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Date: 4/18/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

*[Handwritten initials]*  
TO: SAC, MEMPHIS  
FROM: SAC, CINCINNATI (157-1893) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CR  
OO: ME

RE: JOHN WARNER WILLARD, JR.

Re Cincinnati teletype, 4/17/68.

Enclosed to Memphis and Cleveland is one copy to each office of a photograph of suspect JOHN WARNER WILLARD, JR.

- ② - Memphis (Enc. 1) *[Handwritten]*
- 2 - Cleveland (Enc. 1)
- 2 - Cincinnati

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Special Agent in Charge

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

DATE: 4/17/68

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

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Enclosed for Memphis are five FD-302's, 15 copies of each; and two report inserts, 15 copies of each; total 105 enclosures.

The FD-302's with J. E. RICKS, RICHARD DAVIS, JAMES EADY, JAMES LLOYD, and the insert concerning PERCY SCARBOROUGH related to the laundry tag survey.

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The FD-302 with Mr. JAMES JONES and the insert of SA KENNETH P. HUGHES relate to the Schlitz beer survey.

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2 - Memphis (Enc. 105) (*RKM*)  
1 - Jackson  
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Via A I R T E L \_\_\_\_\_  
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**TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)**  
**FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (44-1365)**  
**SUBJECT: MURKIN**

Re Miami teletype to Bureau dated 4/12/68.

There are being furnished Memphis herewith an original and eight copies of an insert concerning JOHN A. GAULT.

By teletype dated 4/14/68, the Houston Office advised that GAULT was located, interviewed, and eliminated as a suspect. He was unable to furnish information regarding the identity of ERIC STARVO GALT, JOHN WILLARD, or HARVEY LOWMEYER.

② - Memphis (44-1987) (Encls. <sup>Wm</sup> 9)  
2 - Charlotte (44-1365)

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Special Agent in Charge

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RE: JOHN A. GAULT

By communication dated April 12, 1968, the Miami Office of the FBI advised as follows:

Records of Eastern Airlines revealed that ticket number 007-222-684-108 was issued April 9, 1968, at Greensboro, North Carolina, to JOHN A. GAULT using a credit card of Associated Pipeline Contractors, 14th Floor, Houston Club Building, Houston, Texas. The ticket indicated GAULT departed Greensboro at 2:01 p.m. on April 9, 1968, Flight Number 621 at Atlanta, Georgia, and departed Atlanta, Georgia, on Flight Number 341, April 9, 1968, at 4:45 p.m. for Houston, Texas. The reservation card indicated his contact point as telephone number 793-2731, Room 608, Danville, Virginia.

By communication dated April 13, 1968, the Richmond Office of the FBI advised as follows:

There is no listing at Danville, Virginia, for Associated Pipeline Contractors. Telephone number 793-2731 is issued to Holiday Inn Motel, Danville, Virginia. Records at motel reflected that JOHN A. GAULT, 5514 Darnell, Houston, Texas, representing Associated Pipeline Contractors, Houston, Texas, checked into the motel on the afternoon of April 4, 1968, and checked out on the morning of April 9, 1968. GAULT was operating a 1968 Ford, with North Carolina License 2953-C. He made long distance telephone calls to telephone number 667-0906, Houston, on April 4 and 8, 1968.

The following investigation was conducted by SPC JIMMIE M. CARPENTER:

AT CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

On April 13, 1968, records of the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles reveal that 1968 North Carolina license 2953-C is issued for a 1968 Ford in the name of Rent-A-Car, Incorporated, 507 Arlington, Greensboro, North Carolina.

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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA ANDREW M. PALUMBO:

AT GREENSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA

On April 15, 1968, W. L. DELLINGER, Rent-A-Car, Incorporated, Greensboro, North Carolina, advised his records reveal that JOHN A. GAULT, Houston, Texas, representing Associated Pipeline Contractors, rented a 1968 Ford bearing 1968 North Carolina License 2953-C at the car rental agency in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, on April 4, 1968, at 4:09 p.m. to be returned on April 10, 1968. The records reveal that this car was turned in at Greensboro, North Carolina, at 11:22 a.m., on April 9, 1968. When checked out on April 4, 1968, the mileage was 7,308 and at the time it was checked in the mileage was 7,749.

