

FBI MEMPHIS

FBI NEWARK

5:47 *pm* URGENT 4/10/68 JPK
TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS
FROM NEWARK (44-854)

Galt

MURKIN; OO: MEMPHIS.

REBUTEL APRIL TEN INSTANT REQUESTING PUBLIC SOURCES
ETC. BE CHECKED CONCERNING ERIC STARVO GALT.

SELECTIVE SERVICE; DMV; CITY DIRECTORIES, ETC.
HAVE BEEN CHECKED FOR THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY WITH NEGATIVE
RESULTS AS TO GALT.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING AT NEWARK CONCERNING
FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND LAUNDRIES.

MAIL COPY TO BIRMINGHAM.

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547PM URGENT 4-10-68 JRW

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM DENVER (157-203) 1P

MURKIN, OO EMEPHIS.

RE SUSPECT ERIC STARVO GALT.

REBUTEL THIS DATE.

DENVER INDICES, THOSE SOURCES OF INFORMATION SUGGESTED IN
REBUTEL, AND OTHER LOGICAL SOURCES CHECKED THIS DATE AND REVEAL
NO INFORMATION REGARDING SUSPECT.

DENVER INQUIRY CONTINUING OF SMALLER FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS
LOCATED IN REMOTE AREAS. P

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM DENVER 157-203

MURKIN. OO MEMPHIS

RE LAUNDRY MARKS.

REBUTEL TO ALL SACS APRIL NINE LAST.

LAUNDRY PLANTS UTILIZING THERMO SEAL MARKING MACHINES IN
BOULDER, DENVER, ENGLEWOOD, GRAND JUNCTION, PUEBLO, AND COLORADO
SPRINGS, ALL LOCATED IN COLORADO, AND IN CASPER AND CHEYENNE, WYO.,
HAVE BEEN CANVASSED. NO IDENTIFICATION OF QUESTIONED LAUNDRY
MARKS EFFECTED.

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FBI KAN CITY

550PM URGENT 4-10-68 ENT
TO DIRECTOR, DALLAS, MEMPHIS
FROM KANSAS CITY (44-760) 1P

MURKIN.

RE KANSAS CITY TEL TODAY.

LYNN RAY CLEVELAND AT TIME OF APPREHENSION BY JOPLIN, MO. PD,
HAD MARTINIZING CLAIM TICKET TWO NINE TWO FIVE IN POSSESSION.
INVESTIGATION SPRINGFIELD, MO., INDICATES ABOVE MARTINIZING TICKET
ISSUED TO FIRST NAME NOT INDICATED CLEVELAND BY MARY SHARP AT
BRANCH CLEANERS LOCATED ONE EIGHT THREE EIGHT N. GLENSTONE,
SPRINGFIELD, MO. SHARP ADVISED TICKET ISSUED BETWEEN FIVE AND
FIVE THIRTY PM, APRIL FOUR LAST FOR SUIT, TROUSERS, WHITE SHIRT
AND TIE AND HAVE NOT BEEN RECLAIMED TO DATE.

IN VIEW OF FACT CLEVELAND WAS IN SPRINGFIELD, MO., BETWEEN
FIVE AND FIVE THIRTY PM, APRIL FOUR LAST, HE COULD NOT HAVE BEEN IN
MEMPHIS AT TIME OF MURDER AND THEREFORE NOT BEING CONSIDERED SUSPECT.

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555AM URGENT 4-10-68 MXS

TO SAN DIEGO 44-387 MEMPHIS 44-1987

FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 1P

MURKIN

RESDELS APRIL NINE.

REMAINING LATENT FINGERPRINTS THIS CASE NOT IDENTICAL FINGER-
PRINTS HARVEY EDWARD LOHMEYER, SHERIFF'S OFFICE, SAN DIEGO,
CALIFORNIA, NUMBER ONE SIX EIGHT SEVEN THREE SEVEN, FBI NUMBER
SEVEN THREE NAUGHT NINE SEVEN NINE A, OR THERAL BURNS LYMAN, FBI
NUMBER NINE NAUGHT EIGHT ONE THREE NAUGHT E. NO PALM PRINTS
AVAILABLE.

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588PM URGENT 4-10-68 JLS

TO BUREAU (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987), BIRMINGHAM (44-1740), MIAMI
FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN CR 00*ME

RE SUSPECT ERIC STARVO GALT

CHECK OF INS FILES SL REFLECTS THAT ONLY INDIVIDUAL WITH SURNAME
GALT HANDLED BY THAT OFFICE HAS BEEN PAULA SIMONE GALT, FEMALE BORN
NINETEEN ZERO EIGHT IN PARIS FRANCE, INS FILE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ENTIRE FILE FORWARDED TO INS MIAMI IN NOVEMBER
NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN. SL CREDIT AND CRIMINAL CHECKS NEGATIVE RE
PAULA SIMONE GALT.

