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**IN NORTH LITTLE ROCK. ST. LOUIS WILL CHECK FRC  
RECORDS UNDER ERNEST S. GAULT. P**

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FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN. CIVIL RIGHTS.

RE TELEPHONE CALL OF INSPECTOR JOSEPH A. SULLIVAN AT  
MEMPHIS, AND BUREAU TELEPHONE CALL, APRIL ELEVEN, INSTANT.

RE JEROME WALLIS VERNON, AKA.

ARMY RECORDS REVEAL J. WALLIS VERNON, ARMY SERIAL NUMBER

*Answered*

**[REDACTED]** ENLISTED AT LOS  
ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, AND SERVED FEBRUARY SIX, FIFTYTHREE, TO  
SEPTEMBER FOUR, FIFTYFOUR. UNDESIRABLY DISCHARGED AS PRIVATE,  
FORT ORD, CALIFORNIA, DUE TO UNFITNESS, HABIT OF CHARACTER  
RENDERING RETENTION UNDESIRABLE.

CERTIFICATE OF NEUROPSYCHIATRIC EXAMINATION, AUGUST FOUR,  
FIFTYFOUR, FORT ORD, CALIFORNIA, SHOWS DIAGNOSIS, "ANTI-  
SOCIAL PERSONALITY. THIS CONDITION IS USUALLY CHARACTERIZED  
BY AN INABILITY TO LIVE BY THE RULES OTHER PEOPLE LIVE BY,

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BY THE BOARD OF CHIEFS OF POLICE AND SHERIFFS OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
 CONCERNING THE REPORT MADE TO THE BOARD OF CHIEFS OF POLICE AND SHERIFFS OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
 ON NOVEMBER 10, 1957, BY THE BOARD OF CHIEFS OF POLICE AND SHERIFFS OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
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BY: SA. FORT (14-528)  
 THE CHIEF OF POLICE  
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AND AN INABILITY TO FORM LOYALTIES TO PEOPLE OR GROUPS." HE USES DRUGS, TYPE NOT INDICATED. WAS SEEN AGAIN ON AUGUST FOUR, FIFTYFOUR, DUE TO HOMOSEXUAL EXPERIENCES WITH AN ACCUSER, NAME NOT SHOWN, WHICH WERE DENIED, BUT MADE NO EFFORT TO DENY HOMOSEXUAL EXPERIENCES IN CIVILIAN LIFE.

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS: SPECIAL COURT-MARTIAL, JUNE NINETEEN, FIFTYTHREE, FORT CAMPBELL, KENTUCKY, FOR ABSENCE WITHOUT OFFICIAL LEAVE (AWOL), FROM MAY TWO - SIX, FIFTYTHREE, AND MAY SIX - NINE, FIFTYTHREE. RECEIVED FIFTEEN DAYS RESTRICTION AND FORFEITURE OF SIXTYFOUR DOLLARS.

SPECIAL COURT-MARTIAL, DECEMBER SIXTEEN, FIFTYTHREE, CAMP CARSON, COLORADO, FOR AWOL, JULY SIX, FIFTYTHREE, TO OCTOBER TWENTYFIVE, FIFTYTHREE. SENTENCED TO THREE MONTHS CONFINEMENT AT HARD LABOR AND FORFEITURE OF ONE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS.

SPECIAL COURT-MARTIAL, JULY FOURTEEN, FIFTYFOUR, FORT ORD, CALIFORNIA, FOR AWOL FROM MAY SEVENTEEN, FIFTYFOUR, TO JUNE TWENTYONE, FIFTYFOUR. SENTENCED TO THREE MONTHS CONFINEMENT AT HARD LABOR AND FORFEITURE OF ONE HUNDRED SIXTYFIVE DOLLARS.

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ASSIGNMENTS: FORD ORD, CALIFORNIA; FORT CAMPBELL, KENTUCKY; CAMP CARSON, COLORADO; FORT LEWIS, WASHINGTON; LAS VEGAS, NEVADA (SURRENDERED TO MILITARY AUTHORITIES AT NELLIS AIR FORCE BASE, JUNE TWENTYSEVEN, FIFTYFOUR); AND CAMP IRWIN, CALIFORNIA; LACKLAND AIR FORCE BASE, TEXAS; SHEPPARD AIR FORCE BASE, TEXAS; MATHER AIR FORCE BASE, CALIFORNIA; AND TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE, CALIFORNIA.

JEROME WALLIS VERNON, AIR FORCE SERVICE NUMBER [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ENLISTED AND SERVED IN U. S. AIR FORCE AUGUST EIGHTEEN, NINETEEN SIXTYONE, TO MARCH TWENTYSIX, NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR. HONORABLY DISCHARGED AIRMAN BASIC BY REASON OF PHYSICAL DISABILITY DIAGNOSED AT U. S. AIR FORCE HOSPITAL, TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE, CALIFORNIA, BY MEDICAL BOARD REPORT DATED FEBRUARY SEVENTEEN, NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR:

"SCHIZOPHRENIC REACTION, CHRONIC, UNDIFFERENTIATED TYPE, SEVERE, MANIFESTED BY SEEMING EPISODE OF DISASSOCIATION, EPISODES THAT SEEM TO BE ALMOST DISPERSONALIZATION, PROBABLE HALLUCINATORY EXPERIENCES, AND IN THE PAST, PARANOID IDEATION." RECORDS REVEALED THAT ON APRIL THREE, NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE, AT MATHER AIR FORCE BASE, CALIFORNIA, VERNON ATTEMPTED SUICIDE BY TAKING APPROXIMATELY

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**"THIRTY ACETYSALICYLIC ACID (APC)".**

**AIR FORCE RECORDS SHOWED VERNON WAS BUREAU FUGITIVE DESERTER WITH OFFICE OF ORIGIN SAN FRANCISCO AND BUREAU FILE NUMBER FORTY TWO - ONE SEVEN TWO SEVEN ONE SIX AND THAT VERNON WAS APPREHENDED BY BUREAU AGENTS OCTOBER EIGHTEEN, NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE, LAS VEGAS, NEVADA.**

**NO ASSOCIATES OF VERNON WERE IDENTIFIED IN THE SERVICE RECORDS.**

**THE AIR FORCE RECORDS REVEALED VERNON RECEIVED FOLLOWING DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS:**

**ON FEBRUARY TWENTYSIX, NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE, REDUCED FROM AIRMAN SECOND CLASS TO AIRMAN THIRD CLASS, OFFENSE NOT SHOWN.**

**ON APRIL TEN, NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE, WAS REDUCED TO AIRMAN BASIC AND WARRANTED FORTYFIVE DAYS EXTRA DUTY AS COMMANDING OFFICER PUNISHMENT FOR DISORDERLY CONDUCT ON MARCH THIRTYONE, NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE AT NON COMMISSIONED OFFICERS OPEN MESS, MATHER AIR FORCE BASE, CALIFORNIA.**

**SUMMARY COURT MARTIAL JULY EIGHTEEN, NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE, ALSO AT MATHER AIR FORCE BASE, FOR DISORDERLY IN STATION DAMAGING MILITARY PROPERTY AND PACIFIC TELEPHONE COMPANY PROPERTY, WAS**

