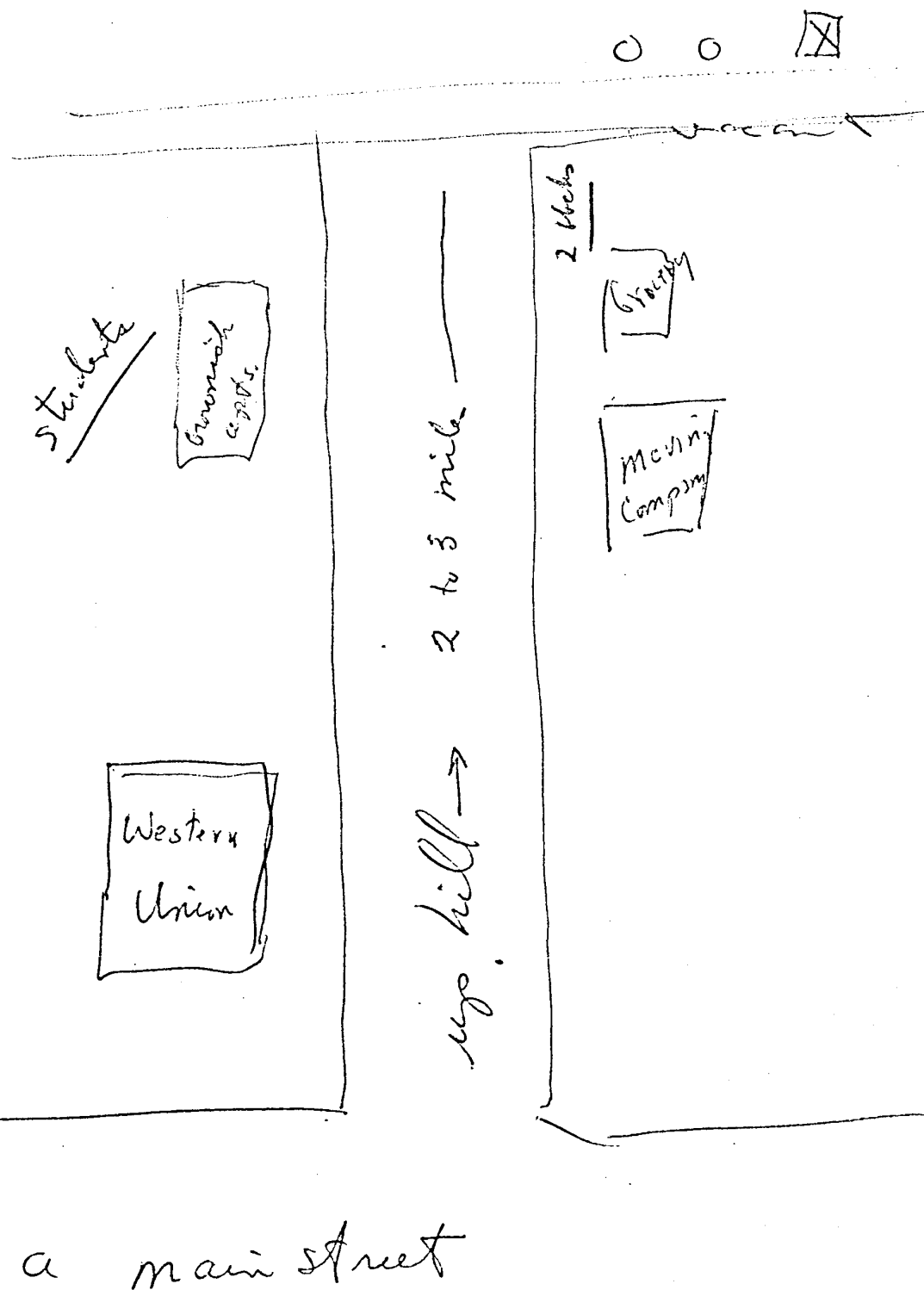


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possibility of latents or any other information that could be gleaned that would relate to other data in this case. The envelope has been handled by numerous persons, and City Editor WILLIAM THOMAS advised that the ticket has been handled by quite a number of persons on his staff. The pertinent examination would seem to be whether or not JAMES EARL RAY left a latent print on this ticket.

Drawn by City Editor WILLIAM THOMAS,
"Los Angeles Times", 5/17/68, and
given to SAC WESLEY G. GRAPP and
Supervisor WILLIAM JOHN NOLAN as to
possible location of hideaway house
allegedly utilized by RAY at Kansas
City. (See Item 5, page 1)



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AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) (P)
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CARL MILLS, Manager, Renz Prison Farm, connected with the Missouri State Penitentiary, advised prison officials that he had found the letter sent to him by ex-inmate TOM BRITTON, Jasper, Alabama. The letter was furnished to this office and reads as follows:

"July 6-67

"Hello, All.

"Please excuse me for not writing sooner, but have been so busy. You know after taking a 3 1/2 year stop in life it's pretty hard to get back into the way of life again.

