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ALL OFFICES PLEASE NOTE: Bureau teletype to All Continental Offices, 4/9/68, stated that all laundries should be contacted in an effort to identify the tape on the shorts and tee-shirt believed to have been abandoned by UNSUB. The Textile Marking Machine Co. has advised that the above are the only machines known by that company to be in the above listed states which would be capable of producing the laundry mark on the garments. This company advised that the tapes on the garments are their tapes exclusively and that there is no other marking machines in the world which could have produced the tapes.

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ALL OFFICES should index the names of these locations in their territories for future use in other type cases.

The Bureau has been requested to supply to all of the offices covering the above states copies of color photographs of the tapes attached to the garments recovered. The Bureau has advised that this is being done.

ALL OFFICES

It is suggested in contacts with above establishments the actual operators of Thermo-Seal machines rather than supervisory personnel be contacted. It is further suggested, on the basis of consultation with Textile Marking Machine Co. personnel that the letter "O" in instant tape may have been used rather than a dash for first character. If the code is recognizable by insertion of a dash instead of letter "O", or if the code is recognizable as it appears on instant tape, obtain sample of tape and immediately submit to FBI Laboratory for examination.

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TO ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES

FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 1P

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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.

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TO MEMPHIS (44-1987), NEW ORITANS, JACKSON AND KNOWN THE FROM RICHMOND (44-657)

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IRA GLENN WISEMAN, ROANOKE, VA., ADVISED APRIL ELEVEN LAST, HIS BROTHER-IN-LAW, JAMES HENRY SHORT, ONE SEVEN TWO TWO TULLAMORE ST., ALEXANDRIA, LA., CLAIMS TO HAVE KNOWLEDGE OF PERSON WHO KILLED KING. SHORT DISAPPEARED FROM HIS HOME TEN DAYS AGO AND WHEREABOUTS NOT KNOWN UNTIL APRIL ELEVEN LAST WHEN HIS WIFE JACQUELINE RECEIVED INFORMATION SHORT PASSED INS CHECKS HOLIDAY INN, RONAOKE, VA.,

WISEMAN LOCATED SHORT AND TOOK HIM TO HIS HOME. SHORT INFORMED WISEMAN HE WAS IN MEMPHIS DAY KING WAS KILLED AND COULD IDENTIFY KILLER BUT NOT BY NAME.

SHORT INTERVIEWED AND FURNISHED FOLLOWING: HE SERVED SEVEN YEARS IN USAF, NO. AF ONE THREE SEVEN ZERO FIVE FIVE ONE SIX, UN-DESIRABLE DISCHARGE NOV. THIRTY, SIXTYSEVEN. EMPLOYED BY AFCO SCHOOL EQUIPMENT CO., ALEXANDRIA, LA. WIFE AND TWO CHILDREN RESIDE THERE.

CLAIMS ASSOCIATION WITH A COMMUNIST EUGENE BATTLE, NEGRO MALE, FIVE SEVEN TO FIVE EIGHT, ONE HUNDRED FIFTY TO ONE HUNDRED SIXTY, BLACK KINKY HAIR, SPECIALIST E-FOUR ASSIGNED TO SAME AF UNIT,

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THREE ONE NINE TH AIR COMMANDO SQUAD AT ELGIN AFB, FLORIDA. HOME ADDRESS, LITTLE ROCK, ARK.

SHORT DENIES MEMBERSHIP IN CP OR UKA, KKKKK,

SHORT CONTACTED TELEPHONICALLY MONDAY EVENING, APRIL ONE, LAST BY UNKNOWN MAN, WHO STATED HE WAS WANTED ON A "JOB" AT MEMPHIS, BETWEEN TWO THIRTY AND THREE PM, APRIL FOUR LAST. HE WAS INSTRUCTED TO COME TO BOOM ONE TWO SIX AT THE DOWNTOWNER MOTOR INN, MEMPHIS, TO GO ENH THROUGH JACKSON, MISS., EN ROUTE AND PICK UP A MAN NAMED DICK COLLINS AT THE HOLIDAY INN, JACKSON, ON APRIL THREE LAST.

SHORT PROCEEDED TO JACKSON IN HIS SIXTYSEVEN TWO DOOR BLUE BOTTOM VINYL COMET, ARRIVING AT HOLIDAY INN ABOUT MIDNIGHT APRIL THREE LAST. HE CHECKED IN USING HIS RIGHT NAME. COLLINS, A WHITE MALE, CONTACTED HIM ABOUT ELEVEN THIRTY AM, APRIL FOUR LAST, AND THEY DROVE TO MEMPHIS, ARRIVING ABOUT FIVE THIRTY PM. THEY FOUND THREE WHITE MEN AND ONE NEGRO MAN IN ROOM THREE ONE TWO SIX OF THE DOWNTOWNER MOTEL. NO. ONE, A WHITE MALE, EARLY FIFTIES, SIX FT. ONE, TWO HUNDRED THIRTY LBS., BLACK HAIR, TURNING GRAY, APPEARED TO BE LEADER. HE WAS IMPATIENT WITH SHORT FOR BEING LATE AND END PAGE TWO

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POINTED OUT A YOUNG NEATLY DRESSED WHITE MAN HOLDING WHAT APPEARED TO BE A GUN CASE AND STATED HE DROVE FROM NEW ORLEANS AND WAS THERE ON TIME.

