

King Special - 4/9/68

① HERMAN H. LOMIER Wife Mildred.

Retired. Neigh. 111 Sunny slope homier died 1967 - acc. to Mar. Mary

Res. 109 S. Sunny slope

Bendiam Mar.
111 S. Sunny slope

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1574)

FROM : SA J.R.SULLIVAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/9/68

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~~minutes~~ Telephone and city directories and police and credit files were checked as indicated below regarding HARVEY LOWMEYER and variations of the last name and no record found:

AT PASADENA (By SA J.R.SULLIVAN)

Police Department and Pasadena Merchants Association and telephone book lists no record for any person named LOWMEYER, LOWMEYER, LOMYER LOWMYER, LOWMAIER, LOWMAIER, LOWMEIER, LOWMEIER, LEHMEYER, LEHMYER, ~~LEHMEYER, LEHMAIER, LEHMEIER, LOMIER (wif. M. L. L. L.)~~

The 1966 City Directory lists HERMAN LOWMEIER at 109 South Sunnyslope. However, he ~~is not~~ is not listed in subsequent directories, city or telephone, no record at Pasadena PD and no record at Credit Bureau. The Pasadena Post Office has no forwarding address. The 1967 city directory lists residence as vacant. (City directory handled by SA PHIL REILLY) LOWMEIER in 1966 was retired, ~~was~~ DECEASED - 1967 - Neighbor-hood check.

AT SIERRA MADRE (By SA J.R.SULLIVAN)

Sgt. BOB ~~HEASLEY~~ HEASLEY, Police Department, advised no record in files on above mentioned names.

AT MONROVIA POLICE DEPARTMENT (SA PHIL REILLY) *N/R MRS. ALICE WOOD*
AT ARCADIA POLICE DEPARTMENT (SA PHIL REILLY) *N/R Sgt. PAUL HARRINGTON*

AT SOUTH PASADENA PD (SA JOSEPH D. POWELL) *J.C. CROFT*
AT SAN MARINO PD (SA JOSEPH D. POWELL) *R.A. FRASER*

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO :

~~_____~~ **Pasadena RA**

DATE: 4/9/68

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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Azusa
Ag. Kelly*

