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9:22 AM CST 4-19-68 URGENT KEK

TO: MEMPHIS (44-1978), ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, CHICAGO,
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RELATEL, APRIL SEVENTEEN, LAST.

HOUSTON STREET, TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES, CREDIT & CRIMINAL
CHECKS NEGATIVE RE HOWARD O. OWENS.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MIAMI (44-1854) (P)

FROM : LANE M. BONNER

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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(OO:MEMPHIS)

DATE: 4/18/68

At 8:50 am, this date, JAMES PARISH, 11225 Washington Blvd., Richmond Heights, Dade County, Florida, telephonically advised he is employed as a mailman and works part time at Zayre's Service Center, 136th Street at S. Dixie Highway. While servicing a 1967 red Mustang last evening he recalled the driver of this vehicle closely resembled the photos of ERIC GAULT appearing in the Miami Herald for 4/18/68.

The above described Mustang bore 1967 Iowa license plate 3681. This number was preceded by the vertical numbers "89". The driver did not leave the vehicle and "had a funny look on his face." He asked for a dollars worth of gas and rolled up the window although it was very warm outside. He had sandy-brown hair and was wearing a "recently grown CLARK GABLE style mustache."

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TO: DIRECTOR

ATLANTA

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MEMPHIS

MIAMI

NEW ORLEANS

FROM: KNOXVILLE (44-696) 6 P

MURKIN.

RE MIAMI PHONE CALL TO KNOXVILLE THIS DATE.

INVESTIGATION KNOXVILLE DIVISION RE CONTINENTAL DANCE
STUDIO, NEW ORLEANS, LA. MRS. VINSANT (JACQUELINE) CUTOLO,
NEE COURVILLE, PERMANENT RESIDENCE SIX ONE ZERO S.W.
FOURTEENTH STREET, MIAMI, FLA., ADVISED EMPLOYED FROM
JUNE OR JJULY, SIXTYFOUR, TO ABOUT FEBRURY OR MARCH,
SIXTYFIVE, AS DANCE INSTRUCTOR CONTINENTAL STUDIOS, NEW
ORLEANS, LA. PHOTOS OF GALT AND COMPOSITE SHOWN NEGATIVE
RESULTS. CUTOLO OBSERVED TV BROADCAST RE GALT NIGHT APRIL
SEVENTEEN, LAST, AND DID NOT RECOGNIZE AS KNOWN TO HER.
STATES HAS NUMEROUS PHOTOS OF INSTRUCTORS AND PUPILS INSTANT
DANCE STUIIO IN BLUE ZIPPER SUITCASE LOCATED ON [PROCH
PARENTS-IN-LAW HOME, VINSANT T. CUTOLO, SIX ONE ZERO S. W.
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FOURTEENTH STREET, MIAMI, FLA. IF SUITCASE OBTAINED BY FBI, AIR MAILED TO NASHVILLE, TENN., RA WHERE CUTOLO WILL BE WITH HUSBAND FROM NIGHT APRIL EIGHTEEN TO ABOUT APRIL TWENTYFIVE, NEXT, SHE WILL REVIEW PHOTOS FOR IDENTITY INSTRUCTORS AND STUDENTS. MOTEL, NASHVILLE, WHERE CUTOLOS WILL STAY WILL BE AVAILABLE VINSANT CUTOLO'S EMPLOYER, MIAMI, FLA, NEXT DATE.]

[CUTOLO COULD FURNISH NO INFORMATION RE WHEREABOUTS INSTRUCTORS MARCUS SELOS, CHARLES HARTZELL, AKA CHARLES HART, WILLIAM LAMPHERE, HARRY A. DUNN, HOWARD O. OWENS, SAMUEL CALON, RAY E. FARRIS, EVA BOROS, CHARLES L. MILLER, SANDRA LOVIN, JOANN MICHOLS, JACQUELINE BOND, ANITA BOUCHARD OR ROSE KATHLEEN CAVANAUGH.]

BERNICE "BUDDY" CONSTONINE, AKA BUDDY REYNOLDS, FROM RAYNE, LA., PRESENTLY SELLING INSURANCE NEW ORLEANS. WHEREABOUTS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM PAUL CRUZ, OPERATOR, CLUB MACOMBO, NEW ORLEANS.
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CUTOLO RECALLS DANCE INSTRUCTOR TENA KELLY, SINCE
MARRIED, HUSBAND SELLS WIGS, NAME UNKNOWN, LAST RESIDING
CHALMETTE, LA.

JUANITA WELCH LAST KNOWN WORKING DANCE STUDIO CONGRESS
INN, MIAMI, FLA., SIXTYSEVEN. REPORTEDLY LEFT FOR ATLANTA,
GA. 6600 *Congress Collins Ave* 866-1616 ✓

INSTRUCTOR (FNU) MILLIGAN, WM, FURTHER IDENTIFICATION
UNKNOWN.

ROBERT STRICKLAND, INSTRUCTOR, INSTRUCTING CLEVELAND
OR CINCINNATI, OHIO, WHEREABOUTS BELIEVED KNOWN TO MARLIN
MYERS.

JANET CAVALIER, INSTRUCTOR, WAS RESIDING NEAR AIRPORT,
NEW ORLEANS.

ARTHUR D. WOLFSON, INSTRUCTOR, WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN.
SEEN NEW ORLEANS SIXTYSIX AT JOLLIWOG LOUNGE, SHERIDAN-
DELTA HOTEL.

YVONNE BENOIT REPORTEDLY MARRIED, LIVING AT OPELOUSA
OR VILLA PLATT, LA.

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CORBETT DUHON LAST SELLING AUTOMOBILES CANAL FORD
AGENCY, NEW ORLEANS.

STUDIO WENT BANKRUPT, SIXTYFIVE. PROCEEDINGS HANDLED
FOR LUTZ BY NEW ORLEANS ATTORNEY, IDENTITY UNKNOWN, WHO
MAY HAVE RECORDS.

CUSTOMERS RECALLED BY CUTOLO WERE (FNU) MC GOWAN
(PH), ATTORNEY, NEW ORLEANS; (FNU) MORRELL, NEW ORLEANS,
FURTHER IDENTIFICATION UNKNOWN; JOHN ANDREWS, CARPENTER,
NEW ORLEANS; LAWRENCE YLICK, MECHANIC, FIVE TWO TWO BERTRAND
STREET, NEW ORLEANS. OTHER CUSTOMERS UNRECALLED.

CUTOLO ADVISED MOST DANCE INSTRUCTORS USED FICTITIOUS
NAME AND NAME BY WHICH KNOWN TO HER MAY NOT BE TRUE NAME.

ATLANTA, AT ATLANTA, GA., THROUGH LOGICAL SOURCES,
DETERMINE IF JUANITA WELCH KNOWN AS DANCE INSTRUCTOR LOCAL
STUDIOS.

