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SAC (44-493)

DATE: 4/18/68

FROM:

SA LEE M. QUICK

SUBJECT:

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On 4/9/68, the following individuals advised that the files of their respective agencies contained no information on anyone with the name HARVEY LOWEYER and logical variations of that name:

Miss CAROLYN SHAPLEY, Auburn Credit Bureau, Auburn, New York.

JOHN SOZANSKI, Identification Officer, Cayuga County Sheriff's Office, Auburn, New York.

SAMUEL SPENO, Identification Bureau, Aüburn PD, Auburn, New York.

In addition, the telephone directory and local city directory for Cayuga County, New York, were reviewed without locating any information pertaining to anyone named HARVEY LOWEYER.

On 4/10/68, JOHN SOZANSKI, Cayuga County Sheriff's Office, advised that he had reviewed the voter registration records for Cayuga County without locating any information concerning HARVEY LOWEYER.

On 4/11/68, the following individuals advised that the records of their respective agencies contained no information on anyone named ERIC GARVO GALT:

SAMUEL SPENO, Identification Bureau, Auburn, New York, Police Department.

JOHN SOZANSKI, Identification Officer, Cayuga County Sheriff's Office.

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On 4/12/68, Miss CAROLYN SHAPLEY, Auburn, New York, Credit Bureau, advised that the records of this Bureau contained no information of anyone named ERIC STARVO GALT.

On 4/12/68, JOHN SOZANSKI, Cayuga County Sheriff's Office, advised that the voters registrations of Cayuga County contained no information concerning ERIC STARVO GALT.

A review of the telephone directory and local city directory for Cayuga County failed to reflect any information on anyone named ERIC STARVO GALT.

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On 4/11/68, Detective ANTHONY LONGO, Auburn, New York, PD, advised that he had received information from Miss EDNA EASTWOOD of apartment 305, Kings Court, Auburn, New York, who volunteered information concerning a person who she had seen whose profile appeared similar to the artist's conception that appeared in the Daily Newspaper.

On 4/11/68, Miss EASTWOOD was contacted at her residence relative to the information that she had made available to the Auburn PD. Miss EASTWOOD advised that she had seen an artist's conception of MARTIN LUTHER KING's Assassin in the 4/11/68 edition of the New York Daily News, that appeared similar to an individual whom she had observed in a news report on television. She explained that on the day that MARTIN LUTHER KING was murdered she was watching the Huntley-Brinkley News Broadcast on NBC television and a film depicting one of MARTIN LUTHER KING's speeches was being shown. In Miss EASTWOOD's opinion it was the speech given by MARTIN LUTHER KING on the day before he was murdered. Miss EASTWOOD stated that the camera scanned the audience on several occasions during the speech and Miss EASTWOOD recalls seeing an individual in the audience whose profile appeared similar to the artist's conception in the New York Daily News. Miss EASTWOOD advised that this man was sitting in an end seat on the side isle of the auditorium. She said that her attention was drawn to him at the time because he was not applauding and becoming emotionally involved in KING's speech as were the other people in the audience.

Miss EASTWOOD reiterated that the film in which she had seen this individual was broadcast on NBC television on April 4, 1968, the day that KING was research. Miss EASTWOOD could furnish no additional information.

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FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

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TO BUREAU 44-28861, MEMPHIS 44-1987

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FROM BOSTON 157-644

#### MURKIN

FOR INFO OF BUREAU AND MEMPHIS, EXETER, N.H. POLICE

DEPARTMENT ADVISED FOUR EIGHTEEN LAST, WHITE MALE,

APPROXIMATELY THIRTY-FIVE, ONE SEVEN FIVE TO TWO ONE

ZERO POUNDS, SIX FEET TALL, RESEMBLING ERIC STARVO GALT,

REGISTERED AS BRUCE COCHRANE, ROUTE TWO, GREEN COVE SPRINGS,

FLORIDA, AT EXETER INN, FOUR FIFTEEN LAST AND CHECKED OUT

FOUR EIGHTEEN. HE OPERATED A LATE MODEL, GREEN BUICK SEDAN,

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ADVISED INN EMPLOYEES HE WAS VISITING SON AT HOSPITAL.

NO RECORD OF PERSON NAMED COCHRANE LOCATED AT EXETER

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INQUIRIES CONDUCTED GREEN COVER SPRINGS UNABLE TO
LOCATE INDIVIDUALS KNOWING COCHRANE.

APPROPRIATE STOPS RE BUICK PLACED WITH STATE POLICE,
MASS., NEW HAMPSHIRE AND MAINE. ALBANY REQUESTED TO
ALERT STATE POLICE, VERMONT.

JACKSONVILLE CONTINUE EFFORTS TO FURTHER IDENTIFY

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COMMUNICATIONS MEDIA IN YOUR TERRITORIES TO INSURE THAT

THERE IS FREQUENT REFERENCE TO PHOTOGRAPH OF GALT AND HIS

CONNECTION WITH THIS CASE. IF NOT ALREADY DONE, PHOTOGRAPHS

SHOULD BE SHOWN OR DISTRIBUTED TO LAW ENFORCEMENT AND

OTHER APPROPRIATE AGENCIES IN YOUR AREAS TO INSURE THE

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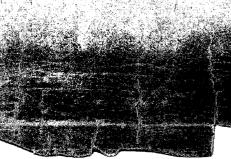
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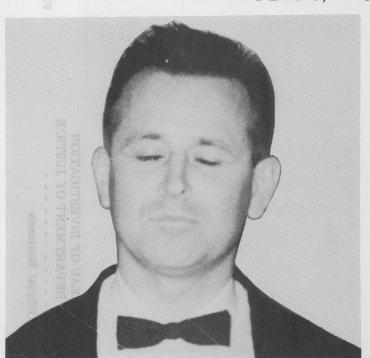
# BUSCADO POR EL FBI

# DERECHOS CIVILES - CONSPIRACION ERIC STARVO GALT

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Fotografía tomada en 1968 (Los ojos son dibujados por un artista.)



