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the law as he knows places to hide. He further claimed two Negroes threw him off of a train once causing him to have a concussion and causing his inner ear to fill with blood. He expressed a distinct dislike for Negroes. GARCIA advised that during conversation with this individual he asked GARCIA where he was from. When GARCIA told him he was from Tampa he asked if GARCIA knew anything about the Mafia. GARCIA told him that his father, RAFAEL GARCIA, an Attorney, had done some legal work for the TRAFFICANTES in Tampa. He told GARCIA he was going to Orlando to do some work for the Mafia, for which he would receive a new Mercury and \$7000. He told GARCIA upon arrival in Orlando he was to walk up and down a certain street, name unrecalled, in Orlando until someone contacted him. He further stated that from Orlando he was going to Miami after which he would head north through Tennessee, to Idaho, and would feel better when he had a "few \$'s" in his pocket. He told GARCIA that his job had nothing to do with dope and indicated his job would be done in a week, after when he would be on his way to Idaho. He showed GARCIA a picture which he removed from his billfold of a place where he was going in Idaho. GARCIA recalls this picture showed snow covered mountains and a mountain lake. He claimed he was going to a small camp where he had "laid up" before. GARCIA recalls that he mentioned a waterfall at this place which gave off a spray revealing an image that looked like a reclining woman.

GARCIA advised that this individual appeared to know quite a bit about weaponry and stated that he talked about the AK47, Chinese assault rifle, laser beam, and light anti-tank weapon.

GARCIA advised after arriving in Gainesville he let this individual off on West University Avenue where he claimed he wanted to wash his clothes in a washateria. GARCIA stated that on Sunday, 3/31/68, around noon, he saw this individual hitchhiking on Archer Road toward I-75. He stopped and asked GARCIA if he would give him a ride as far as I-75, but GARCIA was in a hurry and unable to do so. He has not seen this individual since.

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GARCIA stated that he did not give too much thought to the conversation he had with this individual until after the announcement of the assassination of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. on 4/4/68. He stated after this announcement he began to give thought to the conversation mentioned herein that he had with this individual, particularly to his expressed dislike for Negroes and he also mentioned the Communist element among Negroes and he therefore thought he should report this to the proper authorities.

GARCIA reviewed all the pending identification orders but was unable to make an identification. He was asked to study the identification order of ROBERT HOLIVAR DE PUCH, IO #4176, inasmuch as process is outstanding for DE PUCH in Seattle and the description of the hitchhiker somewhat fits DE PUCH. After closely studying DE PUCH, GARCIA stated he could not state whether or not DL PUCH was identical with the hitchhiker, primarily in view of the fact the hitchhiker had such a full bush beard.

The above information is being submitted for the evaluation of the Memphis Division in connection with captioned matter and for evaluation by Seattle in connection with DL PUCH. Any leads to be set forth is being left to the discretion of the office of origin.

Information copies being sent to Atlanta, Miami, and Tampa, in the event it becomes necessary to request investigation by those offices concerning the individual described herein.

4-12-68

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS
FROM: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (44-762) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
OO: MEMPHIS

Re Jacksonville airtel to Memphis 4-11-68.

On the evening of 4-11-68, MICHAEL GARCIA telephonically contacted the Gainesville RA advising that he had noted in the "Tampa Times" of 4-11-68 an artist sketch of a man wanted for the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING. GARCIA stated he sketched a beard on this drawing and advised with the beard the drawing is very similar to the hitchhiker he picked up near Columbus, Georgia, on 3-30-68. He further advised that the straight nose in the drawing is very similar to the hitchhiker's nose.

GARCIA stated he would be leaving for Ft. Lewis, Washington, between 4/18 - 20/68 and until time for him to leave, he will be staying at his parents residence, 4802 Woodmere Road, Tampa, Florida.

2 - Memphis
1 - Tampa (Info)
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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.

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2 ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES (AM)
1 MEMPHIS

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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

DATE: 4/15/68

FROM : SA VERNON P. COYNE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE: ERIC STARVO GALT

By teletype to all continental offices on April 14, 1968, the Bureau advised that GALT, the principal suspect, has been reported as having attended dancing schools in Birmingham, New Orleans, and California.

GALT reportedly signed up for a one-year dancing course in New Orleans in 1964; took dancing lessons for several weeks at Birmingham, beginning in September, 1967; and took a \$499 dancing course from December, 1967, to February, 1968, at Long Beach, California.

One dance instructor has advised that GALT is "crazy" about dancing but a poor dancer and difficult to teach because he does not remember instructions. He was described as an introvert who volunteers no information and replies with yes and no answers when questioned; did not mingle with other students; and made no effort to make friends or converse with anyone else.

Another dance instructor stated GALT is a good dancer, displayed a slight southern accent; rural characteristics of language and diction; teeth straight and clean; finger-nails clean and neatly trimmed; wore gold ring with dark stone; always neatly dressed with suit and shiny slip-on type black alligator shoes with thin soles; black hose; wore tie tack and cuff links; smoked filter cigarettes; had nervous habit of occasionally pulling his ear lobe.

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1 - Each SRA - *sent to SRA 4/15/68*

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The owner of a dance studio states GALT spoke of Alabama; stated he was a merchant seaman; spoke of being to Mexico but did not speak Spanish and spoke English badly; was socially inept; an introvert and a poor dancer because he did not loosen up. GALT reportedly smiled rarely and when he did, it was a nervous crooked smile. GALT paid cash for lessons, taking a wad of bills from his pocket.

ERIC STARVO GALT is described as follows:

Height	5'11"
Weight	175
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Brown
DOB	
POB	Not given

The Bureau points out that GALT may have used the name HARVEY LOWMYER or JOHN WILLARD or any variation of these two names or any other names.

In connection with inquiries made, no indication should be given that inquiries are in connection with captioned case.

LEAD:

SEATTLE

To All Senior Resident Agents:

Immediately check all dancing schools in your territory for any record of prior attendance at any such schools by GALT and run out any leads developed.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (44-371)

DATE: 4/15/68

FROM : SA WALTER R. BAILEY

SUBJECT: MURKIN
OO: MEMPHIS

On April 10, 1968, Mr. RAY HORN, Plant Manager, American Linen Supply Company, 771 Valley Street, Seattle, advised that he had a Thermo Seal Marking Machine but that he used 7 to 9 characters in the sequence: Letter, number, letter - space - number, number, number, and that the character 02B-6 would not fit his machine.

On April 10, 1968, Mr. JAMES HART, manager, Lakeside Cleaners, Bellevue, Washington, advised that he had a Thermo Seal Marking Machine but that his machine would not use "O" or "D" as the first digit. He further advised that the first number in such a marking denoted the lot number, the letter was the week of delivery and the number after the dash was the bundle number.