SAC, BIRMINGHAM

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SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

MURKIN  
CR

OO MEMPHIS

Re Tampa teletype to Birmingham and Memphis dated  
4/8/68.

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA H. BARRY CANNODY and SA LESLIE J. FLOSI at Nashville,  
Tennessee:

On 4/10/68 a review of the Nashville telephone  
directory reflected that W. R. THOMPSON resides at 1097 Lynwood.

On 4/10/68 a negative attempt was made to contact  
O. B. THOMASON, residence 1095 Lynwood, JOHN J. BRADY, JR.,  
1099 Lynwood, and JAMES DILL, 1101 Lynwood.

On 4/11/68 Mrs. O. B. THOMASON, 1095 Lynwood,  
advised that the residence at 1097 Lynwood was occupied by  
the W. R. THOMPSON family and that THOMPSON is presently  
on a Florida vacation with his family. Mrs. THOMASON advised  
that on 4/4/68 and 4/5/68 she noted that Mr. THOMPSON was  
working in his yard at his residence at 1097 Lynwood.  
Mrs. THOMASON advised that Mr. THOMPSON was working in  
his yard until approximately 6:00 p.m. on 4/4/68.

On 4/11/68 Mrs. JOHN J. BRADY, JR., 1099 Lynwood,  
advised that the occupants of the residence at 1097 Lynwood  
were the W. R. THOMPSON family and they are presently in  
Florida on a vacation. Mrs. BRADY advised that Mr. THOMPSON  
was a successful businessman and was employed by GENESCO,  
Nashville, Tenn., and that Mr. THOMPSON was highly respected  
as a very civic minded man. Mrs. BRADY advised that she  
recalls that Mr. THOMPSON was working in his yard cutting  
the grass on the date of 4/4/68 and 4/5/68. Mrs. BRADY  
could not recall the exact time.

2 - Birmingham  
1 - Tampa (157-3231) (Info)  
③ - Memphis  
HBC/agn  
(5) *ngm*

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**On 4/11/68 GEORGINA HARPER, Clerk, Metropolitan  
Police Department, advised that they had no identification  
record on THOMPSON.**

4/19/68

**AIRTEL**

**TO : SAC, JACKSONVILLE**  
**FROM : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)**  
**SUBJECT: MURKIN**  
**CIVIL RIGHTS**  
**(OO: ME)**

On 4/19/68, BILL MARTIN, 923 14th Avenue, North, Nashville, Tennessee, telephone number 242-6144, advised that he observed a 1965 or 1966 Mustang, blue in color, bearing Florida license G-75466, at approximately 12:15 p.m. on 4/18/68, proceeding north on Fifth Avenue onto Dickerson Road in Nashville. MARTIN advised that the passenger in this vehicle looked very much like unsub. Another white male was driving the vehicle, and MARTIN does not know the description of this person.

MARTIN advised possibility exists that the "754" in the Florida license could be mixed up.

LEADS

JACKSONVILLE

AT TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

Will determine registrations of the following Florida licenses:

G-75466, G-74566, G-57466, G-54766, G-45766, G-47566.

2 - Jacksonville  
2 - Memphis

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Date: 4/19/68

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Via AIRTEL AM \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

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.

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| 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: [Signature]  
Special Agent in Charge

Sent FILE M Per [Signature]

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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO: SAC, ALBANY  
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN - COST DATA

ReButel to ME 4/17/68.