Fotografía tomada en 1968

Ojos: Azules o café

Tez: Mediana

Raza: Blanca

También conocido por: Harvey Lowmyer, John Willard

#### DESCRIPCION

Edad: 36, nacido el 20 de julio de 1931 (fecha no confirmada por documentos de

nacimiento)

Estatura: 5'8" (170 cm.) hasta 5'11" (177.5 cm.)

Peso: de 160 hasta 175 libras (73 - 80 kg.)

Talla: Mediana

Cabello: Castaño, posiblemente corto Profesión: Dijo que es marino

Rasgos Característicos: La oreja izquierda sobresale perceptiblemente. Es persona de índole solitaria. Se dice que frecuentó cursos de baile. Se dice también que completó un curso de barman.

### **PRECAUCION**

SE BUSCA A GALT EN RELACION A UN ASESINATO EN QUE LA VICTIMA MURIO DE UN BALAZO DE ARMA DE FUEGO. SE LE DEBE CONSIDERAR ARMADO Y SUMAMENTE PELIGROSO

Una orden Federal de arresto se emitió el 17 de abril de 1968 en Birmingham, Alabama, acusando a Galt de conspiración para interferir con un Derecho Constitucional de un ciudadano (Título 18, Código de los EE. UU., Sección 241).

SI TIENE ALGUNA INFORMACION RELACIONADA A ESTA PERSONA, TENGA LA BONDAD DE NOTIFICARME O DE PONERSE EN CONTACTO CON LA OFICINA LOCAL DEL FBI (BURO FEDERAL DE INVESTIGACIONES). EL NUMERO DE TELEFONO Y DIRECCION DE TODAS LAS OFICINAS ESTAN ANOTADOS AL DORSO.

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# King Slaying Conspiracy, FBI Claims

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The FBI declared Wednesday that Martin Luther King was the victim of a conspiracy to kill him. It named 36-year-old Eric Starvo Galt as a partner in that conspiracy and issued a warrant for his arrest.

The announcement by Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark was the first official confirmation that officials believed that the slaying of King in Memphis, Tenn., on April 4 was the result of a conspiracy and not the work of one man acting alone. Clark had first ruled out conspiracy.

The FBI said the conspiracy to him King involved at least one other man, "an individual whom he (Galt) alleged to be his brother."

It said the plot originated on March 29—seven days before the slaying—and that Galt was reported to have been in Memphis on the day of the slaying and the day preceding.

Called A Loner

The FBI portrayed Galt as a poorly educated loner with a taste for country and western music, vodka, beer and dancing. It said he spoke with diction reflecting a "rural" background and that he claimed to have worked as a cook on Mississippi River vessels and as a merchant seaman. He had See KING MURDER, Page 2

# King Muraer Plot Charged

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taken lessons in dancing and was a graduate of a bartending school.

The FBI statement said Galfpurchased a 1966 white Mustang in Birmingham, Ala., on Aug. 30, 1967, and drove 19,000 miles between then and when it was found abandoned in Atlanta, Ga., on April 11.

Without explaining how it knew, the FBI said Galt drove the car to Los Angeles, New Orleans, Birmingham and Mexico before going to Memphis and after the killing, to Atlanta.

The FBI made public two photographs of a man it identified as Galt and said he uses the aliases "Harvey Lowmyer" and "John Willard." In one photograph his eyes were closed; in the other, a print of the first, an FBI artist had skeuched in opened eyes.

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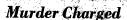
# TBI Charges Plot In Slaying Of King

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) - for Galt's arrest was issued in A federal complaint yesterday Birmingham. charged the mysterious Eric suiper assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The FBI complaint charges claimed was his brother entered man does not resemble the man conspiracy about March 29 in Birmingham. A warrant

There was no indication from Starvo Galt, a white man who the FBI that other persons has been hunted for a week, would be charged with the conwith conspiracy in the April 4 spiracy. The second man that Galt said was his brother was not identified, nor charged.

A witness in Memphis, Tenn. where King was killed; said an that Galt and a man who Galt FBI photograph of the wanted



MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) Mysterious Eric Starvo Galt, a March graduate of a bartender school, was charged last night with murder in the April 4 sniper assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Nobelprize winning minister and world leader of nonviolence.

A state warrant charging first degree murder was issued in Memphis five hours after the FBI announced a federal complaint charging Galt with conspiracy in the slaying.

seen leaving the scene after the shooting.

"Unless he was wearing a wig or had had a face lift or something, it's not the man I saw," said Charles Q. Stevens, a resident of the Main Street rooming house from which the sniper was believed to have shot King.
"The hair is too full and the

race is too young," said Stevens.



ERIC S. GALT

He said he only got a side view of the fleeing man, however,

The FBI did not indicate when the photograph was made, but a source said it was taken within the past three months.

In Birmingham, Galt's landlord for six weeks last fall. Peter Cherpes, told The Associated Press that the FBI photo might be a picture of Galt. "It's very near, but I'm not sure," said Cherpes. He remembered his boarder's hair being much ligh-

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# TBI Charges Plot In Slaying Of King

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ter. The FBI description said, "Galt has brown hair."

The AP reported Monday that Cherpes had identified FBI leased by the FBI that Galt was the charge and release of infordrawings as the Eric Galt who being sought as a fugitive on the mation indicated little headway had lived at the Birmingham charge of conspiring to injure, was being made in finding Galt. rooming house from Aug. 26 to Oct. 7, 1967.

An Atlanta taxicab driver said right, "namely, the right to an FBI picture he identified as a two-block fare the night after the slaying was different from

Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark, Galt as soon as practicable, who went to Memphis after the The FBI declined to comslaying of the civil rights lead on whether there might be an er, announced in a statement reoppress, threaten or intimidate King in the exericse of a federal

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the one released yesterday. Police director Frank C. Hol-That is definitely not the man I loman of Memphis said a state Police director Frank C. Hol- later statement.

picked up," the cab driver said. | warrant would be drawn for

The FBI declined to comment early arrest or if the filing of

It was the first disclosure that authorities had evidence of a conspiracy in King's slaying. An early statement by Clark referred to "one man on the run," though this was dropped from a

FBI director J. Edgar Hoover said in the Wednesday release that Galt bought a rifle in Birmingham about March 30. Only a few weeks before, the statement said, Galt had graduated from a school of bartending in Los Angeles.

