REPORTEDLY HAS BLUE EYES; HIS NOSE IS STRAIGHT AND NARROW; HIS TEETH ARE STRAIGHT AND CLEAN; AND HE HAS GIVEN HIS DATE OF BIRTH AS JULY 20, 1931.

THE FUGITIVE IS SAID TO HAVE A NERVOUS HABIT OF OCCASIONALLY PULLING AT AN EAR LOBE WITH HIS HAND. HIS LEFT EAR PROTRUDES FARTHER FROM HIS HEAD THAN HIS RIGHT EAR.

ACCORDING TO MR. HOOVER, PERSONS WHO HAVE MET GALT DESCRIBE HIM AS A "LONER" AND STATE HIS LANGUAGE AND DICTION HAVE A "RURAL" QUALITY AND SUGGEST THAT HE PROBABLY DOES NOT HAVE A HIGH DEGREE OF EDUCATION. HE IS SAID TO DRINK ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND HAS A PREFERENCE FOR VODKA AND BEER. HE IS A FAN OF WESTERN AND COUNTRY MUSIC.

GALT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS. ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING HIM SHOULD BE FURNISHED IMMEDIATELY TO THE NEAREST FBI OFFICE.

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TO ALL SACS

FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861

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THE PHOTOGRAPHS FURNISHED YOUR OFFICES OF ERIC STARVO
GALT BY ROUTING SLIP FOUR SIXTEEN LAST CONTAIN THE
COMPOSITE DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT AS FURNISHED BY VARIOUS
WITNESSES. THE PHOTOGRAPH WITH THE EYES CLOSED IS THE
ACTUAL PHOTOGRAPH AS TAKEN IN MARCH SIXTY-EIGHT. THE
PHOTOGRAPH WITH THE EYES OPEN IS THE SAME PHOTOGRAPH IN
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LEE MEREDITH, FORMER SHERIFF, DE SOTO CO., HERNANDO, MISS., ADVISED THIS DATE THAT THE ARTIST'S CONCEPTION DRAWING APPEARING IN THE MEMPHIS, TENN. NEWSPAPER RESEMBLES ONE OF THE FOUR INDIVIDUALS ARRESTED IN HERNANDO, MISS., FROM DALLAS, TEXAS, WHO WERE ASSOCIATED WITH GEORGE LINCOLN ROCKWELL, DURING THE JAMES MEREDITH MARCH IN SIXTYSEVEN

REVIEW OF JACKSON FILES REVEALS THAT AMERICAN NAZI PARTY STORM TROOPERS WHO APPEARED IN MISS. AND SUBSEQUENTLY ARRESTED BY MHSP, WERE ROBERT ALLEN SURREY, JERALD THOMAS WALRAVEN, RICHARD JUDSON DICKINSON, ALVIN NEIL GRAY, AND TOMMY WADE ORAN.

DALLAS REVIEW YOUR FILE ONE FIFTY SEVEN - EIGHT EIGHT SEVEN RE MEREDITH MARCH AND ONE FIFTY SEVEN - FIFTY, AMERICAN NAZI PARTY RE SUBJECT'S TRAVEL TO MISS. DURING SIXTYSEVEN
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, DALLAS (44-2649) (P)

DATE: 4/17/68

FROM : SA MANNING C. CLEMENTS

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 4/15/68, the writer contacted the following places where dancing instruction is afforded. No person by the name of ERIC GALT, JOHN WILLARD or HARVEY LOWMYER (with variations) was known. It is noted that with limited exceptions, these schools cater to children only:

DORIS ACELI Dancing School, 4629 Forest Lane, EM 1-2974 (formerly was at 218 March Lane Shopping Village, FL 7-3353.

WINNFRED BRYAN School of Dance, 440 Summitt Drive, Richardson, AD 5-4141, and 156 Farmers Branch Shopping Center, Farmers Branch, CH 7 -9996 and FL 7-6054.