"Well now I am doing just fine. Moved from town into the country. Bought a 10 acre farm with house. One of those Jim Walter shells but I worked it over, looks pretty good. I panned it out and out. My wife and son like out here very much and really that's what counts. For the past two month I have had a trying time. My mother who is a Diabetic - spelled wrong, was operated on for cancer in Chattanooga, Tenn. had her right breast removed, weighed 18 lbs. She weighs 290, and she wont heal. Although she is in good spirit, but she has no chance, mabe 1 year.

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"Since this operation on mother I have through often of your baby, Sissy - I do hope she makes through life without much serious sickness. Tell your wife I do hope she is keeping you on the ball and getting the house in good shape. Tell Joe hello.

"Sailes was a likable fellow. I thought lot of him. I you well tell him hi for me. Mr. Mills if you find time please answer this letter.

"You might have had a hard to get along with men on Renz farm but I personall enjoyed my stay there. Although I am sure it will never happen again.

"Bye Bye, God Bless Solong,

"/s/ Tom Britton

"RR 5 Box 34
Jasper, Ala."

This is being furnished in order that the Birmingham office may better evaluate information being received from TOM BRITTON.

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Date: 5/18/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
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TO: SAC, BIRMINGHAM

FROM: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (44-769) (P)

SUBJ: MURKIN
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(OO: Memphis)

On 5/16/68, TOMMY HIGHNOTE, 232 South Second St., Jacksonville Beach, Fla., telephonically contacted the Jacksonville Office and indicated that he had some information concerning the shooting of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING.

On the same date HIGHNOTE was interviewed and he indicated that his full name was THOMAS HIGHNOTE, but that he has traditionally used the name of TOMMY. He stated that he has been dating a young lady named HELEN PHELPS, who works as a waitress in the Quality Court Motel Restaurant at the junction of Highway 27 and I 75 in Ocala, Fla.

He further advised that a week or two after the KING incident he was on a date with PHELPS and after he made some remark about the shooting she noted that her boss, BOB PATTEN, left for Birmingham, Ala., either the day before KING was assassinated or the same date and that PATTEN remarked that he was going to Birmingham to get "that black S.O.B. MARTIN LUTHER KING".

HIGHNOTE stated that this is the only remark that PHELPS made concerning PATTEN in regards to the shooting of MARTIN LUTHER KING, but that he is aware that PATTEN is a businessman from Bessemer, Ala., who is in the real estate business and also is the owner of the Quality Court Motel in Ocala.

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HIGHNOTE furnished the place of employment of Mrs. PHELPS in Ocala, Fla., where she could be contacted.

AT OCALA, FLA.

On 5/16/68, HELEN L. PHELPS, 4100 SW 20th St., Ocala, Fla., was located and interviewed at 8:15 PM by SAs TED R. TUCKER and WILLIAM M. BAKER at her place of employment, the Quality Courts, U. S. Highway 27 North, Ocala, Fla.

Mrs. PHELPS advised the owner of the Quality Courts is Mr. BOB PATTEN, a construction company owner, who resides at Bessemer, Ala.

Mrs. PHELPS advised at no time has she ever heard Mr. PATTEN make any remarks that he intended to kill MARTIN LUTHER KING or any other person. She advised if anyone stated that she had related this information then this is purely a figment of that person's imagination.

Mrs. PHELPS advised Mr. PATTEN is a very fine individual and she has never heard him discuss his political views with anyone. She further advised Mr. PATTEN resides in Bessemer, Ala., and only comes to Ocala on rather infrequent occasions.

On 5/17/68, Mr. ROBERT O. REDDING, Investigator for Ocala attorneys WAGNER and PEARL, appeared at the Ocala RA at approximately 3 PM and furnished the following information to SA ROBERT H. ANDERSON, JR.:

On the night of 5/16/68, he, REDDING, was at the Quality Courts, U. S. Highway 27 North, Ocala, having a drink and entered into conversation with HELEN PHELPS whom he knew and who was acting as the bartender on this particular night. PHELPS informed REDDING she had been visited earlier in the evening by the FBI regarding remarks that her boss, BOB PATTEN, allegedly made concerning threats about MARTIN LUTHER KING.

According to REDDING, PHELPS advised she did not want to get involved in this matter and she informed the FBI

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that PATTEN had never made any threatening remarks concerning KING in her presence. REDDING advised, however, that PHELPS told him that PATTEN had made the remark, "We're going to have to kill KING" in her presence and in the presence of Mr. (FNU) VAIL or VALE, the night bookkeeper, prior to KING's assassination.

REDDING further advised PHELPS told him that PATTEN owns a string of Quality Courts and is well known in his home town of Bessemer, Ala., and is reportedly a high official of the Ku Klux Klan in that area.

REDDING advised he has no way to assess the truthfulness of the comments made by PHELPS. He advised he has had business contacts with her in the past and he feels she could be possibly somewhat emotionally disturbed.

Attention is directed to the fact that HELEN PHELPS was formerly HELEN HOOKER, Postmistress at Citra, Fla.

