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FD-245 (REV. 4-13-60)

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : ALL SENIOR RESIDENT AGENTS

DATE: 4/12/68

FROM : SAC, RICHMOND (44-657) - P -

SUBJECT: MURKIN
(OO:MEMPHIS)
Memphis 44-1987
BuFile 44-38861
Birmingham 44-1740

This is the case involving the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. on 4/4/68, at Memphis, Tennessee.

The Bureau has instructed:

(1) NO INDICATION TO BE GIVEN THAT THESE LEADS ARE IN CONJUNCTION WITH MURKIN CASE.

(2) THIS CASE MUST BE GIVEN TOP PRIORITY AND ALL LEADS MUST BE COVERED BY TELETYPE TO THOROUGHLY RESOLVE.

The pertinent dates in this investigation are 3/29 - 30/68 when suspect purchased murder weapon at Birmingham, Alabama, and 4/4/68 at 6 P.M., which is time of shooting in Memphis, Tennessee. If suspect cannot be eliminated by dates, efforts should be made to obtain photographs and send to Memphis and Birmingham.

Fingerprints of UNSUB are also available and it may be necessary to send fingerprints to Bureau for elimination purposes.

- 1 - SA JESSE C. HALL, JR.
- 1 - SA DEAN W. GASTEIGER
- 1 - SA JOHN G. MC CARTHY
- 1 - SA MELVIN J. YANCEY
- 1 - SA JOSEPH A. AMRHEIN, JR.
- 1 - SA CLARK L. NEWTON
- 1 - SA JOHN A. ERWIN
- 1 - SA LAURENCE E. WESCOTT
- 1 - SA FREDERICK A. COOK
- 1 - SA HAROLD P. SETTLE
- 1 - SA WILLIAM H. THOMAS
- 2 - Richmond (44-657)

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The following is a composite description of the UNSUB:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	26 - 40
Height	5'8" - 5'11"
Weight	150 - 170 lbs.
Hair	Dark brown or sandy, combed straight back
Eyes	Blue or green
Build	Medium
Complexion	Average, smooth
Appearance	Neat

RE: HARVEY LOWMEYER OR LOWMYER

It has been determined that a rifle abandoned near scene of the crime was purchased by individual using the name HARVEY LOWMEYER or LOWMYER, who is generally described as a white male, age 36, height - 5'8", weight - 150 to 160 lbs., hair black or dark brown.

The Bureau has instructed that in view of the unusual nature of the names, LOWMEYER or LOWMYER, that all Offices should immediately conduct certain checks on the surnames LOWMEYER or LOWMYER, not confining the check to HARVEY LOWMEYER or LOWMYER.

The checks directed to be made which have not been handled through Richmond Headquarters are as follows:

- (1) All City Directories
- (2) Voter Registration Records
- (3) Credit and Criminal Records

Any individuals identified from these checks as bearing the surname LOWMEYER or LOWMYER should be immediately checked out covering the pertinent period.

RE: ERIC STARVO GALT

The Bureau has advised that investigation has established that an individual using the name ERIC STARVO GALT was in Memphis Tennessee, on 4/4/68, reportedly driving a 1966 white Mustang with 1968 Alabama license 1-38993. The Bureau has further indicated that this individual is considered a prime suspect in this murder. The 1966 Mustang has been located in Atlanta, Georgia.

Concerning this name and individual, the Bureau has instructed considerable investigation be conducted which is set out below excluding investigation that has been and is being handled in Headquarters City:

Immediately check all City Directories, all financial institutions, conduct credit and criminal checks and contact other logical sources to obtain any information whatsoever re suspect, GALT.

Concerning the contacting of financial institutions, the following banks and their branches are being handled at Headquarters City:

The Bank of Virginia
First and Merchants National Bank
State Planters Bank of Commerce and Trusts

Senior RAs should assure expeditious handling of above contacts and immediately check out any individuals identified from these contacts for the pertinent periods.

Senior RAs will parcel out the leads necessary to handle thi matter. Each SRA will correlate within their territories and return all results at one time and not piecemeal.

4/11/68

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703)

MURKIN - CR *44-657**

ReWFO telephone call to RH (Alexandria RA) 4/11/68.

At 9:10 p.m., 4/10/68, Corporal J. E. O'CONNOR, Fairfax County, Va., Police Dept., advised SA O. M. SMASAL he had learned the following from RUBY DANSBY, 9100 Richmond Highway, Ft. Belvoir, Va., who operates The Belvoir Grill, at this address, telephone 781-5841; that earlier in the evening, a man had been in The Belvoir Grill and he appeared to be a "dead ringer" of the individual whose composite picture she had seen of the subject wanted for the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr. O'CONNOR stated that DANSBY had described this man as a white male, 5'7" to 5'8", sandy graying hair, thin line mustache, wearing a brown pin-stripe suit and a red-blue plaid flannel shirt. She said that the man had no luggage and as far as she could ascertain, he was on foot. In conversation with this individual, DANSBY said he told her he was from Knoxville and was hitchhiking to Fla.

- 3 - Bureau
- ② - Richmond
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- 1 - WFO

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Officer O'CONNOR stated he checked out the area, but was unable to locate the individual described by DANSBY.

Officer O'CONNOR stated that DANSBY had set aside the dinner utensils that the unknown man had used at the grill.

RH obtain the dinner utensils and submit to Laboratory for fingerprint comparison.

