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(HANDWRITING NOT THAT OF GALT)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 16, 1968

Mrs. DORIS LADNER, 2121 - 36th Avenue North, Birmingham, Alabama, advised that her brother, MARLIN C. MYERS, and his wife JOAN own and operate the Continental Dance Studios, 7960 Crestwood Boulevard, Birmingham, Alabama. She advised that commencing on or about September 5, 1967, she has been taking dance lessons from her brother. She stated that from September 5, 1967, until approximately two months ago her brother gave dance lessons at the Friendship Club located on Graymont Avenue, Birmingham, and that these lessons were given each Tuesday evening from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

She stated she does recall ERIC GALT was a student in her dance class from September 12, 1967, until approximately October 3, 1967. She stated that during that period there were approximately fourteen to sixteen persons in the class and that half of them were men and the other half were women. She stated that at the beginning of the classes in September, 1967, all the students introduced themselves to each other and she does recall at this time that her brother had asked her and her sister, Mrs. WEEKS, who was also a student in the class, to circulate among the students to help them feel at ease. She stated that as a result of doing this she met ERIC GALT and did try to make him feel at ease.

She stated GALT was a very quiet and timid person who had very little to say and did not volunteer any information concerning himself when asked such questions. She stated that to the best of her knowledge he only attended approximately four lessons and that on his last appearance he did seem to converse with her more than he did at the beginning of the lessons; that he did ask her where she was living in Birmingham. She stated that when she told him she lived on the north side of Birmingham, he replied that he knew very little about Birmingham and the only area he was familiar with was the Highland Avenue

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area where he resided. She stated that from this conversation she feels he is not a native of Birmingham and had not been in Birmingham for any length of time. She stated he did tell her he had taken dancing lessons in New Orleans and when he made this statement, she mentioned that her brother and his wife were from New Orleans and had taught dancing lessons in New Orleans. She stated GALT did not make any indication that he had recalled taking dancing lessons from her brother, although she was aware of this since her sister-in-law, JOAN, had previously mentioned this fact to her.

She stated that during her conversations with GALT he never indicated where he was employed, although she recalls that he either said he was living near an area where construction was going on or was working in construction.

She advised that she noticed when she was talking with him he would not look her in the eyes; that he would either look away or drop his head, and that when he would be sitting in a chair he seemed to be staring into the distance as though he had something on his mind. She further stated that in trying to make him feel more at ease she would attempt to draw him into conversation by bringing up various subject matters; however, he never seemed to respond to any of the questions she asked other than the fact he would either give a yes or no answer. She did state, however, that he was interested in sports and when asked specifically what sport he was interested in, he commented that he liked baseball.

She advised that on each occasion when she arrived for a dance lesson GALT was always there before she was and after the classes were over he always left before she did since she would usually stay around and assist her brother and sister-in-law in cleaning up the studio. She, therefore, was unable to state whether he had an automobile and GALT had never made any comment to her how he would arrive at the dance studio. She stated that when she, her brother, sister and sister-in-law would leave the dance hall, they usually went to the Plantation Barbecue and she had never observed GALT at the Plantation. She stated she has no knowledge as to where GALT would go after the dance instructions were over; that she never observed him in the area of the Friendship Club when she was leaving.

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Mrs. LADNER stated that during the dance instructions they would keep changing partners and therefore no one particular individual would dance with the same partner for any length of time. She stated she never observed GALT talking with any particular student in the class, and she again reiterated that GALT would stay by himself or if a group of people came around to him during one of the breaks, he would just sit there and say nothing.

She added that she never observed GALT smoking cigarettes, nor at any time did she notice any alcoholic beverages on his breath. She advised that she is certain she would be able to recognize GALT if she saw him again.

She described him as follows:

Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Height:	Approximately 5'11"
Hair:	Brown; crew-cut
Eyes:	Blue
Complexion:	Ruddy
Age:	35 - 36
Weight:	175 - 180
Dress:	Would wear shirt, tie, sport coat and occasionally wore a knit turtle-neck shirt; never noticed any jewelry of any kind; always appeared neat.
Characteristics:	Clean-shaven; hands not rough; extremely quiet and reserved.

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IDENTIFICATION AT MAYFIELD CLEANERS,
BIRMINGHAM, OF RED DRY CLEANING
TICKET NO. 4591, FOUND IN GALT'S
EFFECTS AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 15, 19681

RUBY GOODMAN, Manager, Mayfield Cleaners, 2222 Highland Avenue, made available a dry cleaning receipt book dated September 30, 1967, to October 5, 1967.

This book reflects that red ticket Number \$4591, was issued October 3, 1967, for the pressing of one coat under the name of GAULT. Mrs. GOODMAN advised that the writing on this receipt is in her handwriting, and she is the only one employed at the laundry, except on Thursdays another woman releaves her.

This same receipt book contains an entry October 2, 1967, for the cleaning of a pair of trousers under the name of GAULT, ticket Number R4451.

Mrs. GOODMAN also furnished dry cleaning receipt book dated September 15, 1967, to September 22, 1967, which contains an entry dated September 20, 1967, for the cleaning of one pair of trousers under the name of GAULT, ticket Number R3701.

Mrs. GOODMAN also furnished a dry cleaning receipt book dated September 11, 1967, to September 15, 1967. This book contains a receipt dated September 13, 1967, for the cleaning of one tie and one pair of trousers under the name of GAULT, ticket Number R4962.

She also furnished laundry receipt book dated September 1, 1967, to September 7, 1967, showing an entry September 5, 1967, for the cleaning of two shirts and one coat under the name of GALT.

Mrs. GOODMAN advised that she had no recollection whatsoever of the individual named GALT or GAULT.

She was exhibited an artist's conception of the suspect and stated this was not familiar to her.

