

SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

4/11/68

SA WILLIAM ROBERTS, III - P -

MURKIN
CR

At 2:30 p.m., 4/7/68, writer was advised by SA ROBERT A. WICKWIRE, Rock Island RA, that information received from Rock Island PD indicated that one BILLY KING, W/M, Age 22, 6'1", 185 pounds, dark brown hair, thin ~~building~~, was being held for possible questioning re captioned matter.

KING allegedly was from Monroe, La., but was in Memphis, Tenn., on 4/4/68 and made derogatory remarks concerning negroes, etc.

SA WICKWIRE was inquiring as to information re suspect in captioned case, and a call was placed to the Memphis Office, and ASAC HALTER advised the following, which information was in turn furnished to SA WICKWIRE:

COMPOSITE DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT

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

IMPORTANT DATES AND TIMES:

UNSUB purchased murder weapon on 3/30/68 in Birmingham, Alabama.

UNSUB purchased binoculars at 4:00 p.m. 4/4/68 at sporting goods store in Memphis.

2 - Springfield (44-561)
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Date: 4/11/68

Transmit the following in PLAINTEXT
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Via TELETYPE URGENT
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TO: SAC, INDIANAPOLIS
FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) (1 P)

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REBUTEL TO ALL OFFICES APRIL TEN, LAST, AND ST. LOUIS
TELETYPE TO SPRINGFIELD INSTANT.

RE SUSPECT ERIC STARVO GALT:

GALT CLAIMED EMPLOYMENT AS "BARGER" OUT OF ST. LOUIS.
CHECKS WITH AMERICAN COMMERCIAL LINES (ACL), ALTON, ILLINOIS,
REVEAL ALL SUCH PERSONNEL RECORDS AVAILABLE AT ACL HOME
OFFICE, JEFFERSONVILLE, INDIANA.

INDIANAPOLIS, AT JEFFERSONVILLE, INDIANA, WILL CHECK
RECORDS RE GALT TO DETERMINE PRESENT OR PAST EMPLOYMENT. . P.

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① - Springfield (44-561)
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(1) *slk*

Robert

Approved: *C/DAB* Sent 11:38A M Per *AKM*
Special Agent in Charge

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TO INDIANAPOLIS

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FBI WASH DC

345PM URGENT 4/11/68 CAB

TO ALL SACS

FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 2P.

MURKIN

44-561-4

INVESTIGATION HAS ESTABLISHED THAT AN INDIVIDUAL USING THE NAME ERIC STARVO GALT WAS IN MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, ON APRIL FOUR, SIXTYEIGHT, REPORTEDLY DRIVING A NINETEEN SIXTYSIX WHITE MUSTANG WITH ALABAMA LICENSE ONE DASH THREE EIGHT NINE NINE THREE. THE BUREAU IS ANXIOUS TO LOCATE THIS INDIVIDUAL FOR QUESTIONING IN CONNECTION WITH THIS MATTER.

see p. 2

ALL OFFICES COVERING POINTS OF EXIT FROM THE COUNTRY SHOULD INITIATE A CHECK TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT ERIC GALT HAS DEPARTED THE COUNTRY.

ALL OFFICES ARE TO CONTACT THE APPROPRIATE POLICE DEPARTMENTS IN YOUR TERRITORY TO INSURE THAT ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES ARE COVERED BY AN ALL POINTS BULLETIN TO THE EFFECT THAT ERIC STARVO GALT IS WANTED FOR QUESTIONING

END PAGE ONE

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*Corporal Charles Runkle (ISP)
place All points bulletin at 3:20 PM
4/11/68 to cover all State Illinois.
TC*

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BY THE FBI.

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BY GALT IN AUGUST SIXTYSEVEN.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD IT BE INDICATED TO ANYONE AT ANY PLACE THE NATURE OF THE CASE IN WHICH GALT IS WANTED FOR QUESTIONING BY THE FBI.

END

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FBI OMAHA

YC...KC...PHM

FBI KAN CITY

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*Ask PA's,
SO's & ISP
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*A-Sac DRS
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FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

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MISSOURI. IF LOCATED ADVISE IF ELIMINATED RE PERTINENT DATES,
MARCH TWENTYNINE TO APRIL FOUR SIXTYEIGHT.

SUTEL RESULTS. ~~AM~~ AM Next P.

