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REGION, IRS, TO LOCATE PAST INCOME TAX RETURNS ^{ERIC} EARL GALT
NINETEEN SIXTY TO PRESENT.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

COLUMBUS - COLUMBUS MOTEL

CORINTH - SOUTHERN MOTEL

GREENVILLE - GILHARA MOTOR HOTEL.

GREENWOOD - NAAMAN'S MOTEL

HATTIESBURG - DUMAS MOTEL

TUPELO - TOWNHOUSE MOTEL

WEST POINT - MARSHALL MOTEL

MOBILE AT PIGEON FORGE, WILL AT THE VACATION LODGE MOTEL CONDUCT SAME INVESTIGATION AS REQUESTED OF ATLANTA.
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LOUISVILLE AT PADUCAH, REVIEW NATIONAL MERITIME UNION AND ILA RECORDS FOR INFORMATION RE SUSPECT GALT WORKING ABOARD BARGES OR RIVER BOATS.

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

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

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

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

ST. LOUIS, WILL CONTACT SIU AND NMU UNION HALLS FOR RECORD OF SUSPECT GALT.

WILL ALSO CONTACT EAGLE BOAT AND FUEL, ECONOMY BOAT STORE, ORY BROTHERS MARINE, ST. LOUIS FUEL AND SUPPLY AND WAYNE VAHLE, INC., RE PAST EMPLOYMENT OF SUSPECT GALT.
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AT SAVANNAH, RE CONTACT SAVANNAH MOTOR LODGE AND CONDUCT
INVESTIGATION AS SET FORTH FOR ATLANTA.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

DATE: 4/11/68

FROM : Roy D. Christopher

SUBJECT: MURKIN; CIVIL RIGHTS.

At 1:40 am instant date Security Patrol Clerk Bell, from the Memphis Office telephonically contacted this office on FTS and advised that the following corrections be made on a 6 page teletype we had received from Memphis at 12:08 am instant date. The teletype went to 12 offices.

Page 1, line one, should read "SUSPECT ERIC STARVO GALT,".

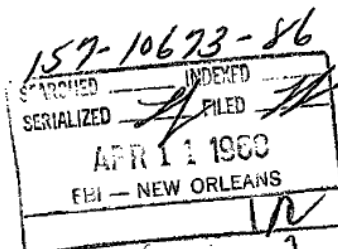
Page 3, line one, should read "INCOME TAX RETURN ERIC GALT".

These were the only corrections to be made and the teletype has been corrected by the writer.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-10673)

DATE: 4/11/68

FROM : ASAC

SUBJECT: MURKIN

[SAC JOSEPH GAMBLE of the Birmingham Office advised they had received a teletype from Los Angeles indicating they had some laundry marks at Hollywood, Calif. that "looked good" and samples had been had carried to the Lab; that the laundry was located one block from the place where the needle point pliers were traced to and had been run by one JAN WALLIS VERNON, aka. JEROME WALLIS VERNON, who matched the description of UNSUB.

While talking SAC GAMBLE advised he had received a teletype from the Bureau just then saying the fingerprints did not match.

WILLIAM MARTINDALE, Division VI, whose unit is handling this investigation, advised the Bureau desired the negative type of information we were forwarding by teletype on a daily basis. He stated it was their theory, based on the variances in descriptions in Birmingham and Memphis, there might be two persons involved.

SAC GAMBLE of Birmingham advised that when GALT purchased the automobile he had used the term "barger" which was unknown to the persons he purchased the car from and they asked him what he meant and he said he worked on a barge. GAMBLE said there is some indication this would be the type of language used by a foreigner in describing his work and that when we were checking out leads on the waterfront we should keep this in mind to determine whether or not this is a colloquial term used by people in the U. S. or whether it would be someone who is not from the U. S.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-19673)

DATE: 4/11/68

FROM : SA Stephen M. Callender

SUBJECT: MURKIN

This is to advise that at a pproximately 6:30 PM on 4/9/68 ASAC Ralph Rampton of ~~xxx~~ Birmingham telephonically furnished the following information.

He had received instructions from the Bureau to telephonically contact all ~~xxxxx~~ Bureau offices in this part of the country with a port to have the following investigation conducted.

1. Determine the identities of all ships sailing from the port of New Orleans from April 4, 1968 to date

2. Determine if there were any members of the crew of passengers on these ships with the name of HARVEY LOWMEYER, JOHN WILLARD or ERIC STARVO GALT.

On the morning of 4/10/68 Captain S. A. JENNINGS, District Ship Operations and Government Aid Officer, U. S. Maritime Administration, 701 Loyola Ave. advised that the best place to determine the identities of all ship sailings from the port of New Orleans would be through the Captain of the Ports Office, U. S. Coast Guard, New Orleans. This agency should be able to furnish the identities of the ships, owners and Agents.

I contact R. B. Nemeth, Captain of the Ports Office, U. S. Coast Guard, 1201 Lake Shore Drive, New Orleans telephonically on 4/10/68 and he stated that he could provide the above information and Agent should contact him.

LEAD:

At New Orleans

Will contact R. B. NEMETH for the desired information.



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FBI BIRMGHAM

1058 AM URGENT 4-11-68 JGA

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

FROM BIRMINGHAM 44-1740

MURKIN; CR; OO MEMPHIS.

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

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

MOBILE, JACKSON, NEW ORLEANS, MEMPHIS AND ST. LOUIS CHECK STATE
① COMPENSATION AGENCIES IN EFFORT TO IDENTIFY POSSIBLE PAYMENT TO GALT
AS SOURCE OF FUNDS AVAILABLE TO HIM AT BIRMINGHAM. TRY TO
IDENTIFY ANY WORK-RELATED COMPENSATION OR INJURY COMPENSATION, OR
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION PAID TO GALT, OR ANY KIND OF SETTLEMENT
MONEY HE MAY HAVE BEEN PAID UPON TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT. IF
② RECORD FOUND, OBTAIN ANY BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON HIM. CHECK FOR
HIS NAME UNDER CATEGORIES OF STEVEDORES, LONGSHOREMEN, WAREHOUSEMEN,
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AND RELATED OCCUPATIONS. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER NOT AVAILABLE, SO ALL OTHER POSSIBILITIES MUST BE CHECKED. HE TOLD ONE PERSON HE HAD BEEN A "BARGER" BETWEEN ST. LOUIS AND MOBILE. //SPECIFICALLY CHECK OFFICES PAYING COMPENSATION IN AREAS WHERE SEAMEN AND LONGSHOREMEN WOULD BE FOUND, SUCH AS AT MAJOR PORT CITIES. //

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

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AIRMAIL

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Springfield teletype to Director, Memphis, New Orleans, and Jackson, 4/7/68, at 8:24 p.m.; New Orleans teletype to Director, Memphis, and Jackson, 4/8/68, at 2:26 a.m.

