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2. AUTRE(S) NOM(S) (Y COMPRIS LE NOM DE JEUNE FILLE, PSEUDONYME, ETC.) <u>—</u>		3. NATIONALITE <u>Française</u>	
4. LIEU DE NAISSANCE (Ville, Département, Pays) <u>Engins Isère France</u>		5. DATE DE NAISSANCE (Jour, Mois, Année) <u>[Redacted]</u>	
6. DOMICILE <u>112 Avenue de la République 75. Paris 14^e</u>		7. TELEPHONE <u>700. 11. 07</u>	
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12. CHEVEUX (Couleur) <u>—</u>	13. YEUX (Couleur) <u>—</u>	14. TAILLE <u>1,76m</u>	15. TEINT (Clair, Coloré, etc.) <u>clair</u>
16. SIGNES PARTICULIERS (Cicatrices visibles, etc.) <u>—</u>			
17. SITUATION DE FAMILLE ☐ Marié(e) ☒ Célibataire ☐ Veuf(ve) ☐ Divorcé(e)			
18. BUT DU VOYAGE AUX ETATS-UNIS (Tourisme, affaires, visite à la famille ou à des amis, etc.) <u>Tourisme</u>			
19. DUREE DU SEJOUR ENVISAGE AUX ETATS-UNIS <u>6 à 8 semaines</u>		20. DATE APPROXIMATIVE DU DEPART POUR LES ETATS-UNIS <u>debut juillet 1967</u>	
21. QUI COUVRIRA VOS FRAIS DE TRANSPORT ET DE SEJOUR? (Vous-même, votre société, votre frère aux Etats-Unis, etc.) <u>Mes parents</u>			
22. VOTRE CONJOINT SE TROUVE-T-IL AUX ETATS-UNIS? ☐ Oui ☐ Non		23. VOTRE PERE OU VOTRE MERE EST-IL (ELLE) AUX ETATS-UNIS? ☐ Oui ☒ Non	

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DEMANDE DE VISA

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24. INDIQUEZ OU ET APPROXIMATIVEMENT QUAND VOUS AVEZ DEMANDE POUR LA DERNIERE FOIS UN VISA POUR LES ETATS-UNIS

25. PRECISEZ

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Visa accordé

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Visa refusé

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Demande abandonnée

26. AVEZ-VOUS JAMAIS DEMANDE UN VISA D'IMMIGRATION POUR LES ETATS-UNIS ?

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Oui

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Non

27. DEPUIS COMBIEN DE TEMPS VIVEZ-VOUS DANS LE PAYS OU VOUS FAITES VOTRE DEMANDE ?

depuis ma naissance : 23 ans

28. ENUMEREZ LES PAYS, AUTRES QUE CELUI DANS LEQUEL VOUS FAITES VOTRE DEMANDE, DANS LESQUELS VOUS AVEZ VECU PENDANT PLUS D'UN AN AU COURS DES CINQ DERNIERES ANNEES ET LES DATES APPROXIMATIVES DE CES RESIDENCES

Pays

Dates Approximatives

29. A QUELLE ADRESSE DESIREZ-VOUS QUE VOTRE VISA ET VOTRE PASSEPORT SOIENT ENVOYES ?

112 Avenue de la Republique 75. Paris 11°

30. AVIS IMPORTANT: La législation des Etats-Unis interdit la délivrance d'un visa de visiteur à toute personne qui a l'intention de s'établir dans le pays d'une façon permanente ou pour une période illimitée. Toute personne admise aux Etats-Unis avec un visa temporaire ne peut que s'y livrer aux activités pour lesquelles ce visa a été délivré. Un visiteur ne peut travailler. La législation des Etats-Unis interdit la délivrance de tout visa à toute personne atteinte d'une maladie contagieuse dangereuse, telle que la tuberculose; qui a souffert d'une maladie mentale sérieuse; qui est toxicomane ou se livre au trafic des stupéfiants; qui a des antécédents judiciaires y compris tout délit envers la morale publique; ou qui est ou a été membre du parti communiste ou de toute organisation affiliée, à moins que ces motifs d'exclusion n'aient fait préalablement l'objet d'une dispense spéciale. Au cas où l'une des restrictions énumérées ci-dessus s'appliquerait à vous, il est suggéré que vous vous présentiez dans nos bureaux pour une entrevue personnelle. Si cela n'est pas possible dès maintenant, une déclaration détaillant les faits vous concernant devrait être jointe à votre demande et nous être adressée. Dans certains cas il est possible d'obtenir une dispense des restrictions prévues. Des renseignements sur ce point, et sur toute autre question en matière de visas, peuvent être obtenus en téléphonant, en vous présentant, ou en écrivant à nos services.