MIAMI CHECK INS FILE OF PAULA GALT AND DETERMINE IF ERIC OR KARL
GALT RELATED TO HER.

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601PM URGENT 4-10-68 JLS

TO BUREAU (44-38861) MEMPHIS (44-1987) BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)
FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN CR 00:ME

RE SUSPECT LAUNDRY MARK

KC TEL TO SL INSTANT DATE ADVISED THAT CONTACT WITH ALVIE A. DAVIS, MIDWEST REP FOR THERMAL SEAL REFLECTED THAT THE ONLY LAUNDRY IN SL DIV. UTILIZING FIVE DIGIT MARKING MACHINE IS HOLLIS SUITS LAUNDRY, ST. LOUIS.

MCCAULEY SUITS, OFFICE MANAGER, HOLLIS SUITS, ONE FOUR ZERO ZERO RUSSELL, SL ADVISED INSTANT DATE THAT HIS FIRM USES ONLY THREE DIGITS OF THEIR FIVE DIGIT MACHINE AS FOLLOWS+ FIRST DIGIT LETTER AND SECOND AND THIRD DIGITS NUMERALS. SUITS STATED TO HIS KNOWLEDGE THEY HAVE NEVER USED O TWO B DASH SIX OR D TWO B DASH SIX.

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FBI-COLUMBIA

606PM URGENT 4/10/68 RCN

TO BUREAU, ALBANY AND MEMPHIS
FROM COLUMBIA /44:299/

MURKIN

RE ALBANY TELETYPE DATED APRIL NINE LAST.

JOHN T. CRAVEN, SR., PRESIDENT AND PAUL CRAVEN, VP,
IDEAL WHITE SWAN LAUNDRY, SEVEN TWO THREE KING STREET,
CHARLESTON, S.C., ADVISED TODAY THAT COMPANY USED THREE
OR FOUR THERMO SEAL MACHINES MANUFACTURED BY INSTANT COMPANY
ON TRIAL BASIS ONLY ABOUT FOUR YEARS AGO. THEY USED INSTANT
MACHINES SERIAL NUMBERS UNKNOWN ON TIRAL BASIS FOR ABOUT
TWO MONTHS AND THEN RETURNED MACHINES TO COMPANY AS THEY
FOUND THEM UNSUITABLE FOR THEIR USE. THEY DID NOT KNOW
CURRENT WHEREABOUTS OF MACHINES THAT WERE IN THEIR POSSESSION.
THEY BOTH ADVISED CODE O TWO B DASH SIX OR D TWO B DASH SIX
MEANS NOTHING TO THEM AT ALL AS THEY DO NOT USE INSTANT CODE
AT LAUNDRY. THEY SUGGESTED AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF LAUNDRY
JOLIET, ILLINOIS BE CONTACTED CONCERNING INSTANT CODE AS
INSTITUTE RECOMMENDS USE OF CERTAIN CODES TO MEMBERS LAUNDRIES
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AND THEY MIGHT BE ABLE TO SUGGEST LAUNDRY THAT USES INSTANT CODE. THEY ADVISED ONLY LAUNDRY IN CHARLESTON AREA THAT USES INSTANT THERMO SEAL MACHINES IN LAUNDRY AT NAVY EXCHANGE, U.S. NAVAL STATION, CHARLESTON, S.C.

A. J. DUNCAN, NAVY EXCHANGE LAUNDRY, U.S. NAVAL STATION, CHARLESTON, S.C., ADVISED THAT LAUNDRY CURRENTLY USES TWO THERMO SEAL MACHINES SERIAL NUMBER THREE FOUR TWO TWO AND THREE FOUR FOUR TWO FOUR. HE ADDED CODES J TWO B DASH SIX OR D TWO B DASH SIX NOT FAMILIAR TO HIM AT ALL AND NAVY EXCHANGE LAUNDRY USES NO CODES AT ALL SIMILIAR TO INSTANT CODES. THEY USED VARIOUS COLOR TAPES ON MACHINES BUT HE IS CERTAIN INSTANT CODE DID NOT COME FROM MACHINE AT NAVY EXCHANGE LAUNDRY.

ALBANY DIVISION WILL RECONTACT TEXTILE MARKING MACHINE COMPANY, SYRACUSE, TO DETERMINE CURRENT WHEREABOUTS OF MACHINES THAT WERE USED AT IDEAL WHITE SWAN LAUNDRY, CHARLESTON, S.C. ABOUT FOUR YEARS AGO.

