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FOUR FIVE FIVE EIGHT SEVEN SIX SIX, AS OBTAINED FROM FILES OF USP,
LEAVENWORTH: WHITE MALE, AGE FORTY-FOUR, DOB APRIL NINETEEN,
TWENTY-FOUR, FIVE FEET NINE AND ONE HALF, ONE SIX ONE LBS., BROWN
HAIR, EYES BLUE GRAY.

KANSAS CITY IS SETTING OUT ALL PERTINENT LEADS TODAY BY
TELETYPE AND TELEPHONE FOLLOWED UP BY TELETYPE CONFIRMATION.
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.

SUBJECT RAY HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF ROBBERY WITH DEADLY
WEAPON, HAS BEEN CONFINED IN STATE HOSPITAL, FULTON, MO., IN
SIXTY-SIX, AND SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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SAC, DALLAS (44-2649)

4/19/68

STEVE D. ALBRIGHT

MKK MURKIN

00: MEMPHIS

Today, an anonymous caller advised she saw individual resembling ERIC STARVO GALT driving a late model four door white auto on Preston Road, Dallas, this date at approximately 8:00 am. The auto bore 1968 Texas lic. LMM 267. The individual was wearing a white dress shirt, no coat or tie.

The caller furnished a description identical with that published in local newspapers.

q 2 - Dallas
SDA

*Sherman
Hawkins
see memo
at 10:00*

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (44-38861)

FROM : SAC, Kansas City (44-760)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/19/68

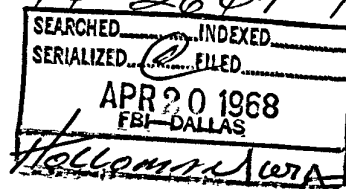
Enclosed to the Bureau are six copies and to each office one copy of the following photographs:

JAMES EARL RAY, Missouri Department of
Correction #00416, dated 3/17/60 and
9/8/66

WALTER TERRY RIFE, Kansas City SO #29636
FBI #4558766

Stand up photographs of RAY on the left, Kansas City SO
#29637 and RIFE, Kansas City SO 29236, taken 3/28/55.

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2 - Each Field Office (Encs. 4) (AM)
2 - Kansas City
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Dallas (44-2649)

DATE: 4/19/68

FROM : SAA WILTON H. BREMER

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR

JOSEPH P. KALISTER, Alcohol Tax Unit SA, US Treasury Dept., Tyler, Texas, appeared at the Tyler RA on this date and advised that he and SA ROBERT BREESE of the Alcohol Tax Unit were in the SO at Centerville, Texas, Leon County, at about 2:00 PM on 4/17/68 and were told by sheriff Roy Wilson that he had a man in his jail who claimed he had shot Dr. Martin L. King. Kalister said the Sheriff had a newspaper in his hand which allegedly contained some handwriting by this man relating to his confession and also exhibited to him a diary. The Sheriff told him that this man had sold a new motor and boat to a filling station man across the street from the courthouse, for \$99.00. Also this man in jail had \$1,000 in Travelers checks on his person when arrested. KALISTER said the Sheriff apparently thought this jailed man was a "nut" and paid no further attention to the matter. Also present were the County Judge, the Game Warden, and RALPH ELLIOTT of the State Liquor Control Board. Kalister said he did not see the prisoner.

KALISTER'S office is at 110 East Houston Street, Tyler, phone LY 2-2372.

RECOMMENDATION: Suggest this matter be resolved by phoning to the Waco RA and checking with the SAS there. The above was telephonically furnished to SA WM B. HOLLOMAN this date.



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*subject was interviewed
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and eliminated -*

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TO DALLAS AND EL PASO

FROM SACRAMENTO (100-427)

MURKIN.

RE ERIC STARVO GALT.

MRS. JOHN TESOVNICK, LOCAL SCHOOL PRINCIPAL, NINE ONE THREE DEVORE, BAKERSFIELD, CALIF., TODAY ADVISED THAT SHE HAD PHONE CONVERSATION WITH HER MOTHER, RUTH ROEBUCK, WHO RESIDES OLTON, TEXAS, TEL. NO. TWO EIGHT FIVE - TWO FOUR ZERO NINE, AND MRS. ROEBUCK SAID SHE SAW MAN BELIEVED TO BE GALT AT EL PASO, TEXAS AIRPORT APPROXIMATELY TEN AM APRIL FOURTEEN LAST. MRS. ROEBUCK HAD LEFT BAKERSFIELD THAT DATE AND CHANGED PLANES AT EL PASO BEFORE PROCEEDING TO ODESSA, TEXAS TO ATTEND FUNERAL.

DALLAS AND EL PASO HANDLE.

AM COPY TO MEMPHIS.

END

JDP

FBI DALLAS

*Holloman
ack'd
4-19-68
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*John Hamann
advised 8:10 AM
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Rebuck interviewed
& IT sent to El Paso
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SAC NEW ORLEANS

FROM: SAC DALLAS (44-2649) (2 P)

MURKIN. OO MEMPHIS.

RE SAN ANTONIO TEL TO DALLAS TODAY.

RE: HERMAN PETER KACKENMESTER.

KACKENMESTER INTERVIEWED CORSICANA, TEXAS, TODAY BUAGENTS AND FOUND TO BE DEFINITE MENTAL CASE, ADMITTEDLY HAVING BEEN IN THREE MENTAL INSTITUTIONS. W/M, BORN MARCH SIX, NINETEEN TWENTY, WEEHAWKEN, N.J., SIX FEET TWO AND ONE HALF INCHES, TWO HUNDRED FORTY, BROWN HAIR AND EYES, U. S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS NINETEEN FORTYFOUR - 'FORTYSIX, HONORABLE DISCHARGE. HAD ASN [REDACTED]

CLAIMS IN GUATEMALA CITY RECENTLY WHEN PASSPORT, ETC. STOLEN. REPORTED TO AMERICAN CONSULATE AND EVENTUALLY SENT BACK TO NEW ORLEANS ABOUT APRIL FIVE LAST.

MOTHER, MARIE E. KACKENMESTER, RESIDES ONE EIGHT ZERO THREE BRYAN AVENUE, WANAMASSA, N.J.

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1 - San Antonio (44-1242) (AM)
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IN VIEW OF DENIAL OF ANY KNOWLEDGE OF MURKIN CASE AND
OBVIOUS MENTAL DISORDERS, NEW ORLEANS AND MEMPHIS SHOULD DISCONTINUE
INVESTIGATION.