She further informed the Ocala RA several years ago regarding LEROY AMBROSIA FRAZIER (JK 76-543) who was then a Top Ten Fugitive. At that time, PHELPS was convinced FRAZIER was residing in Citra, Fla. Subsequent investigation revealed her information was absolutely worthless.

LEADS:

BIRMINGHAM

AT BESSEMER, ALA.

Immediately determine general reputation and background of BOB PATTEN. Ascertain if he is a member of the KKK unit and conduct any other logical investigation, including interview, to determine if he could be in any way involved in the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING.

JACKSONVILLE

AT OCALA, FLA.

Will identify (FNU) VAIL or VALE and interview him concerning any remarks he has ever overheard made by BOB PATTEN concerning MARTIN LUTHER KING.

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The following investigation was conducted at Petersburg and Hopewell, Virginia, by SA RAYMOND CONNOLLY, JR., on May 10, 1968:

A review of the 1967 edition of the Hills City Directory for Hopewell, Virginia, reflects that CHARLES W. CLARK, who was employed as a foreman for the Perrin and Esposito Contruction Company, and his wife, DOROTHY G., who is employed as an operator for the Allied Chemical-Fibers Division, resided at 305 Brown Avenue, Hopewell, Virginia.

A review of the 1968 edition of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company Directory for Petersburg, Colonial Heights, Hopewell, Virginia, indicated that one CHARLES W. CLARK resided at Esposito Place and subscribed to number 458-4615.

BRENDA PRITCHETT, Clerk, Credit Bureau of Petersburg, Virginia, advised that the following information was contained in her agency's records identifiable with CHARLES W. CLARK:

CHARLES WASHINGTON CLARK has been known to the files of the Credit Bureau since 1937.

CLARK is married to DOROTHY CLARK.

In a credit bureau report prepared for the Richmond Credit Bureau dated March 3, 1951, CLARK resided at Route 1, Woodlawn, Petersburg, Virginia.

In February 23, 1951, CLARK was employed as a carpenter for the Bogese Construction Company and his wife was employed as an operator for the Celanese Corporation.

In July, 1946, according to the Credit Bureau, a notation was made indicating that CLARK worked for R. J. GORDON as a carpenter. CLARK at that time resided at Route 1, Hopewell, Virginia.

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The Credit Bureau indicated further that on November 8, 1958, CLARK resided at Route 2, Box 406, Chester, and was employed for the Bogese Construction Company. Only one collection account was noted in CLARK's record, and he was declared to have a satisfactory credit standing.

BETTY HEYDT, Clerk, Credit Bureau of Hopewell, Hopewell, Virginia, furnished the following information with regard to CLARK from her agency's records:

CLARK has been known to the files of the Credit Bureau of Hopewell since April of 1939. His file was brought up to date last on October, 1967. CHARLES WASHINGTON CLARK is married to DOROTHY GILLIAM.

Former addresses noted were:

Route 2, Box 4, Chester, Virginia
Route 2, Box 29, Chester, Virginia

The latest address as of an October, 1966, report indicated CLARK resided at 305 Brown Avenue, Hopewell.

The latest report as of 1966 indicated the following:

CLARK was age 52; he was married with two children. He was employed as a construction foreman for the Perrin and Esposito Construction Company and had been so for two and one-half years. His wife was employed at the National Aniline Company (Allied Chemical-Fibers Division), Hopewell, and had been so since June 24, 1957, as a lab assistant. Her date of birth is [redacted]. The Credit Bureau record indicated further that C. W. CLARK, prior to his taking employment at the Perrin and Esposito Company, was employed as a carpenter for the P. J. Kain Construction Company and had been so for five years.

Further Credit Bureau reports indicated that on October 25, 1962, he resided at 605 North Fourth Avenue, Hopewell, and was self-employed as a building-contractor. On October 6, 1960, CLARK resided at Box 429, Route 2, Chester, and was self-employed. In 1958, he resided at

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Route 2, Box 402, Chester, and in 1957 resided at Route 2, Box 331, Chester. He was employed in 1957 and 1958 by the Bogese Construction Company.

BETTY HEYDT further added that although her records prior to 1957 were "sketchy", information indicated that CHARLES W. CLARK worked for the Nitrogen Division of Allied Chemical from December 9, 1946, through May 7, 1957.

A. C. Fones, Clerk, Personnel Department, Allied Chemical-Agricultural (Nitrogen Division), advised that his records failed to reflect one CHARLES W. CLARK as having been employed at that firm.

BENNIE LANE, Records Division, Chesterfield County Police Department; DONALD EVANS, Records Bureau, Petersburg, Virginia, Police Department; JOAN GLASS, Clerk, Prince George County, Virginia, Court, all advised that after checking their respective records that they could locate no arrests made identifiable with CHARLES WASHINGTON CLARK.

ALTA MAE ELROD, Secretary, Hopewell, Virginia, Police Department, furnished the following information with regard to CLARK from her department's records:

CHARLES WASHINGTON CLARK, who in 1952 according to police records, resided at Route 2, Chester, was a white male, American, age thirty-eight, and worked for the Bogese Construction Company. The following arrests were filed:

October 11, 1952, stop sign and light, \$5.
August 1, 1954, speeding, \$10-appealed.
October 8, 1954, speeding, \$25.
December 11, 1958, speeding, \$15.