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ALBANY MAY ALSO DESIRE TO EXPLORE MILITARY USE OF INSTANT
MACHINES AT NAVY EXCHANGE LAUNDRIES. LEADS AT AMERICAN
INSTITUTE OF LAUNDRY, JOLIET, ILLINOIS, BEING LEFT TO
DISCRETION OF ALBANY DIVISION.

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FBI CHICAGO

606 PM URGENT 4-10-68 PMS
TO CLEVELAND AND MEMPHIS
FROM CHICAGO (44-1114)

MURKIN.

RE KANSAS CITY TELETYPE DATED APRIL TEN INSTANT.

LAUNDRY TAGS. PETER WUKOVICH, ELMHURST, ILLINOIS, ADVISED JACK CODY VISITING IN CHICAGO. CONTACT WITH MRS. JACK CODY INDICATES CODY TRAVELING ON BUSINESS, EXPECTED TO RETURN TO CHICAGO TONIGHT OR EARLY APRIL ELEVEN, AT WHICH TIME WILL CONTACT CHICAGO OFFICE AND FURNISH LIST OF LAUNDRIES USING FIVE - CHARACTER THERMO SEAL MACHINES IN HIS TERRITORY. CHICAGO WILL FURNISH LIST TO CLEVELAND WHEN AVAILABLE.

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631 PM URGENT 4-10-68 VCG

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), BIRMINGHAM, MEMPHIS, SAN FRANCISCO
FROM JACKSON (157-9586) 3P
MURKIN.

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SUBJECT HAD IN POSSESSION SEVERAL ITEMS LEFT NEAR
CRIME SCENE AND AMONG ITEMS WAS STANDARD OIL MAP OF THE
UNITED STATES, WHICH LAB HAS ADVISED HAS NO MARKINGS OR
DRAWINGS ON MAP. PHOTO OF MAP INDICATES MAP IS WHITE
WITH THREE CIRCLED COLORED PHOTOGRAPHS WHICH APPEAR TO
BE MOUNTAIN AND LAKE SCENES. THIS MAP ALSO HAS CHEVRON
SYMBOL ON FRONT. SUBJECT ALSO HAD IN POSSESSION STANDARD
OIL ROAD MAP OF GEORGIA-ALABAMA WITH CHEVRON SYMBOL. THIS
MAP HAS BATTLESHIP USS ALABAMA AT MEMORIAL PARK IN MOBILE
BAY, MOBILE, ALA., ON COVER OF MAP. LAB STATES NO MARKINGS
OR OTHER IDENTIFICATION OF THIS MAP.

JACKSON IS CONDUCTING EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION ALONG
INTERSTATE ROUTES NORTHERN MISS. AND WITHOUT EXCEPTION,
EVERY STANDARD OIL SERVICE STATION OPERATOR HAS ADVISED
THE STANDARD OIL UNITED STATES MAP WITH
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WHITE COVER IS A CHEVRON MAP AND THIS MAP IS NOT DISTRIBUTED IN MISS. THEY ADVISED MAP DISTRIBUTED ONLY AT CHEVRON STATIONS AND NOT AT STANDARD STATIONS, ALTHOUGH CHEVRON CONTROLS STANDARD OIL COMPANY. MAPS PRINTED BY H.M. GOUSHA COMPANY, SAN JOSE.

W. W. TRAILER, ADVERTISING DEPARTMENT, STANDARD OIL COMPANY, MISS. STATE HEADQUARTERS, JACKSON, MISS., ADVISED THIS DATE THE MAP OF THE UNITED STATES, DESCRIBED ABOVE, IS NOT DISTRIBUTED IN THE SOUTH, TO HIS KNOWLEDGE. HE BELIEVES THIS MAP IS ONLY DISTRIBUTED IN THE WESTERN SECTION OF THE U. S. AND PROBABLY BY THE STANDARD OIL COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA, HOME OFFICE TWO TWO FIVE BUSH STREET, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF. STATED HOME OFFICE SAN FRANCISCO COULD ESTABLISH WHAT STATES FIRST DESCRIBED MAP IS DISTRIBUTED AND H. M. GOUSHA COMPANY, SAN JOSE, COULD PINPOINT YEAR OF MAP. THE GEORGIA - ALABAMA MAP DESCRIBED IS WIDELY AVAILABLE

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THROUGHOUT SOUTHERN STATES.

SAN FRANCISCO AT SAN FRANCISCO. IMMEDIATELY
CONTACT OIL OFFICIALS, TWO TWO FIVE BUSH STREET, AND
DETERMINE WHAT STATES UNITED STATES MAP, DESCRIBED ABOVE,
IS DISTRIBUTED.

