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March 11, 1964

44-38861

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REPORT
of theFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Chicago (44-1114)

Date: April 18, 1968

FBI File No. 44-38861

Re: MURKIN

Lab. No. D-560921 ET

Specimens received 4/16/68

K62 One Prinz Air Release in sealed carton

Result of examination:

Specimen K62 is, in all respects, like specimen Q119.

Specimen K62 is returned herewith. No photographs have been retained.

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Re: MURKIN

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. 44-38861
Lab. No. D-560921 ET

Examination requested by: Chicago

Reference: Airtel 4/15/68

Examination requested: Document

Remarks:

Enclosures (3) (K62, 2 Lab report)

- 2 - Memphis Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)
- 1 - Los Angeles (44-1574) Enclosure (Lab report)
- 1 - Birmingham Enclosure (Lab report)
- ① - Atlanta Enclosure (Lab report)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: April 19, 1968

Re: MURKIN
CR

FBI File No. 44-38861

Lab. No. D-560877 JK

Specimens received 4/16/68

Q214 Piece of newspaper bearing the handwritten notation
"Galt 1052 N side Dr 876-9770"

Result of examination:

It was concluded that the questioned writings appearing on Q214 were not prepared by the writer of the material previously received and attributable to Eric S. Galt.

Q214 has been retained. Photographs were made.

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Date: April 19, 1968

Re: MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. 44-38861
Lab. No. D-560877 JK

Examination requested by: Atlanta

Reference: Letter 4/15/68

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Remarks:

You will be advised separately regarding the results of the fingerprint examination. This report supplements and confirms the Bureau teletype to Memphis dated 4/16/68.

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Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

② - Atlanta (44-2386) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

1 - Birmingham (44-1740) Enclosure (Lab report)

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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)
Re: MURKIN
CR

Date: April 19, 1968
FBI File No. 44-38861
Lab. No. D-560624 JK

Specimens received 4/12/68

ITEMS FROM 1966 FORD MUSTANG:

Q118 A piece of Kleenex box bearing letters "At pool" on one side and names "Ginger Day and Anita Katzwinkel, 1535 Serrano, Apt. 6," on other side

Q119 One air release shutter in original package

Q120 Sunglasses with case

Q121 Two pieces of cardboard from trunk

Q122 Scraps of paper from glove compartment

Q123 Scraps of paper from under rear seat

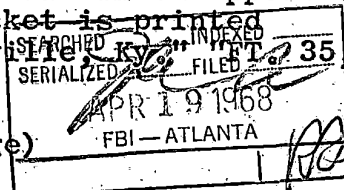
ALSO SUBMITTED: Four lifts of latent impressions found on
auto Rearview mirror
1967 Alabama license plate 1A 88354
1968 Alabama license plate 138993

Result of examination:

It was concluded that the writings appearing on Q118 were not prepared by the writer of the other material attributable to the unknown subject also known as Eric S. Galt. While the limited nature of the "Harvey Lowmyer" signature on Q72 and the lack of comparable letters for comparison precluded an adequate examination, differences were noted between the writings on Q118 and the questioned "Lowmyer" signature.

Among the miscellaneous items in Q122 and Q123 were two tickets stapled together, one red and one green. The top red ticket bears the numbers "4" over "4591" which appear on each half of this ticket. The green ticket is printed "FLAG-TAGS," "STRY-LENKOFF Co.," "Louisville, Ky.," "ET 235," "printed in USA."

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Also included in the above were twenty "S&H" green stamps, each of which had "14LK" printed at the top and "627" printed at the bottom.

These items, Q118 through Q123, were examined for indented impressions and other markings but other than that set out above, nothing of significance was noted.

The evidence has been retained.

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Re: MURKIN
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OO: Memphis

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. 44-38861
Lab. No. D-560624 JK

Examination requested by: Atlanta
Reference: Letter 4/11/68
Examination requested: Document - Miscellaneous -
Fingerprint
Remarks:

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This report confirms and supplements the Bureau airtel to Memphis dated 4/12/68.

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Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

② - Atlanta Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report) (44-2386)

2 - Los Angeles Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC 44-2386

FROM : Complaint Clerk Jerry D. Roseberry

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4-19-68

J. J. WHEELER, RFD 4, Rome, Ga., 232-5974, called at 2:45 pm today and advised that JIMMY HOLT, employed by Jennings Funeral Home, Rome, is an escaped prisoner from Missouri and he matches the description of subject in this case. WHEELER got his info from HOLT's sister-in-law, SLYVIA HOLT, who lives at Bill's Truck Stop on hwy 411 north of Rome.

2-Atlanta
JDR/jdr

*SA Wilbur advised
4/20/68 jdr*

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

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : ALL AGENTS (44-2386) DATE: 4/19/68

FROM : FRANK V. HITT, SAC

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Wanted Flyer #442

Each Agent having PCIs and CIs assigned is to make immediate contact of such informants. Display photo.

Each Agent was previously furnished detailed descriptive data on subject under the name ERIC STARVO GALT, Aka. Based on latent fingerprint examination subject now determined to be identical with JAMES EARL RAY, subject of UFAC case, OO, Kansas City. RAY described as W/M, born [redacted] at Illinois; 5' 10"; 163 - 174 pounds; blue eyes; brown hair; small scar center forehead; scar on palm of right hand. Education tenth grade, prior occupations: baker, laborer, color matcher. Criminal history includes conviction 3/17/60, St. Louis, for Armed Robbery; and Operating a motor vehicle without permission; escaped Missouri State Penitentiary Jefferson City, Mo., 4/23/67. Spent time in September, 1966, in Security Ward, State Hospital, Fulton, Mo. Arrest record dating back to 1949. Convictions include burglary Los Angeles, 1949; Armed Robbery, Chicago, 1952; Forging Postal Money Orders, Missouri, 1945. Was enlisted man U. S. Army, 1946-48. Has used aliases JAMES MC BRIDE, JAMES WALTON, W. C. HERRON and JAMES O'CONNER.

Submit FD 209s immediately reflecting contact.

② - 44-2386
1 - SAC
1 - ASAC
1 - Supv. #3
1 - Supv. #4
1 - Supv. #5
1 - EACH AGENT
ETK:lcc
(125) *[signature]*

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386)

DATE: 4/19/68

FROM : SA JOHN J. LANGSFELD

SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE: JOE GEARY

On 4/19/68, Lt. W. F. COLLIER, Atlanta Airport Police, Atlanta, Ga., advised earlier this date one of his officers, A. L. OSBORNE, informed him that some time in the past he met one JOE GEARY, a welder who spends his summers in Ill. or Mich. and his winters in Fla. in some respects "favored" the photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT, which appeared in the Atlanta newspapers on 4/18/68.