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(Look alike)

MURKIN case 44-657

notified the Richmond Office
The Washington Field Office ~~telephonically advised the Alexandria, Virginia~~
~~Resident Agency~~ on April 11, 1968 that they had received a telephone call from a
MR. JAMES G.L. HOWARD 7115 Leesville Boulevard in Springfield, Virginia on the
night of April 10, 1968 advising that he observed ~~x max~~ the driver of a green
Volkswagen bearing North Carolina license BY-7044 who resembled the artist's sketch
of the assassin of MARTIN LUTHER KING. He advised that this individual was observed
in the vicinity of Gallows Road and Route 50 in Fairfax, Virginia.

The license number was determined to be registered to a JOHN LEWIS CAMPHANE
of 10027 Mosby Woods Drive in Fairfax, Virginia according to the records of the
Division of Motor Vehicles located at Charlotte, North Carolina.

Special Agent ROLAND M. COCKER conducted the following investigation on April 11,
1968: MR. and MRS. BERNARD SEXTON, apartment 321 at 10027 Mosby Woods Drive advised
that JOHN LEWIS and PENELOPE CHAMPAGNE reside in apartment 322 at this address and
are closely acquainted with the SEXTONS. They both advised that MR. and MRS. CHAMPAGNE
have resided here since September 1967 and he is a student at American University work-
ing towards his Master's Degree and they know that neither MR. or MRS. CHAMPAGNE have
left the area during their residence here. When shown the artist's conception of the
assassin, MR. and MRS. SEXTON advised that they did not think there was any resemblance.
They commented that MR. CHAMPAGNE has a conspicuous facial scar extending from his
lip caused from an accident a number of years ago.

MR. JOHN LEWIS CHAMPAGNE and his wife were thereafter interviewed and advised that
they have resided in this apartment since September, 1967 and have not been out of the
State since. CHAMPAGNE was born July 15, 1939 at Springfield, Massachusetts, received
an honorable discharge from the U.S. Army as a Captain, Serial Number 05322368 after
serving from January 3, 1964 through August, 1967. He was employed with the Defense
Intelligence Agency at Arlington Hall, Arlington, Virginia from September 1967 through
February, 1968 when he left to enroll at American University to work toward his Master's
Degree. He obtained his Bachelor's degree at the University of Massachusetts.

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Through observation and interview, CHAMPAGNE is described as a white male, 6'1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ",
left
weight 195 pounds, brown eyes and hair, 3" scar from/corner of lip.

- No additional investigation being conducted re CHAMPAGNE in view of/above investigation
and variance with the description of the assassin.

Barrett

4/11/68

AIRTEL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, DALLAS (44-2649) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN *44-6574*

Re San Francisco teletype 4/10/68.

Enclosed to Memphis are nine copies of investigative insert reflecting investigation conducted in Dallas, Texas. Also enclosed for Memphis is a Xerox copy concerning passengers who boarded American Airlines flight 296 at 1:20 PM, 3/28/68, in Dallas. It is noted Mr. G. AHRENS, apparently identical with GRANT AHRENS, was a coach passenger and accordingly it appears passengers who sat in the immediate vicinity of him were also coach passengers. Coach passengers are listed on the enclosed beginning with the name of Mr. AHRENS, those above being first class passengers.

Investigation disclosed no names of military persons appear on the enclosed list, however, two persons were on "stand-by" and did board the flight in Dallas. Both were destined for Louisville. One was Sgt. (illegible possibly REYNOLDS or REVNOERS), the other one FARRIS, rank and service not indicated. It is further observed that the female Captain in the Afghanistan Army is not identifiable from the list enclosed. Agent was informed that the numbers to the immediate rights of the names of the individuals on the list are identifying information in a computer at the Briar Cliff Computer System, New York City. Such information will show in most cases the full data concerning reservations made by the respective persons, including contact telephone numbers and/or addresses.

It is being left to the discretion of Memphis whether this investigative lead is worthy of being pursued further in this regard.

- 2 - Memphis (Enc. 10)
 - 1 - Louisville
 - 1 - Richmond
 - 2 - Dallas
- MCC/sgl
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Barrett *RF*

DL 44-2649

It is suggested with respect to military personnel, that Louisville Office might check records of airlines out of Louisville to Richmond, Virginia, following the arrival of American Airlines flight 296 on 3/28/68, in an effort to identify the Airman who reportedly sat next to ARENS. It is further suggested that Louisville at Fort Knox, Kentucky, might successfully identify the female Afghanistan Army Captain, perhaps more easily than through information from the airlines.

Memphis note 71 persons reportedly boarded the plane at Memphis.

Dallas Office will not pursue this matter further unless advised by Memphis.

April 11, 1968

PLAIN TEXT

AIR-TEL

TO: SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD
FROM: SAC, PITTSBURGH (44-578)

MURKIN
CR
OO: MEMPHIS

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

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:

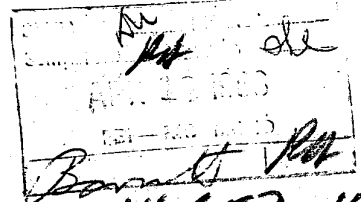
Race
Sex
Age:
Height

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
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PG. #44-578

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

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.