AT SAN JOSE. WILL CONTACT H. M. GOUSHA CO., SAN
JOSE, PRINTER OF MAP AND DETERMINE YEAR OF MAP AND WHERE
DISTRIBUTED. WILL SUTEL INTERESTED OFFICES.

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6-36 PM URGENT 4-10-68 ATJ
TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, SEATTLE AND NEW YORK
FROM SAN DIEGO (44-387) 3P

MURKIN

REJNTEL TO BUREAU, MEMPHIS AND SAN DIEGO INSTANT DATE.

FOR INFORMATION SEATTLE AND NEW YORK, SUBJECT CHECKED
INTO ROOMING HOUSE DIRECTLY ACROSS FROM LORRAINE HOTEL AFTERNOON
APRIL FOUR, SIXTY EIGHT, MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, AND USING NAME
JOHN WILLARD. AT SIX ZERO ONE P.M., APRIL FOUR, KING SHOT
AND KILLED AS STOOD ON BALCONY. SUBJECT RAN OUT OF ROOMING
HOUSE AND DROPPED BAG AND WEAPON. SUBJECT GENERALLY DESCRIBED
AS WHITE MALE, TWENTY SIX TO FORTY, FIVE FEET EIGHT INCHES TO
FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES, ONE HUNDRED FIFTY TO ONE HUNDRED
SEVENTY POUNDS, DARK BROWN OR SANDY HAIR, COMBED STRAIGHT BACK,
EYES BLUE OR GREEN, MEDIUM BUILD, WELL DRESSED, DARK SUIT, NEAT
IN APPEARANCE. POSSIBLY NONSMOKER SINCE NO MATCHES OR
CIGARETTES FOUND IN PERSONAL BELONGINGS OR ROOM. WEAPON USED
BY SUBJECT TRACED TO BIRMINGHAM WHERE PURCHASED MARCH TWENTY
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NINE AND RETURNED ON MARCH THIRTY WHERE TRADED FOR REMINGTON THIRTY POINT ZERO SIX. JACKSON OFFICE IS ATTEMPTING TO ACCOUNT FOR EVERY JOHN WILLARD WITHIN MISS. RECORDS INGALLS SHIP BUILDING CORP., PASCAGOULA, REVEALED ONE JOHN D. WILLARD EMPLOYED IN SIXTY SEVEN AS INSPECTOR. INVESTIGATION REVEALED LAST KNOWN EMPLOYED BY ROBERT BERNEY, MOBILE.

ROBERT BERNEY, MOBILE, ADVISED THIS DATE JOHN D. WILLARD WAS EMPLOYED BY HIM ABOUT TWO AND ONE HALF YEARS PRIOR TO MARCH SIXTY SEVEN, AT WHICH TIME WILLARD LEFT MOBILE. RECEIVED LETTER FROM WILLARD JANUARY SIXTY EIGHT ADVISED HE WAS EMPLOYED ROSENBLATT AND SON, INC., NAVAL ARCHITECTS, MARINE ENGINEERS, SEVEN ZERO SEVEN BROADWAY, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA.

INVESTIGATION AT SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, REVEALED JOHN DONALDSON WILLARD EMPLOYED AT ROSENBLATT AND SON, INC., AS ELECTRICAL DESIGN DRAFTSMAN SINCE JUNE, SIXTY SEVEN. WILLARD, A RETIRED NAVY CHIEF PETTY OFFICER, DESCRIBED AS WMA, DATE OF BIRTH [REDACTED] AT KANSAS CITY, KANSAS, FIVE FEET TEN INCHES, ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY FIVE LBS., BLUE EYES, BROWN HAIR, SOCIAL SECURITY NO. [REDACTED]

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[] WILLARD SENT BY ROSENBLATT AND SON TO WORK FOR ROSENBLATT REPRESENTATIVE AT LOCKHEED SHIP BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, TWO NINE TWO NINE SIXTEENTH AVENUE, S.W., SEATTLE, WASHINGTON, TO REPORT FOR WORK ON MARCH TWENTY SIX LAST. PERSONNEL MANAGER AT SAN DIEGO ADVISED WILLARD REPORTED AT SEATTLE AS SCHEDULED ON MARCH TWENTY SIX LAST BUT IS UNABLE TO PERSONALLY VOUCH FOR WILLARD'S CONTINUED PRESENCE AT LOCKHEED SHIPBUILDING. SUPERVISOR AT LOCKHEED IS RICHARD CUNNINGHAM. PAYROLL RECORDS OF M. ROSENBLATT AND SON ARE MAINTAINED AT THEIR OFFICE LOCATED AT THREE FIVE ZERO BROADWAY, NEW YORK, NEW YORK. SAN DIEGO RECORDS DO NOT REFLECT WHETHER WILLARD ATTENDED WORK ON MARCH TWENTY NINE LAST. WILLARD HAS EXCELLENT REFERENCES AND WORK RECORD AT SAN DIEGO.