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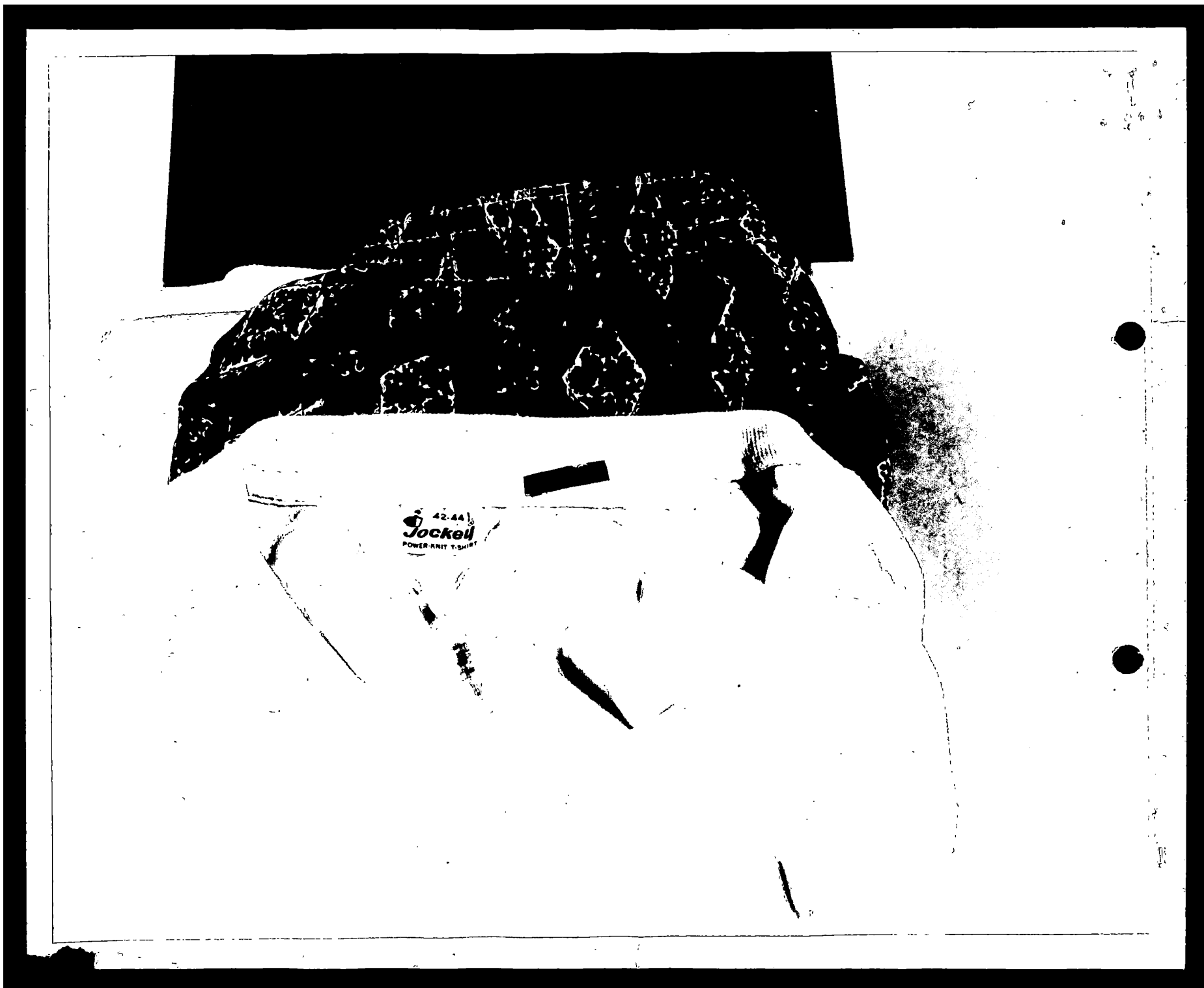
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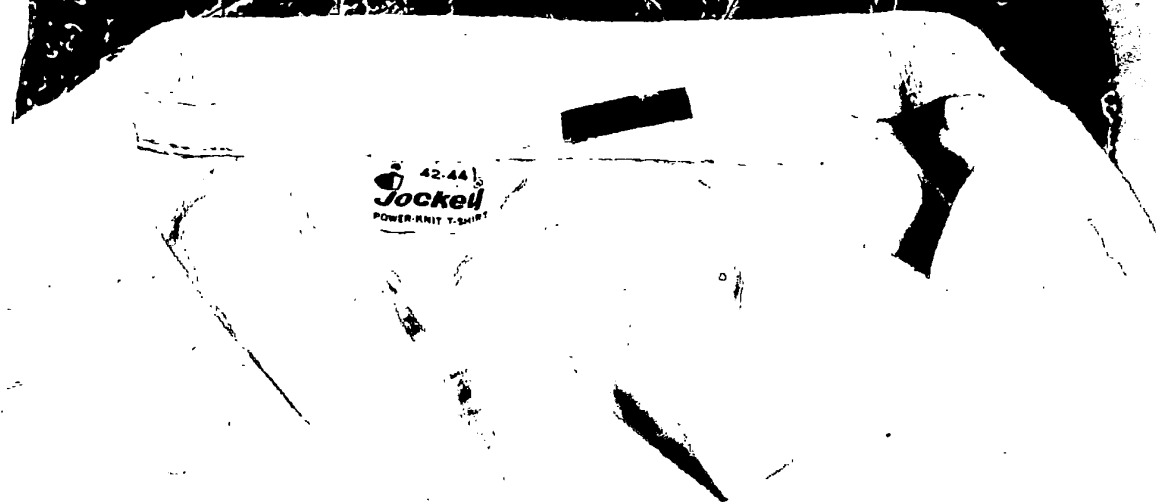
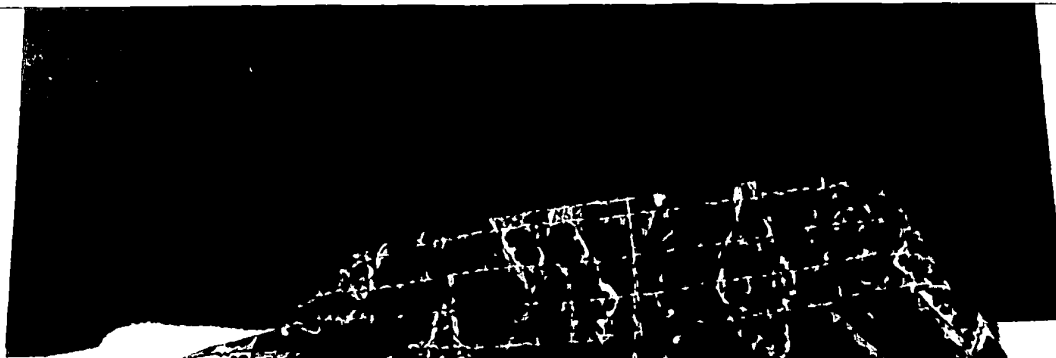
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Telephonically contact all laundries to identify laundry using this code and these tags and pursue logical leads developed. First contact those laundries whose name starts with a "B" and advise Headquarters of results, thereafter contact remainder.

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DATE: 4/19/68

FROM : SA JOSEPH DOYLE POWELL

SUBJECT: MURKIN

re ~~ERIC STARVO GALT~~

The following cities were checked/at Police Departments, City Directories, telephone directories and credit bureaus within the Pasadena RA by the following Agents, with negative results. All laundries in the same cities were checked concerning the laundry mark as instructed in your memo dated 4/9/68:

By SA J.R. SULLIVAN: Altadena, La Canada, Pasadena, Pasadena Merchants Credit Association.

By SA ALBERT A. HUSTEDT: San Gabriel, South San Gabriel, El Monte, South El Monte, Rosemead, Alhambra Credit Bureau

By SA PHILIP J. REILLY: Arcadia, Monrovia, Duarte

By SA JOSEPH DOYLE POWELL: Sierra Madre, San Marino, South Pasadena

All were with negative results.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1574)

DATE: 4-19-68

FROM : SA ROBERT C. MARTIN JR.

SUBJECT: MURKING -- Suspect Eric Casey.