#### "Merchant Seaman"

Galt had told acquaintances in Birmingham that he worked in shipyards or on ships, and on a driver's license application he put "merchant seaman, unemployed."

In Hollywood, director Tomas Reyes Lau of the International School of Bartending, said Galt graduated March 2 and disappeared after refusing a job. Lau said Galt was an excellent student.

"He never said anything about Negroes," Lau said. There were no Negroes in the class. King, a Negro, was in Memphis to aid striking garbage workers, most of them Negroes.

The FBI said Galt also was known as "Harvey Lowmyer and John Wiffard." The assassin registered under the latter name.

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TO ALL SACSEXCEPT KANSAS CITY, ANCHORAGE, HONOLULU AND SAN JUAN
MESSAGE RELAY PLAN

FROM DIRECTOR 5P

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JAMES EARL RAY, AKA. EARL JAMES RAY, W. C. HERRON, EARL JAMES,

JAMES MC BRIDE, JAMES O'CONNER, JAMES WALTON, JAMES WALYON, JIM

- FUGITIVE; UFAC - ROBBERY FIRST, BUFILE 88-41730. OO: KANSAS

CITY, KC FILE 88-9449; DETERMINED TODAY BY BUREAU TO BE IDENTICAL

WITH ERIC STARVO GALT, AGAINST WHOM FEDERAL COMPLAINT FILED APRIL

SEVENTEEN LAST IN CONNECTION WITH FATAL SHOOTING OF DR. MARTIN

LUTHER KING, JR.

JAMES EARL RAY, INMATE, MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY, JEFFERSON CITY, MO., ESCAPED PEN APRIL TWO THREE, SIXTY-SEVEN. INVESTIGATION INDICATED RAY CONCEALED HIMSELF IN A BREAD BOX AND ESCAPED FROM TRUCK MAKING DELIVERY TO AN AUXILIARY FARM. RAY WAS SERVING TWENTY YEARS ON CHARGE OF ARMED ROBBERY - FIRST DEGREE AND FOR OPERATING A VEHICLE WITHOUT OWNER'S CONSENT. ON JULY TWENTY, SIXTY-SEVEN.

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FEDERAL COMPLAINT AUTHORIZED BY AUSA WILLIAM A. KITCHEN, WESTERN
DISTRICT OF MISSOURI, KANSAS CITY, MO., FILED BEFORE USC, JEFFERSON
CITY, MO., CHARGING RAY WITH VIOLATION TITLE EIGHTEEN, SECTION ONE
ZERO SEVEN THREE, USC. WARRANT ISSUED.

INVESTIGATION HAS BEEN CONDUCTED BY CHICAGO, SPRINGFIELD, ST.

LOUIS, AND KANSAS CITY OFFICES IN UNPRODUCTIVE EFFORT TO LOCATE THIS

FUGITIVE. KANSAS CITY IS INSTITUTING A FULL AND COMPLETE

REINVESTIGATION IN AN EFFORT TO DEVELOP BACKGROUND DATA, RELATIVES,

AND ASSOCIATES OF SUBJECT, WHO MIGHT BE IN A POSITION TO ASSIST IN

HIS LOCATION.

IN THIS CONNECTION, JAMES EARL RAY AND WALTER TERRY RIFE ON MARCH SEVEN, FIFTY-FIVE, BURGLARIZED THE U. S. POST OFFICE AT KELLERVILLE, ILL., AND STOLE SIXTY-SIX BLANK U. S. POSTAL MONEY ORDERS WHICH THEY PASSED DURING MARCH, FIFTY-FIVE, IN NUMEROUS STATES, WITH THE RESULT THAT BOTH WERE SENTENCED IN U.S.D.C., KANSAS CITY, MO., ON JULY ONE, FIFTY-FIVE, TO USP, LEAVENWORTH, END PAGE TWO

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KANSAS. SUBJECT MAY HAS BEEN DESCRIBED AS A LONER AND RIFE
APPARENTLY IS ONE OF HIS FEW CLOSE ASSOCIATES, SUGGESTING POSSIBILITY
THEY COULD HAVE BEEN ASSOCIATES IN MURDER OF DR. KING, AND
INVESTIGATION ALSO INSTITUTED IN KANSAS CITY AIRTEL TO SPRINGFIELD
MARCH ELEVEN LAST TO DEVELOP BACKGROUND INFO RE RIFE AND TO LOCATE
HIM FOR INTERVIEW. THIS INVESTIGATION SHOULD ALSO BE RECOVERED AND
EXPEDITED TODAY, IT BEING NOTED RIFE AND RAY HAVE BACKGROUND HISTORY
IN THE QUINCY, ILL., AREA.

PHOTOS OF JAMES EARL RAY AND WALTER TERRY RIFE ARE BEING FORWARDED AMSD TO BUREAU AND ALL OFFICES.