ETGEN-ATKINSON School of Dance, 64 Arapahoe Village, Richardson, AD 5-9912

TOBY'S School of Dance, 112 Campbell Road Village, Richardson, AD 5-0514

COOPER'S School of Dance, 8036 Spring Valley Road, AD 5-6363

STEPHEN QUIRK Studios, Forest Lane and Webb Chapel Road, FL 2-3352

Town and Country School of Dance, 9616 Webb Chapel Road, FL 2-0340.

JACQUELINE School of Dance, 13115 Holbrook, Barmers Branch, CH 7-5508

RILEY'S Dance Wrok Shop, 720 Plymouth Park, BL 3-9781.

Young Dancers Studio of Ballet, 1411 West Irving, BL 4-8866.

MAREE School of Dancing, 165 Walnut Hill Village, FL 8-2911, no longer exists; nor does RILEY'S Dance Wwork Shop, 2415 Valley View lane, Farmers Branch, CH 7-5891.



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Re San Antonio teletype to Dallas dated 4/15/68.

Re: SURMAN G. YOUNG

On 4/16/68, Mr. SURMAN G. YOUNG, 4206 Mackey Drive, Fort Worth, employed as an engineer for Bell Helicopter, Hurst, Texas, advised SA ARNOLD J. BROWN that he owns a 1966 Fairlane Ford bearing 1968 Texas license FBR 66 and not FRR 66. He stated that he had gone to Memphis, Tennessee on the 5th of April, 1968 to visit his son, DAVID BRENT YOUNG, who is at the Naval Reserve Station on active duty with the 2nd Battalion, and DAVID is on military leave from his job as a clerk at the FBI Headquarters in Washington.

YOUNG said that he had gone to Memphis at the particular time that they did because his son is planning on getting married and this was the first time they had met the girl friend.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, DALLAS (44-2649)

FROM : SA FORREST F. JOHN

SUBJECT: MARKIN

DATE: 4/17/68

RE: DANCE STUDIOS

The following investigation was conducted by
SA FORREST F. JOHN on 4/15/68:

The following dance schools were contacted and
found to have as students children only, therefore, no
search of their records was made under the names HARVEY
LOWMYER, JOHN WILLARD or ERIC STARVO GALT:

PHIL JOHNSON
Wilshire School of Dance
6117 Winton, telephone TA 3-6791

Mr. CLEMENS
Cranford House School of the Ballet
844 Lochwood, telephone DA 1-5780

Mrs. JEAN FORBES
Forbes School of Dancing
150 Ferguson Village Shopping Center,
telephone DA 1-6061

FRANCES QUIGLEY
Gingham Girl Dance Studios
10240 E. Northwest Parkway, telephone DI 8-3210
2330 Oates Drive, telephone DA 7-0711
116 White Rock North Village, telephone DI 8-8040

JERRE HARRELL
Jerre Harrell Dance Studio
2325 Lakeland Drive, telephone DA 8-4988

JOY COLEMAN
Music Limited Dance Studio
107 Northwood Shopping Center, telephone DI 8-5030

DEBBIE SHARP
Joy Sharp School of Dance
159 Ferguson Village Shopping Center, telephone DA 7-7740



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The following was not contacted inasmuch as the name would indicate it is for school children only:

White Rock North Preschool
9727 White Rock Trail, telephone DI 8-7410

The following advised they have adults as students, but do not currently and have not in the past had LOWMYER, WILLARD or GALT as students under any one of those names:

LUCY PHILIEN
Twinkle Toes Dance Studio
5716 Prospect, telephone TA 1-5649

TEXIE WATERMAN
Texie Waterman School of the Dance
10339 Ferguson Road, telephone DA 1-5327