SUSPECT: BILLY RAY KING

Enclosed for Memphis are 25 copies each of FD-302's setting forth results of interviews with MARJORIE KENNEDY and GERTRUDE FRITH on 4/7/68 at Lake Providence, Louisiana.

The following is a synopsis of these FD-302's:

GERTRUDE FRITH, Lake Providence, Louisiana, advises son, BILLY RAY KING, left Lake Providence area on 4/4/68 and was driven to Greenville, Mississippi, by girl friend. She has not heard from KING since. MARJORIE KENNEDY, Lake Providence, Louisiana, girl friend of KING, advises she drove KING to Greenville, Mississippi, 4/4/68, to catch a bus for Quincy, Ill. They drove in KING's 1967 Mustang and subsequently on 4/4/68 she received a call from KING, who said he was at Clarksdale, Mississippi, where his bus had broken down. She then drove to Clarksdale, picked up KING, and returned to Lake Providence, Louisiana, at about 1:00 p.m., 4/5/68. She subsequently drove KING to his employer's office at Greenville, Mississippi, where he was to obtain transportation.

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AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Memphis tel to New Orleans, 4/9/68, at 4:07 PM;
New Orleans tel to Memphis 4/9/68, at 11:42 PM; and New
Orleans tel to Memphis 4/10/68, at 9:16 PM.

RE: LOUISIANA LICENSE 292028

Enclosed for Memphis are 25 copies each of
FD-302's setting forth results of an interview with
LUBERT FONTENOT, on 4/10/68 at Welsh, Louisiana, as well
as 25 copies of an FD-302 regarding the examination of a
Ford truck bearing La. license 292028, on 4/10/68.

The following is a synopsis of these FD-302's:

LUBERT FONTENOT, Welsh, La., advises he was in
Memphis, Tennessee on April 3, 1968, at which time he
left and returned to his residence at Welsh, La., on
April 4, 1968. He was driving a 1964 Ford truck and had
no information concerning the killing of Doctor KING.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

DATE: 4/6/68

FROM : SA JOHN A. PFEIFER

SUBJECT: Shooting of MARTIN LUTHER
KING, JR. at Memphis,
Tennessee, April 4, 1968
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Father AUGUST THOMPSON, Liaison source, Ferriday, Louisiana was contacted on 4/4/68 and 4/5/68 and advised there is no indication that anyone plans reprisals in the Concordia Parish area.

His efforts to let the white clerical leadership take a hand in preparing a local memorial service have resulted in a failure to have any concrete arrangement made for any such memorial service.



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Memorandum

TO : 157-10673

DATE: 4/9/68

FROM : SA LELAND A. LYNN

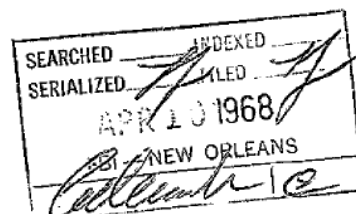
SUBJECT: MURKIN
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The following persons were contacted on 4/5/68, and all advised that they have not received any information concerning any possible violence in their area, and all have good contacts with the Negro leaders in the community:

Captain JESSIE BLAKEMAN, Morgan City, La. Police Depart.
BILL DICKERSON, Major, Morgan City Sheriff's Office
JOE GARLOTTE, Chief of Police, Franklin, La.
Major JOHNNY GRAFFEO, Sheriff's Office, Franklin.

Chief GARLOTTE stated that a memorial service was planned at the Zion Baptist Church on 4/7/68, and march was to follow this memorial service. Chief GARLOTTE does not expect any violence.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS 157-¹⁰⁶⁷³~~10326~~

DATE: 4/9/68

FROM : SA LELAND A. LYNN

SUBJECT: MURKIN
RM

A memorial service was held at the Zion Baptist Church, Morris and Second Street, Franklin, Louisiana from 2:00PM to about 3:pm on 4/7/68. After the service Negroes gathered in front of the church where a march was formed. The march began about 3:50 PM and they marched to the court house where they sang hymns and prayed. They then marched to the community center where the march ended. SA LYNN observed the march, and no incidents happened, and only three white persons were noted in the march. Two of the white persons were ROSE MARY BROUSSARD, and her husband BEVERLY BROUSSARD. The other white man was not known by the Franklin Police Department.

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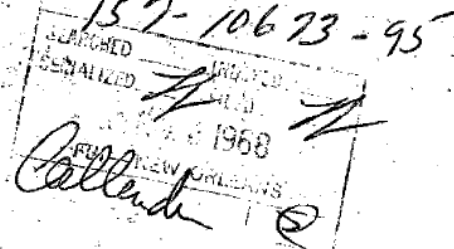
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SA LELAND A. LYNN

WILMOTE D. GIBBS
LIAISON SOURCE

On 4/5/68, GIBBS stated that he believed that no violence will occur at Franklin in connection with the death of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. He stated that some of the local Negroes are planning a march on 4/7/68, from the Zion Baptist Church in Franklin to the ~~city~~ Parish court house. He anticipated no problems during the coming months.

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TO: DIRECTOR (MAIL) AND MEMPHIS

FROM: JACKSON (157-9586)

MURKIN

SPRINGFIELD TEL TO BUREAU, MEMPHIS, NEW ORLEANS AND
JACKSON, APRIL SEVEN, LAST.

