

640PM URGENT 4/14/68 GJK
TO ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES
FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 3P

MURKIN.

ERIC STARVO GALT, THE PRINCIPAL SUSPECT, HAS BEEN REPORTED AS HAVING ATTENDED DANCING SCHOOLS IN BIRMINGHAM, NEW ORLEANS AND CALIFORNIA. ALL OFFICES SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CHECK ALL DANCING SCHOOLS IN YOUR TERRITORIES FOR ANY RECORD OF PRIOR ATTENDANCE AT ANY SUCH SCHOOLS BY GALT AND RUN OUT ANY LEADS DEVELOPED. GALT REPORTEDLY SIGNED UP FOR A ONE YEAR DANCING COURSE IN NEW ORLEANS IN NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR; TOOK DANCING LESSONS FOR SEVERAL WEEKS IN BIRMINGHAM BEGINNING IN SEPTEMBER NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN; AND TOOK A FOUR HUNDRED NINETYNINE DOLLAR DANCE COURSE FROM DECEMBER NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN TO FEBRUARY NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT AT LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA.

*all R.A.s
& 100g files.
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ONE DANCE INSTRUCTOR HAS STATED THAT GALT IS "CRAZY" ABOUT DANCING BUT A POOR DANCER AND DIFFICULT TO TEACH
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BECAUSE HE DOES NOT REMEMBER INSTRUCTIONS. HE WAS DESCRIBED AS AN INTROVERT WHO VOLUNTEERS NO INFORMATION AND REPLIES WITH YES OR NO ANSWERS WHEN ASKED; DID NOT MINGLE WITH OTHER STUDENTS AND MADE NO EFFORTS TO MAKE FRIENDS OR CONVERSE WITH ANYONE.

ANOTHER DANCE INSTRUCTOR STATED GALT IS A GOOD DANCER, DISPLAYED SLIGHT SOUTHERN ACCENT, RURAL CHARACTERISTICS OF LANGUAGE AND DICTION, TEETH STRAIGHT AND CLEAN, FINGERNAILS CLEAN AND NEATLY TRIMMED,; WORE GOLD RING WITH DARK STONE; ALWAYS NEATLY DRESSED WITH SUIT AND SHINY SLIP ON TYPE BLACK ALLIGATOR SHOES WITH THIN SOLES, BLACK HOSE AND WORE TIE TACK AND CUFF LINKS. SMOKED FILTER CIGARETTES AND HAD NERVOUS HABIT OF OCCASIONALLY PULLING AT EAR LOBE. OWNER OF STUDIO STATES GALT SPOKE OF ALABAMA, SAID HE WAS A MERCHANT SEAMAN; SPOKE OF BEING IN MEXICO BUT DID NOT SPEAK SPANISH AND SPOKE ENGLISH BADLY; WAS SOCIALLY INEPT, AN INTROVERT AND A POOR DANCER BECAUSE HE WOULD NOT LOOSEN UP. SMILED RARELY AND WHEN HE DID IT WAS A NERVOUS CROOKED SMILE; PAID CASH FOR LESSONS TAKING A WAD OF BILLS FROM POCKET.

ERIC STARVO GALT DESCRIBED AS FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES, ONE HUNDRED SEVENTYFIVE POUNDS, BLUE EYES, BROWN HAIR, BORN

[REDACTED] PLACE NOT GIVEN.

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GALT MAY HAVE USED THE NAME HARVEY LOWMYER OR JOHN WILLARD OR ANY VARIATION OF THESE TWO NAMES OR ANY OTHER NAME. IN CONNECTION WITH ANY INQUIRIES, NO INDICATION SHOULD BE GIVEN INQUIRIES ARE IN CONNECTION WITH CAPTIONED CASE.

UNSUB ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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5:22PM URGENT 4-16-68 MMW

TO LOS ANGELES, INDIANAPOLIS, AND MEMPHIS

FROM NEW ORLEANS 157-10673 3PGS

MURKIN; CR, POSSIBLE SUSPECT DONALD D. TANNER

RE HOUSTON TELETYPE TO SAN ANTONIO, MEMPHIS AND NEW ORLEANS,
APRIL FIFTEEN LAST, ELEVEN FORTY AM CST; AND SAN ANTONIO TEL
TO MEMPHIS AND NEW ORLEANS, TODAY, ELEVEN THIRTYTHREE AM CST.

FOR INFORMATION LOS ANGELES AND INDIANAPOLIS, INFORMATION
RECEIVED IN REFERENCED HOUSTON TELETYPE THAT A KENNETH ANDREWS,
WHILE IN TRANSIT FROM CALIFORNIA TO CONROE, TEX., PICKED UP A
HITCHHIKER AT BENSON, ARIZ., APRIL FOURTEEN LAST. HITCHHIKER
CLAIMED NAME WAS DON TANNER, WAS IN ARMY ENROUTE TO FT. POLK,
LA. ANDREWS ADVISED CHIEF OF POLICE EVANS, CONROE, TEX., UPON
ARRIVAL THAT TANNER LOOKALIKE WITH SUSPECT GALT AS BASED ON COM-
POSITE PICTURE SEEN IN LOCAL NEWSPAPER. TANNER TRANSPORTED TO
AUSTIN, TEX., WHERE MOTEL RECORDS REFLECT A DONALD D. TANNER,
SPECIALIST FOURTH CLASS, USA, STAYING AT TREK MOTEL, AUSTIN,
TEX., NIGHT OF FOURTEEN THROUGH FIFTEEN LAST. IN INTERVIEW
WITH MOTEL PERSONNEL, TANNER DESCRIBED AS CAUCASIAN MALE,

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AGE TWENTYFOUR, FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES, ONE SEVENTYFIVE POUNDS, BLONDE HAIR AND CLAIMED WAS ENROUTE FROM OVERSEAS DUTY CAMBODIA TO RE-ASSIGNMENT, FT. POLK, LA. REGISTRATION CARD REFLECTS TANNER'S HOME OF RECORD TO BE THIRTYNINE TWENTYFIVE CANOR, BELLFLOWER, CALIF.

EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION, FT. POLK, LA., FAILS TO REFLECT ANY INFORMATION OR ANY INDIVIDUAL NAMED DONALD D. TANNER, OR VARIATIONS, AS VEING PRESENTLY ASSIGNED, BEING ASSIGNED IN THE PAST, OR UNDER ORDERS FOR RE-ASSIGNMENT TO FT. POLK, ALTHOUGH IT IS POSSIBLE TANNER MAY BE "HAND-CARRYING" RE-ASSIGNMENT ORDERS ON HIS PERSON.

INVESTIGATION IN MATTER SHOULD BE CONDUCTED WITHOUT REVEALING NATURE OF INVESTIGATION.

