

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (44-371)

DATE: 4/15/68

FROM : SA WILLIAM H. SNELL

SUBJECT: MURKIN

AT SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

The following investigation was conducted by SA WILLIAM H. SNELL on April 10, 1968:

CREDIT AND CRIMINAL

The following agencies were contactec with negative results:

King County Sheriff's Office

Seattle Police Department

Seattle Credit Bureau

VOTER REGISTRATION

The following Voter Registration agencies were contacted with negative results:

King County Voter Registration

Seattle, Washington, Voter Registration

UTILITIES

The following utilities were contacted with negative results:

City Light

Cascade Natural Gas Corporation

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Pargas of Seattle, Inc.

Washington Natural Gas Company

Puget Sound Power and Light Company

LAUNDRY AND DRY CLEANERS

results: The following cleaners were contacted with negative

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Personality Cleaners.

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Deadend Clues Confront FBI Assassin-Hunters

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CLEAN, NEAT

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Boarding House Owner Identified Drawing As Galt

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — The owner of a boarding house said today he had identified a drawing of a man sought in the slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. 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.

Cherpes said FBI agents showed him drawings about last Wednesday, or two days before a car registered in the name of Eric Starvo Galt was found abandoned in Atlanta. The car, a white Mustang with an Alabama license tag, matched the description of a car seen leaving the assassination scene in Memphis, Tenn., where King was shot April 4.

Cherpes was shown a newspaper artist's drawing of the assassin today and he said it was such like the drawings exhibited by federal agents. Cherpes said the sketches "looked exactly like Galt."

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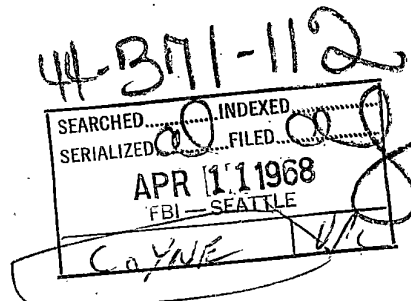
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Complaint Form
FD-71 (Rev. 10-26-65)

NOTE: Hand print names legibly; handwriting satisfactory for remainder.

Indices: ☐ Negative ☐ See below

Subject's name and aliases MURKIN		Address of subject		Character of case 44-371 CIVIL RIGHTS	
Complainant Mrs. INEZ ENANDER		Complainant's address and telephone number 225-6th South St., Kirkland, Wash. VA 2-5290		Complaint received ☐ Personal ☒ Telephonic 4/11/68 Time 2:30 PM	
Subject's Description	Race W	Sex ☒ Male ☐ Female	Height 5'8"	Hair Sandy-greying	Build Slender
	Age		Weight 155	Eyes Blue-deep set	Complexion Tan
	Scars, marks or other data				
	Wore new dark suit with dark green sheen; carried light color rain coat and black suit case with rounded corners; few peck marks on neck; very nervous; kept wiping face with handkerchief; clipped nose; protruding lower lip.				
Facts of complaint					
Complainant got on bus, Seattle to Kirkland at 1:05 PM, 4/11/68, at the first stop after the Greyhound Depot, downtown Seattle. Above described person was already on bus. At about 1:20 PM he got off at the second stop at the Mercer Island Shopping Center and walked east. Complainant stated that above man fits artist's conception of Dr. KING's murderer.					
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Action Recommended SAC advised CHARLES N. GIESE (Agent)					



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TO : SAC, SEATTLE (44-371) (P)

DATE: April 17, 1968

FROM : SA VERNON P. COYNE (A)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
OO: MEMPHIS

Reference is made to Serial 50 of this file, which concerns a young man in a Cessna aircraft, which landed at Boeing Field on April 6, 1968.

On April 15, 1968, S. L. WORDEN, Proprietor of A. C. Propellor Company, 7685 Perimeter Road, recalled that on Sunday, April 7, 1968, he received a telephone call at his home, and the caller identified himself as RICHARD SCHMIDT. WORDEN said that SCHMIDT wanted him to come down to his place of employment as he, SCHMIDT, needed repair made on a propellor on his plane. WORDEN said that this call came to him somewhere around the noon hour on that particular Sunday.

Continuing, WORDEN said that he came to Boeing Field and first saw the man who identified himself as RICHARD SCHMIDT washing down the Cessna 205, and SCHMIDT was doing this at Galvin Flying Service and was using Galvin Flying Service's facilities.

According to WORDEN, RICHARD SCHMIDT mounted the propellor on his plane fixed on Sunday as he said he wanted to be in San Diego, California, by Monday morning.

WORDEN said that RICHARD SCHMIDT was joined by another young man and a girl who was with the second fellow, and he, WORDEN, received a strong impression that the second man and the girl lived somewhere in the Seattle area. He said that they were driving in a blue late model Ford, which could have been a rental.

WORDEN said that he could not complete the repairs on the propellor on Sunday, and RICHARD SCHMIDT came back on Monday morning, April 8, 1968; and while he was waiting for the repairs to be made on his propellor, he filled out some type of a flight plan, and WORDEN observed that this flight plan would take SCHMIDT to San Diego.

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WORDEN said that since the weather was fine on April 8, 1968, it would not have been necessary for SCHMIDT to file this flight plan with the FAA inasmuch as he was going to do visual flying.

WORDEN said that this RICHARD SCHMIDT gave him \$30 in cash for the repairs, which he, WORDEN, had made, and WORDEN recalled that SCHMIDT mentioned something about the fact that he was going to try to obtain a heavy nose wheel assembly. WORDEN said that he did not know whether or not this RICHARD SCHMIDT actually did so; but if he did, he would have bought these parts at VanDusen, which firm is located on the Perimeter Road just next to the Administration Building of King County Airport, also known as Boeing Field.

WORDEN said that he is certain that RICHARD SCHMIDT and his young man companion took off in this plane at approximately 1:00 p.m. on Monday, April 8, 1968, and that their avowed destination was San Diego. WORDEN said that the girl did not go with these two men.

