

Washington, D.C. 20535
April 11, 1968

**ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
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On April 10, 1968, Private John A. Horstkamp, Precinct 12, Metropolitan Police Department (MPD), Washington, D.C. (WDC), advised Special Agents (SAs) of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) that at 6:55 a.m. on that date and based on information furnished a few minutes earlier by a confidential source that someone was loading rifles into an automobile at 3204 22nd Street, N.E., WDC, he and Private Paul R. Jones arrived at the above address to investigate.

Officer Horstkamp said that upon arrival they noticed a blue Pontiac, Maryland License Tags DZ 5648, being backed out of the alley near 3204 22nd Street, N.E. Officer Horstkamp stated that they then halted the vehicle and after initiating a search found two shotguns and two rifles in the car's trunk. The driver of the car, Robert Shirley Howerton, white male, 55 years of age, 4920 Tayler Road, Edmonston, Maryland, told the officers that he had only recently returned from a hunting trip; and rather than risk having his guns confiscated by authorities during a search of his car at a check-point while en route from the District of Columbia to his Maryland home, he had left the guns overnight with a friend who lives at 3204 22nd Street, N.E. He said he had just picked up the guns when the officers arrived.

Officer Horstkamp stated that they confiscated the guns for police disposition in view of the civil disorder which has existed in the District of Columbia the past several days. In addition, he said that although not charged Howerton will be summoned to appear at a hearing on the matter before the United States Attorney, District of Columbia, on May 16, 1968, due to the restriction on firearms during an emergency situation.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703) (P)

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Enclosed for the Bureau are six copies of LHM dated and captioned as above.

Source mentioned in LHM is FRED SHELTON, 3204 22nd Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. (WDC).

On 4/10/68, SHELTON contacted both the FBI and the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD), WDC, to furnish information on four weapons owned by an acquaintance of his. Subsequent investigation by MPD is set out in LHM. SHELTON, at his own request, is being treated as anonymous caller by MPD.

As indicated in LHM, ROBERT SHIRLEY HOWERTON, 4920 Taylor Road, Edmonston, Maryland, owner of weapons and person SHELTON furnished information regarding, has not been officially charged but will be summoned to appear at a hearing on the matter before the U.S. Attorney, WDC, on 5/16/68.

WFO will follow and report pertinent details following HOWERTON's appearance at the hearing in May.

WFO indices contain no information identifiable with FRED SHELTON or ROBERT SHIRLEY HOWERTON.

MPD officer was contacted by SAs CURTIS C. MARSH and CHARLES N. LUNSFORD.

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FROM: SAC, DETROIT (44- 989)

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RE WFO TELEPHONE CALL APRIL EIGHT LAST.

ON APRIL EIGHT LAST, GEORGE VOORHIES, MANAGER, MICHIGAN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY, LANSING, MICHIGAN, ADVISED OPERATOR ONE ZERO FIVE RECEIVED REQUEST FOR COLLECT CALL TO THE "WHITE HOUSE." WHITE HOUSE OPERATOR REFUSED CALL UNLESS CALLER FURNISHED NAME WHICH HE REFUSED TO DO. CALLER MENTIONED HE HAD INFORMATION CONCERNING THE ASSASSINATION OF KING, AT WHICH TIME AN ALLEGED SECRET SERVICE AGENT WAS CALLED TO THE WHITE HOUSE TELEPHONE AND HE ACCEPTED THE CALL. CALLER STATED THAT ASSASSIN LOCATED TWENTY MILES OUTSIDE OF TENNESSEE AND WHEN QUESTIONED FURTHER STATED "ALL I HAVE TO SAY," HUNG UP. CALL MADE AT APPROXIMATELY ONE P.M., APRIL SEVEN LAST. OPERATOR ADVISED VOICE YOUNG SOUNDING, WITH NEGROID ACCENT, MALE. CALLER TRACED TO PAY PHONE LOCATED AT BURGERKING, ONE ONE FOUR ONE EAST GRAND RIVER AVENUE, LANSING, MICHIGAN.

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NEIGHBORHOOD AND CONTACT OF EMPLOYEES BURGERKING
NEGATIVE, AS TO IDENTITY OF CALLER.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING.

SECRET SERVICE WILL BE ADVISED LOCALLY. LHM FOLLOWS
WHEN INVESTIGATION COMPLETE, UNLESS POSITIVE INFORMATION
DEVELOPED. AIR MAIL COPIES SENT BUREAU AND WFO.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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TO WFO

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Miss Gandy _____

FOR SAC, WFO

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AMONG ARTICLES RECOVERED AT SCENE OF SHOOTING, APPARENTLY
ABANDONED BY UNSUB, WERE A PAIR OF UNDERSHORTS AND JOCKEY
T-SHIRT BEARING CLOTH LAUNDRY TAGS. THESE TAGS WERE MADE BY
A THERMO SEAL MARKING MACHING MANUFACTURED BY THE TEXTILE
MARKING MACHINE COMPANY, SYRACUSE, NEW YORK. TAGS ARE ONE
QUARTER INCH WIDE AND ONE AND ONE SIXTEENTH INCH LONG, RED IN
COLOR AND BEAR MARKING WHICH APPEARS TO BE "ZERO TWO B DASH
SIX" OR "D TWO B DASH SIX." ONLY A PORTION OF THE FIRST
CHARACTER IS PRESENT ON EACH TAG, AND THIS CHARACTER IS CUT
ON A SLIGHT BIAS. NO OTHER VISIBLE LAUNDRY MARKS FOUND ON
EITHER GARMENT.

