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Date: 4/19/68

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Via AIRTEL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
CIVIL RIGHTS
(OO: MEMPHIS)

Enclosed to the Bureau are three photographs, one of ROBERT BOLIVAR DE PUGH and two of an unknown individual. Enclosed to each office designated is one photograph containing the two views of the unknown individual.

On 4/18/68, SAS of the NYO while conducting investigation at Time, Inc., New York, New York, were advised of the following information by GEORGE HUNT, Managing Editor:

An AP teletype just off the wire with dateline of Kansas City, disclosed that the United States Attorney's Office reported that an informant told the Federal Government some time ago that Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING was among persons ordered assassinated if ROBERT BOLIVAR DE PUGH ever went to jail. DE PUGH is the leader of the Minutemen Organization, Militant Right Wing Organization. It was stated that DE PUGH had issued orders to other Minutemen that if he went to jail, certain persons connected with this prosecution, and others, were to be assassinated, including Dr. KING.

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DE PUGH and WALTER PATRICK PEYSON are appealing a 1966 conviction in Kansas City for national firearms violation. DE PUGH and PEYSON are wanted on a Federal Grand Jury indictment accusing them of conspiracy to rob banks in Seattle in January.

HUNT advised that the aforementioned information with respect to the Minutemen recalled an article done by "LIFE" in about October, 1961 with regard to hate groups. In this connection photographs were taken in October, 1961 in Shiloh, state unknown, and in Collinsville, Illinois of certain Minutemen, some identified and some unidentified. DE PUGH was one of the individuals identified by name, but under restrictions imposed upon the photographer, identity of others by name was withheld.

The reporter for the article was WILL JARVIS, last known address and telephone number, Bronxville, New York, PE 8-0715. The photographer was CARL IWASAKI, 1465 Monroe Street, Denver, Colorado, telephone #Dexter 3-1290.

HUNT made available three 11"x14" photographs, one of which is DE PUGH and the other two photographs of an unidentified individual who somewhat resembles ERIC STARVO GALT. Both shots of this second individual apparently were taken about the same time. In one of these photographs the unknown individual is sitting with his eyes shut like in the GALT picture released to the public.

One of the other photographs in the group was an individual believed by Chief of Police REESE DOBSON, St. Clair County, Illinois, to be SA. JACK ROBERTS, Belleville. ROBERTS, believed to be working undercover, was thought by DOBSON to have once worked on the COORS kidnapping case.

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Springfield contact informants and other logical sources for purpose of identifying photos unknown Minuteman enclosed herewith.

Denver contact CARL IWASAKI, mentioned above, in effort to identify Minuteman whose photos are enclosed herewith.

New York will contact WILL JARVIS for same purpose.

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Via TELETYPE URGENT
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TO DIRECTOR (PLAINTEXT)
FROM NEW YORK 100-136585

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NY THREE EIGHT ONE ZERO DASH S ASTERICK ON FOUR NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING INFO WHICH SHOULD BE CLASSIFIED "SECRET". STANLEY LEVISON HAD A CONFERENCE WITH ADELE CANTOR, OFFICE WORKER, SCLC HEADQUARTERS, NYC.

CANTOR TOLD LEVISON THAT THE LAST SCLC MAILING RESULTED IN AN ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO ONE GALT IN CALIFORNIA BEING RETURNED MARKED "DEASED". CANTOR EXPLAINED THAT GALT HAD MADE A TEN DOLLAR CONTRIBUTION TO SCLC IN NINETEEN SIXTY FIVE AND STATED SHE THOUGHT "IT WAS FROM RAMPARTS," BUT THAT THERE HAS BEEN AN ADDRESS CHANGE SINCE THEN. SHE STATED THAT THE CALIF., ADDRESS IS A "RELATIVELY RECENT ADDRESS". SHE DID NOT REMEMBER THE FIRST NAME OF GALT BUT IT WAS NOT ERIC STAVRO. THE FIRST NAME AND CALIFORNIA ADDRESS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE ENVELOPE WHICH WAS RETURNED TO SCLC AS WELL AS BEING IN THE SCLC CONTRIBUTOR'S FILE. LEVISON STATED THAT HE WANTS ADELE TO GIVE THE CONTRIBUTOR CARD AND ENVELOPE TO HIM BECAUSE HE THINKS THIS MAY BE "ANOTHER LEAD" AND "A REAL CLUE". THE ABOVE IS SUBMITTED FOR INFO AND LEAD

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BY: DES 874572

PURPOSES IN CONNECTION WITH THE MURKIN INVESTIGATION. IT IS
RECOMMENDED THAT NO DISSEMINATION BE MADE IN VIEW OF THE
SENSITIVE NATURE OF THE SOURCE. ACCORDINGLY, NO LHM IS
BEING SUBMITTED.

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938 PM URGENT 4/20/68 RML
TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND NEW YORK
FROM MIAMI (44-1854) 1P

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RE MIAMI TEL TO BUREAU, ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, MEMPHIS, NEWARK,
AND NEW YORK, FOUR NINETEEN, LAST, AND NEWARK TEL TO BUREAU AND
MIAMI, FOUR TWENTY, INSTANT.

RE SUSPECT AND FLIGHT CREWS OF EASTERN AIRLINES (EAL) FOREIGN
BOUND FLIGHTS OUT OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA, APRIL FIVE - SIX, LAST.

CAPT. CRANE LOCATED MIAMI THIS DATE, HOWEVER, CYNTHIA LOUISE
BRONSON NOT LOCATED IN MIAMI AND EASTER AIRLINES OFFICIALS, MIAMI,
BELIEVE BRONSON WILL BE AT HER RESIDENCE, EIGHT THREE NINE SIX, ONE
ONE EIGHT STREET, APT TWO D, KEW GARDENS, NEW YORK, AFTER TWO AM,
FOUR TWENTYONE, NEXT.

NEW YORK EXHIBIT PHOTOS OF SUSPECT TO BRONSON.

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TO NEW YORK (PLAINTEXT)

VIA WASHINGTON -----

FROM SAN JUAN (157-61) 2P

MURKIN

RE NEW YORK TELETYPE TO SAN JUAN APRIL NINETEEN, LAST.

FELIPE HERNANDEZ VELEZ BAYOMEY, ARECIBO, PUERTO RICO, WHO REQUESTS THAT HIS IDENTITY BE PROTECTED, ADVISED THAT JOE (LNU) AND WIFE MERITA CASULL VELEZ ARRIVED AT ARECIBO, PUERTO RICO ON APRIL ELEVEN LAST. JOE REPORTEDLY SAID THAT HE HAD BEEN IN PUERTO RICO ABOUT A WEEK. VELEZ HAD NO INFORMATION AS TO WHERE JOE HAD BEEN PRIOR TO THAT OR HIS WHEREABOUTS ON PERTINENT DATES. VELEZ DESCRIBED JOE AS FOLLOWS - WHITE MALE, AGE THIRTY FIVE TO FORTY, APPROXIMATELY FIVE FEET EIGHT INCHES, WEIGHT ONE HUNDRED SIXTY TO ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY, BUILD HEAVY, LARGE STOMACH, HAIR DARK BROWN, EYES BROWN, REPEAT EYES BROWN. MERITA CASULL VELEZ DESCRIBED AS WHITE FEMALE, AGE FORTY TWO TO FORTY FIVE, HEIGHT FIVE FEET FOUR INCHES WEIGHT ONE HUNDRED TEN, HAIR BLACK, EYES BROWN. BOTH JOE AND MERITA RESIDE AT TEN THIRTY FIVE DE KALB AVENUE, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK, THE HOME OF MERITA'S FATHER BENITO CASULL. ADDITIONAL

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EIGHT EIGHT EIGHT MYRTLE AVENUE, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK; IRMA CASULL
WIFE OF OSCAR GONZALEZ, EIGHT ONE FOUR MYRTLE AVENUE.

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134 AM URGENT 4-21-68 JON/EJC

TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS

FROM NEWARK (44-854) -P-

MURKIN

RE NY TEL TO BUREAU, FOUR NINETEEN LAST, AND NK TEL TO BUREAU FOUR NINETEEN LAST, AND BUREAU TEL CALL TO NK, FOUR TWENTY LAST.