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IDENTIFICATION OF SERVICE STATION,
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, WHERE S & H
GREEN STAMPS, FOUND IN GALT'S EFFECTS
AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA, WERE DISTRIBUTED.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/16/68

O. H. ABRAMS, Manager, Standard Service Station, 2188 Highland Avenue, South, Birmingham, stated that his station purchases S&H green stamps about every two weeks in lots of 100,000. The purchase usually consists of 20 books of stamps with 5,000 stamps per book.

ABRAMS checked his records and ascertained that stamps bearing the number 14LK at the top of the stamp and the number 627 at the bottom of the stamp, on the face, were purchased on September 8, 1967, from S&H salesman, M. E. DAWKINS. At that time stamps bearing the numbers 621-640 were purchased. The next purchase of stamps was on September 22, 1967. ABRAMS stated the number 627 on the stamp would indicate that it was given to a customer sometime during the period September 8-22, 1967.

ABRAMS stated he did not recall any customer who drove a white 1966 Mustang with a red interior. He furnished the names of all employees who were working at his station during the period August 28 to October 7, 1967.

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VISITS BY AN INDIVIDUAL POSSIBLY IDENTICAL WITH
UNSUB WITH OTHER SPORTING GOODS STORES --
THE GUN RACK, BIRMINGHAM, AND LONG-LEWIS
HARDWARE COMPANY, BESSEMER, ALABAMA.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/12/68

QUINTON B. DAVIS, 912 Ann Street, Ensley, Birmingham, Alabama, owner of "The Gun Rack", 1507 31st Street, S.W., Birmingham, Alabama, furnished the following information regarding a customer who had expressed an interest in buying a high-powered rifle.

He advised that during the past several months, an individual has been in The Gun Rack on two or three occasions. He stated that he recalled on one occasion, he talked with this individual and attempted to sell him a rifle. It was about noon and he was alone in The Gun Rack at the time this occurred. He stated that it was raining at the time and he recalls the individual parked his car near the front entrance to The Gun Rack. He stated that he could not recall the exact description of this car but as he recalls, the car was a small car, light in color. He stated if it was a white car, it was dirty.

He advised that he believes this individual was in The Gun Rack two or three months ago, exact date he cannot recall.

He stated when the man came into The Gun Rack, he asked him if he had a Model 264 Browning automatic, Grade 2. He informed the man he did not have a Model 264 Browning, as this was a new rifle and he had not been promised delivery by the Browning Company of Model 264 until June or July 1968. DAVIS advised that numerous gun magazines have carried stories about a Browning Model 264, but they are not available to dealers at this time.

He advised he recalls the man asked him about a Redfield rifle scope, a 3x9 Accu-range scope, and DAVIS

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pointed out in a Redfield 1968 bulletin that on page 6 of this bulletin is the type scope the man made inquiry concerning.

He recalls the man asked him how long it would take for him to get the scope, as DAVIS did not have the scope in stock. DAVIS informed the man it would take two or three days to obtain the scope and have it mounted.

DAVIS advised that he exhibited to the man several different rifles but does not recall the man actually handling any of the rifles. He recalls that among the weapons that he attempted to sell this individual was a Remington Model 742 automatic, a Model 700 7 m.m. Remington Magnum. He stated that the reason he recalls the 7 m.m. Magnum is that he only had one of these guns and he had purchased it for an individual who had refused to take the gun after he had purchased it. He advised that he attempted to sell the man several other guns, including guns with caliber 30/06, .243 and .308, but the man appeared to be more interested in obtaining information regarding the amount a bullet dropped at certain distances than actually in buying a rifle. He stated that he and the man referred to a 1968 gun book and looked up various manufacturer's ammunition and the amount the bullet would drop at various distances for .243 caliber, .308 caliber, and 30/06 caliber.

He advised that in his experience in selling guns and ammunition, most of the people who are interested in ballistics are individuals who do hand reloading. He advised that at the time, he thought this individual was interested in the drop of bullets, as he might be planning to reload ammunition with varying amounts of powder. He advised that now he recalls during their conversation the man did not at any time express any interest in the muzzle velocity of the bullet but was only interested in weights of bullets and the amount of drop at various distances. From the conversation, he gained the impression the man wanted to buy a rifle that would fire a bullet with the least amount of drop, several hundred yards of distance.

He furnished the following description of this individual:

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Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	30-35
Height	5'9" - 5'10"
Weight	150 pounds
Build	Slender
Complexion	Light. Skin did not appear as if the man was ever in the sun; gave the impression of being almost pale.
Characteristics	General impression of being a weak person physically, not the type who would be interested in outdoor big-game shooting.

He stated the man, during their conversation, did not appear to be too interested in the guns as he was listening very closely to information he furnished regarding ballistics. He stated the man stared at him during their conversation. He advised the man's eyes were light in color, blue, but with different colors, very unusual in appearance, and very noticeable. He stated the man talked very plainly, pronounced each word very clearly. He stated he could not be positive as to whether this man is a Southerner or from some other section of the country, although he does not talk like most Southerners.

He stated the man had thin, bony hands and his fingernails were manicured. He stated the man's face was thin, and although the man talked very intelligently and may have been an educated person, he gained the impression the man was under a strain or slightly mentally disturbed. He stated the man had a very serious expression on his face, although he was polite and courteous. He advised that he believes this man may have been in his store on one occasion during the football season but he does not recall the man buying anything or his reason for being in the store.

