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

Re Albany airtel to Bureau 4/11/68.

LAUNDRY MARKS

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

3-Bureau
 3-Memphis (44-1987)
 2-Boston (157-644)
 2-Charlotte
 2-Chicago (44-1114)
 2-Honolulu
 3-Jacksonville (44-769)
 3-Miami
 2-Newark (44-854)
 2-New York (44-1609)
 3-Norfolk
 2-Philadelphia
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 Special Agent in Charge

AL 44-493

For the information of San Juan, the following is furnished:

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

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

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

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

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

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BOSTON

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

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

CHARLOTTE

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

CHICAGO

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

HONOLULU

Navy Exchange	SN 32897
Naval Station	
Pearl Harbor, Hawaii	

JACKSONVILLE

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

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Navy Exchange	SN 32223
Naval Air Station	SN 32226
Pensacola, Florida	SN 32222
	SN 32229
	SN 32220
	SN 32525
	SN 32529
	SN 32509
	SN 32300
	SN 32295

Navy Exchange	SN 32521
Naval Air Station	
Yukon, Florida	

MIAMI

Navy Exchange	SN 31964
Naval Station	SN 31969
Key West, Florida	

MEMPHIS

Navy Exchange	SN 32040
Naval Air Station	SN 32044
Millington, Tennessee	SN 32439

NEWARK

Navy Exchange	SN 33440
Naval Air Station	
Lakehurst, New Jersey	

NEW YORK

Army and Air Force Exchange	SN 32141
Ship to Transport Officer	SN 32143
Brooklyn Army Terminal	SN 32148
First Avenue and 53 St.	SN 32157
Brooklyn, N.Y.	

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NORFOLK

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

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

PHILADELPHIA

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

RICHMOND

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

SAN FRANCISCO

Navy Exchange	SN 32900
Naval Air Station	
Moffett Field, California	

Freight Terminal	SN 32286
Naval Supply Center	
Oakland, California	

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SAN JUAN

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

SEATTLE

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

Navy Exchange
Naval Supply Depot
Seattle, Washington
SN 31994

WFO

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

LEADS

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

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

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

ALL OFFICES

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

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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155PM CAB

FBI ST LOUIS

1252PM IMMEDIATE 4-15-68 MPB

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), BIRMINGHAM (44-1740),
MEMPHIS (44-1987) AND WASHINGTON FIELD.
FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN, CR. OO: MEMPHIS.

RE MEMPHIS TELETYPE TO ST. LOUIS, APRIL FIFTEEN, INSTANT,
RE SUSPECT, ~~ERIC STARVO GALT.~~

ON APRIL FIFTEEN, INSTANT, PERSONNEL, VETERANS
ADMINISTRATION RECORD PROCESSING CENTER, ST. LOUIS, ADVISED
THEIR RECORDS FAILED TO CONTAIN A CLAIM FILE FOR ERNEST
(~~ERNEST~~) ~~SUMPTER GAULT~~, UNDER VETERANS ADMINISTRATION CLAIM
NUMBER C SIX EIGHT EIGHT SIX NINE NINE FIVE.

WASHINGTON FIELD DETERMINE IF THE ABOVE CLAIM NUMBER IS
CORRECT. DETERMINE PRESENT LOCATION OF CLAIM FILE AND SET
FORTH APPROPRIATE LEAD TO HAVE FILE REVIEWED FOR WHEREABOUTS, ALL
PERTINENT INFORMATION AND BACKGROUND DATA, INCLUDING WHETHER OR
NOT GAULT HAS SON NAMED ERIC STARVO GAULT.

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SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987), AND
SAC, NEW ORLEANS

FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703)

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RE ST. LOUIS TELETYPE, APRIL FIFTEEN, INSTANT. RE
SUSPECT ERIC STARVO GALT.

RECORDS OF VETERANS ADMINISTRATION, CENTRAL LOCATOR FILE,
REFLECT THAT FOLDER FOR ERNEST SUMPTER GAULT, VA NUMBER C SIX
EIGHT EIGHT SIX NINE NINE FIVE, WAS LOCATED AT VETERANS
ADMINISTRATION REGIONAL OFFICE, SEVEN ZERO ONE LOYOLA AVENUE,
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, AS OF MARCH FOUR, SIXTYSIX. NEW
ORLEANS REVIEW FILE FOR PRESENT WHEREABOUTS ERNEST SUMPTER
GAULT, ALL PERTINENT INFORMATION AND BACKGROUND DATA INCLUDING
WHETHER GAULT HAS SON OR RELATIVE NAMED ERIC STARVO GALT.

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TO DIRECTOR\ MEMPHIS\ NEW YORK\ BALTIMORE\ MILWAUKEE\ LOS ANGELES
WFO\ CHICAGO\ AND KANSAS CITY \PLAINTEXT\
FROM NEWARK \44-854\

MURKIN.

RE BUTEL FOUR FOURTEEN AND NK TELEPHONE CALLS TO BU FOUR FIFTEEN
SIXTY EIGHT

RE ERIC STARVO GALT - LOCKSMITHING INSTITUTE RECORDS.

GEORGE DURYEA\ DIRECTOR\ LOCKSMITHING INSTITUTE \LI\ FURNISHED
TODAY ENVELOPE USED BY GALT TO REQUEST ENROLLMENT IN LI COURSE.
ENVELOPE BEARING RETURN ADDRESS OF SONTREAL\ CANADA FORWARDED
TO BUREAU BY AIRTEL TODAY.

DURYEA ADVISED THAT LI USES THE FOLLOWING PUBLICATIONS TO
ADVERTISE-

NEW YORK AREA-

INCOME OPPORTUNITIES\ SCIENCE AND MECHANICS\ WOODWORKER

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POPULAR MECHANICS PUBLISHED BY HEARST CORP.\ FIVE SEVEN FIVE
LEXINGTON AVE.\ NYC

MECHANIX ILLUSTRATED\ TRUE MAGAZINE\ BOTH PUBLISHED BY FAWCETT
PUBLICATIONS\ SIXTY SEVEN WEST FORTY FOURTH ST.\ NYC.

TRUE MEN,S STORIES\ PUBLISHED BY FEATURE PUBLICATIONS\ THIRTY
TWO WEST TWENTY SECOND ST.\ NYC.

FOR MEN ONLY\ STAG\ MALE\ MEN\ ACTION FOR MEN\ TRUE ACTION\
MAN,S WORLD AND COMPLETE MAN,S MAGAZINE\ ALL PUBLISHED BY MARTIN
GOODMAN\ SIX TWO FIVE MADISON AVE.\ NYC.

