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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI & SACS WASHINGTON FIELD & MEMPHIS

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)

MURKIN; CIVIL RIGHTS; OO: MEMPHIS

Serial 142

RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU DATED APRIL TWELVE LAST.

RE SEAMAN RICHARD GALT.

VICTORY TRANSPORT, INC., CARE OF ORIENTAL EXPORTERS, INC., NEW YORK CITY, DID OPERATE THE S.S. HUDSON IN NINETEEN SIXTY ONE AND CONTINUES TO OPERATE SAME TODAY.

RECORDS REGARDING SHIP'S COMPLIMENT IN NINETEEN SIXTY ONE AND NINETEEN SIXTY TWO ARE IN DEAD STORAGE AND NOT AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW. OFFICIAL OF COMPANY STATES THAT UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AT WASHINGTON, D.C. WOULD HAVE MORE COMPLETE INFORMATION REGARDING RICHARD GALT THAN WOULD APPEAR IN COMPANY'S FILES. HE SUGGESTS THAT COMMANDER FRANKLIN J. MILLER, ASSISTANT CHIEF, MVP, USCG, WASHINGTON, D.C. BE CONTACTED AT TELEPHONE TWO ZERO TWO DASH NINE SIX

- 1- New York (44-1609)
- 1- Chicago
- 1- Mobile
- 1- Birmingham
- 1- Springfield
- 1- Houston
- 1- Supv. #23
- 1- ADIC JOHN F. MALONE

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FOUR DASH FIVE ONE FIVE EIGHT.

NEW YORK CONTINUING ATTEMPT TO SECURE INFORMATION
CONCERNING RICHARD GALT FROM FILES OF SEAFARERS INTERNATIONAL
UNION.

WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE AT WASHINGTON, D.C., CONTACT
USCG IN ATTEMPT TO SECURE INFORMATION TO ASSIST IN
LOCATING AND ELIMINATING ONE RICHARD GALT WHO ALLEGEDLY
SAILED ABOARD THE SS HUDSON FROM BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA,
DECEMBER, NINETEEN SIXTY ONE TO SPAIN AND RETURNED TO
PORT ARTHUR, TEXAS, IN FEBRUARY, NINETEEN SIXTY TWO.

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TELETYPE

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, MILWAUKEE (44-388) (P)

MURKIN

RE NEWARK TELETYPE, APRIL FIFTEEN, LAST.

RE ERIC STARVO GALT DASH LOCKSMITHING INSTITUTE RECORDS
PAREN PUBLICATIONS USED IN ADVERTISING END PAREN.

BETTY HINZ, SECRETARY, SPARE TIME MAGAZINE, SEVEN SEVEN
FOUR NORTH FOURTH STREET, TODAY, ADVISED PUBLICATION IS A FREE
MAIL OUT. ADDRESS LISTS PURCHASED IN NEW YORK AND MAGAZINES
MAILED FROM WINFIELD MAILING SERVICE, TWO FOUR FOUR SEVEN WEST
ROOSEVELT ROAD, CHICAGO, ILL. LIST OF FIFTEEN HUNDRED MAILING
LIST REQUESTS MAINTAINED MILWAUKEE IN ZIP CODE ORDER. NAME
ERIC S. GALT UNFAMILIAR TO HINZ RE THIS LIST.

- 1 - Milwaukee (44-388)
- 1 - Chicago (Info) (AM)
- 1 - New York (Info) (AM)
- 2 - Memphis (AM)
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"An exact copy of my letter
to 7 various officers as of yesterday,
Good Thursday, 11-th of April, 1968

Coon Amen,
Harlem, New York.

Good Friday 12-th of
April, 1968

"TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

"Please pass on to all the authorities wherever possible - to discontinue the search of a white man, as the killer of Martin Lucifer King, because the smart killer is right now in his own family. He is one of his own Civil Rights Urinators and a negro, not a white. I was among them myself in 1965, there were many young nuts, such as was I, and also many whites. However, God opened my eyes in Alabama, when I witnessed the behavior of our marchers under King's leadership. He was a devil's minister, taking all the money he could from the jews, and was doing his work under their leadership and demand. Those were communist jews.

"While marching in Alabama in 1965-it was in spring-we were instructed by King's advisers-red-rat-jews to do the following:

"A group of our negroes forced their way into a nice restaurant; on a given signal, all the negroes grabbed the sugar bowls off the tables, stood up and urinated into them, amid laughter, replaced the bowls on the tables-MLK laughed approvingly.