On 4-17-68 this writer was telephonically contacted by SA Bill ~~Knoblauch~~ from Los Angeles and advised to contact a Hayes P. Pufahl at General Delivery Trona, California who was listed as a reference of suspect Eric Casey at Santa Clara, California at a Bartenders School. This writer was in Needles, California at the time.

On 4-17-68 writer proceeded to Barstow, California from where he telephonically contacted postmaster at Trona and was advised that Pufahl had changed his mailing address on 2-12-68 to General Delivery Vidal, California. Writer then Telephonically contacted Postmaster at Vidal and determined that on 4-5-68 Pufahl had placed a change of address to General Delivery Earp, California.

On 4-17-68 writer and SA Wessel proceeded ~~XXXXXX~~ back to Needles, California and on 4-18-68 proceeded to Earp, California where Postmaster advised that Pufahl was still receiving his mail at Earp however did not get mail each day. Postmistress Mrs. Lucille Toller advised Pufahl was accompanied by another young white male with a handle bar mustache and was driving a rust colored old Dodge Pickup.

On 4-18-68 Walt Rigsby Deputy Sheriff Parker Dam, California advised that Pufahl had been camping in the area on the desert and was with another man. He stated they do not camp at the same place each night but usually camp along the Colorado River between Parker Dam and Earp.

On 4-18-68 Rigsby advised that a rust colored vehicle was located at Whitts Restaurant about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile across the river from Earp, California at Parker, California. This information furnished to SA ~~Knoblauch~~ who advised writer to proceed to Arizona to interview Pufahl.

Writer and Agent Wessel Proceeded to location and located Pufahl and Casey who was with him and results of interview recorded on 302s.

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TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES

FROM : SUPERVISOR NEAL MC GINNIS

SUBJECT: JAMES RAY

DATE: 4/22/68

HENRY BENEDA, 10434 Gridley, Santa Fe Springs, telephone 863-7594, called and stated at 10:15 a.m. on the 605 Freeway at the 7th Street ramp, Long Beach, he picked up an individual who he thinks resembles JAMES RAY. He dropped this individual at Carson Avenue, Long Beach, and observed him proceeding west on foot.

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AIRMAIL -REGISTERED MAIL

TO: SAC, SACRAMENTO (100-427)
FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE: TIRES 1966 MUSTANG

Re Atlanta teletype to Director, 4/18/68.

Enclosed for Sacrament are inked impressions
of tires 4174P807 and 000029B.

Enclosed for Los Angeles is an inked impression
of tire 20427372.

Also enclosed for Sacramento and Los Angeles
is one photo each of tread of above described tires.

2-Sacramento (Enc. 2) (RM)
② Los Angeles (Enc. 1) (RM)
2-Atlanta
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P

MURKIN.

Extensive investigation to date has not specifically established residence or whereabouts of ERIC STARVO GALT prior to mid-summer 1967. Investigation has disclosed that his presence has been established in Alabama, California, Georgia, Louisiana, and Tennessee.

Possibility exists that prior to mid-summer, 1967, UNSUB may well have been a recent releasee of a Federal Penitentiary, a State Penitentiary, or some county correctional institution. In addition, the possibility that he may have been a recent releasee from a mental institution of some kind cannot be overlooked.

It is therefore requested that all offices receiving this Airtel check records of custodial institutions, penal and otherwise, in their respective divisions, for any information regarding releasees in May, June, and July 1967. Offices should be guided by the descriptive data and birth data furnished on Alabama driver's license. This set forth birthdate [redacted] Descriptive data available on license will assist in eliminating many of the names that might appear. Use of current photo, which is dated March 1968, would also be of assistance in further eliminating any suspects included in group. If unable eliminate on basis of birth data and use of photo, receiving offices should secure from custodial institution identifying numbers which will assist in establishing identification record and thereafter request elimination by fingerprints of Bureau. ARMED & DANGEROUS.

3 BUREAU	2 NEW ORLEANS
2 ATLANTA	2 SAN FRANCISCO
2 BIRMINGHAM	2 SAN DIEGO
2 KANSAS CITY	2 SACRAMENTO
② LOS ANGELES	2 SAVANNAH
2 MOBILE	1 MEMPHIS

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Approved: RC Jensen
Special Agent in Charge

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TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES
FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
(OO: MEMPHIS)

Enclosed for Los Angeles is the original of an envelope and letter from WILLIAM J. MILLER which is self-explanatory. Enclosed for Memphis is a Xerox copy of the above.

The above was furnished to SA CHARLES DONALD BYRON by Capt. J. C. WILLIAMS, Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, Birmingham, Alabama, on 4/18/68.

Los Angeles conduct necessary investigation.

- ② - Los Angeles (Enc. 2)
2 - Memphis (44-1987) (Enc. 2)
2 - Birmingham

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1968



Sheriff M. Bailey

Birmingham, Alabama.

VIA AIR MAIL

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LOS ANGELES, CALIF. 900
PM
17 APR
1968

AIR MAIL
PAR AVION

Martin Luther King is dead



IN MEMORIAM AND IN INCREASED
AFFIRMATION OF THE STRUGGLE
AGAINST RACISM WHICH HE LED

WE APPEAL TO
ALL MEN OF CONSCIENCE
TO JOIN IN

Dear Sheriff:

No doubt you know that the Dr. Martin Luther King Murder was a Conspiracy, you also know that the C I A has murdered ~~many~~ people in all parts of the world. The man that can solve this Murder of Dr. King is an EX C I A man. You can contact MR. MARVIN GRAY., 3321 ~~H~~ South La Cienega Blvd., Los Angeles, California 90016

MARVIN GRAY CAN SOLVE THAT MURDER.