. FOLLOWING IS DESCRIPTION OF JAMES EARL RAY AS FURNISHE	D BY FBI
I DENTIFICATION DIVISION UNDER FBI NO. THREE ZERO SIX FOUR F	OUR THREE
A: WHITE MALE, DOB	AT
DECATUR, QUINCY OR ALTON, ILL.; APPROXIMATELY FIVE FEET TEN	ONE
SEVEN FOUR LBS., IN SEPTEMBER SIXTY-SIX; RUDDY COMPLEXION;	BLUE EYES;
BROWN HAIR; MEDIUM BUILD; OCCUPATIONS LABORER AND BAKER; SC	ARS AND
MARKSSMALL SCAR ON CENTER OF FOREHEAD AND SCAR IN PALM OF	RIGHT
HAND. ADDRESSESST. LOUIS, MO., MARCH SIXTY, TWO ZERO ON	E FIVE
PARK, ST. LOUIS, MO., OCTOBER FIFTY-NINE; QUINCY, ILL., JUL	<b>Y</b>
FIFTY-FIVE, MARCH FIFTY-FIVE, AND APRIL FIFTY; HOTEL QUINCY	. QUINCY.
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ILL., MARCH FIFTY-FIVE; VICTOR HOTEL, QUINCY, ILL., MARCH FIFTY-FIVE; EIGHT FIVE THREE WEST FULLERTON, CHICAGO, ILL., MAY FIFTY-TWO; EIGHT ZERO FIVE ALBY STREET, ALTON, ILL., JULY FIFTY-ONE. FPC--SIXTEEN, M OVER M, NINE OVER FOUR, U OVER W, OOO OVER 101, TWELVE, REF NINE OVER TWELVE. NCIC FPC--ONE SIX ONE THREE ONE ONE ZERO ZERO ONE TWO ONE TWO I I ONE TWO I I ONE SEVEN. MILITARY RECORD--JAMES EARL RAY, SN ONE SIX ONE SIX THREE ONE TWO NINE, ENLISTED U. S. ARMY FEBRUARY FORTY-SIX, AT EAST ST. LOUIS, ILL., AND SERVED ON ACTIVE DUTY UNTIL DECEMBER TWENTY-THREE, FORTY-EIGHT, AT WHICH TIME GIVEN GENERAL DISCHARGE AS PRIVATE FIRST CLASS AT CAMP KILMER, N. J., BY REASON OF INEPTNESS AND LACK OF ADAPTABILITY FOR MILITARYSERVICE. RECORDS ALSO INDICATE HE RECEIVED TREATMENT FOR GONORRHEA AND SYPHILIS WHILE A MEMBER OF THE MILITARY.

FOLLOWING IS A DESCRIPTION OF WALTER TERRY RIFE, FBI NO. END PAGE FOUR

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KANSAS CITY IS SETTING OUT ALL PERTINENT LEADS TODAY BY
TELETYPE AND TELEPHONE FOLLOWED UP BY TELETYPE CONFIRMATION.
ALL LEADS MUST BE COVERED WITHIN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS WITH BUREAU,
KANSAS CITY, AND MEMPHIS BEING KEPT ADVISED BY APPROPRIATE
COMMUNICATION OF PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS.

SUGGEST BUREAU MAKE IMMEDIATE COMPARISON OF ANY LATENT FINGERPRINTS DEVELOPED DURING KING INVESTIGATION WITH THOSE OF WALTER TERRY RIFE TO DETERMINE IF IDENTICAL.

AIR MAIL COPIES SENT ANCHORAGE, HONOLULU AND SAN JUAN.
LEGAT MEXICO CITY AND OTTAWA ADVISED.

SUBJECT RAY HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF ROBBERY WITH DEADLY WEAPON, HAS BEEN CONFINED IN STATE HOSPITAL, FULTON, MO., IN SIXTY-SIX, AND SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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# Memorandum

: SA EDWARD M. NALLY, JR.	CI SI	
	PCI PSI	
CT: ARTHUR L. PREISS RACIAL INFORMANT (prob) GHETTO		
utes of Contact 4/10/68 - 4/19/68		
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MURKIN	44-493	
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	DATE: 4/19/68
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. SA EDWARD M. WALLI, JR.	PCI PSI
CT: AARON PATACK RACIAL INFORMANT (prob) GH	ETTO
tes of Contact 4/10/68 - 4/19/68	
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	Date: <b>4/18/68</b>	
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	(Priority)	

TO:

SAC, ALBANY

FROM:

SAC, CHARLOTTE (44-1365) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Albany airtel to Bureau dated 4/10/68, concerning machines sold by Textile Marking Machine Company, Syracuse, New York.

Referenced communication advised that a textile marking machine was sold to Talley Laundry Machinery Company, 1156 Battleground Avenue, Greensboro, North Carolina.

On 4/17/68, Mr. ALBERT FREEDMON, President, Talley Laundry Machinery Company, advised that he is a supplier of laundry machines to various laundries and cleaning establishments in the States of Virginia, North Carolina, and South Carolina. He stated that it would be an impossible task to search his records to determine when he purchased a textile marking machine, serial number 33441, from the Textile Marking Machine Company, Syracuse, New York, and in addition, he would not have this particular machine on hand or any use for it. He stated that he purchases equipment from the company in Syracuse, New York, for sale to various customers of his, and it would be much simpler for the Textile Marking Machine Company of Syracuse, New York, to search their records and determine from available paperwork to whom they shipped the particular macKine serial number 33441, inasmuch as according to Mr. FREEDMON, it would have been shipped directly from the factory to one of his customers.

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Special Agent in Charge

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#### AT SYRACUSE, NEW YORK

Will recontact Textile Marking Machine Company and determine to whom they shipped Textile Marking Machine serial number 33441, which was purchased by Talley Laundry Machinery Company, 1156 Battleground Avenue, Greensboro, North Carolina, for subsequent sale to one of their customers.

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	(Copies to	Offices Checked)	
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The following investigation was conducted by SA Whichael & Potterijale:
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On A/16/68 the Sollowing individuals
were contacted with medative results,
in an attempt to ateleranin any positive
information concerning the current
whereabouts of Eric Starvo Galt, also
known as Harvey Lownyer John
Senown as Harvey Lowniyer, John Willard:
Miss Partsy Smith, Owner Partsy Smith Lance Studio
Patry Smith Lance Studio
2202 Genesee Street
Utica N.Y
Edward ZANTS, Owner,
Universal Dance Studio 493-159
210 Genesal Street SEARCHED MOEXED SERIALIZED MASS
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## Memorandum

TO : SAC: ALBANY 44-493

**DATE:** 4/17/68

FROM:

SA JOHN C. RYAN

SUBJECT:

HURKIN

Re: Bu TT to all offices 4/10/68

The following persons connected with the following agencies were contacted 4/10/68 by writer, all with negative results re the name ERIC STARVO GALT:

Utica Police Dept, Officer Anthony Poccia;
Rome Police Dept, Sgt Edward Cretero;
Canastota Police Dept, Chief John James;
Herkimer Police Dept, Sgt John Sprague;
Dolgeville Police Dept, Chief James Gros;
Oneide Police Dept, Chief George Murphy;
Illion Police Dept, Chief George Goldin;
Boonville Police Dept, Chief Donald Kent;
Oneida County Sheriff's Office, Sgt. Jack Finn;
Herkimer County Sheriff's Office, Sheriff Eichard Foltz;
Madison County Sheriff's Office, Sheriff Edward Spaulding;
New York State Police, Troop D Headquarters, Oneida, Miss Mary Mixdorf;

Utica Credit Bureau, Elizebeth DeCavillo; Credit Bureau of Rome, Rosemary Uvanni; Oneida Credit Bureau (NEXOMedison County), Carrie Serburg; Herkimer County Credit Bureau, Herkimer, Marguerite Streeter;

Herkimer County Board Of Elections, Francis Dolge; Oneida County Board of Elections, Irs. Joseph Arcuri; Madison County Booard of Elections, Elmer Levery;

Dept of Motor Vehicles, New York State, Utica, Beverly Brooks (records in Albany)

Telephone directories for all cities and villages in Oneida, Herkimer and Madison Counties were reviewed in Utica RA.

CityeDirectories for Utica (Utica RA) and Rome (By Sgt Edward Cretaro, Rome PD).

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TO : SAC, ALBANY (44-493)

(ATTENTION: SA JOHN LEVAN)

DATE: 4/18/68

FROM

SA ROBERT S. REA

SUBJECT:

MURKIN

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Re Bureau TT to All Continental Offices, 4/14/68.

RE: DANNENG SCHOOLS

Cayuga County:

<code>Dn</code>nna-Carole Dance Studio, 95 Genesee St., Auburn - Mrs. <code>DONNA</code> CHAYKA,  $23\frac{1}{2}$  Howard St., Auburn, advised <code>SA GEORGE P. SIMPSON</code> on 4/15/68 that she and Mrs. CAROLE PAPPERT operate this studio but they do not teach ballroom dancing. She stated they are the only listed dancing studio in Auburn or <code>Gayuga County</code>.

Oswego County:

Check of the Oswego telephone book showed no dancing studio listed in Oswego County.

Onondaga County:

(All contacts by SA Robert S. Rea)

Following studios do not teach ballroom dancing:

Lorraine School of Dancing, 708 So. Beech St., Syracuse - Contacted 4/15/68;

Metropolitan School of Ballet, 130/Genesee SSt., Syracuse-Contacted on 4/15/68;

David Shields School of Ballet, 221 W. Fayette St., Syracuse-Contacted on 4/15/68;

Veronica Dance Studio, 404 So. Clinton St., Syracuse - Contacted on 4/15/68;

Linkletter-Totten Dance Studios, 1937 Teall Ave., Syracuse - Contacte on 4/15/68;

Isabel Dix, 404 So. Clinton St., Syracuse, Contacted on 4/18/68.

Following studios teach ballroom dancing but a check of records disclosed no ERIC STARVO GALT as a student:

Academy of the Dance, Miss Louise OVERMAN, 207 James St., Syracuse, on 4/18/68;

Arthur Murray, 433 So. Warrenk St., Syracuse, Miss JANE BROWN, on 4/18/68;

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Colosanti School of Dance, 2602 James St., Syracuse, Mr. DAVID COLOSANTI, on 4/18/68;

Toni Kane Dance Studio, 4861 Vine St., Liverpool, Miss TONI KANE, on 4/15/68;

VIRGINIA LEE, Onondaga Hill, N. Y., on 4/15/68;

Walt Medicis Dance Studio, 302 So. Warren St., Syracuse, Miss LINDA SMITH, on 4/18/68;

YMCA, 340 Montgomery St., RONALD ICE, on 4/16/68.

Jack Gronau Dance Studio, 236 W. Genesee St., Syracuse, Mr. JACK GRONAU, on 4/18/68;

Faye Dance Studio, 1444 E. Genesee St., Syracuse, Miss FAY LIVSHIN, on 4/18/68;

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Fred Astaire Dance Studio, 309 So. Warren St., Syracuse - out of business but records located with JOHN E. HARTY, 1054 James St., Syracuse, on 4/19/68.

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FBI: CHICAGO

526PM URGENT 4/20/68 JLS

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), ATLANTA, MEMPHIS, ALBANY
FROM CHICAGO (44-1114) 1P

MURKIN.

RE BUREAU TEL TO ALL OFFICES APRIL NINETEEN LAST, AND CHICAGO TEL TO BUREAU, ET AL, NO COPY ALBANY, APRIL NINETEEN LAST.

INTERVIEW OF BROTHER JERRY RAY. JERRY WILLIAM RAY INTERVIEWED EXTENSIVELY AT CHICAGO APRIL NINETEEN LAST. SET OUT COMPLETE FAMILY TREE FROM RECOLLECTION, NOTED THAT FAMILY NOT PARTICULARLY CLOSE SINCE ALL CHILDREN LEFT HOME WHEN REACHING AGE FIFTEEN TO SIXTEEN. JERRY LAST SAW SUBJECT NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR WHEN JAMES WAS IN PRISON MISSOURI. DURING INTERVIEW SET FORTH IDENTITY OF PATERNAL UNCLE AS EARL RAY, WHO WOULD BE ABOUT SEVENTY AND WHO HAS SERVED A TERM IN ISP MENARD, ILLINOIS. UNCLE REPORTEDLY DECEASED AT SYRACUSE, NEW YORK, IN ABOUT NOVEMBER, NINETEEN

ALBANY, AT SYRACUSE, NEW YORK, VERIFY DEATH OF PATERNAL UNCLE.