RE INFORMATION FROM CURTIS WAY TO TIME, INC., NYC.

ON FOUR NINETEEN LAST, GAIL WILLIAMS, NINE SOMERSET ST., NEWARK, AN EMPLOYEE OF NEIGHBORHOOD YOUTH CORPS, TEN SIXTY BROAD, NEWARK, AND AN ACQUAINTANCE OF CURTIS AND GLORIA WAY, WAS INTERVIEWED AND ADVISED THAT ON FOUR EIGHTEEN LAST SHE WAS SHOWN PHOTO BY CURTIS WAY, OF GROUP INCLUDING AN UNKNOWN W/M, WHICH WAY SEEMED TO THINK WAS IDENT TO NEWSPAPER PHOTO OF ERIC STARVO GALT. WILLIAMS STATED THAT SHE IMMEDIATELY RECOGNIZED THE W/M IN WAY'S SNAPSHOT AS BEING PERSON SHE HAD SEEN AROUND NEWARK FOR SEVERAL PAST MONTHS AND PERSON WHO ESCORTED FRIEND OF HERS, THERESA BRAYE. A N/F, AND EX-SCHOOL TEACHER IN NEWARK, TO MAYOR'S BALL, TWO EIGHTEEN LAST, IN NEWARK. WILLIAMS UNABLE TO FURNISH ADDRESS FOR BRAYE. SHE ALSO RECALLED THE SAME W/M, AS HANDING

OUT FLOWERS AT MAYOR'S BALL. WILLIAMS NOT PRESENT AT PARADE, MARCH TWO FOUR LAST, OR AT DR. KING'S APPEARANCE AT ABYSSINIAN

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BAPTISTCHURCH, MARCH TWO SEVEN LAST. SHE DESCRIBED W/M AS SIX FOOT FOUR, OVER TWO HUNDRED LBS., DARK BROWN OR BLACK CURLY HAIR, GREYING AT TEMPLES, AND FAVORING WESTERN STLYE STRING TIES, VERY POLITE, AND HAVING SOUTHERN ACCENT.

WILLIAMS STATED THAT IN HER OPINION THE W/M IN WAY'S SNAP-SHOT IS DEFINITELY NOT IDENT TO ERIC STARVO GALT AND THAT WAY IS GROSSLY IN ERROR IN THIS MATTER. SHE ADVISED THAT SHE COULD NOT UNDERSTAND WHY WAY WOULD START SUCH A THING, NOR WHY HE WOULD EVEN STATE THAT THE W/M IN THE SNAP-SHOT RESEMBLED GALT.

MRS. ANN CRUMIDY, THREE FIVE QUITMAN ST., NEWARK ALSO EMPLOYED AT NEIGHBORHOOD YOUTH CORPS, ADVISED SHE HAD SEEN PERSON REFERRED TO BY GAIL WILLIAMS AS THE FLOWER MAN, AT THE MAYOR'S BALL AS WELL AS OTHER PLACES IN THE NEWARK AREA. SHE ADVISED THAT HE IS DEFINITELY NOT IDENT TO ERIC STARVO GALT, AND THAT CURTIS WAY MUST BE OUT FOR A REWARD, AND WAS CRAZY FOR STARTING SUCH A THING.

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ON FOUR NINETEEN LAST, JOHN PATRICK O'ROURKE, WMA, SIX FOOT FOUR AND ONE-HALF INCHES TALL, TWO HUNDRED TWENTY EIGHT POUNDS, FORMER WEST ORANGE, N.J. POLICE SERGEANT FOR SIXTEEN YEARS, RESIDING ROOM ELEVEN EIGHTEEN, YMCA, SIX HUNDRED BROAD, NEWARK, N.J., WAS INTERVIEWED. HE ADVISED THAT HE KNEW THERESA BRAYE, AND HAD HANDED OUT FLOWERS TO THE LADIES. HE ALSO ADVISED THAT HE WAS A PARTICIPANT IN THE PARADE FROM LINCOLN PARK TO WASHINGTON PARK ON MARCH TWENTY FOUR LAST AND HAD ATTENDED A DANCE AT THE TERRACE BALLROOM, NEWARK, EVENING OF MARCH TWENTY FOUR LAST, WHERE HE DANCED WITH SEVERAL NEGRO LADIES.

O'ROURKE ADVISED THAT ON EVENING OF MARCH TWENTY SEVEN LAST HE ATTENDED THE APPEARANCE OF DR. KING AT THE ABYSSINIAN BAPTIST CHURCH, NEWARK, AND WAS SUMMONED TO FRONT OF CHURCH BY AN UNRECALLED NEGRO MINISTER FRIEND OF HIS. HE SAT ON RIGHT SIDE OF DIAS DURING SPEECH BY DR. KING AND OTHERS AND RECALLED SEVERAL FLASH TYPE PHOTOS BEING TAKEN DURING THIS AFFAIR. HE RECALLED THAT AS HE TOOK SEAT NEAR DIAS HE SHOOK HANDS WITH SEVERAL NEGRO MINISTERS WHO WERE ALREADY SEATED IN THAT AREA.

ON FOUR NINETEEN LAST, OLIVER LOFTON, FIFTY ONE CLIFTON ST., NEWARK, DIRECTOR OF NEWARK LEGAL SERVICES, AND FORMER AUSA, NEWARK, INTERVIEWED AND ADVISED THAT HE DEFINETLY RECALLED A TALL WHITE MALE, WEARING A WESTERN TYPE STRING TIE, AS BEING PRESENT AT THE ABYSSINIAN BAPTIST CHURCH ON MARCH TWENTY SEVEN LAST. LOFTON VIEWED PHOTO OF ERIC STARVO GALT, AS FURNISHED BY BUREAU, AND ADVISED THAT ALTHOUGH.

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THERE MAY BE SOME SIMILAR CHARACTERISTICS TO GALT'S FACIAL FEATURES, THAT THE WHITE MALE HE OBSERVED AT THE CHURCH WAS NOT IDENTICAL TO THE PHOTO OF GALT. LOFTON STATED PERSON HE IS SPEAKING OF WAS BECKONED TO COME DOWN TO FRONT OF CHURCH BY A NEGRO MINISTER, WHOM LOFTON DOES NOT KNOW, BUT WHOM HE HAS SEEN AROUND NEWARK AREA NUMEROUS TIMES, AND KNOWS MINISTER TO BE ACQUAINTED WITH REV. HORACE SHARPER, PASTOR OF ABYSSINIAN CHURCH. WHEN WHITE MALE APPROACHED DIAS, HE SHOOK HANDS WITH LOFTON AND ONE OR TWO OTHER NEGRO MINISTERS NEAR DIAS, AND THEN TOOK SEAT TO SIDE OF DIAS NEAR THE PIANO.

ON FOUR TWENTY LAST, O'ROURKE RE-CONTACTED AND FURNISHED TWO RECENT PHOTOS OF HIMSELF AND HIS OLD WEST ORANGE PD UNION CARD WITH PHOTO. SUBSEQUENT EFFORTS TO CONTACT GAIL WILLIAMS WERE NEGATIVE THROUGHOUT THE DAY AND AS OF TEN PM THAT DATE SHE WAS NOT AT HOME.

ON FOUR TWENTY LAST, CURTIS WAY; THEODORE ROSE, AND MRS. ROSE, RECONTACTED AND SHOWN PHOTOS FURNISHED BY O'ROURKE. MR. AND MRS. ROSE ADVISED THAT PHOTOS ARE BELIEVED BY THEM TO BE IDENTICAL TO THE WHITE MALE SHOWN IN THE PHOTOS TAKEN BY MR. WAY AT THE ABYSSINIAN BAPTIST CHURCH MARCH TWENTY SEVEN LAST.

CURTIS WAY ADVISED THAT HE IS OF SAME OPINION, AND ADDED THAT PHOTOS OF O'ROURKE ALSO BEAR RESEMBLANCE TO HIM OF THE ERIC STARVO GALT PHOTOS AS PUBLISHED IN NEWSPAPERS AND AS SEEN ON WANTED FLYERS.

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IN VIEW OF ABOVE NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED
RE WAY'S INFORMATION OR PHOTOS. IDENTITIES OF MR AND MRS WAY AND
MR AND MRS ROSE NOT DISCLOSED TO O'ROURKE, AND O'ROURKE'S IDENTITY
NOT DIVULGED TO ABOVE NAMED INDIVIDUALS.

