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The following investigation was conducted by SA BRIAN W. O'KEEFE:

A check of the telephone books and city directories for the Cedar Rapids, Iowa RA territory on 4/16/68, revealed that only one dance studio in the area offers instruction in "ballroom" dancing.

MISS ETTA HENSON, co-owner, Slavik-Henson School of Dancing, 1432 8th Ave., S.E., Cedar Rapids, Iowa, advised 4/16/68 her records indicate that no one by the name of ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMEYER, or JOHN WILLARD, has ever received dancing instructions at her establishment.

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FROM PARTINGTON

MURKIN

Below people who teach dancing stated on 4-16-68 they have never heard of ERIC STARV
GALT, LOWMEYER, OR JOHN WILLARD.

BILLIE ANDERSON, Billie Anderson Sch of Dancing, Grand Island, Nebr.

MARALYN SPENCER, MARALYN DANCE STUDIO, GI

SHERRY GLEASON, Private instructor(no studio), GI

ANDERSON and SPENCER just teach kids. No other dance studios or instructors
in GI.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, OMAHA (44-310)

DATE: 4/15/68

FROM : SA EDWIN W. FLINT

SUBJECT: MURKIN

The following persons were contacted on either ~~4/10-12/68~~ 4/10-12/68 on this matter, and files of the respective agencies contain no information on HARVEY LOWMEYER or LOWMER, or ERIC STARVO GALT:

Waterloo Voters Registration - JIM WILSON, City Clerk, 4/10
 WATERLOO PD, Waterloo, Iowa - WILMA KEARNS, clerk, 4/10
 Black Hawk County SO, Waterloo-MARIE CLEMENTS, " "
 Black Hawk County Assessor's Office-JULIA HENRY, " "
 Black Hawk County Auditor's Office - JANICE REUTER, " "
 Credit Bureau of Waterloo, Iowa - MELBA FABEL, clerk, " "
 Buchanan County SO, Independence, Iowa-DAVID BECKNER, Dept. Sher."
 Buchanan County Auditor, " " - HELLEN MC CULLOW - 4/10/68

Bremer County SO, Waverly, Ia.-WM. WESTENDORD, Dept. Sher.-4/12/68
 " " Assessor's Office-MARTHA ACKLES, clerk " "
 Waverly, Iowa PD - MRS. ELDA DIERCKS, clerk - " "
 Credit Bureau of Bremer County, Waverly-ROGER L. HESSE- " "
 Bremer County Treasurer's Office, " -SADIE KING- " "
 Chickasaw County SO, New Hampton, Ia-RAY SISSON-Deputy - " "
 Howard County Credit Bureau, Cresco, Ia.-MRS. JOE BOMICA- " "
 Howard County SO, Cresco, Ia - Sheriff PERCY HAVEN - " "

On 4/11/68, ALVIN SCHMIDT, Varsity Cleaners, 216 West 11th St., Waterloo, Iowa advised that his firm is the only one in the Waterloo area utilizing the Thermo Seal Marking Machine, made by Textile Marking Machine Co., Syracuse, New York. He said the tags used by his firm have five digits on them, with no ~~letters~~ letters. He said he knew of no other such machines in the Waterloo RA area, but said the American Institute of Laundering, Joliet, Ill. could identify all firms using this machine, and the respective markings by each firm. He said Corwin's Master Cleaners, Des Moines, Iowa is the only other firm known to use this type of machine.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-310)

DATE: 4/16/68

FROM : SA HAL N. HELTERHOFF

SUBJECT: MURKIN

OO: Memphis

A synopsis version of the information below was immediately furnished to SA THOMAS V. CARROLL upon completion of the investigation. The purpose of this memo is to set forth the specific investigation conducted in this matter in accordance with Bureau instructions.

On 4/9/68, the following individuals were contacted concerning LOWMEYER or LOWMYER, and on 4/11/68, the following individuals were contacted concerning ERIC STARVO GALT; by SA's HELTERHOFF, and REUBEN V. MARTINEZ: (all negative contacts):

Sheriff MARVIN POLLOCK, Seward County SO, Seward, Neb.;
COP LYLE GAMBLE, Seward, Neb., PD;
Sheriff JOHN SVEHLA, Saline County, Wilber, Neb.;
Sheriff FRED STENKAMPF, Gage County, Beatrice, Neb;
Ast. COP CLARENCE NIEMANN, Beatrice, Neb., PD;
Sheriff FRANK KNOCKE, Jefferson County So, Fairbury, Neb.;
COP LEWIS HOLLAWAY, Fairbury, Neb., PD;
Sheriff WILBUR LINTZ, Johnson County SO;
Sheriff GEORGE F. KELLEY, Nemaha County SO;
COP CLARENCE IVERSON, Nebraska City, Neb., PD;
Sheriff CHARLES J. WALL, Pawnee County SO;
Sheriff L. D. CAMBLIN, Richardson County SO;
COP BLAINE SAILORS, Falls City, Neb.;
Sheriff FRED TESCH, Cass County;
COP FRANK SAVICK, Plattsmouth, Neb., PD.