NO. ONE STATED THEY WOULD HAVE TO HURRY BECAUSE KING WAS STAY—
ING IN A MOTEL ABOUT ELEVEN BLOCKS AWAY. HE NEVER MENTIONED KILLING
KING BUT INSTRUCTED SHORT, COLLINS AND THE OTHER THREE MEN THEY
WERE TO GO TO THE MOTEL AND CREATE A DISTURBANCE IN THE VICINITY SO
AS TO DISTRACT THE ATTENTION OF ANY SECURITY GUARDS. THE GROUP
LEFT THE DOWNTOWNER MOTEL. COLLINS AND THE NEGRO ENTERED A LIGHT
COLORED LATE MOTEL BUICK OR OLDS. NO. ONE AND THE OTHER TWO MEN
ENTERED A LATE MODEL CHRYSLER. SHORT DROVE HIS OWN AUTOMOBILE AND
ON WAY TO MOTEL DECIDED HE DID NOT WANT TO BE INVOLVED IN A
DISTURBANCE AND PROCEEDED TO KINGSPORT, TENN. HE WAS DRIVING ON
INTERSTATE TWO FOUR ZERO WHEN HE HEARD OF THE ASSASSINATION BY
RADIO.

SHORT CHECKED INTO THE HOLIDAY INN AT KINGSPORT, TENN., AT ONE THIRTY AM, APRIL FIVE LAST. HE CONTINUED TO ROANOKE, VA., NEXT MORNING AND CHECKED INTO HOLIDAY INN, NO. TWO, AT ONE FOURTYFOUR AM, APRIL SIX LAST.

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HE STAYED THERE UNTIL FOUND BY WISEMAN. THIS VERIFIED BY MOTEL RECORDS.

NO. TWO WHITE MALE, APPROXIMATELY THERTY, MEDIUM BUILD AND COMPLEXION, WELL DRESSED.

NO.THREE WHITE MALE, THIRTY - FORTY, LIGHT HAIR, SLENDER BUILD SIX FT. FOUR IN., ONE HUNDRED EIGHT LBS.

NO. FOUR, NEGRO MALE, LATE TWENTIES, OR EARLY THIRTIES, FIVE FT. ELEVEN INC., ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY LBS., LIGHT COMPLEXION, BLACK HAIR, CUT CLOSE, WELL DRESSED.

COLLINS, WHITEMALE, MIDDLE THIRTIES, MEDIUM BUILD AND COMPLEXION WELL DRESSED, DARK HAIR.

SHORT, WHITE MALE, BORN MAN. ELEVEN, FORTY THREE, CHARLESTON, WEST VA., FIVE FT. NINE, ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY LBS., DARK BROWN WAVY HAIR, BROWN EYES, MEDIUM COMPLEXION AND BUILD, DRIVING SIXTYSEVEN COMET, LA. LICENSE TWO FOUR E NINE NINE THREE.

SHORT ADMITTED HE WAS DRINKING NIGHT HE RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL BY CLAIMS WAS NOT DRUNK. ADMITS HAVING ISSUED EIGHT INS FUNDS CHECKS. HE PAID MOTEL BILL AT HOLIDAY INN OF ONE HUNDRED THREE DOLLARS WITH GULF CREDIT CARD, NO. ONE THREE ONE FIVE SEVEN EIGHT

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THAT MEMPHIS ATTEMPT			-	
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TO RICHMOND

FROM MEMPHIS 44-1987

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INVESTIGATION MEMPHIS REVEALS FOLLOWING INDIVIDUAL WAS REGISTERED INTO THE LORRAINE HOTEL - MOTEL, FOUR ZERO SIX MULBERRY AVE.,
MEMPHIS, ON EITHER APRIL THREE OR FOUR, LAST, OR BOTH DATES. IT SHOULD
BE NOTED THE LORRAINE HOTEL IS WHERE DR. KING WAS ASSASSINATED:

JAMES LOVE ROOM THREE ZERO EIGHT, APRIL THREE AND FOUR, LAST, EIGHT TWO THREE ONE CHAUNCEY COURT, ALEXANDRIA, VA.

INTERVIEW LOVE RE ANY INFO HE MAY HAVE CONCERNING ASSASSINATION.