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FBI MEMPHIS

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1609)
(ATT: SUPERVISOR SECTION 23)

FROM : SA MAURICE P. LEEN (251)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/21/68

About 3:10 PM, a Western Union telegram was delivered to the NYO. The telegram came from the city of Hermosillo, the state of Sonora, Mexico, and was sent 9:49 AM, Mountain Standard Time, addressed to the FBI, 201 E. 69th Street. The telegram is in Spanish, and has been translated as follows:

"I have located the person presumed responsible for the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING. Call me today for sure at telephone 3-26-85. I don't speak English. Alejandro Rivera".

The above information was made available to Supervisor ROGER YOUNG, Section 23, ASAC OHCHRAN of the El Paso Office and Bureau Supervisor RICHARD LONG at 3:27 PM. The telegram is attached.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)

DATE: 4/21/68

FROM : SA EDWARD A. ROMANOFF (22)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

~~NICOLLE O'CONNOR~~ telephonically contacted the New York office of the FBI at 8:45 am this date and furnished the following information:

She advised that she is a Pan American World Airways stewardess and wished to report that she believed MARTIN LUTHER KING's assassin was aboard one of her flights from Miami, Florida to South America on Thursday evening, 4/18/68. She said that the flight, 441 which departs from Miami has three stops in South America; Caracas, Venezuela, Rio De Jenaro, Brazil, and Sao Paulo, Brazil. She advised that several of the stewardesses and the pilot talked with the man, and they seem to agree he could have been the same person whose photograph has been identified as KING's killer. She advised that the man deplaned at Sao Paulo, Brazil.

O'CONNOR stated she would rather not furnish any further information over the telephone and advised she would like to be contacted by an agent. She furnished her location as the Penn Garden Hotel, room 1910, telephone 736-3400, located at the corner of 7th Ave. and 31st St., NYC. She said she is staying with one of the other stewardesses who was aboard flight 441 on the same evening, PETRA CHUITA

O'CONNOR was advised that an agent would contact her at the hotel this A.M.

SA supervisor MAURICE P. LEEN advised, 8:55 am, date.

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TO : SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)

DATE: 4/21/68

FROM : SA SAMMY J. MILLER #34

SUBJECT: JAMES EARL RAY, aka
MURKIN

At 9:18 PM this date DR. CAROLYN BAILEY, 400 Central Park West, NYC, Telephone # 866-6548 called the complaint desk of the NYO and stated that she had been in Bloomington, Illinois, on business on 4/20/68 and that while she was in the Falcon Motel, 713 N. Main St., Normal, Illinois, she had heard a Mrs. THOMPSON, whom she presumed to be the owner of the motel, state that she had seen a man one or two days earlier who looked like the photo of GALT or RAY, She was unable to recall which name the woman had used. He was seen by THOMPSON in Normal, Illinois.

DR. BAILEY said that the phone # of the motel is 452-1165.

DR. BAILEY said that Mrs. THOMPSON only mentioned that the man she was referring to was wearing a pink shirt at that time. She could furnish no additional information.

Weekend Supervisor and Case Agent JOHN F. SHANLEY, #23 notified.

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AIRTEL

TO: SAC, SAN JUAN (157-61)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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Re San Juan teletype to the Bureau and New York dated 4/19/68; New York teletype to San Juan dated 4/19/68 copy to Memphis and San Juan teletype to New York dated 4/20/68.

Reference information concerning JOE (LNU) furnished by FELIPE HERNANDEZ.

Mr. JOSEPH CHIRICO and Wife MERITA CHIRICO, nee MERITA CASULL VELEZ interviewed 4/20/68 by SA JAMES J. CUMMINGS at 1035A De Kalb Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

Mr. CHIRICO born 2/3/24 at Brooklyn, New York, speaks with Italian accent, olive complexion, 175-190 pounds, 5'6". CHIRICO bald from beginning of forehead to point three to four inches back on scalp.

On basis of observation and above data, CHIRICO determined not identical to JAMES EARL RAY.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)

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Re Tampa airtel to the Bureau dated 4/15/68.

Enclosed for Atlanta is one copy of referenced airtel and two photographs developed from questioned television tape.

"AV" WESTIN, Director, Public Broadcast Laboratory (PBL), 342 Madison Avenue, NY, on 4/19/68, advised that an assistant would aid the FBI in making available tape on questioned broadcast of 4/7/68. He stated that PBL has had employees following the developments leading up to the "poor people's march on Washington" which was to have been led by Rev. MARTIN LUTHER KING in the Spring of 1968. He stated that the questioned portion of the broadcast was produced by GREG SHUKER of PBL.

On 4/19/68, PBL made available two film excerpts from the broadcast of 4/7/68 which shows two white males in

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background of photograph, either of which could represent the person referred to by Dr. IRVING HALL of Bradenton, Florida. It is further noted, however, that others in the room made similar remarks about the "poor white people getting screwed" if KING led the march.

It is noted that one individual, which according to the tape was located in the area of, or next to, the Negro moderator, who was HOSEA WILLIAMS, seemed to be pulling at his left ear lobe as depicted in the enclosed excerpt from the film.

GREG SHUKER, Producer, PBL, stated he was in the room during the filming of this sequence of events and identified the location as Paschal's Motel, located on Hunter Street, Atlanta, Georgia. He stated he personally recalls most of the participants in the discussion other than the man with his hand up to his ear. He stated that the Southern Christian Leadership Conference Headquarters (SCLC) in Atlanta is believed to have a list of all persons attending this discussion. He stated that the events took place on 3/14/68 and that BILL RUTHERFORD, Executive Director, and TOM OFFENBERG, Public Relations, SCLC, Office # (404)-522-1420, possibly could furnish names of all persons in the room. RUTHERFORD's home number was given as 523-3381 and that of OFFENBERG, who is Director of the March as 522-1425.

SHUKER stated that other groups and races of people were meeting at the time in the same motel in connection with the upcoming march, but indicated that the group in question was basically white and that HOSEA WILLIAMS came in late only to answer their questions and to convince them that KING would lead and speak for all the poor people, regardless of race, in the March on Washington.

SHUKER is in the process of preparing a copy of the entire tape for the FBI which is to be made available to the NYO possibly today, 4/22/68.

It has been requested by PBL that above excerpts from the tape as well as the other material to be made

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available, be used solely by the FBI for their investigative purposes. The film is still being used by PBL and no publication otherwise should be made.

Atlanta, through appropriate officials of SCLC, obtain list of persons in attendance of white group discussion at Paschal's Motel on or about 3/14/68 in order to identify persons appearing in attached photographs and further tie in with individuals referred to by Dr. IRVINGTON HALL in referenced communication.

NYO will obtain complete tape from PBL.

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ReMMtel, 4/20/68.

CYNTHIA LOUISE BRONSON interviewed at NY and advised that she was stewardess on Eastern Airlines Flight 106 which departed Houston for Montreal, Canada, with stops at Atlanta, and JFK Airport on 4/5/68.

A photograph of JAMES EARL RAY was displayed to her and she advised that she did not recognize the photograph as being anyone that was on Flight 106. She further advised that she cannot recall seeing anyone who would be possibly identical to the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)

FROM : SA JOHN F. SHANLEY #23

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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DATE: 4/22/68

Reference is made to memo of SA JOHN F. SHANLEY dated 4/15/68, one copy of which is attached herewith for each indicated resident agency.

A pillowcase and bed sheet were found in the trunk of the 1966 white Mustang registered to ERIC STARVO GALT, which was located at Atlanta, 4/11/68. These items contain Thermo-Seal laundry tapes of approximately the same size as tapes on items previously recovered but are yellow in color and contain the code "20R-3".

Each Resident Agency is instructed to recontact the operators of Thermo-Seal machines as set forth in referenced memo in an effort to locate the company using the code 20R-3.

All leads in this case are to be covered within 24 hours.