INDIANAPOLIS AT FT. BENJAMIN HARRISON, WILL REVIEW USA RECORDS ATTEMPTING TO IDENTIFY TANNER ASCERTAINING PRESENT STATUS AND BACKGROUND AND SETTING FORTH INFORMATION TO LOCATE, INTERVIEW AND ELIMINATE.

LOS ANGELES AT BELLFLOWER, CALIF., WILL CONDUCT APPRO-

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PRIVATE INVESTIGATION AT THIRTYNINE TWENTYFIVE CANON RE TANNER
ASCERTAINING BACKGROUND PRESENT WHEREABOUTS, SETTING FORTH
LEADS SO TANNER MAY BE INTERVIEWED AND ELIMINATED.

INVESTIGATION RE TANNER CONTINUING FT. POLK, LA.

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FBI LOS ANG.

6:56 PM URGENT 4-16-68 NLB

TO NEW ORLEANS (157-10673), INDIANAPOLIS, MEMPHIS(44-1907)
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN. RE SUSPECT DONALD D. TANNER.

RE NEW ORLEANS TEL TODAY FIVE FIVE P.M.

CHECK OF TELEPHONE DIRECTORY FOR BELLFLOWER FOR ALL
PERSONS NAMED TANNER, FOR STREET NUMBER THIRTY NINE TWENTY FIVE,
OR CANON STREET NEGATIVE. CURRENT MAPS OF LOS ANGELES AREA
INCLUDING BELLFLOWER NEGATIVE ON ANY SUCH STREET NAME. U.S.
POST OFFICE, BELLFLOWER, ADVISES NO SUCH STREET OR NUMBER,
BELLFLOWER AREA. INDICES LOS ANGELES OFFICE NEGATIVE.

NEW ORLEANS REQUESTED TO RECHECK DATA NUMBER AND
STREET.

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FBI NEW YORK

8:44 PM URGENT 4/16/68 WPK
TO DIRECTOR, INDIANAPOLIS AND MEMPHIS
FROM NEW YORK 44-1609 2P

MURKIN

REKTEL APRIL FIFTEENTH, SIXTY EIGHT, AND REFERENCED
ERIC STARVO GALT, LOCK-SMITHING INSTITUTE RECORDS.

GEORGE DURYEA, DIRECTOR, LOCKSMITHING INSTITUTE (LI)
FURNISHED ENVELOPE USED BY GALT TO REQUEST ENROLLMENT IN LI
COURSE. ENVELOPE BEARING RETURN ADDRESS OF MONTREAL, CANADA
FORWARDED TO BUREAU.

DURYEA ADVISED THAT LI USES, AMONG OTHERS, HARDWARE
RETAILERS MAGAZINE TO ADVERTISE.

INQUIRY AT NEW YORK REVEALED THAT INFORMATION CONCERNING
SUBSCRIBERS IS LOCATED AT HARDWARE RETAILERS MAGAZINE, NINE
SIX FOUR NORTH PENNSYLVANIA STREET, INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA,
IN CARE OF THOMAS DELPH, TELEPHONE NUMBER THREE ONE SEVEN
DASH ME FOUR DASH THREE FOUR FOUR ONE.

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UNKNOWN SUBJECT IS CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

LEAD

INDIANAPOLIS. AT INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA. WILL CONTACT
RALPH DELPH TO DETERMINE IF THERE ARE ANY SUBSCRIBERS USING
NAME GALT AND RUN OUT ANY LOGICAL LEADS DEVELOPED
AS OF CLOSE OF BUSINESS TODAY. NO MENTION SHOULD BE MADE
THAT THIS INQUIRY HAS TO DO WITH CAPTIONED MATTER.

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Via TELETYPE URGENT
(Priority)

TO MEMPHIS, LOS ANGELES AND NEW ORLEANS
FROM INDIANAPOLIS (44-563)

MURKIN - CIVIL RIGHTS - POSSIBLE SUSPECT. DONALD D. TANNER
RE New Orleans TEL. APRIL SIXTY-SEVEN LAST.
ACTIVE DUTY FILES ENLISTED PERSONNEL FORT HARRISON REVEALS

ONE DONALD DAVID TANNER, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], BORN [REDACTED] AT MINN., SIX FEET TALL,
ONE HUNDRED SIXTYTWO POUNDS, BROWN HAIR, BLUE EYES, MOTHER
LISTED SHERILY KUHN, ONE ONE TWO ONE SIX MC DONALD ST., CULVER
CITY, CAL. RECORDS SHOW AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT RESIDENCE TO BE
FOUR TWO SEVEN THREE SAWTELLE OR SAUTELLE, CULVER CITY, CAL.
FORMER WIFE LINDA L. TANNER, ONE FIVE TWO ONE MAGNOLIA ST.,
SHREVEPORT, LA. OR SEVEN ZERO ZERO COTTON ST., SHERVEPORT, LA.

RECORDS SHOW VIETNAM SERVICE MAR. TWENTYTHREE, SIXTYSEVEN
AND LOCATOR RECORD MAR. FIFTEEN, LAST STILL THERE. NO
INDICATION RETURNED TO U. S.; HOWEVER, RECORDS ARE MONTH OR
MONTH AND ONE HALF BEHIND.

① - Indianapolis
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Via Airtel Airmail
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TO: SAC, Indianapolis
FROM: *WCH* SAC, Albany (44-493)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 4/15/68, at 10:45 AM, RAY MC GAUGHEY, Truck Driver for Safeway Truck Lines, South Bend, Indiana, who resides at 713-1 Imperial Road, Valparaiso, Indiana, telephonically advised the Albany FBI Office that he saw a man whom he thought resembled KING's assassin based on the drawing made of KING's killer which has appeared in various newspapers.

MC GAUGHEY stated that approximately one week ago between 10:00 and 10:30 AM, he saw a white male depart from a bank, name unknown, which is located at the intersection of Route 6 and Mcool Road, Valparaiso, Indiana. MC GAUGHEY described unsub as being between 5'11" and 6'1" tall, weighing between 190 and 195 lbs., and 25-27 years old. He had sandy hair and was wearing light trousers and a small checkered shirt. MC GAUGHEY could not tell what color the shirt was. He stated that the shirt sleeves were rolled above his wrists and that unsub was carrying a small brown envelope.

MC GAUGHEY further advised that unsub was alone and that he got into a white, late model Mustang. He stated that it had Indiana License with the first two numbers being 64. He stated that two of the other numbers were 22 and that another number was 5 but that he was not certain whether the 5 was the third number or the number after the digits 22. MC GAUGHEY stated that the Mustang was parked on the north side of the bank at the west end.