FOR INFO OF RICHMOND, DR. KING WAS SHOT WHILE STANDING WITH HIS

BACK TO HIS ROOM ON BALCONY ON SECOND FLOOR LEVEL AT ABOUT SIX P. M. THE

A DIRECTION IN FRONT OF HIM. INTERVIEWING AGENTS SHOULD ENDEAVOR TO

OBTAIN ONLY FACTS FROM INDIVIDUALS INTERVIEWED, KEEPING IN MIND HIGH

DEGREE OF EMOTION GENERATED AS A RESULT OF ASSASSINATION, WHICH MAY AF
FECT THE INDIVIDUAL'S ABILITY TO FACTUALLY RELATE WHAT HE OBSERVED AT

TIME OF ASSASSINATION.

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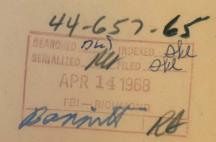
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AS ACTING DIRECTOR PROGRAM EVALUATION AND DEVELOPMENT, COMMUNITY
RELATIONS SERVICES, U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, WDC.

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LAUE STATED HE NOTICE NO ONE LEAVING THE AREA. COULD FURNISH NO
PERTINENT INFORMATION. BUT RECALLS THE FOLLOWING PRESENT UPON
ARRIVING BODY OF DR. KING: REVERENDS ANDREW YOUNG, RALPH ABERNATHY,
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MEMPHIS AT MEMPHIS IF APPROPRIATE INTERVIEW REVERENDS ANDREW
YOUNG, RALPH ABERNATHY, AND JESSE JACKSON RE THEIR RECOLLECTIONS

EVENING OF FOUR FOUR SIXTYEIGHT.

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TO:

DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM:

SAC, RICHMOND (P)

SUBJECT:

MURKIN CRA, 1964

Re WFO airtel to Bureau, 4/11/68.

Mrs. RUBY DANSBY, owner and manager of the Belvoir Grill, 9100 Richmond Highway, U. S. 1, Fairfax Co., va., phoned Fairfax Co., Va. PD night of 4/10/68 and they in turn, phoned WFO to advise that DANSBY served an unknown itinerant on 4/10/68, whom she thought resembled the artist's conception of subject which had appeared in local newspapers.

Mrs. DANSBY was interviewed by SA ROLAND M. COCKER 4/11/68 and advised that the description of the itinerant who came to her Grill was 54 years of age, 5'8", 155 lbs., sandy-graying hair, thin mustache, blue eyes, no car, and without money. She later saw the artist's conception appearing in the local newspapers and believed the itinerant to have resembled the artist's sketch. She advised she has not maintained the dinner utensils used by this person. This description was also furnished by ROSE "FRENCHIE" KELLY, a waitress who also saw the itinerant.

In view of the wide discrepancy of the physical description of the itinerant from that of the subject, no further action is being taken in this regard.

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ILE CASE MUST BE GIVEN TOP PETERITY AND CV RED BY TELEVISION TO THE BOXING DOULER.

Bureau in taletype 4/14/68 to all continental offices novised as follows:

RRIC STARVO GALF, the principal suspect, has been reported as having attended dancing schools in Birminghem, Hew Orleans, and California. All offices should issediately check all deneing schools in your territories for any record of prior attendance at any such schools by CAIT and run out any leads developed. GALE reportedly signed up for a one year dancing course in New Orleans in 1964; took dancing lessons for several works in Birmingham beginning in September 1967; and took a four hundred minety-nine dollar dance course from December 1967 to February 1968 at Long Beach, Calify

One cance instructor has stated that GALF is "creay" about dencing, but a poor dencer and difficult to beach because he does not resember lustructions. He

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was described as an introvert who volunteers no information and replies with yes or no answers when asked; did not single with other students and made no efforts to make friends or converse with anyone.

Another dance instructor stated GAIR is a good dancer, displayed slight southern accent, rural characteristics of language and diction, teeth straight and clean, fingermails clean and acctly 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 ouff links. Smoked filter digerettes and had nervous habit of occasionally pulling at ear lobe. Owner of studie states GAIR spoke of Alabama, said he was a merchant seemen; spoke of being in Mexico, but did not speak Spenish and spoke English badly, was socially inept, an introvert, and a poor dancer because he would not loosen up. The instructor advised that he smiled rarely and when he did it was a nervous crocked smile and he paid cash for lessons taking a mad of bills from his pocket.

ENIC STARVO GALT described as five feet eleven inches tall, one hundred seventy-five pounds, blue eyes, brown heir, born 7/20/31, place not given.

GALT may have used the name HANNEY LOWNYER or JOHN WILLARD or any variation of these two names or any other name. In connection with any inquiries, no indication should be given that inquiries are in connection with captioned case.