For information of all offices, the Bureau by retel requested of the Memphis Division as follows:

"Please furnish following information on above matter compiled or estimated through 4/30/68, and thereafter submit cumulative totals through the end of each month until further notice:

- 1) Number of man hours spent on case broken down as to regular hours, overtime hours, and total man hours by following employees (separate figures for each class of employees shown):
  - A. Special Agents
  - B. Clerical Employees
- 2) Total mileage (estimated or actual) traveled by Bucars used on case. Include mileage for cars traveling to and from other field offices on special assignment and any personally-owned cars.
- 3) Any unusual or out-of-ordinary costs, such as cost of chartering airplane, rental of special office space, leased telephone lines, etc. These should be itemized and cost of each item shown.

1 - Each Office  
2 - Memphis  
HEG:LF  
(59)

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Approved: *R.G. Jensen*  
Special Agent in Charge

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- 4) Peak number of Special Agents working on case during month for which report is submitted.

You should promptly request all Bureau offices involved in this case to furnish information requested herein to you and it should be included in your report."

Each office is requested to expeditiously furnish the Memphis Division with the above designated data within two work days after the close of each month. Secondly, each office is also requested to advise the Memphis Division even in the event each category is zero or no work is performed on this case during the month.

4/15/68

**Airtel**

**To: SAC's, Atlanta (44-2386)  
Memphis (44-1987)**

**From: Director, FBI (44-38861)**

**MURKIN**

**Re Atlanta letter dated 4/15/68, submitting piece of paper bearing handwritten notation "Galt 1052 N side Dr 876-8770," Q214.**

**One latent fingerprint of value developed on Q214. This latent fingerprint compared with latent prints previously reported this case, but no identification effected.**

**Results of laboratory examination and disposition of Q214 separate.**

**Submit major case prints of James D. Garner, Manager, Rooming House, 113 Fourteenth Street, for elimination purposes.**

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS  
FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CR  
(OO: MEMPHIS)

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as color  
photos*

Re: 1966 Mustang

Enclosed herewith for Memphis and Birmingham are one copy each of a set of five color photographs taken of 1966 Mustang recovered in the Capital Homes parking lot in the vicinity of Memorial and Conley Streets, Atlanta, Ga., on 4/11/68.

Above is being furnished for information and further investigation in this matter.

- 2 - Memphis (Encs. 5) *ll*
  - 2 - Birmingham (Encs. 5)
  - 1 - Bureau (Info.)
  - 2 - Atlanta
- JJR:rjb  
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Approved: *JL* Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

4/17/68

Airtel

To: SAC, Memphis  
From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re Memphis airtel 4/17/68 concerning kidnap.

Airtel contains photograph of kidnap in  
submitted to Memphis to aid in determining manufacturer  
of kidnap.

One color photograph of kidnap is enclosed for  
reference.

Enclosure  
① - Memphis (44-1987)

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*Darlington*

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

DATE: 4/17/68

FROM : SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Enclosed for Memphis are 15 copies of an FD 302 interview with JOHN HUBEART WILLARD, wherein WILLARD was interviewed on 4/5/68. This is a revised FD 302 in that in the second paragraph on page 1, line 2 the date April 5 has been changed to read April 4, 1968.

Memphis destroy previous 15 copies furnished.

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2-Memphis (Enc. 15) RM  
1-Jackson  
JLP:mah  
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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/8/68

JOHN HUBEART WILLARD, after being advised of the nature of the inquiry and the identity of the interviewing agents, was given a form entitled "Your Rights" and after reading the form and signing the "Waiver of Rights" section of the form, furnished the following information concerning his activities. On April 4, 1968, he stated that he arrived at his place of employment, the Day Brite Lighting, Incorporated, plant located at South Green and Day Brite Drive, Tupelo, Mississippi, shortly before 7:00 A.M. He said that he was at the plant all the day long and punched out several minutes after 3:30 P.M. on April 4, 1968. He related after leaving the plant he and BILLY GLENN DOWDY went to the Union Hall located on North Spring Street, Tupelo, Mississippi, and attended a union meeting of local 1028, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. This union meeting lasted until shortly before 5:00 P.M., after which time he and DOWDY got into his 1968 Ford pickup Deluxe, yellow and white, having no license plate, and drove to the home of DOWDY located on Warren Street, Pontotoc, Mississippi, where he let DOWDY out of the truck and then he proceeded to his home located west of Pontotoc, Mississippi, on Highway 6, approximately five miles.