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VALPARAISO

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He stated he was parked in his truck at the west end of the bank approximately 75 feet from the Mustang. MC GAUGHEY further stated that JIM (LNU) was with him but that he could easily find out JIM's last name if it were necessary.

MC GAUGHEY stated that he plans to be in Chicago, Illinois, this coming Wednesday morning and that he can be contacted by getting in touch with Carlson Trucking, 3840 South Laramie Street, Chicago, Illinois. He stated that Safeway Truck Lines leases their equipment from Carlson.

LEAD:

INDIANAPOLIS DIVISION

AT VALPARAISO, INDIANA

Attempt to determine owner of above described white Mustang and interview employees at the bank located at the intersection of Route 6 and Mcool Road, in an attempt to ascertain identity of unsub.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

FBI WASH DC

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TO ALL SACS

FROM DIRECTOR

MURKIN

THE FOLLOWING PRESS RELEASE WAS ISSUED AT WASHINGTON, D.C., AT FIVE FORTYFIVE P.M. THIS AFTERNOON. YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO RELEASE AT SIX P.M. EASTERN STANDARD TIME. ALTHOUGH IT IS REALIZED THE WIRE SERVICES WILL CARRY THE FULL TEXT, YOU SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CONTACT THE LEADING NEWSPAPERS AND RADIO AND TV STATIONS IN YOUR DIVISION TO INSURE IT RECEIVES IMMEDIATE WIDESPREAD DISTRIBUTION. YOU ARE ALSO AUTHORIZED TO IMMEDIATELY MAKE AVAILABLE TO ALL MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES COPIES OF THE TWO PHOTOGRAPHS ALREADY IN YOUR POSSESSION. THE DESCRIPTIVE DATA ON THE BACKS OF THESE PHOTOGRAPHS SHOULD BE DELETED. PHOTOGRAPH NUMBER ONE WITH EYES CLOSED SHOULD CARRY THE CAPTION, "ERIC STARVO GALT, ALSO KNOWN AS HARVEY LOWMYER AND JOHN WILLARD." PHOTOGRAPH NUMBER TWO SHOULD CARRY THE CAPTION, "ERIC STARVO GALT, ALSO KNOWN AS HARVEY LOWMYER AND JOHN WILLARD (EYES DRAWN IN BY FBI ARTIST)." YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO REPRODUCE LOCALLY

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ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS AS REQUIRED. YOU SHOULD ATTEMPT TO
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COVERAGE BY RADIO AND TV STATIONS. YOU ARE TO MAKE NO ELABORA-
TION WHATSOEVER REGARDING THIS RELEASE.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

APRIL 17, 1968

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

END AND HOLD PLS

FBI WASH DC

TO ALL SACXXX STATION DID YOU RECIEVE

TO ALL SACS MESSAGE FOR US IF SO PLEASE ACK

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PRESS RELEASE

April 17, 1968

Attorney General Ramsey Clark announced today that Eric Starvo Galt is being sought by the FBI as a fugitive on a Federal charge arising from the fatal shooting of The Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., in Memphis, Tennessee, on April 4, 1968.

Director J. Edgar Hoover stated that a Federal complaint was filed by the FBI in Birmingham, Alabama, today charging Galt with conspiring to violate the civil rights of Dr. King in violation of Title 18, Section 241, of the United States Code.

The FBI complaint charges that "On or about March 29, 1968, at Birmingham, Alabama, ...Eric Starvo Galt and an individual whom he alleged to be his brother, entered into a conspiracy which continued until on or about April 5, 1968, to injure, oppress, threaten, or intimidate Martin Luther King, Jr., ... in the free exercise or enjoyment of a right secured to him by the Constitution or laws of the United States; namely, the right to freely travel from state to state. In furtherance of this conspiracy, Eric Starvo Galt did, on or about March 30, 1968, purchase a rifle at Birmingham, Alabama..."

According to Mr. Hoover, a 30.06 rifle equipped with a telescopic sight was found near a rooming house on South Main Street in Memphis immediately after the fatal shooting of Dr. King

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Law Enforcement State of Indiana
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occurred. The rooming house overlooks the Lorraine Hotel and Motel where Dr. King was staying.

Mr. Hoover said that FBI Agents determined that the 30.06 rifle had been purchased from a gun dealer in Birmingham, Alabama, on March 30, 1968. The telescopic sight also was purchased from this dealer.

The FBI Director said that Galt, who has used the names of John Willard and Harvey Lowmyer in the past, is the owner of a 1966 white Mustang bearing Alabama license plates which was located abandoned in Atlanta, Georgia, on April 11, 1968. Investigation disclosed that Galt purchased this car from a private citizen in Birmingham on August 30, 1967. The Mustang's odometer showed that it had been driven more than 19,000 miles between late August, 1967, and early April, 1968.

According to Mr. Hoover, Galt's travels in the Mustang included trips to Los Angeles, California; New Orleans, Louisiana; Birmingham, Alabama; and Mexico, as well as to Memphis, Tennessee, and Atlanta, Georgia. Galt was reported to have been in Memphis on April 3 and 4, 1968, and to have departed from there for Atlanta.

Intensive investigation by the FBI has disclosed that Galt has claimed to have been employed as a cook on Mississippi River vessels and as a merchant seaman. He is said to be an avid

dancer and took dancing lessons in New Orleans in 1964 and 1965; in Birmingham during September and October, 1967; and in Long Beach, California, from December, 1967 to February, 1968.

Galt left Los Angeles on December 15, 1967, and drove his white Mustang to New Orleans, where he claimed he contacted either an engineering or a contracting firm. He left New Orleans on December 19th and arrived back in Los Angeles on December 21, 1967.

While in the Los Angeles area early this year, Galt took a course at a school of bartending and was graduated on March 2, 1968.

The fugitive is described as white male. He is approximately 5 feet 8 inches to 5 feet 11 inches tall and weighs between 160 and 175 pounds. He is said to be a neat dresser and has a medium build.

Galt has brown hair, which he wears in a "brush" cut. He reportedly has blue eyes; his nose is straight and narrow; his teeth are straight and clean; and he has given his date of birth as

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

According to Mr. Hoover, persons who have met Galt describe him as a "loner" and state his language and diction have a "rural" quality and suggest that he probably does not have a

high degree of education. He is said to drink alcoholic beverages and has a preference for vodka and beer. He is a fan of Western and country music.

Galt should be considered armed and dangerous. Any information concerning him should be furnished immediately to the nearest FBI Office.