BIRMINGHAM, WILL RE-INTERVIEW MARLAN MYERS RE LOCATION
STRUCKLAND AND OTHER INSTRUCTORS.

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LOS ANGELES, WILL RECONTACT LUTZ RE BACKGROUND INFO
ALL NAMES FURNISHED BY CUTOLO, PRESENT WHEREABOUTS, AND
DETERMINE IF DANCE STUDIO RECORDS AVAILABLE IN HER CUSTODY
OR CUSTODY ATTORNEY, NEW ORLEANS.

MEMPHIS, AT NASHVILLE, WILL RECONTACT CUTOLO WITH
SUITCASE SO PERTINENT PHOTOGRAPHS CAN BE REVIEWED FOR
POSSIBLE LEADS OR IDENTIFICATION GALT. WILL RETURN SUITCASE
FOR CUTOLO TO MIAMI RESIDENCE.

MIAMI, WILL OBTAIN SUITCASE AND SEND VIA AIR MAIL
TO NASHVILLE RA. WHEN SUITCASE AND CONTENTS RETURNED BY
NASHVILLE RA, RETURN TO CONTRIBUTOR.

THROUGH EMPLOYER VINSANT CUTOLO DETERMINE WHERE
CUTOLOS STAYING NASHVILLE, TENN., AND FURNISH NASHVILLE RA.

AT CONGRESS INN DANCE STUDIO, IDENTIFY JUANITA
WELCH, DETERMINE WHEREABOUTS, SET FORTH LEAD TO INTERVIEW.

NEW ORLEANS, WILL INTERVIEW YLICK. ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY
JOHN ANDREWS AND (FNU) MC GOWN, ATTORNEY, FOR INFO RE
GALT. WILL LOCATE AND INTERVIEW CONSTONINE AND, IF
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FURNISHED RE IDENTITY OTHER PERSONS
MENTIONED, LOCATE AND INTERVIEW.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1978), BIRMINGHAM (44-4174),
CHICAGO, KNOXVILLE, ST. LOUIS AND LOS ANGELES (44-1574)
NEW ORLEANS
FROM MIAMI (44-1854)

MURKIN

RE: INVESTIGATION CONTINENTAL DANCE STUDIOS

RE: LOS ANGELES TEL TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM,
- CHICAGO, MEMPHIS, HOUSTON, MIAMI AND NEW ORLEANS THIS DATE.
MIAMI TEL CALL TO KNOXVILLE THIS DATE.

KNOXVILLE TEL TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM,
LOS ANGELES, MEMPHIS, MIAMI, AND NEW ORLEANS THIS DATE.

HARRY A. DUNN INTERVIEWED THIS DATE AT HIS RESIDENCE,
TWO ZERO THREE ZERO N.E. ONE EIGHT FIVE TERRACE, MIAMI,
FLA. DUNN ADVISED HE WAS EMPLOYED AS DANCE INSTRUCTOR, AT
CONTINENTAL DANCE STUDIOS NEW ORLEANS FOR FOUR MONTHS IN LATE
NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR. PHOTOS AND COMPOSITES SHOWN OF GALT WITH
NEGATIVE RESULTS. DUNN IS NOT ACQUAINTED WITH WILLIAM LAMPHERE,
AND BELIEVES CHARLES HARTZELL LEFT CHICAGO FOR ST. LOUIS,
APPROXIMATELY ONE YEAR AGO TO WORK AT AN INDEPENDENT DANCE

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STUDIO. DUNN ADVISED LOUIS^E_A ANGLIN TAUGHT DANCING DURING THE AFTERNOONS AT CONTINENTAL STUDIOS NEW ORLEANS IN LATE NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR AND MIGHT REMEMBER GALT IF HE TOOK AFTERNOON INSTRUCTION AT THAT TIME. HER ADDRESS UNKNOWN TO DUNN, BUT HER MOTHER RESIDES AT EIGHT ONE TWO SEVEN HICKERY, NEW ORLEANS.

DUNN DOES NOT KNOW CURRENT WHEREABOUTS OF MARCUS FELOS, ARTHUR D. WOLFSON, BERNICE "BUDDY" CONSTONTINE, YVONNE BENOIT, JOAN MOORE, CORBETT DUHON, RAY E. FARRIS, SAMUEL CALON, EVA BOROS, CHARLES MILLER, ROBERT STRICKLAND, JO ANN NICHOLS, JACQUELINE BOND, ANITA BOUCHARD, ROSE KATHLEEN CAVANAUGH, OR HOWARD O. OWNES. DUNN BELIEVES SANDRA LOVIN IS CURRENTLY A HIPPIE IN THE NEW ORLEANS HIPPIE COMMUNITY.

ALL ATTEMPTS TO LOCATE WILLIAM LAMPHERE IN MIAMI NEGATIVE.

BLUE ZIPPER SUITCASE LOCATED AT PARENTS-IN-LAW OF JACQUELINE CUTOLO, SIX ONE ZERO S.W. FOURTEENTH AVENUE, MIAMI AND MAILED AIRMAIL TO FBI OFFICE, NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE, THIS DATE. SUITCASE CONTAINS NUMEROUS PHOTOGRAPHS. EMPLOYER OF CUTOLO WILL ADVISE MIAMI OFFICE OF CUTOLO'S WHEREABOUTS IN NASHVILLE ON FOUR NINETEEN NEXT.

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ST. LOUIS ATTEMPT LOCATE AND INTERVIEW CHARLES HARTZELL
RE GALT AND WHEREABOUTS OF OTHER CONTINENTAL DANCE INSTRUCTORS
IN NEW ORLEANS IN NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR.

NEW ORLEANS CONTACT MOTHER OF LOUISE ANGLIN EIGHT ONE
TWO SEVEN HICKERY, NEW ORLEANS AND ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE WHEREABOUTS
OF LOUISE ANGLIN.

MEMPHIS AT NASHVILLE, TENN., WILL CONTACT JACQUELINE CUTOLO
WITH SUITCASE SO PERTINENT PHOTOGRAPHS CAN BE REVIEWED, UPON
RECEIPT OF CUTOLOS WHEREABOUTS IN NASHVILLE FROM MIAMI ON FOUR
NINETEEN NEXT.

MIAMI WILL MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH VINCENT CUTOLOS EMPLOYER
TO DETERMINE WHEREABOUTS IN NASHVILLE AND SO ADVISE MEMPHIS
WHEN WHEREABOUTS ARE DETERMINED

^{GALT}
SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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Judge Hits 'Censor' In King Case

An Orange County circuit judge today accused the U.S. Department of Justice of gagging the FBI in connection with the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King.

Judge Richard H. Cooper told the Coral Gables Lions Club there are "dangers to the public interest resulting from such a policy of secrecy and censorship."

Cooper said the public has a right to know any information which would lead to the positive identification, the prompt apprehension, the speedy trial and the sure conviction of the criminal responsible for Dr. King's murder.