WILLARD stated that when he arrived at his home around 5:30 P.M. on April 4, 1968, his wife, BARBARA NELL, and their son, RANDY JOE, were already at home. He said he did not leave his home after arriving home and retired for the evening around 8:30 P.M. He stated that prior to his evening meal, he started mowing the lawn.

WILLARD stated he did not go to Memphis on April 4, 1968, and has not been to Memphis in approximately a month, at which time he had visited a brother who resides in Southaven, Mississippi. WILLARD further stated that he has no knowledge of the individual or individuals responsible for the shooting of ~~Dr. KING, stating that the only information he has is what he~~

On 4/5/68 at Tupelo, Mississippi File# Jackson 157-9586

by SA JOHN S. CASTLES  
SA FRANCIS G. HONAN/JSC:bls

Date dictated

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learned while viewing television.

The following description of WILLARD was obtained through interview and observation:

Name:	JOHN HUBEART WILLARD
Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Date of Birth:	<input type="text"/>
Place of Birth:	Pontotoc County, Mississippi
Height:	5 feet 11 inches
Weight:	160
Eyes:	Blue
Hair:	Brown - normally wears crew cut but now hair growing out
Education:	9th grade, Hurricane School, Pontotoc County, Mississippi
Military Service:	None
Selective Service Board:	Pontotoc County, Pontotoc, Mississippi
Marital Status:	Married
Wife:	BARBARA NELL WILLARD, nee DAY, Route 5, Pontotoc, Mississippi, employed Credit Bureau, Oxford, Mississippi
Children:	One, son RANDY JOE WILLARD, 4th grade student, Thaxton School, Pontotoc County, Mississippi
Parents:	Mr. and Mrs. ENIS D. WILLARD, Hurricane Community, Pontotoc County, Mississippi, mailing address Route 1, Thaxton, Mississippi
Brothers:	KENNETH D. WILLARD, 28

Dudley Street,  
Southaven, Mississippi,  
employed Mengle Box  
Company, Memphis,  
Tennessee

SHIRLEY QUAY WILLARD, 22  
Pontotoc, Mississippi,  
employed Brookwood  
Manufacturing Company,  
Pontotoc, Mississippi

LINDER WILLARD, 36,  
Route 1, Thaxton,  
Mississippi

Sisters:

Mrs. W. K. (BILLY JOYCE) WILLIAMS  
street address unknown,  
Southaven, Mississippi

Mrs. PETE (JUNE) BLACK,  
street address unknown,  
Southaven, Mississippi

Mrs. KENNETH (FRANCES) FRANKLIN,  
street address unknown,  
Southaven, Mississippi

Mrs. GARDNER (JEAN) BULLINGTON,  
street address unknown,  
Southaven, Mississippi

Admitted arrests:

1958 - offense occurred  
Pontotoc County, Mississippi,  
but arrested in Memphis,  
Tennessee, three years  
probation; 1966 - public  
drunk, Pontotoc, Mississippi;  
several traffic violations

Previous residences:

Pontotoc County, Mississippi,  
except a period of residence,  
1958, at 1850 Jefferson  
Street, Memphis, Tennessee

Social Security Number:

Occupation:

Assemblyman, Day Brite  
Lighting, Incorporated,  
Tupelo, Mississippi, five  
years

Vehicles:

1968 Ford pickup  
Deluxe, yellow and  
white, no license  
plates, owned approximately  
two weeks; white 1968  
model Volkswagen used by  
wife for transportation  
to Oxford

WILLARD voluntarily consented to be photographed  
and photographs obtained.

JOHN WILLARD stated he knows of no other person  
named JOHN WILLARD and he knows of no reason why anyone  
might use his name. He stated he owns a Remington Semi-  
Automatic .22 caliber rifle and a very old .410 shotgun.