JERRY WILSON, OFFICE MANAGER, KGW TOWING COMPANY,
GREENVILLE, MISS., ADVISED INSTANT DATE THAT BILLY RAY KING
IS PRESENTLY EMPLOYED BY KGW AS A BOAT HAND. WILSON
STATED THAT HE SAW KING AT FIVE P.M., APRIL FOUR, LAST, IN
GREENVILLE, MISS., AT WHICH TIME HE ADVANCED KING MONEY
ON HIS NEXT PAY CHECK. AT SEVEN FIFTYFIVE P.M. THAT
DATE, HE PUT KING ON A GREYHOUND BUS AT GREENVILLE, MISS.,
EN ROUTE TO QUINCY, ILL. WILSON STATED THAT KING ARRIVED
IN CLARKSDALE, MISS., AND WAS TOLD THAT THE BUS WOULD NOT
BE ALLOWED TO CONTINUE TO MEMPHIS. KING OBTAINED A ROOM

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AT THE DOWNTOWNER MOTOR HOTEL IN CLARKSDALE. WILSON EXHIBITED A RECEIPT FROM THE DOWNTOWNER INDICATING THAT KING OBTAINED THE ROOM AT TEN TWELVE P.M., APRIL FOUR, LAST. WILSON STATED THAT KING TRAVELED TO LAKE PROVIDENCE, LA., APPARENTLY ON APRIL FIVE, LAST, AND RETURNED TO GREENVILLE, MISS., ON APRIL FIVE, LAST, AT WHICH TIME HE TOOK A SOUTHERN AIRLINES FLIGHT OUT OF GREENVILLE EN ROUTE TO MEMPHIS. IN MEMPHIS HE TOOK A BUS TO ROCK ISLAND, ILL. HE SIGNED ONTO THE GEORGE WEATHERS AS A DECKHAND AT THREE A.M., APRIL EIGHT, INSTANT, AT ROCK ISLAND, ILL.

BUREAU, BIRMINGHAM, NEW ORLEANS, SPRINGFIELD
ADVISED AIRMAIL.

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TO: DIRECTOR, DALLAS, MEMPHIS, AND BIRMINGHAM
FROM: JACKSON (157-9586)

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REJNTEL CALL TO TYLER, TEXAS RA APRIL EIGHT, SIXTYEIGHT.
MEMPHIS BY TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR DATED APRIL SEVEN,
LAST, ADVISED THAT IN CONNECTION WITH VARIOUS ITEMS WHICH MAY
BE OF EVIDENCE IN INSTANT CASE, TWO CANS OF SCHLITZ BEER WERE
RECOVERED FROM A BLUE OVERNIGHT BAG DROPPED BY SUSPECT IN
MEMPHIS. THESE SCHLITZ BEER CANS WERE INSIDE A LARGE BROWN
PAPER BAG BEARING TRADE NAME "HOMESTEAD" REGISTERED TO GRAHAM
PAPER CO., ST. LOUIS, MO. BEER CANS BORE MISS. STATE TAX
STAMP NUMBERS ZERO THREE OVER ONE FIVE EIGHT. THE MEMPHIS
OFFICE ADVISED THEY WERE NOT AWARE OF THE EXACT SIGNIFICANCE
OF THESE NUMBERS, BUT THAT POSSIBILITY EXISTED NUMBERS MIGHT
APPLY TO A TAX PAID BY A DISTRIBUTOR AND COULD CONCEIVABLY
INDICATE AREA IN WHICH BEER WAS SOLD.

- ① - NEW ORLEANS (AM)
- ① - ST. LOUIS (AM)
- ① - JACKSON

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THE JACKSON OFFICE WAS REQUESTED TO EXPLORE THE SIGNIFICANCE AND POSSIBLE MEANING OF NUMBERS OR TAX STAMP. IF THE NUMBERS DESIGNATED A PARTICULAR AREA SERVED BY A DISTRIBUTOR IN MISS., IT WAS REQUESTED THAT JACKSON ALSO DETERMINE WHAT RETAILERS APPEAR IN SAME AREA MIGHT ALSO POSSIBLY USE PAPER BAG BEARING ABOVE IDENTIFYING DATA.

MR. JAMES JONES, TOBACCO, BEER, AND PRIVILEGE TAX DIVISION, MISS. STATE TAX COMMISSION, JACKSON, MISS., ADVISED THIS DATE THAT NUMBERS ON TAX STAMP EFFECTED BY SCHLITZ BREWING CO., LONGVIEW, TEXAS, AT TIME BEER IS CANNED AND FOR NO PARTICULAR SIGNIFICANCE TO MISS. TAX COMMISSION. MR. JONES ADVISED THAT BREWERY AT LONGVIEW, TEXAS, MIGHT POSSIBLY ATTRIBUTE SIGNIFICANCE TO NUMBERS ON TAX STAMP AND MIGHT CONCEIVABLY BE ABLE TO ADVISE DISTRIBUTOR TO WHICH INSTANT CANS SHIPPED.

AS A RESULT OF REFERENCED TEL CALL, SA CHARLES L. BROWN, RA, TYLER, TEXAS, ADVISED THAT HIS INITIAL INQUIRY AT SCHLITZ

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BREWING COMPANY, LONGVIEW, TEXAS, INDICATES THAT ABOVE CAPTIONED NUMBERS INDICATE THAT BEER WAS CANNED ON MARCH FIFTEEN, SIXTYEIGHT, ^{Long View, Texas} AND SUBSEQUENTLY SHIPPED TO STATE OF MISS. NO OTHER SIGNIFICANCE CAN BE ATTACHED TO THIS NUMBER. SCHLITZ BREWERY RECORDS INDICATE STATE OF MISS. HAS FIFTEEN DISTRIBUTORS. IDENTITY OF THESE DISTRIBUTORS BEING DETERMINED IN EVENT, FURTHER IDENTIFYING INFORMATION RELATIVE TO BEER CANS IS OBTAINED.

