

AT 44-2386

AT RALEIGH, N. C.

Will conduct investigation to eliminate N.
P. GAULT as suspect in this matter.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 19, 1968

On April 18, 1968, Mrs. MITCHELL of 791 Connally Street, Apartment 365, telephone number 523-8929, telephonically contacted the Atlanta Office and advised that her [REDACTED] an [REDACTED], found a jacket for an Eastern Airlines ticket reflecting a passenger used this jacket and the ticket that was with it to travel from Atlanta to Memphis. There is no date on the ticket.

Mrs. MITCHELL was immediately contacted by SA WILLIAM J. WATRY and [REDACTED] was found to be waiting at her apartment. [REDACTED] stated that he had the ticket jacket at his residence and he agreed to accompany the Agent to [REDACTED] where he retrieved the ticket from his room. [REDACTED] stated that he found the ticket in the grass next to the road directly across the street from 734 Connally Street right near a telephone pole in the evening on Tuesday, April 16, 1968. He stated that he discussed the matter with [REDACTED] and after he learned of the details of the recovery of the Mustang near that area, he decided to call the attention of this ticket to the Atlanta FBI Office.

[REDACTED] produced the Eastern Airlines boarding pass reflecting flight number 399 but no date is on the boarding pass. It reflects traffic from Atlanta to Memphis at gate number 13 at 8:05 (no time noted). With reference to the pencilled notations on the bottom of the boarding pass which reflect the numbers 5255727 and 5267281 and the name Reverend S. PARKE and also the name FLEMMING, DANNY stated that these pencilled notations were on the boarding pass at the time he found it and he did not place any marks on the pass.

On 4/18/68 at Atlanta, Georgia File # Atlanta 44-2386 - 857
by SA WILLIAM J. WATRY / hjm Date dictated 4/19/68

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Date: 4-18-68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
 FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)
 SUBJECT: MURKIN

Enclosed herewith for each office are two copies of an artist's conception of purported subject who murdered MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr.

Attached drawings were made available evening of 4/16/68 by Mr. EDWARD MC CLELLAN, Executive Director, NAACP, 431 S. Dearborn Street, Room 1317, telephone 939-5365, Chicago (racial liaison source of the Chicago Office) and OTIS RAPHEL, artist for the Chicago Police Department (PD). MC CLELLAN advised RAPHEL prepared the drawings based on impressions conveyed to him by Rev. CLIFFORD ROYCE, also known as "Mr. Psychic", 32 N. State Street, 10th Floor, Chicago. MC CLELLAN advised that ROYCE purportedly possesses extra sensory perception and has a "batting average of about 94.6%" in his predictions and psychic impressions. ROYCE in advising MC CLELLAN and RAPHEL of his impressions of the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr., stated he feels the assassin is currently in the vicinity of New Orleans. He described the assassin as being approximately 5'10½" tall, 158-165 pounds, brown hair, light brown eyes, extremely small waist, 24-26 years of age, and feels subject at one time and possibly currently has homosexual tendencies. Further, that at one time the assassin was the subject of psychiatric treatment for which he was institutionalized and that the assassin was born in Georgia and received psychiatric treatment in Mississippi, or else was born in Mississippi and treated in Georgia. ROYCE also receives impressions that following the assassination, the murderer originally stopped at a motel approximately 30 miles west of Memphis on a main highway. The motel is in a run-down condition, described by ROYCE as being more or less a truck stop of approximately 15 units and ROYCE envisions a number of trees adjacent to the motel. According to ROYCE, this motel is located outside of a town and the assassin in this case has a "B" in his name and his name has no more than 6 letters. ROYCE's impression is that the assassin stopped at this motel after the murder of KING.

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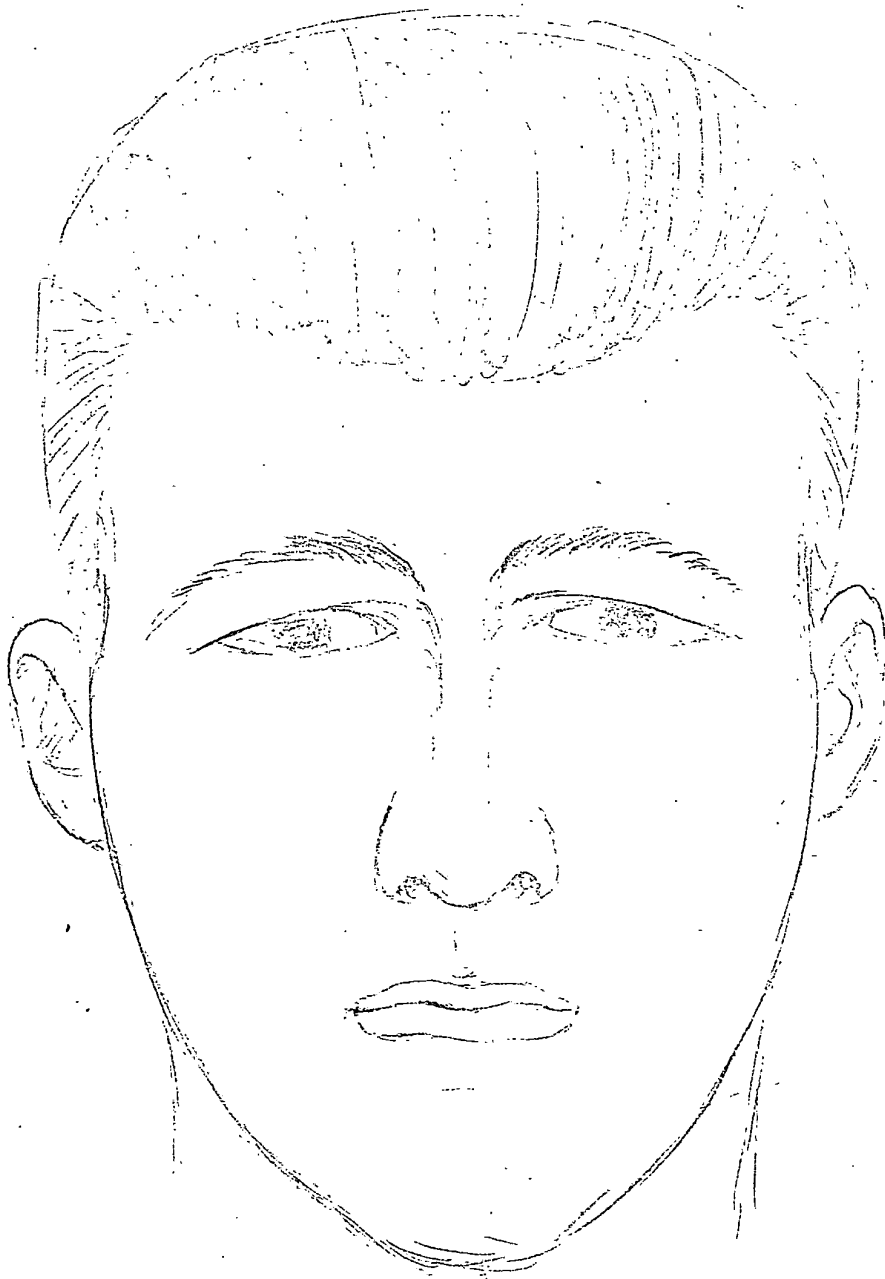
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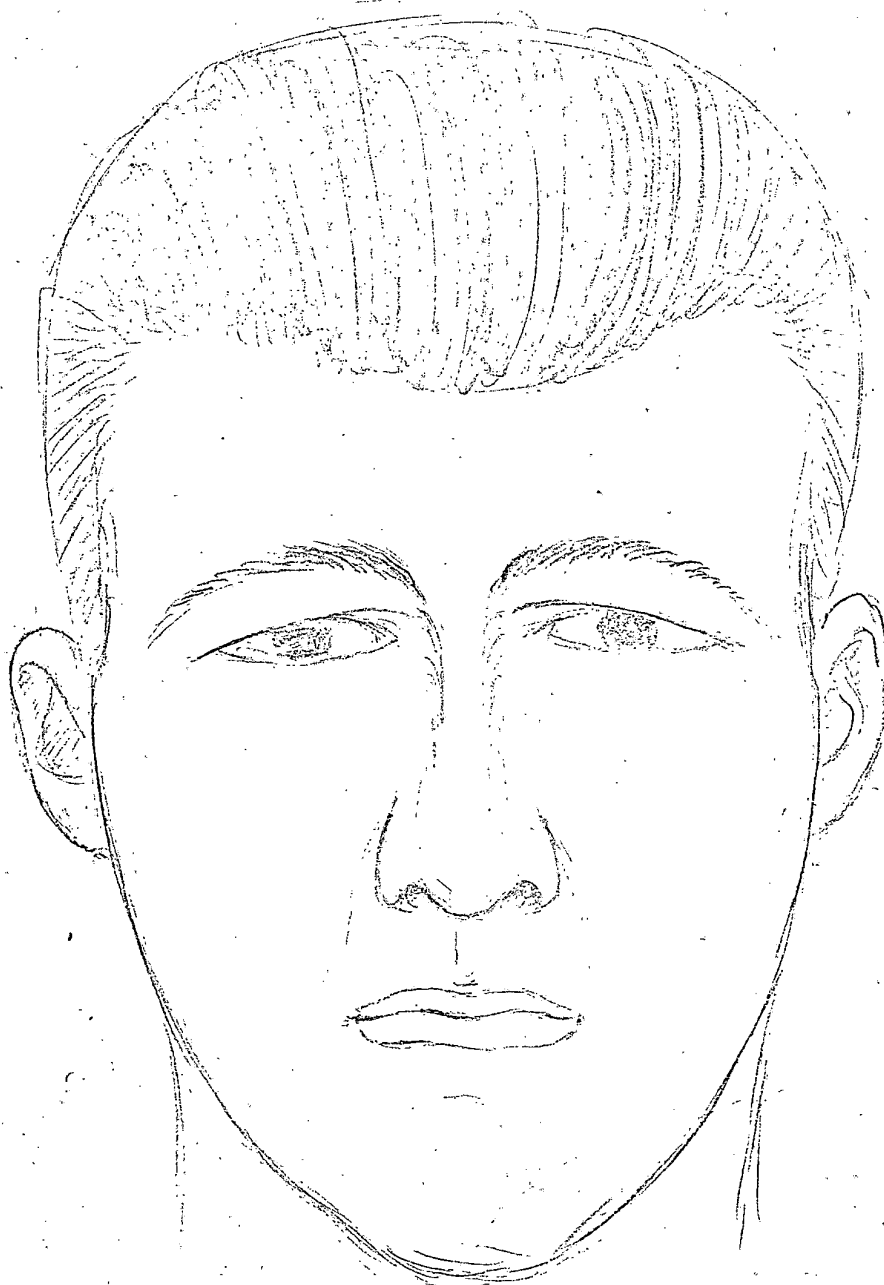
OTIS RAPHEL advised that approximately one year ago, Rev. ROYCE had asked to see him at which time ROYCE requested RAPHEL to draw the picture of a woman he visualized. ROYCE proceeded to describe the woman whom he felt would in the not to distant future, marry a particular person. According to RAPEEL approximately 6 months later the man in question married a woman not previously known to ROYCE but who looked exactly like the sketch drawn by RAPHEL based on impressions of ROYCE 6 months previous to the marriage.