Mrs. ELROD advised that no further arrests were noted. She further advised that her records indicated that in 1958 CLARK was a white male, American, age forty-five. His place of birth was listed as Essey, Virginia, at King and Queen County, Virginia.

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BEULAH MOWREY, Esposito Place, Hopewell, Prince George County, Virginia, furnished the following information:

She and her family reside nextdoor to the family of CHARLES W. and DOROTHY CLARK.

The CLARKs have resided at the Esposito address since October of 1967, after moving to that home from a Hopewell City address.

MOWREY further advised that CHARLES W. CLARK is employed as a carpenter for the Perrin and Esposito Construction Company who built the subdivision that both the CLARKs and the MOWREYs live in.

The CLARK couple has living with them two teenage daughters together with Mr. CLARK's stepson and his wife.

This stepson is also employed with the Perrin and Esposito Construction Company as a carpenter.

His wife is unemployed at present and formerly was employed at the Drug Fair Pharmacy at the Cavalier Shopping Center in Hopewell. She recently quit according to Mrs. MOWREY. According to Mrs. MOWREY, as best as she could recollect, the stepson of the CLARKs is named SONNY (LNU). His wife originally came from some unknown Alabama city or town. SONNY resided at that same location prior to his coming to Hopewell about two to three months ago.

SONNY (LNU) is approximately twenty-five years of age.

Mrs. MOWREY stated that no strangers or any other than family members of the CLARK household have been in the neighborhood. Mrs. MOWREY stated that she stays pretty much to herself and although she is the most friendly with the CLARK family, she knows very little of their background or their activities.

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J. E. JENKINS, Manager, Drug Fair, Cavalier Shopping Center, Hopewell, advised that the only person he could re-collect that recently quit from Alabama was one D. E. CATLETT. JENKINS stated that he did not know where CATLETT lived and she only worked about a week for the firm. He thought that CATLETT resided in Prince George County, Virginia. CATLETT's employment was from April 20, 1968, through approximately May 3, 1968.

JENKINS stated that CATLETT was from Alabama but his records are kept just seventy-two hours after an employee quits or resigns.

BETTY HEYDT, Clerk, Credit Bureau of Hopewell, advised after checking her records she could locate no credit record identifiable with one D. E. CATLETT or anyone named CATLETT.

BRENDA PRITCHETT, Clerk, Credit Bureau, Petersburg, also advised that no information could be located identifiable with one D. E. CATLETT or similar name.

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If orally furnished and reduced to writing by Agent: Date _____ Dictated _____ to _____ Transcribed <u>Revised 5/30/68 RH</u> Authenticated by Informant _____		Date of Report <u>5/14/68</u> Date(s) of activity <u>4/22/68</u>
Brief description of activity or material <u>General information.</u>		File where original is located if not attached <u>170-121-SF-91</u>

Remarks: Informant has furnished reliable information in past. All necessary action taken on information furnished.
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157-3339 (Robert J. Haynes)
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4-16 (Thomas Albert Tarrants III)
157-3308 (Calvin Cantrell)

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On 5/14/68, Informant advised that a Klan rally would be held at the Jaycee Fairground Park, Tuscaloosa, Ala. on 5/18/68 at 7:30PM, and Klan officers from many states were expected to be there.

Informant also furnished the following information:

When the Cullman Klavern met with other units in Decatur, Ala. on 4/22/68, to pass out political literature, six members from the Decatur area were at the meeting but these were not the same men who previously attended the meetings of the Decatur Klavern, which no longer holds meetings. He understands that the men who were at the meeting on 4/22/68 are now meeting with the Athens Klavern and may form a Klavern in Decatur later. One of the men was FNU WILLINGHAM, who is a cousin of JOE WILLINGHAM and RED WILLINGHAM of the Cullman Klavern. He believes FNU WILLINGHAM works at Worthington in Decatur. He lives in Flint, Ala. and directions to his house are as follows: Go north from Vartselle on Hwy. 31 until cross railroad tracks, 2nd house on right down an embankment and the last house before reaching the water. His father lives in the first house.

ROBERT ISAAC HAYNES is a white male, age 39, 135 pounds, 5'8" tall, address 123 2nd Ave., Cullman, Ala., employed State Supply, Cullman, Ala. HAYNES lives in an apartment house. He gave CALVIN CANTRELL as a reference when he joined the Cullman Klavern. CANTRELL lives in the same apartment house but gives his address as PO Box 364, Cullman, Ala.

He hasn't heard anything about THOMAS ALBERT TARRANTS, III and doesn't believe TARRANTS has contacted any klansmen in the Cullman, Area. He doesn't know much about the White Knights of Miss. nor is he acquainted with any of the members.

To the best of his knowledge, LEON AMOS has never been a member of the klan in this area and he has never heard of AMOS.

He hasn't heard anything about RICHARD ANTHONY BARRETT coming to Alabama to speak.

