AUTO RENTAL AGENCIES AND
USED CAR DEALERS

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ROSCOE HARRIS
Hiker
National Car Rental
2328 5th Avenue, North
Birmingham, Alabama

CHARLES HILL
Hiker
National Car Rental

BRENDA GREER
Rental Agent
National Car Rental.

April 9, 1968 — Budget Rent-A-Car
1813-15 1st Avenue, North
Birmingham, Alabama

Records made available by PATRICIA WHALEY, Bookkeeper.

DANNY ENGLISH
Rental Clerk
Budget Rent-A-Car

ERVIN DANIELS
Hiker
Budget Rent-A-Car

JAMES HOWELL
Hiker
Butgett Rent-A-Car.

April 8, 1968 — Rent-A-Ford
(International Fleet Corp.)
1720 5th Avenue, North
Birmingham, Alabama

Records made available by C. H. DUNCAN, Partner.

SAM HENDERSON
Hiker
Rent-A-Ford

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ROBERT GRAYSON
Hiker
Rent-A-Ford.

April 7, 1968 — Hertz Rent-A-Car
2020 5th Avenue, North
Birmingham, Alabama

Records made available by JOE KLYCE, owner.

JEAN BROXTON
Hertz Rent-A-Car

GLORIA RODDAM
Hertz Rent-A-Car

LILA HYDE
Hertz Rent-A-Car

It is noted that no record of a Mustang that was rented during the period checked was found indicating that this car was taken into Tennessee and then returned to Birmingham.

April 8, 1968 — Avis Rent-A-Car
2023 5th Avenue, North
Birmingham, Alabama

PETE KLYCE
Avis Rent-A-Car

MIKE SULLIVAN
Rental Agent
Avis Rent-A-Car

CURTIS LEE JONES
Hiker
Avis Rent-A-Car

DEWEY RUFFIN
Rental Agent
Avis Rent-A-Car

LAURINE ODOM
Rental Agent
Avis Rent-A-Car

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April 8, 1968 — American Leasing
2116 5th Avenue, North
Birmingham, Alabama

Records made available by R. E. JONES, Manager, who advised that automobiles rented through this company are to be returned to Birmingham and are usually rented on a long-term basis.

April 10, 1968 — Liberty Leasing
2428 6th Avenue, South
Birmingham, Alabama

Records made available by BILL GARRIGAN, Manager.

GAIL JONES
Bookkeeper
Liberty Leasing.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA JOHN H. KRESEK, SA HARRY T. POSEY and SA CLAUDE TIMOTHY ADAMS on April 6, 1968, at Birmingham, Alabama:

The records of Hertz Rent-A-Car Company, 2020 5th Avenue North, Birmingham, Alabama, were made available for examination by TOM DYKES, Night Manager.

These records were checked pertaining to automobiles rented by that company from March 20, 1968, to April 6, 1968, and were reviewed for the names HARVEY LOWMEYER and W. H. LEHMEYER, and place of destination, with negative results.

An artist's conception was also displayed to Mr. DYKES of a suspect in this case with negative results.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA's ALVIN LEE KING and HARRY T. POSEY at Birmingham, Alabama:

On April 11, 1968, the following used car lots in the Birmingham, Alabama, area were contacted and a composite conception was displayed to employees of the companies as indicated:

The records of the purchases of automobiles made by the companies contacted during the period of August, 1967, were observed for the names of HARVEY LOWMEYER, W. H. LEHMEYER, JOHN WILLARD, ERIC STARVO GALT, JAY WILLIS VERNON. als

No one contacted identified the artist's conception of the suspect and no record of a purchase of an automobile was located containing the above-mentioned names.

Courtesy Used Cars
2300 7th Avenue South
JIM DENNIS, Manager
LEO STANCEL, Salesman
W. H. MORGAN, Salesman
STAN ROPER, Salesman.

Liberty Motors
2428 6th Avenue South
BERTHA TYLER - Bookkeeper
ROBERT S. COOPER, Salesman
BILL COOK, Salesman
FRANCIS COOK, Salesman.

Roy Bridges Rambler
2222 6th Avenue South
HOWARD BRASSEALE, Bookkeeper

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CHARLES SCARBROUGH, Salesman
JACK MILLICAN, Salesman
JOHN WALKER, Salesman
CLEMENTS WOOD, Office Manager
JOHN TATE, Salesman
J. C. ALVERSON, Salesman
KELLER WILLIAMSON, Salesman.

Downtown Motors
330 South 24th Street
HAROLD ROSS, Salesman

Car Town, Inc.
400 South 24th Street
FRANK COOPER, Manager
C. E. PATTERSON, Salesman
PETE THOMAS, Salesman.

Foreign Car Center
2211 4th Avenue South
TOMMY CHARLES, Owner
E. L. HUGHEY, Salesman

Penton Motors
2300 Third Avenue South
LESTER PENTON, Owner
W. T. MC CURDY, Salesman

A A OK Used Cars
2301 Third Avenue South
RAY WADSWORTH, Manager
ALISON CREATOZ, Salesman
It is noted that Mr. WADSWORTH stated the company was not open during August of 1967.