It may be noted that MC CLELLAN was formerly the commanding officer of the Chicago PD Human Relations Unit, and in 1966 when he commanded and was later a part of the unit during the marches staged by MARTIN LUTHER KING in Chicago, MC CLELLAN spent a good deal of his time in maintaining contact with KING and at times serving as his in effect "body guard". MC CLELLAN in furnishing this information and the artist's drawings advised he desired to make this information available since he wished to leave no stone unturned in doing everything possible to identify and apprehend the murderer of KING.

Enclosed sketch is being furnished to the Bureau and the interested offices in view of the source from which it was received. Any action taken on this sketch is being left to the discretion of the Bureau and the office of origin.



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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386)

FROM : SA EDWARD U. CRIM

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/19/68

JOHNNY VARNEY, Apt. 12, 815 Ponce de Leon Ave., telephone #876-2344, advised that 5 p.m. 4/19/68 that he was having dinner on or about 3/15/68 at Bradshaw's Restaurant, across the street from the Clairmont Hotel, Ponce de Leon Ave. when an individual unknown to him engaged him in conversation.

This individual had on his person a .38 caliber revolver and made the statement that he is an escapee from prison, has already killed one person, and has one more to go.

VARNEY said that he has not seen any photograph of GALT as he has not had an opportunity to read the newspaper in the past few days, but after reading the issue of 4/19/68 the above events appear to be significant to him. He said that the unidentified individual had stated that he was at that time registered at the Clairmont Hotel.

VARNEY said he would be at his residence until about 7 p.m. on 4/19/68 and would then be going to the wrestling matches. He said that he would like to see a photograph of GALT in an effort to determine if this is the person to whom he was talking on or about 3/15/68.

Additional information revealed by the unidentified individual was to the effect that he owned a white Mustang.

LEAD:

Interview VARNEY and display photograph of GALT to him.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (P)

FROM : SA ARTHUR L. MURTAGH

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/18/68

DORA MC DONALD, Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.'s former secretary, was interviewed today at SCLC headquarters, Auburn Ave. by SAs ARTHUR L. MURTAGH and JOHN M. PALFI.

Miss MC DONALD was asked to furnish any information that she might have related to the recent death of Dr. KING and also to make contact with other SCLC people who were in Memphis with Dr. KING and make arrangements to set up interviews with the interviewing Agents should any of them feel that they could furnish any information concerning this matter.

Miss MC DONALD expressed her appreciation in the Bureau's intensive interest in this matter and said she would cooperate in any manner possible.

Miss MC DONALD said there was one item which she thought might be pertinent but that she got this information secondhand.

She said that JULIUS GRIFFIN, a former SCLC employee who is now working in Detroit, called her from Detroit the day before Dr. KING's death and advised her that he had information that six members of an organization known as Breakthrough were en route from Detroit to Memphis. GRIFFIN told MC DONALD he did not know whether the six men were armed or not.

Miss MC DONALD said that Breakthrough is an extreme Nazi or neo-Nazi white racist organization in Detroit and that about two weeks before the death of Dr. KING, some representative of this group harassed Dr. KING while he was making a speech at Grosse Point, Mich., just outside of Detroit.

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Miss MC DONALD said that GRIFFIN came to Atlanta following the death of Dr. KING and he has been helping out in SCLC work since that time but that she believes he plans to return to Detroit. Miss MC DONALD did not have a current address for GRIFFIN in Detroit but stated that GRIFFIN is out of town today on a retreat and that she believes he may return to Detroit this evening. She stated she would advise the interviewing Agents of his whereabouts as soon as she could determine them.

Miss MC DONALD also advised that all of the SCLC officials who were with Dr. KING in Memphis at the time of his death are now out of town today on a retreat but that they are expected back tomorrow. Miss MC DONALD stated that she would stay in close contact with the interviewing Agents and cooperate completely in assisting the Bureau.

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Date 4/19/68

RE:

MURKIN

☐ For information ☐ Retention optional ☐ For appropriate action ☐ Surep, by _____

☐ The enclosed is for your information. If used in a future report, ☐ conceal all sources, ☐ paraphrase contents.

☐ Enclosed are corrected pages from report of SA _____ dated _____

Remarks:

Enclosed are copies of 1960 photograph of subject
James Earl Ray.