The above named Sheriffs also checked the voter registrations in their respective counties, and located no registrations identical with the above named individuals.

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The following credit agencies were also checked:

Lincoln Credit Bureau, Lincoln, Neb, through
DOROTHY FINEINDER;

Beatrice Credit Bureau, Beatrice, Neb., through
Mrs. D. VINEYARD;

Fairbury Credit Bureau, Fairbury, Neb., through
Mrs. FRANCES SALSBURY;

Neb. City Credit Bureau, Neb. City, Neb., through
BETTY OBRINK.

The following individuals were contacted at
Lincoln, Neb., by SA HELTERHOFF:

SHARON PLAUTZ, Lincoln PD;
BETTY CLAWMAN, Neb. State Patrol;
LILLIAN HOLDSWORTH, Lancaster County SO;
Col. LEE LIGGET, Neb. Sel. Service Headquarters;
Mrs. BERYL SKOLD, Lancaster County Election Commission;
Miss ADELINE BAUER, Registration Section, DEPT. Of Motor
Vehicles (DMV);
Miss MABEL JOHNSON, Driver's Lic. Sec., Dept. of Motor
Vehicles;

All appropriate City Directories, and telephone
directories within the Lincoln RA territory were checked
by SA HARMON J. OGREN without effecting an identification.

FBI WASH DC

811PM URGENT 4-17-68 SA

TO ALL SACS

FROM DIRECTOR

MURKIN ✓

THE FOLLOWING PRESS RELEASE WAS ISSUED AT WASHINGTON, D.C., AT FIVE FORTYFIVE P.M. THIS AFTERNOON. YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO RELEASE AT SIX P.M. EASTERN STANDARD TIME. 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

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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 ELABORA-
TION WHATSOEVER REGARDING THIS RELEASE.

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 ORLEANS, 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 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 .

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 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.

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

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FBI WASH DC

822PM URGENT 4/17/68 SAA

TO ALL SACS

FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861

MURKIN

THE PHOTOGRAPHS FURNISHED YOUR OFFICES OF ERIC STARVO
GALT BY ROUTING SLIP FOUR SIXTEEN LAST CONTAIN THE
COMPOSITE DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT AS FURNISHED BY VARIOUS
WITNESSES. THE PHOTOGRAPH WITH THE EYES CLOSED IS THE
ACTUAL PHOTOGRAPH AS TAKEN IN MARCH SIXTY-EIGHT. THE
PHOTOGRAPH WITH THE EYES OPEN IS THE SAME PHOTOGRAPH IN
WHICH THE EYES HAVE BEEN DRAWN IN BY AN ARTIST.

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TO OMAHA
FROM CHICAGO (44-1114) 1P

MURKIN.

CHICAGO RECEIVED FOLLOWING LETTER POSTMARKED APRIL SIXTEEN
LAST, MEAD, NEBRASKA, "IF I WERE TO TELL YOU THE NAME OF A
MAN WHO WAS OFFERED THE CONTRACT FOR TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS
TO KILL 'KING', WOULD THIS BE OF INTEREST TO YOU? THE MAN
MAY HAVE BEEN LYING BUT HE WAS IN CHICAGO AND I REMEMBERED
NENXXX NAMES HE MENTIONED WHILE TALKING ABOUT HIS TRIP AND WHO HE
SAW THERE. I WILL NOT WANT MY NAME MENTIONED NOR TROUBLE
FROM IT, PLEASE." SIGNED L. MORISSE, POB EIGHTY FIVE MEAD,
NEBRASKA. INDICATES LIVING WITH DAUGHTER BRENDA WEBER,
NO PHONE.

OMAHA INTERVIEW MORISSE FOR WHATEVER INFORMATION OF
VALUE IN INSTANT MATTER. AM COPY MEMPHIS.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, OMAHA (44-310) (P)

DATE: 4/17/68

FROM : SA REUBEN V. MARTINEZ

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Bufile: 44-38861

Re SAC Memo 4/15/68.

On 4/17/68, the following dancing schools were contacted, with each respectively advising that they have never had an individual named ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMYER or JOHN WILLARD attending any of their schools:

MARGARET KIENE, Arthur Murray Dance Studio, 312 South 12th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska.

JOHN CHAMPE, Champe Flavia Waters Studio, 1917 South 27th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska.

DONALD ANDERSEN, Don Andersen's School of Dancing, 320 North 48th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska.

JOHN PERSHING, Eldene Pershing School of Dance, 4009 A Street, Lincoln, Nebraska.

NANCY STANLEY, Nancy Stanley School of Dance, 620 North 48th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska.

A check of appropriate telephone and city directories failed to reflect any further dancing schools or studios within the Lincoln Resident Agency District.

