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4/10/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, PITTSBURGH (44-578) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re Pittsburgh teletype to Bureau, Memphis, and Birmingham, dated 4/9/68.

Enclosed to Memphis and Birmingham are two photographs each of DANNY CARLTON HARKINS. HARKINS is the fourth individual from the right in the rear row of the smaller photograph, and the second man from the right in the rear row of the larger photograph.

LEADS

MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM

Will exhibit photographs to witnesses for elimination purposes.

PITTSBURGH

AT HUNTINGTON, W. VA. (CABELL COUNTY)

Investigation continuing to identify HARKINS' companion to Memphis.

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102XX 1037PM IMMEDIATE 4-10-68 HEP
TO DIRECTOR AND ALL SACS
FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) 1P

MURKIN

ERIC STARVO GALT, TWO SIX ZERO EIGHT HIGHLAND AVENUE SOUTH,
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, REGISTERED OWNER OF WHITE NINETEEN SIXTYSIX
MUSTANG, VIN SIX T ZERO SEVEN C ONE NINE ZERO SIX FOUR SEVEN,
BEARING NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT ALABAMA LICENSE ONE - THREE EIGHT NINE
NINE THREE, IS PRIME SUSPECT IN THIS CASE.

ALL OFFICES CHECK ABOVE VIN FOR POSSIBLE RE-REGISTRATION.

NO INDICATION TO BE GIVEN THAT THIS LEAD IS IN CONJUNCTION
WITH MURKIN CASE.

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TO DIRECTOR, NEWARK, MEMPHIS, AND BIRMGINGHAM
FROM PITTSBURGH (44-578)

MURKIN

JOHN RODERICK WILLARD, TEN TWENTYNINE PARKVIEW AVE.,
NEW KENSINGTON, PA., INTERVIEWED AND DETERMINED TO BE SIXTYFOUR
YEARS OF AGE. WILLARD HAS TWO SONS, GEORGE RODERICK, AND JACK
P. WILLARD. JACK ELIMINATED AT NEW KENSINGTON. GEORGE RESIDES
FORTYTWO SPRINGFIELD AVE., CRANDFORD, N.J., TELEPHONE TWO SEVEN
TWO, FOUR NINE NINE FIVE, EMPLOYED AS PROFESSOR OF SPANISH
AT UNION COLLEGE. GEORGE DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, DOB [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SIX FOOT THREE, ONE SEVENTYFIVE LBS.,
BLOND HAIR, SINGLE, FAIR COMPLEXION, WEARS GALSSSES. GEORGE
ALLEGEDLY IN POSSESSION OF SIXTYFOUR OR SIXTYFIVE WHITE MUSTANG
REGISTERED TO HIS MOTHER, IRENE WILLARD. PARENTS STATE GEORGE
FLEW TO NEW KENSINGTON VIA ALLEGHENY AIRLINES FROM NEW JERSEY
AND ARRIVED IN NEW KENSINGTON AT FIVE THIRTY OR SIX PM ON

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MARCH TWENTYNINE LAST, AND RETURNED TO N.J., IN AFTERNOON OF
MARCH THIRTYONE LAST, WHEREABOUTS OF GEORGE ON APRIL FOUR UNKNOWN
TO PARENTS.

NEWARK AT CRANDFORD, WILL VERIFY WHEREABOUTS OF GEORGE
WILLARD ON APRIL FOUR LAST THROUGH EMPLOYMENT AT UNION COLLEGE.
CONFIRM FLIGHT TO NEW KENSINGTON ON MARCH TWENTYNINE AND
RETURN ON MARCH THIRTYONE AND CONDUCT OTHER LOGICAL INVESTIGATION.

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303PM RGENT 4/11/68 CAB

TO ALL SACS

FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 2P.

MURKIN

INVESTIGATION HAS ESTABLISHED THAT AN INDIVIDUAL USING THE NAME ERIC STARVO GALT WAS IN MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, ON APRIL FOUR, SIXTYEIGHT, REPORTEDLY DRIVING A NINETEEN SIXTYSIX WHITE MUSTANG WITH ALABAMA LICENSE ONE DASH THREE EIGHT NINE NINE THREE. THE BUREAU IS ANXIOUS TO LOCATE THIS INDIVIDUAL FOR QUESTIONING IN CONNECTION WITH THIS MATTER.

ALL OFFICES COVERING POINTS OF EXIT FROM THE COUNTRY SHOULD INITIATE A CHECK TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT ERIC GALT HAS DEPARTED THE COUNTRY.

ALL OFFICES ARE TO CONTACT THE APPROPRIATE POLICE DEPARTMENTS IN YOUR TERRITORY TO INSURE THAT ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES ARE COVERED BY AN ALL POINTS BULLETIN TO THE EFFECT THAT ERIC STARVO GALT IS WANTED FOR QUESTIONING
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BY THE FBI.

GALT IS DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, HEIGHT FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES, WEIGHT ONE HUNDRED SEVENTYFIVE POUNDS, EYES BLUE, HAIR BROWN, DATE OF BIRTH [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ACCORDING TO HIS DRIVERS LICENSE.