WORDEN also said that while he was making the repairs to the propellor, SCHMIDT, who was then in company with the other young man and the girl, told WORDEN that he and the other two persons had landed in the Cessna plane at the landing strip at Lake Tapps; and since the field was so wet, they became mired down and stuck. WORDEN said that SCHMIDT told him that instead of pushing the plane out of the hole in which it was mired, he flew it out, and this caused the damage to his propellor and also caused the heavy coating of mud all over the plane itself, which SCHMIDT had to wash off at Galvin Flying Service.

WORDEN said that the man who gave his name as RICHARD SCHMIDT was definitely in his very early 20's; he was 5' 10" in height; he had real blond hair and was suntanned so that he gave the impression of being a California surfer. WORDEN said that the second man fit the same description as SCHMIDT.

On April 15, 1968, STEVE SHAWLEY, who is employed by Boeing Field International, advised that he had not been present when the Cessna 205 arrived at this field on April 6, 1968; but on April 7, 1968, he saw a young man washing this part-plane at Galvin's Flying Service, and he later saw this same young man in the vicinity of the M and O Flight Construction

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Service, which ajoins A. C. Propellor Company.

STEVE SHAWLEY also said that he was never up very close to the young man who seemed to be in charge of this plane, and he did not ever see any other person with this young man, and the last time he saw this person, he was taxiing a plane on the ramp either at 1:00 p.m. on April 8 or possibly on April 9.

STEVE SHAWLEY said that this young man did not pay anything for his tie-down and had unloosed the plane himself. STEVE SHAWLEY said that the place where he works does not have any record concerning the name of the man who was in charge of this particular airplane.

STEVE SHAWLEY said the only thing he could say regarding this young man was that he was possibly in his early 20's; had a full head of blond hair, which was not too long and was flat, but neither was it short. He also said that this man appeared to be well dressed and neat, and by this he meant that when he saw this young man, he was wearing Levi's and a sweater, both of which were light colored. He described this young man further as being 5' 11" to 6' 1" and as having a fairly muscular build. WMA

On April 15, 1968, contact was had with VanDusen, who sell airplane parts, and information was received that no person had purchased a heavy nose wheel assembly for a Cessna at this company on April 8. This company was closed on April 7, 1968.

On April 15, 1968, it was determined from a representative of the Galvin Flying Service, Inc., that on April 7, 1968, a person who had given his name as RICHARD A. SCHMIDT had paid \$3 in cash to use the facilities of this company to wash a Cessna airplane. The people at Galvin Flying Service did not know this young man and had no further record on him.

In view of information contained in this memorandum, which concludes information that the young man flying this plane did not look anything like the suspect, no further investigation is being conducted on this particular lead.

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TO : SAC, Seattle (44-371)

DATE: 4-17-68

FROM : SA Donald J. Steele

SUBJECT: MURKIN

At Walla Walla, Wn.

On 4-18-68, Tilla Van Biema, 206 E. Main St, advised that she operates the only full time dance studio in town. She advised that Ivan Novikoff travels to Walla Walla on Monday from Seattle for a one day school here. She believed that all records of his students would be in Seattle. She Stated that she has never had Galt, Lowmyer or Willard as a student since she started in business here in 1964.

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FROM : SA WILLIAM T. HAZELWOOD

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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Re memo to SAC, Seattle, from SA VERNON P. COYNE
4/15/68.

The following investigation was conducted by SA
WILLIAM T. HAZELWOOD:

At Bellingham, Wn.

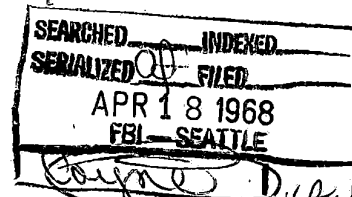
On 4/17/68 Mrs. BETTY ALLSOP, proprietor, BETTY ALLSOP Dancing School, 1407 Commercial St., advised she had never had a student who used the names of ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMYER, or JOHN WILLARD, or who met the description of GALT.

Mrs. TED CAWKER, wife of the proprietor of the TED CAWKER Dance Studio, 1315½ N. State St., residence 1510 40th St., advised on 4/17/68 her husband teaches only tap dancing, and no ballroom dancing lessons. She advised her husband teaches primarily in Canada, and would not be in Bellingham until after 11 P.M. 4/17/68.

Miss LANA COLLEY, proprietor, LANA COLLEY School of Dance, Elm & Monroe Sts., advised on 4/17/68 she had never had a student by the names of ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMYER, or JOHN WILLARD, or anyone who met the description of GALT.

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TO DIRECTOR, ALBUQUERQUE, ATLANTA, BUTTE, DENVER,
JACKSON, LAS VEGAS, LITTLE ROCK, MILWAUKEE, MINNEAPOLIS,
MOBILE, NEW ORLEANS, OKLAHOMA CITY, PHILADELPHIA,
PHOENIX, PORTLAND, SACRAMENTO, SAN ANTONIO, SEATTLE
FROM MEMPHIS 44-1987 2P

MURKIN; CR; OO: ME.

RE BUREAU TEL TO ABOVE OFFICES, APRIL SIXTEEN, LAST.

ALABAMA DRIVERS LICENSE OF ERIC STARVO GALT
LISTS DESCRIPTION OF WM, BORN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES, ONE SEVEN FIVE
POUNDS, BLUE EYES, BROWN HAIR.

NEW ORLEANS COMPARE DESCRIPTIONS OF FIFTY WHITE
MALES CONTAINED ON LOUISIANA DRIVERS LICENSES AGAINST
ALABAMA DRIVERS LICENSE DESCRIPTION AND ELIMINATE
OBVIOUS NON-IDENTS. LOCATE REMAINING PERSONS AND
OBTAIN ADEQUATE BACKGROUND AND ADDITIONAL IDENTIFYING
DESCRIPTIVE DATA SUITABLE FOR LOCATION AND LATENT
COMPARISONS BY IDENTIFICATION DIVISION. ASCERTAIN
LOCATION OF LICENSES DURING PERTINENT PERIOD OF THIS
CASE.