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(Priority)**PAGE FIVE****SENTENCED REDUCED TO AIRMAN BASIC AND THIRTY DAYS RESTRICTION.****BACKGROUND: DATE OF BIRTH** 

, PAMPA, TEXAS; HEIGHT SIXTYNINE INCHES TO SIX FEET; WEIGHT ONESEVENTY FIVE TO ONE NINETY POUNDS; RACE WHITE; HAIR BROWN, EYES BROWN; COMPLEXION FAIR; SCARS AND MARKS TATTOO LEFT ARM, MOLE ON LEFT CHEEK; MARITAL STATUS RECORDS INDICATE VERNON HAD TWO WIVES AT ONE TIME AND EXISTED PRIOR TO AIR FORCE SERVICE. MET A GIRL IN TEXAS, IMPREGNATED HER AND MARRIED HER WHILE STILL LEGALLY MARRIED TO FIRST WIFE. FIRST MARRIAGE TOOK PLACE SEPTEMBER, NINETEEN FIFTYFIVE AND SECOND IN MARCH, NINETEEN, SIXTYTWO. HAD FOUR CHILDREN BY FIRST MARRIAGE AND ONE BY SECOND MARRIAGE; EDUCATION THREE YEARS HIGH SCHOOL, JOHN BROWN HIGH SCHOOL, SOLOM SPRINGS, ARIZONA, NINETEEN FIFTYTHREE; CIVILIAN OCCUPATIONS ROOFER HELPER FOR PERCY F. BENNETT, WHITTIER, CALIFORNIA, NINETEEN FIFTY TO NINETEEN FIFTYTWO; ALSO EMPLOYED BY BARON BROTHERS, FOUR ONE ZERO SEVEN FRANKLIN BOULEVARD, SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA, DATES NOT INDICATED; MILITARY OCCUPATIONS LIGHT WEAPONS INFANTRYMAN, AIRCRAFT MECHANIC, RECIPROCATING ENGINE, ATTENDED COURSE IN THIS AT SHEPPARD AIR FORCE BASE, TEXAS, SEPTEMBER, ~~NINETEEN SIXTYONE~~ TO FEBRUARY NINETEEN SIXTYTWO.

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ADDRESSES SEVEN EIGHT FIVE NORTH SKILAND DRIVE, SIERRA, MADRE (LA COUNTY) CALIFORNIA, FEBRUARY, NINETEEN FIFTYTHREE; THREE ZERO ZERO NINE WEST EIGHTH STREET, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, SEPTEMBER, NINETEEN FIFTYFOUR; THREE ONE ZERO THREE CARLY WAY, SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA, AUGUST, NINETEEN SIXTYONE; RELATIVES FATHER, JAMES MACK VERNON, ABOVE ADDRESS SEPTEMBER, NINETEEN FIFTYFOUR; MOTHER BONNIE LASSIE VERNON, SAME; BROTHER JOE E. VERNON, MAYFLOWER STREET, MONROVIA, CALIFORNIA, AUGUST, NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE; EX-WIFE LORRAINE M. VERNON, THREE ZERO FOUR ZERO, EAST MEADOW LANE, VISALIA, CALIFORNIA, AUGUST, NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE AND ONE TWO ONE FIVE WEST GOSHEN AVENUE, SIERRA MADRE, CALIFORNIA, FEBRUARY NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE; WIFE DIANNE VERNON, EIGHT ONE SEVEN NINE FOLSOM BOULEVARD, SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA, AUGUST, NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE; FBI SEVEN FOUR THREE TWO TWO SIX B; FIREARMS QUALIFICATIONS EXPERT WITH M ONE RIFLE; PHOTOGRAPH NONE AVAILABLE; SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; SELECTIVE SERVICE NUMBER [REDACTED]; [REDACTED] LOCAL DRAFT BOARD NUMBER NINETYONE, PASADENA, CALIFORNIA.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

SAC ST. LOUIS

SAC BALTIMORE

SAC MEMPHIS (44-1987)

SAC BIRMINHAM (44-1740)

FROM SAC INDIANAPOLIS (44-563)

MURKIN

RE SUSPECT ERIC STARVO GALT

RE BUTEL ALL OFFICES APRIL TEN, LAST; ST. LOUIS TEL TO SPRINGFIELD, ARIL ELEVEN, INSTANT, AND SPRINGFIELD TEL INDIANAPOLIS, APRIL ELEVEN, INSTANT.

RECORDS AMERICAN COMMERCIAL LINES SHOW NO PAST OR PRESENT EMPLOYMENT FOR GALT. ABOVE COMPANY MERGED WITH NUMEROUS COMPANIES AN RECORDS DESTROYED.

AN IB SEVEN LISTING SHOWS ONE E. S. GAULT, SOC. SEC. # [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] EMPLOYED PRIOR TO NINETEEN FIFTY SEVEN, PROBABLY AMERICAN BARGE LINES CO. NO FURTHER INFO.

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MAYBE IDENTICAL. ST. LOUIS; ALL EMPLOYEES WITH EITHER NATIONAL  
MARITIME UNION OR INLAND BOATMENS UNION, SEAFARER'S INTERNATIONAL,  
BOTH ST. LOUIS. BIRMINGHAM ADVISED BA IF SOC. SEC. NO. ABOVE IS  
GALT'S IF AVAILABLE.

ENBR, PG 2 LN 2 WRD 5 SHLD READ BOATMENS

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TO ST. LOUIS

FROM MEMPHIS 44-1987 1 P

MURKIN, CR. OO: MEM.

RE TELEPHONE CALL INSPECTOR SULLIVAN TO ASAC,  
ST. LOUIS, INSTANT DATE CONCERNING ~~JAY WALLIS VERNIN~~ <sup>VERNON</sup>, AKA  
JEROME WALLIS VERNON.

IN ADDITION TO CHECKING ASN FURNISHED IN PHONE CALL,  
CHECK AIR FORCE SERIAL NO. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SAN ANTONIO RECORDS INDICATE VERNON UNDER  
NAME ~~JEROME WALLIS VERNON~~, SAME DESCRIPTIVE DATA, WAS AF  
ESERTER OCTOBER ONE NINE SIX THREE, SAN FRANCISCO OO.

P. CORR: LINE TWO NAME IS JAY WALLIS VERNON. END.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, ST. LOUIS (44-775)

FROM : INSPECTOR JOSEPH A. SULLIVAN  
MEMPHIS

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
(Memphis File 44-1987)  
(Los Angeles File 44-1594)  
(Bufile 44-38861)

DATE: 4/11/68

Los Angeles teletype to the Director and Memphis and Birmingham 4/10/68 identifies an individual named JAY WALLIS VERNON, also known as JEROME WALLIS VERNON, FBI Number 743 226 B, Army Serial Number [REDACTED] as the operator of the Home Service Laundry and Dry Cleaning Company, 5280 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles. This laundry uses laundry tags similar to the tags that appeared on the clothing of Unsub in the MURKIN case at Memphis. The code on the clothes recovered is the code used subsequent to February, 1968, by this laundry.