4/11/68

PLAINTEXT

TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR AND SAC, CHARLOTTE

FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703)

MURKIN - CR

44-657*

JAMES G. L. HOWARD, SEVEN ONE ONE FIVE LEESVILLE
BOULEVARD, SPRINGFIELD, VIRGINIA, TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED WFO
NIGHT OF APRIL TEN, LAST, THAT ABOUT EIGHT A.M., APRIL TEN,
LAST, HE OBSERVED INDIVIDUAL RESEMBLING ARTIST SKETCH OF
UNKNOWN SUBJECT IN A GREEN VOLKSWAGEN, NORTH CAROLINA LICENSE
BY 7 0 4 4 0 ^{Lic #}
BY SEVEN ZERO FOUR FOUR AT GALLOWES ROAD AND ROUTE FIFTY, FAIRFAX,
VIRGINIA. CAR PROCEEDED WEST ON ROUTE FIFTY.

CHARLOTTE OBTAIN IDENTITY OF REGISTERED OWNER ABOVE
CAR AND SET FORTH LEADS TO PROCESS DRIVER.

AIRMAIL COPIES TO RICHMOND AND MEMPHIS FOR INFORMATION.

A AND D. P.

- 2 - Bureau
- 2 - Teletype Unit
- 1 - Memphis (Info) (AM)
- 1 - Richmond (Info) (AM)
- 2 - WFO

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI; SACs MEMPHIS AND TAMPA
FROM SAC, NEWARK (44-854) (P)
MURKIN ✓ 44-657x

ON APRIL TWELVE INSTANT, ROBERT SCHLICK, LAVALETTE, N.J., ADVISED THAT MORRIS CLAYTON SKAGGS WORKED FOR HIM WHEN BOTH WERE EMPLOYED BY BIRDSSELL CONSULTING ENGINEERS, BELMAR, N. J. SCHLICK HAS NOT SEEN SKAGGS FOR OVER ONE YEAR. ON TWO FIVE LAST, HE RECEIVED A LETTER FROM ARK. HIGHWAY DEPT. REQUESTING A REFERENCE FOR SKAGGS. SCHLICK RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL FROM SKAGGS ON APRIL ONE LAST AT TWO THIRTY AM FROM RICHMOND, VA. SKAGGS WANTED JOB BUT SCHLICK TURNED HIM DOWN. SCHLICK STATED THAT SKAGGS HAS STATED MANY TIMES THAT HE IS GOING TO KILL MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. SCHLICK STATED SKAGGS IS A VERY BIGOTTED PERSON AND CAPABLE OF SUCH AN ACT. Index

1-Pittsburgh (Info.) (Mail)
1-Birmingham (Info.) (Mail)
1-Louisville (Info.) (Mail)
1-Richmond (Info.) (Mail)
1-Little Rock (Info.) (Mail)
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SCHLICK STATED HE IS REPORTING THIS BECAUSE HE READ IN THE NEWSPAPER THAT THE PERSON COMMITTING THIS CRIME HAD ARK. LICENSE PLATES ON HIS CAR. SCHLICK STATED THE ARTIST'S CONCEPTION OF SUSPECTED KILLER AS APPEARS IN THE "NY DAILY NEWS" IS NOT SIMILAR TO SKAGGS EXCEPT THAT THE EAR AND CHIN LINE IS SIMILAR. SKAGGS FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING DESCRIPTION OF SKAGGS:

WHITE MALE, TWENTY FIVE OR TWENTY SIX, SIX FEET, ONE SIXTY FIVE LBS., BLUE EYES, BLOND WAVY HAIR, CHARACTERISTICS ACNE CONDITION ON FACE, TEETH BAD ON TOP, MARITAL STATUS DIVORCED, WIFE UNKNOWN, FORMERLY RESIDED IN OCEAN GROVE, N.J. (EXACT ADDRESS UNKNOWN), ONE SMALL SON, AGE UNKNOWN, MILITARY SERVICE U.S. ARMY (SP-FOUR) (SIXTY FIVE - SIXTY SIX).

SCHLICK STATED SKAGGS NEVER CALLS HIM COLLECT BUT USES COIN TELEPHONES AS HE CAN HEAR COINS DROPPING INTO THE BOX. SCHLICK STATED SKAGGS'S BROTHER IS A CITY COUNSELOR IN PADUCAH, KY. HE STATED HE BELIEVES SKAGGS IS ORIGINALLY FROM PADUCAH. SCHLICK FEELS CERTAIN THAT SKAGGS HAS BEEN ARRESTED BUT DOES NOT KNOW WHERE.

RECORDS OF THE MONMOUTH CO. SHERIFF'S OFFICE, FREEHOLD, N.J., HAVE NO RECORD FOR MORRIS CLAYTON SKAGGS.

NEWARK FILE FORTY SEVEN DASH THREE EIGHT TWO FIVE, CAPTIONED MORRIS SKAGGS, SR., POSSIBLE IMPERSONATION, PITTSBURGH FILE EIGHTY SEVEN DASH ONE ONE SIX NINE FOUR,

NK 44-854
PAGE THREE:

INDICATES THAT GRACE ROMIGH, CLERK, ORLANDO, FLORIDA, POLICE DEPT., MADE ORIGINAL COMPLAINT AND KNOWS SKAGGS'S BACKGROUND AND LOCATION OF EX-WIFE.

TAMPA, AT ORLANDO, FLA., CONTACT ROMIGH AND THEREAFTER SET OUT LEADS TO ACCOUNT FOR SKAGGS LOCATION ON DATES MARCH TWENTY NINE, AND APRIL FOUR LAST.