Thus:

<u>Lot #</u>	<u>Week</u>	<u>Bundle #</u>
02	B -	6

Mr. HART stated that some cleaners use the lot sequence 01, 02, 03 etc., but that he used 1, 2, 3. The same sequence of characters (such as 02 B-6) would only appear twice a year in any cleaning establishment since there are 26 alphabet letters distributed on the basis of one letter per week.

On April 10, 1968, Mr. JOSEPH WARREN, manager, Cleaning and Laundry Section, U. S. Naval Exchange Building,

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Sand Point Naval Air Station, Seattle, Washington, advised that he had a Thermo Seal Marking Machine but that he used a system of digits whereby a letter came first and then all numbers, such as C - 11743.

On April 10, 1968, a check of city directories for 1965 - 1966 and 1966 - 1967 for Seattle, Bellevue, Kirkland, Burien and White Center, Washington, were negative on the name ERIC STARVO GALT.

On April 10, 1968, a check of 45 telephone directories covering the Seattle Division territory were negative on the name ERIC STARVO GALT.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (44-371)

DATE: 4/12/68

FROM : SA WALTER R. BAILEY

SUBJECT: MURKIN

(OO: MEMPHIS)

On 4/11/68, Mrs. ARLEAN FAY, Secretary to the Chief of Investigations, Immigration and Naturalization Service, 815 Airport Way South, Seattle, Washington, advised that file number 15262968 is not in Seattle INS records. She further advised that INS had no record of ERNEST GAULT in the files.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
 FROM: SAC, ALBANY (44-493) (P)
 SUBJECT: MURKIN ✓
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(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re Albany airtel to Bureau 4/11/68.

LAUNDRY MARKS

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

3-Bureau
 3-Memphis (44-1987)
 2-Boston (157-644)
 2-Charlotte
 2-Chicago (44-1114)
 2-Honolulu
 3-Jacksonville (44-769)
 3-Miami
 2-Newark (44-854)
 2-New York (44-1609)
 3-Norfolk
 2-Philadelphia
 2-Richmond
 3-San Francisco (173-65)
 2-San Juan
 ③-Seattle
 2-WFO
 3-Albany
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For the information of San Juan, the following is furnished:

Search of premises believed occupied by UNSUB who assassinated Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING on 4/4/68, disclosed suitcase in which was located tee-shirt and undershorts bearing laundry mark on red tape with black lettering believed to be Thermo-Seal type, manufactured by Textile Marking Machine Co., Inc., Syracuse, N.Y. The tape is $\frac{1}{4}$ " wide and $1 \frac{1}{16}$ " long and bears letters and numbers C2B-6.

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

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

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

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

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BOSTON

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

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

CHARLOTTE

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

CHICAGO

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

HONOLULU

Navy Exchange	SN 32897
Naval Station	
Pearl Harbor, Hawaii	

JACKSONVILLE

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

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JACKSONVILLE (CONT.)

Navy Exchange
Naval Air Station
Pensacola, Florida

SN 32223
SN 32226
SN 32222
SN 32229
SN 32220
SN 32525
SN 32529
SN 32509
SN 32300
SN 32295

Navy Exchange
Naval Air Station
Yukon, Florida

SN 32521

MIAMI

Navy Exchange
Naval Station
Key West, Florida

SN 31964
SN 31969

MEMPHIS

Navy Exchange
Naval Air Station
Millington, Tennessee

SN 32040
SN 32044
SN 32439

NEWARK

Navy Exchange
Naval Air Station
Lakehurst, New Jersey

SN 33440

NEW YORK

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

SN 32141
SN 32143
SN 32148
SN 32157

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NORFOLK

Navy Exchange	SN 32131
Naval Air Station	SN 32144
Norfolk, Virginia	SN 32332

Navy Exchange	SN 32283
Naval Amphibious Base	SN 32288
Little Lake	SN 32292
Norfolk, Virginia	

PHILADELPHIA

Navy Exchange	SN 32920
Naval Station	SN 32931
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	SN 33708

RICHMOND

CMCS Stock Acct.	SN 32665
Building 2011	
Marine Corps Schools	
Quantico, Virginia	

SAN FRANCISCO

Navy Exchange	SN 32900
Naval Air Station	
Moffett Field, California	

Freight Terminal	SN 32286
Naval Supply Center	
Oakland, California	

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SAN JUAN

Naval Exchange
Naval Station
San Juan, Puerto Rico
SN 33520
SN 33521

SEATTLE

Incl
~~Navy Exchange
Widbey Island
Oak Harbor, Washington
SN 32763
SN 32875~~

~~Navy Exchange
Naval Supply Depot
Seattle, Washington
SN 31994~~

WFO

Navy Exchange
Naval Station
Washington, D. C.
SN 32920
SN 32931

LEADS

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

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AL 44-493

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

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

ALL OFFICES

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

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Date: 4/12/68

Transmit the following in PLAIN
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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: *SAC Memphis*
SAC, SEATTLE (44-371)

MURKIN, OO:MEMPHIS.

RE SUSPECT ERIC STARVO GALT

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO ATLANTA AND SACS,
FOUR, TEN, SIXTY EIGHT REGARDING CHECKS ON INS FILES.

INS FILE, SPOKANE, WASHINGTON, ON JAMES ERIC GAULT
REVIEWED. THIS PERSON ONLY HANDLED BY INS ON ONE OCCASION
AND THIS OCCURRED ON MARCH ELEVEN, SIXTY THREE.

INS RECORDS AT SPOKANE DESCRIBE JAMES ERIC
GAULT HIS A CANADIAN CITIZEN, BORN [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], COPPER CLIFF, ONTARIO, CANADA; ADDRESS
IN MARCH, NINETEEN SIXTY THREE, ALDER FLATS, ALBERTA,
CANADA, AND PREVIOUS ADDRESS OF NARAMATA, BRITISH COLUMBIA;
HEIGHT SIX FEET TWO INCHES, WEIGHT ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY
FIVE IN NINETEEN SIXTY THREE, HAIR BROWN, EYES HAZEL,
SCAR TIP OF RIGHT INDEX FINGER. HIS FATHER, JAMES THOMAS
GAULT, DECEASED, CANADIAN CITIZEN; HIS MOTHER, EMILY MARY
BEHAN GAULT RESIDED IN WINDSOR, ONTARIO IN NINETEEN SIXTY
THREE; DAUGHTER LISTED AS JANICE GAULT AND EX-WIFE ELLEN

1 cc: Memphis (AM)

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Approved: *[Signature]*

Special Agent in Charge

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F. COUGHLIN, WINDSOR, ONTARIO.