Cooper, a candidate for the State Supreme Court in the May 7 primary, asked:

"Following the arrest of anyone, how will America be certain that the real killer or killers have been brought to justice, if all the factual information we are given is a 'no comment'?"

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Miami, Florida

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FBI Calls Death Of King — a Plot; Galt Is Accused

'Brother' Linked As A Partner

WASHINGTON — (UPI) — The Federal Bureau of Investigation declared Wednesday that Martin Luther King was the victim of a conspiracy to kill him. It named 36-year-old Eric Starvo Galt as a partner in that conspiracy and issued a warrant for his arrest.

The announcement by Attorney General Ramsey Clark was the first official confirmation that officials believed that the slaying of King in Memphis, Tenn., on April 4 was the result of a conspiracy and not the work of one man acting alone. Clark had first ruled out a plot.

A few hours after the FBI announcement, Memphis authorities charged Galt with first degree murder.

The FBI said the conspiracy to kill King involved at least one other man, an individual whom Galt apparently had once referred to as his brother.

It said the plot originated on March 29 — seven days before the slaying — and that Galt was reported to have been in Memphis on the day of the slaying and the day preceding.

The FBI had named Galt in a lookout bulletin last week in Florida but withdrew the bulletin four hours later, saying it had been released in error.

The FBI portrayed Galt as a poorly educated loner with a taste for country and western music, vodka, beer and dancing. It said he spoke with diction reflecting a rural background and that he claimed to have worked as a cook on Mississippi River vessels and as a merchant seaman. He had taken lessons in dancing and was a graduate of a bartending school.

The FBI statement, said Galt paid cash for a 1966 white Mustang in Birmingham, Ala., on Aug. 30, 1967, and drove 19,000 miles between then and when it was found abandoned in Atlanta April 11.

Without explaining how it knew, the FBI said Galt drove the car to Los Angeles, New Orleans, Birmingham and Mexico before going to Memphis and, after the killing, to Atlanta.

The FBI made public two photographs of a man it identified as Galt and said he used the aliases "Harvey Lowmyer" and "John Willard." In one photograph his eyes were closed; in the other, a print of the first, an FBI artist had sketched in opened eyes.

But the FBI refused to say where or how it got the picture or detailed information about Galt's activities, some of it dating back four years. The announcement was handed to reporters at the Justice Department and no questions were permitted.

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Peter Cerples, Galt's former landlord who once identified him from sketches of the man seen running from the scene of the assassination, said "I don't think so" when asked if the photographs were of his former tenant.

Others in Birmingham who had identified the sketches as Galt said they were not satisfied Galt was the man shown in the photographs.

Joseph H. Gamble, special agent in charge of the FBI in Birmingham, insisted the picture was of Galt. "It's him all right," Gamble said. He said the picture was taken this year — "in March, I think."

In legal language, the FBI complaint filed in Birmingham charged that Galt and the other man "entered into a conspiracy which continued until on or about April 5, 1968, to injure, oppress, threaten or intimidate Martin Luther King Jr."

"In furtherance of the conspiracy," the FBI charged, Galt purchased a rifle in Birmingham on or about March 30.

FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover said a .30-06 caliber rifle equipped with a telescopic sight was found near a rooming house on South Main St. in Memphis immediately after King was shot. The rooming house overlooks the Lorraine Hotel where King was staying.

Hoover said FBI agents had determined that the rifle and telescopic sight had been purchased from an unidentified gun dealer in Birmingham.

The FBI did not say that the gun was the murder weapon.

Galt was described as a white man, between 5 feet, 8 inches and 5 feet, 11 inches in height, weighing between 160 and 170 pounds, with a medium build. He was said to

be a neat dresser. The FBI said Galt had brown hair which he wore in a brush cut, blue eyes, a straight and narrow nose, and straight and clean teeth. It said he had given his birth date as July 20, 1931.

The fugitive was further described as having a nervous habit of occasionally pulling at an earlobe with his hand. His left ear protrudes farther from his head than his right, the FBI said.

The FBI said Galt should be considered armed and dangerous.

Earlier information in the case suggested strongly that Galt's identity was carefully contrived seven months before King's murder to help disguise the real killer.

Under this theory, Galt first began establishing an identity for himself on Aug. 16, 1967 when he rented a room at a boarding house at 2608 Highland Ave. in Birmingham.

On Sept. 6, 1967, Galt and the boarding house manager, Peter Cerples, went together to get Galt an Alabama driver's license. Galt told authorities then that he had a Louisiana driver's license but lost it and that he was an unemployed shipyard worker, his last job being at Ingalls Shipbuilding Co. at Pascagoula, Miss.

However, checks of Louisiana records and employment records with Ingalls, as well as Merchant Marine, Coast Guard and Seaman Union records found no trace of Galt.

Later in September, Galt received a prepaid package in the mail from Chicago. Cerples said it weighed 20 to 25 pounds and was about two feet long and one foot wide.

Cerples says Galt told him the next day that the box contained the wrong merchandise and he was going to send it back.

In October, Cerples said, Galt gave him one week's rent in advance and said he was going to Mobile, Ala., to find a job. Employment records in Mobile showed no signs that Galt searched for or found work there.

Cerples said Galt told him he would not be back but that he expected a letter from Chicago and wanted Cerples to hold it for him. Cerples said he never saw or heard from Galt after Oct. 7, 1967.

In late February or early March, Cerples said, the Chicago letter for Galt came. Cerples held it for a week then returned it in the mail, he said.

While in Birmingham, Galt kept a safe deposit box at the Birmingham Trust National Bank. The FBI believes Galt used money from it to buy a 1966 white Ford Mustang last Aug. 30 from a car salesman, William D. Paisley of Birmingham, for about \$2,000.

The same kind of car was seen fleeing from the Memphis flophouse after King was shot. A Mustang impounded in Atlanta by the FBI last Thursday was registered to Galt in Alabama.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO :

SAC, MIAMI (44-1824)

DATE:

4/19/68

FROM :

SA DAVID C. CALLAN

SUBJECT:

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Jellison

Re New York tel to the Bureau, 4/12/68, and
Miami tel to Bureau, 4/15/68.

ATTN: SA JELLISON

Referenced tel indicated that one
THOMAS ROOD, P. O. Box 1913 Vero Beach, Fla., had a
likeness to artist's conception of the individual
who killed MARTIN LUTHER KING.

THOMAS ROOD is described as follows:

Sex:	Male
Race:	White
Born:	[REDACTED]
	Colchester, Vt.
Former	
U. S. Army SN:	[REDACTED]

ROOD was interviewed at 1827 S. U. S. #1,
Vero Beach, Fla.

ROOD indicated that at the time he was residing
in Vero Beach, Fla., since late 1/68, he has taken no
overnight trips outside the State of Fla.

He indicated that on 4/4/68, he may have
been at the Public Library in Vero Beach, Fla., or
at O'Hare's Business Machine Company in Vero
Beach.