FBI WASH DC

627PM URGENT 4/14/68 GJM

TO ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES
FROM DIRECTOR 44-33861 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.

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Bennett *RA*

Murphy *(P)*

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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 SATES 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.

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4/12/68

AIRTEL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS
FROM: SAC, ALBUQUERQUE (44-715)P
RE: MURKIN
OO: MEMPHIS

44-657*

Re WFO tel 4/10/68.

Enclosed for the Memphis Division are the following:

1. Seven snapshots of HENRY DAVID MC MINN, JR.
2. Two specimens of handwriting of MC MINN, one being a check in the amount of \$100, bearing his signature and the other is a power of attorney form bearing his signature.

The above items were obtained from MRS. ARTIE MC MINN, a room clerk, Chaparral Motel, Ruidoso Downs, N.M., and she requests that if they are of no evidentiary value that they be returned to her.

MRS. MC MINN furnished the following description of this possible suspect:

Name
Age
Born

HENRY DAVID MC MINN, JR.

38

Either May 5 or 6, 1929 in
either Lubbock or Hockley County,
Texas

Height
Weight
Hair

5'8"

165

Medium or light brown but he used
a hair oil, thereby effecting a
darker hue

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- 2 - Memphis (Enc 9) (RM)
 - 1 - WFO (44-703) (Info)
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Scars or marks
Peculiarities
Marital status

Appendectomy, no others noticeable
Immaculate dresser - Texas accent
Married to LINDA MC MINN, nee
AARON, whose parents believed to
reside at 4600 Mason Road, Memphis,
Tennessee, believed to be currently
separated. LINDA MC MINN previously
married to a CARTER.

MRS. MC MINN advised on 4/11/68, that her former husband, HENRY DAVID MC MINN, JR., appeared in Ruidoso Downs, NM, at approximately 2:30PM, 4/1/68, remained until 7:30PM, at which time he departed, indicating he was proceeding to Albuquerque, NM, thence to Phoenix, Arizona.

MRS. MC MINN advised that at the time of his appearance he was in possession of a White Station Wagon, possibly a 1964 or 1967 model and make not specifically known. She indicated he usually drives Chevrolets or Fords, therefore, this could have been one or the other. Also, the vehicle has Texas license plates, believed to have the prefix BYM 969 or 696.

MRS. MC MINN advised that her former husband was previously connected with the NAACP in Little Rock, Arkansas, in approximately 1965 or 1966, however, she is unaware of what capacity he was so connected. It was her impression he either distributed or sold literature to Negroes in that particular area.

In the event the enclosures tend to implicate this individual it is suggested that Memphis set out specific leads to assist in effecting his location.

AQ44-715

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separated. LINDA MC MINN previously
married to a CARTER.

MRS. MC MINN advised on 4/11/68, that her former husband, HENRY DAVID MC MINN, JR., appeared in Ruidoso Downs, NM, at approximately 2:30PM, 4/1/68, remained until 7:30PM, at which time he departed, indicating he was proceeding to Albuquerque, NM, thence to Phoenix, Arizona.

MRS. MC MINN advised that at the time of his appearance he was in possession of a White Station Wagon, possibly a 1962 or 1963 model and make not specifically known. She indicated he usually drives Chevrolets or Fords, therefore, this could have been one or the other. Also, the vehicle has Texas license plates, believed to have the prefix BYM 969 or 696.

MRS. MC MINN advised that her former husband was previously connected with the NAACP in Little Rock, Arkansas, in approximately 1965 or 1966, however, she is unaware of what capacity he was so connected. It was her impression he either distributed or sold literature to Negroes in that particular area.

In the event the enclosures tend to implicate this individual it is suggested that Memphis set out specific leads to assist in effecting his location.

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Date: 4/12/68

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
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TO: SAC, ALBANY
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P
RE: MURKIN ✓ 44-657*

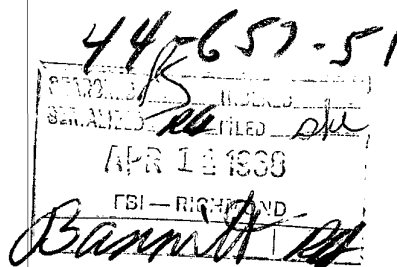
In an effort to assist in handling administratively the reams of material being submitted to Memphis Division as office of origin, it is requested all offices in submission of messages use caption which will aid in handling paper. For example, should your office have investigation to report in connection with a specific suspect it would aid if, before entering into the body of text, you would utilize sub-heading after reference, such as "SUSPECT - JOHN ALLEN DOE," or another appropriate caption might be "LAUNDRY CHECKS."

Suitable sub-headings on communications will greatly facilitate the handling of material. Please comply.

- 2 ALBANY (AM)
- 2 ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES (AM)
- 1 MEMPHIS

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Approved: RG Jensen Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

4/10/68

PLAINTEXT

TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: CHARLOTTE (44-1365)

MURKIN

RE CHARLOTTE TELETYPE APRIL NINE LAST AND CHARLOTTE
TELEPHONE CALL TO BUREAU TODAY.