G & S Motor Company
2315 Third Avenue South
J. L. GLOVER, Manager

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Big Hearted Eddie's Used Car Lot
2425 Third Avenue South
HAROLD HENDERSON, Manager
SIMS BUSBY, Salesman and buyer.
WILLIE CULPEPPER, Mechanic
ESTES SWINDLE, JR., Mechanic.

Arnold Peek Motor Company
2230 Third Avenue South
ARNOLD PEEK, Owner
LESTER MOMAN, Salesman
WILLIAM KNIGHT, Salesman
WILLIAM CLAY, Salesman
JERRY COVINGTON, Secretary.

Compact Auto Sales
2424 Third Avenue South
JOHN D. LINDSEY, Owner

John Smart Motor Company
201 South 24th Street
T. L. SIGGERS, Salesman.

Mac Motors
2400 Second Avenue South
MAX WEINTRAUB, part owner
IRVING WEINTRAUB, part owner.

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LIGGETT REXALL DRUG STORE CONTACTS

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REXALL AND LANE-REXALL DRUG STORES,
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA:

The Memphis Division advised the Special Agent in Charge in Birmingham that in the possession of Unknown Subject were cash register receipts from a Liggett Rexall Drug Store which were labeled at the top Liggett Rexall Drug Store and that the right bore a price and at the bottom left hand corner the numbers 1678 and 3458. The receipts contained neither a date nor a city nor a store number.

On April 6, 1968 the following Liggett Rexall and Lane Rexall Drug Stores in the Birmingham area were contacted by SA DAVID T. DALY and SA DAVID B. ZWIRN, and none of the below-listed stores had a similar cash register receipt in use:

AMOS F. STEVENS, Liggett Rexall Drug Store, 1931 First Avenue, North;

WILLIAM M. WEED, Liggett Rexall Drug Store, 5-Points West Shopping Center;

F. L. RAY, Lane Liggett Drug Store, 1024 South 20th Street;

ROBERT PEDGETT, Lane Rexall Drug Store, 1550-K Montgomery Highway;

C. A. CANES, Liggett Rexall Drug Store, Eastwood Mall;

H. C. BAILEY, Liggett Rexall Drug Store, Fairfield Park Shopping Center, contacted by SAC GAMBLE;

JEWELL JOHNSON, Hall's Liggett Rexall, Centerpoint, Alabama.

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RECORD CHECKS

The following investigation was conducted by IC WILLIAM H. CUSHEN at Birmingham, Alabama, on April 9, 1968.

Indices of the Birmingham Division were checked, with negative results, regarding the surnames LOWMEYER and LOWMYER.

City directories and telephone directories covering the Birmingham territories were negative regarding the surnames LOWMEYER and LOWMYER.

Miss JEAN BISHOP, Revenue Department, Auto License Department, Jefferson County Courthouse; Miss SYLVIA LITTLE, Board of Registrars, Jefferson County Courthouse; Mr. D. L. WEBBER, Identification Bureau, Jefferson County Sheriff's Office; Miss YVONNE HILL, Identification Bureau, Birmingham Police Department; Miss CATHERINE McCROSKIE, City Recorders Court; and Mrs. JESSIE WILLIAMS, Merchants Credit Association, advised from their respective files they could locate no record regarding the surnames LOWMEYER or LOWMYER.

Likewise, the names of JOHN WILLARD, ERIC S. GALT, and others as they became of interest, were checked through all available sources and records without any identification located.

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NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATIONS

Throughout the period covered by this investigation, intensive coverage was afforded all neighborhoods where it had been determined that GALT had had any contacts.

This investigation covered a 25-block area surrounding the address 1907 - 11th Street South, Birmingham, where GALT indicated he resided when murder weapon was purchased under name HARVEY LOWMEYER. This neighborhood investigation also extended to include the address 1907 - 11th Avenue South.

All the business establishments in the Five Points South area, which is centered at the intersection of South 20th Street, 11th Avenue South, and Magnolia Avenue, were checked based on a reported taxicab trip of an individual who had been let out in that area.

All the surrounding area and blocks around GALT's rooming house, 2608 Highland Avenue, were checked, including the high-rise apartment building of the Sheraton Apartments at 2909 Highland Avenue, which address had been considered pertinent based on a cab fare picked up at that address and discharged near the rooming house of GALT. All the area around 4th Avenue and 20th Street North in downtown Birmingham was checked, based on the report of a cab driver that he had picked up a fare at that intersection.

The entire area surrounding the Continental Dance Club Studios, aka Friendship Club, on Graymont Avenue, where GALT had enrolled for dancing lessons, was checked.

The names and addresses of all individuals contacted have been made a part of the Birmingham file, but are not being set forth herein in the interest of brevity although some results of contacts are reported on the following pages.

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Date April 10, 1968

JIMMY PHILLIPS, Standard Oil Service Station Manager, 7953 Crestwood Boulevard, residence 1204 Concord Avenue, Birmingham, furnished the following.

