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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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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC

44-696
~~(157-1301)~~

DATE: 4-18-68

FROM : WILLIAM T. BECKLER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

/(William H. Hensley)

Mr. Bill Hensley, 81 Outer Dr., Oak Ridge, Tenn., phone 483-8767, an ex AEC Policeman, advised at 12:40 AM today the following information.

Last Friday April 12th. at about 4:00 PM Mr. Hensley and his wife were stopped at the "THREE BEARS TRADING POST" near Ducktown, Tenn. where they observed an individual driving a late model mustang, white, black top, bearing Hamilton Co., Tenn. license C01130.

This individual came into the area from Ocoee Road and parked at the far end of the trading post parking area. He went to a phone booth and made a 3 or 4 minute phone call and then left in the direction from which he had come.

Hensley stated this man appeared nervous and kept facing the public whild making the phone call.

Hensley described the man as 5'8", 160 to 170 lbs., medium build, neatly dressed with tie but no coat, hair sandy to redish. He further stated that the man appeared to meet all of the physical requirements of the King murderer as published in the press. He said that this man was wearing sun glasses although it was foggy and raining at the time.

Hensley advised that he was an AEC patrolman at Oak Ridge for seventeen years until he was fired for drinking on the job.

Lead to Wilson

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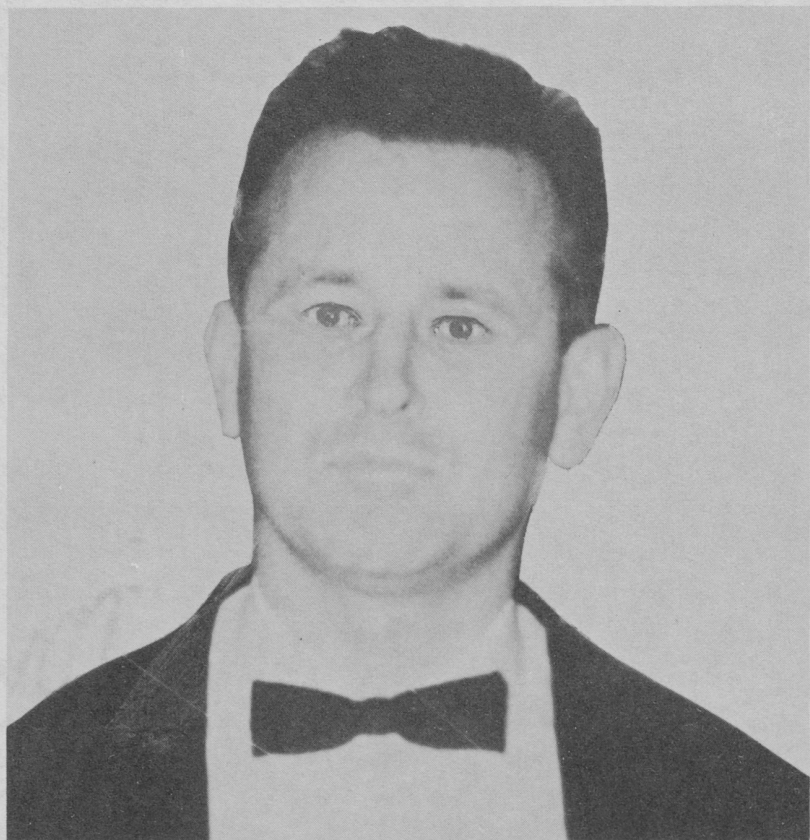
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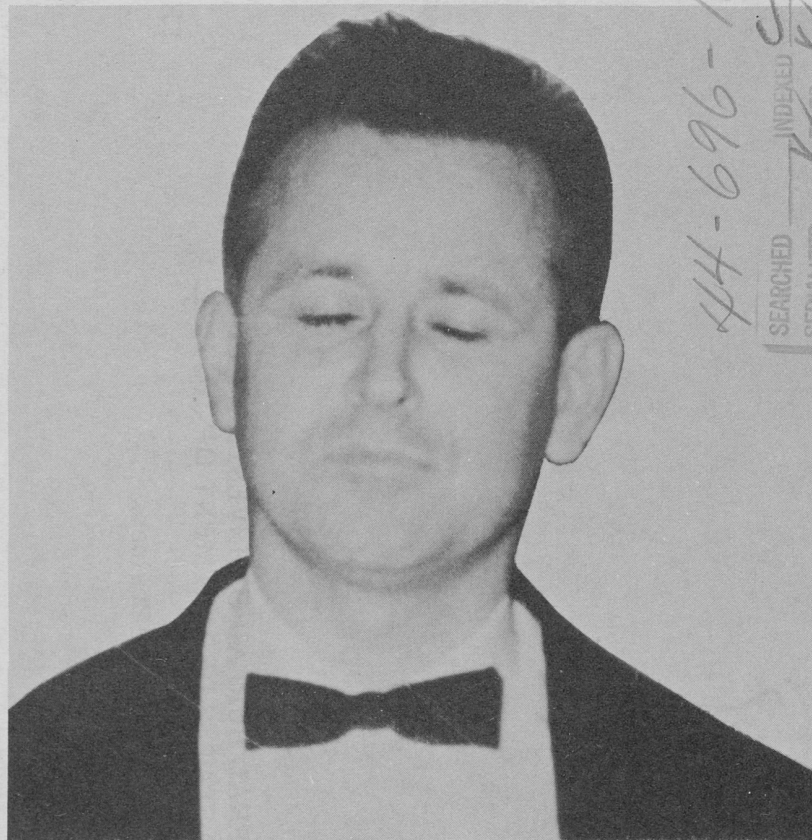
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FBI No. 405,942 G



Photograph taken 1968
(eyes drawn by artist)



Photograph taken 1968

Aliases: Harvey Lowmyer, John Willard

DESCRIPTION

Age:	36, born July 20, 1931 (not supported by birth records)	Eyes:	Blue or hazel
Height:	5'8" to 5'11"	Complexion:	Medium
Weight:	160 to 175 pounds	Race:	White
Build:	Medium		
Hair:	Brown, possibly cut short		
Occupation:	Has claimed employment as seaman		
Remarks:	Noticeably protruding left ear; reportedly is a lone wolf; allegedly attended dance instruction school; has reportedly completed course in bartending.		

CAUTION

GALT IS SOUGHT IN CONNECTION WITH A MURDER WHEREIN THE VICTIM WAS SHOT. CONSIDER ARMED AND EXTREMELY DANGEROUS.

A Federal warrant was issued on April 17, 1968, at Birmingham, Alabama, charging Galt with conspiring to interfere with a Constitutional Right of a citizen (Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 241).

IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS PERSON, PLEASE NOTIFY ME OR CONTACT YOUR LOCAL FBI OFFICE. TELEPHONE NUMBERS AND ADDRESSES OF ALL FBI OFFICES LISTED ON BACK.

Wanted Flyer 442
April 17, 1968

J. Edgar Hoover
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FROM: KNOXVILLE (44-696)

MURKIN.

RE MIAMI PHONE CALL TO KNOXVILLE THIS DATE.

INVESTIGATION KNOXVILLE DIVISION RE CONTINENTAL DANCE
STUDIO, NEW ORLEANS, LA. MRS. VINSANT (JACQUELINE) CUTOLO,
NEE COURVILLE, PERMANENT RESIDENCE SIX ONE ZERO S.W.
FOURTEENTH STREET, MIAMI, FLA., ADVISED EMPLOYED FROM
JUNE OR JULY, SIXTYFOUR, TO ABOUT FEBRUARY OR MARCH,
SIXTYFIVE, AS DANCE INSTRUCTOR CONTINENTAL STUDIOS, NEW
ORLEANS, LA. PHOTOS OF GALT AND COMPOSITE SHOWN NEGATIVE
RESULTS. CUTOLO OBSERVED TV BROADCAST RE GALT NIGHT APRIL
SEVENTEEN, LAST, AND DID NOT RECOGNIZE AS KNOWN TO HER.
STATES HAS NUMEROUS PHOTOS OF INSTRUCTORS AND PUPILS INSTANT
DANCE STUDIO IN BLUE ZIPPER SUITCASE LOCATED ON PORCH
PARENTS-IN-LAW HOME, VINSANT T. CUTOLO, SIX ONE ZERO S.W.