"This is the reason why I, and many others, turned against him, and it was God's will that he was shot by one of his own disciples, a negro, not a white. Please stop all your sham broadcastings and grateful homage for that killed Martin Lucifer King - he was against our best President LBJ - for the nut hippie Bobby Kennedy, who hates the President because he was not appointed as Vice Pres. when his brother JFK was murdered the same way as was MLK. Senate should prohibit all marches at least for the duration of this war, and specially in our Capital. Now the white people are to be more against us for the crazy revolts, murders and damages.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTENTION: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

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

MURKIN

Enclosed for the Bureau is one typed letter and envelope addressed to "POLICE CHIEF OF MERIDIAN, MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI" postmarked 4/12/68, and fingerprint card containing fingerprints of Chief of Police C. L. GUNN, Meridian, Mississippi.

On 4/15/68, Chief of Police C. L. GUNN, Meridian, Mississippi, Police Department, made available a carbon copy of a typed letter dated 4/12/68, and signed "COON AMEN". He stated that he received this letter at the Meridian PD on this date and is the only person who handled it. He added that he has no idea who sent this letter, that he knows no one in New York City, and was making it available for whatever assistance it might be in this investigation. He added that the letter and the envelope is all the information he has concerning this matter.

The following is the contents of the letter furnished by Chief GUNN:

- 3-Bureau (Enc. 3)
- 2-Memphis
- ①-New York (Info)
- 2-Jackson
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Amen!

"Our hope is still in LBJ - God let him be again our President. The second best is HHH, but Hippie Bobby and his conspirators are politically just as good as dead. God save USA with LBJ all the way.

C. Amen.

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"I am mailing the Police drawing of suspected killer of Dr.K. which appeared on page 2 in yesterday's Daily News, as a white man, who actually is a negro, but a brown one, made white with cream etc. - however, I made it with a crayon darker so they may find him in Atlanta in the King's family.

"You must understand that I cannot reveal my real name and address, although I actually do live in Harlen. Please do not hesitate to use my information, because it is God's truth.

"I am mailing 7 Of these letters to various places - why 7? Because yesterday was Good Thursday, the last supper of Jesus Christ, as a reminder of HIS seven words on the Cross:

'Into Your Hands I command my soul!'

'May your Easter be blessed!'

"Sincerely,

"Coon Amen, 23 years old"

The Identification Division is requested to process this letter for latent fingerprints and compare any prints located with prints developed in this investigation. Any prints developed should be compared with those contained in the single fingerprint section.

One copy of this communication is being furnished New York for information in view of their investigative interest.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

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SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)

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CR
(OO: MEMPHIS)

Enclosed for Memphis is a copy of New York letter to Bureau, dated 4/12/68, which states that three (3) rolls of film taken by Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS), Staff Cameraman REGGIE SMITH at Spelman College of the funeral of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING were obtained from ROBERT ROCKS of CBS and forwarded to the Bureau.

On 4/16/68, the film was returned to ROCKS and a receipt obtained.

ROCKS stated that the film was loaned to the FBI to be reproduced but not to be made available to CBS competition or other news media and that if the film is needed for court then a subpoena duces tecum would have to be issued.

The film was duplicated and copies kept at the Bureau.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI AND SACS SPRINGFIELD AND MEMPHIS

FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703)

MURKIN - CR

RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE APRIL TWELVE LAST; MOBILE
TELETYPE APRIL SIXTEEN LAST AND NEW YORK TELETYPE APRIL SIXTEEN
LAST.

RECORDS OF US COAST GUARD HEADQUARTERS, MERCHANT
VESSEL PERSONNEL SECTION, WASHINGTON, D.C. REFLECT NO RECORD
FOR RICHARD GALT. SHIPPING ARTICLES FOR SS HUDSON NINETEEN
SIXTYONE - PRESENT REFLECT NO CREWMAN WITH SURNAME GALT.
SHIPPING ARTICLES FOR PERIOD DECEMBER SEVEN, SIXTYONE -
FEBRUARY TEN, SIXTYTWO REFLECT KENNETH A. NEWBLE, Z ONE ONE
TWO ONE SIX SEVEN FIVE, ABOARD SS HUDSON FOR VOYAGE.

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2-WFO

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SPRINGFIELD REINTERVIEW NEWBLE FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO IDENTIFY GALT.

INFORMATION COPIES SENT BY MAIL TO MOBILE AND NEW YORK.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

P.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)

DATE: 4/17/68

FROM : SA ROBERT C. NADLER (241)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On instant date, at 8:22PM, Lt. SLAWSKY, Port Authority Police Department, La Guardia Airport, Queens, NY telephonically advised the NYO that he had received a telephone call from the Captain of Eastern Airlines Flight # 895 that a passanger on the flight had advised the Captain that an individual closely resembling ERIC STARVO GALT, etal, was on that flight. SLAWSKY said that Flight # 895 had just left La Guardia and was due to arrive at National Airport, Washington, D.C. at 8:55 PM.

At 8:36 PM, SA Olmert , WFO was advised of the above.