Until about the middle of March, 1968, PHILLIPS had been the Assistant Manager at the Standard Service Station at 2188 Highland Avenue, Birmingham. He recalled a customer at the Highland Avenue Station who drove a white Mustang and whose first name was ERIC. He described this person as a white male in his early 30's, five feet, nine to ten inches, 180 pounds, black hair, combed straight back, neat dresser, easy-going in his manner.

PHILLIPS believes this person at the time claimed he was working for an insurance company or a realty company or possibly Social Security. He made all his purchases in cash and was always alone. PHILLIPS believes this person had been observed by him smoking on occasions, but he could not recall his discussing anything except the night clubs in downtown Birmingham and "chasing women." PHILLIPS believes this man once told him that he was divorced and lived in the Highland area of Birmingham.

PHILLIPS claimed when he first observed this car, it had Georgia license plates and a trailer hitch. PHILLIPS said this man claimed he was from Atlanta and used his Mustang to pull a large boat, with the result that the clutch on the Mustang was then in bad shape.

PHILLIPS believed the last time he saw this man was in February, 1968, and he was positive he could identify him if he saw him again.

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by SAs NEIL P. SHANAHAN and ROBERT M. BARRETT RMB:mas Date dictated 4/9/68

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The following investigation was conducted by SA JERRY L. EMMONS on April 8, 1968, at Birmingham, Alabama:

Mr. SIDNEY MAYBERGER, Mayberger's Dry Goods Store, 1031 South 20th Street, was shown an artist's conception of the unknown subject in this case. He advised that he though this picture resembled an ex-convict named JIMMY LEONARD. He said he did not know where LEONARD lives but he saw LEONARD in Birmingham last week.

Mr. J. L. BUFFINGTON, Pay-Less Drugs, 1035 South 20th Street, advised that the artist's conception of the unknown subject he was shown looked like MELVIN BROWN, a pharmacist who lives in Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

JANET INGRAM, Term Finance Company, 530 South 21st Street, was shown an artist's conception of the unknown subject. She advised that he looked like one FLOYD POHLMAN who works at the San Ann Service Station, 42nd Street and First Avenue, North.

LELA WILDER, La Dame Cleaners, 1920 11th Avenue, South, advised that a man named L. L. FINCH, who allegedly resembled the artist's conception of the unknown subject, came in and picked up a man's blue suit, a pair of green work pants, and a pink dress. This man paid for these items with a new $20 bill. The address on the cleaning ticket was shown as 1316 19th Street, Southwest. Mrs. WILDER described the man as being 5'10" to 6', 160 to 165 pounds, greenish-gray eyes, and dark brown hair.

HUGH PEMBERTON, Martin's Flower Shop, 1931 11th Avenue, South, advised that the artist's conception of the unknown subject which he was shown closely resembled one JOHN SCHNATZ, who was formerly employed by him. SCHNATZ supposedly lives somewhere on 44th Street, South.

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HASTINGS COLVIN, 1908B 29th Avenue, South, was contacted in regard to his brother, who allegedly resembled the artist's conception of the unknown subject. COLVIN said his brother was named WOODROW COLVIN and lives in Powderly. WOODROW COLVIN has worked for the Progressive Farmer in Birmingham for 25 years and is B. APPROX. 1915 53 years of age.

Mr. M. E. ALLISON, 1311 13th Avenue, South, Apartment A, advised that the artist's conception which he was shown strongly resembled one MIKE GILL, who formerly resided at 1400 14th Street, South. GILL's mother has worked for the Birmingham Board of Education and GILL allegedly has a police record.

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NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION, VICINITY
1907 11th AVENUE, SOUTH:

The following persons at the below-listed addresses were contacted by SA DAVID T. DALY on April 8, 1968 and the artist's conception of Unknown Subject was displayed to them, with negative results:

JANE MC KENZIE, receptionist; PERRY ANN OAKES, bookkeeper, Doctors' Offices, 1815 South 11th Avenue;

Mrs. ERMA DANENBERG, receptionist; Mrs. MARGARET HODGES, nurse, Doctors Offices, 1815 South 11th Avenue;

Mrs. MARY JOE JENKINS, receptionist; PEGGY CHAPMAN, nurse, Doctors Offices, 1807 South 11th Avenue;

1801 South 11th Avenue, vacant;

1717-B 11th Avenue, no one at home;

GLORIA KIMBER, Assistant Director, Diabetes Trust Fund, 1717-C, 11th Avenue, South;

1717-A 11th Avenue, South, vacant;

DAISY PILKINTON, JEAN BARKER, SUSAN PEOPLES, Mrs. BILLIE HICKMAN, IRIS COPLEY, VIVIAN BENASELY, receptionist, Dental Arts Building, 1715 11th Avenue, South;

1113 11th Avenue, South, vacant;

JANE POTTS, receptionist; LUCILLE SNODGRASS, nurse, 1701 11th Avenue, South;

1160 11th Avenue, South, no one at home at the following apartments: 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11. BILL RUSSELL, Apartment 4; CECIL REDD, Apartment 12, contacted, negatively;

1110 and 1112 12th Street, South, the Highland Beauty and Barber Shops, respectively, were closed.