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# REPORT of the



# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION WASHINGTON. D. C. 20535

то: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

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Re: MURKIN

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PC-A 5618 IZ

specimens received 4/11/68, from FBI, San Francisco

K11 Piece of white cloth containing three samples of marking tape printed by Thermo-Seal Model H5Kl, Serial Number 31353, obtained from Superior French Laundry, 1284 West Grand Avenue, Oakland, California

- K12 Seven samples of marking tape printed by Thermo-Seal, Model RMH 65401, Serial Number 34163, obtained from Highland Cleaners, Inc., 1201 La Salle Avenue, Seaside, California
- K13 Five samples of marking tape printed by Thermo-Seal, series 106C4, Serial Number 34690, obtained from Sterling Cleaners & Laundry, 140 Howard Avenue, Burlingame, California
- K14 Two Sanford Cleaners laundry lists containing eleven samples of marking tape printed by Thermo-Seal, Model H5L4, Serial Number 32506, obtained from Stanford Drive In Cleaners, 2875 El Camino Real, Palo Alto, California
- K15 Twelve samples of marking tape printed by Thermo-Seal, Model H5L4, Serial Number 32503, obtained from Cherry Chase Cleaners (Golden State Dry Cleaners) 2175 Winchester, Campbell, California

Specimen received 4/11/68, from FBI, Albany

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K16 Three samples of marking tape printed by Thermo-Seal Machine, Model #H5Kl, Serial Number 31358 which were returned to Textile Marking Machine Company, Syracuse, New York, on 3/15/68, by Superior French Laundry, 1284 W. Grand Avenue, Oakland, California

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2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

Result of examination:

The three purple tapes in Kl1, five orange tapes in Kl3, and the light pink tapes in Kl4, are different from the laundry tapes removed from Q69 and Q70 in color and length.

All the other tapes in Kll through Kl5 are similar to the Q69 and Q70 tapes in color, construction and composition.

The three laundry tapes, K16, are similar to the Q69 and Q70 laundry tapes in color, construction and composition. One of these tapes is the same length as the Q69 and Q70 (1 1/16 inches); the other two are longer.

The printing characteristics in the laundry tags represented by Kll through Kl6 were found to differ from the impressions appearing on the Q69 and Q70 laundry tags.

Specimens Kll through Kl6 have been retained.

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Date: April 16, 1968

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John Edgar Hoover, Director

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Reference:

Examination requested:

Airtels 4/9/68, 4/9/68

Examination requested by: San@Francisco, Albany

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Remarks:

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TO : SAC(44-493)

DATE: April 18,1968

FROM

: SA.J.ROBERT HOWARD

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 4/9/10/68, the following persons and places of business were contacted regarding Erick Starvo Galt and Harvylowmeyer with negative results:. This information was furnished orally over the phone after completion.:

Ptl. Harold Farks, Watertown, N.Y.P.D.
Sgt.Ray Pacific, efferson County Sheriffs office, Watertown, N.Y.
Isabell Snell, Kamargo Credit Bureau, Watertown, N.Y.
Julian Ward, St. Lawrence County Credit Bureau, Ogdensburg, N.M.
Sgt. Keith Knowsland, St. Lawrence County S.O. Canton, N.Y.
Mrs. Thelma Cullen, LDB. h6, Watertown, N.Y.

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TO

SAC (44-493)

DATE:

4/21/68

FROM:

SPC WILLIAM E. BARDON

SUBJECT:

MURKIN

At 8:10pm, 4/21/68 Mr. ROBERT TUCKER, 795 Lancaster St., Albany, N.Y., phone 489-3077 telephonically contacted this office and advised as follows:

Mr. TUCKER and his wife were traveling on the NYS Thruway 4/21/68 and at alaproximately 2:30pm a car came up behind them and was tailgating. Mrs. TUCKER turned to look at the car and the car stayed behind still close. Mr. TUCKER pulled over and stopped to let the car go by and they noticed that the car which he described as a "Cortina", light blue with Calif. dealer's lic. 1602 was occupied by two men in the front seat and a woman in the rear seat. The male passenger had his had provering his face as they passed the TUCKERs. Mr. TUCKER advised they were suspicious as it was his understanding that dwaler's plates were not good out of the state of where issued. He advised that this car left the Thruway just West of Batavia.

Mr. TUCKER advised that he and his wife talked about this car and thought possibly it may have some connection with MURKIN. Mr. TUCKER asked to be advised if this information is helpful.

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#### PLAIN TEXT

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)
AND SACS, BIRMINGHAM

PROM: SAC, BUPPALO (44-374)

MURKIN

SOT. ROBERT E. MEIR, ROMP, NIAGARA PALLE, ONTARIO, SURJECT ADVISED THIS DATE SUBMERY, BRIG STARVO GALE, POSSIBLY SEEN BY ONE OF THEIR INFORMANTS IN MIAGRA PALLE, ONTARIO ON APRIL TWELVE, LAST.

VIGTOR ERSTIC, OWNER, VICTOR'S MEN'S SHOP, HIAGARA PALLS, ONTARIO, ROMP INFORMANT, WHO IS DESCRIBED AS OF ENGWN RELIABILITY, WAS INVERVIEWED BY A BUAGERY AND SOT! MUIR THIS DATE:

RESTIC ADVISED THAT, AFTER VIEWING PHOTO AND ACCOMPANYING PRESS RELEASE OF ERIC STARVO GALL, WHICH APPEARED IN "MIAGARA PALLS EVENING NEVIEW," MIAGARA PALLS, OMTARIO, DATED AFRIL, EIGHTEEN, LAST, HE REGOGNIZED IT AS THAT OF A GUSTOMER WHO WAS IN HIS STORE ON THE MORNING OF APRIL TWELVE, LAST; DESCRIPTION OF GALT WAS IN THE MEMSPAPER.