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Approved: *[Signature]*
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FROM SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

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TO DIRECTOR AND SPRINGFIELD (44-561)
FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775) 1-P

MURKIN, RM. OO: MEMPHIS.

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HE DOES NOT REMEMBER ANY TENNANT NAMED LOHMEYER.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) AND SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) 1P

MURKIN

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HOME OFFICE RECORDS ON GALT. INDIANAPOLIS AND BIRMINGHAM
ADVISED BY AIRMAIL.

- ① - Springfield (44-561)
 - 1 - Indianapolis (44-) (AM)
 - 1 - Birmingham (44-1740) (AM)
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Approved: *[Signature]*
Special Agent in Charge

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1104AM URGENT 4-12-68 DMJ

TO DIRECTOR, (44-38861) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM SPRINGFIELD (44-561) 1P

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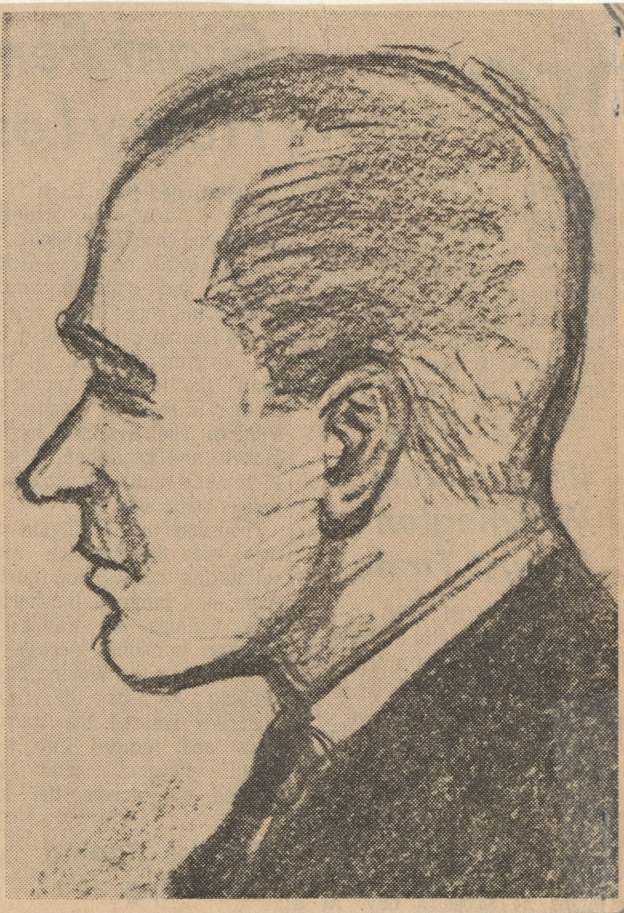
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He Killed King

This is an artist's composite drawing of the sandy-haired, dark complexioned man who is being sought in the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The task of finding him apparently has settled down to the grueling police routine of sifting every clue and checking every lead. Story on page 2.



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ASAC [Signature]
Robert [Signature]

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

DATE: 4/11/68

FROM : SA RAYMOND F. BERNEKING - P -

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re XThermo-Seal Laundry Tag.

On 4/10/68 HUBERT GENTRY, Plant Manager, Normans Laundry, 145 East Decatur, Street, advised that his company used Thermo-Seal Tags, however, their recording is done as follows:

The first being a number indicating the lot.

The second being an alphabetic letter indicating the first of 52 weeks.

The third being a number indicating the bundle.

He mentioned that the first number changes to one at the beginning of each week and the same with the last number of their bundle number. He stated that they definitely do not use the code as indicated O or D 2B-6.

On 4/10/68 HOMER HESS, Office Manager and CARL GREVES, Plant Manager, Shudels and Model Paris, advised that they do not use the code system as shown. They stated that their first is an alphabetic letter, which would indicate shirts only, and the second is their lot number, however, on shorts and tee shirts, they go by numbers first, which they consider their junk lot, which go from one to one hundred.

The following investigation was conducted in reference to the name ERICK STARVO GALT:

Decatur City Directory, Macon County Directory, and Decatur Telephone Directory were checked with negative results.

The following financial institutions, credit records, sheriff's office records, and PD records were checked in Decatur, Illinois with negative results:

2 - Springfield (44-561)

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TOM BOWMAN, Citizens National Bank, Decatur, Illinois-
negative.