IN SIGNED STATEMENT TO INS, GAULT STATED HE
CHANGED HIS NAME LEGALLY TO SPANY ERIC ANG IN LAS
VEGAS, NEVADA, IN NINETEEN FIFTY NINE.

INS WERE ADVISED BY RCMP THAT GAULT HAD BEEN
CHARGED WITH RUNNING THE BORDER IN NNETEEN FIFTY NINE AND
AT THAT TIME HAD BEEN CONSIDERED MENTALLY DISTURBED. THE
RCMP VERIFIED FOR INS IN MARCH, SIXTY THREE, THAT THIS
GAULT HAD BEEN EMPLOYED IN BRITISH COLUMBIA AND ON
MARCH ELEVENTH, SIXTY THREE, GAULT WAS ALLOWED TO
VOLUNTARILY DEPART FOR CANADA.

NO FURTHER INFORMATION ON THIS GAULT WHO WOULD
NOW BE FIFTY TWO YEARS OF AGE, IN INS FILE.

INS FILE ON ERNEST GAULT, BORN , BELIZE, BRITISH HONDURAS, NOT LOCATED SEATTLE.~~AIR MAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS.~~Approved: _____
Special Agent in Charge

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F B I SEATTLE

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) & MEMPHIS
FROM SEATTLE (44-371) /2PG/

MURKIN

/ RE: SUSPECT ERIC STARVO GALT

REBUTEL TO ATLANTA AND SACS APRIL TEN SIXTYEIGHT REGARDING CHECKS
ON INS FILES.

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MEMPHIS ADVISED.

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F B I SEATTLE

805 PM DEFERRED 4/12/68 PJW

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) & MEMPHIS
FROM SEATTLE (44-371) /2PG/

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INS FILE ON ERNEST GAULT, BORN JANUARY NINETEEN, TWENTYTWO, BELIZE, BRITISH HONDURAS, NOT LOCATED SEATTLE.

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Date: 4/12/68

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Via TELETYPE

Urgent
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TO: SAC, BUTTE
SAC Memphis
FROM: SAC, SEATTLE (44-371)

MURKIN, OO:MEMPHIS.

ON THIS DATE, HEMMIE KASKI, TWO TWO ONE ONE WEST TWENTY SEVENTH STREET, VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON, REPORTED THAT LATE AFTERNOON OF APRIL TEN, LAST, HE SAW A MAN IN NORTHEAST VANCOUVER WHO RESEMBLED THE SKETCH OF UNKNOWN SUBJECT IN THIS CASE WHICH APPEARED IN THE PRESS. THE SUSPECT PURCHASED A NEWSPAPER FROM A STAND IN THE TOTEM POLE SHOPPING AREA AND THEN ENTERED A LATE MODEL INTERNATIONAL JEEP, WHITE OVER BLUE, WITH NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT IDAHO LICENSE FIVE B SEVEN ZERO THREE AND THEN LEFT THE SHOPPING AREA. KASKI DESCRIBED SUSPECT AS WHITE MALE, AGE FORTY FIVE TO FIFTY, HEIGHT FIVE FEET EIGHT INCHES TO FIVE FEET TEN INCHES, WEIGHT ONE HUNDRED SIXTY FIVE TO ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY, HAIR BLOND AND REDDISH AND WEARING OVERALLS AND A CHECKERED SHIRT.

BUTTE IDENTIFY REGISTERED OWNER OF ABOVE LICENSE AND ATTEMPT TO ESTABLISH HIS WHEREABOUTS DURING PERTINENT PERIOD.

1 cc: ~~Memphis (AM)~~

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Approved: *[Signature]*

Special Agent in Charge

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*[Signature]**BT - 7:58 44-371-77*
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FBI BUTTE

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758PM URGENT 4/12/68 PJW
TO BUTTE AND MEMPHIS
FROM SEATTLE (44-371) /1PG/

MURKIN

ON THIS DATE, HEMMIE KASKI, TWO TWO ONE ONE WEST TWENTYSEVENTH STREET, VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON, REPORTED THAT LATE AFTERNOON OF APRIL TEN, LAST, HE SAW A MAN IN NORTHEAST VANCOUVER WHO RESEMBLED THE SKETCH OF UNKNOWN SUBJECT IN THIS CASE WHICH APPEARED IN THE PRESS. THE SUBJECT PURCHASED A NEWSPAPER FROM A STAND IN THE TOTEM POLE SHOPPING AREA, AND THEN ENTERED A LATE MODEL INTERNATIONAL JEEP, WHITE OVER BLUE, WITH NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT IDAHO LICENSE FIVE B SEVEN ZERO THREE, AND THEN LEFT THE SHOPPING AREA. KASKI DESCRIBED SUSPECT AS WHITE MALE, AGE FORTY FIVE TO FIFTY, HEIGHT FIVE FEET EIGHT TO FIVE FEET TEN INCHES, WEIGHT ONE SIXTYFIVE TO ONE SEVENTY POUNDS, HAIR BLOND AND REDDISH, AND WEARING OVERALLS AND A CHECKERED SHIRT.

BUTTE IDENTIFY REGISTERED OWNER OF ABOVE LICENSE AND ATTEMPT TO ESTABLISH HIS WHEREABOUTS DURING PERTINENT PERIOD.

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TO BUTTE AND MEMPHIS

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BUTTE ADVISED.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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

DATE: 4/12/68

FROM : SA THOMAS J. MANNING

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CIVIL RIGHTS
OO: Memphis

On 4/11/68 the criminal records of Centralia, Washington and Chehalis, Washington Police Departments as well as those of the Lewis County Sheriff's Office at Chehalis, Washington were checked in the name of ERIC STARVO GALT with negative results.

On 4/11/68 the records of the Lewis County Credit Bureau, Centralia, Washington, PUD at Chehalis, Washington for Lewis County and vicinity, voters registration records and water records at Chehalis and Centralia were checked in the name of GALT with negative results. The Polk City Directory for Centralia-Chehalis, Washington as well as the telephone directories for these towns and immediate vicinity were checked in that name with negative results. Other telephone directories of Lewis County, Washington contained no reference to the name.

On 4/12/68 criminal records of the Cowlitz County Sheriff's Office, Kelso, Washington and Longview, Washington Police Department Records were checked in the name of GALT with negative results.