This laundry is within five blocks of the Rompage Hardware Store where a pair of pliers recovered in Memphis originated. VERNON sold his laundry and removed all the records and tools from the premises March 24, 1968. He was last seen in Los Angeles March 27, 1968.

VERNON served in the military service apparently in the inclusive period 1953 through 1961, dates unspecified. He was assigned to Fort Campbell, Kentucky, May 1, 1953, when he went AWOL. He surrendered to military authorities in Birmingham May 6, 1953; left again, then surrendered again, this time at Laredo, Texas, May 9, 1953. His record indicates he was born [REDACTED] at Pampa, Texas. His father's name is JAMES MACK VERNON of Los Angeles, California. A description furnished by Los Angeles indicates in 1961 he was 5' 11", 195 pounds, brown eyes, brown hair.

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In checking barge lines and other local sources in the St. Louis Office, bear in mind the possibility that VERNON may be an associate of the Unknown Subject at Memphis. The latents located at Memphis do not check with the fingerprints on file for VERNON. The clothing recovered at Memphis is too small for a man his size.

Examine VERNON's military record, looking particularly for the identity of any associate he may have, with particular interest in orientation to Birmingham and Mobile areas in Alabama, Pascagoula, Mississippi; anywhere in Tennessee and California.

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TO : FILE

FROM : SAC

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/11/68

Supervisor CLEM MC GOWAN, Bureau, telephoned today concerning the below-listed individuals:

JAY WALLIS VERNON, ASN [REDACTED]  
in military service 2/4/53 to unknown date.

JEROME WALLIS VERNON, [REDACTED]  
entered military service 8/18/61 at  
Oakland, California; termination date 1963.

Both individuals were deserters, according to the Bureau.

Mr. MC GOWAN requested that the MPRC be searched concerning all data for these two individuals who apparently are identical.

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CLEVELAND (44-565) SAVANNAH  
JACKSON (157-9586) ST. LOUIS (44-775)  
KNOXVILLE (44-696) MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)

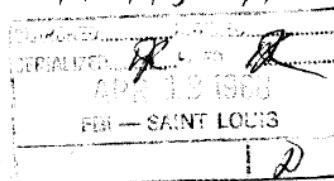
MURKIN

Re Memphis tel to listed offices April 10, 1968 and Knoxville tel to Memphis and Birmingham, same date.

Attached for each office are two (2) photographs of the latest artist's conception of Unsub who purchased rifle in Birmingham. This individual is described as a white male, about 36 years old, 5'8" - 5'10", 150-160 pounds, medium complexion, dark hair, probably brown, well dressed, wearing suit and tie.

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FROM: SAC, ST. LOUIS (44-775)

SUBJ: MURKIN CR OO MEMPHIS

RE SUSPECT ERIC STARVO GALT, BIRMINGHAM TEL TO DIRECTOR  
APRIL ELEVEN LAST

ALAN J. AUBUCHON, EMPLOYMENT SECURITY DIVISION, FIVE ZERO FIVE  
WASHINGTON STREET, SLMO, ADVISED IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO SEARCH FILES  
BY NAME EXCEPT UNDER CERTAIN LISTED OCCUPATIONS. FILES SEARCHED  
UNDER LABORER, BARGEMAN, RIVERMAN, STEWARD, AND COOK WITH NEGATIVE  
RESULTS FOR ANYONE NAMED GALT.

PAT HEULSMAN, MISSOURI WORKMAN'S COMPENSATION, SEVEN NORTH SEVENTH,  
SLMO ADVISED THAT HER AGENCY HAS RECORDS ONLY FOR A PARTICULAR  
CLAIM NUMBER, NOT MORE THAN ONE YEAR OLD. A FILE IS MAINTAINED  
ON THE ST LOUIS FEDERAL BARGE LINE, WHICH FILE NEGATIVE FOR NAME  
OF GALT. FIVE YEAR RECORDS ARE MAINTAINED AT JEFFERSON CITY, MO.  
BUT CLAIM NUMBER SHOULD BE GIVEN. POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT AN  
ALPHABETICAL INDEX EXISTS, ACCORDING TO HEULSMAN, WHICH SHOULD BE  
CHECKED.

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STAFFER/LEADER UNDER EXISTING ACCORDING TO RECORDS WHICH SHOULD BE  
 FOR CIVIL SERVICE RECORD AS DIANE POSSIBLY EXISTS AND WE  
 OF CIVIL. DIANE ZEVE HAS BEEN THE SUBJECT OF RESEARCH SINCE WE  
 ON THE 15th FLOOR BUILDING BRIDGE BLVD. WHICH BLUE RECORDS FOR NAME  
 CIVIL SERVICE. NOW WE CAN HAVE ONE NAME ONE. A NAME IS WITHHELD  
 SPEC. VDAISON NAME AND ADDRESS HAS RECORDS SINCE 1954 IN WASHINGTON  
 THE RECORDS. THROUGH WORKING. A COMBINATION. FRANK BURNHILL BURNHILL  
 SERVICE. 100 WILSON ROAD. CIVIL.  
 DEPT. BURNHILL. BURNHILL. BURNHILL. BURNHILL. AND BOOK WITH RECORDS  
 BY NAME SYSTEM. UNDER CIVIL. UNDER CIVILIZATION. AFTER RESEARCH  
 WASHINGTON RECORDS. INFO. ADVISED IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO SEARCH WITH  
 NAME. WASHINGTON. THROUGHOUT RECORDS. DIANE ZEVE NAME

UNDER EXISTING INFO  
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KANSAS CITY AT JEFFERSON CITY MO. CONDUCT INVESTIGATION REQUESTED  
RETEL AT HEADQUARTERS, MISSOURI WORKMAN'S COMPENSATION OFFICE

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1104 AM URGENT 4-11-68 JGA.

TO DIRECTOR, JACKSON, KANSAS CITY, MEMPHIS, MOBILE, NEW ORLEANS  
AND ST. LOUIS.

FROM BIRMINGHAM 44-1740

MURKIN; CR; OO MEMPHIS.

SUSPECT ~~ERIC STARVO GALT~~, WHITE MALE BORN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES, ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE POUNDS, BLUE EYES, BROWN HAIR, STAYED AT ROOMING HOUSE IN BIRMINGHAM LAST WEEK AUGUST, SIXTYSEVEN, INTO OCTOBER, SIXTYSEVEN, PURCHASED NINETEEN SIXTYSIX MUSTANG WITH TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS CASH, SOURCE OF THIS AND ADDITIONAL MONEY HAD BY HIM NOT KNOWN. PERSONS INTERVIEWED HAVE STATED HE INDICATED INTEREST IN WORK OF A SEAMAN ON BARGES OR OTHER VESSELS, AND MAY HAVE BEEN WORKING ABOARD VESSELS OR AT DOCKS PREVIOUSLY. ALL OFFICES RECEIVING THIS TELETYPE WILL CHECK ALL SEAFARERS UNIONS IDENTIFIABLE IN AN EFFORT TO IDENTIFY GALT BY THIS OR ANY OTHER NAME, IF THIS HAS NOT ALREADY BEEN DONE.