Leaflets entitled "Black Power is Here" has not been received by the Cullman Klavern and he has not heard anything about such literature.

He has seen the wanted posters for JAMES EARL RAY several times but has not seen anyone in the area that looks like RAY.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/18/68

Mrs. WILLIAM DAVID PAISLEY, SR., 701 South 48th Street, after viewing photographs of ERIC STARVO GALT, said she could not be sure if this is the man she observed buy a white 1966 Mustang from her husband in August, 1967. She stated that her recollection of this man is admittedly vague as she paid no attention to him, but, as best she could recall, the photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT did resemble the purchaser, except that the man in the photograph has a fuller face than the purchaser and the hair in the photograph is too dark. She said the mouth and the nose in the photograph definitely remind her of the purchaser.

On 4/18/68 at Birmingham, Alabama File # BH 44-1740 - 1795
by SAs ROBERT M. BARRETT and
WILLIAM A. SAUCIER: RMB/jml/epg Date dictated 4/18/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date May 10, 19681

HERBERT KELLY, who is employed as a cook at the Economy Rooming House, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama, and who served meals to ERIC S. GALT during the residence of GALT at the Economy Rooming House, was shown a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY, which had been taken during the residence of RAY in Los Angeles, California, during late 1967 and early 1968. KELLY definitely identified this photograph as being a photograph of the person known to him as ERIC S. GALT. KELLY also said this photograph was the best likeness of GALT that KELLY had seen to date.

On 5/6/68 at Birmingham, Alabama File # BH 44-1740 - 1796
by SA'S ROBERT M. BARRETT & WILLIAM A. SAUCIER RMB:cap Date dictated 5/8/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/18/68

WILLIAM DAVID PAISLEY, JR., 701 South 48th Street, Birmingham, after viewing photographs of ERIC STARVO GALT, advised that the photographs showing GALT's eyes as being shut resembles the person known to PAISLEY as ERIC STARVO GALT, who purchased a 1966 white Mustang from PAISLEY's father in August, 1967. PAISLEY commented that it appeared GALT had put on some weight since PAISLEY had last seen him in August, 1967, as GALT's face in the photograph appears fatter than what PAISLEY recalls. After studying the photographs of GALT for several minutes, PAISLEY commented that the more he looked at the photographs the more he believed that they were identical with the ERIC STARVO GALT who purchased the Mustang.

PAISLEY added that he did not wish to make a positive identification at this time based on the photographs, and stated he could probably make a more definite identification if he could see GALT in person.

On 4/18/68 at Birmingham, Alabama File # BH 44-1740 - 1727
by SAs ROBERT M. BERRETT and
WILLIAM A. SAUCIER: RMB/jml/epg Date dictated 4/18/68

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Date 4/18/68

WILLIAM DAVID PAISLEY, SR., 701 South 48th Street, after viewing a photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT, said that there was a resemblance between this man and the ERIC STARVO GALT who purchased PAISLEY's 1966 white Mustang in August, 1967. PAISLEY said he could not make a positive identification and added that the man in the photograph has a fatter face than the ERIC STARVO GALT who bought the Mustang.

On 4/18/68 at Birmingham, Alabama File # BH 44-1740 - 1728
by SAs ROBERT M. BARRETT and WILLIAM A. SAUCIER: RMB/jml/epg Date dictated 4/18/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date May 10, 19681

PETER CHERPES, Owner of the Economy Rooming House, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama, was shown a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY, which photograph had been taken during the residence of RAY in Los Angeles, California, during late 1967 and early 1968. CHERPES, without hesitation, definitely identified this photograph as being a photograph of a person known to CHERPES as ERIC S. GALT, who resided at CHERPES' rooming house from August 26, 1967, through approximately October 7, 1967. CHERPES said this photograph of JAMES EARL RAY was the best likeness of the man known to CHERPES as ERIC S. GALT that CHERPES had seen to date.

On 5/6/68 at Birmingham, Alabama File # BH 44-1740 -1772
by SA'S ROBERT M. BARRETT & WILLIAM A. SAUCIER RMB:cap Date dictated 5/8/68

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MARLIN C. MYERS, Owner, Continental Dance Studios, 7960 Crestwood Boulevard, stated he is positive ERIC GALT took dance lessons at Continental Dance Studios, New Orleans, Louisiana, in 1964, under the name of ERIC S. GALT.

MYERS stated Continental Dance Studios, New Orleans, Louisiana, did not have any employees and the turnover in dance instructors was very rapid. MYERS furnished the following names of dance instructors who possibly were at Continental Dance Studios, New Orleans, Louisiana, during 1964, but cannot furnish their addresses:

FRANK DESIMONE, New Orleans, Louisiana

JANET KISER, possibly married to DESIMONE

MARCUS FELOS, address unknown

SANDRA BANKSON, Telephone No. 945-4612

MYERS stated that FRANK DESIMONE would possibly be able to furnish current addresses for the above dance instructors and names and addresses of other dance instructors.