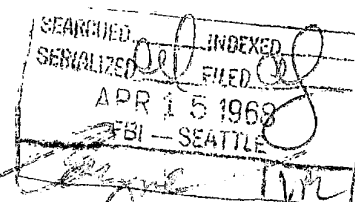
Records of the Credit Bureau of Cowlitz County, voter list of Cowlitz County, PUD records for Cowlitz County as well as the Polk City Directory for Kelso-Longview, Washington and various phone directories for Cowlitz County were checked in the name of GALT with negative results.

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Hunt For Dr. King's Slayer Becomes Grueling Routine

By BILL JOHNSON
Associated Press Writer

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — The task of finding the person who killed Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. apparently has settled down to the grueling police routine of sifting every clue and checking every lead.

There was no talk of an early arrest, as there had been shortly after King was assassinated last Thursday night. Robert G. Drewry and John C. Moore, the two U.S. commissioners here, said they had not been approached to issue a fugitive warrant by either the FBI or the U.S. attorney.

The Memphis Commercial Appeal reported today that the city's fire and police director is investigating the possibility that someone used the police radio frequency to draw officers off the trail of the fleeing assassin.

The paper said in a copyright story that Frank C. Holloman, Memphis fire and police director, "would only say last night that such a possibility is under investigation."

The paper said radio transmissions indicated Lt. R. W. Bradshaw in police car 160 was speeding after a white Mustang, suspected as a possible getaway car, following the shooting.

Holloman "did confirm that Lt. Bradshaw in car 160 was 'in the area' of the reported chase, but not involved in the case," the paper said.

"I was not chasing a white Mustang," the paper quoted Bradshaw as saying. "Any other information will have to come from the chief."

"The police dispatcher relayed seven transmissions—supposedly from Lt. Bradshaw in car 160—between 6:35 p.m. and 6:47 p.m. last Thursday," the paper said, "little more

than a half-hour after Dr. King was shot by a sniper outside the Lorraine Motel."

The paper said the messages described the route of the chase, said that a blue Pontiac was also chasing the Mustang and said shots were fired from the Mustang at the Pontiac.

As federal officials pressed their manhunt, there were reports of arrests in various parts of the country and of a widespread search in Mexico.

The Mexican rumor started after Rolando Veloz, the Mexican counsel here, told authorities there was a resemblance between a composite sketch carried in a local newspaper and a young man who applied for a tourist card the day before King was shot.

The young man turned out to be a 19-year-old student at Memphis State University, Memphis police said. They said what was thought to be a false address and phone number were those of his father in Park Ridge, Ill. They dismissed the possibility that he was connected with the case.

In Washington, the Justice Department denied that the investigation had extended into Mexico. The Memphis Commercial Appeal said however it had learned that the FBI had contacted the central police office in Mexico City.

It was learned that the gun found abandoned in a doorway next to the building from which police say the shot was fired was not among those stolen from a sporting goods store two days before the slaying.

B.C. Dowdle, proprietor of the store, said a police detective telephoned him the serial number of the Remington pump action rifle that was found and asked him to check it against the numbers of the stolen guns.

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Longview, Washington

Date: 4/10/68

Edition: afternoon

Author: AP writer B. JOHNSON

Editor: John J. McClelland

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FBI Issues, Then Withdraws 'Locate Request' For Man

Message Names Eric Galt; Agents Grab Car In Atlanta

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (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.

A source in the Dade County Public Safety Department in Miami said the FBI bulletin 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.

The bulletin distributed 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 last Thursday night.

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 Hanlong 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 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.

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.

Records showed Galt requested a duplicate driver's license and that it was mailed to him last month at the rooming house address.

Peter Cherpes, who has managed the rooming house for the past eight months, declined to discuss the matter.

"I won't comment on whether he was here—if he was here," Cherpes said. He added that he had turned over his books to the FBI.

Residents of the rooming house said they had been questioned by the FBI, but said they had not seen Galt in about three months.

Records show that Galt bought a 1966 Mustang in August 1967 from William D. Paisley of Birmingham. Paisley declined to elaborate.

Checks with maritime sources in New Orleans, Mobile, Ala., New York and Washington have failed to turn up any seaman



REPORTED CAR—The Rev. Ike Powell of Atlanta takes another of the many calls he has received today from newsmen after his call to police led the FBI to a white Mustang auto sought in connection with the slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.—AP Wirephoto.

papers issued to an Eric Starvo Galt.

In Atlanta, the residents who first told police about the abandoned white Mustang said the car bore the same Alabama license as given out by the FBI and bore two stickers which said "turista." Earlier reports indicated the investigation had spread to Mexico.

"The FBI was all over the place," before the car was impounded, an Atlanta witness said. He said the vehicle was towed away between 5:15 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Thursday—about the time the Florida teletype message was sent.

Witnesses in Memphis who reported seeing a white Mustang pull away from the rooming house said the car had a red and white license plate. Alabama tags are red and white.

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Longview, Washington

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Author: AP release
Editor: John J. McClelland
Title: MURKIN

Character: Civil Rights

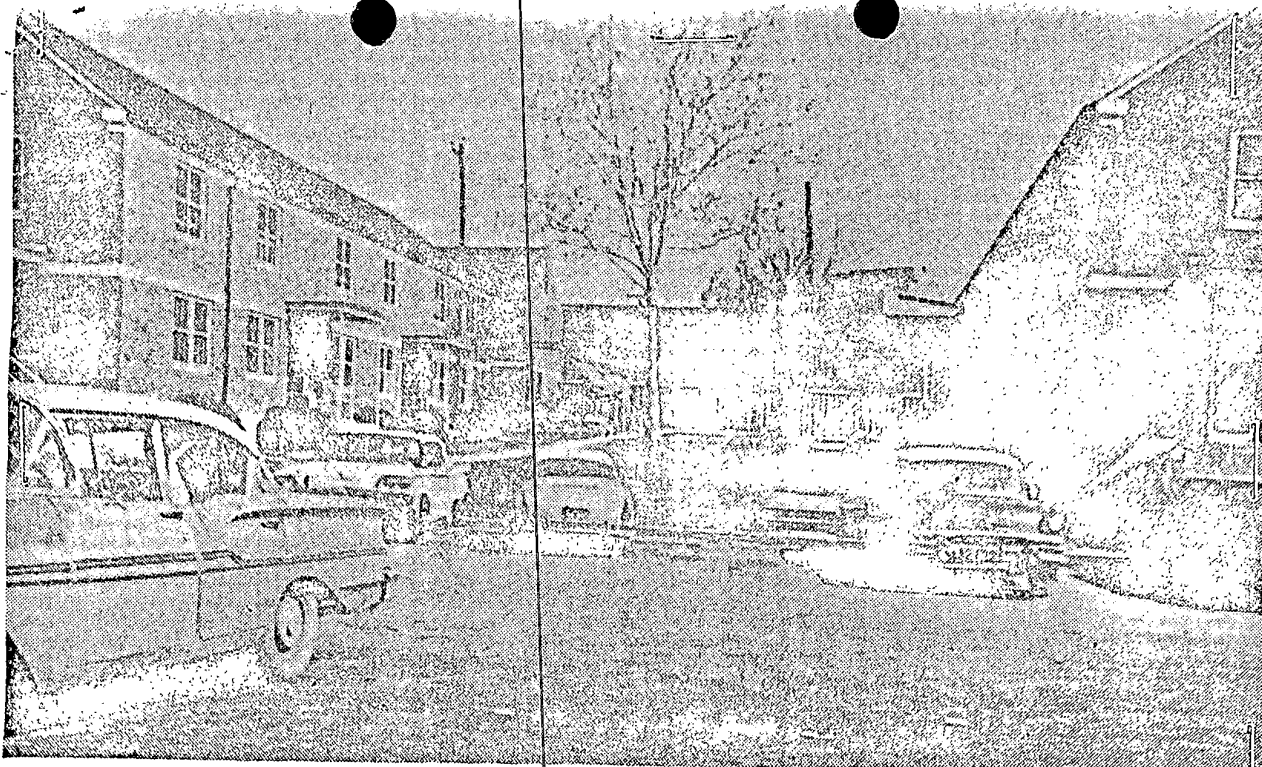
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WHERE FBI FOUND WHITE MUSTANG