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- 1- Garden City RA
- 1- White Plains RA
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW YORK

DATE: 4/22/68

FROM : SUPERVISOR EDWARD F. GAMBER (#33)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CIVIL RIGHTS

At approximately 11:30 PM on 4/21/68, Mr. THEODORE SULLIVAN, 19 Park View Circle, Bethpage, NY, a neighbor of SA GAMBER, telephonically contacted SA GAMBER and advised the following:

He and his wife recently spent a week at the Sea Ranch Hotel, Lauderdale-by-the-Sea, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. During their stay there, an individual by the name of GALLAGHER, accompanied by a woman who was allegedly his wife, occupied a room next to SULLIVAN and his wife. The room occupied by GALLAGHER was #206. This individual arrived at this hotel on Tuesday, 4/16/68, and departed on Friday, 4/19/68. SULLIVAN and his wife noticed some resemblance between this individual and GALT, the prime suspect in captioned matter. The similarity had been playing on the minds of SULLIVAN and his wife, and on Sunday, 4/21/68, when they saw the photographs of GALT in the "New York Times", and particularly the photograph taken in 1966 while GALT was in prison, they became more convinced of the possibility that GALLAGHER and GALT were identical. SULLIVAN said that there was a very striking resemblance between GALLAGHER and the 1966 photograph of GALT. He said that GALLAGHER's description, including height, weight and the like, would, in their opinion, tally almost exactly with the description of GALT which appeared in the newspaper.

In addition to the similarity in appearance and description, certain other things caused interest in GALLAGHER on the part of SULLIVAN. SULLIVAN and his wife and their children had occasion to talk to GALLAGHER and his alleged wife, and in the course of conversation, they found that GALLAGHER was supposedly from Houston, Texas, and had never before been to Ft. Lauderdale. He supposedly was absolutely

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unacquainted with anyone in the area and had decided to stop at this hotel while driving by. However, the SULLIVANS noted that GALLAGHER had dinner one evening with two men in the hotel dining room and appeared to be engaged in serious conversation. They also noted that GALLAGHER was exceptionally pale in complexion and did not appear to have spent any time exposed to the sun. Another interesting thing about GALLAGHER was that he was the only one in the hotel who used his air conditioner all night long. This came to SULLIVAN's attention since GALLAGHER occupied the room next to SULLIVAN and the fact that he used the air conditioner suggested to SULLIVAN that all the windows and doors in his room were closed. According to SULLIVAN, the temperature at Ft. Lauderdale was such that use of an air conditioner was hardly warranted. On one occasion, GALLAGHER played tennis with SULLIVAN's son, but he was not in possession of his own tennis racket.

SULLIVAN said that while there is some doubt that GALLAGHER is identical with GALT, there is sufficient resemblance between GALLAGHER and GALT's photo that he felt he should call this to the attention of the Bureau.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609) DATE: 4/22/68

FROM: SA JOHN F. SHANLEY #23

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CIVIL RIGHTS
(OO: MEMPHIS)

As you are aware, JAMES EARL RAY has been identified as ERIC STARVO GALT in this matter. There is set forth below a complete description of subject RAY as set forth in Wanted Flyer 442-A dated 4/19/68:

Name
Aliases

Age

Height
Weight
Build
Hair
Occupations

Eyes
Complexion
Race
Nationality

- 1- Each Agent NYO
- 1- Each Supervisor
- 1- Each SAC

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JAMES EARL RAY
Eric Starvo Galt,
W.C. Herron,
Harvey Lowmyer,
James Mc Bride, James
O'Connor, James Walton,
James Walyon, John
Willard, "Jim"
40, born March 10, 1928,
at Quincy or Alton,
Illinois (not supported
by birth records)
5'10"
163 to 174 pounds
Medium
Brown, possibly cut short
Baker, color matcher,
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Blue
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White
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Scars and Marks

Small scar on center of forehead and small scar on palm of right hand

Remarks

Noticeably protruding left ear; reportedly is a lone wolf; allegedly attended dance instruction school; has reportedly completed course in bartending.

Fingerprint

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RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

NOTE: Hand print names legibly; handwriting satisfactory for remainder.

Indices: Negative See below

Subject's name and aliases <u>JAMES NEIL</u>	Character of case <u>MURKIN</u>
	Complainant <u>DET. LAURIANO, NYCPD</u>
	Complaint received <input type="checkbox"/> Personal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Telephonic Date <u>4/23/68</u> Time <u>3⁵⁰ AM</u>

Address of subject <u>TRIMBLE, TENN.</u>	Complainant's address and telephone number <u>32nd Sqd. 250 W. 135th St. WAG-4878</u>
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Subject's Description	Race	Sex <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Height	Hair	Build	Birth date and Birthplace
	Age	Weight	Eyes	Complexion		
	Scars, marks or other data					

Facts of complaint

Comp. advised that subject who strongly resemble James Earl Ray was presently in Harlem Hospital for observation, having entered for bladder trouble. Comp. described subject as a truck driver from Trimble Tenn. who delivered a load of automobiles to NYC.

James Ahearn
Above handled by SAs, Edward J. McGeary and Edward T. Walsh, Sect 221 at 4¹⁵ AM. who will submit separate memo.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)

DATE: 4/23/68

FROM : SA JAMES F. AHEARN #241

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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At approximately ^{4:} 8:30 A.M. this date the writer, accompanied by SA's EDWARD J. MC GOEY AND EDWARD WALSH, proceeded to Harlem Hospital, NYC in connection with a call made earlier this date from the 32nd Pct., NYCPD. Detective LAURIANO, 32nd Pct. was contacted at the hospital in connection with one JAMES NEAL who had been admitted to the hospital for observation this A.M. LAURIANO advised the precinct had been contacted by hospital officials since they felt that NEAL was a "look - a - like" for JAMES EARL RAY, wanted in connection with captioned matter.

The above SAS then observed NEAL and after noticing a slight physical resemblance to the fugitive, determined that he was a truck driver from Trembel, Tenn. who cannot recall what he has been doing for the past two days. NEAL complained of stomach pains and was then admitted to Harlem Hospital for observation.

A check of NEAL's fingerprints compared with I.O. 4182 determined that he definitely was not the wanted fugitive. In addition it was determined that NEAL bore none of the scars and marks shown for RAY.

The following description of NEAL was obtained:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	50
Eyes	Brown
Height	About 5' 9"
Weight	140-145
Hair	Brown (receding)
Characteristics	Several upper front teeth missing

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MURKIN.

REFERENCE LOS ANGELES TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU REGARDING BARTENDING SCHOOLS. REFERENCE CHICAGO TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU, APRIL FIFTEENTH, LAST.

ON APRIL SIXTEENTH, INSTANT, AMERICAN TRADE SCHOOLS, NEW YORK, ADVISED THEIR DIRECTORY REFLECTS FOLLOWING CURRENT BARTENDING SCHOOLS OPERATING IN UNITED STATES:

OFFICES LISTED BELOW CONTACT APPROPRIATE SCHOOL IN THEIR RESPECTIVE DIVISION REGARDING JOHN WILLARD, HARVEY

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NEW HAVEN, BARTENDERS SCHOOL OF MIXOLOGY, HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT;

NEW YORK, BARTENDERS SCHOOL, INC., AND INTERNATIONAL BARTENDERS SCHOOL, NEW YORK CITY;

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ATLANTA CABBIERS REMEMBER GALT

Two Identify Sketch of Man Sought in Dr. King Case

Special to The New York Times

ATLANTA, April 16—Two Atlanta cab drivers identified today a sketch of a man believed to be Eric Starvo Galt, an elusive 38-year-old white man sought by the Federal Bureau of Investigation for questioning in the murder April 4 of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The drivers, both employed by the Atlanta Million Cab Company, said that they drove a man resembling the sketch to and from Atlanta's hippy neighborhood on the day after Dr. King was shot to death in Memphis.

F.B.I. agents, who had been trying to trace Mr. Galt for more than a week, showed the two drivers a full-face sketch of a man they did not identify. The F.B.I. refused to comment, but the sketch was apparently the same one that a rooming-house manager in Birmingham, Ala., had identified as Mr. Galt.

A similar sketch has been shown by F.B.I. agents to hundreds of persons all through the South during the last week, but so far no trace of Mr. Galt has been reported.

Driven Two Blocks

One of the cab drivers said that he picked up the man in the sketch at the corner of 10th and Peachtree Streets in Atlanta and drove him two blocks to 12th Street, where the man suddenly asked to be let out. The shortness of the trip caused the cab driver to remember the passenger.