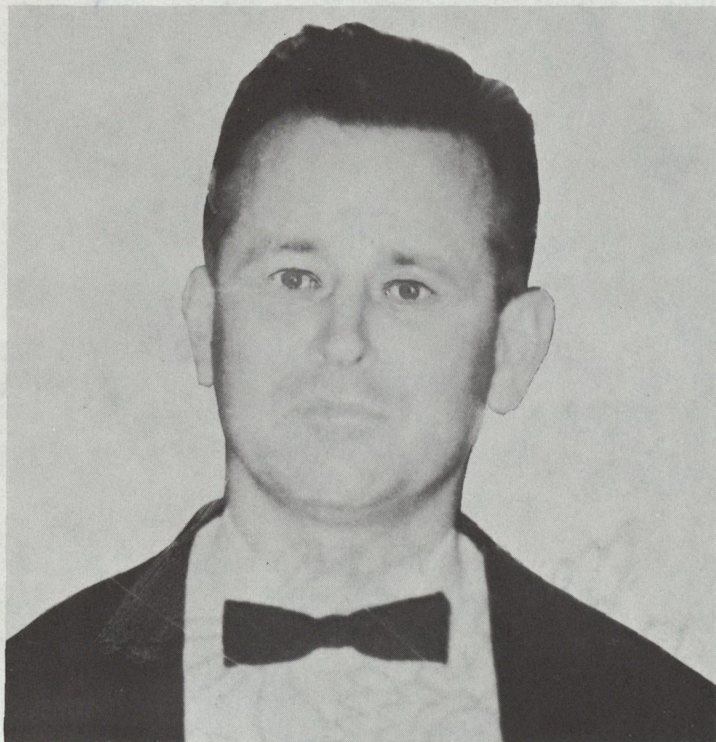
The following investigation was conducted by SA RICHARD L. SLOAN, in Dallas, Texas, on 4/15/68, with negative results.

JACK KLEIN, owner, manager
Arthur Murray Studio of Dance
1912½ Main street
Dallas, Texas.

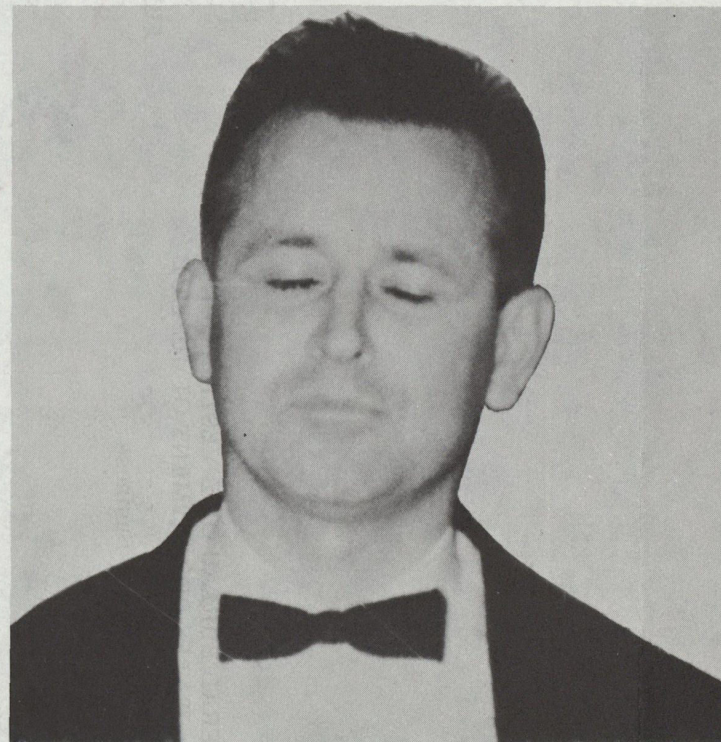
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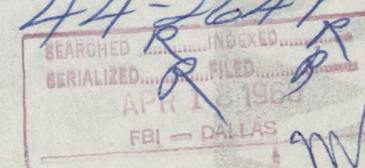
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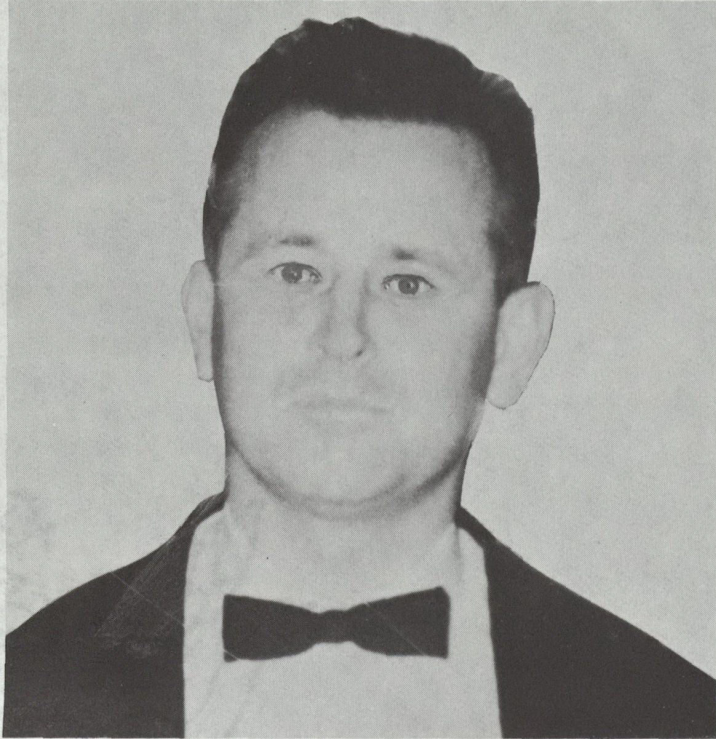
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APRIL 19, 1968