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WILL CONTACT REPRESENTATIVE OF NATIONAL LAUNDRY ASSOCIATION
AND NATIONAL DRY CLEANERS ASSOCIATION TO IDENTIFY SOURCE OF
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FBI NEW HAVEN

1151AM URGENT 4/11/68 LAC

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, ATLANTA, CHARLOTTE AND WFO
FROM NEW HAVEN (157-818) 4P

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ATTORNEY DAVID ALFRED PISKORSKI, ONE FOUR FOUR WEST MAIN ST.,
PLAINVILLE CONN. ADVISED FOLLOWING:

IN JUNE, SIXTYSIX, HE ENTERED ON ACTIVE DUTY, USMC, UNDER THE
ENLISTED RESERVE PROGRAM, SIX MONTHS ACTIVE DUTY TOUR AND COMPLETED THIS
TRAINING ON DECEMBER TWENTY, SIXTYSIX. AT TIME OF RELEASE, HE WAS ASSIGN
ED TO COMPANY F. SECOND BATTALION, SECOND MARINES, SECOND MARINE DIVISION
FMF, CAMP LEJEUNE. DURING EARLY PART OF DEC. , HIS OUTFIT WENT TO VIEQUE
ON MANEUVERS AND APPROXIMATELY THIRTY RESERVISTS REMAINED AT CAMP LEJENE
PROCESSING FOR THEIR DISCHARGE. DURING THIS PERIOD, AN M FOURTEEN RIFLE
WAS STOLEN AND EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED BY MILITARY AUTHORITIES
THIEF NOT IDENTIFIED. IN CONVERSATION WITH OTHER MEMBERS OF THE
RESERVISTS, A MARINE RESERVIST FROM COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA, NAME NOT
RECALLED, WAS MENTIONED AS POSSIBLY HAVING STOLEN THE RIFLE. THE UNSUB
MARINE WAS FRIENDLY WITH ONE DAVE PARRISH, WHO PISKORSKI RECALLED AS

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HAVEI;Z:Z<HIESIDENCE IN EITHER GEORGIA OR ALABAMA, AND THEY OFTEN WENT ON WEEKEND LEAVES TOGETHER. SHORTLY BEFORE PISKORSKI'S RELEASE FROM ACTIVE DUTY AND WHILE TALKING WITH PARRISH, PARRISH TOLD PISKORSKI THAT HE WAS CONCERNED REGARDING THE UNSUB MARINE SINCE IN CONVERSATION WITH PARRISH, HE HAD MENTIONED HE WAS GOING TO KILL MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. PISKORSKI ALSO ADVISED THAT IN BULL SESSIONS DURING THEIR SIX MONTHS TRAINING, THE UNSUB MARINE HAD STATED THAT HE HAD ONCE SHOT A NEGRO AND THAT HE HAD ONCE RUN OVER A NEGRO WITH HIS AUTOMOBILE. PISKORSKI DESCRIBED THIS INDIVIDUAL AS HAVING A DEEP-SEATED EJUDICE AGAINST THE NEGRO PEOPLE.

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF THIS UNSUB FURNISHED BY PISKORSKI AS FIVE EET ELEVEN INCHES TO SIX FEET TALL, WHITE, MALE, LIGHT BROWN, HAIR, SLIM, ONE HUNDRED FIFTY TO ONE HUNDRED SIXTY POUNDS AND IN HIS MIDDLE TWENTYIES.

PISKORSKI ADVISED THAT ALL OF THE RESERVISTS WERE RELEASED TO INACTIVE DUTY DURING THE MONTH OF DEC. AND THAT IT WAS HIS RECOLLECTON THAT UNSUB AND PARRISH WERE RELEASED PRIOR TO HIS OWN RELEASE WHICH WAS ON DECEMBER TWENTY, SIXTYSIX.

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HE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT UNSUB MARINE HAD ATTAINED HIGH MARKS IN THE OUTFIT ON THE RIFLE RANGE AND WAS AN EXPERT MARKSMAN. PISKORSKI COULD RECALL C ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND INDICATED HE WOULD REVIEW PAPERS IN ADDRESS BOOK IN ATTEMPT TO DEVELOP FURTHER IDENTIFYING DATA RE BOTH INDIVIDUALS.

ATLANTA, AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA, WILL AT SIXTH MARINE CORPS RECRUIT AND RESERVE DISTRICT, ATLANTA, GEORGIA, ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE IDENTITY AND URRENT RESIDENCE OF DAVE PARRISH THROUGH ALPHABETICAL LISTING OF RESERVISTS IN THE SIXTH DISTRICT AREA.

CHARLOTTE, AT CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C., WILL AT CAMP LEJEUNE CHECK WITH BASE OCATER AND OTHER APPROPRIATE RECORDS, INCLUDING DUTY ROSTERS FOR THE PERIOD DECEMBER, SIXTYSIX, IF AVAILABLE IN ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE IDENTITY AND CURRENT RESIDENCE OF DAVE PARRISH.

WFO, AT WASHINGTON, D.C., WILL AT MARINE CORPS HEADQUARTERS, ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE IDENTITY AND CURRENT RESIDENCE OF DAVE PARRISH THROUGH ALPHABETICAL CROSS INDEX FILE AND OTHER APPROPRIATE RECORDS.
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FOR INFORMATION RECIPIENT OFFICES, ALL THESE INDIVIDUALS WERE ENLISTED PERSONNEL AND HAD RANK OF PRIVATE OR PFC. ALL WOULD STILL BE ASSIGNED (O RESERVE OUTFITS IN THEIR HOME AREAS ON INACTIVE BASIS. ALL OFFICES WILL, IF PARRISH IDENTIFIED AND LOCATED, SET OUT LEADS FOR INTERVIEW RE ABOVE INFO AND IDENTIFICATION OF UNSUB MARINE INVOLVED.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND WFO, AND MEMPHIS
FROM ATLANTA (44-2386) 1 P

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RE BUTELETYPE TO ATLANTA APRIL TEN SIXTYEIGHT.

INS, ATLANTA, ADVISED REVIEW OF INS INDICES AND I DASH FIFTYTHREE
FORMS FOR NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN AND SIXTYEIGHT RE ERIC K. C. GAULT
NEGATIVE. INS, ATLANTA, ADVISES REVIEW OF ALL LOGICAL FILES AND
REFERENCES FAILS TO REVEAL ANY REFERENCES TO ERIC K. C. GAULT.

WFO IS REQUESTED TO CONTACT INS CENTRAL OFFICE IN EFFORT
TO OBTAIN INS NUMBER RE ERIC K. C. GAULT IN ORDER THAT ATLANTA
CAN RECONTACT INS, ATLANTA, RE THIS MATTER.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI and SACS MEMPHIS AND CHICAGO

FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703)

MURKIN - CR

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES APRIL NINE
PAST RE LAUNDRY MARKINGS AND MEMPHIS TELETYPE TO WFO APRIL ELEVEN
SIXTYEIGHT.