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FOURTEENTH STREET, MIAMI, FLA. IF SUITCASE OBTAINED BY FBI, AIR MAILED TO NASHVILLE, TENN., RA WHERE CUTOLO WILL BE WITH HUSBAND FROM NIGHT APRIL EIGHTEEN TO ABOUT APRIL TWENTYFIVE, NEXT, SHE WILL REVIEW PHOTOS FOR IDENTITY INSTRUCTORS AND STUDENTS. MOTEL, NASHVILLE, WHERE CUTOLOS WILL STAY WILL BE AVAILABLE VINSANT CUTOLO-S EMPLOYER, MIAMI, FLA, NEXT DATE.

CUTOLO COULD FURNISH NO INFORMATION RE WHEREABOUTS INSTRUCTORS MARCUS SELOS, CHARLES HARTZELL, AKA CHARLES HART, WILLIAM LAMPHERE, HARRY A. DUNN, HOWARD O. OWENS, SAMUEL CALON, RAY E. FARRIS, EVA BOROS, CHARLES L. MILLER, SANDRA LOVIN, JOANN MICHOLS, JACQUELINE BOND, ANITA BOUCHARD OR ROSE KATHLEEN CAVANAUGH.

BERNICE "BUDDY" CONSTONINE, AKA BUDDY REYNOLDS, FROM RAYNE, LA., PRESENTLY SELLING INSURANCE NEW ORLEANS. WHEREABOUTS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM PAUL CRUZ, OPERATOR, CLUB MACOMBO, NEW ORLEANS.

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CUTOLO RECALLS DANCE INSTRUCTOR TENA KELLY, SINCE
MARRIED, HUSBAND SELLS WIGS, NAME UNKNOWN, LAST RESIDING
CHALMETTE, LA.

JUANITA WELCH LAST KNOWN WORKING DANCE STUDIO CONGRESS
INN, MIAMI, FLA., SIXTYSEVEN. REPORTEDLY LEFT FOR ATLANTA,
GA.

INSTRUCTOR (FNU) MILLIGAN, WM, FURTHER IDENTIFICATION
UNKNOWN.

ROBERT STRICKLAND, INSTRUCTOR, INSTRUCTING CLEVELAND
OR CINCINNATI, OHIO, WHEREABOUTS BELIEVED KNOWN TO MARLIN
MYERS.

JANET CAVALIER, INSTRUCTOR, WAS RESIDING NEAR AIRPORT,
NEW ORLEANS.

ARTHUR D. WOLFSON, INSTRUCTOR, WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN.
SEEN NEW ORLEANS SIXTYSIX AT JOLLIWOG LOUNGE, SHERIDAN-
DELTA HOTEL.

YVONNE BENOIT REPORTEDLY MARRIED, LIVING AT OPELOUSA
OR VILLA PLATT, LA.

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CORBETT DUHON LAST SELLING AUTOMOBILES CANAL FORD
AGENCY, NEW ORLEANS.

STUDIO WENT BANKRUPT, SIXTYFIVE. PROCEEDINGS HANDLED
FOR LUTZ BY NEW ORLEANS ATTORNEY, IDENTITY UNKNOWN, WHO
MAY HAVE RECORDS.

CUSTOMERS RECALLED BY CUTOLO WERE (FNU) MC GOWAN
(PH), ATTORNEY, NEW ORLEANS; (FNU) MORRELL, NEW ORLEANS,
FURTHER IDENTIFICATION UNKNOWN; JOHN ANDREWS, CARPENTER,
NEW ORLEANS; LAWRENCE YLICK, MECHANIC, FIVE TWO TWO BERTRAND
STREET, NEW ORLEANS. OTHER CUSTOMERS UNRECALLED.

CUTOLO ADVISED MOST DANCE INSTRUCTORS USED FICTITIOUS
NAME AND NAME BY WHICH KNOWN TO HER MAY NOT BE TRUE NAME.

ATLANTA, AT ATLANTA, GA., THROUGH LOGICAL SOURCES,
DETERMINE IF JUANITA WELCH KNOWN AS DANCE INSTRUCTOR LOCAL
STUDIOS.

BIRMINGHAM, WILL RE-INTERVIEW MARLAN MYERS RE LOCATION
STRUCKLAND AND OTHER INSTRUCTORS.

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LOS ANGELES, WILL RECONTACT LUTZ RE BACKGROUND INFO
ALL NAMES FURNISHED BY CUTOLO, PRESENT WHEREABOUTS, AND
DETERMINE IF DANCE STUDIO RECORDS AVAILABLE IN HER CUSTODY
OR CUSTODY ATTORNEY, NEW ORLEANS.

MEMPHIS, AT NASHVILLE, WILL RECONTACT CUTOLO WITH
SUITCASE SO PERTINENT PHOTOGRAPHS CAN BE REVIEWED FOR
POSSIBLE LEADS OR IDENTIFICATION GALT. WILL RETURN SUITCASE
FOR CUTOLO TO MIAMI RESIDENCE.

MIAMI, WILL OBTAIN SUITCASE AND SEND VIA AIR MAIL
TO NASHVILLE RA. WHEN SUITCASE AND CONTENTS RETURNED BY
NASHVILLE RA, RETURN TO CONTRIBUTOR.

THROUGH EMPLOYER VINSANT CUTOLO DETERMINE WHERE
CUTOLOS STAYING NASHVILLE, TENN., AND FURNISH NASHVILLE RA.

AT CONGRESS INN DANCE STUDIO, IDENTIFY JUANITA
WELCH, DETERMINE WHEREABOUTS, SET FORTH LEAD TO INTERVIEW.

NEW ORLEANS, WILL INTERVIEW YLICK. ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY
JOHN ANDREWS AND (FNU) MC GOWAN, ATTORNEY, FOR INFO RE
GALT. WILL LOCATE AND INTERVIEW CONSTONINE AND, IE
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FURNISHED RE IDENTITY OTHER PERSONS
MENTIONED, LOCATE AND INTERVIEW.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1978), BIRMINGHAM (44-4174),
CHICAGO, KNOXVILLE, ST. LOUIS AND LOS ANGELES (44-1574)
AND NEW ORLEANS
FROM MIAMI (44-1854)

MURKIN

RE: INVESTIGATION CONTINENTAL DANCE STUDIOS

RE: LOS ANGELES TEL TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM,
CHICAGO, MEMPHIS, HOUSTON, MIAMI AND NEW ORLEANS THIS DATE
MIAMI TEL CALL TO KNOXVILLE THIS DATE.

KNOXVILLE TEL TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM,
LOS ANGELES, MEMPHIS, MIAMI, AND NEW ORLEANS THIS DATE.

HARRY A. DUNN INTERVIEWED THIS DATE AT HIS RESIDENCE,
TWO ZERO THREE ZERO N.E. ONE EIGHT FIVE TERRACE, MIAMI,
FLA. DUNN ADVISED HE WAS EMPLOYED AS DANCE INSTRUCTOR, AT
CONTINENTAL DANCE STUDIOS NEW ORLEANS FOR FOUR MONTHS IN LATE
NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR. PHOTOS AND COMPOSITES SHOWN OF GALT WITH
NEGATIVE RESULTS. DUNN IS NOT ACQUAINTED WITH WILLIAM LAMPHIER
AND BELIEVES CHARLES HARTZELL LEFT CHICAGO FOR ST. LOUIS,
APPROXIMATELY ONE YEAR AGO TO WORK AT AN INDEPENDENT DANCE

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STUDIO. DUNN ADVISED LOUISE ANGLIN TAUGHT DANCING DURING THE AFTERNOONS AT CONTINENTAL STUDIOS NEAR ORLEANS IN LATE NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR AND MIGHT REMEMBER GALT IF HE TOOK AFTERNOON INSTRUCTION AT THAT TIME. HER ADDRESS UNKNOWN TO DUNN, BUT HER MOTHER RESIDES AT EIGHT ONE TWO SEVEN HICKORY, NEAR ORLEANS.

