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**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

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**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 Sheffield, 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.**

1 - Mr. Rosen (Mr. Long  
2260)  
① - Mr. Conrad  
1 - Mr. Mortimer  
1 - LAB FILE



**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**

Date: **April 16, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN  
CR**

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

OO: **Memphis**

FBI File No. **44-38861**  
Lab. No. **D-560466 JK  
D-560467 JK  
PC-A 5616 IZ  
PC-A 5618 IZ**

Examination requested by: **San Francisco, Albany**

Reference: **Airtels 4/9/68, 4/9/68**

Examination requested: **Document - Microscopic  
(Hairs and Fibers Miscellaneous)**

Remarks:

**Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)  
2-San Francisco (173-65) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)  
2-Albany (44-493) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)**

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Specimens received 4/11/68, from FBI, San Francisco

K11 Piece of white cloth containing three samples of marking tape printed by Thermo-Seal Model H5K1, Serial Number 31353, obtained from Superior French Laundry, 1284 West Grand Avenue, Oakland, California

K12 Seven samples of marking tape printed by Thermo-Seal, Model RMH 65401, Serial Number 34163, obtained from Highland Cleaners, Inc., 1201 La Salle Avenue, Seaside, California

K13 Five samples of marking tape printed by Thermo-Seal, series 106C4, Serial Number 34690, obtained from Sterling Cleaners & Laundry, 140 Howard Avenue, Burlingame, California

K14 Two Sanford Cleaners laundry lists containing eleven samples of marking tape printed by Thermo-Seal, Model H5L4, Serial Number 32506, obtained from Stanford Drive In Cleaners, 2875 El Camino Real, Palo Alto, California

K15 Twelve samples of marking tape printed by Thermo-Seal, Model H5L4, Serial Number 32503, obtained from Cherry Chase Cleaners (Golden State Dry Cleaners) 2175 Winchester, Campbell, California

Specimen received 4/11/68, from FBI, Albany

K16 Three samples of marking tape printed by Thermo-Seal Machine, Model #H5K1, Serial Number 31358 which were returned to Textile Marking Machine Company, Syracuse, New York, on 3/15/68, by Superior French Laundry, 1284 W. Grand Avenue, Oakland, California

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Result of examination:

The three purple tapes in K11, five orange tapes in K13, and the light pink tapes in K14, are different from the laundry tapes removed from Q69 and Q70 in color and length.

All the other tapes in K11 through K15 are similar to the Q69 and Q70 tapes in color, construction and composition.

The three laundry tapes, K16, are similar to the Q69 and Q70 laundry tapes in color, construction and composition. One of these tapes is the same length as the Q69 and Q70 (1 1/16 inches); the other two are longer.

The printing characteristics in the laundry tags represented by K11 through K16 were found to differ from the impressions appearing on the Q69 and Q70 laundry tags.

Specimens K11 through K16 have been retained.



1 - Mr. Rosen  
(Mr. Long 2280)  
~~1 - Mr. Conrad~~  
1 - Mr. Mortimer  
1 - Lab File

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To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**

Date: **April 16, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN  
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OO: Memphis**

*[Handwritten signature]*  
*[Handwritten signature: J. Edgar Hoover]*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**  
Lab. No. **D-560669 JK**

Examination requested by: **New Orleans**

Reference:

Examination requested: **Document - Fingerprint**

Remarks:

**You will be advised separately regarding the results of the fingerprint examination.**

**This report supplements Bureau teletype to the receiving offices dated 4/15/68.**

**Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)**

**2 - New Orleans Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)**

**2 - Birmingham (44-1740) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)**

**2 - Las Vegas (44-1574) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)**

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of the****FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**Date: **April 16, 1968**Re: **MURKIN  
CR**FBI File No. **44-38861**Lab. No. **D-560669 JK**Specimens received **4/15/68, from FBI, New Orleans****Q141 Provincial Motel registration card, dated 12/17/67,  
signed "Eric S. Galt"****Q142 Two sheets of blue stationery of The Provincial  
Motel bearing indented writing impressions****Result of examination:**

**It was determined that the Q141 registration card was prepared by the writer of the Q86 registration card which was previously submitted. The handwriting on Q141 does not sufficiently augment previous writings of Galt to permit a satisfactory comparison of the "Harvey Lowmyer" signature with writings attributable to Galt.**

**Photographs of the indented impressions which were noted on Q142 have been forwarded separately to the recipients of this report.**

**Specimens Q141 and Q142 have been retained.**

*Wagner* *White*  
*[Signature]*

Mr. DeLoach

April 15, 1968

A. Rosen

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

*[Signature]*  
*FR*  
*DMG*  
*7671*

MURKIN

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

Galt's correspondence locksmithing school received a change of address for Galt on 3/30/68 showing he would be at 113 14th Street, N. E., Atlanta. Jimmie Delton Garner, manager of this "hippie" rooming house has now been interviewed.

Garner was approached on a general line of inquiry concerning recent tenants without mentioning the name Galt. Garner named Galt as a tenant who had recently left without completing a week he had paid for in advance. A complete review of Garner's records revealed no mention of Galt and Garner alleged this was an oversight as he collected the rent away from the location of his records.

Garner stated Galt arrived about 6:00 p. m., 4/5/68, driving a black car, probably a Ford, 1962 or 1963 model, possibly bearing a Tennessee license. Galt first contacted Fred C. Jones, a tenant, who directed him to Garner, and Galt told Garner he was a welder from the Carolinas but had been working in another state. Galt was placed temporarily in Room 5 at 107 14th Street, and on 4/7/68 moved to Room 6 at 113 14th Street. Garner saw him move a paper bag or box of possession; but did not note any luggage.

On 4/7/68, Harold G. Anderson, an employee of the Albert Pick Motel, was brought to Garner by Fred C. Jones and was given Room 2, 113 14th Street. Garner noted Galt and Anderson became friendly but nothing indicated a prior acquaintance.

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- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. DeLoach
- Mr. Mohr
- Mr. Bishop
- Mr. Casper
- Mr. Callahan
- Mr. Conrad
- Mr. Felt
- Mr. Gale
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Sullivan
- Mr. Tavel
- Mr. Trotter
- Tele. Room
- Miss Holmes
- Miss Gandy

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At about 9:00 p. m., 4/9/68, Garner says Galt and Anderson came to his room stating they were checking out. Galt said he had received a call from a friend in Michigan telling him that welders are better paid there. They were leaving for Michigan that night and Anderson hoped to get a job as a welder's helper. Anderson received a partial refund from two weeks rent previously paid. Galt was paid through 4/11/68 but did not ask for a refund. He did receive a refund of a key deposit. Garner noted beer bottles in Anderson's room and presumed they had been drinking there.