FOR INFORMATION CHICAGO, MEMPHIS REQUESTED CONTACT OF
REPRESENTATIVE OF NATIONAL LAUNDRY ASSOCIATION AND NATIONAL DRY
CLEANERS ASSOCIATION TO IDENTIFY SOURCE OF LAUNDRY MARKINGS. WFO
HAS HANDLED NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF DRY CLEANERS, SILVER SPRINGS,
MARYLAND WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF LAUNDRY^{NG}
LOCATED AT JOLIET, ILLINOIS. CHICAGO CONTACT AMERICAN INSTITUTE
OF LAUNDRY^{NG} TO IDENTIFY SOURCE OF LAUNDRY MARKINGS.

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ASSASSINATION OF DOCTOR MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Samuel Milton, 1550 Butler Street, Southeast was contacted by a representative of this Bureau for the purpose of obtaining information pertaining to possible suspect in the Doctor Martin Luther King assassination and he advised as follows:

On Friday morning, April 5, 1968, between 2:00 - 3:00 a.m. while operating his taxicab in the area of 14th and K Street, Northwest, he was hailed by a white male, no further description, who had been doing a great deal of drinking and was very much in a drunken condition and the individual stated he had driven 200 or 300 miles to get to Washington, D.C. and had parked his car and wanted assistance in locating his late model white Thunderbird car. Milton stated he drove the individual around and located the car parked on K Street near 13th Street. Upon locating the car, he observed that it was a white T-Bird, with black vinyl top with West Virginia tags. The individual paid the cab fare and departed the cab. Milton stated the individual did not reveal why he was in Washington or where he was staying.

Milton stated the reason he first reported this information to the authority was that he thought that the person responsible for King's assassination was driving a white car and because of the fact that this individual stated he had been driving a great distance that there may have been some connection with this matter. He advised since reporting the information to the authority he has seen in a local newspaper additional information concerning the suspect and it was definitely his feeling that because of the individual's

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drunken condition, he must have been in Washington for several hours and also that the vehicle that was reported to be the suspect's car was a white Mustang and that there appears to be no connection between the individual and the suspect. He concluded by stating the artist's sketch in the newspaper did not look like the individual he assisted in locating his T-Bird.

This Bureau is taking no further action in this matter.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703) (P)

MURKIN - CR

Re telephone call from Bureau to WFO 4/6/68.

Enclosed herewith are appropriate copies of a self explanatory LHM captioned "Assassination of Doctor MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR."

The interview was conducted by SA EDWARD C. PALMER on 4/6/68.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703) (P)

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On 4/10/68, JUDSON RANDA LETT, Chief Analyst, Analysis Laboratory, Institute Cleaning Plant, 8021 Georgia Avenue, Silver Springs, Maryland, advised the institute supplies dry cleaning methods throughout the United States and the world.

LETT advised upon viewing the photos of the Thermal Seal Markings, that he knew of no way to identify the tape markings with any specific laundry-cleaners. He advised that markings are significant to a particular laundry-cleaners, but the only way to determine the specific establishment would be by process of elimination. This could only be done by showing the thermo tape to these establishments,

LETT advised that the red thermo tape is used by some laundry-cleaners to indicate the items are to be handled as a special, that is being done as soon as possible.

LETT advised that there are three methods of marking clothes. (1) thermal seal, (2) permanent ink markings, and (3) pre-marked strip tags, which are stapled on the clothes.

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TO : DIRECTOR

FROM: NEW HAVEN (157-818)

MURKIN.

RE WFO TEL APR. NINE LAST TO BUREAU AND NEW HAVEN.

INQUIRY HOWARD JOHNSON MOTOR LODGE, MILFORD, CONN.,
DISCLOSED HENRY L. POHL OPERATOR OF SIXTYSIX MUSTANG, MISSOURI
REG. APZ SIX FOUR SEVEN, CHECKED OUT ROOM THIRTY, APR. THREE LAST.
POHL REPRESENTATIVE OF E. C. BISHOP & SONS, INC., WARSAW, MISSOURI,
DESTINED WINCHESTER FIREARMS, NEW HAVEN.

INQUIRY WINCHESTER, REVEALED POHL THERE ON APR. THREE LAST
AS REPRESENTATIVE OF E. C. BISHOP, HIGHLY REPUTABLE MANUFACTURER
OF GUNSTOCKS.

AIR MAIL COPIES MEMPHIS, BOSTON, BALTIMORE AND WFO.

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TO: MEMPHIS (44-268)
 FROM: ALBUQUERQUE (44-715) 3PAGES
 MURKIN. OO:MEMPHIS

RE NORFOLK TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR, APRIL TWELVE, INSTANT. MRS CLEO QUINTON, THIRTYTWO ZERO FIVE BRITT, NE, AQ, NM, MOTHER OF KAREN QUINTON, TODAY ADVISED THAT RICHARD JAMES DAYHOFF ARRIVED IN ALBUQUERQUE AT THEIR HOME AT SEVEN FIFTEEN PM ON APRIL ONE LAST. HE VISITED AT THEIR HOME DAILY UNTIL HE LEFT TOWN. HE WAS LAST SEEN BY MRS. QUINTON ON APRIL SEVEN, LAST, AT SIX AM WHEN HE SAID GOODBYE AND DEPARTED IN HIS SIXTYTHREE DODGE DART AUTOMOBILE. MRS QUINTON RECALLS HIM MENTIONING THAT HE WOULD BE GOING THROUGH MEMPHIS ON HIS RETURN TRIP AND THEY COMMENTED ON THE EXCITEMENT IN MEMPHIS CAUSED BY KING'S MURDER.

RE WFO TELETYPE APRIL TEN, LAST. SNAPSHOTS AND HANDWRITING SPECIMENS OF HENRY DAVID MC MINN, JR., WERE OBTAINED FROM MRS. ARTIE MC MINN, ROOM CLERK, CHAPPARRAL MOTEL, RUIDOSO DOWNS, N.M. AND WERE AIRMAILED TO MEMPHIS TODAY.