DUNN DOES NOT KNOW CURRENT WHEREABOUTS OF MARCUS FELDS, ARTHUR D. WOLFSON, BERNICE "BOBBY" CONSTANTINE, YVONNE BENOIT, JOAN MOORE, CORBETT DUHON, RAY E. FARRIS, SAMUEL CALON, EVA BORDS, CHARLES MILLER, ROBERT STRICKLAND, JO ANN NICHOLS, JACQUELINE BOND, ANITA BOLOCHARD, ROSE KATHEREN CAVANAUGH, OR ROYALD O. JONES. DUNN BELIEVES SARLA LOVIN IS CURRENTLY A HIPPIE IN THE NEW ORLEANS HIPPIE COMMUNITY.

ALL ATTEMPTS TO LOCATE WILLIAM LAWPHRE IN MIAMI NEGATIVE.

BLUE ZIPPER SUITCASE LOCATED AT PARENTS-IN-LAW OF JACQUELINE CUTOLO, SIX ONE ZERO N.W. FOURTEENTH AVENUE, MIAMI AND MAILED AIRMAIL TO FBI OFFICE, NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE, THIS DATE. SUITCASE CONTAINS NUMEROUS PHOTOGRAPHS. EMPLOYER OF CUTOLO WILL ADVISE MIAMI OFFICE OF CUTOLO'S WHEREABOUTS IN NASHVILLE ON FOUR NINETEEN NEXT.

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LEADS.

ST. LOUIS ATTEMPT LOCATE AND INTERVIEW CHARLES HARTZELL
RE GALT AND WHEREABOUTS OF OTHER CONTINENTAL DANCE INSTRUCTORS
IN NEW ORLEANS IN NINETEEN FIFTYFOUR.

NEW ORLEANS CONTACT BROTHER OF LOUISE ANGLIN EIGHT ONE
TWO SEVEN RICKNEY, NEW ORLEANS AND ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE WHEREABOUTS
OF LOUISE ANGLIN.

MEMPHIS AT NASHVILLE, TENN., WILL CONTACT JACQUELINE CUTOLO
WITH SUICIDE SO PERTINENT PHOTOGRAPHS CAN BE REVIEWED, UPON
RECEIPT OF CUTOLOS WHEREABOUTS IN NASHVILLE FROM MIAMI ON FOUR
NINETEEN NEXT.

MIAMI WILL MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH VINCENT CUTOLOS EMPLOYER
TO DETERMINE WHEREABOUTS IN NASHVILLE AND SO ADVISE MEMPHIS
WHEN WHEREABOUTS ARE DETERMINED.

SUBJECT GALT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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TO ALL SACS

FROM DIRECTOR 1P

MURKIN.

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 RENDER STOPS AND DISPLAY PHOTOGRAPHS OF SUBJECT APPROPRIATELY. SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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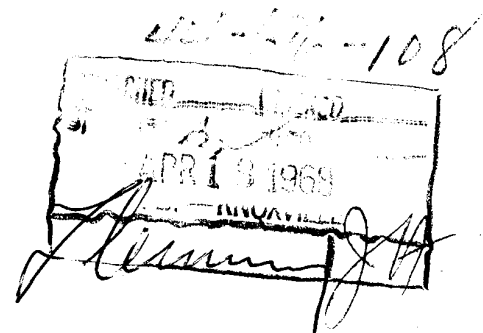
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AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, KNOXVILLE (44-696) (P)
RE: MURKIN
OO: Memphis

WILBORN A. RAY
INFORMATION FROM

Enclosed for the Bureau are five copies and for Memphis one copy of a letterhead memorandum reflecting information furnished by Captain WILBORN A. RAY, Army ROTC Instructor, Johnson City, Tennessee.

The Bureau may desire to have Major HENRY MC ADEN with the U. S. Army in Vietnam interviewed concerning Captain RAY's statements.

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AND MIAMI.

FROM TAMPA (157-3231) 3P

MURKIN, CR., OO ME.

RE TAMPA TEL TO DIRECTOR, ME AND BM APRIL TEN, SIXTYEIGHT.

E. L. BING, PLANT CITY, FLA. CONTACTED DEPARTMENT
TO ADVISE THAT HE HAD PATRON AT NIGHTCLUB RAINBOW, EATONVILLE,
FLA. ON EVENING APRIL SEVEN LAST WHO CLOSELY RESEMBLED
WITNESS COMPOSITE SKETCH PUBLISHED LOCAL NEWSPAPERS.
BING STATED THAT DURING EVENING PARTY OF SIX-SEVEN
NEGROES AND ONE CAUCASIAN WERE CELEBRATING IN CLUB. AROUND
THREE AM THE WM ASKED BING TO CASH PERSONALIZED CHECK
DRAWN ON CHATTANOOGA BANK, NAME NOT RECALLED. BY WAY
OF IDENTIFICATION THIS INDIVIDUAL STATED EMPLOYED BY
HOLIDAY INN, ME., AS PAINTER AND DISPLAYED CREDIT CARD,
NAME NOT RECALLED. INDIVIDUAL STATED HE WAS BROKE
AND NEEDED MONEY FOR TAXI FROM EATONVILLE TO ORLANDO, FLA.
HE DISPLAYED BUS TICKET, COMPANY UNKNOWN, FROM ORLANDO
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TO MM. BING REFUSED TO HONOR PERSONAL CHECK AND INDIVIDUAL CONTACTED ONE LEON SMITH, WINTER PARK, FLA. TO VOUCH FOR HIM. BING STATES HE REFUSED TO ACCEPT CHECK. BING STATES AT CLOSING TIME FOUR AM, APRIL EIGHT, SIXTYEIGHT HE SERVED UNKNOWN WM SOLICITING PARTY PATRONS FOR TRANSPORTATION TO ORLANDO.

THIS INDIVIDUAL DESCRIBED WM, SIX FEET, ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTFIVE LBS., DARK BROWN HAIR, COMBED STRAIGHT BACK RECEDING ON SIDES TO FORM PEAK, BROWN TROUSERS, BROWN SPORT COAT, WEARING WHITE TURTLENECK SWEATER, HAD PRONOUNCED LIMP IN LEFT LEG, NO REGIONAL ACCENT.

WITNESSES WHO OBSERVED UNIDENTIFIED WHITE MALE AT RAINBOW CLUB, EATONVILLE AND AT ORLANDO APRIL SEVEN- EIGHT, LAST VARY IN DESCRIPTIONS THEY FURNISHED FOR HIM BUT GENERALLY FEEL HE RESEMBLES ARTIST'S CONCEPTION APPEARING IN MASS MEDIA. UNIDENTIFIED WM TRIED TO CASH SIXTY DOLLAR CHECK DRAWN ON UNRECALLED BANK, CHATTANOOGA. UNIDENTIFIED WM TAKEN TO GREYHOUND BUS STATION, ORLANDO, UNIDENTIFIED WM COULD LOGICALLY HAVE TAKEN GREYHOUND BUSES ON APRIL EIGHT

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LAST DEPARTING ORLANDO EIGHT FIFTEEN AM ON RUN THREE ELEVEN;
NINE TWENTY AM ON RUN THREE SIX THREE, TEN TEN AM ON RUN
SIX THREE TWO OR ELEVEN FIFTEEN AM ON RUN TWENTY THREE.
DRIVER ON RUN SIX THREE TWO INTERVIEWED AND UNABLE TO
IDENTIFY DRAWING. A. J. STROUDMIER, MM, WAS DRIVER ON
RUN THREE ELEVEN. CHARLIE TITUS, MM, WAS DRIVER ON RUN
THREE SIX THREE, AND WILLIE RAGAN, JACKSONVILLE, DRIVER
ON RUN TWENTY THREE.

MIAMI AT MIAMI CONTACT OPERATIONS OFFICE, GREYHOUND,
INTERVIEW STROUDMIER AND TITUS AND EXHIBIT ARTIST'S ONCEPTION.

JACKSONVILLE AT JACKSONVILLE HANDLE REAGAN LEAD.

