

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 16, 1968

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Mrs. JASPER D. (LUCRETIA B.) WARD, also known as Lukie Ward, 2540 Ransdell, Louisville, Kentucky, telephonically furnished the following information:

Since being interviewed on April 15, 1968, Mrs. WARD recalls that in addition to leaving the Lorraine Motel in the afternoon of April 4, 1968, she had left the motel on that date on one other occasion. This was during the morning, believed to be around 11 a.m., when she took some cleaning for Mrs. GEORGIA DAVIS to the nearby cleaners, the One-Hour Martinizing. On this occasion, she was accompanied by the Rev. A.D. WILLIAMS KING because she recalls that as she was taking the cleaning into the cleaners, Rev. KING purchased some beer from a store located diagonally across the corner from the cleaners.

Mrs. WARD also advised that she and Mrs. DAVIS and Rev. A.D. WILLIAMS KING, prior to their arrival in Memphis, Tennessee about midnight, April 3, 1968, had been vacationing in Panama City, Florida, at the Treasures Island Motel. They had driven to Memphis in Mrs. WARD's automobile from Florida. Prior to leaving the Florida motel, Mrs. WARD had notified Mrs. FRANCES HASTINGS who, together with her husband, owns the motel, that they were departing but that she, Mrs. WARD, would return shortly for about a week's stay. Mrs. WARD inadvertently told Mrs. HASTINGS that she and her companions were going to Birmingham. Mrs. WARD recalls that when she and her companions were nearly halfway to Memphis that she remembered that she had erroneously told Mrs. HASTINGS they were going to Birmingham. She feels that she made this mistake in that she had earlier talked to the HASTINGS who had told her they were originally from Birmingham, Alabama.

After Dr. KING's assassination, Mrs. WARD changed her plans about spending any further time in Florida and at 6:50 a.m., April 6, 1968, she flew from Memphis, Tennessee, to Panama City, Florida, to get the rest of her clothes. She rented a car at the airport and drove to the motel. When she arrived at the motel, she met Mrs. HASTINGS who immediately

On 4-16-68 at Louisville, Kentucky

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advised Mrs. WARD that the motel was full and there was no room for Mrs. WARD. Mrs. WARD felt this statement to be untrue as there appeared to be room at the motel, and she spoke rather plainly to Mrs. HASTINGS about her feeling that Mrs. HASTINGS did not want her at the motel because she had been in the company of two Negroes, Rev. KING and Mrs. DAVIS. Mrs. HASTINGS made some comment about they, the HASTINGS, run a respectable motel, and Mrs. WARD replied that it was because the motel had that reputation that she and her companions had originally decided to vacation there.

Mrs. WARD stated that it appeared to her that the motel owners, the HASTINGS, did not object to herself and Mrs. DAVIS having occupied the motel, but apparently objected to the presence in the motel of Rev. A.D. WILLIAMS KING.

Mrs. WARD stated that at no time did either of the HASTINGS make any type of specific threat to Mrs. WARD, against Mrs. WARD or her companions, but it was clear to Mrs. WARD that she was no longer welcome at the HASTINGS' motel.

Mrs. WARD left Panama City by plane about 1:30 p.m. on April 6, 1968 and flew to Atlanta, Georgia, where she was met by Mrs. DAVIS.

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Mrs. JASPER D. (LUCRETIA B.) WARD, also known as Lukie Ward, 2540 Ransdell, Louisville, Kentucky, was interviewed in the office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Louisville, Kentucky, and furnished the following information:

For the past several years she has served as administrative assistant to Reverend A.D. WILLIAMS KING of Louisville, Kentucky, and as secretary of the Kentucky Christian Leadership Conference (KCLC) at Louisville, Kentucky, an affiliate of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC).

About midnight April 3, 1968, or shortly thereafter on April 4, 1968, Mrs. WARD in the company of Mrs. GEORGIA DAVIS of Louisville, Kentucky, a Board member of the KCLC and a Kentucky State Senator from Louisville, and the Reverend A.D. WILLIAMS KING of KCLC and pastor of the Zion Baptist Church in Louisville, arrived in Memphis, Tennessee, in Mrs. WARD's 1967 Cadillac, bearing 1968 Kentucky license K79-447. The purpose of their visit to Memphis, Tennessee was to participate in a scheduled march there on April 5, 1968 to be led by Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. Mrs. WARD and her companions registered in the Lorraine Motel occupying Rooms 201 and 207.

Mrs. WARD did not leave the Lorraine Motel from the time of her arrival until after the shooting of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING at the motel at about 6 p.m. on April 4, 1968, except for one occasion. This was in the afternoon of April 4, 1968, possibly around 3 p.m., when Mrs. WARD left the motel to go to a nearby laundry, exact location not recalled, but the name of the laundry believed to be One-Hour Martinizing. The purpose of her going to the laundry was to pick up some clothes that were there ready for delivery to Mrs. GEORGIA DAVIS. When Mrs. WARD returned from the laundry, she joined a group that was gathered in Room 201 of the Lorraine Motel. As she recalls the individuals in the room were Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., Rev. RALPH ABERNATHY, Rev. ANDREW YOUNG, Attorney CHAUNCEY ESKRIDGE, Rev. BERNARD LEE, Rev. A.D. WILLIAMS KING and Mrs. GEORGIA DAVIS.