HILLIS MC LEMORE, MANAGER, GRAHAM PAPER CO., JACKSON, MISS., ADVISED THIS DATE NAME "HOMESTEAD" IS TRADE NAME FOR BAGS DISTRIBUTED BY THEIR COMPANY. BAG IN QUESTION COULD HAVE BEEN MANUFACTURED IN NUMBER OF MILLS WHICH MANUFACTURE BAGS FOR GRAHAM UNDER TRADE NAME, AND POSSIBLY THE POINT OF MANUFACTURE COULD BE IDENTIFIED BY EXAMINATION OF BAG ITSELF AT ST. LOUIS. STATED COULD POSSIBLY RECOGNIZE DIE USED TO IMPRINT TRADE NAME, AS DIE COULD BE DIFFERENT AT EACH OF THE MILLS. NINETY PERCENT OF HIS BUSINESS IN STATE OF

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MISSISSIPPI IS SALES TO JOBBERS WHO IN TURN SELL TO INDIVIDUAL STORES OR RETAILERS.

THE MEMPHIS DISTRIBUTOR, CHRIS REHKOPF, COVERS NORTHERN MISSISSIPPI AND NEW ORLEANS OFFICE COVERS SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI. IF GIVEN SIZE OF BAG EACH DISTRIBUTOR COULD TELL TO WHICH JOBBERS HE HAD SOLD BAGS OF THAT SIZE WITHIN PAST THREE MONTHS. IT WOULD THEN BE NECESSARY TO FIND OUT FROM JOBBERS TO WHOM THEY HAD SOLD BAGS.

DALLAS AT LONGVIEW TEXAS EXPEDITE COVERAGE OF LEAD AND ADVISE BUREAU AND MEMPHIS.

BUREAU, JACKSON, AND MEMPHIS RESULTS FOLLOW BY THREE ZERO TWO'S TO MEMPHIS.

MEMPHIS WILL INTERVIEW CHRIS REHKOPF, MEMPHIS DISTRIBUTOR, AND CONSIDER EXHIBIT OF BAG FOR EXAMINATION TO DETERMINE TO WHICH JOBBERS HE HAS SOLD BAGS FOR PAST THREE MONTHS.

AM COPIES TO NEW ORLEANS AND ST. LOUIS.

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537PM URGENT 4-11-68 SVW

TO NEW ORLEANS 157-10673 MEMPHIS 44-1987

FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 1P

MURKIN.

RE NEW ORLEANS AIRTEL APRIL EIGHT.

LATENT PRINTS THIS CASE NOT IDENTICAL SUBMITTED

MAJOR CASE PRINTS RONALD BARDIN SIMPSON. MAJOR CASE

PRINTS RETAINED TEMPORARILY.

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SA LELAND A. LYNN

ZACK PALMER, JR.
BIAISON SOURCE

On 4/5/68, PALMER stated that nothing is planned todate regarding a Memorial Service for MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. in Morgan City. He said he felt no violence would occur in Morgan City in the coming months.

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Petty Violence Continues to Plague City

Police said today that New Orleans continued to be plagued by minor incidents of firebomb attempts, vandalism and break-ins during the night.

At least 20 arrests were made. There were 15 minor arson attempts.

Most of the arrests last night were made by police against congregating groups refusing to move on when ordered to do so.

This group included 13 Negroes. Disturbances, in the last six days have come in the wake of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, the civil rights leader, in Memphis, Tenn.

Nine were arrested at Washington and Willow about 9:15 p. m. They are Jocalin Chaters, 25, 2425 Delachaise; Walter Pleasant, 19, 3726 Bruxelles; Elmo B. Cornelius, 30, 1024 Cherokee

Norbert Ralph Jr., 27, 3418 S. Robert; Horace Register, 23, 1355 St. Anthony; Rogers R. Nelson, 17, 2023 Jackson; Willie Hamilton, 28, 1132 Carondelet; J. A. Labran, 20, 2801 LaSalle, and Earl J. Matirne, 20, 1821 Foucher.

POLICE ARRESTED James Warren, 21, 2309 Baronne, and Emanuel Dangerfield, 18, 2724 First, in the 2700 block of S. Claiborne and booked them with using obscene language and refusing to move on.

Two persons were arrested at S. Claiborne and Washington for disturbing the peace by yelling and screaming. They are Robert Lee Course, 20, 420 N. Johnson, and Teddy Wilson, 17, 1308 S. Tonti. Both are Negroes.

Lionel Joseph, Negro 25, 1015 Washington, was arrested in the

3000 block of Laurel and booked with armed robbery in connection with the holdup of \$15 from Robert Lowe, 16.

Police said Lowe pointed out Joseph and three other Negroes who fled after they had taken \$15 from him forcibly about midnight.

POLICE AND FIREMEN answered at least 15 minor arson attempts at the following addresses, beginning about 5:45 p.m. and continuing until midnight:

Pleasure and Hamburg, Sere and Gibson, 2015 Hendee ct., 400 Philip, 1911 Gov. Nicholls, 2316 Melpomene, 2718 Soniat, 2507 Valmont, 2226 Marigny, 814 Hope, 3917 Camp, Washington, and S. Tonti, 3600 Gibson, Eighth and Dryades and 405 Elmira.

Mrs. Albertes Zernott, 47, 1901 Ellen Pk. Pl., Algiers, reported that vandals turned over her 1961 compact car in the driveway of her home about 9:15 p. m.

Meanwhile, police arrested three juveniles and turned them over to juvenile authorities after they broke into the Security Co., store at 300 S. Rampart.

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STATES-ITEM

NEW ORLEANS, LA.

Date: 4-11-68

Edition: RED COMET

Author: GEORGE W. HEALY

Editor: RACIAL DISTURBANCE

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TO: DIRECTOR, AND SACS, JACKSON AND MEMPHIS

FROM: NEW ORLEANS (157-10673) (P)

MURKIN
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RE JACKSON TELETYPE TO NEW ORLEANS, APRIL TEN, LAST.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU, REFERENCED TELETYPE

STATED ROBERT SEWELL, MHSP, ADVISED MEMPHIS PD ON APRIL FIVE, LAST, HE WAS APPROACHED BY WHITE MALE, LATER IDENTIFIED THROUGH LICENSE CHECK AS BILLY D. MC GRIFF, AND ANOTHER UNIDENTIFIED WHITE MALE, AND TOLD THAT MC GRIFF AND COMPANION WERE DRINKING BEER IN LOUNGE ON SOUTH MAIN STREET, MEMPHIS, NIGHT OF SLAYING. MC GRIFF INTERVIEWED APRIL TEN, LAST, AND ADMITS BEING IN MEMPHIS APRIL FOUR, LAST, ACCOMPANIED BY VAN SULLIVAN, WHITE MALE, MIZE, MISS., A CO-WORKER. STATES THEY HAD RETURNED TO THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, AT TIME OF ASSASSINATION.

