

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, KNOXVILLE (44-696)

DATE: 4-12-68

FROM : SA ROBERT LEE MORRISON

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 4-11-68 the following County Court Clerks advised SA Robert Lee Morrison that a search of new registrations from 3-1-68 to the present failed to locate any registration in the name of Eric Starvo Galt or a 1966 White Ford Mustang, VIN 6T07C190647 bearing 1968 Alabama license 1-38993:

Paul White, County Court Clerk, Erwin, Tennessee

Marion Carr, County Court Clerk, Jonesboro, Tennessee

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, KNOXVILLE (44-696)

DATE: 4-12-68

FROM : SA ROBERT LEE MORRISON

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Reurmemo 4-9-68

On 4-9-68 the following individuals advised SA ROBERT LEE MORRISON that they could locate no record in their respective files for anyone with the surname of LOWMEYER OR LOWMYER:

Capt. Paul Odom, Police Department, Johnson City, Tennessee

Lula Gillespie, Registrar at Large, Clerk & Masters Office, Jonesboro, Tennessee

Sue Garvin, Sessions Court Clerk, Jonesboro, Tennessee

Mary Ann Young, Circuit Court Clerk, Jonesboro, Tennessee

Clarence Wilson, Sgt., Police Department, Greeneville, Tennessee

Bonnie Pierce, Sessions & Circuit Court Clerk, Greeneville, Tennessee

Idabell Carroll, Election Commission, Greeneville, Tennessee

Peggy H. Bell, Credit Bureau of Greeneville, Greeneville, Tennessee

Mable Cash, Sessions & Circuit Court Clerk, Erwin, Tennessee

Virginia Booth, Election Commission, Erwin, Tennessee

Roy Tucker, Credit Bureau of Erwin, Erwin, Tennessee

J.R. Dunbar, City Recorder, Erwin, Tennessee

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SA ROBERT LEE MORRISON

On the dates indicated the following individuals advised that the firms for whom they are employed do not use the Thermo Seal Marking Machine for marking their laundry:

4-10-68

W.H. HARRELL

Dixie Cleaners & Laundry, Inc.

120 E. Depot Street, Greeneville, Tennessee

Paul Brown

Greeneville Laundry & Cleaners, Inc.

406 W. Depot Street, Greeneville, Tennessee

4-11-68

M.L. Phillips

Crystal Ice, Coal & Laundry Corp.,

Erwin, Tennessee

Mrs. James L. Baker

Bakers Cleaners, Erwin, Tennessee

C.H. McClellan

Big B One Hour Cleaners

113 E. Market Street, Johnson City, Tennessee

Grady Cloughorn

Grady's Dry Cleaners & Laundry

1017 W. Market Street, Johnson City, Tennessee

Joyce Butt

Johnson City Laundry Co.

Boone Street, Johnson City, Tennessee

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Mary Arrowood
Quick Laundry & Cleaning
425 W. Walnut Street, Johnson City, Tennessee

Pat Lefevers
White City French Cleaners & Laundry
221 W. Main Street, Johnson City, Tennessee

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511PM URGENT 4-14-68 MAM

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) MEMPHIS (44-1987)

KNOXVILLE, AND SAN DIEGO (44-387)

FROM LITTLE ROCK (157-1215)

MURKIN

RE SAN DIEGO TEL TO DIRECTOR APRIL THIRTEEN, LAST.

ROBERT BENJAMIN BRACKEN INTERVIEWED THIS DATE AT LEAD HILL, ARK. ADMITTED DRINKING IN VALLEY INN, EL CAJON, CAL., APRIL TWO, LAST, AND STATED, "IF KING GOES TO MEMPHIS THE SECOND TIME TO RAFALE HOUSE, HE'LL BE KILLED." RECALLS NO OTHER STATEMENT REGARDING KING, BUT WAS DRINKING HEAVILY, AND DID NOT INDICATE THAT HE HAD ANY INTENTION OF KILLING KING, AND STATED HE HAD NO KNOWLEDGE CONCERNING THE MATTER, AND HAD NOT BEEN IN MEMPHIS.

BRACKEN STATES BOARDED SANTA FE TRAIN LEAVING SAN DIEGO, CAL., FOUR PM, APRIL TWO, LAST. ARRIVED JOPLIN, MISSOURI, ABOUT NOON, APRIL FOUR, LAST. RODE BUS JOPLIN TO SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI, SAME DATE, WHERE CALLED WAYNE RYAN, AT LEAD HILL ABOUT FIVE PM. RODE BUS SPRINGFIELD TO MOUNTAIN HOME, ARK., ARRIVING NINE PM, END PAGE ONE

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AND MET THERE BY RYAN. BRACKEN PRODUCED TRAIN AND BUS TICKETS
STUBS AS WELL AS TWO INSURANCE POLICIES, ONE OF WHICH DATED
APRIL FOUR, SIXTYEIGHT, AT JOPLIN, MISSOURI, EFFECTIVE FOUR PM,
THAT DATE.. BOTH INSURANCE POLICIES WERE IN HIS NAME.