31. AVEZ-VOUS LU ET COMPRENEZ-VOUS BIEN LES INDICATIONS DONNEES AU PARAGRAPHE 30 DE CETTE FORMULE ?

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Oui

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Non

32. L'UNE QUELCONQUE DES RESTRICTIONS ENUMEREES AU PARAGRAPH 30 S'APPLIQUE-T-ELLE A VOUS ?

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Oui

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Non

LE CAS ECHEANT, DONNEZ TOUS DETAILS SUR UNE FEUILLE JOINTE

33. Un visa accordé à toute personne ayant, en pleine connaissance de cause, donné de faux renseignements dans sa demande de visa est susceptible d'être annulé soit avant soit après l'arrivée aux Etats-Unis. Toute personne ayant fourni de tels faux renseignements est inapte à l'avenir à recevoir un visa.

34. Je certifie que les réponses que j'ai données sur cette formule sont exactes pour autant que je sache. De plus, je reconnais que la possession d'un visa n'assure pas au titulaire l'entrée aux Etats-Unis si, lors de son arrivée au port d'entrée, il est établi que le titulaire ne peut être admis.

le 8 Mai 1967

Date

by [Signature]

Signature

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Bishop *HW*

DATE: 4-18-68

FROM : M. A. Jones *HW*

SUBJECT: ERIC STARVO GALT
RADIO AND TELEVISION COVERAGE
PRESS RELEASE 4-17-68

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In connection with the press release made on Galt at 5:45 p.m. last evening, all radio and television stations in the Washington area were monitored.

While the release did not make the radio newscasts at 6 p.m., it was used as the lead-in story on Washington television station, WRC-TV, on its 6 p.m. news broadcast.

All radio and television stations in the Baltimore - Washington area were monitored through the evening and it was the lead-in story on every newscast. Galt's photograph was displayed on television newscasts on every occasion following the 6 p.m. news. News broadcasts have been spot-checked since 7 a.m. this morning and the Bureau press release concerning Galt continues to be highlighted. *B*

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Bishop
- 1 - Mr. Rosen

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Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: April 15, 1968

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. McDonough
1 - Mr. Long
1 - Mr. Martindale
1 - Mr. Mohr
1 - Mr. Bishop
1 - Mr. Conrad
1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan

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This case concerns the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Personnel of the Exhibits Section were dispatched to the Memphis and Birmingham Divisions in order to produce an artist's sketch of the unknown subject based upon witnesses' observations and descriptions. Witnesses in Birmingham furnished oral descriptions which are at variance with the descriptions of Memphis witnesses. Consequently the artists' conceptions show differences which cannot be reconciled.

It was not felt that we should provide the press an artist's conception which was not a good likeness and which would possibly further confuse witnesses and other citizens who may have seen the unknown subject. To have done so would have not been in the best interest of the Bureau and could lead to further unwarranted criticism.

ACTION:

The Exhibits Section personnel now in Memphis are being dispatched to Atlanta in order to prepare sketches from descriptions obtained from witnesses at the rooming house where Galt was last seen.

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Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach
Re: MURKIN

Attached are photographs of the two artists' conceptions mentioned above showing dissimilarities in these sketches based on the descriptions furnished by the witnesses in Memphis and Birmingham respectively.

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FBI SECRETIVE ABOUT SKETCH

Police Say - Drawing Of King Slayer Is Withheld

Memphis, April 14 (AP)—The FBI is withholding nation-wide distribution of a composite drawing of the assassin of the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., police sources said today.