FBI WASH DC

716PM URGENT 4/17/68 SAA

TO ALL SACS

FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861

MURKIN

THE PHOTOGRAPHS FURNISHED YOUR OFFICES OF ERIC STARVO
GALT BY ROUTING SLIP FOUR SIXTEEN LAST CONTAIN THE
COMPOSITE DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT AS FURNISHED BY VARIOUS
WITNESSES. THE PHOTOGRAPH WITH THE EYES CLOSED IS THE
ACTUAL PHOTOGRAPH AS TAKEN IN MARCH SIXTY-EIGHT. THE
PHOTOGRAPH WITH THE EYES OPEN IS THE SAME PHOTOGRAPH IN
WHICH THE EYES HAVE BEEN DRAWN IN BY AN ARTIST.

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MRIS@P

Handwritten notes:
A. J. + D. K.
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TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, AND NEW YORK
FROM INDIANAPOLIS (44-563)

MURKIN

RENYTEL APRIL SIXTEEN, LAST, AND REFERENCED ERIC STARVO
GALT, LOCK-SMITHING INSTITUTE RECORD.

THOMAS DELPH, SALES PROMOTION MANAGER, HARDWARE RETAILERS
MAGAZINE, NINE SIX FOUR NORTH PENNSYLVANIA ST., INDIANAPOLIS,
IND., ON APRIL SEVENTEEN, INSTANT, MADE AVAILABLE A LIST OF
ALL SUBSCRIBERS TO ABOVE MAGAZINE. A REVIEW OF THE
APPROXIMATE FORTY TWO THOUSAND SUBSCRIBERS, INCLUDING ALL OF THE
U. S., CANADA, AND NUMEROUS OTHER FOREIGN COUNTRIES FAILED
TO REVEAL A LISTING FOR AN ERIC STARVO GALT OR ANY SIMILAR
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OFFICES COVERING POINTS OF ENTRY OR EXIT FROM COUNTRY INSURE THAT SUBJECT'S PHOTOGRAPH AND BACKGROUND HAVE BEEN WIDELY DISTRIBUTED AND/OR APPROPRIATELY DISPLAYED AND THAT STOPS ARE BEING MAINTAINED.

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

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7:19 PM 4-18-68 URGENT CPO

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, ATLANTA, AND INDIANAPOLIS
FROM CHARLOTTE /44-1365/ 4P

MURKIN

FOR INFORMATION OF BUREAU AND ALL OFFICES EXCEPT
MEMPHIS, BY TELETYPE TODAY NORFOLK ADVISED AS FOLLOWS RE
"SUSPECT DASH ROBERT FRANKLIN WILLIAMS:"

"MRS. LLOYD BLACK, NORFOLK SISTER-IN-LAW OF SUSPECT
ADVISED THIS DATE NEWSPAPER PICTURES AND DESCRIPTION IDENTICAL.
SUSPECT ESCAPED APPROXIMATELY ONE YEAR AGO FROM CONFINEMENT
AT ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA. HAS REPEATEDLY STATED
THAT HE WOULD KILL DR. KING. WIFE OF SUSPECT, CAROLYN
RUTH WILLIAMS, ONE ONE ZERO SEVEN RAY AVE. SANFORD, N. C.,
RECEIVED INFORMATION THAT SUSPECT CALLED ANOTHER SISTER
(UNKNOWN) FROM ATLANTA AND REQUESTED MONEY ABOUT ONE WEEK
AGO.

CHARLOTTE DETERMINE IF UFAC, INTERVIEW WIFE AND PRISON
AUTHORITIES, OBTAIN PICTURES AND PRINTS."

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*SA Williams, CE,
advised Mrs.
Linn (George)
Smith, 4045 Maple
St., Dunston Rd.
#P45-2023,
Per Fletcher
above given to
SA Whaley, 4-18-68*

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REVIEW OF N. C. PRISON DEPARTMENT RECORDS REVEAL WILLIAMS, FBI NUMBER THREE SEVEN TWO FOUR THREE THREE F SENTENCED SEPTEMBER SIXTEEN SIXTY-FIVE FOR ASSAULT ON A FEMALE WITH A DEADLY WEAPON, TO SERVE TEN YEARS. HE ESCAPED JULY TWELVE SIXTY-SEVEN AND PRESENT WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN.

PRISON DEPARTMENT RECORDS SHOW HE IS WHITE MALE, BORN [REDACTED] AT HARNETT COUNTY, N. C., FIVE FEET NINE INCHES, ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE POUNDS, FAIR COMPLEXION, BROWN EYES, BLACK HAIR, OCCUPATION WELDER AND USED CAR SALESMAN, HOME ADDRESS SANFORD, N. C.

WILLIAMS EX-WIFE, CAROLYN RUTH WILLIAMS, INTERVIEWED AT SANFORD, N. C., TODAY AND ADVISED SHE DIVORCED HIM WHILE HE WAS SERVING PRISON SENTENCE AND HAS NOT SEEN HIM SINCE TIME OF SENTENCE. SHE STATED WILLIAMS WAS NOT A MEMBER OF THE KLAN BUT ATTENDED PUBLIC RALLIES OF KLAN. WHEN HE GOT DRUNK HE OFTEN TALKED ABOUT MARTIN LUTHER KING AND SEVEN TIMES SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO KILL THE SOB. SHE ADVISED SHE THOUGHT OF HER HUSBAND WHEN SHE HEARD OF
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KING'S ASSASSINATION BECAUSE OF REMARKS MADE BY HIM. SHE
STATED WILLIAMS' SISTER, MRS. FRANK LIMBEALY, DUNN, N.C.,
RECENTLY TOLD HER HE HAD CALLED ANOTHER SISTER NAMED EUNICE
WHO LIVES IN INDIANA SOMETIME BEFORE CHRISTMAS LAST AND
HAD ASKED HER TO SEND HIM MONEY IN ATLANTA. PRISON
DEPARTMENT RECORDS REFLECT WILLIAMS SISTER IS MRS. EUNICE
SMITH, ^{Price, Ind.} HAMPTON, INDIANA.

BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO COMPARE FINGERPRINTS OF WILLIAMS,
FBI NUMBER THREE SEVEN TWO FOUR THREE THREE F WITH LATENTS
DEVELOPED IN THIS CASE.

INDIANAPOLIS ATTEMPT TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW EUNICE
SMITH, ^{Price, Ind.} HAMPTON, INDIANA, CONCERNING TELEPHONE CALL RECEIVED
FROM WILLIAMS AND HIS WHEREABOUTS.

ATTEMPTS BEING MADE BY CHARLOTTE TO OBTAIN PHOTOGRAPHS
OF WILLIAMS WHICH WILL BE FORWARDED TO MEMPHIS UPON
RECEIPT.