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622PM URGENT 4/14/68 GJM

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.

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, LINGUAL 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.

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Date 4-11-68

RE: MURKIN

☐ For information ☐ Retention optional ☒ For appropriate action ☐ Surep, by _____

☐ The enclosed is for your information. If used in a future report, ☐ conceal all sources, ☐ paraphrase contents.

☐ Enclosed are corrected pages from report of SA _____ dated _____

Remarks:

Enclosed are photographs of artist conception of unknown subject in this case as described by witnesses in Birmingham and Memphis respectively.

Under no circumstances should anyone be told this investigation is in connection with captioned matter.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-696)

DATE: 4/15/68

FROM : SA JOSEPH L. FLEMING

SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE: ERIC STARVO GALT

Information has been received that GALT reportedly signed up for a one year dancing course in New Orleans in 1964, took dancing lessons for several weeks in Birmingham beginning in September, 1967, and took a \$429 dancing course from December, 1967 to February, 1968 at Long Beach, Calif.

ERIC STARVO GALT is described as 5'11"; 175 pounds; blue eyes; brown hair; born [redacted], place not given.

One dance instructor has stated that GALT is "crazy" about dancing but a poor dancer and difficult to teach 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. He 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. He smiled rarely and when he did it was a nervous crooked smile. He paid cash for lessons taking a wad of bills from his pocket.

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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.

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You should immediately check all dancing schools in your area for any prior attendance at any such school by GALT and run out any leads developed.

In connection with any inquiries, no indication should be given inquiries are in connection with captioned case.

This lead should be given immediate attention.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-696)

DATE: 4/12/68

FROM : SA Henry A. Quinn Jr.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE: SUSPECT ERIC STARVO GALT

On 4/11/68 the following sources of information in Anderson County, Tennessee were checked for the names ERIC STARVO GALT and Eric Starvo Gault with negative results:

City Directory, Oak Ridge, Tennessee
Telephone directory, " " "
Mrs. Noorean Tripp, Security files Section, AEC, Oak Ridge, Tenn.
Mr. Jack Pearson, Identification Officer, P.D., " " "
Mrs. Phyllis Jackson, Credit Bureau, Inc., " " "
City Directory, Clinton, Tenn.
Telephone Directory, Clinton, Lake City, Morris,
and Oliver Springs, Tenn.
W. G. Reeves, Anderson County Voters Registration, " "
Mrs. Sue Braden, Anderson County S.O., " "
Chief W.C. Shorter, P.D., " "
Judge T.L. Hollis, City Recorder, Lake City, Tenn.

On 4/11/68 Mr. John Purdy, Anderson County Court Clerk, Clinton, Tennessee, advised that Automobile registrations in Anderson County are not maintained alphabetically.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-696)

DATE: 4/12/68

FROM : SA Henry A. Quinn Jr.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE: 1966 White Mustang, VIN 6T070190647
Alabama 1968 License 1-38993

On 4/11/68 the writer checked the records of the Anderson County Court Clerk, Clinton, Tennessee, for above captioned Mustang for all new license plates purchased since February 1, 1968 in which a new license plate was issued for a car, these records involving over 3000 documents.

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
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TO: SAC, ALBANY
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P
RE: MURKIN

In an effort to assist in handling administratively the reams of material being submitted to Memphis Division as office of origin, it is requested all offices in submission of messages use caption which will aid in handling paper. For example, should your office have investigation to report in connection with a specific suspect it would aid if, before entering into the body of text, you would utilize sub-heading after reference, such as "SUSPECT - JOHN ALLEN DOE," or another appropriate caption might be "LAUNDRY CHECKS."

Suitable sub-headings on communications will greatly facilitate the handling of material. Please comply.

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2 ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES (AM)
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Approved: RG Jensen
Special Agent in Charge

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Per SAC

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TO : SAC

DATE: 4/15/68

FROM : SA JAMES H. RIKE (44-696)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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Re SAC Memos 4/9,10/68.

On 4/9 and 4/11/68 the individuals listed below were contacted with negative results regarding the names LOWMEYER, GALT and WILLARD, and names similar to those names, with negative results:

AT SEVIERVILLE, TENN.:

Judge RAY L. REAGAN
Magistrates Court
Sevier County

PAUL ATCHLEY
Sevier County Court Clerk
(auto registrations not in alphabetical order)

MRS. KATE HELTON
Clerk, Sevier County Election Commission

MISS HELEN LOVEDAY
Clerk, Sevier County Circuit Court

Judge E. T. KING
City Recorder

There is no Credit Bureau in Sevier County or a city directory for Sevierville.