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Sioux City, Iowa
4/16/68

TO: SAC (44-310)

FROM: SA Leo J. Ross

MURKIN
BUFILE

On 4/11/68 the following laundry & drying cleaning establishments in Ft. Dodge, Iowa were contacted and they do not use a thermo-seal type laundry mark made by Textile Marking Machine:

Mr. ART BROOKS - Brooks Laundry & Dry Cleaning
Mr. JOHN MALLOY - Malloy Laundry & Dry Cleaning
Leo Johnston - Rodenborns Dry Cleaning & Laundry
Mr. L. S. KOZEL - Kozel Cleaners
Mrs. CHARLES JONES - Martinizing

Mr. BROOKS informed he is certain there is no laundry in Northwest Iowa using a Textile Marking Machine Co.,

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Sioux City, Iowa
4/17/68

TO: SAC (44-310)

FROM: SA Leo J. Ross

MURKIN
Bufile 44-38861

Re SAC memo to all agents 4/15/68

On 4/17/68 the following dancing schools in Sioux City, Iowa were contacted and have no record of ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMYER, or JOHN WILLARD in attendance, or, an unaccounted individual of similar description listed for GALT:

Mrs. INEZ M. OSBORN, Carroll School of Dancing, 1325 Jones St
Mr. JIM CHRISTIANSON - Sioux City Music & Dancing School,
613½ Pierce St.,
Mr. TERRY DILL - Shirley's Dance Studios - 2925 Hamilton Blvd.

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Sioux City, Iowa
4/16/68

TO: SAC (44-310)
FROM: SA Leo J. Ross
MURKIN

The following sources make no reference or do not list anyone
by surname of LOWMYER or LOWMEYER:

Denison, Iowa telephone Directory and Driver's license at SO
Carroll, Iowa telephone Directory, County Directory and DL's at SO
Rockwell City, Ia telephone directory and driver's license SO
Miss SARAH OLSEN, Credit Bureau - Fort Dodge, Iowa
Fort Dodge City & telephone directories
ROBERT CLELLAND; Ft Dodge City Clerk - voter registrations
Humboldt County, Iowa, county & telephone books - Driver's
license at SO
Pocahontas, Iowa telephone directory & SO Driver's license ffiles
Sac City, Iowa - telephone directories for county & Drivers
license files
Ida Grove, Iowa - Telephone directories & Drivers license files

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Cedar Rapids, Iowa
April 17, 1968

TO: SAC, OMAHA (44-310)
FROM: SA HAROLD W. BRUEGEMAN
SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 4/17/68, the following banks were checked, and no savings or checking account was located for Eric Starvo Galt, Harvey Lowmyer, Harvey Lowmeyer, or John Willard:

First National Bank, Iowa City, Ia
Iowa State Bank and Trust Co., "
Hawkeye St. Bank, "
Coralville Bank and Trust, Coralville, Ia.

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242PM URGENT 4/18/68 WPK

TO OMAHA AND MEMPHIS

FROM DIRECTOR

MURKIN

4 1 5 15
WILLIAM YOUNG, FOUR ONE FIVE FIFTEETH STREET,
IOWA CITY, IOWA, CALLED THE BUREAU FROM WYOMING, IOWA AT
THREE FIFTEEN AM E.S.T., ON APRIL EIGHTEENTH NINETEEN
SIXTY EIGHT, AND ADVISED THAT HE HAD OBSERVED THE PICTURE
OF ERIC STARVO GALT, SUSPECT IN CAPTIONED CASE, AND FELT
ANY ONE OF THE THREE GAULT BROTHERS WHO ARE TRANSIENTS AND
DO CONSTRUCTION WORK IN IOWA CITY, CLOSELY RESEMBLE GALT.
YOUNG IDENTIFIED THE THREE BROTHERS AS WAYNE GAULT, GERRY
GAULT AND HYMAN GAULT. YOUNG INDICATED THE THREE BROTHERS
ARE HEAVY DRINKERS AND GOOD POOL PLAYERS BUT HE COULD NOT
FURNISH A SPECIFIC ADDRESS OR EMPLOYMENT FOR THEM.

9 1 1 3rd
YOUNG STATED HE, HIMSELF, IS EMPLOYED BY M. WAGHSTONE,
NINE ONE ONE THIRD STREET, WYOMING, IOWA. YOUNG SOUNDED
INTOXICATED AND HIS CALL WAS CUT OFF BEFORE COMPLETION.

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Mohr advised 2:05 pm.
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OMAHA LOCATE AND INTERVIEW YOUNG. CONDUCT
APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION TO IDENTIFY THE GAULT BROTHERS
AND DETERMINE ANY RELATIONSHIP WITH ERIC STARVO GALT.

END

SCD

FBI OMAHA

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, OMAHA (44-310)

FROM : SA ROBERT G. STEVENSON

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/18/68

Re memorandum to all Agents dated 4/15/68.

On 4/16/68, MARVIN O. PRATT, police officer, Fort Madison, Iowa, Police Department, advised there are no dance studios in Fort Madison, Iowa. This information was further confirmed by an examination of the current Fort Madison telephone directory.

On 4/16/68, Mrs. BARBARA SCHWERY, owner, Ballet Studio, Keokuk, Iowa, and Mrs. LARKE ELLER, manager, Larye's School of Dancing, Keokuk, Iowa, advised their respective records contained no information concerning persons named ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMYER, or JOHN WILLARD. These persons advised they would bear this matter in mind and notify the FBI should any pertinent information come to their attention.