The other driver said that on the night of April 5 he drove the man in the sketch to the corner of 13th Street and Crescent Avenue, a block west of Peachtree Street.

After showing the sketch to the two drivers, the F.B.I. agents departed. They returned later to check records of the cab company.

The identities of the two drivers were withheld by the cab company.

A white Mustang automobile with Alabama license plate 1-38993 was abandoned near a housing development, Capitol Homes, in Atlanta shortly after dawn April 5.

Issued Last October

Motor vehicle officials in Alabama have said that the tag number was issued to Eric Starvo Galt last October for a 1966 white Mustang.

The car matched the description of one seen speeding from the murder scene in Memphis within minutes after a sniper had shot Dr. King from a bathroom in a rooming house near Dr. King's hotel.

It is approximately 450 miles from Memphis to Atlanta by highway. Mr. Galt's Mustang was parked in Atlanta about 12 hours after Dr. King was murdered.

The car was impounded last Thursday, almost a week later, after residents of the housing development noted that the car, apparently abandoned, matched the description of the car wanted in the murder.

Says F.B.I. Sketch Differs

ATLANTA, April 16 (AP)—One of the taxi drivers said tonight that the sketch shown him by the F.B.I. differed from one he had seen in the press.

"News reports haven't shown me any sketches of anyone I've seen," the driver said. "The F.B.I. has."

The driver, who asked that his name be withheld, said that a sketch circulated in Mexico and published in many newspapers had some features of the man he picked up. However, he said: "The picture the F.B.I. gave, that's the man in my cab."

"He was very neatly dressed," the driver said. "It looked as if he had had acne. It looked like little scars on his face from pimples."

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CHARLES BRUNNER, DOB JULY SIX NINETEEN TWENTY SIX,
WHITE MALE, ADDRESS TWENTY EIGHT KIME AVENUE, BABYLON,
NEW YORK, IS BEING SOUGHT BY BABYLON PD ON CHARGE OF
HARRASSMENT. BRUNNER HAS BEEN IN ATLANTA, GEORGIA, IN THE
RECENT PAST.

THE BUREAU REQUESTED TO CONDUCT NAME CHECK OF IDENTIFI-
CATION DIVISION INDICES FOR FINGERPRINTS OF CHARLES BRUNNER
AND COMPARE WITH UNSUB'S.

UNSUB SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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TO: SAC, MILWAUKEE (44-388)
FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 4/18/68, CLARENCE PETERSON, Asst. Dep., Amalgamated Bank, Chicago, Illinois, advised Chicago Division that unknown white male, resembling newspaper likenesses of subject GALT, appeared at his bank shortly before 12:30 p.m., 4/18/68, requesting to purchase \$10,000 certificate of deposit for cash inasmuch as unknown male would be new customer for bank. PETERSON requested identification and background data for unknown male, seemed reluctant to furnish, but produced State of Wisconsin driver's license containing name WILLIAM FERBER or WILLIAM FARBERS. When PETERSON turned driver's license over to observe signature on reverse side, he noticed an orange or brown card containing the words "National Association of Ballroom Dancers" or words to similar effect. PETERSON advised before he had an opportunity to further observe identifying data concerning this unknown male, the unknown male grabbed the driver's license contained in a plastic folder away from him. PETERSON explained to unknown male that the bank had to have some knowledge of its customers and savings account signature cards would have to be executed in order to issue the certificate of deposit. The unknown male was given blank

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signature cards which he took to a nearby lobby counter to fill out and obviously did not want PETERSON to observe the information he would place thereon.

PETERSON turned briefly to report the situation to another officer nearby in the bank and when he turned around again, the unknown male had disappeared from the bank. Examination of all waist receptacles in the bank lobby failed to locate the blank signature savings cards given the unknown male indicating that they were taken away by him.

PETERSON said he left the bank for lunch almost immediately after this incident about 12:30 p.m., and did not observe the unknown male on the streets in the vicinity of the bank and it was during his lunch period that he was reading the "Chicago Tribune" containing photographic likenesses of subject GALT whom he feels is identical to the unknown man appearing at Amalgamated Bank for the certificate of deposit. PETERSON described this unknown male as follows:

Name	WILLIAM FERBERT or WILLIAM FARBERS
Sex	Male
Race	White
Age	About 35-40
Height	5'8" or 5'9"
Weight	160-170
Complexion	Ruddy
Characteristics	Square jaw, clean shaven
Eyes	Dark
Hair	Brown
Wearing Apparel	White shirt, three-quarter length tan light weight coat

Review of Chicago classified and telephone directories failed to locate any listing identifiable with National Association of Ballroom Dancers, however, a copy of the March, 1968, issue of "Ballroom Dance Magazine",

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published monthly by Dance Magazines, Inc., 268 West 47th Street, New York, New York, discloses numerous advertisements for ballroom dancing throughout the United States, only one of which is possibly identical with National Association of Ballroom Dancers which is "Ballroom Dancers Association, Inc.," 756 7th Avenue, New York, New York.

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MILWAUKEE

AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN. Will contact the Wisconsin State Bureau of Motor Vehicles and obtain all information available concerning any driver's licenses issued under the name WILLIAM FERBER or WILLIAM FARBERS, also under the name GALT or any of his known aliases to date, and set forth necessary investigative leads to resolve whether or not FERBER is identical with subject GALT.

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AT NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK. Will contact Dance Magazine, Inc., 268 West 47th Street, New York City, New York, and determine if subject GALT is subscriber to any of its publications under the name GALT or any of his known aliases. Also determine if one WILLIAM FERBER or WILLIAM FARBERS is a subscriber to any of these publications. Will also interview officials of Dance Magazine, Inc., in an effort to more accurately identify and locate the National Association of Ballroom Dancers which may issue membership cards of a brown or orange color. Will contact Ballroom Dancers Association, 756 7th Avenue, New York City, New York, to determine if subject GALT under any of his known aliases to date, is a member of that association and also whether WILLIAM FERBER or FARBERS is a member of that association.
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Identity of Suspect Remains

By WILLIAM FEDERICI

The mystery of Eric Starvo Galt's identity remained as deep as ever last night, despite a warrant issued by the FBI charging "Galt" and his brother with conspiracy in the murder of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

A Los Angeles bartenders' school graduation picture became the best single clue investigators have in their hunt for King's slayer.

Federal authorities, completely in the dark on Galt's identity, are hoping that wide distribution of the photograph will bring forth someone who will put a proper name on the mystery man.

Friend Saw Sketch

While the FBI refused to say how it got the photograph, THE NEWS learned that a friend of Galt's who graduated from the bartenders' school with him came forth after noticing a strong resemblance to a newspaper composite sketch.

FBI agents have established that Galt and his brother had conspired for a long time to do harm, to the 39-year-old civil rights leader, an FBI source revealed.

Working from original descriptions supplied by residents of the seedy Memphis rooming house where Galt registered as John Willard, FBI agents worked around the clock to get an almost perfect composite sketch. "As late as yesterday, they were making changes," an FBI source said.

The decision to release the photograph was reached when "there was no doubt that the composite and the photograph showed one and the same man," sources said.

Investigation revealed that Galt used the name Harvey Lowmyer, and signed a receipt when he purchased the .30.06 Remington pump-action rifle in Birmingham, Ala. The store owner gave a "rather good description of the man who brought the weapon," sources said.

The hunted man used the Galt name to purchase the white Mustang sports car seen leaving the murder scene, to get a driver's license in Alabama, and in registering and attending the bartenders' school.

No Sign of Galt Until '67

Lack of any records for Galt, and the fact that no trace of him can be discovered anywhere before Aug. 26, 1967, led to the conclusion that the name was an alias.

There are no social security, armed service, tax or fingerprint records for Galt, and the little information he gave about him-

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sent during his six weeks in Birmingham has proved to be false. Checks have been made in the records of the Defense Department, the Internal Revenue Service, the Social Security Administration and the FBI's massive central fingerprint file.

In each instance, no trace of a man named Eric Starvo Galt could be found.

Sources close to the investigation said today that the FBI did find "some" fingerprints in the musty Memphis bathroom where the sniper shot was fired April 4, but the FBI has been unable to match them to any other in its file.