GEARY is well known to one LARRY PODLIN, Manager of the Health Club, Air Host Inn, Atlanta, Ga., Airport.

LARRY PODLIN, supra, contacted same date by SAs JOHN J. LANGSFELD and JOHN B. REYNOLDS. PODLIN advised he is from Chicago and he has a friend, JOE GEARY, who is also from Chicago, Ill.

He advised GEARY is a white male, 44 years of age, single, 5'8", dark, straight hair, combed "slick." PODLIN viewed a photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT and stated he did not resemble JOE GEARY. PODLIN made available a letter and envelope he received from GEARY postmarked 4/4/68, Chicago, Ill. He stated GEARY currently resides at 8935 South Troop, Chicago, Ill, 60620. This address is that of a friend and GEARY owns and operates about a 1966 green Chevrolet truck which has a camper on the back bearing an Ill. tag. He spends his summers in Chicago, Ill., area and his winters in the area of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

The above is being submitted for information purposes.



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

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386)

FROM : SA JOSEPH PATRICK AYERS

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/19/68

RE: EMPLOYMENT - BAR TENDER

On 4/19/68, NORMAN CLODFELTER, Chief Security Officer at the Regency Hyatt House Hotel, 265 Peachtree Street, Northeast, Atlanta, Georgia, made available the employment application forms that have been completed by applicants for employment at the Regency Hyatt House Hotel since its opening. These employment forms reflect applications of every person who has applied for employment, whether they actually were employed or not. Application forms were reviewed under the names of ERIC STARVO GALT, JOHN STARVO, ERIC STARVO, JOHN WILLARD, and HARVEY LOWMEYER. Examination included any names similar in any way.

The examination of the application records was negative and the names bearing any similarity were eliminated as possible suspects by check of race, age, size, etc.

Also examined were the application forms of all current employees employed in connection with the bar operation in any manner, such as bar boys.

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Date: 4/18/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Bureau tel, 4/16/68.

RE: DRIVER'S LICENSE CHECK, STATE OF MISSISSIPPI.

The Bureau has previously been advised that no driver's license could be located for subject under names of ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMEYER or LOWMYER, or JOHN WILLARD or variations of these names.

JOHN PITTS, Computer Department, MHSP, Driver's License Bureau, advised 4/17/68, they have checked the complete files for the State of Miss., under the birthdate of [] and out of 1,200,000 records checked through their IBM machines, 30 individuals, all white males with birthdate [], were selected by the computer.

Jackson Office is presently conducting appropriate investigation regarding the 30 individuals for any pertinent information connected with this case. The Bureau, Office of Origin, and Atlanta will be advised of the results.

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2-Memphis
①-Atlanta (Info)
2-Jackson
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[Signature]

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

F B I

Date: 4/17/68

Transmit the following in _____
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(Priority)

To: SAC, Atlanta

From: SAC, Birmingham (44-1740) (P)

MURKIN
CR
(OO: ME)

Birmingham conducting investigation to locate record of possible sale or service of a Royal typewriter used by ERIC STARVO GALT. The Laboratory has advised that the typewriter utilized by GALT uses "Royal pica type."

Records of Royal Typewriter Company at Birmingham were reviewed with negative results. S. N. ETHRIDGE advised that a complete list of retail distributors or outlets for Royal typewriters in the Birmingham, Ala., area is available only through R. E. ELKINS, Regional Manager, Appliance Division, Royal Typewriter Company, 1117 W. Peachtree St., Atlanta, Ga.

Atlanta will contact ELKINS for list of all retail outlets, Birmingham area, and determine model, names or numbers, particularly portables, that utilizes "Royal pica type."

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Approved: *[Signature]* Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, BALTIMORE (44-669) (P)

MURKIN

ReBatel to Bureau, 4/18/68.

Re: Dance School Project
Suspect - AARON ISAAC LOFTON

Enclosed herewith are copies of the following documents concerning AARON ISAAC LOFTON as mentioned in referenced Baltimore teletype:

1. Statement of Personal History (DD Form 398) dated 2/26/55
2. Army Report of Investigation dated 4/27/55

3 - Bureau (Enc. 2)
2 - Memphis (Enc. 2) (44-1987)
② - Atlanta (Enc. 2)
2 - Jackson (Enc. 2)
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252PM URGENT 4-19-68 SAA

TO ALL SACS

FROM DIRECTOR 4P

MURKIN

THE FOLLOWING PRESS RELEASE HAS JUST BEEN ISSUED AT WASHINGTON THIS AFTERNOON AND YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO MAKE IT IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE TO THE LEADING NEWSPAPERS AND RADIO AND TV STATIONS IN YOUR DIVISION. EVERY EFFORT MUST BE MADE TO INSURE REPEATED AND WIDESPREAD DISTRIBUTION OF THIS INFORMATION. COPIES OF THE 1968 PHOTOGRAPH OF SUBJECT ALREADY IN YOUR POSSESSION AND WANTED FLYERS SHOULD ALSO BE MADE AVAILABLE TO MEDIA CONTACTS. NO ELABORATION WHATSOEVER MAY BE MADE REGARDING THIS RELEASE. ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING INVESTIGATIVE LEADS WILL FOLLOW SHORTLY.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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ATTORNEY GENERAL RAMSEY CLARK ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THE FBI HAS IDENTIFIED JAMES EARL RAY, AN ESCAPEE FROM THE MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY, AS ERIC STARVO GALT, AGAINST WHOM A FEDERAL COMPLAINT WAS FILED LAST WEDNESDAY IN CONNECTION WITH THE FATAL SHOOTING OF THE REVEREND DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

DIRECTOR J. EDGAR HOOVER SAID THAT A SYSTEMATIC AND EXHAUSTIVE SEARCH OF LATENT FINGERPRINTS UNCOVERED IN THE DR. KING CASE AGAINST THE FINGERPRINTS OF THE OVER 53,000 PERSONS FROM WHOM "WANTED NOTICES" HAVE BEEN POSTED IN THE FILES OF THE FBI'S IDENTIFICATION DIVISION LED TO THE DETERMINATION THAT GALT AND RAY ARE IDENTICAL.

MR. HOOVER SAID THAT RAY, WHO IS 40 YEARS OF AGE, WAS REPORTED MISSING FROM THE MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI, SINCE APRIL 23, 1967. HE HAD BEEN RECEIVED AT THAT INSTITUTION ON MARCH 17, 1960, TO SERVE A 20-YEAR SENTENCE FOLLOWING CONVICTION IN ST. LOUIS FOR ARMED ROBBERY AND FOR OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE WITHOUT PERMISSION OF THE OWNER.

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IN SEPTEMBER, 1966, WHILE SERVING THIS SENTENCE, HE WAS CONFINED FOR A TIME IN THE MAXIMUM SECURITY WARD AT THE STATE HOSPITAL AT FULTON, MISSOURI.