ARAs should assure expeditious handling of above contacts and immediately check on any individuals identified from these contacts. It is suggested that contact of dance studios be confined to those offering instruction to male students such as Fred Astaire Studios and the like, being noted that there are only four such studios is Richmond Headquarters area.

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TO **MEMPHIS**

RICHMOND (44-657) FROM

MURKIN, CIVIL RIGHTS. OO: MEMPHIS.

RE MILWAUKEE TELETYPE TO RICHMOND APRIL ELEVEN LAST.

MRS. LAURA K. GALT, CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA, WIDOW OF JAMES H. GALT, ADVISED THAT THE ONLY LIVING GALT RELATIVE KNOWN TO HER IS HER HUSBAND'S SOME BY A PREVIOUS MARRIAGE, JAMES CALHOUN GALT, WHO, UNTIL RECENTLY, RESIDED TWO ZERO THREE SUNSET DRIVE, RICHMOND, VIRGINIA, AND WAS EMPLOYED BY THE DUPONT CORPORATION, BUT RECENTLY MOVED TO CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE, EXACT ADDRESS UNKNOWN.

MRS. GALT ADVISED THETNAME ERIC STARVO GALT WAS COMPLETELY UNKNOWN TO HER! AND FURTHER THAT HER STEPSON WOULD HAVE NO INFORMATION NOT IN HER OWN POSSESSION.

IN VIEW OF THE FOREGOING, NO LEADS BEING SET OUT TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW JAMES CALHOUN GALT.

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TO:

SACS, SAVANNAH AND MEMPHIS

FROM:

SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)

MURKIN, CIVÍL RÍGHTS.

CLARENCE SHACKELFORD, SEVENTEEN CENTRAL AVENUE,

GARDEN CITY PARK, NEW YORK, A RETIRED LANDSCAPE GARDENER,

ON APRIL TWELVE ONE NINE SIX EIGHT, ADVISED THAT ON

SATURDAY, APRIL SIX ONE NINE SIX EIGHT, HE WAS ABOARD

A GREYHOUND BUS WHICH ORIGINATED IN JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA,

AT ABOUT SIX FIFTEEN A.M. THAT DATE AND AT WALTERBORO,

SOUTH CAROLINA, A NEW BUS DRIVER CAME ON BOARD AT

APPROXIMATELY ELEVEN AIM. A NEW PASSENGER ALSO BOARDED

AT WALTERBORO AND WENT IMMEDIATELY TO THE REAR SEAT

WHICH UNTIL THEN HAD BEEN OCCUPIED ONLY BY SHACKELFORD.

SHACKELFORD ADVISED THE NEW PASSENGER STRONGLY RESEMBLES

THE PROFILE ARTIST'S CONCEPTION OF UNKNOWN SUBJECT AND

DESCRIBED HIM AS WHITE MALE AMERICAN, AGE ABOUT FORTY FIVE,

1 Richmond (AM)

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1 - Supervisor #23

1 - ADIC JOHN F. MALONE

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SIX FEET TALL, ONE SEVEN FIVE TO ONE EIGHT ZERO POUNDS, RUGGED APPEARANCE, SANDY COLORED OR LIGHT BROWN HAIR IN WIDOWS PEAK, RECEDING ON SIDES, SHAGGY, UNKEPT, LONG THIN NOSE WITH HIGH BRIDGE, PALE COMPLEXION, NEEDED A SHAVE, EYES UNKNOWN, BUT EYELASHES OF LIGHT COLOR, WEARING WORK PANTS AND SHIRT OF UNKNOWN COLOR, NO COAT. HIGH TYPE ARMY BOOTS, NO SOCKS. NO JEWELRY OR OTHER IDENTIFYING MATERIAL.

AT RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA, THE BUS DRIVER WALKED
TO THE REAR SEAT OF THE BUS AND GAVE THE MAN A TICKET
SAYING SOMETHING ABOUT HAVING CHECKED THE MAN'S BLANKET.
THE MAN MADE NO REPLY BUT DURING THE THIRTY FIVE MINUTE
STOP AT RALEIGH, THE MAN LEFT THE BUS AND RETURNED WITH
A KHAKI COLORED ROLLED ARMY BLANKET WHICH WAS LOOSELY

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ROLLED AND TIED WITH LIGHT COLORED GRASS CORD. BOTH
THE BLANKET AND THE MAN'S SHOES WERE COVERED WITH DRIED
MUD OF A LIGHT COLOR. THIS MAN STAYED ABOARD THE BUS
UNTIL RICHMOND, VIRGINIA, AND DISEMBARKED.