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1Date April 12, 1968

CLYDE ROYAL MANASCO, Route 9, Box 602, Birmingham, Alabama, Clerk, The Gun Rack, located at 1507 S.W. 31st Street, Birmingham, Alabama, furnished the following information:

On March 29, 1968, at about 1:30 p.m., he was in The Gun Rack alone when a man came in the store and made inquiry concerning ballistics of various rifles. He stated this individual did not appear to want to purchase a rifle as much as he was seeking information about ballistics. He stated this man was interested in obtaining information concerning the rifle that would give the flattest and longest trajectory in a bullet. He stated they discussed the various calibers of rifles, including .243, .308 and 30.06. He stated this man, in his opinion, did not come in to buy a rifle but came in for information concerning rifles and ballistics. He said the man asked him if he had a ballistics chart he could take with him, and MANASCO advised him he did have such a chart. The man then asked him if he had a used .243 caliber rifle, which he did not have.

He advised he would describe this individual as a white male, thirty years of age, 5'8" to 5'9" in height, 140 to 150 pounds, light brown hair, light complexion, dressed in sports clothes, and he does not believe the man was wearing a coat when he was in The Gun Rack.

He stated he did not observe this individual's automobile or mode of travel. He gained the impression from conversation with this individual that he had either been or was going to Long-Lewis Hardware Company, Bessemer, Alabama.

He advised he recalls that this individual was interested in the amount of drop a bullet would have at 200 yards and other various distances, and he was seeking information concerning the speed and weight of bullets. Mr. MANASCO said he would give this matter further thought and he might be able to recall additional details concerning this matter.

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CLYDE ROYAL MANASCO, Route 9, Box 602, Birmingham, Alabama, Clerk at The Gun Rack, located at 1507 S. W. 31st Street, Birmingham, Alabama, was interviewed, and he furnished the following information:

He advised that he now recalls that the man who came to The Gun Rack and made inquiry concerning ballistics of various rifles did not occur on March 29, 1968, as he had previously informed SA J. T. ARNETT. He stated that on March 29, 1968, he was not at work as he took an examination for a pilots license on March 29, 1968. He stated that he was alone at The Gun Rack at the time the man came in, as the owner of The Gun Rack was out of town on business on Wednesday, March 27, 1968, and he believes that March 27, 1968, is the date that this man came to The Gun Rack.

He stated that since being interviewed by SA J. T. ARNETT on April 8, 1968, he had given this matter considerable thought, and now recalls that this individual had been in The Gun Rack three or four times during the past several months, exact time and dates he could not recall. He stated that he recalls on other occasions when this man came to The Gun Rack he did not make any inquiry of him about any guns, ammunition, or ballistics. He stated on the other occasions he had observed this man, he had come into the store and looked at the various items on display. He stated that this is not unusual, for many customers are "lookers". He stated the man did not handle the weapons on the occasions he was in The Gun Rack. He stated that many customers who come to The Gun Rack pick up and handle numerous weapons without making a purchase. He advised he did not recall ever seeing this individual with another person when he was at The Gun Rack. He stated on the occasions the man was in The Gun Rack, he had offered to show him merchandise, but the man had always been polite in refusing and stated he was only looking.

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MANASCO stated that as he now recalls, the man coming in the store on March 27, 1968, stated on his arrival, "I would like to see your .243 caliber rifles". MANASCO stated that he did not have any .243 caliber rifles in stock, and he attempted to sell the man a 30/06 caliber rifle. He stated that he recalls he attempted to sell this man a Weatherby rifle, and the man indicated that the price of this rifle was too high. He stated that the man, he did not believe, however, handled any rifles while at The Gun Rack, although MANASCO believes he attempted to hand the man a rifle as he would exhibit them to him. He stated he recalls he tried to sell the man a .742 rifle, caliber 30/06. He stated that on previous occasions that this man had been in The Gun Rack, he had appeared not to be interested in purchasing a gun, but was merely interested in looking at the various weapons. He stated on March 27, 1968, however, he gained the impression that this man was "about ready to buy a gun". He stated, therefore, he attempted to sell the man a gun. He stated the man showed an interest and asked questions about the weight of bullets for the various calibers and the amount the bullet would drop at various distances. He stated he gained the impression that the man was more interested in the inches a bullet dropped at various distances than he was in muzzle velocity of the bullet and weight of the bullet.

He advised he did not recall the man asking him anything about a 6.5 millimeter rifle or ammunition. He stated he has 6.5 millimeter rifle ammunition in stock. He stated that when the man asked him about charts concerning ballistics and weapons, he gave the man a booklet entitled "Winchester-Western 1968 Sporting Arms and Ammunition". This booklet has a cover and is 47 pages in length. He pointed out that this booklet contains various articles on weapons and ballistics of various type cartridges. He stated he also gave this man a booklet entitled "Redfield '68 Scopes, Mounts, Sights". He advised that this booklet has a cover and is 31 pages in length. This booklet, he advised,

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contains various articles on scopes and mounts. He advised the man was also seeking information on rifle scopes. Mr. MANASCO furnished copies of two similar booklets as the ones he had furnished the man on March 27, 1968.

He stated that on the occasions he had observed this man, he at no time was under the impression he had been drinking alcoholic beverages. He stated that he now recalls the individual's description as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	28-32 years old
Height	5'8" - 5'9"
Weight	140-150
Build	Slender
Hair	Light brown
Eyes	Light blue
Complexion	Light (He stated the individual did not appear to have been in the sun and his complexion was almost pale looking.)