ATTORNEY GENERAL RAMSEY CLARK ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THE FBI HAS IDENTIFIED JAMES EARL RAY, AN ESCAPEE FROM THE MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY, AS ERIC STARVO GALT, AGAINST WHOM A FEDERAL COMPLAINT WAS FILED LAST WEDNESDAY IN CONNECTION WITH THE FATAL SHOOTING OF THE REVEREND DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

DIRECTOR J. EDGAR HOOVER SAID THAT A SYSTEMATIC AND EXHAUSTIVE SEARCH OF LATENT FINGERPRINTS UNCOVERED IN THE DR. KING CASE AGAINST THE FINGERPRINTS OF THE OVER 53,000 PERSONS FROM WHOM "WANTED NOTICES" HAVE BEEN POSTED IN THE FILES OF THE FBI'S IDENTIFICATION DIVISION LED TO THE DETERMINATION THAT GALT AND RAY ARE IDENTICAL.

MR. HOOVER SAID THAT RAY, WHO IS 40 YEARS OF AGE, WAS REPORTED MISSING FROM THE MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI, SINCE APRIL 23, 1967. HE HAD BEEN RECEIVED AT THAT INSTITUTION ON MARCH 17, 1960, TO SERVE A 20-YEAR SENTENCE FOLLOWING CONVICTION IN ST. LOUIS FOR ARMED ROBBERY AND FOR OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE WITHOUT PERMISSION OF THE OWNER.

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IN SEPTEMBER, 1966, WHILE SERVING THIS SENTENCE, HE WAS CONFINED FOR A TIME IN THE MAXIMUM SECURITY WARD AT THE STATE HOSPITAL AT FULTON, MISSOURI.

ACCORDING TO MR. HOOVER, RAY HAS A KNOWN ARREST RECORD DATING BACK TO 1949. PRIOR TO THE 1960 CONVICTION FOR WHICH HE RECEIVED THE 20-YEAR TERM, RAY HAD BEEN CONVICTED OF BURGLARY IN LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, IN 1949; ARMED ROBBERY IN CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, IN 1952; AND FORGING UNITED STATES POSTAL MONEY ORDERS IN MISSOURI IN 1955.

HE HAS SERVED TERMS IN THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY JAIL IN 1949; IN STATE PRISONS AT JOLIET AND PONTIAC, ILLINOIS, IN 1952-54; AND IN THE FEDERAL PENITENTIARY AT LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS, IN 1955-58.