SEATTLE, THROUGH APPROPRIATE RECORDS AS WELL AS INTERVIEW OF WILLARD, ELIMINATE HIM AS SUSPECT DURING PERIOD MARCH TWENTY NINE, THIRTY AND APRIL FOUR LAST.

NEW YORK REVIEW PAYROLL RECORDS OF M. ROSENBLATT AND SON TO VERIFY WILLARD'S ATTENDANCE AT WORK ON MARCH TWENTY NINE, THIRTY AND APRIL FOUR LAST.

SEATTLE AND NEW YORK ADVISE BUREAU AND MEMPHIS OF RESULTS AND SUBMIT THREE ZERO TWOS WHERE APPROPRIATE.

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TO: DIRECTOR 844-38861)

ALBANY, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: NEW ORLEANS (157-10673) 2 P

MURKIN.

RE BUTEL TO ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES, APRIL NINE LAST,
INSTRUCTING THAT INVESTIGATION BE CONDUCTED TO IDENTIFY
CLOTH LAUNDRY TAGS IN CLOTHING RECOVERED AT SCENE OF SHOOTING.

NEW ORLEANS DETERMINED FROM ALBANY OFFICE THIS DATE BY
TELEPHONE, THAT TEXTILE MARKING MACHINE CO., SYRACUSE, N.Y.,
RECORDS DISCLOSED TWO THERMO SEAL MARKING MACHINES, MODEL
H - FIVE, WERE SOLD TO KOHLERS SNOW WHITE LAUNDRY AND
CLEANERS, EIGHTEEN SIXTYONE N. DORGENOIS ST., NEW ORLEANS.

INVESTIGATION AT THIS BUSINESS DISCLOSED THAT MACHINE
BEARING SERIAL NUMBER R THREE ONE NINE FOUR TWO HAS BEEN
NON-OPERATIVE FOR PAST TWO YEARS. MACHINE BEARING SERIAL
NUMBER R THREE ONE NINE ONE THREE PRESENTLY IN OPERATION;
HOWEVER, LAUNDRY OFFICIAL STATES MARKING "O TWO B - SIX" AND
"D TWO B - SIX" NEVER BEEN USED BY THEIR COMPANY. BY SEPARATE
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COMMUNICATION, THE LAB IS BEING FURNISHED SAMPLES FROM MACHINE BEARING SERIAL NO. R THREE ONE NINE ONE THREE, MODEL NO. H FIVE K ONE, USING THE ABOVE TWO MARKINGS, FOR EXAMINATION PURPOSES. IT WAS NOTED THAT KOHLERS SNOW WHITE LAUNDRY AND CLEANERS ALSO OPERATES THREE OTHER THERMO SEAL MARKING MACHINES, ALL OF WHICH ARE MODEL NO. H SIX U FOUR C ONE. THE LENGTH OF MARKING TAG ON THE SNOW WHITE MODEL H SIX MARKING MACHINE IS NOTICEABLY LONGER THAN THE MARKING TAG PRODUCED BY THE ONE OPERATION MODEL H FIVE MACHINE IN POSSESSION OF THIS COMPANY.

NEW ORLEANS SUGGESTS THAT ALBANY, IF NOT ALREADY IN PROGRESS THROUGH TEXTILE MARKING MACHINE CO., SYRACUSE, IMMEDIATELY DETERMINE IDENTITY OF ALL OTHER LAUNDRY COMPANIES IN THE U. S. USING MODEL H FIVE K ONE MACHINES SO SAMPLES CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THESE MACHINES AND INVESTIGATION CAN BE CONDUCTED AT THESE LAUNDRY COMPANIES TO DETERMINE IF THEY USE LAUNDRY CODES "O TWO B - SIX" OR "D TWO B - SIX".

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6:41PM 4-10-68 URGENT CPO

TO DIRECTOR /44-38861/. NEW YORK, AND MEMPHIS /44-1987/
FROM CHARLOTTE /44-1365/ 1P

MURKIN

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO ALL OFFICES APRIL EIGHT LAST.
RECORDS, WILSON, N. C., POLICE DEPARTMENT, DISCLOSE
THAT ON JULY TEN, FIFTY-THREE, ONE WALTER LOHMEYER, TWO TWO
THREE BLUEBERRY LANE, HICKSVILLE, N.Y., WAS ARRESTED FOR
SPEEDING. LOHMEYER DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, AGE FORTY-NINE
IN NINETEEN FIFTY-THREE, FIVE FEET EIGHT INCHES, TWO
HUNDRED LBS. CASE DISPOSED OF BY FORFEITURE OF BOND.