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1 - Butte (AM)
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KRETIG FURTHER ADVISED THAT AT APPROXIMATELY TEN AN ON APRIL TWELVE; A WHITE MALE; AGE KARLY THIRTIES; PIVE FEET SEVEN INCHES; ONE FIFTIPIVE TO SIKIY POUNDS, MEDIUM BUILD; DARK EROWN HAIR; FAIR COMPLEXION, OLEAN SHAVEN; APPRARED AT HIS STORE; KRETIC SALD THE UNKNOWN MALE WAS WEARING A DARK OLLYS GREEN SUBMER WEIGHT SULT; WHITE SKIRT; AND NO TIE; HE SALD THAT HE COULD NOT FURNISH ANY ADDITIONAL PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OR OF THE CLOTHING THE UNKNOWN MALE WAS WEARING; KRETIC ADVISED UNKNOWN MALE FURGHASED THE FOLLOWING TEEMS AND PAID FOR THEM WITH TWO AMERICAN TEN

ONE PAIR OF SLACKS; COMBED COTTON; ANTELOPE COLOR;
WAISCE THINTYPOUR; LENGTH TWENTYNINE, WITH LABEL ON INSIDE
WAISTEDAND "VIOTOR'S MEN'S SHOP; VICTORIA AVENUE AT CENTER
STREET, NIAGARA FALLS, ONTARIO."

ONE SPORT SHERT DESCRIBED AS HAVING IMITATION SUBDE PRONT, LONG BLACK CLOTH SLEEVES, BLACK CLOTH TURTLE NECK WITH ZIPPER UP THE PRONT! LABEL ON INSIDE OF SHIRT IN "FLORIDA BU 44-374

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QUALITY ENETTING - MADE IN CANADAS" NO CITY NOTEDS

ERSTIC SAID THAT UNKNOWN MALE CHANGED INTO SLACES AND SPORT SHIRT IN THE STORE DRESSING ROOM, KRSTIC OFFERED TO PUT HIS OTHER SLOTHES IN A BAG BUT UNKNOWN MALE REPUSED, ADVISING THAT HE WAS IN A HURRY AND THAT HE WOULD CARRY THEM: PRICE TO UNKNOWN MALE'S DEPARTURE FROM THE STORE, HE ASKED FOR THE QUICKEST DIRECTION TO MONTREAL, CANADA.

RESTIC TOLD HIM TO TAKE THE QUEEN BLIZABETH WAY, QUY, TO ROUTE TWENTYERVEN NORTH TO TORONTO, FOUR ZERO CHE E FROM TORONTO TO MONTREAL. KRETIC ASSUMES UNKNOWN MALE HAD CAR BUT EAV NONE; INVESTIGATION IN SHOPPING AREA ADJACHET TO VIOTOR'S MEN'S SHOP PAILS TO REVEAL ADDITIONAL PURCHASES BY UNKNOWN MALE:

DERESING ROCM SEARCH PAILS TO REVEAL ANY EVIDENCE LEFT BY UNKNOWN MALE:

BRIDGES LEADING FROM US TO CANADA AND MIACARA PALLS AREA IDVANIA TO ESTABLISH CROSSING OF VEHICLES, AS NO RECORD REPT

OF

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OF VEHICLES GROSSING INTO CANADA BY CANADIAN AUTHORITIES:

CANADIAN AUTHORITIES IN NIAGARA FALLS AND BUFFALO AREA
ALERTED FOR POSSIBLE RETURN TO AREA BY UNKNOWN MALE:

ALL OFFICES HE ALERT TO POSSIBILITY UNKNOWN MALE IN

CANADA AND POSSIBLE RE-ENTRY:

BUREAU ADVISE MONTREAL THROUGH LEGAT:

AM CC AL, DE, CV, MP, BT AND SE.

AMD & MICHOUS

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Date: 4/22/68
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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND SACS MEMPHIS (44-1987), CHICAGO (44-1114), KANSAS CITY, AND SPRINGFIELD

FROM: SAC ALBANY (44-493)

MURKIN, CR. OO MEMPHIS.

RE CHICAGO TEL BUREAU APRIL TWENTY LAST, AND BUTEL ALL SAC'S APRIL NINETEEN LAST.

FOR INFO SPRINGFIELD AND KANSAS CITY, CHICAGO IN INTERVIEW OF SUBJECT'S BROTHER JERRY RAY DETERMINED AN UNCLE EARL RAY WHO WOULD BE ABOUT SEVENTY AND WHO HAD SERVED A TERM IN ISP, MENARD, ILLINOIS, REPORTEDLY HAD LIVED IN SYRACUSE, N.Y., AND DIED IN ABOUT NOVEMBER NINETEEN FIFTYEIGHT. RECORDS BVS, SYRACUSE, NEW YORK, TODAY DISCLOSED NO RECORD OF EARL RAY. CITY DIRECTORIES AND APPROPRIATE CREDIT AND CRIMINAL RECORDS DISCLOSED NO RECORD OF EARL RAY.

SPRINGFIELD OFFICE CHECK RECORDS ISP, MENARD, ILLINOIS, FOR RECORD OF EARL RAY AND FURNISH IDENTIFYING INFO.

1-44-493 RSR: ad (1) 44-493-168

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sold to one HARVEY LOWMEYER on 3/30/68 by Aeromarine Supply Co., Birmingham. Alabama.

Investigation at Memphis disclosed that an individual had purchased a set of binoculars at the York Arms Company in Memphis on 4/4/68. These binoculars were among the material abandoned with the rifle and recovered in Memphis. Also recovered was a brown and green herringbone bedspread. The items abandoned in Memphis were all wrapped in this bedspread. The blue bag which was inside the bedspread contained numerous items, among which were the binoculars and a set of underwear consisting of a T-shirt and shorts. The T-shirt and shorts are those on which appears the laundry mark which has been a matter of interest in this case.

A search of motel records in the Memphis area disclosed that an individual using the name ERIC S. GALT had spent the night of 4/3/68 at the Rebel Motel, Memphis, Tennessee, and was driving a 1966 white Mustang bearing Alabama License 1-38993. Investigation at Birmngham disclosed that this automobile had been purchased by ERIC S. GALT on August 30, 1968, from a private person in response to a newspaper ad. He paid a total of \$1995 cash. While in Birmingham he furnished the address of 2608 South Highland Avenue, Birmingham. This is also the address which appeared on a driver's license issued to him by the State of Alabama. The driver's license identifying data listed his birth date as his height as 5'll", his weight as 170 and his eyes blue and hair brown.