MEMPHIS AT MEMPHIS CONTACT HOLIDAY INN FOR POSSIBLE
IDENTIFICATION OF WM AND EXHIBITS ARTIST'S CONCEPTION.

ATLANTA AT DALTON, GA. EXHIBIT ARTIST DRAWING AT BANKS
AND PAINTERS LOCAL IN EFFORT TO IDENTIFY WM SEEN
AT EATONVILLE AND ORLANDO. UNIDENTIFIED WM TOLD ONE PERSON
HE WAS FROM DALTON, GA. AM COPY TO BH.

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TO: SAC, KNOXVILLE
FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
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OO: Memphis
Bufile 44-38861

Re Tampa teletype to Atlanta, dated 4/15/68,
a xeroxed copy of which is enclosed for Knoxville.

Investigation at Dalton, Georgia regarding
lead set forth at Dalton, Georgia in referenced
communication reflects majority of painters in Dalton
are members of painters union in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

LEADS:

KNOXVILLE DIVISION

AT CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE.

Will exhibit subject's photograph at
painters local union in effort to identify individual
per referenced lead set forth in referenced communication
for Dalton.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-696)

FROM : SA WILBERT W. SMITH

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/19/68

On April 11, 1968, the following investigation was conducted by SA WILBERT W. SMITH at Knoxville, Tennessee:

Inquiry was made at all of the banks for any record of JOHN WILLARD, HARVEY LOWMEYER, aka Harvey Lowmyer, ERIC STARVO GALT, aka Eric Starvo Gault, having savings account, checking account, safety deposit box, or a loan and no record was located.

The following bank officials were contacted at the indicated banks:

ROBERT KNEIS
Vice President
Valley Fidelity Bank and Trust Company

JOHN ELLINGTON
Vice President
Hamilton National Bank

J. B. HICKS
Vice President
Park National Bank

JACK AILOR
Vice President
Fountain City Bank

FRANK VENABLE
Vice President
Bank of Knoxville

ASHTON KENNEDY
President
Volunteer State Bank

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S. W. Smith
J. W. Smith

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Date: **4-18-68**Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via **airtel** **air mail** _____
(Priority)**To: SAC, Knoxville****From: Director, FBI (44-38861)****MURKIN****Reurtelcall 4-17-68.**

Unidentified latent fingerprints and latent impressions
this case are not identical with fingerprints of JAMES HOWARD SPEARS,
FBI #334 700 A. No palm prints here for Spears.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-696)

FROM : SA PATRICK J. LENNON

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/19/68

Re ERIC STARVO GALT.

On 4/16/68, Mrs. HORTENSE McCAMISH, 9 College Street, Athens, Tenn., advised she has operated the only dance studio in McMinn and Monroe Counties for the past twenty years. She indicated that she teaches young children for the most part, but has had on occasion, classes of adults. These adults were parents of the youngsters she was teaching, and are all local individuals, known personally by Mrs. McCAMISH.

Mrs. McCAMISH viewed the artist's conceptions of the Birmingham and Memphis suspect and stated she does not know anyone resembling this person. She also stated that the names HARVEY LOWMEYER or JOHN WILLARD are unknown to her.

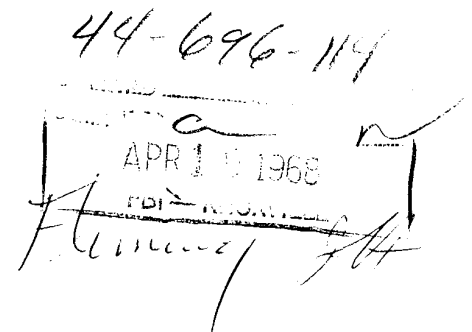
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Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-696)

FROM : SA WILLIAM B. HUDSON

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/19/68

Re ERIC STARVO GALT.

Re memo SA JOSEPH L. FLEMING dated 4/15/68.

The following investigation was conducted by
SA WILLIAM B. HUDSON on 4/17/68:

The following indicated individuals were
telephonically contacted by the writer on 4/17/68 at
which time all advised there were no dancing schools
in their respective counties.

ERNEST HASKEW, Sheriff of Marion County,
Jasper, Tenn.

Z. T. BARKER, Sheriff, Sequatchie County,
Dunlap, Tenn.

CARLTON NIPPER, Sheriff Bledsoe County,
Pikeville, Tenn.

FRANK McCLENDON, Sheriff Rhea County,
Dayton, Tenn.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-696)

FROM : SA JACK K. MURPHREE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/19/68

Re memo of SA JOSEPH L. FLEMING dated 4/15/68.

AT CLEVELAND, TENNESSEE

On April 16, 1968, the following individuals were contacted and advised that they have never had anyone named ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMYER or JOHN WILLARD as a student in their establishments:

Photographs of GALT were exhibited to these individuals and they stated that he definitely had not been a student in their establishments.

CAROLYN CLARK BENNETT
Carolyn Clark School of Dance

Mrs. REBECCA P. HAMILTON
The Becky Hamilton School of the Dance

Mrs. CHARLES B. HARLE
Frances Gould School of Dance

The above individuals further advised that there are no dancing schools in either Meigs or Polk counties.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-696)

FROM : SA WILLIAM B. HUDSON

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/19/68

The following investigation has been conducted by SA WILLIAM B. HUDSON on the dates indicated in captioned matter.

The following were telephonically contacted on 4/9/68 in connection with determining if they used a laundry tag, red in color, measuring $\frac{1}{4}$ " wide by 1" - $\frac{1}{16}$ " long. All persons contacted advised they did not use this method of laundry marking nor could they furnish the identity of anyone who did:

PAUL TURNER, Owner, Midway Laundry,
S. Pittsburg, Tenn.

Mrs. MILDRED SAYLER, Manager, Economy
Cleaners and Laundry, Jasper, Tenn.

RAY LOONEY, Owner and Manager, Modern Way
Laundry, Dayton, Tenn.

The following indicated individuals were contacted on 4/10/68 at which time they all advised a search of their records failed to reflect any record identifiable with HARVEY LOWMEYER or LOWMYER, white male, age 36 years.

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AT JASPER, TENNESSEE

H. B. KILLIAN, Circuit and General Sessions
Court Clerk

JAMES HENRY, Chief of Police, Jasper, Tenn.

ERNEST HASKEW, Sheriff, Marion County

Mrs. BONNIE PERKINS, Sequatchie Valley
Credit Bureau

AT SOUTH PITTSBURG, TENN.

DICK BURROWS, Chief of Police

J. D. PYLE, Sequatchie Valley Electric CoOp

AT WHITWELL, TENNESSEE

Mrs. MARGARET DAFFRON, City Recorder

ALTON USELTON, Chief of Police

AT DUNLAP, TENNESSEE

DREYFUS LEWIS, Circuit and General Sessions
Court Clerk

Mrs. JANET JOHNSON, Voter Registrar

Z. T. BARKER, Sheriff of Sequatchie County

On 4/11/68, Mrs. ROBERT PHILLIPS, Voter Registrar, Marion County, Jasper, Tenn., advised she could locate no record indicating anyone by the name of HARVEY LOWMEYER or HARVEY LOWMYER or anyone by the name of ERIC S. GALT or ERIC STARVO GALT, white male, had ever registered or voted in Marion County, Tenn.

On 4/11/68, the following indicated individuals were contacted and after reviewing their records advised they were unable to locate anyone identifiable with ERIC S. GALT, ERIC STARVO GALT or logical variations of this name, a white male, in the files of their respective offices:

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AT JASPER, TENNESSEE

ERNEST HASKEW, Sheriff

JAMES HENRY, Chief of Police

H. B. KILLIAN, Circuit Court and General
Sessions Court Clerk

BONNIE PERKINS, Credit Bureau, Sequatchie Valley

A. C. CONDRA, cashier, Marion Trust and Banking
Company

AT SOUTH PITTSBURG, TENN.

DICK BURROWS, Chief of Police

J. D. PYLE, Sequatchie Valley Electric CoOp

Miss BILLIE THOMPSON, cashier, First National
Bank, South Pittsburg

AT WHITWELL, TENN.