REGIONAL DIRECTOR, WAGES AND HOURS AND PUBLIC CONTRACTS  
DIVISION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, BIRMINGHAM IS CAUSING CHECK TO  
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BE MADE IN HIS FOUR-STATE AREA FOR ANY SAFETY OPERATIONS INVESTIGATIONS INVOLVING SEAMEN OR DOCK WORKERS, AND RELATED OCCUPATIONS, AND SUGGESTS CERTAIN OTHER REGIONAL DIRECTORS BE CHECKED FOR THOSE AREAS INVOLVED WITH SUCH TYPE WATERFRONT WORKERS. MEMPHIS AT NASHVILLE MAIN OFFICE AND AT MEMPHIS SUB - OFFICE, KANSAS CITY AT MAIN OFFICE, AND ST. LOUIS AT SUB-OFFICE, DETERMINE ANY INVESTIGATIONS THESE OFFICES MAY HAVE MADE REGARDING SEAMEN OR DOCK WORKERS, AND THEN REVIEW ANY SUCH REPORTS OF INVESTIGATION WHEREIN NAME OF GALT MIGHT BE MENTIONED AS ONE OF CREW MEMBERS OR AMONG THOSE COVERED BY THE INVESTIGATION. IT IS INDICATED NAME WOULD NOT BE INDEXED, BUT ALL NAMES WOULD BE LISTED IN SPECIFIC REPORT OF INVESTIGATION.

MOBILE, JACKSON, NEW ORLEANS, MEMPHIS AND ST. LOUIS CHECK STATE COMPENSATION AGENCIES IN EFFORT TO IDENTIFY POSSIBLE PAYMENT TO GALT AS SOURCE OF FUNDS AVAILABLE TO HIM AT BIRMINGHAM. TRY TO IDENTIFY ANY WORK-RELATED COMPENSATION OR INJURY COMPENSATION, OR UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION PAID TO GALT, OR ANY KIND OF SETTLEMENT MONEY HE MAY HAVE BEEN PAID UPON TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT. IF RECORD FOUND, OBTAIN ANY BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON HIM. CHECK FOR HIS NAME UNDER CATEGORIES OF STEVEDORES, LONGSHOREMEN, WAREHOUSEMEN.  
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AND RELATED OCCUPATIONS. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER NOT AVAILABLE, SO ALL OTHER POSSIBILITIES MUST BE CHECKED. HE TOLD ONE PERSON HE HAD BEEN A "BARGER" BETWEEN ST. LOUIS AND MOBILE, SPECIFICALLY CHECK OFFICES PAYING COMPENSATION IN AREAS WHERE SEAMEN AND LONGSHOREMEN WOULD BE FOUND, SUCH AS AT MAJOR PORT CITIES.

SET OUT ALL LEADS BY TELETYPE AND ADVISE BIRMINGHAM AND OFFICE OF ORIGIN. NO INDICATION TO BE GIVEN THAT THIS LEAD IAS IN CONJUNCTION WITH MURKIN CASE.

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TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, ST. LOUIS, BIRMINGHAM

FROM KANSAS CITY 44-760 2P

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RE BIRMINGHAM TEL TO BUREAU APRIL ELEVEN LAST.

~~WILLIAM KUEHN~~, WAGE AND HOUR DIV., DEPT. OF LABOR, KANSAS CITY, MO. ADVISED TODAY THERE ARE NO SEAMANS, SEAFARERS OR BARGEWORKERS OF SIMILAR TYPE UNIONS IN THE KANSAS CITY TERRITORY. KUEHN ADVISED KANSAS CITY IS REGIONAL OFFICE FOR FOLLOWING TEN STATES: MISSOURI, KS., COLORADO, IOWA, NEBRASKA, S. AND N. DAKOTA, MONTANA, UTAH AND WYOMING. SAID THEIR FILES ARE NOT INDEXED BY INDIVIDUALS; ANY ACTION TAKEN BY THEIR DEPT. WOULD HAVE BEEN UNDER COMPANY NAME. THEIR RECORDS DO NOT NAME ANYONE BY NAME GALT. HE SAID ONLY ACTION HE RECALLS THEY WERE INVOLVED IN RE SEAMEN WAS ACTION STARTED BY THEIR REGIONAL OFFICE IN ST. LOUIS IN SIXTYTHREE-SIXTYSIX AGAINST ALTON TRANSPORTATION CO., ST. LOUIS, DEPT. OF LABOR FILE NO. SIX FOUR SIX SIX FOUR. KUEHN COMPLETELY REVIEWED THIS FILE AND ADVISED NONE OF INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED IN ACTION NAMED GAULT. HE SAID IF ANY INFO COMES TO HIS ATTENTION RE ANY OTHER SEAMEN DISPUTES WILL IMMEDIATELY ADVISE KANSAS CITY.

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Re LR tel to SL 4/8/68.

Efforts to contact Reverend BROWER on 4/8/68 disclosed that he was out of town and would return late on that evening.

On the morning of 4/9/68 SA WILLIAM R. BURTON interviewed Reverend FLOYD BROWER, 1709 Big Bend, Poplar Bluff, Mo., concerning the statements he made from the Senath, Mo., Methodist Church pulpit that he was sorry to hear of KING's death, but would be even "sorrier" when the announcement was made identifying the person who did it. The Reverend BROWER advised that the basis for this statement was an article in either the St. Louis Globe Democrat or one of the local Southeast Missouri newspapers, which stated that the search for MARTIN LUTHER KING's assassin had spread to the Bootheel area of Missouri and that he was possibly from Pemiscot County. He also had heard several "rumors" that the assassin was from Pemiscot County. He advised he had no other basis whatsoever for making the statement, had never heard anyone mention any names of a possible assassin and was now sorry that he had made such a statement from the pulpit.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI, ST. LOUIS AND MEMPHIS  
FROM SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

MURKIN, CR.

*Re suspect Robert L Plunk*

~~ROBERT L. PLUNK~~, WHITE, MALE, THIRTY FOUR, BORN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] FIVE FEET, TEN INCHES,

ONE HUNDRED SIXTY POUNDS, DARK BROWN HAIR (RECEDING), BROWN EYES, WAS PASSENGER ON TRAIN NUMBER SIX IC RAILROAD TO ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, FIVE AM THIS DATE. PLUNK BRIEFLY INTERVIEWED CARBONDALE, ILL., IN VIEW OF INFORMATION FURNISHED BY TRAIN PERSONNEL INDICATING PLUNK RESEMBLED ARTIST'S SKETCH OF ASSASSIN OF DR. KING. PLUNK RESIDING R. R. TWO, MICHIE, TENN., WITH MOTHER, EULIA PLUNK, BOARDED IC PASSENGER TRAIN NUMBER TEN OUT OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA, AT CORINTH, MISS., WITH ROUND-TRIP TICKET TO ST. LOUIS. PLUNK PRODUCED LETTER FROM VETERAN'S ADMINISTRATION HOSPITAL (VAH), ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, ADDRESSED TO ROBERT L. PLUNK, R. R. TWO, MICHIE, TENN., REQUESTING HIM TO REPORT FOR PHYSICAL RE DISABILITY CLAIM. PLUNK HAS TB, WAS KOREAN WAR VETERAN AND HAD PRIOR CHEST OPERATION FOR TB AT MURPHYREESBORO, TENN., VAH. LETTER DIRECTED PLUNK TO REPORT

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VAH, A ONE THREE NINE, OUT-PATIENT SERVICE, NINE ONE FIVE NORTH GRAND, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, APRIL ELEVEN, INSTANT. PLUNK CLAIMS DOES NOT WORK DUE TO PHYSICAL CONDITION. PLUNK OBVIOUSLY IN POOR PHYSICAL CONDITION AND HAD DIFFICULTY IN MOVING AND BREATHING. DUE TO BRIEF OPPORTUNITY IN INTERVIEW FOLLOWING BEING REQUESTED OF RECEIVING OFFICES:

ST. LOUIS AT VAH IMMEDIATELY INTERVIEW PLUNK AND OBTAIN PHOTOGRAPH AND FORWARD MEMPHIS.

