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RHODE ISLAND

Commodore Cleaners  
Front St.  
Woonsocket, R.I.  
SN32924

Norton Supply Co.  
11 LaFayette St.  
Providence, R.I.  
SN31997

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SOUTH DAKOTA

Royal Cleaners & Ldy.  
204 Walnut St.  
Yankton, S.D.  
SN32717

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TEXAS

Athens Laundry & Cleaners  
Athens  
SR 31751

Blanton Laundry  
1313 Proctor Street  
Port Arthur  
SR 31320

Blue Ribbon Laundry  
3824 Cedar Springs  
Dallas  
SR 33707

Cleco Corporation  
Hickory at Second Avenue  
Dallas  
SR 31257

Driskill Laundry  
411 East 19 Street  
Austin  
SR 31258  
SR 31251

Elite Laundry & Cleaners  
412 South Oregon Street  
El Paso  
SR R32101

Fishburn Laundry & Cleaners  
3200 Ross  
Dallas  
SR R32059  
SR R32053  
SR 30957

W. B. Fishburn Inc.  
1200 Main Street  
Fort Worth  
SR 30858

Model Laundry  
Brownsville  
SR 31840

Monarch Laundry  
2815 South Shepard  
Houston  
SR 31553  
SR 31555

Odessa Laundry  
1107 West 10  
Odessa  
SR R32102

Quality Steam Laundry  
Lubbock  
SR R32165

Sunshine Laundry & Cleaners  
214 East Hutchinson  
San Marcus  
SR 33476  
SR 31768

Vogue Cleaners  
207 East Avenue C  
Killeen  
SR 33621

White Star Laundry  
4535 Cole  
Dallas  
SR R33371  
SR R32113  
SR R32106

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TEXAS Continued

White Star Laundry  
530 San Pedro  
San Antonio  
SR R31817  
SR R31816

C. W. Wilkins Laundry & Cleaners  
Comroe  
SR 31694

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VERMONT

Beardsley  
Route 7  
Burlington, Vermont  
SN34084

Palmer Bros. Laundry  
72-78 Eastern Ave.  
St. Johnsbury, Vermont  
SN31845  
SN32701

Williams Laundry  
7 Maple St.  
Windsor, Vermont  
SN31337

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WEST VIRGINIA

Rockwell Laundry & Cleaners  
126 So. Raleigh St.  
Martinsburg, W. Va.  
SN33873



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WYOMING

Casper Laundry  
330 N. Durbin  
Casper, Wyoming  
SN R33373

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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 Company 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 machine in the world which could have produced the tapes.

Further note, the following are names and addresses with telephone numbers of sales representatives of Textile Marking Machine Company covering the above territories:

DICK BRISTOW  
3462 N.W. 13th Ave.  
Gainesville, Fla.  
Telephone FR2-1290  
Covering Florida, Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina  
and Southern Mississippi.

JOE COMBS  
5232 Devonshire  
Oxon Hill, Maryland  
Telephone 248-6127  
Covering Maryland, Delaware, Pennsylvania,  
W. Virginia, Virginia, North Carolina, Eastern  
Tennessee and Eastern Kentucky.

FRED WEBER  
33 Skylark Lane  
Stony Brook, L.I., N.Y.  
Telephone 751-2135  
Covering Metropolitan New York City, New Jersey,  
Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Maine,  
New Hampshire, and Vermont.

Upstate New York inquiries should be referred to  
Textile Marking Machine Co., Syracuse, N.Y., telephone  
446-8110.



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JACK CODY  
2929 Chaucer Drive  
Sherwood Village  
North Canton, Ohio  
Telephone 492-5497  
Covering Michigan, Indiana, and Ohio.

PETE WYKOVICH  
755 Hawthorne Avenue  
Elmhurst, Illinois  
Telephone BR9-6141  
Covering Illinois, Eastern Iowa, Minnesota, and Wisconsin.

AL DAVIS  
1844 East 48th Street  
Kansas City, Missouri  
Telephone WA 41312  
Covering North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Western Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, Northern Mississippi, Western Tennessee and Western Kentucky.

FRED RAUPAK  
18409 Hiawatha  
Northridge, California  
Telephone EM3-8963  
Covering California, Nevada, Utah, Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, Idaho, Oregon and Washington.

ALL OFFICES should index 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.

THE ABOVE LIST IS ALPHABETICAL BY STATES AND EACH OFFICE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR DETERMINING THE CONTACTS IN ITS OWN AREA. This has been done in the interest of saving time since there are approximately 3,000 machine locations to be accounted for.

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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 Company 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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Date: 4/13/68

Transmit the following in PLAINTEXT  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via TELETYPE URGENT  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861), BIRMINGHAM (44-1740),  
MEMPHIS (44-1987), ~~MEMPHIS~~ LITTLE ROCK, and Knoxville.