Very Truly
William Jay Miller

THIS IS URGENT

Dear Chief of FBI Hoover

If one of your men, not a white man were to hang out around the Black Muslim building in Watts, you would hear talk that Ron Karenga and Carmichael had hired a gunsel to kill Reverend King. Carmichael hated King because he would not go along with his idea of violence. People here could tell plenty but they are afraid. In fact the killer is being hid out by Karenga in this area. He is not a white man but a Black man with bleached hair. I heard this told by some one who is a close friend of Karenga. I can not tell more as an Uncle Tom label on me would be my end too. A smart man of your office hanging out in disguise in Watts could find the key. One hears that Stokely thought the death of King would start a revolution by all the Blacks but we decent ones want only the right man caught.

An ex Muslim

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Date: 4-17-68

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(Priority)

To: SACs, Los Angeles (Enclosures - 2) *CR*
Memphis (Enclosures - 2)

✓ From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re suspect Ron Karenga.

Enclosed for each office are two copies of an anonymous communication received at the Bureau postmarked 4-12-68, at Pacoima, California.

Los Angeles contact appropriate informants.

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TO ALL SACS (PLAINTEXT)

FROM DIRECTOR 1P

MURKIN

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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.

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

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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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Joe and Joe Smith

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Date: 4/17/68

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(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL - REGISTERED
(Priority)TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-9586) (P)

MURKIN

The following investigation was conducted by
SA JAMES W. SAMMON on 4/15/68, at Southaven, Mississippi:

Located at the Southaven Minnow Shop, Highway 51 S,
one-half mile from the Tennessee State Line, was a quantity
of "Schlitz" beer, 12 ounce, pop-top cans in the plastic six-
pack holder. This beer was dated "03/158", and was distributed
from Clarksdale, Mississippi.

Also located in that bait shop was a brown paper
bag bearing the trademark "Homestead; Stubby; 20; 31K7",
which is used to package six-packs of beer by the bait shop
personnel.

This bait shop is located exactly three miles south
from the Oliver Drugstore, Highway 51, Whitehaven, Tennessee.

BILL MC LAUGHLIN, owner of the bait shop; his wife,
JANE MC LAUGHLIN; his son, WILLIAM MC LAUGHLIN; and frequent
customer, LAWRENCE PARKER, all of Southaven, were interviewed.
All failed to identify the Birmingham and Memphis composite
photos of Unsub in this matter. None recalled seeing a white
Mustang with an Alabama license around 4/3-4/68, nor do they

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(1-Package) (RM AM)
2 - Memphis (44-1987)
1 - Atlanta (Info)
1 - Birmingham (44-1740) (Info)

① - Los Angeles (Info)
2 - Jackson
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recall a stranger to the area purchasing a six-pack of Schlitz beer there, although they have numerous customers who have never been there before.

Under separate cover being forwarded to the Bureau is a 12 ounce, pop-top Schlitz beer can from the Southaven Minnow Shop dated "03/158". Also being forwarded is one of the aforementioned brown paper bags from that bait shop.

The Laboratory is requested to examine both items to determine the tool mark dating the beer can and the paper bag are identical with those previously submitted by Memphis. The Laboratory is requested to advise interested offices. The items need not be returned.

CONSIDER UNKNOWN SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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Date: 4/17/68

Transmit the following in _____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: JACKSON (157-9586)

MURKIN; OO: MEMPHIS.

RE JN TEL TO MEMPHIS THIS DATE.

RE HOMESTEAD STUBBY BROWN PAPER BAG AND SCHLITZ
BEER CANS FOUND NEAR SCENE OF CRIME, MEMPHIS.

JACKSON HAS CONDUCTED EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION
NORTHERN MISSISSIPPI TO LOCATE STORES HANDLING SCHLITZ
BEER WITH POP-TOP CANS DATED ZERO THREE OVER ONE FIVE EIGHT
AND USING HOMESTEAD STUBBY PAPER BAGS.

LOCATED IN THE SOUTHAVEN MINNOW SHOP, SOUTHAVEN,
MISS., HIGHWAY FIVE ONE SOUTH, ONE HALF MILE FROM TENN.

STATE LINE WAS QUANTITY OF SCHLITZ BEER POP-TOP CANS IN

Plastic
~~PAPER BAG~~ SIX PACK CONTAINERS, BEARING DATE ZERO THREE

OVER ONE FIVE EIGHT. LOCATED IN THE SHOP WERE BROWN PAPER

1-Atlanta (AM)
1-Birmingham (AM)
①-LOS ANGELES (AM)
1-JACKSON
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Al Hearn

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Date:

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BAGS BEARING TRADE MARK HOMESTEAD; STUBBY WHICH IS USED TO PACKAGE SIX PACKS OF BEER BY SHOP PERSONNEL. THIS BAIT SHOP WAS LOCATED THREE MILES SOUTH OF OLIVER DRUGSTORE, HIGHWAY FIVE ONE, WHITEHAVEN, TENN., WHERE UNSUB. PURCHASED TOILETRY ITEMS.