The automobile in question, the white Mustang bearing the Alabama tags mentioned above, was recovered in Atlanta on 4/11/68 and determined to have been abandoned there prior to 9 a.m. on 4/5/68.

This cause,

In connection with the evidence submitted by Atlanta, Birmingham, and Memphis, identifiable latent prints were recovered. It was on the basis of these latents that identification was made of JAMES EARL RAY. In handling future leads, all offices should be particularly interested in securing an identifying number, military, police, or FBI, in connection with suspects so that the necessary check can be made through the Identification Division.

On 4/17/68, AUSA R. MACEY TAYLOR, Birmingham, authorized the filing of a complaint charging ERIC STARVO GALT with a conspiracy to violate Section 241, Title 18, U. S. Code, and

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recommended bond in the amount \$50,000. On that same date, SAC JOSEPH H. GAMBLE filed a complaint before USC MILDRED F. SPRAGUE. Birmingham, and warrant was issued that same date.

For further information re JAMES EARL RAY, all offices are directed to press release furnished them by the Bureau on 4/19/68.

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Date: 4/19/68

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Via AIRTEI

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TO : ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES

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

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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Re Albany airtels 4/10/68 and 4/11/68, setting forth concerns who purchased Thermo-Seal marking machines, and Bureau teletype to Memphis, 4/12/68.

The FBI Laboratory advised that pillowcase and bed sheet were found in trunk of 1966 white Mustang registered to ERIC STARVO GALT, which was located at Atlanta 4/11/68. These items contain Thermo-Seal laundry tapes of approximately same size as tapes on items previously recovered, but are yellow in color and contain code, "20R-3." In opinion of Textile Marking Machine Company, Syracuse, New York, the tapes were produced by a different machine than previous tapes since the first three characters are 15 point type and the last two characters are 18 point type,

The Textile Marking Machine Company suggests the twenty in above code would be the lot number, the R may mean that this was a return of a batch of laundry, and the three is the bundle number.

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#### ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES

Will recontact laundries determined to be operating Thermo-Seal Marking Machines in an effort to locate laundry using the code, "20R-3."

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1)	Number of man hours spent on case broken down as to regular hours, overtime hours, and total man hours by following employees (separate figures for each class of employees shown):
	A. Special Agents
	B. Clerical Employees
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3)	Any unusual or out-of-ordinary costs, such as cost of chartering airplane, rental of special office space, leased telephone lines, etc. These should be itemized and cost of each item shown.
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4) Peak number of Special Agents working on case during month for which report is submitted.

You should promptly request all Bureau offices involved in this case to furnish information requested herein to you and it should be included in your report."

Each office is requested to expeditiously furnish the Memphis Division with the above designated data within two work days after the close of each month. Secondly, each office is also requested to advise the Memphis Division even in the event each category is zero or no work is performed on this case during the month.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, ALBANY

DATE: 4/19/68

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FROM : SA ALBERT O. AXTEN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

As a result of a telephone call this date from Supervisor EDWARD O'CONNOR, the writer placed a stop with the Dispatcher, BILL KYNOCK, Vermont State Police, on a 1961 Buick, green, Florida license 484831, registered to a BRUCE COCHRANCE, Rt.2, Green Cove Springs, Florida, who had been a guest at the Exerter Inn, Exerter, New Hampshire from 4/15/68 to 4/18/68 and reportedly closely resembles subject GALT. Vermont State Police were requested to alert all units to notify the FBI if the automobile is located in Vermont and to identify the driver. They were requested to determine if he is COCHRANCE and whether he resembles GALT. They were advised to exercise caution since GALT is considered dangerous and were also advised that the purpose of thealert is to eliminate the driver of this automobile and therefore they should also bear in mind that this was only a possibility that the driver could be GALT. They were advised that elimination of this person as GALT would be determined by the FBI and that their assistance was being requested to locate the auto.



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SAC 44-493

DATE: 4/23/68

FROM:

SA EDWARD F. NASSIF

SUBJECT:

MURKIN

On 4/15 and 16/68, I furnished the names ERIC SARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMYER and JOHN WILLARD, along with descriptive data, to the following individuals, and requested they check their records to determine if they ever had a customer identifiable with GALT, under true name, alias and description. They advised they had no one identifiable with GALT in their records and that they would be alert for an individual identifiable with him in the future and would advise.

## ALBANY, N.Y.

Mr. GEORGE LATHER, Joan Alund School of Dance, 364 Central Ave.

FRED LEONARDI, Eleanor's School of Dance, 55 Watervliet Ave.

Mrs. JACOB SMALL, Jacob Small Dance Studio, 103 North Pearl St.

DOLPH SANDS, Arthur Murray Dance School, 91 State Street

Mrs. GERTRUDE HALLENBECK, Hallenbeck School of Dance, 40 Colvin Ave.

LOLA LIEBMANN, Lola Liebmann Ballet Dance Studio, 185 North Allen St.

Mrs. STERNFELD, Sternfeld Dance Studio, 11 Central Ave.

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AT LATHAM, N.Y.: Miss CAROLE MARSHALL, Miss Carole's Academy of Dance, 602 New Loudon Rd.

AT COHOES, N. Y.: Mrs. KATHY SPENDIFF, Spendwood School of Dance, 88 Remsen St.

# AT TROY, N. Y.

Mrs. EMMA ROSE FLYNN, Flynn's School of Dance, 448 Sixth Ave.

Mrs. JOAN DELLIO, Le-Sahn School of Dance, 53 Third St.

Mrs. TOM DEAN, Miss Lynne School of Dance, 71 Fourth St.

Mrs. CARL MILLER, Eleanor Miller School of Dance, 537 Second Ave.