SAN ANTONIO ADVISED AM. P

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC: DALLAS(44-2649)

DATE: 4-19-68

FROM : SA: W.J. WILKINSON, JR:

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On the PM of 4-18-68 G.B. HARTMAN, Dispatcher, Texas DPS, Sherman advised he had just received word from THP MARVIN DOBECKA, stationed in McKinney, Texas that DOBECKA had just been notified by an unspecified person McKinney that this person had just seen a person who bore a similarity to that of photos of ERIC S. GALT, and "who acted suspicious," had just passed through McKinney, Texas, heading North on US 75. He was driving a white Cadillac, year not given, bearing "Calif. license plates WN-2343." HARTMAN stated this appears to be in error since Calif. license prefix is three letters, rather than two, and speculated it might be an Oklahoma license, in view of two letter prefix and car headed North on 75. He estimated at this time the car would probably be between Melissa and Anna, Texas, and stated he had no highway units at this time on or near 75 between McKinney and Sherman, Texas. Car had only the one male occupant.

The writer proceeded immediately to Highway 75 South of Sherman, and the Dorchester overpass and maintained a fisur of northbound cars on 75 for above described vehicle with negative results.

This information was subsequently on 4-18-68 furnished to night clerk, JERRY PRICE ~~was~~, Dallas FBI who subsequently stated he had contacted night clerk, WAYNE STURDIVANT, Oklahoma City, who in turn had been informed by OHP there was no such license issued in Oklahoma at set forth above and a check of various variations of this number failed to reflect any registered to a Cadillac at all.

SUGGESTED LEAD:

AT MCKINNEY, Texas. Will contact THP DOBECKA to verify accuracy of above license and other details and ascertain his source of information in this matter and then contact that source.

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WJW:



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AIR MAIL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, DALLAS (44-2649)(P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
OO-MEMPHIS

RE: ERIC STARVO GALT

GUY LEWIS, 7013 Military Parkway, telephone EV 8-0521, Dallas, Texas, telephonically advised as follows on 4/18/68:

On 4/18/68, at approximately noon he and his wife entered Wyatt's Cafeteria, Pleasant Grove Shopping Center, Dallas, and observed an individual resembling published photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT. This individual was wearing a dark suit and was in the company of two other men approximately age 30. One of these men was wearing a black cowboy hat.

When these three men left the cafeteria, they entered a 1964 or 1965 Corvair, four-door, with Tennessee License Plates JR 8424. The license plate holder had Shelby, Tennessee printed along the top.

LEWIS furnished a description of individual that matches published description of GALT.

LEAD:

MEMPHIS

AT MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE. Identify holder of Tennessee license JR 8424 and determine if identical to subject in this case.

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Hallman *WDS*

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO: ALL SRAs
 FROM: SAC, DALLAS (44-2649)
 SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/19/68

Re: ERIC STARVO GALT

The Bureau has instructed that contacts be maintained with all mass communications media in our territory to insure there is frequent reference to photograph of GALT and his connection with this case. If not already done, photographs should be shown or described to law enforcement and other appropriate agencies in your areas to insure the broadest possible publication of subject's photograph and background.

Leads in this case must continue to receive immediate attention.

- 1 - SRA MABRAY
- 1 - SRA JENKINS
- 1 - SRA CARTER
- 1 - SRA STEPHENS
- 1 - SRA DRAKE
- 1 - SRA BURNETT
- 1 - SRA WILKINSON
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The Sherman
Democrat
Sherman, Tex

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Editor:

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Denison Tex

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Sherman, Texas, 75090, Thursday Afternoon, April 18, 1968

Nationwide

Warrants Issued

In King's Death

Galt, 'Brother' Facing Charges

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (UPI)—Nationwide murder and conspiracy warrants have been issued for Eric Starvo Galt, a mysterious riverboat cook, merchant seamen and bartender accused in the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The FBI charged Galt and his "alleged brother" in a warrant Wednesday with conspiring to injure King, shot to death by a white sniper in Memphis, Tenn., April 4. Memphis police later filed a murder charge against Galt.

The FBI also released a photograph of Galt, 36, described as a "loner" with a "rural quality" in his voice. There was immediate conflict or uncertainty among witnesses who said they had seen Galt.

"No, that's not him," said Peter Cherpes, operator of a rooming house where Galt stayed from Aug. 26 to Oct. 7, 1967.

"I can't be sure," said Percy Strickland, a roomer at the house.

The woman who runs the Memphis flophouse from where the killer shot King as the Negro leader stood on his motel

balcony also was undecided about the picture. "I just don't know if it's him," said Mrs. Bessie Brewer.

But the FBI insisted the picture was of Galt. "It's him, all right," said Joseph H. Gamble, special agent in charge of the Birmingham FBI office. He said the photograph was taken this year, "in March, I think."

The FBI issued two pictures of Galt, also known as Harvey Lowmeyer and John Willard. Galt's eyes were closed in one photo. The other featured eyes sketched in by an FBI artist.

The FBI complaint, filed in Birmingham, charged that Galt and an individual "whom he alleged to be his brother entered into a conspiracy" to harm King, and Galt purchased a rifle in Birmingham about March 30.

Trace Weapon

A 30.06-caliber Remington pump rifle with a telescope sight was found near the Memphis flophouse and FBI agents traced the weapon to a Birmingham sporting goods store where the records showed it was sold to Galt.

A white Mustang car—resembling one seen speeding from the murder scene—was found abandoned in Atlanta the day after the slaying. It was registered to Galt at a Birmingham rooming house, where residents had not seen him in three months. The FBI said Galt purchased the 1966 car from a private citizen in Birmingham last August and put 19,000 miles on it—driving to such places as Los Angeles, New Orleans and Mexico.

According to the FBI, Galt claimed to be a riverboat cook and merchant seaman and was an avid dancer with a preference for country and western music. He also likes beer and vodka, the FBI said, and "probably does not have a high degree of education."

Photos, Description Of Hunted Man

Man FBI Hunting In King Death Probe

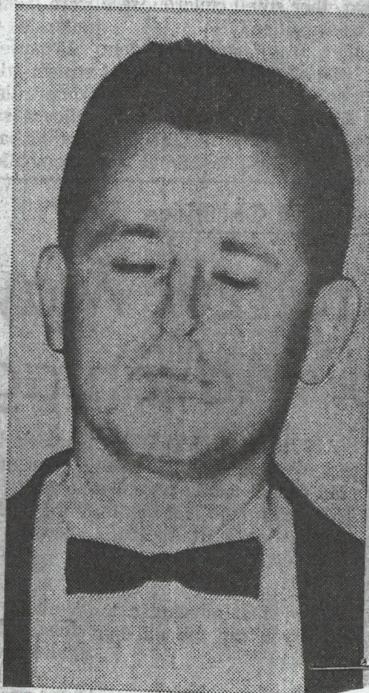
The photographs at right have been released by the FBI, which says they are of Eric Starvo Galt, charged with conspiracy and murder in the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The photos are identical except for the eyes drawn by an FBI artist.