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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC NEW YORK

DATE: 4/17/68

FROM : JOSEPH JAMES JORDAN, #12

SUBJECT: ERIC STARVO GALT

Mr. Samuel Hill 350 Egmont Avenue, Mt. Vernon, NY., telephonically contacted the NYO, instant date, and advised that he believes that the subject is residing with a girlfriend at 102 Drake Avenue, New Rochelle, NY(3rd Floor).

Mr. Hill stated that the subject moved into the apartment on 4/12/68.

Mr. Hill may be contacted at Tel# 667-4746

*T. Lynch
4/18/68*

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Memorandum

TO : SAC NEW YORK

DATE: 4/17/68

FROM : JOSEPH JAMES JORDAN, #12

SUBJECT: ERIC STARVO GALT

An anonymous female telephonically contacted the NYO (11:02PM) instant date, and advised that the subject has frequented the Geneva Bar, in Peekskill, NY. The caller stated that the subject uses the name John Willard, and is similar in appearance to the news photograph as displayed in the Daily News.

*T. Lynch
4/18*

See overlay for coverage this lead

(11:30PM)4/17/68

An anonymous male telephoned the NYO, instant date and advised that the subject was seen by him at approximately 11:00PM this date, on the IND subway "E" train, at 42nd Street heading down town.

(11:36PM)4/17/68

An anonymous female telephoned the NYO and advised that the subject was seen by her at 1:30PM on 4/16/68 in the vicinity of 186th Street, NYC. The caller terminated the conversation immediately following the above statement.

(11:44PM) 4/17/68

An anonymous male telephonically contacted the NYO and stated that the subject was residing at 2240 Grand Concourse Apt 5A, Bronx, NY. The subject reportedly moved into that address on 4/11/68.

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*J. Henschel
4/18*

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Owner Joe Scivoletto, Geneva Bar & Grill,
Hudson Ave, PEEKSKILL, advised he was on
duty all day & night yesterday, 11/17/68,
& knows all his customers. None resemble photo
of Galt & none are named John Willard
per SA E Taylor 4/18/68 $\$$

Contact at 2240 Grand Concourse, Bronx,
by SA's ^{Adt SA.} Hendon & Cummings negative! Al Ross, Puerto
Rican, - 5'3" - did not fit description at all.
Contact with reception employees. These individuals
were Vincent O'Kelly, John Chamberlain, all 2240
Grand Concourse.

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LITTLE ROCK, NEW ORLEANS AND MEMPHIS

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)

MURKIN; CIVIL RIGHTS; OO: MEMPHIS

RE NEWARK TELETYPE TO BUREAU, NEW YORK AND MEMPHIS
DATED APRIL FIFTEEN LAST.

RE (FIRST NAME UNKNOWN) GALT OR GAULT, EMPLOYED
BY THE UNITED FRUIT COMPANY, NEW YORK CITY, AS SEAMAN.

RECORDS OF UNITED FRUIT COMPANY CHECKED AND
NEGATIVE FOR ANYONE UNDER NAME GALT. FOLLOWING FORMER
EMPLOYEES, WITH LAST NAME GAULT LOCATED IN COMPANY
RECORDS:

MALCOLM A. GAULT, U.S. MERCHANT MARINER'S, ID NUMBER

██████████, DATE OF BIRTH, ██████████

██████████, JONESVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA.

LAST LISTED ADDRESS, EIGHT FOUR ZERO CONTI STREET, POST

- 1- New York (44-1609)
- 1- Newark (INFO) (AM) *Jan*
- 1- Supv. #23
- 1- ADIC JOHN F. MALONE

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OFFICE BOX TWO SIX EIGHT THREE, NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA.
OTHER ADDRESSES LISTED AS POST OFFICE BOX TWO FOUR TWO ONE,
NEW ORLEANS; POST OFFICE BOX ONE THREE NINE FOUR, MEMPHIS,
TENNESSEE; AND POST OFFICE BOX TWO SIX EIGHT THREE,
LAWTEY, FLORIDA. NEXT OF KIN WAS LISTED AS COLON M.
GAULT, FATHER, HORNSBY, TENNESSEE; AND PAULINE TURNER,
SISTER, POST OFFICE BOX ONE FOUR NINE FIVE JACKSON,
TENNESSEE, AND HORNSBY, TENNESSEE.

MALCOLM A. GAULT IS IDENTICAL WITH FELLOW EMPLOYEE
REFERRED TO BY ALBERT LEVY IN RE TELETYPE IN CONNECTION
WITH SHIP S.S. ESPARTA. GAULT RETIRED JULY THIRD,
NINETEEN SIXTY THREE.