On 4-15-68 at Louisville, Kentucky

by SA WARREN L. WALSH WLW/ds

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The above group remained together engaging in just general conversation until approximately 5:40 p.m., April 4, 1968, at which time the group decided that they would go to dinner, and the individuals left to go to their various rooms to freshen up for dinner. Mrs. WARD left Room 201 in the company of Rev. A.D. WILLIAMS KING and the two of them went to Room 207. Rev. A.D. WILLIAMS KING had partaken of some alcoholic beverages during the afternoon and had decided to rest rather than join the group for dinner. Approximately 15 - 20 minutes after arriving in Room 207 at which time Rev. A.D. WILLIAMS KING was sleeping, Mrs. WARD heard a shot. She immediately opened the door to the room and looked out and heard someone yell that Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING had just been shot. The news stunned Mrs. WARD and while she cannot be exactly certain of her exact movements immediately thereafter, as she recalls upon hearing the news she briefly re-entered Room 207 and then immediately went out into the courtyard of the motel. There was much confusion and police were immediately in the area. Mrs. WARD observed nothing which gave her any indication as to the possible identity of the individual responsible for the shooting. Mrs. WARD recalls that she did not advise Rev. A.D. WILLIAMS KING of the shooting of his brother until about 20 minutes after the incident occurred. Rev. KING's reaction was one of extreme grief and he gave no indication that he had any idea as to the identity of the person responsible.

As Mrs. WARD recalls, someone, specific identity not now recalled, thought it best that Mrs. WARD, Mrs. DAVIS and Rev. A.D. WILLIAMS KING not remain the remainder of the night of April 4 - 5, 1968, at the Lorraine Motel. Accordingly, at about 10 p.m. they left the motel and went to the home of a Rev. WILLIAM KYLES whom Mrs. WARD believes is a minister in Memphis. Rev. KYLES or someone suggested that Rev. A.D. WILLIAMS KING remain at his home that evening and that Mrs. WARD and Mrs. DAVIS obtain motel accommodations at a nearby Howard Johnson's Motel. Mrs. DAVIS and Mrs. WARD did go to such a motel and Mrs. WARD registered in the motel, but just as she did so HOSEA WILLIAMS who was present at the time decided that Mrs. WARD, Mrs. DAVIS and Rev. A.D. WILLIAMS KING should go back to the Lorraine Motel and spend the rest of the night. They did this,

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Mrs. WARD and Rev. A.D. WILLIAMS KING being in Room 207 and Mrs. DAVIS occupying Room 201. En route Mrs. WARD had stopped at a drug store and purchased some sleeping pills which she administered to the Rev. KING and Mrs. DAVIS because of their extremely excited condition.

Mrs. WARD commented that she possesses no information which she feels might assist in identifying the individual responsible for the shooting of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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Re Memphis tel dated 4-13-68 to Louisville advising records Lorraine Motel-Hotel, Memphis, reflect A.D. WILLIAMS KING of Louisville, Ky. was registered in Room 201 on 4-4-68 and C. A. DAVIS and L. B. WARD of Louisville were registered in Room 207 on 4-4-68 and requesting these individuals be interviewed re captioned matter.

Enclosed for the Bureau and Atlanta is one copy each, for Jacksonville two copies, and for Memphis nine copies each of FD-302's recording interviews on 4-15 and 4-16-68 with Mrs. JASPER (LUCRETIA B.) WARD, and on 4-15-68 with Mrs. NORMAN (GEORGIA M.) DAVIS of Louisville, Ky. Rev. A.D. WILLIAMS KING is currently in Atlanta, Ga. in care of his father's residence there, but is expected to return to Louisville late on 4-17-68 and will be contacted as soon as possible thereafter by Louisville.

Neither Mes. DAVIS nor WARD knew of any C.A. DAVIS of Louisville having been at the Lorraine Motel on 4-4-68, and it appears the motel records erroneously listed Mrs. DAVIS' name as C. A. DAVIS.

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It should be noted that during the interview with Mrs. JASPER WARD she very confidentially advised that although she is a close friend of Rev. A.D. WILLIAMS KING, the brother of the late Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., and thinks highly of him having served as his administrative assistant in connection with the Kentucky Christian Leadership Conference (KCLC) for the past several years, she felt it her duty to advise the FBI only that at the time Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING was assassinated Rev. A.D. WILLIAMS KING was in her room, 207, at the Lorraine Motel and was under the influence of alcohol to the extent that he could not be immediately awakened and advised of his brother's having been shot. Mrs. WARD was unable to awaken Rev. A.D. WILLIAMS KING until about 20 minutes later and during this period she made concerted efforts to keep other individuals from the room to learn of Rev. A.D. WILLIAMS KING's condition. Mrs. WARD stated that Rev. A.D. WILLIAMS KING is extremely fearful that the nature of his condition at the time of his brother's death may become public knowledge.

Concerning Rev. A.D. WILLIAMS KING, Mrs. WARD further commented that he has had an alcohol problem since she has known him, but that in her estimation he is an exceptionally intelligent individual, a compassionate person, and one that she does not believe would ever intentionally advocate violence in connection with the racial issue. In this connection she commented that when she was able to convey to Rev. KING the report of his brother's having been shot and probably critically wounded, he immediately assumed the person responsible was a white man and commented he was going to make an immediate news statement to the effect that he hates all white people, but then at once changed his views by commenting he could not make such a statement as it would not be a true statement, pointing out that he certainly does not hate Mrs. WARD who is a white person.