MC GRIFF STATES HE WAS NOT IN BIRMINGHAM MARCH TWENTY-NINE DASH THIRTY, LAST, BUT WAS EITHER EMPLOYED ON JOB THROUGH L. E. MYERS COMPANY, JACKSON, MISS., OR AT HOME WITH WIFE AND FAMILY.

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MC GRIFF DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BILLY D. MC GRIFF, ONE THREE FOUR TWO PLANTATION
ROAD, JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, WHITE MALE, BORN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AT SEBASTOPOL, MISS., FIVE FEET ELEVEN

INCHES TALL, ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY POUNDS, MEDIUM BUILD,

BLACK HAIR, BROWN EYES, RUDDY COMPLEXION, THUMB OFF LEFT

HAND, EMPLOYED AS ELECTRICIAN, IN U.S. ARMY FROM SEPTEMBER,

NINETEEN FORTYEIGHT, TO MAY, NINETEEN FIFTYTWO, ~~U.S. ARMY~~ *USA, Serial*

NUMBER ONE FOUR THREE ZERO ONE SIX ONE NINE, HONORABLE

DISCHARGE, MARRIED, WIFE MARTHA WOLVERTON MC GRIFF, MOTHER

VIRGINIA MC GRIFF, FREDERICKA STREET, JACKSON, MISS.,

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CLAIMS NO ARREST RECORD.

BUREAU REQUESTED TO COMPARE FINGERPRINTS OF

MC GRIFF, U.S. ARMY SERIAL NUMBER [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], WITH LATENT PRINTS THIS CASE.

JACKSON. WILLTTHROUGH L. E. MYERS, CONTRACTOR, OR
WIFE AND ASSOCIATES, VERIFY SUBJECT'S WHEREABOUTS MARCH
TWENTYNINE DASH THIRTY, LAST.

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LOCATE AND INTERVIEW VAN SULLIVAN, MIZE, MISS.,
WHO CAN BE LOCATED THROUGH IBEW, LOCAL SIX ZERO FIVE, JACKSON,
MISS.

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ADDPWABRGENT 4/11/68 CAB
TO ALL SACS
FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 2P.

MURKIN

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

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

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

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

[REDACTED] ACCORDING TO HIS DRIVERS LICENSE.

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

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

END

ME...MCP

FBI MEMPHIS

NO...MMW

FBI NEW ORLS

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MO...FLK

FBI MOBILE

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-10673)

FROM : ASAC SYLVESTER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/11/68

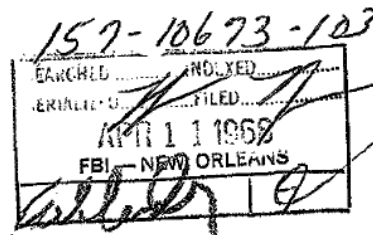
ReButel 4/11/68 to all SACs request APB.

A check with Memphis as to whether or not APB should be put out on auto as well as GALT determined the automobile reportedly had been recovered in Atlanta; that the Mobile Office would have more information concerning this.

A check with SAC BILL ALEXANDER reflected the car was found abandoned in Atlanta.

APB not being put out on GALT until further check made with Memphis and Bureau to determine whether this APB should be put out on GALT In view of this development.

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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-10673)

DATE: 4/11/68

FROM : SA JOHN M. DUNAY

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 4/10/68, ~~CLAUDE FARMER~~, who wrks for F. H. ROSS COMPANY, a cleaning supply company, Baton Rouge, La., advised that he knows of no Thermo-Seal Marking Machines in use in the Tangipahoa Parish, La., area. He advised that there may be a few in New Orleans but he does not know where. He advised that he knows of one cleaning establishment in Baton Rouge by the name of Keans Cleaners which uses this type of machine.

FARMER advised that his company and the Rudolph Ramelli Co., New Orleans, La., supply the tapes for these machines and the main offices of these companies may be able to advise which cleaners have these machines.

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625PM URGENT 4/11/68 GJM

TO ALL SACS

FROM DIRECTOR IP

MURKIN

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

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

FROM: NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

MURKIN

RE NEW ORLEANS TELETYPE APRIL TEN LAST AT 9:08 PM;

MEMPHIS TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR APRIL 11 LAST at 12:08 AM

RE: SUSPECT ERIC STARVO GALT

CONTINUED REVIEW OF CITY DIRECTORIES, TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES
~~XXXX~~
 VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS, COURT RECORDS, RECORDS OF CREDIT BUREAU'S
 POLICE DEPARTMENTS, SHERIFF'S OFFICES, BANKING INSTITUTIONS,
 UTILITY COMPANIES, PUBLIC LIBRARIES ETC, IN VARIOUS AREAS OF
 LOUISIANA CONDUCTED THIS DATE HOWEVER NO INFORMATION IDENTIFIABLE
 WITH GALT LOCATED. CHECKS INCLUDED VARIATIONS IN SPELLING
 OF SURNAME.

RE: HERBERT LOWMEYER

DURING SAME CONTACTS SET FORTH ABOVE ~~XXX~~ NO RECORD
 IDENTIFIABLE WITH LOWMEYER OR VARIATIONS IN SPELLING OF SURNAME
 LOCATED.

RE: REVIEW OF MOTOR VEHICLE RECORDS
 FOR 1961-62 AT BATON ROUGE, LA.

FOR DRIVERS LICENSE AND BACKGROUND

ERIC STARVO
OF GALT.

