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

FROM EL PASO (157-186) (P) 1 PAGE

MURKIN.

RE BUTEL, APRIL FOURTEEN, LAST.

DANCING SCHOOLS

INVESTIGATION UNDER NAMES HARVEY LOWMEYER OR LOWMYER, AND ERIC STARVO GALT, IN REGARD TO ATTENDANCE AT DANCING SCHOOLS, COMPLETED BY EL PASO OFFICE, AND NO RECORD LOCAYED UNDER THESE NAMES AT ANY DANCING SCHOOLS IN EL PASO DIVISION.

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TO LOS ANGELES
 FROM NEW YORK 44-1609 4P

MURKIN, CIVIL RIGHTS, OO: MEMPHIS.

REALTEL TO DIRECTOR APRIL FIFTEEN LAST REGARDING
 LAUNDRY CHECKS.

REFERENCED ALBANY TEL SET FORTY TEXTILE MARKING
 MACHINE COMPANY, SYRACUSE, NEW YORK, INDICATED PLOYMARK
 (PINNACLE CORPORATION) BLAUVELT, NEW YORK, KNOWN TO HAVE
 TAKEN IN TRADE AT LEAST SEVENTY FIVE OR EIGHTY THERMOSEAL
 MARKING MACHINES.

MILTON HEILWEIL, GENERAL MANAGER, PINNACLE CORPORATION,
 BLAUVELT, NEW YORK, RECONTACTED AND VIGOROUSLY DENIED HIS
 FIRM ACCEPTED FOR TRADE IN SEVENTY FIVE OR EIGHTY
 THERMOSEAL MARKING MACHINES AS REPORTED BY TEXTILE MARKING
 MACHINE COMPANY HIS COMPETITOR. UPON RECHECKING RECORDS
 HE STATED HIS FIRM ACCEPTED IN TRADE TOTAL OF FOURTEEN

THERMOSEAL MARKING MACHINES IN THE PAST EIGHT YEARS AS INDEXED

- ① - Memphis (44-1987)
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FOLLOWS: SEVEN MACHINES FROM CHIN LAUNDRY, MOBILE, ALABAMA; FIVE MACHINES FROM LOEB LAUNDRY, MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE (NOT SEVEN AS PREVIOUSLY INDICATED); ONE MACHINE FROM ROBERTSON LAUNDRY, SAGINAW, MICHIGAN, ONE MACHINE FROM DARIAN CLEANERS, CARIAN, CONNECTICUT. OF THESE FOURTEEN MACHINES FOUR SOLD TO BRANCH LAUNDRY CORPORATION, QUEENS, NEW YORK, AS (PREVIOUSLY REPORTED). THREE ARE STILL IN STORAGE AT BLAUVELT, NEW YORK, AND SEVEN WERE RETURNED TO TEXTILE MARKING MACHINE COMPANY, SYRACUSE, NEW YORK.

HEILWEIL AGAIN STATED NO RECORD RETAINED OF SERIAL NUMBERS OR DATE RECEIVED.

HEILWEIL UNCRATED AND MADE AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION THE THREE THERMOSEAL MARKING MACHINES IN HIS POSSESSION DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: MODEL H FIVE J ONE, SERIAL NUMBER THREE ONE ONE ONE SEVEN, RECEIVED FROM ROBERTSONS LAUNDRY, SAGINAW, MICHIGAN;
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MODEL H FIVE K ONE, SERIAL NUMBER R THREE ONE EIGHT, EIGHT SIX, RECEIVED FROM CHIN'S LAUNDRY, MOBILE, ALABAMA; MODEL H FIVE K ONE, SERIAL THREE ONE TWO TWO ZERO, RECEIVED FROM DARIAN CLEANERS, DARIAN, CONNECTICUT. THESE MACHINES ARE INOPERATIVE AND PRINTING SPECIMENS COULD NOT BE OBTAINED. MACHINS HAVE BEEN CRATED AND IN STORAGE FOR TWO YEARS.

HEILWEIL STATED PINNACLE, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, HAS ACCEPTED FOR TRADE IN FIVE THERMOSEAL MARKING MACHINES FROM GOLDEN WEST LAUNDRY, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA. THREE MACHINES SOLD (FNU) MILLER WHO IN TURN SOLD THEM TO CHNESE LAUNDRY IN THE AREA. TWO THERMOSEAL MACHINS ARE STILL IN POSSESSION OF PINNACLE, LOS ANGELES. DETAILS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM PINNACLE CORPORATION, FOUR SEVEN THREE ONE WEST JEFFERSON BOULEVARD, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.