OTHER RECEIVING OFFICES SHOULD DO LIKEWISE IF
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DRIVERS LICENSE RECORDS ARE MAINTAINED IN SIMILAR
MANNER IN STATES COVERED BY YOUR OFFICES.

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

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TO DIRECTOR, SEATTLE, BUFFALO AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM CHICAGO (44-1114) 2P

MURKIN.

REVIEW OF CENTRAL RECORDS, INS, CHICAGO, CONTAIN NO
RECORD FOR ERIC STARVO GALT OR OTHER NAMES THIS CASE. LIST
OF SEAMEN WHO JUMPED SHIP IN CHICAGO FOR YEARS SIXTY SIX AND
SIXTY SEVEN REVIEWED NEGATIVELY.

INS NATIONAL OUTLOOK BOOK WHICH CONTAINS LISTING OF
INDIVIDUALS WHO MIGHT BE WANTED BY INS OR WHO ARE TO BE
DENIED ADMISSION TO THE US CONTAINED THE NAMES OF THE FOLLOWING
TWO INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE TO BE DENIED ADMITTANCE.

JAMES DONALD GALT, BORN [REDACTED]
CANADIAN NATIONAL, WHO HAD BEEN PREVIOUSLY DEPORTED AS A
CRIMINAL FOR COMMITTING CRIME OUTSIDE US. MAIN FILE LOCATED
BUFFALO, NEW YORK, NUMBER A ONE ZERO FOUR THREE SEVEN EIGHT NINE TWO.

MAURICE JOSEPH GALT, BORN [REDACTED]
CANADIAN NATIONAL, WHO HAD BEEN CONVICTED OF CRIME MORE THAN
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ONCE OUTSIDE US. MAIN FILE SEATTLE, WASHINGTON, UNDER
A ONE THREE FOUR NINE SEVEN SIX ZERO TWO.

BUFFALO AND SEATTLE AT INS REVIEW MAIN FILE FOR
INDIVIDUALS MENTIONED ABOVE. DETERMINE IF ANY RELATIVE NAMED
ERIC STARVO GALT. OBTAIN PHOTO AND PRINTS IF AVAILABLE FOR
ELIMINATION OR OTHERWISE ELIMINATE IN THIS CASE.

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1031 PM URGENT 4/16/68 GFH

TO ALBUQUERQUE, ATLANTA, BUTTE, DENVER, JACKSON, LAS VEGAS, LITTLE
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OKLAHOMA CITY, PHILADELPHIA, PHOENIX, PORTLAND, SACRAMENTO,
SAN ANTONIO, SEATTLE

FROM DIRECTOR 2P

MURKIN

NEW ORLEANS OFFICE HAS DETERMINED THAT COMPLETE FILES OF
LOUISIANA DRIVERS LICENSE DIVISION ARE COMPUTERIZED AND A SEARCH
UNDER THE BIRTH DATE OF [REDACTED] DISCLOSED THAT FIFTY
WHITE MALES HAVE THIS BIRTH DATE AND HAVE BEEN ISSUED DRIVERS LICENSES
IN LOUISIANA. ALTHOUGH THE NAMES OF GALT, LOWMYER, WILLARD OR
VARIATIONS THEREOF DO NOT APPEAR AMONG THESE FIFTY WHITE MALES, THE
NEW ORLEANS OFFICE SHOULD CHECK OUT THESE INDIVIDUALS FOR ANY
PERTINENT INFORMATION CONNECTED WITH THIS CASE.

OTHER RECEIVING OFFICES SHOULD DO LIKEWISE IF DRIVERS LICENSE
RECORDS ARE MAINTAINED IN A SIMILAR MANNER IN STATES COVERED BY YOUR
OFFICES.

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Longview Daily News
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FBI Optimistic Clues Will Produce Assassin

By GAYLORD SHAW
Associated Press Writer

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — FBI agents have uncovered "very substantial" physical evidence as they work "around the clock pursuing every lead" in the search for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s assassin, says Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark.

"The FBI is devoting every possible resource to this investigation," Clark said. "...While it remains impossible to predict when the killer will be arrested, I remain hopeful that it will be soon."

A Justice Department spokesman said the statement issued in Washington Friday night, Clark's first public pronouncement on the case in five days, was in response to newsmen's queries.

But Clark, like FBI officials, refused to answer newsmen's questions. "All I can say is no comment," said Robert Jensen, special agent in charge of the Memphis FBI office.

King was shot and killed by a sniper April 4 as he stood out-

side his motel room here.

In Washington, Rep. Charles W. Whalen Jr., R-Ohio, said a welter of "premature and contradictory statements" was clouding the investigation and asked the FBI to "set the record straight."

"The handling of the investigation and the efforts to apprehend the guilty person or persons hardly has been reassuring to a tense and troubled nation," Whalen said in a news release.

The search for the assassin has spread hundreds of miles from Memphis, sources report, and involves thousands of investigators.

The scope of the investigation was evident Friday in both Memphis and Birmingham. Newsmen seeking to question persons who might have information about the case were told repeatedly: "The FBI has already been here."

At the Memphis rooming house from which the fatal shot was fired, Charles Q. Stevens said FBI agents had shown him two composite drawings of the

suspected slayer—one a partial profile and the other a full face view.

Stevens said he could identify the partial view, but not the full face view. He said he saw the gunman flee after hearing a shot fired from a communal bathroom next door to his room. The bathroom window affords a clear view of the motel balcony where King was standing when shot.

And at a rooming house in Birmingham, residents said FBI agents had questioned them about Eric Starvo Galt, a white man named in an FBI bulletin issued, then withdrawn, in Florida Thursday night.

The message sent over the state police teletypewriter network in Florida asked help in locating Galt. It 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. Records in Alabama show that a man named Galt bought a 1966 Mustang in August 1967.