On 4/12/68, Mrs. MARGARET SARGENT, ROOD's
mother, and Mr. MURRAY SARGENT, ROOD's stepfather, both
of whom reside at 1827 S. U. S. #1, Vero Beach, Fla.,
were interviewed separately. Each advised that THOMAS
ROOD had spent every night at the above residence
since he first came to live with them in late January,
1968. They recalled that he had slept late on the morning

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on 4/4/68, and that he had eaten dinner with them on the evening of 4/4/68. They also recalled that he had spent the evening of 4/4/68, watching television in his room.

On 4/15/68, Mrs. BETTY ROGERS, Librarian, Vero Beach Public Library, advised that she is acquainted with THOMAS ROOD. She stated that in recent weeks he has frequently visited the library. She advised that she does not recall whether or not he was in the library on April 4, 1968. She stated that he did not withdraw any books on 4/4/68, but that he frequently came to the library without withdrawing books.

She further advised that it was very possible that he may have been at the library on the day in question.

On 4/15/62, JACK O'HARE, Manager, O'Hare's Office Machine Store, 1422 20th St., Vero Beach, Fla., advised that he had rented an adding machine to Mrs. MARGARET SARGENT, the manager of Sargent's Antiques, which is an antique store on Highway #1, south of Vero Beach. He advised that Mrs. SARGENT's son had picked up the rented machine and to the best of his recollection this had been on 4/4/68. He stated that he could not be sure of the exact date because of the fact that no written record was made of the transaction.

In view of the above investigation it appears that THOMAS ROOD was not in the Memphis, Tennessee area on 4/4/68, and therefore can be eliminated as a suspect.

No further investigation is being conducted concerning ROOD UAC.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)

SUBJECT: ✓ MURKIN *X Ref. 157-2434**
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(OO:ME)

ReNKairtel to the Bureau, dated 4/15/68.

Re DONALD CAMERON GAULT.

TOM BARRETT, Assistant Office Manager, Continental Assurance, 76 William Street, NYC, advised that his company records confirm that DONALD CAMERON GAULT was present at work at Garden City, Long Island, New York, on 4/4/68.

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1-St. Louis (INFO)
1-Memphis (INFO)
①-Miami (INFO)
1-Newark (INFO)
1-Philadelphia (INFO)
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MIAMI (44-1854)

FROM : SA KENNETH D. SCHEIWE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/19/68

Re telephone call of SA STUART GODWIN, JR.
on 4/11/68.

The following investigation was conducted
by SA KENNETH D. SCHEIWE at Port Everglades, Florida
on 4/11/68:

The list of crew members and passenger if
such were applicable were reviewed by the writer
of the following vessels which entered or departed
Port Everglades on the dates indicated for the name
ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMEYER, also HARVEY LOWMYER
and JOHN WILLARD:

WJH
Hanseatic, 4/4/68

Kungsborg, 4/4/68

Sun Dev 4/4/68

V Pride, 4/4/68

Bulk Enterprise, 4/6/68

Doric Chariot, 4/6/68

Kungsholm, 4/6/68

Carsten Russ, 4/6/68

Velk Viking, 4/8/68

H. A. Wood, 4/8/68

Helen S, 4/8/68

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Leonardo Da Vinci, 4/9/68

Santa Rosa, 4/9/68

Bolo 4/10/68

Cambridge Trader, 4/11/68

Hanseatic, 4/11/68

Lowella, 4/11/68

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In addition, all yachts, boarded by Customs Inspectors, entering the U.S. at Port Everglades from foreign ports in which reports were submitted were examined between the period of 4/2/68 and 4/11/68 and none of the names searched for were located as crew members or passengers aboard these yachts.

Mystery-Man Galt Charged In Slaying

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — (AP) — The mysterious Eric Starvo Galt has been charged with conspiracy and murder in the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The FBI said in a fugitive warrant issued last night in Birmingham, Ala., that Galt, 36, conspired with a man "whom he alleged to be his brother" to violate King's civil rights.

The state charge of first-degree murder was filed against Galt in Memphis



FBI's GALT PHOTOS

where King, 39, Nobel Prize winning civil-rights leader, was shot to death on a motel balcony April 4 by a sniper who fled from a nearby rooming house.

First-degree murder in Tennessee carries the death penalty although the electric chair has not been used in the state since 1960.

The maximum penalty under the federal charge of conspiracy to violate a person's civil rights is a \$5,000 fine and 10-year prison sentence.

There was no further mention in the FBI statement about the alleged brother and no charge was filed against him.

FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover announced in Washington that the conspiracy to "injure, oppress, threaten or intimidate" King began "on or about March 30" in Birmingham.

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"Unless he was wearing a wig or had had a face lift or something, it's not the man I saw," said Charles Q. Stevens, who lives at the Main Street rooming house from which the fatal shot apparently was fired.

The hair is too full and the face is too young," he said. But Stevens said he only got a side view of the fleeing figure.

A source in Birmingham said the photograph was taken within the past three months, although the FBI did not specify when it was made. The photo has sharp contrast, making hair and features very dark.

"It's very near, but I'm not sure," was the reaction of Peter Cherpes, owner of a Birmingham boarding house where an Eric Galt stayed from Aug. 26 to Oct. 7 last year.

"I don't really know," Cherpes said. "It's so hard to tell. His hair seemed to be lighter."

The FBI, relying on witnesses apparently, said the fugitive had been described as a white man, 5-8 to 5-11, weighing 160 to 175 pounds, with brown hair in a brush cut, blue eyes, straight nose.

Persons who have met Galt, the FBI reported, described him as a loner with a "rural" speech and little schooling, fond of vodka, beer and hillbilly music.

The FBI statement also said, "The fugitive is said to have a nervous habit of occasionally pulling at an ear lobe with his left hand. His left ear protrudes further from his head than his right ear."

"Galt should be considered armed and dangerous," the FBI release warned.

Galt has used the names of John Willard and Harvey Lowmeyer, the FBI said. The assassin registered at the Memphis rooming house under the name of John Willard.

Details of the alleged conspiracy were missing from the FBI release, as were vital statistics, such as Galt's birthplace, formal schooling, employment. The statement said Galt claimed to have been a cook on Mississippi riverboats, a merchant seaman and "is said to be an avid dancer."

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King Gun Identified, Paper Says

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — (AP) — The Birmingham News said today, in a copyrighted story, that a gun which the FBI said was purchased in Birmingham, has been determined by ballistics tests to be the weapon used in the slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The News story, quoting an unidentified source, also said that the man charged with conspiracy in King's death, Eric Starvo Galt, may have fled to Mexico or Cuba.

"There's no positive trace. He just vanished," the News quotes the source.

The FBI has said previously that Galt, on or about

First-degree murder in Tennessee carries the death penalty, although the electric chair has not been used in the state since 1960.

The maximum penalty under the federal charge of conspiracy to violate a person's civil rights is a \$5,000 fine and 10-year prison sentence.