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Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (44-38861)

DATE: 4/19/68

FROM : SAC, Kansas City (44-760)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Enclosed to the Bureau are six copies and to each office one copy of the following photographs:

JAMES EARL RAY, Missouri Department of
Correction #00416, dated 3/17/60 and
9/8/66

WALTER TERRY RIFE, Kansas City SO #29636
FBI #4558766

Stand up photographs of RAY on the left, Kansas City SO
#29637 and RIFE, Kansas City SO 29236, taken 3/28/55.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) DATE: 4/20/68

FROM : SA C. O. KENNERLY, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re memo of SA EDWARD U. CRIM, 4/19/68.

The following investigation was conducted
by SA C.O. KENNERLY, JR., AND SA JOSEPH PATRICK AYERS:

JOHNNY VARNEY, Apartment 12, 815 Ponce de
Leon Ave., was exhibited a group of photos among which
were photos of EARL JAMES RAY, aka. Eric Starvo Galt.

After viewing these photos, VARNEY picked
out the photo of FRANK S. DE NIGRIS as being identical to
the individual with whom he had a conversation at
Bradshaw's Restaurant on Ponce de Leon Avenue on or
about 3/15/68.

It is noted that VARNEY did not recognize
the photos of EARL JAMES RAY.

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TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (P) DATE: 4/20/68

FROM : SA CHARLES PAUL ROSE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

The following investigation was conducted
by Special Agents CHARLES PAUL ROSE and ROBERT
MICHAEL KANE:

RE NEIGHBORHOOD 19TH STREET AREA

On April 19, 1968, Miss NEDRA SCHOCKLEY, Receptionist, Office of Dr. J. C. GUY, 117 Fourteenth Street, N.E., Atlanta, advised she is the owner of a 1966 blue Mustang that she usually parks in the parking lot in the rear of 113 Fourteenth Street, Atlanta, Ga., during her working hours. She stated that she has never noticed any other 1966 white Mustang parked in the lot in the rear of 113 Fourteenth Street in the past month. She was displayed photos of RAY and stated she had no recollection of ever seeing this individual in the parking lot or around the residence.

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TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) DATE: 4/20/68

FROM : SA JOSEPH PATRICK AYERS

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re memo of Supervisor CHARLES S. HARDING,
4/17/68.

RE CAB COMPANY CHECKS

BETTY HARPER, Dispatcher, Buffalo Bill
Cab Company, 1075 Brady Avenue, N.W., was contacted
4/17/68 and stated she had already checked her trip
sheets with negative results and had advised the FBI.

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TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) ^{DATE:} (P) 4/20/68

FROM : SA JOSEPH PATRICK AYERS

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re memo of SA JAMES J. ROSE, 4/15/68.

RE CLYDE HARPER

Review of files 157-788 and 15 5235, determined that they are both concerned with CLYDE HARPER. File 157-788, serial 1740, outlines physical description of CLYDE HARPER and it was determined CLYDE HARPER too young to be identical with ERIC STARVO GALT.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) DATE: 4/20/68

FROM : SA JOSEPH PATRICK AYERS

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 4/18/68, Mr. SHROPSHIRE of the Squire Inn Motel, 2115 Piedmont Road, N.E., Atlanta, advised a person using the name KEN STRIPLING came to the Registration Desk of the motel, completed registration but did not have baggage and apparently did not come in car or taxicab. STRIPLING stated he was from Daytona Beach and was unable to give good identification. STRIPLING stated when he got home he viewed the photo of GALT in the newspaper and stated he thought it could possibly be the same as STRIPLING.

Mr. SHROPSHIRE was contacted at his residence, 2196 Linmont Circle, Atlanta, Ga., and exhibited several photos and SHROPSHIRE said that there was some resemblance between STRIPLING and GALT. SHROPSHIRE then stated that the circumstances were that at the registration desk STRIPLING appeared and stated he would like to register for several days and when asked about his baggage STRIPLING stated it got mixed up on the airlines and he has to try to locate it. SHROPSHIRE stated he offered to aid STRIPLING in locating his luggage but STRIPLING stated he would be able to handle it. SHROPSHIRE ASKED FOR IDENTIFICATION AND STRIPLING exhibited a driver's license but did not hand it over to SHROPSHIRE BUT HELD IT IN HIS HAND. SHROPSHIRE stated he believes it was an Alabama license but he could not make out any name or other details on the license. At this point SHROPSHIRE told STRIPLING that he would have to pay at least one day's rent in advance. SHROPSHIRE then stated he would just as well go out and try to cash a check and left the motel. SHROPSHIRE stated he did not see a car under the canopy

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where guests usually park nor did he see STRIPLING
get into a taxicab or airport limousine.

SHROPSHIRE made available the registration
card completed by STRIPLING.

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Date: 4/19/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P

MURKIN.

Extensive investigation to date has not specifically established residence or whereabouts of ERIC STARVO GALT prior to mid-summer 1967. Investigation has disclosed that his presence has been established in Alabama, California, Georgia, Louisiana, and Tennessee.

Possibility exists that prior to mid-summer, 1967, UNSUB may well have been a recent releasee of a Federal Penitentiary, a State Penitentiary, or some county correctional institution. In addition, the possibility that he may have been a recent releasee from a mental institution of some kind cannot be overlooked.

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It is therefore requested that all offices receiving this Airtel check records of custodial institutions, penal and otherwise, in their respective divisions, for any information regarding releasees in May, June, and July 1967. Offices should be guided by the descriptive data and birth data furnished on Alabama driver's license. This set forth birthdate [redacted] Descriptive data available on license will assist in eliminating many of the names that might appear. Use of current photo, which is dated March 1968, would also be of assistance in further eliminating any suspects included in group. If unable eliminate on basis of birth data and use of photo, receiving offices should secure from custodial institution identifying numbers which will assist in establishing identification record and thereafter request elimination by fingerprints of Bureau. ARMED & DANGEROUS.

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2 KANSAS CITY	2 SACRAMENTO
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Approved: RGJ
Special Agent in Charge

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Date: **4/18/68**Transmit the following in _____
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TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386)
FROM : SAC, NEWARK (44-854)(p)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re: Atlanta telephone call to Newark, 4/18/68
Newark telephone call to Atlanta, 4/18/68

Enclosed under separate cover are two brochures published for the Locksmithing Institute, Little Falls, N. J., which brochures contain descriptive information and a layout photo of various items furnished to correspondents. Also enclosed is one "Professional Locksmithing and Keymaking Kit" also provided by the Locksmithing Institute, Little Falls, N. J.

On 4/18/68, Mr. BOYD GILLEN, Assistant to GEORGE DURYEA, Director, Locksmithing Institute, Little Falls, N. J., advised, in the absence of DURYEA, that the Locksmithing Institute furnishes to each correspondent a kit containing various pieces of equipment for the first assignment in the course. The first assignment in each course encompasses lessons one through five, and the equipment and various tools are separated in manilla envelopes according to lesson.

GILLEN made available a duplicate kit such as the one which would have been sent to ERIC STARVO GALT. He advised that any blank keys or pre-cut keys that may have the appearance of being heat treated have in all probability been subjected to an open flame in order to create a carbon deposit along the edge of the blank. Thus, when the blank is inserted in a lock and withdrawn, bare spots would appear where the notches within the lock were to be found.

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Special Agent in Charge

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GILLEN advised that any piece of blue steel possibly from the described kit may be a gauge device for the measurement of keys and would be approximately 2" long and $\frac{1}{2}$ " wide. However, this gauge if fully intact should have a sharpe point thereon. He advised that he had no information as to why any gauge would be blunted unless it had been broken.

The above material is furnished for whatever use is deemed necessary by the Atlanta Division.

It is noted that this material was gratuitously furnished by the Locksmithing Institute and need not be returned.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 18, 1968

CHARLES A. TOMLINSON, Cab Driver, Atlanta Million Cab Company, 359 Memorial Drive, S.E., Atlanta, Georgia, advised that on April 12, 1968, he picked up an individual at Memorial and Connally Street in Atlanta and that this individual had resembled the photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT which had been published in several newspapers. He stated that he drove this individual to the Trailways Bus Station in downtown Atlanta at which time the man got out.