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AT PIGEON FORGE, TENN.:

Chief of Police MINDLE COLLIER

AT GATLINBURG, TENN.:

Chief of Police W. B. OGLE

AT MARYVILLE, TENN.:

The latest city directory (1965) was reviewed with negative results.

MRS. WENDELL HAVENS
Clerk, Blount County Election Commission

ENOCH B. SIMERLY
Records for Blount County Circuit Court, Criminal Court, and General Sessions Court

JOE L. MARSHALL
Blount County Court Clerk
(autos in alphabetical order)

MRS. MILDRED GREEN
Secretary to Chief of Police JOHN BLUFORD

JEANETTE STERBUTZED
Credit Bureau of Maryville-Alcoa

AT ALCOA, TENN.:

Chief of Police ROBERT CARROLL

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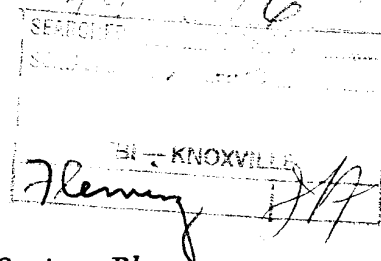
Re Memphis Teletype to Knoxville 4/11/68.

On 4/11/68 GEORGE WORSHAM, owner, Vacation Lodge, Box 37, Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, telephone No. 453-2640, produced his registration cards for March and April 1968. A review of these cards did not reveal the name of GALT, LOWMEYER, or WILLARD, or any similar names. Further the cards did not reveal that anyone had registered with a white Ford Mustang car.

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TO : SAC (44-696)

DATE: 4/16/68

FROM : SA JOE D. STARNES

SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE: HARVEY LOWMEYER
ERIC STARVO GALT

Re Memos of SAC 4/9/68, and 4/10/68; and Memo of
SA JOSEPH L. FLEMING 4/15/68.

On 4/11/68, SA JOE D. STARNES contacted the
following places and could find no information regarding
referenced individuals:

HORACE DALE, Clerk, General Sessions and Circuit
Court, Maynardville, Tennessee;

BERNICE SEXTON, Chancery Clerk, who has custody
of Voters Registration, Maynardville, Tennessee;

CLETIS LAMBERT, General Sessions and Circuit
Court Clerk, Tazewell, Tennessee, who also checked Voters
Registration for Claiborne County, Tennessee.

There are no city directories, credit bureaus,
dance studios, or laundries that do finished work in
Jefferson, Grainger, Union, and Claiborne Counties.
Further, registrations in these counties are filed by
license numbers and not alphabetically.

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To: SAC, San Diego (44-387)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

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ReSDtel 4-13-68.

Remaining unidentified latent fingerprints and the latent in this case are not identical with fingerprints of ROBERT BENJAMIN BRACKEN, U.S. Navy Service #9300639 or with the fingerprints of WAYNE FRANCIS RYAN, born [redacted], Police Department Orange, Texas, their #10384 who may or may not be identical with Wayne Ryan named in retel. Fingerprint card for Ryan lists occupation U.S. Navy when arrested 1960. No Navy fingerprints located Identification Division. No Palm prints here for either Bracken or Ryan.

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- 1 - Little Rock
- 1 - Knoxville

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SA WILLIAM B. COLE, JR.

MURKIN

The following individuals were contacted on 4/10 and 4/11/68, to check the name of HARVEY LOWMEYER and ERIC STARVO GALT and GAULT. Also checked were the registrations for Mustang automobiles since 4/1/68.

None of the following named individuals were able to locate any file identifiable with either LOWMEYER or GALT under either spelling and no Mustang identifiable with the one in this matter were located:

Mrs. REECE COOLEY, General Sessions and Circuit Court Records, Rhea County, Tenn., and Voter Registration lists.

Mrs. REBA HILL and BETTY ANN MORGAN, Credit Bureau of Rhea County.

Sheriff FRANK McCLENDON, Auto Registration, Rhea County
STANLEY BRADY, Dayton Bank and Trust Co., Rhea County,
Tenn.

Sheriff CARLTON NIPPER, Sheriff of Bledsoe County.

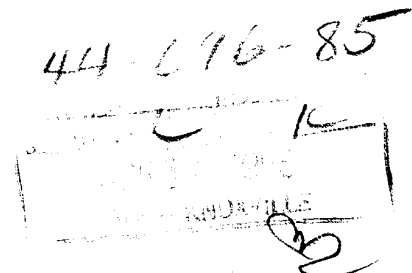
BLANCHE TOLLETT, Cashier, Pikeville Bank

ALTON DILL, Sessions Court, Circuit Court, Auto Registrations and Voter Registrations, Bledsoe County, Tenn.