"They haven't given us anything but a physical description," said one police official. "They aren't handing out pictures of the man. They either don't have a good one, or they're going it alone."

The official asked that his name not be used, citing the FBI's ban on comment about the investigation.

Resemblance Noted

When Jacksonville (Fla.) police questioned a Louisville man last night about Dr. King's slaying—the man since has been cleared of any connection — police Lt. M. P. Richardson said, "It's a long shot, but he looks too much like the sketch of the man who is wanted in the King slaying."

Jacksonville police said today that the man was arrested after a resident noted a likeness to a composite picture which appeared in Florida newspapers. This sketch was prepared by a newspaper artist from the description given of the slayer. It was not released—nor indorsed—by the FBI.

Residents of the Memphis rooming house from which Dr. King was shot April 4 reported last week that investigators had shown them composite drawings. But they said the sketches were the same—or at least very similar—as those prepared by newspaper artists.

Requests Denied

FBI officials have rejected reporters' requests for a composite drawing of the man they are seeking in what is perhaps the most massive manhunt of modern times. They refuse to say whether they have prepared such a sketch.

Agents have a good physical description of Dr. King's assassin: 30 to 32 years old, 5 feet, 10 inches tall, weighing 175

pounds, with a receding hairline and a long, thin nose.

They also have a good description of the white 1966 Mustang which witnesses say sped away from the Memphis rooming house where King was shot as he stood on a motel balcony 205 feet from the rear of the rooming house.

Car Impounded

A white Mustang was impounded Thursday night from an Atlanta parking lot where it had been parked since the morning after Dr. King's slaying.

The impounded car bore license tags issued in Birmingham, Ala., to Eric Starvo Galt, 37, who identified himself as an unemployed merchant seaman when he applied for an Alabama driving license last year.

At almost the same moment last week that they were impounding the car in Atlanta, the FBI sent over the Florida Teletypewriter circuit a request to locate Galt. The message was withdrawn four hours later with the explanation that it was erroneous. The FBI refuses to say why it was seeking Galt.

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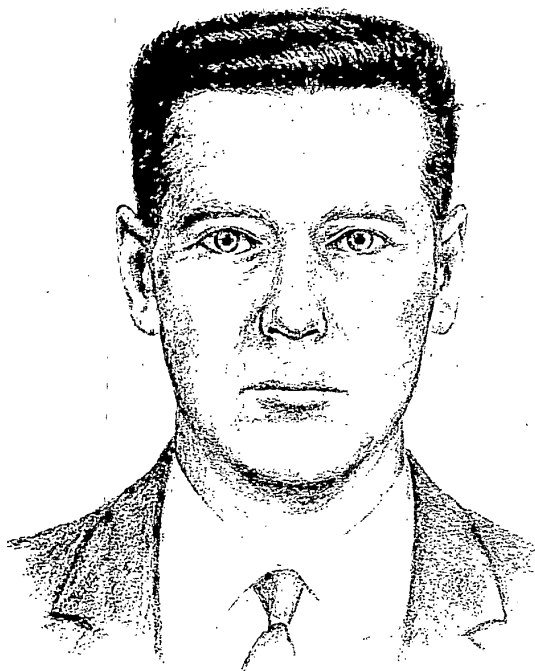
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White