MAN,S LIFE\ PUBLISHED BY CRESTWOOD PUBLISHING CO.\ THIRTY TWO
WEST TWENTY SECOND ST.\ NYC.

OFFICIAL DETECTIVE\ MACFADDEN,S MENS GROUP\ BOTH PUBLISHED BY
MACFADDEN-BARTELL CORP.\ TWO ZERO FIVE EAST FORTY SECOND ST.\ NYC

INSIDE DETECTIVE\ FRONT PAGE DETECTIVE\ BOTH PUBLISHED BY DELL
PUBLISHING CO.\ SEVEN FIVE ZERO THIRD AVE.\ NYC.

ARGOSY\ PUBLISHED BY POPULAR PUBLICATIONS\ TWO ZERO FIVE EAST
FORTY SECOND ST.\ NYC.

IMPACT\ FOUR SEVEN ZERO SEVENTH AVE.\ NYC.

HARDWARE AGE\ NE ZERO ZERO EAST FORTY SECOND ST.\ NYC.

HARDWARE RETAILERS\ FIVE TWO ZERO FIFTH AVE.\ NYC.

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BALTIMORE AREA-

J. GRUBER, S ALMANACK\ HOTEL ALEXANDER\ HAGERSTOWN\ MD.

NATIONAL OBSERVER-CLASSIFIED\ DOW JONES AND CO.\ ONE ONE FIVE
ZERO ONE COLUMBIA PIKE\ SILVER SPRINGS\ SD.

WFO AREA-

CARPENTER-NATIONAL CARPENTER, S UNION\ AFL-CIO\ WASHINGTON\
DC.

MILWAUKEE AREA-

SPARE TIME\ SEVEN FOUR FOUR NORTH FOURTH ST.\ MILWAUKEE\ WISCONSIN.

HKANSAS CITY AREA-

WORKBENCH\ PUBLISHED BY MODERN HANDCRAFT\ FOUR TWO FIVE ONE\
PENNSYLVANIA AVE.\ KANSAS CITY\ MO.

LOS ANGELES AREA-

NATIONAL CUSTODIAN\ PUBLISHED BY AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF MAINTENANCE\
SEVEN ONE ZERO WILSON AVE.\ GLENDALE\ CALIF.

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CHICAGO AREA-

ONE ZERO THREEE THREE BETTER WAYS PUBLISHED BY POPULAR MECHANICS\
PRESS\ CHICAGO\ ILL.

LI ALSO USED HOME CRAFTSMAN\ HOME STUDY AND MEN,S WORLD BUT THESE
PUBLICATIONS ARE OUT OF BUSINESS. ALSO USED IS MONEY MAKING
OPPORTUNITIES\ NO ADDRESS IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE. LI BURNS TRASH.
UACB BY CLOSE OF BUSINESS FOUR SIXTEEN NEXT ABOVE OFFICER WILL
CONTACT MAGAZINES IN THEIR AREAS TO DETERMINE IF THERE ARE ANY
SUBSCRIBERS USING NAME ERIC S. GALT AND RUN OUT ANY LOGICAL LEADS
DEVELOPED. NO MENTION SHOULD BE MADE THAT THIS INQUIRY HAS TO
DO WITH CAPTIONED MATTER.

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BROAD TRAIL WITH ...USIVE END

Movements of King's Killer Traced Step by Step, But...

By JEREMIAH O'LEARY

Star Staff Writer

"The man who killed King is either the world's luckiest amateur or part of a fantastically clever conspiracy," said one weary investigator yesterday as the massive hunt for the slayer of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. continued.

Eleven days after the civil rights leader was slain by a sniper in Memphis, Tenn., the Federal Bureau of Investigation finds itself in the dilemma of possessing a lot of physical evidence but nothing that points to the true identity or whereabouts of the assassin.

From information publicly disclosed and from non-FBI sources, this much can be reported about the evidence in hand, the man being sought and how he prepared for and committed the crime:

- The FBI has three names for the fugitive and all of them are considered to be pseudonyms.
- They have latent fingerprints taken from the Remington Gamemaster 30.06 pump rifle believed to have been the assassination weapon, and from the telescopic sight attached to the gun.
- They have a 1966 white Mustang believed used as the getaway car.
- They have half a dozen or more people who saw the suspected slayer both before and after the fatal shooting at 4:01 p.m. April 4.
- But they do not now know who the gunman really is, where he is, whether he was working alone or as part of a conspiracy.

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About the Car . . .

Authorities have pieced together this much information about the car they have connected with the case:

On August 30, 1967 William D. Paisley of Birmingham, Ala., sold a 1966 white Mustang to a man who gave his name as Eric Starvo Galt. On Sept. 6, 1967, "Galt" applied for a Birmingham driver's license under that name and No. 2896947 was mailed to him. On March 1, 1968, Galt requested a duplicate and one was mailed to him at a Birmingham rooming house.

Galt had listed his occupation as unemployed merchant seaman and gave a rooming house address, 2608 Highland Ave., Birmingham. It is a place for transients and Galt did not live there more than six months. He apparently was last a resident in November.

The car and the name Galt became significant when Mrs. Ernest Payne, of Atlanta, Ga., looked out her window between 7 and 9 a.m. Friday, April 5, and saw a man drive the Mustang into a parking lot at Capitol Homes, a low-rent housing project near the State Capitol. The car fit the description of one of two white Mustangs which had been parked in the 400 block of South Main Street, Memphis, around the corner from the motel where King was killed.

Mexico Tourist Stickers

The car evidently was abandoned at the Atlanta spot. It was not until April 11 that it was brought to the attention of the FBI. It bore the red-and-white Alabama license No. 1-38903 traceable to the man who gave his name as Galt. There was mud and cigaret stubs on

the floor and two Mexican tourist stickers on the windows. The FBI can link the car with the events in Memphis but refuses to say how.

The name Galt is now believed to be an alias. An exhaustive check of almost every conceivable form of record in the United States has led to a dead end. No Eric Starvo Galt is listed by police departments, unions, credit or banking institutions or on other records.

But, according to Mrs. Payne's description, "Galt" resembles the man being sought for the slaying of King: dark-haired, dark, neat clothes, pointed nose. The Alabama license records for Galt are considered not inconsistent. The application described him as 5 feet 11, 175 pounds, with blue eyes and brown hair.