SUMPTER E. GAULT, U.S. MERCHANT MARINER'S ID NUMBER
[REDACTED], DATE OF BIRTH,
[REDACTED] IN ARKANSAS, WAS SHOWN
TO LAST RESIDE AT ONE NINE ONE ONE WEST EIGHTEENTH
STREET, NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS. HIS NEXT OF KIN SHOWN AS
RULDE, MOTHER, SAME ADDRESS. CONNECTED WITH UNITED

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NY 44-1609FRUIT COMPANY AND SHIP VERAGUA DURING MAY AND JUNE,
NINETEEN FIFTY EIGHT.

ROBERT GAULT, DATE OF BIRTH, [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], CONNECTED WITH UNITED FRUIT COMPANY, AS
MERCHANT MARINE DURING NINETEEN FORTY TWO. ONLY LISTED
ADDRESS THREE NINE DASH SIX EIGHT FIFTY NINTH STREET,
WOODSIDE, LONG ISLAND, NEW YORK.

IN VIEW OF SIMILAR NAME TO SUSPECT ERIC STARVO GALT,
AND MARINE BACKGROUND, RECEIVING OFFICES ARE TO INTERVIEW
PERSONS ABOVE LISTED AS RESIDING IN THEIR FIELD TERRITORY
IN AN EFFORT TO DETERMINE IF POSSIBLY A RELATIVE OF PRIME
SUSPECT. DUE TO AGES OF ABOVE SEAMEN APPARENTLY
NOT IDENTICAL WITH SUSPECT.

UNSUB SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

AIR MAIL COPY (INFO) TO NEWARK.

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TO: DIRECTOR, (44-38861) AND SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)

MURKIN.

REFERENCE CHICAGO TELETYPE APRIL SIXTEEN, SIXTY EIGHT, RE ERIC STARVO GALT - LOCKSMITHING INSTITUTE RECORDS.

INQUIRY AT NEW YORK REVEALS THAT MAGAZINE "ONE ZERO THREE THREE BETTER WAYS" PUBLISHED ONCE A YEAR AND SOLD ON NEWSSTANDS - NO SUBSCRIBERS.

SUSPECT MAY BE ARMED AND SHOULD BE CONSIDERED DANGEROUS.

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 FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)
 MURKIN; CR. OO:MEMPHIS.
 RE NEW YORK TELETYPE TO BUREAU, FOUR SIXTEEN LAST.
 RE ERIC STARVO GALT - LOCKSMITHING INSTITUTE
 RECORDS.

PUBLISHER OF TRUE MAGAZINE FURNISHED THE NAME
 OF A CURRENT SUBSCRIBER AS FOLLOWS:

E. GAULT, SIX ZERO TWO MAPLE STREET, CLIO,
 MICHIGAN, MOVED TO ONE TWO ONE FOUR ARBERTIES COURT,
 TRAVERSE CITY, MICHIGAN, AS OF NOVEMBER, NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN.
 DETROIT ELIMINATE OR IDENTIFY E. GAULT AS
 UNKNOWN SUBJECT INSTANT MATTER.

UNKNOWN SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND
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TO ALL SACS PLAINTEXT

FROM DIRECTOR 5P

MURKIN

THE FOLLOWING PRESS RELEASE WAS ISSUED AT WASHINGTON, D.C., AT 5:45 P.M. THIS AFTERNOON. YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO RELEASE AT 6:00 PM E.S.S/T. ALTHOUGH IT IS REALIZED THE WIRE SERVICES WILL CARRY THE FULL TEXT, YOU SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CONTACT THE LEADING NEWSPAPERS AND RADIO AND TV STATIONS IN YOUR DIVISION TO INSURE IT RECEIVES IMMEDIATE WIDESPREAD DISTRIBUTION. YOU ARE ALSO AUTHORIZED TO IMMEDIATELY MAKE AVAILABLE TO ALL MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES COPIES OF THE TWO PHOTOGRAPHS ALREADY IN YOUR POSSESSION. THE DESCRIPTIVE DATA ON THE BACKS OF THESE PHOTOGRAPHS SHOULD BE DELETED. PHOTOGRAPH NUMBER ONE WITH EYES CLOSED SHOULD CARRY THE CAPTION, "ERIC STARVO GALT, ALSO KNOWN AS HARVEY LOWMYER AND JOHN WILLARD." PHOTOGRAPH NUMBER TWO SHOULD CARRY THE CAPTION, "ERIC STARVO GALT, ALSO KNOWN AS HARVEY LOWMYER AND JOHN WILLARD (EYES DRAWN IN BY FBI ARTIST)." YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO REPRODUCE LOCALLY ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS AS REQUIRED. YOU SHOULD ATTEMPT TO INSURE THAT THIS RELEASE AND PHOTOGRAPHS RECEIVE REPEATED COVERAGE BY RADIO AND TV STATIONS. YOU ARE TO MAKE NO ELABORATION WHATSOEVER REGARDING THIS RELEASE.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

APRIL 17, 1968

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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GALT HAS BROWN HAIR, WHICH HE WEARS IN A "BRUSH" CUT. HE REPORTEDLY HAS BLUE EYES; HIS NOSE IS STRAIGHT AND NARROW; HIS TEETH ARE STRAIGHT AND CLEAN; AND HE HAS GIVEN HIS DATE OF BIRTH AS JULY 20, 1931.