ACCORDING TO MR. HOOVER, RAY HAS A KNOWN ARREST RECORD DATING BACK TO 1949. PRIOR TO THE 1960 CONVICTION FOR WHICH HE RECEIVED THE 20-YEAR TERM, RAY HAD BEEN CONVICTED OF BURGLARY IN LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, IN 1949; ARMED ROBBERY IN CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, IN 1952; AND FORGING UNITED STATES POSTAL MONEY ORDERS IN MISSOURI IN 1955.

HE HAS SERVED TERMS IN THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY JAIL IN 1949; IN STATE PRISONS AT JOLIET AND PONTIAC, ILLINOIS, IN 1952-54; AND IN THE FEDERAL PENITENTIARY AT LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS, IN 1955-58.

RAY WAS AN ENLISTED MAN IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY FROM FEBRUARY, 1946, TO DECEMBER, 1948, AT WHICH TIME HE WAS GIVEN A GENERAL DISCHARGE DUE TO INEPTNESS AND LACK OF ADAPTABILITY FOR MILITARY SERVICE. WHILE IN THE ARMY, HE RECEIVED A THREE-MONTH SENTENCE AT HARD LABOR FOR BEING DRUNK AND BREAKING ARREST.

MR. HOOVER SAID THAT DURING HIS CRIMINAL CAREER, RAY HAS ALSO USED THE NAMES OF JAMES MCBRIDE, JAMES WALTON, W. C. HERRON AND JAMES O'CONNER. HE IS A WHITE MALE; CLAIMS TO HAVE

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BEEN BORN [REDACTED] IN ILLINOIS; IS APPROXIMATELY 5 FEET 10 INCHES TALL AND WEIGHS ABOUT 163 TO 174 POUNDS. HE HAS BLUE EYES AND BROWN HAIR. THERE IS A SMALL SCAR ON THE CENTER OF HIS FOREHEAD AND A SCAR ON THE PALM OF HIS RIGHT HAND.

RAY HAS CLAIMED THAT HE ATTENDED SCHOOL THROUGH THE 10TH GRADE IN ALTON, ILLINOIS. HE HAS HAD THE REPUTATION OF BEING A "DRIFTER" SINCE LEAVING SCHOOL. HIS VOCATIONAL EXPERIENCE INCLUDES WORKING AS A BAKER, LABORER AND COLOR MATCHER.

IN CONNECTION WITH HIS ESCAPE FROM THE MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY, AN FBI COMPLAINT WAS FILED IN JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI, ON JULY 20, 1967, CHARGING RAY WITH UNLAWFULLY FLEEING FROM THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO AVOID CONFINEMENT. HE HAS BEEN A FEDERAL FUGITIVE SINCE THEN.

RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND EXTREMELY DANGEROUS. ANYONE HAVING INFORMATION CONCERNING HIM SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CONTACT FBI HEADQUARTERS IN WASHINGTON, D. C., OR THE NEAREST FBI OFFICE.

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FBI ATLANTA

AT 44-2386

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Reference: Laundry Phase

The following investigation was conducted on April 17, 1968, by SAs MARION E. CHEEK and TRAVIS L. LYNCH:

Observation of the J. R. Cheshire Company, 379 Piedmont Road, NE, Atlanta, Georgia, revealed this building was torn down for the City Auditorium.

Mr. JOHN ROWAN, Southern Automatic Equipment Company, 496 Piedmont Avenue, NE, Atlanta, Georgia, advised that J. R. Cheshire Company, formerly located at 379 Piedmont Road, NE, Atlanta, Georgia, is out of business, but the business of that company was assumed by the Wink Davis Equipment Company, Inc., 568 Somerset Terrace, NE, Atlanta, Georgia.

Mr. TROY THOMASTON, Wink Davis Equipment Company, Inc., 568 Somerset Terrace, NE, Atlanta, Georgia, advised his company was established about 3½ years ago, and assumed the operation of J. R. Cheshire Company. He stated they are distributors of laundry machine equipment.

Mr. THOMASTON advised that on December 13, 1963, they sold Thermo Seal Machine, Serial Number 32735, to McDonough Cleaners and Laundry, McDonough, Georgia. Mr. THOMASTON believes that McDonough Cleaners and Laundry has since traded this machine and he suggested that Mr. AIKEN CHAFFIN, Owner, McDonough Cleaners and Laundry, McDonough, Georgia, be contacted to determine the present location of the Thermo Seal Machine, Serial Number 32735.

Mr. JOHN ROWAN, Manager, Southern Automatic Equipment Company, 496 Piedmont Avenue, NE, Atlanta, Georgia, advised that his company is a distributor for Thermo Seal Machines. He advised that his company does not utilize any machines for marking laundry, and they are strictly laundry equipment distributors.

Mr. ROWAN checked his records and advised that his company sold Thermo Seal Machine, Serial Number 32794 to Mr. MARSHALL MC FARLAND, 2458 Carroll Avenue, Chamblee, Georgia, who operates Chamblee Cleaning Center. Mr. ROWAN knows that Mr. MC FARLAND has several other locations and that he has several other similar machines at his other locations.

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Mr. MARSHAL MC FARLAND, Owner, Chamblee Sunshine Cleaning Center, 2458 Carroll Avenue, Chamblee, Georgia, furnished the following information:

Mr. MC FARLAND is the owner and operator of the Chamblee Sunshine Cleaning Center, 2458 Carroll Avenue, Chamblee, Georgia; the Shallowford Plaza Sunshine Center, 2604 Shallowford Road, NE, Atlanta, Georgia; the Roswell Plaza Sunshine Center, 1037 Alpharetta Street, Roswell, Georgia; the Dial Cleaners and Laundry, 3426 Shallowford Road, Chamblee, Georgia; and the Dial Cleaners and Laundry, 285 Mount Vernon Highway, Sandy Springs, Georgia.

Mr. MC FARLAND has Thermo Seal Machines at each of the above locations, and these machines are used for marking shirts and flat work. Each of his machines has 6 characters for printing and his code is as follows:

The first 2 digets are used to indicate the lot number, the 3rd character is a letter used to designate the week. The week is designated by starting with the alphabet, and running through the alphabet each 6 months, using 1 letter per week. The last 2 digets are used to designate a bundle number. Mr. MC FARLAND's establishments do not use the 6th character on his machines. All of the establishments use the same type of code.

Mr. MC FARLAND exhibited Thermo Seal Machine, Serial Number 32794 at the Chamblee Sunshine Center, 2458 Carroll Avenue, Chamblee, Georgia, and furnished samples reflecting the code 02B-6; D2B-6; and 20R-3.