MRS. MCMINN ADVISED ON APRIL ELEVEN, LAST, THAT HER FORMER HUSBAND, HENRY DAVID MC MINN, JR., APPEARED IN RUIDOSO DOWNS, NM, AT APPROXIMATELY TWO THIRTY PM, APRIL ONE, LAST, REMAINED UNTIL SEVEN THIRTY PM, AT WHICH TIME HE DEPARTED, INDICATING HE WAS PROCEEDING TO AQ, NM, THENCE TO PHOENIX, ARIZONA.

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MRS. MC MINN ADVISED THAT AT THE TIME OF HIS APPEARANCE HE WAS IN POSSESSION OF A WHITE STATION WAGON, POSSIBLY A SIXTYTWO OR SIXTYTHREE MODEL AND MAKE NOT SPECIFICALLY KNOWN. SHE INDICATED HE USUALLY DRIVES CHEVROLETS OR FORDS, THEREFORE, THIS COULD HAVE BEEN ONE OR THE OTHER. ALSO, THE VEHICLE HAS TEXAS LICENSE PLATES, BELIEVED TO HAVE THE PREFIX B Y M NINE SIX NINE OR SIX NINE SIX.

MRS. MC MINN ADVISED THAT HER FORMER HUSBAND WAS PREVIOUSLY CONNECTED WITH THE NAACP IN LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS, IN APPROXIMATELY NINETEEN SIXTYFIVE OR SIXTYSIX, HOWEVER, SHE IS UNAWARE OF WHAT CAPACITY HE WAS SO CONNECTED. IT WAS HER IMPRESSION HE EITHER DISTRIBUTED OR SOLD LITERATURE TO NEGROES IN THAT PARTICULAR AREA.

HENRY DAVID MC MINN, JR., IS DESCRIBED AS BEING BORN [REDACTED] [REDACTED] IN EITHER LUBBOCK OR HOCKLEY COUNTY, TEXAS, FIVE FEET EIGHT, ONE SIXTYFIVE, HAIR LIGHT BROWN BUT HE USES A HAIR OIL THEREBY EFFECTING A DARKER HUE. HE HAS AN APPENDECTOMY SCAR,

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OTHERS NOT KNOWN. HE IS AN IMMACULATE DRESSER, TEXAS ACCENT; IS MARRIED TO LINDA MC MINN, NEE AARON, WHOSE PARENTS ARE BELIEVED TO RESIDE AT FORTY-SIX HUNDRED MASON ROAD, MEMPHIS, TENN. BELIEVED TO BE PRESENTLY SEPARATED.

VARIOUS CHECKS MADE IN RESPONSE TO VARIOUS TELETYPES RECEIVED IN ALBUQUERQUE TO DATE NEGATIVE AND UNPRODUCTIVE.

WFO AND NORFOLK ADVISED AIRMAIL.

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TO ATLANTA 44-2386 WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE
FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 1P

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RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO ATLANTA APRIL TEN LAST AND
ATLANTA TELETYPE TO BUREAU AND WFO APRIL

ELEVEN INSTANT,

BOTH PERTAINING TO ERIC K. C. GAULT.

INFORMATION IN REBUREAU TEL CONCERNING GAULT WAS
OBTAINED FROM TWO I - NINETY FIVE B FORMS. ONLY ADDITIONAL
INFORMATION ON THESE FORMS INDICATES GAULT ENTERED THE
UNITED STATES AT CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA, JULY TWENTY-
SEVEN SIXTYFOUR, ABOARD "M. V. CORNWALL" AND ENTERED
UNITED STATES AT MIAMI JULY TWENTYTHREE SIXTYFIVE ON
"R. M. S. RANGITANE." A RECHECK OF CENTRAL RECORDS,
IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE, WASHINGTON, D. C.,
ON APRIL ELEVEN INSTANT PRODUCED NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

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TO: DIRECTOR AND SAC, ATLANTA

FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703) (P)

MURKIN, CR.

RE ATLANTA TELETYPE, 4/11/68, CONCERNING ERICK C.
GAULT.

THE BUREAU IS HANDLING CONTACTS WITH INS, CENTRAL
OFFICE, AND ATLANTA WILL BE APPROPRIATELY ADVISED BY
BUREAU CONCERNING FACTS RE GAULT.

ONE COPY WILL BE SENT AIR MAIL TO MEMPHIS. (P)

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- 1- Memphis (By Air Mail)
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FBI ST LOUIS

847 PM URGENT 4-11-68 MJD

TO DIRECTOR WASHINGTON FIELD MEMPHIS BIRMINGHAM LITTLE ROCK
FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775) 2-P

MURKIN CR 00: MEMPHIS

RE SUSPECT ERIC STARVO GALT

INDIANAPOLIS TEL TO BUREAU INSTANT DATE REFLECTED
E.S. GAULT EMPLOYED PRIOR TO NINETEEN FIFTY SEVEN, PROBABLY
WITH AMERICAN BARGE LINES.

SEAFARERES INTERNATIONAL AND INLAND BOATMENS UNION AT
ST. LOUIS NEGATIVE RE E.S. GAULT. NATIONAL MARITIME RECORDS
REFLECT ERNEST S. GAULT, BORN [REDACTED] IN ARKANSAS,
EMPLOYED IN EARLY FIFTY'S WITH INLAND WATERWAYS CORPORATION
COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS FEDERAL BARGE LINES. ERNEST GAULT
HAS Z NUMBER [REDACTED]

AND NINETEEN FIFTY THREE RESIDENCE OF NINETEEN ELEVEN WEST
EIGHTEENTH STREET, NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS. NO SOCIAL
SECURITY NUMBER AVAILABLE IN NATIONAL MARITIME RECORDS OF GAULT.

WFO CHECK GAULT'S SEAMAN FILE UNDER ABOVE Z
NUMBER. LITTLE ROCK CONDUCT LOGICAL BACKGROUND RE ADDRESS
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FBI ST LOUIS

847 PM URGENT 4-11-68 MJD

TO DIRECTOR WASHINGTON FIELD MEMPHIS BIRMINGHAM LITTLE ROCK
FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775) 2-P

MURKIN CR 00: MEMPHIS

RE SUSPECT ERIC STARVO GALT

INDIANAPOLIS TEL TO BUREAU INSTANT DATE REFLECTED
E.S. GAULT EMPLOYED PRIOR TO NINETEEN FIFTY SEVEN, PROBABLY
WITH AMERICAN BARGE LINES.