WILLIAM E. HILL, Vice-President and Cashier, Millikin
National Bank - negative.

GLENN JOHNSON, Cashier and Vice-President, North
Town Bank - negative.

H. McWILLIAMS, Vice-President, First National
Bank - negative.

CHERYL WALENSKI, Bookkeeper, Pershing Bank - negative.

MIKE RYAN, Gulf Shores National Bank - negative.

DeETTA MINIX, Soy Capital Bank - negative.

DONNA MERRIMAN, First Federal Savings and Loan
Association - negative.

RONALD BATTERMAN, Mutual Home Savings and Loan
Association - negative.

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MADGE GROSCH, Clerk and Reporter, Credit Bureau of
Decatur, Inc. - negative.

LOUISE SPENT, Clerk, Macon County Sheriff's Office, -
negative.

STANLEY REPNICKE, Supervisor, Records, Decatur,
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

DATE: 4/11/68

FROM SA FRANK E. CORN, Sr. - P -

SUBJECT MURKIN
CR

Re Bureau teletype to Springfield 4/9/68.

On 4/9/68, the following individuals were contacted in reference to CIVIL RIGHTS, HARVEY LOWMEYER, and advised that their records contained no info re the individual in question:

EVELYN BOLES
County Clerk
Madison County, Illinois
Edwardsville, Illinois

Deputy FRANK SCHMIDT
Madison County SO
Edwardsville, Illinois

HARRIETT HASTINGS
Credit Bureau
Edwardsville, Illinois

GENE ZIMMERMAN
Credit Bureau
Alton, Illinois

Chief WILLIAM PETERSEN
Alton PD
Alton, Illinois

Chief CLARENCE VOLLANTINE
Wood River PD
Wood River, Illinois

② - Springfield (44-561)

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RAYMOND ROSS
Deputy Sheriff
Calhoun County
Hardin, Illinois

ORVILLE JOHNES
County Clerk
Calhoun County
Hardin, Illinois

LILA BLACKORBY
County Clerk
Jersey County
Carrollton, Illinois

GARY MELVIN
Second Deputy
Greene County
Carrollton, Illinois

DOROTHY BROCK
County Clerk
Greene County
Carrollton, Illinois.

The following telephone directories were reviewed
with negative information concerning HARVEY LOWMEYER:

Alton, Illinois
Edwardsville, Illinois
Granite City, Illinois
Jerseyville, Illinois
Hardin, Illinois
Hamburg, Illinois
Kampsville, Illinois
Carrollton, Illinois
Greenfield, Illinois
Hillview, Illinois
Manchester, Illinois
Patterson, Illinois

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Roodhouse, Illinois
White Hall, Illinois
Highland, Illinois.

The following city directories were reviewed with negative information concerning captioned matter:

Wood River, Illinois
East Alton, Illinois
Alton, Illinois
Edwardsville, Illinois
Jerseyville, Illinois.

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Wood River PD
Wood River, Illinois

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Calhoun County
Hardin, Illinois

ORVILLE JOHNES
County Clerk
Calhoun County
Hardin, Illinois

LILA BLACKORBY
County Clerk
Jersey County
Carrollton, Illinois

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DOROTHY BROCK
County Clerk
Greene County
Carrollton, Illinois.

The following telephone directories were reviewed
with negative information concerning HARVEY LOWMEYER:

Alton, Illinois
Edwardsville, Illinois
Granite City, Illinois
Jerseyville, Illinois
Hardin, Illinois
Hamburg, Illinois
Kampsville, Illinois
Carrollton, Illinois
Greenfield, Illinois
Hillview, Illinois
Manchester, Illinois
Patterson, Illinois

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Roodhouse, Illinois
White Hall, Illinois
Highland, Illinois.

The following city directories were reviewed with negative information concerning captioned matter:

Wood River, Illinois
East Alton, Illinois
Alton, Illinois
Edwardsville, Illinois
Jerseyville, Illinois.

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TO : SAC SPRINGFIELD 44-561

DATE: 4/10/68

FROM : SA CONNELLEY

SUBJECT: MURKIN

re telephone call

The name of ERIC STARVO GALT was checked at the following locations with negative results.