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SAM CAWTHAN, Kilgo Carpet Service, 1108 12th Street, South;

NORMA STEVENS, JIM STEVENS, MARY MC PHERSON, Jim and Norma's Restaurant, 1104 12th Street, South;

JOHN ASHCRAFT, LESLIE L. ASHCRAFT, RICHARD BITTINGTER, JUDY BITTINGTER, WILLIE MAE FIKES, CLAUDE BLEVINS, all employees of Ashcraft Florist, 1100 12th Street, South;

BRAXTON ADAMS, Humble Oil Station, 1100 Cullom Street;

Mrs. FLORA HARRIS, 1100 South 19th Street, Fitzgerald Apartments, who requested that occupants of other apartments not be interviewed inasmuch as they are all female outpatients from Bryce Mental Hospital, Tuscaloosa, Alabama;

DEBRA VINCENT, WANDA PATE, MAE VINCENT, Apartment A, 1126 South 19th Street;

GERALD BAYLIS, JOAN BAYLIS, Apartment D, JERRY ARNETT, CAROL ARNETT, Apartment C, 1126 South 19th Street;

1130 19th Street, South, not at home;

Mrs. RUTH HAMMETT, 1117 15th Street, South;

HARRY G. MOORE, 1119 15th Street, South.

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BOARDING HOUSES

All known boarding houses, in addition to the one where GALT had resided, were contacted with especial attention to those on the southside of Birmingham. This included those who normally advertise in the classified section of the daily newspapers; those who have signs proclaiming rooms for rent, and those listed in the yellow pages of the Telephone Directory.

The above investigation proved negative except for numerous "look-alikes" who were immediately checked out. The names of all individuals contacted during this phase of the investigation have been recorded in the Birmingham file.

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HOTELS AND MOTELS

All hotels and motels, including all employees on all shifts, were contacted at the inception of this investigation and continued throughout as developments indicated. The names of all such employees interviewed are maintained in the Birmingham file.

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BANKS, SAVINGS & LOAN ASSOCIATIONS, AND LOAN COMPANIES

All personnel meeting the public in the main office and 25 branches of The First National Bank of Birmingham; the main office and 17 branches of Birmingham Trust National Bank; all other banks and their branches, were contacted in an effort to determine any information concerning ERIC S. GALT and possible source of funds of that individual.

Likewise, all savings and loan associations, main offices and branches, together with personal loan institutions, were contacted.

The names of all individuals contacted are maintained in the Birmingham file.

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TERRITORY OUTSIDE BIRMINGHAM

All service stations, motels and hotels in the territory of the Birmingham Office covering the northern half of the State of Alabama were contacted, which included cities of the Resident Agencies and all highways leading into Birmingham from the States of Mississippi, Tennessee, and Georgia. Highways on which investigation was conducted included U. S. Highway 78 West, U. S. Highway 78 East and I-20, U S. Highway 31 and I-59 N.E., U. S. Highway 31 North and I-65 North, U. S. Highways 72 and 231 across the northern part of Alabama, State Highway 79 from Birmingham through Huntsville, thence Highway 431 North to Tennessee.

The identities of those individuals contacted during the above investigation have been placed in the Birmingham file.

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AIRLINES

All employees of City Ticket Offices and at the Birmingham Municipal Airport of each airline were interviewed and their names maintained in the Birmingham file. As a result of this, one possible suspect whose name was similar to LOWMEYER, namely, W. J. LEHMEYER, was positively eliminated after communication with the Minneapolis Office identified him as a legitimate attorney, whose reason for being in Birmingham during a pertinent period was verified by RICHARD EVANS, Bessemer, Alabama.

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TAXICABS

The trip sheets during pertinent periods of GALT's residence in Birmingham and later return to purchase the murder weapon were checked and all drivers on all shifts of each taxicab company were interviewed.

Names of each individual cab driver are recorded in the Birmingham file in this matter.

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BARS AND LIQUOR STORES

All bars, liquor stores, and "joints" in the entire Birmingham area, with especial attention to the southside section of Birmingham and the downtown business district, were canvassed and employees on all shifts were interviewed for possible information. This investigation proved negative with the possible exception of one waitress in a downtown lounge, whose interview has been set forth in this report.

Likewise, all similar institutions on highways leading from Birmingham were canvassed without obtaining any positive information.

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BUS STATIONS

All bus stations were checked at the inception of this investigation and throughout as developments indicated.

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AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE AGENCIES

On the possibility that GALT may have insured the 1966 white Mustang after its purchase at Birmingham on August 30, 1967, all agencies dealing in automobile insurance were contacted and no record could be located of any policy having been insured to ERIC S. GALT.

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LIBRARIES

All libraries in Jefferson County were contacted and all personnel interviewed in an attempt to develop any information concerning GALT or the possibility that he may have spent time in such institutions while at Birmingham. This investigation proved negative and the names of those people contacted are maintained in the Birmingham file.