MANASCO stated the individual's eyes were very noticeable as the man would look directly at him when he was talking. He stated many customers would look at guns or weapons and carry on a conversation about them, but this customer would look directly into his eyes during the time they were carrying on a conversation. He stated the man appeared to be alert and listened very carefully to the information he furnished concerning guns and ballistics. He stated the man's voice was very clear and of slightly higher pitch than normal, and in his opinion, the man's voice did not sound like a southerner, or at least the man had resided in other sections of the country until his voice did not resemble that of a person who had been in this area for a long time. He stated the man did not appear to be a strong person, but weak physically. He stated the man was polite and gave the impression of being intelligent. He stated the man's teeth were clean and straight although not perfect. He recalls that the man's fingernails had been manicured and the fingernails were even with his fingers.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date April 11, 1968

LYNDELL EARL DILBECK, 89 Holiday Trailer Park, Bessemer Super Highway, Bessemer, Alabama, who is employed in the gun and sporting goods department at Long-Lewis Hardware Company, Bessemer, Alabama, furnished the following information:

He recalls some man coming to Long-Lewis Hardware on Friday, March 29, 1968, and asking about a high-powered rifle, but he is sure he referred this individual to MIKE KOPP, who is in charge of that department. He said it was possible that he went to lunch shortly after referring this customer to Mr. KOPP, as he recalls this was about noon-time.

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LYNDELL EARL DILBECK, 89 Holiday Trailer Park, Bessemer Super Highway, Bessemer, Alabama, advised he is employed in the gun and sporting goods department at LONG-LEWIS HARDWARE COMPANY, Bessemer.

After viewing FBI artist's conception of an individual, exhibited to him by SA J. T. ARNETT, DILBECK advised he could not recall whether this artist's sketch is similar to the person who had made inquiry concerning a high-powered rifle on March 29, 1968.

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Date April 11, 1968

JOHN MICHAEL KOPP, 1420 - 35th Street, Ensley, Birmingham, Alabama, employed as Manager of Firearms Department, LONG-LEWIS HARDWARE Wholesale and Retail Store, Bessemer, Alabama, furnished the following information:

He stated that on Friday, March 29, 1968, at about noontime, he recalls a customer making inquiry concerning a high-powered rifle. This individual was seeking information concerning ballistics of the various high-powered weapons. When the man first made inquiry concerning whether they handled high-powered rifles, he asked him if he would like to see a 30-30 and the man said he would not as a 30-30 would not be powerful enough. The man asked if he had a .243, .308 or 30/06 caliber rifle, also inquiring as to the prices of the various rifles, and he informed him he had a Winchester .243 rifle for \$127.95, a .308 for \$154.95 and a 30/06 for \$176.98. He recalls this man asking how many inches would the .308 bullet drop at 600 yards. He also wanted to know the ballistics or drop in a 30/06.

KOPP stated this individual looked at the rifles and is sure he handled the rifles in the store. However, since that time these rifles have been handled by numerous other individuals, and the previous day all of these rifles were removed from the racks and stored in another part of the building, at which time at least four other employees had handled the rifles. He stated he recalls that this individual handled a Browning rifle, opening the action of the rifle and closed it without any difficulty. He said this particular rifle had a unique manner in which the action could be opened and released and unless someone was familiar with this rifle, it would be highly unlikely that he could open and close the action without assistance or careful study of the mechanism. He stated this individual asked him if he had any 6.5 mm. ammunition that would fit a Japanese rifle.

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Mr. KOPP advised that this individual asked if he had any scopes and scope mounts. He recalls the man asked how much a "tip-off" mount would cost. He said the man did not ask him any details concerning the power of scopes, nor did he state what power scope he desired. This individual asked how long it would take to have a scope mounted on a rifle and KOPP informed him it would take at least two days as he sent his rifles to Birmingham to T. K. LEE to have the scopes mounted. He said the man appeared to be shopping and pricing rather than actually interested in the immediate purchase of a rifle.

He stated the individual did not appear to be familiar with Bessemer, Alabama, as he recalls the individual asking him about other places that might have high-powered rifles at Bessemer, and he told the man that BANKS PAWN SHOP and SIMMONS PAWN SHOP might have them, at which time the man asked him where these places were located. KOPP stated these two places of business are located directly across the street from Long-Lewis Hardware Company, and he pointed out Banks Pawn Shop, directly across the street, to this man.

Mr. KOPP advised he did not know whether any other employee at Long-Lewis Hardware Company observed this individual, but that the other employee who works in the same department is LYNDEL EARL DILBECK.

He stated this unknown individual talked in a soft voice but pronounced each word very clearly and had no particular accent. During the conversation he noted that the man pronounced several words in a way which indicated to KOPP that he may have been from another section of the country. He stated he recalls on one occasion, while this man was in the store, he called to an employee in the store whose name is PAUL, and when he called this individual by the name PAUL, it appeared to startle the man and he repeated the name "PAUL" but pronounced it "PAAL."

He stated that at Long-Lewis Hardware there is a moose head trophy on display, and this individual made some comments concerning this being such a nice trophy.

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Although he claimed he had fired at a Moose or some other large game on one occasion and missed, he did not give any details concerning any hunting experience.

KOPP stated this individual did not appear to him to be strong enough to shoot a high-powered weapon. He had an extremely light complexion with a rather "weak" appearance. He did not appear to be an outdoor type who would enjoy big game hunting.

He stated that when the man was about to leave the store he said he would look around some more and might come back to Long-Lewis.

KOPP furnished the following description of this individual who made inquiry regarding a high-powered rifle:

Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Height:	5'9" - 5'10" (KOPP noted that on one occasion he had to look behind this person and it was necessary that he stand on his tiptoes to look over this man's head. KOPP is 6 feet tall. He said he first thought the man to be his height, but noting the fact that from eye level he would have to raise up 2 or 3 inches to look over his head, the man would probably be 5'9" or 5'10".)
Complexion:	Fair; appeared he had not been in the sun and might be sick.
Eyes:	Color not recalled but believed to be light.
Age:	28 - 32
Build:	Slender
Weight:	150 lbs.
Hair:	Light brown to "dishwater blond"
Hair Style:	Combed up in front and flat on top; combed straight back; hair stood up slightly; thin in appearance; medium-short on sides.