KEWANEE

Kewanee National Bank
Peoples National Bank
Kewanee Credit Bureau
Kewanee Police Department

GALESBURG

Community National Bank
Farmers and Mechanics Bank
1st Galesburg National Bank and Trust
Voter Registration files, Knox County
Sheriff Office, Knox County
Police Dept., Galesburg
Credit Bureau

CAMBRIDGE

Voter Registration file, Henry County
Sheriff Office, Henry County
Peoples National Bank
Annawan State Bank
Atkinson Trust and Savings
Central Trust and Savings, Geneseo, Ill.
Farmers National Bank, Geneseo, Ill.
Abindon Bank and Trust
Farmers National Bank of Knoxville
First National of Galva

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TO : SAC (44-561)

FROM : SA Arthur Lee Woods

SUBJECT: MURKIN
C.R.

DATE: 4/10/68

Re: Harvey Lowmeyer aka Harvey Lowmyer.

The following were contacted on 4/9/68. All advised they located no record of Lowmeyer, or any one spelling name as Lowmeyer or Lowmyer.

Ira Boyer, County Clerk, Registered Voters Records, Livingston County, Pontiac, Illinois.

William Fry, Chief Deputy Sheriff, Livingston County S. O. Pontiac, Illinois.

Edward Hamilton, Chief of Police, Pontiac, Illinois, Hamilton advised there is no listing of any Lowmeyer in City Directory, Pontiac, Ill.

Margaret Ann Sallon, Credit Bureau of Pontiac, Pontiac, Illinois.

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Sellon advised William Lohmeyer, Rt 1 Strawn, Illinois, 43 yrs of age is a farmer of 240 acres. He is married has a very satisfactory credit rating. Sellon advised Lohmeyer in a review of the Strawn Illinois Community.

William Lohmeyer, Rt 1 Strawn, Illinois was contacted on 4/9/68 under pretext of neighborhood investigation of I.T.S.M.V. violation. Lohmeyer advised on 4/4/68 he worked on his farm until 7:00 PM, then proceeded to High School at Sibley Illinois with his family to attend the Senior class play.

Lohmeyer described white, male, age 43, height 5'-9" weight 165, Complexion Ruddy, Hair Brown (cut in Buzz) Build Medium Stocky face, round full.

It is to be noted Lohmeyer was contacted in Summer 1967 by SA Woods, Lohmeyer and family were given special Tour of FBI Headquarters, Washington D.C. Lohmeyer on 4/9/68 was of same general appearance as when contacted in 1967.

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Floyd Babbitt, Chief Deputy Sheriff, McLean County
Bloomington, Ill 4/9/68. Babbitt advised there
is no listing in City Directory for Bloomington Illinois
for any one by name of Townmeyer.

Det Lt. Lester Brown, Police Department, Bloomington,
Illinois, contacted 4/9/68

Det Sgt Richard Clemmon, Police Department
Normal Illinois 4/9/68.

Mary Erlandson, Asst Manager, Credit Bureau
of Bloomington Inc, Bloomington Ill. 4/9/68

Paul Morris, County Clerk, McLean County Voters
Registration, Bloomington Illinois 4/9/68.

Louise Muepsfeld, Chief Clerk, City of Bloomington
Board of Election Commissioners, Bloomington, Ill,
4/9/68.

Robert Greve, General Manager, Model Paris Laundry + Dry Cleaners, Bloomington Illinois was contacted 4/10/68. Greve advised the Company's Bloomington Plant is the only Laundry plant in Bloomington Illinois who used any type of marking device. He related his plant does not use Thermo-seal marking Machine. He advised the only plants in the area that use the Thermo-seal marking machine is his Company's plant "Lally Ward Laundry" 116 East Jefferson street, Springfield Illinois. He stated the Ideal Troy Laundry, Peoria Illinois also use Thermo-seal marking machine.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-561)

FROM : SA Charles R. Wood, Jr.

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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DATE: 4-10-68

Re investigation requested by SA ROBERTS, evening of 4-9-68 for contact with area laundries to identify laundry mark described in Butel of 4-9-68.

Following contacts within the territory of Centralia RA negative.