Mrs. WARD further commented that she does not feel that the condition of Rev. A.D. WILLIAMS KING at the time of his brother's assassination has any bearing whatever on the assassination and if she may later be called to testify before some public type committee which may inquire into the assassination, she seriously doubts if she would furnish the above information to such committee, but she did feel that she had an obligation and a duty to confidentially report this information to the FBI.

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During the interview with Mrs. GEORGIA DAVIS, she mentioned the incident re the report that BUD HASTINGS and his wife FRANCES, owners of the Treasures Island Motel in Panama City, Fla., having been displeased with the visit there in late March and early April, 1968, by herself, Mrs. WARD and Rev. A.D. WILLIAMS KING, as this report has worried her somewhat. She stated that she has no reason to believe that the HASTINGS may have in any way been involved in the assassination of Dr. KING, but did feel the FBI should be made aware of the reported displeasure of the HASTINGS re the visit to their motel by herself, Mrs. WARD and Rev. A.D. WILLIAMS KING.

It may be noted that Mrs. GEORGIA DAVIS is Negro.

LEADS:

JACKSONVILLE

AT PANAMA CITY, FLORIDA

Interview BUD and FRANCES HASTINGS, owners of the Treasures Island Motel, to determine if they possess any information pertinent to captioned matter.

LOUISVILLE

AT LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

Upon the return of Rev. A.D. WILLIAMS KING to Louisville, interview him re captioned matter.

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FBI BOSTON

3:53PM URGENT 4-18-68 RDS

TO JACKSONVILLE

FROM BOSTON (157-644) 1P
MURKIN.

EXETER, NEW HAMPSHIRE PD ADVISED THIS DATE PERSON RESEMBLING
ERIC STARVO GALT REGISTERED AT EXETER INN APRIL FIFTEEN LAST AND
CHECKED OUT THIS DATE. HE REGISTERED AS BRUCE COCHRANE, ROUTE TWO,
GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA, AND OPERATES LATE MODEL GREEN BUICK
SEDAN, FLORIDA REG. FOUR EIGHT FOUR EIGHT THREE ONE. COCHRANE
ADVISED AN EMPLOYEE HE WAS VISITING SON AT EXETER HOSPITAL, BUT NO
RECORD OF ANY COCHRANE AS PATIENT THERE. JACKSONVILLE DETERMINE
LISTING OF ABOVE FLORIDA REGISTRATION AND FULL IDENTITY OF BRUCE
COCHRANE. SUTEL IMMEDIATELY AS COCHRANE EXPECTED TO RETURN TO INN
THIS P.M.

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FBI TAMPA

453PM URGENT 4-18-68 BLW

TO DIRECTOR, BIRMINGHAM, MEMPHIS, JACKSONVILLE AND
ATLANTA

FROM TAMPA (157-3231) 2P

MURKIN.

REJKTIEL THIS DATE, WHICH ADVISED PERSON DRIVING
HERTZ RENT-A-CAR, APRIL FIFTEEN, LAST, IN JACKSONVILLE
SIMILAR IN APPEARANCE TO ERIC STARVO GALT.

RECORDS, HERTZ CO., TAMPA, FLA., REFLECT NINETEEN
SIXTYEIGHT ^{centar} MERCURY TWO DOOR, LICENSE THREE E - FOUR
EIGHT SEVEN ZERO, RENTED APRIL FIFTEEN, LAST, TO ONE
O. J. REGAN, REPRESENTATIVE OF ELECTRO - AIR CORP.,
MC KEES ROCK, PA. VEHICLE RENTED AT JACKSONVILLE ON
FOREGOING DATE. REGAN FURNISHED SIX ZERO FOUR NINE
DRIFTWOOD TRAIL, MABELTON, GA., AS PERMANENT ADDRESS.
DISPLAYED GA., LICENSE V O O ONE SEVEN THREE
ONE AS IDENTIFICATION.

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JACKSONVILLE, AT HERTZ RENTAL, IDENTIFY APPROPRIATE
PERSONNEL WHO HANDLED RENTAL TRANSACTION AND DISPLAY
PHOTOGRAPHS OF ERIC STARVO GALT AND ADVISE BUREAU AND
INTERESTED OFFICES OF RESULTS OF SAME.

ERIC STARVO GALT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND
DANGEROUS.

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FBI JACKSVLE

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FBI-COLUMBIA

617PM URGENT 4/18/68 RCN
TO JACKSONVILLE AND MEMPHIS
FROM COLUMBIA /44:299/

MURKIN, CR.

CURTIS FOWLER, OPERATOR, NORGE VILLAGE DRY CLEANING
SHOP, ANDERSON, S.C., ADVISED THIS DATE A WHITE MALE,
APPEARED AT LAUNDRY SHOP TUESDAY EVENING, APRIL SIXTEEN
LAST AND MADE INQUIRY ABOUT DRY CLEANING. THIS PERSON
DESCRIBED AS FIVE FEET EIGHT INCHES, MIDDLE THIRTIES, DRESSED
IN LIGHT BLUE TROUSERS, AND LIGHT BLUE SHIRT, AND FACE MUCH
THINNER THAN THAT OF GALT. THIS PERSON ACCOMPANIED BY
OLDER WHITE COUPLE IN MIDDLE FIFTIES AND LEFT DRIVING LATE
MODEL LIGHT BLUE AUTO BEARING LICENSE FOUR FIVE W ONE FIVE
SEVEN THREE, STATE UNKNOWN, BUT COLOR BELIEVED BLACK OR BLUE OVER
WHITE.