Mrs. HELEN CLARK, Voter Registrations, Bledsoe County, Tenn.

It is noted that there is no Credit Bureau operating covering Bledsoe County, Tenn.

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Tenn.

Sheriff CARLTON NIPPER, Sheriff of Bledsoe County.

BLANCHE TOLLETT, Cashier, Pikeville Bank

ALTON DILL, Sessions Court, Circuit Court, Auto Registrations and Voter Registrations, Bledsoe County, Tenn.

Mrs. HELEN CLARK, Voter Registrations, Bledsoe County, Tenn.

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DATE: 4/16/68

FROM : SA PATRICK J. LENNON

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re SAC memo dated 4/9/68.

On 4/10/68, the following individuals were contacted at their respective establishments concerning instant laundry tags, with negative results:

SWEETWATER, TENNESSEE

ROY GALYON - Galyon Cleaners

GLEN BARNETT - Barnett's Laundry and Cleaners

LINDA HOOD - Armstrong Cleaners and Laundry

MADISONVILLE, TENNESSEE

RAY CROWDER - Service Cleaners

ALFRED ATKINS - Atkins Laundry

EUGENE SHEETS - Sheets Cleaners & Laundry

ENGLEWOOD, TENNESSEE

CHUCK JAYNES - Englewood Cleaners

ETOWAH, TENNESSEE

DELBERT STALLINGS - Luke's Cleaners

ATHENS, TENNESSEE

PAULINE MOSES - Athens Cleaners & Laundry

EDDIE SHELL - One Hour Martinizing Cleaners

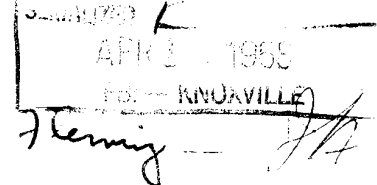
DON CHRISMAN - Park Avenue Cleaners & Laundry

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ANNIE INGRAM - Robert E. Lee Dry Cleaners & Laundry

MANCEL VINCENT - Duggans Dry Cleaners & Laundry.

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FROM : SA PATRICK J. LENNON

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re SAC memo, 4/10/68.

RE SUSPECT ERIC STARVO GALT

The following individuals advised that searches of their respective records on 4/11/68, failed to reflect any information identifiable with captioned individual:

ATHENS, TENNESSEE

ELIZABETH RAY - Credit Bureau
GENE JOHNSON - McMinn County Court Clerk
NORMA CORN - Circuit Court Clerk

MADISONVILLE, TENNESSEE

Chief Deputy Sheriff WAYNE THOMAS - Monroe County SO

DECATUR, TENNESSEE

POLLY ALLEN - Meigs County Circuit Court Clerk

It is noted that investigation further disclosed that motor vehicle registrations in McMinn, Monroe and Meigs Counties are not filed alphabetically, but are filed according to license tag number.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-696)

DATE: 4/16/68

FROM : SA L. NELMS JOHNSON

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re SAC memo to file 4/10/68.

The following investigation was conducted by SA
L. NELMS JOHNSON:

On 4/11/68, the following checks were made with
negative results in regard to ERIC STARBO GALT:

HERBERT STANLEY,
Chief of Police,
Rockwood, Tennessee;

GRADY LANGLEY,
Assistant Chief of Police,
Harriman, Tennessee;

BENNY WALLACE,
Chief Deputy,
Roane County Sheriff's Office,
Kingston, Tennessee;

RAY GULLETT,
Chief of Police,
Kingston, Tennessee;

Mrs. KATHY BAUGUS,
Assistant Registrar,
Roane County Election Commission,
Kingston, Tennessee;

Mrs. VIVIAN BRADSHAW,
Registrar,
Loudon County Election Commission,
Loudon, Tennessee;

JOE BRASHEAR,
Desk Clerk,
Lenoir City, Tennessee, Police Department



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GERALD LANE,
Chief of Police,
Loudon, Tennessee;

ERNEST GUIDER,
Sheriff, Loudon County,
Loudon, Tennessee;

~~MRS.~~ FLORENCE ROBERTS,
Manager, Credit Bureau of Roane County,
Harriman, Tennessee;

MRS. J. G. BROWDER,
Manager, Credit Bureau of Loudon County,
Lenoir City, Tennessee;

JAMES EASTER,
County Court Clerk,
Kingston, Tennessee;

Mrs. MARIE BROOKS,
County Court Clerk,
Loudon, Tennessee.

A review was made of the 1966 (latest) City
Directory for Loudon County and the 1964 (latest) City
Directory for Roane County with negative results with
regard to the name GALT.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC ~~157-1298~~

DATE: 4-6-68

FROM : WILLIAM T. BECKLER

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
4-4-68.