SHACKELFORD ADVISED HE BELIEVES THE MAN HAD SOME PRIOR CONVERSATION WITH THE BUS DRIVER CONCERNING THE MUD SPATTERED BLANKET AND IS CERTAIN THE BUS DRIVER WOULD REMEMBER HIM. HE DESCRIBED THE BUS DRIVER AS BEING VERY HEAVY, STANDING OVER SIX FEET TALL AND OF LIGHT COMPLEXION.

LEAD:

SAVANNAH

AT WALTERBORO, SOUTH CAROLINA. WILL ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY THE GREYHOUND BUS DRIVER AND DETERMINE IF HE RECALLS INSTANT PASSENGER AND FURNISH PERTINENT DETAILS TO RICHMOND THE POINT OF DISEMBARKATION.

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TO:

DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

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SAC, RICHMOND (44-657) - P -

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(00:MEMPHIS)

Re WFO tel to the Director, 4/19/68.

Re communication furnished information regarding unknown individual who matched description of UNSUB. Investigation by Richmond Division determined the individual to be FREMOND SYLVESTER BURRIS, JR., white male, DOB - 8/20/37, 5*5", 170 lbs., blond hair, blue eys, address - 7515 Carroll Ave., Takoma, Md. BURRIS was fired by Cherrydale Sheet Metal Co., 2809 Dorr Ave., Merrifield, Va., on 4/10/68 for being tardy and drunk on the job. It was determined he was employed and worked on pertinent dates involved in this matter.

In view of the above, no further investigation is being conducted re BURRIS.

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928PM URGENT 4/13/68 DWS TO CHARLOTTE, HOUSTON AND MEMPHIS FROM RICHMOND (44-657)

MURKIN

RE CHARLOTTE TELEPHONE CALL TO RICHMOND TODAY AND MIAMI TEL TO BUREAU FOUR TWELVE LAST.

NO LISTING DANVILLE, VA. FOR ASSOCIATED PIPELINE CONTRACTORS AND FIRM UNKNOWN TO SOURCES DANVILLE. TELEPHONE NUMBER SEVEN NINE THREE DASH TWO SEVEN THREE ONE ISSUED TO HOLIDAY INN MOTEL DANVILLE. MOTEL RECORDS REFLECT JOHN A. GAULT FIVE FIVE ONE FOUR DARNELL, HOUSTON, TEXAS, REPRESENTING ASSOCIATED PIPELINE CONTRACTORS HOUSTON CHECKED IN MOTEL PM APRIL FOUR LAST TIME NOT SHOWN AND CHECKED OUT AM APRIL NINE LAST. NO RETURN RESERVATION MADE. GAULT OPERATING SIXTYEIGHT FORD NORTH CAROLINA LIC. TWO NINE FIVE THREE DASH C. MADE LONG DISTANT CALLS TO PHONE SIX SIX SEVEN DASH ZERO NINE ZERO SIX HOUSTON APRIL FOUR AND EIGHT LAST.

MOTEL EMPLOYEES UNABLE TO DESCRIBE GAULT. CHARLOTTE AND HOUSTON ATTEMPT TO LOCATE JOHN A. GAULT DETERMINE IF IDENTICAL WITH ERIC STARVO GAULT OR IF ERIC GAULT KNOWN TO HIM.

END END JMC EVB FBI CHARLT

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TO CHARLOTTE, HOUSTON AND MEMPHIS

FROM RICHMOND (44-657)

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Memorandum

TO : SAC(44-657)

DATE: 4/12/68

FROM : M.J. Yancey

SUBJECT: MURKIN

OO: MEMPHIS

RE: JOHN A. GAULT

Reference Charlotte teletype 4/12/68

AT DANVILLE, VA.

The following investigation was conducted on 4/12/68

An examination of the Danville telephone and city directories failed to result in locating a listing for Associated Pipeline Contractors, and L.R.Wyatt, Retail Merchants Association states he has never heard of this firm operating in Danville, Va.

Lt. MARION SETLIFF, PD Danville, Va. advised he has never heard of Associated Pipeline Contractors operating in the Danville, Va. area and he has no record for JOHN A. GAULT.

Records of C & P Telephone Company, Danville, Va. reflect telephone 793-2731 issued Holliday Inn Motel, Danville, Va.

Mr. WESLEY DOVE, Clerk, Holiday Inn Motel, Danville, Va. stated JOHN A. GAULT registered at that motel during the PM of 4/4/68, however the exact time of registration was not shown. He gave his address as 5514 Darnell, Houston, Texas, and stated was representing Associated Pipeline Contractors of Houston. He stated he was operating a 1968 Ford and listed the license number as North Carolina 2953-C. While at the hotel GAULT made three local calls from his motel room, however no record was kept as to the numbers called. On 4/4/68 and again on 4/8/68 he made a call to Houston, Texas, telephone 667-0906. He made another call on 4/8/68 however the number he called was not shown on the telephone charge slip. GAULT checked out of the Motel during the morning of 4/9/68, exact time of check out not shown.