Mrs. MARGARET DAFFRON, City Recorder

ALTON USELTON, Chief of Police

The following were contacted on 4/12/68 at Dunlap,
Tenn., regarding the last name of GALT:

DREYFUS LEWIS, Circuit and General Sessions
CourtClerk

Mrs. JANET JOHNSON, Voter Registrar

Z. T. BARKER, Sheriff

FRANCIS BARKER, Cashier, First National Bank,
Dunlap

Mrs. BLANCHE E. TOLLETT, cashier, Pikeville Bank

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-696)

FROM : SA WILLIAM B. HUDSON

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/19/68

Re Birmingham teletype to Director 4/10/68.

The following investigation was conducted by
SA WILLIAM B. HUDSON and WILLIAM B. COLE, JR.:

On 4/12/68, a composite drawing of murder suspect in captioned matter was exhibited to Mrs. KATHRYN PHILLIPS, Secretary, Serodino, Inc., 140 N. Market Street, Chattanooga, Tenn., and to Mr. BILL PACHOUD, Superintendent, Serodino, Inc. docks, Guild, Tenn., at which time both advised they were unable to recall anyone formerly or presently employed by Serodino who might possibly be identical to the composite drawing. Mrs. PHILLIPS advised that a search of company records back to 1945 failed to reflect anyone by the name of ERIC STARVO GALT or logical variations of this spelling of last name ever having been employed or presently employed by Serodino, Inc.

On 4/15/68, Mr. PETE SERODINO, President, Serodino, Inc., advised after viewing a composite drawing of the murder suspect in captioned case that he was unable to recall anyone presently or formerly employed by SERODINO who might be identical to this drawing. He could not recall anyone formerly associated with the company in any manner who might be identical to this drawing. The name of ERIC STARVO GALT or GAULT did not mean anything to him and he was unable to recall ever knowing or having employed anyone by this name. He noted that the turnover for Serodino employees is small.

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Date:

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS

FROM: SAC, KNOXVILLE (44-696) (P)

MURKIN. OO: MEMPHIS

TOM DAILY, POSTAL INSPECTOR IN CHARGE, CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE, TO DATE EXHIBITED TO SA M. JAY HAWKINS A LETTER ADDRESS IN HAND PRINTING TO MR. ERIC S. GALT, TWO SIX ZERO EIGHT HIGHLAND AVENUE, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, WHICH WAS POSTMARKED IN CHATTANOOGA ON APRIL SIXTEEN, SIXTY EIGHT. THERE WAS NO RETURN ADDRESS. THE LETTER HAS BEEN RETURNED WITH THE NOTATION MOVED, LEFT NO ADDRESS. LETTER WAS EXAMINED WITHOUT OPENING IT AND IT APPEARS TO CONTAIN A RELIGIOUS TRACT. INSPECTOR DAILY STATED THAT THIS LETTER WOULD BE FORWARDED TO THE DEAD LETTER OFFICE IN MEMPHIS WHERE IT WOULD BE OPENED.

IF DETERMINED WORTHWHILE, MEMPHIS WILL CONTACT POSTAL INSPECTORS AND REQUEST PERMISSION TO EXAMINE CONTENTS OF ENVELOP AFTER IT HAS BEEN OPENED.

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Approved: *[Signature]*
Special Agent in ChargeSent *4 25 P* MPer *BPW*

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TO ALL SACS

FROM DIRECTOR 4P

MURKIN

THE FOLLOWING PRESS RELEASE HAS JUST BEEN ISSUED AT WASHINGTON THIS AFTERNOON AND YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO MAKE IT IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE TO THE LEADING NEWSPAPERS AND RADIO AND TV STATIONS IN YOUR DIVISION. EVERY EFFORT MUST BE MADE TO INSURE REPEATED AND WIDESPREAD DISTRIBUTION OF THIS INFORMATION. COPIES OF THE 1968 PHOTOGRAPH OF SUBJECT ALREADY IN YOUR POSSESSION AND WANTED FLYERS SHOULD ALSO BE MADE AVAILABLE TO MEDIA CONTACTS. NO ELABORATION WHATSOEVER MAY BE MADE REGARDING THIS RELEASE. ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING INVESTIGATIVE LEADS WILL FOLLOW SHORTLY.

cc to
Call to S/R A's
Quinn advised 5:20 PM W2
W. Jones advised 6:35 PM W2
Walton advised 6:45 PM W2
S. Quinn advised 6:55 PM W2
Murphy advised 7:05 PM W2
Mood advised 7:30 PM W2
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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ATTORNEY GENERAL RAMSEY CLARK ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THE FBI HAS IDENTIFIED JAMES EARL RAY, AN ESCAPEE FROM THE MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY, AS ERIC STARVO GALT, AGAINST WHOM A FEDERAL COMPLAINT WAS FILED LAST WEDNESDAY IN CONNECTION WITH THE FATAL SHOOTING OF THE REVEREND DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

DIRECTOR J. EDGAR HOOVER SAID THAT A SYSTEMATIC AND EXHAUSTIVE SEARCH OF LATENT FINGERPRINTS UNCOVERED IN THE DR. KING CASE AGAINST THE FINGERPRINTS OF THE OVER 53,000 PERSONS FROM WHOM "WANTED NOTICES" HAVE BEEN POSTED IN THE FILES OF THE FBI'S IDENTIFICATION DIVISION LED TO THE DETERMINATION THAT GALT AND RAY ARE IDENTICAL.

MR. HOOVER SAID THAT RAY, WHO IS 40 YEARS OF AGE, WAS REPORTED MISSING FROM THE MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI, SINCE APRIL 23, 1967. HE HAD BEEN RECEIVED AT THAT INSTITUTION ON MARCH 17, 1960, TO SERVE A 20-YEAR SENTENCE FOLLOWING CONVICTION IN ST. LOUIS FOR ARMED ROBBERY AND FOR OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE WITHOUT PERMISSION OF THE OWNER.

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IN SEPTEMBER, 1966, WHILE SERVING THIS SENTENCE, HE WAS CONFINED FOR A TIME IN THE MAXIMUM SECURITY WARD AT THE STATE HOSPITAL AT FULTON, MISSOURI.

ACCORDING TO MR. HOOVER, RAY HAS A KNOWN ARREST RECORD DATING BACK TO 1949. PRIOR TO THE 1960 CONVICTION FOR WHICH HE RECEIVED THE 20-YEAR TERM, RAY HAD BEEN CONVICTED OF BURGLARY IN LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, IN 1949; ARMED ROBBERY IN CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, IN 1952; AND FORGING UNITED STATES POSTAL MONEY ORDERS IN MISSOURI IN 1955.

HE HAS SERVED TERMS IN THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY JAIL IN 1949; IN STATE PRISONS AT JOLIET AND PONTIAC, ILLINOIS, IN 1952-54; AND IN THE FEDERAL PENITENTIARY AT LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS, IN 1955-58.

RAY WAS AN ENLISTED MAN IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY FROM FEBRUARY, 1946, TO DECEMBER, 1948, AT WHICH TIME HE WAS GIVEN A GENERAL DISCHARGE DUE TO INEPTNESS AND LACK OF ADAPTABILITY FOR MILITARY SERVICE. WHILE IN THE ARMY, HE RECEIVED A THREE-MONTH SENTENCE AT HARD LABOR FOR BEING DRUNK AND BREAKING ARREST.

MR. HOOVER SAID THAT DURING HIS CRIMINAL CAREER, RAY HAS ALSO USED THE NAMES OF ~~JAMES MORRIS~~, ~~JAMES WALTON~~, ~~W. C. HERRON~~ AND ~~JAMES O'CONNER~~. HE IS A WHITE MALE; CLAIMS TO HAVE

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BEEN BORN [REDACTED], IN ILLINOIS; IS APPROXIMATELY 5 FEET 10 INCHES TALL AND WEIGHS ABOUT 163 TO 174 POUNDS. HE HAS BLUE EYES AND BROWN HAIR. THERE IS A SMALL SCAR ON THE CENTER OF HIS FOREHEAD AND A SCAR ON THE PALM OF HIS RIGHT HAND.