LOS ANGELES CONTACT PINNACLE CORPORATION FOR IDENTITY OF CHINESE LAUNDRY AND OBTAIN APPROPRIATE SPECIMENS. ALSO IF OPERATIVE OBTAIN SAMPLES OF MACHINES OF PINNACLE CORPORATION.

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UNKNOWN SUBJECTS CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)
FROM: CLEVELAND (44-565)
ATTENTION: IDENT. DIV., LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION.

MURKIN

RE MEMPHIS TEL, APRIL TWELVE, SIXTYEIGHT.

EMPLOYEES COMPENSATION

RETEL ADVISED COMPENSATION CLAIMS UNDER LONGSHOREMEN
AND HARBOR WORKERS ACT FOR STATE OF TENNESSEE LOCATED BUREAU
OF EMPLOYEES COMPENSATION, U.S. LABOR DEPT., CLEVELAND, AND
REQUESTED CHECK UNDER NAME GALT, VERNON, WILLARD AND LOWMEYER.

JOHN TRAYNOR, DEPUTY COMMISSIONER, BEC, US. DEPT. OF LABOR,
CLEVELAND, ADVISED NO RECORD OF ANY CLAIMS UNDER ABOVE NAMES
UNDER LONGSHOREMEN AND HARBOR WORKERS ACT. HIS FILES DO
REFLECT IN APRIL, NINETEEN. SIXTYTHREE, ONE JOHN W. WILLARD,
U.S. POSTAL EMPLOYEE, FILED CLAIM UNDER FEDERAL EMPLOYEES
COMPENSATION ACT, CLAIMING BACK INJURY. WILLARD AS OF
APRIL, NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE, EMPLOYED BY U.S. POST OFFICE, -580A
DOWAGIAC, MICH., AS SUBSTITUTE CLERK CARRIER, WHITE, MALE, 44-1987-580A
RESIDED SEVEN ONE TWO EAST PRAIRIE RONDE STREET, DOWAGIAC, ~~44-1987-Sub~~

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HAD BEEN EMPLOYEE OF POST OFFICE SINCE APPROX. MARCH, NINETEEN SIXTYTWO. AGE FORTYSIX AT PRESENT AND SERVED IN US ARMY, JAN. NINETEEN, FORTYTWO, TO DEC. EIGHT, FORTYFIVE.

LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION REQUESTED TO COMPARE GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE PRINTS AND/OR ARMY PRINTS OF WILLARD WITH LATENTS IN CAPTIONED MATTER.

AIR MAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS.

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TO: DIRECTOR
BIRMINGHAM
ATLANTA

FROM: MEMPHIS (44-1987)

MURKIN.

FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED APRIL SEVENTEEN INSTANT.

RECORDS MEMPHIS ALCOHOL LICENSING COMMISSION AND RECORDS HOTEL AND RESTAURANT EMPLOYEES AND BARTENDERS UNION, LOCAL EIGHT FOUR SEVEN, CHECKED FOR ANYONE IDENTICAL WITH ERIC STARVO GALT AND HIS KNOWN ALIASES. RESULTS NEGATIVE.

HOUSTON CITY DIRECTORIES, VOTER REGISTRATION, CREDIT AND CRIMINAL CHECKS, SOURCES AND LAUNDRY INQUIRIES ALL NEGATIVE IN NAMES ERIC STARVO GALT, JOHN WILLARD, AND HARVEY LOWMEYER. MEMPHIS WATERFRONT HANGOUTS AND ALL DANCE STUDIOS CHECKED AND NO INFORMATION CONCERNING GALT DEVELOPED.

COMMUNICATION SENT CHARLOTTE DIVISION TO HAVE ALL TEXTILE MANUFACTURERS CONTACTED IN EFFORT DETERMINE MANUFACTURER OR SOURCE OF BEDSPREAD. COMMUNICATION SENT BUREAU TO HAVE PHOTO BEDSPREAD SENT CHARLOTTE.

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

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

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INFORMANT DOES NOT KNOW SIGNIFANCE OF THIS REMARK.

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

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

THE INFORMATION SHE FURNISHED POLICE DEPARTMENT CONCERNING

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

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

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

CONTINUED CONTACTS WITH INDIVIDUALS WHO FREQUENT PSMCHO LOUNGE, MANHATTAN CLUB AND CHENNAULT'S RESTAURANT HAVE FAILED TO IDENTIFY ERIC HOWEVER THESE EFFORTS ARE CONTINUING.

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A PHOTOGRAPH OF ERIC STARVO GALT WILL BE SHOWN TO THIS
INFORMANT TOMORROW.