Mr. DOVE stated he was on duty each evening from 4/4/68 to 4/9/68 and recalls JOHN A. GAULT, however he could not describe him other than to state he was a white man.DOVE checked with other motel employees who said they could not describe him.GAULT did not make a return reservation and Mr. DOVE said he had no reason to think he will return to Danville.

**POOVE stated he had never heard of Associated Pipeline Contractors before and has never had another guest who worked for this firm.

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TO:

DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM:

SAC, WFO (44-703) (P)

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On 4/12/68, Mrs. W. WAYNE (ALICE) WILSON. 6807 Nesbitt Place, Mc Lean, Virginia, telephone 356-6134, advised that she had out out and retained a copy of the composite drawing of the slayer of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. While watching the television coverage of the funeral, she felt certain she observed a person closely resembling or identical with the person on the composite. She advised that she believes she was watching channel 4 (MBC Network) and that the person was observed prior to the Church service, and approximately ten minutes previous to the appearance of Mrs. KING at the Church. She stated that the person was standing along side of a full-faced colored male, near a brick wall. This possible suspect was standing to the side and in front of the colored male.

The above information is being furnished for the information thereof for Atlanta for possible future use.

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SAC, RICHMOND

(44-657)

DATE:

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FROM

SUPR. R. E. TROW

SUBJECT:

MURKIN

Re Charlotte tyletype, 4/9/68.

In connection with referenced teletype, received in the early stages of this investigation, it was noted that Charlotte indicated a suspect who allegedly confessed to the killing of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. and that he was apparently hitchhiking to Washington, D. C., to give himself up.

This was put out on a State Police All Points Bulleting and subsequently cancelled. However, prior to cancellation, the Henrico, Va. PD apprehended one MICHAEL WALTER GRIFFIN as a hitchhiker on Interstate 95 north of Richmond, as a possible suspect, however he was charged by them with vagrancy. GRIFFIN gave his address as 559 South Ditman Street, Los Angeles, California. It is noted that this individual from North Carolina was positively known to have a tattoo on his upper right arm consisting of a heart with the words, "Born to Lose" through the heart. GRIFFIN had no such tattoo.

This is being made a matter of record merely to record the name of this hitchhiker.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
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MURKIN (00:MEMPHIS)

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DIRECTOR, FRI (44-38861)

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SAC, RICHMOND (44-657) -P-

SUBJECT: MURKIN - CR

ReWFO teletype to Director, Memphis and Richmond, 5:25 a.m., 4-8-68.

RE: "CHUCK" DOLAN

Basis for investigation of this person as suspect was receipt of telephone call by WFO indicating "CHUCK" LNU reportedly admitted to several girl acquaintances in Alexandria, Va., on April 6, 1968, that he had some involvement in MURKIN.

Investigation at Alexandria, Va., identified this individual as "CHUCK" DOLAN who in presence of several girls during discussion of KING's assassimation kiddingly indicated he had shot KING. One girl not acquainted with DOLAN thought he might be serious and reported statement to FBI. Investigation at Alexandria indicates no basis to further consider this individual as a logical suspect.

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Washington Field Office Special Agent WILLIAM LANDERS telephonically Alexandria, Va. Resident Agent, advised SA ARTHUR P. ROEHRL/at approximately 2:30am on April 8, 1968 that female his office had received an anonymous/telephone call from advising that a person by the name of ZECHNECK "CHUCK" from Tennessee, a white male, six feet, sandy hair, side burns, dark sunglasses, driving a light colored Pontiac with Tennessee tags had commented ower the weekend that he had shot MARTIN LUTHER KING. The caller advised that she did not know if he were serious in the comment or not but another person by the name of JANET WHEATLEY of 2301 N. 11th Street in Arlington, Virginia with the phone number 522-6605 was present. "CHUCK" was further described as being married and with children in Tennessee and in the rear of the window of his car was an imitation skeleton head. His whereabouts was not known staying but he might be ixxive in Alexandria near Columbus or Wolfe Streets.

The caller mentioned that she had advised her boyfriend, NEAL HUSTON who is employed at the HEISHMAN VOLKSWAGEN Dealer as a mechanic on Jefferson Davis Highway in Alexandria.

MR. NEAL HUSTON, 310 E. Nelson Avenue Alexandria, Virginia employed as a mechanic at the HEISHMAN VOLKSWAGEN dealer on Jefferson Davis Highway in Alexandria 34 Rolling M. cocker

on 4/9/68 advised, that he was not present when any comment againsT MARTIN LUTHER KING WAS made by "CHUCK" but his girl friend, LOUISE HELTON who is a telephone operator and who resides at 2301 N. 11th Street in Arlington had told him of the incident and of the fact that she had called the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Washington, D.C. to advise of the comment which she had heard.