This is the parking area in an Atlanta public housing project where the FBI says it found a white Mustang automobile sought in connection with the slaying of civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The car was

parked in the empty space at the end of the sidewalk in foreground. The project is only a few blocks from the Georgia Capitol.—AP Wirephoto.



ARTIST'S CONCEPTION OF SUSPECT

At left is Mexican Police Headquarters artist Sergio Jaubert's re-creation of physical features of man suspected of killing Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., in Memphis, Tenn., last week. Drawing was based on description supplied by FBI authorities. At right is conception of the man made by Memphis Commercial Appeal artist Bill Herrington based on description given by man who lives in the building in Memphis from where the shot was fired.—AP Wirephoto.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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

DATE: 4-11-68

FROM : SA J. C. NETTER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 4-11-68 no record was found for ERIC STARBO GALT in the following sources and agencies. The names of the persons checking the records are listed following the agencies:

At Vancouver, Washington

Vancouver telephone directory
Rural Directory for Clark County
R. L. Polk directory for Vancouver
Vancouver PD, Sgt. Jack Lair
Clark County SO, Mrs. Ruth Reaney
PUD of Clark County, Robert Davies
Credit Bureau Metro, Ann Beach

At Stevenson, Washington

Telephone directories for Skamania County
Skamania County SO, Sheriff William Closner
PUD of Skamania County, Sheriff William Closner

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TO : SAC, SEATTLE (44-371)

FROM : NIGHT CLERK PETER JAMES WEBB

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4-12-68

GABRIEL M. BENSUSEN, 6334 NE 156th, Bothell, telephone 486-5010, telephonically contacted this office tonight as follows:

He was watching a television program on NBC tonight at 10:00 pm entitled "The American Alcoholic", and one of the persons interviewed on the program resembled somewhat the sketch of the unknown subject that ran in tonight's Times.

The interviewee was named "Rudolph", was from Alabama, had a Southern accent, and was the second subject interviewed.

BENSUSEN said he is a manufacturers representative dealing in pure gold and silver for jewelers. He sounded sober and serious.

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TO : SAC, SEATTLE (44-371)

FROM : NIGHT CLERK PETER JAMES WEBBB

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4-12-68

MRS. JOHN (MARY) RAICHE, 10406 55th Ave. S., telephone PA-3-6305, telephonically contacted this office tonight as follows:

She called in regards to the composite sketch published in today's P-I. She boarded the 7 Rainier bus at 5:45 pm today and three men got on at the Frye Hotel, one of who bore a resemblance to the sketch. They appeared to be under the influence or dopey, and got off the bus at Rainier and So. Holly St. They talked about "deals" in Alaska and Honolulu, and did not draw attention to themselves.

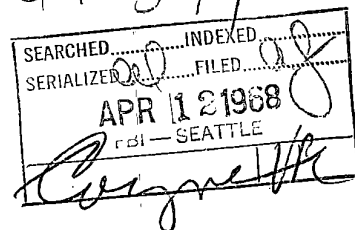
MRS. RAICHE sounded sober and serious.

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Memorandum

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

FROM : SA CLEMENT W. PARKHURST

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/11/68

On 4/11/68 DONALD L. SNYDER, Manager, Richland Laundry, Richland, Wash. informed that this company does not use thermo seal marking machine manufactured by Textile Marking Machine Company. Snyder states Richland Laundry also owns and operates U. S. Laundry, Pasco, Wn. which does not use such a machine.

On 4/11/68 RUTH E. BEALL, Manager, Ray D'Ant Cleaners Laundry, 415 S. Ranier, Kennewick, Wash. informed that this company does not use the above described marking machine and she does not know of any laundry in the area that uses this machine.

No record HARVEY LOWMEYER or LOWMYER or ERIC STARVO GALT located through following sources:

Telephone directories: Richland, Kennewick, Pasco, Benton City, Basin City, Mesa, Connell, Eltopia-Mathews Corner, Prosser.
City Directory- Richland, Kennewick, Pasco & vicinity
Richland, Wash. PD, Edna Martin
Richland, Wash. City Clerk (Voters registration and utilities)
Kennewick, Wash PD
Kennewick, Wash City Clerk (Voters Registration and utilities)
Pasco, Washington PD
Pasco, Washington City Clerk (Voters Registration and utilities)
Credit Bureau of Benton & Franklin Counties, Pasco, Wash
Franklin County SO, Pasco, Wn.
Benton County SO, Prosser, Washington
Benton County Auditor's Office (Voters records)

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TO ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES
FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 3P

MURKIN.

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

ONE DANCE INSTRUCTOR HAS STAT THAT GALT IS "CRAZY" ABOUT DANCING BUT A POOR DANCER AND DIFFICULT TO TEACH
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*As sent to all SAs in 4/15/68
Being sent to Cape Kennedy
Tomb*

*SAC advised
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BECAUSE HE DOES NOT REMEMBER INSTRUCTIONS. HE WAS DESCRIBED AS AN INTROVERT WHO VOLUNTEERS NO INFORMATION AND REPLIES WITH YES OR NO ANSWERS WHEN ASKED; DID NOT MINGLE WITH OTHER STUDENTS AND MADE NO EFFORTS TO MAKE FRIENDS OR CONVERSE WITH ANYONE.