NEW YORK, AT HICKSVILLE, N.Y., DETERMINE IF WLATER
LOHMEYER, TWO TWO THREE BLUEBERRY LANE, HAS SONS OR
RELATIVES WHO WOULD FIT DESCRIPTION OF THE UNKNOWN
SUBJECT AND HANDLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH BUREAU INSTRUCTIONS.

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FBI NEW YORK

6:49 PM URGENT 4-10-68 AWS
TO CINCINNATI, JACKSONVILLE, MEMPHIS.
FROM NEW YORK 44-1609

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MURKIN, CR. OO: ME.

RE AL TEL TO CI, APRIL EIGHT, SIXTYEIGHT; CI TEL TO WA,
APRIL NINE, SIXTYEIGHT; MO TEL TO ME AND NY ET AL, APRIL NINE,
SIXTYEIGHT.

FOR INFORMATION JK RE CI TEL SET FORTH "SEARCH OF PREMISES
BELIEVED OCCUPIED BY UNSUB WHO ASSASSINATED DOCTOR MARTIN LUTHER
KING, JUNIOR, DISCLOSED SUITCASE IN WHICH WAS LOCATED T-SHIRT
AND UNDERSHORTS BEARING LAUNDRY MARK ON RED TAPE WITH BLACK LETTER-
ING BELIEVED TO BE THERMOSEAL TYPE, MANUFACTURED BY TEXTILE
MARKING MACHINE COMPANY, INC., SYRACUSE, NEW YORK. TAPE IS
ONE FOURTH INCH WIDE AND ONE AND ONE SIXTEENTH INCHES LONG,
AND BERS LETTERS AND NUMBERS ZERO TWO B - SIX.

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TEXTILE COMPANY EXPERTS ADVISED TYPE ON THIS MACHINE IS UNUSUAL IN THAT THE FIRST TWO CHARACTERS ARE FIFTEEN POINT TYPE AND THE LAST THREE CHARACTERS ARE EIGHTEEN POINT TYPE, WITH THE MIDDLE CHARACTER LETTER B, PROBABLY BEING NARROW RATHER THAN REGULAR TYPE. THE USUAL MACHINE CARRIES FIFTEEN POINT TYPE FOR THE FIRST THREE CHARACTERS AND EIGHTEEN POINT TYPE FOR THE LAST TWO CHARACTERS.

TEXTILE COMPANY EXPERTS SAY THIS MACHINE IS DEFECTIVE IN THAT IT IS PRODUCING A TAPE ONE AND ONE SIXTEENTH INCHES LONG INSTEAD OF ONE AND ONE EIGHTH INCHES LONG AND IS NOT PROJECTING THE TAPE FAR ENOUGH RESULTING IN CUTTING OFF A PORTION OF THE FIRST LETTER.

THE CODE USED IN THE NORTHEAST PART OF THE UNITED STATES IS AS FOLLOWS:

" THE FIRST LETTER ZERO STANDS FOR LOT NUMBER;

" THE FIRST NUMBER TWO INDICATES THE DAY OF THE WEEK, TWO BEING TUESDAY;

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"THE SECOND LETTER INDICATES THE FIRST LETTER OF THE STORE NAME, THAT IS THE LETTER B;

"THE LASTNUMBER IS THE BUNDLE NUMBER, THAT IS SIX.

"COLOR CODING OF THE TAG MAY DESIGNATE VARIOUS THINGS, SUCH AS A DIFFERENT MONTH OR THE IDENTITY OF A STORE IN A CHAIN. USE OF THIS SYSTEM OF LAUNDRY ITEMS IS UNUSUAL IN THAT THE SYSTEM IS NORMALLY USED ON GARMENTS BEING DRY CLEANED.

BUREAU IS INSTRUCTED THAT ALL TEXTILE MACHINES USING THIS TYPE OF TAPE BE LOCATED AND MACHINE USING THIS CODE BE IDENTIFIED."

RE CI AND MO TELS INDICATED PINNACLE PRODUCTS CORP., BLAUVELT, NEW YORK, HAD TAKEN THERMOSEAL MARKING MACHINES AS TRADE-IN FROM SWAN CLEANERS, COLUMBUS, OHIO, AND CHIN LAUNDRY, MOBILE, ALABAMA.

MILTON HEILWEIL, GENERAL MANAGER, PINNACLE CORP., BLAUVELT, NEW YORK, ADVISED DURING PAST EIGHT YEARS HIS CORPORATION HAS ACCEPTED THERMOSEAL MARKING MACHINES ON A FEW OCCASIONS. NO RECORD RETAINED OF SERIAL NUMBERS OR DATE

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TRADE-INS MADE. ABOUT FOUR YEARS AGO, PINNACLE ACCEPTED SEVEN MACHINES FROM LOEB LAUNDRY, MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE. LOEB LAUNDRY BASICALLY USING PINNACLE EQUIPMRNT BUT STILL MIGHT HAVE THERMOSEAL MARKING MACHINES IN USE.