MEMPHIS AT MICHIE AND MURPHYREESBORO, TENN., CHECK FOR BACKGROUND AND STABLISH MOVEMENTS OF PLUNK DURING PERTINENT PERIOD.

INFORMATION MAIL COPY TO JACKSON INASMUCH AS PLUNK BOARDED PASSENGER TRAIN NUMBER TEN AT CORINTH, MMISS.

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MURKIN.

RE SUSPECT ROBERT L. PLUNK.

RE SPRINGFIELD TEL, APRIL ELEVEN INSTANT.

PLUNK EXAMINED AS OUT-PATIENT AND DEPARTED VAH, ST. LOUIS, MO., BEFORE CONTACT COULD BE MADE AND OSTENSIBLY RETURNED HOME. VAH RECORDS REFLECT PLUNK BORN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ADAMSVILLE, TENNESSEE, SERVED IN AIR FORCE SERIAL [REDACTED] FROM MARCH TWENTYNINE, NINETEEN FIFTYFOUR TO JANUARY FIFTEEN, NINETEEN FIFTYFIVE. PLUNK WAS PATIENT AT VAH, ST. LOUIS, MAY TWENTYSEVEN, NINETEEN FIFTYEIGHT TO JULY ONE, NINETEEN FIFTYEIGHT, RECEIVING TUBERCULER AND NEUROPSYCHIATRIC TREATMENT. TRANSFERRED TO VAH, JEFFERSON BARRACKS, MO., AND THEREON TO VAH, MURFREESBORO, TENN., MAY SIX, NINETEEN FIFTYNINE. CURRENT RESIDENCE ROUTE

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**TWO, MICHIE, TENN., AND PLUNK STILL UNDER SUPERVISION OF VAH,  
MURFREESBORO.**

**MEMPHIS, INTERVIEW PLUNK AT MICHIE.**

**SL: (Above info obtained from ROLAND V. KLEMME, Chief, Medical  
Administration Division, Veterans Administration Hospital, 915 N.  
Grand Blvd., SLMO).**

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, ST. LOUIS (44-775)

DATE: 4/11/68

FROM : IC JOHN D. DYER, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
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On 4/10/68, a review of the records at the Metropolitan SLPD failed to reveal any information identifiable with ERIC GALT, KARL (CARL) GALT, or PAULA GALT.

On 4/10/68, Mrs. CHARLOTTE HEINTZ, Supervisor of Files, Commerical Credit Rating Company, SLMO, advised their records failed to contain any information identifiable with ERIC or KARL GALT.

Mrs. HEINTZ made available credit files for the following individuals with the last name GALT:

ALAN R. GALT

Age 20 in 7/62  
Marital status Single  
Address (7/62) 9715 Ventura Dr.  
Employment (7/62) Universal Metal (Office boy)

CHARLES F. GALT

Age No age listed  
Wife ANNA  
Address (5/62-6/65) 4505 Pershing  
Employment (5/62-6/65) Self

CHRISTINE GALT

Age 22 in 10/67  
Marital status Single  
Address (10/67) 34 N. Clay  
Employment (10/67) Ferguson Junior High School

DAVID B. GALT

Age 32 in 2/52  
Wife GRACE  
Address (1/56-1/67) #34 N. Clay  
Employment (1/56-1/67) Galt and King Inc.  
(President)  
Employment (she) (3/67) Galt-Hartweck-King Inc. Ins.  
26 S. Florissant Rd.



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HOMER WESLEY GALT

Age 23 in 3/50  
Wife NELLIE M., DOB [redacted]; POB not shown  
Address (2/58) 8717 Brinker, Affton, Mo.  
Employment (2/58) H. W. Galt Realty

GAYLAND L. GALT (LAYLAND)

DOB [redacted]  
Wife SHIRLEY  
Address (10/66) 3691 Shallow Ford Rd.,  
Doraville, Ga.  
Employment (10/66) Litho-Plate Corp. (Salesman)

MARTIN E. GALT

Age 75 in 4/65  
Wife CARRIE  
Address (4/65) 23 S. Barat (Burat)  
Employment (4/65) General Steel Co. (Mgr)  
(Retired - Pension)

MARTIN E. GALT JR.

Age 51 in 1/67  
Wife MARGARET  
Address (7/67) #8 Bellerive Country Club  
Grounds, Ladue, Mo.  
Employment: (1/67) Martin E. Galt and Assoc.,  
1515 Ashby Rd. (Pres.) and  
Clayton Drilling Corp. (Pres.)  
since 1/60 and Martin Raymond  
Corp. (Pres.) since 1957

MAX M. GALT

Age 54 in 11/52  
Marital status Single  
Address (5/54) 7375 Wayne  
Employment (11/52) M & M Cigar Stand (Self),  
105 N. 7th St., SLMO.

WARREN M. GALT

Age 40 in 6/66  
Wife PAULETTE (PAULINE)  
Address (6/51-12/66) 9715 Venture Dr.  
Employment (3/66-12/66) American Car (Painter)  
Employment (she) (2/57) Grand Tower Beauty Shop

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FROM: SAC, ST. LOUIS (42-775) P

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ReDE tel to SL, 4/8/68.

The following investigation was conducted by SA WILLIAM R. BURTON at Kennett, Mo., on 4/9/68:

The 4/4/68 edition of the Daily Dunklin Democrat, the only daily newspaper in Kennett, Mo., disclosed that funeral services for MAYFORD CLINTON BENFIELD were to be held on Friday, 4/5/68, at 2:30 p.m. This article advised that MAYFORD CLINTON BENFIELD was the son of WILLARD BENFIELD and GLADYS BENFIELD. Relatives were listed as the mother, residing in Kennett; the father in Benton Harbor, Mich.; a brother, WILLARD BENFIELD, JR., of Benton Harbor, Mich.; a brother, CHARLES R. BENFIELD, Phoenix, Ariz., and brother, DONALD L. BENFIELD of Kennett, Mo. The pallbearers for this funeral were JOE CHESIRE, BILL BRADSHAW, HERSHEL WAYNE and three other individuals, all of Kennett.