MYERS stated the only student he can recall is one ORLENA MILLER, who owns a costume shop on Drier Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, and is a very good friend of JIMM GARRISON.

MYERS stated that all dance instructors were paid by checks drawn on the Whitney Bank, New Orleans, Louisiana.

MYERS stated that Mrs. LOUELLA LUTZ would possibly have records for Continental Dance Studios, containing names and addresses of all dance instructors, employed at Continental Dance Studios, New Orleans, Louisiana, during 1964.

On 4/16/68 at Birmingham, Alabama File # BH 44-1740 -1801

by SA PETER JOHN BODKIN:jbt Date dictated 4/19/68

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Date May 17, 1968

RE:

MURKIN

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

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REPORTING OFFICE ATLANTA	OFFICE OF ORIGIN MEMPHIS	DATE 5/17/68	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 4/18/68-5/15/68
TITLE OF CASE JAMES EARL RAY, aka - FUGITIVE IO #4182 WF #442-A DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM		REPORT MADE BY SA ALAN G. SENTINELLA	TYPED BY bjc
		CHARACTER OF CASE CR - CONSPIRACY; UFAC - ROBBERY	

REFERENCE: Atlanta report of SA ALAN G. SENTINELLA, 4/18/68.

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Will continue efforts to locate subject and report results thereof.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

Rerep sets forth check of various agencies previously conducted with negative results. Upon determination by Bureau on 4/19/68, that subject of this case is JAMES EARL RAY, these agencies were appropriately rechecked, that is, airlines, banks, birth, city and telephone directories, credit, arrest, car rentals, drivers license, dancing schools, hotels, INS, laundries, motels, public utilities, MVB, Selective Service, public transportation other than airlines, labor unions, and criminal and racial informants.

In addition, the authors of want ads appearing in the metropolitan Atlanta newspaper reused cars for sale during the period 3/24-4/5/68, were contacted, all look-alike complaints resolved through interview, appropriate agency checks and neighborhood investigation where warranted.

The foregoing efforts proved negative and results are not being set forth in this report. Results of each inquiry appear in Atlanta file in appropriate form.

Copies of this report for the United States Attorneys at Birmingham and Memphis are included with copies for those offices, but not marked as such. Dissemination to be held in abeyance pending Bureau instructions.

With reference to interviews of RAYMOND LOUIS CURTIS, this individual stated he would not testify to the information he furnished because he feared for his life. It is noted that CURTIS furnished the same information to the national news media.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: SA ALAN G. SENTINELLA Office: Atlanta, Georgia
Date: May 17, 1968

Field Office File #: AT 44-2386 Bureau File #: 44-38861

Title: JAMES EARL RAY,
IO Number 4182
WF Number 442-A
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. -
VICTIM

Character: CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY; UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID
CONFINEMENT - ROBBERY

Synopsis:

Results of FBI Laboratory examination of items obtained from 1966 Mustang and during search of subject's room set forth. Fibers on several items in Mustang could have come from bedspread in which rifle previously located in Memphis, Tenn., was wrapped. One latent fingerprint on map of Mexico located in room determined identical with a latent fingerprint on above rifle and binoculars also located in Memphis. Reinterviews of "GALT's" landlord did not produce information of significance. Landlord identified photograph of JAMES EARL RAY as being photograph of individual known to him as "GALT." Operator of neighborhood laundry used by "GALT" identified photograph of RAY as being good likeness of "GALT." Interviews with LEWIE RAYMOND DOWDA and RAYMOND LOUIS CURTIS previously incarcerated with RAY set forth. Unable to suggest subject's whereabouts. IN VIEW OF CRIME FOR WHICH SUBJECT SOUGHT, HE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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DETAILS:

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I. RESULTS OF EXAMINATION BY FBI LABORATORY
AND IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

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A. Re 1966 Ford Mustang

REPORT of the



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis

Re: MURKIN

Date: April 19, 1968

FBI File No. 44-38861

Lab. No.

PC-A5627 IZ KS

D-560623 JK

PC-A5655 KS IS KZ

PC-A5656 KS

PC-A5693 KS

PC-A5695 KS

Specimens received 4/12/68 when personally delivered by

SA A. F. Miller, from FBI, Atlanta

(PC-A5627 IZ KS; D-560623 JK)

ITEMS FROM 1966 FORD MUSTANG:

- Q89 Floor mat from right front floor
- Q90 Floor mat from rear floor
- Q91 Floor mat from left front floor
- Q92 Floor mat from trunk
- Q93 Air filter cartridge
- Q94 Wheel jack from trunk
- Q95 Dark blue short-sleeved sweat shirt
- Q96 One rubber sandal, size 7-8 1/2
- Q97 One white fitted sheet
- Q98 One black and white shirt jacket
- Q99 One pillowcase
- Q100 One fitted sheet with yellow thread
- Q101 One black sport shirt
- Q102 One pair of size 34 walking shorts
- Q103 Rug from trunk
- Q104 Pillow from trunk
- Q105 Styrofoam container from trunk
- Q106 One pair of men's brown socks from trunk
- Q107 One hunting knife and sheath
- Q108 Spare tire mounting from trunk
- Q109 Lug wrench from trunk
- Q110 Blue-handled screwdriver from trunk
- Q111 Used windshield wiper blade from trunk
- Q112 One Personna razor blade
- Q113 Soil sample from spare wheel and tire
- Q114 Vacuum sweepings from front passenger side floor
- Q115 Vacuum sweepings from left front floor
- Q116 Vacuum sweepings from rear floor
- Q117 Vacuum sweepings from trunk