MESS LOUISE HELTON, Apartment 302 at 2301 - 11th Street North, Arlington, Va. advised that she is a telephone operator for the C. & P. Telephone Company in Arlington, Vairginia at the N. Irving Street Office. She stated that on Saturday April 6, 1968, she was in the company of her roommate, JANET WHEATCHED, and WHATE SERIALIZED FILED SITTING IN THE SERIALIZED FILED SITTING IN THE APRIL OF SERIALIZED.

cussing the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING, when "CHUCK" stated that he had shot KING with a telescope rifle in Memphis. MISS HELTON asked if he meant this remark and he said that he did. She stated that she could not tell if he were joking or not but that because of his mannerisms she thought he might have had some narcotic stimulus of some kind because he were sunglases all the time, even at night, and he walked continuously when in the apartment. She stated that she felt compelled to call the FBI in view of the investigation that was being conducted. She had never seen him before and does not know what he does for a living or where he is staying in this area but he might be in Alexandria, Virginia in the vicinity of Columbus Street. She described him as a white male, married, not sure of where in Tennessee he might come from but he drives a 1958 blue Pontiac sedan with an imitation skeleton head in the rear window. She saw no gun but described him as approximately 6 feet, twenty-five years of age, dark brown hair, medium build.

MISS LOUISE WHEATLEY, roommate of LOUISE HELTON and also a telephone operator in Arlington, Virginia advised that she first met "CHUCK" DOLAN in Kingsport, Tennessee about five years ago and does not know where he lives or what where he might be staying at this time. She stated that she used to date him about four or five years ago but that she had not She advised that he did make the statement in the presence seen him for about six months. of her roommate on Saturday, April 6, 1968 that he had shot KING, but that he was only "kidding" and she paid no attention to the remark because she was certain that he did not mean anything by it. She described him as a white male, married with children but residence not known, height 6'1" or 6'2", medium build, dark brown hair, about twenty-five years of age. His employment was not known but he used to be a door hangar in Kingsport, Tennessee, and had lived in the Alexandria, Virginia area about six or eight months ago, however, his residence or employment were not known. MISS WHEATLEY emphasized that she was certain that DOLAN had made the comment in a joking manner, perhaps using bad discretion in the presence of her roommate who did not know his personality and she regretted that it was called to the attention of the FBI.xxx





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FROM

SA HAROLD P. SETTLE

MURKIN

SUBJECT:

On 4/15/68 there was delivered to the Roanoke RA the attached telegram addressed to "Chief Inspector, Federal Building, Federa 1 Bureau of Investigators, Roanoke, Virginia." Whereabouts of E. S.Galt traced from Atlanta to your vicinity in route by bus. Check routes 220, 11, 460, lower class mmotels. Armed, Dangerous 5/11 175 lbs blue eyes brown hair assistance from All areas by 8 p.m. Inspector 247 Salem District".

Mrs. Edna Shelor, Powell Pharmacy, Inc., 219 E. Main Street, Salem, Virginia, stated at 3:26 p.m. on 4/15/68, what where sound like a young person, male, very pleasant, local accent, calledxame on the telephone and stated he was Inspector 247 of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and wanted to send a telegram collect to the FBI, Roanoke, Va. She stated hether dictated the telegram as sent. She stated she didn't get a telephone number, mame or any other identifying information from the individual that sent the message. She stated that she had no idea as to his possible identity. She related if this individual called back she would attempt to secure identifying information and would immediately notify at

the FBI.
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ADMINISTRATIVE FBI—RICHMOND Since it does not appear possible to identify this individual: it is not felt further effort should be made in this matter.

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FBI Hunt-For Galt Widening

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (P) — FBI agents from Virginia to Florida were making an intensive hunt today for the mystery man whose abandoned white Mustang fits descriptions of a car seen leaving the scene of the Martin Luther King Jr. assassination.

The object of the widening search was Eric Starvo Galt, 37, known only as an unemployed seaman from Birmingham, Ala. A car registered in that name was seized by the FBI in Atlanta last Friday, eight days after King was shot to death in Memphis.

The FBI refused to acknowledge the hunt or to say why Galt was wanted. "No comment," was the routine reply. But Associated Press checks disclosed that FBI agents had contacted persons named Galt in several states including Virginia, Alabama and Floriday.

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ALERT-WITHDRAWN

An FBI alert for Galt was sent over the Florida police communications network last. Friday, but withdrawn four hours later.

FBI agents have continued to inquire about Galt at numerous places including dry cleaners and service stations in Birmingham, where a man named Eric Starvo Galt rented a room at a Southside boarding house within the past eight months.

Meanwhile, in Jacksonville, Fla., a man picked up for questioning about the assassination was cleared, police said.