Both descriptions are considered close to those given by persons who saw the suspect fleeing from the Memphis flophouse from which the fatal shot was fired. The general description given by Memphis witnesses is 5 feet 8 to 5 feet 11, 26 to 32 years of age, neat dark clothing.

About The Gun . . .

The Remington rifle believed to have been the murder weapon was traced by its serial number to a Birmingham, Ala. sporting goods store. The weapon was acquired from the shop on March 30 by a man who could have been either the suspect or an accomplice.

The man got the Remington by trading another gun for it. The FBI has not disclosed his identity, but it can find no trace of anyone with a name like that given to the Birmingham shop. The acquisition has, however, given the FBI another consistent description and another handwriting specimen.

The next event linking King's death to the mystery man occurred April 4, a few hours after King's well-publicized arrival at the Lorraine Motel for a planning session in connection with a march of striking sanitation workers. King checked into a second-floor balcony room, No. 306, at the Lorraine in the morning.

At 3:15 p.m. that same day, a man who gave his name as John Willard checked into a nameless flophouse in Memphis' 400 block of South Main. Bessie Brewer, the proprietor, took him upstairs, showed him a \$10-a-week room on one side of the building. She said he turned down No. 8, which has a kitchenette, remarking: "I only want a sleeping room."

Room No. 5 Chosen

Then she showed him Rooms 4, 5 and 6 on the other side facing the Lorraine Motel. The man known as Willard took Room 5 and paid the weekly \$8.50 rent in advance with a \$20 bill. Mrs. Brewer recalls that he had a sharp nose, dark hair, a "silly" smile and a neat appearance—unusual for her rundown establishment.

So far as investigators have been able to determine, "John Willard" is another false name.

"Willard" had no luggage and was

carrying nothing when he rented the room. The presumption is that during the next hours he went outside and got some things from the Mustang parked on Main Street. Six blocks away, sources report, he bought a pair of binoculars from a place called York's Arms.

In the half hour before King was shot, "Willard" got up from his bed and locked himself in a communal bathroom which has a window facing the balcony of the Lorraine. Willie Anchutz, who lived in the flophouse, tried to get in but his knock was not answered.

According to Memphis Police Director Frank C. Hollomon, a former FBI agent, the distance from the bathroom window to King's balcony is 205 feet 3 inches. The angle of fire toward King was 30 degrees to the right and slightly down, an easy shot with a telescopic rifle.

King emerged three times just before 6 p.m. The third time, he mentioned to the Rev. Samuel Kyles that he was tired of restaurants and wanted some "soul food." Kyles invited him home to dinner and King said he would like that. King leaned on the balcony rail, talking to his driver, Solomon Jones, on the ground below. Jones told King it was cold and suggested he wear a top coat.

"King replied, 'Okay, I will.'"

Those were his last words. Standing in the bathtub of Bessie Brewer's flophouse, the killer took aim across a junkpile on a vacant lot, over a row of scrubby trees on an embankment, squinted through the telescopic sight and fired.

Soft-Nosed Bullet Used

King was struck in the lower right jaw by a soft-nosed bullet which coursed through his neck, hit his spine and came to rest in his shoulder. He fell to the balcony deck, unconscious and bleeding profusely, and was dead on arrival at the hospital.

Willie Anchutz heard the shot and looked out his door. He saw a man rush past him in the hall carrying a blue handbag and a long object wrapped in a sheet. Anchutz did not get a good look at the man presumed to be the gunman but remarked, "That sounded like a shot." The man replied, "Yes. It was."

The fugitive ran out the opposite entrance of the flophouse, ducked into the doorway of the Canipe Amusement Co. at 424 South Main, and dropped the rifle and the bag there. The proprietor, Guy Canipe, saw him abandon the gun and bag, but did not go outside. Other witnesses said the suspect climbed calmly into the white Mustang a few feet beyond and drove away.

It is an easy 8- to 10-hour drive from Memphis to Atlanta, a time element which fits with Mrs. Payne's observation of the man parking the Mustang owned by Galt in the Atlanta housing project.

Within a few hours, the fatal bullet was extracted from King's body and sent to the FBI crime laboratory here, along with the rifle and the bag with all its contents. The FBI has refused to say what was found in the bag or what its laboratory examinations showed.

King Probe Is Quiet, Intense As FBI Searches for Clues

By Gaylord Shaw

MEMPHIS, April 13 (AP)—In the 10 days since the assassination of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., the lights have burned all night, night after night, in a corner suite on the eighth floor of Memphis' new Federal building.

There, in offices overlooking the wide, muddy Mississippi River, dozens of FBI agents have methodically sifted through what is described as "very substantial" physical evidence.

Exactly what constitutes this evidence is officially unknown, but sources report some of the major items are palm and finger prints, an overnight bag believed to contain clothing and a high-powered rifle with a telescopic sight.

In addition, a white Mustang similar to one that reportedly sped from the assassination scene has been impounded in Atlanta. It has

been linked to an Eric Starvo Galt, described as an unemployed merchant seaman who lived in Birmingham until three months ago. The FBI refuses to say why it is looking for Galt.

Robert Jensen, 52, special agent in charge of the Memphis office, wore a strained smile as he faced reporters. "All I can say is no comment," he repeated to all questions.

Jensen wouldn't even say how many agents have been sent into Memphis. But in a five-minute period late one night, reporters watched 15 agents hurry in or out of the suite through an unmarked side door.

FBI agents have interviewed hundreds of persons in Memphis, Birmingham, Atlanta and elsewhere. They have taken over the records of two rooming houses and at least one gun shop in Birmingham. They have poured through documents in state and local

government offices throughout the South.

(Washington Post Staff Writer Paul Valentine reported from Atlanta that more than 100 FBI agents are working on the case in that city alone.)

It seems that everywhere reporters go, the FBI already has instructed them to say nothing.

Across the street from the FBI office, spokesmen for the Memphis police insist their department still is working closely with Federal agents. But from all indication, the FBI has taken over the investigation completely.

The FBI has maintained silence on all aspects of the investigation. But Attorney General Ramsey Clark issued a new statement in Washington last night that dropped his earlier reference to "one man on the run."

Sixteen hours after Dr. King was slain April 4, Clark said evidence "indicates a single individual" was involved. "There is no evidence of a widespread plot," he said.

In the seven-line statement last night, Clark said the FBI was devoting all its resources to the investigation, "working around the clock pursuing every lead."

This could mean that investigators are re-examining the possibility that more than one person was involved in the assassination.