Mr. MC FARLAND has not used red tape on his Thermo Seal Machines, except some period of time ago, his Shallowford Plaza Sunshine Center used 2 rolls of red tape for marking laundry. This establishment at Shallowford Center ordinarily uses yellow tape. The Chamblee Sunshine Cleaning Center uses blue and gray tape only, and has never used another color. The Roswell Sunshine Cleaning Center, Roswell, Georgia, uses only pink tape, and has never used another color. The Dial Cleaners and Laundry, 3426 Shallowford Road, uses only white tape, and has never used another color.

The Dial Cleaners and Laundry at 285 Mount Vernon Highway, Sandy Springs, Georgia, uses only white tape, and has never used another color tape.

On April 18, 1968, Miss ANN TRIBBLE, Assistant Manager, Shallowford Plaza Sunshine Center, 2604 Shallowford Road, NE, Atlanta, Georgia, which is one of Mr. MARSHALL MC FARLAND's establishments, furnished samples of yellow tape bearing the codes 02B-6; D2B-6; and 20R-3.

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Miss TRIBBLE checked her records and advised that on October 25, 1967, her establishment did use the code 20R-3 on 1 shirt for Mr. SAM HARDMAN, Claim Check Number L-35639. From a review of records, she was positive that Mr. HARDMAN only had 1 shirt laundered and she was positive that this particular code could not have been placed on another item for at least 6 months prior to October 25, 1967, and has not been used since that time. This establishment would not have used the code 02B-6 or D2B-6 inasmuch as their code would have reflected 2-B-6 instead of 02B-6, and they would not have used a letter as the first character in their code.

Inasmuch as Mr. MC FARLAND advised none of his establishments would have used yellow or red tape, except the one at Shallowford Plaza, no samples were obtained from his other locations.

FBI BOSTON

502PMG URGENT 4-19-68 DMG

TO SAC ATLANTA

FROM BOSTON 157-644

MURKIN

BART SEAVY, SLUMBER MANOR MOTEL, ROUTE ONE, NORTH HAMPTON, P
N.H., ADVISED TWO WHITE MALES REGISTERED APRIL FIFTEEN,
LAST, AND HAVE REMAINED TO DATE. MOTEL REGISTRATION INDICATES
NAME OF REX SMITH, THREE SIX SIX WEST WHALEY, JESSUP, GEORGIA.
SECOND MALE DID NOT REGISTER. ONE MALE HAS REMAINED IN MOTEL
ROOM AND LEAVES ONLY PM TO EAT. OTHER MALE EMPLOYED MILLIKEN
CO., EXETER, N.H.

THEY ARRIVED IN BLACK MUSTANG, GEORGIA REGISTRATION
FIVE ZERO - ZERO - ONE FIVE TWO, AND SHOTGUN AND PISTOL HAVE
BEEN OBSERVED IN THEIR POSSESSION. NO DESCRIPTIVE DATE
AVAILABLE.

ATLANTA CHECK MVB RECORDS RE MUSTANG AND DETERMINE
IDENTITY OF OWNER.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) 4/19/68
ATTN: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (P)

MURKIN

PATSY PIKE, a waitress at Mammy's Shanty Restaurant, Atlanta, Georgia, advised on 4/18/68, she served lunch to ERIC S. GALT, whose photograph appeared in the newspapers on 4/18/68.

Enclosed is the luncheon check which this individual presented to the cashier upon leaving the restaurant.

The Identification Division is requested to process the enclosed check for latent fingerprint impressions and thereafter to compare any latents developed with latent prints previously developed in this case.

- 2 - Bureau (Enc. 1) (RM)
- 1 - Memphis (Info)
- 1 - Birmingham (Info)
- 2 - Atlanta

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) DATE: 4/19/68

FROM : SA DONALD F. TACKITT

SUBJECT: MURKIN

The following radio stations were furnished
the News Release dated 4/19/68, concerning JAMES
EARL RAY:

WERD
JEROME JOHNSON, Program Director

WDGL
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Memorandum

TO : EACH RESIDENT AGENT

DATE: 4/19/68

FROM : SAC, FRANK V. HITT

SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE: CONTACT WITH NEWS MEDIA

Each Resident Agent has been furnished the full physical description of subject ERIC STARVO GALT, photographs depicting GALT with eyes opened and closed and also copies of press releases received from the Bureau concerning the assassination of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. and the events following that incident.

Each Resident Agent is requested to contact all news media within your respective territory, supply them with copies of the press releases; however, no other information other than is contained in the press releases is to be furnished, and you should continue to maintain a "no comment" attitude toward the news media.

LEADS

Each Resident Agent immediately furnish above information to all news media, including television, radio and local newspapers.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386)

DATE: 4/19/68

FROM : SA C. O. KENNERLY, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE: BAKERY SCHOOLS, ATLANTA

A review of the City Directories and Southern Bell Telephone Yellow Pages failed to reflect a listing for a bakery school in the Atlanta, Ga., area.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Atlanta, Georgia
April 19, 1968

NEWS RELEASE

Attorney General Ramsey Clark announced today that the FBI has identified James Earl Ray, an escapee from the Missouri State Penitentiary, as Eric Starvo Galt against whom a Federal complaint was filed last Wednesday in connection with the fatal shooting of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover said that a systematic and exhaustive search of latent fingerprints uncovered in the Dr. King case against the fingerprints of the over fiftythree thousand persons for whom "Wanted Notices" have been posted in the files of the FBI's Identification Division led to the determination that Galt and Ray are identical.

Mr. Hoover said that Ray, who is forty years of age, was reported missing from the Missouri State Penitentiary at Jefferson City, Missouri, since April 23, 1967. He had been received at that institution on March 17, in St. Louis for Armed Robbery and for Operating a motor vehicle without permission of the owner.

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In September, 1966, while serving this sentence, he was confined for a time in the maximum security ward at the State Hospital at Fulton, Missouri.

According to Mr. Hoover, Ray has a known arrest record dating back to 1949. Prior to the 1960 conviction for which he received the twenty-year term, Ray had been convicted of burglary in Los Angeles, California in 1949; armed robbery in Chicago, Illinois in 1952; and forging United States Postal Money Orders in Missouri in 1955.

He has served terms in the Los Angeles County Jail in 1949; in State prisons at Joliet and Pontiac, Illinois in 1952-54; and in the Federal Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, in 1955-58.

Ray was an enlisted man in the United States Army from February, 1946, to December, 1948, at which time he was given a General Discharge due to ineptness and lack of adaptability for military service. While in the Army, he received a three-month sentence at hard labor for being drunk and breaking arrest.