JOE CHESIRE, 1509 Wimberly, employed Kennett Outboard Motor Service, on First Street, and BILL BRADSHAW, 804 Court, owner of Kennett Outboard Service, advised that WILLARD BENFIELD, SR., and WILLARD BENFIELD, JR., arrived in Kennett as they recall on Tuesday or Wednesday, 4/2 or 3/68. At any rate, BRADSHAW was positive that he had seen WILLARD BENFIELD, SR., and JR., at the funeral home in Kennett on Thursday evening, 4/4/68, also on Friday, 4/5/68. He believed that they left to return to Benton Harbor on Saturday, 4/6/68.

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BRADSHAW and CHESIRE advised that they were acquainted with MAYFORD CLINTON BENFIELD because he had formerly worked at Kennett Outboard Motor Service and through him at met his brother, WILLARD BENFIELD, JR., and father, WILLARD BENFIELD, SR.

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TO: SAC, JACKSON

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
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Enclosed herewith for the offices receiving this communication are five copies each of three studies done by Bureau artists of the UNSUB in captioned matter.

Photo #1 is based on information furnished by witnesses at Memphis, Tennessee. Photos #2 and #3 are based on information furnished by witnesses at Birmingham, Alabama.

Witnesses who have observed our principal suspect, ERIC STARVO GALT, and witnesses who observed UNSUB alone in Memphis and Birmingham have displayed enough similarity in their descriptions and reaction to artists' conception to indicate that UNSUB and GALT are probably identical.

Investigation to date indicates it is entirely possible that GALT identity is fictitious and was established as a cover.

The best description we have appears to be the description of GALT which was furnished

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when he obtained an Alabama drivers license in late 1967. Witnesses, however, have described UNSUB as both taller and shorter, heavier and lighter, and there is an uncertainty about the hairline and eyes. The best photo appears to be #1. Photo #2 is highly regarded if he appeared a bit more youthful. With the limitations set forth herein, the description set forth for GALT may be regarded as the best composite description at this time:

Race	White
Sex	Male
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Height	5'11"
Weight	175
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Brown
Complexion	Fair
Appearance	Neat, cleancut, neat dresser
Accent	Western or Texas, definitely not northern
Peculiarities	Very shy and quiet; often observed wearing a business suit, shirt, and tie
Marital status	GALT indicated he was divorced.

The Bureau has instructed in using these pictures in connection with this investigation that the identity of the conception of the artists as the MURKIN suspect be avoided. Appropriate pretext should be used in lieu thereof until such time the Bureau releases an official artist conception.

UNSUB has used the aliases JOHN WILLARD and HARVEY LOWMEYER.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, ST. LOUIS (44-775)

FROM : SA SPURGEON J. PETERSON

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CR

DATE: 4/11/68

At 11:30 p.m. on 4/9/68, Rev. HAROLD DEAN HEADY of 7300 Virginia Ave., St. Louis, Mo., telephone PL 3-2308, telephonically advised SA PETERSON that he is pastor of the Friendly Assembly of God Church and is acquainted with an individual reportedly arrested by authorities in Joplin, Mo., p.m., 4/9/68, in connection with the slaying of MARTIN LUTHER KING. He stated that this individual is a mental case; that he has on several occasions attempted to befriend him by furnishing him food, clothing, and money. He has observed him sleeping in cemeteries and in parks in St. Louis and on one occasion paid his bus fare when he said he wanted to return to his parents in Palmer, Texas. After placing the individual on a bus he discovered that he had left the bus and apparently cashed in his ticket and never left St. Louis.

At 11:45 p.m., 4/9/68, this information was telephonically furnished to SA JAMES A. BENBROOK of the Kansas City Office. SA BENBROOK said that the individual picked up by Joplin PD was then being interrogated in Joplin and it was the opinion of the interviewing agent that he was a mental case. The man's name is LYNN RAY CLEVELAND.

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345PM URGENT 4/11/68 CAB

TO ALL SACS

FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 2P.

MURKIN

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.

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  
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*M S H P advised 3:05 HRD  
& Framing, call  
SLPD by A. J. [unclear] 3:25 HRD*

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BY THE FBI.

GALT IS DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, HEIGHT FIVE FEET  
ELEVEN INCHES, WEIGHT ONE HUNDRED SEVENTYFIVE POUNDS,  
EYES BLUE, HAIR BROWN, DATE OF BIRTH [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ACCORDING TO HIS DRIVERS LICENSE.

GALT'S CAR IS DESCRIBED AS A NINETEEN SIXTYSIX WHITE  
HARD-TOP MUSTANG, SIXTYEIGHT ALABAMA LICENSE TAG  
ONE-THREE EIGHT NINE NINE THREE, VIN SIX T ZERO SEVEN C  
ONE NINE ZERO SIX FOUR SEVEN. CAR HAD FOUR INDIVIDUAL  
RED PLASTIC FLOOR MATS, MUFFLER PAINTED SILVER WHEN PURCHASED  
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.

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6-7PM URGENT 4/11/68 GJM

TO ALL SACS

FROM DIRECTOR 1P

MURKIN

REBUTEL THIS DATE TO PLACESTOPS ON ~~ERIC STARVO GALT~~  
AND A NINETEEN SIXTYSIX WHITE MUSTANG. DISREGARD  
REFERENCED TELETYPE AND CANCEL ANY ALL POINTS BULLETINS  
THAT MAY HAVE BEEN ISSUED.

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~~ERIC STARVO GALT~~

SUSPECT ~~ERIC STARVO GALT~~, WHITE MALE, DOB. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES, ONE SEVEN FIVE  
POUNDS, BLUE EYES, BROWN HAIR, REPORTEDLY A BARGE OR RIVER  
BOAT MAN, HAD RESIDED TWO SIX ZERO EIGHT HIGHLAND AVENUE,  
BIRMINGHAM, LAST FALL. SUSPECT STAYED REBEL MOTEL, HIGHWAY  
SEVENTY-ONE, MEMPHIS, ARRIVING SEVEN FIFTEEN PM, APRIL  
THREE, LAST, DEPARTED APPROXIMATELY NOON, APRIL FOUR, LAST,  
DRIVING WHITE MUSTANG, NINETEEN SIXTY-EIGHT ALABAMA LICENSE  
ONE - THREE EIGHT NINE NINE THREE. OTHERS REGISTERED AT  
MOTEL IN ADJACENT ROOM WERE ANDY GAST, ROUTE SIX, FREMONT,  
OHIO; WILLIAM HESTER, ONE ZERO NINE FOREST AVENUE, TROY,  
ALABAMA. FOLLOWING SUSPECT'S DEPARTURE ROOM THIRTY-FOUR  
L. N. PAGE, ONE TWO EIGHT TWO ABBE ROAD, SHEFFIELD, OHIO,  
OCCUPIED SAME, ROOM THIRTY-FOUR, EIGHT THIRTY PM FOR APRIL  
FOUR, LAST.