NO UFAC PROCESS OBTAINED ON WILLIAMS INASMUCH AS
PRISON AUTHORITIES HAD NO INFORMATION HE HAD LEFT STATE AND
DID NOT REQUEST FBI ASSISTANCE.

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INVESTIGATION CONTINUING AT CHARLOTTE.

NORFOLK ADVISED BY AIR MAIL

CORR. PAGE TWO LINE EIGHTEEN , FIRST WORD SHLD BE SEVERAL

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FROM INDIANAPOLIS (44-564)

MURKIN, OO: MEMPHIS.

REKANSAS CITY TEL THIS DATE. RE B. J. PARKER -
SUSPECT. RECORDS NORTH AMERICAN VAN LINES (NAVL), FORT
WAYNE, IND., SHOW ELWOOD DIETRICH WITH NAVL TRAILER ONE
SIX SEVEN FIVE, INDIANA LICENSE THREE ONE SIX FOUR TWO,
MADE DELIVERIES THIS DATE SPRINGFIELD, ST. LOUIS, MO.
DIETRICH BORN [REDACTED], NAPOLEON, OHIO,
RESIDES GENERAL DELIVERY, READING, MICH., HAS BEEN EMPLOYED
SINCE NOV. NINETEEN, SIXTYFIVE. NAVL CHECKING TO DETERMINE
HIS WHEREABOUTS PERTINENT DATES. DIETRICH SCHEDULED TO
ARRIVE FORT WAYNE, IND., APRIL NINETEEN, NEXT, AND WILL
BE INTERVIEWED.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) INDIANAPOLIS, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM KANSAS CITY (44-760) 2P

MURKIN, OO: MEMPHIS

RE: B. J. PARKER - SUSPECT

THIS DATE, LINDELL R. CHURCH, ATTORNEY, SPRINGFIELD, MO., ADVISED HE OBSERVED NORTH AMERICAN VAN LINES TRUCK BEING UNLOADED THIS DATE AT LAND MARK BUILDING, SPRINGFIELD, WHERE HE HAS HIS OFFICES. HE STATED DRIVER OF THIS TRUCK RESEMBLES PHOTO OF ERIC STARVO GALT AS CARRIED IN SPRINGFIELD NEWSPAPER ON THIS DATE. OTTO ROLF, SUPERINTENDENT, LAND MARK PARKING GARAGE, ADVISED HE SAW DRIVER AND IDENTIFIED DRIVER AS RESEMBLING A COMPOSITE DRAWING OF SUSPECT. HE DESCRIBED DRIVER AS W. M., FIVE FEET NINE-TEN INCHES, ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-SEVENTY LBS., BLUE EYES, EARLY THIRTIES, BROWN HAIR, COMBED BACK LATHER HIGH ON HIS HEAD, SOUTHERN ACCENT. DRIVER STATED HE WAS FROM ALABAMA AND EN ROUTE ST. LOUIS, MO. ROLF RECORDED LICENSE NO. ON NORTH AMERICAN VAN LINES TRAILER AS SIXTYNINE INDIANA, THREE ONE SIX FOUR TWO. A COPY OF THE WAYBILL FURNISHED BY ALLAN MC CRACKEN REFLECTS THE DRIVER'S NAME, B. J. PARKER. SHIPMENT

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OF THIS VEHICLE THROUGH NORTH AMERICAN VAN LINES, SPRINGFIELD,
AND JOPLIN, MO., NEGATIVE AS THIS IS LOAD OF NEW PRODUCTS AND
IS HANDLED THROUGH FT. WAYNE, INDIANA OFFICE OF NORTH AMERICAN.

INDIANAPOLIS, CONTACT NORTH AMERICAN VAN LINES, FT. WAYNE
DETERMINE ITINERARY OF VEHICLE AND IDENTIFICATION OF DRIVER, ALERT
APPROPRIATE OFFICES SO POSSIBILITY OF PARKER BEING SUSPECT
CAN BE RESOLVED.

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To: SAC, IP (44-563)

4-19-68

From: SA Patrick J. Fletcher

Subject: MURKIN
C.R.

Re Charlotte Teletype to Ip 4-18-68.

Instant teletype revealed a suspect Robert Franklin Williams. Teletype requested Ip to locate and interview Eunice Smith, Hampton, Indiana.

Send me Nally map, postal guide and State Police check revealed no place as Hampton, Indiana.

With Supervisor Tillis's permission Charlotte was called FTS and requested to interview Mrs. Frank Wimberly for better address of Mrs. Smith.

Charlotte conducted interview and ascertained Smith resided Princeton, Indiana. S.A. Whaley was instructed to handle interview.

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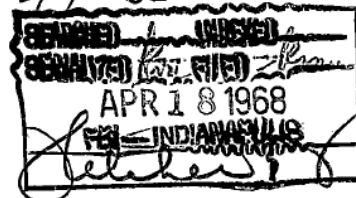
FROM : BILL AMOS - Security Clerk

SUBJECT: MURKIN

At 11:10PM, SA Williams, Charlotte, advised Mrs. Frank Wimberly, Dunn, NC interviewed, furnished name of sister as Mrs. Eunice Smith, (widow, husband George), 404 S. Main St., Princeton, Indiana, phone FU5-2823. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

Above furnished SA Fletcher. Fletcher instructed SA Whaley be advised and to handle.

SAC and Supr Tiller advised.



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Attached is anonymous letter received this office on 4/16/68.

The writer refers to Lake Worth County, but postal guide reflects no such county; however, Lake Worth is in your territory.

Your office is requested to handle enclosed letter.

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Elusive Galt's Landlord Ties Suspect To Chicago

Birmingham, Ala. (UPI) — Eric Starvo Galt, object of the FBI's most intensive manhunt, received a letter from Chicago a few weeks before the slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., his landlord said yesterday.

In a copyrighted interview in the Birmingham News, rooming house manager Peter Nicholas Cherpes, said the sketch of the man wanted in King's slaying "looked exactly like" Galt.

"He was above the average roomer in dress, talk and appearance," Cherpes said. "He always wore sporty clothes and a tie. He was always pleasant and I never knew of him drinking."

Cherpes said Galt didn't

say much about his family affairs, only that he was divorced. He only talked about the weather, never about politics or racial troubles."

He said Galt stayed at his rooming house at 2608 Highland Avenue from Aug. 26 to Oct. 7 last year.

He said that during September, Galt received a prepaid package in the mail from Chicago. He said it weighed 20 to 25 pounds, was about 2 feet long and 1 foot wide.

The next day, Cherpes said, Galt told him it was the wrong merchandise and he planned to send it back.

"About half an hour later I

saw him carrying the box to his car," Cherpes said.