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FBI's Galt Photos

March 30, bought a rifle in Birmingham. The statement also said that a .30-06 rifle equipped with a telescopic sight was found near the motel in Memphis, Tenn., where King was slain.

The FBI said in a fugitive warrant issued last night in Birmingham, that Galt, 36, conspired with a man "whom he alleged to be his brother" to violate King's civil rights.

A state charge of first-degree murder was filed against Galt in Memphis where King, 39, Nobel Prize winning civil-rights leader, was shot to death on a motel balcony April 4 by a sniper who fled from a nearby rooming house.

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Suspect May Have Fled U.S.

FBI Drawn to California But Galt's Trail Turns Cold

What's He Like? . . . 15A

By Herald Wire Services

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — FBI agents believed at one point Wednesday that they had tracked down Eric Starvo Galt, the alleged assassin of Dr. Martin Luther King, somewhere in California, sources close to the investigation disclosed Thursday.



The tip **GALT** reportedly came from the "alleged brother" or some other co-conspirator in the killing.

It apparently was because of the expected impending arrest that authorities obtained a first-degree murder warrant against Galt, and also a federal warrant charging him with conspiracy.

The exact location in California where authorities expected to make the arrest

was not disclosed, but Galt is known to have spent time in the Los Angeles area.

Sources said the tip obviously was wrong, or that Galt — if he is in California — eluded authorities.

The Birmingham News said in a copyrighted story that the search for Galt has spread outside the U.S. and that it is believed the man has fled to Mexico or Cuba.

"There's no positive trace. He just vanished," the newspaper quoted its source as saying.

The News also said that a gun which the FBI said had been purchased in the city had been identified in ballistics tests as the .30-06 rifle which killed King.

The FBI has refused to say what ballistics tests on that weapon, found near the Memphis, Tenn., flophouse that served as the snipers' post, had revealed.

The FBI apparently had reason to believe that Galt, who speaks with a rural accent and had several aliases, might have returned to Birmingham after the assassination April 4.

A check of 22 rooming houses in Birmingham Thursday found 10 managers who said FBI agents had questioned them in search of Galt early this week.

Galt was charged Wednesday on a federal warrant signed by FBI Agent Joseph H. Gamble and U.S. Commissioner Mildred F. Sprague with conspiracy to violate the civil rights of Dr. King.

All copies of the warrants from the charge were in FBI hands and not being released publicly. The complaint from which the warrant was drawn said the charge was based in part on "identification of the gun used by defendant (Galt) found at the scene of the crime."

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Eric Starvo Galt:

A Picture Comes Into Focus

By DAVID LARSEN

Miami Herald-Los Angeles Times Wire

HOLLYWOOD, Calif. — Eric Starvo Galt, prime suspect in the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King, emerged Thursday as:

A FERVENT supporter of the presidential bid of former Alabama Gov. George C. Wallace.

AN ANTI-Negro who once got into a wild argument at a Hollywood cocktail lounge with a girl who defended Negroes.

A MAN who made at least one mysterious trip in recent months to New Orleans, a fact which appears to be of great interest to the FBI.

A STEADY drinker, alternately moody and contentious in public.

This picture came into focus as the result of a series of interviews conducted by The Los Angeles Times with persons who knew Galt when he lived here.

A songwriter whom Galt drove to New Orleans and back in a white Mustang in December said he had a strong impression that the suspect was not using his right name.

The statement was made by Charles Stein, 38, who was offered the free ride after he agreed to add his signature to the drive by Wallace to qualify for a place on the California June primary ballot.

Stein said his sister, Rita, had made the arrangements. While at the Sultan Room, a lounge on Hollywood Blvd., she had let it be known that her two children had to return soon from her sister's place in New Orleans. Galt let it be known that he would be going there.

Stein appeared at the Sultan Room that same night and Galt agreed to take him along to fetch the children.

The next day, Stein said, Galt picked him up at the sister's home and drove him to the Wallace headquarters.

"I thought he was some kind of politician," Stein



Eric Starvo Galt
... people remember

recalled. "I got the impression they all knew him."

Robert Walters, campaign coordinator for Wallace in California, disputed this. "We checked all of our name files here and found nothing under the name of Galt or the other names he reportedly used," Walters said.

Galt did not disclose why he was making the drive to New Orleans. He told his passenger he "knew some people there."

While passing through Texas, according to the songwriter, Galt made several long-distance calls from phone booths.

Stein said Galt went to uncommon pains to impress upon him his name, emphasizing it in unnecessary ways, such as when they checked in at motels.

"I think he was establishing a fictitious identity," Stein said.

Galt told his passenger he had just sold a bar in Mexico. "I didn't believe it," Stein said. "His Spanish was too touristy."

Stein said he believes the suspect made a subsequent trip to New Orleans. "I heard he was asking people if they wanted him to drop anything off while he was down there," Stein said.

Stein said FBI agents have been visiting him almost every day, showing great interest in the suspect's activities in New Orleans.

He said, however, that he and Galt went their separate ways while in that city, and he had no idea what his companion was up to.

At the time of the trip, Galt was staying in a Los Angeles apartment. Residents there either did not know him or remained tight-lipped about him.

However, Galt subsequently moved to a hotel, the St. Francis, on Hollywood Blvd. One block away is a cocktail lounge known as the Rabbits Foot Club.

The crowd there remembers Eric Starvo Galt very well.

Until three or four weeks ago, according to bartender Bo Del Monte, Galt was a nightly patron.

He would come in at around 9 p.m., perch on a stool near the door, and order the first of several screwdrivers (vodka and orange

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juice).

The thing everybody at the Rabbits Foot Club remembers most about Galt is the big dispute he got into.

Jim Morrison, who was the bartender that night, recalled that Galt had begun talking with a young woman named Pattie. Somehow the conversation turned to Negroes, and she declared them to be "good people."

Suddenly, Galt began dragging her by the arm toward the door.

"I'll drop you off in Watts and we'll see how you like it there!" Galt shouted.

Del Monte said another customer who had been dating the girl followed the pair outside, and Galt fled.

A short time later, according to Del Monte, a Negro was struck in the head by a rock while in a nearby park-

ing lot.

Nobody interviewed at the Rabbits Foot Club remembered Galt furnishing his name. In fact, nobody realized who he was until his picture appeared in newspapers Thursday.

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Transmit the following in PLAINTEXT
(Type in plaintext or code)Via TELETYPE URGENT
(Priority)TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND SACS, ATLANTA (44-2386),
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FROM MIAMI (44-1854)

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RE KNOXVILLE TELETYPE TO BUREAU, ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM,
LOS ANGELES, MEMPHIS, NEW ORLEANS AND MIAMI, APRIL EIGHTEEN, LAST.
RE DANCE STUDIO CHECKS.