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FBI Is Pressing Hunt For Suspect

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — 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 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.

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 in Birmingham.

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 rooming house.

The assassination description given by the FBI: 30 to 32 years age, 5-10, weighing 165, with a receding hairline and a long, thin nose.

Newsman's requests for prints of the FBI's drawing were turned down.

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FBI Is Pressing Hunt For Suspect

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — 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 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.

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 in Birmingham.

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 rooming house.

The assassination description given by the FBI: 30 to 32 years age, 5-10, weighing 165, with a receding hairline and a long, thin nose.

Newsman's requests for prints of the FBI's drawing were turned down.

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Longview, Wn.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (44-371)

DATE: 4-16-68

FROM : SA J. C. NETTER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 1-16-68 Mrs. LEE DOUCHEK, laundry department, Veterans Administration Hospital, Vancouver, Washington advised that the laundry mark in this case did not originate with this laundry. She explained there are no letters used, only numbers. She uses the customers social security number as identification.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (44-371)

DATE: 4-16-68

FROM : SA J. C. NETTER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re memo of SA VERNON P. COYNE 4-16-68.

A review of directories for Vancouver, Washington reflects there are no dancing schools in this area which teach ballroom dancing.

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TO ALL SACS

FROM DIRECTOR

MURKIN

THE FOLLOWING PRESS RELEASE WAS ISSUED AT WASHINGTON, D.C., AT FIVE FORTYFIVE P.M. THIS AFTERNOON. YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO RELEASE AT SIX P.M. EASTERN STANDARD TIME. ALTHOUGH IT IS REALIZED THE WIRE SERVICES WILL CARRY THE FULL TEXT, YOU SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CONTACT THE LEADING NEWSPAPERS AND RADIO AND TV STATIONS IN YOUR DIVISION TO INSURE IT RECEIVES IMMEDIATE WIDESPREAD DISTRIBUTION. YOU ARE ALSO AUTHORIZED TO IMMEDIATELY MAKE AVAILABLE TO ALL MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES COPIES OF THE TWO PHOTOGRAPHS ALREADY IN YOUR POSSESSION. THE DESCRIPTIVE DATA ON THE BACKS OF THESE PHOTOGRAPHS SHOULD BE DELETED. PHOTOGRAPH NUMBER ONE WITH EYES CLOSED SHOULD CARRY THE CAPTION, "ERIC STARVO GALT, ALSO KNOWN AS HARVEY LOWMYER AND JOHN WILLARD." PHOTOGRAPH NUMBER TWO SHOULD CARRY THE CAPTION, "ERIC STARVO GALT, ALSO KNOWN AS HARVEY LOWMYER AND JOHN WILLARD (EYES DRAWN IN BY FBI ARTIST)." YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO REPRODUCE LOCALLY

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ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS AS REQUIRED. . YOU SHOULD ATTEMPT TO
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COVERAGE BY RADIO AND TV STATIONS. YOU ARE TO MAKE NO ELABORA-
TION WHATSOEVER REGARDING THIS RELEASE.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

APRIL 17, 1968

ATTORNEY GENERAL RAMSEY CLARK ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT ERIC STARVO GALT IS BEING SOUGHT BY THE FBI AS A FUGITIVE ON A FEDERAL CHARGE ARISING FROM THE FATAL SHOOTING OF THE REVEREND DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., IN MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, ON APRIL 4, 1968.

DIRECTOR J. EDGAR HOOVER STATED THAT A FEDERAL COMPLAINT WAS FILED BY THE FBI IN BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, TODAY CHARGING GALT WITH CONSPIRING TO VIOLATE THE CIVIL RIGHTS OF DR. KING IN VIOLATION OF TITLE 18, SECTION 241, OF THE UNITED STATES CODE.

THE FBI COMPLAINT CHARGES THAT "ON OR ABOUT MARCH 29, 1968, AT BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, ...ERIC STARVO GALT AND AN INDIVIDUAL WHOM HE ALLEGED TO BE HIS BROTHER, ENTERED INTO A CONSPIRACY WHICH CONTINUED UNTIL ON OR ABOUT APRIL 5, 1968, TO INJURE, OPPRESS, THREATEN, OR INTIMIDATE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.,... IN THE FREE EXERCISE OR ENJOYMENT OF A RIGHT SECURED TO HIM BY THE CONSTITUTION OR LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES; NAMELY, THE RIGHT TO FREELY TRAVEL FROM STATE TO STATE. IN FURTHERANCE OF THIS CONSPIRACY, ERIC STARVO GALT DID, ON OR ABOUT MARCH 30, 1968, PURCHASE A RIFLE AT BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA..."

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ACCORDING TO MR. HOOVER, A 30.06 RIFLE EQUIPPED WITH A TELESCOPIC SIGHT WAS FOUND NEAR A ROOMING HOUSE ON SOUTH MAIN STREET IN MEMPHIS IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE FATAL SHOOTING OF DR. KING OCCURRED. THE ROOMING HOUSE OVERLOOKS THE LORRAINE HOTEL AND MOTEL WHERE DR. KING WAS STAYING.

MR. HOOVER SAID THAT FBI AGENTS DETERMINED THAT THE 30.06 RIFLE HAD BEEN PURCHASED FROM A GUN DEALER IN BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, ON MARCH 30, 1968. THE TELESCOPIC SIGHT ALSO WAS PURCHASED FROM THIS DEALER.

THE FBI DIRECTOR SAID THAT GALT, WHO HAS USED THE NAMES OF JOHN WILLARD AND HARVEY LOWMYER IN THE PAST, IS THE OWNER OF A 1966 WHITE MUSTANG BEARING ALABAMA LICENSE PLATES WHICH WAS LOCATED ABANDONED IN ATLANTA, GEORGIA, ON APRIL 11, 1968. INVESTIGATION DISCLOSED THAT GALT PURCHASED THIS CAR FROM A PRIVATE CITIZEN IN BIRMINGHAM ON AUGUST 30, 1967. THE MUSTANG'S ODOMETER SHOWED THAT IT HAD BEEN DRIVEN MORE THAN 19,000 MILES BETWEEN LATE AUGUST, 1967, AND EARLY APRIL, 1968.