IN OCTOBER, Cherpes said, Galt told him he was leaving for Mobile, Ala., to seek a job. Galt said he expected a letter from Chicago and asked Cherpes to hold it for him.

In February or March, Cherpes said, the letter came from Chicago. He said the envelope was thin and green, with a Chicago postmark.

"I held the letter for a week, and returned it," Cherpes said. He said it appeared to him the letter contained a check.

When he received the letter, Cherpes said, he went to his file to look for Galt's registration card and found it. But when FBI agents came to him last week, Cherpes said, it was missing.

Cherpes earlier denied knowing Galt. He said this was because the FBI has asked him not to say anything about the man. But he said the FBI had no authority to stop him. His rooming house was bolted and he refused to admit anyone yesterday afternoon.

Cherpes said that when Galt arrived at the rooming house, he told him his last job was in the shipyards at Pascagoula, Miss. However, Ingalls Shipbuilding Company at Pascagoula said it had never hired a man by that name.

Galt told Cherpes he was taking a "long vacation" and expected to stay at the rooming house three or four months. But he only stayed six weeks, Cherpes said.

The interview with Cherpes came amid growing reports that Galt — as such — may never have existed. Authorities were looking into the possibility that someone may have carefully constructed the identity of Galt for a brief period in Birmingham.

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FBI Follows Baffling Trail Of King Slaying Suspect



Atlanta (UPI) — FBI agents investigating the sniper slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. have been on the trail of Eric Starvo Galt, listed as an unemployed merchant mariner, for nearly a week, United Press International learned yesterday.

Galt's name first surged into the headlines Thursday night when a white Mustang auto, registered to him and resembling one that reportedly sped from the King assassination scene, was found parked in an Atlanta apartment complex.

No warrant has been issued for Galt's arrest, but it was learned that the FBI in Miami had issued — and then for unexplained reasons withdrew — a "locate and notify" bulletin on Galt Thursday.

THE MUSTANG registered to Galt carried Alabama license number 1-38993. A check with Alabama authorities established Galt's address as a rooming house at 2608 Highland Avenue in Birmingham, but residents, while recalling Galt, said they had not seen him since November.

In obtaining his driver's license in 1967, Galt listed his occupation as an unemployed merchant mariner.

The FBI replied with a blanket "no comment" to all questions concerning the King investigation, but persons at the Birmingham rooming house said agents were asking "plenty of questions" about Galt last week.

The only official announcements in the King case have come from Attorney General Ramsey Clark, who was sent to Memphis by President Johnson to help with the investigation after the civil rights leader was killed by a sniper while standing on a hotel balcony a week ago.

Clark said authorities had a suspect and his "name," but would not disclose the name.

He also said that officials had a man on the run and were confident the case would be solved.

UPI REPORTERS checking with maritime officials in Mobile learned yesterday that agents, in addition to questioning persons at the Birmingham rooming house, also had made a check of the docks long before the Mustang was found.

A spokesman at the Seafarers International Union in Mobile said agents had visited the union offices two days ago and had gone through automated files, without suc-

cess, in trying to get a lead on Galt.

Officials at the Maritime Union of America in Mobile said agents had made a similar check there, and the Star Fishing Company, one of the largest firms of its kind in the area, said it also had been visited by agents.

AGENTS ALSO checked out Coast Guard files in Washington during the day without finding any trace of Galt.

This raised speculation, which again officials refused to confirm or deny, whether

someone, as early as last September, set about to establish credentials for a fictitious Eric Starvo Galt.

Alabama officials said that at the time he applied for his Alabama license, at the age of 36, he claimed to have had a Louisiana license since 1962, but there is no record that he ever turned it in.

The name of Galt was further validated when license tags for the Mustang were obtained under that name on Oct. 2, 1967, in Jefferson County, Alabama.

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(Top) Mexican Police Headquarters' artist Sergio Jaubert's re-creation of physical features of the man suspected of killing Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in Memphis, Tenn., last week. The drawing was based on a description supplied by FBI authorities. (Bottom) Conception made by Bill Herrington, Memphis newspaper artist, based on description given by man who lives in the building in Memphis from where the shot was fired. (AP Wirephotos)

RESIDENTS OF the Atlanta apartment complex where the car was found remember the driver as a neatly dressed man who calmly got out of the car, locked it and walked away.

This description roughly tallied with one given by occupants of a rooming house in Memphis, where the assassin stood in a communal bath and fired the shot that killed King.

The assassin is believed to have checked into the rooming house under the name of "John Willard."

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC 44-563

DATE: 4-18-68

FROM : BILL AMOS - Security Clerk

SUBJECT: MURKIN

AT 8:26PM this date, Mr. James Freeland, 3527 Putnam Place, phone 233-4689, South Bend, Indiana, telephonically contacted this office, advising that at approx. 5PM, on the outskirts of Benton Harbor, Mich., he picked up high hiker, and drove him to U.S. 31 and Auton Road, South Bend, Indiana. This individual was picked up at junction U.S. 31 and road 139, Benton Harbor.

UNSUB stated was formerly a Student at University of Louisville, and was returning to LS. During ride and conversation, UNSUB gave name as ~~XXXXX~~ JOHN WILLARD, claiming recently to have been in San Francisco, Long Beach, Memphis, New Orleans, stating that Memphis was a "clean town". UNSUB carrying a sleeping bag, and canvas hand bag, looked as if traveling for a long time. Freeland stated he was from California, and subject mentioned several places that he was familiar with.

Freeland stated that UNSUB does not resemble ~~photo~~ photo much, in newspaper, but name given similar, and numerous places claimed to have been visited also in local newspaper story.

UNSUB desc. by Freeland as WM, 5'8", dark eyes, short hair, sparse in front, full in face, 160-165 lbs., wearing black denim pants, stocky build.

At 9:16PM this date, Nellie Scott, 2259 Sheldon, Indianapolis, telephone 926-8322, telephonically advised that she had just observed a black 59 Ford, bearing Arkansas license ASF919, ~~bearing~~ with 2 white males, one of which she believes ident with subject, This car observed at 22nd St., and Delaware, traveling north.

SAC and Miller advised of above.

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REMYTEL APRIL EIGHTEEN LAST.