At Mt. Vernon

Tip-top Launderette, VELMA RECTOR
Peerless Cng & Pressing, AUDREY THOMAS
American Lndy & Cng Co ERNST TONY

At Centralia

Best Way Landeri, CAROLYN MEADOR
Centralia Steam Lndy & Clnrs, PAUL GIBSON

At Vandalia

Higgings Clnrs., RESELLA MARCH
Vandalia Lndy & Dry Cng, EVELYN PLAUMAN

At Salem

Quality Lndy & Clnrs, BLANCH HOSFTETTER

American Laundry and Cleaning at Mt. Vernon use a tag of similar dimension but attached with two soft zinc prongs, and then only on contrast materials so as to provide for easy removal. Inspection disclosed no apparent similarity.

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TO : SAC (44-561)

DATE: 4-11-68

FROM : SA Charles R. Wood, Jr.

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR

Re request of SA ROBERTS 4-10-68, for contacts with sources for credit and criminal checks, directory sources, and financial institutions relative to the name ERIC STARVO GALT.

Within the Centralia Resident Agency the contacts were made with those sources previously set forth in a similar memorandum of 4-9-68.

The following financial institutions were included in the contacts of today, 4-11-68.

MT. VERNON - Jefferson County

Security Bank of Mt. Vernon
First Natl Bank and Trust Co.
Bank of Illinois, Mt. Vernon
First State Bank of Dix, Dix
Texico State Bank, Texico
Ina State Bank, Ina

Bailey Inc. Loans
The Bayer Co.
CIT Personal Loans
Commercial Credit Corp.
Credit Thrift
King City Fedrl Svgs & Ln

NASHVILLE - Washington County

Farmer's and Mchts Natl Bank
First Natl Bank
Nashville Savings Loan Assn
Ashley State Bank
First Natl Bank of Okawville
Nashville Svgs & Ln Assn

First State Bk, Woodlawn
Hoyleton State & Savings
Bank
Old Exchange National Bank
Richview State Bank

CENTRALIA, SALEM - Marion County

City National Bank, Centralia
Community Trust Bank, Irvington
Farmer's State Bank, Hoffman
Old National Bank, Centralia
First State Bank of Centralia

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Credit Thrift Loans, Centralia
Frederich Finance Co., and Consumer Credit Company
GAC, Finance
Home Bldg and Loan Assn
Universal CIT
City Building and Loan Assn
Salem National Bank
Iuka State Bank
Community State Bank
First Natl Bank of Sandoval
Talisman & Affilliates of Illinois, Inc.
Credit Thrift Loans, Salem
Illinois Bonds & Investment Co.
Kinmundy Bldg. & Loan Assn
Salem Bldg & Loan Assn
Wabash Production Credit Assn.

CARLYLE - CLINTON COUNTY

Bartelso Savings Bank
Community Bank of Trenton, Ill.
Farmer's and Merchants Bank, Carlyle
First National Bank of Carlyle
State Bank of Breese
State Bank of Aviston
Germantown Savings Bank
Illini Production Credit Assn
Keyesport State Bank

VANDALIA - FAYETTE COUNTY

1st State Bank of St. Peter
1st Natl Bank of Vandalia
State Bank of R Farina
Farmer's & Merchant's Bank, Vandalia
Illinois State Farm (prison) -- no record of inmates using
surname GALT, or in alias file.
Brownstown First State Bank
Charleston Production Credit Association
Vandalia Citizen's Svgs and Loan
Welfare Finance Corp.

None of the above sources, and those previously
set out in memo of 4-9-68, were able to determine accounts
now or past, or reference to the name of this suspect.

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AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) - P -
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re suspect ERIC STARVO GALT.

Checks of indices, State Selective Service Headquarters, all city and telephone directories, Driver's License Bureau, Motor Vehicle Bureau, financial institutions, credit, criminal, and other logical sources negative for entire Springfield Division.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

DATE: 4/12/68

FROM : SA ELYON H. DAVIS

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 4/9/68 and 4/10/68 the following Circuit Court Clerks of counties located in Quincy, Illinois RA area were contacted and each advised that there is no HARVEY LOWMEYER or HARVEY LOWMYER on the voter registration list in his county.