SEAFARERES INTERNATIONAL AND INLAND BOATMENS UNION AT
ST. LOUIS NEGATIVE RE E.S. GAULT. NATIONAL MARITIME RECORDS
REFLECT ERNEST S. GAULT, BORN [REDACTED] IN ARKANSAS,
EMPLOYED IN EARLY FIFTY'S WITH INLAND WATERWAYS CORPORATION
COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS FEDERAL BARGE LINES. ERNEST GAULT
HAS Z NUMBER [REDACTED]
AND NINETEEN FIFTY THREE RESIDENCE OF NINETEEN ELEVEN WEST
EIGHTEENTH STREET, NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS. NO SOCIAL
SECURITY NUMBER AVAILABLE IN NATIONAL MARITIME RECORDS OF GAULT.

WFO CHECK GAULT'S SEAMAN FILE UNDER ABOVE Z
NUMBER. LITTLE ROCK CONDUCT LOGICAL BACKGROUND RE ADDRESS
END PAGE ONE

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

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251PM URGENT 4/11/68 CAB

TO ALL SACS

FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 2P.

MURKIN

⑥ 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

END PAGE ONE

F.R.

General 83
Det Sgt Ford
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Det Sgt Jack
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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

ACCORDING TO HIS DRIVERS LICENSE.

GALT'S CAR IS DESCRIBED AS A NINETEEN SIXTYSIX WHITE
HARD-TOP MUSTANG, SIXTYEIGHT ALABAMA LICENSE TAG
1-3 8 9 9 3 6 T 0 7 C
ONE-THREE EIGHT NINE NINE THREE, VIN SIX T ZERO SEVEN C
1 9 0 6 4 7
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.

END

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URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND SACS MEMPHIS
MILWAUKEE

FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703)

MURKIN

RE WFO TELEPHONE CALL TO BUREAU AND MILWAUKEE THIS DATE.

RICHARD SMITH, NATIONAL DRIVERS REGISTRATION, U. S.
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE ADVISED HE RECEIVED TELEPHONE INQUIRY
APRIL TEN LAST FROM BOB OTIS, DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES,
MADISON, WISCONSIN, TELEPHONE TWO SIX SIX TWO TWO SIX ONE
CONCERNING ERIC STARVO GALT. SMITH TELEPHONED OTIS TODAY
ADVISING THERE IS NO RECORD ON FILE.

MILWAUKEE DETERMINE IF INQUIRY BY WISCONSIN DMV IS PERTINENT
TO THIS INVESTIGATION. P

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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO

FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703)

MURKIN - CR

RE SAN FRANCISCO TELETYPE APRIL ELEVEN, SIXTYEIGHT,
RE ERIC GAULT.

BUREAU HANDLING CONTACTS WITH INS, CENTRAL OFFICE.
SAN FRANCISCO WILL BE APPROPRIATELY ADVISED BY BUREAU
CONCERNING GAULT.

AIR MAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS.

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1 - Teletype Unit
1 - Memphis (AM)
2 - WFO

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FBI BIRMGHAM

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TO WASHINGTON FIELD
FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) 1P

FOR SAC, WFO

MURKIN

1966 Ford Mustang
2-D H/T 289-2V
ATAS

^{2 6 0 8}
ERIC STARVO GALT, TWO SIX ZERO EIGHT HIGHLAND AVENUE SOUTH,
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, REGISTERED OWNER OF WHITE NINETEEN SIXTYSIX
MUSTANG, VIN ^{6 7 0 7 0 1 9 0 6 4 7}SIX T ZERO SEVEN C ONE NINE ZERO SIX FOUR SEVEN,
BEARING NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT ALABAMA LICENSE ONE - THREE EIGHT NINE
^{9 3}NINE THREE, IS PRIME SUSPECT IN THIS CASE.

ALL OFFICES CHECK ABOVE VIN FOR POSSIBLE RE-REGISTRATION.

NO INDICATION TO BE GIVEN THAT THIS LEAD IS IN CONJUNCTION
WITH MURKIN CASE.

see serial 107

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FBI WASH DC

449PM URGENT 4/11/68 GJM

TO ALL SACS

FROM DIRECTOR 1P

MURKIN

REBUTEL THIS DATE (O 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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30.06 Hunting Rifle Was Believed Used in Slaying



A Remington rifle of the type believed to have been used in slaying. Its range is limited.

The weapon believed to have been used in the slaying of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. is a 30.06-caliber Remington pump rifle. It may have been one of several stolen from a Memphis sporting goods store a week ago.

A spokesman for the Remington Arms Company, Bridgeport, Conn., said yesterday that the weapon was "a standard game rifle used by people to hunt such things as deer, bear, mountain lions and moose." To maintain accuracy, hunters cannot ex-

pect to use it at more than 200 yards.

The 30.06 is a popular rifle that retails for \$139.95 to \$159.95, depending on how fancy a finish on the stock and metal surfaces the purchaser wants.

When it is fired, the rifle ejects a spent empty case on the rear move and automatically shifts a fresh round into firing position in the chamber. This occurs on the forward move. All models of the 30.06 have capacity for the four-cartridge clip except one, Model 223, which has a five-cartridge clip.

The rifle has simple iron sights — a blade atop the muzzle and a notch on top of the breach. In taking aim, the object is to line up the target, sighting through the notch and blade. It is possible to attach telescopic sights for the weapon.

No such sights were attached to the Remington 30.06 believed to have been used to kill Dr. King. The Memphis police found a new 30.06 two doors away from the rooming house from which the fatal shot is believed to have been fired.

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[Signature]

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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR AND SACS MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, AND LITTLE ROCK
FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703)

MURKIN - CR

RE ST. LOUIS TELETYPE, APRIL FOUR, LAST REGARDING SUSPECT ERIC STARVO GALT.