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

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

Delete this paragraph per Bureau correction
THE FEDERAL STATUTE UNDER WHICH GALT HAS BEEN CHARGED PROVIDES A MAXIMUM PENALTY OF TEN YEARS' IMPRISONMENT AND/OR \$5,000 FINE. BOND OF \$50,000 HAS BEEN RECOMMENDED.]

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

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TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA, HOUSTON, JACKSON, MEMPHIS, MOBILE, NEW YORK
FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) 3P

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ON APRIL SEVENTEEN INSTANT, A BIRMINGHAM INFORMANT IDENTIFIED PHOTOGRAPH AND ARTIST'S CONCEPTION OF SUBJECT AS INDIVIDUAL SHE MET APPROXIMATELY SEPTEMBER FIFTEEN, NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN, AT THE TRAVEL LODGE MOTEL, NORTH TWENTYSIXTH STREET, BIRMINGHAM, ALA. AT THAT TIME SHE WAS STAYING WITH HER BOYFRIEND, THOMAS JOSEPH COX, DESCRIBED AS WMA, FORTYTWO, BORN NEWARK, NEW JERSEY, RETIRED FROM U. S. NAVY. COX WORKS AS FIRST MATE THROUGH SEAFARERS INTERNATIONAL UNION, HOUSTON, TEXAS ON SHIPS OWNED BY AMERICAN BULK CARRIERS, NEW YORK, N.Y. HE HAS CRIPPLED RIGHT LEG.

ON SEPTEMBER FIFTEEN, SIXTYSEVEN, COX BROUGHT AN INDIVIDUAL TO THE MOTEL ROOM SHE SHARED WITH HIM, INTRODUCING THE MAN AS SHAW GALT (PHONETIC). PCI DESCRIBES GALT AS WMA, THIRTY, FIVE FT. ELEVEN INCHES, MEDIUM BUILD, DARK BROWN HAIR, SOFT SPOKEN, WEARING CHECKED SPORT COAT, DARK TROUSERS AND SPORT SHIRT. HE WAS IN MOTEL

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ABOUT FORTYFIVE MINUTES DRINKING BOURBON WITH INFORMANT AND COX. HE MENTIONED HE WAS MERCHANT SEAMAN AND WANTED TO KNOW BEST PLACE TO OBTAIN EMPLOYMENT, STATING HE HAD BEEN IN MOBILE, ALABAMA; PASCAGOULA, MISS., AND NEW YORK, N.Y. HE SAID HE COULD NOT EARN A LIVING IN NEW YORK. HE FURTHER MENTIONED HE HAD A GIRL FRIEND, BUT DID NOT MENTION HER NAME, ADDRESS, OR ANY DESCRIPTIVE DATA. HE DID STATE HE WAS NOT MARRIED. GALT'S SPEECH WAS NOT LOCAL, BUT WAS NOT SIMILAR TO NEW JERSEY ACCENT OF COX. WHEN LEAVING MOTEL, GALT STATED HE HAD TO GO HOME, BUT MENTIONED NO LOCATION. HE LEFT BY HIMSELF, COX REMAINING WITH INFORMANT. NO CAR WAS SEEN, HOWEVER, INFORMANT ASSUMES HE HAD ONE INASMUCH AS COX PROBABLY PICKED GALT UP IN A BAR AND NO OTHER BARS ARE LOCATED IN PROXIMITY OF THE MOTEL.

INFORMANT STATED SHE BECAME ACQUAINTED WITH COX IN HOUSTON, TEXAS EARLY NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN AND BROKE OFF RELATIONS WITH HIM LATE SEPTEMBER LAST.

HOUSTON, AT HOUSTON, TEXAS, WILL LOCATE AND INTERVIEW THOMAS JOSEPH COX THROUGH SEAFARERS INTERNATIONAL UNION.

JACKSON, AT PASCAGOULA, MISS., WILL CONDUCT LOGICAL INVESTIGATION CONCERNING SHAW GALT.

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MOBILE AT MOBILE, ALA., WILL CONDUCT LOGICAL INVESTIGATION
CONCERNING SHAW GALT.

NEW YORK AT NEW YORK, N.Y., WILL CONTACT AMERICAN BULK
CARRIERS, NEW YORK, FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING THOMAS JOSEPH COX
IN AN EFFORT TO LOCATE HIM. CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION TO
LOCATE SHAW GALT.