B. J. PARKER-SUSPECT. RECORDS NAVL, FT. WAYNE, IND.,
SHOW B. J. PARKER IS IBM EMPLOYEE WHO SIGNED BILL OF
LADING WHEN SHIPMENT LOADED AT IBM, BOCA RATON, FLA.,
MAR. THIRTY LAST. ELWOOD LEE DIETRICH, NAVL DRIVER,
WHO MADE DELIVERY LANDMARK BUILDING, SPRINGFIELD, MO.,
APRIL EIGHTEEN LAST, DOES NOT APPEAR IDENTICAL TO
GALT. NAVL RECORDS SHOW DIETRICH IN FLA., MARCH TWENTYNINE
AND THIRTY LAST; AT PICO, RIVERA, CAL., APRIL FOUR LAST.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, (44-463)

DATE: 4/17/68

FROM : SA ERIC C. WILLIAMS

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 4/17/68, RICHARD JAMES, former AUSA, Hammond, Indiana, now City Attorney, Hammond, Indiana, advised that EARL THOMPSON, a city employee in the Hammond City Assessor's Office, advised him an individual registered a 1963 Ford on 4/15/68, and that this individual stated he was a merchant seaman who had recently come to this area from the South. JAMES stated THOMPSON stated he had read in the newspaper that such an individual was being sought in connection with the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

On 4/17/68, EARL THOMPSON, City Assessor's Office, Hammond, Indiana, advised on 4/15/68, one CHARLES E. RODGERS, 515 1/2 Sibley, Hammond, Indiana, obtained a tax clearance certificate from his office in order to register a 1963 Ford. He stated RODGERS possessed U.S. Merchant Marine identification card [redacted]. He stated RODGERS advised he had just come recently from Florida and that he had resided at one time at 6041 Columbia, Hammond, Indiana. THOMPSON stated the seaman card had a photograph of RODGERS. He stated he was a white male, 6'1", date of birth, [redacted] light brown hair, 160-170 lbs. THOMPSON advised he had read in the newspaper that the FBI was seeking a merchant seaman from the South in connection with the death of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. and therefore he wanted to pass the information on. He was shown the two artist's conceptions of the individual possibly connected with instant matter. He stated he could not identify him as identical with the individual known as RODGERS. He only could say he was "a little like him in ways and taller, with light hair." Another employee, LEE WALSH, was also shown the artist's conceptions and also stated there was "some resemblance", but could not identify him.

On 4/17/68, MARY BAILEY, Clerk, Records Office, Hammond, Ind., advised CHARLES EDWARD RODGERS, 6041 Columbia Avenue, Hammond, Ind., received a traffic summons on 7/5/67 for failure to stop for a railroad crossing and was fined \$1 plus costs, which were suspended. She stated he was described as a white male, 6'1", 147 lbs., brown hair, fair complexion, dob - [redacted] and place of birth, Columbus, Ga. His occupation was listed as a cab driver.

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On 4/17/68, LORRAINE SPUDIC, Asst. Cashier, License Bureau, Calumet Avenue, Hammond, Indiana, advised that on 4/15/68, CHARLES E. RODGERS, 415½ Sibley, Hammond, Indiana, registered a 1963 Ford Convert., VIN 3G65C189590, and was issued 1968 Indiana license 45W8257. She stated this registration corrected a 1967 registration for the same vehicle in which RODGERS name was spelled ROGERS. She stated the vehicle was purchased in 12/67 from Swets Motor Sales, 18024 Torrence, Lansing, Illinois, and was first registered on 1/5/68

On 4/17/68, CLARENCE MAINSHIP, Desk Clerk, Jefferson Hotel, 415 ½ Sibley, Hammond, Indiana, advised CHARLES E. RODGERS, has been residing at that hotel since 4/1/68. He has a room for which he pays \$13 per week. A former address was listed as 4528 Holly Place, Columbus, Ga. He stated there was an indication he was a merchant seaman awaiting papers to work on the Great Lakes.

No further action is recommended.

Cab Drivers Place Galt In Atlanta After King Slaying

Atlanta (UPI)—An Atlanta taxicab driver identified for the FBI yesterday a sketch of the elusive Eric Starvo Galt and said the mystery figure in the search for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s assassin rode in his cab the day after the slaying.

A second taxicab driver working for the same company said he, too, gave the man a ride the Friday after King was shot by a sniper in Memphis, Tenn., April 4.

BOTH DRIVERS said the trips were in Atlanta's "hippie" neighborhood around Peachtree and 14th Street. The area is about 7 miles from the public housing project where a white Ford Mustang, registered to Galt, was

located by FBI agents last Thursday.

Both taxi drivers work for the Atlanta Million CoOperative Cab Company. Their names were withheld at the request of the taxicab firm.

The FBI has pored through the records of Atlanta Million Cab and other taxicab firms in the city in an attempt to trace Galt from the time he apparently abandoned the white Mustang found in the

Capitol Homes housing project.

Apparently working on a new lead, however, FBI agents returned to the offices of Atlanta Million Cabs yesterday and asked specifically if any drivers had made pickups in the "hippie" neighborhood on the Friday after King was slain.

Two drivers who had made such pickups were questioned and identified a sketch of the man the FBI evidently thinks is Galt.

The first driver told the FBI he picked up the man at the intersection of Peachtree and 14th streets. He drove his fare only two blocks—a fact that made him remember the trip—and then the man de-

manded to be let out immediately.

The driver said he had gone two blocks south on Peachtree to 12th Street, and there the man got out, paid his fare and walked quickly down 12th Street west.

THE SECOND taxicab driver told the FBI he recognized

the man in the sketch as the same man who rode in his cab to the address of a modern two-story apartment building.

The second driver did not recall if the man entered the apartments or walked off in another direction. The location is at the intersection of 13th Street and Crescent Avenue, one block west of the 14th and Peachtree streets intersection where the first driver said he picked up the same man.

Ed Collins, president and general manager of the taxicab firm, said the FBI would not tell him or the drivers what the new leads in the investigation might mean. He said the FBI told him it was making similar checks with other Atlanta taxicab firms.

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How Did Eric Galt Vanish?

BIRMINGHAM (A P) —

Dead-end clues to a man who vanished without a trace apparently confronted FBI agents today in their investigation of the sniper slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

False leads multiplied in the hunt for Eric Starvo Galt, a mysterious quiet-talking man, whose last known address was a Birmingham rooming house. His former landlord said yesterday he had identified drawings shown by FBI agents as resembling Galt.

"It's him," said Peter Cherpes, 72, who runs a 2-story Southside boarding house where Galt lived for six weeks last fall.

Galt's abandoned white Mustang was impounded last Thursday by the FBI in Atlanta. It fit the description of a car seen leaving the scene after King was killed April 4 by a sniper firing from a rooming house in Memphis.

Memphis witnesses described the suspected assassin, who registered as John Willard at a rooming house opposite King's motel, as about 6 feet and sandy-haired and "a clean, neat man."

No trace of Willard apparently has been found.

An FBI alert for Galt, in a white Mustang, was issued in Florida last Thursday, but was canceled. However, the FBI has continued a search for Galt's whereabouts or clues to his past.