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SUSPECT CLAIMED EMPLOYMENT INGALLS SHIPYARD, PASCAGOULA,  
MISSISSIPPI, BUT RECORDS REFLECT ONLY INEZ COWART GALT,  
WHITE FEMALE, AGE TWENTY-FIVE - THIRTY, EMPLOYED AUGUST  
TWENTY-ONE - SEPTEMBER SEVEN, NINETEEN FORTY-FOUR, SOCIAL  
SECURITY NUMBER [REDACTED]

SUSPECT DEPARTED HIGHLAND ADDRESS ABOUT DECEMBER 1, LAST,  
FOR NEW JOB ON BARGE OR TWOBOAT AT MOBILE. WHILE RESIDING  
BOARDING HOUSE LAST FALL RECEIVED PACKAGE FROM CHICAGO  
RETURNED BY HIM TO THE MAIL ORDER HOUSE UNOPENED. SUSPECT  
REPORTEDLY OBTAINED DUPLICATE ALABAMA DRIVER'S LICENSE  
MARCH ONE, LAST, CLAIMING LOUISIANA DRIVER'S LICENSE EXPIRED  
NINETEEN SIXTY-TWO. USCG HEADQUARTERS HAS NO PORT SECURITY  
CARD OR MERCHANT MARINE Z CARD ON GALT. UNSUB ABANDONED  
CERTAIN TRADE ARTICLES AFTER SHOOTING OF KING ON APRIL FOUR,  
LAST. ONE ARTICLE IS A BAR OF CASHMERE BOUQUET SOAP, A  
WRAPPER OF FRIENDSHIP INNS, NAME OF MOTEL OR TOWN NOT  
LISTED.

ATLANTA CONTACT EARL FUOSS, REGIONAL INSPECTOR, SE  
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REGION, IRS, TO LOCATE PAST INCOME TAX RETURNS <sup>ERIC STARVO</sup> ~~RE~~ GALT  
NINETEEN SIXTY TO PRESENT.

AT LAGRANGE, GEORGIA CONTACT TOWN AND COUNTRY MOTEL,  
FRIENDSHIP INNS' AFFILIATE, AND CHECK RECORDS OF GUESTS  
OF MARCH TWENTY TO APRIL THREE, LAST, UNDER THE NAMES JOHN  
WILLARD, HARVEY LOWMEYER, AND SUSPECT GALT. NOTE SUSPECT  
GALT DRIVING ABOVE DESCRIBED MUSTANG WITH ALABAMA LICENSE.

AT MARIETTA, GEORGIA: WILL AT THE TRAVELERS HAVEN  
MOTEL CONDUCT SAME INVESTIGATION

AT PERRY, GEORGIA, WILL AT THE COLONIAL MANOR  
MOTEL CONDUCT SAME INVESTIGATION.

AT BALTIMORE, THROUGH BALTIMORE SOURCE FOUR DETERMINE  
CURRENT INFORMATION ON INEZ COWART GALT.

AT BIRMINGHA, WILL IMMEDIATELY FORWARD COMPOSITE  
SUSPECT TO OFFICES RECEIVING THIS COMMUNICATION.

AT CHICAGO, CONTACT SEARS AND ROEBUCK, MONTGOMERY  
WARD, SPEIGELS AND ALDENS FOR CUSTOM OR MAIL ORDER RECORD  
OF PACKAGE DIRECTED TO GALT AT BIRMINGHAM TO DEVELOP BACKGROUND  
INFORMATION.

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CLEVELAND AT FREMONT, INTERVIEW ANDY GAST, ROUTE SIX, RE KNOWLEDGE AND CONTACT WITH SUSPECT.

AT SHEFFIELD, OHIO, INTERVIEW L. N. PAGE, ONE TWO EIGHT TWO ABBE ROAD RE ANY OBJECTS LEFT IN ROOM BY SUSPECT FORMER OCCUPANT, REBEL MOTEL, AS WELL AS KNOWLEDGE OF SUSPECTS.

JACKSON AT COLUMBUS, CONTACT COLUMBUS MOTEL WILL CONDUCT SAME INVESTIGATION AS REQUESTED OF ATLANTA.

AT JACKSON, WILL AT THE FOLLOWING MOTELS CONDUCT SAME INVESTIGATION AS THAT REQUESTED AT ATLANTA:

COLUMBUS - COLUMBUS MOTEL

CORINTH - SOUTHERN MOTEL

GREENVILLE - GILHARA MOTOR HOTEL.

GREENWOOD - NAAMAN'S MOTEL

HATTIESBURG - DUMAS MOTEL

TUPELO - TOWNHOUSE MOTEL

WEST POINT - MARSHALL MOTEL

*Knnoxville*

~~MOBILE~~ AT PIGEON FORGE, WILL AT THE VACATION LODGE MOTEL CONDUCT SAME INVESTIGATION AS REQUESTED OF ATLANTA.

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LOUISVILLE AT PADUCAH, REVIEW NATIONAL MERITIME UNION  
AND ILA RECORDS FOR INFORMATION RE SUSPECT GALT WORKING  
ABOARD BARGES OR RIVER BOATS.

MOBILE AT TROY, INTERVIEW WILLIAM HESTER, ONE ZERO NINE  
FOREST AVENUE, RE KNOWLEDGE AND CONTACT WITH SUSPECT AT  
REBEL MOTEL.

AT MOBILE, WILL CONTACT ALL BARGE AND RIVER BOAT COMPANIES  
TO LOCATE EMPLOYMENT RECORD AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION  
OF SUSPECT GALT WHO MAY NOT BE A UNION MEMBER.

WILL CONTACT LOGICAL SEAMAN'S BOARDING HOUSES FOR RECORD  
OF SUSPECT.

NEW ORLEANS AT BATON ROUGE, REVIEW MOTOR VEHICLE RECORDS  
NINETEEN SIX ONE - SIX-TWO TO LOCATE DRIVERS LICENSE AND BACKGROUND  
OF SUSPECT GALT.

ST. LOUIS, WILL CONTACT SIU AND NNU UNION HALLS FOR  
RECORD OF SUSPECT GALT. ✓ *done* ✓

WILL ALSO CONTACT EAGLE BOAT AND FUEL, ECONOMY BOAT  
STORE, ORY BROTHERS MARINE, ST. LOUIS FUEL AND SUPPLY  
AND WAYNE VAHLE, INC., RE PAST EMPLOYMENT OF SUSPECT GALT.  
END PAGE FIVE *Dubyer*

PAGE SIX

AT SAVANNAH, RE CONTACT SAVANNAH MOTOR LODGE AND CONDUCT  
INVESTIGATION AS SET FORTH FOR ATLANTA.

END

RJK

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X Correction appearing on pages 1, 3, & 4 telephonically  
furnished by Spe. Don Bell, Memphis Division,  
2:05 AM 4-11-68.

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Date: 4-11-68

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Via TELETYPE URGENT \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

TO: MEMPHIS (44-1987); BIRMINGHAM (44-1740); CHICAGO  
SPRINGFIELD

FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN, CR. OO: MEMPHIS.

RE: SUSPECT ERIC STARVO GALT.

REBUTEL ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES, APRIL TEN, LAST.

GALT CLAIMED EMPLOYMENT AS "BARGER" OUT OF ST. LOUIS.