FROM: SAC, SAN DIEGO (44-387)

MURKIN

ON APRIL THIRTEEN, SIXTY EIGHT, VICKIE FRANCES BURT,  
EL CAJON, CALIFORNIA (PROTECT IDENTITY), TELEPHONICALLY  
*ON April Two, Sixty Eight,*  
ADVISED SHE OVERHEARD A CONVERSATION IN A BAR ON THE TUESDAY  
BEFORE KING'S MURDER AS FOLLOWS:

A MALE INDIVIDUAL, WHO SAID HE WAS AN EX-POLICEMAN FROM  
TENNESSEE, CLAIMED HE HAD A CONTRACT FOR FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS  
TO KILL KING AND THAT ~~QUOTE~~ IN TWO DAYS THAT BLACK SOB WILL BE  
DEAD ~~END QUOTE~~. THIS MALE INDIVIDUAL, WHOSE FIRST NAME BELIEVED  
TO BE BOB, IS DESCRIBED:

WMA, FIVE ELEVEN, ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY FIVE TO EIGHTY POUNDS,  
DARK BROWN, STRAIGHT, RECEDING HAIR, BLUE EYES, OWNS WHITE OR  
CREAM COLORED AUTOMOBILE, MAKE UNKNOWN.

BURT ADVISED CONVERSATION ALSO HEARD BY BAR TENDER AT  
VALLEY INN, EL CAJON, KNOWN TO HER AS ~~QUOTE~~ SARGE ~~END QUOTE~~.

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Approved: *h/awb*  
Special Agent in Charge

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BOYD YOUNG, AKA <sup>"</sup>~~QUOTE~~ SARGE ~~END QUOTE~~<sup>"</sup>, BAR TENDER, VALLEY INN, EL CAJON VERIFIED INFORMATION FURNISHED BY BURT. STATED INDIVIDUAL KNOWN AS BOB BRACKON (PH), A CUSTOMER, WHOSE WIFE RESIDES AT SUNRISE TRAILER COURT, EL CAJON, WAS IN VALLEY INN BAR ON APRIL TWO, SIXTY EIGHT AND DURING COURSE OF CONVERSATION, DISCUSSION OF RACIAL ISSUE CAME UP. BRACKON (PH), STATED ~~QUOTE~~ " I HAVE A FIVE THOUSAND CONTRACT TO KILL KING, I DON'T NEED ANY HELP, AND IN TWO DAYS I AM GOING TO KILL KING." SHORT TIME LATER HE ADVISED YOUNG HE WAS GOING TO MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE.

BRACKON (PH) HAD A SUITCASE WITH HIM AND DEPARTED WITH ANOTHER CUSTOMER, AL (LNU), BUT WHOM YOUNG CAN FURTHER IDENTIFY, AFTER HAVING ASKED AL (LNU) TO TAKE HIM TO THE RAILROAD STATION.

INGEBORG KATARINA BRACKEN, SUNRISE TRAILER COURT, EL CAJON, CALIFORNIA, WIFE OF ROBERT BENJAMIN BRACKEN, ADVISED SHE AND HER HUSBAND ARE ESTRANGED DUE TO MENTAL ILLNESS ON PART OF HUSBAND. MENTAL ILLNESS BEGAN IN <sup>NINETEEN SIXTY FOUR</sup> ~~1964~~ WHEN HE WAS PLACED IN A <sup>U.S. Naval</sup> MENTAL HOSPITAL IN PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA. HE WAS IN HOSPITAL PERIOD OF FIVE MONTHS. IN NINETEEN SIXTY FIVE, HUSBAND RETURNED TO ACTIVE DUTY U. S. NAVY ABOARD USS SARATOGA. THREE MONTHS LATER HAD ANOTHER BREAKDOWN AND PLACED IN HOSPITAL IN GERMANY, AND SUBSEQUENTLY RELEASED SAME YEAR, FROM U. S. NAVAL HOSPITAL, LARGO, FLORIDA.

DURING AUGUST, <sup>SIXTY SEVEN</sup> ~~1967~~, THEY SEPARATED AND HUSBAND WENT TO LEAD HILL, ARKANSAS AND STAYED WITH A FRIEND NAMED WAYNE RYAN, DESCRIBED BY MRS. BRACKEN AS A PERSON HAVING MENTAL ILLNESS

~~REDACTED~~

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HISTORY. BRACKEN RETURNED TO EL CAJON FEBRUARY, NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT AND LAST HEARD FROM HUSBAND, TELEPHONICALLY, <sup>From San Diego,</sup> MARCH THIRTY LAST, <sup>STATED</sup> AND WAS GOING TO GO TO LEAD HILL, ARKANSAS AND STAY WITH WAYNE RYAN.

MRS BRACKEN DISPLAYED A COPY OF DD TWO ONE FOUR ~~(PAREN~~  
(SEPARATION FROM SERVICE) ~~END PAREN~~ ISSUED TO BRACKEN AND FOLLOWING  
INFORMATION OBTAINED:

NAME ROBERT BENJAMIN BRACKEN, RATE CS ONE PAREN E DASH  
SIX END PAREN, NSN NINE THREE ZERO ZERO SIX THREE NINE, DOB

SEVENTY TWO INCHES TALL,  
TWO HUNDRED FORTY POUNDS, BROWN HAIR, BROWN EYES. DD TWO ONE  
FOUR ALSO HAD ADDRESS OF DECEASED MOTHER, NAME NOT SHOWN, NINE  
THREE ZERO HOPKINS STREET, JOHNSON CITY, TENNESSEE, AND FORMER  
ADDRESS OF MRS. BRACKEN AND HER HUSBAND, THREE SIX FIVE ZERO  
DEBBY DRIVE, MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE.

BRACKEN HAS FOLLOWING FRIENDS AT JOHNSON CITY, TENNESSEE,  
JAMES F. GODSEY, TWO ONE ZERO FIVE EAST UNEKA AVENUE, AND  
GARRETT WILCOX, RT THREE, JOHNSON CITY, TENNESSEE.