TOMLINSON further advised that the individual had told him that he was on his way to Alabama and that he was in a hurry to catch the bus.

Mr. TOMLINSON was shown a composite photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT and he stated this was positively not the individual whom he picked up on April 12, 1968, in Atlanta.

On 4/16/68 at Atlanta, Georgia File # Atlanta 44-2386
by SA WILLIAM V. KENNEDY :ovr Date dictated 4/17/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 18, 1968

TOMMIE WAYNE RYALIS, Taxicab Driver, Atlanta Million Cab Company, 359 Memorial Drive, S.E., Atlanta, Georgia, advised that on April 4 or 5, 1968, between 10:00 and 12:00 p.m., he had been parked in a line of traffic directly in front of the Catacombs Night Club on 14th and Peachtree Street. RYALIS advised that an individual who resembled the composite photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT came up to his cab at that location and got in. He advised that this individual gave him directions to turn right on Peachtree Street and keep driving until he told him to stop. RYALIS advised that when his cab reached 11th Street, just across from a large florist shop, the individual told him to stop and at this time he got out of the cab on the right-hand side and walked toward 11th Street.

RYALIS advised that this individual was dressed neatly, however, he only glanced at him when the man threw two quarters over the front seat to take care of the fare. He described the man as approximately 5'10" tall, 160 pounds, dark hair, with a slight case of acne around his mouth.

RYALIS advised that he did not follow this individual and had no idea where he went after he got out of the cab.

On 4/16/68 at Atlanta, Georgia File # Atlanta 44-2386 -871
by SA WILLIAM V. KENNEDY WJK :ovr Date dictated 4/17/68

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521PM 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
FIFTYEIGHT.

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

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TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, CINCINNATI, LOUISVILLE, ST.
LOUIS, AND SPRINGFIELD
FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987) 1P

THIS DATE, FOLLOWING SPECIAL PERSONNEL RELEASED MEMPHIS
DIVISION AND EN ROUTE THEIR OWN OFFICES* SA O. JAMES HOLBROOK,
LOUISVILLE; SA JAMES J. STANTON, LOUISVILLE; SA CHARLES L. LUTES,
LOUISVILLE; STENOGRAPHER BETTYE B. STARK, LOUISVILLE; SA THOMAS L.
BUCKLEY, ST. LOUIS; SA SHIELDS W. SMITH, CINCINNATI; SA
EDWARD M. QUINN, CINCINNATI; STENOGRAPHER JEAN M. SAHND,
CINCINNATI; SA W. J. BILLEAUD, SPRINGFIELD.

REMAINDER OF PERSONNEL IN MEMPHIS ON SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT
WILL BE RELEASED AS QUICKLY AS ALL CURRENT WORK ASSIGNED CAN
BE CLEARED BY THEM. ANTICIPATED ALL PERSONNEL ON SPECIAL
ASSIGNMENT WILL HAVE DEPARTED MEMPHIS DIVISION EARLY NEXT WEEK.

NUMEROUS LEADS RECEIVED DURING DAY RE LOOK ALIKES ALL
ELIMINATED ON BASIS OF DATA KNOWN TO MEMPHIS.

OF POSSIBLE INTEREST, TO DATE, MEMPHIS DIVISION HAS RECEIVED
NO PERTINENT INFORMATION RE MURDER OF DR. KING FROM NEGRO
COMMUNITY IN MEMPHIS.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING MEMPHIS DIVISION. P.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386)

DATE: 4-19-68

FROM : SA JOSEPH G. SHEA

SUBJECT: MURKIN

At approximately 11:05 AM, 4-19-68, Officer J. Tackett, Cobb County PD, Marietta, Ga., telephonically advised that the Kennesaw PD, Kennesaw, Ga., had a hitchhiker in custody who was stopped as he was walking in the median strip on U.S. 41 in Kennesaw, Ga. Tackett stated that the man was carrying a U. S. Merchant Marine Identification card # Z 713627 and gave the name GUY VIGNOLI and bore a resemblance to ERIC STARVO GALT.

At 11:20 AM this date COP E.H. HOLLINGSWORTH, Kennesaw PD and Officer J. R. PATTERSON, Cobb County PD, were contacted on US 41 near Rock Crusher Hill, Kennesaw, Ga., where they were questioning a truck driver identified as GUYTANO (NMN) VIGNOLI who was standing beside his tractor and trailer. HOLLINGSWORTH advised that at about 10:15 AM one JERRY BEENE, 1105 WINDSOR Pkwy, Atlanta, Ga., phone 255-5375, a student at Kennesaw College, Kennesaw, Ga., had entered the Kennesaw PD and said he had picked up a hitchhiker at the exit of U.S Interstate 75 and US 41, Marietta, Ga., and had let the male hitchhiker out of his car on Ga. 78, behind the FORDES MOTEL, Kennesaw, Ga., at about 10:00AM. BEENE stated that he believed the man might be identical to ERIC STARVO GALT whose picture he had seen in the Atlanta papers.

HOLLINGSWORTH advised that he then contacted the Cobb County PD and their cars went to the area of Fordes Motel, US 41, at which time a Cobb County PD car driven by Officer J.R. PATTERSON saw a man walking in the median strip along US 41 near the motel.

GUYTANO VIGNOLI, RD #2, Valley Inn, Monongahela, Pa., was approached and was given a Waiver of Rights form which he read and signed. He was informed of the reason he had been questioned by Officer Patterson and COP Hollingsworth. VIGNOLI voluntarily agreed to accompany Officer Patterson and COP Hollingsworth to the Kennesaw PD for further questioning, he further volunteered to be fingerprinted and photographed. His voluntary agreements were witnessed by Officer Patterson. VIGNOLI drove his tractor and trailer to the vicinity of the Bar W Bar Restaurant, US 41, Kennesaw, Ga., where he parked the unit and was driven by Officer Patterson to the Kennesaw PD.

At the Kennesaw PD, VIGNOLI displayed a Bill of Lading dated 4/18/68 indicating he was hauling a load of merchandise from Avalon Cheese Co., Mc Minnville, Tenn., to Kraft Food, Decatur, Ga., in a truck and trailer owned by one Oliver Donnell. VIGNOLI stated that he was walking along the median strip when he was stopped by Officer Patterson because he had stopped his truck to



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recover a bill of lading which had blown out the window at about that point. He advised that he had not been in Memphis, Tenn., but had driven through there in his truck on 4-18-68. He produced a truck log book which indicated he had been in Saginaw, Mich., on 4/4 and 5/68 delivering a load of pipe from Elliquippa, Pa., to an Electrical Company on South 2nd Street, Saginaw, Mich.

VIGNOLA voluntarily submitted to fingerprinting and photographing. The following physical description and background was obtained:

Name	GUYTANO (NMN) VIGNOLI
address	RD #2, Valley Inn, Monongahela, Pa.
DOB	[REDACTED] Pennsylvania at Newcastle
Height	5'7"
Weight	140
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Marital Status	Married, wife Julianna - 3 Children
Military	USMC 1408700; DCD for Larceny; 1952-53
Soc. Sec. #	[REDACTED]
Occupation	Truck driver, self-employed.
Drivers Lic.	Dept. of Rev., Commonwealth of Pa., # B 753T1792 also # 15388429 validated 2/2/68 Former Employments: Merchant Marine, # Z 713 627; Cooper-Jarrett Inc.; Truck Lines.
Scars and Marks	Appendix scar on right side
Relatives	Father PHILLIP VIGNOLI, RD#2, Valley Inn, Monongahela, Pa. Mother Josephine, same address Brothers- Phillip Jr. " " Richard " "
Tattoo	USMC and DEVIL DOGS surrounding picture of Bulldog on upper left arm.

VIGNOLI voluntarily accompanied Officer Patterson to Kennesaw Junior College, Kennesaw, Ga., where he was physically observed by student JERRY BEENE who advised that VIGNOLI was not the individual he had given a hitchhike to as mentioned above. VIGNOLI was then returned to the location of his truck on US 41 and he drove off.