The FBI described the fugitive as a white man, 5-8 to 5-11, weighing 160 to 175 pounds, with brown hair in a brush cut, blue eyes, straight nose.

He is regarded as a loner with a "rural" speech and little schooling, fond of vodka, beer, dancing and hillbilly music.

The FBI statement also 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 further from his head than his right ear."



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TO: SAC HOUSTON
FROM: SAC DALLAS (44-2649)

MURKIN

JAMES M. SHEPARD, TWO SEVEN ONE ONE WELBORN ST, DALLAS, TODAY ADVISED HE WAS IN "OFFICE BAR", BEAUMONT, TEXAS, MONDAY EVENING APRIL FIFTEEN LAST, ABOUT TEN THIRTY PM WHEN OBSERVED INDIVIDUAL SITTING FRONT OF BAR COUNTER WHO CLOSELY RESEMBED COMPOSITE DRAWING OF ERIC STARVO GALT HE HAD SEEN IN BEAUMONT NEWSPAPER. DESCRIBED INDIVIDUAL AS WM, THIRTYFIVE-FORTY, FIVE FT. TEN-ELEVEN, HUNDRED SIXTY-SEVENTYFIVE LBS, BROWN HAIR, POINTED NOSE; HAVING EYES THAT SEEMED "VERY FIXED" AND CLOSE TO NOSE, WHO APPEARED NERVOUS AND "DEEP IN THOUGHT." SHEPARD STATED HE INQUIRED OF ANOTHER CUSTOMER SITTING NEXT TO HIM ABOUT THIS INDIVIDUAL AND WAS TOLD THIS MAN HAD FREQUENTED BAR FOR APPROX SIX MONTH PERIOD. SHEPARD STATED THAT HE WENT TO REST ROOM AND UPON RETURNING THE QUESTIONED INDIVIDUAL HAD LEFT BAR AND CUSTOMER WITH WHOM HE HAD HAD PREVIOUS CONVERSATION COMMENTED TO HIM THAT HE HAD BETTER LEAVE AS HIS LIFE WAS IN DANGER. SHEPARD SAID THAT HE THEN DEPARTED. SHEPARD FURTHER

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Special Agent in Charge

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STATED UPON SEEING PHOTO OF JAMES EARL RAY TODAY IN DALLAS
NEWSPAPER HE FURTHER FELT THAT THIS INDIVIDUAL HE OBSERVED IN
BAR CLOSELY RESEMBLED RAY.

SHEPARD ADVISED BAR LOCATED ON EAST ELEVENTH ST, OR ON
NORTH ELEVENTH ST, BEAUMONT, AND IT HAS PROMINENT PHOTO OF
GEORGE WALLACE ON WALL.

HOUSTON AT BEAUMONT. HANDLE.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

AIRMAIL COPIES FURNISHED MEMPHIS AND KANSAS CITY.

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Vol. LXXIX—No. 234 DENISON, TEXAS, 75020, THURSDAY EVENING, APRIL 18, 1968

Murder Charge

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Assassination

Warrant Names Mystery Suspect



WANTED—This is picture of Eric Starvo Galt the FBI has charged with the conspiracy and slaying of Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. Original photo has his eyes closed and they were drawn in by artist. (AP)

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — The mysterious Eric Starvo Galt has been charged with conspiracy and murder in the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The FBI said in a fugitive warrant issued Wednesday night in Birmingham, Ala., that Galt, 36, conspired with a man "whom he alleged to be his brother" to violate King's civil rights.

The state charge of first-degree murder was filed against Galt in Memphis where King, 39, Nobel Prize winning civil rights leader, was shot to death on a motel balcony April 4 by a sniper who fled from a nearby rooming house.

FACES CHAIR

First-degree murder in Tennessee carries the death penalty although the electric chair has not been used in the state since 1960.

The maximum penalty under the federal charge of conspiracy to violate a person's civil rights is a \$5,000 fine and 10-year prison sentence.

There was no further mention in the FBI statement about the alleged brother and no charge was filed against him.

FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover announced in Washington that the conspiracy to "injure, oppress, threaten or intimidate" King began "on or about March 30" in Birmingham.

The FBI statement said a .30.06 rifle equipped with a telescopic sight found near the rooming house shortly after King was slain, was purchased March 30 in Birmingham.

NO DIRECT LINK

The statement did not connect Galt directly with the rifle.

The FBI released a photograph of Galt and solicited public aid in finding him. Whether this appeal meant the trail had become cold was unclear, but U.S. Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark told a reporter in Washington

that he felt this was not the situation.

The FBI started hunting Galt a week ago. Agents even contacted persons named Galt in several states in an attempt to find him.

The picture—which had to have the eyes "opened" by an artist—brought uncertain responses from witnesses who were acquainted with Galt or saw the fleeing sniper.

NOT YOUR 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, who lives at the Main Street rooming house from which the fatal shot apparently was fired.

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

A source in Birmingham said the photograph was taken within the past three months, although the FBI did not specify when it was made. The photo has sharp contrast, making hair and features very dark.

The FBI, relying on witnesses apparently, said the fugitive had been described as a white man, 5-8 to 5-11, weighing 160 to 175 pounds, with brown hair in a brush cut, blue eyes, straight nose.

Persons who have met Galt, the FBI reported, described him as a loner with a "rural" speech and little schooling, fond of vodka, beer and hillbilly music.

The FBI statement also 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 further from his head than his right ear."

"Galt should be considered armed and dangerous," the FBI release warned.

Galt has used the names of John Willard and Harvey Lowmeyer, the FBI said.

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TO: SAC MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: SAC DALLAS (44-2649)

MURKIN

RE ERIC STARVO GALT

JOHN MOLDEN, AMARILLO, TEXAS, AT NINE FORTYFIVE PM,
APRIL NINETEEN LAST, ADVISED ~~THAT~~ ^{THE} AMARILLO RA HE HAD JUST SEEN
PERSON RESEMBLING GALT IN FIFTYSEVEN BLACK BUICK BEARING TENNESSEE
LICENSE G L NINE SIX FIVE FOUR GOING WEST ON HIGHWAY SIXTYSIX
FROM AMARILLO. THERE WAS A WHITE FEMALE DRIVING CAR ACCOMPANIED
BY W/M HE BELIEVES RESEMBLES GALT. ATTEMPTS TO LOCATE AUTOMOBILE
WAS MADE BY FBI AND TEXAS HIGHWAY PATROL WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

MEMPHIS AT ~~MEMPHIS~~ DETERMINE PERSON IN POSSESSION AUTO
WITH ABOVE TENNESSEE LICENSE AND WHETHER IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT.