BUREAU REQUESTED TO COMPARE FINGERPRINTS OF ROBERT BENJAMIN  
BRACKEN, NSN NINE THREE ZERO ZERO SIX THREE NINE, WITH ANY  
LATENT PRINTS DEVELOPED IN THIS CASE.

LITTLE ROCK, CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION AT LEAD  
HILL, ARKANSAS AT RESIDENCE OF WAYNE RYAN TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW  
SUBJECT. WILL ALSO FURNISH BUREAU BACKGROUND INFORMATION RE  
WILLIAM RYAN SO THAT IDENTIFICATION RECORD CAN BE LOCATED TO  
COMPARE HIS FINGER PRINTS WITH ANY LATENT PRINTS DEVELOPED IN

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THIS CASE.

KNOXVILLE AT JOHNSON CITY, TENNESSEE CONTACT FRIENDS LISTED  
ABOVE RE INFORMATION CONCERNING BRACKEN, HIS ACTIVITIES AND  
WHEREABOUTS DURING PERTINENT PERIOD, AND PRESENT WHEREABOUTS.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-387) (P)

FROM : SA D. NORMAN GRAY

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/13/68

At 8:17 a.m., 4/13/68, VICKIE FRANCES BURT, 265 Orlando, Apartment 7, El Cajon, California, called to report a conversation she overheard in the Valley Inn on Main Street in El Cajon on Tuesday before KING's murder. The conversation overheard involved a man who said he was an ex-policeman from Tennessee and he claimed he had a contract for \$5,000 to kill KING and that "in two days that black son of a bitch will be dead." She described this ex-policeman, whose first name is believed to be BOB, as follows:

|        |                                          |
|--------|------------------------------------------|
| Race   | White                                    |
| Sex    | Male                                     |
| Height | 5'11" - 6'                               |
| Weight | 175 - 180 pounds                         |
| Hair   | Dark brown, straight, receding           |
| Eyes   | Blue                                     |
| Dress  | Dark blue business suit                  |
| Car    | White or cream colored,<br>make unknown. |

BURT was most emphatic that her identity be kept absolutely confidential. She advised that the daytime bartender at the Valley Inn, known as "Sarge," is also familiar with this conversation, but does not want him to know that she has reported this information to the FBI. BURT has no telephone and is not employed and can usually be located at the above address during the day.

② - San Diego

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218PM URGENT 4:15:68 MS

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) LOS ANGELES, MEMPHIS (44-1987) SAN DIEGO  
AND SACRAMENTO

FROM SAN FRANCISCO (173-65) 1P

MURKIN

RE: CHECK OF GALT AT FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS.

REBUTEL APRIL TWELVE, LAST, AUTHORIZING CIRCULARIZATION OF  
BANK OF AMERICA RE SUSPECT GALT.

FOR INFO LOS ANGELES, SAN DIEGO AND SACRAMENTO, HEADQUARTERS  
OF FOLLOWING BANK SYSTEMS WILL CIRCULARIZE ALL BRANCHES IN STATE:  
BANK OF AMERICA, WELLS FARGO, CROCKER-CITIZENS NATIONAL BANK.

LOS ANGELES REQUESTED TO CONTACT HEADQUARTERS OF UNITED  
CALIFORNIA BANK AND AMERICAN SAVINGS TO REQUEST CIRCULARIZATION OF  
ALL BRANCHES. NO INDICATION TO BE GIVEN THAT INVESTIGATION IS IN  
CONNECTION WITH CAPTIONED CASE.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC

DATE: 4/12/68

FROM : SPC JOSEPH L. STALEY

SUBJECT: MURKIN

William Gault, Alameda Co. SO, telephonically contacted this office instant evening long distance from Ensenada, B.C., Mexico. He sated he was on vacation there and met a person at Mission Santo Tomaz (a tourist attraction) who he believed might be connected with SUBJECT case.

The person mentioned gave the name James L. Sloan. Said he was a Retired A.F. Colonel and had a current A.F. ID issued in 1967, dated June 30. Gault stated that the ID had the letters SSG on it (poss. rank of Staff Sergeant) and no rank of Colonel. SUBJECT was driving 1960 Ford hardtop, Cal. Lic. **OBL** 840. The only further description that could be given of subject was that he was in his thirtys, about 5'8", and had a southern accent.

Mr. Gault stated that he would be staying in the Plaza Hotel in Ensenada if he need be contacted.

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Rec 4-15-68  
4:46 PM  
*[Signature]*

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Assign lead  
833 DeLa Rosa *[Signature]*

*Called to ofc. 9:30 AM 4/16/68*

☐ Birth ☒ Credit ☐ Criminal ☐ Motor Vehicle ☐ Death ☐ Marriage \* ☐ INS

To *Is John R. Barker* Buded *Immediate*

Return to *SA Arnold W. O'Brien* File number *44-387*

Name and address of subject, applicant, or employee, and spouse

*JAMES SLOAN*

Addresses

Residence *7720 El Paso, La Mesa, California*

Business

Former

\* Date and place of marriage (if applicable)

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|---------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------|--------------------|------|------|
| Race          | Sex<br><input type="checkbox"/> Male<br><input type="checkbox"/> Female | Age                        | Height | Weight             | Hair | Eyes |
| Birth date    |                                                                         | Birthplace                 |        |                    |      |      |
| Arrest Number |                                                                         | Fingerprint classification |        | Criminal specialty |      |      |

Specific information desired

Results of check

*11/12*  
*M.O.A.*  
*4/16/68*  
*[Signature]*

(Use reverse side, if necessary)

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☐ Birth ☐ Credit ☒ Criminal ☐ Motor Vehicle ☐ Death ☐ Marriage \* ☐ INS

To ~~IC John R. Bates~~ Buded Immediate  
Return to HA Arnold W. O'Brien File number 44-387

Name and aliases of subject, applicant, or employee, and spouse  
Clinton (single person as late  
James A Sloan (as 3-65.)