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

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

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

UNSUB ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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DJ JRW

FBI DENVER

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FBI PHOENIX

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1-27PM URGENT 4-13-68 CMG
TO SEATTLE (44-371) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM BUTTE (173-2) 2P

MURKIN. CR. OO ME.

RE SEATTLE TEL TO BUTTE, APRIL TWELVE, LAST.

MRS. HELEN PECK, IDAHO STATE MVB, ADVISED APRIL TWELVE,
LAST, NINETEEN SIXTY-EIGHT IDA. LICENSE FIVE B SEVEN ZERO THREE
ISSUED DEC. FIVE, NINETEEN SIXTY-SEVEN TO HOUGHTON M. TROTT,
SUN VALLEY, IDA., FOR NINETEEN SIXTY-SEVEN INTERNATIONAL
SCOUT, VIN SEVEN EIGHT ZERO NINE ZERO EIGHT G TWO ONE TWO
NINE THREE TWO. IDA. TITLE ISSUED NOV TWENTY-FIVE, NINETEEN
SIXTY-SIX, TO SAME PERSON AT SAME ADDRESS. NO WANTS OR STOLEN.

OFFICER DUDE CAIN, SUN VALLEY PD, SUN VALLEY, IDA.,
ADVISED HOUGHTON MC COBB TROTT, AKA TOM, WAS EMPLOYED AS
SKI SCHOOL INSTRUCTOR, SUN VALLEY LODGE, DEC. FOURTEEN,
NINETEEN SIXTY-FIVE TO APRIL TEN NINETEEN SIXTY-SIX;
DEC. SIXTEEN, NINETEEN SIXTY-SIX TO APRIL TWO, NINETEEN
SIXTY-SEVEN, DEC. SIXTEEN, NINETEEN SIXTY-SEVEN TO MARCH

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THIRTY-ONE, LAST. FURNISHED HIS ADDRESS AS WEST DOVER, VERMONT, AND PARENTS RAYMOND H. TROTT, ONE SEVEN THREE BROWN ST., PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND.

DESCRIBED AS WMA, DOB [REDACTED], SIX FEET ONE, BLUE EYES, BROWN HAIR - CURLY AND GREYING, MEDIUM BUILD, ONE SEVEN ZERO POUNDS.

ACCORDING TO HIS GIRL FRIEND, PAT SAVIERS, KETCHUM, IDA., HE WAS IN SUN VALLEY UNTIL APRIL FOUR OR FIVE, LAST, WHEN HE DROVE TO COAST OF WASHINGTON AND WOULD HAVE BEEN THERE ON OR ABOUT APRIL TEN, LAST.

HIS REPUTATION IN SUN VALLEY IS SATISFACTORY AND NOT KNOWN TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES AS TROUBLE MAKER OR AGITATOR.

PRESENT WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN BUT MAY RETURN TO SUN VALLEY FOR SUMMER WORK AS CARPENTER.

UNSUB ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END

JAT

F B I SEATTLE

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FBI NEW HAVEN

7-51PM

URGENT 4-12-68 LMG

TO DIRECTOR, KANSAS CITY, SEATTLE, MEMPHIS, BOSTON,
BUTTE, DENVER, NEW YORK, AND WASHINGTON FIELD
FROM NEW HAVEN 8P

VINCENT PAUL DE PALMA, MINUTEMEN, IS - MISCELLANEOUS
(BUFILE ONE ZERO FIVE DASH ONE SEVEN TWO FIVE SIX SEVEN,
NEW HAVEN FILE ONE HUNDRED DASH ONE NINE ONE FIVE ONE);
MURKIN - CR; MINUTEMEN, IS - MISCELLANEOUS; DUANE IVAN
CARLSON, ET AL, BR - CONSPIRACY.

VINCENT DE PALMA DEBRIEFED PAST THREE DAYS BY NEW
HAVEN AGENTS, ENDING AT ELEVEN P.M., APRIL ELEVEN LAST.
DE PALMA, WHO WAS COMPLETELY COOPERATIVE, FURNISHED VOLUMINOUS
INFORMATION CONCERNING HIS ENTIRE MINUTEMEN ACTIVITIES
FROM LATE NINETEEN SIXTY SIX UNTIL HE LEFT MINUTEMEN IN
THE LATTER PART OF DECEMBER, NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN.
APPROPRIATE COMMUNICATIONS CONCERNING RESULTS OF INTERVIEW
WILL BE DISSEMINATED TO INTERESTED OFFICES. FOLLOWING
BELIEVED PERTINENT PARTS OF INTERVIEW:

AT CONCLUSION OF INTERVIEW, DE PALMA STATED THAT
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WHEN HE BECAME A MEMBER OF NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, WHICH WAS AFTER THE PATRIOTIC PARTY CONVENTION IN JULY, NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN, HE HEARD FROM A NUMBER OF MINUTEMEN IN THE HIGHER ECHELON, INCLUDING ROBERT DE PUGH, WALTER PEYSON, ROBERT BAGWELL, JERRY MILTON BROOKS, AND OTHERS THAT THE MINUTEMEN HAD A PLAN TO PLACE CYANIDE GAS INTO THE AIR CONDITIONING SYSTEM AT THE UNITED NATIONS BUILDING IN NEW YORK CITY. THIS PLAN WAS OFTEN MENTIONED TO THE POINT WHERE IT WAS CONSIDERED A JOKE AMONG THE MINUTEMEN WHEN THEY WOULD TALK ABOUT WHAT THEY WERE GOING TO DO WHEN "THE FIGHTING STARTED." HE HAD NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AS TO HOW OR WHEN THIS WOULD BE DONE.

DURING OCTOBER, NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN, DE PUGH ORDERED DE PALMA TO LOCATE HOUSE WHICH COULD BE USED AS A HIDE OUT. DE PALMA LOCATED SAME WHICH HE STATED WAS IN A TOWN CALLED PLATT, WHICH HE STATED IS IN THE NORTHERN PART OF KANSAS CITY WHICH HE ALSO REFERRED TO AS NORTH KANSAS CITY. HE FURNISHED COMPLETE INFORMATION AS TO HOW TO LOCATE THIS HOUSE. DE PALMA STATED DE PUGH WANTED THIS HIDE OUT IN ORDER TO KIDNAP THE U.S. ATTORNEY OF KANSAS CITY. BRING
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HIM TO THIS HOUSE FOR QUESTIONING, TORTURE AND ULTIMATE KILLING. DE PALMA STATED THE USA WAS SURVEILLED ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS AND ONE PLAN WAS TO ABDUCT HIM WHILE HE WAS DRIVING HOME. THE SECOND PLAN WAS TO KILL HIM BY PLACING A BOMB IN HIS CAR AT HOME. NEITHER PLAN WAS ABLE TO BE COMPLETED AND HE HEARD NO ADDITIONAL PLANS OTHER THAN THE FACT THAT IF DE PUGH WAS ARRESTED THE USA, AS WELL AS AFTT SPECIAL INVESTIGATORS FRANK BELECKY AND JAMES MOORE, FBI SA ARNETT, J. WHITE, KANSAS CITY RADIO STATION EMPLOYEE, WERE TO BE KILLED.