FREDRICK DUNSTON, WHITEVILLE, NC, ARRESTED SEVEN THIRTY
PM, APRIL NINE LAST BY WHITEVILLE PD CHARGED WITH POSSESSION
NONTAX PAID WHISKEY AND PUBLIC DRUNK. ARRESTING OFFICER RALPH
SPAULDING ADVISED DUNSTON ARRESTED BY HIM NUMEROUS OCCASIONS
FOR PUBLIC DRUNK AND DISORDERLY CONDUCT AND DUNSTON HAS
REPUTATION AS BEING A DRUNK. HE DOUBTFUL ANY INFORMATION
FURNISHED BY DUNSTON WOULD BE RELIABLE.

DUNSTON INTERVIEWED BY SA TODAY, COLUMBUS COUNTY JAIL,
WHITEVILLE, NC, AND ADVISED ABOUT SEVEN PM APRIL NINE LAST HE
AGAIN OBSERVED UNKNOWN WHITE MALE WHO ADMITTED KILLING KING

- ① - Richmond (AIRMAIL) (44-657)
1 - WFO (AIRMAIL)
1 - Charlotte
CFW:lrf
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- VS phone 07881-U
Cancelled - 4/15/68
see ser. 17*

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RIDING IN WHITEVILLE IN NINETEEN SIXTYTWO FORD GALAXIE, BEIGE COLOR, OCCUPIED BY TWO OTHER PERSONS. DUNSTON ADVISED HE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY HENRY BENNETT AT THE TIME. DUNSTON ATTEMPTED TO CALL ATTORNEY GENERAL, WASHINGTON, DC, TO FURNISH THIS INFORMATION AT THE TIME HE WAS ARRESTED BUT DID NOT COMPLETE CALL. DUNSTON VIEWED ARTIST'S CONCEPTION OF KING'S ASSASSIN AND ADVISED PHOTOGRAPH APPEARS SIMILAR BUT WOULD BE UNABLE TO RECOGNIZE MAN FROM SKETCH.

DENNIS WILLIAMS, JAILER, COLUMBUS COUNTY JAIL, ADVISED DUNSTON, FOLLOWING ARREST, ATTEMPTED TO MAKE TELEPHONE CALL TO ATTORNEY GENERAL AND TELEPHONE CALL TO RALEIGH, NC; HOWEVER, HE WAS IN DRUNKEN CONDITION AND WAS UNABLE TO COMPLETE CALLS.

SARAH MOORE, ROUTE FIVE BOX ONE FIVE ZERO, WHITEVILLE, ADVISED TODAY THAT DUNSTON RESIDES AT HER HOUSE WITH HIS WIFE AND TWO CHILDREN. SHE STATED DUNSTON HAS REPUTATION FOR DRINKING AND HAS BEEN ARRESTED AS PUBLIC DRUNK. SHE WAS AT HER RESIDENCE APRIL EIGHT LAST WHEN DUNSTON ALLEGEDLY CONTACTED BY UNKNOWN WHITE MALE. SHE STATED SHE WAS NOT AWARE OF ANYONE BEING AT RESIDENCE AND DOES NOT BELIEVE ANYONE WAS THERE AS

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SHE WOULD HAVE KNOWN. SHE DESCRIBED DUNSTON AS UNRELIABLE AND DOES NOT BELIEVE ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM HIM TO BE RELIABLE OR OF VALUE.

JOHN W. BENNETT, BROTHER OF HENRY BENNETT, ADVISED TODAY THAT DUNSTON AND HENRY BENNETT ARE ALCOHOLICS AND HAVE BEEN DRINKING HEAVILY FOR THE PAST FOUR OR FIVE DAYS. HE ADVISED ANY INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM DUNSTON OR HIS BROTHER WOULD NOT BE TRUTHFUL AS BOTH HAVE BEEN DRINKING AND ARE UNRELIABLE.

POLICE OFFICERS, WHITEVILLE, NC, WHO HAD BEEN ALERTED TO ATTEMPT TO LOCATE UNKNOWN WHITE MALE, ADVISED THEY HAD NOT SEEN ANYONE RESEMBLING THIS PERSON AND ALSO HAD NOT SEEN THE NINETEEN SIXTYTWO FORD GALAXIE DESCRIBED BY DUNSTON. POLICE OFFICERS CHARACTERIZED DUNSTON AS DRUNK WHO IS EXTREMELY UNRELIABLE.

NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RECEIVED CONCERNING UNKNOWN WHITE MALE, WHO ALLEGEDLY CONTACTED CUNSTON APRIL EIGHT LAST.

IN VIEW OF STATEMENTS MADE BY SARAH MOORE TO EFFECT THAT NO WHITE MALE WAS SEEN AT HER RESIDENCE WITH DUNSTON ON APRIL EIGHT LAST, FACT THAT UNKNOWN MALE NOT OBSERVED BY POLICE, AND FACT THAT DUNSTON IS DRUNKARD AND TOTALLY UNRELIABLE, UACB, NO FURTHER EFFORTS BEING MADE TO LOCATE UNKNOWN WHITE MALE;

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AND UACB, RICHMOND AND WFO WILL BE ADVISED TO CANCEL ALERT
WITH VIRGINIA STATE POLICE AND METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT
FOR UNKNOWN WHITE MALE.

AIRMAIL COPIES TO RICHMOND AND WFO.