BIRMINGHAM, AT BIRMINGHAM, ALA., WILL CONDUCT NEIGHBORHOOD
INVESTIGATION VICINITY OF TRAVEL LODGE MOTEL CONCERNING SHAW GALT.

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RECGTELS TO BUREAU APRIL FIFTEEN LAST, NINE SEVENTEEN PM AND
APRIL SIXTEEN LAST, AND NK TEL TO BUREAU APRIL FIFTEEN LAST.

RE ADVERTISING - SUPERIOR BULK FILM COMPANY.

COMPANY ADVERTISES IN FOLLOWING MAGAZINES. INQUIRIES APRIL
SIXTEEN AND SEVENTEEN DETERMINED LOCATION SUBSCRIPTION LIST:

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POPULAR MECHANICS AND SPORTS AFIELD, HEARST CORP.,
FIVE SEVEN FIVE LEXINGTON AVENUE NYC; SCIENCE AND MECHANICS
MAGAZINE, DAVIS PUBLICATIONS, FIVE ZERO FIVE PARK AVENUE, NYC;
U.S. CAMERA, NINE EAST FORTIETH STREET, NYC; FIELD AND STREAM, HOLT,
RINEHART AND WINSTON, INC., THREE EIGHT THREE MADISON AVENUE, NYC.

NEW YORK NOTE CROSS REFERENCES TO POPULAR MECHANICS, MECHANIX
ILLUSTRATED AND SCIENCE AND MECHANICS IN RE TELS. RE ERIC STARVO
GALT - LOCKSMITHING INSTITUTE RECORDS.

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SCIENCE PUBLISHING COMPANY, ONE TWO FIVE FIVE PORTLAND PLACE, BOTH
BOULDER COLORADO.

CINCINNATI

MODERN PHOTOGRAPHY MAGAZINE, TWO ONE SIX ZERO PATTERSON STREET.

NEW HAVEN

MECHANIX ILLUSTRATEE, FAWCETT PUBLISHING INC., FAWCETT BUILDING,
GREENWICH, CONNECTICUT.

GUNNAR RING BURKE, SUPERIOR BULK FILM, ADVISED TODAY THAT COMPANY
DOES NOT ADVERTISE IN HUNTING AND FISHING AS PREVIOUSLY ADVISED, BUT
IN SPORTS AFIELD AND IN OUTDOOR LIFE.

ALL OFFICES DETERMINE IF ANY SUBSCRIBER USING NAME OF ERIC
STARVO GALT, AKA HARVEY LOWMEYER OR HARVEY LOWMYER, JOHN WILLARD AND
SET OUT LEADS.

MAKE NO MENTION INQUIRIES CONCERNING CAPTIONED MATTER.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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749PM URGENT 4/17/68 GWK

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, AND NEW YORK

FROM INDIANAPOLIS 44-563

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RENYTEL APRIL SIXTEEN, LAST, AND REFERENCED ERIC STARVO
GALT, LOCK-SMITHING INSTITUTE RECORD.

THOMAS DELPH, SALES PROMOTION MANAGER, HARDWARE RETAILERS
MAGAZINE, NINE SIX FOUR NORTH PENNSYLVANIA ST., INDIANAPOLIS,
IND., ON APRIL SEVENTEEN, INSTANT, MADE AVAILABLE A LIST OF
ALL SUBSCRIBERS TO ABOVE MAGAZINE. A REVIEW OF THE
APPROXIMATE FORTY TWO THOUSAND SUBSCRIBERS, INCLUDING ALL OF THE
U.S., CANADA, AND NUMEROUS OTHER FOREIGN COUNTRIES FAILED
TO REVEAL A LISTING FOR AN ERIC STARVO GALT OR ANY SIMILAR
NAMES.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC New York, (44-1609

DATE: 4/18/68

FROM : SA John F. Shanley

SUBJECT: MURKIN

RICHARD CHALFOUX, 111 8th Ave. (near 15th St.)
telephone 924-2400, telephonically advised at 9:45 AM,
today that many employees had reported to him that a new
employee, reporting today, closely resembles the description
of ERIC STARVO GALT.

The new employee is JOSEPH FERTITTA and complainant
will make available all info concerning him to the agent
covering this lead.

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SA JOHN F. SHANLEY #23

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MALCOLM TAPLEY of the Amsterdam News, telephone AC 2-7800, ext. 738, telephonically advised at 9:50 AM, today that an anonymous female had contacted him a few minutes ago and advised that a man answering the description of ERIC STARVO GALT had gone from an airport to the Hotel Paramount where registered in Room 1211 using the name MARIO GROFF.

TAPLEY advised that the anonymous female had contacted his office rather than the FBI so that any reward might * go to the civil rights movement.

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ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
RACIAL MATTERS

Many offices are using above caption in communications to the Bureau concerning a variety of activities and racial incidents arising out of the killing of Martin Luther King, Jr. This is creating problems from administrative and filing standpoints and should be discontinued immediately. Captions descriptive of the activity involved should be used in accordance with instructions in the FBI Handbook, page 154h of Part III.