RAY HAS CLAIMED THAT HE ATTENDED SCHOOL THROUGH THE 10TH GRADE IN ALTON, ILLINOIS. HE HAS HAD THE REPUTATION OF BEING A "DRIFTER" SINCE LEAVING SCHOOL. HIS VOCATIONAL EXPERIENCE INCLUDES WORKING AS A BAKER, LANDLER AND COLOR MATCHER.

IN CONNECTION WITH HIS ESCAPE FROM THE MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY, AN FBI COMPLAINT WAS FILED IN JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI, ON JULY 26, 1967, CHARGING RAY WITH UNLAWFULLY FLEEING FROM THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO AVOID CONFINEMENT. HE HAS BEEN A FEDERAL FUGITIVE SINCE THEN.

RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND EXTREMELY DANGEROUS. ANYONE HAVING INFORMATION CONCERNING HIM SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CONTACT FBI HEADQUARTERS IN WASHINGTON, D. C., OR THE NEAREST FBI OFFICE.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-696)

DATE: 4/19/68

FROM : SA HENRY A. QUINN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Suspects: ~~JAMES C. BULL,~~
RALPH CARROLL

On 4/18/68 Mr. GLEN E. ELLISON, 106 Townsend Road Oak Ridge, Tennessee, a postal mail carrier at Oak Ridge Tennessee, advised that JAMES C. BULL and his wife, MAROT BULL moved into a house at 240 West Tennessee Avenue, Oak Ridge, a little over two months ago, and moved away on April 7, 1968, and did not leave a forwarding address. He stated that he has never seen Mrs. BULL, but due to the fact that she had passed several bad checks in the vicinity of Oak Ridge, Tennessee, he has delivered several registered letters to this address and JAMES C. BULL has signed for the letters.

He stated that he would describe BULL as follows:

Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Age:	About 24 to 25
Height:	6'
Hair:	Brownish blond, combed straight back, slightly receding on each side
Complexion:	Dark skinned (looks like a tan)
Remarks:	Has long nose and thin faced and resembles the photograph of GALT which appeared in the "News Sentinel" several days ago, which was made by a Memphis newspaper artist.

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He stated that sometime around the early part of April, when he brought a registered letter to the house JAMES BULL told him that his wife was in Memphis.

On another occasion when he visited the house with a registered letter, BULL had a friend with him, whom he would describe as follows:

Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Height:	5'7"
Hair:	Light brown hair with a red tint receding on both sides
Complexion:	Florid

He stated that he had no information concerning the friend he observed with JAMES BULL.

Mr. ELLISON stated that he had been thinking about this for several days and felt he should furnish this information to the FBI on the possibility that JAMES C. BULL might be ERIC GALT.

The photograph of the sketches of GALT prepared at Birmingham and Memphis were shown to him and he stated that the photograph prepared by the Bureau artist at Memphis resembled BULL, but BULL's hair appeared to be considerably lighter than that in the sketch. Photograph of GALT appearing in the "News Sentinel" was shown Mr. ELLISON and he stated it resembled BULL to some extent.

On 4/18/68 Mrs. JACKIE REA, Credit Bureau, Inc., Oak Ridge, Tennessee, advised they had a record in her file on JAMES CONLEY BULL, 240 West Tennessee Avenue, Oak Ridge, who was reportedly employed by Fidelity Printers, Knoxville. She stated that she had had a report from Knoxville Retail Credit Association dated October, 1966 which indicated that BULL was employed by Fidelity Printers, 409 Wall Avenue, S.W. Knoxville, Tennessee, and was behind on several accounts.

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On April 18, 1968, Identification Officer JACK PEARSON, Oak Ridge Police Department, advised he had no record of JAMES C. BULL, but did have a record for MARET BULL, for whom they were holding two warrants for bad checks. Mr. PEARSON advised that investigation had disclosed that the BULL family had moved away on April 7, 1968, reportedly going to Georgia, address unknown.

On April 18, 1968, Mr. HOWARD L. HAY, 102 East Newkirk Lane, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, owner of the building at 240 West Tennessee Avenue, advised that JAMES C. BULL and his wife had lived at 240 West Tennessee Avenue approximately two months during which time they paid their rent the first month and moved away on April 7, 1968, without paying their rent. He stated that he had some of their personal belongings which they had left in the apartment, and since he has re-rented the apartment, he is holding their property. He stated that he understands that there are approximately 20 bad checks in town passed by the BULLs. He was questioned concerning a friend with them and stated that his name was RALPH CARROLL and drove a white Thunderbird and reportedly worked for a printing company selling cards of some type, name of company unknown.

Mr. HAY was shown the newspaper photograph of ERIC GALT and he stated that this positively was not identical with JAMES BULL.

Shortly after this interview, Mr. HAY called the Oak Ridge Resident Agency and advised that he and his wife had been looking at the photograph of GALT in the Knoxville Journal and had decided that this photograph resembled RALPH CARROLL. He stated that he is positive that JAMES BULL was in the vicinity of Oak Ridge, Tennessee, during the period of the KING murder, but stated that at that time RALPH CARROLL was away on a trip with Mrs. BULL, exact whereabouts unknown.

Efforts will be made at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, to have residents in the vicinity of 240 West Tennessee Avenue look at the photograph of ERIC GALT and further attempts will be made to identify BULL and CARROLL.

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It is requested that a lead be assigned to a Knoxville Agent to contact the Fidelity Printers, 409 Wall Avenue, Knoxville, in an effort to identify JAMES C. BULL and RALPH CARROLL and make check of any other pertinent sources available in an effort to positively eliminate these individuals as being identical with GALT.

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FBI-COLUMBIA

1125PM URGENT 4/19/68 RGN

TO DIRECTOR/44-38861/ MEMPHIS /44-1987/ ATLANTA/26-39798/

KNOXVILLE /26-18639/

FROM COLUMBIA /44-299//26-2192/

MURKIN, CR.

RE TEL CALL FROM BUREAU SUPR. CLEMENT MC GOWAN TO SAC
COLA. PM APRIL NINETEEN INSTANT CONCERNING INFO ALLEGEDLY IN
POSSESSION OF GEORGE WILSON STRENGTH CONCERNING SUBJECT.
STRENGTH ADMITTED THIS PM AT GREENVILLE, S.C. BUFILE TWO SIX-
THREE SEVEN TWO NINE FOUR SEVEN. STRENGTH REPRESENTED TO HIS
ATTORNEY SOL ABRAMS, GREENVILLE, S.C. THAT HE WOULD FURNISH
INFO RE SUBJECT PROVIDED PENDING FEDERAL CHARGES AGAINST HIM
BE DROPPED. ABRAMS CONTACTED USA KLYDE ROBINSON, COLA, S.C.
WHO IN TURN APPARENTLY CONTACTED DEPT. SUBJECT IN INTERVIEW
WITH AGENTS STATED HE MET INDIVIDUAL BY NAME OF JOHN HARRISON
IN DAYTONA BEACH, FLA. IN FIFTYNINE OR SIXTY AT WHICH TIME
HARRISON STAYING AT ISLANDER MOTEL IN DAYTONA BEACH. BELIEVED
HARRISON THEN INVOLVED IN "HOT CAR PACKET".