Addresses  
Residence 7720 El Paso, La Mesa California  
Business "Claimed" retired USAF Colonel; unemployed.  
Former

Home phone 469-7667

\* Date and place of marriage  
(if applicable)

Sister: Mrs. Richard Richards,  
7720 El Paso, La Mesa.

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|-----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| Race<br><u>W</u>                        | Sex<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Male<br><input type="checkbox"/> Female | Age<br><u>46</u> | Height<br><u>5'8"</u> | Weight<br><u>160</u> | Hair<br><u>Brown</u> | Eyes<br><u>Blue</u> |
| Birthplace<br><u>Williamson, W. Va.</u> |                                                                                    |                  |                       |                      |                      |                     |

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| Arrest Number | Fingerprint classification<br><u>21 L 1 H 8</u><br><u>M 3 Wa 9</u> | Criminal specialty<br><u>22 / 1 H 00 I 8</u><br><u>12 / 3 N + 0 I 10</u> |
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Results of check

Obtain photograph if available  
Check also for gun permits N.O.

1) S.O. - 4-16-68 - 73 #24/7287  
Ident basis residence add.  
(FBI #5078705; CII #2529722)

(Use reverse side, if necessary)

4-7-64 - Assist Arrest; dist. place. <sup>2</sup>  
#110<sup>00</sup> fine @ \$10. day. Pd. \$50.  
fine balance + released 4/13/64

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4-8-64 - Traffic Warrant; fined  
\$37. @ \$10. day. Served time  
to custody 4-7-64 booking.

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4-10-64 - Traffic Warrant. Fined  
\$37. w/ none susp. @ \$10. day.  
Served time to custody of  
4-7-64 booking.

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3-25-65 - Traffic Warrants. Fined  
\$29; \$25; 17; 25 @ \$10 day C.S.  
Served time; to custody booking  
of 4-3-65.

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3-30-65 - Traffic, \$54. w/ \$25. susp. @  
\$10 Day. to custody booking  
of 3-25-65.

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4-3-65 - Possession altered U.S. Docu-  
ments. \$500. Bond posted  
(alt. doc. w/ U.S. c. (Released to city  
cust. dish. U.S. Army) Jail 4/5/65.)

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2) P.N. #226970 - all attached. <sup>2</sup>

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File number

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Name and aliases of subject, applicant, or employee, and spouse

*James Clinton Sloan, aka James Careful Sloan.*

Addresses

Residence

Business

Former

\* Date and place of marriage  
(if applicable)

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|---------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------|--------|--------------------|------|
| Race          | Sex<br><input type="checkbox"/> Male<br><input type="checkbox"/> Female | Age                        | Height | Weight | Hair               | Eyes |
| Birth date    |                                                                         | Birthplace                 |        |        |                    |      |
| Arrest Number |                                                                         | Fingerprint classification |        |        | Criminal specialty |      |

Specific information desired

Results of check

*P.N. #226920. (P.S. ident record:)*

*3-8-64 - drunk, dist peace,  
resist arrest.*

*4-7-64 - \$25. fine  
on drunk & dist  
peace; \$50. fine  
on resist arrest.*

*4-5-65 - 2 TFC Warrants (no dispo.)  
shown.*

(Use reverse side, if necessary)

11-7-66 — Alt. place. 12-5-66 \$100. fine  
\$5; 1 yr. prob.

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4-7-67 — Drunk driving. 6/23/67 amend.  
to reckless driving  
\$50; 30 days susp.  
1 yr. Prob.

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as of 4-7-67, resided 7720 El  
Paso St., La Mesa; reportedly  
an unemployed engineer??

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as of 3-8-64, resided 6520 Seaman  
St., S. H.; unemployed; retired.

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as of 4-5-65; res. 7720 El Paso, La  
Mesa; unemployed tool maker.

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as of 11-7-66, res. 744 Santa Rita,  
unemployed & retired Air Force.

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FBI, U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
STATE TELETYPE SYSTEMTransmit in \_\_\_\_\_ by teletype to: MUS  
(Type in "plaintext" or "code")4 FBH

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PLEASE FURNISH REGISTRATION INFORMATION ON CALIFORNIA LICENSE  
OBL 840. REFER SAN DIEGO FILE 44-387, SA O'BRIEN.

ROBERT W. EVANS, SAC, FBI, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA \_\_\_\_\_ FBH

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PLEASE FURNISH DRIVER'S LICENSE INFORMATION AND PHOTOGRAPH  
ON HARVEY EDWARD LOHMEYER, BORN  AT QUINCY,  
ILLINOIS. REFER SAN DIEGO FILE 44-387, AGENT O'BRIEN.