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ACCORDING TO MR. HOOVER, GALT'S TRAVELS IN THE MUSTANG INCLUDED TRIPS TO LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA; NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA; BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA; AND MEXICO, AS WELL AS TO MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, AND ATLANTA, GEORGIA. GALT WAS REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN IN MEMPHIS ON APRIL 3 AND 4, 1968, AND TO HAVE DEPARTED FROM THERE FOR ATLANTA.

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

GALT LEFT LOS ANGELES ON DECEMBER 15, 1967, AND DROVE HIS WHITE MUSTANG TO NEW ORLEANS, WHERE HE CLAIMED HE CONTACTED EITHER AN ENGINEERING OR A CONTRACTING FIRM. HE LEFT NEW ORLEANS ON DECEMBER 19TH AND ARRIVED BACK IN LOS ANGELES ON DECEMBER 21, 1967.

WHILE IN THE LOS ANGELES AREA EARLY THIS YEAR, GALT TOOK A COURSE AT A SCHOOL OF BARTENDING AND WAS GRADUATED ON MARCH 2, 1968.

THE FUGITIVE IS DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE. HE IS APPROXIMATELY 5 FEET 8 INCHES TO 5 FEET 11 INCHES TALL AND WEIGHS BETWEEN 160 AND 175 POUNDS. HE IS SAID TO BE A NEAT DRESSER AND HAS A MEDIUM BUILD.

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

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

ACCORDING TO MR. HOOVER, PERSONS WHO HAVE MET GALT DESCRIBE HIM AS A "LONER" AND STATE HIS LANGUAGE AND DICTION HAVE A "RURAL" QUALITY AND SUGGEST THAT HE PROBABLY DOES NOT HAVE A HIGH DEGREE OF EDUCATION. HE IS SAID TO DRINK ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND HAS A PREFERENCE FOR VODKA AND BEER. HE IS A FAN OF WESTERN AND COUNTRY MUSIC.

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

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TO ALL SACS

FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861

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

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC(44-371)

FROM : EUGENE P. CLARK, SA

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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DATE: 4/16/68

On 4/16/68 a letter was received from E. J. FOY, 3916 Terrace Drive, Yakima, enclosing a photograph from page 2-A, Yakima Herald-Republic, dated April 12. It was noted that in the background of the picture therē appeared the name GALT followed by a question mark. The letter indicated FOY understood the FBI was looking for a man named GALT and speculated as to whether he could be as real as the World War II fellow whose mane appeared on every wall, fence and building from Africa to England, via Europe. (KILROY?)

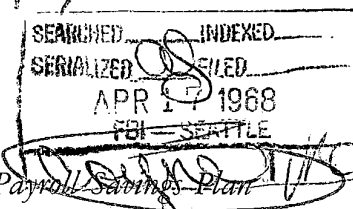
In an effort to ascertain if the name appeared on the original negative, the negative was made available by DEAN SPULER, photographer for the Yakima Herald-Republic, who identified it as one made by a staff correspondent, PAUL HART, at Ellensburg, Washington. It was noted that the name does appear on the negative, but the negative covers a larger area than the print which appeared in the newspaper. An examination of a print furnished by Mr. SPULER revealed that the name was actually in large letters possibly two feet or more in height and applied to what appeared to be a fence enclosing an electric company and probably applied by use of a paint spray can. It is to be noted that the picture was published some few days after an article had appeared in news media to the effect that a man named GALT was being sought for questioning in connection with this case. It is also noted that the art department of the college, with its usual sprinkling of exhibitionists is located in the building shown in the photograph.

It is apparent that this is a prank and in the absence of any information as to who might be responsible, no inquiry was conducted. Mr. FOY'S letter was acknowledged personally on 4/16/68, at which time he was concerned that the incident might have escaped the attention of the FBI. He was thanked for his interest.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (44-371)

DATE: April 16, 1968

FROM : SA WALTER R. BAILEY

SUBJECT: MURKIN
OO: MEMPHIS

On April 15, 1968, Mrs. EDWARD OLSON, Appointments Clerk, Arthur Murray Dance Studio, 1404 Sixth Avenue, Seattle, advised that her records from 1964-1968 do not reflect the names ERIC STARVO GALT, JOHN WILLARD, or HARVEY LOWMYER.

On April 15, 1968, Mrs. PETER BEAL, Appointments Clerk and Instructor, Fred Astaire Dance Studio, 1916½ Fourth Avenue, Seattle, advised that her records from 1964-1968 do not reflect the names ERIC STARVO GALT, JOHN WILLARD, or HARVEY LOWMYER.

On April 15, 1968, Mr. EDWARD LONG, Owner, Ed Long's Ballroom Dance Classes, 16234 Northeast 29th, Bellevue, Washington, advised that he does not keep records for his adult clients but uses a ticket purchasing arrangement for admission to classes.

On April 15, 1968, by physical observation of Room 207, 555 Northgate Mall, Seattle, it was ascertained that The Cass Eddy Dance Studios were not at that address any longer, and no one in that building had any knowledge as to whether the company was still operating.

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April 16, 1968

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RE: MURKIN

☐ For information ☐ Retention optional ☒ For appropriate action ☐ Surep, by _____

☐ The enclosed is for your information. If used in a future report, ☐ conceal all sources, ☐ paraphrase contents.

☐ Enclosed are corrected pages from report of SA _____ dated _____

Remarks:

The attached photographs are to be retained in the personal possession of the SAC until otherwise instructed by the Bureau.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (44-371) (P)

FROM : SA VERNON P. COYNE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: April 16, 1968

RE: Laundry checks.