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LAUNDRIES AND DRY CLEANING ESTABLISHMENTS

In addition to positive results obtained based on dry cleaning ticket found in GALT's effects at Atlanta, all laundries and dry-cleaning establishments, together with their branches, especially the southside area of Birmingham, were contacted and the names of those individuals are maintained in the Birmingham file.

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MARRIAGE, DIVORCE, AND VITAL STATISTICS RECORDS

The marriage and divorce records of Jefferson County, Alabama, and the counties which comprise the Birmingham Office territory were reviewed from the year 1947 to date, based on GALT's reported statement to an individual that his divorced wife lived "over the mountain" near Birmingham. This review of such records proved negative as to any divorce record of that individual. A check of the Vital Statistics in Jefferson County at Birmingham also proved negative as to any record of GALT.

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BARGE LINE OPERATORS

In view of GALT's reported statement that he was formerly employed on a barge, all companies and river terminals, together with all sources known that might have information concerning his employment, were contacted on the navigable rivers in the Birmingham Office territory. This included all points on the Warrior River, which extends from Birmingport through Tuscaloosa to Mobile, Alabama, and on the Tennessee River which is located in the northern portion of the State of Alabama. All such investigation proved negative.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA JOHN H. KRESEK and SA MARVIN M. EUBANKS on April 12, 1968, at Birmingham, Alabama:

Mrs. LOUISE GALT, wife of Reverend RALPH MARTIN GALT, 5501 Court G, Fairfield, Alabama, made available the genealogical list of the GALT family which was in booklet form.

This booklet and list were reviewed with negative results regarding the name ERIC STARVO GALT. It is further noted that the name STARVO did not appear in the list and that the name ERIC only appeared one time when a girl on the GALT side of the family married one Captain ERIC ELKINGTON in 1925 in England.

Mrs. LOUISE GALT advised that relatives Mrs. ANNA GALT, 724 Polk Street, Topeka, Kansas, and Mrs. ROGER MC ARTHUR, South Garfield Avenue, Hinsdale, Illinois, might have additional information about members of the GALT family residing in California.

Mrs. GALT advised that her husband had left the day before (April 4, 1968) for Atlanta, Georgia, to attend a Sociologist meeting being held in that city. It is noted that Reverend RALPH MARTIN GALT is a professor at Miles College, Birmingham, Alabama, and that Mrs. GALT is also a teacher at this institution.

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FRANCES BROWN, Waitress, Andy's Lounge, 1923 1st Avenue North, was interviewed and related the following with reference to a man who was in the lounge on the evening of March 29, 1968. Mrs. BROWN stated she recalls the date because this is the day she and her boyfriend drove to Nashville, Tennessee, and she left work early and this individual was still sitting in the lounge when she left.

Mrs. BROWN stated she had an opportunity to view this person for approximately 45 minutes. He entered the lounge at approximately 6:30 p.m., sat at a table on the side of the lounge that she services, and was still sitting there when she left work at 7:10 p.m. During the period this man was under her observation, he ordered and drank two Schlitz beers. Mrs. BROWN stated the person she observed was a white male approximately 35 years of age, neatly dressed, wearing dark trousers, a dress shirt and tie, and a dark brown or blue sport coat. She stated he appeared to be of average height, although she could not tell his exact height because he was seated during the entire period she could see him. She recalls he had blue eyes and sandy, brush-cut hair, which was longer on the sides. Mrs. BROWN stated that the individual sat by himself and did not converse with anyone other than her when he ordered his beer. As best she recalls, he had a local accent.

Mrs. BROWN advised she had never seen this individual before and has not seen him since. She commented that Andy's Lounge caters to regular customers, and it is slightly unusual when a stranger comes in off the street.

On 4/9/68 at Birmingham, Alabama File # BH 44-1740

by SA RICHARD D. SCHWEIN:mas Date dictated 4/12/68

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On April 9, 1968, SA RICHARD D. SCHWEIN exhibited the artist's conception of Unknown Subject to Mrs. FRANCES BROWN, Waitress, Andy's Lounge, 1923 1st Avenue North, who advised that this individual bore a very strong resemblance to the individual who ordered two Schlitz beers in the lounge, as described in her interview.

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DINERS CLUB, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA:

On April 8, 1968 WILLIAM H. SHARP, Manager, Answering Service of Birmingham, 512 North 18th Street, advised SA DAVID T. DALY that a representative of Diners Club intended to open an office at that address; however, no office had been opened and there was no representative of Diners Club in Birmingham. He furnished the address of the main office at New York, New York. A teletype was directed to the New York Division on April 8, 1968 to check holders of Diners Club cards under the aliases used by unknown subject.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA JAMES D. SNYDER at Birmingham, Alabama, on April 11, 1968:

Mr. W. M. GARDNER, Manager, Retail Credit Company, Birmingham, said the records of his office contain a Broadcast of Disappearance, which is essentially a stop notice for JOHN E. WILLARD, white, male, 5' 11", 203 pounds, date of birth [redacted] last known address 2564 South Blue Island Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. WILLARD was last employed by Gateway Transportation Company, Chicago. WILLARD disappeared during September, 1966. The Broadcast of Disappearance was published November 1, 1966, at the request of A. M. Tenison, Jr. GARDNER said his records contained no file number or other information and he could not identify TENISON. However, the home office of Retail Credit Company, 1600 Peach Street, Atlanta, Georgia, would be able to identify TENISON and furnish additional information from their file.