ROBERT W. EVANS, SAC, FBI, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA      FBH

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REFER SAN DIEGO FILE 44-387 SA O-BRIEN. ROBERT W EVANS SAC FBI SAN  
DIEGO CALIF FBH  
RE 4 FBH 4-15-68

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S/O JAMES SLOAN 7720 EL PASO LA MESA CALIF

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Date: 4/12/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plain text or code)

Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: SAC, ALBANY  
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P  
RE: MURKIN

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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Special Agent in Charge

(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

## FBI Cancels Pickup Order In King Case

MEMPHIS (AP)—The FBI issued, then withdrew, a request that Florida police help locate Eric Starvo Galt, a white man, as the investigation of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. entered its second week.

Federal agents refused to say why they were seeking Galt, whose last known address was Birmingham, Ala.

### Shot April 4

The bulletin distributed yesterday on the statewide police teletype network in Florida said Galt was driving a white Mustang.

Witnesses in Memphis told investigators earlier they saw a man in a white Mustang drive away from the rooming house from which King was shot April 4.

A source in the Dade County Public Safety Department in Miami said the FBI bulletin (Continued Next Page, Col. 7)

## Pickup Order Canceled By FBI in King Case

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tin began: "Reference locate and notify no warrant issued Eric Starvo Galt" then described Galt and the Mustang. The message concluded: "If located notify Agent Charles Bell FBI Miami."

"This meant they wanted him spotted, not picked up," the Miami source said. It was reported originally that a pickup order had been issued.

### White Mustang Found

The FBI in Miami refused any comment.

At about the same time the pickup order was sent in Florida, federal agents in Atlanta impounded a white Mustang that had been parked since last Friday at a public housing project near the Georgia state capitol.

The message, withdrawn with the explanation that it was released by mistake, described Galt as a white male, 36 years old, about 5-foot-11 and 175 pounds with blue eyes and brown hair.

This roughly matched the

description circulated by federal authorities the night of King's slaying.

Special Agent John Hanlon of the Miami FBI office, who withdrew the pickup order about four hours after it was issued, said, "I cannot comment," when asked for further details.

The FBI in Memphis and Atlanta also refused to discuss the developments.

The Florida teletype message said Galt was last seen driving a white 1966 Mustang hardtop, Alabama license 1-38993. Birmingham police said this tag had been issued to Eric S. Galt, 2608 Highland Ave., Birmingham.

### Bought in '66

State records in Montgomery, capital of Alabama, show that Galt listed his occupation as "merchant seaman, unemployed," when he applied for a driver's license in Birmingham in September 1967. The application showed Galt noted he had had a 1962 Louisiana driver's license but that it had expired.

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# Car Seized In Hunt For King Assassin

ATLANTA (UPI) — The Federal Bureau of Investigation yesterday impounded a Birmingham, Ala., man's 1966 white Mustang automobile which had been the object of a secret hunt since the April 4 assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in Memphis.

King's killer reportedly fled in a white Mustang, moments after a sniper's bullet cut down the civil rights leader.

The car was traced through license tags to Eric Starvo Galt, a 36-year-old, brown-haired man who had listed his address as a south Birmingham rooming house.

## NO WARRANT ISSUED

The FBI refused to comment on the development, but said no warrant had been issued in the case. However, it was learned that the FBI issued a pickup order for Galt in Florida yesterday, then canceled it last night.

Reporters in Birmingham found the rooming house listed as Galt's address dark and locked. Although one rooming house resident said a man answering Galt's description had lived there three months ear-

lier, the owner refused to talk to reporters and kept the door locked.

"I don't know him," the owner said through a closed window. "I'm sure he's never lived here. I'm not going to open the door."

## EVERYONE QUIZZED

Percy Strickland, a telephone repairman who lives in the rooming house, said "I have heard the name of Eric Galt plenty the last week. The FBI has talked to everybody in the rooming house."

The car, which had been parked for several days in an Atlanta subdivision, was towed to FBI headquarters here.

The car bore Alabama license tag 1-38993 and had two 1967 Mexican tourist stickers on its windows. The FBI earlier had asked authorities in Mazatlan, Mexico, to watch all points of entry and hotel employees there had been given artist's sketches of the neat-appearing assassin.

The telephone repairman said Galt lived in the bottom floor of the two-story, pale gray stucco building and was considered "one of the boys."

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FBI NUMBER FIVE TWO SEVEN SIX FOUR SEVEN C, WAS ARRESTED WITH  
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**PHOTOGRAPHS MALCOLM FREDRICK EASTHAM BEING FORWARDED  
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## FBI Keeping King Suspect Photo Secret

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — The Federal Bureau of Investigation is withholding nationwide distribution of a composite drawing of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s assassin, police sources said yesterday.

"They haven't given us anything but a physical description," said one police official. "They aren't handing out pictures of the man. They either don't have a good one, or they're going it alone."

The official asked that his name not be used, citing the FBI's ban on comment about the investigation.

When Jacksonville, Fla., police questioned a Louisville, Ky., man Saturday night about the King slaying — the man since has been cleared of any connection — Police Lt. M. P. Richardson said, "It's a long shot, but he looks too much like the sketch of the man who is wanted in the King slaying."

Jacksonville police said yesterday the man was arrested after a resident noted a likeness to a composite picture which appeared in Florida newspapers. This sketch was prepared by a newspaper artist from the description given of the slaying. It was not released or endorsed by the FBI.

Residents of the Memphis rooming house from which King was shot April 4 reported last week that investigators had shown them composite drawings. They said the sketches were the same, or at least very similar, as those prepared by newspaper artists.