ACCEPTED SEVEN THERMOSEAL MARKING MACHINES FROM CHIN LAUNDRY, MOBILE, ALABAMA, ABOUT TWO YEARS AGO AS TRADE-IN. OF THE ABOVE MACHINES ACCEPTED, FOUR WERE SOLD TO BRANCH LAUNDRY CORP., EIGHTY SHERIDAN BOULEVARD, INWOOD, QUEENS; ONE IS IN STORAGE AT PINNACLE; NINE WERE RETURNED TO TEXTILE MARKING MACHINE, SYRACUSE, NEW YORK.

PINNACLE CORP. HAS THREE THERMOSEAL MARKING MACHINES IN STORAGE. THESE MACHINES HAVE BEEN IN WAREHOUSE FOR OVER TWO YEARS.

HEILWEIL SAID SWAN CLEENERS, COLUMBUS, OHIO, TRADED THEIR THERMOSEAL MACHINES BACK TO TEXTILE MACHINE COMPANY, NOT TO PINNACLE. ANDREW GELPI HANDLED TRANSACTION FOR SWAN.

PINNACLE NOW IN PROCESS OF ACCEPTING THESE THERMOSEAL MARKING MACHINES FROM DUVAL LAUNDRY, NINTH AND WALNUT STREET, JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA.

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LEADS:

ME AT LOEB LAUNDRY DETERMINE IF THERMOSEAL MARKING MACHINE STILL IN USE. IF SO, TAKE APPROPRIATE SAMPLES.

CINCINNATI AT COLUMBUS, OHIO, CONTACT ANDREW GELPI, SWAN CLEANERS TO VERIFY THERMOSEAL MACHINE RETURNED TO TEXTILE MARKING COMPANY RATHER THAN PINNACLE.

JACKSONVILLE AT DUVAL LAUNDRY, IF NOT ALREADY DONE, CHECK THERMOSEAL MARKING MACHINES.

NEW YORK, AT NEW YORK WILL CHECK THERMOSEAL MACHINES AT BRANCH LAUNDRY CORP.

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TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, AND SAN FRANCISCO
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

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RE SAN FRANCISCO TELETYPE TO LOS ANGELES APRIL EIGHT LAST.
RE INFORMATION FURNISHED BY HERBERT WILSON BOWEN AT SAN FRANCISCO.

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CHUCK BOYD, OWNER, PRELUDE CLUB, FOUR NINE TWO THREE
LANKERSHIM AVENUE, NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA, INTERVIEWED
APRIL NINE LAST ADVISED WORKED ALL NIGHT ON APRIL SEVEN LAST.
BOYD STATES REGULAR CROWD AT CLUB THAT NIGHT AND DID NOT
NOTICE INDIVIDUALS DESCRIBED BY BOWEN.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEGATIVE.

LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT FIELD INVESTIGATION
COMPUTER NEGATIVE RE DESCRIBED VEHICLE.

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RE CV TELCALL, APRIL TEN, INSTANT.

ALBERT JAMES WALTON, OSP NUMBER ONE TWO THREE NINE ONE ZERO, INCARCERATED CHILlicothe CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION, CHILlicothe, OHIO, AND FORMER CV PCI, ADVISED APRIL TEN, INSTANT, DURING FEBRUARY AND MARCH, NINETEEN SIXTYSIX, WHILE RUNNING STOLEN CARS INTO AND THROUGH ALABAMA, USED TO FREQUENT MAC'S TRUCK STOP, FORT PAYNE, ALABAMA. HE STATED TRUCK STOP NO LONGER IN OPERATION. HE SAID MANAGER WAS MAC ELKINS (PHONETIC), WHO RESIDED BOAZ, ALABAMA. ELKINS DESCRIBED AS WM, AGE FIFTIES, ONE SIX FIVE POUNDS, SIX FEET, ZERO INCHES, RAW-BONED, GRAY HAIR AND BALDING. WALTON TESTIFIED AGAINST ELKINS IN NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN AT USDC, HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA ON ITSMV CHARGE.

WALTON STATES ELKINS AND GEORGE (LNU) WERE "WHEELS" IN KKK FOR THAT AREA. GEORGE DESCRIBED AS WM, AGE THIRTYFOUR -
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THIRTYSIX, FIVE FEET FOUR TO FIVE FEET SIX INCHES, ONE SIXTYFIVE TO ONE SEVENTY POUNDS, SANDY WAVY HAIR, POMPADOUR STYLE, RED FACED, HOT TEMPER, TAKES PILLS (BENNIES, GOOF BALLS, ETC.). GEORGE EMPLOYED AS DRIVER OF SEMI TRAILER TRUCK FOR STEEL COMPANY LOCATED DOWN ROAD FROM FORT PAYNE, WHICH TRANSPORTS STEEL BALL JOISTS. GEORGE ALWAYS ARMED.