GALT'S CAR IS DESCRIBED AS A NINETEEN SIXTYSIX WHITE HARD-TOP MUSTANG, SIXTYEIGHT ALABAMA LICENSE TAG 1 3 8 9 9 3 6 T O 7 C ONE-THREE EIGHT NINE NINE THREE, VIN SIX T ZERO SEVEN C 1 9 0 6 4 7 ONE NINE ZERO SIX FOUR SEVEN. CAR HAD FOUR INDIVIDUAL RED PLASTIC FLOOR MATS, MUFFLER PAINTED SILVER WHEN PURCHASED BY GALT IN AUGUST SIXTYSEVEN.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD IT BE INDICATED TO ANYONE AT ANY PLACE THE NATURE OF THE CASE IN WHICH GALT IS WANTED FOR QUESTIONING BY THE FBI.

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TO ALL SACS
FROM DIRECTOR 1

MURKIN

REBUTEL THIS DATE TO PLACESTOPS ON ERIC STARVO GALT
AND A NINETEEN SIXTYSIX WHITE MUSTANG. DISREGARD
REFERENCED TELETYPE AND CANCEL ANY ALL POINTS BULLETINS
THAT MAY HAVE BEEN ISSUED.

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*Adams cancelling W.V.A.S.P.
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FBI NEWARK

552PM URGENT 4-11-68 RGH

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, BURMINGHAM & PITTSBURGH PLAINTEXT
FROM NEWARK (44-845)

MURKIN

RE PITTSBURGH TELETYPE TO BUREAU APRIL ELEVEN, NINETEEN
SIXTY EIGHT RE GEORGE WILLARD.

† IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THROUGH MRS. CHERZKO, SECRETARY
TO PRESIDENT OF UNION COLLEGE, CRANFORD, NJ, THAT GEORGE
WILLARD, A SPANISH TEACHER, HAD THREE CLASSES ON APRIL FOUR,
NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT AND WAS AT THE COLLEGE DURING MORNING
AND AFTERNOON.

ALLEGHENY AIRLINES RECORDS FAIL TO REVEAL ANY
PASSENGER USING NAME WILLARD ON FLIGHTS BETWEEN NEWARK AND
PITTSBURGH ON MARCH TWO NINE, NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT AND MARCH
THREE ONE, NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT.

† IN VIEW OF WILLARD'S LOCATION APRIL FOUR, NINETEEN
SIXTYEIGHT, NO ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED UACB.
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : SAC, PITTSBURGH (44-578)

DATE: 4/11/68

FROM : SA NILE A. DUKE

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR

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The following investigation was conducted by
SAs NILE A. DUKE and JAMES H. REEVES, JR.

On 4/10/68, KAREN ADAMS, 6706 McPherson Boulevard, Pittsburgh, Second Floor, stated she has lived at this address for one year. She stated that the name P. D. LOHMEYER is completely unfamiliar to her.

On 4/10/68, VICTOR OLMSTEAD, 6706 McPherson Boulevard, First Floor, stated he has lived at this address since October, 1966. He stated the name P. D. LOHMEYER is completely unfamiliar to him. Mr. OLMSTEAD said the house he is renting is owned by BLANCHE GRIFFIN and that he does not know her address and only pays his rent to her when she knocks on the door.

It is to be noted that both KAREN ADAMS and VICTOR OLMSTEAD are Negroes, and that the area surrounding 6706 McPherson Boulevard is inhabited by primarily Negro individuals.

Mr. G. L. MONET, Postal Inspector, Pittsburgh, Pa., caused a search of his records to be made for a change of address for P. D. LOHMEYER, 6706 McPherson Boulevard. Mr. MONET stated he talked with his carrier for this particular area and that the carrier could not recall such an individual. He further advised that a search of his records for the past three years failed to reflect a change of address for P. D. LOHMEYER. He stated that any changes of address over three years old is destroyed.

On 4/10/68, Mrs. ANTHONY DEIULUS, 815 Fulton Place, Mount Oliver, stated that the name VERA LOHMEYER is unfamiliar to her. She stated she had lived at this address for four

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years and had purchased her house from one DOROTHY REUESCHE.

On 4/10/68, DOROTHY REUESCHE, Pittsburgh National Bank, Carrick Office, Carrick, Pa., advised that VERA LOHMEYER had committed suicide on 12/12/61. REUESCHE said she knew the LOHMEYER family and that VERA did not have any brothers or sisters. She did recall her having an uncle, ED LOHMEYER, Penn Hills, Pa., who is in his fifties and who has been seriously ill for some time.

On 4/10/68, THOMAS A. MC QUAIDE, Chief, Identification Section, Pittsburgh Police Department, CLARENCE J. KLEIN, Chief Identification Officer, Allegheny County Detective Bureau, and Mrs. JEAN RODRIGUEZ, Receptionist, Credit Bureau, Inc., all of Pittsburgh, Pa., advised that their respective files were all negative concerning VERA LOHMEYER and P. D. LOHMEYER.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, PITTSBURGH (44-578) (P)
ATTENTION SA WILLIAM LOGAN CURTIS

FROM : SA EDWARD R. FLEMING, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR

DATE: 4/11/68

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A check of yellow sections of all telephone directories covering communities in Mineral, Hampshire, Morgan, and Jefferson Counties, W. Va., was made and no laundry was listed.