Mr. Hoover said that during his criminal career, Ray has also used the names of James Mc Bride, James Walton, W. C. Herron and James O'Conner. He is a white male; claims to have been born in Illinois; is approximately five feet ten inches tall and weighs about

163 to 174 pounds. He has blue eyes and brown hair. There is a small scar on the center of his forehead and a scar on the palm of his right hand.

Ray has claimed that he attended school through the tenth grade in Alton, Illinois. He has had the reputation of being a "drifter" since leaving school. His vocational experience includes working as a baker, laborer and color matcher.

In connection with his escape from the Missouri State Penitentiary, an FBI complaint was filed in Jefferson City, Missouri on July 20, 1967, charging Ray with unlawfully fleeing from the State of Missouri to avoid confinement. He has been a Federal fugitive since then.

Ray should be considered armed and extremely dangerous. Anyone having information concerning him should immediately contact FBI Headquarters in Washington, D. C., or the nearest FBI Office.

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FBI MIAMI

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), ATLANTA (44-2386), BIRMINGHAM (44-1740),
AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM MIAMI (44-1854) (P)

MURKIN

RE ERIC STARVO GALT

FOREIGN BOUND AIRLINE PASSENGERS FROM ATLANTA, GA., APRIL
FIVE AND SIX LAST.

RE ATLANTQ TELETYPE TO BUREAU APRIL EIGHTEEN LAST.

THE FOLLOWING INFO DEVELOPED AIRLINES (EAL), MIAMI, APRIL
NINETEEN INSTANT, RE FOREIGN BOUND PASSENGERS ABOARD FLIGHTS NAMED
RE TELETYPE. WHERE SPECIFIC INFO NOT SHOWN TICKET WAS NOT
LEGIBLE. EAL DOES NOT PRINT OUT PASSENGERS NAMES, THEREFORE INFO
OBTAINED FROM TICKETS. EAL ADVISED RESERVATION INFO, POSSIBLE SOURCE OF
ADDRESSES, RETAINED NINETY DAYS AT ORIGIN STATION, BY DATE, FLIGHT
NO. AND NAME.

FLIGHT NO. ONE ZERO SIX, APRIL FIVE LAST, HOUSTON TO ATLANTA
TO NEW YORK TO MONTREAL. FOREIGN PASSENGERS: MR. AND MRS.
M. BRUNET, TICKET ISSUED MARCH TWENTYEIGHT LAST BY E. A. MEYER,
NO. TWO ZERO TWO, JACKSONVILLE, FLA., FLIGHT POINT OF ORIGIN,
JACKSONVILLE, FLA.

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MR. L. P. CARPENTIER, ISSUED MARCH ELEVEN, POINT OF ORIGIN MONTREAL, MARCH SIXTEEN LAST.

MR. M. CORRIVEAY, ISSUED MARCH EIGHTEEN LAST, BY EAL FIELD TICKET OFFICE (FTO), NO. SIX, MONTREAL, FLIGHT ORIGIN MONTREAL, MARCH EIGHTEEN LAST.

FLIGHT THREE TWO ZERO, APRIL FIVE LAST, ATLANTA TO PITTSBURGH TO BUFFALO TO TORONTO. PASSENGERS:

CAPT. AND MRS. S. JAYNES, ISSUED MARCH TWENTYEIGHT, LAST, BY EAL, CITIZENS AND SOUTHERN NATIONAL BANK, BROAD AND MARIETTA, ATLANTA, FLIGHT ORIGIN ATLANTA.

REV. C. C. BOVER, ISSUED MARCH TWENTYSIX LAST, BY EAL MAIL TWO, ATLANTA, PAID BY NON REF. CCCS ONE FOUR SEVEN FOUR SEVEN EIGHT ZERO FOUR FIVE, FLIGHT ORIGIN ATLANTA.

MR. A. MEATS, ISSUED MARCH ONE BY EAL-FTO NO. FIVE, TALLAHASSEE, FLA., PAID BY INVOICE ZERO ZERO SEVEN THREE ONE ONTHREE SIX TWO TWO NINE FOUR - TWO NINE FIVE, ORIGIN TALLAHASSEE, FLIGHT TWO FIVE SEVEN, APRIL FIVE LAST.

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MR. AND MRS. J. COLE, ISSUED DEC. TWENTYNINE SIXTYSEVEN,
By EAL MAIL NO. EIGHT, NEW YORK, PAID BY SMT NINE FIVE TWO SIX
ONE FIVE, ORIGIN TORONTO, FLIGHT THREE TWO ONE, JAN. FIVE
LAST.

FLIGHT THREE TWO EIGHT, APRIL FIVE LAST, MIAMI TO ATLANTA
TO PITTSBURGH TO BUFFALO TO TORONTO. PASSENGERS:

MR. C. BUCHER, ISSUED MARCH TWENTYFIVE LAST, TORONTO,
PAID BY AXZERO THREE ZERO - ZERO ONE ONE - FOUR FOUR EIGHT -
FIVE, CARD EIGHT ZERO ZERO, ORIGIN TORONTO, FLIGHT SEVEN FOUR ZERO,
MARCH THIRTY LAST.

MR. J. D. CORCORAN, SAME INFO AS BUCHER TICKET.

MR. C. C. MCLAYRIN, ISSUED MARCH TWENTYONE, TORONTO, PAID
By AGENT INVOICE THREE SEVEN EIGHT FOUR, ORIGIN TORONTO, FLIGHT
THREE TWO SEVEN, APRIL TWO LAST.

MR. W. LANGDON, ISSUED MARCH TWENTYONE LAST, BURLINGTON
TRAVEL SERVICE, BURLINGTON, CANADA, PAID BY CHECK, ORIGIN TORONTO,
FLIGHT THREE TWO ONE, MARCH TWENTYONE LAST.

MR. A ROYLE, ISSUED MARCH TWENTYNINE LAST AT EAL - FTO
NO. ONE, TORONTO, PAID BY ACQ FOUR NINE SEVEN EIGHT - WAC,
HURON CHEMICALS LTD., ORIGIN MERIDIAN, MISS., SO ONE EIGHT FIVE,
APRIL FIVE LAST.

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MR. W. J. HUMPHRIES, ISSUED MARCH EIGHTEEN LAST, BY P. LAWSON TRAVEL, LTD., TORONTO, PAID BY CHECK, ORIGIN TORONTO, FLIGHT THREE TWO SEVEN, APRIL TWO LAST.

FLIGHT NINE FIVE FIVE, APRIL FIVE LAST, ST. LOUIS TO ATLANTA TO MIAMI TO SAN JUAN. PASSENGERS:

ORLANDO GONZALES, ISSUED APRIL FIVE LAST AT EAL - FTO NO. SEVENTY, ATLANTA, PAID BY EAQ ONE FIVE ONE ZERO ONE TWO WEA TWO THREE SEVEN TWO NINE SEVEN, P. R. AQUEDUCT AND SEWER, ROLANDO GONZALEZ, P. O. BOX SEVEN ZERO SIX SIX, SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO, ORIGIN ATLANTA.