~~OFFICIALS~~ ^{AND OFFICIALS} AND ASSOCIATES OF JUANITA WELCH [^] AT CONGRESS
VOYAGER MOTEL, ONE TWO THREE FIVE ZERO BISCAYNE BLVD., MIAMI,
ADVISED THAT WELCH EMPLOYED THERE AS A DANCE INSTRUCTOR UNTIL
APPROXIMATELY DEC., SIXTYSEVEN, AT WHICH TIME SHE LEFT TO GO
^{THEY HAVE NO IDEA WHERE SHE WENT OR OF HER CURRENT WHEREABOUTS.}
NORTH. [^] EMPLOYMENT RECORDS NEGATIVE REGARDING A MIAMI ADDRESS
OR A FORWARDING ADDRESS FOR WELCH. CREDIT AND ARREST CHECKS
GREATER MIAMI AREA NEGATIVE.

ATLANTA CONTINUE EFFORTS TO LOCATE JUANITA WELCH AS
SET FORTH IN REFERENCED KNOXVILLE TELETYPE.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MIAMI

FROM : SAC DAVID N. JELLISON

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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DATE: 4/19/68

On 4/18/68, IC CLIFFORD M. WERNER reviewed the records of the Miami Beach P. D., the Dade County Department of Public Safety, the Miami Municipal Court, Miami Police Department, and the Credit Bureau of Greater Miami with reference to HARRY A. DUNN. The only above listed agency whose records contained any record of DUNN was the Credit Bureau of Greater Miami which listed his credit as good. The records further indicated that DUNN is a white male, who is a dancing instructor, and who is divorced.

Former addresses for DUNN were listed as 4775 Eastern Street, New Orleans, and 573 East 61st Street, Hialeah, Florida. DUNN's current address was carried as 2030 N. E. 185th Terrace, Miami, Florida.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, MIAMI

FROM : SA DAVID N. JELLISON

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR

DATE: 4/19/68

On 4/18/68, IC CLIFFORD M. WERNER reviewed the records of the Miami Beach P. D., the Dade County Department of Public Safety, the Miami Municipal Court, Miami P. D., and the Credit Bureau of Greater Miami regarding WILLIAM LAMPHERE. All checks were negative.

Checks of Polk's Directories and telephone directories greater Miami area from 1958 to 1968 regarding LAMPHERE negative. Voter registration records, tax records and motor vehicle records reviewed with reference to WILLIAM LAMPHERE also negative.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, MIAMI

FROM : SA DAVID N. JELLISON

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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Re Bureau teletype to all continental offices
dated 4/14/68.

Re Dancing School Checks

On 4/15/68, all dancing schools in the greater Miami area were contacted regarding the name ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMEYER and JOHN WILLARD. None of the records of any of the dancing schools in the Miami area reflect any record for any of these names. None of the managerial personnel at any of the dancing schools in the Miami area recalled an individual fitting the description of suspect GALT. None of these individuals recognized the artists' conceptions of the suspect GALT.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, MIAMI

FROM : SA DAVID N. JELLISON

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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RE ERIC STARVO GALT - FUGITIVE

Photographs of ERIC STARVO GALT exhibited to employees Miami International Hotel, Miami International Airport (MIA), Miami, Florida, 4/18/68. All stated that they had no recollection of seeing anyone who looked like the individual in the photographs or anyone fitting GALT's description at MIA Hotel for the past several days.

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THE FOLLOWING PRESS RELEASE HAS JUST BEEN ISSUED AT WASHINGTON THIS AFTERNOON AND YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO MAKE IT IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE TO THE LEADING NEWSPAPERS AND RADIO AND TV STATIONS IN YOUR DIVISION. EVERY EFFORT MUST BE MADE TO INSURE REPEATED AND WIDESPREAD DISTRIBUTION OF THIS INFORMATION. COPIES OF THE 1968 PHOTOGRAPH OF SUBJECT ALREADY IN YOUR POSSESSION AND WANTED FLYERS SHOULD ALSO BE MADE AVAILABLE TO MEDIA CONTACTS. NO ELABORATION WHATSOEVER MAY BE MADE REGARDING THIS RELEASE. ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING INVESTIGATIVE LEADS WILL FOLLOW SHORTLY.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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ATTORNEY GENERAL RAMSEY CLARK ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THE FBI HAS IDENTIFIED JAMES EARL RAY, AN ESCAPEE FROM THE MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY, AS ERIC STARVO GALT, AGAINST WHOM A FEDERAL COMPLAINT WAS FILED LAST WEDNESDAY IN CONNECTION WITH THE FATAL SHOOT- IN OF THE REVEREND DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

DIRECTOR J. EDGAR HOOVER SAID THAT A SYSTEMATIC AND EXHAUSTIVE SEARCH OF LATENT FINGERPRINTS UNCOVERED IN THE DR. KING CASE AGAINST THE FINGERPRINTS OF THE OVER 53,000 PERSONS FOR WHOM "WANTED NOTICES" HAVE BEEN POSTED IN THE FILES OF THE FBI'S IDENTIFICATION DIVISION LED TO THE DETERMINATION THAT GALT AND RAY ARE IDENTICAL.

MR. HOOVER SAID THAT RAY, WHO IS 40 YEARS OF AGE, WAS REPORTED MISSING FROM THE MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI, SINCE APRIL 23, 1967. HE HAD BEEN RECEIVED AT THAT INSTITUTION ON MARCH 17, 1960, TO SERVE A 20-YEAR SENTENCE FOLLOWING CONVICTION IN ST. LOUIS FOR ARMED ROBBERY AND FOR OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE WITHOUT PERMISSION OF THE OWNER.

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IN SPETEMBER, 1966, WHILE SERVING THIS SENTENCE, HE WAS CONFINED FOR A TIME IN THE MAXIMUM SECURITY WARD AT THE STATE HOSPITAL AT FULTON, MISSOURI.

ACCORDING TO MR. HOOVER, RAY HAS A KNOWN ARREST RECORD DATING BACK TO 1949. PRIOR TO THE 1960 CONVICTION FOR WHICH HE RECEIVED THE 20-YEAR TERM, RAY HAD BEEN CONVICTED OF BURGLARY IN LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, IN 1949; ARMED ROBBERY IN CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, IN 1952; AND FORGING UNITED STATES POSTAL MONEY ORDERS IN MISSOURI IN 1955.

HE HAS SERVED TERMS IN THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY JAIL IN 1949; IN STATE PRISONS AT JOLIET AND PONTIAC, ILLINOIS, IN 1952-54; AND IN THE FEDERAL PENITENTIARY AT LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS, IN 1955-58.

RAY WAS AN ENLISTED MAN IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY FROM FEBRUARY, 1946, TO DECEMBER, 1948, AT WHICH TIME HE WAS GIVEN A GENERAL DISCHARGE DUE TO INEPTNESS AND LACK OF ADAPTABILITY FOR MILITARY SERVICE. WHILE IN THE ARMY, HE RECEIVED A THREE-MONTH SENTENCE AT HARD LABOR FOR BEING DRUNK AND BREAKING ARREST.