Male

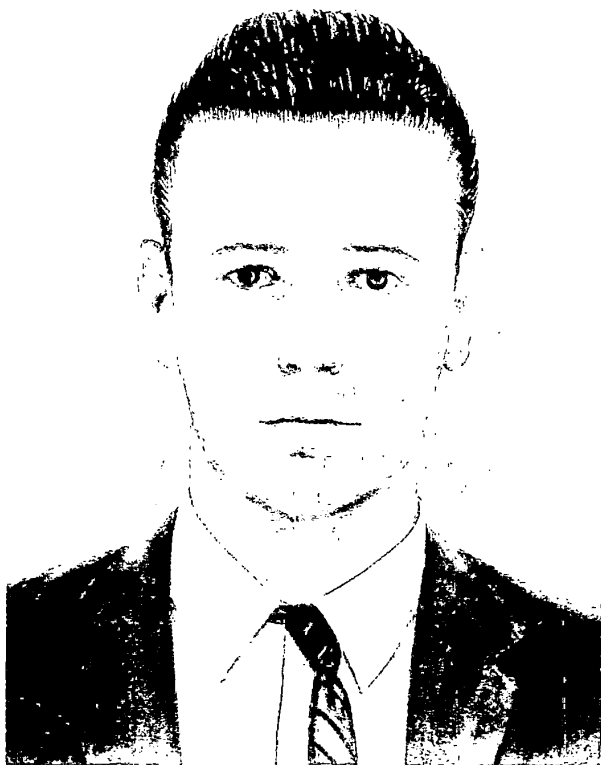
Age 36

5'8" - 5'10"

150 - 160 lbs.

Medium complexion

Dark hair (probably brown)



2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

Description of subject
from Memphis

White

Male

5'11"

160 - 170 lbs.

Medium Build

Dark brown or black hair;
combed straight back, no part.

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 FROM: SAC, KNOXVILLE (44-696) (P)
 RE: MURKIN
 OO: Memphis

WILBORN A. RAY
 INFORMATION FROM

Enclosed for the Bureau are five copies and for Memphis one copy of a letterhead memorandum reflecting information furnished by Captain WILBORN A. RAY, Army ROTC Instructor, Johnson City, Tennessee.

The Bureau may desire to have Major HENRY MC ADEN with the U. S. Army in Vietnam interviewed concerning Captain RAY's statements.

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Knoxville, Tennessee

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STATEMENT BY A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Miss Holmes ☒
Miss Gandy ☒

Attorney General Ramsey Clark is flying to Memphis, Tennessee, this morning. He departed from Andrews Air Force Base about 6:45 a.m. EST aboard an Air Force Jetstar.

He is accompanied by Roger Wilkins, Director of the Community Relations Service; Clifford L. Alexander Jr., Director of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, and Cartha D. DeLoach, Assistant to the Director of the FBI.

The Attorney General plans to meet with members of Dr. King's family, Dr. Ralph Abernathy, Dr. Andrew Young and colleagues of the late Dr. King.

He will also confer with Federal, state and local law enforcement officials concerning last night's assassination of Dr. King and with others.

phoned to: UPI 6:45 a.m.
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Reuters 7:20 a.m.

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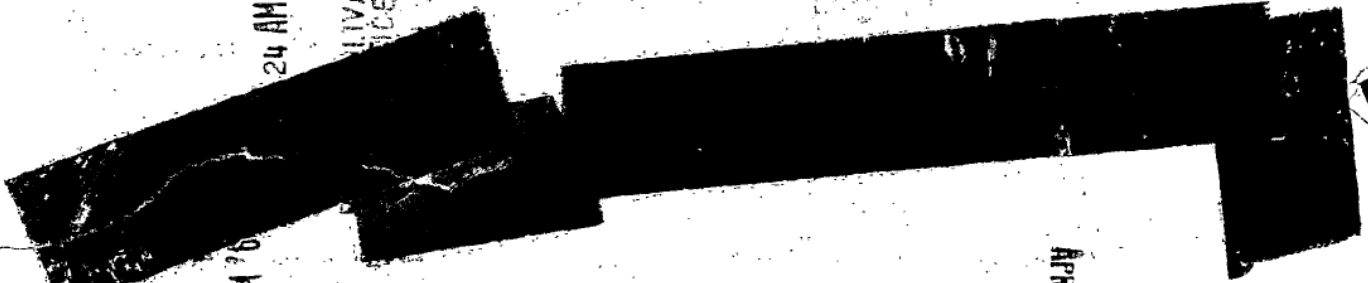
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: April 11, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen *AR*

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long
1 - Mr. Bates

SUBJECT: MURKIN
BUFILE: 44-38861

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On 4/10/68, SA Richard F. Bates, Civil Rights Section, telephonically contacted Mrs. Jean Wilkins, Office of the Director, Bureau of Prisons, Department of Justice, and requested that the files of the Bureau of Prisons be searched for any record on suspect Eric Starvo Galt under his full name and under any possible combinations such as Gault, Gwalt, and variations of the first name. Mrs. Wilkins was furnished a description of Galt.