In Berkeley County, W. Va., two laundries were located as follows:

Rockwell Cleaners and Launderers
126 S. Raleigh Street
Martinsburg, W. Va.

Martinsburg Laundry and Dry Cleaning Company
301 E. Stephen Street
Martinsburg, W. Va.

GRANT SEABRIGHT, Manager, Martinsburg Laundry, on 4/11/68, said his firm does not use a thermo seal marking machine.

On 4/11/68, S. L. ROCKWELL, Rockwell Cleaners and Launderers, said his firm does use a thermo seal marking machine, but that the coding "O2B-6" or "D2B-6" is not used by his firm.

ROCKWELL added, for possible assistance, that there are ten colors used and available to firms that use the thermo seal machine, but he does not use the red color; that in his operations only five colors are used; and that he changes the color of the marking with every lot. He said that his code numbers are broken into the lot number, an alphabetical letter for the week, and a bundle number, running from one to twenty. He said he knows no one in the eastern section of West Virginia who uses a thermo seal machine, and believes the closest is at York, Pa.

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HARRY BEARD, Chief, Laundry Section, VA Center, Martinsburg, W. Va., said that the laundry for patients and domiciliary members at the Center is done in his section; that most installations similar to this have laundry facilities and use varying types of marking equipment; but that his installation does not use a thermo seal machine.

BEARD, SEABRIGHT, and ROCKWELL all said they no of no other laundry facilities in any of the five counties covered by the Martinsburg, W. Va., Resident Agency.

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AIR-TEL

AIR-TEL

TO: SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD
FROM: *[Signature]* SAC, PITTSBURGH (44-578)

MURKIN
CR
OO: MEMPHIS

RE - Confirming Pittsburgh phone call to Washington Field,
4-10-68. *X*

At 5:00 P.M., 4-10-68, Captain NELSON PADEN, Huntington, W.Va. Police Department, telephonically advised that a reliable negro male informant of his, a taxi driver, had just taken a man to the Huntington Airport, where he boarded flight 702 of Eastern Airlines leaving Huntington 4:30 P.M., with stops at Charleston, Washington, D.C., and Allentown-Scranton.

Captain PADEN stated his informant had that day read in the Huntington newspapers a description of the man known as JOHN WILLARD and he believed that his passenger fit this description.

The following is a description furnished to Captain PADEN by his informant, the man he picked up near the Job-Corps Center in Huntington and took to the Airport:

Race
Sex
Age:
Height

White
Male
36 years
5', 7 to 8"
(Capt. PADEN realized that the news item described him as much taller but pointed out that his informant is quite short and for this reason still felt he should report this)

2-Washington Field
1-Memphis
1-Richmond
1-Pittsburgh
[Signature] IDM/MMJ
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Weight	180 pounds
Build	Stocky
Hair	Sandy, brownish - Combed back receding forehead
Attire	Blue suit, tan trench coat with checkered lining
Peculiarities	Carrying an attache case Large, prominent nose

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Inasmuch as the next stop that this plane could be contacted was Washington, D.C. the above information was telephonically furnished to Supervisor ELMER TODD at the Washington Field Office.

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TO : SAC, PITTSBURGH (44-578) (P)

DATE: 4/10/68

FROM : SA RAY V. SHOEMAKER

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR

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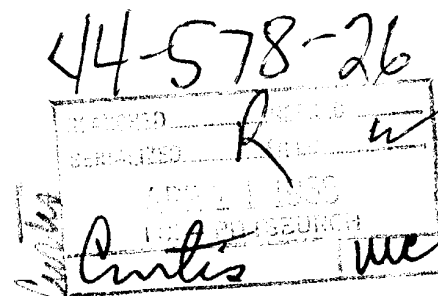
On 4/10-11/68, all laundries in Huntington, W. Va. were contacted by SA RAY V. SHOEMAKER and all advised that they do not use red cloth laundry tags. Also contacted were the Riverside Paper Co., Huntington, and the W. T. Rife Co., Huntington, the only two distributors of laundry tags in Huntington, and they advised they have had no calls for red laundry tags.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-578)

DATE: 4/10/68

FROM : SA ALBERT E. KLEBE, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
(OO: Memphis)

Re telephone conversation with SA WILLIAM CURTIS,
4/9/68.

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On 4/10/68, the following individuals were contacted
by SA ALBERT E. KLEBE, JR. regarding a red cloth laundry tag,
1/4" wide, 1 1/16" long, containing the letters O2B-6 or D2B-6,
but they were unable to furnish any information regarding such
a tag:

LAWRENCE McCABE, Owner
McCabe Cleaners
3610 Eoff
Wheeling, W. Va.

Miss CLARICE MARTIN, Owner
One Hour Marinizing
Main Street
New Martinsville, W. Va.

Mrs. BARBARA WHITLACH, Operator
Thrifty Wash
1 Linden Avenue
Moundsville, W. Va.