OO Memphis.

At approximately 3:50 AM today a collect telephone call was received from an individual giving name as LEONARD CURTIS THURMAN who advised the following information.

THURMAN stated formerly resided at 1258 Green St., Augusta, Ga. with two individuals named TONY HARRISON and JOHN DILLON. HARRISON and DILLON had told THURMAN that they "would not put up with the kind of stuff that KING was doing in Tennessee." He said that HARRISON and DILLON had pistol, type unknown, in apt. and that when he returned to the apt. Friday evening, March 29 last, TONY HARRISON had left. He may have gone to Philadelphia, Pa. as he and DILLON both had claimed to be from Philadelphia. THURMAN believes that they may both be from Tenn. from things that they had told him. HARRISON had previously run DILLON off from the apt. as he was always drunk. HARRISON believed to have been born in Memphis.

THURMAN states HARRISON described as kinky dark brown hair, 5'10", dark complexion. Stated that he fitted desc. of KING's killer. He could give no other reasons for suspecting HARRISON of KING's murder other than his description and his statements re KING.

THURMAN advised that he is employed at HARRIES restaurant, 1182 West Peachtree St., Atlanta Ga. He said was generally in a travel status and that the person who would always know his location was his sister, Mrs. R.C. LONG, 706 East Brookwood Drive, Valdosta, Ga. telephone Cherry 2-3823.

THURMAN stated in Chattanooga for "AA" meeting, would be at meeting until 10:00 AM April 6, instant, then return to Georgia. He was calling from the Bus terminal in Chattanooga, telephone no. 266-9504.

THURMAN did not appear to be under the influence of alcohol at the time of his call.

*Info called to SIA
Dave Cooks, Chattanooga
to contact
4/6/68*



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Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-696)

DATE: 4-16-68

FROM : SA CHARLES A. RILEY

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re: ERIC STARVO GALT, aka

Re Office Memo SA JOSE H L. FLEMING to SAC, 4-15-68.

On 4-16-68, the following individuals were contacted and furnished the following information at Chattanooga, Tenn:

Mrs. DOROTHY CROSS, 5715 Ringgold Road, 624-8833, Dorothy Cross School of Dancing, advised that she has only one class of Ballroom dancing a year and that is held during the winter months. States that no one named GALT, HARVEY LOWMYER or JOHN ~~WILLARD~~ ~~XXXXXX~~ has ever been enrolled in her classes. She further advised that no one meeting the description of or resembling the photo drawing of GALT had contacted her in the past.

Dr. BEN MORRIS, 70B Eastgate, advised that he and his wife EVELYN formerly operated the Gallery One Balley Academy, 104 Eastgate, however, the studio has been closed for a number of months. States no ballroom dancing classes were taught at this studio. He also states that the name GALT, LOWMYER or WILLARD was unknown.

Mrs. JUNE WHITLOCK, June Whitlock Dancing School, 3202 Brainerd Road, advised she has no classes in which she teaches Ballroom dancing. She only teaches children and the names GALT, LOWMYER and WILLARD were unknown.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-696)

FROM : SA GEORGE C. WELBORN

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CIVIL RIGHTS

DATE: 4/17/68

Re: ERIC STARVO GALT

Re memo of SA JOSEPH L. FLEMING dated 4/15/68 at Knoxville. Re contact with dancing schools.

On 4/16/68, Mrs. MARGARET HOWELL, Margaret Howell School of Dancing, 301 Frazier Avenue, Chattanooga, Tenn., advised she had never had a student at her school of dancing who used the name ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMYER, JOHN WILLARD, or any variation of any of these names. She observed the artists sketches of the suspect in this case and advised she is positive that this individual has never taken dancing at her school. She could furnish no information regarding this man.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-696)

DATE: 4/17/68

FROM : SA GEORGE C. WELBORN

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CIVIL RIGHTS

Re SAC, Albany airtel to Director dated 4/10/68 which sets forth leads to contact establishments owning Thermo-seal Machines. One was listed at Chattanooga as being at Brainard One-Hour Martinizing, 5813 Lee Highway, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

On 4/15/68, Mr. TAYLOR MADDOX, Manager, Brainard One-Hour Martinizing, advised SA GEORGE C. WELBORN he had been the owner and manager of this company from January, 1968 to present. He advised this company did not have a Thermo-seal Machine; however, he stated it was possible the former owner and manager, DAVID RUSSELL, who had this company for five years prior to MADDOX's ownership, could possibly have owned such a machine.