In addition Mr. GARDNER said the records of his office also contain a Broadcast of Disappearance for J. D. WILLARD, white male, 28 years of age in 1961, last known address 414 Elizabeth Street, Corder, Missouri, former occupation insurance agent, wife's name GERALDINE L. WILLARD. J. D. WILLARD disappeared during July, 1960 and the Broadcast of Disappearance was published June 5, 1961. Prior addresses in Kansas City, Missouri, were listed as:

2828 Cherry Street

2929 Holmes Street

832 North Chestnut Street.

GARDNER said the records of his office contain no additional information concerning J. D. WILLARD but the companies home office located at 1600 Peach Street, Atlanta, Georgia, could furnish additional data under File 11-33095-62-1.

Appropriate communications were directed to Chicago, Atlanta, Memphis and Kansas City Offices regarding these individuals.

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INFORMATION CONCERNING LOOK-ALIKE
DOUGLAS EUGENE CROWSON:

On April 9, 1968 BETTY WHITE, barmaid, Redmont Hotel, Birmingham, Alabama, telephonically contacted the Birmingham FBI office, advising that she had seen the artist's conception of the unknown subject and that there was an individual presently at the bar in the Redmont who she thought resembled unknown subject.

On April 9, 1968 BETTY WHITE, barmaid, Redmont Hotel, advised SA DAVID T. DALY and RALPH N. BUTLER that the individual who she thought resembled unknown subject, upon second consideration bore only a slight resemblance and she thought that this was not the individual. She identified this person as a patron at the bar.

It was noted from observation by SA DALY and SA BUTLER that the individual identified by BETTY WHITE bore only a slight facial resemblance to unknown subject and is a much smaller man than the description of unknown subject.

On April 9, 1968 JOHN D. FORD, Transworld Leasing Corporation, 318 Office Park Circle, was shown the artist's conception of the unknown subject and stated that he knew of no one that resembled this picture.

He was advised that one of his employees, DOUGLAS EUGENE CROWSON, had been identified as resembling the artist's conception, and he stated that in his opinion, CROWSON has been employed on a daily basis during the last month and has not left the Birmingham area.

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DOUGLAS EUGENE CROWSON, 6505 Joppa Court, Birmingham, Alabama, was interviewed at the bar of the Redmont Hotel, Birmingham, and furnished the following information:

He produced driver's license Number 2759471 in the name of DOUGLAS EUGENE CROWSON, address 7554 67th Court, Birmingham, date of birth [redacted] 5'6", brown wavy hair, blue eyes, 135 pounds, no scars and marks visible.

CROWSON furnished the following background information:

He is employed by the Transworld Leasing Corporation, Building 3, Suite 318, Office Park Circle. He stated he has not been travelling outside of Birmingham during the last several months. His father is RUBEN CROWSON, 600 Maintenance Drive, Homewood, Alabama, employed at Samford University as maintenance supervisor. His mother is ANN CROWSON, who is employed at the Pharmacy Laboratory, Samford University.

CROWSON advised that he is presently driving a car repossessed by his company, which is a 1957 Ford station-wagon and that he drives in connection with his employment cars leased by the company.

CROWSON identified his immediate supervisor as JOHN D. FORD at the Transworld Leasing Corporation.

On 4/9/68 at Birmingham, Alabama File # BH 44-1740

by SA DAVID T. DALY
SA RALPH N. BUTLER DTD:scb 165 Date dictated 4/11/68

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RE: BARNEY OLDFIELD TRAMMELL, JR.,
Date of Birth [redacted]
Residence Box 494D, 155 Sylvia
Drive, Route 1, Gardendale,
Alabama (631-5161)

On April 8, 1968, Dr. WARREN B. WEIL, 1714 11th Avenue, South, and his employees, DORIS REISS and MARY UNDERWOOD were afforded an opportunity to observe the second artist's conception. All three expressed the belief that this individual was a detail man or drug salesman for a major pharmaceutical supply house. They were unable to furnish his name but expressed the belief that it might be (FNU) JOHNSTON. Dr. WEIL expressed his belief that the salesman's name was possibly known to a Dr. JOHN HILLHOUSE in the Medical Arts Building. Attempts were made to contact Dr. HILLHOUSE with negative results, on this date.

The following investigation was conducted by SA PATRICK J. MOYNIHAN on April 9, 1968:

Dr. JOHN L. HILLHOUSE was located at his home, 3721 Redmont Road, Birmingham (252-1984). He advised that he is the official physician for the Birmingham City Jail and also functions as an examiner for the Federal Aviation Agency.