JACKSONVILLE, AT DMV, WILL DETERMINE LICENSE REGISTRATION
AND SET OUT LEADS TO HANDLE AS SUSPECT.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.
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FBI MEMPHIS

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TO ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, LOS ANGELES, JACKSONVILLE AND CHICAGO
FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987) 6P

MURKIN, CR.

RE PRIOR COMMUNICATIONS FROM MEMPHIS RELATING TO
INFORMATION FURNISHED TO THE MEMPHIS FBI OFFICE BY CAPTAIN JEWELL
RAY, INTERNAL SECURITY DIVISION, AND INSPECTOR N. E. ZACHARY,
HOMICIDE DIVISION, MEMPHIS POLICE DEPARTMENT, ORIGINATING WITH
WHITE FEMALE INFORMANT OF THE MEMPHIS POLICE DEPARTMENT WHO
THOUGHT SHE OBSERVED A MAN FITTING SUBJECT GAULT'S DESCRIPTION
KNOWN TO HER AS ERIC STEFAN GAULDEN, AKA., STEVIE (PHONETIC).

WHITE FEMALE INFORMANT OF MEMPHIS POLICE DEPARTMENT
INTERVIEWED BY BUREAU AGENTS APRIL SEVENTEEN, LAST, AND FURNISHED
SUBSTANTIALLY SAME DESCRIPTION OF ERIC GAULDEN ALSO KNOWN AS
STEVIE, AND ETC., HOWEVER, CLAIMED ERIC HAS HAZEL EYES AND LAST
TWO TIMES SHE OBSERVED HIM HE WAS WEARING A TIE AND POCKET
HANDKERCHIEF BEARING INITIAL "G".

CLAIMS SHE FIRST MET ERIC EARLY EVENING ON A DATE IN THE
LATTER PART OF FEBRUARY, LAST, AT PSYCHO LOUNGE WHERE HE WAS
SITTING WITH A GROUP OF TWELVE TO FIFTEEN PERSONS INCLUDING
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TOMMY PIKE, KNOWN MEMPHIS BURGLAR, AND GORDON FORBES WHOSE FATHER IS IN CHARTER BOAT BUSINESS IN FLORIDA. ERIC INTRODUCED HIMSELF TO INFORMANT AND WHEN INFORMANT OVERHEARD ANOTHER PERSON IN GROUP CALL ERIC BY NAME OF STEVIE SHE QUESTIONED HIM ABOUT HIS NAME AND HE SAID STEVEN OR STEFAN WAS HIS MIDDLE NAME. ERIC MENTIONED THAT A GROUP OF THEM HAD BEEN BOATING ON THAT DAY AND THAT SHE HEARD LATER ON IN THE EVENING FORBES ASK ERIC "IF HE WAS GOING BACK ON THE BOAT." ERIC REPLIED "I DON'T KNOW, IF THINGS PAN OUT AS I PLAN I MAY NEVER GO BACK ON THE BOAT." INFORMANT DOES NOT KNOW SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS REMARK.

SECOND TIME INFORMANT MET ERIC WAS AT MANHATTAN CLUB AT APPROXIMATELY THREE A.M., A COUPLE OF DAYS BEFORE THE BIG SNOW THAT OCCURRED IN MEMPHIS ON MARCH TWENTY TWO, LAST. LAST TIME SHE SAW ERIC WAS BETWEEN THREE THIRTY AND FIVE A.M., ON MARCH TWENTY EIGHT, LAST, AT CHENNAULT'S RESTAURANT. ERIC LEFT RESTAURANT APPROXIMATELY FIVE A.M., STATING HE HAD TO GO SEE "DUKE" AND INDICATED HE MAY RETURN TO RESTAURANT AFTER SEEING "DUKE." "DUKE" IS UNKNOWN TO INFORMANT.

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SHE NEVER HEARD ERIC MENTION NAME OF "JIM RUBINO" NOR DID ERIC EVER GIVE ANY REASON FOR BEING IN MEMPHIS. SHE HAS NEVER OBSERVED ERIC IN ANY AUTOMOBILE NOR HAS SHE EVER HEARD ANYONE SAY THAT HE DRIVES ANY AUTOMOBILE. ERIC NEVER MENTIONED ANY TYPE OF TRAVEL TO HER HOWEVER DID VOLUNTEER THAT HE RESIDED IN SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, FOR A BRIEF PERIOD OF TIME AND HAD FRIENDS WHO LIVED IN A COMMUNITY THAT BEARS LAST NAME "BEACH" NEAR LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.