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Eyebrows:

Medium thick (KOPP stated that at the time this individual was in Long-Lewis he was wearing dark horn-rimmed glasses and the side frames were wide and went straight back similar to those worn by Entertainer RAY CHARLES, whose picture he has seen in various advertisements. He observed the eyebrows when the man got something in his eye and took his glasses off.)

Mouth:

Small

General Appearance:

Very serious expression on face; facial shape - thin. When the man talked he could observe the cheekbones against the skin.

Nose:

Thin

Hands:

Thin and well kept; nails manicured.

Clothing:

Business type suit, dark brown color; shirt appears to be identical to a shirt manufactured by SERO Company. KOPP advised he has a Sero shirt and it appeared to be identical to shirt owned by KOPP. This was a white shirt with small blue and yellow pin stripes.

Tie:

Predominantly green with a stripe, button-down.

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JOHN MICHAEL KOPP, 1420 - 35th Street, Ensley, Birmingham, Alabama, employed as Manager of the Firearms Department, LONG-LEWIS HARDWARE Wholesale and Retail Store, Bessemer, Alabama, was shown artist's conception of an individual by SA J. T. ARNETT. Mr. KOPP advised that this artist's conception resembled an individual who had made inquiry concerning a high-powered rifle on March 29, 1968; however, in his opinion, it varies from the person's appearance in the following manner:

The hair was not combed exactly like the artist's conception, the hair appearing to be too thick. He stated the man's hair appeared to him to be combed more flat on top, straight back, thinner, and not quite as high. He said the artist's sketch of the man's eyes did not appear exactly as he recalled the person's eyes with whom he talked. The man's face appeared to be thinner than the artist's conception, but stated the artist's conception does resemble this person.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA J. T. ARNETT on April 9, 1968, at Bessemer, Alabama.

J. A. LEWIS, salesman, Long-Lewis Hardware Company, after viewing artist's conception exhibited to him, advised he did not recall ever seeing an individual similar to the artist's conception in Long-Lewis Hardware.

WILLIAM P. McCLINTON, owner, Banks Pawn Shop, Bessemer, after viewing artist's conception exhibited to him by SA J. T. ARNETT, advised he could not recall this individual ever being in Banks Pawn Shop. He stated it was possible the man could have been in his place of business, but he did not have detailed information regarding ballistics and very few rifles of any type.

BERNARD BIGBEE, Clerk, Banks Pawn Shop, after viewing artist's conception of an individual, stated he did not recall ever seeing this person or a similar person in Banks Pawn Shop, and did not recall a person of similar appearance making inquiry regarding high-powered rifles and ballistics. He said it was possible this person could have made an inquiry, but in view of the recent increase in business he might not recall this individual.

RALPH SIMMONS, owner, Simmons Pawn Shop, Bessemer, Alabama, after viewing artist's conception of an individual exhibited to him by SA ARNETT, advised he did not recall an individual similar to the artist's conception making any inquiry in his store concerning a high-powered rifle. He stated he does not carry any rifle more high-powered than a 30-30 caliber.

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AUTO RENTAL AGENCIES AND
USED CAR DEALERS

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ROSCOE HARRIS
Hiker
National Car Rental
2328 5th Avenue, North
Birmingham, Alabama

CHARLES HILL
Hiker
National Car Rental

BRENDA GREER
Rental Agent
National Car Rental.

April 9, 1968 Budget Rent-A-Car
1813-15 1st Avenue, North
Birmingham, Alabama

Records made available by PATRICIA WHALEY,
Bookkeeper.

DANNY ENGLISH
Rental Clerk
Budget Rent-A-Car

ERVIN DANIELS,
Hiker
Budget Rent-A-Car

JAMES HOWELL
Hiker
Butgett Rent-A-Car.

April 8, 1968 Rent-A-Ford
(International Fleet Corp.)
1720 5th Avenue, North
Birmingham, Alabama

Records made available by C. H. DUNCAN, Partner.

SAM HENDERSON
Hiker
Rent-A-Ford

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ROBERT GRAYSON
Hiker
Rent-A-Ford.

April 7, 1968 Hertz Rent-A-Car
2020 5th Avenue, North
Birmingham, Alabama

Records made available by JOE KLYCE, owner.

JEAN BROXTON
Hertz Rent-A-Car

GLORIA RODDAM
Hertz Rent-A-Car

LILA HYDE
Hertz Rent-A-Car

It is noted that no record of a Mustang that was rented during the period checked was found indicating that this car was taken into Tennessee and then returned to Birmingham.

April 8, 1968 Avis Rent-A-Car
2023 5th Avenue, North
Birmingham, Alabama

PETE KLYCE
Avis Rent-A-Car

MIKE SULLIVAN
Rental Agent
Avis Rent-A-Car

CURTIS LEE JONES
Hiker
Avis Rent-A-Car

DEWEY RUFFIN
Rental Agent
Avis Rent-A-Car

LAURINE ODOM
Rental Agent
Avis Rent-A-Car

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April 8, 1968 American Leasing
2116 5th Avenue, North
Birmingham, Alabama

Records made available by R. E. JONES, Manager,
who advised that automobiles rented through this company
are to be returned to Birmingham and are usually rented
on a long-term basis.

April 10, 1968 Liberty Leasing
2428 6th Avenue, South
Birmingham, Alabama

Records made available by BILL GARRIGAN, Manager.

GAIL JONES
Bookkeeper
Liberty Leasing.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA JOHN H. KRESEK, SA HARRY T. POSEY and SA CLAUDE TIMOTHY
ADAMS on April 6, 1968, at Birmingham, Alabama:

The records of Hertz Rent-A-Car Company, 2020
5th Avenue North, Birmingham, Alabama, were made available
for examination by TOM DYKES, Night Manager.