Galt received a package from Chicago, and a letter arrived for him from Chicago after he left the rooming house and was returned to the sender, the landlord said.

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FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN, CR - POSSIBLE SUSPECT DONALD D. TANNER.

RE INDIANAPOLIS TEL TO MEMPHIS, LOS ANGELES AND
NEW ORLEANS APRIL SEVENTEEN LAST, TWELVE ZERO THREE P.M.
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SHIRLEY KAHN ADVISED DONALD TANNER FRIEND OF HER SON.
TANNER IS NOT IDENT WITH PHOTO OF GALT.

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RE CINCINNATI TELEPHONE CALL TO ST. LOUIS, APRIL NINETEEN INSTANT. GALT S. GOODMAN, THIRTY-FIVE, BIRKENDENE ROAD, CALDWELL, NEW JERSEY, TELEPHONE TWO TWO SIX - EIGHT FIVE THREE NINE, AND RONALD WEISZ, THREE ZERO ONE EAST MAIN STREET, SAITHOW, LONG ISLAND NEW YORK, PHONE A N FIVE - THREE SEVEN FIVE EIGHT, TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED CINCINNATI FBI OFFICE THEY HAD ENCOUNTERED UNKNOWN MALE, FORT COLUMBUS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, COLUMBUS, OHIO, WHO RESEMBLED NEWSPAPER PHOTOGRAPH OF ERIC STARVO GALT, EARL MORNING INSTANT DATE. THEY TO UNKNOWN MALE, FORT COLUMBUS, APPROXIMATELY ONE HOUR. UNKNOWN MALE PURCHASED BROWN SHIRT FROM THEM, AND GOODMAN HAS WHITE SHIRT FORMERLY OWN BY UNKNOWN MALE IN HIS POSSESSION. THAT SHIRT IS SANITIZED, SIZE FIFTEEN AND ONE-HALF, WITH NAME S. FRANCIS KUH AND R. CLAY INSIDE COLLAR BAND. UNKNOWN MALE HAD BEEN DRINKING, AND WANTED TO LEAVE COLUMBUS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE FOR LOS ANGELES. UNKNOWN MALE IN POSSESSION LARGE AMOUNT OF PAPER MONEY AND ROLLS OF COINS. GOODMAN AND WEISZ DEPARTED FORT COLUMBUS FOR RETURN TO THEIR HOMES PRIOR TO INTERVIEW BY AGENTS.

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PASSENGER AGENT, EASTERN AIRLINES, PORT COLUMBUS, ADVISED SAME UNKNOWN MALE INQUIRED REGARDING FLIGHTS TO LOS ANGELES ABOUT FOUR AM TODAY, AND SEEMED IN A HURRY TO LEAVE COLUMBUS, AREA. PASSENGER AGENT DESCRIBED UNKNOWN MALE AS WHITE, TWENTY-EIGHT TO THIRTY YEARS, FIVE FEET EIGHT, ONE FIFTY POUNDS, UNUSUALLY BROWNISH - BLOND HAIR, SMALL THIN MUSTACHE, AND DRESSED IN A GRAY SPORT COAT, NO HAT, TOPCOAT AND LUGGAGE. UNKNOWN MALE HAD BEEN DRINKING BUT HAD NO NOTICEABLE ACCENT OR SCARS. UNKNOWN MALE INDICATED NO FAMILIAR WITH COLUMBUS AREA.

INVESTIGATION, COLUMBUS, REVEALED UNKNOWN MALE LEFT PORT COLUMBUS FOUR ZERO FIVE AM TODAY AND TRAVELED BY TAXI CAB TO GREYHOUND BUS STATION, COLUMBUS. TAXI CAB DRIVER DESCRIBED HIM AS WHITE, MALE, ABOUT THIRTY YEARS, FIVE FEET EIGHT, ONE SIXTY POUNDS, LIGHT HAIR COMBED BACK, MEDIUM BUILD, SMALL MUSTACHE, AND NEEDING SHAVE.

UNKNOWN MALE DESCRIBED BY TAXI DRIVER DRESSED IN GRAY TO BARK SUIT, DIRTY AND UNPRESSED, WITH BROWN SHIRT HAVING SQUARE CHECKS. THAT MALE HAD NO HAT, TOPCOAT, OR LUGGAGE, UNKNOWN MALE SAID HE HAD COME TO COLUMBUS EVENING OF APRIL EIGHTEEN, LAST AND HAD TO CATCH THE FOUR THIRTY AM BUS FOR LOS ANGELES. UNKNOWN MALE HAD ROLLS OF COINS, AND PAID TAXI CAB FARE WITH FIVE DOLLAR ROLL OF DIMES.

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TAXI CAB DRIVER FELT UNKNOWN MALE RESEMBLED PHOTOGRAPH OF GALT.
TAXI DRIVER HAD DETERMINED UNKNOWN MALE BOARDED GREYHOUND BUS
NUMBER FOUR FOUR SEVEN TWO, DEPARTING COLUMBUS FOUR THIRTY AM TODAY.

INVESTIGATION, GREYHOUND, COLUMBUS, OHIO DETERMINED WHITE MALE,
PURCHASED ONE WAY TICKET TO LOS ANGELES, TICKET NUMBER SIX THREE THREE
SEVEN SIX FIVE, APPROXIMATELY FOUR THIRTY AM TODAY. TICKET AGENT
HAD NO RECOLLECTION THAT MALE RESEMBLED PHOTOGRAPH OF GALT BUT RECALLED
TICKET PURCHASED BY CASH.

GREYHOUND BUS TRIP NUMBER FIVE THREE FIVE DEPARTED COLUMBUS FOUR
THIRTY AM TODAY DRIVER WAS PAUL FISHER WHO TERMINATED INDIANAPOLIS, AND
CAN BE LOCATED THROUGH GREYHOUND, INDIANAPOLIS. IDENTITY OF DRIVER
OF BUS INDIANAPOLIS TO ST. LOUIS NOT KNOWN, BUT AVAILABLE INDIANAPOLIS

GREYHOUND BUS NUMBER FOUR FOUR SEVEN TWO SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, TWO TWENTY PM LOCAL TIME TODAY, SCHEDULED TO
ARRIVE LOS ANGELES NINE AM, PCT, APRIL TWENTY, NEXT. *Levy*

NEWARK INTERVIEW GARY S. GOODMAN FOR FULL DETAILS AND OBTAIN
SHIRT WHICH UNKNOWN MALE HAD WORN.

NEW YORK INTERVIEW RONALD WEISZ IN DETAIL.

INDIANAPOLIS LOCATE AND INTERVIEW PAUL FISHER, DRIVER, GREYHOUND
BUS, AND EXHIBIT PHOTOGRAPHS OF GALT.

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