CHECK RECORDS FOLLOWING BARGE LINES YOUR DIVISION TO DETERMINE  
PRESENT OR PAST EMPLOYMENT.

JOLIET, ILL., AL MECHLING BARGE LINES.

CAHOKIA, ILL., COOPER TERMINAL CO., INC.; FOX TERMINAL.

ALTON, ILL., AMERICAN COMMERCIAL LINES; COMMERCIAL

TRANSPORT CORP; NORMAN BROTHERS; WISCONSIN BARGE LINES.

HARTFIELD, ILL., NATIONAL MARINE SERVICE.

SHEFFIELD, ALA., ARROW TRANSPORTATION CO.

PITTSBURGH, PA., UNION BARGE LINES.

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Special Agent in Charge

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TO: DIRECTOR  
BIRMINGHAM  
MEMPHIS

FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775) 1P

MURKIN CR OO MEMPHIS

REST. LOUIS TEL, APRIL ELEVEN, LAST, RE E. S. GAULT.  
RE SUSPECT ERIC STARVO GALT.

REQUEST IDENT DIVISION COMPARE PRINTS OF ERNEST  
SUMPTER GAULT, BORN [REDACTED] AT  
DANVILLE, ARK., ARMY SERIAL NUMBER [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] WITH LATENTS THIS CASE.

P.

① - St. Louis  
HRD:bam  
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**To: SAC, St. Louis (44-775)**

**From: Director, FBI (44-38861)**

**MURKIN**

**ReSLtels 4-12-68.**

Remaining unidentified latent fingerprints and the latent impression in this case are not identical with the fingerprints of JOHN RUFUS WILLARD, FBI #92094 E, or ERNEST SUMPTER GAULT, Army service # [redacted] FBI #1 440 493. No palm prints available in our Identification Division files for these two individuals.

- 2 - Memphis (44-1987)
- 1 - Birmingham (44-1740)

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861); BIRMINGHAM (44-1740);  
MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN, CR. OO ME.

RE BIRMINGHAM TEL APRIL ELEVEN, LAST.

RE: SUSPECT ERIC STARVO GALT (DEPT. OF LABOR CHECKS).

JACK R. YOUNCE, FIELD OFFICE SUPERVISOR, KANSAS CITY REGION,  
WAGES AND HOURS AND PUBLIC CONTRACTS DIVISION, U. S. DEPT. OF LABOR,  
SLMO, ADVISED THIS DATE HIS OFFICE HAS ONLY HAD TWO CASES INVOLVING  
SEAMEN. THESE CASES WERE ALTON TRANSPORTATION CO. AND EAGLE BOAT  
CO. YOUNCE STATED THESE FILES ARE IN KCMO OFFICE AND THIS INFO  
HAS ALREADY BEEN FURNISHED KANSAS CITY DUE TO FBI INQUIRY THERE.

GREGORY P. EGAN, COMPLIANCE OFFICER, LABOR MANAGEMENT AND  
WELFARE PENSION REPORTS, U. S. DEPT. OF LABOR, SLMO, ADVISED HIS  
OFFICE DID NOT MAINTAIN LIST OF NAMES INASMUCH AS HIS OFFICE DEALS  
WITH LABOR UNIONS AND CO. MANAGEMENT TO INSURE THEIR COMPLIANCE WITH  
FEDERAL LAWS. P

HRP:wma  
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Special Agent in Charge

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Per \_\_\_\_\_

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
 WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

2-23-62J

*86814 J. Edgar Hoover*  
 Director.

The following FBI record, NUMBER 92 094 E, is furnished FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY.

CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
FD Denison Texas	John Rufus Willard #25129	1-3-59	inv	rel no charges filed
FD St Louis No	John Rufus Willard #86814	2-14-62	FOA (removal of mortgaged prop)	

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Notations indicated by \* are NOT based on fingerprints in FBI files but are listed only as investigative leads as being possibly identical with subject of this record.



IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

WILLARD

JOHN RUFUS

1931

SEX Male  
RACE White

LAST NAME

FIRST NAME

MIDDLE NAME

SIGNATURE OF PERSON FINGERPRINTED

ID. NUMBER

RESIDENCE OF PERSON FINGERPRINTED

HT. (IN.)

WT.

*John R. Willard*  
SCARS AND MARKS

86814

4301 Lindell

68 1/2

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DATE OF ARREST

ALIAS

DATE OF BIRTH

2/14/62

CHARGE FOA (Removal of mortgaged property)

HAIR Eyes  
Blon Blu

OFFICER

DIST. DSN  
9th

CLASS. 22/m 25 w 100 13  
L 4 w 101 15

SIGNATURE OF OFFICIAL TAKING FINGERPRINTS

DATE





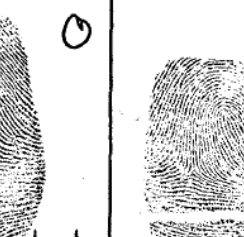


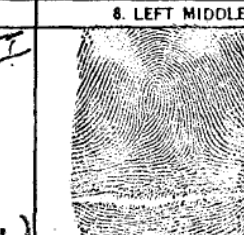
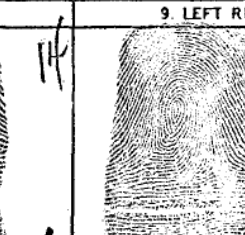
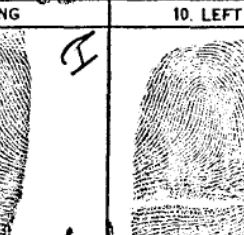
PLACE OF BIRTH





*Charles M. Frank*  
FEB 15 1962

Tyronza, Ark

OCCUPATION  
Lab

REF.

1. RIGHT THUMB 	2. RIGHT INDEX 	3. RIGHT MIDDLE 	4. RIGHT RING 	5. RIGHT LITTLE 
6. LEFT THUMB 	7. LEFT INDEX 	8. LEFT MIDDLE 	9. LEFT RING 	10. LEFT LITTLE 

LEFT FOUR FINGERS TAKEN SIMULTANEOUSLY 	LEFT THUMB 	RIGHT THUMB 	RIGHT FOUR FINGERS TAKEN SIMULTANEOUSLY 
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MEMPHIS METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT  
CITY OF ST. LOUIS

4/8/68

COMPLAINT NO Memo  
DISTRICT Homicide B of I  
SUBJECT Possible wanted subject  
Death of Martin Luther King

Col. Robert Matteson  
Chief Of Detectives.

Sir:

Sgt O. Connell of his unit checked the records of this Department and located the attached information re a subject who may be responsible for the assassination of Martin Luther King; as the subject who registered in the Memphis Hotel used the name of John Willard and the files of this department reflects the following record;

John Rufus ~~King~~ Willard W.M. dob [redacted]  
born Tyronaza, Ark.

this subject was arrested in St. Louis on 2-14-62 Fug. Campbell, Mo which is in the bootheel section of Missouri, at the time of his arrest in St. Louis, he gave the address of 4301 Lindell, this has been checked out to no avail.

Attached Copy of Subjects prints  
" Hoover Sheet  
" Department Photo

Lieut Hobbs

*Tell to Bu Simpson ME 4-12  
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