A copy of artist's conception #2 was exhibited and Dr. HILLHOUSE did not immediately establish a connection with the drug salesman mentioned previously by Dr. WARREN WEIL. WEIL's information was brought to the attention of HILLHOUSE, and he advised that the artist's conception does in fact look a good bit like a drug salesman who was in his office as recently as April 8, 1968, and who has been servicing him for some period of time with a frequency of perhaps four visits a year. Dr. HILLHOUSE established that the salesman's name is BARNEY TRAMMEL (phonetic) and he is employed by

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Sandoz and Company. Dr. HILLHOUSE described TRAMMELL as a white male, approximately 35 years old, 5'11", 175 pounds, erect bearing, brown-blond hair, and well dressed. He advised that TRAMMELL resides somewhere in the Birmingham area, has a family, is a long-time resident, and is, to his knowledge, a person of good reputation and character, not likely to be sought in connection with an FBI investigation.

On April 9, 1968, BARNEY TRAMMELL was located and interviewed at his home in Gardendale, Alabama. It was noted that he bears a strong resemblance to artist's conception #2. He furnished the following information:

He is employed by the Sandoz Pharmaceutical Company of Hanover, New Jersey, as a sales representative and has been so employed for the past three years. His territory includes the south side of Birmingham, Anniston, Gadsden, Sylacauga and Talladega, all in Alabama. He operates out of his home as the company has no office in Alabama and his immediate superior is Mr. DEAN SIBES, Regional Manager for the company, located in Atlanta, Georgia. His duties consist of calling on doctors and selling drugs and medicines manufactured by the Sandoz Company.

Mr. TRAMMELL referred to his notes and determined the following regarding his recent activities:

On Friday, March 29, 1968, he was in Birmingham, Alabama, at the Jefferson Medical Group located at 1500 6th Avenue, South, in connection with an exhibit at this location and was in contact with various doctors at this time and place. He was present there from approximately 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Following his departure from 1500 6th Avenue, South, he went to the Main Library in Birmingham at 7th Avenue and 21st Street, North, and spent the time from approximately 1:30 until 3:00 or 3:30 p.m.

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preparing reports. He then drove to his home in Gardendale and spent the rest of the evening there.

On Saturday, March 30, 1968, he was at home and his father-in-law visited with him from approximately 7:30 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. Following lunch, he took his son to the Roebuck Shopping Center where they visited the barber and did some shopping. He then returned home.

From his memory he furnished the following:

On April 1, 1968, he left home about 8:00 a.m. and returned at approximately 6:30 p.m. He made calls in Ashland, Roanoke, Lineville and Wedowee, Alabama.

On April 2, 1968, he left his home at approximately 8:15 a.m. and did not return until 8:30 p.m. His calls on this date took him to Sylacauga, Alabama. He had dinner in Birmingham in the evening before his return to his home with his boss, DEAN SIBES, Regional Manager from Atlanta.

On April 3, 1968, he left home at approximately 8:15 a.m. and conducted his business in Siluria, Columbiana, Montevallo and Alabaster, Alabama. He returned home at approximately 3:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

On April 4, 1968, he left home at about 8:00 a.m. and his business took him to Anniston, Jacksonville and Fort McClellan, Alabama. He was in the company during the day of DEAN SIBES, Regional Manager from Atlanta, and he left SIBES off in Anniston to catch a plane at about 6:00 p.m.

On April 5, 1968, he left home at 8:00 or 8:15 a.m. and conducted his business at the Smolian Clinic in Birmingham until 12:30 or 1:00 p.m., at which time he returned to his home.

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The following description and background was obtained at the time of the interview:

Name:	BARNEY OLDFIELD TRAMMELL, JR.
Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Date of Birth:	[redacted]
Place of Birth:	Birmingham, Alabama
Height:	5'9"
Weight:	170 pounds
Eyes:	Blue; dark eyebrows
Hair:	Brown; worn in a half-inch crewcut
Complexion:	Medium
General Appearance:	Neat, well dressed, good looking
Marital Status:	Married
Wife:	JANICE DEAN TRAMMELL
Children:	Two
Education:	Samford College, Birmingham, Alabama, between 1958-1964; B.S. Degree in Business Administration
Military Service:	Alabama Air National Guard; active service 1961-1962 in Germany during Berlin Crisis under AF #24585368
Arrest Record:	None admitted

Indices of the Birmingham Office contain no information identifiable with BARNEY OLDFIELD TRAMMELL, JR.

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EXHIBITION OF PHOTOGRAPH OF
ERIC S. GALT
TO LIMITED NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES,
AEROMARINE SUPPLY COMPANY,
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA.

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Date 4/16/68

DONALD F. WOOD was contacted at Aeromarine Supply Company, Birmingham, and was shown a group of seven photographs of various white males. These photographs were numbered one through seven in Roman numerials as follows:

I. BYRON DE LA BECKWITH

II. CHARLES EDWARD ERVIN

III. ELI MONTGOMERY VINES 3

IV. CLAUDE CHESTER McLAREN, JR.

V. ERIC S. GALT

VI. GORDON DALE ERVIN

VII. RICHARD RAY RATCLIFF

After viewing photographs of the above seven individuals, DONALD F. WOOD furnished the following signed statement:

"Birmingham, Ala
April 16, 1968

"I, DONALD F. WOOD, make the following voluntary statement to Special Agents NEIL P. SHANAHAN and PATRICK J. MOYNIHAN, who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the F.B.I. I am employed by my father as a salesman at Aeromarine Supply Company in Birmingham, Alabama.