DE PALMA STATED THAT DE PUGH TOLD HIM THAT IN THE EVENT THERE IS NOT A SUFFICIENT RACIAL RIOT CONDITION IN THE UNITED STATES TO START A REVOLUTION, THE MINUTEMEN WOULD CREATE A REVOLUTIONARY CONDITION BY ASSASSINATING RAP BROWN, MARTIN LUTHER KING AND STOKELY CARMICHAEL. THEY FIGURED THAT THE REVOLUTION WOULD START WITH THE COMING SUMMER, NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT, RIOTS AND THIS IS THE TIME THE MINUTEMEN WOULD TAKE ACTION WITH THE ULTIMATE GOAL OF TAKING OVER THE GOVERNMENT. DE PUGH ALSO MENTIONED SEVERAL PRIME TARGETS FOR STRIKE TEAMS IN THE LINE OF ASSASSINATION.

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ONE OF THE TARGETS MENTIONED WAS THE NINE SUPREME COURT JUDGES. FURTHER, THAT IN CASE OF A NUCLEAR ATTACK OR A CHAOTIC CONDITION IN THE COUNTRY THAT A RELOCATION CENTER FOR THE PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT AND THE CABINET WOULD BE GEORGETOWN, COLORADO. AT LEAST ONE STRIKE TEAM WAS TO BE SENT TO GEORGETOWN, COLORADO, TO ASSASSINATE THEM. DE PUGH THEN STATED THAT WITH THE ASSASSINATION OF THE PRESIDENT, THE SUPREME COURT JUDGES AND THE CABINET HE AND THE "EXECUTIVE COUNCIL" OF MINUTEMEN WOULD THEN MOVE IN TO MAINTAIN ORDER IN THE GOVERNMENT UNTIL A GOVERNMENTAL BODY COULD BE FORMED FROM THE PATRIOTIC PARTY. DE PALMA STATED THAT THERE IS NO EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE MINUTEMEN AND THAT DE PUGH HIMSELF IS THE "EXECUTIVE COUNCIL."

CONCERNING POSSIBLE

~~XONXWENINF~~ POSSIBLY ASSASSINATION OF NEW YORK ATTORNEY GENERAL LEFKOWITZ, DE PALMA STATED THAT LEFKOWITZ WOULD BE IN THE SAME ASSASSINATION GROUP AS MARTIN LUTHER KING, RAP BROWN AND STOKELY CARMICHAEL.

CONCERNING MONTANA, DE PALMA STATED THAT SHORTLY AFTER HE GOT INTO THE "INNER CIRCLE," BELIEVED TO BE ABOUT SEPTEMBER, NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN, DE PUGH TOLD HIM BRIEFLY

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ABOUT A BUNKER IN A NATIONAL FOREST IN MONTANA, PLACE NOT SPECIFIED. HE STATED IT WAS BUILT INTO THE SIDE OF A HILL AND THE INTERIOR APPROXIMATELY EIGHT BY TEN FEET. HE STATED THIS BUNKER HAD BEEN IN EXISTANCE FOR APPROXIMATELY TWO YEARS AND HAD BEEN MANNED CONSTANTLY DURING THIS PERIOD BY TWO MEN. THIS BUNKER IS ALLEGEDLY ONE AND ONE HALF DAY HIKE FROM CLOSEST ROAD. DE PUGH STATED THAT IN THE EVENT "WE" WOULD HAVE TO HIDE THIS WAS A LOGICAL SPOT AS IT HAD "EVERYTHING WE COULD POSSIBLY NEED." DE PALMA SAID HE ONLY MET ONE MINUTEMAN FROM MONTANA AT A TRAINING SESSION IN INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI, IN JULY, NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN, AND HE DOES NOT KNOW HIS IDENTITY. HE DOES NOT KNOW ANY MINUTEMEN FROM IDAHO NOR ANY BUNKERS IN IDAHO THAT ARE CURRENTLY OR HAVE BEEN IN EXISTANCE.

DE PALMA, ROY BRANSON AND MIKE LNU ATTEMPTED TO BUILD A BUNKER NEAR PARIS, IDAHO, IN NOVEMBER, NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN, WITHOUT SUCCESS DUE TO EXTREME WEATHER.

DE PALMA STATED HE WAS FIRST ADVISED OF CONTEMPLATED BANK ROBBERIES BY DE PUGH AND PEYSON SHORTLY AFTER HE WAS ACCEPTED INTO THE INNER GROUP.

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DE PUGH ORDERED ROY BRANSON AND DE PALMA TO GO TO SALT LAKE CITY ABOUT THE MIDDLE OF NOVEMBER, NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN. ON THANKSGIVING DAY, NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN, THEY WERE JOINED AT SALT LAKE CITY BY WALLY AND LINDA PEYSON AND MIKE LNU. AFTER PURCHASING GEAR FOR THE TRIP TO IDAHO, THE FIVE LEFT FOR IDAHO TO BUILD THE BUNKER. AFTER REMAINING IN THIS AREA ABOUT FIVE DAYS THEY RETURNED TO SALT LAKE CITY AND BRANSON LEFT THE GROUP.