RAY WAS AN ENLISTED MAN IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY FROM FEBRUARY, 1946, TO DECEMBER, 1948, AT WHICH TIME HE WAS GIVEN A GENERAL DISCHARGE DUE TO INEPTNESS AND LACK OF ADAPTABILITY FOR MILITARY SERVICE. WHILE IN THE ARMY, HE RECEIVED A THREE-MONTH SENTENCE AT HARD LABOR FOR BEING DRUNK AND BREAKING ^{See Search Slip} ARREST.

MR. HOOVER SAID THAT DURING HIS CRIMINAL CAREER, RAY HAS ALSO USED THE NAMES OF JAMES MCBRIDE, JAMES WALTON, W. C. HERRON AND JAMES O'CONNER. HE IS A WHITE MALE; CLAIMS TO HAVE

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RAY HAS CLAIMED THAT HE ATTENDED SCHOOL THROUGH THE 10TH GRADE IN ALTON, ILLINOIS. HE HAS HAD THE REPUTATION OF BEING A "DRIFTER" SINCE LEAVING SCHOOL. HIS VOCATIONAL EXPERIENCE INCLUDES WORKING AS A BAKER, LABORER AND COLOR MATCHER.

IN CONNECTION WITH HIS ESCAPE FROM THE MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY, AN FBI COMPLAINT WAS FILED IN JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI, ON JULY 20, 1967, CHARGING RAY WITH UNLAWFULLY FLEEING FROM THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO AVOID CONFINEMENT. HE HAS BEEN A FEDERAL FUGITIVE SINCE THEN.

RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND EXTREMELY DANGEROUS. ANYONE HAVING INFORMATION CONCERNING HIM SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CONTACT FBI HEADQUARTERS IN WASHINGTON, D. C., OR THE NEAREST FBI OFFICE.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC DALLAS (44-2649)

DATE: 4-16-68

FROM : SAS COLEMAN MABRAY & URAL E. HORTON JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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SUBJECT: ERIC STARVO GALT;
ASSASSINATION OF DR. MARTIN
LUTHER KING, JR.
CR.

On 4/17/68, at app. 11:15 PM, an anonymous caller advised he was in the VILLA FONTANA, 1315 Skiles, Dallas, approximately 11:00 PM, and observed an individual whom he believed to be possibly identical with ERIC STARVO GALT. The caller observed photos of GALT on 10:00 PM newscast.

Caller stated the Fontana was a "queer" joint, and he would not give his name because of his affiliation with the people who frequent the Fontana.

The caller did not sound drunk, although he appeared to be nervous throughout the call. The caller terminated the call before descriptive data of the suspect could be obtained.

ASAC MOBRE, SA HOLLOMAN, and SA SHERMAN advised of the above.

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TO : SAC: DALLAS (44-2649)

FROM : SA: W.J. WILKINSON, JR: (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4-18-68

Re Bureau teletype to all SAC's 4-17-68.

This is to advise that ~~xxx/px~~ a copy of the press release, enclosed in referenced communication along with a copy of photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT, aka, eyes open and eyes closed, was this date made available to the leading newspapers, radio, and TV stations ~~xxx~~ located in the Sherman area.

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FROM : SA WILLIAM B. HOLLOMAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Memo of SPC CLINTON B. BROWN, 4/17/68, re an anonymous telephone call from person at Villa Fontana bar who stated that a person possibly identical with ERIC GALT was in that bar.

SAs WILLIAM B. HOLLOMAN and JAMES SHERMAN went immediately to the Villa Fontana, arriving there about 11:40 pm. There were about 30 to 40 persons in the bar at that time and most of them had homosexual characteristics. Each of the persons in the bar was viewed by the Agents and none was found who resembled the photograph of GALT.