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# Clark Hints Plot In King's Slaying

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Investigators appeared yesterday to be re-examining the possibility that more than one person was involved in the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

They seemed puzzled about conflicting reports on the number of getaway cars involved and about police radio transmissions detailing a high-speed chase — which apparently never took place — through northeast Memphis 30 minutes after a sniper killed King with a single rifle shot.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation, conducting the most massive manhunt in its history, maintained silence on all aspects of the investigation. However, Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark issued a new statement that dropped his earlier reference to "one man on the run."

Sixteen hours after King was slain April 4, Clark said evidence "indicates a single individual" was involved. "There is no evidence of a widespread plot," he said.

In a seven-line statement issued in Washington Friday night, Clark said the FBI was

devoting all its resources to the investigation, "working around the clock pursuing every lead." He said it was impossible to predict when an arrest would be made.

In the 10 days since King's slaying, the lights have burned all night, night after night, in the corner suite on the eighth floor of Memphis' new concrete-and-glass federal building.

There, in offices overlooking the Mississippi River, dozens of FBI agents have methodically sifted through what is described as "very substantial" physical evidence.

Exactly what this evidence constitutes is officially unknown, but sources report some of the major items are palm and finger prints, an overnight bag believed to contain clothing and a high-powered rifle with a telescopic sight.

FBI agents have interviewed hundreds of persons in Memphis, Birmingham, Atlanta and elsewhere. They have taken over the records of two rooming houses and at least one gun shop. They have pored through documents in state and local

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# Clark Hints Others Hunted In Dr. King's Assassination

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government offices throughout the South.

This is an account of the events that have taken place as pieced together from scores of interviews:

On April 4, King held a day-long planning session in his \$13-a-day room, No. 306, at the Lorraine Motel. He had come here to lead a march in support of striking sanitation workers.

He told the Rev. Samuel Kyles of Memphis that he was weary of restaurant food.

"I want some soul food," he said.

"You know where to get it," Kyles replied. "Come home and eat dinner with me." King said he would enjoy that.

So 23 minutes before sunset, King stepped onto the balcony in front of his room.

## SLAYER AWAITS

Two hundred and five feet away, a man wearing a black business suit, white shirt and narrow black tie stood in the bathtub of a flophouse's second-floor communal bathroom.

Giving his name as John Willard, a man had rented room 5A three hours earlier from manager Bessie Brewer, paying a week's rent, \$8.50, in advance, using a \$20 bill.

Now he looked out of the bathroom window, across a pile of junk in a vacant lot, just above the tops of scrubby trees growing along an embankment and onto the balcony of the Lorraine Motel.

He squinted through the telescopic sight of a .30-06 Remington pump action rifle.

Ka-blam!

One shot rang out.

The bullet ripped into King's neck.

## KING GASPS

"Oh!" he gasped as he crumpled to the concrete balcony floor.

It was 6:01 p.m.

King had not asked for protection, but Police Director Frank C. Holloman had stationed about 40 officers in the vicinity. Some apparently were

posted in the vacant lot across Mulberry Street — the lot behind the Main Street flophouse.

The officers, wearing blue helmets and carrying rifles, immediately sealed off the area of the motel. However, the killer already was making his way through the Main Street entrance of the rooming house, one block away.

Two white Mustang autos, both 1966 models, were parked within 100 feet of the rooming house entrance at 6:01 p.m. Fifteen minutes later, both were gone.

## CHASE REPORTED

Some witnesses said the killer walked calmly down the steps to the street, turned left and dropped a rifle in the next doorway, and continued several feet to the Mustang bearing a red and white license plate. Red and white plates are used in both Arkansas and Alabama.

At 6:25 p.m., a police dispatcher began relaying calls about a chase in northeast Memphis — eight miles away — including a white Mustang and a blue Pontiac.

A white male driving the Mustang, the police radio crackled, was "responsible for this shooting."

Eight calls, supposedly from a police lieutenant, were relayed by the dispatcher during the next 22 minutes. At one point, the dispatcher reported, the driver of the Mustang was firing on the pursuing Pontiac.

"I was not involved in any chase," the lieutenant said afterward. A college student with a citizens band radio in his car later said he was relaying details of the chase to the lieutenant. He said the voice he was monitoring identified himself as the occupant of the blue car chasing the Mustang.

The student said the transmissions he received never faded, indicating the calls came from a stationary transmitter. By week's end, police appeared to have concluded that the chase, for whatever reason it was reported, was a hoax.

On April 5, 12 hours after the

shooting, an Atlanta housewife looked out the window of her apartment in the Capitol Homes project — 383 miles to the southeast — and saw a "nice looking man" step out of a 1966 white Mustang.

Six days later — on Thursday afternoon — federal agents swooped down on the abandoned Mustang.

The car bore a license tag from Jefferson County — Birmingham — Alabama, No. 1-38993. Two Mexican inspection stickers were pasted to the front windshield. The floor was littered with cigarette butts and covered with mud.

At 5:22 p.m., the Florida police teletypewriter ticked out a "locate and notify" message. It was an FBI alert for Eric Starvo Galt, 36. The bulletin said Galt was driving a 1966 white Mustang hardtop with Alabama tag No. 1-38993.

Four hours later, the message was withdrawn with the explanation it was "erroneous."

## DESCRIPTION FITS

Records in Alabama show Galt applied for a driver's license last Sept. 5. The application describes him as 5-11, 175 pounds, with blue eyes and brown hair — roughly the same description given by witnesses for the man seen fleeing the Memphis rooming house.