ART WITTE, Adams County, Quincy, Illinois;
PAUL HULSON, McDonough County, Macomb, Illinois;
DON RUNKLE, Schuyler County, Rushville,
Illinois;
FRANCIS CRABTREE, Scott County, Winchester,
Illinois;
LONNIE WAGNER, Brown County, Mt. Sterling,
Illinois;
ROSCOE MC DANIEL, Hancock County, Carthage,
Illinois;
WAYNE LIGHTLE, Pike County, Pittsfield,
Illinois:

On 4/10/68 the following operators of the following laundries in Quincy, Illinois, advised that they do not use a thermo seal marking machine:

LOREN HOLFORD, Quincy Weems Laundry, 231 North Fifth Street, Quincy, Illinois;
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JOHN BOYLES, Uptown Laundry, 206 North Twelfth Street, Quincy, Illinois;
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On 4/9/68 the city directories of Quincy, Illinois, and Macomb, Illinois, were reviewed by SA ELYON H. DAVIS and the name HARVEY LOWMEYER or HARVEY LOWMYER was not located in either book. Also the telephone directories of both cities were reviewed on that date.

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DICK ASHCRAFT, Sheriff, Schuyler County, Rushville, Illinois;

Sheriff BILL RICH, McDonough County, Macomb, Illinois;

Chief ROBERT DE POY, Macomb, Illinois PD;

JAMIE RHEA, Sheriff, Hancock County, Carthage, Illinois;

Sheriff JAMES WADE, Pike County, Pittsfield, Illinois;

DALE FARMER, Manager, Credit Bureau of LaMoine Valley, Macomb, Illinois;

ELIZABETH ROTH, Assistant Manager, Credit Bureau of Quincy, Inc., Quincy, Illinois

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

DATE: 4/12/68

FROM : SA JIMMY L. BERTHAY

SUBJECT: MURKIN

With regard to the contacting of laundries as instructed in Butel 4/9/68, the following laundries in Sangamon County, State of Illinois, were contacted by SA JIMMY L. BERTHAY on 4/9/68. This was done in an effort to identify the laundry mark described in Butel of above date.

LAUNDRIES

REMARKS

AAA Linin and Towel
Springfield, Illinois

This establishment uses a paper having a printed number which is stapled to the garment and does not use the thermo seal marking equipment.

Arvins Laundry
Springfield, Illinois

This laundry uses a pencil to mark the garment at time it is received and does not utilize thermo seal marking equipment.

Fink's
Springfield, Illinois

Mr. FINK, owner and operator of this laundry, one of the largest in Springfield, Illinois, advised that thermo seal equipment is a sophisticated marking machine utilized by the larger laundries. His firm does not employ the use of this equipment; however, he did suspect that Lloyd's, Kennedy's, Springfield Laundry, and Gerber's Laundries of Springfield might possibly utilize this equipment in view of their size and volume of business. Mr. FINK said that to his knowledge there is no central location within the state of Illinois where laundry marks of various laundries are filed by laundry owners.

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LAUNDRIES

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Personnel at this laundry advised that this establishment uses paper tags which are attached to the garment during its processing; however, they are removed before the customer receives the completed laundry. He was furnished the laundry mark mentioned in re Butel and advised that this laundry mark is not any mark of the Springfield laundry.

Spring Street Laundry
Springfield, Illinois

Personnel answering the telephone at this establishment advised that this is a coin operated laundry and customers handle their own washing.

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Sally Wards
Springfield, Illinois

Mr. JAKE WARD advised this establishment does utilize thermo seal marking equipment. His equipment marks the garment with a red tape listing thereon the number designated by the establishment at the time the garment is marked. He was furnished the laundry mark mentioned in re Butel; however, it meant nothing to him, and he commented that it was not any laundry mark of his establishment. Mr. WARD consulted with various publications he had concerning various laundry marking equipment and advised he would suggest the only source who would know the location of thermo seal marking machines in the State of Illinois would be the Textile Machine Manufacturing Company of Syracuse, N. Y. who manufactures this piece of equipment. He said the machines can be purchased through distributors in St. Louis and Chicago; however, these distributors usually order the machine from the manufacturer.

Colonial Cleaners
Auburn, Illinois

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Date April 11, 1968

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:

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

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 11, 1968

BILLY RAY KING was interviewed at the Rock Island, Illinois, Police Department, by ROBERT A. WICKWIRE and CHARLES E. SMITH who identified themselves as Special Agents of the FBI. KING was warned of his rights and he waived them as shown on an executed warning and waiver form.