On April 12, 1968, it was determined that Quon's Laundry is no longer in existence at 2401 First Avenue in Seattle, and the A-1 Laundry, Inc. is running a laundry at this same location. The A-1 Laundry has telephone number Main 3-1570.

Mr. ALFRED ENG, owner of A-1 Laundry, Inc., advised that his company had disposed of the thermo-seal marking machine that had been used by Quon's Laundry, and the A-1 Laundry uses an English type make that is not similar to that of the thermo-seal.

It was further determined on April 12, 1968, the Jewel Cleaners, 17038 Pacific Highway South, handles only dry cleaning at this establishment and all the laundry that they receive to be washed is forwarded and actually washed and markings are put on by the A-1 Laundry Company at 2401 First Avenue, the same laundry as mentioned supra.

It was further determined on April 12, 1968, that there is no company called Dry Cleaners Maintenance, either at 2920 Eastlake Avenue East in Seattle, or anywhere else in this city.

It was determined that the Bardy Trophy Company has occupied the premises at 2920 Eastlake Avenue East in Seattle for approximately two years and the operator of this company recalled that prior to that time a grocery store had occupied this particular building.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (44-371) (P)

FROM : SA VERNON P. COYNE (A)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

OO: MEMPHIS

DATE: 4/16/68

Re investigation concerning HARVEY LOWMEYER or LOWMYER.

On April 9, 1968, the writer conducted investigation at the following named places under the surnames of LOWMEYER and LOWMYER and was unable to locate any record under either of these names:

Seattle Police Department
King County Sheriff's Office
King County Voter's Registration
City of Seattle Voter's Registration
Seattle Credit Bureau.

In addition, the writer checked the listings in the telephone directories for Richmond Highlands, Richmond Beach, Puyallup, Sumner, Vashon Island, Bainbridge Island, and Mountlake Terrace, all with negative results concerning these two surnames.

Also, on April 9, 1968, telephonic contact was made with MR. GENE PRATT of Troy Laundry in Seattle, who advised that this laundry does use Thermo Seal marking machines but the markings put on the laundry tags by this company are not similar to the markings found on the articles apparently abandoned by the Unsub.

On April 9, 1968, MR. RALPH OLSON, of Van Waters and Rogers, telephone MA 4-5050, advised that his firm does sell material which is used in the Thermo Seal Marking Machines that are used by various laundries but he said it would be necessary for him to contact his various salesmen to determine the laundries that actually use such materials.

On April 10, 1968, MR. OLSON said that he was only able to determine from his salesmen that the following laundries

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do use the Thermo Seal marking machines, and he realizes that this is a very incomplete list:

American Linen-Seattle
Home Service-Tacoma
Peerles Laundry-Tacoma

MR. OLSON advised that a complete list of all machines of this kind sold in the state of Washington would have to be obtained from JOHN POPP, Manufacturer's Representative, who resides in Portland, Oregon.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (44-371) (P)

DATE: 4/16/68

FROM : SA VERNON P. COYNE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

OO:MEMPHIS

Re suspect ERIC STARVO GALT.

On April 10, 1968, MRS. GERALDINE NORFIELD, Executive-Secretary, Washington Credit Union League, 15440 Bellevue-Renton Road, Bellevue, Washington, telephone TU 5-1121, was contacted by SA ROY G. SJOSTRAND concerning the feasibility of circularizing all the credit union members in the State of Washington regarding captioned suspect, using facilities of the Washington Credit Union League.

On April 10, 1968, MRS. NORFIELD advised SA VERNON P. COYNE, that she had discussed a request made by SA ROY G. SJOSTRAND with other officers in this credit union and the Washington Credit Union League will comply with the FBI's request in this matter and circularize all their members by letter, which letter will be mailed as soon as they can possibly do so, at least during this week.

The circular letter will merely request each member of this league to check their records under the name of captioned person, ERIC STARVO GALT, and if any record is located the credit union member should immediately contact the Washington Credit Union League.

MRS. NORFIELD advised that if any affirmative results are received the FBI Office at Seattle would immediately be advised by telephone.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (44-371)(P)

DATE: 4/15/68

FROM : SA EUGENE P. CLARK

SUBJECT: MURKIN

The following investigation was conducted by SA
EUGENE P. CLARK:

On April 9, 1968, the following individuals and
sources were contacted regarding HARVEY LOWMEYER, aka
LOWMYER, but no record located:

LOIS RIPPSTEIN - Record Bureau, Yakima, Washington,
Police Department

ROBERT MC MILLAN - Deputy Sheriff, Yakima County
Sheriff's Office

Yakima Credit Bureau

MARGE VAN SCOY - Yakima City Voter's Registry &
Water Department

EUGENE NAFF - County Auditor, in charge of County
Voting Register

Yakima City Directories for 1967 and prior years
to 1960

Yakima Office, Pacific Northwest Bell Telephone
Company

JACK GREEN - Sergeant, Selah, Washington, Police
Department.

The following sources and individuals were contacted
on April 10, 1968:

HOWARD BURTON - Chief of Police, Wapato, Washington

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EARL MIDDLETON - Assistant Chief of Police, Granger, Washington

GERALDINE GABBERT - Matron, Toppenish, Washington, Police Department

F. T. WOLFE - Chief of Police, Grandview, Washington, who also utilities and voter's registry.

JESS STILTNER - Chief of Police, Sunnyside, Washington

GERALD TUCKER - City Clerk, Sunnyside, Washington, handling voters registry.