For example, in reporting information concerning disturbances that may have occurred in Albany the caption "Racial Disturbances Following Assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., Albany, New York, April 9, 1968, Racial Matters" could be used.

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FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)

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CIVIL RIGHTS
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ReNYairtel to Bureau, 4/17/68 and NY telephone call to Springfield 4/18/68.

Re RICHARD GALT.

PAUL KERR, Secretary-Treasurer, SIU, NYC, advised that he has determined that the crew of the S.S. HUDSON signed on 12/7/61 and signed off 2/10/62. The location of signing off was one of three: Houston, Galveston or Port Arthur, all Texas. He has determined through his records that there was no one named GALT aboard and, further, the only crew member with the first name of RICHARD was RICHARD SANTAMOUR, Social Security Number [REDACTED]

KERR stated that if KENNETH NEWBLE is reinterviewed for further information he should be asked to furnish copies of his, NEWBLE's, termination papers for the particular voyage about which he is furnishing information. KERR stated that such papers will facilitate any further search of SIU's records.

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RE BUREAU PHONE CALL FOUR EIGHTEEN LAST.

THEODORE ROSE, THIRTY NINE ECKART ST, NK, NJ. GLORIA AND CURTIS WAY, THE LATTER DEPUTY DIRECTOR NEIGHBORHOOD YOUTH CORPS, CITY OF NEWARK, NJ, INTERVIEWED FOUR EIGHTEEN LAST AT TIME INC., NYC. ALL POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED PHOTO OF ERIC STARVO GALT APPEARING NEWARK STAR LEDGER FOUR EIGHTEEN LAST AS INDIVIDUAL OBSERVED ON MARCH TWENTY FOUR LAST AT PARADE AND DANCE THAT NIGHT IN NK AND ON MARCH TWENTY SEVEN LAST AT ABYSSINIAN CHURCH, TWO TWENTY FOUR W. KINNEY ST., NK. AFOREMENTIONED PARADE STARTED LINCOLN PARK AND TERMINATED WASHINGTON PARK. UNSUB BELIEVED TO BE GALT APPROACHED WAY AT START OF PARADE AND REQUESTED PERMISSION TO PARTICIPATE IN PARADE. WAY ATTEMPTED TO DISCOURAGE UNSUB SINCE HE WAS UNKNOWN AND LOOKED OUT OF PLACE AS GROUP MOSTLY TEENAGERS. HOWEVER, WAY'S ATTENTION DIVERTED AND INDIVIDUAL CONTINUED IN MARCH. WAY THOUGHT THAT THIS WAS POSSIBLY PUBLICITY STUNT BUT INDIVIDUAL ALLOWED TO CONTINUE AND STRUTTED ALONG FRINGE OF MARCHERS. WHEN PARADE COMPLETED WAY UNABLE TO LOCATE AND THANK UNSUB.

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UNSUB NEXT OBSERVED AT TERRACE BALLROOM DANCE, NK, NIGHT OF PARADE, BY ROSE AND BOTH WAYS. SAT AT TABLE WITH THREE OR FOUR COLORED WOMEN, EACH FIFTY TO SIXTY YEARS OF AGE, AND DANCED NEARLY EVERY DANCE WITH THESE WOMEN. WAY INVITED UNSUB TO HIS TABLE COUPLE OF TIMES, BUT UNSUB IGNORED INVITATION AND NEVER IDENTIFIED HIMSELF WHEN ASKED NAME. TABLES FOR THIS AFFAIR ASSIGNED BY JOHN AND ELIZABETH THOMAS, LISLIE ST., NK AND THEY WOULD KNOW SEATING ARRANGEMENTS. DANCE SCHEDULED TO END MIDNIGHT BUT BROKE UP AT ELEVEN PM AND UNSUB STILL THERE AFTER ROSE AND WAYS LEFT.

ROSE AND BOTH WAYS ATTENDED FUNCTION AT ABYSSINIAN CHURCH NIGHT OF MARCH TWENTY SEVEN IN CONNECTION WITH DR. KING'S PROPOSED WASHINGTON, D.C. MARCH. KING ARRIVED LATE ABOUT TEN PM, KING ENTERED FRONT ENTRANCE OF CHURCH PRECEDED BY POLICEMAN FOLLOWED BY TWO KING AIDES AND UNSUB. APPEARENCE OF UNSUB SURPRISED ROSE AND WAYS BUT THEN WHEN UNSUB WENT DOWN AND SHOOK HANDS WITH MINISTERS IN BACK OF DAIS, THEY THOUGHT HE WAS MINISTER ALSO. NAMES OF TWO OF THE MINISTERS ARE OLIVER LAFTON WHO IS ON LEGAL SERVICE OF THE CRIME COMMISSION OF NEW JERSEY AND KEVIN WEST, GRACE CHAPEL EPISCOPAL REFORMED CHURCH NK, . ALSO THE PASTOR OF QUEENS ANGEL PARIS, BELMONT AVE, NK, NAME NOT KNOWN.