Subsequently, Mrs. Wilkins on 4/10/68 contacted SA Bates and advised that a complete search of the Bureau of Prisons active and inactive files on present and former inmates of Federal penitentiaries disclosed no names identical or possibly similar to suspect Galt's name. Mrs. Wilkins stated that one of the most competent clerical employees in the Bureau of Prisons was used to conduct this search which was extremely thorough.

ACTION:

None. For information.

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- 1 - Mr. ROSEN
- 1 - Mr. TOLSON
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- 1 - Mr. WICK
- 1 - Mr. CASPER

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TO DIRECTOR, BIRMINGHAM, ATLANTA, AND LOS ANGELES JACKSONVILLE
FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987) 4P

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MURKIN.

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INPSECTOR N. E. ZACHARY, MEMPHIS, TENN., PD, FURNISHED
THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION VERBATIM, APRIL FOURTEEN, NINETEEN
SIXTY EIGHT:

15. CAPT. JEWELL RAY, INTERNAL SECURITY, MEMPHIS PD, RECEIVED
INFO FROM A FEMALE WHITE INFORMANT WHO BELIEVES THAT SHE MAY HAVE
SEEN SUBJECT GALT IN MEMPHIS AROUND MARCH TWENTY TWO OR TWENTY
THREE, SIXTY EIGHT, AND ON OTHER OCCASIONS AROUND LOUNGES, LAST
TIME BEING AT CHENNAULT'S ON BELLEVUE. SHE HAS HEARD GIRLS IN
THE LOUNGES CALL HIM "STEVIE." HE TOLD HER THAT HIS NAME WAS
ERIC AND THE LAST NAME SOUNDED TO HER AS IF IT WOULD BE "GAULDEN,"
"GAULDING" OR GAULDET." SHE IS NOT SURE OF THE SPELLING BUT THAT
IS THE WAY IT SOUNDS TO HER.

SHE DESCRIBES THE MAN AS BEING ABOUT THIRTY FIVE OR THIRTY
SIX YRS. OLD. ON FIRST MEETING HIM, YOU GET THE IMPRESSION HE IS A
MUCH YOUNGER MAN BUT AFTER STUDYING HIM, HE APPEARS TO BE AROUND
THIRTY FIVE. HIS EYES HAVE A STARE AND YOU FEEL LIKE HIS IS LOOKING
THROUGH YOU. HE IS STAND-OFFISH, HE DOES NOT MIX IN THE PARTY.
HE IS A SLENDER MAN, AROUND FIVE FT. TEN TO SIX FT. HE HAS DARK

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HAIR THAT APPEARS TO BE A CREW CUT GROWING OUT AS IT IS NOT EVEN ON HIS HAED. HE HAS A SIDE GRIN OR SMIRK ON THE LEFT SIDE OF HIS MOUTH, PULLS HIS MOUTH BACK LIKE A GRIN. WHEN HE PULLS HIS MOUTH BACK TO SIDE, SPACE IS NOTICEABLE BETWEEN UPPER TEETH. THIS SPACE CANNOT BE SEEN EXCEPT WHEN HIS MOUTH IS DRAWN BACK. HE HAS A SMALL GOLD BAND ON HIS RIGHT LITTLE FINGER. IT IS PLAIN GOLD AND MIGHT POSSIBLY HAVE AN INITIAL ON IT. HE IS A NEAT DRESSER, BEING CONSERVATIVE. USUALLY WEARS A SUIT. SHE SAW HIM ONE TIME WITH A REAL SPLASHY SPORT SHIRT ON. SHE HAS NEVER SEEN ONE LIKE IT BEFORE OR SINCE. IN OTHER WORDS, HE DIDN'T BUY IT AROUND HERE.