The following sources and individuals were checked on April 11, 1968, regarding ERIC STARVO GALT:

H. W. HOFFMAN - Customer Service, Pacific Power and Light Company, Yakima, Washington

Yakima Credit Bureau

LOIS RIPPSTEIN - Record Bureau, Yakima, Washington, Police Department

ROBERT MC MILLAN - Deputy Sheriff, Yakima County Sheriff's Office

MARGE VAN SCOY - Deputy City Clerk, Yakima, who checked voter's register and utilities

EUGENE NAFF - Yakima County Auditor, in charge of voter's registry

Yakima City Directory back to 1960

Yakima Telephone Directory for Pacific Northwest Bell Telephone Company

R. E. BROWN - Deputy Sheriff, Kittitas County Sheriff's Office, Ellensburg, Washington

CHARLES SCOTT - Model Laundry, Ellensburg, Washington

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TOM PRATT - Ellensburg Police Department

Mrs. JOHN LARSEN - Ellensburg Credit Bureau

Mrs. GERTRUDE ERICKSON - City Clerk, for voter's
register and utilities

MARION DARTER, - County Auditor, handling voter's
register.

On April 10, 1968, ERWIN WILFERD, Manager, Crystal Linen Supply, 930 North 5th Avenue, Yakima, Washington, affirmed that he sometimes uses thermal setting marking tape from Textile Marking Machine Company; however, the machines he uses are National Making Machines manufactured in Cincinnati, Ohio, which uses 5/8" tapes. He knew of no laundry in the area using the Textile Marking Machines. He checked his files and was unable to locate the name of LOWMEYER or GALT.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (44-371)(P)

DATE: 4/15/68

FROM : SA WILLIAM L. PRICE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

The following investigation was conducted by SA
WILLIAM L. PRICE:

AT OKANOGAN, WASHINGTON

On April 10, 1968, the Voter Registration List for Okanogan County was checked for the names of ERIC S. GALT, aka GAULT, and/or HARVEY LOWMEYER, aka LOYMYER, with negative results.

On April 10, 1968, Deputy Sheriff RALPH MALONE, Okanogan County Sheriff's Office, advised that his office has record of all people who are arrested in the County on felony charges and virtually all moving traffic violations, and he has no arrest record for the above-named individuals.

On April 10, 1968, Deputy Sheriff MALONE advised that he had through radio contact requested the respective officers in the towns within Okanogan County to check utility records for ERIC S. GALT, aka GAULT, and HARVEY LOWMEYER, aka LOYMYER, with negative results.

AT OMAK, WASHINGTON

On April 10, 1968, Mrs. LOMA SCHINDLER, Omak Credit Bureau, which is the primary credit reporting agency covering Okanogan County, advised that her files contain no record for ERIC S. GALT, aka GAULT, and/or HARVEY LOWMEYER, aka LOWMYER.

AT SPOKANE, WASHINGTON

On April 11, 1968, the telephone directories of the following towns and cities within Ferry, Okanogan, Pend Oreille, and Stevens Counties were checked for the names of ERIC S. GALT, aka GAULT, and/or HARVEY LOWMEYER, aka LOWMYER, with negative results:



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Brewster, Curlew, Loomis, Molson, Chesaw, Republic, Tonasket, Omak, Okanogan, Oroville, Pateros, Newport, Cusick, Ione, Metaline Falls, Chewelah, Hunters, Kettle Falls, Colville, Marcus, Northport, Springdale, Coulee Dam, Nespelem, Twisp, and Winthrop.

AT COLVILLE, WASHINGTON

On April 11, 1968, Stevens County Deputy Sheriff HAROLD MILES advised that his files contain no arrest record for ERIC S. GAULT, aka GALT and/or HARVEY LOWMEYER, aka LOWMYER. MILES said he had reviewed the Stevens County Voter Registration files and could find no record of the above-mentioned names; he added that he had also checked with the Washington Water Power Company office in Colville, which is the electric utility which serves virtually all of Stevens County, and could find no listing for the above-named individuals.

On April 11, 1968, Mr. LYMAN KINARD, Stevens County Credit Bureau, which is the primary credit reporting agency for Stevens County, advised that his files contain no listing for ERIC S. GALT, aka GAULT, and/or HARVEY LOWMEYER, aka LOWMYER.

AT NEWPORT, WASHINGTON

On April 11, 1968, Deputy Sheriff CHARLES COSSETT, Pend Oreille County Sheriff's Office, advised that his files contain no listing for ERIC S. GALT, aka GAULT and/or HARVEY LOWMEYER aka LOWMYER; COSSETT said he also checked the County Voter Registration files and the records of the Pend Oreille County Public Utility District with negative results.

AT REPUBLIC, WASHINGTON

On April 11, 1968, Deputy Sheriff ROBERT WALKUP, Ferry County Sheriff's Office, advised that his files contain no record for ERIC S. GALT, aka GAULT and/or HARVEY LOWMEYER, aka LOWMYER. He said he also checked the County Voter Registration files and the records of the Ferry County Public Utility District with negative results.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (44-371)(P)

DATE: 4/16/68

FROM : SA WILLIAM E. WELLS

SUBJECT: MURKIN

The following investigation was conducted by SA WILLIAM E. WELLS:

On April 9, 1968, CHERYL KAISER, Deputy, Klickitat County Sheriff's Office, Goldendale, Washington, advised that the records of that agency fail to reveal any listings for an individual by the name of HARVEY LOWMEYER or LOWMYER. Miss KAISER also stated that the credit records for Klickitat County fail to reflect any information identifiable with an individual of this name.

On April 9, 1968, Chief of Police DONALD KEMP, Goldendale Police Department, Goldendale, Washington, advised that the records of his department did not list any information for a HARVEY LOWMEYER or LOWMYER.

On April 9, 1968, Mrs. BETTY LOFTIN, Secretary for the Klickitat County Public Utilities Department, Goldendale, Washington, advised that there was no account in Klickitat County for a HARVEY LOWMEYER.

On April 9, 1968, the telephone directory was checked and no listing for an individual with a last name of LOWMEYER was found.

On April 9, 1968, MARGARET CASEY, Klickitat County Voter Registration Clerk, advised that the rolls of the Klickitat County did not contain a registered voter by the name of LOWMEYER.