On 4/17/68, ROBERT DUNHAM, Chief of Police, Burlington, Iowa, Police Department, advised there are no dance studios in Burlington, Iowa. This was further confirmed by a personal examination of a current issue of the Burlington telephone directory.

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Date: 4/18/68

Transmit the following in PLAINTEXT
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via TELETYPE URGENT
(Priority)

TO: SAC, LITTLE ROCK
FROM: SAC, OMAHA (44-310) (P)
MURKIN

ON PRESENT DATE ROBERT SAITTA, TWO SEVEN ZERO ONE H STREET, OMAHA, WHO REQUESTED PROTECTION OF HIS IDENTITY, RELATED THAT CLARENCE HILL, FATHER OF HIS FORMER WIFE, SHIRLEY, RESIDES WISEMAN, ARKANSAS, AND RECALLED THAT DURING SEVERAL VISITS IN SPRING OF NINETEEN SIXTYONE TO WISEMAN AND NEARBY ASH FLAT, HUMPHREY AND SALEM, ARKANSAS, HE HAD HEARD THE NAME ERIC GALT AS A LOCAL TROUBLE MAKER, PARTICULARLY AT DANCES HELD IN VICINITY OF SALEM. SAITTA NEVER SAW THIS INDIVIDUAL, AND COULD FURNISH NO IDENTIFYING OR OTHER BACKGROUND INFORMATION CONCERNING HIM OTHER THAN THAT HE WOULD DOUBTLESS BE KNOWN TO CLARENCE HILL, AND MAY BE A RELATIVE OF THE HILL FAMILY INASMUCH AS THE NAME OF A RELATIVE OF THE FORMER SHIRLEY HILL, POSSIBLY HER MATERNAL GRANDMOTHER, WAS PANSY GALT.

LITTLE ROCK IDENTIFY AND LOCATE ONE ERIC GALT RESIDING IN VICINITY OF ASH FLAT, HUMPHREY, SALEM OR WISEMAN, ARKANSAS, DURING NINETEEN SIXTYONE AS POSSIBLY IDENTICAL WITH ERIC STARVO GALT, FBI NUMBER FOUR ZERO FIVE NINE FOUR

TWO G. ARMED AND DANGEROUS

1-Memphis (RM) Serialized KS
Approved: [Signature] Indexed [Signature] Sent 3:20 P M Per [Signature]
(2) [Signature] Special Agent in Charge [Signature]
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FBI OMAHA

FBI MIAMI

4:44PM URGENT 4-18-68 PJJ

TO DIRECTOR, BIRMINGHAM, MEMPHIS AND OMAHA
FROM MIAMI (44-1854)

MURKIN

6 8 10 8 9 - 3
RE IOWA LICENSE NUMBER EIGHT OVER NINE DASH THREE
SIX EIGHT ONE.

JAMES PARISH, RICHMOND HEIGHTS, FLA., TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED MIAMI OFFICE TODAY THAT HE IS EMPLOYED AS MAILMAN AND PART-TIME SERVICE STATION ATTENDANT AT ZAYRE'S SERVICE CENTER, ONE HUNDRED THIRTYSIXTH ST. AND S. DIXIE HIGHWAY, MIAMI, FLA. WHILE SERVICING SIXTYSEVEN RED MUSTANG LAST EVENING, HE RECALLS DRIVER OF THIS VEHICLE CLOSELY RESEMBLED THE PHOTOGRAPHS OF ERIC STARVO GALT APPEARING IN THE "MIAMI HERALD" OF APRIL EIGHTEEN INSTANT. DRIVER DID NOT LEAVE VEHICLE AND HAD A "FUNNY LOOK ON FACE." HE PURCHASED DOLLAR'S WORTH OF GAS AND HAD WINDOWS OF AUTOMOBILE ROLLED UP, EVEN THOUGH IT WAS WARM OUTSIDE. HAD SANDY BROWN HAIR AND WAS WEARING A RECENTLY GROWN "CLARK GABLE STYLE" MUSTACHE.

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*Monty advised
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OMAHA, AT DES MOINES, IOWA, DETERMINE OWNER OF VEHICLE
THROUGH CHECK OF AUTOMOBILE LICENSE BUREAU AND SET OUT
APPROPRIATE LEAD TO ESTABLISH IDENTITY OF DRIVER.

HANDLE IN ACCORDANCE PREVIOUS BUREAU INSTRUCTIONS.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FBI NEW YORK

8:03 PM URGENT 4/18/68 WPK

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861 MEMPHIA 44-1987 AND OMAHA
FROM NEW YORK 44-1609 2P

MURKIN.

RECUTEL FOUR SEVENTEEN SIXTY EIGHT; RE ADVERTISING
DASH SUPERIOR BULK FILM COMPANY.