The document says Galt is an unemployed merchant seaman. The Maritime union has no record of an Eric Galt.

His address was listed as 2068 Highland, Birmingham, a two-story stucco house with a neon light that flashes in red, "rooms."

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## FBI Hunts Seaman In King Assassination

MEMPHIS (AP) — FBI agents from Virginia to Florida were hunting today for a 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 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.

Associated Press checks disclosed that FBI agents had contacted persons named Galt in several states, including Virginia, Alabama and Florida.

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.

At Birmingham, the owner of the boarding house said today he had identified a drawing of a man sought in the King slaying as a roomer known by the name Eric Galt. "It's him, I'm sure," said Peter Cherpes, 72, who runs a boarding house on Birmingham's South Side.

Cherpes consented to talk after the FBI responded to his request to be released from a secrecy pledge.

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Date April 15, 1968

VICKIE FRANCES BURT, 265 Orlando, Apartment 7,  
furnished the following information:

On April 2, 1968, at around 11:00 a.m. she went to the Valley Inn, 1405 East Main Street in El Cajon, and while there overheard a conversation pertaining to the racial situation in the United States. There were eight or nine people in the bar at this time. She advised that a big fellow known to her only as "BOB" did most of the talking. He said that he used to be a policeman in Tennessee, but after having a hassel with the sheriff he was fired and kicked out of Tennessee. He then stated, "I have a contract for \$5,000 to kill KING." Everyone, thinking he was joking, asked him if he heeded any help. He then stated, "I don't need any help from anybody and in two days that black S.O.B. will be dead."

She left the Valley Inn at this time and when she returned about an hour later BOB was gone. She has not seen him since.

She advised that the daytime bartender at the Valley Inn known as SARGE also overheard the conversation and she believes that SARGE knows BOB and might be able to furnish additional information.

She described BOB as follows:

|        |                                         |
|--------|-----------------------------------------|
| Race   | White                                   |
| Sex    | Male                                    |
| Height | 5'11" to 6'                             |
| Weight | 175 to 180 pounds                       |
| Hair   | Dark brown - straight -<br>receding     |
| Eyes   | Blue                                    |
| Dress  | Dark blue business suit                 |
| Car    | White or cream colored,<br>make unknown |

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Date April 15, 1968

BOYD YOUNG (SARGE), 198 North Gina, telephone 444-9205, El Cajon, California, was interviewed at the Valley Inn, 1405 East Main Street, El Cajon, and he furnished the following information:

He is the day bartender at the Valley Inn and BOB BRACKEN is a customer of his. He described BRACKEN as a fellow who is always telling unbelievable stories and a little on the "crazy" side.

On April 2, 1968, while tending bar he overheard a conversation in which BRACKEN was involved. The conversation dealt with the racial issue. Someone then mentioned that some of these Negro leaders should be shot. He then heard BRACKEN say that he had a \$5,000 contract to kill KING. When everyone asked him if he needed any help he became very loud and said that he didn't need their help, that he could do it alone and that in two days he was going to kill KING.

After the conversation died down BRACKEN stated that he was going to Memphis, Tennessee that same day. He then asked a customer named AL that if he would take him to the railroad depot he would give him \$500. YOUNG noticed that BRACKEN had a suitcase with him. BRACKEN and AL left and he has not seen or heard from BRACKEN since.

BRACKEN had previously mentioned to YOUNG that he was having marital problems and was planning on leaving the San Diego area for a while.

YOUNG believes that BRACKEN's wife lives at Sunrise Trailer Court on North Third Street in El Cajon. He described BOB BRACKEN as follows:

|             |                   |
|-------------|-------------------|
| Race        | White             |
| Sex         | Male              |
| Nationality | American          |
| Height      | 5'10"             |
| Weight      | 200 pounds        |
| Age         | 45 years          |
| Dress       | Wearing dark suit |

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Date April 15, 1968

INGEBORG KATARINA BRACKEN, 2401 Willow Glen Road, telephone 442-3638, El Cajon, California, furnished the following information:

She has been married to ROBERT BENJAMIN BRACKEN for about 15 years. They are presently separated due to his strange behavior which began in 1964 when he was placed in a U. S. Naval Mental Hospital in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He was interned for about five months and has never been the same since. He will be fine for a while, then suddenly begin to act rather strangely and do things which he later does not remember doing.

In 1965 he returned to active duty with the U. S. Navy and was stationed aboard the USS Saratoga. Three months later he had another breakdown and was placed in a Navy hospital in Germany, transferred to Italy and finally to the United States. He was released the same year from a Navy hospital in Largo, Florida. ROBERT BRACKEN's family also has a long history of mental illness. After he was released from the hospital and retired from the Navy they moved around steadily and never really settled down. About a year and a half ago they came to El Cajon, California and have been here every since. He had been working at Fowler Engineering in El Cajon until February, 1968.

In August, 1967, they separated and he went to Lead Hill, Arkansas and stayed with a friend named WAYNE RYAN. RYAN also has a history of mental illness.

Her husband came back to El Cajon in February, 1968 and they attempted to solve their marriage problems.

After seeing that they could not live together he decided to leave again and told her he was going back to his friend WAYNE RYAN in Lead Hill, Arkansas. He telephoned her from San Diego on March 30, 1968 to say goodbye and she has not heard from him since.

She stated that he did not own any rifles and only had the hand pistol. She did not have a photograph of him.