"I have just viewed a group of photographs of seven white men and after careful consideration I have selected #5 as the man to whom Mr.

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by SA PATRICK J. MOYNIHAN & SA NEIL P. SHANAHAN/NPS:epg Date dictated 4/16/68

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U. L. BAKER sold a rifle and scope sight on 3-29-68 and the man that returned this rifle to me on 3-30-68 and exchanged it for another rifle. This man signed the sales invoice as HARVEY LOWMEYER.

"I can't say exactly at this time but I think that this is the man. To the best of my memory I believe that this is the man that bought the gun.

"I have read this statement consisting of this and one other page and it is true & correct to the best of my knowledge.

"/s/ Donald F. Wood

"Witness:

"/s/ Neil P. Shanahan, Special Agent, FBI
4-16-68

"/s/ Patrick J. Moynihan, Special Agent, FBI,
4/16/68"

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Date 4/16/68

JOHN WEBSTER DE SHAZO furnished the following signed statement:

"Birmingham, Ala.
April 16, 1968

"I, JOHN WEBSTER DE SHAZO, make the following statement to ROBERT M. BARRETT and WILLIAM A. SAUCIER, who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

"I reside at 17 Montevallo Lane, Mountain Brook, Alabama, and I am a dental student at the University of Alabama, Birmingham, Ala.

"Special Agent BARRETT has shown me a group of seven photographs of seven different white males. From this group I have selected a photograph numbered "V" on the back as the photograph of a man who could be identical with a man I observed on March 29, 1968, at Aeromarine Supply Co., Birmingham, and who I saw purchase a Remington caliber .243 Winchester rifle and a Redfield variable scope sight. I believe this is a photograph of this man, but I could be more positive if I saw this purchaser in person."

/s/ JOHN WEBSTER DE SHAZO

"Witnessed:

/s/ ROBERT M. BARRETT, Special Agent, FBI, Birmingham, Ala., 4/16/68

/s/ WILLIAM A. SAUCIER, Special Agent, FBI, Birmingham, Ala., 4/16/68"

The seven numbered photographs shown to DE SHAZO are identified as follows:

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by SA WILLIAM A. SAUCIER
SA ROBERT M. BARRETT RMB:scb Date dictated 4/16/68

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Mr. U. L. BAKER, who in the first instance sold a rifle to HARVEY LOWMEYER on March 29, 1968, was afforded an opportunity on April 16, 1968, to observe the seven photographs which were exhibited to DONALD WOODS on April 16, 1968. The photographs were exhibited by SAs NEIL P. SHANAHAN and PATRICK J. MOYNIHAN. Mr. BAKER advised that he did not believe that the man to whom he sold the rifle was in the group exhibited. He said he could not select the man from the group. He advised, however, that the purchaser of the rifle could be in this group of photographs.

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ISSUANCE OF FEDERAL PROCESS AT BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

On April 17, 1968, the facts of this matter were discussed by SAC JOSEPH H. GAMBLE and SA HENRY A. SNOW with Assistant U. S. Attorney R. MACEY TAYLOR. At that time, AUSA TAYLOR authorized the filing of a complaint against ERIC STARVO GALT for violation of Section 241, Title 18, USC, in that he did conspire to injure, oppress, threaten or intimidate MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., in the free exercise and enjoyment of his rights secured by the Constitution of the United States, namely, the right to freely travel from state to state. Mr. TAYLOR recommended bond be set in the amount of $50,000.

A complaint was filed by SAC JOSEPH H. GAMBLE, based on the above authority, before U. S. Commissioner MILDRED F. SPRAGUE, Birmingham, on the same date, at which time Mrs. SPRAGUE issued a warrant of arrest for ERIC STARVO GALT.

A copy of the complaint as filed, together with the warrant of arrest, is being maintained in the Birmingham file in this matter.

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REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
ATLANTA	MEMPHIS	4/18/68	4/5 - 18/68

TITLE OF CASE

ERIC STARVO GALT, aka
Eric S. Galt,
Eric Gault,
Harvey Lowmeyer,
Harvey Lowmyer,
John Willard; - FUGITIVE;
REVEREND MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. -
VICTIM

REPORT MADE BY: SA ALAN G. SENTINELLA — TYPED BY: lcs

CHARACTER OF CASE: CR

REFERENCES: Memphis teletype to Bureau, 4/5/68, captioned "UNSUB; aka John Willard; MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM, CR."

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CHICAGO, NEWARK, AND NEW ORLEANS (INFO)

An information copy of this report has been designated for Chicago, Newark, and New Orleans in view of investigation conducted by these divisions and in anticipation of subsequent investigation.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED — NONE						ACQUITTALS	CASE HAS BEEN:
CONVIC.	AUTO.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES		PENDING OVER ONE YEAR ☐ YES ☐ NO PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS ☐ YES ☐ NO

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