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1006AM URGENT 4-10-68 SAA  
TO ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES  
FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 1P

MURKIN OO: MEMPHIS.

RE: SUSPECT ERIC STARVO GALT <sup>Done</sup>  
IMMEDIATELY CHECK YOUR INDICIES, ALL STATE SELECTIVE  
SERVICE HEADQUARTERS, <sup>Done</sup> CITY AND TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES,  
DRIVERS LICENSE BUREAUS, <sup>Done</sup> MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISIONS, <sup>Done</sup> FINANCIAL  
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CONTACT OTHER LOGICAL SOURCES TO OBTAIN ANY INFORMATION  
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<sup>5'11"</sup> [REDACTED] FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES, ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-  
<sup>Blue</sup> FIVE POUNDS, <sup>Brown</sup> BLUE EYES, BROWN HAIR.

THIS MUST BE GIVEN TOP PRIORITY AND ALL LEADS MUST BE  
COVERED BY TELETYPE TO THOROUGHLY RESOLVE. NO INDICATION  
TO BE GIVEN THAT THIS LEAD IS IN CONJUNCTION WITH MURKIN CASE.

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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO DIRECTOR AND MIAMI  
FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
MURKIN, CR.

RE JACKSON TELETYPE TO BUREAU AND MEMPHIS APRIL FIVE,  
LAST, QUOTING BOB MC GOWAN BELIEVED TO BE AN INFORMANT OF  
THE MIAMI OFFICE.

BOTH WHITE MALE ATTENDANTS, AND OWNER AND MANAGER, AT  
ESSO SERVICE STATION, SOUTHEAST CORNER OF HIGHWAY SIXTY ONE  
SOUTH AND BROOKS ROAD INTERVIEWED.

ONE ATTENDANT, FREDERIC ALVIN DORRIS, DOB [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] AT MEMPHIS, STATED HE WAS ON DUTY WHEN A WHITE  
OVER GREEN CUTLASS OLDSMOBILE, SIXTY EIGHT, WAS GASSED AND  
WASHED AT THIS SERVICE STATION ON AFTERNOON OF TUESDAY,  
APRIL TWO, LAST. ADMITS HE MADE TELEPHONE CALL AT THAT TIME  
AND THAT HE WALKED ALONE TO NEARBY RESTAURANT AND BROUGHT  
BACK FOOD. STATES HE WAS TALKING TO GIRL FRIEND AND DENIES  
ANY KNOWLEDGE OF DYNAMITE, BURNING OF CHURCH, VICTIM KING,  
ANY WHITE MUSTANG AND ANY RED DODGE PICKUP TRUCK AND ANY  
PERSONS AS DESCRIBED BY MC GOWAN. BELONGS TO NO ORGANIZATION

① - Jackson (AM) (Info)  
1 - Memphis  
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EXCEPT CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL WHICH HE ATTENDS REGULARLY. DORRIS IS NERVOUS AND SHAKY, SUFFERING FROM BIRTH DEFECT WHICH CAUSES INVOLUNTARY TREMORS.

OTHER ATTENDANT, PERRY SWEATMAN, DOB [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AT DUMAS, MISSISSIPPI, ARMY SERIAL NUMBER ONE FOUR TWO NINE NINE FIVE NINE THREE, STATES HE WAS PRESENT ON AFTERNOON OF WEDNESDAY APRIL THREE, LAST, WHEN BLACK VINYL OVER GREEN CUTLASS OLDSMOBILE, SIXTY EIGHT, BEARING FLORIDA LICENSE, WAS GASSED AND WASHED. HE TALKED TO OWNER OF CUTLASS WHO WAS FINISHING A PINT BOTTLE OF WHISKEY. OWNER TOLD HIM THAT HE WAS ON HIS WAY BACK TO FLORIDA, THAT HE HAD BOUGHT A MUSTANG FOR HIS DAUGHTER AND HAD WRECKED IT ON THE WAY TO TENNESSEE. THIS ATTENDANT DESCRIBED OWNER OF THE CUTLASS AS WHITE MALE, AGE FIFTY FIVE, FIVE FEET FIVE INCHES, ONE HUNDRED NINETY FIVE POUNDS, WITH DARK HAIR, WEARING KHAKI TROUSERS, AND SHIRT, BLUE JACKET AND GOLF CAP. SWEATMAN DENIES ANY KNOWLEDGE OF THINGS CLAIMED BY MC GOWAN.