HENRY GRAMMER, Owner and Manager
Budd Cleaners, Inc.
8th & Lafayette
Moundsville, W. Va.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, PITTSBURGH (44-578)

DATE: 4-10-68

FROM : JOHN B. WOODRUFF, SA

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CIVIL RIGHTS
OO: MEMPHIS

Re phone call from Pittsburgh, 4/9/68.

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The following laundries in the Charleston, West Va., area were telephonically contacted and none of them use laundry markings of the Thermo Seal Marking Machine or anything similar:

Belle Laundry, Bon-Ton, Colemans, Dixie, Elite, Kanawha Valley, Miracle, Peerless, Quality Service, Superior, White Quality.

Mr. SCHMIDT of Superior Laundry advised that he knew of no one in the area who used Textile Marking Machine Co. tags because it is too expensive an operation for a small laundry. He said the closest one to Charleston is located at Lexington Laundry, Lexington, Ky.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, P ITTSBURGH (44-578)

DATE: 4/11/68

FROM : SA R. STEPHEN THOMPSON

SUBJECT: MURKIN
OO: MEMPHIS

X
On 4/10/68, I telephonically contacted the following laundries in Taylor, Preston, and Monongalia Counties with negative results:

Robinson Cleaners, Luzadder, W. Va.
Kingwood Cleaners, Kingwood, W. Va.

The following laundries are all located in Morgantown, W. Va.:
Conner's Master Cleaner, 612 Richwood Ave.
Hartley's Cleaners, 432 Spruce St.
Bill's Launderette, 1225 University Ave.
Massullo's Cleaners and Tailors, 447 High Street
Peerless Laundries, Inc., 221, E. Brockway
Pickett's Dry Cleaning Co., 3529 University Ave.
Pickett's Town Cleaners, 311 Carson
South Side Cleaners, 430 Winsley

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, PITTSBURGH (44-578)

FROM : SA FRANK H. GRUBMANN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/11/68

X

In connection with the contact of all laundries in Crawford, Menango, Elk and Forest Counties the following were telephonically contacted with negative results.

Marvin Kessler, Kessler Cleaner and Laundry, 287 Seneca St., Oil City, Pa. States does not use cloth tags. Advised there are no other laundries in the Oil City and Franklin area which do their own flat work

Louis Helfrich, 243 W. Spring St., Titusville, Pa. advised use marking machine and no cloth tags used.

Herb Olson, Ridgway Dry Cleaner and Laundry, 141 W. Main St, Ridgway, Pa. advised flat work sent to Bruzzi Laundry Coudersport, Pa.

Mrs . Viola Benzutti, Economy Cleaners, Johnsonburg, Pa. advised all flat work sent to Brockway, Pa. No cloth tags used.

Ken Lucas, Meadville Laundry, 299 North St., Meadville, Pa. advised marking machine used. No Tags.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, PITTSBURGH (44-578) -P-

DATE: 4/11/68

FROM : SA WILLIAM T. DOUGHERTY

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CIVIL RIGHTS
(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re Bureau teletype to all offices, 4/9/68.

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On 4/10/68, the below listed individuals were contacted, and they advised that their laundries did not use any type of a thermo seal marking machine in marking their laundry.

- 1) HELEN WONTROBA, Clerk, French Cleaner's Inc.,
366 S. Mt. Vernon Ave., Uniontown, Pa.
- 2) PEARL GAUDIANO, Manager, Orchid One Hour Cleaners,
104 S. Beeson Blvd., Uniontown, Pa.
- 3) Mr. ROBERT RECKERD, Manager, Simpson's Linen
Service, 34 Millview St., Uniontown, Pa.
- 4) Mrs. DOROTHY VARNEY, Owner, Varney's Laundry &
Dry Cleaning Service, Eute Road, Uniontown, Pa.

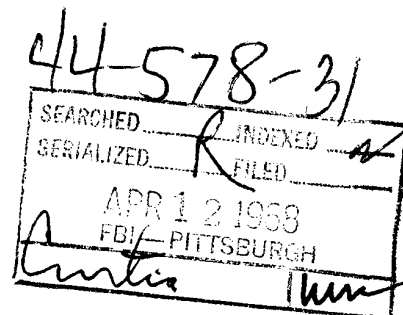
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Memorandum

TO : SAC, PITTSBURGH (44-578)

DATE: 4/11/68

FROM : SA MYRON H. TREETER

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
(OO - Memphis)

X

On 4/10/68, the following laundries located in Erie County, according to the yellow pages of the telephone directory, were telephonically contacted by the writer. All advised that they did not mark their laundry with cloth tags but rather with an ink marking device. (Name of laundry followed by person contacted)