EMPLOYEES OF SHOP WERE INTERVIEWED, COULD FURNISH NO INFORMATION, DO NOT RECALL OBSERVING WHITE MUSTANG NOR STRANGERS DURING THE PERIOD MARCH THREE - FOUR, LAST. ITEMS OBTAINED AT THE MINNOW SHOP FORWARDED TO LABORATORY FOR COMPARISON WITH ITEMS IN POSSESSION OF LABORATORY.

AIRMAIL COPIES FURNISHED ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, LOS ANGELES.

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

FROM : SA HECTOR L. PELLEGATTA

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/19/68

Re call by ~~WALLACE FISHER~~, 116 East Sixth Street, Corona, California, on 4/18/68, that individual appearing to be GAULT was staying at a hotel located at 2116½ East Sixth Street, and activities were suspicious.

The following investigation was conducted by SA HECTOR L. PELLEGATTA and SA LANFORD L. BLANTON on 4/18/68:

It was noted that there is no such address as 2116 or 2116½ East Sixth Street, Corona, California.

The Mission Apartments, located at 216½ East Sixth Street, Corona, California, is a second rate hotel. Mr. H. R. ROESNER advised he has been the manager of the Mission Apartments for one year and that WALLACE FISHER operates a garage under the hotel. ROESNER was shown a picture of ERIC S. GAULT and stated that no one resides there now that even resembles GAULT.

ROESNER advised that on the afternoon of 4/18/68 a son in-law of one of the tenants, a Mr. GUITERREZ who is presently confined in the Corona Hospital, came by to pick up some of his belongings and take them to the hospital. He said that the son in-law, FRANK SMITH, does not resemble GAULT but that he did hurry in and out of the hotel to get his belongings.

ROESNER further stated that in addition to Mr. GUITERREZ, he has several other male tenants that have been here for a period of six months or less. He said that only one person has registered recently and that is DONALD HICKS who came in the morning of 4/16/68 from Redding, California. He said he arrived in a cab and has seen no one drive in in a station wagon.

In view of the foregoing, no further investigation concerning FISHER's observations is being conducted.

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TELETYPE

TO: DIRECTOR, ATLANTA, DETROIT, AND MEMPHIS
FROM: CHARLOTTE (44-1365)

MURKIN

RE ATLANTA TELETYPES APRIL FIFTEEN AND SIXTEEN LAST, AND
DETROIT TELETYPE APRIL FIFTEEN LAST.

RE: WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN LEE.

MRS. RUTH OWEN, GASTON COUNTY REGISTER OF DEEDS, GASTONIA,
N. C., MADE AVAILABLE TODAY VOLUME TWENTY DASH B OF NINETEEN
THIRTY-THREE BIRTH RECORDS INDICATING THAT WILLIAM JENNINGS
BRYAN LEE, WHITE MALE, WAS BORN [REDACTED] AT
GASTONIA, N. C. HIS FATHER WAS LISTED AS J. D. LEE, WHITE MALE,
AGE THIRTY-FOUR IN THIRTY-THREE, POB TENNESSEE, OCCUPATION
TEXTILE WORKER. HIS MOTHER IS MAEBELL TURNER LEE, WHITE FEMALE,
AGE SEVENTEEN IN THIRTY-THREE, POB TENNESSEE, OCCUPATION
HOUSEWIFE.

FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED AT GASTONIA AND RALEIGH,
N. C., ON APRIL FIFTEEN AND SIXTEEN, LAST, WITH NEGATIVE
RESULTS. NO RECORD COULD BE LOCATED PERTAINING TO THE LEE

FAMILY AT GASTONIA PD, GASTON RURAL POLICE DEPT. (SO),
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LB THIRTY-SIX, USPO, THE GASTON COUNTY MERCHANTS ASSN., DUKE
POWER CO. RECORDS, PUBLIC SERVICE RECORDS, AND GASTON COUNTY
VOTING RECORDS, ALL GASTONIA, N. C.; AND STATE SELECTIVE SERVICE
HEADQUARTERS AND REGISTRATION SECTION AND DRIVERS LICENSE SECTION
OF NCDMV, ALL RALEIGH, N. C.

DETROIT REINTERVIEW BETTY REITNERMAN FOR ANY INFORMATION
CONCERNING RELATIVES OR ACQUAINTANCES IN GASTONIA, N. C., AREA
WHO MAY KNOW WHEREABOUTS OF LEE.

AM COPIES TO BIRMINGHAM AND LOS ANGELES.

END.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

DATE: 4/20/68

FROM : SA J. CLARE WILLIAMS

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR

Writer received call from a PAUL HANSON, 311 South Witmer, Los Angeles, telephone # 481-2577 who advised that he was in the YMCA on Hope Street, downtown Los Angeles on 4/18/68 and observed an individual ~~there~~ there, at approximately 1:15 PM purchase a membership in the gym or health club there and pay for it with travelers checks.

Stated that he believes this person ident with man FBI suspects killed KING whose pictures have appeared in recent newspapers.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

DATE: 4/20/68

FROM : SA J. CLARE WILLIAMS

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR

Writer called on above date by ~~person~~ person who desired to remain anonymous who stated that he was traveling south on the San Diego Freeway earlier today and pulled up along side a 1968 white Chevrolet Camaro that contained person believed possible ident with KING killer suspect. Stated that person was driving vehicle with North Carolina license YB 677.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES 44-1574

FROM : SA, LOWELL S. LAWRENCE, Nite Supv.