Garner said he could not remember Galt's first name but volunteered he had seen mail for Galt and accompanied Agents to the table where mail is left for tenants. Three pieces of mail for Galt from the locksmithing school were on the table postmarked 4/1/68, 4/9/68 and 4/10/68. He remarked that his sister, Robbie Lee Garner, visited him last Friday or Saturday at which time she noticed the mail for Galt and commented this was the same name as the King murder suspect. Garner said he did not feel it was likely his tenant was identical with the suspect and thus did not feel compelled to tell anyone.

Garner maintained throughout he had never seen or heard of Galt before 4/5/68. He could offer no explanation as to why Galt would receive mail postmarked 4/1/68. Garner denied Galt left anything with him for storage. He said Rooms 4 and 5 are reserved for storage but contain nothing but linen and possibly a few items of no value left behind by roomers. Garner's description of Galt resembles that of the subject. *That is, however,*

The rooming house records on Anderson show his next of kin as G. F. Anderson, Atlanta, telephone 448-4672. Garner described Anderson as 40 years of age, 5' 9", 155 - 160 pounds, light brown hair, medium to fair complexion.

After the interview Garner telephoned the Agents to say he had re-examined his records and feels Galt is identical with William Lee, Route 1, Gastonia, North Carolina, who registered 4/5/68 and gave person to be notified in emergencies as Betty Retireman, 1952 Waltz Street, Warren, Michigan. Investigation is being conducted at Gastonia, North Carolina, Warren, Michigan, and Atlanta is locating Garner's sister and Anderson's father.

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Two Agents have rooms in Garner's rooming house in an undercover capacity. One is in Room 2 and noted that Room 4 has a new padlock. In casual conversation with Garner, Garner told the Agent about one week ago a clean cut young man said he would be gone over a week and rented room 4 for storage of personal effects. By taking the hinges off the connecting door from Room 2, the Agent examined Room 4. There is no bed in this room. There is a brown Zenith portable television set. Marie Martin, Los Angeles, has stated she traded a white General Electric portable television set to Galt; however, she is color blind and her description of the controls matches the Zenith set in Room 4. Also in Room 4 is a brand of sugar sold in California but not in Georgia, a map of Atlanta with four circled areas, one of which is the general area of King's home and one of which is the general area of SCLC headquarters. There was also a John Birch Society pamphlet. Except for a desk and an easy chair, there is nothing else of monetary value but there are a few minor items of food, a bread knife, a coffee warmer and a clip-on tie.

To avoid compromising the Agent in Room 2, Garner was not questioned about the items found in Room 4. The rooms alleged by Garner to have been occupied by Galt have been treated for fingerprints, some paper and other items of unknown value were recovered from one of the rooms that has not been re-rented, and sheets allegedly used by Galt in the second room have been obtained. They are being forwarded the Laboratory.

Galt advised the Locksmith Institute, Little Falls, New Jersey, that he was taking a course from American Business Consultants, Long Beach, California. Xavier Von Koss, owner of American Business Consultants, stated he has been in business since May, 1966, teaching self-hypnotism and "powers of the mind." He teaches by consultation only, keeps no records and does not recall Galt either by name or by the artist's concept of the subject.

In correspondence with the locksmithing company, Galt listed as references Mrs. Rita Steen and Mrs. Marie Denino, Los Angeles. Charles J. Stein has advised that on 12/14/67 he was in the Sultan Bar, St. Francis Hotel, Los Angeles, accompanied by

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**his sister, Rita Stein, and his cousin, Marie Martin, also known as Marie Demino, who had a room in the St. Francis. They became acquainted with Galt in the bar and he offered to drive Stein to New Orleans to pick up Rita Stein's two children and return them to Los Angeles. Galt stipulated that he would only do this if the two women registered to vote and gave their party affiliation as George Wallace's American Independent Party.**

**Stein states that on 12/15/67 Galt drove Stein and the women in his white Mustang to a voting registration office and let them out at the door. Galt entered the office later as they were completing their registrations and Stein gained the impression Galt was known to the people in the office.**

**Upon leaving the registration office the women were dropped off at Stein's residence and after stopping at Galt's Serrano Street address the two men drove to New Orleans without stopping to sleep, arriving there 12/17/67. While en route Galt made a number of calls to unknown persons from pay telephones, mostly in Texas.**

**In New Orleans Galt declined an invitation to stay at the home of Stein's mother and Stein directed him to a motel.**

**Galt had said he wanted to contact an engineering or contracting firm in New Orleans. On 12/18/67 Stein accidentally met Galt on the street and Galt said he had contacted the people he was interested in and was ready to return to Los Angeles but Galt telephoned later that day to say a storm was blocking their route. Galt, Stein, and the two children left New Orleans 12/19/67 and returned to Los Angeles without stopping except for food and gasoline, arriving in Los Angeles 12/21/67. Stein has not seen him since.**

**Galt paid for all purchases in cash and Stein says Galt mentioned he was from Alabama and planned to return there. Stein gained the impression Galt was involved in the California Campaign of George Wallace. On one occasion Galt told Stein that if Negroes want to be free men they should go North or West; if they want to be slaves they should stay in the South.**

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**Galt further told Stein he recently returned from Mexico where he formerly owned a bar in partnership with a Mexican to whom he recently sold his interest. This is being checked out.**

**Stein made available undeveloped film taken during the trip to New Orleans. He said Galt might be in one of the pictures. The film has been developed by the Bureau and no photograph of Galt was found. Stein subsequently stated he had found another roll of color film and a roll of black and white film that might have a picture of Galt. The black and white film has been developed by the Los Angeles Office. There was no picture of Galt. The color film is presently being processed at the Bureau.**

**The records of the Providence Motel, New Orleans, show that Eric S. Galt, using Galt's old Birmingham address, registered 12/17/67 and checked out 12/19/67. He made no long distance calls and records of local telephone calls have been destroyed. Two sheets of paper that may have indented writing were found in the telephone book in the room occupied by Galt. This paper and the registration card are being examined in the Laboratory.**