RECORDS OF UNITED STATES COAST GUARD HEADQUARTERS, MERCHANT VESSEL PERSONNEL SECTION, REVEALED SUMPTER GAULT, ALSO KNOWN AS SUMPTER ERNEST GAULT, AND ERNEST SUMPTER GAULT, BORN [REDACTED] DANVILLE, ARKANSAS, AND/OR LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS, WAS ISSUED UNITED STATES MERCHANT MARINER'S DOCUMENT Z [REDACTED] AS AN ORDINARY SEAMAN ON AUGUST TWENTYFIRST, NINETEEN FIFTY, AT DETROIT, MICHIGAN. ON DECEMBER ONE, NINETEEN SIXTYSIX, HE WAS ISSUED DUPLICATE DOCUMENT Z [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] - D FOUR AT PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA, AT WHICH TIME

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2 - Teletype Unit
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[Handwritten initials: PH, PRU]

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HE LISTED HIS ADDRESS AS ONE NINE ONE ONE WEST EIGHTEENTH STREET, LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS. HE MADE THIRTYONE RECORDED VOYAGES BETWEEN AUGUST TWENTYSECOND, NINETEEN FIFTY, AND JUNE TWENTYFOUR, NINETEEN FIFTYEIGHT. THERE WAS NO LISTING FOR GAULT ON CURRENT LOCATER. HIS MOTHER IS LISTED AS LULA GAULT, SAME ADDRESS AS ABOVE. IN NINETEEN FIFTY, HE WAS DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, FIVE FEET SEVEN INCHES, ONE HUNDRED FORTY POUNDS, BROWN HAIR, AND GREY EYES.

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*Photos sent
4/12/68
to LR, BH & ME*

4/12/68

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703) (P)

MURKIN
CR

ReButelcall to WFO 4/10/68.

On 4/11/68, SA KENNETH J. HASER was advised that no record of ERIC STARVO GALT or ERNEST GALT could be located in the files of the Office of Security, the general correspondence files or the Visa Office, Department of State. A check was also made on 4/11/68 of the files of the Passport Office, Department of State concerning KARL GALT with negative results.

It is noted that the Visa Office, Department of State maintains records on fewer than 1% of all U.S. visas issued throughout the world. Visa records are maintained in the issuing Embassies or Consulates abroad, nonimmigrant files being retained for 4 years after issue and immigrant files, 16 months, and then destroyed.

From a review of passport files in the surname of GALT, it was noted that several such individuals were born in England or Scotland; it is also felt that there are several GALT families in Pennsylvania of German descent. It is, therefore, suggested that the Bureau consider having Legats London and Bonn check with the Embassies there in an effort to locate a visa file on suspect GALT.

3- Bureau

2- Memphis

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- 2) A German Luger (1936 issue)
Serial Number S42,
Barrel Number 9454
(approximately 35 to 40 rounds of
ammunition)
- 3) A Browning .22 automatic rifle
Serial Number T40495
- 4) Winchester Model 12 shotgun
Serial Number 581433
(approximately four boxes of
shotgun shells)
- 5) Springfield rifle
Serial Number 4724829
(approximately 30 rounds of
ammunition)
- 6) Winchester Model 1873
Serial Number 42500B
- 7) Savage Model 99
Serial Number 310457
- 8) Army carbine
Serial Number 1612149

In addition to the above listed stolen property,
REED advised the following items were also taken from
his apartment on the evening of 4/11/68:

- 1) One Zenith T.V. 21 inch portable
- 2) A diamond ring
- 3) \$150 in cash

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- 4) A portable radio
- 5) Three bed sheets

On 4/12/68, the above-mentioned stolen guns were checked through the files of NCIC, and the following information was developed:

NCIC files indicate that the Sheriff's Office, Alhambra, California, reported a XP 100 Remington gun, Serial Number 6072, stolen July, 1955. According to NCIC, the Serial Number 6072 may also be a model number.

NCIC received an entry from Montgomery County, Maryland (Rockville), indicating a German Luger with Barrel Number 9454 was stolen 7/1/67. This entry contains no serial number.

All other serial numbers of guns listed stolen ~~XXXXXX~~ were checked through NCIC and no record located identifiable with these guns. It was indicated that the possibility exists that this stolen property has not been listed in NCIC files as yet.

In accepting this information from REED, he was aware that the FBI had no jurisdiction in this particular matter (theft less than \$5,000); however, he was thanked for volunteering this information in view of the racial tensions in the Washington, D.C. area during the past week.

SAC, WFO (157-1576)

4/12/68

SA MARTIN P. HEFFREN

RACIAL SITUATION FOLLOWING
ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER
KING, JR.
RACIAL MATTERS

On 4/12/68, at 1:00 p.m., GERALD REED, 2701
Upshur Street, Mount Rainier, Maryland (Apartment 2),
telephone number 779-0999, telephonically contacted WFO
and furnished the following information:

REED, who is employed as a mailer by "The
Washington Post" newspaper, advised that his apartment
was broken into and a quantity of guns and other
merchandise, estimated value \$2,500, was taken from his
apartment on the evening of 4/11/68.

He stated he contacted the Mount Rainier Police
Department and advised them of this loss and subsequently
the Mount Rainier and Prince Georges County Police arrived
on the scene. He said that the Prince Georges County
Police made an effort to obtain latent fingerprints from
several objects in his apartment.

REED said he was volunteering this information
due to the recent racial problems in Washington, D.C. and
he felt the FBI might desire to have this information
available. He furnished the following description of the
items stolen from his apartment:

- 1) XP 100 - Remington Varmint gun
Serial Number 6072 (approximately
100 rounds of ammunition)

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1- 44-703) (MURKIN)
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AIRTEL

TO: SAC, BALTIMORE
FROM: SAC, WFO (62-0)

THEFT OF EIGHT GUNS AND
MISCELLANEOUS PROPERTY, 4/11/68,
FROM RESIDENCE OF GERALD REED,
2701 Upshur Street, Mt. Rainier,
Maryland
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

Enclosed herewith are two copies of a self-explanatory
memo, dated 4/12/68, at WFO and captioned "RACIAL SITUATION
FOLLOWING ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., RACIAL
MATTERS."

In view of the fact information contained NCIC files
may be identical with property stolen from residence of
GERALD REED, Baltimore requested to furnish this information
to Prince Georges County Police Department in order that they
may be able to make a determination.