The FBI reportedly is considering the possibility that the person behind the Galt mask might be an ex-convict who established a false identity to hide his prison record, and that after doing that became involved in the King assassination:

Getting a Driver's License

Another theory is that the identity was created specifically to hide the man who shot King.

Galt first began establishing an identity for himself on Aug. 16, 1967, when he rented a room at a boarding house at 2808 Highland Ave. in Birmingham.

On Sept. 6, 1967, Galt and the boarding house manager, Peter Cherpes, went together to get Galt an Alabama driver's license. Galt told authorities then that he had 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.

Checks of Louisiana records and employment records with Ingalls, as well as merchant marine, Coast Guard and seamen's unions' records found no trace of Galt.

Later in September, Galt received a prepaid package in the mail from Chicago.

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

Going to Mobile, He Said

In October, Cherpes 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 held no signs that Galt searched for or found work there.

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 the white Ford Mustang Aug. 30 from car salesman William D. Paisley of Birmingham for about \$2,000. A Mustang impounded in Atlanta by the FBI last Thursday was registered to Galt in Alabama.

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F.B.I. ACCUSES GALT OF A CONSPIRACY IN DR. KING SLAYING

Sought by the F.B.I.

Alleges a Plot With Man He Said Was a Brother to Violate Victim's Rights

FUGITIVE WARRANT OUT

Suspect Is Charged With Murder in Memphis—Two Photos Are Released

By **EVERT CLARK**

Special to The New York Times

WASHINGTON, April 17 —

The Federal Bureau of Investigation issued a fugitive warrant today charging Eric Starvo Galt, described as a 36-year-old "loner," with conspiracy in the slaying of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

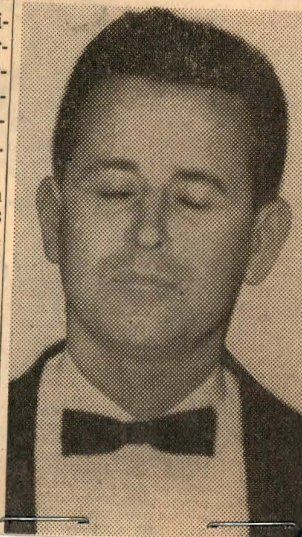
Dr. King's assassin has been sought since the civil rights leader was killed by a rifle bullet on the balcony of the Lorraine Motel in Memphis on April 4.

The F.B.I. said Galt conspired beginning about March 29 with a man "whom he alleged to be his brother" to "injure, oppress, threaten or intimidate" Dr. King. The conspiracy continued until about April 5, the agency said.

Attorney General Ramsey Clark announced that Galt was being sought as a fugitive on the charge of having conspired to violate Dr. King's civil rights, in violation of Title 18, Section 241, of the United States Code.



United Press International
Man said to be Eric Starvo Galt. The eyes were painted in by an F.B.I. artist. Original picture is below.



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Charged With Murder

The maximum penalty on conviction under this law is a \$5,000 fine and a 10-year prison sentence.

In Memphis tonight Galt was charged with first-degree murder on a state warrant. District Attorney Phil Danale filed the charge.

An F. B. I. spokesman declined to say if Eric Starvo Galt was the real name of the man sought or if this was an alias.

The F.B.I. released two photographs of Galt.

In Birmingham, Ala., tonight Galt's former landlord said, when asked if the photos were of his former tenant, "I don't think so." In Memphis, a witness said an F.B.I. photo of Galt did not resemble the man seen leaving the scene soon after the slaying. In Atlanta a taxi driver similarly could not identify an F.B.I. picture. The F.B.I. had no comment on these statements.

The F.B.I. said Galt should be considered "armed and dangerous." It said any information about him should be given immediately to the nearest office of the agency.

An announcement by J. Edgar Hoover, F.B.I. director, placed Galt in Memphis at the time of the killing and said he then left for Atlanta.

It said that Galt, "who has used the names of John Willard and Harvey Lowmyer in the past," owned the white 1966 Mustang automobile bearing Alabama license plates that was found abandoned in Atlanta one week after the assassination.

John Willard was the name given in Memphis by a man who fled from a rooming house near the Lorraine Motel just after Dr. King was shot. The man had taken a room in the house, and the fatal shot is believed to have been fired from a bathroom window there.

There was no explanation of the Lowmyer name.

The Mustang found in Atlanta resembled one seen speeding away from the assassination area.

Sources close to investigators in Memphis said that the Memphis police had almost run Galt down as they went to the murder scene.

The Federal warrant was issued in Birmingham, where Mr. Hoover said that a .30-'06-caliber rifle equipped with a telescopic sight had been found near a rooming house on South Main Street in Memphis immediately after the shooting.

He said an F. B. I. agent had determined that that rifle and a telescopic sight was bought from a gun dealer in Birmingham on March 30.

Suspect Described

The announcement did not directly link Galt to the rifle found in Memphis or say that the .30-'06 was the weapon that killed Dr. King.

Galt was described as 5 feet 8 to 5 feet 11 inches tall, weighing between 160 and 170 pounds and having "brush-cut" brown hair and blue eyes.

"He is said to be a neat dresser and has a medium build," the F.B.I. said.

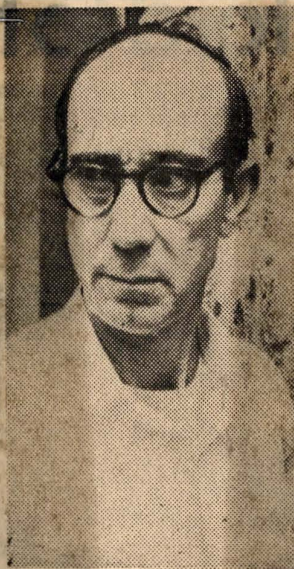
Those who have met him describe him as a loner and say his "language and diction" have a "rural" quality and suggest that he probably does not have a high degree of education," the agency said.

Galt was said to like vodka, beer and Western and country music and to have a nervous habit of occasionally pulling at an ear lobe, the F.B.I. added.

"His left ear protrudes farther from his head than his right ear," it said.

In one of the photographs released by the F.B.I., Galt had his eyes closed. The other had a notation on the back: "Eyes drawn in by F.B.I. artist."

The man whom the agency



Associated Press

Charles Q. Stevens says the photo released by F.B.I. is not of the man he saw fleeing after the murder.

said Galt had alleged was his brother was not further identified in the announcement here. No warrant was issued for him.

Galt traveled extensively in this country and went to Mexico after he bought the white Mustang from a private citizen in Birmingham last Aug. 30, Mr. Hoover said. The car's odometer showed the Mustang had been driven more than 19,000 miles since the purchase, the F.B.I. director said.

"Galt's travels in the Mustang included trips to Los Angeles, New Orleans, Birmingham and Mexico as well as to Memphis and Atlanta," the F.B.I. announcement said.

The suspect left Los Angeles last Dec. 15, drove to New Orleans and "claimed he contacted either an engineering firm or a contracting firm," according to the agency.

He left New Orleans four days later and arrived in Los Angeles on Dec. 21, the agency said.

There was no indication why he had been in touch with the company.

Took Bartending Course

While he was in Los Angeles, Galt "took a course at a school of bartending and was graduated on March 2, 1968," the agency said.

The announcement did not attempt to trace Galt's whereabouts day by day or even week by week. But it placed him in New Orleans in 1964 and 1965, in Birmingham last September and October and in Long Beach, Calif., from last December until last February by saying he took dancing lessons in those places at those times.

"He is said to be an avid dancer," the announcement said.

It also said intensive investigation by the F.B.I. had disclosed that Galt "has claimed to have been employed as a cook on Mississippi River vessels and as a merchant seaman."

The F.B.I. refused to say where it got Galt's photograph. The pictures show him in a dark suit and a neat, dark bow tie; he might have been wearing a tuxedo at the time. One picture appeared to have been cut out and placed on a different background, as though it might have been taken from a group picture, such as one taken at a nightclub.

There was nothing in today's statements to indicate what role the F.B.I. thought the alleged other conspirator played, or whether there might be still other suspected conspirators.

Galt's name was first publicly linked with the King murder on April 11, when an F.B.I. bulletin was released in Florida, apparently by mistake, and later withdrawn. The bulletin asked that Galt be located for questioning.