JERRY BEENE, 1105 Windsor Pkwy, Atlanta, Ga., phone 255-5375, a Sociology Student at Kennesaw Junior College, Kennesaw, Ga., advised that between 9:30 AM and 9:45 AM, 4-19-68, he had picked up a hitchhiker at the exit of Interstate 75 on US41 in Marietta, Ga., and had driven him to Ga. 78, behind FORDES MOTEL, Kennesaw, Ga., where he had let the man out so he could continue hitchhiking on US 41. After letting the man out BEENE remembered the photo of ERIC STARVO GALT in the Atlanta newspapers and believing this hitchhiker very close in description to GALT had driven to the Kennesaw PD and reported his belief to COP Hollingsworth. BEENE then drove to classes at Kennesaw Junior College.

BEENE described the man he had picked up as W/M, 25, 5'10" to 6', 170-180, clean shaven, wearing a brown fine checked plaid shirt and gold colored hop sack type levis, hair brown worn in short Princeton Cut. The hitchhiker was wearing no other clothing that could be described by BEENE, but he added the man was carrying a large grocery type brown paper sack. The man gave him no name and said he was enroute to Topeka, Kansas, to see his sister. When BEENE said he attended

Kennesaw Junior College, the man asked him if they had a band there. The only other recollections BEENE had was that the man mentioned going to Chattanooga, Tenn., and then intended to stop at Nashville, Tenn., and that he smoked Camel cigarettes.

Investigation in the vicinity of FORDES MOTEL, U.S. 41, Kennesaw, Ga., failed to locate the hitchhiker described. It was noted that GA 78 runs directly behind this motel almost parallel with US 41.

MRS. SHIRLEY DUNCAN, Owner, Fordes Motel, US 41, Kennesaw, Ga., advised that she had observed a man carrying a brown paper sack get out of a car on GA 78 and walk through the motel property to US 41 where he stood attempting to get a ride from a passing car. She stated she saw the man at about 10:00 AM and he appeared to be very slim and much shorter than six feet. She could not recall the clothing he was wearing. She last saw him walking North on US 41 on the shoulder of the road.

MR. F.B. DUNCAN, father of the owner of FORDES Motel, US 41, Kennesaw Ga., advised on 4-19-68 that he had observed a man walk through the motel property at about 10:00 AM and walk North on US 41. He stated the man had a brown paper sack but could not recall the clothing he was wearing. DUNCAN was shown a photo of ERIC STARVO GALT but stated he could not identify the man he had seen as GALT.

MRS. SHIRLEY DUNCAN was also shown a photo of GALT but stated she could not identify the man she had seen as GALT.

The following were contacted at FORDES Motel but advised that they had not seen the hitchhiker: HERBERT B. VERTICAN and MRS. EDITH KELLY.

It is being noted that VIGNOLI when observed by Officer Patterson, Cobb County PD, was wearing very similar clothing as that described to COP Hollingsworth by JERRY BEENE

Two fingerprint cards and two photos are being attached to this memo so they may be serialized to this memo. The prints and photo are of GUYTANO VIGNOLI.

*VIGNOLI was checked through NCIC on 4/19/68
by COP HOLLINGSWORTH with negative results.*

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On April 16, 1968, the following cab companies were contacted by SA SCOTT T. FENSTERMAKER with the indicated results as to pickups in the Peachtree and 14th Street areas or at the bus station on April 5, 1968:

Mrs. BERTHA LEWIS, A and B Cab Company, 1022 McDaniel, Atlanta, Georgia, advised that their records show no pickups in those areas on April 5, 1968.

Mr. JERRY BRYANT, Bluetop and Veterans Cab Company, 5362 Peachtree Road, Chamblee, Georgia, advised that some entries in their records were illegible, but as far as could be determined, no pickups in those areas were made on April 5, 1968.

Mr. H. TURNER, DAV Cab Company, 3191 Osborne Road, Northeast, Atlanta, Georgia, advised that he is the owner and sole operator and made no pickup in those areas on April 5, 1968.

BESSIE VEAL, Royal Cab Stand, 24 Butler Street, Southeast, Atlanta, Georgia, advised that no record is kept of pickups.

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SA JAMES J. ROSE

ASSASSINATION OF
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
RM

The Philadelphia Office telephonically advised this date that LAWRENCE HENRY, RAM, had originally intended to travel to Memphis on 4/5/68, but had changed his plans and was presently in Philadelphia.

GEORGE WOODS, a prominent Negro disc jockey from the Philadelphia area, and an individual active in Philadelphia politics and the civil rights movement there, reportedly purchased two tickets on Delta Flight 347 from Philadelphia to Atlanta leaving Philadelphia at 2:35 PM 4/8/68, and that WOODS scheduled to return to Philadelphia on Delta 342 on 4/10/68. Tickets purchased by WOODS were originally for himself and his wife but WOODS' wife's ticket is reportedly going to be used by LAWRENCE HENRY.

MATTHE ADAMS, CI of the Philadelphia Office, is aware of the above, and will notify the Atlanta Office of HENRY's activities in Atlanta. BEN GAS, code name for a Radal Informant of the Philadelphia Office, who had originally traveled to Memphis to cover HENRY's activities there, is unaware of the above information and Philadelphia was making the above known to Atlanta in order to brief GAS when he contacts CHUCK HARDING upon his arrival in Atlanta.

Philadelphia Office further advised that caution should be used in approaching GEORGE WOODS in that it would not be unreasonable to assume based on WOODS' former attitude that he would report any actions by a Special Agent to the local news media in an unfavorable manner.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, Atlanta (44-2386)

DATE: 4/20/68

FROM : SA WILLIAM B. WATTS, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

JAMES RIORDAN, Frances Hotel, Room 316, 343 Peachtree St., NE, Atlanta appeared at the FBI office on this date and explained that he was previously interviewed by SA MARION CHEEK as a former resident of the boarding house located at 107 14th St., N.E., Atlanta, Ga. RIORDAN stated at the time of the interview he was under sedation for a spinal ailment and was a little groggy. After the interview he recalled that while a resident of this rooming house and sometime between the dates March 24, 1968 and March 30, 1968 he made some photographs with his Zeiss camera. He took two photographs in the rear of 107 and 113 14th St. and while no persons were photographed in these photos he feels that they may include photos of some automobiles which might be pertinent and assist in the investigation. RIORDAN made available three rolls of film and stated that at least two photos in this group should be pertinent. He also indicated that he had another roll in his camera at present time which might include the pertinent photos if not included in these three rolls. He requested that this film be returned to him when no longer needed.

Three rolls of film attached.

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TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, CHICAGO, MEMPHIS, KANSAS CITY,
SAN FRANCISCO AND ST. LOUIS.

FROM SPRINGFIELD (44-561) 5PP

MURKIN

FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION SPRINGFIELD DIVISION,
APRIL TWENTY, SIXTYEIGHT.

SUBJECT'S SISTER, MELBA MARIE RYAN, INTERVIEWED, QUINCY,
ILLINOIS. ADMITS HISTORY OF MENTAL ILLNESS AND ALTHOUGH SOBER,
WAS AT TIMES RAMBLING IN CONVERSATION. MELBA DENIES ANY
RECENT CONTACT WITH SUBJECT OR KNOWLEDGE OF CURRENT WHEREABOUTS.
SHE STATED SUBJECT NON-COMMUNICATIVE RE PERSONAL LIFE, BUT ABOUT
NINETEEN FIFTY EIGHT VISITED MELBA AND HER MOTHER FOR PERIOD OF
SIX MONTHS AT BOARDING HOUSE OPERATED BY MOTHER ON HICKORY STREET,
ST. LOUIS. MELBA SPECULATED SUBJECT MIGHT RETURN TO GERMANY
WHERE HE ENJOYED MILITARY DUTY AND HAD GIRLFRIEND.