These records were checked pertaining to
automobiles rented by that company from March 20, 1968, to
April 6, 1968, and were reviewed for the names HARVEY
LOWMEYER and W. H. LEHMEYER, and place of destination, with
negative results.

An artist's conception was also displayed to
Mr. DYKES of a suspect in this case with negative results.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA's ALVIN LEE KING and HARRY T. POSEY at Birmingham, Alabama:

On April 11, 1968, the following used car lots in the Birmingham, Alabama, area were contacted and a composite conception was displayed to employees of the companies as indicated:

The records of the purchases of automobiles made by the companies contacted during the period of August, 1967, were observed for the names of HARVEY LOWMEYER, W. H. LEHMEYER, JOHN WILLARD, ERIC STARVO GALT, JAY WILLIS VERNON.

No one contacted identified the artist's conception of the suspect and no record of a purchase of an automobile was located containing the above-mentioned names.

Courtesy Used Cars
2300 7th Avenue South
JIM DENNIS, Manager
LEO STANCEL, Salesman
W. H. MORGAN, Salesman
STAN ROPER, Salesman.

Liberty Motors
2428 6th Avenue South
BERTHA TYLER - Bookkeeper
ROBERT S. COOPER, Salesman
BILL COOK, Salesman
FRANCIS COOK, Salesman.

Roy Bridges Rambler
2222 6th Avenue South
HOWARD BRASSEALE, Bookkeeper

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CHARLES SCARBROUGH, Salesman
JACK MILLICAN, Salesman
JOHN WALKER, Salesman
CLEMENTS WOOD, Office Manager
JOHN TATE, Salesman
J. C. ALVERSON, Salesman
KELLER WILLIAMSON, Salesman.

Downtown Motors
330 South 24th Street
HAROLD ROSS, Salesman

Car Town, Inc.
400 South 24th Street
FRANK COOPER, Manager
C. E. PATTERSON, Salesman
PETE THOMAS, Salesman.

Foreign Car Center
2211 4th Avenue South
TOMMY CHARLES, Owner
E. L. HUGHEY, Salesman

Penton Motors
2300 Third Avenue South
LESTER PENTON, Owner
W. T. MC CURDY, Salesman

A A OK Used Cars
2301 Third Avenue South
RAY WADSWORTH, Manager
ALISON CREATOZ, Salesman

It is noted that Mr. WADSWORTH stated the
company was not open during August of 1967.

G & S Motor Company
2315 Third Avenue South
J. L. GLOVER, Manager

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Big Hearted Eddie's Used Car Lot
2425 Third Avenue South
HAROLD HENDERSON, Manager
SIMS BUSBY, Salesman and buyer.
WILLIE CULPEPPER, Mechanic
ESTES SWINDLE, JR., Mechanic.

Arnold Peek Motor Company
2230 Third Avenue South
ARNOLD PEEK, Owner
LESTER MOMAN, Salesman
WILLIAM KNIGHT, Salesman
WILLIAM CLAY, Salesman
JERRY COVINGTON, Secretary.

Compact Auto Sales
2424 Third Avenue South
JOHN D. LINDSEY, Owner

John Smart Motor Company
201 South 24th Street
T. L. SIGGERS, Salesman.

Mac Motors
2400 Second Avenue South
MAX WEINTRAUB, part owner
IRVING WEINTRAUB, part owner.

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LIGGETT REXALL DRUG STORE CONTACTS

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REXALL AND LANE-REXALL DRUG STORES,
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA:

The Memphis Division advised the Special Agent in Charge in Birmingham that in the possession of Unknown Subject were cash register receipts from a Liggett Rexall Drug Store which were labeled at the top Liggett Rexall Drug Store and that the right bore a price and at the bottom left hand corner the numbers 1678 and 3458. The receipts contained neither a date nor a city nor a store number.

On April 6, 1968 the following Liggett Rexall and Lane Rexall Drug Stores in the Birmingham area were contacted by SA DAVID T. DALY and SA DAVID B. ZWIEN, and none of the below-listed stores had a similar cash register receipt in use:

AMOS F. STEVENS, Liggett Rexall Drug Store, 1001 First Avenue, North;

WILLIAM M. WEED, Liggett Rexall Drug Store, 5-Points West Shopping Center;

F. L. RAY, Lane Liggett Drug Store, 1024 South 20th Street;

ROBERT PEDGETT, Lane Rexall Drug Store, 1500 E. Montgomery Highway;

C. A. CANAL, Liggett Rexall Drug Store, Eastman Mall;

H. C. BAILEY, Liggett Rexall Drug Store, 1111 1/2 Park Shopping Center, contacted by SAC GAMBLE;

JEWELL JOHNSON, Hall's Liggett Rexall, Central point, Alabama.

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RECORD CHECKS

The following investigation was conducted by IC WILLIAM H. CUSHEN at Birmingham, Alabama, on April 9, 1968.

Indices of the Birmingham Division were checked, with negative results, regarding the surnames LOWMEYER and LOWMYER.

City directories and telephone directories covering the Birmingham territories were negative regarding the surnames LOWMEYER and LOWMYER.

Miss JEAN BISHOP, Revenue Department, Auto License Department, Jefferson County Courthouse; Miss SYLVIA LITTLE, Board of Registrars, Jefferson County Courthouse; Mr. D. L. WEBBER, Identification Bureau, Jefferson County Sheriff's Office; Miss YVONNE HILL, Identification Bureau, Birmingham Police Department; Miss CATHERINE McCORMIE, City Records Court; and Mrs. JESSIE WILLIAMS, Merchants Credit Association, advised from their respective files they could locate no record regarding the surnames LOWMEYER or LOWMYER.

Likewise, the names of JOHN WILLARD, ERIC S. GALT, and others as they became of interest, were checked through all available sources and records without any identification located.

NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATIONS

Throughout the period covered by this investigation, intensive coverage was afforded all neighborhoods where it had been determined that GALT had had any contacts.

This investigation covered a 25-block area surrounding the address 1907 - 11th Street South, Birmingham, where GALT indicated he resided when murder weapon was purchased under name HARVEY LOWMEYER. This neighborhood investigation also extended to include the address 1907 - 11th Avenue South.

All the business establishments in the Five Points South area, which is centered at the intersection of South 20th Street, 11th Avenue South, and Magnolia Avenue, were checked based on a reported taxicab trip of an individual who had been let out in that area.

All the surrounding area and blocks around GALT's rooming house, 2608 Highland Avenue, were checked, including the high-rise apartment building of the Sheraton Apartments at 2909 Highland Avenue, which address had been considered pertinent based on a cab fare picked up at that address and discharged near the rooming house of GALT. All the area around 4th Avenue and 20th Street North in downtown Birmingham was checked, based on the report of a cab driver that he had picked up a fare at that intersection.

The entire area surrounding the Continental Dance Club Studios, aka Friendship Club, on Graymont Avenue, where GALT had enrolled for dancing lessons, was checked.

The names and addresses of all individuals contacted have been made a part of the Birmingham file, but are not being set forth herein in the interest of brevity although some results of contacts are reported on the following pages.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date April 10, 1968

JIMMY PHILLIPS, Standard Oil Service Station Manager, 7953 Crestwood Boulevard, residence 1204 Concord Avenue, Birmingham, furnished the following.

Until about the middle of March, 1968, PHILLIPS had been the Assistant Manager at the Standard Service Station at 2188 Highland Avenue, Birmingham. He recalled a customer at the Highland Avenue Station who drove a white Mustang and whose first name was ERIC. He described this person as a white male in his early 30's, five feet, nine to ten inches, 180 pounds, black hair, combed straight back, neat dresser, easy-going in his manner.

PHILLIPS believes this person at the time claimed he was working for an insurance company or a realty company or possibly Social Security. He made all his purchases in cash and was always alone. PHILLIPS believes this person had been observed by him smoking on occasions, but he could not recall his discussing anything except the night clubs in downtown Birmingham and "chasing women." PHILLIPS believes this man once told him that he was divorced and lived in the Highland area of Birmingham.

PHILLIPS claimed when he first observed this car, it had Georgia license plates and a trailer hitch. PHILLIPS said this man claimed he was from Atlanta and used his Mustang to pull a large boat, with the result that the clutch on the Mustang was then in bad shape.

PHILLIPS believed the last time he saw this man was in February, 1968, and he was positive he could identify him if he saw him again.

On 4/9/68 at Irondale, Alabama File # BH 44-1740

by SAs NEIL P. SHANAHAN
and ROBERT M. BARRETT RMB:mas Date dictated 4/9/68

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA JERRY L. EMMONS on April 8, 1968, at Birmingham,
Alabama:

Mr. SIDNEY MAYBERGER, Mayberger's Dry Goods
Store, 1031 South 20th Street, was shown an artist's
conception of the unknown subject in this case. He
advised that he thought this picture resembled an ex-
convict named JIMMY LEONARD. He said he did not know
where LEONARD lives but he saw LEONARD in Birmingham
last week.

Mr. J. L. BUFFINGTON, Pay-Less Drugs, 1035
South 20th Street, advised that the artist's conception
of the unknown subject he was shown looked like MELVIN
BROWN, a pharmacist who lives in Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

JANET INGRAM, Term Finance Company, 530 South
21st Street, was shown an artist's conception of the
unknown subject. She advised that he looked like one
FLOYD POHLMAN who works at the San Ann Service Station,
42nd Street and First Avenue, North.

LELA WILDER, La Dame Cleaners, 1920 11th
Avenue, South, advised that a man named L. L. FINCH, who
allegedly resembled the artist's conception of the
unknown subject, came in and picked up a man's blue suit,
a pair of green work pants, and a pink dress. This man
paid for these items with a new \$20 bill. The address
on the cleaning ticket was shown as 1316 19th Street,
Southwest. Mrs. WILDER described the man as being
5'10" to 6', 160 to 165 pounds, greenish-gray eyes, and
dark brown hair.

HUGH PEMBERTON, Martin's Flower Shop, 1931 11th
Avenue, South, advised that the artist's conception of
the unknown subject which he was shown closely resembled
one JOHN SCHNATZ, who was formerly employed by him.
SCHNATZ supposedly lives somewhere on 44th Street, South.

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HASTINGS COLVIN, 1908B 29th Avenue, South, was contacted in regard to his brother, who allegedly resembled the artist's conception of the unknown subject. COLVIN said his brother was named WOODROW COLVIN and lives in Powderly. WOODROW COLVIN has worked for the Progressive Farmer in Birmingham for 25 years and is 53 years of age.

Mr. M. E. ALLISON, 1311 13th Avenue, South, Apartment A, advised that the artist's conception which he was shown strongly resembled one MIKE GILL, who formerly resided at 1400 14th Street, South. GILL's mother has worked for the Birmingham Board of Education and GILL allegedly has a police record.