MR. MALDONADO, SAME INFO AS ORLANDO GONZALES TICKET.

MR. T. WHISBY, ISSUED APRIL FIVE LAST, BY EAL - FTO NO. THIRTYEIGHT, ATLANTA, PAID BY CASH, ORIGIN ATLANTA.

FLIGHT NINE ONE FIVE, APRIL SIX LAST, NEW YORK TO ATLANTA TO NEW ORLEANS TO MEXICO CITY. PASSENGERS:

MR. RENE ROJAS ISSUED MARCH TWENTYTHREE LAST BY EAL - FTO NO. EIGHTYTWO, ATLANTA, PAID BY CASH, ORIGIN GREENSBORO, FLIGHT, SIX TWO NINE, APRIL SIX LAST.

E. CARNEY ISSUED APRIL THREE LAST BY EAL - FTO NO. EIGHTYTWO, ATLANTA, PAID BY CHECK, ORIGIN ATLANTA, FLIGHT NINE ONE FIVE, APRIL SIX LAST, FINAL DESTINATION ACAPULCO, APRIL SIX LAST.

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E. J. CARNEY, SAME INFO AS E. CARNEY TICKET.

HECTOR MARISCAL, ISSUED APRIL TWO LAST, MEXICO, PAID BY CASH, ORIGIN MEXICO CITY, EAL FLIGHT NINE ZERO FOUR/ TWO ZERO SIX, APRIL TWO LAST.

MR. P. RAGSDALE, ISSUED APRIL THREE LAST AT AGUSTA, BY SOUTHERN TRAVEL AGENCY, INC., AGUSTA, GA., POINT OF ORIGIN ATLANTA, FINAL DESTINATION ACAPULCO, APRIL SIX LAST, RETURN ATLANTA APRIL THIRTEEN LAST, TOUR CODE IT - AX - EIGHT FOUR - ZERO SIX.

MR. D. ANDRICH, MR. H. SMITH, MR. P. GOSS, ALL THREE SAME AS RAGDALE TICKET.

MR. S. LOPEZ (OR MRS. LOPEZ), ISSUED APRIL THREE LAST AT BALTIMORE, PAID BY GTR, NUMBER ILLEGIBLE, ORIGIN FLIGHT SIX SEVEN SEVEN, ON APRIL THREE LAST, ALMOST ENTIRE TICKET ILLEGIBLE, MEXICO CITY FINAL DESTINATION.

THE FOLLOWING INFO RE "OFF LINE" TICKETS PER EAL COMPUTER PRINT OUT FOR FOREIGN BOUND PASSENGERS, WHO BOARDED INSTANT FLIGHTS AT ATLANTA, ON WHICH ONLY TICKET NUMBERS AND AIRLINES ARE AVAILABLE:

FLIGHT NINE ONE FIVE, APRIL SIX LAST:

CENTRAL AFRICAN AIRWAYS, TICKET NO. ZERO SIX THREE - FOUR ZERO ONE - ONE TWO FOUR EIGHT THREE THREE AND ONE TWO FOUR EIGHT TWO EIGHT.

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ALITALIA - LINEE AEREE ITALIANE TICKET NO. ZERO FIVE FIVE -
FOUR SEVEN SEVEN - FOUR ONE TWO FIVE THREE SEVEN.

FLIGHT THREE TWO ZERO, APRIL FIVE LAST:

UNITED AIRLINES TICKET ZERO ONE SIX - TWO ONE THREE - TWO SEVEN
EIGHT THREE THREE NINE.

FLIGHT THREE TWO EIGHT, APRIL FIVE LAST:

AIR CANADA TICKET NO. ZERO ONE FOUR - THREE NINE ZERO - SIX
FOUR SEVEN TWO EIGHT THREE.

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TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, NEW ORLEANS,
SAN ANTONIO, HOUSTON, AND INDIANAPOLIS
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN, CR - POSSIBLE SUSPECT DONALD D. TANNER.

RE INDIANAPOLIS TEL TO MEMPHIS, LOS ANGELES AND
NEW ORLEANS APRIL SEVENTEEN LAST, TWELVE ZERO THREE P.M.
CST.

SHIRLEY KAHN ADVISED DONALD TANNER FRIEND OF HER SON.
TANNER IS NOT IDENT WITH PHOTO OF GALT.
NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION AT LA.

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TO SACRAMENTO

FROM ATLANTA

MURKIN

RE SACRAMENTO TELETYPE, APRIL NINETEEN LAST.

TIRE WITH IMPRINT SIX ZERO ONE IS TIRE MARKED WITH SERIAL
NUMBER TWO ZERO FOUR TWO SEVEN THREE SEVEN TWO.

AIRMAIL COPIES TO MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM.

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TO DIRECTOR AND ATLANTA

FROM NEW ORLEANS 157-10673

MURKIN

REBUTEL APRIL NINETEEN INSTANT WITH PRESS RELEASE
CONCERNING IDENTIFICATION OF JAMES EARL RAY WITH ERIC STARVO
GALT.

A CHECK OF ALL NAMES AND ALIASES OF JAMES EARL RAY UNDER
DATE OF BURTH ARE NEGATIVE
AT DRIVERS LICENSE BUREAU, BATON ROUGE, LA.

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FBI MEMPHIS

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TO DIRECTOR, BIRMINGHAM AND ATLANTA
FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987) 2P

MURKIN.

THIS MORNING, ROBERT DWYER, FIRST ASST. ATTORNEY GENERAL COVERING THE STATE DISTRICT IN WHICH MEMPHIS IS LOCATED, CALLED AT OFFICE. DWYER STATED THAT HE CAME NOT TO MAKE ANY REQUEST OF THE FBI BUT ONLY TO MAKE FORMAL NOTICE THAT AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PROSECUTOR IN THIS DISTRICT, THEIR OFFICE WAS MOST INTERESTED IN THE CASE INVOLVING THE MURDER OF DR. KING. HE OFFERED THE COOPERATION OF HIS OFFICE AND SAID IF THERE IS ANYTHING POSSIBLE THAT THEY COULD DO TO OFFER ASSISTANCE IN ANY WAY, THEY WERE READY AT ANY TIME.

MEMPHIS DIVISION INDICES CONTAIN NO INFORMATION REGARDING JAMES EARL RAY. PHOTOGRAPH OF GALT WAS DISPLAYED TO LOGICAL SOURCES THIS DATE WITH NO POSITIVE INFORMATION DEVELOPED. MEMPHIS PD HAS NO RECORD CONCERNING JAMES EARL RAY.