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SEARCH OF MICROFILM OF DRIVERS LICENSE RECORDS
FOR YEARS NINETEEN SIXTY THROUGH NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE
CONDUCTED ~~HOWEVER~~ ^{NOT} LICENSE FOR ERIC STARVO GALT/ LOCATED.
THERE ARE NO RECORDS OF PERSONS BEING ISSUED DRIVERS LICENSES
PRIOR TO NINETEEN SIXTY.

A SEARCH OF THE ACTIVE FILES OF THE DRIVERS LICENSE
DIVISION (DLD) STATE OF LOUISIANA FOR YEARS NINETEEN SIXTY
FOUR TO DATE DID NOT REVEAL ANY LICENSE FOR ERIC STARVO
GALT OR HERBERT LOWMEYER OR VARIATIONS OF THESE NAMES.

RE: LAUNDRY TAGS

LAUNDRIES IN LOUISIANA CONTACTED THIS DATE WITH
NEGATIVE RESULTS ^{AS} TO CODE AND TAG IN QUESTION.

RE: SHIPS SAILING FROM PORT OF NEW ORLEANS
APRIL FOUR TO APRIL NINE INSTANT.

INVESTIGATION HAS DETERMINED THAT A TOTAL OF FIFTY
THREE SHIPS HAVE SAILED FROM THE PORT OF NEW ORLEANS DURING
THE ABOVE PERIOD. IDENTITIES OF SHIPS, OWNERS AND DEPARTURE
DATES OBTAINED.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING.

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Special Agent in Charge

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AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re New Orleans teletype to Director, Charlotte
and Memphis, 4/6/68 at 6:25 p.m.;
Charlotte teletype to the Director, New Orleans
and Memphis, 4/6/68 at 9:14 p.m.;
Bureau teletype to Memphis and New Orleans
dated 4/7/68 at 5:55 a.m.;
Bureau teletype to New Orleans dated 4/7/68 at
3:59 p.m..

Re: SUSPECT RONALD BARDIN SIMPSON

Enclosed for Memphis are 25 copies each of
FD-302's setting forth results of interviews with
Deputy Sheriff GEORGE SPEIGHT and RONALD BARDIN SIMPSON
on 4/6/68 at Jennings, La.

Also enclosed are 25 copies of an insert setting
forth results of latent fingerprint examination.

The following is a synopsis of the enclosed
material:

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RONALD BARDIN SIMPSON arrested at Jennings, La., 4/6/68, on charges of vagrancy. Upon interview, SIMPSON states he has past history of nervous disorder and on April 4, 1968, was in Houston, Texas. Examination of fingerprints of SIMPSON with latent fingerprints in this matter determined not identical.

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AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Jacksonville teletype to Director, Jackson,
New Orleans and Memphis dated 4/5/68 at 10:41 a.m.;
Jackson teletype to the Director, Jacksonville,
New Orleans and Memphis, 4/5/68 at 4:46 p.m.;
New Orleans teletype to Jackson, Jacksonville
and Memphis, 4/5/68 at 9:09 p.m..

Re: SUSPECT FORNEY MARION HAZEL

Enclosed for Memphis are 25 copies of an insert
setting forth results of interviews with Chief of Police
J. C. KELLY, Monroe, Louisiana, and Father LOUIS TOOMEY,
Loyola University, New Orleans, on 4/5/68.

The following is a synopsis of this insert:

Investigation has determined that FORNEY MARION
HAZEL has been incarcerated in jail at Monroe, La.,
continuously since 3/8/68. Father LOUIS TOOMEY, Loyola
University, New Orleans, states he has received no information
regarding any alleged attempt to assassinate CHARLES EVERS.

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AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10678) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re New Orleans teletype to Director and Memphis
dated 4/5/68 at 1:06 a.m.;
New Orleans teletype to Director and Memphis
dated 4/5/68 at 8:06 p.m.;
New Orleans teletype to Director and Memphis
dated 4/9/68 at 3:21 p.m..

RE: ANONYMOUS TELEPHONE CALL RECEIVED
BY NEW ORLEANS FBI ON EVENING OF
4/4/68

Enclosed for Memphis are 25 copies each of the
following described items:

- (1) An insert setting forth information
regarding anonymous telephone call.
- (2) An insert setting forth results of contacts
with hotels and motels at Alexandria, Louisiana.
- (3) Inserts for a cover page setting forth
results of contact with LAMAR WATERS of the SBT&T Co.,
Alexandria, La.

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(4) Inserts for cover page setting forth results of contact with ED TURNLEY, Security Supervisor, SBT&T Co.

The following is a synopsis of the enclosed inserts:

On the evening of 4/4/68, an anonymous telephone call was received by the New Orleans Office of the FBI. The caller claimed that on 4/3/68, he had overheard BERNARD LANSKY make a statement which the caller felt might have a bearing on the assassination. LANSKY was observed to give money to an unknown white male at the Downtowner Motel, Memphis, Tennessee. Hotels and Motels at Alexandria, La., contacted and names of registered guests indicating addresses as Memphis, Tenn., and other areas in Tennessee obtained.

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EDITORIAL**To our responsible citizens**

Violent outbursts, triggered by the death of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., have swept over many Northern and Eastern cities in the last three days, and the damage from these scenes of riot and arson will mount into the millions of dollars.

It is, in our opinion, a tribute to Lake Charles citizens of both races that Lake Charles has been free of violence connected with the slaying of the civil rights leader.

Leaders of both races have expressed shock and dismay at the slaying, but there have been no outbreaks of violence, and no talk of violence.

Quite the contrary.

We attribute this to the fact that there are reasonable men in positions of authority who can speak and act for both races, and who have labored unceasingly to keep the relationships between the races peaceful and to keep the lines of communications open.

Early in his administration as mayor, Alfred Roberts set up an informal interracial committee to keep him informed on the needs and feelings of his constituents. Mayor James Sudduth has maintained that practice.

Those in authority have worked quietly but effectively to increase the number of public jobs open to Negroes. They have sought to upgrade Negro education where it has needed to be upgraded. Public support has been afforded such programs as Head Start, the Job Corps, and the Gulf Assistance Program.

Negroes in the Lake Charles area achieved the ballot years before most Southern Negroes did so, and they have used the ballot well. They have been able to make their position known, and they have become strong enough politically to be important in the eyes of the politicians.