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR

DATE: 4/20/68

At 3:05am individual who refused to identify himself advised that he had just observed an individual who he believes could be subject RAY from the photograph that he observed on TV. He advised that this individual entered an apartment house located on Echo Park Ave just south of Sunset Blvd. This apartment house has a liquor store on one corner a cleaners and Henry's Clothing Store located in the same building. He advised that it was after 2 am that this man entered this apartment house.

Recommendation: Consider displaying subject RAY's photograph to apartment house manager and conduct neighborhood to eliminate anyone at this address.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC. LOS ANGELES 44-1574

FROM : SA, LOWELL S. LAWRENCE Nite Supv

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR

DATE: 4/20/68

At 2:50am this date DICK CARTER, telephone 476-4698 advised that while driving in Los Angeles earlier this evening he noted a late model T-Bird, California license JNP 010 with an individual who he believes resembled subject RAY from the photographs that he has seen of RAY. He advised that he has no idea of this individuals destination.

Recommendation: Run Department of Motor Vehicle Check on above vehicle and consider interview to eliminate.

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JNP 010
61 Ford T-Bird
Robert L. Pace, Ave. N.H.
6029 Morella
ID # 1Y71Z131711

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES 44-1574

FROM : SA, LOWELL S. LAWRENCE, *nik Supu*

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR

DATE: 2/20/68

At 4:20 am this date ED CALBERTH 222 West Colton, Redlands, California telephonically advised that this evening he observed two young white males getting into a late model blue Mustang, Calif. license UCT 131. He advised one had a n amunition belt and although he did not get a good oportunity to observe either of these people he believes it is possible that one could have been RAY. He advised that he observed these two outside the Terminal Cafe, Colton, Calif. located on Redlands Blvd. and Hunts Lane at approximately 4am.

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1967 chev. coupe
2nd T. Young, Riverside, Calif.
4366 Ambbs, 133300
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES ⁴⁴⁻¹⁵⁷⁴
~~XXXXXX~~

DATE: 4/29/68

FROM : SA, LOWELL S. LAWRENCE, Nite supv.

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR

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At 5:00 am Mrs MAX NAGEL, aka ESTHER NAGEL, apt 307, 301 S. Kenmore, Kenmore Apts, Tele 386-8936 telephonically advised that ~~that~~ she had a motel in Camdenton, Missouri until 1963. She advised that in approximately 1960 JAMES RAY did work for her at the motel, painting and doing gardening work. She advised that he spent considerable time in that area and returned there on several occasions. She advised that RAY had a wife and two children. He used the name RAY when he was in that town and lived for some time in Mack Creek near by. She also advised that she believes he had a brother who lived in St. Louis, Missouri. Mrs NAGEL advised that altho ugh it has been several years since she has seen RAY she would be glad to talk to agents of the FBI and would recall anything that she could recall concerning her knowledge of RAY.

She advised that people at the Mid west Lumber Co. located on Hwy 5 north of Camdenton would also recall RAY and would have info concerning his background

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Handle today *Call in a couple more*

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NAGEL

On 4/20/68 MRS. ESTHER NAGEL, 301 S. Kenmore, Apt. 307, L.A., advised that in the latter part of 1959 or the early part of 1960 she employed JAMES RAY to paint and repair the roofs of the motel cabins she operated in Camdenton, Mo. NAGEL explained that she could not be ^{more} positive about the time inasmuch as she has suffered 15 heart attacks since that time, and her memory was somewhat impaired.

She believes that RAY was recommended to her by a Camdenton cab-driver (name unrecalled) as a good handyman. She hired him, and for about 3 weeks she had lunch every day with RAY. She described RAY as follows: W/M/A, 5'9" or ~~5~~ 5'10", medium build, blue eyes, dishwater blond hair, 26 or 27 years of age at that time.

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RAY impressed NAGEL, who is a college graduate herself, as being a highly intelligent individual, and a more than competent painter, roofer, and carpenter. And sometime after he had completed the painting job, NAGEL rehired RAY for about 2 weeks to care for the motel grounds.

From her conversations with RAY she recalls that RAY claimed to be from St. Louis, Mo., where he had 2 older brothers, both married, and a younger sister, also married, (all names unrecalled) still residing. RAY had left her employment in ~~order~~ order to return to St. Louis in early 1960, according to NAGEL.

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She recalls that RAY resided in both Camdenton and nearby ~~Mack~~ Mack Creek, Mo., ~~and that~~ during the time she knew him; that RAY was married to a W/F/A, (name unrecalled) who was very small and slender, ~~and had~~ ~~hair~~ blond, and 21 at that time; that RAY had 2 children, (names unrecalled) a boy, age 2, and a girl, age 3 or 4; that RAY'S daughter was suffering from an ear problem or hearing deficiency, was visiting the Camdenton Clinic, and was the reason RAY left for St. Louis, ostensibly to have an operation performed on his daughter; ~~that~~ that RAY frequented BOB & PHIL'S

*Speculation
founded*

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On 1/20/68 JAMES EARL RAY, JR., 301 S. Kemmerer, Apt. 307, N.W.