They seemed puzzled about conflicting reports on the number of getaway cars involved and about police radio transmissions detailing a high-speed chase—which apparently took place—through northeast Memphis 30 minutes after a sniper killed Dr. King with a single rifle shot.

One member of Congress has criticized the FBI's probe.

Noting what he called discrepancies throughout the investigation, Rep. Charles W. Whelan Jr. (R-Ohio), said the FBI should "set the record straight."

"The handling of the investigation and the efforts to apprehend the guilty person or persons hardly had been reassuring to a tense and troubled Nation," Whelan said in Washington.

But a Justice Department spokesman noted that it took 12 days to make an arrest in the 1963 slaying of civil rights leader Medgar Evers in Mississippi and more than five months to make arrests in the 1964 murders of three civil rights workers in the same state.

[UPI reported from Atlanta that the FBI has decided for the present that the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan—accused in the past of murders in Mississippi—had no part in the King assassination. The conclusion was reached after 500 members of the FBI infiltrated Klan were checked for their whereabouts on the day of the slaying. During the four day check, a source said, the state of Mississippi "was turned inside out."

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, WFO (44-703)

DATE: 4/15/68

FROM : SA JAMES F. PRICE

SUBJECT: MURKIN - CR

ALFONSO GUARDIA MORA, PSI, (Protect, Reliable) advised on 4/15/68 that one JOHN ALAN FEDUCCIA had applied for a Costa Rican visa on 4/11/68. Upon reviewing FEDUCCIA'S visa application and U.S. passport photo, GUARDIA felt there was a strong resemblance between his photo and the composite photo of the unknown subject wanted for the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. GUARDIA advised that FEDUCCIA did not come to the Costa Rican Embassy with his visa application but sent his application by messenger. GUARDIA furnished the following background information from FEDUCCIA'S application:

DOB [REDACTED]
POB Alabama, U.S.A.
Ht. 5' 11"
Hair Brown
Eyes Brown
U.S. Passport # [REDACTED]
Residence: Museum of Zoology
University of Michigan
Ann Arbor, Mich. 48104
In case of Emergency notify:
I.C. FEDUCCIA
Pearman Ave.
Cleveland, Miss. 38732

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GUARDIA advised that Costa Rican visa #070, date of issue 4/11/68, was assigned to FEDUCCIA. Also, his application showed that he had been issued Guatemalan visa #603 on 4/9/68.

GUARDIA further advised that FEDUCCIA'S application was accompanied by a visa application for CHARLES FREDERICK WALKER, DOB [REDACTED] POB Ohio, USA, U.S. Passport # [REDACTED]. WALKER was also connected with the University of Michigan

WFO will review Passport records re FEDUCCIA to further identify him.

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WASHINGTON FIELD VIA WASHINGTON

FROM NEW YORK 44-1609

MURKIN\ CIVIL RIGHTS\ OO MEMPHIS

RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU DATED APRIL
TWELVE LAST.

RE SEAMAN RICHARD GALT.

VICTORY TRANSPORT\ INC.\ CARE OF ORIENTAL EXPORTERS\
INC.\ NYC.\ CIC OPERATE THE S.S. HUDSON IN NINETEEN
SIXTY ONE AND CONTINUES TO OPERATE SAME TODAY.

RECORDS REGARDING SHIP,S COMPLEMENT IN NINETEEN SIXTY
ONE AND NINETEEN SIXTY TWO ARE IN DEAD STORAGE AND NOT
AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW. OFFICIAL OF COMPANY STATES THAT
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AT WASHINGTON\ D.C.WOULD HAVE
MORE COMPLETE INFORMATION REGARDING RICHARD GALT THAN
WOULD APPEAR IN COMPANY,S FILES. HE SUGGESTS THAT COMMANDER
FRANKLIN J. MILLER\ ASSISTANT CHIEF\ MVP\ USCG\
WASHINGTON\ D.C. BE CONTACTED AT TELEPHONE TWO ZERO TWO
DASH NINE SIX FOUR DASH FIVE ONE FIVE EIGHT.

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NEW YORK CONTINUING ATTEMPT TO SECURE INFORMATION
CONCERNING RICHARD GALT FROM FILES OF SEAFARES INTERNATIONAL
UNION.

WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE AT WASHINGTON\ D. C.
CONTACT USCG IN ATTEMPT TO SECURE INFORMATION TO ASSIST IN
LOCATING AND ELIMINATING ONE RICHARD GALT WHO ALLEGEDLY
SAILED ABOARD THE SS HUDSON FROM BIRMINGHAM\ ALABAMA
DECEMBER\ NINETEEN SIXTY ONE TO SPAIN AND RETURNED TO
PORT ARTHUR\ TEXAS\ IN FEBRUARY \ NINETEEN SIXTY TWO.

UNSUB SHOULD BE CNSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FBI MOBE

3:15PM URGENT 4/16/CRS

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861), WFO (44-703), MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: MOBILE (157-2627) 3P

MURKIN, CR. OO: ME.

RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR SEVEN FORTYTHREE
PM, APRIL TWELVE LAST.

KENNETH NEWBLE, NEGRO, PEORIA, ILL., ADVISED SPRING-
FIELD ON APRIL TWELVE LAST THAT HE HAD WORKED AS SEAMAN
WITH ONE RIHARD GALT FROM BIRMINGHAM, ALA., SAILING
ON S. S. HUDSON OF VICTORY TRANSPORTATION LINES, NEW YORK,
DECEMBER, SIXTYONE, TO FEBRUARY, SIXTYTWO. DURING VOYAGE
RELIGIOUS, RACIAL AND POLITICAL MATTERS WERE DISCUSSED
AT LENGTH. GALT RELATED HE HAD STUDIED FOR PRIESTHOOD,
CHICAGO, ILL. DURING EARLY YEARS AND WAS EXPERIENCED
VETERAN SEAMAN.

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ONE HUNDRED SIXTYFIVE POUNDS, CASUAL DRESSER, HAS EXCELLENT KNOWLEDGE OF HAND GUNS AND CONCERNING CUROPE.

SHIPPING COMMISSION, U. S. COAST GUARD, MOBILE, REFLECTS SHIPPING ARTICLES FILED DECEMBER SEVEN, SIXTYONE, ABOARD VOYAGE OF S. S. HUDSON REGISTRY NUMBER TWO FOUR FOUR FOUR SIX THREE. CHECK OF CREW LIST REFLECTS KENNETH A. NEWBLE ABOARD. LIST DOES NOT INCLUDE RICHARD GALT OR ANY INDIVIDUAL THAT LAST NAME.