WALTON STATES HE DONATED TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS TO GEORGE FOR BOND KKK MEMBER CHARGED WITH MURDERING NEGRO IN NEARBY COUNTY. NEXT VISIT TO TRUCK STOP GEORGE PRESENTED HIM WITH KKK MEMBERSHIP CARD. KKK MEETINGS WERE OCCASIONALLY AT GEORGE'S HOUSE LOCATED BY GOING SOUTH PAST FORT PAYNE, THEN PAST STEEL COMPANY AND TURNING LEFT ON OILED OR GRAVEL ROAD. GEORGE'S HOUSE IS WHITE AND BELIEVED TO BE FIRST ON RIGHT.

WALTON CLAIMS SEVERAL STATE TROOPERS AND SHERIFF WERE MEMBERS OF THIS KKK GROUP. WALTON SAID ONE NNIGHT AT RESTAURANT NEXT TO TRUCK STOP FORT PAYNE, WHILE HAVING COFFEE WITH GEORGE AND ELKINS, GEORGE OFFERED HIM FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS TO KILL MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. IN CLEVELAND, OHIO, WHERE HE WAS TO APPEAR FOR SPEECH. GEORGE SHOWED HIM THIRTY OUGHT SIX CALIBER RIFLE WITH SCOPE WHICH WAS KEPT IN GEORGE'S TRACTOR

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TRUCK. HE SAID ELKINS ALSO HAD THIRTY OUGHT SIX RIFLE.

WALTON DECLINED AND AFTER THAT EACH TIME HE SAW GEORGE, GEORGE
UPPED OFFER TO KILL KING, FIRST TO SEVENTYFIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS
AND THEN TO ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND AND FINALLY TO TWO HUNDRED
THOUSAND DOLLARS. GEORGE SAID HE COULD ONLY PAY FIFTY
THOUSAND CASH AND REMAINDER IN REGULAR PAYMENTS.

WALTON ADVISED GEORGE AND ELKINS TRAVELED TO BIRMINGHAM,
ALABAMA FREQUENTLY. HE ACCOMPANIED THEM SEVERAL TIMES. HE SAID
THAT THEY HAD ACQUAINTANCES, NAME UNKNOWN, IN TRUCKING BUSINESS
AND OWNED TEN TO FIFTEEN SEMI TRUCKS, ALL BELIEVED TO BE INTER-
NATIONAL HARVESTER. HIS COMPANY OWNS AND LEASES TRUCKS TO FREIGHT
LINES IN BIRMINGHAM. THIS INDIVIDUAL HAS ACCOMPLICE IN TEXAS
AND TRANSPORTS STOLEN PROPERTY INTO MEXICO. WALTON UNABLE TO
RECALL NAME OF COMPANY AND COULD FURNISH NO DESCRIPTION OF OWNER.

ON HEARING NAME LOWMEYER, WALTON STATES HE BELIEVES THERE IS
INDIVIDUAL IN FORT PAYNE WITH SAME NAME WHO HAS SOLD PILLS (BENNIES
AND GOOF BALLS) TO MAC'S TRUCK STOP.

WALTON STATED THAT EITHER GEORGE OR ELKINS CAPABLE OF
ASSASSINATING KING OR HIRING THE MURDERER. WALTON ADVISED EXTREME
CAUTION SHOULD BE USED IN CONDUCTING INVESTIGATION IN FORT PAYNE
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AND INDICATED HE COULD POINT OUT PERTINENT LOCATIONS FROM PLANE IF NECESSARY.

BIRMINGHAM, AT BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA.

WILL CHECK INDICES AND RECORDS IN ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY MAC ELKINS, SUBJECT OF TWENTYSIX MATTER AT HUNTSVILLE DURING NINETEEN SIXTY-SEVEN. THEN CONDUCT INVESTIGATION TO ASCERTAIN WHEREABOUTS ON PERTINENT DATE. WILL CONTACT INFORMANTS AND SOURCES IN ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY OWNER OF TRUCKING COMPANY ASSOCIATED WITH ELKINS AND GEORGE.

AT FORT PAYNE, ALABAMA. WILL CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION TO IDENTIFY GEORGE (LNU) AND DETERMINE IF HE COULD BE INVOLVED IN CAPTIONED MATTER.

AM COPY CLEVELAND.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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