THE INFORMATION SHE FURNISHED POLICE DEPARTMENT CONCERNING A POSSIBLE CONNECTION BETWEEN ERIC, KNOWN BURGLARS, A FARM HIDEOUT FOR BURGLARS IN ALABAMA, AND TRIPS TO MEXICO WAS MERELY SPECULATION ON HER PART. INFORMANT CLAIMS THAT ON ALL OCCASIONS WHERE SHE HAS OBSERVED ERIC HE ALWAYS APPEARS TO BE WITH A LARGE NUMBER OF PEOPLE HOWEVER OTHER THAN FORBES, PIKE, AND A PROSTITUTE DRUG ADDICT BY THE NAME OF WANDA WILKES SHE HAS BEEN UNABLE TO IDENTIFY ANY OTHER PERSONS IN GROUP.

IT IS NOTED THAT EFFORTS TO LOCATE WILKES HAVE BEEN NEGATIVE AND THAT BOTH FORBES AND PIKE HAVE BEEN NEGATIVE AND THAT BOTH FORBES AND PIKE HAVE DENIED KNOWLEDGE OF EXISTENCE
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OF ERIC.

THE INFORMANT IS EXPECTED TO BE SENTENCED AFTER HER CONVICTION FOR A STATE CRIME IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE AND APPEARS AS THOUGH SHE IS ATTEMPTING TO BE OVERLY HELPFUL TO CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE MEMPHIS POLICE DEPARTMENT.

WHITE FEMALE INFORMANT OF MEMPHIS POLICE DEPARTMENT REINTERVIEWED BY BUREAU AGENTS THIS DATE. UPON VIEWING A PHOTOGRAPH OF ERIC STARVO GALT SHE ADVISED THERE ARE DEFINITE DISSIMILARITIES IN THAT THE MAN SHE KNEW AS ERIC STEFAN GALDEN (PHONETIC) HAS EARS WHICH LIE CLOSE TO HIS HEAD, WHILE GALT'S EARS PROTRUDE AND THIS IS A PHYSICAL FEATURE OF MEN WHICH SHE ALWAYS NOTICES. INFORMANT STATES THAT THE HAIRLINE OF GALT RECEDES FAR MORE THAN THE HAIRLINE OF PERSON KNOWN TO HER AS GAULDEN. SHE ALSO STATED THAT GAULDEN DID SMOKE CIGARETTES PREFERRING NON FILTER TYPE BECAUSE ONE NIGHT HIS CIGARETTES, BRAND NAME UNKNOWN, WERE ACCIDENTALLY RUINED BY A SPILLED DRING AND HE TOOK ONE OF HER CIGARETTES AND TORE OFF THE MENTHOL FILTER.

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INFORMANT ALSO SAID THAT GAULDEN CARRIED AND APPARENTLY TOOK LITTLE LIGHT GREEN TABLETS APPROXIMATELY ONE FOURTH INCH IN DIAMETER BRANDED "MC NEIL." SHE FURNISHED ONE OF THESE PILLS GIVEN TO HER BY GAULDEN AND BY COMPARISON WITH CHARTS MAINTAINED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE IT WAS DETERMINED TO BE A METAMPHETAMINE TABLET TRADE NAME SYNDROX, WHICH IS A "PEP PILL.".

ADDITIONAL CONTACT WITH KNOWN ASSOCIATES OF GORDON FORBES AND INFORMANT WHO FREQUENT CLUBS MENTIONED IN PRIOR TELETYPES HAVE FILED TO DEVELOP ANY INFORMATION TO INDICATE THAT THE PERSON DESCRIBED BY INFORMANT AS BEING ERIC EVEN EXISTS. ONE SOURCE WHO KNOWS GORDON FORBES WELL STATED THAT HE KNOWS EVERY ASSOCIATE AND ACQUAINTANCE OF GORDON FORBES AND THAT NONE OF THESE PERSONS RESEMBLE THE MAN DESCRIBED BY INFORMANT. THIS SAME SOURCE ON A REGULAR BASIS FREQUENTS THE SAME CLUBS AND LOUNGES IN MEMPHIS AND HAS NEVER OBSERVED AN INDIVIDUAL FITTING THE DESCRIPTION OF GAULDEN.

ACCORDING TO THE INFORMANT WANDA WILKES HAS BEEN PRESENT WITH THE GROUP ON ALL OCCASIONS AND SHE HAS OBSERVED GAULDEN, AND SHE SHOULD BE ABLE TO IDENTIFY ERIC GAULDEN.

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HOWEVER EFFORTS TO LOCATE WILKES HAVE BEEN NEGATIVE. WILKES HAS NOT BEEN OBSERVED AT HER NORMAL RESIDENCE AND EFFORTS TO LOCATE HER NIGHTLY PLACE OF ABODE IS CONTINUING.

JACKSONVILLE DIVISION AT PANAMA CITY, FLORIDA, INTENSIFY EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY ASSOCIATE OF GORDON FORBES WHO WILL FIT DESCRIPTION OF ERIC STEFAN GAULDEN, THROUGH EMPLOYMENT RECORDS IN POSSESSION OF C. C. WALLEY, PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT. P.

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FBI ST LOUIS

8:21PM URGENT 4-18-68 JHH

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861) MEMPHIS (44-1987) EL PASO (157-186)
MIAMI AND JACKSONVILLE
FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN

RE EL PASO TELETYPE THIS DATE.

RE SUSPECT DAVID (NMI) HAWKINS.