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NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION, VICINITY
1907 11th AVENUE, SOUTH:

The following persons at the below-listed addresses were contacted by SA DAVID T. DALY on April 8, 1968 and the artist's conception of Unknown Subject was displayed to them, with negative results:

JANE MC KENZIE, receptionist; PERRY ANN OAKES, bookkeeper, Doctors' Offices, 1815 South 11th Avenue;

Mrs. ERMA DANENBERG, receptionist; Mrs. MARGARET HODGES, nurse, Doctors Offices, 1815 South 11th Avenue;

Mrs. MARY JOE JENKINS, receptionist; PEGGY CHAPMAN, nurse, Doctors Offices, 1807 South 11th Avenue;

1801 South 11th Avenue, vacant;

1717-B 11th Avenue, no one at home;

GLORIA KIMBER, Assistant Director, Diabetes Trust Fund, 1717-C, 11th Avenue, South;

1717-A 11th Avenue, South, vacant;

DAISY PILKINTON, JEAN BARKER, SUSAN PEOPLES, Mrs. BILLIE HICKMAN, IRIS COPLEY, VIVIAN BENASELY, receptionist, Dental Arts Building, 1715 11th Avenue, South;

1113 11th Avenue, South, vacant;

JANE POTTS, receptionist; LUCILLE SNODGRASS, nurse, 1701 11th Avenue, South;

1160 11th Avenue, South, no one at home at the following apartments: 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11. BILL RUSSELL, Apartment 4; CECIL REDD, Apartment 12, contacted, negatively;

1110 and 1112 12th Street, South, the Highland Beauty and Barber Shops, respectively, were closed.

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SAM CAWTHAN, Kilgo Carpet Service, 1108 12th Street,
South;

NORMA STEVENS, JIM STEVENS, MARY MC PHERSON, Jim
and Norma's Restaurant, 1104 12th Street, South;

JOHN ASHCRAFT, LESLIE L. ASHCRAFT, RICHARD BITTINGER,
JUDY BITTINGER, WILLIE MAE FIKES, CLAUDE BLEVINS, all em-
ployees of Ashcraft Florist, 1100 12th Street, South;

BRAXTON ADAMS, Humble Oil Station, 1100 Cullom
Street;

Mrs. FLORA HARRIS, 1100 South 19th Street, Fitz-
gerald Apartments, who requested that occupants of other
apartments not be interviewed inasmuch as they are all
female outpatients from Bryce Mental Hospital, Tuscaloosa,
Alabama;

DEBRA VINCENT, WANDA PATE, MAE VINCENT, Apartment
A, 1126 South 19th Street;

GERALD BAYLIS, JOAN BAYLIS, Apartment D, JERRY
ARNETT, CAROL ARNETT, Apartment C, 1126 South 19th Street;

1130 19th Street, South, not at home;

Mrs. RUTH HAMMETT, 1117 15th Street, South;

HARRY G. MOORE, 1119 15th Street, South.

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BOARDING HOUSES

All known boarding houses, in addition to the one where GALT had resided, were contacted with especial attention to those on the southside of Birmingham. This included those who normally advertise in the classified section of the daily newspapers; those who have signs proclaiming rooms for rent, and those listed in the yellow pages of the Telephone Directory.

The above investigation proved negative except for numerous "look-alikes" who were immediately checked out. The names of all individuals contacted during this phase of the investigation have been recorded in the Birmingham file.

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HOTELS AND MOTELS

All hotels and motels, including all employees on all shifts, were contacted at the inception of this investigation and continued throughout as developments indicated. The names of all such employees interviewed are maintained in the Birmingham file.

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BANKS, SAVINGS & LOAN ASSOCIATIONS, AND LOAN COMPANIES

All personnel meeting the public in the main office and 25 branches of The First National Bank of Birmingham; the main office and 17 branches of Birmingham Trust National Bank; all other banks and their branches, were contacted in an effort to determine any information concerning ERIC S. GALT and possible source of funds of that individual.

Likewise, all savings and loan associations, main offices and branches, together with personal loan institutions, were contacted.

The names of all individuals contacted are maintained in the Birmingham file.

TERRITORY OUTSIDE BIRMINGHAM

All service stations, motels and hotels in the territory of the Birmingham Office covering the northern half of the State of Alabama were contacted, which included cities of the Resident Agencies and all highways leading into Birmingham from the States of Mississippi, Tennessee, and Georgia. Highways on which investigation was conducted included U. S. Highway 78 West, U. S. Highway 78 East and I-20, U. S. Highway 31 and I-59 N.E., U. S. Highway 31 North and I-65 North, U. S. Highways 72 and 231 across the northern part of Alabama, State Highway 79 from Birmingham through Huntsville, thence Highway 431 North to Tennessee.

The identities of those individuals contacted during the above investigation have been placed in the Birmingham file.

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AIRLINES

All employees of City Ticket Offices and at the Birmingham Municipal Airport of each airline were interviewed and their names maintained in the Birmingham file. As a result of this, one possible suspect whose name was similar to LOWMEYER, namely, W. J. LEHMEYER, was positively eliminated after communication with the Minneapolis Office identified him as a legitimate attorney, whose reason for being in Birmingham during a pertinent period was verified by RICHARD EVANS, Bessemer, Alabama.

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TAXICABS

The trip sheets during pertinent periods of GALT's residence in Birmingham and later return to purchase the murder weapon were checked and all drivers on all shifts of each taxicab company were interviewed.

Names of each individual cab driver are recorded in the Birmingham file in this matter.

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BARS AND LIQUOR STORES

All bars, liquor stores, and "joints" in the entire Birmingham area, with especial attention to the southside section of Birmingham and the downtown business district, were canvassed and employees on all shifts were interviewed for possible information. This investigation proved negative with the possible exception of one waitress in a downtown lounge, whose interview has been set forth in this report.

Likewise, all similar institutions on highways leading from Birmingham were canvassed without obtaining any positive information.

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BUS STATIONS

All bus stations were checked at the inception of this investigation and throughout as developments indicated.

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AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE AGENCIES

On the possibility that GALT may have insured the 1966 white Mustang after its purchase at Birmingham on August 30, 1967, all agencies dealing in automobile insurance were contacted and no record could be located of any policy having been insured to ERIC S. GALT.