Date:

advised that in the latter part of 1959 or the early part of 1960 she
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Via _____
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time, and her memory was somewhat impaired.

She believes that RAY was recommended to her by a Cambridge cab-

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had left her employment in order to return to St. Louis in early

1960, according to WAGEL.

She recalls that RAY resided in both Cambridge and nearby Mack

Creek, Mo., and that during the time she knew him; that RAY was married to

W/A (name unrecalled) who was very small and slender, and who had 2 children

unrecalled) a boy, age 3, and a girl, age 2; that RAY had 2 children (names

unrecalled) a boy, age 3, and a girl, age 2; that RAY's daughter was

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unrecalled) a boy, age 3, and a girl, age 2; that RAY's daughter was

Bar, on Hiway 54 near Camdenton, and another tavern on Hiway 5; that RAY purchased supplies in conjunction with her at the Mid-West Co. and Perry's Lumber Yard; that RAY'S mother (name unrecalled) may have died and been buried in Camdenton; that RAY was driving an old grey pick-up truck at that time; and that RAY attended what she believes to be a Presbyterian Church, located on a hill near a graveyard, in Camdenton.

After RAY left Camdenton, she continued to reside therein for approximately 18 months ~~was~~ without hearing anything more about him. She then moved to California.

She could not provide the name of any friend RAY might have had, and she could not recall ever seeing him with anyone other than his wife and children who would pick him up in the truck after work.

NAGEL observed a photo of JAMES RAY, aka ERIC GALT, and advised RAY looked nothing like the photo displayed when she knew him. She provided a photo appearing in the L.A. Times of 4/20/68, picturing RAY at the time of his trial in St. Louis in 1960 and remarked that it was a picture of the JAMES RAY who had worked for her.

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RAY, that RAY, on Highway 51 near Camdenton, and another tavern on Highway 5; that RAY

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Number: that RAY, that RAY, (Type in plaintext) may have died and been

Via _____ (Priority) _____

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the JAMES RAY who had worked for her.

Approved: _____

Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M

Per _____

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES 44-1574

FROM : SA. LOWELL S. ALWRENCE, nite supv.

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR

DATE: 2/20/68

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At 4:00 am JOSEPH WOZNIAK, 8329 Owens, Sunland, Calif, tele. 353-4667 advised that an individual who has been in Huffy's, a bar located at 8100 Foothill Blvd, Sunland on several occasions in the past was back in the bar this evening. He advised that from the composite that he has observed he is certain that this man and RAY are identical. He advised that this man was not around during the few days before and after KING was killed. He advised that this man is very anti negro and is mostly by himself. He requested that an agent contact him and show him a photo of RAY so he could be positive before any open contacts are made at the bar. He advised that he has no idea of his residence but is sure it is in the neighborhood of the bar. He advised that he believes other people in the bar would recognize this man.

Recommendation; Exhibit photo of subject to WOZNIAK for elimination.

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On 4/20/68 JOSEPH WOZNIAK, 8329 Owens St., Sunland advised that the man he had seen in Huffy's Bar, 8100 Foothill Blvd., Sunland, and who resembled the artist's conception of JAMES RAY, was known to him only as KEN. According to WOZNIAK, KEN ~~is~~ is an employee of Lockheed, and had been frequenting Huffy's about 9 months.

WOZNIAK described KEN as a W/M/A, 5'7", medium build, blue eyes, brown hair with a distinctly receding hairline, and 37-43 years of age. WOZNIAK observed a photo of JAMES RAY and advised that KEN would somewhat resemble RAY if RAY had been wearing a hairpiece ~~eh~~ when photographed.

On 4/20/68 PETE MAROCCO, bartender, Huffy's Bar, advised that he has lived in Sunland and has been frequenting Huffy's for the past 4½ years; he has tended bar the past 2½ years. He has been acquainted with KEN SAUNDERS, who resides on Kyle St. off of Mather St., Sunland, ~~for~~ ~~the past~~ since moving to Sunland. He knows SAUNDERS to work for Lockheed ~~xxxx~~ for the time he has known SAUNDERS, and has frequently seen SAUNDERS in Huffy's.

MAROCCO observed a photo of JAMES RAY AND ADVISED it did not at all resemble KEN SAUNDERS, who is almost bald.

Attempts to contact SAUNDERS ON 4/20/68 were negative.

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On 11/20/68 FET, LAROCQ, bartender, Huffy's Bar, advised that he has lived in Sunland and has been frequenting Huffy's for the past 1 1/2 years; he has tended bar the past 2 1/2 years. He has been acquainted with KEN SAUNDERS, who resides on Vile St. off of Jasper St., Sunland, for ~~the past~~ since moving to Sunland. He knows SAUNDERS to work for Lockheed ~~index~~ for the time he has known SAUNDERS, and has frequently seen SAUNDERS in Huffy's.

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Special Agent in Charge

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE ATLANTA	OFFICE OF ORIGIN MEMPHIS	DATE 4/18/68	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 4/5 - 18/68
TITLE OF CASE ERIC STARVO GALT, aka Eric S. Galt, Eric Gault, Harvey Lowmeyer, Harvey Lowmyer, John Willard; - FUGITIVE; REVEREND MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM		REPORT MADE BY SA ALAN G. SENTINELLA	TYPED BY :lcs
		CHARACTER OF CASE CR	

REFERENCES: Memphis teletype to Bureau, 4/5/68, captioned "UNSUB; aka John Willard; MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM, CR."