Lake Charles is far from perfect, of course, as far as a majority of its Negro citizens are concerned. They would like to have better streets, better living conditions, less crowded schools and everything that a majority of the city's white citizens want.

As far as they are concerned, Lake Charles still has a long way to go. But they also have the feeling that they are part of the community here. They are not forgotten ciphers, dehumanized and hopeless, as are so many Negroes in the ghettos of the great cities.

We think this feeling was manifested in many of the speeches that were made at memorial services for Dr. King, held Sunday in Wildcat Stadium. It was a memorial in which both black and white took part.

The mayor was one of the speakers, and most of the members of the City Council attended.

"We live in a community where members of both races, are able to live together in harmony, and we thank God for it," one of the Negro speakers said.

"Looting and rioting and pillaging are a dishonor to the memory of Dr. King," another pointed out.

A representative of the Junior NAACP said: "There is nothing to be gained by violence. We say to all: Throw away your knives. Throw away your guns. Only through nonviolence can we gain the equality and justice that we seek."

Still another speaker, quoting from the Gospel for Palm Sunday, reiterated that "he who lives by the sword shall die by the sword," and said that the goal of the Negro should be justice for all men, of whatever race, creed or color.

It has always been our experience that the Negro citizens of Lake Charles and of Calcasieu Parish have preserved a mature attitude toward their responsibilities as citizens.

The fact that there was no violence here as a result of the slaying of Dr. King came as no surprise to us. We did not expect any. Those who did expect violence were doing an injustice to a group of citizens who have always proved themselves to be upright, just and charitable.

We think that the events of the past few days have proved that there are strong bonds linking the people of Lake Charles, and we believe that these bonds will be strengthened during the days and the years ahead.

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Lake Charles American Press

Lake Charles, La.

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We have come a long way, in our opinion, toward securing rights for all citizens. And all of our citizens have come a long way in exercising the responsibilities that go with those rights.

As for Dr. King, we can all join in denouncing the deed that took his life, and we can reflect that we still have a long way to go before we have achieved a society that is safe for white and black together.

Violence in any form is stupid and useless, because it usually brings about the very things it hopes to prevent. Violence against a man of the cloth is particularly abhorrent, and carries with it a particular stigma.

One of the chosen of God, dedicated to God's work, was struck down by a man, and such a deed must indeed have provoked God's grief and wrath. Insofar as we are children of God, we may share in the sorrow. Insofar as we are men, we must face the wrath.

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NEAR STANDSTILL

Quiet, Tense City Mourns King's Death

With many public and private institutions closed or operating with skeleton crews, New Orleanians paid tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King today in an atmosphere that was basically quiet, but tense.

While final rites for the slain civil rights leader were being held in Atlanta, some Negroes marched to the Civic Center here for a noon memorial service.

All public and parochial schools and universities in the city shut their doors for the day and many businesses and civic groups delayed the start of their activities until after the funeral.

ONE GROUP of young Negro students, about 200 strong, walked quietly from London ave. and N. Broad toward the Civic Center. The students, from Dillard, Xavier and Louisiana State University in New Orleans, carried a black flag and coffin, on the top of which was painted, "I Have a Dream—1929-1968."

Its spokesman, Harold Vann, who identified himself as a sophomore student at Dillard, said the group was a "cross-section of interested students."

Civil rights leaders also were using the occasion to press demands for more job opportunities and better housing.

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New Orleans, La.

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Mayor Victor H. Schiro, who yesterday met with Negro leaders of what is called the Negro Summit Conference, announced today he has agreed to hire a Negro aide and put him into his office within 10 days.

The mayor said his biggest problem would be "finding room in my front office for a new desk" and he said the City Council had agreed "to put up the money to hire a new man."

MEANWHILE, municipal services were hard hit today by officially sanctioned absenteeism, after the mayor agreed to grant leave for those workers wishing to take part in the memorial services.

A spokesman for the sanitation department said that 220 out of 300 men assigned to garbage routes did not report for work. There was no garbage and trash pickup today but the department expected to make collections on the usual Wednesday routes tomorrow.

ONLY STANDBY emergency crews were on duty in the street department and the Sewerage and Water Board.

Street maintenance reported 90 per cent of its workers absent with leave. About the same situation prevailed at the Sewerage and Water Board.

The Parkway and Park Commission gave leave to 95 per cent of its approximately 340 employees and operated with skeleton crews and office staff.

One of the businesses remaining open was the Greyhound Bus Station, which held two memorial services in the station this morning. A priest from St. Joseph Church officiated.

In his press conference today, the mayor said the Negro aide he plans to hire would have the title of coordinator.

"HIS JOB will be to coordinate relations and activities between my office and the Negro community.

"Inasmuch as the population of the city is more than 40 per cent Negro, I think a Negro coordinator would fulfill a great need," he said.

The mayor said he doesn't know whom he will hire.

"I'll have to review my mind," he said. He noted

that the city employs about 2,000 Negroes, 500 of whom are on the Civil Service list.

Yesterday, the Negro leaders contended that department heads consistently pass over qualified Negroes in selecting Civil Service employees.

On this, the mayor said, "We are going to follow through on our directive that department heads hire on the basis of merit, not color. It is my hope that if a Negro is among the top three applicants for a given job that he will not be passed over."

ON HOUSING, Schiro again blasted the Municipal Courts. He said the city takes violation cases to court and there finds that "the enforcement is terribly lenient. Landlords find that it easier to pay a light fine than to fix up their slums."

The mayor said he wasn't sure of the legality of current proposals that the tenants be empowered to withhold rents when landlords refuse to remedy substandard dwellings.

"However, this is a situation that the landlords cause and they are going to have to confront it. Too many unscrupulous landlords have been permitting tenants to live in vermin-infested dwellings.

"The city is doing what it can to correct the situation. Our forces are limited, though."

AMONG THOSE converging on the Civic Center were the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, which marched from the Union Bethel A. M. E. Church at 2321 Thalia.

The Retail Merchants Bureau of the Chamber of Commerce of the New Orleans Area said member stores closed their doors until noon "out of reverence and respect" for the Negro leader.