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TO: SAC, JACKSONVILLE
FROM: SAC, DALLAS (44-2649) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Mrs. HARRY JOHNSON, 9432 Parkford, Dallas, DI 8-6844, (requested her identity be protected), who stated she is wife of a doctor, on 4/20/68, telephonically furnished information to SA EDWIN D. KUYKENDALL as follows:

About midnight, following April 1, 1968, she alone in her 1964 Buick Electra, stopped at an eating establishment, name unknown but like a Toddle House, on Highway 90 as she was driving east, one or two blocks on her right passed a university in Tallahassee, Florida. While having coffee there a male individual came in and inquired if she was driving the Texas car. He said a few other things to her including something to the effect that people he came there with had left him there stranded. Later as she was leaving she saw him standing in the parking lot and then made some comment about staying next door. She did not observe what was next door but remembered it was a large building, possible a hotel, apartment or rooming house. She furnished the following description of the individual:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	About 40
Height	5'10"
Hair	Brown, apparently full head of hair, although could have had receding forehead.

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Eyes	Blue
Characteristics	Quiet, soft voice, wore suit, one shoulder lower than other (as appeared in newspaper photo of JAMES EARL RAY on 4/20/68)
Scars and Marks	None remembered

She did not learn any name or any other specific information concerning this person that would help to identify him. It was conflicting whether he was a transient passing through there or whether he was staying in the building next door to the eating establishment. She said a few days ago she wondered if he could be identical with the assassin of MARTIN LUTHER KING but decided he did not look much like drawing that appeared in newspaper. When she saw a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY in newspaper on 4/20/68, she believed that individual looked like the picture. She said she believed it may be him or she would not have reported this information.

LEAD

JACKSONVILLE

AT JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA. Conduct investigation at eating establishment above, to determine if JAMES EARL RAY can be located there.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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Date:

4/20/68

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TO: SAC EL PASO

FROM: SAC, DALLAS (44-2649)

MURKIN

RE ERIC STARVO GALT. RE SACRAMENTO TEL APRIL NINETEEN LAST.
RUTH ROEBUCK, OLTON, TEXAS, ADVISED TODAY SHE WAS IN EL PASO
APRIL FOURTEEN LAST, CONTINENTAL AIRLINES DESK AT ABOUT TEN THIRTY
AM, WHEN SHE OBSERVED A PERSON SHE BELIEVED RESEMBLED COMPOSITE
DRAWING OF SUBJ OF THIS CASE WHICH HAD APPEARED IN LOCAL NEWSPAPER.
THE PERSON SHE SAW WAS AT THE TIME TALKING WITH ELDERLY WOMAN.
MRS. ROEBUCK STATED SHE SAW A PHOTO OF ERIC STARVO GALT IN
NEWSPAPER ON APRIL NINETEEN LAST AND THE PERSON SHE SAW DOES
NOT RESEMBLE THIS MAN.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, DALLAS (44-2649)

DATE: 4/20/68

FROM : SPC CLINTON B. BROWN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 4/20/68, T. F. Mc KINNEY, 3015 Gaston Ave., Dallas, telephonically contacted this office at 6:30 PM, and related he had observed an individual who was the "spitting image" of JAMES EARL RAY at ~~XXXXXX~~ 2:00 PM, this afternoon.

MC KINNEY advised he observed a black Ford Mustang with Georgia license plates in front of the Safeway Store at Live Oak and Carrol, Dallas, at 2:00 PM, instant. MC KINNEY stated the Mustang (a fastback) had the right front fender dented, and was occupied by an individual looking similar to SUBJECT RAY, as well as a lady, with possibly red hair. MC KINNEY stated this man came out of the grocery store empty handed, entered the Mustang, and drove East on Live Oak, toward out of town. MC KINNEY pointed out someone might recall the Mustang and its occupants, as the car was backed into the parking space approximately two cars down from the ~~XXXXXX~~ entrance to the Safeway store.

MC KINNEY described this unknown individual as 5'9", 170-175 lbs., walked with limp (~~left~~ turned toe of left foot in toward other foot, blonde hair.

MC KINNEY, who lives behind the Peerless Laundry, where he is "Chief Engineer", stated he had observed the side view of RAY, as well as the front view on TV, after arriving home. He stated the side view was more nearly like the person he saw earlier.

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TO : SAC, DALLAS

FROM : CLERK JAMES R. WILKINS

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4-21-68

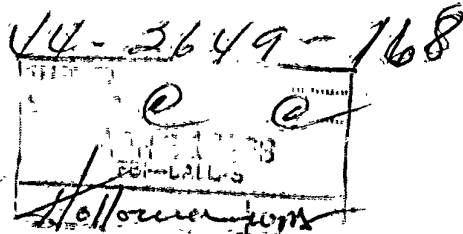
MRS. E.L. SASSER, 3209 41st St., Lubbock, Texas called and advised that about a month ago there was a man named RAY TIBBITS (PHONETIC) aka RAY EDWARDS working for a Billin's Transfer and Storage whom she thinks could possibly be JAMES EARL RAY. The caller stated that this man was from California and lived in a rooming house there in Lubbock. The reason she knows this is that she works for Traffic Management, Reese AFB and this man did some moving for a colonel stationed there. This man was later arrested in Wichita Falls for impersonation of the colonel.

The reason she believes TIBBITS may be the assassin is that he had RAY in his name and that he was from California.

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TO : SAC, DALLAS

DATE: 4-21-68

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At Approximately 12:45 AM this date, this office was contacted by GEORGE WESTFALL, Mesa Grande Estates, Parker County, phone Circle-5-1248 concerning possible info in the MURKIN case. The caller stated that a few days ago he was out walking his dogs in his pasture, located off Interstate Highway 20, when he heard gunfire. WESTFALL stated that at the time he thought nothing of the shots. However, he did notice an abandoned car near where he heard the shots come from. The car is an old Chevrolet with Mississippi license plates. When asked the license number, WESTFALL said that he would have to go and get the numbers. The caller was not instructed by this writer to take such action.