NEUTRAL RELEASE PAPERS FOR A SEAMAN FILED FEBRUARY TWENTYTHREE, SIXTYTHREE. THIS PAPER REFLECTS S. S. HUDSON WAS DOCKED PORT ARTHUR, TEXAS, FEBRUARY TEN, SIXTYTWO.

WWFO AT US. COAST GUARD HEADQUARTERS, WILL REVIEW SHIPPING ARTICLES OF S. S. HUDSON FOR PERIOD DECEMBER SEVEN, SIXTYONE TO FEBRUARY TEN, SIXTYTWO IN EFFORT TO DETERMINE IF RICHARD GALT BOARDED SHIP AT ANOTHER PORT. IF NO RECORD, CONDUCT REVIEW OF ARTICLES FROM SIXTYONE TO SIXTYEIGHT TO DETERMINE IF GALT HAD BEEN CREW MEMBER ABOARD S. S. HUDSON.

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IF RICHARD GALT ABOARD SHIP, SET FORTH APPROPRIATE
LEADS TO INTERVIEW AND OBTAIN BACKGROUND. P

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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, NEWARK

FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703)

MURKIN

RE NEWARK TELETYPE APRIL FIFTEEN, SIXTYEIGHT. RE ERIC
STARVO GALT - LOCKSMITHING INSTITUTE RECORDS.

UNITED BROTHERHOOD OF CARPENTERS AND JOINERS OF AMERICA,
AFL - CIO, WASHINGTON, D. C., ADVISED MAILING LIST OF
"CARPENTERS" ON COMPUTER WITH OVER EIGHT ZERO ZERO, ZERO ZERO
ZERO ENTRIES, DESIRED INFORMATION RE GALT CANNOT BE LOCATED
WITHOUT LOCAL UNION NUMBER, CITY, AND, OR, POSTAL ZIP CODE
BEING AVAILABLE. NEWARK FURNISED COMPLETE AVAILABLE
INFORMATION FROM LOCKSMITHING INSTITUTE. GALT ARMED AND
DANGEROUS.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, WFO

DATE: 4/16/68

FROM : SE MELVIN L. MONTGOMERY

SUBJECT: MURKIN - CR

At 10:15 AM this date Mrs. DONNA QUINTA, 2405 No. Dickerson St., Arlington, Va., telephonically advised that she wanted to offer the following observation for whatever value it might have in connection with captioned case.

Mrs. QUINTA noted that the book "Atlas Shrugged" by Ann Rand, a 700-page anti-socialism store, had as principal characters persons by the name of JOHN GAULT and ERIC SAVO. She noted she did not have a copy of the book available and therefore could not say whether these spellings were correct or whether those in the book exactly match subject's names but that she knew they were very similar.

Caller opined that it is possible a person may have read the book, the general theme of which was the thought that "society has no right to expect from a man what he has earned" and had utilized the names of the book characters as an alias.

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URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI AND SACS SPRINGFIELD AND MEMPHIS

FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703)

MURKIN - CR

RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE APRIL TWELVE LAST; MOBILE
TELETYPE APRIL SIXTEEN LAST AND NEW YORK TELETYPE APRIL SIXTEEN
LAST.

RECORDS OF US COAST GUARD HEADQUARTERS, MERCHANT
VESSEL PERSONNEL SECTION, WASHINGTON, D.C. REFLECT NO RECORD
FOR RICHARD GALT. SHIPPING ARTICLES FOR SS HUDSON NINETEEN
SIXTYONE - PRESENT REFLECT NO CREWMAN WITH SURNAME GALT.
SHIPPING ARTICLES FOR PERIOD DECEMBER SEVEN, SIXTYONE -
FEBRUARY TEN, SIXTYTWO REFLECT KENNETH A. NEWBLE, Z ONE ONE
TWO ONE SIX SEVEN FIVE, ABOARD SS HUDSON FOR VOYAGE.

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SPRINGFIELD REINTERVIEW NEWBLE FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO IDENTIFY GALT.

INFORMATION COPIES SENT BY MAIL TO MOBILE AND NEW YORK.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, DETROIT (44-989) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
(OO: Memphis)

Re telephone call of SA WILLIAM LANDER, WFO, 4/7/68, and Detroit teletype to Memphis 4/9/68.

The following investigation was conducted by SA BILLY E. YESSICK:

On April 8, 1968, Mr. GEORGE VOORNHIES, Manager, Mich. Bell Telephone Co., Lansing, Mich., advised that at 1:00 p.m., 4/7/68, an unidentified caller placed a collect telephone call through operator 105, Lansing, Mich. The unidentified caller was placing a collect call to the "White House" and hung up without identifying himself.

VOORNHIES stated that he did not wish to divulge the name of the operator in view of present labor problems he is having in his company; however, he did interview this girl and he determined from her that the individual wanted to place a collect call and when the White House operator answered and asked him for his name, he refused to give it. The White House operator refused to accept

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a collect call at which time the unidentified individual stated "I have information on who killed KING."

The White House operator then said "One moment please" at which time an individual answered the phone, whom the operator surmised to be a Secret Service Agent, and who accepted the telephone call. The unidentified individual stated the person "who killed KING is 20 miles outside of Tennessee" and when pressed further by the person at the White House, the individual stated "This is all I have to say," at which time he hung up. The operator stated the voice was that of a male and was young sounding and he had a "Negro accent."

VOORHIES stated that the operator kept the phone "plugged in" at which time it was traced to a pay telephone located at the Burger King Restaurant, 1141 East Grand River Ave., E. Lansing, Mich., telephone number 337-9034. VOORHIES advised that since the phone was inoperable, a female, approximately five minutes later, reported the phone out of order and advised she was calling from the Burger King. He stated this female did not furnish her name either. VOORHIES stated that he has no other information concerning the call.

On 4/8/68, DOUGLAS BROWN, Manager, Burger King Restaurant, 1141 E. Grand River Ave., E. Lansing, Mich., advised he was not working at the restaurant at approximately 1:00 p.m., and does not recall anyone using the pay phone located in the dining area, number 337-9034, nor does he recall anyone using the phone in his office, or under the front window, inside the kitchen area, 351-4576.