Agents have exhibited composite drawings of a man's face, but no photographs, according to persons contacted Brrmingham.

At the same time, police sources in Memphis disclosed Sunday that the FBI was withholding nationwide distribution of a composite drawing, of King's killer, who fired the death shot from a dingy second-floor bathroom in a rundown rooming house. King, leader of nonviolent civil rights forces, was struck in the neck as he stood on a second-floor motel balcony facing the rear of the frooming house.

They haven't given us anything but a physical description. They aren't handing outpictures of the man," said a police official who asked that his name be withheld.

"They either don't have a good one or they're going it alone."

FBI WASH DC

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TO ALL SACS

FROM DIRECTOR

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THE FOLLOWING PRESS RELEASE WAS ISSUED AT WASHINGTON, D.C.,

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COVERAGE BY RADIO AND TV STATIONS. YOU ARE TO MAKE NO ELABORATION 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 INESTIGATION 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 S SAID TO BE A NEAT DRESSER AND
HAS A MEDIUM BUILD.

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GALT HAS BROWN HAIR, WHICH HE WEARS IN A "BRUSH" CUT.

HE REPORTEDLY HAS BLUE EYES; HIS NOSE IS STRAIGHT AND NARROW; HIS

TEETH ARE STRAIGHT AND CLEAN; AND HE HAS GIVEN HIS DATE OF

BIRTH AS JULY 20, 1931.

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

ACCORDING TO MR. HOOVER, PERSONS WHO HAVE MET GALT
DESCRIBE HIM AS A "LONER" AND STATE HIS LANGUAGE AND DICTION 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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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 EKOTHER, 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..."

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 PETWEEN 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 INESTIGATION 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 S SAID TO BE A NEAT DRESSER AND
HAS A MEDIUM BUILD.

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GALT HAS BROWN HAIR, WHICH HE WEARS IN A "BRUSH" CUT.

HE REPORTEDLY HAS BLUE EYES; HIS NOSE IS STRAIGHT AND NARROW; HIS

TEETH ARE STRAIGHT AND CLEAN; AND HE HAS GIVEN HIS DATE OF

BIRTH AS JULY 20, 1931.

THE FUGITIVE IS SAID TO HAVE A NERVOUS HABIT OF

OCCASIONALLY PULLING AT AN EAR LOBE WITH HIS HAND. HIS LEFT

EAR PROTRUDES FARTHER FROM HIS HEAD THAN HIS RIGHT EAR.

ACCORDING TO MR. HOOVER, PERSONS WHO HAVE MET GALT
DESCRIBE HIM AS A "LONER" AND STATE HIS LANGUAGE AND DICTION 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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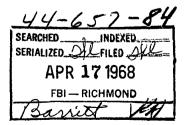
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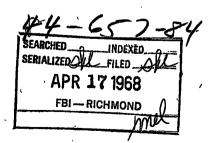
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Lt. NORMAN GRIMM, Detective, Alexandria, Virginia, Police Department, on April 6, 1968, advised SA ARTHUR P. ROEHRL the records of his department reflect that JOHNNY SAUNDERS WILLARD, 4524 Chaney Avenue, Apartment 101, Alexandria, Virginia, was charged on December 2, 1962 with Grand Larceny, reckless driving and operating a motor vehicle without a permit. No disposition of this charge was shown on the records.

The records further reflect that WILLARD was a white male, born July 10, 1946, Richlands, Virginia, was 5'10", 145 lbs., blue eyes, brown hair, and was a service station attendant.

Lt. GRIMM informed that the arresting officer was JAMES L. OUTLAND. He related that OUTLAND was no longer employed by the police department; however, he is employed by the Secret Service in Washington, D.C. He stated his full name was JAMES L. OUTLAND, and his residence address 2as 709 Chatworth Place, Alexandria, Virginia.

Lt. GRIMM informed that he could not find the folder with reference to this particular case; however, he would make it available as soon as it had found.

On April 11, 1968, Lt. GRIMM made available the folder with reference to WILIARD, The becords indicate that WILIARD on December 1, 1962 at approximately 6 P.M., was getting off work at his place of employment, the Harper's Flying-A Service, 1000 South Washington Street, Alexandria, Virginia. At this time the owner, HENRY HARPER, paid him and informed him that he no longer needed his services inasmuch as he needed a man with more experience. A customer had left a 1962 Corvair at the station, and the keys were in this automobile. WILIARD took the automobile, then picked up J'MES W. BROWN of 1926 Duke Street, Alaexandria, Virginia, They then drove to Washington, D.C., Maryland and various areas in Alexandria and during the period were drinking beer.

WILLARD was driving on Duke Street west when he hit a pedestrian. WILLARD was then charged with reckless driving, Grand Larceny of an automobile and operating a motor vehicle without a permit.

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