On 4/15/68, Mr. DAVID ALLEN RUSSELL, employed at Jacobs Brothers Auction, 5827 Lee Highway, residence 317 Woodlawn Drive, Rossville, Georgia, advised SA WELBORN he was the former owner and manager of the Brainard One-Hour Martinizing at 5813 Lee Highway, from 6/1/63 to 1/23/68.

He advised that during 1965 he purchased a Thermo-seal Machine and used this machine in marking laundry and dry cleaning at this company for a period of approximately one year. He advised his place of business burned during February, 1966 and the Thermo-seal Machine was completely destroyed.

During the period he used this machine, he used many different color tapes, including red. The identifying

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tags were 1/4" x 1-1/8". He stated the code used by him consisted of figures and letters of the alphabet. The first part of his identifying code was always a figure of either one or two digits indicating lot number. The second part of his code was an alphabetic letter indicating the day of the week, and the third part of his code was again figures of one or two digits indicating the bundle. He never used an alphabetical letter at the beginning of his code.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, KX (44-696)

FROM : SA JOHN C. QUIRIN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4-16-68

RE: ERIC STARVO GALT

Rememo SA FLEMING, 4-15-68 (serial 77).

The following investigation was conducted by SA JOHN C. QUIRIN:

The following persons advised on 4-16-68 that they knew of no dancing schools located in Hawkins or Hancock Counties ~~which would~~ teaching dancing to the general public:

Sheriff
/KYLE SEALS, Hancock County, Sneedville, Tenn.

Sheriff DAN ANDERSON, Hawkins Co., Rogersville, Tenn.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, KNOXVILLE (44-696)

DATE: 4/15/68

FROM : SA JOSEPH L. FLEMING

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Rememo of SA JOSEPH L. FLEMING 4/15/68.

On 4/15/68, Mrs. Ruth ~~Camp~~ CAMPBELL, part owner, Arthur Murray Studios, 708 Gay St. S.W. advised that she has been actively engaged in the operation of this studio for 20 years. Her records contain no references indicating that any person using the names ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMYER or JOHN WILLARD, have ever attended any dancing classes in Knoxville.

Mrs. CAMPBELL said that she knows of no other dance studios in the Knoxville area where a male could take dancing lessons.

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(Priority)

TO: COLUMBIA
MEMPHIS

FROM: KNOXVILLE (44-696)

MURKIN, ~~RAUL M. MATTERS~~, OO: MEMPHIS.

MR. AND MRS. CARL M. BANISTER, ROUTE THREE, CLINTON, TENNESSEE, WHO REQUESTED ~~THEIR~~ IDENTITY BE PROTECTED ADVISED THAT ON APRIL FIFTEEN, SIXTY EIGHT, WHILE ENROUTE FROM KNOXVILLE TO CHEROKEE, NORTH CAROLINA, THEY PASSED A NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN OR SIXTY EIGHT DARK BROWN PONTIAC SEDAN THREE OR FOUR TIMES AS THIS VEHICLE WAS DRIVING ONLY ABOUT THIRTY MILES PER HOUR. THIS VEHICLE PASSED THEM WHEN THEY STOPPED TO LOOK AT SCENIC SPOTS. MR. AND MRS. BANISTER ADVISED THAT ON THE NORTH CAROLINA SIDE OF NEWFOUND GAP IN SMOKY MOUNTAINS, THEY STOPPED FOR A PICNIC LUNCH AND THIS VEHICLE WAS PRESENT WITH THE DRIVER APPEARING TO BE RESTING. AFTER ENGAGING HIM IN CONVERSATION, THEY BELIEVED HIM TO BE VERY TIRED AND SOMEWHAT EMOTIONALLY DISTURBED AND NOTED HE DID NOT APPEAR ANXIOUS TO TALK. IN CONVERSATION THIS INDIVIDUAL STATED HE RESIDED FORTY FIVE MILES WEST

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Approved: W.C. / m.
Special Agent in Charge

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OF COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA AND STATED HE HAD NOT BEEN IN SOUTH CAROLINA FOR THREE DAYS, ALTHOUGH HE ALSO MADE STATEMENTS HE WAS JUST GOING TO SOUTH CAROLINA. THE BANISTERs DESCRIBED SUBJECT AS WM, THIRTY FIVE TO THIRTY SEVEN, FIVE FEET, ELEVEN INCHES TO SIX FEET, ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY FIVE POUNDS, POSSIBLY HAD DARK HAIR, ALTHOUGH WORE HAT, SHARP FACE, LONG NOSE AND SUNKEN CHEEKS AND WEARING DARK SUIT WITH WHITE SHIRT AND DARK TIE, DRESSED VERY NEATLY.

MRS. BANISTER COPIED LICENSE NUMBER AS NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT SOUTH CAROLINA LICENSE D TWO SIX SIX FOUR ONE ZERO.