INQUIRY AT NEW YORK RE POPULARE MECHANICS, SPORTS
AFIELD AND FIELD AND STREAM FAILED TO REVEAL ANY SUBSCRIBER
USING THE LAST NAME OF GALT OR GAULT OR THE NAMES HARVEY
LOWMEYER, HARVEY LOWMYER OR JOHN WILLARD. PREVIOUS INQUIRY
MADE BY NEW YORK RE MECHANIC ILLUSTRATED AND SCIENCE AND
MECHANICS.

INQUIRY AT US CAMERA REVEALED THAT THEIR
SUBSCRIPTION LISTS ARE MAINTAINED BY COWLES COMMUNICATIONS,
INCORPORATED, ONE ONE ONE TENTH STREET, DES MOINES, IOWA,
TELEPHONE FIVE ONE FIVE DASH TWO EIGHT FOUR DASH THREE
THOUSAND IN CARE OF EARL LANBERG.

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ments advised 8:45 am.

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OMAHA AT DES MOINES, IOWA, WILL MAKE CONTACT WITH COWLES COMMUNICATIONS, INCORPORATED, AND DETERMINE IF THER IS ANY SUBSCRIBER TO US CAMERA USING THE NAME OF ERIC STARVO GALT AKA HARVEY LOWMEYER, HARVEY LOWMYER, JOHN WILLARD, AND SET OUT APPROPRAITE LEADS.

MAKE NO MENTION INQUIRIES CONCERNING CAPTIONED MATTER.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FBI OMAHA

810PM URGENT 4/18/68 GJM

TO ALL SACS

FROM DIRECTOR 1P

MURKIN.

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

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

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

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TO: MIAMI (44-1854)

FROM: OMAHA (44-310)

MURKIN. RE MIAMI TEL TO OMAHA TODAY.

DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES, DES MOINES, IOWA, ADVISED
INSTANT DATE THAT SIXTY SEVEN IOWA LICENSE EIGHT NINE DASH
THREE SIX EIGHT ONE ORIGINALLY REGISTERED TO DONALD DEAN
SCHULTZ, STOCKPORT, IOWA, FOR SIXTY SEVEN FORD VIN NUMBER
SEVEN F ZERO ONE T ONE FIVE FOUR ONE EIGHT SEVEN. THESE
RECORDS FURTHER REFLECT THIS VEHICLE SUBSEQUENTLY REPOSSESSED
FROM SCHULTZ BY UNIVERSAL CIT OTTUMWA, IOWA, DECEMBER TWENTY
NINE, NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN.

IT IS NOTED FOR INFORMATION MIAMI NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT
IOWA LICENSE EIGHT NINE DASH THREE SIX EIGHT ONE REGISTERED
TO A SIXTY SIX DODGE.

MR. CARL DENCKLAU, LOAN MANAGER, UNIVERSAL CIT CREDIT
COMPANY, FOUR ONE EIGHT CHURCH STREET, OTTUMWA, IOWA, ADVISED
INSTANT DATE THAT SIXTY SEVEN FORD TWO DOOR HARDTOP VIN
SEVEN F ZERO ONE T ONE FIVE FOUR ONE EIGHT SEVEN, BEARING
SIXTY SEVEN IOWA LICENSE EIGHT NINE DASH THREE SIX EIGHT ONE
WAS REPOSSESSED BY UNIVERSAL CIT ON DECEMBER TWENTY NINE,

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NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN FROM STAFF SERGEANT DONALD DEAN SCHULTZ. SCHULTZ U.S. AIR FORCE SERIAL NUMBER ONE SEVEN THREE SEVEN TWO SIX EIGHT SIX WAS AT THIS TIME ASSIGNED TO HOMESTEAD AIR FORCE BASE, MIAMI, FLORIDA. VEHICLE REPOSSESSED FOR FAILURE TO MAINTAIN PAYMENTS. HOME ADDRESS OF SCHULTZ IS STOCKPORT, IOWA.

DENCKLAU ADVISED UNIVERSAL CIT FOUR EIGHT FIVE NORTHWEST FORTY SECOND AVENUE, MIAMI, FLORIDA, ACTUALLY HANDLED REPOSSESSION. DENCKLAU'S RECORDS REFLECT CIT MIAMI SUBSEQUENTLY SOLD ABOVE DESCRIBED VEHICLE ON JANUARY TWENTY TWO, SIXTY EIGHT TO L.E. CASKEY MOTOR COMPANY, NORTHWEST THIRTY SIXTH STREET, MIAMI, FLORIDA.

DENCKLAU'S RECORDS DO NOT REFLECT PRESENT OWNER OF VEHICLE IF OTHER THAN L.E. CASKEY MOTOR COMPANY.

MIAMI WILL CONTACT UNIVERSAL CIT, MIAMI, FLORIDA, FOR FURTHER DETAILS AND WILL CONTACT L.E. CASKEY MOTOR COMPANY, MIAMI TO ASCERTAIN PRESENT OWNER INSTANT VEHICLE.