Members of the Retail Grocers of the Greater New Orleans Metropolitan Area also opened their stores at noon.

ORLEANS PARISH School Board President Victor H. Hess Jr. said the board had decided to close schools today to respect the "feeling of students and teachers who wish to pay tribute to Dr. King."

All public schools will reopen tomorrow, he said.

In Jefferson Parish, parochial schools were closed but public schools remained open.

The Rev. Louis F. Genere, superintendent of Catholic schools, said that classes suspended today would resume tomorrow.

Murray C. Fincher, president of the Chamber of Commerce of the Greater New Orleans Area, said:

"We must reaffirm our determination to follow the path of law and order and to reject violence. Now of all times is the test of our belief in brotherhood and our dedication to peaceful solutions.

"Irresponsibility now can only compound the tragedy and postpone longer the attainment of the goals of justice and humanity which are the aspirations of people of all races and creeds."

Classes at Dillard, Loyola and Tulane universities, Louisiana State University in New Orleans, Southern University in New Orleans and Delgado college were all suspended today. Tulane will resume classes April 16, while Loyola and SUNO open again on April 17. LSUNO students return to classes tomorrow.

Xavier University also closed its doors today and will reopen April 17.

The march ended at City Hall where a petition containing "demands long sought by Dr. King for the poor people of America" was to be presented to city officials.

Facilities at the YMCA were closed. The city's new Human Relations Committee canceled its meeting scheduled today. Some of the committee members reportedly attended Dr. King's Atlanta funeral. The meeting was rescheduled for Thursday at 11:30 a.m.

The LSU Medical Center was closed. More than 4,000 mem-

bers and officers of the International Longshoremen's Association Local 1419 delayed work until after services. The night shift was scheduled to report at 4:30 p.m.

THE CEMENT Masons Local 567 were observing today as a day of mourning. The central office and all projects of the Housing Authority of New Orleans as well as all Total Community Action were shut down today.

Archbishop Philip Hannan said all schools of the Archdiocese of New Orleans were being encouraged to conduct religious services in "behalf of Dr. King and the cause of justice and charity among all men for which he lived and died."

St. Bernard Parish public schools were open.

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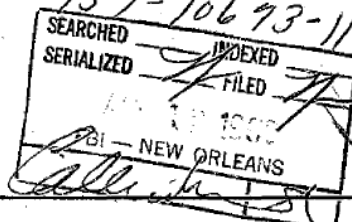
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Re Memphis tel to listed offices April 10, 1968 and Knoxville tel to Memphis and Birmingham, same date.

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

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To: SAC, Albany

From: Director, FBI

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
RACIAL MATTERS

Many offices are using above caption in communications to the Bureau concerning a variety of activities and racial incidents arising out of the killing of Martin Luther King, Jr. This is creating problems from administrative and filing standpoints and should be discontinued immediately. Captions descriptive of the activity involved should be used in accordance with instructions in the FBI Handbook, page 154h of Part III.

For example, in reporting information concerning disturbances that may have occurred in Albany the caption "Racial Disturbances Following Assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., Albany, New York, April 9, 1968, Racial Matters" could be used.

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TO : SAC (157-10673)

FROM : SUPV. RUDROW

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Mr. EDGAR PLANCHE, whose office is at 925 Gainie, private telephone 525-7158, called to say he had gone to school with Mr. RIGHTMYER. *(Did not go to school with SAC).*

He said he wanted to talk to someone personally about the KING killing as he said he thought he had some pertinent information he had developed out of Arkansas.

He said prior to anyone coming to see him, they should call him on his private number.

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ADDENDUM, ASAC: SA ALDERSON should cover above lead.



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FROM : ASAC SYLVESTER

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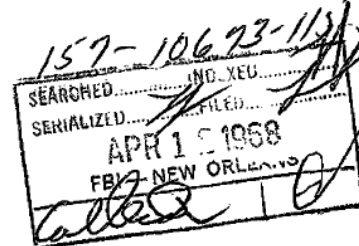
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Inspector SULLIVAN said he had forwarded photographs to the office and the employee at the binocular store likes picture #2. This picture looks like ~~JEROME WALLIS VERNON~~.

He said that they had GALT going in through Laredo, Texas, out of Birmingham on 10/7/67, giving his destination as Mexico City; saying he was single and employed in Birmingham. They do not show what he used for identification to get into Mexico. U. S. authorities show no Mexico exit at this time. Los Angeles allegedly had him in Los Angeles on 11/14/67.

The difference in the description between GALT and VERNON is that GALT allegedly has piercing blue eyes and VERNON has brown eyes. According to SULLIVAN, VERNON's description is too large. They are looking into the possibility of contact lenses.

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861) & MEMPHIS (44-1987) & LITTLE ROCK
FROM: NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

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RE BIRMINGHAM TEL, APR. TEN LAST, ~~CONCERNING JAMES~~~~RE: JAMES CARL PAFFORD~~

RETEL STATED PAFFORD CONSIDERED POSSIBLE SUSPECT BECAUSE
OF STATEMENT HE MADE IN JAN. SIXTYFIVE AT A CITIZENS COUNCIL
MEETING IN ALABAMA. ON THAT OCCASION PAFFORD SAID HE MIGHT
STOP OFF IN SELMA, ALA., TO TAKE CARE OF MARTIN LUTHER KING.
AT THAT TIME PAFFORD LIVED AT P. O. BOX ONE NINE FIVE,
CULLEN, LA.

PAFFORD IS DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, BORN [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] SIX FEET, THREE INCHES, ONE SEVENTYFIVE LBS.,
BROWN HAIR, BLUE EYES.

TOMMY JARRED, CHIEF OF POLICE, SPRINGHILL, LA., ADVISED
ON APR. ELEVEN INSTANT THAT PAFFORD NO LONGER LIVES IN
NEARBY CULLEN. HE STATED PAFFORD RESIDES AT MAGNOLIA,
ARK., WHERE HE OPERATES AN AMBULANCE SERVICE AND IS CLOSELY
ASSOCIATED AND WELL KNOWN TO THE PD IN MAGNOLIA.

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30, LAST.

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