On April 10, 1968, CHARLES SCOTT, Manager of the Model Laundry, Ellensburg, Washington, advised that his firm had an operation named Thermal Seal Marking Machine manufactured by the Textile Marking Machine Company, Syracuse, New York, and that a review of the records of his firm reflects

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that laundry mark numbers 02B-6 or D2B-6 had not originated at his plant. Mr. SCOTT stated that his plant was the only laundry equipped with a machine of this type in the Klickitat County.

On April 10, 1968, HELEN KELLY, Kittitas County Voter Registration Clerk, and DORIS SORENSON, City of Ellensburg Voter Registration Clerk, advised that the rolls of Kittitas County did not contain a registered voter by the name of HARVEY LOWMEYER or LOWMYER.

On April 10, 1968, Chief of Police JOHN T. LARSEN (NA), Ellensburg Police Department, and Sheriff ROBERT BARRETT, Kittitas County Sheriff's Office, advised that their respective offices contain no information identifiable with a HARVEY LOWMEYER.

On April 11, 1968, the following individuals were requested to verify records of their respective agencies to see if they have an individual by the name of ERIC STARVO GALT listed, and all agencies checked advised that their records were negative with respect to this name:

CHERYL KAISER - Deputy, Klickitat County Sheriff's Office, Goldendale, Washington

DONALD KEMP - Chief of Police, Goldendale Police Department, Goldendale, Washington

Mrs. BETTY LOFTIN - Secretary, Public Utilities Department for Klickitat County, Goldendale, Washington

Mrs. MARGARET CASE - Voter Registration Clerk, Klickitat County, Goldendale, Washington

ORVILLE OLNEY - Chief of Police, Toppenish Police Department, Toppenish, Washington

Mrs. CATHERINE ALEXANDER - Voter Registration Clerk, Toppenish, Washington

Captain ROY HAMMERICK - Sunnyside Police Department, Sunnyside, Washington

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ERMINE DUFFIN - Voter Registration Clerk, Sunnyside,
Washington

F. T. WOLFE - Chief of Police, Grandview Police De-
partment, Grandview, Washington

DOROTHY BRUNKHORST - Voter Registration Clerk,
Grandview, Washington

HOWARD BURTON - Chief of Police, Wapato, Police De-
partment, Wapato, Washington

NELLIE SEWARD - Voter Registration Clerk, Wapato,
Washington.

In addition to the above agencies being contacted,
the telephone directories, credit bureaus and city directories
where available in all cities were reviewed and found to con-
tain no listing for an ERIC STARVO GALT on April 11, 1968.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (44-371)

FROM : SA ROBERT H. WICK

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4-15-68

VITAL STATISTICS CHECK

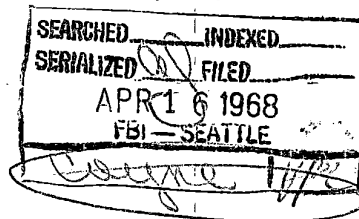
On April 15, 1968, ELLEN WIENAND, Vital Statistics Section, Washington State Department of Health, Olympia, Washington, advised that she could locate no record of anyone having been born on [redacted] by the name of ERIK STARVO GALT, with variations of GAULT and GUALT; JOHN WILLARD or HARVEY LOWMYER with variation LOWMEYER. In making this check, Mrs. WIENAND considered that the child may have been unnamed and the mother's name may have been one of the surnames named above.

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RE: MURKIN

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Remarks:

Enclosed are photographs of artist conception of unknown subject in this case as described by witnesses in Birmingham and Memphis respectively.

Under no circumstances should anyone be told this investigation is in connection with captioned matter.

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Remarks:

Attached are three photographs of tee shirt and shorts bearing laundry marks.

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS
FROM: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (44-769)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
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On 4/7/68, MICHAEL GARCIA voluntarily appeared at the FBI RA, Gainesville, Fla., and furnished the following information.

GARCIA is a Private E-3, US Army. His serial number is RA 12683051 and he is from Tampa, Florida. He is to report to Ft. Lewis, Washington, on 4/20/68, for shipment to Viet Nam. He will be in Tampa, Fla. until it is time for him to report to Ft. Lewis.

GARCIA's father is MANUEL GARCIA, Attorney, Tampa, Florida.

On Saturday, 3/30/68, GARCIA left Ft. Benning, Ga. en route to Gainesville, Florida, where he was formerly a student at the University of Florida. GARCIA took State Road 26 out of Columbus, Georgia, en route to Interstate 75 at Cordele, Georgia. Several miles out of Columbus on '76', at an isolated spot, he picked up a hitchhiker who claimed he was going to Orlando, Florida. GARCIA described this hitchhiker, who gave his name as JACK or HARRY RUSSELL as follows:

2-Memphis
1-Tampa (Info)
1-Miami (Info)
1-Atlanta (Info)
②-Seattle (①-44-MURKIN) (1- 91-2732)
3-Jacksonville
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Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	Possibly in 30's or 40's
Height	Approximately 6'
Weight	Approximately 170
Hair	Dark brown or black, streaks of grey
Eyes	Blue or brown, very bright, piercing, and sparkling
Eyebrows	Dusky and dark
Nose	Straight
Teeth	Good
Health	Very healthy looking and agile, walked erect
Marital status	Claimed to have been married at one time
Accent	Nothing noticeable but used good English and appeared well spoken
Characteristics	Red heavy dusky black-brown beard with a little grey
Dress	Light tan trousers; Madras, long sleeved shirt; Dark blue windbreaker; Light tan nylon Thermo jacket; Plain brown shoes with two or three eyelets which he claimed he bought for \$1.25 in a second-hand store and they hurt his feet, size 9 shoe.
Military service	Claims he was in US Air Force in 1947 and received back entry while in the service.

GARCIA advised this individual had a blanket roll which appeared to have some of his belongings inside. The blanket was pastel pink or green in color. He told GARCIA he was a "rail tramp" and had arrived in the Columbus, Ga. area from Seattle by way of New Orleans and Birmingham earlier in the week. He talked as if he knew a great deal about train schedules and junctions. He commented a "rail tramp" is hardest kind of individual to catch if he is on the run from