BILLY RAY KING advised he has resided for ten years at 102 Arlington Street, Lake Providence, Louisiana. He has been employed as a deck hand on different boats in the Mississippi River since he was 18 years of age. He stated for the last three months he has been employed as a deck hand on a towboat for the K.G.W. Towing Company out of Greenville, Mississippi.

He added that he had been injured on his boat approximately twenty days ago and had been treated at the Greenville, Mississippi, General Hospital, but had been recuperating at his home in Lake Providence, Louisiana. He had recovered and arranged to catch his boat, which is the George Weathers, at Quincy, Illinois. His Personnel Director, JERRY WILSON, with the K.G.W. Towing Company in Greenville, Mississippi, had given him an airplane ticket from Greenville, Mississippi, to St. Louis, Missouri, to Quincy, Illinois, for April 5, 1968; however, he determined that all planes were full and was instructed to take a bus to Memphis, Tennessee, to catch a plane to St. Louis. He left his home by Trailway Bus around noon on April 4, 1968 and proceeded to Memphis, Tennessee, which is about 175 miles. He arrived in Memphis sometime in the afternoon probably around 4:00 p.m. While at the Trailway Bus Depot, the riots broke out due to the shooting of MARTIN LUTHER KING. He advised that the bus depot was closed. There was no busses allowed to leave or enter and the people in the bus depot were forced to remain in the depot all night long. He advised that the depot was only two or three blocks from the Lorraine Motel in Memphis, Tennessee, where KING was shot. He advised that he knows where this motel is located as he had stayed there on previous occasions. He added that it was general knowledge in all the papers that Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING was in Memphis and staying at the Lorraine Motel.

On 4-7-68 at Rock Island, Illinois File # SI 44-561 - 64
 by SA CHARLES E. SMITH *CS*
SA ROBERT A. WICKWIRE *RW* /ras Date dictated 4-9-68

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KING stated that he did not shoot MARTIN LUTHER KING but hastily added even if he had done so, he would not tell. He also stated that MARTIN LUTHER KING got just what he deserved and that the people in the North are getting just what they deserved on this racial problem as they caused the whole thing. When asked if he was a member of the KKK, KING stated that he was not a member but also added even if he was, he would not tell.

KING then stated during the early hours before daybreak, the busses started to move and he was able to take a taxi to the airport. He recalled that the fare was somewhere around \$4.65. When he arrived at the airport, he determined that there was only one plane that he could catch to Quincy, Illinois; however, this plane was full and he was placed on stand by. When the plane left and he could not get on, he then made a long distance telephone call to his boss JERRY WILSON who then told him to catch a bus to St. Louis and a bus to Quincy where he could catch the boat. He advised that he took a cab back to the bus depot where he boarded a Trailway Bus for St. Louis, Missouri. He advised this was early in the morning and arrived in St. Louis sometime around noon. He then caught a bus from St. Louis to Quincy; however, this bus made many different stops and he arrived too late in Quincy to catch the boat. He then took another bus to Rock Island, Illinois, where he now awaiting for the boat which is due to arrive at 12:00 midnight.

KING stated that he owns a 1967 bright blue Mustang which is at his home at Lake Providence, Louisiana. He explained that the papers for this car are in the name of his friend TRAVIS SHEFFIELD, who lives approximately three blocks away on Foster Street. He stated he bought this car from SHEFFIELD and is making the payments but he has not had the papers changed over to his name. The car is at his home. KING also admitted that he owned a .38 pistol and a shotgun which are both at his home.

The following description was obtained from observation and interview:

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Name	BILLY RAY KING
Sex	Male
Race	White
Date of Birth	April 23, 1925
Place of Birth	St. Joseph, Louisiana
Height	6'1"
Weight	185 pounds
Hair	Dark Brown, Curly
Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Medium to ruddy
Address	102 Arlington Lake Providence, Louisiana
Occupation	Deck Hand, Towboat
Education	Seventh Grade
Marital Status	Single
Employment	K.G.W. Towing Company Greenville, Mississippi
Mother	GERTRUDE FRITH
Arrests	Admits juvenile arrest before the age of 18 for assaulting a Negro police officer in Lake Providence, Louisiana, explaining he beat this officer with a pipe, served nine months in a reform school at Monroe, Louisiana; Admits arrest at the age of 18 for carrying a pistol at Lake Providence, Louisiana, fined \$200.00 and \$37.00 costs and two years probation.