1. Anthony's Cleaners and Laundry, 2424 Peach St., and 3759 W. 12th St., Erie, Pa. Mrs. GLADYS MURFORD.

2. City Cleaners and Laundry, 101 W. 10th St., Erie, Pa. JAMES GADDY.

3. Erie Laundry, 530 E. 19th St., Erie, Pa. GILBERT REISER.

4. Franks Cleaners and Laundry, 1811 W. 8th St., Erie. JEAN HAMMER.

5. KLINE's Dry Cleaning and Laundry, 2829 W. 26th St., and 1162 W. 8th St., Erie, Pa. JOSEPH KLINE.

6. Linn Cleaners and Shirt Laundry, 1211 W. 26th St., Erie. EDWARD F. LINN.

7. La Martin Laundry, 61 S. Lake St., North East, Pa. EMERY LA MARTIN.

8. Troy Laundry, 416 State St., Erie, Pa. Now out of business but former owner, JOHN TOZER contacted.

It is here being noted that Erie Laundry is the only large laundry in Erie still doing a large volume of laundry business. The others take shirts and bachelor bundles. Mr. REISER advised that to his knowledge there is not any laundry in the area which uses cloth tags and none used by his firm in over ten years. Cloth tags used by his company were not of type looking for in instant matter.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-578)

DATE: 4/10/68

FROM : SA RICHARD A. JONES

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
(OO: Memphis)

Re telephone conversation with SA WILLIAM CURTIS,
4/9/68. X

On 4/10/68, the following individuals were contacted by SAs RICHARD A. JONES regarding a red cloth laundry tag, $\frac{1}{4}$ " wide, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ " long, containing the letters 02B-6 or D2B-6, but they were unable to identify it:

Aul & Shively, Inc., 816 McColloch, Wheeling, W. Va.,
JOSEPH KELLEY, Manager

Home Pearl Laundry, Inc., 330 Hazlett Avenue, Wheeling,
NORMAN MARX, Manager

Carol's One Hour Cleaners, 1033 Main, Wheeling,
JAMES McGRAIL, Manager

Wheeling Quality Laundry Company, 6 Mt. Wood Road,
HELEN CIHY, Supervisor

Odorless Cleaners, 95-16th St., Wheeling, MARTHA
RADASH, Supervisor

One Hour Martinizing, 1040 Market, Wheeling, Mrs.
JUNE PERONI, Supervisor

McClaskey Cleaners, 1137 National Road, Mrs. MARY
BAUER, Employee

U-Wanta Linen Supply Company, Inc., 307 Kenney St.,
Wheeling, ARDEN WILSON, Manager

State Cleaners & Shirt Laundry, 2066 National Road,
Wheeling, VIRGINIA ACKERSON, Employee

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AT LEWISBURG, W.VA. (GREEN BRIAR COUNTY)

X Will interview ROBERT E. LOMER, 424 Pocahontas Avenue.

AT CHARLESTON, W. VA. (KANAWHA COUNTY)

Will check city directories and telephone directories, driver's license bureau, Motor Vehicle Division, financial institutions, State Selective Service Headquarters; conduct credit and criminal checks regarding ERIC STARVO GALT, developed as suspect in captioned case. GALT is described as white male, DOB 5'11", 165 lbs., blue eyes, brown hair. PII

All Resident Agents shall immediately telephonically contact all laundries in their territories in accordance with information telephonically furnished them on 4/9-10/68.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
M E M O R A N D U M

TO: SAC, PITTSBURGH (44-578) (P) DATE: 4/10/68

FROM: SA WILLIAM LOGAN CURTIS

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CIVIL RIGHTS
(OO: Memphis)

Re Memphis teletype to all offices dated 4/7/68,
Bureau teletypes to all offices dated 4/8 and 4/9/68, New
York teletype to Bureau dated 4/9/68, Bureau teletype to
all offices dated 4/10/68.

It has been determined that UNSUB, using name
HARVEY LOWMEYER or LOWMYER, purchased a rifle in Birmingham
on 3/29-30/68. UNSUB then registered on 4/4/68, in Memphis
using name JOHN WILLARD. Rifle found abandoned near crime
scene. Per Bureau instructions, all variations of the
surname LOWMEYER have been searched through indices, city
directories, telephone directories in Pittsburgh Division,
Pittsburgh Police Department, Allegheny County Detective
Bureau, Credit Bureau, Inc., Voters Registration and Depart-
ment of Motor Vehicles. Leads set out are a result of these
checks.

Investigation should be conducted to determine
the whereabouts of individuals during period of 3/29-30/68,
and 4/4/68. If whereabouts cannot be determined on above
dates, attempt to obtain photograph and complete physical
description, which will be sent to Memphis and Birmingham
for possible elimination. If still unable to establish
whereabouts, obtain fingerprints and submit to Bureau for
elimination purposes.

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1 - Each Resident Agent
1 - SE COLIN
1 - IC DIPPOLD
1 - SA DUKE
1 - SA DOODY
1 - SA WETHERINGTON
1 - SA PORTER
1 - SA DIXON
1 - SA GWYNNE
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Composite description obtained describes UNSUB as white male, 26 to 40, 5'8" to 5'11", 170 pounds, dark brown or sandy hair (combed straight back), eyes blue or green, medium build, average complexion (smooth), neat appearance.

Per Bureau instructions, all leads must be handled immediately and given top priority. Under no circumstances should anyone be told this investigation is connected with captioned matter.