SHE HEARD HIM MENTION NAME "JIM RUBINO," WHO IS SUPPOSED TO BE A MEMPHIS MAN, AND THE NAME OF DUKE, WHO IS SUPPOSED TO BE A MEMPHIS PARTY. FROM WHAT SHE COULD FIND OUT ABOUT HIM, HE IS FROM AROUND BIRMINGHAM AND ATLANTA. HE TAKES GREEN PILLS AND TRAVELS BETWEEN BIRMINGHA, ATLANTA, AND CALIFORNIA, AND IS MIXED UP WITH SOME SUPPOSED TO BE BIG TIME SAFE BURGLARS, ONE CONNECTION BEING GORDON FORBES, WHO IS IN A CHARTER BOAT SERVICE OUT OF DESTIN, FLA. HE IS SUPPOSED TO HAVE BEEN IN MEMPHIS TO CONTACT BILLY SIDES AND TOMMY ELLIS PIKE. ACCORDING TO INFORMANT,

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PAGE THREE

WHEN THINGS ARE "HOT," THEY LIKE TO HOLE UP AT A FARM NEAR BIRMINGHAM. SHE STATED PIKE AND THE OTHERS HAVE BEEN GOING INTO MEXICO, TO ACAPULCO.

INSPECTOR ZACHARY DOES NOT KNOW THE SOURCE. HE WILL CONTACT THE OFFICER HANDLING HER AND HAVE THE OFFICER INQUIRE OF THE SOURCE WHETHER SHE IS WILLING TO DISCUSS THE PERSONAL APPEARANCE OF SUSPECT WITH THE BUREAU ARTIST PRESENTLY IN MEMPHIS. INSPECTOR ZACHARY KNOWS SHE IS MOST CONCERNED AND WORRIED OVER BEING INVOLVED IN THIS THING. IN VIEW OF THE TYPE OF PEOPLE INVOLVED, HE FEELS SHE MAY BE DEPENDENT ON THEM FOR HER SUPPLY OF DRUGS.

INFORMANT DESCRIBED SUSPECT'S CAR AS A MUSTANG, CREAM COLORED, WHITE OR GRAY.

WILLIAM EUGENE SIDES, FBI NO. NINE ONE EIGHT FIVE FOUR NINE B; TOMMY ELLIS PIKE, FBI NO. FOUR THREE FIVE ZERO ONE ZERO B, AND JAMES GORDON FORBES ARE ALL KNOWN BY THE MEMPHIS OFFICE AS SUSPECTS IN BANK BURGLARY INVESTIGATIONS. INFO AVAILABLE IN MEMPHIS INDICATES THAT FORBES, A FORMER RESIDENT OF MEMPHIS, AND PIKE WERE IN A SERIOUS AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT ON MARCH TWENTY SIX, SIXTY EIGHT, AND ARE SUPPOSED TO BE IN METHODIST HOSPITAL, MEMPHIS, AT THIS TIME. ARRANGEMENTS ARE BEING MADE TO INTERVIEW THEM.

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PAGE FOUR

FORBES IS REPORTED TO HAVE A RESIDENCE IN PANAMA CITY, FLA., AND HIS FATHER IS SUPPOSED TO OPERATE TWO CHARTER BOATS OUT OF DESTIN, FLA.

THE LEAD MATERIAL FOUND IN A REVIEW OF THE FOREGOING TEXT IS FULLY AND PROMPTLY EXPLORED IN THE MEMPHIS DIVISION. OFFICES RECEIVING THIS COMMUNICATION ARE REQUESTED TO EXPLORE THIS POTENTIAL IN THEIR DIVISIONS LIKEWISE.

WE KNOW OF NO "WALLACE FOR PRESIDENT" ORGANIZATION IN TENN. BUT ARE MAKING FURTHER CHECKS CONCERNING THIS INTEREST EXHIBITED BY GALT. OTHER OFFICES SHOULD LIKEWISE EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITY THAT GALT HAS BEEN ENGAGED IN WALLACE ACTIVITY IN PLACES OTHER THAN CALIFORNIA.

THE BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO CONSIDER DISSEMINATING THIS INFORMATION TO ALL OFFICES PROMPTLY AND TO FURNISH IT TO THE LEGATS, MEXICO CITY, AND OTTAWA, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

EFFORTS WILL BE MADE TO ARRANGE AN INTERVIEW WITH THIS SOURCE. IN VIEW OF THE FACT THE PD SEEMS TO FEEL HER CREDIBILITY IS EXCELLENT, ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE MADE TO HAVE HER OPERATE IN OUR INTEREST IN THE MEMPHIS AREA. P.