BROWN furnished names of the following individuals who were employed at approximately 1:00 p.m., on 4/7/68, and all of these individuals were contacted between 4/8/68 and 4/11/68, and none were able to furnish any information concerning anyone who may have used the telephone in the kitchen or the Manager's office, nor the telephone located in the dining area. None of the individuals interviewed could recall anyone who they knew personally as being in the restaurant stating that 1:00 p.m. on Sunday afternoon is a busy time for the employees and they were all inside the kitchen working:

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NINA and CHRISTINE MILLER
10378 Pollard Road
Haslett, Mich.

RAMSEY KHALIKI
1614 Greengrest
E. Lansing, Mich.

MIKE VINCENT
5 Appleblossom Lane
Okemos, Mich.

HASSAN JANIRANI
532 Abbott
E. Lansing, Mich.

STEVE KLEIN
651 Hillcrest
E. Lansing, Mich.

DAN STURT
648 Rosewood
E. Lansing, Mich.

HORACE GIBBS, Special Agent, Secret Service,
Grand Rapids, Mich., advised of above, 4/11/68.

No further investigation contemplated re the
above at Detroit.

Birmingham Man Says F.B.I. Drawing of Mystery Figure in Dr. King Inquiry Resembles Ex-Roomer

By MARTIN WALDRON

Special to The New York Times

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., April 15—The manager of the Economy Grill and Rooms, a Birmingham boarding house, said today that Eric Starvo Galt, the mystery man in the murder case of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., left his rooming house on Birmingham's South Side in early October last year. The manager, Peter N. Cherpes, 72 years old, said that he had not seen Mr. Galt since then.

Mr. Galt, who drove an automobile similar to the one believed used as a getaway car after Dr. King was shot by a sniper on April 4 in Memphis, has been the subject of a nationwide search by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Mr. Galt's car, a white Mustang, was impounded in Atlanta last Thursday by Federal agent

Mr. Cherpes, who was asked by the F.B.I. not to discuss Mr. Galt, broke his silence today after reporters had repeatedly asked him questions over the weekend.

He said that last Tuesday Federal agents showed him some drawings of a man who bore a close resemblance to Mr. Galt.

Reporter Shows Drawing

A reporter for The Birmingham News showed Mr. Cherpes a drawing from The Memphis Commercial Appeal.

The drawing was made from descriptions given by residents of a Memphis rooming house from which, the police said, the shot that killed Dr. King was fired.

Mr. Cherpes said that the drawing, a side view of a long-necked man, had less resemblance to Mr. Galt than did the full-face drawing shown him by the Federal agents.

The Federal investigating agency has not yet released a drawing of Mr. Galt, although it has several hundred men in the United States searching for him.

Mr. Cherpes said that Mr. Galt, who gave his age as 36 years, checked into his rooming house in late August last year.

"He was a very quiet man

and kept to himself," Mr. Cherpes said.

He said that Mr. Galt, who said he was divorced, told him that he had been working at the Ingalls Shipyard at Pascagoula, Miss., and that he was going to take a vacation of several months.

At Pascagoula, A. C. Weeks, an official of the shipyard, said that it had never hired a man by the name of Eric Galt.

Mr. Cherpes helped his boarder to get a driver's license in early September.

He said that he had driven

Mr. Galt to the highway patrol testing station.

A duplicate of Mr. Galt's driver's license was believed to have been the identification given at a Birmingham gun store in March of this year when a 30-'06-caliber Remington rifle was bought. The rifle was found on a Memphis street outside the rooming house from which Dr. King had been shot.

Although Mr. Cherpes said that he had not seen Mr. Galt since October, a duplicate of Mr. Galt's driver's license was mailed on March 1 of this year

to 2608 South Highland Avenue, Birmingham, the address of the Economy Grill and Rooms.

Capt. T. L. Payne of the Alabama Highway Patrol said tonight that the driver's license division received a telephone call in late February from a man who identified himself as Eric Galt and said that he had lost his license.

Captain Payne said that the man was told to send 25 cents to cover the cost of a duplicate license.

The duplicate license was mailed March 1 to the South

Highland address, Captain Payne said, and the 25 cents received by the driver's license division on March 6.

In an earlier interview, Mr. Cherpes said that during the six weeks that Mr. Galt had lived at his boarding house he had had no visitors but had received a package from Chicago.

He said that Mr. Galt had said that he planned to return the object, which had come in a package two feet long and about one foot wide.

"He said it was the wrong size," Mr. Cherpes said.

Mr. Cherpes also said that in early March of this year a letter in a blue or green envelope came for Mr. Galt, but that he returned the letter after about a week when Mr. Galt did not show up to claim it.

The rooming house manager said that the letter appeared to contain a check.

Mr. Galt checked out of the rooming house in early October, telling Mr. Cherpes that he was going to Mobile to try to find a job. He returned after several days and picked up his belongings, saying that he had got a job, Mr. Cherpes said.

No warrant has been issued

for Mr. Galt's arrest, and a source in the F.B.I. emphasized that he was wanted purely for questioning. The source said that it might be that Mr. Galt would never be charged.

In Louisiana today, state officials said that Mr. Galt had never got a driver's license there, although he had said on his application for an Alabama license that he had got one in Louisiana in 1962.

Every development in the investigation thus far has suggested that Eric Starvo Galt is a fictitious name.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, WFO (44-703)

DATE: 4-17-68

FROM : JOSEPH P. DOYLE, CLERK

SUBJECT: MURKIN - CR

At 12:16 p.m. this date GEARLD W. FREDERICK, 609 Meadow Lane, Viena, Va, phone 938-2222, telephonically advised writer that a white male, age 35, height 5'10", weight 160-170 lbs, brown hair combed straight back, name unknown, owner of a 3 year old red thunderbird (tag unknown) resides with his next door neighbor KENNETH MARTIN, 607 Meadow Lane, Viena, Va.

FREDERICK stated that MARTIN is divorced from his wife and approximately one year the aforementioned male came to live with MARTIN. About eight months ago the male left and did not return until yesterday April 16, 1968. The red thunderbird was left at the residence of MARTIN and sometimes used by him while the male was absent. FREDERICK stated that the male resembles the composite picture of GALT.

FREDERICK stated that he resigned his position at Georgetown University, WDC, where he had been employed as the production control manager in the printing department for 1 1/2 years. FREDERICK stated that the reason he quit was because he could no longer tolerate the bad conditions at work.

WFO indices negative on FREDERICK.