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STRENGTH CLAIMS NEXT SAW HARRISON AT HOLIDAY INN, JOHNSON CITY, TENN. ABOUT THREE MONTHS AGO AND ON THIS OCCASION HARRISON TOLD HIM HE "HAD JOBS TO DO" IN MEMPHIS AND THIS THE BASIS FOR STRENGTH'S CLAIM THAT HARRISON IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT. HE STATED PHOTO OF SUBJECT NOT LIKENESS OF HARRISON. STATED HARRISON HAS USED NAMES OF JERRY HARRISON, JERRY RAY HARRISON AND LAST NAME OF LEONARD. STRENGTH HINTED HE HAS INFO RE PRESENT WHEREABOUTS OF SUBJECT. WHEN PRESSED FOR SPECIFIC INFO, HE EXPRESSED DESIRE TO CALL HIS ATTORNEY JOHN GOODIN, IN JOHNSON CITY, TENN. ALTHOUGH ABRAMS PRESENT DURING INTERVIEW. STRENGTH UNABLE TO TELEPHONICALLY CONTACT GOODIN AND CONVERSED WITH WIFE OF GOODIN. STRENGTH DECLINED TO TALK FURTHER UNTIL EITHER HE OR ABRAMS COULD CONTACT GOODIN AND RECEIVE ASSURANCE FROM HIM THAT HE SHOULD DISCLOSE INFO CONCERNING SUBJECT. SUBSEQUENTLY ABRAMS DONATED GOODIN WHEREUPON STRENGTH INFORMED BY ABRAMS OF CONTACT AND ASSURANCE OF GOODIN THAT HE SHOULD FURNISH ALL INFO HE HAD CONCERNING SUBJECT. STRENGTH THEN DEMANDED THAT HE BE ALLOWED TO TELEPHONICALLY CONTACT GOODIN. ABRAMS REQUESTED STRENGTH PAY ONE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS DETAINER FROM CASH HE HAD WHEN APPREHENDED. WHEN

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ABRAMS DECLINED TO ACCEPT CHECK FROM STRENGTH. STRENGTH TERMINATED INTERVIEW. STRENGTH STATED MAY DECIDE TO TALK FURTHER TOMORROW WHEN INTERVIEWED HE WAS EVASIVE, VAGUE, AND REFUSED TO BE SPECIFIC. HE WILL BE RECONTACTED TOMORROW AS ADMITTEDLY PRESENTLY TAKING PILLS.

KNOXVILLE AT JOHNSON CITY, TENN. WILL CONTACT ATTORNEY JOAN GOODIN AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES RE RELIABILITY OF STRENGTH. KNOXVILLE WILL FURNISH ANY INFO IN FILE POSSIBLY IDENTICAL WITH HARRIS.

BOTH ATLANTA AND KNOXVILLE SUTEL TO COLUMBIA ANY INFO IN RESPECTIVE FILES RE RELIABILITY OF STRENGTH.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END.

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FBI ATLANTA

11:12 PM IMMEDIATE 4-19-68 LLD

TO ALL SACSEXCEPT KANSAS CITY, ANCHORAGE, HONOLULU AND SAN JUAN

MESSAGE RELAY PLAN

FROM DIRECTOR 5P

MURKIN. OO: MEMPHIS.

JAMES EARL RAY, AKA. EARL JAMES RAY, W. C. HERRON, EARL JAMES,
JAMES MC BRIDE, JAMES O'CONNOR, JAMES WALTON, JAMES WALYON, JIM. *run up 'W'*

- FUGITIVE; UFAC - ROBBERY FIRST, BUFILE 88-41730. OO: KANSAS
CITY, KC FILE 88-9449; DETERMINED TODAY BY BUFILE TO BE IDENTICAL
WITH ERIC STARVO GALT, AGAINST WHOM FEDERAL COMPLAINT FILED APRIL
SEVENTEEN LAST IN CONNECTION WITH FATAL SHOOTING OF DR. MARTIN
LUTHER KING, JR.

JAMES EARL RAY, INMATE, MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY, JEFFERSON
CITY, MO., ESCAPED PEN APRIL TWO THREE, SIXTY-SEVEN. INVESTIGATION
INDICATED RAY CONCEALED HIMSELF IN A BREAD BOX AND ESCAPED FROM
TRUCK MAKING DELIVERY TO AN AUXILIARY FARM. RAY WAS SERVING TWENTY
YEARS ON CHARGE OF ARMED ROBBERY - FIRST DEGREE AND FOR OPERATING A
VEHICLE WITHOUT OWNER'S CONSENT. ON JULY TWENTY, SIXTY-SEVEN,
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FEDERAL COMPLAINT AUTHORIZED BY AUSA WILLIAM A. KITCHEN, WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI, KANSAS CITY, MO., FILED BEFORE USC, JEFFERSON CITY, MO., CHARGING RAY WITH VIOLATION TITLE EIGHTEEN, SECTION ONE ZERO SEVEN THREE, USC. WARRANT ISSUED.

INVESTIGATION HAS BEEN CONDUCTED BY CHICAGO, SPRINGFIELD, ST. LOUIS, AND KANSAS CITY OFFICES IN UNPRODUCTIVE EFFORT TO LOCATE THIS FUGITIVE. KANSAS CITY IS INSTITUTING A FULL AND COMPLETE REINVESTIGATION IN AN EFFORT TO DEVELOP BACKGROUND DATA, RELATIVES, AND ASSOCIATES OF SUBJECT, WHO MIGHT BE IN A POSITION TO ASSIST IN HIS LOCATION.

IN THIS CONNECTION, JAMES EARL RAY AND ~~WALTER TERRY RIFE~~ ON MARCH SEVEN, FIFTY-FIVE, BURGLARIZED THE U. S. POST OFFICE AT KELLENVILLE, ILL., AND STOLE SIXTY-SIX BLANK U. S. POSTAL MONEY ORDERS WHICH THEY PASSED DURING MARCH, FIFTY-FIVE, IN NUMEROUS STATES, WITH THE RESULT THAT BOTH WERE SENTENCED IN U.S.D.C., KANSAS CITY, MO., ON JULY ONE, FIFTY-FIVE, TO USP, LEAVENWORTH, END PAGE TWO

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KANSAS. SUBJECT RAY HAS BEEN DESCRIBED AS A LONER AND RIFE APPARENTLY IS ONE OF HIS FEW CLOSE ASSOCIATES, SUGGESTING POSSIBILITY THEY COULD HAVE BEEN ASSOCIATES IN MURDER OF DR. KING, AND INVESTIGATION ALSO INSTITUTED IN KANSAS CITY AIRTEL TO SPRINGFIELD MARCH ELEVEN LAST TO DEVELOP BACKGROUND INFO RE RIFE AND TO LOCATE HIM FOR INTERVIEW. THIS INVESTIGATION SHOULD ALSO BE RECOVERED AND EXPEDITED TODAY, IT BEING NOTED RIFE AND RAY HAVE BACKGROUND HISTORY IN THE QUINCY, ILL., AREA.

PHOTOS OF JAMES EARL RAY AND WALTER TERRY RIFE ARE BEING FORWARDED AMSD TO BUREAUS AND ALL OFFICES.

FOLLOWING IS DESCRIPTION OF JAMES EARL RAY AS FURNISHED BY FBI IDENTIFICATION DIVISION UNDER FBI NO. ~~THREE ZERO SIX FOUR FOUR THREE~~ ^{3 0 6 4 4 3}
A: WHITE MALE, DOB [REDACTED], AT DECATUR, QUINCY OR ALTON, ILL.; APPROXIMATELY FIVE FEET TEN; ONE SEVEN FOUR LBS., IN SEPTEMBER SIXTY-SIX; REDDY COMPLEXION; BLUE EYES; BROWN HAIR; MEDIUM BUILD; OCCUPATIONS LABORER AND BAKER; SCARS AND MARKS--SMALL SCAR ON CENTER OF FOREHEAD AND SCAR IN PALM OF RIGHT HAND. ADDRESSES--ST. LOUIS, MO., MARCH SIXTY, TWO ZERO ONE FIVE PARK, ST. LOUIS, MO., OCTOBER FIFTY-NINE; QUINCY, ILL., JULY FIFTY-FIVE, MARCH FIFTY-FIVE, AND APRIL FIFTY; HOTEL QUINCY, QUINCY, END PAGE THREE

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ILL., MARCH FIFTY-FIVE; VICTOR HOTEL, QUINCY, ILL., MARCH FIFTY-FIVE;
EIGHT FIVE THREE WEST FULLERTON, CHICAGO, ILL., MAY FIFTY-TWO; EIGHT
ZERO FIVE ALBY STREET, ALTON, ILL., JULY FIFTY-ONE. FPC--SIXTEEN,
H OVER M, NINE OVER FOUR, D OVER K, ODD OVER IOI, TWELVE, REF NINE
OVER TWELVE. NCIC FPC--ONE SIX ONE THREE ONE ONE ZERO ZERO ONE TWO
ONE TWO I I ONE TWO I I ONE SEVEN. MILITARY RECORD--JAMES EARL RAY,
SN ONE SIX ONE SIX THREE ONE TWO NINE, ENLISTED U. S. ARMY FEBRUARY
FORTY-SIX, AT EAST ST. LOUIS, ILL., AND SERVED ON ACTIVE DUTY UNTIL
DECEMBER TWENTY-THREE, FORTY-EIGHT, AT WHICH TIME GIVEN GENERAL
DISCHARGE AS PRIVATE FIRST CLASS AT CAMP KILMER, N. J., BY REASON
OF INEPTNESS AND LACK OF ADAPTABILITY FOR MILITARY SERVICE. RECORDS
ALSO INDICATE HE RECEIVED TREATMENT FOR GONORRHEA AND SYPHILIS WHILE
A MEMBER OF THE MILITARY.