At approximately 1:30 AM, WESTFALL recontacted this office and related this info. The license plates on the car have been altered with green and white paint. The plates were originally L-1-4873 and had been altered to read L-2-4878. The plates were issued in Lauderdale County. WESTFALL further stated that the car was full of clothes and trash and that there was an obnoxious odor coming from the trunk. Upon investigation WESTFALL found an envelope with a hand-drawn map on the back showing a street dividing a large building from a smaller one with a line drawn from the smaller building to the larger one. The front of the envelope contained the address GORDON LYMAN, Veteran's Administration Hospital, Temple, Texas. The envelope also had an Army discharge number C-505 86 10 and other scribbling concerning a Jiffy Dodge Truck Rental.

WESTFALL mentioned that he knew SA KUYKENDALL and an agent TOM PICKENS and also that he had helped an agent once on the west coast. The caller advised that he had alerted no other agency.

Weatherford SO advised only of abandoned car, info furnished Deputy Sheriff CHESTER COSBY at 3:00 AM for whatever action they thought necessary.

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KANSAS CITY, LITTLE ROCK.
FROM PHOENIX (44-371), (9 PAGES)

MURKIN. CIVIL RIGHTS. OO MEMPHIS.

DEPUTY SHERIFF RAY STOCK, COCONINO COUNTY SHERIFF'S
OFFICE, FLAGSTAFF, ARIZONA, ADVISED THAT AT TWO TWENTY A.M.
APRIL TWENTY LAST HE RECEIVED PHONE CALL FROM ANONYMOUS MALE
WHO STATED HE HAD DONE STATE TIME WITH RAY AKA GAULT. CALLER
ALSO SAID HE HAD DONE FEDERAL TIME AT TEXARKANA, TEXAS WITH
ONE DAVID WILSON WHO LATER MARRIED FLAGSTAFF, ARIZONA GIRL
BY NAME OF HERNANDEZ. CALLER STATED RAY AND WILSON HAD DONE
TIME TOGETHER AND THAT DAY OR TWO PRIOR TO ASSASSINATION OF
KING HE, CALLER, MET WILSON ABOARD PLANE FROM PHOENIX TO
DETROIT, MICHIGAN AT WHICH TIME WILSON HAD TICKET TO NASHVILLE,
TENNESSEE EN ROUTE MEMPHIS. CALLER STATED HE HEARD LATER
THAT RAY WAS IN MEMPHIS THAT TIME BUT CALLER DID NOT KNOW
FOR SURE. CALLER INDICATED DURING CONVERSATION THAT WILSON
WANTED TO GET EVEN WITH RAY FOR SOMETHING THAT HAPPENED IN
PENITENTIARY. CALLER INDICATED THAT WILSON HATES "NIGGERS"

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CALLER INDICATED WILSON WAS IN FLAGSTAFF, ARIZONA AT TIME OF HIS CALL. CALLER AGREED TO PHONE BACK IN THIRTY MINUTES AND TOLD TO FBI AGENT BUT NO CALL RECEIVED.

INVESTIGATION AT FLAGSTAFF DETERMINED ~~DAVID L. WILSON~~, IS WHITE MALE AMERICAN, BORN WESTBURN, TENNESSEE, NOVEMBER TWO EIGHT THIRTYONE, SIX FEET THREE, ONE NINETY POUNDS, BLUE EYES, BROWN HAIR, FBI SEVEN TWO NINE TWO FOUR TWO C. WILSON EVADED ATTEMPTS TO BE CONTACTED BY FBI BUT MADE HIMSELF AVAILABLE THROUGH LIEUT. ROBERT JACKSON, FLAGSTAFF POLICE DEPARTMENT, A FRIEND. WILSON INTERVIEWED IN PRESENCE OF LIEUT. JACKSON BY BUAGENT AND EMPHATICALLY DENIED ANY RECENT TRIP TO MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE. HE CLAIMED EMPLOYMENT AT CONTINENTAL BODY SHOP, PHOENIX FOR APPROXIMATELY SIX MONTHS AND CHECK OF EMPLOYMENT RECORDS VERIFY HIS PRESENCE DURING PERIOD PRIOR TO AND FOLLOWING ASSASSINATION. WILSON STATED HIS WIFE HAS BEEN LIVING WITH HER SISTER AT FLAGSTAFF, ARIZONA FOR PAST WEEK OR SO AND ON FRIDAY APRIL NINETEEN LAST HE RENTED CAR AT PHOENIX TO VISIT WIFE AT FLAGSTAFF.

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PRIOR TO LEAVING PHOENIX HE MET ANOTHER FORMER PRISON MATE, CLARENCE CLARK (PHONETIC) AT MAGOO'S NIGHT CLUB, PHOENIX, AND CLARK ACCOMPANIED WILSON TO FLAGSTAFF. WILSON SAID HE DROPPED CLARK ON CITY STREET IN FLAGSTAFF AND CLARK WAS BOUND FOR DENVER, COLORADO.

WILSON AGREED TO LISTEN TO TAPED PHONE CALL IN EFFORT TO IDENTIFY CALLER AND HALF WAY THROUGH CALL WILSON PANICKED AND LEFT THE ROOM REFUSING TO TALK FURTHER. LIEUT. JACKSON DROVE WILSON HOME AND ON RETURN STATED WILSON IN GREAT FEAR BLURTED THAT HE WAS FULLY INFORMED OF ASSASSINATION PLOT WHICH INVOLVED GROUP OF EXCONS ALL KNOWN TO HIM. WILSON STATED THAT VOICE ON TAPE NOT CLARK, BUT THAT OF AN EXCON FROM KANSAS CITY WHOM HE REFUSED TO IDENTIFY. WILSON SAID JACKSON WOULD KNOW CALLER'S IDENTITY BY TOMORROW, AS ONE PHONE CALL BY WILSON WOULD RESULT IN DEATH OF SQUEALER TOMORROW. WILSON ALSO TOLD JACKSON THAT RAY NOT ACTUAL KILLER. SAID RAY WAS ORIGINAL TRIGGER MAN BUT BACKED OUT DAY BEFORE AND OTHERS PINNED IT ON HIM IN VIEW OF HIS WANTED STATUS. SAID REAL KILLER STILL IN ATLANTA AND RAY PRESENTLY

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HIDING IN FAJORA (PHONETIC), MEXICO. WILSON LEFT JACKSON'S CAR IN PANIC AND STATED HEADING BACK TO PHOENIX TO MAKE PHONE CALL. WILSON DRIVING SIXTYFOUR YELLOW MERCURY COMET, ARIZONA LICENSE JXE THREE FOUR ZERO.