WALTER TERRY RIFE RE-INTERVIEWED, DESCRIBED ACQUAINTANCE
LASTED FROM NINETEEN FORTY TWO TO NINETEEN FIFTY SEVEN, DURING
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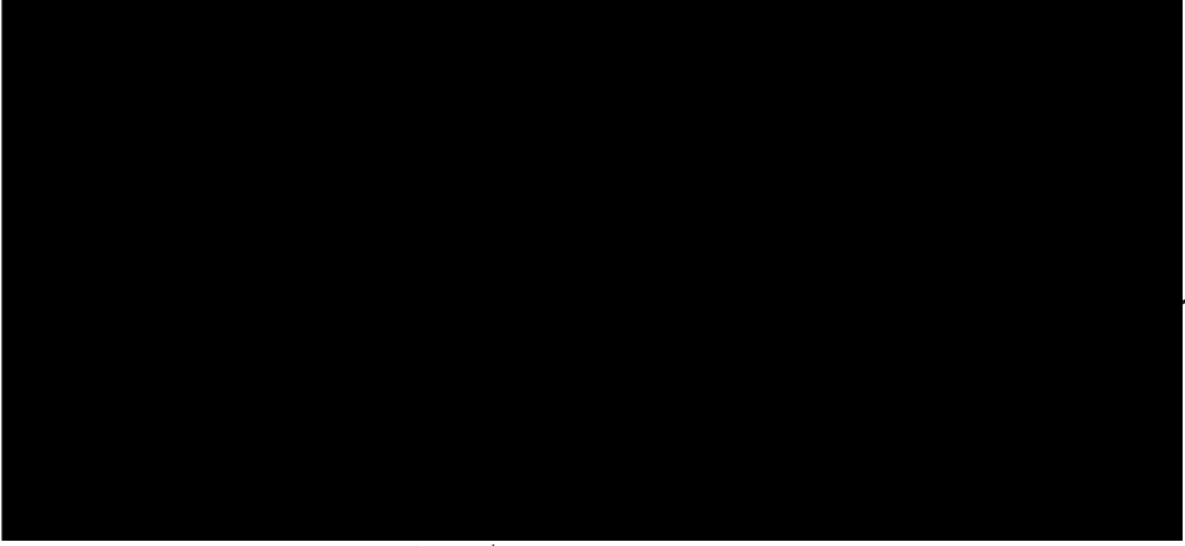
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THE TIME, SUBJECT WAS A THIEF WITH NO CLOSE ASSOCIATES, NO PERMANENT FIXED ADDRESS, ALTHOUGH HE RESIDED FOR A SHORT PERIOD WITH UNCLE, EARL RAY, WHO LATER MOVED TO CALIFORNIA AND IS NOW DECEASED. SUBJECT ALSO RESIDED VICTOR HOTEL, QUINCY, ILLINOIS, NINETEEN FIFTY FIVE. THIS HOTEL NOW OUT OF BUSINESS. RIFE BELIEVED SUBJECT USED UNKNOWN FENCE TO DISPOSE OF STOLEN PROPERTY AT PEORIA, ILLINOIS.

PHOTO OF RIFE OBTAINED AND FORWARDED INTERESTED OFFICES BY AIRTEL. NUMEROUS INDIVIDUALS CONFIRMED RIFE'S PRESENCE AT QUINCY DURING PERTINENT PERIOD AND RIFE DENIES BEING OUT OF QUINCY SINCE DECEMBER, SIXTY SEVEN.



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BUSKIRK,

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WHEREABOUTS OF SUBJECT, FAMILY BACKGROUND, AND WHEREABOUTS OF BROTHER, JOHN RAY.

BUREAU REQUESTED TO PROVIDE INTERESTED OFFICES IDENTIFICATION RECORD FOR WILLIAM MAHER, FBI NUMBER SEVEN SIX EIGHT SIX FOUR TWO, TO ASSIST IN LOCATING AND INTERVIEWING HIM.

ST. LOUIS DIVISION. CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION TO IDENTIFY BOARDING HOUSE, FORMERLY OPERATED BY SUBJECT'S MOTHER, HICKORY, NINETEEN FIFTY EIGHT. CONDUCT NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION, ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY ASSOCIATES OF THAT PERIOD.

ST. LOUIS ALSO REVIEW SUBJECT'S MILITARY SERVICE RECORD, UNDER SERVICE NUMBER RA ONE SIX ONE SIX THREE ONE TWO NINE, AT WHICH TIME HE WAS IN COMPANY B, THREE EIGHTY SECOND BATTALION. ASCERTAIN DUTY STATION WHILE IN GERMANY. SET FORTH LEAD FOR LEGAT BONN, TO RECONSTRUCT BACKGROUND OVER SEAS AND IDENTIFY GIRLFRIEND.

ALL OFFICES NOTE DESCRIPTIVE BACKGROUND INDICATES SUBJECT AS "COLOR MATCHER". NOTE SUBJECT FORMERLY EMPLOYED IN SHOE MANUFACTURING COMPANIES AND COPIES OF MILITARY RECORD, QUINCY, PD INDICATE SUBJECT AS CIVILIAN COLORED HIDES. BE ALERT FOR
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BACKGROUND INDICATING SUBJECT EMPLOYED BY SHOE MANUFACTURING COMPANIES YOUR DIVISION.

SPRINGFIELD INVESTIGATION CONTINUING TO IDENTIFY FENCE AT PEORIA AND FURTHER DEVELOP BACKGROUND INFORMATION QUINCY-ALTON AREA.

FOR INFORMATION ALL OFFICES, REMAINING UNIDENTIFIED [REDACTED] [REDACTED] BELIEVED [REDACTED] NAME UNKNOWN, DETAILS UNKNOWN, AND ANY INFORMATION WHICH WOULD ASSIST IN FULLY IDENTIFYING [REDACTED] SHOULD BE EXPEDITIOUSLY FURNISHED [REDACTED].

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811PM URGENT 4-20-68 TAB

TO: DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, ATLANTA, ST. LOUIS, SPRINGFIELD, KANSAS CITY,
BIRMINGHAM

FROM: CHICAGO (44-1114)

MURKIN. SUMMARY

INQUIRY AT EIGHT FIVE THREE WEST FULLERTON AVENUE, ADDRESS
GIVEN BY RAY AT TIME OF ARREST IN NINETEEN FIFTY TWO REVEALS AREA
TRANSIENT IN NATURE AT THAT TIME, NO INDIVIDUALS CONTACTED HAD ANY
INFO CONCERNING RAY. AT TIME OF RESIDENCE, BUILDING OWNED BY
MC CORMICK THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY. INQUIRY THERE THIS DATE
DEVELOPED THAT IN NINETEEN FIFTY TWO BUILDING RENTED TO PRIVATE
INDIVIDUAL. ANY ROOM RENTED WOULD BE ON SUB ROSA BASIS. RECORDS
SEMINARY PRESENTLY BEING CHECKED TO DETERMINE IDENTITY OF OWNER
OF ABOVE BUILDING AND ANY POSSIBILITY OF ATTENDANCE OR EMPLOYMENT
OF RAY AT SEMINARY.

CHECK OF APPROPRIATE PUBLIC SOURCES DID NOT REVEAL ANY
LISTING FOR DRYDEN RUBBER COMPANY , WHERE SUBJECT PURPORTEDLY
WORKED NINETEEN FORTYEIGHT. HOWEVER, FURTHER EXTENSIVE INQUIRY
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DEVELOPED IDENTITY OF COMPANY THAT MERGED WITH DRYDEN. INQUIRY THERE REVEALED THAT RECORDS RE PERSONNEL NOT AVAILABLE UNTIL APRIL TWENTYTWO NEXT. RECORDS WILL BE CHECKED THAT DATE.