FOLLOWING IS A DESCRIPTION OF WALTER TERRY RIFE, FBI NO.
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FOUR FIVE FIVE EIGHT SEVEN SIX SIX, AS OBTAINED FROM FILES OF USP,

LEAVENWORTH: WHITE MALE, AGE FORTY-FOUR, DOB [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], FIVE FEET NINE AND ONE HALF, ONE SIX ONE LBS., BROWN
HAIR, EYES BLUE GRAY.

KANSAS CITY IS SETTING OUT ALL PERTINENT LEADS TODAY BY
TELETYPE AND TELEPHONE FOLLOWED UP BY TELETYPE CONFIRMATION.
ALL LEADS MUST BE COVERED WITHIN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS WITH BUREAU,
KANSAS CITY, AND MEMPHIS BEING KEPT ADVISED BY APPROPRIATE
COMMUNICATION OF PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS.

SUGGEST BUREAU MAKE IMMEDIATE COMPARISON OF ANY LATENT
FINGERPRINTS DEVELOPED DURING KING INVESTIGATION WITH THOSE
OF WALTER TERRY RIFE TO DETERMINE IF IDENTICAL.

AIR MAIL COPIES SENT ANCHORAGE, HONOLULU AND SAN JUN.

LEGAL MEXICO CITY AND OTTAWA ADVISED.

SUBJECT RAY HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF ROBBERY WITH DEADLY
WEAPON, HAS BEEN CONFINED IN STATE HOSPITAL, FULTON, MO., IN
SIXTY-SIX, AND SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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THE FOLLOWING IS A RELAY MESSAGE FROM WASHINGTON DC VIA
ATLANTA GA.

RE TELETYPE FROM DIRECTOR FOUR NINE SIXTYEIGHT CAPTIONED
"RELAY MESSAGE PLAN."

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SUBJECT GEORGE WILBURN STRENGTH'S WIFE ADVISED
SUBJECT BIGGEST LIAR IN WORLD AND IN PAST HAS TALKED HIMSELF
OUT OF SITUATIONS AND THEN LAUGHED AT THE LAW ENFORCEMENT
OFFICERS. SHE STATED THAT IN HER OPINION SUBJECT HAS
ABSOLUTELY NO INFORMATION CONCERNING ASSASSINATION OF
MARTIN LUTHER KING BUT WILL TELL CONVINCING STORY TO FBI
AND THEN LAUGH ABOUT IT.

SUBJECT STRENGTH'S ATTORNEY, JOHN GOODIN, JOHNSON
CITY, TENNESSEE, STATED CONFIDENTIALLY THAT IN HIS OPINION
THE SUBJECT IS COMPLETELY UNRELIABLE AND AN EXPERT CON MAN.

KNOXVILLE INDICES NEGATIVE RE JERRY HARRISON OR
JERRY RAY HARRISON.

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FOR JOHN HARRISON AND FNU LEONARD. BASED ON INFORMATION
FURNISHED BY COLUMBIA, UNABLE TO IDENTIFY IF POSSIBLY ~~IDENTICAL~~
IDENTICAL TO INDIVIDUAL MENTIONED BY SUBJECT.

KNOXVILLE FILE CONTAINS CAUTION STATEMENT FOR
SUBJECT FURNISHED BY ATLANTA AS "ARMED AND DANGEROUS,
UNDER PSYCHIATRIC CARE."

ATLANTA ~~WILL~~ ADVISE COLUMBIA BASIS FOR CAUTION
STATEMENT RE PSYCHIATRIC CARE.
Memphis advised air mail
ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FBI Charges Galt With Murder, Conspiracy In King Slaying

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FBI photo of Galt.

Hunt Started A Week Ago

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — The mysterious Eric Starvo Galt has been charged with conspiracy and murder in the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The FBI said in a fugitive warrant issued Wednesday night in Birmingham, Ala., that Galt, 36, conspired with a man "whom he alleged to be his brother" to violate King's civil rights.

The state charge of first-degree murder was filed against Galt in Memphis where King, 39, Nobel Prize winning civil rights leader, was shot to death on a motel balcony April 4 by a sniper who fled from a nearby rooming house.

First-degree murder in Tennessee carries the death penalty although the electric chair has not been used in the state since 1960.

The maximum penalty under the federal charge of conspiracy to violate a person's civil rights is a \$5,000 fine and 10-year prison sentence.

There was no further mention in the FBI statement about the alleged brother and no charge was filed against him.

FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover announced in Washington that the conspiracy to "injure, oppress, threaten or intimidate" King began "on or about March 30" in Birmingham.

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The FBI statement said a 30.06 rifle equipped with a telescopic sight found near the rooming house shortly after King was slain, was purchased March 30 in Birmingham.

The statement did not connect Galt directly with the rifle.

The FBI released a photograph of Galt and solicited public aid in finding him. Whether this appeal meant the trail had become cold was unclear, but U.S. Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark told a reporter in Washington that he felt this was not the situation.

The FBI started hunting Galt a week ago. Agents even contacted persons named Galt in several states in an attempt to find him.

The picture—which had to have the eyes “opened” by an artist—brought uncertain responses from witnesses who were acquainted with Galt or saw the fleeing sniper.

“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, who

lives at the Main Street rooming house from which the fatal shot apparently was fired.

“The hair is too full and the face is too young,” he said. But Stevens said he only got a side view of the fleeing figure.

A source in Birmingham said the photograph was taken within the past three months, although the FBI did not specify when it was made. The photo has sharp contrast, making hair and features very dark.

The FBI, relying on witnesses apparently, said the fugitive had been described as a white man, 5-8 to 5-11, weighing 160 to 175 pounds, with brown hair in a brush cut, blue eyes, straight nose.

Persons who have met Galt, the FBI reported, described him as a loner with a “rural” speech and little schooling, fond of vodka, beer and hillbilly music.

The FBI statement also said, “The fugitive is said to have a nervous habit of occasionally pulling at an ear lobe with his left hand. His left ear protrudes further from his head than his right ear.”

“Galt should be considered armed and dangerous,” the FBI release warned.

Galt has used the names of John Willard and Harvey Lowmeyer, the FBI said. The assassin registered at the Memphis rooming house under the name of John Willard.

Details of the alleged conspiracy were missing from the FBI release, as were vital statistics, such as Galt’s birthplace, formal statement said Galt claimed to have been a cook on Mississippi riverboats, a merchant seaman and “is said to be an avid dancer.”

Galt, the FBI said, is the owner of a 1966 white Mustang with Alabama license plates abandoned in Atlanta the day after King was shot to death. The vehicle was left in the parking lot of an apartment project near the Georgia Capitol.

Two white Mustangs were parked near the rooming house shortly before the shooting, witnesses have said, and both disappeared minutes later. Some witnesses told of a man in a black business suit, neatly dressed, walking down the steps to the street, dropping a rifle and getting into a Mustang with either Alabama or Arkansas tags.

The FBI said Galt’s car traveled more than 19,000 miles between Aug. 30, 1967, when he bought it in Birmingham and its abandonment last week in Atlanta. There were trips to Los Angeles, New Orleans and Mexico, the FBI said.

“Galt was reported to have been in Memphis April 3 and 4, 1968, and to have departed from there for Atlanta,” the FBI said.