LEADS

PITTSBURGH

AT PITTSBURGH, PA. (ALLEGHENY COUNTY)

1. Will telephonically contact all laundries in Allegheny County re thermo marking machine laundry tags. (Assigned DIPPOLD and COLIN)
2. Will review Voters Registration records on surname LOWMEYER. (Assigned DIPPOLD and COLIN)
3. Will search indices on all bombing suspects and set out appropriate leads. (CURTIS)
4. Will interview VERA LOHMEYER, 815 Fulton Place. (DUKE)
5. Will interview P. D. LOHMEYER, 6706 McPherson Blvd., Pittsburgh, Pa., 15208. (DUKE)
6. Will interview SUSAN LOHMEYER, 5176 Margaret Morrison, Pittsburgh, Pa., 15213. (DOODY)
7. Will interview W. J. LOHMEYER, JR., 4761 Doyle Road, or 413 Southview Dr., employed Tubular Service Corporation, Springdale, Pa. (WETHERINGTON)
8. WILLIAM J. LOHMEYER, 720 South Neagly Avenue, wife JEANNE. (PORTER)
9. Will interview HEINRICH F. LOHMEYER, 1381 Craigview Drive or 557 Southern Avenue, employed Dravo Corporation, Dravo Bldg. (PORTER)

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10. C. EDWARD LOHMEYER, 105 Washington Road Rear, Forest Hills, Pa., employed by Fruit Growers Express. (DIXON)

11. Will interview CARLTON R. LOHMEYER, 906 Rolling Rock Rd., Pittsburgh, Pa., 15234, employed at Phoenix Mutual Corporation, Suite 1503, Law and Finance Building, wife DOROTHY. (Review 91-2200-235, page 182) (DIXON)

12. Will interview CATHERINE LOHMEYER, 245 Melwood, Wellington Apartments, #309. (DOODY)

13. Will interview ESTHER LOMIRE, 722 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa., 15221. (GWYNNE)

✓ 14. Will interview JOHN RODERICK WILLARD, 1029 Parkview Avenue, New Kensington, Pa. (Review serial 7, captioned case, and PG file 116-2361) (WETHERINGTON)

15. Will check indices, city directories and telephone directories, financial institutions and conduct credit and criminal checks on ERIC STARVO GALT. (See Charleston lead for description of GALT.) (DIPPOLD AND COLIN)

AT MONESSEN, PA. (WESTMORELAND COUNTY)

Will interview ELMER W. LOHMEYER, 627 Reed. (LAFHEY)

COALPORT, PA. (CLEARFIELD COUNTY)

Will interview PATRICK S. LOHMEYER, Main Street, Box 343. (JOHN S. HUGHES)

AT CRESSON, PA. (CAMBRIA COUNTY)

1. Will interview CLIFFORD A. LOMIRE, Penn and Beach Streets. (J. HUGHES)

2. Will interview WILLIAM D. LOMIRE, 201 Summer Street. (J. HUGHES)

AT GALLITZEN, PA. (CAMBRIA COUNTY)

Will interview ROBERT LOMIRE, 504 Foster Street. (J. HUGHES)

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509PM URGENT 4/12/68 GJM
TO ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES
FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 1P

MURKIN

EACH OFFICE IS BEING FURNISHED, UNDER SEPARATE COVER,
PHOTOGRAPHS OF TWO ARTISTS' CONCEPTIONS BASED ON DESCRIPTIONS
OF UNKNOWN SUBJECT BY WITNESSES IN MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM
RESPECTIVELY.

THESE PHOTOGRAPHS ARE FOR ASSISTANCE OF AGENTS
HANDLING THIS INVESTIGATION AND ARE NOT TO BE DISSEMINATED
OUTSIDE THE BUREAU.

NO INDICATION IS TO BE GIVEN THAT INVESTIGATION IS IN
CONNECTION WITH THE CAPTIONED CASE.

UNKNOWN SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND
DANGEROUS.

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FBI TAMPA

426PM URGENT 4-13-68 BLW

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, NEWARK AND PITTSBURGH
FROM TAMPA (157-3231)

MURKIN, CR.

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RE NEWARK TEL TO BUREAU APRIL TWELVE CONCERNING SUSPECT
MORRIS CLAYTON SKAGGS.

GRACE ROMIGH, ORLANDO PD, ADVISED SKAGGS WAS MARRIED TO
DAUGHTER OF HER BROTHER. EX-WIFE, CAROL NIFFENEGGER SKAGGS
WAS BEATEN AND DESERTED WITH TWO SMALL CHILDREN. CAROL'S
FATHER, W.E. NIFFENEGGER HAS UNLISTED TELEPHONE SEVEN SEVEN
FOUR ZERO ONE FOUR SEVEN RESIDING FORTY D STREET, VAN BUREN
HOMES, VANPORT, MAILING ADDRESS BEAVER, PA. HE WOULD BE MOST
LIKELY TO HAVE HEARD FROM SKAGGS IF HE WERE SEEKING WHEREABOUTS
OF EX-WIFE, CAROL.

CAROL HIDING FROM SKAGGS HAS UNLISTED, UNKNOWN TELEPHONE
RESIDING ON CHAPEL ROAD, MONACA, PA. ROMIGH ONLY SAW SKAGGS
ONE TIME IN PENNSYLVANIA SEVERAL YEARS AGO.

PG CONTACT CAROL NIFFENEGGER AND HER FATHER AND SET OUT LEADS
STATED IN REFERENCED AIRTEL.