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MEMPHIS ADVISED BY AIRMAIL.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, OMAHA (44-310)

FROM : SA JOHN R. ANDERSON

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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DATE: 4/18/68

SA DANIEL P. KELSAY, Jr., this date advised that the Des Moines Resident Agency was in receipt of information that one DON PATTON, who was registered at a local motel, allegedly closely resembled ERIC STARVO GALT. He furnished the following description of PATTON:

Name	DON PATTON
Race	White
Sex	Male
Nationality	American
Age	40 - 42
Height	5' 10"
Weight	175 - 180
Hair	Black, possibly dyed
Residence	666 Pleasant, Highland Park, Illinois

PATTON was driving a yellow or cream Volvo bearing Illinois license KU90T1. SA KELSAY requested that the above license be checked out and that Chicago indices be checked for any information on PATTON.

SA RENE DUMAINE, Chicago Office, was telephonically contacted and the above information requested. He advised that he had a direct line to Springfield and would also check out the car license.

Subsequently SA KELSAY advised the writer that he and other Des Moines Agents had checked out PATTON and that he was not identical with GALT. This was done through identification, driver's license, and personal observation.

SA DUMAINE subsequently advised that the Highland Park telephone directory lists one DON PATTON, residence 666 Pleasant, Highland Park.

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TO: SAC, OMAHA

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FROM: SPC IRA STEVENS

RE: MURKIN

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FOLLOWING CALLS WERE RECEIVED THIS DATE RE SUBJECT GALT:

① ISAAC FORD, 2213 West 6th, Grand Island, Nebr. 382-5-885 saw subject in postoffice at Grand Island. Subject was wearing brown cap and overalls.

*Just saw in I.D. A. 11 or 12
was before 3:30 P.M. Bell
thought he could be
quite himself.*

② WYNITA HARLAN, 2816 Franklin, Omaha, 341-3190 advised she had hauled a fare 4/17 last from airport to Greyhound Bus Depot who resembled GALT. She stated she drove for Checker Cab but did not wish to be contacted at work and that she called to be kept confidential.

③ CECIL NELSON, who works for E. C. Henderson, Stockbrokers, Des Moines, Ia. advised he saw Galt this date at the Filet Steak House, 5th and Grand, Des Moines. Nelson stated he lived in Sioux City but did not want to be recontacted re this matter but wanted to let us now that GALT was in the Des Moines, Area.

④ Sgt. DUFF, OMPD, tel contacted this office and advised he had some information re GALT and would not discuss this with any one except an agent. SA HALLY was contacted and advised he would call Sgt. DUFF. Sgt. DUFF was at home at the time and gave the number of 558-6939.

⑤ JUNE ELDRED, Barmaid, Office Bar, 517 North Dewey, North Platte, Nebr., Home address 203 West 1st, advised man came in to bar this date, stated was salesman and lived Omaha, stayed most of afternoon and than left. ELDRED advised when she got home she saw photo of GALT and stated this man looked just like GALT. ELDRED was given number of North Platte RA with instructions to call them or Omaha if this man should return to the bar in the future. She further stated this man had told her he was from Alabama.

⑥ At 12:45 A.M., 4/19/68 Dep. Sher. DICK CARNEY, Sarpy Cnty SO, called and requested all descriptive data re subject Gault, he advised he received a call from a customer at PEYTON PLACE Tavern, Bellevue, Nebr. Customer advised GAULT was there.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, OMAHA (44-310)

FROM : SA GRANT ALAN JACOBSEN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/22/68

Re memo of SPC STEVENS, 4/18/68.

On 4/22/68 ISAAC FORD, 2213 West 6th Street, Grand Island, Nebraska, advised that while in the Grand Island Post Office on 4/15-16/68, shortly before 3:30 PM, he saw a white male come into the Post Office dressed in coveralls and wearing a corduroy hat and carrying a coat over his arm. FORD said as the man passed him he spoke to the man, but the man did not reply. FORD thought this was unusual and thought the man might be trying to avoid him. FORD said he thought the man was about 60 years old and thought he resembled the photographs of ~~XXXXXXXX~~ ~~XXXXXX~~ the subject of this case. When told that GALT was no where near 60 years old, FORD said he thought GALT might have disguised himself. FORD said he had no idea where the man went after leaving the Post Office and has not seen him since.

No further action appears appropriate at this time.

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TO : SAC PAUL C. YOUNG (44-310)

DATE: 4/19/68

FROM : SA DALE F. MORITZ

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SUBJECT: MURKIN

The following pertinent information is contained in files of Iowa Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI), Des Moines, Iowa, concerning JAMES EARL RAY:

*James
26-17120
NI*

- JAMES EARL RAY, aka
- W. C. Herron
- James O'Conner
- James McBride
- James Walton
- James Walton
- Jim Ray

(Iowa BCI identification record lists above aliases for subject RAY)

FBI #306443A

Iowa BCI #A92330

Received at Missouri State Penitentiary 3/17/60 from St. Louis, Missouri, following conviction on a charge of operating motor vehicle without permission of the owner and robbery (first degree) by means of a dangerous and deadly weapon. Received sentence of 20 years and escaped this institution 4/23/67.