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GERALD HOWELL, ROOM TEN, AND JAMES LEWIS, ROOM ELEVEN,
LORRAINE HOTEL-MOTEL, FOUR ZERO SIX MULBERRY AVENUE, MEMPHIS,
ADVISED THEY WERE REGISTERED INTO HOTEL APRIL THREE AND FOUR
LAST, BUT WERE NOT NEAR HOTEL AT TIME OF SHOT, AND COULD FURNISH
NO INFORMATION REGARDING ASSASSINATION OF DR. KING. A & D.

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FROM: MEMPHIS (44-1987) (1P)

MURKIN; CR.

RE PHILADELPHIA AND LAS VEGAS TELS APRIL SEVENTEEN LAST.

LAS VEGAS AND PHILADELPHIA IF POSSIBLE SHOULD CHECK

DRIVERS LICENSE RECORDS IN EACH STATE UNDER THE FOLLOWING NAMES:

ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMEYER AND JOHN WILLARD, KEEPING

IN MIND THE BIRTH DATE OF [Redacted]

UNSUB ARMED AND DANGEROUS. P. END.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), LAS VEGAS, LOS ANGELES & SACRAMENTO
FROM SAN FRANCISCO (173-65)

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MURKIN

RE: LAUNDRY MARKS

RE ALBANY AIRTEL, APRIL ELEVEN, LAST.

M. B. L. COMPANY, MOUNTAIN VIEW, CALIFORNIA, ON
APRIL FIFTEEN, LAST, ADVISED COMPANY SOLD THERMO-SEAL MARKING
MACHINES TO FOLLOWING: ENTERPRISE LAUNDRY, FRESNO, CALIFORNIA;
MADERA CLEANERS, MADERA, CALIFORNIA; MAGIC CLEANERS AND PEERLESS
CLEANERS, RENO, NEVADA; CORSEE LAUNDRY AND MERLEN LAUNDRY,
SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA.

LEADS. LOS ANGELES AT MADERA, CALIFORNIA: WILL
CONTACT MADERA CLEANERS.

LAS VEGAS AT RENO, NEVADA: WILL CONTACT MAGIC
CLEANERS AND PEERLESS CLEANERS.

SACRAMENTO AT FRESNO, CALIFORNIA: WILL CONTACT
ENTERPRISE LAUNDRY, FRESNO. AT SACRAMENTO: CONTACT CORSEE
LAUNDRY AND MERLEN LAUNDRY.

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WILL CONDUCT INVESTIGATION RE LAUNDRY MARKS AS SET OUT
IN REFERENCED AIRTEL.

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND CINCINNATI (157-1893)
FROM: CHARLOTTE (44-1365)

MURKIN.

RE CINCINNATI AIRTEL APRIL FIFTEEN LAST.

JOHN H. LEVIN, IMPERIAL DRAPERIES CLEANERS, CHARLOTTE,
N. C., ADVISED TODAY THERMO-SEAL MARKING MACHINE PREVIOUSLY
OWNED BY HIM AT CINCINNATI, OHIO, SOLD ABOUT THREE ~~WEEKS~~ YEARS
AGO TO BUTLER CLEANERS, HAMILTON, OHIO. THIS CLEANERS LOCATED
ON OUTSKIRTS OF HAMILTON ON MAIN HIGHWAY TO CINCINNATI.

CINCINNATI HANDLE.

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TO: SAC, MOBILE
FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI
MURKIN

REMOTEL APRIL FIFTEEN LAST.

IN VIEW OF ESTIMATED COST AND WORK INVOLVED, YOU SHOULD
NOT PURSUE THE IDENTIFICATION OF ALL MALE BIRTHS ON JULY
TWENTY, NINETEEN THIRTY-ONE ANY FURTHER AT THIS TIME.

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① SAC, MEMPHIS

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FROM: MEMPHIS (44-1987)
MURKIN.

INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED TO DATE RE ERIC STARVO GALT HAS
EITHER ESTABLISHED OR ALLEGED ^{RESIDENCE} IN ONE OF THE FIELD DIVISIONS
MENTIONED.