MPRC RECORD SLMO FOR DAVID ERNEST HAWKINS, BORN [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], WELLBORN, FLA., BELIEVED IDENT WITH ABOVE SUSPECT,
THIS DATE SHOWED ASN FIVE THREE ZERO ZERO FOUR TWO ZERO THREE
SERVED U.S. ARMY JANUARY TWENTYSIX FIFTYONE TO OVERSEAS
RETURNED EARLY RELEASE HONORABLE DISCHARGE SEPT; TWENTYSEVEN
FIFTYSEVEN.

SUMMARY COURT MARTIAL CONVICTION JULY TWENTYFOUR, FIFTYSEVEN,
ABSENCE W/O PROPER AUTHORITY, SENTENCED THIRTY DAYS CONFINEMENT
HARD LABOR AND FORFEIT FIFTY DOLLARS PAY.

NO RECORDED TREATMENT FOR MENTAL OR NERVOUS DISORDER.

NO RECORD SPECIALIZED TRAINING IN DEMOLITION OR EXPLOSIVES.

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DESCRIBED FIVE FEET TEN AND ONE HALF; ONE THREE ONE LBS;
BROWN HAIR; HAZEL EYES; MILITARY OCCUPATION PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT
SPECIALIST, CIVILIAN, RELIGIOUS DIRECTOR; RELIGION MAJOR, FLA.
SOUTHERN COLLEGE, LAKE LAND, FLA., FORTYTHREE TO FIFTYSEVEN;
LSSB FOUR FOUR ONE, FORT LAUDERDALE, REGISTRATION EIGHT FOUR
FOUR TWO NINE ONE EIGHT FIVE; EMPLOYED AS SECRETARY, GULF OIL CO.
EVERGLADES, FLA., FORTYSEVEN TO FIFTYONE; RESIDENCE ONE ZERO
ZERO W. OAKLAND BLVD., OAKLAND PARK, FLA., JAN. TO OCT. FIFTYONE,
PO BOX EIGHT THREE FIVE OAKLAND PARK, FLA., SEPT. FIFTYSEVEN.
FATHER-ERNEST ADAM HAWKINS, SAME ADDRESS FIFTYFIVE, SISTER JEAN
HAWKINS WALTON, BOX ONE ONE EIGHT, OAKLAND PARK, FIFTYONE;
WEARS GLASSES, NEAR SIGHTED. ASSIGNED HQ, CO., SEVEN
EIGHT ONE ONE AU, APO SEVEN FIVE SEVEN, GEEMANY, NINETEEN FIFTYFIVE.
NO PHOTO.

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

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

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

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TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, ATLANTA, RICHMOND, PITTSBURGH, AND
JACKSONVILLE
FROM CHARLOTTE /44-1365/ 4P

MURKIN.

TODAY, N. C. HIGHWAY PATROL TROOPER HARRY L. WILLIAMS,
CATAWBA COUNTY, N.C., SEVENTEEN YEARS EXPERIENCE, ADVISED
AFTER VIEWING PHOTOGRAPH OF ERIC STARVO GALT WHICH APPEARED IN
TODAY'S PAPER, THAT HE RECALLED ON NIGHT OF APRIL NINE LAST,
NCHP WAS CONDUCTING ROAD CHECK AT NEWTON, N. C. BETWEEN NINE
AND NINE THIRTY P.M., WHILE MALE DRIVING FIFTY-FIVE OR FIFTY-
SIX DODGE, FOUR-DOOR, THREE TONE, WAS STOPPED AT ROAD CHECK.
CAR HAD OFF WHITE TOP, DARK GREEN ON SIDES, HOOD AND TRUNK AND
OFF WHITE BOTTOM. CAR HAD SIXTY-EIGHT FLA. LICENSE WITH
PREFIX ONE ZERO W DASH, FOLLOWED BY FOUR OR FIVE DIGITS NOT
RECALLED. DRIVER WAS IN CAR ALONE AND CAR WAS HEAVILY LOADED
WITH LUGGAGE, POSSIBLY FIVE OR SIX SUITCASES.

DRIVER PRODUCED A VALID FLA. DRIVER'S LICENSE.

DOES NOT RECALL NAME ON LICENSE, BUT SAID IT WAS UNCOMMON

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NAME IS THIS AREA AND WAS A VERY SHORT NAME WITH ABOUT FOUR LETTERS. LICENSE REVEALED THE DRIVER WAS EMPLOYED AS AN AIRLINE PILOT, AND HE ASKED DRIVER WHAT AIRLINE HE FLEW FOR AND DRIVER NAMED AN AIRLINE, NOT WELL KNOWN, WHICH WILLIAMS CANNOT RECALL. AIRLINE HAD TWO NAMES.

ON SEAT NEXT TO DRIVER WAS A FOLDED MAP OF SEVERAL SOUTHEASTERN STATES, WHICH WAS NEATLY MARKED SHOWING A ROUTE FROM SOMEWHERE IN DEEP CENTRAL GEORGIA TO WYTHEVILLE, VA., WILLIAMS ASKED DRIVER WHERE HE WAS GOING AND DRIVER STATED HE WAS GOING TO WYTHEVILLE TO VISIT FRIENDS AND WAS THEN GOING TO CHARLESTON OR BLUEFIELD, W. VA., TO VISIT FRIENDS AND OR RELATIVES. HE DID NOT MENTION ANYONE BY NAME. HE INSTRUCTED DRIVER AS TO HOW TO GET ON HIGHWAY SIXTEEN NORTH.