This information also being furnished to Baltimore
for their information inasmuch as this burglary occurred in
their division.

2 - Baltimore (Enc. 2) (AM) (RM)
② - WFO
(1- 44-703) (MURKIN)

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AIRTELL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703) (P)

MURKIN
CR

ReBA teletype, 4/10/68, and WFO telephone call
to BA (Silver Spring RA), 4/11/68.

Re: EDGAR FRANKLIN JOHNSTON - Bombing Suspect.

Inquiries at National Broadcasting Company
Studio, 4001 Nebraska Avenue, Northwest, on 4/11/68,
determined JOHNSTON not at employment this date.

LEAD

BALTIMORE

AT BALTIMORE, MARYLAND. Attempt to determine
whereabouts of JOHNSTON during pertinent period by
neighborhood investigation or other sources.

Above confirming the WFO call to Baltimore.
ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

- 3- Bureau (44-38861)
- 2- Baltimore (44-669)
- 1- WFO

RWD:bdc
(6) AIRTEL

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@@@FBI CHICAGO

424PM URGENT 4/11/68 RSH

TO DIRECTOR (44-38891) AND WFO

(WFO VIA DIRECTOR)

FROM CHICAGO (44-1114) 1P

MURKIN.

RE WFO TELETYPE TO BUREAU AND CHICAGO APRIL TEN,
SIXTY EIGHT.

THE CHICAGO DIVISION HAS SIX CAB COMPANIES EMPLOYING
FOUR THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED CABS ANY ONE OF WHICH COULD HAVE
USED THE CAB STAND OUTSIDE SHERMAN HOTEL. PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE
IN ATTEMPTING TO TRACE PARTICULAR ORIGINS AND DESTINATIONS
THROUGH TRIP SHEETS HAS NECESSITATED MAXIMUM UTILIZATION OF
AGENT MANPOWER WHEN CIRCUMSTANCES DICTATED ONLY ONE
CAB COMPANY BE CHECKED. WFO RECONTACT OERTEL, DETERMINE IN
WHAT CONTEXT STATEMENT MADE TO EFFECT THAT KING WOULD BE
KILLED AND BY A WHITE MALE NOTING THAT OERTEL DESCRIBED
AS A VERBOSE AND FANATICAL TALKER POSSIBILITY EXISTS
COMMENT MADE IN MERE CONVERSATION AND DOES NOT INDICATE
PRIOR KNOWLEDGE. IF OERTEL BELIEVES CAN IDENTIFY DRIVER, HE
MUST BE ABLE TO DESCRIBE CAB. FURNISH DISCREETION

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, CHICAGO

FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703)

MURKIN - CR

RE CHICAGO TELETYPE APRIL ELEVEN, LAST CONCERNING
COETZ OERTEL.

OERTEL OUT OF TOWN UNTIL APRIL FIFTEEN, NEXT. WFO
WILL CONTACT ON RETURN. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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2 - Teletype Unit
2 - WFO

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TELETYPE

FOR SAC, WFO

FBI WASH DC

FBI ALBANY

THIS IS FOR WFO, BUREAU ALREADY ADVISED.

FBI ALBANY

1134AM URGENT 4-11-68 DER

TO: DIRECTOR AND (30) SAC RECEIVING ALBANY AIRTEL APRIL TEN LAST.

FROM ALBANY:

MURKIN, CR.

RE ALBANY AIRTEL APRIL TEN LAST.

IT IS SUGGESTED IN COVERING LEADS REAIRTEL THAT PERSONAL
CONTACTS BE MADE WITH OPERATOR OF MACHINES IN PREFERENCE TO
SUPERVISORY PERSONNEL AS TEXTILE MARKING MACHINE CO., SYRACUSE,
NY, NOW SUGGESTS THAT ZERO IN FIRST CHARACTER MAY HAVE BEEN
INSERTED BY MACHINE OPERATOR IN PREFERENCE TO USING A DASH.

IF OTHER CHARACTERS SIMILAR TO QUESTIONED CODE, SUGGEST
IMMEDIATE SUBMISSION TO BUREAU LAB FOR COMPARISON.

ALL OFFICES BEING ADVISED BY ALBANY.

END

FOR WGXX WFO

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FOR MOXX MEO

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ALL OFFICES BEING ADVISED BY ALBANY.

IMMEDIATE SUBMISSION TO BUREAU LAB FOR COMPARISON.

IF OTHER CHARACTERS SIMILAR TO QUESTIONED CODE, SUGGEST
INSERTED BY MACHINE OPERATOR IN PREFERENCE TO USING A DASH.
W. NOW SUGGESTS THAT ZERO IN FIRST CHARACTER MAY HAVE BEEN
SUPERVISORY PERSONNEL VS TEXTILE MARKING MACHINE CO. SUGGEST
CONTACTS BE MADE WITH OPERATOR OF MACHINES IN PREFERENCE TO

IT IS SUGGESTED IN COVERING LEADS REVISIT THAT PERSONAL
RE ALBANY VISIT APRI 11 PM LAST.

WORKIN' ON.

FROM ALBANY:

TO: DIRECTOR AND (20) SAC RECEIVING ALBANY VISIT APRI 11 PM LAST.

URGENT 4-11-68 DEB

FBI ALBANY

THIS IS FOR HQ. BUREAU ALBANY ADVISED.

END ALBANY

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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, MOBILE AND SAC, ST. LOUIS

FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703)

MURKIN - CR

RE WFO TELETYPE APRIL ELEVEN, SIXTYEIGHT, RE JOSEPH M. FRITCHET, NO COPY TO ST. LOUIS.

FRITCHET SUGGESTED AS SUSPECT INSTANT CASE. NAVY RECORDS, WDC, REFLECT JOSEPH M. FRITCHET, NAVY SERIAL [REDACTED] [REDACTED] ENLISTED NOVEMBER SEVENTEEN, FIFTYNINE. FILE NOW LOCATED NAVAL PERSONNEL RECORDS CENTER, ST. LOUIS.

ST. LOUIS REVIEW FILE AND FURNISH RESULTS TO MOBILE WITH COPIES FOR BIRMINGHAM AND MEMPHIS. ARMED AND DANGEROUS. AIR MAIL COPIES TO MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM.