Specimens received 4/12/68 when personally delivered by
SA Jack B. Simpson, FBI, Atlanta (PC-A5655 KS IS KZ)

Q143 Soil from right fender well
Q144 Soil from right front wheel
Q145 Soil from right rear wheel
Q146 Soil from right rear fender well
Q147 Debris from lower part of left fender
Q148 Soil from left front wheel
Q149 Soil from left rear wheel
Q150 Scraping from front left tire tread
Q151 Soil from underneath body in front of differential
Q152 Soil from differential
Q153 Soil from front of exhaust pipe
Q154 Soil from underneath body in front section
Q155 Soil from left fender well
Q156 Soil from left rear fender well
Q157 Scrapings from left rear tire tread
Q158 Scrapings from tread of right rear tire
Q159 Scrapings from under glove compartment
Q160 Scrapings from tire tread, right front tire
Q161 Scrapings from front part of engine
Q162 Water from windshield washer bag
Q163 Spare tire and wheel from trunk

Specimen received 4/13/68 from FBI, Memphis (PC-A5656 KS)

K20 Soil from approximately twenty feet from site where gun
and bedspread abandoned

Specimens received 4/16/68 from FBI, Memphis (PC-A5693 KS)

K44 - K49 Soil from parking lot and area between curb and
sidewalk near Unit 34 of Rebel Motel

Specimens received 4/16/68 from FBI, Memphis (PC-A5695 KS)

K50 - K59 Soil samples from area in rear of 413 and 422 $\frac{1}{2}$ South
Main Street

Results of examination:

The previously submitted bedspread, specimen Q13, is composed of brown cotton fibers, green cotton fibers and green rayon fibers. Brown cotton fibers, green cotton fibers and green rayon fibers that could have come from the Q13 bedspread were found on Q95, Q97 through Q104 and Q106 and in the Q117 sweepings. No such fibers were found on Q99 through Q92 or in the Q114 through Q116 sweepings.

Caucasian head hairs like the hairs previously found on the Q13 bedspread, in the Q15 zipper bag, on the Q26 towel, on the Q29 and Q30 socks and on the Q33 hairbrush were found on Q95, Q97, Q99, Q100 and Q103. These hairs could have come from the same person. It is pointed out that hairs do not possess enough individual microscopic characteristics to be positively identified as originating from a particular person. Caucasian head hairs were also found in the Q114 through Q117 vacuum sweepings. Some of these hairs are like the Q13, Q15, Q26, Q29, Q30 and Q33 hairs and could have come from the same person. Some of the hairs from Q114 through Q117 are different from the Q13, Q15, Q26, Q29, Q30 and Q33 hairs and did not come from the same person. No hairs were found on Q99 through Q92, Q98, Q101, Q102, Q104 or Q106.

The Q99 through Q91 floor mats are composed of translucent red plastic. No brand names are indicated on the mats. The letters "HIS" are hand printed on the back of each mat, apparently with a felt tip marker. The significance of the letters is not known.

Specimen Q92 is a black and gray plaid rubber mat. No marks were found on Q92.

Specimens Q94, Q106 and Q107 are standard items furnished with Mustangs.

Specimen Q95 is a dark blue short-sleeved sweat shirt of medium size. No labels or laundry marks were found on Q95.

Specimen Q96 is a black and white rubber sandal for the left foot. A label on the bottom bears the following: "MEN'S - M SHOE SIZE 7-8 1/2 JAPAN"

Specimen Q97 is a twin-bed size, fitted, white bed sheet. Specimen Q99 is a white pillowcase. A white laundry tape is present on Q97 and Q99. The following is printed in black on each tape: "2-02-3" It was concluded that the marks on these tapes did not originate from the machine which prepared the laundry tapes on the Q69 shorts and the Q70 T shirt.

Specimen Q98 is a black and white shirt jacket. The following is present on the label of Q98:

" M RN19788 68% DACRON 35% COTTON
15-15 1/2 MONTICELLO SHIRT JACKET TAPERED"

Specimen Q100 is a twin-bed size, fitted, white bed sheet. The sheet is in two pieces. The two pieces are stitched together with yellow thread and white thread. Inquiry at a department store in Washington, D. C., developed the following information concerning Q100: It is a #3 grade irregular seamed sheet. Most such sheets even if manufactured in the United States are sold in other countries. If sold in this country, they are sold in low class "illegitimate stores." Such sheets do not bear the manufacturer's name.