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

MURKIN - CR

ReWFO telephone call to RH (Alexandria RA),
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On 4/17/68, GEARLD W. FREDERICK, 609 Medow Lane, Vienna, Virginia, telephone 938-2222, telephonically advised clerk JOSEPH P. DOYLE, WFO, that a white male, age 35, height 5'10", weight 160-170 pounds, brown hair, combed straight back, name unknown, resides with his next door neighbor, KENNETH MARTIN, 607 Medow Lane, Vienna, Virginia. This unknown male is the owner of a three year old Thunderbird, license unknown.

FREDERICK stated that MARTIN is divorced from his wife and approximately one year ago, the above unknown male came to live with MARTIN. About eight months ago, the male left and did not return until 4/16/68. The red Thunderbird was left at the

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residence of MARTIN and was sometimes used by MARTIN while the unknown male was absent. FREDERICK stated the unknown male resembles the composite picture of the unsub in instant case.

WFO indices negative regarding FREDERICK.

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RICHMOND

AT VIENNA, VIRGINIA. Will process above unknown male as suspect in this matter.

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AIRTEL

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

MURKIN
ERIC STARVO GALT,
Principal Suspect

Transmitted herewith is an application and
correspondence file made available for handwriting
comparison by Safemasters Company, Incorporated, WDC.

A FD 302 has been prepared reflecting the
names and addresses of individuals mentioned in the
file. One copy of this is enclosed for Bureau and one for Laboratory.

Laboratory is requested to examine contents
for handwriting identifiable with handwriting of unknown
subject of this case (ERIC STARVO GALT, Principal Suspect).

Upon completion of examination, it is requested
that file be returned to WFO for return to Safemasters
Company, Incorporated.

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REBUTEL TO ALL OFFICES, APRIL EIGHT LAST, NEW YORK TELETYPE
TO BUREAU, APRIL ELEVEN LAST, AND NEW HAVEN TELETYPE TO BUREAU,
APRIL FIFTEEN LAST.

ON APRIL SEVENTEEN INSTANT, MRS. THELMA INSCORE, CLERK, CENTRAL
INDEX, DEFENSE INDUSTRIAL SECURITY CLEARANCE OFFICE, THREE NINE
NINE ZERO WEST BROAD, COLUMBUS, OHIO, ADVISED WALTER GEORGE
LOHMEYER, AKA., WALTER F. LOHMEYER, BORN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ISSUED SECRET CLEARANCE BY EASTERN
CONTRACT MANAGEMENT REGION, AF TWO TWO ZERO ZERO, NOVEMBER TWENTY-
ONE, NINETEEN SIXTY-ONE BASED UPON NATIONAL AGENCY CHECK CONDUCTED
BY FOURTH DISTRICT OSI, NOVEMBER SEVENTEEN, NINETEEN SIXTY-ONE.
CLEARANCE REQUESTED BY PERKIN-ELMER CORP., NORWALK, CONNECTICUT.

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SA R.W. Dawson
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ONE FIVE. NO OTHER INFORMATION IN FILE CONCERNING WALTER
GEORGE LOHMEYER. NO RECORD IDENTIFIABLE WITH CARLTON R.
LOHMEYER OR HARVEY LOHMEYER.

WFO AT SUTLAND HALL, MARYLAND. WILL REVIEW INVESTIGATIVE
REPORTS IN CLEARANCE FOR WALTER GEORGE LOHMEYER AT HEADQUARTERS,
FOURTH DISTRICT OSI, IN LIGHT OF REBUTEL APRIL EIGHT LAST,
CONCERNING RELATIVES AND SET FORTH APPROPRIATE LEADS.

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TO ALL SACS

FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861

MURKIN

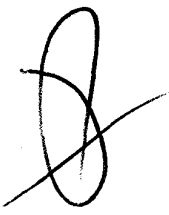
THE PHOTOGRAPHS FURNISHED YOUR OFFICES OF ERIC STARVO
GALT BY ROUTING SLIP FOUR SIXTEEN LAST CONTAIN THE
COMPOSITE DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT AS FURNISHED BY VARIOUS
WITNESSES. THE PHOTOGRAPH WITH THE EYES CLOSED IS THE
ACTUAL PHOTOGRAPH AS TAKEN IN MARCH SIXTY-EIGHT. THE
PHOTOGRAPH WITH THE EYES OPEN IS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

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TO ALL SACS

FROM DIRECTOR

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

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ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS AS REQUIRED. YOU SHOULD ATTEMPT TO INSURE THAT THIS RELEASE AND PHOTOGRAPHS RECEIVE REPEATED COVERAGE BY RADIO AND TV STATIONS. YOU ARE TO MAKE NO ELABORATION WHATSOEVER REGARDING THIS RELEASE.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

APRIL 17, 1968

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Enclosed for Memphis and Birmingham two copies each of photographs of JOHN ALAN FEDUCCIA.

On 4/15/68, ALFONSO GUARDIA MORA, PSI (protect identity, reliable in the past) advised SA JAMES F. PRICE that one JOHN ALAN FEDUCCIA applied for a Costa Rican visa on 4/11/68. Upon reviewing FEDUCCIA's visa application and U.S. Passport photo GUARDIA felt there was a strong resemblance between FEDUCCIA's photo and the composite drawing of the unknown male wanted for the murder of Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. GUARDIA advised that FEDUCCIA had not applied at the Costa Rican Embassy with his visa application, but had sent his application by messenger. GUARDIA indicated FEDUCCIA held U.S. Passport [REDACTED]. Costa Rican visa number 070 was issued to FEDUCCIA on 4/11/68. His application reflected that he had been issued Guatemalan visa number 603, on 4/9/68.

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GUARDIA further advised that FEDUCCIA's application was accompanied by a visa application for CHARLES FREDERIC WALKER, U.S. Passport Number [REDACTED]. Both FEDUCCIA and WALKER were connected with the University of Michigan.

On 4/16/68, SE ROBERT P. LYNCH reviewed records of the Passport Office, United States Department of State (USDS), which revealed that JOHN ALAN FEDUCCIA, born [REDACTED] at Mobile, Alabama, was issued Passport Number [REDACTED] at WDC on 3/22/68. This passport was valid for three years travel to all countries except Cuba, mainland China, North Korea and North Vietnam. In application dated 3/14/68, FEDUCCIA furnished his permanent residence as Museum of Zoology, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48104. His parents were listed as JOSEPH CHARLES FEDUCCIA, born Baltimore, Maryland, [REDACTED] and MARY EMILY GARRAWAY, born Laurel, Mississippi, [REDACTED]. Person to be notified in event of death or accident was listed as his father at Pearman Avenue, Cleveland, Mississippi. It was indicated that FEDUCCIA planned to travel to Mexico, Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Costa Rica and Nicaragua for scientific research, departing New Orleans in April, 1968, for four months stay.