MR. HOOVER SAID THAT DURING HIS CRIMINAL CAREER, RAY HAS ALSO USED THE NAMES OF JAMES MC BRIDE, JAMES WALTON, W. C. HERRON AND JAMES O'CONNER. HE IS A WHITE MALE; CLAIMS TO HAVE

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BEEN BORN [REDACTED] IN ILLINOIS; IS APPROXIMATELY 5 FEET 10 INCHES TALL AND WEIGHS ABOUT 163 TO 174 POUNDS. HE HAS BLUE EYES AND BROWN HAIR. THERE IS A SMALL SCAR ON THE CENTER OF HIS FOREHEAD AND A SCAR ON THE PALM OF HIS RIGHT HAND.

RAY HAS CLAIMED THAT HE ATTENDED SCHOOL THROUGH THE 10TH GRADE IN ALTON, ILLINOIS. HE HAS HAD THE REPUTATION OF BEING A "DRIFTER" SINCE LEAVING SCHOOL. HIS VOCATIONAL EXPERIENCE INCLUDES WORKING AS A BAKER, LABORER AND COLOR MATCHER.

IN CONNECTION WITH HIS ESCAPE FROM THE MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY, AN FBI COMPLAINT WAS FILED IN JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI, ON JULY 20, 1967, CHARGING RAY WITH UNLAWFULLY FLEEING FROM THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO AVOID CONFINEMENT. HE HAS BEEN A FEDERAL FUGITIVE SINCE THEN.

RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND EXTREMELY DANGEROUS. ANYONE HAVING INFORMATION CONCERNING HIM SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CONTACT FBI HEADQUARTERS IN WASHINGTON, D. C., OR THE NEAREST FBI OFFICE.
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FBI MIAMI

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MIAMI (44-1854)

FROM : SA PATRICK A. PHILBIN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/17/68

The following Dance Studios in the West Palm Beach RA territory were contacted concerning ERIC S. GALT, Aka., and the indicated persons advised that he had never been a student:

Miss. ELIEEN MERCER, Arthur Murray's
208 Clematis St
West Palm Beach, Fla.

Mr. FRANK WHITEHEAD
Towers Dance Studio
44 Coconut Row
Palm Beach, Fla.

Miss. FRANCES MONTGOMERY
Montgomery Dance Studio
Breakers Hotel
North County Road
Palm Beach, Fla.

Mrs. HOMER BABB
Babb Dance Studio
935 Park Avenue
Lake Park, Fla.

Miss. BETTY D'AVARY
Dance Academy of Boca Raton
16 SE 4th Street
Boca Raton, Fla.

The above were contacted on 4/16/68 by SA PHILBIN.

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From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

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Unidentified latent fingerprints and latent impressions this case are not identical with fingerprints of DAVID ERNEST HAWKINS, Army service [REDACTED] born [REDACTED] Wellborn, Florida. No palm prints here for Hawkins.

This confirms and supplements telephone call of 4-18-68, to El Paso Division.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
 FROM: SAC, MIAMI (44-1854) (P)
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 (OO: Memphis)

Re Investigation Continental Dance Studios

Records of the Miami Police Department, the Dade County Department of Public Safety, the Miami Police Department, Miami Municipal Court, and the Credit Bureau of Greater Miami, were reviewed on 4/18/68, with reference to WILLIAM LAMPHERE. These records contain no information identifiable with WILLIAM LAMPHERE.

All dance studios in the greater Miami area were contacted with reference to LAMPHERE and all advised he is unknown to them. Polk's City Directories for the greater Miami area from 1959 to 1968, and telephone directories for the same period checked and contained no information regarding WILLIAM LAMPHERE. Voter registration, motor vehicle and tax records reviewed and were found to be negative concerning WILLIAM LAMPHERE.

UACB, no further investigation being conducted in the Miami area in efforts to locate WILLIAM LAMPHERE.

SUSPECT ERIC STARVO GALT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MIAMI

FROM : SA DAVID N. JELLISON

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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DATE: 4/19/68

Re Bureau teletype to all SACs 4/19/68.

Contents of referenced teletype furnished to following news agencies, Miami, Florida, this date, by SA DAVID N. JELLISON:

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United Press

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WCIX (Channel 6)
WCKT (Channel 7)
WLBW (Channel 10)
WAJA (Channel 23)

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Miami Herald
Miami News
Miami Beach Sun
Ft. Lauderdale News
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
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OO: MEMPHIS

Re Miami teletype to Director 4/19/68 containing information concerning JACQUELINE CUTOLO.

On 4/20/68, Mrs. JACQUELINE CUTOLO, formerly employed from approximately June, 1954, to February or March, 1965, as a dance instructor, Continental Dance Studios, New Orleans, Louisiana, currently stopping at the Hicks Motor Court, 200 Crutchfield Avenue, Nashville, was contacted by SAs HENDERSON HILLIN, JR., and RAYMOND J. RATKOWSKI, at which time, she reviewed her personal effects and photographs, which had been forwarded directly to the Nashville Resident Agency by the Miami Division.

Mrs. CUTOLO reviewed all of her photographs and was unable to find any photograph which in anyway resembled JAMES EARL RAY. She stated that she had been thinking about this matter and had looked at a number of photographs of RAY and that these photographs did not look familiar to her at all.

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She stated that the name GALT was not familiar to her and that she could not recall any student at the Continental Dance Studios in New Orleans who attended under the name of GALT or RAY.

Mrs. CUTOLO advised that she and her husband, FRANK, would be traveling for a period of time throughout Tennessee with Imperial Imports, a ladies' clothing line out of Miami. She requested that her suitcase, containing personal effects and photographs, be returned to her husband's parents at 610 S. E. 14th Avenue, Miami, Florida.

The Memphis Division will return this suitcase containing the personal effects on Monday, 4/22/68, to the Miami Division.

Miami is requested to return these to Mrs. CUTOLO's in-laws.

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Date: April 20, 1968

Transmit the following in _____
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TO: SAC, MIAMI

FROM: SAC, MILWAUKEE (44-388)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
OO: MEMPHIS

On 4/20/68 Mr. DANIEL S. KELLY, 2533 North Wahl Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, telephonically furnished the following information to the FBI, Milwaukee. Mr. KELLY stated that he and his wife were recently in Florida, having arrived there 3/28/68 from the West Coast. They checked into the Sun Castle Club, 1380 South Ocean Blvd., Pompano, Florida which Mr. KELLY stated was operated by an ex-FBI Agent, ERNEST CASTLE. He said that upon his arrival he was roomed by a bellboy of the Club and subsequently requested this bellboy to furnish him with three or four copies of various newspapers. He stated that two or three days later he attempted to locate the bellboy to reimburse him for the papers and found out that he had left the employ of the Club. He stated that inquiry revealed that this bellboy, whom he knew only by the first name of EARL, had told others at the Club that he was leaving to accept an offer to work as an electrician someplace in Tennessee for \$500 a week. Mr. KELLY stated that this salary sounded absurd and that upon subsequently checking photographs of JAMES EARL RAY he and his wife felt that this individual closely resembled RAY, both in looks and general description. Above being furnished for whatever action deemed necessary by Miami.