WILLIAMS STATED, AFTER LOOKING AT PHOTOGRAPH OF GALT, HE IS CERTAIN THAT GALT WAS THE DRIVER OF THIS CAR. HE SAID THERE IS NO DOUBT IN HIS MIND THAT THIS WAS GALT. HE STATED THE DRIVER'S CHEEKS WERE NOT AS FULL AS IN THE PHOTOGRAPH. HE HAD SHARP FEATURES AND HIS FACE WAS NARROWER AND LONGER

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THAN IN THE PHOTOGRAPH. HE HAD A LONG, NARROW, POINTED NOSE AND LARGE EARS. FACE WAS LESS FLESHY THAN PHOTOGRAPH OF GALT. HE DESCRIBED DRIVER AS AGE ABOUT THIRTY, NOT LARGE FRAME, BROWN HAIR, NOT DARK, WHICH WAS SHORT, RECEDING AND MUCH SHORTER THAN IN PHOTOGRAPH AND BRUSHED STRAIGHT BACK. DRIVER WAS VERY COMPOSED AND RESERVED DURING CONVERSATION. DID NOT VOLUNTEER, INFORMATION, BUT ANSWERED QUESTIONS. GAVE IMPRESSION OF BEING PRECISE AND IMMACULATE. WAS WELL GROOMED AND NEAT.

TROOPER MARVIN WRIGHT, NCHP, WAS PRESENT AT THE ROAD CHECK AND DESCRIBED CAR AS FADED GREEN. HE DID NOT TALK WITH DRIVER, BUT RECALLED TROOPER WILLIAMS MENTIONING THE CAR HAD FLA. LICENSE BEGINNING WITH ONE ZERO W AND DRIVER HAD AN EXTREMELY SHORT NAME.

RICHMOND, AT WYTHEVILLE, VA., AND PITTSBURGH, AT CHARLESTON AND BLUEFIELD, W. VA., CONTACT LOCAL AUTHORITIES FOR ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING AUTOMOBILE FITTING DESCRIPTION.

JACKSONVILLE, AT TALLAHASSEE, FLA., WILL AT DMV DETERMINE FEASIBILITY OF CHECKING REGISTRATION RECORDS FOR FIFTY-FIVE

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OR FIFTY-SIX DODGE BEARING LICENSE WITH PREFIX ONE ZERO W.

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FROM: JACKSONVILLE (44-769)

MURKIN. RE SUSPECT DAVID NMI HAWKINS.

RE EL PASO TEL APRIL EIGHTEEN INSTANT.

DAVID HAWKINS RESIDED IN TRAILER WELLBORN, FLA. PAST
SIX YEARS, DEPARTING APRIL SEVENTEEN LAST, AFTER FIGHT
WITH BROTHER, HAWKINS WAS TEACHING SCHOOL LIVE OAK, FLA.
ON PERTINENT DATES.

BLIND:

RESIDENCE VERIFIED THROUGH BROTHER, BERNARD HAWKINS,
TEACHING SCHOOL ON PERTINENT DATES VERIFIED BY HENRY O.
FOLSOM, SUPERINTENDENT, SCHOOLS, LIVE OAK, FLA.

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TO: BOSTON (157-644)
FROM: JACKSONVILLE (44-769)

MURKIN.

RE BOSTON TEL APRIL EIGHTEEN RE SUSPECT BRUCE COCHRANE.

RECORDS, MVB, TALLAHASSEE, FLA. REFLECT FLA. TAG FOUR EIGHT
FOUR EIGHT THREE ONE ISSUED TO BRUCE E. COCHRANE, ROUTE TWO,
GENERAL DELIVERY, GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLA. FOR NINETEEN SIXTYONE
BUICK, ID NO. ZERO H ONE FIVE ZERO THREE FIVE TWO FIVE REGISTERED
MARCH TWENTYSEVEN SIXTYEIGHT. NO FLA. TITLE AS BEING TRANSFERRED
FROM NEW HAMPSHIRE. NO FLA. DRIVERS LICENSE LOCATED. INQUIRIES
CONDUCTED GREEN COVE SPRINGS UNABLE LOCATE INDIVIDUALS KNOWING
COCHRANE. SUGGEST INQUIRY THROUGH MVB, NEW HAMPSHIRE OR DIRECT
CONTACT WITH SUSPECT. ADVISE IF FURTHER INVESTIGATION JACKSONVILLE
NECESSARY.

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FROM MIAMI (44-1854)

MURKIN.

RE SUSPECT DAVID (MMI) HAWKINS

RE EL PASO TEL TO DIRECTOR, ST. LOUIS, JACKSONVILLE,
AND MIAMI THIS DATE.

RE JAX TEL TO DIRECTOR, ST. LOUIS, MIAMI, MEMPHIS,
AND EL PASO THIS DATE.

ENA HAWKINS, ONE ZERO NINE EIGHT N.E. THIRTYFOURTH COURT,
FT. LAUDERDALE, FLA., MOTHER OF DAVID HAWKINS, ADVISES DAVID
BORN [REDACTED], SWANEE COUNTY, FLORIDA AND
HAS BEEN RESIDING WITH BROTHER BERNARD HAWKINS, BOX EIGHTEEN,
WELBORN, FLORIDAN PAST FOUR YEARS.