RON HEMBY, bartender, was shown a photograph of GALT and was questioned whether he had seen this person in the bar that evening or at any time. HEMBY stated that he looks carefully at all persons entering the bar because it caters to homosexuals and he is careful about the persons entering to avoid any police trouble. He said he is absolutely sure that GALT had not been in the bar that evening, and in fact he had never seen GALT.

It is recommended no further investigation re this anonymous call be conducted.

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CHARGED — The FBI Wednesday released this photo of the man it identified as Eric Starvo Galt, who is charged with the Memphis slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King.

Eric Galt, Brother Named in Complaint

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Mysterious Eric Starvo Galt, graduate of a Hollywood bartender school, was charged Wednesday night with murder and conspiracy—with one other man—in the April 4 sniper killing of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Nobel prize winning minister.

A state warrant charging first degree murder was issued in Memphis after the FBI charged that Galt and a man supposedly Galt's brother conspired in the assassination.

King, 39, was shot to death on the second floor balcony of

a Memphis motel the day after he returned to lead garbage workers in another march.

Capital Crime

Murder is a capital crime in Tennessee.

The FBI complaint charges that Galt, a white man who has been hunted for a week, entered into a conspiracy about March 29 in Birmingham, Ala., with a man who Galt claimed was his brother. The FBI warrant was issued in Birmingham.

There was no indication that other persons would be charged with conspiracy, nor was the second man who Galt said was his brother identified or charged.

A Memphis witness said an FBI photo of the wanted man does not resemble the man who fled the scene after the shooting.

Not Same Man

"Unless he was wearing a wig or had had a face lift or something, it's not the man I saw," said Charles Q. Stevens, a resident of the Main Street rooming house from which the sniper was believed to have shot King.

"The hair is too full and the face is too young," said Stevens. He said he only got a side view of the fleeing man,

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The FBI did not indicate when the photograph was made, but a source said it was taken within the past three months.

In Birmingham, Galt's landlord for six weeks last fall, Peter Cherpes, told the Associated Press that the FBI photo might be a picture of Galt. "It's very near, but I'm not sure," said Cherpes. He remembered his boarder's hair being much lighter. The FBI description said, "Galt has brown hair."

Drawing Identified

The AP reported Monday that Cherpes had identified FBI drawings as the Eric Galt who had lived at the Birmingham rooming house from Aug. 26 to Oct. 7, 1967.

An Atlanta taxicab driver said an FBI picture he identified as a two-block fare the night after the slaying was different from the one released Wednesday. "That is definitely not the man I

picked up," the cab driver said.

Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark, who went to Memphis after the slaying of the civil rights leader, announced in a statement released by the FBI that Galt was being sought as a fugitive on the charge of conspiring to injure, oppress, threaten or intimidate King in the exercise of a federal right, "namely, the right to freely travel from state to state."

Police director Frank C. Holloman of Memphis said a state warrant would be drawn for Galt as soon as practicable.

The FBI declined to comment on whether there might be an early arrest or if the filing of the charge and release of information indicated little headway was being made in finding Galt.

It was the first disclosure that authorities had evidence of a conspiracy in King's slaying. An early statement by Clark referred to "one man on the run," though this was dropped from a later statement.

FBI director J. Edgar Hoover said in the Wednesday release that Galt bought a rifle in Birmingham about March 30. Only a few weeks before, the statement said, Galt had graduated from a school of bartending in Los Angeles.

Galt had told acquaintances in Birmingham that he worked in shipyards or on ships, and on a driver's license application he put "merchant seaman, unemployed."

In Hollywood, director Tomas Reyes Lau of the International School of Bartending, said Galt graduated March 2 and disappeared after refusing a job. Lau said Galt was an excellent student.

"He never said anything about Negroes," Lau said. There were no Negroes in the class. King, a Negro, was in Memphis to aid striking garbage workers, most of them Negroes.

The FBI said Galt also was known as "Harvey Lowmyer and John Willard." The assassin registered under the latter name.