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TO : SAC, MIAMI (44-1854)

FROM : SA JAMES P. TUCKER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/20/68

At 2:20 PM, 4/20/68, Mrs. WILLIAM SCHOOLEY, West Palm Beach, Fla., telephone 833-1392 advised that she and her husband operate Beach Drive-In Theater, Riviera Beach, on U.S. Highway #1. She said that on Wednesday evening she noticed an individual come into the snack bar at the drive-in theater which individual resembled the photos published of the person called GALT.

She said that on Friday, 4/19/68, they showed a different film at the drive-in theater and again she saw this individual and he resembled the photo of RAY as published in the "Miami Herald" on 4/20/68 which photo was taken in 1966 while RAY was confined in the Missouri State Penitentiary.

She said that she has been at the theater for 7 years, is cashier in the snack bar, knows all of the regular clientele and is certain that this particular person is a newcomer to the vicinity. She said that she expected that he may return when the film is again changed. She could provide no other information concerning this party other than the fact that she had seen him on two separate occasions and in her opinion he resembles the subject in captioned matter.

She said that she employs off-duty policemen to work at the theater and would endeavor to obtain a license number or some other identification concerning this party.

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Insofar as Mrs. SCHOOLEY had seen this individual on only two occasions, knows nothing of him and since she will obtain a license number of his auto, if possible, it is suggested that Mrs. SCHOOLEY be contacted after a change of films at the theater or some date during the week of 4/21/68 to determine if she has any additional info re the above-mentioned person.

4/23 Mrs Schooley
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next change 4/26
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2/2 time meat -
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MIAMI (44-1854)

DATE: 4/20/68

FROM : SA PAUL J. WATSON

SUBJECT: MURKIN

IVONNE MEADE, 2703 Madison, Hollywood (922-2516) advised she works in the lounge at the Holiday Inn, 1900 block, Hollywood. On 4/18 and 4/19 she saw a man in the lounge and in the loby of the Holiday Inn who resembled the photograph of Eric Starvo Galt shown in the newspaper. She said she reported this to the Hollywood PD on 4/19 but they never did send anyone out to talk to her. This person was using a credit card with the name J. WINTON on it.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, MIAMI (44-1854)

DATE: 4/20/68

FROM : SA PAUL J. WATSON

SUBJECT: MURKIN

WALTER GARY SHULL, 5907 N. Federal, Boca Raton, telephone number 395-9779, advised he has a luncheonette and sundry store at the same address. He has seen to persons in this area during the past 2 months, one of whom resembles the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY that appeared in the paper. The person resembling RAY is known to him as DON MILLER, his associate is BERNIE LNU. BERNIE is still living in this area but MILLER left about 3 weeks ago and has not returned.

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TO ALL SACS

FROM DIRECTOR 1P

MURKIN.

CONTACTS SHOULD BE MAINTAINED WITH ALL MASS COMMUNICATIONS MEDIA IN YOUR TERRITORIES TO INSURE THAT THERE IS FREQUENT REFERENCE TO PHOTOGRAPH OF GALT AND HIS CONNECTION WITH THIS CASE. IF NOT ALREADY DONE, PHOTOGRAPHS SHOULD BE SHOWN OR DISTRIBUTED TO LAW ENFORCEMENT AND OTHER APPROPRIATE AGENCIES IN YOUR AREAS TO INSURE THE BROADEST POSSIBLE PUBLICATION OF SUBJECT'S PHOTOGRAPH AND BACKGROUND.

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

OFFICES COVERING DEPARTURE OR ARRIVAL OF OVERSEAS FLIGHTS SHOULD ALSO RENEW STOPS AND DISPLAY PHOTOGRAPHS OF SUBJECT APPROPRIATELY. SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND MIAMI

FROM ATLANTA 44-2386 2LP

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RE: ERIC STARVO GALT

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A REVIEW OF FLIGHT SCHEDULES OF FLIGHTS TO FOREIGN COUNTRIES FROM ATLANTA, GA. WAS MADE AND THE FOLLOWING FLIGHTS ARE NOTED:

DELTA ONE ZERO SIX TO LONDON AND FRANCE DAILY;
EASTERN NINE ONE FIVE TO MEXICO SATURDAYS ONLY
EASTERN NINE FIVE FIVE TO SAN JUAN DAILY;
EASTERN THREE TWO ZERO TO TORONTO, CANADA DAILY
EASTERN THREE TWO EIGHT TO TORONTO DAILY;
EASTERN ONE ZERO SIX TO MONTREAL, CANADA DAILY;
MIAMI AT EASTERN AIRLINES WILL OBTAIN PRINT OUTS OF PASSENGERS ON FLIGHTS NINE FIVE FIVE, THREE TWO ZERO, THREE TWO EIGHT AND ONE ZERO SIX FOR APRIL FIVE LAST AND FLIGHT NINE ONE FIVE FOR APRIL SIX LAST. *FURNISH TO ATLANTA*

WILL ALSO DETERMINE IDENTITIES OF CREW ON THESE FLIGHTS AND SET OUT LEADS FOR CREW MEMBERS TO BE SHOWN PHOTOS OF GALT.

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CORR. LINE 1 PAR. 1 WORD 7 SHD BE DIRECT FLIGHTS AND MIAMI
LEAD LINE 4 SHOULD BE FURNISH TO ATLANTA.

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TO: SAC, ALBANY

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P

MURKIN

At about 6 p.m. on 4/4/68, while standing on the second floor balcony outside Room 306 of the Lorraine Motel, 406 Mulberry Street, Memphis, Tennessee, Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. was struck in the right side of the face by a single bullet fired from a 30-06 rifle. The bullet severed KING's spinal cord and death was almost instantaneous.

This investigation, predicated upon a specific request from the Attorney General of the United States, disclosed that the fatal shot had been fired from the bathroom of a cheap rooming house located at 422½ South Main Street, Memphis, which bathroom was located at the rear of the rooming house, and had a window overlooking the Lorraine Motel.

At about 3 p.m. on 4/4/68, an individual using the name JOHN WILLARD had rented Room 5-B in the rooming house at 422½ South Main Street and had paid one week's rent. After hearing the rifle shot at about 6 p.m. on that same day, other tenants in the rooming house observed a man presumably identical with WILLARD, fleeing from the rooming house carrying a large package which was subsequently abandoned by him on the sidewalk in front of the Canipe Amusement Co., 424 South Main Street, Memphis. A neighborhood investigation in the vicinity of 424 South Main Street disclosed that the subject had fled from the scene in a white Mustang.

Found abandoned in front of 424 South Main Street was a 30-06 Remington model 760 rifle which was determined to have been

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