PEYSON HAD BEEN DISCUSSING WITH DE PALMA ABOUT THE "OLD MAN." THIS TURNED OUT TO BE A HOUSE AT SALT LAKE CITY THAT HAD BEEN RENTED BY PEYSON AND MIKE LNU. DE PALMA DESCRIBED THIS HOUSE AS FOLLOWS:

HEADING NORTH OUT OF SALT LAKE CITY THERE IS A FOUR LANE EXPRESSWAY. THIS GOES PAST TWO OIL REFINERIES LOCATED ON THE LEFT SIDE OF THE HIGHWAY. GOING ON THIS HIGHWAY THERE IS A SERVICE ROAD ON THE RIGHT HAND SIDE. PROCEED ON THIS EXPRESSWAY UNTIL YOU COME TO THE SECOND OIL REFINERY WHICH HE BELIEVES IS CHEVRON OIL REFINERY. JUST BEYOND AND POSSIBLY ONE EIGHTH MILE ON THE RIGHT HAND SIDE OF THE EXPRESSWAY AND ON THE RIGHT HAND SIDE OF THE SERVICE

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ROAD IS A WHITE HOUSE SETTING OFF THE EXPRESSWAY ABOUT ONE HUNDRED TWENTY FEET. IT IS A RANCH TYPE HOUSE WITH THREE AND ONE HALF TO FOUR ROOMS. DIRECTLY BEHIND THE HOUSE IS A BIG GRAVEL BANK WITH A NUMBER OF PIECES OF HEAVY CONSTRUCTION AND EARTH MOVING EQUIPMENT. JUST BEYOND THE HOUSE THE SERVICE ROAD REJOINS THE EXPRESSWAY. WHEN HE WAS THERE THERE WAS A SIGN ON THE FRONT OF THE HOUSE WHICH SAID "TOPAZ MINING COMPANY." ATTACHED TO THE HOUSE WAS

A ONE CAR GARAGE AND PARKED IN FRONT OF THE HOUSE WAS A WHITE MILK TRUCK WHICH BELONGED TO MIKE LNU AND HAD KANSAS LICENSE PLATES. DE PALMA STATED THAT INSIDE THE HOUSE HE SAW THE MULTIGRAPH MACHINE WHICH HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN IN INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI, AND A PAD LOCKED CLOSET WHERE NUMEROUS RIFLES, SOME OF WHICH HAD TELESCOPIC SIGHTS MOUNTED THEREON AND MANY UNMOUNTED TELESCOPIC SIGHTS, HANDGUNS, DYNAMITE, BLASTING CAPS, PULL IGNITERS, PRIMER CORD, FUSES MINUTEMEN SUBVERSIVE FILE AND MINUTEMEN TRAINING LITERATURE WERE LOCATED.

DE PALMA DOES NOT KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO THIS MATERIAL SINCE HE LEFT SALT LAKE CITY DURING THE EARLY PART OF

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DECEMBER, NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN.

DE PALMA STATE THAT DURING THE PERIOD THAT HE WAS IN SALT LAKE CITY ON THIS OCCASION PEYSON LEFT FOR ABOUT THREE DAYS STATING HE HAD BUSINESS IN SEATTLE, WASHINGTON.

DISCREPANCIES AND/OR OMISSIONS BETWEEN STATEMENTS FURNISHED BY DE PALMA TO ATTD ON JANUARY SEVENTEEN, NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT AND INFORMATION FURNISHED BY HIM TO THE BUREAU ON APRIL EIGHT LAST, RESOLVED. DE PALMA COULD FURNISH NO INFORMATION CONCERNING MURKIN.

DE PALMA HAS ADVISED HE HAS NO OBJECTION TO THE DISCLOSURE OF HIS IDENTITY AND IS WILLING TO TESTIFY AGAINST DE PUGH AND WALLY PEYSON IF NEEDED. FOR INFORMATION BUREAU AND BOSTON, DE PALMA DEPARTED NEW HAVEN THIS DATE FOR RETURN TO NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND, AND ADVISED SHOULD HE CHANGE LOCATION OR ADDRESS HE WILL EITHER NOTIFY AGENTS IN PROVIDENCE RA OR NEW HAVEN AGENTS THROUGH HIS MOTHER IN BRISTOL, CONNECTICUT.

SALT LAKE CITY ALSO BEING FURNISHED THIS TELETYPE.

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SAN ANTONIO, SEATTLE.

FROM DIRECTOR 1P

MURKIN

CHECK STATE BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS FOR ALL MALE BIRTHS ON
JULY TWENTY, NINETEEN THIRTY ONE SPECIFICALLY FOR ERIC STARVO GALT,
JOHN WILLARD AND HARVEY LOWMYER, AS WELL AS ALL VARIATIONS OF THESE
NAMES. ALSO CHECK MALE BIRTHS FOR THIS DATE WHOSE MOTHER'S
MAIDEN NAME WAS ONE OF THE ABOVE SURNAMES OR A LOGICAL VARIATION.
EXPEDITE BUT DO NOT INDICATE SUCH INQUIRY IS CONNECTED WITH
CAPTIONED CASE.

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AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, SEATTLE (44-371) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
CO: MEMPHIS

RE: INVESTIGATION CONCERNING
JOHN WILLARD

Re San Diego teletype to Director, Memphis, Seattle,
and New York dated 4/10/68; and New York teletype to Director
and three SACs dated 4/12/68.

Seattle has, through check of employment records
and personal interview, eliminated JOHN DONALDSON WILLARD,
SSN [redacted] as a suspect in this matter.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA THOMAS B. WALTON:

At Spokane, Washington

On 4/11/68 Mr. EARL H. FISHER, Officer in Charge, Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), Spokane, Washington made available the file on JAMES ERIC GAULT. The file contained the following information:

JAMES ERIC GAULT, Alien Registration number A 13 517 203, was detained as an illegal alien by INS Inspector KNUTE O. SHAFFER at Lewiston, Idaho on 3/11/63. He was described as a Canadian citizen, born [redacted] Copper Cliff, Ontario, Canada; address Alder Flats, Alberta, Can. and previous address of Naramata, B. C., Can; height 6 ft. 2 in., weight 175, hair brown, eyes hazel; acar tip of right index finger. His father was shown as JAMES THOMAS GAULT, a Canadian citizen now deceased; mother EMILY MARY BEHAN GAULT, 1461 Gladstone Ave., Windsor, Ontario, Can; sister DATHLEEN MABLE married to S/Sgt. DAN J. WARRINGTON, USAF; exwife ELLEN F. COUGHLIN, Windsor, Ontario, Can. and daughter JANICE GAULT.

In a signed affidavit GAULT stated he had his name legally changed to SPANY ERIC ANG in Las Vegas, Nevada in 1959. He said he entered the US at Oroville, Wash. on 3/8/63 in transit to Eastport, Idaho. He said he had last been in the US prior to this in 1959 or 1960.

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The RCMP advised INS on 3/11/63³ that GAULT had been arrested 3/8/63 in Oliver, B. C., Can. for having outdated license plates on his car. He paid a fine and costs. They ~~XXXXXX~~ advised he had also been charged with running the Canadian border in 1959 and at this time had been considered mentally disturbed. The RCMP stated a check showed he had been residing at Naramata, B. C., Can. and had been employed there.

On 3/11/63 GAULT was granted voluntary departure to Canada.

The file/ contained no further information on GAULT and 3/11/63 was the only time he was handled by INS.

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TO ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES
FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 1P

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

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

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

UNKNOWN SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND
DANGEROUS.

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