On April 12 the Mustang was found in Atlanta. It apparently had been parked there since about 12 hours after the murder. It was impounded after residents of the housing development where it was found noted that it matched the description of the car wanted in the murder.

The section of the United States Code under which Galt is accused states:

"If two or more persons conspire to injure, oppress, threaten, or intimidate any citizen in the free exercise or enjoyment of any right or privilege secured to him by the Constitution or laws of the United States, or because of his having so exercised the same; or

"If two or more persons go in disguise on the highway, or on the premises of another, with intent to prevent or hinder his free exercise or enjoyment of any right or privilege so secured—

"They shall be fined not more than \$5,000 or imprisoned not more than 10 years, or both."

Landlord's View

BIRMINGHAM, April 17 (UPI)—Peter Cherpes, Galt's former landlord, who earlier said police sketches of the man seen running from the vicinity of where

Dr. King was slain were definitely Galt, said today. "I don't think so" when asked if the F.B.I. photographs were of his former tenant.

Others in Birmingham who had identified the sketches as Galt said they were not satisfied that the photograph was that of the man named in the conspiracy warrant.

It's Not the Man I Saw

MEMPHIS, April 17 (AP)—An F.B.I. photograph of Galt does not resemble the man seen leaving the scene shortly after the slaying, a witness said today.

"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 in the rooming house from which the fatal bullet is thought to have been fired.

"The hair is too full and the face is too young," Mr. Stevens said after viewing the picture.

Bessie Brewer, operator of the rooming house, said she was unable to tell if the picture was of the man who registered under the name of John Willard the afternoon of April 4, three hours before Dr. King was killed, and left immediately after the shooting.

"I don't know," she said. "I couldn't tell you to save my soul."

The F.B.I. did not indicate

when the picture of Galt it released was taken, or under what circumstances the photograph was obtained.

The Face Was Thinner

ATLANTA, April 17 (AP)—An Atlanta taxi driver said tonight that an F.B.I. picture he identified as a man he hauled two blocks the night after Dr. King was assassinated was different from the picture of Galt released by the F.B.I. today.

"The one the F.B.I. showed me was much younger. The face was much thinner. The cheeks weren't as fleshy," said the driver, who has asked that he not be identified.

He said an F.B.I. agent had showed him three photographs. "He may have shown me that one, but that wasn't the one I recognized," the driver said.

No Record on Coast

Special to The New York Times

LOS ANGELES, April 17 — A canvass of bartenders' schools and dancing academies in the Los Angeles-Long Beach area today yielded no record that any had been attended by Galt.

However, the survey was inconclusive. The operator of one dancing school refused to comment, and at another the manager said he had not had time to check his records.

(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

Charge King Plot,

By DAVID BREASTED

Washington, April 17 (News Bureau) — The FBI charged mystery man Eric Starvo Galt tonight with conspiracy in the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Federal agents obtained a warrant for Galt's arrest from a U.S. commissioner in Birmingham, Ala., and disclosed that a nationwide manhunt is under way.

There was no indication that an arrest was imminent. Cited in the complaint as a co-conspirator was Galt's brother. No name was given for the brother and no warrant was issued for him. Tight-lipped G-men here refused any details about him, about the conspiracy or about Galt's alleged connection with the killing.

The FBI declined comment also on Galt's true identity—whether Galt was his actual name or an alias. Nor would it reveal facts about his home, his birthplace—anything beyond the fact that he had bought a rifle and a telescopic sight, and that on one occa-

sion he told someone he was 36 years old.

The bureau did release a photograph of the hunted man. His eyes, closed in the original picture, had been painted in by an FBI artist.

The complaint on which the warrant was issued by the U.S. commissioner charged:



J. Edgar Hoover



The late Martin Luther King

A careful statement is issued

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Murder Rap In Memphis

Memphis, Tenn., April 17 (AP)—Eric Starvo Galt was charged with first degree murder late today in the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The state warrant was issued five hours after the FBI in Washington announced that Galt had been charged in a federal warrant with conspiracy in King's death.

brother entered into a conspiracy which continued until, or about, April 5, 1968, to injure, oppress, threaten or intimidate Martin Luther King Jr." In furtherance of the conspiracy, the complaint charged, Galt bought a rifle in Birmingham March 30, and a tel-

escopic sight from the same dealer.

The complaint did not say, nor would the FBI amplify, what Galt was suspected of doing after he allegedly bought the rifle.

FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover said Galt has used the names John Willard and Harvey Lowmyer.

The Hoover announcement was made in a press release given to reporters tonight amid unusual secrecy restrictions. There was barely a reference to details of the shooting beyond the brief quote from the complaint.

All that was said about Galt's having been in Memphis, scene of the King shooting, was that Galt was in that city on April 3 and April 4 and departed from there for Atlanta. King was killed April 4.

The FBI identified Galt as the owner of the white Mustang

found in Atlanta April 11. The announcement said he bought the car from a private citizen in Birmingham Aug. 30, 1967.

The car's speedometer showed 19,000 miles driven between late August 1967 and early April 1968.

Hoover said that during this period Galt drove the car to Los Angeles, Mexico, Memphis and Atlanta at various times.

Galt was described as 5 ft. 8 to 5 ft. 11 in height, weighing 160 to 175 pounds. His build is medium. His hair is brown and worn in a brush cut. His eyes are blue. His nose is straight and narrow.

A Nervous Habit

A spokesman said Galt has a nervous habit of pulling at his ear lobe with his left hand.

Persons who met him described Galt as a loner. His language and diction were described as rural and suggest that his education was limited.

Agents said he likes vodka and beer and is a country and western music fan.

The FBI said Galt is considered "armed and dangerous."

Spokesman said the search for Galt is now nationwide and indicated the G-men have no clue to his present location.

Galt has claimed to have been a cook on Mississippi River boats and to have been a merchant seaman.

He was said to be an avid dancer. He took dancing lessons in New Orleans in 1964 and 1965.

He took more dancing lessons in Birmingham last September and October, and again in Long Beach, Calif., from December to February.

Galt was graduated from a bartenders' school in Los Angeles on March 2, 1968, barely a month before the killing of King.

An FBI spokesman admitted that the release was carefully screened and contained little more detail than the bare bones of the charges of conspiracy and the fugitive warrant.

(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

Galt Eludes F.B.I. Agents in California; Thousands of Wanted Posters Distributed in Nation

By **MARTIN WALDRON**
Special to The New York Times

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., April 18—Eric Starvo Galt, the suspected assassin of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., apparently eluded the Federal Bureau of Investigation in California last night, a source said today.

The source said that agents believed that they were close to the 38-year-old Galt after Attorney General Ramsay Clark announced that a warrant had been issued for Galt's arrest.

When the arrest did not materialize last night, thousands of wanted posters asking for the public's help in locating Galt were distributed around the nation.

Galt was charged in Birmingham yesterday by the F.B.I. with a conspiracy to violate Dr. King's civil rights, and was charged in Memphis by the state of Tennessee with murdering the 39-year-old civil rights leader with a single rifle shot on April 4.

An unidentified brother of Galt's was said in the F.B.I. complaint to be a co-conspirator. No warrant has been issued for the arrest of the brother, and the bureau has refused to discuss him.

A source in the bureau indicated that the brother might have supplied information. A calculation that the bureau had

the brother in custody brought a denial from headquarters in Washington.

"The F.B.I. has no one in custody in connection with Dr. King's slaying," the bureau said.

Galt is known to have twice mentioned a brother in the last two months. The first mention came when he is reported to have told a clerk in a Birmingham gun store that he and his brother planned to go hunting.

Agent Joseph H. Gamble, in charge of the Birmingham bureau, said in the complaint that the rifle found discarded on a Memphis street near the scene of Dr. King's slaying had been bought by Galt on March 30, 1968.

The clerk at the gun store refused today to answer questions about the rifle sale.

The Remington Arms Company of Bridgeport, Conn., and the Memphis police have said that it was a .30-'06 caliber Remington rifle with a telescopic sight.

A second mention by Galt of a brother was reported when he was about to be graduated from a bartenders' school in Hollywood in March. He turned down a job because, he is reported to have said, he had to go see his brother.

There was an indication that the F.B.I. still had not learned whether Eric Starvo Galt was

a fictitious name, although the agency was reported yesterday to have decided that it was.