**The telephone company check Eric Galt used for payment of rent at the St. Francis Hotel, Los Angeles, has been traced. It represents a refund from a deposit Galt posted for telephone service at 1535 North Serrano, Los Angeles, which was discontinued 1/22/68. Only one long distance call had been charged to Galt. This was made 12/10/67 to telephone number 209-753-2353, which is listed for Bear Valley Lodge, 40 miles east of Lake Alpine, California. Sacramento is checking this out. Los Angeles is checking for records of local calls made by Galt. One local call from Galt's telephone has been traced to the Los Angeles campaign headquarters of George Wallace.**

**It has been established by hotel records that Galt stayed at Hotel Rio, Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico, from 10/19/67 to 11/6/67. Additional details are being obtained.**

**It has previously been reported Galt took dancing lessons in Birmingham in September, 1967, and in New Orleans in 1964-65.**

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**Marlin and Jane Meyers, who gave dance lessons to Galt in Birmingham and New Orleans, say he is "crazy" about dancing but a poor dancer and difficult to teach because he cannot remember instructions. He gave no information about himself and answered questions with yer or no answers. He was a loner who did not mingle and made no effort to make friends.**

**Catherine Norton, National Dance Studio, Long Beach, California, states she frequently gave lessons to an Eric Galt from December, 1967, to February, 1968. Galt told her he was a merchant seaman not presently working and was attending bartending school. He did not appear friendly with dance students or instructors. Galt did attend one party of approximately 20 dance students but arrived and left along, stayed to himself during the party and was uncommunicative. He drank an alcoholic punch at the party. Norton said in general Galt was withdrawn and often evasive. She described him as about 27 years old, having brown, crew cut hair, slightly protruding ears, straight, narrow nose, blue eyes, slight Southern accent, rural language and diction suggesting he does not have a high degree of education, 5' 11", 165-170 pounds, teeth straight and clean, fingernails clean and trimmed, wore gold ring with dark stone, always neatly dressed with coat, tie and shiny black alligator shoes, and wore a tie tac and cuff links. He had a nervous habit of occasionally pulling at an ear lobe. She described him as a good dancer.**

**Rodney Arvidson, owner of above studio, stated Eric Galt, 1535 North Serrano, Los Angeles, took a \$499.00 dance course from December, 1967, until February, 1968, when he said he quit abruptly to go to a bartending school. He believed Galt had recently been in Mexico and thinks he is a Southerner from his references to Alabama. Galt said he was a merchant seaman. Arvidson, who speaks Spanish, says Galt does not speak Spanish and speaks English poorly, is socially inept, an introvert, and a poor dancer because he wouldn't loosen up. He rarely smiled and when he did it was a "nervous, crooked smile." Arvidson also said Galt was a loner, unemployed, and paid cash for his lessons by taking a wad of bills from his pocket.**

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**All offices are checking dancing schools and Los Angeles is checking bartending schools for any record of Galt.**

**ACTION:**

**Vigorous investigation is continuing.**

Mr. Conrad

April 15, 1968

W. D. Griffith

MURKIN  
CR

The General Investigative Division has forwarded to the Laboratory an anonymous letter which was received from the Department, dated April 9, 1968 addressed to the Attorney General. This letter names one Edward Gerst as the individual responsible for the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King. The letter further describes this individual as an East German communist who is now in Cuba trying to return to England where he will find friends who will get him back to East Germany.

As the result of an indices search, a reference was located for one Edward Sherman Gerst, Bureau File 67-418747, who was a Bureau applicant in 1947 at which time he was 18 years of age.

The writings appearing in the personnel file of Edward Sherman Gerst have been compared with the writings submitted in this matter attributable to the unknown subject also known as Eric S. Galt. Nothing of significance was noted between the available writings of Edward Sherman Gerst and the afore-mentioned writings of Eric S. Galt; however, these known writings were prepared over twenty years ago when Gerst was 18 years of age.

1-Mr. Mohr  
1-Mr. DeLoach  
1-Mr. Rosen (Mr. Bates 22558)  
1-Mr. Conrad  
1-Mr. Griffith  
1-Mr. Mortimer  
1-Bufile 67-418747  
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**Re: MURKIN**  
**CR**

The fingerprints of Gerst have been compared with unidentified latents in this matter and found not to be identical.

The above-mentioned letter has been searched in the Anonymous Letter File but could not be identified with any prior submissions included in this file.

This letter is also being processed for latent fingerprints.

**RECOMMENDATION: None. For information.**

1 - Mr. Rosen  
(Mr. Long Rm. 2260)  
~~1 - Mr. Conrad~~  
1 - Mr. Mortimer  
1 - Lab File



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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

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To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**

Date: **April 16, 1968**

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OO: Memphis**

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

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Lab. No. **D-560459 JK  
D-560463 JK  
D-560464 JK  
PC-A5608 IZ  
PC-A5609 IZ  
PC-A5610 IZ**

Examination requested by: **Los Angeles, Las Vegas,  
Philadelphia**  
Reference: **Airtels, 4/9/68 and 4/10/68,  
Letter 4/10/68**  
Examination requested:  
Remarks: **Document - Microscopic  
(Hair & Fibers) Miscellaneous**

**This report confirms and supplements Bureau teletype  
to Los Angeles in this matter dated 4/11/68.**

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- 2 - Las Vegas (157-133) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)**
- 2 - Philadelphia (44-1368) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)**
- 2 - Los Angeles (44-1574) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)**

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**PC-A5610 IZ**

Specimens received **4/10/68, from, FBI Las Vegas**

**K8 Three tape strips of marking tape utilized by the Monarch Laundry, 1430 South Main, Las Vegas, Nevada, two of which bear the code O2B-6, and one bearing the code MOX72.**

**Specimen received 4/11/68, from FBI, Philadelphia**

**K9 Piece of white cloth containing six samples of thermo-seal marking tape obtained from Thermo-Seal Identification Machine, Model H5L1, Serial Number 32052, operated by Barclay Laundry, 1478 Broadway, Camden, N.J.**

**Specimen received 4/11/68, from FBI, Los Angeles**

**K10 Piece of paper and a cloth square each containing twelve samples of laundry marking printed by a thermo-seal marking machine manufactured by the Textile Marking Company, Syracuse, New York, and obtained from Home Service Laundry and Dry Cleaning, 5280 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California**

**Result of examination:**

**The three pink tape strips in K8 and K9 are similar to the Q69 and Q70 laundry tapes in color, construction and composition.**

**The twelve laundry tapes (K10) are similar to the Q69 and Q70 laundry tapes in color, construction and composition.**

Five of these tapes have the same length (1 1/16 inches) as Q69 and Q70. The other nine are longer, either 1 3/32 inches or 1 1/8 inches in length.