STATES DAVID ENTERED U.S. ARMY DURING KOREAN WAR AND
SERVED APPROXIMATELY TEN YEARS, RECEIVING HONORABLE DISCHARGE.

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STATES NO KNOWLEDGE OF ANY MENTAL OR PHYSICAL DISORDER BUT ADVISES EXTREMELY NERVOUS AND HAS TENDENCY TO AVOID CROWDS. DID NOT KNOW HIS ARMY SERIAL NUMBER. PHOTOGRAPHS OF DAVID HAWKINS DISPLAYED BY MOTHER DID NOT RESEMBLE SUSPECT GALT, HOWEVER, PHOTOGRAPHS APPEARED TO BE SEVERAL YEARS OLD. PHOTOGRAPHS OF GALT DISPLAYED TO HER AND SHE STATE NOT IDENTICAL WITH HER SON. DESCRIBED SON AS FIVE FT. NINE INCHES OR TEN INCHES, WEIGHING ONE HUNDRED THIRTYFIVE LBS., SANDY HAIR AND SHARP THIN FEATURES. HAS NOT SEEN SINCE DECEMBER NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN.

SUBJECT GALT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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Eric Galt Named as King Killer

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Mysterious Eric Starvo Galt, a March graduate of a bartender school, was charged Wednesday night with murder in the April 4 sniper assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Nobel-prize winning minister and world leader of non-violence.

A state warrant charging first degree murder was issued in Memphis five hours after the FBI announced a federal complaint charging Galt with conspiracy in the slaying.

King, 39, was shot to death on the second floor balcony of a Memphis motel the day after he returned to lead garbage workers in another march.

Murder is a capital crime in Tennessee.

The FBI complaint charges that Galt, a white man who has been hunted for a week, entered into a conspiracy about March 29 in Birmingham, Ala., with a man who Galt claimed was his brother. The FBI warrant was issued in Birmingham.

There was no indication that other persons would be charged with conspiracy, nor was the second man who Galt said was his brother identified or charged.

A Memphis witness said an

FBI photo of the wanted man does not resemble the man who fled the scene after the shooting.

"Unless he was wearing a wig or had had a face lift or something, it's not the man I saw," said Charles Q. Stevens, a resident of the Main Street rooming house from which the sniper was believed to have shot King.

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

The FBI did not indicate when the photograph was made, but a source said it

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Only Available Photo of
Eric Starvo Galt



Same Photo with Eyes
Drawn in by FBI Artist

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was taken within the past three months.

In Birmingham, Galt's landlord for six weeks last fall, Peter Cherpes, told The Associated Press that the FBI photo might be a picture of Galt. "It's very near, but I'm not sure," said Cherpes. He remembered his boarder's hair being much lighter. The FBI description said, "Galt has brown hair."

Different Fare

An Atlanta taxicab driver said an FBI picture he identified as a two-block fare the night after the slaying was different from the one released Wednesday. "That is definitely not the man I picked up," the cab driver said.

Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark, who went to Memphis after the slaying of the civil rights leader, announced in a statement released by the FBI that Galt was being sought as a fugitive on the charge of conspiring to injure, oppress, threaten or intimidate King in the exercise of a federal right, "namely, the right to freely travel from state to state."

The FBI declined to comment on whether there might be an early arrest or if the filing of the charge and release of information indicated little headway was being made in finding Galt.

First Disclosure

It was the first disclosure that authorities had evidence of a conspiracy in King's slaying. An early statement by Clark referred to "one man on the run," though this was dropped from a later statement.

FBI director J. Edgar Hoover said in the Wednesday release that Galt bought a rifle in Birmingham about March 30. Only a few weeks before, the statement said, Galt had graduated from a school of bartending in Los Angeles.

Galt had told acquaintances in Birmingham that he worked in shipyards or on ships, and on a driver's license application he put "merchant seaman, unemployed."

Refused

In Hollywood, director Thomas Reyes Lau of the International School of Bartending, said Galt graduated March 2 and disappeared after refusing a job. Lau said Galt was an excellent student.

"He never said anything about Negroes," Lau said. There were no Negroes in the class. King, a Negro, was in Memphis to aid striking garbage workers, most of them Negroes.

The FBI said Galt also was known as "Harvey Lowmyer and John Willard." The assassin registered under the latter name.

An FBI statement said Galt has given his date of birth as [redacted], has brown hair, wears his hair in a brush cut, reportedly has blue eyes, a straight narrow nose, is between 5-feet-8 and 5-feet-11 and weighs between 160 and 175 pounds.

The FBI statement said that Galt, on or about March 30, bought a rifle at Birmingham. The bureau did not say specifically that this was the rifle that killed King.

But the statement said, "a 30.06 rifle equipped with a telescopic site 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 King was staying.

FBI agents have deter-

mined that the rifle was purchased from a Birmingham gun dealer March 30. The sight also was said to have been bought from the same dealer, whom the FBI did not identify.

The FBI said Galt owns a 1966 white Mustang with Alabama license plates which was found abandoned in Atlanta, Ga., April 11. It was bought from a private citizen in Birmingham last Aug. 30.

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