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GIRL FRIEND OF DORRIS CORROBORATED RECEIVING TELEPHONE CALL WHICH CONCERNED SUNDAY SCHOOL MATTERS. OWNER OF SERVICE STATION DENIES KNOWLEDGE OF ANY SUCH CARS OR PERSONS MENTIONED BY INFORMANT, STATES DORRIS IS ONLY EMPLOYEE WHO HAS ANY PHYSICAL DISABILITIES SIMILAR TO PALSY.

MIAMI REQUESTED TO IMMEDIATELY FURNISH ESTIMATE OF RELIABILITY OF BOB MC GOWAN, THE INFORMANT.

AIRMAIL COPY MAILED JACKSON FOR INFORMATION.

PENDING.

END.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-3807)

DATE: 4/6/68

FROM : SA FRANK B. WATTS

SUBJECT: R. H. WATTS  
~~RM - KLAN~~

Re propensity for violence and assassination  
of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, 4/4/68.

Above captioned individual was observed by  
the writer at Bill's Barber Shop, 9th Street, Meridian,  
Mississippi, from about 7:00 P.M. to 10:30 P.M. on night  
of 4/4/68.

① - Jackson (157-3807)  
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*make report for 157-3807*

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(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-9586) (P)

MURKIN

OO: Memphis

Re Bureau teletype 4/9/68 and Albany teletype  
4/9/68.RE THERMO-SEAL MACHINES MANUFACTURED BY  
TEXTILE MARKING MACHINE CO., SYRACUSE, NEW YORK

Enclosed for the Bureau is one piece of cloth with several samples of tape markings, yellow in color, of "02B-6" and "MIF14" and "MIF15." Also enclosed are several strips of dark-red and light-red tape with no lettering and strips of dark-red tapes with black lettering.

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"02B-6" or "D2B-6" are not markings of his company. His tape is 5/16 inch laundry-marking tape made by the Textile Marking Machine Company, Syracuse, New York. His laundry purchases this tape from F. H. Ross and Rudolph Ramelli, both of Jackson, Mississippi. This tape comes in eight to ten colors; however, red is not a good color, in that the ink from the machine tends to fade and run on red tape.

EMMONS made available a sample of cloth with several samples of tape markings, yellow in color. He numbered the lettering on the tape as "02B-6", "MIF14," and "MIF15." He made available other items described in paragraph one which are enclosed for the Bureau.

The managers of the Rudolph Ramelli Company and F. H. Ross Company, both of Jackson, Mississippi, advised that the only machine handling Thermo-Seal to ~~the~~<sup>their</sup> knowledge in the central and southern portions of the state is the Phoenix Laundry in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. They do not handle northern Mississippi.

LEAD:

AT BUREAU

The FBI Laboratory is requested to compare lettering and strips of tape enclosed with the two articles recovered at the scene of the shooting 4/4/68, a white Jockey T-shirt and checkered print undershorts, containing cloth laundry tags allegedly made by a Thermo-Seal marking machine manufactured by Textile Marking Machine Company, Syracuse, New York. Results should be immediately furnished Memphis and interested offices.

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TO MARCH SIXTY SEVEN, AT WHICH TIME WILLARD LEFT MOBILE.

BERNEY STATED HE RECEIVED A LETTER FROM WILLARD, JANUARY  
SIXTY EIGHT, ADVISING WILLARD PRESENTLY EMPLOYED ROSENBLATT  
AND SON, INC., NAVAL ARCHITECTS, MARINE ENGINEERS, SEVEN  
ZERO SEVEN BROADWAY, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA.

AS MOBILE NOT FURNISHED BACKGROUND INFORMATION, JACKSON  
REQUESTED TO SET OUT LEAD TO SAN DIEGO. P.

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