The K8 and K9 tapes were found to differ in printing from the tapes appearing on Q69 and Q70.

The tapes comprising K10 are of varying lengths; however, no significant differences were noted between the Q69 and Q70 laundry tapes when compared with some of the K10 tapes indicating they may have originated from the same machine.

Specimens K8, K9 and K10 are retained.

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1 - Mr. Long, Room 2300  
~~1 - Mr. Conrad~~  
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TELETYPE

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1 - Mr. Clark, Room 7132  
1 - Mr. Griffith (Attn: Mr. Mortimer)  
1 - Office, Room 7133

TO SACS ATLANTA (44-2386)  
MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM DIRECTOR FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

RE ATLANTA LETTER APRIL FIFTEEN CONCERNING ITEMS FROM  
ROOMS IN ATLANTA.

NUMEROUS HAIRS FOUND ON TWO BED SHEETS FROM ROOM.  
HAIRS INCLUDE BROWN TO BLACK HEAD, PUBIC AND LIMB HAIRS OF  
CAUCASIAN ORIGIN AND A DARK BROWN HEAD HAIR OF NEGROID ORIGIN.  
THE RANGE OF CHARACTERISTICS EXHIBITED BY THE CAUCASIAN HAIRS  
SUGGESTS THEY ARE FROM MORE THAN ONE PERSON. SOME OF THE  
HAIRS ARE DETERIORATED AND DIRTY SIMILAR TO HAIRS FROM FLOOR  
DEBRIS. A FEW OF THE HAIRS ARE SIMILAR IN SOME MICROSCOPIC  
CHARACTERISTICS TO HAIRS FROM THE MUSTANG AND MEMPHIS  
SCENE BUT DO NOT MATCH IN ALL MICROSCOPIC CHARACTERISTICS.  
THE POSSIBILITY THESE HAIRS ORIGINATED FROM SAME SOURCE AS

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**TELETYPE TO SACS ATLANTA (44-2386)  
MEMPHIS (44-1987)**

**MURKIN**

**HAIRS FROM THE MUSTANG AND MEMPHIS SCENE COULD NOT BE  
ELIMINATED.**

**NO FIBERS FOUND ON BED SHEETS FROM ROOM THAT COULD BE  
ASSOCIATED WITH BEDSPREAD OR OTHER CLOTH ITEMS FROM MEMPHIS  
SCENE AND MUSTANG.**

**SIMILARITIES NOTED HANDWRITING ON LINED PAPER (WORD  
"FLORIDA" AND VARIOUS SPELLINGS OF THIS WORD) WHEN COMPARED  
WITH PREVIOUS WRITING OF GALT BUT NO DEFINITE OPINION REACHED.  
DIFFERENCES NOTED HAND PRINTED NAME "JIMMY OWEN" ON PINK SLIP  
OF PAPER AND HAND PRINTING OF GALT BUT NO DEFINITE OPINION REACHED.  
THE LETTERS "P" OVER "E," FOLLOWED BY A SPACE, THEN THE LETTERS  
"TTED," AND THE WORD "PUNCH" OR "BUNCH" WERE FAINTLY INSCRIBED  
ON THE SINGLE PAGE OF NEWSPAPER SUBMITTED.**

**NO ROAD MAPS OF ATLANTA AREA PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED. THIS  
MAP AND OTHER ARTICLES RECEIVED WERE EXAMINED FOR INDENTED  
IMPRESSIONS AND OTHER MARKINGS BUT NOTHING OF SIGNIFICANCE  
NOTED.**

**FINGERPRINT REPORT SEPARATE.**

**REPORT FOLLOWS.**

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MR. TROTTER

4/15/68

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S. F. Latona

MURKIN

**LATENT PRINT EXAMINATION**

Late Friday (4/12/68), a letter to Galt from "receiver of apartment" occupied by Galt and the letter with accompanying envelope used by Galt in answering were received from Los Angeles. Three latent fingerprints were developed on the letter to Galt, nothing of value on other items.

Also received 4/12/68, from Chicago were ten paper items of correspondence between Galt and the Superior Bulk Film Co. of Chicago. One latent fingerprint was developed on one of these items.

These four latent fingerprints have been compared with latent prints previously reported in this case, but no identification effected.

On 4/13/68, an "Enrollment Form" and "Confidential Form" from Locksmithing Institute, Little Falls, New Jersey, in name of Eric S. Galt were received for examination. No latent prints were developed on these items.

There are presently twenty-six latent fingerprints and seven latent palm prints remaining unidentified in this case.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

For information.

44-38861

GJB:mas

(12)  
1 - Mr. DeLoach

1 - Mr. Mohr

1 - Mr. Rosen

1 - Mr. Bishop

1 - Mr. Conrad

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1 - Mr. Tolson  
1 - Mr. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. Mohr  
1 - Mr. Bishop  
1 - Mr. Casper  
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44-38861

FOR INFORMATION

RE: [REDACTED]

THIS IS A SUMMARY OF INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM [REDACTED]

ON [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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XXXXXX AIR MAIL

*gr*  
*4/15/68*  
*J. A. Leonard*

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
(ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY)

FROM: SAC, ALBANY (44-493)(P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CR  
(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re Albany telephone call to Bureau, 4/11/68,  
Albany teletype to Bureau, 4/11/68, and Los Angeles teletype  
to Bureau, 4/12/68.

Enclosed for FBI Laboratory are the following:

1. Six (6) sets of type used in Thermo Seal machines  
consisting of letters and numbers as follows:
  - a. One (1) set of regular 18 point type - letters,  
one (1) set of narrow 18 point type - letters,  
one (1) set of narrow 15 point type - letters.
  - b. One (1) set of regular 18 point type - numbers,  
one (1) set of regular 15 point type - numbers,  
one (1) set of narrow 15 point type - numbers.
2. Strip of  $\frac{1}{4}$ " Thermo Seal tape, Lot #5L7.

Above items made available on 4/12/68 by Mr. DONALD  
BROTON, Textile Marking Machine Co., Syracuse, N. Y., to SA  
ROBERT S. REA. He requested that the sets of type be returned  
to the company when of no further use. The tape can be retained  
or otherwise disposed of by the Laboratory.