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TO ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES
FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 3P

MURKIN.

ERIC STARVO GALT, THE PRINCIPAL SUSPECT, HAS BEEN REPORTED AS HAVING ATTENDED DANCING SCHOOLS IN BIRMINGHAM, NEW ORLEANS AND CALIFORNIA. ALL OFFICES SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CHECK ALL DANCING SCHOOLS IN YOUR TERRITORIES FOR ANY RECORD OF PRIOR ATTENDANCE AT ANY SUCH SCHOOLS BY GALT AND RUN OUT ANY LEADS DEVELOPED. GALT REPORTEDLY SIGNED UP FOR A ONE YEAR DANCING COURSE IN NEW ORLEANS IN NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR; TOOK DANCING LESSONS FOR SEVERAL WEEKS IN BIRMINGHAM BEGINNING IN SEPTEMBER NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN; AND TOOK A FOUR HUNDRED NINETYNINE DOLLAR DANCE COURSE FROM DECEMBER NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN TO FEBRUARY NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT AT LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA.

ONE DANCE INSTRUCTOR HAS STATED THAT GALT IS "CRAZY" ABOUT DANCING BUT A POOR DANCER AND DIFFICULT TO TEACH
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BECAUSE HE DOES NOT REMEMBER INSTRUCTIONS. HE WAS DESCRIBED AS AN INTROVERT WHO VOLUNTEERS NO INFORMATION AND REPLIES WITH YES OR NO ANSWERS WHEN ASKED; DID NOT MINGLE WITH OTHER STUDENTS AND MADE NO EFFORTS TO MAKE FRIENDS OR CONVERSE WITH ANYONE.

ANOTHER DANCE INSTRUCTOR STATED GALT IS A GOOD DANCER, DISPLAYED SLIGHT SOUTHERN ACCENT, RURAL CHARACTERISTICS OF LANGUAGE AND DICTION, TEETH STRAIGHT AND CLEAN, FINGERNAILS CLEAN AND NEATLY TRIMMED,; WORE GOLD RING WITH DARK STONE; ALWAYS NEATLY DRESSED WITH SUIT AND SHINY SLIP ON TYPE BLACK ALLIGATOR SHOES WITH THIN SOLES, BLACK HOSE AND WORE TIE TACK AND CUFF LINKS. SMOKED FILTER CIGARETTES AND HAD NERVOUS HABIT OF OCCASIONALLY PULLING AT EAR LOBE. OWNER OF STUDIO STATES GALT SPOKE OF ALABAMA, SAID HE WAS A MERCHANT SEAMAN; SPOKE OF BEING IN MEXICO BUT DID NOT SPEAK SPANISH AND SPOKE ENGLISH BADLY; WAS SOCIALLY INEPT, AN INTROVERT AND A POOR DANCER BECAUSE HE WOULD NOT LOOSEN UP. SMILED RARELY AND WHEN HE DID IT WAS A NERVOUS CROOKED SMILE; PAID CASH FOR LESSONS TAKING A WAD OF BILLS FROM POCKET.

ERIC STARVO GALT DESCRIBED AS FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES, ONE HUNDRED SEVENTYFIVE POUNDS, BLUE EYES, BROWN HAIR, BORN [REDACTED], PLACE NOT GIVEN.

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GALT MAY HAVE USED THE NAME HARVEY LOWMYER OR JOHN WILLARD OR ANY VARIATION OF THESE TWO NAMES OR ANY OTHER NAME. IN CONNECTION WITH ANY INQUIRIES, NO INDICATION SHOULD BE GIVEN INQUIRIES ARE IN CONNECTION WITH CAPTIONED CASE.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, PITTSBURGH (44-578) (P)

DATE: 4/12/68

FROM : SA CYRIL J. LAFFEY

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re telephonic conversations of the writer with SA LAWRENCE M. COOPER on 4/6/68, and with SA WILLIAM L. CURTIS on instant date.

On April 6, 1968, Mr. ANGELO PIETROPAOLI, owner and operator, Motel Americanna, Route 30 East, Greensburg, Pa., telephonically contacted the writer about 11:00 PM and advised that he had previously observed a sketch in the Saturday issue of the Pittsburgh Press on that date of the suspect killer of Rev. MARTIN LUTHER KING, and a person similar to the sketch and of similar physical descriptive data contained in the newspaper article was presently at the motel bar. Mr. PIETROPAOLI said that this individual telephoned from the bar for a motel room reservation, however, the motel was filled at that time, and there were no rooms available.

Mr. PIETROPAOLI said the individual was driving a light green Cadillac convertible with a white top, bearing Florida license plate 7WW6469.

On April 6, 1968, the writer went to the Americanna Motel, and found a 1962 Cadillac convertible, light green body with white top, bearing Florida license 7WW6460, parked just outside the cocktail lounge.