WILSON INTERVIEWED AT PHOENIX ON APRIL TWENTYONE INSTANT. WILSON STATED HE LAST SAW RAY LAST SUMMER AT LUPTON OR LUFTON, MISSOURI WHERE WILSON WAS ARRESTED FOR DWI AND WAS IN COUNTY JAIL FOR THREE OR FOUR WEEKS UNTIL HE COULD PAY FINE. AT TIME OF ARREST WILSON STATED HE WAS WITH GENE BRISINDINE (PHONETIC) TRUCK DRIVER FOR WILLIS SHAW, ELM SPRINGS, ARKANSAS. ON RELEASE HE WENT TO BAR ABOUT FOUR BLOCKS FROM COUNTY JAIL TO USE PHONE AND RAN INTO RAY WHO RECOGNIZED WILSON AND WHOM WILSON SAID HE HAD SEEN BEFORE ALTHOUGH HE DID NOT REMEMBER WHERE. RAY ASKED HIM IF HE WEREN'T WILSON AND HE SAID HE WAS AND RAY INDICATED THAT THEY HAD DONE TIME TOGETHER. RAY LOANED HIM FIFTY DOLLARS WHICH HE USED THE FOLLOWING DAY AFTER SPENDING THAT NIGHT IN LOCAL MOTEL FOR BUS TICKET TO FLAGSTAFF, ARIZONA. WILSON QUESTIONED WHERE HE HAD SERVED TIME WITH RAY AND HE COULD

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NOT DESIGNATE THE SPECIFIC PLACE ALTHOUGH HE SAID HE KNEW HIM IN A PRISON SOMEPLACE. WILSON WAS SHOWN PHOTO OF JAMES EARL RAY, MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, NUMBER ZERO ZERO FOUR ONE SIX, AND RAY'S CLOSE ASSOCIATE, WALTER T. RIFE, KANSAS CITY SHERIFF'S OFFICE NUMBER TWO NINE SIX THREE SIX, TOGETHER WITH SIX OTHER PHOTOGRAPHS. WILSON INITIALLY PICKED BOTH PHOTOGRAPHS OF RIFE AND RAY AS BEING RAY AND THEN SETTLED ON PHOTO OF RIFE AS THAT OF RAY. HE WAS ALSO SHOWN COMBINATION PHOTO OF RIFE AND RAY TOGETHER AND HE CONTINUED TO IDENTIFY RIFE AS RAY. WILSON DESCRIBED RAY AS BEING FIVE FOOT SIX OR SEVEN AND HE ALSO SAID RAY WAS PROBABLY YOUNGER THAN HIS OWN THIRTYSIX YEARS, ONE SIXTY POUNDS, WITH SCAR SOMEPLACE IN THE FOREHEAD AREA WHICH HE COULD NOT SEE IN PHOTOGRAPH OF RIFE. HE STATED RAY CONTINUALLY CHANGED HIS HAIR STYLE.

AVAILABLE INFO REFLECTS WILSON WAS RECEIVED NOVEMBER TWENTYONE NINETEEN FIFTY ONE AT STATE PENITENTIARY, RAIFORD, FLORIDA FOR ESCAPE FROM COUNTY JAIL AND WAS LATER RECEIVED NOVEMBER SEVEN NINETEEN SIXTY ONE FEDERAL CORRECTIONAL

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INSTITUTE, TEXARKANA, TEXAS FOR MAIL THEFT AND FEDERAL P.V. AND WAS TRANSFERRED FROM THERE TO FCI, TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA ON NOVEMBER TWENTYTWO NINETEEN SIXTY TWO. HIS LAST ARREST WAS AT SPRINGFIELD COLORADO BY THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE ON MAY TWO NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN FOR TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS. ABOVE INFORMATION IS NOT COMPLETE RECORD OF WILSON BUT RECORD DOES NOT CORRESPOND AT ANY POINT TO RECORD OF JAMES EARL RAY SO FAR AS KNOWN TO PHOENIX. WILSON DENIES ANY KNOWLEDGE CONCERNING KINGS ASSASSINATION OR ANY PLOT BY EXCONVICTS TO ASSASSINATE KING. WILSON ALSO DENIED STATING RAY ORIGINAL TRIGGER MAN AND DENIED STATING THAT THE REAL KILLER WAS STILL IN ATLANTA. WILSON CLAIMS HE DID NOT STATE RAY WAS IN ANY SPECIFIC PLACE IN MEXICO BUT HAD MERELY COMMENTED THAT IF HE WERE RAY HE WOULD BE IN MEXICO.

WILSON QUESTIONED ABOUT IDENTITY OF ANONYMOUS CALLER. HE INDICATED BY ATTITUDE HE HAD IDEA OF CALLER'S IDENTITY BUT STEADFASTLY REFUSED TO REVEAL SAME TO INTERVIEWING AGENTS. INTERROGATION INDICATED CALLER POSSIBLY IDENTICAL TO

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CLARENCE CLARK WHO WILSON STATED HE SERVED TIME WITH AT
RAIFORD, FLORIDA. WILSON DESCRIBED CLARK AS WMA, IN HIS
FORTIES, SMALL THIN BUILD, FIVE FEET ONE OR TWO INCHES,
ONE THIRTY FIVE TO ONE FORTY POUNDS, GRAY HAIR.

PHOENIX CONDUCTING INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE IF THERE
IS ANY SUBSTANCE TO INFORMATION FURNISHED BY CALLER AND
STATEMENTS MADE BY WILSON TO LIEUT. JACKSON.

IDENTIFICATION DIVISION WILL FURNISH ALL RECEIVING
OFFICES COMPLETE IDENTIFICATION RECORDS OF JAMES EARL RAY
FBI THREE ZERO SIX FOUR FOUR THREE A, AND DAVID L. WILSON,
FBI NUMBER SEVEN NINE TWO TWO FOUR TWO C. IDENT DIVISION
ALSO REQUESTED TO SEARCH RECORDS ON BASIS OF NAME AND
DESCRIPTION HEREIN FOR IDENTIFICATION RECORD ON ONE
CLARENCE CLARK WHO WOULD HAVE SERVED PRISON TERM AT RAIFORD,
FLORIDA DURING PERIOD OF WILSON'S INCARCERATION THERE AND
IF SUCH RECORD FOUND FURNISH SAME TO RECEIVING OFFICES.

JACKSONVILLE DIVISION CONTACT STATE PENITENTIARY, RAIFORD,
FLORIDA AND ATTEMPT TO IDENTITY CLARENCE CLARK
DESCRIBED ABOVE AND DETERMINE IF HE SERVED TIME WITH WILSON.
IF IDENTIFIED, FURNISH IDENT DIVISION WITH

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APPROPRIATE NUMBERS WITH REQUEST THAT ALL RECEIVING OFFICES BE FURNISHED IDENT RECORD. ALSO FURNISH DETAILS OF WILSON'S INCARCERATION AT RAIFORD.