4- Bureau (Encl. 7)(Attention: FBI Laboratory)(Hand Carried)  
2- Memphis (44-1987)  
1- Los Angeles (Info)  
2- Albany  
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*Orig to Memphis*

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For the information of the Laboratory, Mr. BROTON advised that the Thermo Seal tape, Lot #5L7, was made in November or December, 1967, but their quality control does not show the number of warp yarns in the cloth. He further noted that the face of the tape has a whitish cast because it is coated with a starch-type material. He stated the true color appearing on the garments recovered in instant case would more closely resemble the color of the underside of the tape.

It is noted that Lot #5L7 was found to be the lot number of tape in the possession of Home Service Laundry and Dry Cleaning, 5280 Hollywood Boulevard, Hollywood, California, as furnished to Albany Office by Los Angeles Office by telephone call on 4/11/68.

The Laboratory is requested to compare the enclosed specimen of tape with the tape on the garments recovered immediately after the slaying at Memphis for identification of the tape.

The sets of type are furnished to the Laboratory for assistance in examinations being on the laundry marks.

This evidence is being forwarded by Eastern Airlines, Flight 371, from Syracuse to Washington, D. C., on 4/12/68. Arrangements for pick-up in Washington are being made directly with WFO.

-2\*

Mr. DeLoach

A. Rosen

MURKIN

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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*DMG  
7621*

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.

RECEIVED - COMBUD  
 APR 16 1968  
 FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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.

Enclosures

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- 1 - Mr. Tolson
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
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- 1 - Mr. Casper
- 1 - Mr. Callahan
- 1 - Mr. Conrad
- 1 - Mr. Felt
- 1 - Mr. Gale
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Tavel
- 1 - Mr. Trotter
- 1 - Tele. Room
- 1 - Miss Holmes
- 1 - Miss Gandy

**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.**



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
ATTN: FBI LABORATORY

FROM : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) P

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/15/68

*gr*  
*See tel 4/15*  
*SA J. B. Reynolds*  
*FBI Atlanta*

*Expedite*  
*PC-A 5653*  
*30712*  
*11/*

Transmitted under separate cover for the FBI Laboratory is the following evidence. This was recovered from a search of room 6, 107 14th Street NE, Atlanta, Ga., and room 5, 113 14th Street NE, Atlanta, Ga. This evidence was obtained by SA'S John B. Reynolds and Aiden F. Miller.

1. Bed linen
- ✓ 2. three (3) cigarette butts
3. City street map of Atlanta, book of paper matches and lined piece of paper
4. Newspaper utilized for shelf cover in wardrobe
5. Pink slip of paper with name "Jimmy Owen" written thereon
6. Keyhole saw on top of wardrobe
- ✓ 7. Cigarette butt
8. Section of newspaper dated 4/7/68
- ✓ 9. Latent lifts numbered one through twelve
- ✓ 10. Latent lifts numbered A1 through A3

The Laboratory is requested to make appropriate examination of this evidence.

③ - Bureau  
1 - Package  
1 - Memphis (Info)  
2 - Atlanta  
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COPY & SPECIMENS RETAINED IN LAB FOR LAB ACTION & REPORT

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REC'D FBI - ATLANTA

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LABORATORY DIVISION

*Wgr*

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TELETYPE

URGENT

- 1 - Mr. McGowan
- 1 - Mr. Conrad
- 1 - Mr. Griffith
- 1 - Mr. Devine

TO SACS LOS ANGELES (44-1574)  
 MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
 BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)

*White*

FROM DIRECTOR FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN.

RE LOS ANGELES AIRTELS APRIL THIRTEEN LAST SUBMITTING  
 KNOWN HANDWRITING OF ANITA KATZWINKEL AND HANDWRITING IN  
 NAME OF THOMAS FLIKEID, MAP OF LOS ANGELES, MAP OF  
 CALIFORNIA AND PAIR OF BLACK WOMEN'S SHOES. DETERMINED  
 THAT KATZWINKEL DID NOT PREPARE WRITING "GINGER AND ANITA  
 KATZWINKEL" ON PORTION OF KLEENEX TOP. NOT POSSIBLE TO  
 DETERMINE IF WORDS OKLAHOMBE OR BROULH ON KLEENEX TOP  
 PREPARED BY WRITER OR WRITERS OF REMAINING WRITING ON  
 KLEENEX TOP. HANDWRITING DIFFERENCES NOTED IN REMAINING  
 WRITING ON BOX TOP EXCLUDING WORDS "DAY" AND "AT POOL" WHEN  
 COMPARED WITH KNOWN OF KATZWINKEL. SIGNATURES ON BOTTOMS  
 OF SUBMITTED DOCUMENTS IN NAME FLIKEID PREPARED BY THOMAS M.  
 FLIKEID, FBI NUMBER [REDACTED].

FMD:erg  
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**TELETYPE TO SACS LOS ANGELES  
MEMPHIS  
BIRMINGHAM**

**RE: MURKIN**

**DIFFERENCE NOTED IN HANDWRITING THESE DOCUMENTS AND ERIC S.  
GALT DOCUMENTS PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED BUT HANDWRITING  
CHARACTERISTICS NOT SUFFICIENTLY STRONG TO DEFINITELY  
ELIMINATE FLIKEID AS WRITER OF GALT MATERIAL. NOT POSSIBLE  
TO DETERMINE IF LOWMEYER SIGNATURE ON GUN INVOICE BY FLIKEID  
BECAUSE OF LIMITED NATURE OF QUESTIONED SIGNATURE AND LACK  
OF COMPARABLE KNOWN WRITING. SUBMITTED MAPS NOT IDENTICAL  
TO TWO MAPS PREVIOUSLY RECOVERED FROM BLUE BAG IN MEMPHIS.  
NO MAPS RECEIVED IN LAB RECOVERED FROM MUSTANG. EXAM OF  
SHOES CONTINUING. REPORT TO FOLLOW.**

**- 2 -**

1 - Mr. Mortimer  
1 - Lab File  
~~Mr. Conrad~~  
1 - Mr. Rosen  
(Mr. Long Rm. 2230)



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

*Jr*

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: April 15, 1968

**MURKIN**  
CR  
OO: Memphis

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

Examination requested by:  
Reference:  
Examination requested:  
Remarks:

Jackson, Baltimore  
Airtels, 4/10/68, 4/10/68  
Document

FBI File No. 44-33861  
D-560575 JK  
Lab. No. D-560573 JK

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

- 2 - Jackson (157-9586) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)
- 2 - Baltimore (44-699) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)
- 1 - Albany (44-493) Enclosure (Lab report)

- Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
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- Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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**REPORT  
of the**



**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**

Re: **MURKIN  
CR**

Date: **April 15, 1968**  
 FBI File No. **44-33861**  
 Lab. No. **D-560575 JK  
D-560573 JK**

Specimens received **4/11/68, from FBI, Jackson**

**K17 Piece of blue cloth containing eleven samples of yellow tape markings of "O2B-6," "MIF14" and "MIF15"**

**K18 Four strips of tape with no lettering and two sample marking tapes with lettering "W 2H 13" and XEP 15"**

Specimen received **4/11/68, from FBI, Baltimore**

**K20 Four samples of tape markings printed with Thermo-Seal Machine, Serial Number 32500, obtained from Star Laundry, 908 N. Salisbury Boulevard, Salisbury, Maryland**

**Result of examination:**

It was determined that neither of the machines used to prepare the markings on K17 and K20 was employed to affix the markings appearing on the laundry tapes which were affixed to Q69 and Q70, while the strips of tape, represented by K18, were found to differ in size from the questioned tapes.

**K17, K18 and K20 have been retained.**

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
 DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
 Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
 Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
 Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

**JHM:AW (11)**

MAIL ROOM  TELETYPE UNIT

1-Mr. Rosen (Mr. Long  
2260)

~~1-Mr. Conrad~~  
1-Mr. Griffith  
1-Mr. Mortimer

April 15, 1968

**AIRTEL**

**To: SAC, Memphis (44-1987)**

**From: Director, FBI (44-38861)**

**Subject: MURKIN**

ReButel to Memphis, Birmingham, New Orleans, and  
Los Angeles 4/15/68.

Enclosed for each of the above divisions for  
possible investigative assistance is photographic copy  
of indented impressions appearing on stationery of The  
Provincial Motel which was submitted by New Orleans.

**Enclosure**

- 1 - Birmingham (44-1740) Enclosure
- 1 - New Orleans Enclosure
- 1 - Los Angeles (44-1574) Enclosure

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Buffell*

# Fatal King Bullet Reported Too Scarred to Identify

By MARTIN WALDRON  
Special to The New York Times

MEMPHIS, Tenn. April 11— Predictions by the Memphis police and by Attorney General Ramsey Clark of a quick arrest in the assassination of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. have not materialized.

Dr. King was shot to death on the balcony of a Memphis motel a week ago tonight.

And despite what Mr. Clark called an "unusually large amount of physical evidence," the four men known to have been questioned since the slaying have all been released.

Two of the men were law students who were in Memphis last week to help plan a civil rights demonstration. The third was a bald-headed man arrested over the weekend near the assassination site, and the fourth was a minister arrested Tuesday in Joplin, Mo.

### Saw Man Drop Rifle

According to a report today, the bullet that killed Dr. King had been smashed and laboratory technicians of the Federal Bureau of Investigation had been unable to match it with the Remington .30-06 caliber rifle believed to have been the assassin's weapon.

Witnesses said that the rifle had been discarded by a long-nosed young man who ran from a rooming house near Dr. King's motel immediately after the shooting.

The F.B.I. refused to comment in the report that the bullet could not be identified. But the report was consistent with information furnished by a source in Memphis, who said that the bullet was a soft-nosed and had been squashed, apparently when it hit Dr. King's left shoulder blade.

Soft-nosed bullets are used in big game hunting because they expand on contact and do much more damage than do the steel-jacketed bullets used by soldiers.

The Remington .30-06 caliber rifle cartridges are powerful enough to kill a man at a distance of more than a half-mile.

In an other development today, the Remington Company at Bridgeport, Conn., confirmed that one of its 30-'06 rifles had been traced by the F.B.I. through its serial number.

A company spokesman said, however, that employes had been told not to give out information such as where the rifle had been shipped to be sold at retail.

The rifle apparently purchased by the assassin or an accomplice in irvingham, Ala., last week. A clerk at a gun store near the Birmingham Airport said that the F.B.I. had checked the store's records, but she denied that the rifle was sold there. "That is just a rumor," she said.

There has been no information released on what the many fingerprints found at the site of the shooting revealed.

Frank C. Holloman, director of the Memphis Police and Fire Departments, said on the night of the murder that the sniper had fired from the bathroom of a second-floor rooming house 205 feet from the spot on the balcony of the Lorraine Hotel and Motel where Dr. King was standing.

Detectives found a handprint and numerous fingerprints in the bathroom.

The police refused to say today whether there were any further developments in the investigation of false police broadcasts that drew police attention away from downtown Memphis about 30 minutes after Dr. King was shot.

False reports of a dramatic car chase, including the firing of shots between a white Mustang and a blue Pontiac, were broadcast over the central police radio shortly after Dr. King had been taken to a hospital.

Witnesses near the scene of the shooting had given statements that led police to believe that the assassin had fled in a white Mustang.

The police dispatcher making the broadcast said that the descriptions of a chase were being fed to him by "police car 160."

A review of a tape recording of the broadcast showed that at one point the dispatcher said that the officer in police car 160 had gotten information from a "complainant."

There was speculation in the Police Department today that Lieut. R. W. Bradshaw, the officer who was assigned to car 160 on the night of the murder, might have been relaying information furnished to him over a citizens band radio.

Lieutenant Bradshaw refused to comment.

In another aspect of the investigation, F.B.I. agents in Mississippi and Alabama were known to have been checking the whereabouts on the night of the murder of known violent segregationists.

The inquiries included many members of the Ku Klux Klan.

So far, the agents have been unable to turn up any useful leads, a source said.

- The Washington Post \_\_\_\_\_
- Times Herald \_\_\_\_\_
- The Washington Daily News \_\_\_\_\_
- The Evening Star (Washington) \_\_\_\_\_
- The Sunday Star (Washington) \_\_\_\_\_
- Daily News (New York) \_\_\_\_\_
- Sunday News (New York) \_\_\_\_\_
- New York Post \_\_\_\_\_
- The New York Times 19
- The Sun (Baltimore) \_\_\_\_\_
- The Worker \_\_\_\_\_
- The New Leader \_\_\_\_\_
- The Wall Street Journal \_\_\_\_\_
- The National Observer \_\_\_\_\_
- People's World \_\_\_\_\_
- Date APR 12 1969



# Atlanta Car Tied To King Slaying

Atlanta, Ga., April 11 (AP) — Federal agents today impounded a white Mustang fitting the description of a car sought in connection with the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the Atlanta Constitution reported.