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Date: 4/9/68

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AIRTEL

Via _____
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, WFO (157-1576)

MURKIN ✓

44-657*

Petty Officer PHIL H. MARTINIS, JR. U. S. Navy, Pentagon (residence telephone 354-6274), advised that JOHN W. YAGLENSKI driving dark blue 1964-65 Malibu Chevrolet, bearing current Conn. Dealer's plates DE 1803, had this car serviced on 4/9/68, at Penn Mar Service Station, 355 Jefferson-Davis Highway, Arlington, Va. According to MARTINIS, YAGLENSKI bore a resemblance to profile sketch of suspected assassin that appeared in recent news media. He further described this individual as well dressed white male, noticeably long nose and having bloodshot eyes.

WFO indices negative re YAGLENSKI; NCIC negative re Conn. tags DE 1803.

NH requested conduct credit and criminal and indices. WFO conducting no further investigation at this time UACB or NH.

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2 - New Haven (RM)
1 - Richmond (RM)
1 - WFO

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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: SAC, ALBUQUERQUE

FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703)

MURKIN. *44-657*

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JOHN W. DOLLAR, JR., NINE ZERO TWO COMMONWEALTH AVENUE,
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA, TELEPHONE FIVE FOUR EIGHT TWO NINE
SEVEN TWO, TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED THIS OFFICE TELEVISION
PICTURE AND DESCRIPTION OF ASSASSIN VIVIDLY FIT ^{FORMER} HUSBAND OF
FRIEND ARTIE MC MINN, HOTEL MANAGER IN RUIDOSO, NEW MEXICO,
WORK PHONE THREE SEVEN EIGHT FIVE FIVE ONE ONE. HUSBAND, *IND*
HENRY MC MINN, FORMERLY EMPLOYED AS SALESMAN MANAGER NATIONAL
FOUNDATION LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA,
WHO SHOULD HAVE PICTURES OF HIM, MIXED IN NEGRO CROWD IN *0*

- 1 - Teletype Unit
- ① - Richmond (By Mail)
- 1 - Memphis (By Mail)
- 1 - Little Rock (By Mail)
- 1 - ~~Phoenix (By Mail)~~ BUREAU
- 1 - Oklahoma City (By Mail)
- 2 - WFO

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LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS, WHILE EMPLOYED THAT COMPANY, IS OLDER THAN DESCRIPTION, BEING ABOUT FORTY BUT LOOKS YOUNGER. NOSE AND HAIRLINE NEARLY IDENTICAL WITH PICTURE. LAST KNOWN TO LIVE WITH PRESENT WIFE IN MEMPHIS BUT LAST SEEN ON MONDAY BEFORE ASSASSINATION BY FORMER WIFE, ARTIE, IN RUIDOSO. AT TIME WAS BROKE, CLAIMED TO HAVE COME FROM LOVETT, TEXAS, AND HEADING FOR PHOENIX, ARIZONA. DOLLAR SAYS TELEPHONED ARTIE WHO HAD NOT BEEN FOLLOWING NEWS BUT WOULD CHECK PAPERS TO VERIFY RESEMBLANCE.

ALBUQUERQUE CONTACT ARTIE MC MINN. BUREAU ADVISED.

COPIES TO RICHMOND, MEMPHIS, LITTLE ROCK, ~~MEMPHIS~~ AND OKLAHOMA CITY FOR INFORMATION. P

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, RICHMOND

FROM : SA RAYMOND H. GEISEN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/12/68

On 4/10/68 PHIL MORRIS, Attorney, Ross Building, Richmond, Va. advised that he read about the so-called confessed slayer of MARTIN LUTHER KING which the police were looking for in the paper who had tatoo "BORN TO LOSE". He related that the description set out in the paper fits generally a client of his, whom he handled a tort case for about 3 or 4 months ago. HE related that the persons name is RICHARD D. PAYNE who resided 3 months ago at 6609 Fitzhugh Ave Richmond, Va. and ~~xxx~~ that he was employed as mechanic at the McElhenny Construction Co. and L.B. Smith Co.

He ~~re~~lated he ~~xxx~~ has no reason to suspect PAYNE but just that he has the tatoo "BORN TO LOSE" on his upper right arm and two names above this tatoo.

1- Richmond

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suspect eliminated
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Police Alerted On 'Confessed' Slayer of King

Police departments in Virginia were asked by the FBI to be on the lookout last night for a man who admitted that he had slain civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Police said that the white man bore a tatoo on his upper right arm that said: "Born to Lose."

The man had told someone in Whiteville, N.C. about midnight Monday that he had slain King and was going to Washington to surrender himself to federal authorities, police said. They added that the man was thought to be hitchhiking along either U.S. 1 or Interstate 95.

In an all - unit broadcast, the man was described as being about 25, with blue eyes, black hair, medium-dark complexion and about 5 feet 10 inches tall.

He was wearing a white shirt with yellow stripes and dungarees when last seen, police said.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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RICHMOND TIMES - DISPATCH
RICHMOND, VA.

Date: 4/10/68
Edition: Morning
Author:
Editor: Virginius Dabney
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Character:
or
Classification:
Submitting Office: Richmond
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TO DIRECTOR, 44-38861, MEMPHIS 44-1987 AND RICHMOND
FROM BIRMINGHAM 44-1740 P

*✓ 44-657**
MURKIN. CR. OO: MEMPHIS.

MEMPHIS AIRTEL APRIL ELEVEN, LAST, ADVISED OF TELEPHONIC
INQUIRY CONCERNING WHETHER JAMES GEORGE ROBINSON OR ROY JAMES SOUGHT
REGARDING INSTANT MATTER. APPROPRIATE LEADS TO LOCATE JIMMY GEORGE
ROBINSON PREVIOUSLY SET OUT.