DALLAS DIVISION AT TEXARKANA WILL ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY CLARENCE CLARK (PHONETIC) DESCRIBED ABOVE AS INMATE OF THAT INSTITUTION APPARENTLY DURING NINETEEN SIXTYONE AND SIXTYTWO AND IF IDENTIFIED WILL REQUEST IDENTIFICATION DIVISION FURNISH COMPLETE ARREST RECORD TO RECEIVING OFFICES. DALLAS WILL ALSO SET OUT ANY NECESSARY LEADS TO LOCATE CLARK FOR INTERVIEW.

MEMPHIS ADVISE IF THERE IS ANY INDICATION OF CONSPIRACY OF EXCONS AS MENTIONED BY WILSON TO LIEUT. JACKSON.

KANSAS CITY WILL CONDUCT INVESTIGATION THROUGH GENERAL AVAILABLE SOURCES IN EFFORT TO IDENTIFY CLARENCE CLARK, PHONETIC, WHO IS BELIEVED TO POSSIBLY BE THE ANONYMOUS CALLER SINCE WILSON ALLEGEDLY TOLD LIEUT. JACKSON THE CALLER WAS FROM KANSAS CITY. NO LEAD BEING SET FOR KANSAS CITY RE LUFTON SINCE NOT LISTED IN POSTAL GUIDE. KANSAS CITY SHOULD UPON RECEIPT OF IDENTI RECORD OF WILSON ATTEMPT TO

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VERIFY PLACE WHERE HE STATES HE WAS INCARCERATED DURING SUMMER OF SIXTY SEVEN FOR DWI AND WHERE HE MET RAY UPON HIS RELEASE.

LITTLE ROCK AT ELM SPRINGS, ARKANSAS WILL THROUGH WILLIS SHAW LOCATE GENE BRISINDINE AND INTERVIEW BRISINDINE CONCERNING ALLEGED ARREST AND INCARCERATION OF WILSON DURING SUMMER OF SIXTY SEVEN WITH PARTICULAR PURPOSE OF ASCERTAINING LOCATION OF THE OCCURRENCE SINCE THERE IS NO LUFTON, MISSOURI IN POSTAL GUIDE.

AIRMAIL COPIES SENT TO SALT LAKE CITY AND DENVER IN VIEW OF PROSPECTIVE LEADS.

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✓ From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

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Re Dallas airtel of 4/16/68.

The remaining unidentified latent fingerprints and the latent impressions in this case are not identical with the fingerprints of James Allen Smith, FBI #731553D. No palm prints are available in our Identification Division files for Smith.

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Author:

Editor: ED WISHCAMPER

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Character:

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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

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, DALLAS (44-2649)

DATE: 4/22/68

FROM : SA JAMES J. SHERMAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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RE: Memo of Steve D. Albright dated 4/19/68.

The following investigation was conducted by SA SHERMAN and F. STEPHEN OSBORN, on 4/19/68.

AT DALLAS, TEXAS

A telephonic check with the Dallas County Tax Assessors office determined 1968 Texas License IMM 267 is registered to Freeman Motors, S. Lancaster, Dallas for a 1962 Mercury 4dr, VIN 2K32U522372, and was issued 3/26/68.

MR FREELAND, Owner, Freeland Motors, 3410 S. Lancaster, Tel FR6 9911, advised he had sold a 1962 Mercury Meteor, VIN 2K32U522372, to THOMAS GONZALES, 514 Ella St., Dallas, TEE EX 1 7086. GONZALES has been a customer of Freeland's for at least 6 years, and has purchased quite a few cars during that time. GONZALES reportedly has been a butcher for A+P for 27 years, and currently works at the Preston Rd. store.

THOMAS ROYAL GONZALES, Terrace Apts, #2, S. Lancaster, Dallas was contacted where he works as a butcher at the A+P Inwood Village. He stated he moved from 514 Ella about 1 week ago. He advised he owns a white Mercury Meteor which he recently bought from Freeland Motors. He advised he has been working for A+P in Dallas for 25 years as a Meat Cutter. His physical appearance was quite dissimilar to subject's photograph.

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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

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JACKSONVILLE, KANSAS CITY AND PHOENIX (44-371)

FROM: SAC, DALLAS (44-2649)

MURKIN. OO-MEMPHIS. RE PHOENIX TELETYPE, APRIL TWENTY-ONE, LAST.

T. L. MAULDIN, RECORDS CLERK, FCI, TEXARKANA, TEXAS,
ADVISED APRIL TWENTY-TWO, INSTANT, THAT RECORDS THAT INSTITUTION
SHOW DAVID L. WILSON, FCI NO. ONE TWO FIVE NINE ONE, WAS RECEIVED
ON NOVEMBER SEVEN, SIXTY-ONE, AND WAS TRANSFERRED TO THE FCI,
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA, ON JANUARY TWELVE, SIXTY-TWO.

ONE, CLARENCE JAMES CLARK, AGE TWENTY-EIGHT, IN NINETEEN
FIFTY-SIX, FBI NO. ONE ONE THREE FIVE THREE, WAS SERVING SENTENCE FOR
WSTA AT FCI, TEXARKANA, UNTIL HIS TRANSFER TO U. S. FEDERAL
HOSPITAL, SPRINGFIELD, MO., ON JULY SEVENTEEN, SIXTY-ONE. HE WAS
SCHEDULED FOR RELEASE IN SIXTY-ONE, EXACT DATE NOT SHOWN, WITH TIME
OFF FOR GOOD BEHAVIOR. HE WOULD THEN BE ON CONDITIONAL RELEASE FOR
THREE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SIX DAYS. CLARK WAS SHOWN AS BEING FROM
LAKE CHARLES, LA. CLARK AND WILSON WERE NOT AT FCI, TEXARKANA
AT SAME TIME.

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JACKSONVILLE, AT TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA, CONTACT FCI AND
DETERMINE IF WILSON AND CLARK SERVED AT THAT INSTITUTION TOGETHER.

KANSAS CITY, AT SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI, CONTACT U. S. FEDERAL
HOSPITAL, FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING CLARK AND WHETHER WILSON
AND CLARK WERE AT THAT FACILITY TOGETHER. SET OUT LEADS TO
DETERMINE PRESENT LOCATION OF CLARK FOR INTERVIEW. - P -

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4/22/68

AIRTEL

TO: SAC, NEW ORLEANS
FROM: SAC, DALLAS (44-2649)(P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
OO-MEMPHIS

On 4/19/68, an anonymous caller advised the Dallas Office she saw an individual resembling ERIC STARVO GALT driving a late model Chevrolet, light tan, four door, on 4/12/68. The auto stopped and parked at the A & A Liquor Store, Industrial at Hampton, Dallas, and the individual entered the liquor store.