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But the statemen said, "a 30.06 rifle equipped with a telescopic sight was found near a rooming house on South Main Street in Memphis immediately after the fatal shooting of Dr. King occurred." The rooming house overlooks the Lorraine Hotel and Motel where King was staying.

(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

Eric Galt Charged With King Conspiracy

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — The FBI charged Eric Starvo Galt Wednesday with conspiracy in the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Joe Gamble, special agent in charge of the FBI office at Birmingham, said he issued the complaint Wednesday.

Gamble declined to comment on whether the FBI considered itself closer to an arrest than before Galt was officially named in the case.

The FBI had named Galt in a lookout bulletin for Galt last week in Florida but withdrew the bulletin four hours later, saying it had been released in error.

The charging of Galt was first announced Wednesday by the FBI in Washington.

In the first official mention of a conspiracy in connection with the April 4 assassination of Dr. King in Memphis, the FBI said the alleged plot involved also a man Galt described as his brother.

And the FBI issued a photograph which it identified as being one of Galt, "also known as Harvey Lowmyer and John Willard."

The FBI said a warrant was issued in

Birmingham, Ala., Wednesday on the basis of an FBI complaint which charged that Galt "and an individual whom he alleged to be his brother, entered into a conspiracy" which began around March 29 at Birmingham and ended about April 5 to "injure, oppress, threaten, or intimidate Martin Luther King Jr."

Galt was charged with conspiring to violate King's civil rights.

An FBI statement said Galt has given his date of birth as July 20, 1931, has brown hair, wears his hair in a brush cut, reportedly has blue eyes, a straight narrow nose, is between 5-feet-8 and 5-feet-11 and weighs between 160 and 175 pounds.

The FBI said "the fugitive is said to have a nervous habit of occasionally pulling at an ear lobe with his left hand. His left ear protrudes farther from his head than his right ear."

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—Associated Press Wirephoto.

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Motel where King was staying.

FBI agents have determined that the rifle was purchased from a Birmingham gun dealer March 30. The sight also was said to have been bought from the same dealer, whom the FBI did not identify.

The FBI said Galt owns a 1966 white Mustang with Alabama license plates which was found abandoned in Atlanta, Ga., April 11. It was bought from a private citizen in Birmingham last Aug. 30.

The car's odometer showed it had been driven more than 19,000 miles between late August 1967 and early April 1968.

The FBI said "Galt's travel in the Mustang included trips to Los Angeles, Calif., New Orleans, La., Birmingham, Ala., and Mexico as well as to Memphis, Tenn., and Atlanta, Ga. Galt was reported to have been in Memphis on April 3 and 4, 1968, and to have departed from there for Atlanta."

The FBI said also its investigation had disclosed these facts:

—Galt has claimed to have been employed as a cook on Mississippi River vessels and as a merchant seaman.

—He is said to be an avid dancer and took dancing lessons in New Orleans in 1964 and 1965, in Birmingham during Sep-

tember and October 1967 and in Long Beach, Calif., from December 1967 to February 1968.

—Galt left Los Angeles last Dec. 15 and drove his Mustang to New Orleans where he claimed he contacted either an engineering or a contracting firm. He left there Dec. 19 and arrived in Los Angeles Dec. 21.

—While in the Los Angeles area early this year, Galt took a course at a bartending school and was graduated March 2.

An FBI description of Galt said persons who have met him "describe him as a loner and state his language and diction have a rural quality and suggest that he probably does not have a high degree of education. He is said to drink alcoholic beverages and has a preference for vodka and beer. He is a fan of Western and country music."

The bureau warned that "Galt should be considered armed and dangerous," and any information concerning him should be furnished immediately to the FBI.