MR. AND MRS. BANISTER STATE SKETCH APPEARING IN KNOXVILLE NEWS-SENTINEL PAPER BY MEMPHIS COMMERCIAL APPEAL NEWSPAPER ARTIST RESEMBLED THIS SUSPECT AND AFTER OBSERVING BUREAU SKETCH ~~PRESENTED~~ OF SUBJECT FROM BIRMINGHAM ^{believe} ~~STATED THIS~~ SKETCH STRONGLY RESEMBLED THIS SUSPECT.

COLUMBIA IDENTIFY REGISTERED OWNER OF NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN SOUTH CAROLINA LICENSE D TWO SIX SIX FOUR ONE ZERO AS SUSPECT
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Special Agent in Charge

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TO: SAC, CHARLOTTE
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JAY BOLES, Representative, Associated Press, Chattanooga, Tennessee, on 4-14-68, furnished information he attended college with one JAMES C. GALT of Richmond, Virginia. Further that GALT has been employed by the Dupont Company, Richmond, and recently transferred to Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Upon contact, JAMES COLQUHOUN GALT informed he has been with the Dupont Company approximately ten years. (The records of Dupont Company, Chattanooga, indicate GALT was at work in Chattanooga on 4-4-68). GALT further advised he is an only son, however, he does have a cousin, first name unknown, last name GALT, age 40 to 45. This individual is the son of his father's brother, THOMAS C. GALT, who resides in Raleigh, North Carolina and works at a railroad company.

Mrs. LAURA KICE, 720 Northwood Avenue, Charlottesville, Virginia, or J. W. SIEGFRIED, step-mother and cousin, respectively of JAMES C. GALT, possibly have knowledge of the whereabouts of the son of THOMAS C. GALT.

Knoxville Division is unaware if this individual has previously been checked and the above being submitted to Charlotte and Richmond for information purposes.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-696)

FROM : SA JACK K. MURPHREE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/17/68

Re SAC memo dated 4/9/68.

The following laundries were contacted on 4/11/68 and advised they did not use the laundry tag described in referenced memorandum and stated they did not know anyone in this area who did use such a marking tag:

AT CLEVELAND, TENNESSEE

Cleveland Laundry and Cleaners
JACK WILSON

Dethro's Laundry and Cleaners
JOHN H. DETHRO

Four Way Cleaners and Laundry
Mrs. PAULINE PHILLIPS

Hand-Craft Laundry
WILLIAM ARP

JACK's Laundry and Cleaners
L. J. WILSON

ROY's Wildwood Laundry and Cleaners
ROY E. BEAVERS

Service Cleaners and Laundry
DWIGHT SHARP

AT BENTON, TENNESSEE

BESSIE BISHOP

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The following individuals advised there are no laundries located in their respective towns:

AT DECATUR, TENNESSEE

Sheriff of Meigs County HAUL GRAVES
Contacted 4/10/68

AT COPPERHILL, TENN.

Chief of Police BUD PAYNE
Contacted 4/11/68

AT DUCKTOWN, TENN.

Mayor CHARLES PRESSWOOD

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-696)

FROM : SA JACK K. MURPHREE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/17/68

Re SAC memo dated 4/10/68.

On 4/11/68, the following individuals advised after a search of their respective records that they could locate no information concerning ERIC S. GALT, ERIC STARVO GALT, ERIC GALT or any logical variations of these names:

AT CLEVELAND, TENNESSEE

JOE TALLEY, Bradley County Circuit Court Clerk

Assistant Chief of Police BERNARD LIPPS
Cleveland Police Department

BETTY CURBOW, Credit Bureau of Cleveland

AT BENTON, TENNESSEE

Polk County Sheriff J. T. STAFFORD

Mrs. DERRYL CURBOW, Polk County
Circuit Court Clerk

AT COPPERHILL, TENNESSEE

Chief of Police BUD PAYNE
Copperhill Police Department

R. O. GIBSON
Tri-State Credit Bureau

AT DUCKTOWN, TENN.

Deputy Sheriff RALPH BATES

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC Knoxville (44-696)
ATT SA Fleming

DATE: 4-16-68

FROM : SA Colman C. Keane

SUBJECT: MURKING

On 4/16/68 Mrs. Jessie Whaley Robinson, owner of Jessie Whaley School of Dance, 3343 Nixon Pike, Chattanooga, Tennessee advised the writer that she does not recall ever having a student named ERIC STARVO GALT, John Willard or John Lowmyer. She viewed the zerox copies of composite without effecting identification. Whaley School primarily teaches ballet to children.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-696)