ROSE TOOK THREE COLORED PHOTOS OF DR. KING FROM BALCONY WHICH SHOWS UNSUB IN EACH PHOTO ALONG WITH OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE. NEGATIVE BEING FORWARDED BUREAU.

UNSUB DESCRIBED AS ABOUT SIX FOOT THREE INCHES, AGE UPPER THIRTIES, HAIR BLACK GREYING AT TEMPLES, WEIGHT IN EXCESS OF ONE HUNDRED NINETY LBS., DARK SUIT, WHITE SHIRT WITH STRING TIE WHICH CLOSED AT THE TOP WITH FALCON OR EAGLE CLASP, AND CONSIDERED NEATLY DRESSED. GLORIA WAY ADVISED THAT GAIL WILLIAMS, EMPLOYED IN OFFICE OF CURTIS WAY, INFORMED HER THAT A GIRL FRIEND OF GAIL WILLIAMS HAD DATED UNSUB. UNSUB REFERRED TO AS "FLOWER MAN". THE GIRL FRIEND REPORTEDLY STATED THAT MAN SHE DATED NOT INDIVIDUAL SHOWN IN NK PAPER AS GALT, AND STATED MAN SHE DATED RESIDED AT YMCA SIX HUNDRED BROAD ST., NEWARK, NJ.

NK CONTACT GAIL WILLIAM FOR NAME OF GIRL WHO DATED "FLOWER MAN" AND INTERVIEW GIRL TO DETERMINE IF IDENT WITH GALT.

CONTACT JOHN AND ELIZABETH THOMAS, LESLIE ST., NK, TO LEARN SEATING ARRANGEMENT AT DANCE, IDENTIFY AND INTERVIEW WOMEN WHO SAT AND DANCED WITH UNSUB.

CONTACT MINISTERS MENTIONED HEREIN AND OTHERS IN EFFORT TO DETERMINE IF UNSUB IS GALT.

WILL CONTACT FOLLOWING WHO REPORTEDLY TOOK PICTURES OF PARADE AND CHURCH FUNCTION IN EFFORT TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL PHOTOS UNSUB.

FNU BREEZE, AFRO-AMERICAN NEWSPAPER, ONE NINETY CLINTON ST.,
ARK - (PARADE)

PRODENTIAL LIFE INSURANCE CO - (PARADE)

ERNIE JOHNSON, NEWARK STAR LEDGER - (CHURCH FUNCTION)

CONTACT YMCA, SIX HUNDRED BROAD ST. TO IDENTIFY "FLOWER MAN"
ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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TO ALL SACS (PLAINTEXT)
FROM DIRECTOR

MURKIN.

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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Subj: 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 SEPTEMBER, 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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JAMES EARL RAY

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Exact Spelling

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Raymond Miller residing under th^e
above name at Rm.14, Concourse Residence
Club, 2395 Grand Concourse, Bx., NY

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RAY, JAMES

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BN: [REDACTED]

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RAY, JAMES (FUG)

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88-3365*

AKA WILLIAM LE ROY RAY
BN: [REDACTED], Knoxville, Tenn.
white
FBI# 362846A

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RAY, JAMES (FUG)

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88-5983-2*

aka of James Albert Hughes
BN: [REDACTED], Ohio
white
FBI# 301498A

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RAY, JAMES ---fug.

12/59

88-3161-88*

IO# 3318 (12/18/59)
aka of James Cleveland Mc Neill
Dist aka

BN: [REDACTED], NC
negro
FBI# 5010265

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC NY (44-1609)
FROM : SA T P LYNCH
SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/12/68

Serial 28

Re memo SA SHARLEY, 4/9/68 + memo SAT LYNCH 4/10/68 re JOHN WILLARD info.

attached is photo of JOHN VAN WILLARD, Westchester County Pen # 55351.

On 4/11/68, WILLIAM BRIDENBECKER, auditor, National Bank of Westchester White Plains, NY advised that JOHN V WILLARD is a recipient of income from a trust fund, handled by the bank. He stated WILLARD has no address and periodically visits the bank to forward monies at a particular location. Stated last inquiry received from WILLARD was week of 4/1/68 - 4/5/68 when subject was under arrest in Albany for assault and needed \$40 for bail. Money was sent to him as requested and subject gave address as County Home, Albany, NY and indicated he was going to visit a sister,

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Name and address unknown.

BRIDENBECKER stated ~~de~~ WILSON is a
confirmed alcoholic