REINTERVIEW BROTHER JERRY RAY CONCERNING INQUIRIES IN ST. LOUIS TEL TO CHICAGO APRIL TWENTY DEVELOPED THAT JOHN AND JERRY RAY WERE IN ST. LOUIS FEBRUARY TWO LAST AND WERE AT SISTER' CAROL'S RESIDENCE TO VISIT WITH HER. JERRY OF OPINION THAT JOHN WAS REGISTERED AT THE MC ARTHUR HOTEL BUT HAS NO INFO RE MRS. JOHN RAY AND IN FACT STATES THAT TO HIS KNOWLEDGE JOHN HAS NEVER MARRIED. ONLY INDIVIDUALS AT SISTER'S RESIDENCE WERE JOHN, JERRY, CAROL, HER HUSBAND AND CHILDREN. SUBJECT DEFINITELY NOT PRESENT. JERRY HAS NO INFO AS TO THE PRESENT WHEREABOUTS OF EITHER JOHN OR SUBJECT.

RE ST. LOUIS TEL TO BUREAU, ET AL, INSTANT, JERRY RAY STATES THAT JERRY RAYNES, IS STEPFATHER OF SUBJECT AND DEFINITELY NOT SUBJECT'S FATHER. REITERATED THAT SUBJECT'S FATHER DIED NINETEEN FIFTYONE.

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JERRY RAY STATES JOHN RAY HAS BEEN EMPLOYED AS PAINTER, BARTENDER, AND LABORER WITH NO SPECIFIC FIRM KNOWN. JOHN DID ATTEND BARTENDING SCHOOL , CHICAGO, DATES UNKNOWN. RECORDS TO BE CHECKED APRIL TWENTYTWO NEXT. JERRY STATES THAT THE LAST CONTACT OF WHICH HE IS AWARE BETWEEN WALTER RIFE AND SUBJECT WAS IN NINETEEN FIFTYFOUR AT LEAVENWORTH. CONCERNING SUBJECT'S GIRL FRIENDS JERRY ADVISED THAT HE KNEW OF NO PARTICULAR WOMAN FRIEND BUT THAT JAMES WOULD CONTACT HOTELS OR KNOWN HOUSES. JAMES HAS NEVER MARRIED TO HIS KNOWLEDGE.

JERRY STATES ONLY CONTACT HE IS AWARE WITH PSYCHIATRIST IS WHEN JAMES WAS IN PRISON IN MISSOURI AND HE TOLD HIM THAT HE WAS GOING TO TRY TO BE ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL AT FULTON, MISSOURI, BECAUSE OF NERVOUS CONDITION. STAYED THERE APPROXIMATELY ONE MONTH TO JERRY'S KNOWLEDGE.

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CHICAGO RECEIVING NUMEROUS TELEPHONE CALLS BECAUSE OF OUTSTANDING DISPLAY OF SUBJECT'S PHOTO IN NEWS MEDIA, WHICH ARE BEING HANDLED ON AN IMMEDIATE CONTINUING BASIS.

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TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, LOS ANGELES AND KANSAS CITY
FROM ATLANTA (44-2386) 2P

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SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED AT ATLANTA.

RE CITY MAP OF ATLANTA WITH INKED NOTATIONS:

INVESTIGATION COMPLETED IN AREA ENCOMPASSING FOURTEENTH
STREET - PEACHTREE STREET AREA UTILIZING PHOTOGRAPHS OF GALT.
NO INFORMATION OF PERTINENCE OBTAINED.

RE AIRLINE CHECKS:

INVESTIGATION IN PROGRESS TO IDENTIFY INDIVIDUALS WHO
MADE FLIGHTS TO FOREIGN COUNTRIES FROM ATLANTA APRIL FIVE
LAST AND TO MEXICO CITY APRIL SIX LAST SINCE ATLANTA HAS ONLY
ONE DIRECT FLIGHT WEEKLY TO MEXICO CITY. IDENTITY OF CREW
MEMBERS ON THESE FLIGHTS OBTAINED AND INVESTIGATION CONTINUING
TO LOCATE, INTERVIEW THESE INDIVIDUALS, AND DISPLAY PHOTOGRAPHS.
THIS INVESTIGATION TO DATE NEGATIVE.
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RE NATIONAL NEWS RELEASE APRIL NINETEEN, SIXTYEIGHT:

AS RESULT NEWS RELEASE FURNISHED WIRE SERVICES, NEWSPAPERS, TV AND RADIO STATIONS AND WHICH HAS BEEN DISSEMINATED WIDELY BY THESE AGENCIES, ATLANTA OFFICE RECEIVING NUMEROUS COMPLAINTS AND ALLEGATIONS SUBJECT SEEN AT VARIOUS POINTS. THESE ARE BEING CHECKED OUT. NO PERTINENT INFORMATION HAS BEEN OBTAINED.

INVESTIGATION IS CONTINUING WITH TOP PRIORITY ATTENTION. UACB, ATLANTA WILL DISCONTINUE DAILY TELETYPE SUMMARIES OF INVESTIGATION; HOWEVER, ALL PERTINENT LEADS WILL BE HANDLED BY TELEPHONE AND CONFIRMED BY TELETYPE.

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TO DIRECTOR(44-38861), ATLANTA(44-2386), BIRMINGHAM(44-1740),
MEMPHIS(44-1987), AND NEW YORK(44-1609)
FROM NEWARK (44-854) -P-

MURKIN

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

RE MIAMI TEL TO BUREAU AND ABOVE OFFICES, FOUR NINETEEN LAST,
NEWARK TEL TO BUREAU AND MIAMI, FOUR TWENTY INSTANT; AND NEWARK -
NEW YORK TEL CALLS, FOUR TWENTY INSTANT.

PILOT C. (CALVIN) E. STOW, DELRAN, N.J., CONTACTED THIS DATE
AND EXHIBITED PHOTOGRAPHS OF GALT AND ALSO PHOTOS OF JAMES EARL
RAY WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

FOLLOWING FLIGHT ATTENDANTS ALSO NEGATIVE RE GALT AND RAY
PHOTOS: C. ZABORONEK, HIGHLAND PARK, N.J., AND RUTH LEHR CHASE,
DENVER, N.J. CHASE ADVISED SHE WAS ON FLIGHT NINE ONE FIVE
ON FOUR SIX LAST, NOT FOUR FIVE LAST.

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CONTACT WITH EAL, NEWARK AIRPORT, REFLECTED ALL FLIGHT CREW MANIFESTS AND SCHEDULED FLIGHTS MAINTAINED AT EAL, JFK AIRPORT, NEW YORK. TELEPHONIC CONTACT WITH HAL NUGENT, SHIFT SUPERVISOR OF CREW SCHEDULE, AND LENNIE GIANNINO, SHIFT SUPERVISOR, CREW SCHEDULER, BOTH EAL, JFK AIRPORT, REFLECTED FOLLOWING NEWARK BASED PERSONNEL, WHO LIVE IN THE NEW YORK CITY AREA, WERE NOT ON FLIGHTSCHEDULES FOR FOUR TWENTY AND COULD PROBABLY BE REACHED AT RESIDENCES:

JOAN EVELYN HUEZDA; LUELLEN LOREHN; CAROL ANN SCOTT, AND DIANE SARAH TREMBLY. NYO TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED AND REQUESTED TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW.

CAPTAIN D. W. GROSMAN, FIFTY-THREE SUMMIT RD., OAK RIDGE, N.J., ASSIGNED OUT OF JFK AIRPORT, UNABLE TO BE REACHED AT HOME. WIFE ADVISED HE WAS ENROUTE JFK AND COULD BE LOCATED THERE. NYO ADVISED TELEPHONICALLY.

CAPTAIN R. A. HOUCHIN, FORTY-ONE WOODLAWN RD., SPARTA, N.J., UNAVAILABLE AT HOME AND WIFE ADVISED HE COULD BE REACHED AT JFK AIRPORT PRIOR TO FLIGHT TIME AT APPROXIMATELY EIGHT PM, THIS DATE AT EAL BUILDING. NYO ADVISED BY TELEPHONE.