DATE OF BIRTH AS LISTED ON ALABAMA DRIVERS LICENSE IS



IT IS RECOGNIZED THAT SELECTIVE
SERVICE INQUIRIES HAVE BEEN MADE REGARDING THE THREE NAMES KNOWN
TO HAVE BEEN USED BY SUSPECT; HOWEVER, THERE REMAIN A NUMBER OF
YEARS IN THIS MAN'S BACKGROUND STILL UNACCOUNTED FOR. BASED ON
NORMAL PROCEDURES FOR SELECTIVE SERVICE REGISTRATION, THIS MAN
WOULD HAVE BEEN REQUIRED TO REGISTER, IF SUCH WAS DONE, ON OR
ABOUT JULY TWENTY, FORTYNINE OR AT LEAST WITHIN A TWO WEEK PERIOD
THEREAFTER. IT IS SUGGESTED THAT RECEIVING OFFICES RECONTACT
STATE SELECTIVE SERVICE BOARDS AND FROM REVIEW OF REGISTRANTS IN
PERTINENT PERIOD POSSIBILITY EXISTS SOME DATA MAY BE DEVELOPED RE
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**FAMILIAR NAMES OR SOME OTHER ITEMS THAT MAY LEAD TO
ESTABLISHING IDENTITY UNSUB THIS CASE.**

**IN CONNECTION WITH ANY INQUIRIES, NO INDICATION SHOULD
BE GIVEN INQUIRIES IN CONNECTION WITH CAPTIONED CASE.**

A & D.

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TO SAC JACKSON
FROM SAC MEMPHIS (44-1987) (1P)

MURKIN, CR. OO: MEMPHIS.

RE JACKSON TEL TO MEMPHIS APRIL EIGHT LAST.

FOR THE ADDITIONAL INFO OF JACKSON, ED WALDHEIM, THE
GRAHAM PAPER CO., MEMPHIS, TENN., ADVISED THAT BROWN PAPER
BAG BEARING THE NAME HOMESTEAD STUBBY, TWENTY POUNDER, IS
HANDLED BY THEIR CO. AND NORTHERN MISS. IS SERVICED BY THE
MEMPHIS FIRM. THEIR RECORDS REFLECT ONLY CO. TO HANDLE
THIS SIZE BAG SINCE NOVEMBER ONE NINE SIX SEVEN, IS THE
PETTIS CIGAR CO., OXFORD, MISS. SEVERAL THOUSAND OF
THESE BAGS HAVE BEEN SOLD TO PETTIS SINCE NOVEMBER. PETTIS
IN TURN SELLS BAGS TO RETAIL STORES, ETC.

WALDHEIM ALSO ADVISED THAT GRAHAM PAPER CO., IN JACKSON,
MISS., ALSO SERVES PARTS OF THE STATE OF MISS., PRIMARILY
SOUTHERN MISS.

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THIS INFO BEING FURNISHED JACKSON AS INVESTIGATION RE

Airtel
PURCHASE OF BEER IS PRESENTLY BEING CONDUCTED AND MAY BE OF
Teletype
ASSISTANCE.

A.M.
JACKSON CONTACT PETTIS CO., IN EFFORTS TO SECURE ADDITIONAL

A.M.S.D.
INFO RE THIS PURCHASE. P. END

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

APRIL 17, 1968

ATTORNEY GENERAL RAMSEY CLARK ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT ERIC STARVO GALT IS BEING SOUGHT BY THE FBI AS A FUGITIVE ON A FEDERAL CHARGE ARISING FROM THE FATAL SHOOTING OF THE REVEREND DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., IN MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, ON APRIL 4, 1968.

DIRECTOR J. EDGAR HOOVER STATED THAT A FEDERAL COMPLAINT WAS FILED BY THE FBI IN BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, TODAY CHARGING GALT WITH CONSPIRING TO VIOLATE THE CIVIL RIGHTS OF DR. KING IN VIOLATION OF TITLE 18, SECTION 241, OF THE UNITED STATES CODE.

THE FBI COMPLAINT CHARGES THAT "ON OR ABOUT MARCH 29, 1968, AT BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, ...ERIC STARVO GALT AND AN INDIVIDUAL WHOM HE ALLEGED TO BE HIS BROTHER, ENTERED INTO A CONSPIRACY WHICH CONTINUED UNTIL ON OR ABOUT APRIL 5, 1968, TO INJURE, OPPRESS, THREATEN, OR INTIMIDATE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.,... IN THE FREE EXERCISE OR ENJOYMENT OF A RIGHT SECURED TO HIM BY THE CONSTITUTION OR LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES; NAMELY, THE RIGHT TO FREELY TRAVEL FROM STATE TO STATE. IN FURTHERANCE OF THIS CONSPIRACY, ERIC STARVO GALT DID, ON OR ABOUT MARCH 30, 1968, PURCHASE A RIFLE AT BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA..."