Agents were searching through the files of Birmingham bail bondsmen, looking for old ball bonds under the name Galt.

In its nationwide bulletin for the pick-up of Galt, the bureau did not mention where Galt had been born, where he had lived, whether he was married and what his occupation was.

The only schooling mentioned was dancing lessons and a course in bartending. This information was developed in California this week.

Two Aliases Mentioned

The wanted poster mentioned two aliases, Harvey Lowmyer and John Willard.

Until yesterday, agents were still trying to find out at rooming houses in Birmingham if Galt had checked into one of them in the last few weeks. The proprietors of 10 of 21 rooming houses checked in Birmingham said that agents had questioned them this week.

There was no mention of a possible motive in the F.B.I. complaint.

The details of the murder charge filed in Memphis have been kept secret by the state. A police spokesman said there that the details of the charge would not be released until Galt was in custody.

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The bureau's photographs of Galt have drawn conflicting reactions from persons in Birmingham, Memphis and Atlanta who have told the F.B.I. that they had seen Galt recently.

Most of the witnesses have said that the photographs did not appear to be that of the man they had seen.

Mr. Gamble, the Birmingham agent, said last night that a photograph of Galt was taken in Birmingham last month. Today, it was reported that the photograph came from Galt's application at the bartenders' school.

Meanwhile, the drivers' license division of the Alabama Highway Patrol said again that it mailed a duplicate of Galt's driver's license to him at a Birmingham address on March 1, 1968, a date that the F.B.I. said Galt was in California.

Duplicate License Sought

The Highway Patrol spokesman said that a telephone caller, identifying himself as Eric Galt, had asked for a duplicate of the original license that was issued to him last September.

The envelope with the duplicate license contained a bill for 25 cents to cover the cost, and the 25 cents was paid promptly. The Highway Patrol said it received the money on March 6.

The complaint filed by Mr. Gamble read:

"On or about March 29, 1968, at Birmingham, Ala., in the northern district of 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., a citizen of the United States, residing in Atlanta, Ga., in the free exercise and enjoyment of his rights secured by the Constitution or laws of the United States, namely the rights 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, Ala., all in violation of Section 241, Title 18, United States Code.

"And the complainant states that this complaint is based on the purchase of the weapon used to carry out the conspiracy in Birmingham, Ala., on or about March 29, 1968; identification of the gun used by defendant found at the scene of the crime, and investigation conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation."

The complaint was sworn to before United States Commissioner Mildred F. Sprague. Last night, Mrs. Sprague denied that

such a complaint had been filed before her. Today she declined to explain why she had denied it.

Galt Recalled on Coast

Special to The New York Times

LOS ANGELES, April 18—Acquaintances of Eric Starvo Galt recalled him today as pleasant and intelligent but shy and somewhat mysterious.

The suspect apparently spent most of last December, January and February in the Los Angeles-Long Beach area.

He took lessons at the National Dance Studios in Long Beach from mid-December to Feb. 12, the manager, Rod Arvidson said, paying \$465 in cash for a 50-hour course of instruction.

Galt left before completing the course, the manager said, with the explanation that he was concentrating on a bartending course so he could open a bar in Los Angeles.

Early in February, according to Tomás Reyes Lau, operator of the International School of Bartending in Hollywood, Galt paid \$225 for a course that extended over the next four weekends.

He completed the course March 2, Mr. Lau said, but declined a proffered job, saying: "I have to leave to see my brother. What would it do for me to work only two or three

weeks? I'd better wait until I get back to town and get a permanent job."

Galt telephoned a week later. Mr. Lau said, and again declined a job.

While taking the bartending course, Galt lived in a small hotel in Hollywood. Some individuals he gave as references at that time could not immediately be located.

The people who have known him recalled him clearly but had no notable recollections about him except that he had a Southern accent.

Personnel at the dancing school said he had spoken of operating a bar in the Mexican coast, yet did not appear to speak Spanish.

A Suspect Released

Special to The New York Times

ATLANTA, April 18—The police arrested a man this morning said to resemble Galt, but after questioning by F.B.I. agents he was apparently cleared and released.

The man, who said that he worked for a carnival, had just arrived in Atlanta from Valdosta, officials said. They said he had volunteered to accompany them to the Atlanta police headquarters for questioning this morning after someone reported him as resembling Galt's photograph.

No charges were lodged.

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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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sold to one HARVEY LOWMEYER on 3/30/68 by Aeromarine Supply Co., Birmingham, Alabama.

Investigation at Memphis disclosed that an individual had purchased a set of binoculars at the York Arms Company in Memphis on 4/4/68. These binoculars were among the material abandoned with the rifle and recovered in Memphis. Also recovered was a brown and green herringbone bedspread. The items abandoned in Memphis were all wrapped in this bedspread. The blue bag which was inside the bedspread contained numerous items, among which were the binoculars and a set of underwear consisting of a T-shirt and shorts. The T-shirt and shorts are those on which appears the laundry mark which has been a matter of interest in this case.

A search of motel records in the Memphis area disclosed that an individual using the name ERIC S. GALT had spent the night of 4/3/68 at the Rebel Motel, Memphis, Tennessee, and was driving a 1966 white Mustang bearing Alabama License 1-38993. Investigation at Birmingham disclosed that this automobile had been purchased by ERIC S. GALT on August 30, 1968, from a private person in response to a newspaper ad. He paid a total of \$1995 cash. While in Birmingham he furnished the address of 2608 South Highland Avenue, Birmingham. This is also the address which appeared on a driver's license issued to him by the State of Alabama. The driver's license identifying data listed his birth date as July 20, 1931, his height as 5'11", his weight as 170 and his eyes blue and hair brown.

The automobile in question, the white Mustang bearing the Alabama tags mentioned above, was recovered in Atlanta on 4/11/68 and determined to have been abandoned there prior to 9 a.m. on 4/5/68.

In connection with the evidence submitted by Atlanta, Birmingham, and Memphis, identifiable latent prints were recovered. It was on the basis of these latents that identification was made of JAMES EARL RAY. In handling future leads, all offices should be particularly interested in securing an identifying number, military, police, or FBI, in connection with suspects so that the necessary check can be made through the Identification Division.

On 4/17/68, AUSA R. MACEY TAYLOR, Birmingham, authorized the filing of a complaint charging ERIC STARVO GALT with a conspiracy to violate Section 241, Title 18, U. S. Code, and

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recommended bond in the amount \$50,000. On that same date, SAC JOSEPH H. GAMBLE filed a complaint before USC MILDRED F. SPRAGUE, Birmingham, and warrant was issued that same date.

For further information re JAMES EARL RAY, all offices are directed to press release furnished them by the Bureau on 4/19/68.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC NEW YORK (44-1609)

FROM : SA JOHN FRANCIS CURRAN

SUBJECT: MURKING
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DATE: 4/19/68

On 4/15/68 an anonymous caller to the Garden City, P.A. advised that his son, on reading that day's edition of "Newsday" had seen an artists conception of subject Galt in this matter. He said this individual, accompanied by a woman, had purchased a rocking chair and 2 end tables at St. Vincent de Paul second hand shop in Garden City Park.

He said this man was driving a Green Rambler station wagon with black on the passenger door and bearing Alabama license plates. He was described as M., W., 5'11 1/2 - 6 ft mid to late 30's, separation of teeth in front, 175-180 lbs., dirty blond hair. The caller advised the purchase was made between 3-5 PM on that date and normally the salesman takes the name and address of the customer.

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

On 4/16/68 Owen Murphy and John Dolan, St Vincent de Paul second hand store, Garden City Park, N.Y. upon review of their records determined that 2 end tables and a chair had been sold on 4/15/68 to a Mr. Baird of 199 Post Ave. Westbury, N.Y.

Mr. Dolan advised that Baird had a green Rambler station wagon and was accompanied by a woman a little older. He said Baird was M. W., 40 yrs; 5'7" - 5'8"; 145 - 150; brownish hair, blue eyes. He further indicated that Baird had indicated he had resided at his current residence, the Green Tree Hotel for quite awhile.

On 4/16/68 a green Rambler with black stripe on the side, Alabama license 27-10952, was observed in the parking lot of Green Tree Hotel in Westbury, N.Y.

On 4/16/68, under pretext of tracing the above described car for