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PILOT T.R. CRANE, FOURTEEN AVALON LANE, MATAWAN, N.J., AND CYNTHIA LOUISE BRONSON, NYC, NY, DETERMINED TO BE ON FLIGHTS, AND BOTH IN MIAMI AREA FOUR TWENTY INSTANT. MIAMI ADVISED BY RE TEL TO HANDLE.

CORRINE I. CONNOR, THREE ZERO FIVE EAST FORTIETH ST., NYC, PHONE EIGHT SIX SEVEN - SIX TWO EIGHT NINE, NOT ABLE TO BE LOCATED BY EAL, NEWARK OR JFK. EAL, JFK ADVISED THAT CONNOR NOT SCHEDULED ON FLIGHT OUT OF NEWARK UNTIL FOUR TWO TWO NEXT, AT SIX THIRTY-FIVE A.M. (CHECK IN TIME). NEW YORK LOCATE CONNOR AND EXHIBIT PHOTOS.

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1247 AM URGENT 4-22-68 ARK

TO DIRECTOR, SPRINGFIELD, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, KANSAS CITY,
NEW ORLEANS AND LOS ANGELES
FROM ATLANTA (44-2386) 4P

MURKIN

INTERVIEW OF RAYMOND LOUIS CURTIS.

ON FOUR TWENTYONE SIXTYEIGHT RAYMOND LOUIS CURTIS CURRENTLY
INCARCERATED WHITFIELD COUNTY JAIL, DALTON, GA., PENDING APPEAL
ON A LIFE SENTENCE FOR MURDER AND WHOM SHERIFF MAULDIN STATED
IN HIS OPINION WOULD FURNISH INFORMATION THAT WOULD PROBABLY BE
RELIABLE TO THE BEST OF CURTIS' KNOWLEDGE, FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING
INVESTIGATIVE LEADS:

CURTIS WHO SERVED THREE DIFFERENT SENTENCES WITH SUBJECT
IN MISSOURI, STATED SUBJECT HAD FORMER CLOSE FRIEND WHILE IN
JACKSON COUNTY JAIL, KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, WHO HAD JUST
PREVIOUSLY SERVED TIME WITH HIM AT MENARD PRISON ILLINOIS WHO
VISTED SUBJECT FREQUENTLY AND KEPT HIM IN SPENDING MONEY.

SUBJECT ALSO HAD, NAME UNKNOWN, ITALIAN CONTACT WHO WAS BIG MAN
IN SYNDICATE BETWEEN KANSAS CITY AND CHICAGO WHO HANDLED STOLEN
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POSTAL MONEY ORDERS AND TRAVELERS CHECKS WHO IS KNOWN TO KCPD.

SUBJECT ALSO HAD CLOSE FRIEND (FNU) COIN (PHONETIC) WHO IN NINETEEN FIFTYFIVE WAS FIFTYFIVE TO SIXTY YEARS OF AGE WHO IS A FENCE AND LIVED IN NEW ORLEANS. SUBJECT ALLEGEDLY INVOLVED IN NUMEROUS BURGLARIES AND PAYROLL JOBS, QUINCY, ILL. IN PAST. SUBJECT WHILE IN PRISON AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI BETWEEN NINETEEN SIXTYTWO AND SIXTYSIX, HEARD SUBJECT MENTION ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS THAT THERE WAS A BOUNTY ALLEGEDLY A MILLION DOLLARS ON KINGS HEAD AND IF HE GOT OUT OF PRISON BEFORE KING WAS KILLED, HE WOULD MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO CONTACT APPROPRIATE INDIVIDUALS, NAMES UNKNOWN TO CURTIS, AND COLLECT BOUNTY BY KILLING KING.

CURTIS, ALTHOUGH REQUESTED IDENTITY BE PROTECTED, FURNISHED UNKNOWN AMOUNT OF INFORMATION CONCERNING HIS ASSOCIATION WITH RAY TO REPORTER, DALTON DAILY CITIZEN NEWS, DALTON, GA., EARLIER THIS DATE.

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KANSAS CITY AT KANSAS CITY WILL THRU INFORMANTS AND POLICE CONTACT ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY ITALIAN SYNDICATE MAN WHO INVOLVED IN HANDLING STOLEN POSTAL MONEY ORDERS AND TRAVELERS CHECKS.

KANSAS CITY WILL ATTEMPT TO DEVELOP INFORMATION THRU INMATES RE MILLION DOLLAR BOUNTY ON "KING'S HEAD."

NEW ORLEANS AT NEW ORLEANS ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY (FNU) COIN ALLEGED FENCE AND ASSOCIATE OF SUBJECT.

SPRINGFIELD AT MENARD ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY SUBJECT'S FORMER CELL MATE PRIOR TO NINETEEN FIFTYFIVE. AT QUINCY, ILL. THRU INFORMANTS AND OTHER LOGICAL SOURCES ATTEMPT TO DEVELOP BACKGROUND RE SUBJECT.

ALL OFFICES PROTECT IDENTITY OF CURTIS.

COMPREHENSIVE TELETYPE RE ALL DETAILS OF INTERVIEW WITH CURTIS TO FOLLOW.

NUMEROUS ALLEGATIONS RECEIVED INDICATING INDIVIDUALS WHO LOOKS LIKE SUBJECT SEEN IN ATLANTA AREA. LEADS CHECKED OUT WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

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ATLANTA PURSUING FURTHER INVESTIGATION AT AIRLINES AND
CHECK OF STOLEN CARS AND SALE OF USED CARS DURING PERTINENT PERIOD.
INVESTIGATION RECEIVING TOP PRIORITY ATTENTION.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END.

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BGM

FBI WASH DC

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FBI SPRINGFIELD

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FBI BIRMINGHAM

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FBI KANSAS CITY

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FBI NEW ORLEANS

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (P)

DATE: 4/19/68

FROM : SA RICHARD E. FUGATT

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Memo of SAC FRANK V. HITT, dated 4/17/68,
Serial 578.

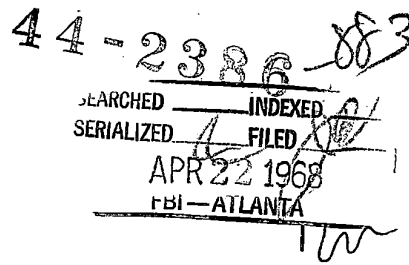
On 4/19/68, BEVERLY FISHER, Secretary, Georgia Chiropractic Association, 120 Courtland St., S.E., advised her office maintains records of all members and non-members of the Association for the State of Georgia. She stated that her files fail to indicate any listing for ERIC S. GALT, or his known aliases.

On the same date, Mrs. SHIRLEY COWART, Georgia State Chiropractic Licensing Board, 166 Pryor Street, S.W., advised her office maintains a record of all past and present Chiropractor in the State, but that her files do not reflect any listing for an ERIC S. GALT or his known aliases.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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

FROM : SA JAMES R. RIORDAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Memo of Complaint Clerk JERRY D. ROSEBERRY 4/18/68.

On 4/19/68 the following bars and indicated individuals were contacted in the area of 6th and Peachtree, Atlanta, Ga., shown the photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT and all advised that no one identical to the photograph is employed in their respective bars as a bartender:

BETTY DANAMAN, Kitten's Korner, 6th and Peachtree -
MRS. DANAMAN advised that no male bartenders are employed at the Kitten's Korner.

BILL HUDSON, El Morraco and Joker's Wild Lounge,
6th and Peachtree

RED GODWIN, The Keg Bar, 6th and Peachtree.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, ATLANTA- (44-2386)

DATE: 4/19/68

FROM : SA JOHN P. QUINLAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re: Memo of SA DONALD F. TACKETT, dated 4/18/68. (Serial 668)

At East Point, Ga

On 4/19/68, Mrs. J. DOLLAR, manager of the apartments at 1836 Valley Drive, advised the J.A. GALT, who resided in Apt 4, from June to October 1967, in no way resembles the subject JAMES EARL RAY.

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