A wanted notice by the Warden, Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, describes RAY as follows:

Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Age:	35
Height:	5'11"
Weight:	163 lbs.
Hair:	Dark brown
Eyes:	Blue
Complexion:	Medium
Build:	Medium
Scars & Marks:	Clear

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deal tel to KC
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Occupation:
Relatives:

~~Baker~~
~~JOHN RAY - brother~~
~~1918 Park Avenue~~
~~St. Louis, Missouri~~
~~JERRY W. RAY - brother~~
~~Wheeling, Illinois~~
~~MARY MAHER - grandmother~~
~~1913 Hickory~~
~~St. Louis, Missouri~~

Jerald Lee
31-5281
?

3 refs - NK1
26-18887
88-1605 p 384
87-547
47-990 ?

Mary Elizabeth
116-6580
?
Mary
62-191,054
?

RAY has an arrest record dating back to October, 1949. Included on this arrest record is an arrest by the Linn County Sheriff's Office, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, 4/18/50 - Linn County Sheriff's Office #5937 - for the charge of vagrancy. Additional information in BCI files indicates this arrest was made by both the Marion, Iowa, Police Department and the Linn County Sheriff's Office. At the time of this arrest, RAY's birth date was listed as .

The wanted notice placed for RAY by the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, indicates no scars or marks for this subject; however, at the time of his arrest at Marion, Iowa, 4/18/50, descriptive data under scars and marks includes 3-inch scar on palm of right hand.

The Iowa BCI arrest record and the Missouri State Highway Patrol arrest record for RAY contained in the files of the Iowa BCI had no additional Iowa or Nebraska arrests for this subject, other than the one indicated above in 1950 at Marion, Iowa.

The BCI arrest record contains a notation "Wanted - JAMES EARL RAY - for unlawful flight to avoid confinement (robbery - first degree); notify nearest FBI office per information received from FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin."

RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED & DANGEROUS.

FBI OMAHA

FBI DENVER

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TO OMAHA

FROM DENVER (157-203) 1P

MURKIN. OO: MEMPHIS

CHARLES RUTHER, MANAGER, ROCKLAND HOTEL, ONE FOUR THREE FIVE TREMONT, DENVER, COLORADO, TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED THIS DATE THAT A TENANT, WHO CHECKED INTO HIS HOTEL ON APRIL TENTH LAST AND CHECKED OUT ON APRIL ELEVENTH LAST, LOOKED EXACTLY LIKE THE PHOTOGRAPH OF ERIC GALT. THIS INDIVIDUAL GAVE HIS NAME AS SAM MASEY AND ADDRESS AS TWENTY EIGHT HARMY, OMAHA, NEBRASKA.

RUTHER DESCRIBED HIM AS WHITE, MALE, FIVE FOOT NINE INCHES, ONE SIXTY TO ONE SIXTY-FIVE POUNDS, DARK HAIR. MASEY MENTIONED TO RUTHER THAT HE HAD DONE SOME BARTENDING AND HAD JUST COME FROM TENNESSEE.

OMAHA AT OMAHA, NEBRASKA, CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION.

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*Henry [unclear]
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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)-11:34 A.M.
BIRMINGHAM 11:36 A.M.
MEMPHIS (44-1987) 11:38 A.M.
NEW YORK (44-1609) 11:40 A.M.

FROM: OMAHA (44-310)

MURKIN

RE NEW YORK TEL TO BUREAU APRIL EIGHTEEN LAST.

EARL LANDSBERG, MANAGER OF SUBSCRIPTION LISTS, COWLES PUBLICATIONS, ONE ONE ONE TENTH STREET, DES MOINES, IOWA, ADVISED THIS DATE SUBSCRIPTION LIST FOR U. S. CAMERA MAGAZINE NOT LISTED ALPHABETICALLY AND CHECK OF SUBSCRIBERS UNDER NAMES ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMYER AND JOHN WILLARD COULD TAKE SEVERAL DAYS. OMAHA WILL SUTEL BUREAU AND APPROPRIATE OFFICES WHEN RESULTS OBTAINED.

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Special Agent in Charge

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, OMAHA

FROM : LINUS C. ISSINGHOFF 44-310

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/18/68

On 4/16/68 ROBERT STONEBRAKER, Owner, Buffalo Hotel, Buffalo Center, Iowa advised that he called the FBI Omaha after discussing with the City Marshal ROBERT STAUFFACHER about the guest that spent the night in his hotel on 4/13/68.

STONEBRACKER advised that a person who registered as WILLIAM WEAVER, Burmingham, Alabama was described as very filthy about 30yrs of age 140 lbs 5'8" wearing a grey sweater and green trøuser. He advised that the only reason he halled the Omaha office was because of the Burmingham address.

STAUFFACHER advised that the Subject was picked up outside of Buffalo Center by some teenagers and brought into town. He was taken to the hotel as a guest of the city for the night. He advised that the Subject told him he was on his way to Minneapolis and that he wrecked his car in Mol and hitchhiking the rest of the way. He further advised that he thought the Subject was wanted for something somewhere but had no connection with the incident in Memphis. He stated that the description did not match accroding to the papers, and what he had read.