RICHMOND FILE ONE FIVE SEVEN - FOUR EIGHT THREE, REFLECTS ROY
JAMES, WHITE MALE, SIX FEET THREE INCHES, TWO HUNDRED ELEVEN POUNDS,
GREEN EYES, BROWN HAIR, BELIEVED RESIDING SIX ONE FIVE ZERO WILSON
BOULEVARD, ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA, AS OF NOVEMBER THIRTEEN, NINETEEN
SIXTYTHREE. ON SEPTEMBER TWENTYEIGHT, NINETEEN SIXTYTWO, ROY JAMES
ASSAULTED DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING IN BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, FOR WHICH
HE WAS FINED TWENTYFIVE DOLLARS AND SENTENCED TO THIRTY DAYS IN JAIL.

RICHMOND AT ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA, REQUESTED TO ASCERTAIN WHERE-
ABOUTS OF ROY JAMES DURING PERTINENT PERIOD.

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AIRTEL

TO: SAC, BIRMINGHAM
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987 Sub E)
MURKIN *✓ 44-657**

A man identifying himself as BOB HUMERSTONE, "Long Island News Day," Long Island, N. Y., telephonically contacted the Memphis Office at 3:30 p.m., 4/11/68, inquiring as to whether the FBI was looking for JAMES GEORGE ROBINSON and/or ROY JAMES in connection with the shooting of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

The caller said he had no reason to believe the two were involved in the shooting of KING but based on both having assaulted KING in the past, he was trying to work up a story as to whether the FBI might be currently looking for them as suspects in the shooting of KING. *Index*

He stated the only information available to him was news clippings and based on such news clippings he furnished the following information:

JAMES GEORGE ROBINSON, white male American, born 5/22/38 at Barnum, Texas, 6'1½", 155 lbs., blue eyes, brown hair, slim build, was arrested for assaulting MARTIN LUTHER KING, 1/18/65, at the Alvin Hotel, Selma, Alabama. ROBINSON received a fine and a brief jail term and subsequently returned to Selma and was again arrested at Selma on 3/8/65. *0*

2 - Birmingham
2 - Mobile
1 - New York (Info)
1 - Richmond (Info)
2 - Memphis
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ROY JAMES reportedly is a member of the American Nazi Party (ANP) and from Hempstead, Long Island, was arrested 9/28/62 at Birmingham for assaulting KING 9/28/62 and received a 30-day jail sentence. Subsequently in 1966 JAMES was reportedly acquitted in a Federal Court on charges of having threatened FBI Agents.

The caller stated he had no further information regarding the above and was merely inquiring as to whether they were being sought as suspects. The caller asked a number of other questions regarding the FBI investigation concerning shooting of KING and was politely informed that no information could be furnished regarding this investigation at this time. The caller was courteous and said he understood the FBI's position in this matter.

LEADS:

BIRMINGHAM AND MOBILE DIVISIONS

Will review files regarding ROBINSON and JAMES and if deemed appropriate based on results of such review, set forth leads re current whereabouts.

NEW YORK DIVISION (INFORMATION:

A copy is being furnished New York inasmuch as the caller, BOB HUMERSTONE, resides New York Division and may contact the New York Office re this matter.

ME 44-1987 Sub E

RICHMOND DIVISION (INFORMATION)

Copy is being furnished Richmond as Richmond is familiar with details of the American Nazi Party (ANP) and may have information available re ROY JAMES.

4/12/68

A I R T E L

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, RICHMOND (44-657) -P-
MURKIN
CR

Re Minneapolis teletype to Bureau, 4/9/68.

ZEIGE SMALLEY, Foreman, Broadway Yards, N&W Railway, Petersburg, Va., advised on 4/11/68 that J. B. MILLER, white male, age 65, residence 1633 Circle Drive, Rt. 6, Petersburg, Va., has been employed by N&W for 50 years. SMALLEY advised that COOPER E. GILL, white male, born 3/22/17, residence, Rt. 4, Box 133X, Petersburg, was employed for approximately one year, however, he was injured 11 months ago and has been off work since injury.

MILLER interviewed and advised that an attorney by the name of LEHMEYER from Minneapolis, Minn., was driven to the Broadway Yards on either Wednesday or Thursday the last week of March by COOPER GILL. He advised GILL picked LEHMEYER up at the airport in Richmond and his reason for coming to Richmond and Petersburg was to contact him and GILL concerning injuries they received while working for the N&W.

- 3 - Bureau
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- 2 - Memphis (44-1987)
- 2 - Minneapolis (157-450)
- ② - Richmond

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Indices negative in Richmond Division on MILLER
and GILL.

In view of above, no further investigation being
conducted concerning these individuals.

4/12/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
Attention: FBI Laboratory

FROM: SAC, RICHMOND (44-657) -P-

MURKIN
CR

Re Albany teletype dated 4/8/68 and Richmond airtel to Bureau dated 4/8/68.

Enclosed for the FBI Laboratory are two 3" by 5" cards containing six Thermo Seal pieces of marking tape.

On 4/11/68, Mr. JOSEPH A. YOUNG, Manager, Bonnie Bright Laundry (formerly known as Farlington Laundry), 3800 South Four Mile Run Drive, Arlington, Va., advised SA JOHN W. PFAFF, JR. that his company has used white Thermo Seal marking tape exclusively for over two years. Mr. YOUNG made available six samples of Thermo Seal marking tape which were affixed to two 3" by 5" cards.