INVESTIGATION AT MEMPHIS THIS DATE FAILED TO SHOW THAT ANYONE USING THE NAME GALT OR ANY OF HIS ALIASES HAS EVER BEEN MEMBER OF EITHER BAKERS OR BARTENDERS UNIONS IN MEMPHIS. UNION
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OFFICIALS ADVISE THERE ARE NO SCHOOLS IN MEMPHIS FOR EITHER BAKERS OR BARTENDERS.

CHARLES HARTZELL, WHO WAS MANAGER OF THE CONTINENTAL DANCE CLUB, NEW ORLEANS, FROM ITS INCEPTION UNTIL TWO OR THREE MONTHS BEFORE ITS CLOSING IN NINETEEN SIXTY FIVE, ADVISED HE HAD NO RECOLLECTION OF A STUDENT UNDER THE NAME OF GALT OR ANY OF HIS ALIASES, INCLUDING THE NAME JAMES EARL RAY. HARTZELL STILL HAD IN HIS POSSESSION A LIST OF STUDENTS WHO ATTENDED THE CONTINENTAL DANCE CLUB IN NEW ORLEANS FOR PERIOD JAN. SIXTY FIVE THROUGH AUG., NINETEEN SIXTY FIVE. THESE RECORDS WERE NEGATIVE CONCERNING RAY, GALT OR ANY OF THE ALIASES USED BY GALT.

PRESS RELEASE AS AUTHORIZED BY BUREAU FURNISHED TO NEWSPAPERS AND TV IN AREA. FAVORABLE RESPONSE TO PUBLICITY FURNISHED BY BUREAU.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING, MEMPHIS DIVISION. P.

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TO ATLANTA 44-2386 MEMPHIS 44-1987

FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 2P

MURKIN

RE ATLANTA LETTER AND AIRTEL APRIL SEVENTEEN SUBMITTING
ITEMS FROM GALT'S ROOM.

PIECE OF BROWN THREAD IS LIKE BROWN THREAD USED TO
REPAIR UNDERSHORTS FROM BLUE SUITCASE AND COULD BE FROM
SAME SOURCE.

PIECE OF BLACK THREAD COULD NOT BE ASSOCIATED WITH ANY
PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED ITEMS.

KEY BLANKS AND STRIP OF METAL CONSISTENT WITH TYPE OF
MATERIALS FURNISHED STUDENTS TAKING CORRESPONDENCE
LOCKSMITHING COURSES.

SOME DIFFERENCES NOTED BETWEEN WRITING OF HANEY'S
SHEET METAL BUSINESS CARD AND MATERIAL ATTRIBUTED TO
ERIC S. GALT, BUT LIMITED QUESTIONED WRITING AND LACK OF
COMPARABLE WRITING BY GALT PRECLUDED DEFINITE OPINION
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WHETHER PREPARED BY GALT.

ONE COAT HANGER HAS ADVERTISEMENT OF "HAI PING
LAUNDRY AND CLEANERS, ONE ONE SIX TWO PEACHTREE ST.,
N.E., ATLANTA NINE GA." NO MARKS ON OTHER HANGERS.

NO LABELS, VISIBLE OR INVESIBLE LAUNDRY MARKS ON
HANDKERCHIEF. SEVERAL BROWN LIMB HAIRS OF CAUCASIAN
ORIGIN ON SOCKS.

HANDERCHIEF USED TO APPLY SHOE POLISH. SHOE POLISH
ON HANDKERCHIEF SIMILAR IN COLOR AND COMPOSITION TO SHOE
POLISH FROM SUITCASE.

REPORT FOLLOWS.

FINGERPRINT REPORT SEPARATE.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), ATLANTA (44-2386), BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)
MEMPHIS (44-1987), NEWARK, NEW YORK
FROM MIAMI (44-1854)

MURKIN

RE ERIC STARVO GALT. FLIGHT CREW MEMBERS OF EASTERN AIRLINES
(EAL) FOREIGN BOUND FLIGHTS OUT OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA, APRIL FIVE
DASH SIX, NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT.

RE ATLANTA TEL TO BUREAU, APRIL EIGHTEEN LAST.

FOLLOWING INFORMATION DEVELOPED EAL, MIAMI, APRIL NINETEEN LAST
RE FOREIGN BOUND EAL FLIGHTS IN RETEL.

FLIGHTS ON APRIL FIVE, SIXTY EIGHT. - FLIGHT ONE NAUGHT SIX
ORIGINATED HOUSTON TO ATLANTA TO JFK TO MONTREAL; FLIGHT THREE
TWENTY ORIGINATED ATLANTA TO PITTSBURGH TO BUFFALO TO TORONTO;
FLIGHT THREE TWO EIGHT ORIGINATED MIAMI TO ATLANTA TO PITTSBURGH TO
BUFFALO TO TORONTO; FLIGHT NINE FIVE FIVE ORIGINATED ST. LOUIS
TO ATLANTA TO MIAMI TO SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO. ON APRIL SIX, SIXTY
EIGHT, FLIGHT NINE ONE FIVE ORIGINATED NEW YORK TO ATLANTA TO
NEW ORLEANS TO MEXICO CITY.

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INFORMATION DEVELOPED THAT FOLLOWING FLIGHT CREW MEMBERS ARE ASSIGNED TO FOLLOWING EAL BASES, AND LEADS ARE SET FORTH BY CREW MEMBER'S TITLE, ADDRESS AND FLIGHT FLOWN ON APRIL FIVE OR SIX, SIXTYEIGHT.

ATLANTA, NEWARK AND NEW YORK ARE REQUESTED TO CONTACT LOCAL EAL OFFICE TO DETERMINE PLACE WHERE LISTED PERSONNEL CAN BE CONTACTED AND SET FORTH LEAD IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS IN RETEL TO EXHIBIT PHOTO OF SUBJECT TO THESE PERSONNEL. MIAMI CONTACTING EAL PERSONNEL ASSIGNED MIAMI AREA.