The automobile bearing an Alabama license plate, had been parked since last Friday at a public housing project near the State Capitol, the newspaper reported.

Residents of the housing project who had previously joked about the car's similarity with the wanted vehicle were questioned closely by agents from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the newspaper said.

### Agent Declines Comment

The FBI would not immediately on the report. Agent Frank V. Hitt said, "I cannot give you any comment."

The Constitution, in a story by Duane Riner, said two residents of the housing project were known to have seen a young man whom they said looked like the description of the sniper.

The news story said the FBI agents swarmed around the car this afternoon snapping pictures and taking fingerprints. They had the car taken to a Federal building and locked up, the newspaper said.

Quoting Mrs. Ernest Payne, the newspaper said the car was seen arriving in the parking lot between 8.30 and 9 P.M. last Friday, the day after Dr. King was shot down in Memphis, Tennessee.

The newspaper said she de-

scribed the man who stepped out of the car as between 25 and 30 years old, 5 feet 9 or 10, and weighing 165 to 170 pounds.

She told the newspaper she had not heard that the suspected killer was described as 26 to 32 years of age, 6 feet tall, weighing 165 to 175 pounds.

She was quoted as saying the man had sandy-colored hair. The newspaper said another witness described it as dark and curly.

### FBI Mum On Bullet, Gun In King Slaying

Memphis, April 11 (AP)—The FBI maintained a steadfast silence today in the face of queries, rumors and reports about the gun and the bullet which killed Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., here a week ago.

It refused comment on whether:

1. Ballistics tests matched the bullet with a rifle found near the scene.
2. Firearms dealers in Birmingham, Ala., had been ques-

tioned about sales of Remington rifles.

Both reports have been published, but the FBI says they did not originate with its agents.

Shortly after Dr. King's assassination one week ago, police found a .30-06 rifle with a telescopic sight a block away.

### Talks Continue

Meanwhile, negotiators continued efforts to settle the nine-week-old garbage strike, which brought Dr. King to Memphis. Although neither side issued statements, the Memphis Press-Scimitar said it learned that much of the discussion revolved around wages.

There has been no indication how the issues of union recognition and dues check-off would be settled.

The average Memphis garbage laborer earns \$1.72 an hour, while the drivers earn \$1.95, according to the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFL-CIO) to which they belong.

- Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
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- The Washington Post \_\_\_\_\_
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- The Sunday Star (Washington) \_\_\_\_\_
- Daily News (New York) \_\_\_\_\_
- Sunday News (New York) \_\_\_\_\_
- New York Post \_\_\_\_\_
- The New York Times \_\_\_\_\_
- The Sun (Baltimore) A-1
- The Worker \_\_\_\_\_
- The New Leader \_\_\_\_\_
- The Wall Street Journal \_\_\_\_\_
- The National Observer \_\_\_\_\_
- People's World \_\_\_\_\_
- Date APR 12 1968

*WJ*

1 - Mr. McGowan, Room 2712  
~~Mr. Conrad~~  
1 - Mr. Griffith  
1 - Mr. Mortimer 4/15/68

PLAIN TEXT

TELETYPE

URGENT

TO SACS MEMPHIS  
BIRMINGHAM  
NEW ORLEANS  
LOS ANGELES

FROM DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN.

RE PROVINCIAL MOTEL REGISTRATION CARD FROM NEW ORLEANS. REFERENCED REGISTRATION CARD BEARS NAME "ERIC S. GALT, TWO SIX ZERO EIGHT HIGHLAND AVENUE, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA," AND INDICATES MUSTANG AUTOMOBILE BEARING ALABAMA LICENSE ONE THREE EIGHT NINE NINE THREE. DATE OF REGISTRATION IS DECEMBER SEVENTEEN LAST. QUESTIONED WRITING ON REGISTRATION CARD DETERMINED TO BE THAT OF GALT. THIS ADDITIONAL WRITING OF GALT DOES NOT CONTRIBUTE TO OTHER FINDINGS WITH RESPECT TO THE LOWMYER SIGNATURE.

BLANK PAPER OBTAINED FROM PHONE BOOK AT MOTEL EXAMINED AND RATHER EXTENSIVE INDENTED WRITING DEVELOPED, SIGNIFICANCE OF WHICH NOT READILY APPARENT. FOLLOWING

WDG:mb (6)

**TELETYPE TO SACS MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, NEW ORLEANS,  
LOS ANGELES  
MURKIN  
44-38861**

**NAMES AND PHONE NUMBERS OF POSSIBLE SIGNIFICANCE  
DEVELOPED: "FIVE TWO FOUR - ONE ONE THREE ONE,"  
"TWO EIGHT EIGHT - THREE NINE ZERO FOUR," "FOUR EIGHT  
TWO - ZERO EIGHT NINE FOUR," "EIGHT NINE NINE - THREE ZERO  
SIX ONE." FOREGOING NUMBERS APPEAR TO BE TELEPHONE  
NUMBERS. IN ADDITION WORDS EITHER "HERBIE" OR CAN BE  
INTERPRETED AS "SHIRLEY" WITH LAST NAME POSSIBLY  
"PORICH" OR "PORICK" ALSO NUMBER "THREE SIX ONE NINE -  
ROBERT." ALSO NAME INTERPRETED AS "JANE PENNEY" OR  
"FENNEY." PHOTOGRAPHS OF DEVELOPED INDENTED WRITING  
BEING SENT TO ALL RECEIVING OFFICES TODAY FOR POSSIBLE  
INVESTIGATIVE ASSISTANCE. PROVINCIAL MOTEL REGISTRATION  
CARD WILL BE PROCESSED FOR LATENT FINGERPRINTS.**

2 - Mr. Rosen  
- Mr. Long  
~~1 - Mr. Conrad~~  
1 - Lab Files  
1 - Mr. Clark, 7132  
1 - Office, 7133

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TELETYPE

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TO SAC MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
ATLANTA (44-2386)

FROM DIRECTOR FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

RE ATLANTA LETTERS APRIL ELEVEN AND TWELVE CONCERNING ITEMS  
FROM MUSTANG AND HOTEL APRIL TWELVE.

PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED BEDSPREAD COMPOSED OF BROWN COTTON,  
GREEN COTTON AND GREEN RAYON. FIBERS LIKE THOSE COMPOSING BEDSPREAD  
AND WHICH COULD HAVE COME FROM BEDSPREAD FOUND ON SWEATSHIRT, TWO  
RED SHEETS, SHIRT JACKET, PILLOWCASE, BLACK SHIRT, WALKING SHORTS,  
RUG, PILLOW AND SOCKS FROM MUSTANG.

BROWN HEAD HAIRS OF CAUCASIAN ORIGIN WERE PREVIOUSLY FOUND ON  
BEDSPREAD, IN BLUE SUITCASE AND ON HAIRBRUSH AND SOCKS FROM BLUE  
SUITCASE. HEAD HAIRS LIKE THE ABOVE HAIRS AND WHICH COULD HAVE  
COME FROM SAME PERSON FOUND ON SWEATSHIRT, RED SHEETS AND RUG FROM  
MUSTANG. HAIRS CANNOT BE POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED AS ORIGINATING  
FROM A PARTICULAR PERSON.

SCRAPINGS FROM UNDER GLOVE COMPARTMENT DO NOT CONSIST OF  
BLOOD.

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TELETYPE TO SACS MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
ATLANTA (44-2386)

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LIQUID FROM WINDSHIELD WASHER BAG IDENTIFIED AS WATER. NO TRACES OF ANY ALCOHOLS SUCH AS USED IN WINDSHIELD WASH WAS IDENTIFIED IN THIS SPECIMEN.

SOILS FROM MUSTANG AND DEBRIS FROM FLOOR OF MUSTANG DIFFER FROM SOIL FOUND ON BEDSPREAD AND DID NOT COME FROM SAME SOURCE. IF FEASIBLE MEMPHIS SHOULD OBTAIN SOIL SAMPLES FROM WHERE BEDSPREAD WAS ABANDONED AND WHERE CAR WAS PARKED PRIOR TO GETAWAY AND SUBMIT TO LABORATORY FOR ELIMINATION PURPOSES. REPORT FOLLOWS.

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TELETYPE

IMMEDIATE

TO SAC MEMPHIS  
BIRMINGHAM  
LOS ANGELES  
CHICAGO  
NEWARK

~~1 - Mr. Conrad~~  
1 - Mr. Griffith  
1 - Mr. Mortimer  
1 - Mr. McGowan

FROM DIRECTOR FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN.

RE GALT: LETTER TO APARTMENT RENTAL MANAGER RECEIVED  
FROM LOS ANGELES.

GALT'S SIGNATURE IDENTICAL WITH OTHER GALT SIGNATURES  
IN CASE. LETTER IS TYPEWRITTEN WITH ROYAL PICA TYPE. SAME  
STYLE OF TYPE ALSO USED ON SINGER TYPEWRITERS. INDENTED  
IMPRESSIONS ON REVERSE OF LETTER IN NAME "RAY," "GALT" AND  
"RILEY."

RE GALT'S LETTERS TO SUPERIOR BULK FIRM COMPANY,  
CHICAGO, AND PRINTED ORDER BLANK NOT COMPARABLE WITH  
PREVIOUS QUESTIONED MATERIAL IN CASE. TYPEWRITTEN LETTERS  
TO THIS COMPANY SAME STYLE OF TYPE AS LOS ANGELES ABOVE.  
INSUFFICIENT IDENTIFYING CHARACTERISTICS TO IDENTIFY WITH

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TELETYPE TO MEMPHIS  
BIRMINGHAM  
LOS ANGELES  
CHICAGO  
NEWARK

RE: MURKIN

LOS ANGELES TYPEWRITTEN LETTER, BUT NO DIFFERENCES NOTED.  
GALT'S SIGNATURES IDENTICAL WITH PREVIOUS GALT SIGNATURES  
IN CASE.

RE GALT'S LETTERS TO LOCKSMITHING INSTITUTE, NEWARK.  
PRINTED ENROLLMENT CARD IDENTIFIED WITH WRITER OF HAND-  
PRINTED ORDER FORM SUBMITTED BY CHICAGO ABOVE. INFORMA-  
TION FORM FROM GALT TO THIS CONCERN TYPED ON SAME STYLE  
TYPEWRITER AS LOS ANGELES AND CHICAGO SUBMITTED ITEMS  
ABOVE AND NO DIFFERENCES NOTED, BUT IDENTIFICATION NOT  
POSSIBLE FOR REASONS STATED ABOVE. GALT SIGNATURE THIS  
FORM IDENTICAL WITH PREVIOUS SIGNATURES. OTHER WRITINGS  
ON FORM INSUFFICIENTLY COMPARABLE FOR IDENTIFICATION  
WITH OTHER QUESTIONED WRITINGS, BUT SIMILARITIES NOTED.  
ABOVE MATERIAL DOES NOT CONTRIBUTE TO ADDITIONAL FINDINGS  
RE LOWMYER SIGNATURE.

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Mr. DeLoach

A. Rosen

MURKIN

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT  
JOHN F. KENNEDY

April 12, 1968

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Malley
- 1 - Mr. Shroder
- 1 - Mr. McGowan
- 1 - Mr. Martindale
- 1 - Mr. McDonough
- 1 - Mr. Mohr

*Handwritten notes:*  
 J. Edgar Hoover  
 Mr. DeLoach  
 Mr. Rosen  
 Mr. Malley  
 Mr. Shroder  
 Mr. McGowan  
 Mr. Martindale  
 Mr. McDonough  
 Mr. Mohr

At 12:55 p. m. , Inspector Joseph Sullivan called from Memphis to advise the Memphis Office had been contacted by Walter Lane Bailey, the colored owner of the Lorraine Motel, 406 Mulberry, Memphis, Tennessee, the motel at which King was staying when killed. Bailey advised the Memphis Office he had been contacted by a representative of the District Attorney, New Orleans, Louisiana, who had requested an interview with Bailey and same was arranged for 4:00 p. m. , today. Bailey did not recall the name of the individual who requested the appointment with him.

Sullivan stated that Bailey's wife had passed away and was being buried this afternoon and that because of this situation, he was not pressed for any further details concerning this contact.

ACTION:

Based on the information available, it is not known whether District Attorney Garrison is making an attempt to tie the killing of King in with his investigation into the assassination of President Kennedy or whether some other ulterior motive exists. Sullivan was instructed that in the event additional information is received concerning this contact, he should furnish details to the Bureau.

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