Mr. YOUNG noted the machine is capable of making six characters at one time and that the first four characters on this machine are slightly smaller than the last four characters. His company uses a coding system consisting of four alphabetic letters, a dash and one number. According to Mr. YOUNG, there is no standard coding process and each individual laundry is free to employ its own individual coding system.

3 - Bureau (Enc-2)(Registered Mail) ²⁹¹⁻⁸⁵⁵
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URGENT 4-15-68 DCC
TO MEMPHIS AND RICHMOND
FROM CHARLOTTE (44-1365)

MURKIN

✓ 44-657*

RE MILWAUKEE TEL TO RICHMOND APR. ELEVEN LAST.

LUCY GLEN GILL, SEVEN ONE SEVEN FAIRFIELD ST., BURLINGTON,
NC, ADVISED TODAY SHE DOES NOT HAVE RELATIVE BY NAME ERIC STARVO
GAULT. STATED KNOWS OF NO RELATIVE FITTING DISCRPTION OF GAULT, &
ONLY LIVING RELATIVE BY NAME OF GAULT IS JAMES GAULT WHO RESIDES
CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA. STATES SINCE DEATH OF HER STEPFATHER,
JAMES GAULT, IN NINETEEN FIFTYSIX, SHE HAS NOT SEEN ANY OF
STEPFATHER'S RELATIVES.

AM COPY MILWAUKEE.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, ALBANY (44-493) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN ✓ 44-657X
CR

(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re Albany airtel to Bureau 4/11/68.

LAUNDRY MARKS

Following is a list by offices of Thermo-Seal machines located at military establishments producing five character tapes 1 1/8" long and 1/4" wide as provided by Mr. DONALD BROTON, Textile Marking Machine Company, 2204 Erie Boulevard East, Syracuse, N.Y.

3-Bureau
3-Memphis (44-1987)
2-Boston (157-644)
2-Charlotte
2-Chicago (44-1114)
2-Honolulu
3-Jacksonville (44-769)
3-Miami
2-Newark (44-854)
2-New York (44-1609)
3-Norfolk
2-Philadelphia
②-Richmond
3-San Francisco (173-65)
2-San Juan
3-Seattle
2-WFO
3-Albany
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AL 44-493

For the information of San Juan, the following is furnished:

Search of premises believed occupied by UNSUB who assassinated Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING on 4/4/68, disclosed suitcase in which was located tee-shirt and undershorts bearing laundry mark on red tape with black lettering believed to be Thermo-Seal type, manufactured by Textile Marking Machine Co., Inc., Syracuse, N.Y. The tape is $\frac{1}{4}$ " wide and $1 \frac{1}{16}$ " long and bears letters and numbers 02B-6.

Experts at Textile Marking Machine Company advise type on this machine is unusual in that the first two characters are 15 point type and the last three characters are eighteen point type, with the middle character, the letter B, probably being narrow rather than regular type. The usual machine carries 15 point type for the first three characters and 18 point type for the last two characters.

Textile Marking Machine experts also stated this machine is defective in that it is producing a tape $1 \frac{1}{16}$ " long instead of $1 \frac{1}{8}$ " long and is not projecting the tape far enough resulting in cutting off a portion of the first letter. The code used in the Northeast part of the U. S. is as follows:

The first letter O stands for lot number; the first number 2 indicates the day of the week, two being Tuesday; the second letter indicates the first letter of the store name, this is the letter B; the last number is the bundle number, this is 6. Color coding of the tag may designate various things such as a different month or the identity of a store in a chain. Experts also state the use of this system on laundry items is unusual in that the system is normally used on garments being dry cleaned.

The Bureau has instructed that all textile machines using this type tape be located and machines using this code be identified.

A. J. Catalano

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BOSTON

Navy Exchange	SN 32296
Naval Air Station	SN 33431
Quonset Point, Rhode Island	

Navy Exchange	SN 33137
Naval Station	SN 33138
Naval Base	
Newport, Rhode Island	

CHARLOTTE

Freight Traffic Bridge	SN 31806
Building 1011	SN 31807
Camp Lejeune, North Carolina	SN 31847
	SN 31849

CHICAGO

Navy Exchange	SN 32285
Naval Training Officer	SN 32308
Great Lakes, Illinois	

HONOLULU

Navy Exchange	SN 32897
Naval Station	
Pearl Harbor, Hawaii	

JACKSONVILLE

Navy Exchange	SN 31748
Naval Air Station	SN 31773
Jacksonville, Florida	SN 31928

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JACKSONVILLE (CONT.)

Navy Exchange	SN 32223
Naval Air Station	SN 32226
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	SN 32229
	SN 32220
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	SN 32509
	SN 32300
	SN 32295

Navy Exchange	SN 32521
Naval Air Station	
Yukon, Florida	

MIAMI

Navy Exchange	SN 31964
Naval Station	SN 31969
Key West, Florida	

MEMPHIS

Navy Exchange	SN 32040
Naval Air Station	SN 32044
Millington, Tennessee	SN 32439

NEWARK

Navy Exchange	SN 33440
Naval Air Station	
Lakehurst, New Jersey	

NEW YORK

Army and Air Force Exchange	SN 32141
Ship to Transport Officer	SN 32143
Brooklyn Army Terminal	SN 32143
First Avenue and 53 St.	SN 32157
Brooklyn, N.Y.	