ATLANTA

CAPTAINS AND PILOTS

W. H. PATE, THREE FIVE FOUR FIVE SPRINGSIDE DRIVE, DECATUR, GEORGIA, FLIGHT THREE TWENTY; T. H. WALTERS, TWO SIX THREE SEVEN HEDLAND DRIVE, EAST POINT, GEORGIA, FLIGHT THREE TWO EIGHT; F. H. ALLEY, FOUR ONE THREE FIVE WELCOME ALL TERRACE, COLLEGE PARK, GEORGIA, FLIGHT THREE TWO EIGHT; R. G. DISTEL, ONE EIGHT FOUR ZERO SULLIVAN ROAD, APT. J TWO, COLLEGE PARK, GEORGIA, FLIGHT THREE TWENTY;

FLIGHT ATTENDANTS

JOCELYN LOUISE BREAKWELL, ONE EIGHT FOUR ZERO SULLIVAN

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ROAD, APT. N - NINE, COLLEGE PARK, GEORGIA, FLIGHT THREE TWO EIGHT;
MARY BONITA COULTER, THREE TWO FOUR FOUR N. FULTON AVENUE, APT.
D-THREE, HAPEVILLE, GEORGIA, FLIGHT THREE TWENTY; RENDER EUTIS
HARRIS, ONE TWO THREE NINE HERNDON STREET, GRIFFIN, GEORGIA,
FLIGHT THREE TWO EIGHT; JILL HENSLEY, ONE ONE NINE FIVE WOODLAND AVE.,
APT. C-THREE, ATLANTA, GEORGIA, FLIGHT THREE TWENTY; CORINTHIA
LEONORA HICKS, SIX THREE FIVE FAIR ST., UNIVERSITY PLAZA, APT.
THREE TEN, ATLANTA, GEORGIA, FLIGHT THREE TWO EIGHT; DIANNE
ELIZABETH ROSSITER, TWO SEVEN EIGHT EIGHT DE FOOTE FERRY ROAD,
APT. TWENTY ONE - FOUR, ATLANTA, GEORGIA, FLIGHT THREE TWENTY
NEWARK

CAPTAINS AND PILOTS

T. R. CRANE, FOURTEEN AVALON LANE, MATOWAN, NEW JERSEY, FLIGHT
ONE ZERO SIX; R. A. HOVCHIN, FORTY ONE WOODLAWN ROAD, SPARTA,
NEW JERSEY, FLIGHT NINE ONE FIVE; C. E. STOW, THREE NINE NINE
MILLSIDE MANOR, DELRAN, NEW JERSEY, FLIGHT NINE ONE FIVE

FLIGHT ATTENDANTS

RUTH LEHR CHASE, SEVENTEEN MAPLE LANE, RAINBOW LAKE, DANNVILLE
N. J., FLIGHT NINE ONE FIVE; C. ZABORONEK, FORTY FOUR WOODBRIDGE
AVENUE, HIGHLAND PARK, NEW JERSEY, FLIGHT NINE ONE FIVE; CYNTHIA LOUISE

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BRONSON, EIGHTY THREE - NINETY SIX ONE HUNDRED EIGHTEENTH STREET,
APT. TWO D, KEW GARDEN, NEW YORK, FLIGHT ONE ZERO SIX; CORRINE
CONNOR, THREE ZERO FIVE EAST FORTIETH STREET, NEW YORK, NEW YORK,
FLIGHT NINE ONE FIVE; JOAN EVELYN HUEZDA, FIVE HUNDRED EAST SEVENTY
SEVENTH STREET, NEW YORK, NEW YORK, FLIGHT NINE ONE FIVE; LUELLEN
LOREHN, FOUR THREE FIVE EAST SEVENTY NINTH STREET, APT. TWELVE C,
NEW YORK, NEW YORK, FLIGHT ONE ZERO SIX; CAROL ANN SCOTT, TWO SIX
TWO SIX HOMECREST AVENUE, BROOKLN NEW YORK, FLIGHT NINE ONE FIVE; DIANE
SARAH TREBLY, TWO TWO ZERO
EAST FORTY FIFTH STREET, NEW YORK, NEW YORK, NEW YORK, FLIGHT ONE ZERO
SIX

NEW YORK

PILOTS

E. L. FOSS, JR., P. O. BOX ONE ONE EIGHT, BRIDGEWATER,
CONNECTICUT, FLIGHT ONE ZERO SIX; E. D. HARTMAN, ELVEN WOOLEY LANE,
APT. THREE J, GREAT NECK, NEW YORK, FLIGHT NINE ONE FIVE; D. W. GROSMAN,
FIFTY THREE SUMMITT ROAD, OAK RIDGE, NEW JERSEY, FLIGHT ONE ZERO SIX.
CORR PAGE FOUR LINE NINE WORD TWO SHOULD BE TREMBLY.

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759 PM URGENT 4-19-68 SSP

TO: DIRECTOR AND SACS MEMPHIS AND ATLANTA

FROM:SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)

MURKIN.

SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION TODAY.

JAKE BRISTOW, R-PROB (GHETTO), TODAY ADVISED THAT THE FEELING AMONG NEGROES GENERALLY IN THE NORTH BIRMINGHAM AREA IS THAT THEY ARE WELL SATISFIED WITH THE INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED BY THE FBI TO APPREHEND THE KILLER OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HE ADVISED THAT INITIAL REACTION IN THIS AREA WAS SEVERE AND THAT THERE WAS "UGLY TALK" WHICH INDICATED A STRONG POSSIBILITY OF VIOLENCE. INFORMANT STATED THAT THIS TALK HAS CEASED AND THAT HE DOES NOT OBSERVE OR ANTICIPATE ANY INDICATION OF VIOLENCE AMONG NEGROES IN BIRMINGHAM AS A RESULT OF THIS MURDER. HE ATTRIBUTES THIS TO THE FACT THE NEGRO COMMUNITY REALIZES THIS IS NOT A PERFUNCTORY INVESTIGATION BUT AN ALL-OUT EFFORT OF THE FBI TO BRING THE KILLER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., TO JUSTICE.

INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM THE ACCOUNTANT OF THE ATLANTA SOURCE WHO FURNISHED INFORMATION APRIL EIGHTEEN, LAST, REGARDING JOHN WILLARD INDICATES THAT WILLARD WAS FIRST EMPLOYED ON MARCH
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COMPLETE RECORD SENT TO ATLANTA.

CHECK OF BANK RECORDS CONTINUING.

ALL SUSPECTS FURNISHED THE BIRMINGHAM OFFICE EXPEDITIOUSLY
CHECKED OUT NEGATIVELY.

DAILY SUMMARY TELETYPES WILL BE DISCONTINUED THIS DATE;
HOWEVER, ALL PHASES OF THIS INVESTIGATION WILL BE GIVEN EXPEDITIOUS
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REBUTELCALLS APRIL NINETEEN.

LATENT FINGERPRINTS ON RIFLE AND TELESCOPIC SIGHT, Q TWO; ON BINOCULARS, Q ONE FOUR, ON NEWSPAPER, Q ONE NINE; ON AFTER SHAVE LOTION BOTTLE, PART OF Q TWO FOUR; AND ON SCHLITZ BEER CAN, Q FIVE THREE; FROM MEMPHIS AND TWO FINGERPRINTS ON MAP OF MEXICO, Q ONE NINE FOUR, FROM ATLANTA IDENTIFIED AS FINGERPRINTS OF JAMES EARL RAY, FBI NUMBER FOUR NAUGHT FIVE NINE FOUR TWO G.

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