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Mrs. BRACKEN displayed a copy of Form DD-214 issued to BRACKEN and the following information was obtained:

|                           |                                                |
|---------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| Name                      | ROBERT BENJAMIN BRACKEN                        |
| Rate                      | CS-1 - E6                                      |
| Naval Serial Number       | 930 06 39                                      |
| Date of Birth             |                                                |
| Height                    | 72"                                            |
| Weight                    | 240 pounds                                     |
| Hair                      | Brown                                          |
| Eyes                      | Brown                                          |
| Deceased mother's address | 930 Hopkins Street,<br>Johnson City, Tennessee |
| BRACKEN's home address    | 3650 Debby Drive,<br>Memphis, Tennessee        |

She stated that these two houses have been sold.

He had attempted to get employment in Johnson City, Tennessee as a bank guard and the following individuals gave him favorable recommendations:

JAMES F. GODSEY, 2105 East Uneka Avenue,  
Johnson City, Tennessee

GARRETT WILCOX, Route 3, Johnson City,  
Tennessee

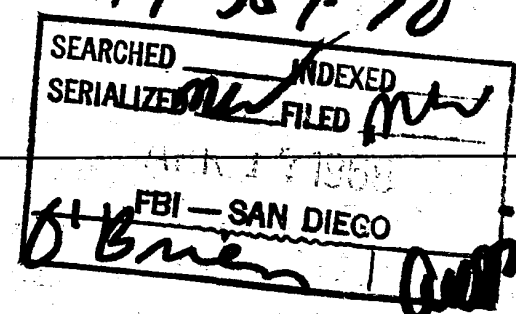
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Remaining unidentified latent fingerprints and the latent in this case are not identical with fingerprints of ROBERT BENJAMIN BRACKEN, U.S. Navy Service #9300639 or with the fingerprints of WAYNE FRANCIS RYAN, born [REDACTED], Police Department Orange, Texas, their #10384 who may or may not be identical with Wayne Ryan named in retel. Fingerprint card for Ryan lists occupation U.S. Navy when arrested 1960. No Navy fingerprints located Identification Division. No Palm prints here for either Bracken or Ryan.

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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, <sup>ON APRIL</sup> ~~789, -048~~ 4, 1968.

DIRECTOR J. EDGAR HOOVER STATED THAT A FEDERAL COMPLAINT WAS FILED BY THE FBI IN BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, TODAY CHARGING <sup>GALT</sup> ~~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 ~~HUXWON~~ 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, ~~77~~ 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 WI

LARD AND HARVEY LOWMYER IN THE PAST, IS THE OWNER OF A 1966 WHITE MUSTANG BEARING ALABAMA LICENSE PLATES WHICH WAS LOCATED ABANDONED IN ATLANTA, <sup>GEORGIA</sup> GABRGIA, 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 ~~APR~~<sup>4</sup>, 1968, AND TO HAVE DEPARTED FROM THERE FOR ATLANTA. ✓

INTENSIVE INVESTIGATION BY THE FBI HAS DISCLOSED THAT GALT HAS CLAIMED TO HAVE BEEN EMPLOYED AS A COOK ON MISSISSIPPI RIVER VESSELS AND AS A MERCHANT SEAMAN. HE IS SAID TO BE AN AVID DANCER AND TOOK DANCING LESSONS IN NEW ORLEANS IN 1964 AND 1965; IN BIRMINGHAM DURING SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER, 1967; AND IN LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA, FROM DECEMBER, 1967, TO FEBRUARY, 1968.

GALT LEFT LOS ANGELES ON DECEMBER 15, 1967, AND DROVE HIS WHITE MUSTANG TO NEW ORELANS, 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 A WHITE MALE. HE IS APPROXIMATELY 5 FEET 8 INCHES TO 5 FEET 11 INCHES TALL AND WEIGHS BETWEEN 160 AND 175 POUNDS. HE IS SAID TO BE A NEAT DRESSER AND HAS A MEDIUM BUILD.



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GALT HAS BROWN HAIR, WHICH HE WEARS IN A "BRUSH" CUT. HE REPORTEDLY HAS BLUE EYES; HIS NOSE IS STRAIGHT AND NARROW; HIS TEETH ARE STRAIGHT AND CLEAN; AND HE HAS GIVEN HIS DATE OF BIRTH AS

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

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

TO : SAC, SAN DIEGO (44-387)

DATE: 4/17/68

FROM : SPC, JAMES L. NORMAN, JR.

SUBJECT: ERIC S. GALT

At approximately 10:30 PM instant date MISS FRANCIS SEAMAN, P.O. Box 1675, Vista, California, telephone number 746-2721, telephonically contacted this office to furnish the following information.

MISS SEAMAN advised that she operates a business called Lenders Exchange, which is similar to Merchants Credit, and different companies check with this company to ascertain if people applying for loans have other loans or are a bad risk.

She went on to advise that on April 10, last, she received a telephone call from Comerical Credit, 802 Third Street, Oceanside, California, telephone 722-1577. They were checking on an ERIC S. GALT and were advised that her records did not contain his name.

ASAC BROWN was advised of the above information at 10:35PM.

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*AA Butler, Oceanside, California R.A., Credit  
advised that inquiry by Commercial Lenders  
Oceanside, California advised that of Lenders  
Exchange resulted from inquiry made  
by Butler at Commercial Credit on 4/10/68.  
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