~~CORR: THIS IT ALSO BEING SENT TO JACKSONVILLE~~

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FBI WASH DC

TO THE DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM THE SAC, NEW YORK
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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987) PLAINTEXT
ATTENTION FBI LABORATORY, LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION & IDENT DIVISION
FROM PHILADELPHIA (44-1368)

MURKIN

RE MEMPHIS TEL TO CV FOUR THIRTEEN LAST.

RE PH TEL TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS FOUR TWELVE LAST.

RE PH TEL REFLECTED THAT L.N. PAGE, WHO OCCUPIED THE
PERTINENT ROOM AT THE REBEL MOTEL AFTER THE SUSPECT, WAS IN THE
U.S. ARMY AND HAD ARMY SERIAL NUMBER THREE ONE FOUR SIX THREE
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RE MEMPHIS TEL REQUESTED FINGERPRINTS OF PAGE FOR
ELIMINATION PURPOSES.

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URGENT 4-16-68

TO DIRECTOR

FROM LEGAT PARIS NO 44

MURKIN.

REBUCAB APRIL ONE THREE LAST .

MICHEL EDOUARD GERST BORN ENGINS, ISERRE, FRANCE,

POSSESSES MULTIPLE ENTRY INDEFINITE VISA OBTAINED
JULY ONE, ONE NINE SIX SEVEN DESCRIBED WHITE MALE FIVE FEET TEN
INCHES, LIGHT HAIR, OCCUPATION STUDENT. *US*

PHOTO FROM VISA RECORDS BEING FORWARDED VIA AIR MAIL TODAY.
INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED IMMEDIATELY RE WHEREABOUTS APRIL FOUR
LAST.

STOP PLACED PARIS AIRPORT FOR ENTRY OR DEPARTURE OF GERST.
RECORDS OF ARRIVALS MADRID FROM HAVANA BEING CHECKED.
FOLLOWING CLOSELY AND WILL ADVISE.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: April 16, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: MURKIN

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. McDonough
1 - Mr. Long
1 - Mr. Martindale
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7-15-78 RE MURKIN
FOR REVIEW AT PERIOD AND/OR DELIVERY
TO HSCA RE REQUEST DATED 5-3-78
(SEE BUFILE 62-117290)

This case concerns the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

It has previously been reported that Galt met Charles Stein, Stein's sister, Rita Stein, and Marie Martin in a Los Angeles bar, 12/14/67, and drove Stein to New Orleans, 12/15/67, to get Rita Stein's children and return them to Los Angeles.

Marie Martin says she first met Galt in the middle of December, 1967, in the Sultan Room at the St. Francis Hotel, Los Angeles, where she works as a cocktail waitress. She asked Galt if he would take her home and when he agreed she told him she lived in New Orleans. She explained that Rita Stein had to pick up her children in New Orleans and Galt was given the impression that either Marie or Rita was going to New Orleans with him. When he learned that Charles Stein was going to New Orleans with him instead of one of the women, Galt told her, "If it's a set up, I'll kill him. I have a gun."

After Galt returned to Los Angeles from New Orleans, 12/21/67, Marie Martin says she saw him about 30 times in the Sultan Room. He usually drank straight vodka but sometimes drank beer. He never smoked. His hands were clean and were not calloused. His eyes were blue but sometimes appeared hazel. He was always solemn, showed no emotion and was pale as if he were indoors a great deal. Galt said he had just finished a six-week bartender course but could only make a screwdriver.

Marie Martin said Galt told her on one occasion he was driving through a Negro community and tomatoes were thrown at his car because it had Alabama license plates.

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FROM : SAC, NEW YORK
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RE: [illegible]

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Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach
RE: MURKIN

Charles Stein now recalls further details of his trip to New Orleans with Galt, 12/15-21/67. Galt had one small bag, similar to the one recovered at Memphis, and probably a shaving kit. He wore a wrist watch, believed to have been purchased in Mexico, and a dark brown suit with faint vertical lines. Galt used an excessive amount of hair dressing and drank beer throughout the trip. He was soft spoken, believed to be right handed, and continuously played country and Western music on the car radio. Stein thinks Galt had Mexican insurance on his car. This is being checked.