DATE: 4/16/68

FROM : SA CHARLES A. RILEY

SUBJECT: UNSUB;
MARTIN LUTHER KING - VICTIM (MURDER)
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On the following dates the below listed informants at Chattanooga, Tennessee were contacted concerning captioned matter. Also they were requested to make contact with their sources to ascertain if any racial disorder would occur in the Chattanooga area as a result of the Murder of KING. All advised they knew of no disorder that had been planned or mentioned on the dates of contact and all would immediately advise of any information they received concerning captioned matter:

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4-4-68	PCI HAROLD M. ELLER;
4-4-68	PCI RONALD CRABTREE;
4-5-68	Kx 95-C;
4-5-68	PCI WILLIAM W. CHAMPION;
4-5-68	Kx 238-C;
4-5-68	PCI RICHMOND S. MOORE;
4-5-68	PCI ISADORE SHAPIRO;
4-5-68	EDWARD L. HAGGARD, PCI;
4-5-68	PCI RAMON PATTERSON;
4-6-68	PCI MORRIS T. BACON;
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- 1 - 137-904
- 1 - 137-1967
- 1 - 137-2153
- 1 - 137-2158
- 1 - 137-2614
- 1 - 137-2824
- 1 - 137-2911
- 1 - 137-2921
- 1 - 137-2943
- 1 - 137-2956

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Tom Badgett

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." PHOTO-
GRAPH NUMBER TWO SHOULD CARRY THE CAPTION, "ERIC STARVO GALT,
ALSO KNOWN AS HARVEY LOWMYER AND JOHN WILLARD (EYES DRAWN IN
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ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS AS REQUIRED. YOU SHOULD ATTEMPT TO INSURE THAT THIS RELEASE AND PHOTOGRAPHS RECEIVE REPEATED COVERAGE BY RADIO AND TV STATIONS. YOU ARE TO MAKE NO ELABORATION 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 "BOUSH" 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 [REDACTED].

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 "LODNER" AND STATE HIS LANGUAGE AND DICTION HAVE A "MORAL" QUALITY AND SUGGEST THAT HE PROBABLY DOES NOT HAVE A HIGH DEGREE OF EDUCATION. HE IS SAID TO DRINK ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND HAS A PREFERENCE FOR VODKA AND BEER. HE IS A FAN OF WESTERN AND COUNTRY MUSIC.

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

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Date: 4/17/68

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TO MEMPHIS (44-1987) AND BIRMINGHAM.

FROM KNOXVILLE (44-696)

MURKIN. CR. OO:MEMPHIS

UNSUB SEEN AT WALKER'S HARDWARE STORE TUSCUMBIA, ALABAMA.

MAN, PROBABLY NEGRO, IDENTIFIEDSELF AS P. EDWARD RICKS,
EIGHT ZERO EIGHT EAST EIGHTH STREET, TUSCUMBIA, ALABAMA, TELEPHONICALLY
CONTACTED CHATTANOOGA, RE A EVENING APRIL SEVENTEEN INSTANT, THAT
HE SAW MAN RESEMBLING PHOTO OF SUBJECT APPEARING IN MEMPHIS
COMMERCIAL APPEAL TWO DAYS AGO, IN WALKER'S HARDWARE STORE, TUSCUMBIA,
ABOUT FOUR P M APRIL SIXTEEN LAST BUYING A SMALL HAND GUN,
PERHAPS TWENTY-TWO OR THIRTY-TWO CALIBER, AND A BOX OF AMMO, ABOUT
SIX INCHES BY SIX INCHES.

UNKNOWN MAN SIGNED FOR PURCHASE IN REGISTER AT STORE. RICKS
DESCRIBED MAN AS WMA, FIVE FT. NINE IN., ONE SEVEN FIVE LBS.,
BLACK OR DARK HAIR, AGE IN THIRTY'S. RICKS STATED HE IS VISITING
TEMPORALILY IN CHATTANOOGA BUT DECLINED TO GIVE LOCAL ADDRESS.

BH AT TUSCUMBIA CHECK RECORDS AND EXHIBIT PICTURE OF SUBJECT
AT WALKER'S HARDWARE STORE TO DETERMINE IF UNKNOWN MAN IS IDENT
WITH SUBJECT.

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RA/EXPApproved: Wk/rvp
Special Agent in ChargeSent P M Per P

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, KNOXVILLE (44-696)

DATE: 4-17-68

FROM : SA ROBERT LEE MORRISON

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Reurmemo 4-15-68 (serial 77)

The following individuals advised on the dates indicated that they do not teach ballroom dancing:

4-16-68 Joyce Ann Parvin
Joyce Ann Parvin School of Dance
229 N. Irish Street, Greeneville, Tennessee

4-17-68 Mrs. Gertrude A. Bolding
Bolding School of Dance
907 Althea, Johnson City, Tennessee

4-17-68 Wilma H. Pace
Holloway Dancing School
107 E. Watauga, Johnson City, Tennessee

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