The FBI gave no further identification of the man Galt has alleged to be his brother, would not say where it obtained the photograph, and would not disclose in what connection Galt used the Lowmyer alias.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, DALLAS (44-2649)

DATE: 4-18-68

FROM : SPC JOHNNY D. HARRIS

SUBJECT: ERIC STARVO GALT;
ASSASSINATION OF DR. MARTIN
LUTHER KING, JR.
CR

On instant date at 1 AM John Chambers, 4515 Live Oak St., Dallas, tel. # TA7-0518, telephonically contacted this office stating at 6:30 PM 4-17-68 he took some clothes to a washateria in Lakewood. He stated that the washateria is directly across the street from the Lakewood Country Club. He parked his car behind the washateria and noticed a 1957 Ford with Alabama license on rear 58-11995 with a bullet hole in windshield.

Chambers stated when he went inside he notice two males and after viewing picture of subject on television he states that one male could match the description of subject.

Chambers stated that he wanted to pass on the information to us for whatever it might mean to us.

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LAUDERDALE - RAMA

Handwritten signature

*Chambers, apt 309,
not at home 10am*



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Memorandum

TO : SAC, DALLAS (44-2649)

DATE: 4/18/68

FROM : SA WILLIAM B. HOLLOMAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re memo of SPC JOHNNY D. HARRIS 4/18/68 concerning telephone call from JOHN CHAMBERS. CHAMBERS had stated he had seen a person who could match the description of ERIC GALT at a washateria across the street from the Lakeland Country Club on the evening of 4/17/68.

On the morning of 4/18/68 a survey was made of the area surrounding the Laund-O-Rama, a coin laundry in the Lakewood shopping center. No car fitting the description of that given by CHAMBERS was located.

On 4/18/68 CHAMBERS was contacted by SA HOLLOMAN at his residence, Apt. 309, 4515 Live Oak. He stated that he originally saw a photograph of GALT on television but has since seen the photograph in the newspapers. He said after seeing the photograph in the papers he has decided that the person he saw does not closely resemble GALT and appeared to be about 10 years older than GALT. He said he noticed this man primarily because he was in a car from Alabama and the car had what appeared to be a bullet hole in the windshield.

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TO : SAC, Dallas (44-2649)

DATE: 4/18/68

FROM : SAA WILTON H. BREMER

SUBJECT: *MURKIN*
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Re Bulet 4/17/68 to all offices.

Instant press release and photos of ERIR STARVO GALT personally delevered to EVERETT TAYLOR, editor of the Tyler Courier-Times, Tyler, and to SAM HICKMAN, employee at KLTV Tyler, on this date. Both said this information would be used by their companies.



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TO : SAC DALLAS (44-2649)

FROM : SA URAL E. HORTON JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4-18-68

RE: ERIC STARVO GALT; Aka Harvey Lowmeyer,
John Willard.

On 4-18-68, MR. GLEN DUGAN 1247 Vine St., Abilene, Texas, advised that he had been doing some re-search and recalled that there is a community of Galt, Iowa located in Wright County, Iowa. He stated that he was employed as an Agent and operator for the Rock Island, RR, in this community in Iowa in 1906. He stated that he recalled this being a Danish community and that possibly the history of Wright County would have information of value in this matter.

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FOLLOWING IS FIRST "ALL SAC - RELAY MESSAGE PLAN" TO BE
HANDLED BY YOU. INSURE MESSAGE RECEIVES EXPEDITE HANDLING AND
ADVISE SOG TELETYPE UNIT IMMEDIATELY UPON COMPLETION IN ACCORDANCE
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KANSAS CITY IS SETTING OUT ALL PERTINENT LEADS TODAY BY
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ALL LEADS MUST BE COVERED WITHIN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS WITH BUREAU,
KANSAS CITY, AND MEMPHIS BEING KEPT ADVISED BY APPROPRIATE
COMMUNICATION OF PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS.

SUGGEST BUREAU MAKE IMMEDIATE COMPARISON OF ANY LATENT
FINGERPRINTS DEVELOPED DURING KING INVESTIGATION WITH THOSE
OF WALTER TERRY RIFE TO DETERMINE IF IDENTICAL.

AIR MAIL COPIES SENT ANCHORAGE, HONOLULU AND SAN JUAN.

LEGAT MEXICO CITY AND OTTAWA ADVISED.

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