No further investigation being conducted.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, OMAHA

FROM : LINUS C. ISSINGHOFF 44-310

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/18/68

On 4/15/68 the records of the Mason City Police Department and the Cerro Gordo County Sheriff's Office were checked for the name of Galt and all known alias with negative results. On the same day the Mason City Credit Bureau was checked with negative results.

On 4/17/68 the records of the Charles City Police Department and the Floyd County Sheriff's Office were checked with negative results. The records of the Floyd County Credit Bureau were also checked with negative results.

All Phone directories and city directories were checked with negative results.

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TO : SAC, 44-310

DATE: 4/18/68

FROM : SA Ben C. Nix

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 4/17/68, the following individuals at their respective dancing studios advised their records were negative for subject. All advised they have very few adults involved in their dancing lessons, and cater to young school children:

Carolu Digman
Dubuque Dance Studio
1109 Iowa Street
Dubuque, Iowa

Tanya O'Rourke
Academy of Ballet
552½ Main Street
Dubuque, Iowa

Eleanor Plamondon
Plamondon Dance Studio
455 Main Street
Dubuque, Iowa

There are no other dance studios in the Dubuque, Iowa, RA territory according to the telephone directory.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, 44-310

DATE: 4/13/68

FROM : SA Ben C. Nix

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re memo of SA Ben C. Nix, 4/15/68.

During investigation of another matter at the Dubuque Mission, Dubuque, Iowa, Jack Rhodes, manager of the mission, advised that one of the residents of the mission at this time was a James Wilson. Wilson was interviewed on 4/17/68.

4/17/68,

On this day/Wilson was interviewed by writer and he furnished the following information:

He advised he has been in Dubuque, Iowa, for a little over one week. He came to Dubuque, Iowa, from Rockford, Illinois, where he had been working and living at the Salvation Army. He added that he sometimes got a job out of Manpower in Rockford, Illinois. Prior to coming to Rockford, Illinois, he advised he had been in Sioux City, Iowa. He stated he was at the Salvation Army in Rockford, Illinois, on 4/4/68. He stated he is originally from Oklahoma, however he has not been there in at least four years. ^

The following is a description of Wilson as obtained through observation and interview:

Name:	James Buren Wilson
Race:	white
Sex:	male
DOB:	[redacted]
POB:	Chickasha, Oklahoma
Height:	6'
Weight:	175
Hair:	gray
Eyes:	green
Scars & marks:	scat over bridge of nose
Complexion:	dark
Service record:	Merchants marines (3/44-12/45)
Admitted arrest record:	

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Drunk numerous times in numerous cities; 1958-Grand Theft Auto, Vernon, Calif. sentenced - Chino, Calif. State Pen. (12/11/58 - 11/59)

Closet relative: Edgar Archie Wilson
4036 S.W. 27th Street
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Present employment: Dubuque City Mission

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TO : SAC, OMAHA (44-310) (P)

DATE: 4/19/68

FROM : SA RICHARD M. HAVENS

SUBJECT: MURKIN

OO: MEMPHIS

Re Omaha memorandums dated 4/9/68 and 4/10/68 and
Omaha SAC memorandum.

The below listed services were personally checked by
SA RICHARD M. HAVENS in Butler, Franklin, Grundy, Hamilton,
Hardin and Wright Counties, Iowa, on 4/9, 10, 11 and 15/68, with
negative results regarding names of HARVEY LOEWMEYER or
LOEWMYER and ERIC STARVO GALT.

1. Criminal Records at Police Departments and
Sheriff's Offices.
2. Driver's licenses
3. Automobile registrations
4. Voter's registrations
5. Telephone directories
6. City and county directories
7. Credit bureaus

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MEMORANDUM

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TO: ALL SENIOR RESIDENT AGENTS DATE: 4/19/68
FROM: SAC, PAUL C. YOUNG (44-310)
RE: MURKIN

The following information was received by teletype from Director at 3:14 p.m. this date.

"The attached 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."

You should immediately contact all major news media (radio, TV and press) to determine if they have already received this photograph and news release from the wire services. If not, make it available to them for immediate release, but do not make any comment concerning this matter. Prepare a memo to show what contacts were made and what distribution was given this release.

Armed & Dangerous.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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ATTORNEY GENERAL CASSY BROWN 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 SHOOTING 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 FROM 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 29 YEARS OF AGE, WAS REPORTED MISSING FROM THE MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI, MARCH 1967. HE WAS RE-ARRESTED AND RECEIVED AT THAT INSTITUTION ON MARCH 17, 1968. TO ENTER A PENITENTIARY FOLLOWING CONVICTION IN ST. LOUIS FOR ARRESTED FOR BEING FOUND 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 FOREIGN UNITED STATES POSTAL MONEY ORDERS IN MISSOURI IN 1955.

HE HAS SERVED TIME 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 RECEIVED A GENERAL DISCHARGE DUE TO INEPTNESS AND LACK OF ADAPTABILITY TO 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 MORRIS, JAMES WALTON, W. O. HERRON AND JAMES O'CONNOR. HE IS A WHITE MALE; CLAIMS TO HAVE

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BEEN BORN MARCH 10, 1928, 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" SICKLE-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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