Galt seemed familiar with New Orleans and mentioned contacting two men associated with either an engineering or contracting firm, probably in Chalmet (phonetic). Galt mentioned these men lived near the Jackson Barracks. Galt told Stein he had seen him, probably 12/18/67, while Galt was in a bar. Stein says the bar would have to have been in the 400 or 500 block of Canal Street, New Orleans.

Galt attended the International School of Bartending, Los Angeles, 1/19/68 to 3/2/68 when he graduated. The school has a photograph of Galt which is being forwarded to the Bureau. On his application he showed a prior employment as "Mr. Willard", * 751 South Figueroa, Los Angeles, and stated his Selective Service Classification is 3A. On 3/2/68 the school offered him a bartending job and he declined saying he was leaving town in two weeks to visit his brother.

Galt told a fellow bartending student he had been a cook on a Mississippi River boat or barge.

Los Angeles witnesses say the above photo of Galt is an excellent likeness.

Jimmie Garner, manager of the hippie rooming house in Atlanta, admits that he lied when first interviewed and now says Galt had no connection with William Lee and Harold G. Anderson.

Garner now maintains Galt checked in 3/24/68 paying \$10 for rent through 3/31/68. On 3/31/68 Galt paid another weeks rent. Garner saw Galt only on the two occasions he paid rent. On 4/5/68, when the linens were changed in Galt's room, a note was found saying

|| * "Willard" was name given
at scene of murder J - -
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Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach
RE: MURKIN

in effect, "I have to go to Birmingham. Can't take TV now. Will try to get back in a week to pick it up." The note was destroyed. Garner states he originally lied to conceal the existence of Galt's television set since he would have appropriated it if Galt did not return.

Garner could produce no record of Galt except for his name on the back of an envelope which he says was hand printed by Galt.

All items associated with Galt in the rooming house are being examined in the Laboratory.

Wesley G. Hughes, "Redding Record Searchlight," Redding, California, advised he is preparing an article based upon the following theory relating to the name Eric Starvo Galt. Eric, A simple noun, means a payment imposed for homicide. Starvo is the middle name of Eric Starvo Blofield, a villainous character in James Bond novels. Galt, as a simple noun, is a gelded swine; gault has other meanings including "rabbit track" which has a significant connotation to Hughes due to the apparent fictitious cover used by Galt.

ACTION:

Vigorous investigation is continuing. ✓

As

W. G. Hughes
R. C. [unclear]

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 4/17/68

FROM : T. E. Bishop *TEB*

SUBJECT: MURKIN
PROPOSED PRESS RELEASE

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SEE NOTE ON REVERSE SIDE

There is attached a proposed fugitive press release prepared by the Crime Records Division which announces that a complaint has been filed against Eric Starvo Galt in instant case. This release will not be given out until word has been received from the Birmingham Office that the complaint has been filed and the warrant issued. This release has been prepared subject to minor appropriate changes which may be necessary depending on the actual wording of the complaint as it is filed in Birmingham. — This action already taken.

When this press release has been approved by the Director, Mr. DeLoach will contact the Attorney General and advise him of the filing of the complaint in Birmingham, that this is now a matter of public record, and it is deemed essential to the early location of the subject that this press release be issued. At this time Mr. DeLoach will secure the Attorney General's approval of the press release.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the attached proposed press release be approved by the Director.

2. After approval by the Director, that this proposed press release be discussed by Mr. DeLoach with the Attorney General, as indicated above, and his approval secured.

3. After recommendations 1 and 2 have been handled, that the release be returned to my (Bishop's) office for further processing.

Enclosure

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Jones

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Approved by the A.G. (also wanted 2 days)
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
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...."

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.

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 a 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.

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

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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NOTE: See Bishop to DeLoach Memo, 4-17-68, re "MURKIN, Proposed Press Release." TEB:mls

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