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ACCORDING TO MR. HOOVER, A 30.06 RIFLE EQUIPPED WITH A TELESCOPIC SIGHT WAS FOUND NEAR A ROOMING HOUSE ON SOUTH MAIN STREET IN MEMPHIS IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE FATAL SHOOTING OF DR. KING OCCURRED. THE ROOMING HOUSE OVERLOOKS THE LORRAINE HOTEL AND MOTEL WHERE DR. KING WAS STAYING.

MR. HOOVER SAID THAT FBI AGENTS DETERMINED THAT THE 30.06 RIFLE HAD BEEN PURCHASED FROM A GUN DEALER IN BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, ON MARCH 30, 1968. THE TELESCOPIC SIGHT ALSO WAS PURCHASED FROM THIS DEALER.

THE FBI DIRECTOR SAID THAT GALT, WHO HAS USED THE NAMES OF JOHN WILLARD AND HARVEY LOWMYER IN THE PAST, IS THE OWNER OF A 1966 WHITE MUSTANG BEARING ALABAMA LICENSE PLATES WHICH WAS LOCATED ABANDONED IN ATLANTA, GEORGIA, ON APRIL 11, 1968. INVESTIGATION DISCLOSED THAT GALT PURCHASED THIS CAR FROM A PRIVATE CITIZEN IN BIRMINGHAM ON AUGUST 30, 1967. THE MUSTANG'S ODOMETER SHOWED THAT IT HAD BEEN DRIVEN MORE THAN 19,000 MILES BETWEEN LATE AUGUST, 1967, AND EARLY APRIL, 1968.

ACCORDING TO MR. HOOVER, GALT'S TRAVELS IN THE MUSTANG INCLUDED TRIPS TO LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA; NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA; BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA; AND MEXICO, AS WELL AS TO MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, AND ATLANTA, GEORGIA. GALT WAS REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN IN MEMPHIS ON APRIL 3 AND 4, 1968, AND TO HAVE DEPARTED FROM THERE FOR ATLANTA.

INTENSIVE INVESTIGATION BY THE FBI HAS DISCLOSED THAT GALT HAS CLAIMED TO HAVE BEEN EMPLOYED AS A COOK ON MISSISSIPPI RIVER VESSELS AND AS A MERCHANT SEAMAN. HE IS SAID TO BE AN AVID DANCER AND TOOK DANCING LESSONS IN NEW ORLEANS IN 1964 AND 1965; IN BIRMINGHAM DURING SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER, 1967; AND IN LONG BEACH CALIFORNIA, FROM DECEMBER, 1967 TO FEBRUARY, 1968.

GALT LEFT LOS ANGELES ON DECEMBER 15, 1967, AND DROVE HIS WHITE MUSTANG TO NEW ORLEANS, WHERE HE CLAIMED HE CONTACTED EITHER AN ENGINEERING OR A CONTRACTING FIRM. HE LEFT NEW ORLEANS ON DECEMBER 19TH AND ARRIVED BACK IN LOS ANGELES ON DECEMBER 21, 1967.

WHILE IN THE LOS ANGELES AREA EARLY THIS YEAR, GALT TOOK A COURSE AT A SCHOOL OF BARTENDING AND WAS GRADUATED ON MARCH 2, 1968.

THE FUGITIVE IS DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE. HE IS APPROXIMATELY 5 FEET 8 INCHES TO 5 FEET 11 INCHES TALL AND WEIGHS BETWEEN 160 AND 175 POUNDS. HE IS SAID TO BE A NEAT DRESSER AND HAS A MEDIUM BUILD.

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GALT HAS BROWN HAIR, WHICH HE WEARS IN A "BRUSH" CUT. HE REPORTEDLY HAS BLUE EYES; HIS NOSE IS STRAIGHT AND NARROW; HIS TEETH ARE STRAIGHT AND CLEAN; AND HE HAS GIVEN HIS DATE OF BIRTH AS

THE FUGITIVE IS SAID TO HAVE A NERVOUS HABIT OF OCCASIONALLY PULLING AT AN EAR LOBE WITH HIS HAND. HIS LEFT EAR PROTRUDES FARTHER FROM HIS HEAD THAN HIS RIGHT EAR.

ACCORDING TO MR. HOOVER, PERSONS WHO HAVE MET GALT DESCRIBE HIM AS A "LONER" AND STATE HIS LANGUAGE AND DICTION HAVE A "RURAL" QUALITY AND SUGGEST THAT HE PROBABLY DOES NOT HAVE A HIGH DEGREE OF EDUCATION. HE IS SAID TO DRINK ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND HAS A PREFERENCE FOR VODKA AND BEER. HE IS A FAN OF WESTERN AND COUNTRY MUSIC.

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

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