The auto was bearing 1968 Louisiana license 25 E 930.

LEADS

NEW ORLEANS

AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA. Determine possessor of automobile with above license and whether identical with subject of this case.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, DALLAS (44-2649)

DATE: 4/18/68

FROM : SPC JERRY D. PRICE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 4/18/68 at approximately 7:50PM, Officer WHITTEN (retired) Dallas PD, tel #FE9-0709, telephonically advised that a friend (not further identified) had advised him on this date that a waitress at the Longhorn Lounge, 3902 Cedar Springs Blvd., Dallas, had brought to his friend's attention an individual who closely resembled GALT. This individual had been "hanging out" at bar for past few days and no one in lounge associated with him. Individual had never been seen in lounge before.

WHITTEN advised [REDACTED] LT. BAKER, Dallas PD, who advised him to contact the FBI re above matter.

ASAC MOORE advised this date.

SAS HOLLOMAN and SHERMAN advised this date.

2 - Dallas
JDP



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4/18/68 pm
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920PM URGENT 4/18/68 GJM

TO ALL SACS

FROM DIRECTOR 1P

MURKIN.

CONTACTS SHOULD BE MAINTAINED WITH ALL MASS COMMUNICATIONS MEDIA IN YOUR TERRITORIES TO INSURE THAT THERE IS FREQUENT REFERENCE TO PHOTOGRAPH OF GALT AND HIS CONNECTION WITH THIS CASE. IF NOT ALREADY DONE, PHOTOGRAPHS SHOULD BE SHOWN OR DISTRIBUTED TO LAW ENFORCEMENT AND OTHER APPROPRIATE AGENCIES IN YOUR AREAS TO INSURE THE BROADEST POSSIBLE PUBLICATION OF SUBJECT'S PHOTOGRAPH AND BACKGROUND.

OFFICES COVERING POINTS OF ENTRY OR EXIT FROM COUNTRY INSURE THAT SUBJECT'S PHOTOGRAPH AND BACKGROUND HAVE BEEN WIDELY DISTRIBUTED AND/OR APPROPRIATELY DISPLAYED AND THAT STOPS ARE BEING MAINTAINED.

OFFICES COVERING DEPARTURE OR ARRIVAL OF OVERSEAS FLIGHTS SHOULD ALSO RENEW STOPS AND DISPLAY PHOTOGRAPHS OF SUBJECT APPROPRIATELY. SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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AIRTEL

TO: SAN FRANCISCO

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

OO: MEMPHIS

On 4/12/68, review of Delta Airlines (DAL) manifests 4/5 - 4/10/68, indicated that a M. I. WILLARD was ticketed for DAL Flight 552 to Indianapolis on 4/6/68, however, he did not board that flight. He listed his home phone number as 528-1267, Dallas, Texas. Further review of records also revealed a Reverend GAULTS flew into Atlanta on DAL Flight 818 on 4/8/68, and departed 4/9/68, on Flight 891 enroute to San Francisco.

LEADS

Dallas at Dallas, Texas, will locate and eliminate M. I. WILLARD as suspect this case.

San Francisco at San Francisco, California, will attempt to determine identity of Rev. GAULT in the San Francisco area and also eliminate as suspect this matter.

2 - San Francisco
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC SHANKLIN

FROM : SPC JERRY D. PRICE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/19/68

RE: LETTER FROM BUREAU TO LEGAT MEXICO VIA
DALLAS ON BRANIFF FLT. 17, 10:15PM 4/19/68

A check with Braniff Airlines, Dallas, revealed that next flight to Mexico City was Braniff Flight 51, which departs Dallas 11:20AM/4/20/68 and arrives Mexico City 2:30PM. This is the earliest flight of any airlines out of Dallas. The next flight is American Airlines at 1:15PM (not verified).

DIRECTIONS FOR CALLING ATTACHE, MEXICO CITY PER
BUREAU OPERATOR.

Dial the regular operator and tell operator that you desire to place a person to person prepaid call to Mexico City. The attache is NATHAN FERRIS, and there are three (3) numbers in which to call to try and locate him. Office numbers: 11-03-36 or 11-03-49; FERRIS residence 40-17-23. Be sure to give operator the number you desire to call.

*office phone - Nathan Ferris
40-17-23 259100*

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TO : SAC, DALLAS (44- 2649)

DATE: 4/19/68

FROM : STEVE D. ALBRIGHT

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Today, W. C. FLOWERS, 2338 Bluffton, phone DA7-3659, Dallas, Texas, telephonically advised as follows:

Flowers is an insurance accident investigator and he investigated an accident involving ROBERT BURKHEAD that occurred on 4/18/68 at 6:50 am.

He stated BURKHEAD fits description of ERIC STARVO GALT and is similar to photo published in papers. BURKHEAD resides 1934 N. Carroll, Dallas, and is employed by Good Luck Service Station, Ft. Worth Ave., Dallas.

He has California Drivers Lic. #S403519 and on his Calif. lic. it lists previous lic. as Alabama lic.

BURKHEAD is described as WM, 37, 5'10", 175 lbs., dark hair, left ear protrudes, has scar on left side of neck about size of a quarter.

BURKHEAD stated he had been in Dallas only one week. He works nights at the service station.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, DALLAS (44-2649)

DATE: 4/18/68

FROM : SA ROBERT A. DAVIDSON

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 4/18/68, at 3:35pm, MRS. A. L. BROOKS, 2817 Whitmore, telephone 332-5607, telephonically contacted the Ft. Worth Resident Agency to furnish the following information:

On this date at about 2:30pm she observed a Ford Mustang, White in color, proceeding west on White Settlement Rd. near the Trinity River in Ft. Worth. This vehicle caught her attention because it matched the description of the vehicle involved in captioned case and it had out of state license plates and a 2-way radio in it as was evident from the call letters on the window and the antenna. She advised that she recalled a newspaper account which stated that possible 2 white Mustangs with a 2-way radio were involved.

License number: Georgia 76D337 (possible 76B337)
Radio Operators number KOM 9384

MRS. BROOKS advised that the vehicle was occupied by the driver and a white female whom she was unable to describe. She described the driver as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Hair	Light brown or dark blond
Build	Heavy but not fat
Remarks	Wearing sport shirt and sun glasses

ATLANTA - AT ATLANTA -

Determine possessor of above described automobile and if identical with subject.

(RECOMMENDED-ACTION: ~~Left to discretion of MURKIN Coordinator.~~)

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