The writer contacted Mr. DONALD WOODROW YOUNG, owner of the aforementioned Cadillac, who exhibited Florida registration certificate and Certificate of Title to the aforementioned 1962 Cadillac convertible, VIN 62F020055, Florida license [REDACTED]. Mr. YOUNG further identified himself as the owner and operator of Don Young's Used Cars,

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6135 East Colonial Drive, Orlando, Fla., and stated that he was currently on a buying trip to Baltimore, Md., and had taken a side trip, "To visit a lady friend." Mr. YOUNG volunteered that he was not supposed to be in the Pittsburgh area, inasmuch as he is a married man, and he hoped his visit here would not cause him any embarrassment with his wife, who is presently in Florida.

The writer determined from personal observations and identifying data that YOUNG was born [REDACTED] Baltimore, Md., had Florida [REDACTED] and was described as follows:

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Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	52
Height	5'11½"
Weight	180 lbs.
Eyes	Hazel
Hair	Brown (bald with only fringe benefits)
Occupation	Salesman
Residence	1703 Marcia Drive, Orlando, Fla.

YOUNG was dressed very neatly, and had a very fine neat well groomed mustache. It was further observed that YOUNG was well tanned, and looked much older than his age. YOUNG did not appear to be anything similar to the sketch in the October 6, 1968, issue of the Pittsburgh Press, which sketch was on the front page. ★★

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On April 10, 1968, Mr. and Mrs. JOSEPH CONSTRALE, 627 Reed Avenue, Monessen, Pa., advised that they have resided here for 9 years, having purchased this property from ELMER W. LOWMEYER, who formerly resided here up until the death of his wife, about 9 years ago. Mr. and Mrs. CONSTRALE said they had no idea if LOWMEYER was still living, and the last they heard he had moved out west and left no forwarding address.

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On April 10, 1968, Chief of Police MICHAEL KUVINKA, Monessen, Police Department, Monessen, Pa., advised that a review of the Police Department records disclosed no information identifiable with ELMER W. LOWMEYER.

On April 10, 1968, Mr. JACK T. BECK, JR., Postmaster, U. S. Post Office, Monessen, Pa., advised that he is a life long resident of the community and was personally acquainted with Mr. ELMER W. LOWMEYER, inasmuch as LOWMEYER was formerly employed in the personnel office at the Pittsburgh Steel Corp., Monessen, and gave him, BECK, his first job with the Pittsburgh Steel many years ago.

Mr. BECK said that Mr. and Mrs. ELMER W. LOWMEYER, are both deceased, and the LOWMEYER's only had one child, a daughter, JANE LOWMEYER, who married the Rev. ROBERT MOFFETT, both of whom are presently residing somewhere in the state of Ohio, exact place unrecalled. Mr. BECK said there are no other LOWMEYER's in the Monessen, Pa., area, to the best of his knowledge, and from records at hand.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, PITTSBURGH (44-478) (P) DATE: 4/11/68
(ATTENTION: SA WILLIAM LOGAN CURTIS)

FROM : SA RUSSELL M. GWYNNE

SUBJECT: MURKINE
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+ Pursuant to investigation requested of the Pittsburgh Office in instant matter, ESTHER LOMIRE, 720 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa., 15221, advised that she was approximately 68 years of age and that she has never been married. Mrs. LOMIRE stated that she has one brother, HOWARD, who resides in Altoona, Pa., and is 71 years of age. Mrs. LOMIRE stated that her brother, HOWARD, although married, has had no children.

ESTHER LOMIRE stated she knew no one by the name of HARVEY LOMIRE, nor did she know of any HARVEY LOHMEYER.

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TO PITTSBURGH

FROM CLEVELAND (44-565) 1P

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ALFRED KIESER, JR., THREE FIVE FOUR FOUR STORER, SHAKER HEIGHTS, OHIO, TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED CLEVELAND THAT ON APRIL SIX, SIXTYEIGHT, WHILE EATING AT A HOLIDAY INN NEAR PRINCETON, W. VA., HE NOTICED A MAN FITTING THE DESCRIPTION AND WHO RESEMBLED ARTIST'S CONCEPTION OF SUSPECT IN ABOVE CAPTIONED CASE.

PITTSBURGH, AT PRINCETON, W. VA. WILL DISPLAY ARTIST'S CONCEPTION AT HOLIDAY INN, LOCATED NEAR PRINCETON, W. VA., IN EFFORT TO DEVELOP POSITIVE INFORMATION RE SUSPECT.

AIR MAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, PITTSBURGH (44-578)

DATE: 4/11/68

FROM : SA JAMES V. KINNANE

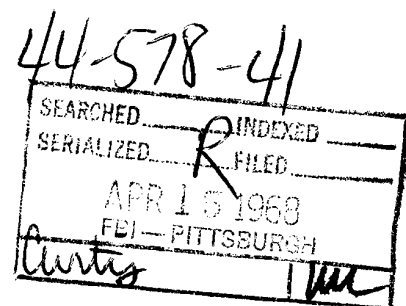
SUBJECT: MURKIN
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On this date, telephonic contact at the Bradford Laundry & Dry Cleaners, 210 Lang Maid Dr., Bradford, Pa. disclosed that this is the only laundry in Bradford marking clothing and all such marking is done by ink. It was also determined that all industrial laundry for Bradford is handled by the Coyne Co., Jamestown, N.Y.

Similar information was also obtained at the Warren Laundry, Warren, Pa.
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