FEDUCCIA was described as five feet eleven inches tall, brown hair, brown eyes, student and never married.

FEDUCCIA had previously been issued Passport Number [REDACTED] on 7/26/62, at WDC for proposed travel to Honduras for purpose of "scientific expedition for L.S.U." His permanent address at that time was Memorial Drive, Cleveland, Mississippi.

On 4/16/68, SE LYNCH reviewed the files of the Passport Office, USDS concerning CHARLES FREDERIC WALKER, born [REDACTED] at Columbus, Ohio, was issued passport number [REDACTED] on 4/10/65, at WDC. Passport application dated 4/6/65, at Ann Arbor, Michigan, indicates his permanent address as 1261 Island Drive, Ann Arbor, Michigan and his mailing address as Museums Building, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan. His parents were listed as FREDERICK

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CHARLES WALKER, born [redacted] at Dresden, Ohio, and MARY LYMAN HARRINGTON, born [redacted] at Columbus, Ohio. He was described as five feet ten inches tall, gray/brown hair, gray eyes, never married and a professor.

The above passport was renewed on 3/21/68, making it valid until 4/9/69.

LEADS

MEMPHIS

AT MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE. Will exhibit photos of JOHN ALAN FEDUCCIA to appropriate witnesses and if he is identified as the unknown subject of this case, conduct appropriate investigation.

BIRMINGHAM

AT BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA. Will exhibit photos of JOHN ALAN FEDUCCIA to appropriate witnesses and if he is identified as the unknown subject of this case, conduct appropriate investigation.

Information copies of this communication being forwarded to Detroit and Jackson in the event those offices are requested to conduct investigations in the future.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS

Second mysterious car linked to King's assassin

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (UPI) — Published reports Thursday indicated the existence of a second mysterious automobile which the assassin of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. may have used to escape.

The Memphis Commercial Appeal quoted Charles Hurley, an advertising executive, as saying a dirty white Ford Mustang with Arkansas license plates was parked last Thursday near a main street boarding house where police believe the fatal bullet was fired.

Hurley, who said he gave a statement to the FBI, told the newspaper he saw a young white man who "roughly" matched the description of the suspect sit-

ting in the car about 40 minutes before King was shot by a sniper.

CLIFTON CANIPE, owner of Canipe Amusement Co., said he saw a man drive away in a white automobile parked in the same spot shortly after King was slain. Canipe saw the same man drop a parcel in front of his store. The parcel contained the Remington 30.06 rifle which is thought to be the murder weapon.

Patrons of Jim's Grill on South Main said a second white Mustang had been parked in front of the grill, about 100 feet North of the other auto, during the shooting. They said the car left the area about 6:15 p.m., some 14 minutes after the shooting.

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Mustang Probed in King Death

FBI Seizes Car

ATLANTA, April 12 (UP) — An impounded white Mustang resembling one that roared away from the scene of the sniper slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. last week in Memphis, Tenn., was under close inspection and guard by the FBI today.

"No comment," was the only word from officials, except to add that no warrant had been issued for the car's registered owner, Eric Starvo Galt, 37, of a Birmingham, Ala., address, where residents of a rooming house said they hadn't seen Mr. Galt in three months.

Florida police, at the request of the FBI, had issued a statewide "locate and notify" alert for Mr. Galt yesterday afternoon, about the time the 1966 Mustang was towed into the FBI's Atlanta headquarters and cloaked in secrecy. The FBI cancelled the alert about five hours later. There was no explanation.

SINCE FRIDAY

The Mustang, bearing 1968 Alabama license 1-36993 with two 1967 Mexican tourist stickers on its windows, was found in the parking lot of a southeast Atlanta apartment project about five blocks from the gold-domed capitol. Several residents said the car had been there since last Friday, the day after Dr. King's slaying.

Mrs. Ernest Payne said she saw "a nice looking man" get out of the car Friday morning and walk away. She said he was about 5-feet, 10-inches tall, 170 pounds with sandy hair.

Another resident, Mrs. John H. Riley, said she saw the car as early as 7 a.m. Friday, about 12 hours after Dr. King was shot 382 miles away. Joe Manus said he had seen the car since last Friday and Mrs. Mary Bridges reported seeing a well-dressed, dark-haired man near the car recently.

DESCRIPTION

Mrs. Bridges was uncertain whether the man resembled a police artist's sketch of the assassin who shot Dr. King with a 30.06 Remington rifle, reported purchased in Birmingham, after checking into a flophouse across from Dr. King's hotel in Memphis. The killer, described as a neatly dressed man with dark hair and "a silly smile," fled the rooming house after shooting Dr. King and abandoned the rifle and a suitcase in a nearby amusement center.

One Memphis witness said he saw a man get into a white Mustang and take off at high speed. Another witness theorized the Mustang was not from Tennessee because it had no front tag and a Memphis city inspection sticker.

Last night, in New York, U.S. Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark said regarding the King slaying that "we will report on some developments that should be made public soon." asked when, he replied, "when there are facts, a report will be made." Mr. Clark said, however, "I remain as optimistic as I ever have been" that the killer will be caught.

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Phony Name Dims King Investigation

ATLANTA, April 15 (UPI)—Indications mounted today that the most wanted man in the Nation, Eric Starvo Galt, never actually existed but was carefully contrived months before the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated.

Authorities pressed their search—without a warrant—for the man. But they indicated they feared Galt may be a blind set up to hamper the search for the killer, or killers, of Dr. King.

It was learned that investigators have been unable to trace his existence beyond last summer.

The man who called himself Galt purchased a car in Birmingham, Ala., on Aug. 30. He applied for an Alabama driver's license a week later, at which time he gave his occupation as an unemployed merchant marine sea-

man. But none of the merchant seamen's unions have any record of him, and it is impossible to work on a ship, officials say, without a union card.

Galt's trail grows cold in Atlanta, where his car—a white Mustang similar to one believed to have been used by the sniper in fleeing Memphis—was found abandoned April 5, the morning after Dr. King was slain.

In Birmingham, meanwhile, rooming house manager Peter Nicholas Cherpes said he had identified for FBI agents a sketch of a man known to him as Galt. Cherpes, 72, told the Birmingham News in a copyrighted interview that the sketch "looked exactly like" Galt.

"He was above the average roomer in dress, talk

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