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LEADS:

CHICAGO, NEWARK, AND NEW ORLEANS (INFO)

An information copy of this report has been designated for Chicago, Newark, and New Orleans in view of investigation conducted by these divisions and in anticipation of subsequent investigation.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED						NONE	ACQUIT- TALS	CASE HAS BEEN: PENDING OVER ONE YEAR ☐ YES ☐ NO PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS ☐ YES ☐ NO
CONVIC.	AUTO.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES			
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ATLANTA

AT ATLANTA, GA.

- (1) Will report results of Laboratory examination re material previously forwarded thereto.
- (2) Will follow all logical investigation toward the location and apprehension of subject.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

Inside fisur coverage of 113 - 14th St., NE, was maintained by SAs DONALD P. BURGESS and CARL E. CLAIBORNE from 4/13-17/68 under suitable pretext.

Photographs referred to in FD-302 of SAs ROGER L. KAAS and JOHN E. OGDEN reflecting interview of JIMMIE DELTON GARNER, on 4/17/68 are maintained in 1-A Section of Atlanta file.

Results of all negative investigation conducted are maintained in Atlanta file.

During this investigation, all informants and sources of the Atlanta Office were contacted with negative results.

A copy of this report for the United States Attorney Birmingham and Memphis has been included with copies for these offices but not marked as such. Dissemination should be held in abeyance pending Bureau authority.

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On April 17, 1968, Special Agents ROGER L. KAAS and JOHN E. OGDEN recontacted JIMMIE D. GARNER for the purpose of determining what disposition had been made of mail addressed to ERIC S. GALT and delivered to 113 14th Street, N. E., Atlanta, Georgia. GARNER advised he had secured the mail from the table in the hall at this address and had taken the mail to his room for safe keeping. At the Agents' request, GARNER turned the two letters and one package over to the Agents. Special Agent ROGER L. KAAS subsequently delivered this mail to Supervisor A. M. SLOAN, U. S. Postal Substation C, 92 14th Street, N. E., Atlanta, Georgia. SLOAN immediately recognized the name of the addressee, at which time he was instructed by Special Agent KAAS that the addressee no longer resided at the listed address, requesting the items be appropriately stamped and personally thrown in the outgoing by SLOAN to be returned to the sender. He assured the Agents that once he had placed the appropriate hand stamp on these items, no further attention would be paid to them by the other employees.

Subsequently, on April 17, 1968, Special Agents KAAS and OGDEN went through all of the available trash at 113 14th Street, N. E., Atlanta, in an effort to locate the note which, according to GARNER, had been left in Room #2 by GALT prior to GALT's departure. No trace of this note could be found in the trash. GARNER had previously advised that he believed that he threw the note in the trash can in Room #2 and felt certain that the trash had been collected since this occurrence.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: SA ALAN G. SENTINELLA Office: Atlanta, Georgia
Date: April 18, 1968

Field Office File #: 44-2386 Bureau File #: 44-38861

Title: ERIC STARVO GALT, also known as
Eric S. Galt,
Eric Gault,
Harvey Lowmeyer,
Character: Harvey Lowmyer,
John Willard;
Synopsis: REVEREND MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM

CIVIL RIGHTS

On 4/11/68, 1966 white Ford Mustang, 1968 Alabama License 1-38993, located in parking area Capitol Homes, Atlanta Public Housing Project. Two residents of project observed a white male, whose general description fits subject, park Mustang approximately 8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m., 4/5/68, and walk toward Memorial Dr., SE, but could not identify photo of GALT. Third resident observed white male sometime after 9:00 a.m., 4/5/68, walk away from parking area and identified photo of subject as this individual. Search of Mustang conducted 4/11-12/68 and pertinent items transported to FBI Laboratory. Information received 4/13/68 that ERIC S. GALT on 3/30/68 changed address to 113 14th St., NE, Atlanta, Ga. Landlord of rooming house this address advised ERIC S. GALT paid rent for Room #2 for two week period commencing 3/24/68. He last saw GALT 3/31/68, at which time second week's rent paid. On morning 4/5/68, landlord found note in GALT's room indicating he had to go to "Birmingham" and had left television set for which he would try to return in about a week. On 4/17/68, landlord identified photo of subject as closely resembling GALT. Furnished signed statement re this identification. One tenant of adjacent rooming house operated by same landlord advised a white Mustang with out-of-state license parked at rear of 113 14th St. for a period of approximately two weeks and approximately two weeks prior to 4/15/68, but never observed operator. Interview of other tenants negative. Search of GALT's

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room with consent conducted and pertinent items transported to FBI Laboratory. Search revealed a portable Zenith television. Operator of Piedmont Laundry pick-up station in general area of above address advised white male using name ERIC GALT left laundry and drycleaning 4/1/68. Same individual picked up these items on morning 4/5/68. Could not identify photo of subject. Other investigation to develop background information re subject negative. Description set forth. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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DETAILS:

AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA:

I. RE 1966 FORD MUSTANG

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