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- 2 - Bureau
- 2 - Teletype Unit
- 1 - Birmingham (AM)
- 1 - Memphis (AM)
- (2) - WFO

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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR AND ^{SAC} MOBILE
FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703) (P)

MURKIN.

TODAY GILMER P. STAFFORD, U. S. COAST GUARD, SECOND CLASS RADIOMAN, 6648 TOWER DRIVE, ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA, APARTMENT 105, ADVISED HE SERVED IN U. S. NAVY WITH JOSEPH M. PRITCHETT ABOARD THE USS ALVIN ^{MI} SUMNER, STATIONED MAYPORT, FLORIDA. PRITCHETT DESCRIBED AS 26-27 YEARS NOW, BLONDE, SANDY HAIR, RECEDING HAIRLINE, BLUE OR GREEN EYES, 5'9", 160 POUNDS, OVAL FACE, PROMINENT EARS. PRITCHETT ALLEGEDLY FROM MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA, RESIDED NEAR THE HOME OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. IN ABOUT 1958 OR 1959. IS ALLEGED TO HAVE THROWN ROCKS AT KING'S HOME AND IN OTHER WAYS HARASSED KING.

2- Bureau
2- Teletype Unit
1- Birmingham (By Mail)
1- Memphis (By Mail)
② WFO
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STAFFORD STATED PRITCHETT IS ANTI-NEGRO AND HE BELIEVES
PRITCHETT RESEMBLES ARTIST'S CONCEPTION ON TELEVISION.

MOBILE CONDUCT INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE IF PRITCHETT
IDENTICAL WITH UNSUB.

WFO WILL HAVE SEARCH MADE OF NAVY RECORDS TO FURTHER
IDENTIFY PRITCHETT.

STAFFORD HAS REQUESTED THAT HIS IDENTITY NOT BE DISCLOSED
OUTSIDE OF BUREAU.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS. (P)

ONE COPY WILL BE SENT TO BIRMINGHAM AND MEMPHIS BY
MAIL.

FBI WFO

FBI WASH DC

358PM SVW

FBI WASH DC*

FBI MOBILE

2:41PM URGENT 4/12/68 CRS

TO: WFO 44-703

FROM: MOBILE 157-2627

0 MURKIN. CR. OO:ME.

0 RE WFO TEL APR. ELEVEN INSTANT, CONCERNING JOSEPH M.
PRITCHETT, MONTGOMERY, ALA.

MO FILES REVEAL INTERVIEW AUG. TWENTY-EIGHT, SIXTY-FOUR
WITH JOSEPH MALLOY PRITCHETT, PATROLMAN, MONTGOMERY, ALA. PD
ON ALLEDGED CR VIOLATION. PRITCHETT, W/M, BORN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] MONTGOMERY, FIVE FOOT NINE, ONE SIXTY-FIVE
WEL EYES, BLOND HAIR, MARITAL STATUS SINGLE, SERVED IN USN
NOV. SIXTEEN, FIFTY-NINE TO AUG. TWENTY-SEVEN, SIXTY-THREE,
HONORABLE DISCHARGE AT KEY WEST, FLA., PARENTS JOSEPH
ALAN AND MARTHA PRITCHETT, TWO SIX ONE SOUTH BLVD. MONTGOMERY,
HAS SERVED ON MONTGOMERY PD SINCE OCT. SIXTY-THREE. SEARCHED INDEXED
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0 IT APPEARS LIKELY THIS INDIVIDUAL IS THE PRITCHETT
REFERRED TO IN RE TEL AND HIS NAVY RECORD SHOULD BE REVIEWED.

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TO DETERMINE IF IDENTICAL WITH THE PERSON REFERRED TO BY
GILMER P. STAFFORD. CHECK BEING MADE MONTGOMERY.

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AND BIRMINGHAM, FORTY-FOUR - ONE SEVEN FOUR ZERO.

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Remaining unidentified latent fingerprints this case are not identical with the fingerprints of JOSEPH MALLOY PRITCHETT, born [redacted] in Montgomery, Alabama, Navy service [redacted] who may or may not be the same as the JOSEPH M. PRITCHETT described in referenced teletype. No palm prints are available in Identification Division files for the above described individual.

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MURKIN

~~DONALD CHURCHILL~~ RESIDING ROUTE ONE, BOX ONE SIX FIVE, NEHALEM, OREGON, APPEARED THERE NIGHT OF APRIL NINE FROM PUERTO RICO AND VIRGIN ISLANDS. CHURCHILL REPORTED TO BE SIMILAR IN APPEARANCE TO SKETCH OF UNSUB, AND TALKED OF INSTANT MURDER.

ON INTERVIEW, CHURCHILL STATES HE ^{was in WDC APRIL} ~~WAS IN WDC APRIL~~ ~~WAS IN WDC APRIL~~ FOUR TO CONFER WITH HIS ATTORNEY, FRED C. SACKS, TEN THIRTY FIFTEENTH STREET, NW, W.D.C., CONCERNING DIVORCE. HE RESIDED IN A MOTEL IN NE W.D.C., ADDRESS SHOULD BE ^{known} ~~SEEN~~ TO SACKS. HE HEARD OF INSTANT MURDER ON RADIO AND DECIDED TO GO SOMEPLACE WHERE THERE IS PEACE. HE TOOK A PAN A.M. PLANE OF APRIL FIVE TO PUERTO RICO FROM DULLES AIRPORT LEAVING HIS VOLKSWAGEN, NEW YORK LICENSE T Z FIVE THREE FIVE ⁴⁴⁻⁷⁰³⁻⁹⁷ ~~SEARCHED~~ ~~INDEXED~~ ~~SERIALIZED~~ ~~FILED~~ ^{PPH} AT UNION SERVICE STATION ROSS STREET FROM MOTEL. NOTE ON CHECK STUB ^{CONFIRMS PAYMENT} ~~CONFIRMS PAYMENT~~ TO PAN ^{AM April} ~~RSJ-111~~ FIFTH. HIS TICKET STUB DATED APRIL EIGHT FOR PAN AM. END OF PAGE ONE

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