Specimen Q101 is a black short-sleeved shirt. The following is present on the label of Q101:

"ARTURO ROSETTI CUSTOM TAILORED -L- 100% COTTON
MADE IN U.S.A. RN16722"

Specimen Q102 is a pair of olive green walking shorts. The following is present on the label of Q102:

"HONG HONG DIPLOMAT CUSTOM TAILORED 65% POLYESTER FIBRE
35% SUPER FINE COTTON WAIST 34"

Specimen Q103 is a light pink, looped pile cotton rag that measures 24" by 56 1/2". No labels were found on Q103.

Specimen Q104 is a feather pillow that measures about 19" by 24". The pillow has a specification label. The back of the label is stamped "9 1967."

Specimen Q105 is a container for a Polaroid camera, possibly a model 230. No label was found on Q105.

Specimen Q106 is a pair of men's stretch socks with no label.

Other than the laundry tapes on Q97 and Q99, no visible laundry marks were found on any of the cloth items listed above. No invisible laundry marks were found on any of these items.

No buttons are missing from any of the garments listed above.

The Q107 hunting knife has a blade that measures 3 9/16" in length. The blade is rusty. The words "GEMCO JAPAN" are imprinted on one side of the blade and the number "45" is imprinted on the other side. The word "GEMCO" is stamped on the sheath.

Specimen Q110 is a flat-tipped Stanley brand screwdriver.

Specimen Q111 is an "AMCO" brand windshield wiper blade. Part of the rubber has been torn off.

Specimen Q112 is a "Personna" double-edge razor blade. No hairs were found on Q112.

The K39 and K44 through K59 soils from Memphis are different from the soil found on the previously submitted Q13 bedspread in physical characteristics and composition. Therefore, the soil from the bedspread did not come from the sources of K39 and K44 through K59.

No soil similar to the soil from the bedspread was found in Q113, Q143 through Q153, Q180 and Q161 or on the Q103 tire and wheel. None of these soils from the car originated from the source of the soil on the bedspread.

Although nothing was noted which would aid in the determination of the original sources of specimens Q113, Q143 through Q145, Q148, Q149, Q151, Q152, Q154 and the soil from Q103, they are suitable for comparison purposes. Specimens Q147, Q150, Q153, Q155

through Q158, Q160 and Q161 are either too limited in amount or too mixed with miscellaneous debris to be of value for significant comparisons other than for elimination purposes.

The soils from the car were different from K30 and K44 through K59 in physical characteristics and composition and, therefore, did not come from the sources of K30 and K44 through K59.

No soil of value for significant comparison was found on Q83 through Q106 or in the vacuum sweepings, specimens Q114 through Q117. The mineral debris in Q114 through Q117 consists of typical car floor debris, a mixture of miscellaneous materials from numerous sources. No mineral debris of apparent significance was found in Q114 through Q117.

The scrapings from under the glove compartment, Q159, do not contain blood.

The Q162 liquid was identified as water. No traces of any alcohols such as used in windshield wash were identified in this specimen.

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B. Re Search of Subject's Room

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: April 23, 1968

Re: MURKIN
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FBI File No. 44-38861

Lab. No. D-560880 JK

PC-A5688 IZ

Specimens received 4/16/68

- Q174 Booklet entitled "What is the John Birch Society"
- Q175 Gulf Oil Company map of Atlanta
- Q176 "Arrow" map of Greater Atlanta
- Q177 Box of Nabisco Saltine Crackers
- Q178 Jar of French's Mustard
- Q179 Coffee cup
- Q180 Water glass
- Q181 Small can of Carnation Evaporated Milk
- Q182 Jar of Maxwell House Instant Coffee
- Q183 Box of "C & H" Sugar
- Q184 One knife (Forgecraft)
- Q185 One National's Citation pencil
- Q186 Wire electric cup heater
- Q187 One portable Zenith television model #N 2205-6
- Q188 Jar of Kraft's Catalina French Dressing
- Q189 Package of Golden Grain California Lima Beans
- Q190 Can of "Iris" ground black pepper
- Q191 Box of five National's Citation pencils
- Q192 Gulf map of Southeastern USA
- Q193 Shell map of Texas and Oklahoma
- Q194 Map of Mexico
- Q195 Map of Los Angeles published by Mitock & Sons
- Q196 Map of Los Angeles (Atlantic Richfield Co.)
- Q197 Shell map of Louisiana
- Q198 Map of California
- Q199 Enco map of Arizona and New Mexico
- Q200 Standard Oil map of Birmingham and vicinity
- Q201 Tie (Brown with brown, blue and silver diagonal stripes)
- Q202 Pair of grey trousers
- Q203 Booklet entitled "Your Opportunities in Locksmithing"

Result of examination:

Examination of Q176 ("Arrow" map of Atlanta) revealed the following markings: In area number 17, ink lines were noted on Daniel Street between Arbor Avenue and Boulevard Drive; in area number 03 an ink circle approximately $\frac{3}{8}$ inch in diameter the center of which would be approximately on Auburn Avenue at Courtland; in area number 14, two ink circles which are approximately concentric with diameters of about $\frac{1}{4}$ inch and $\frac{1}{2}$ inch. The centers of these two circles lie approximately at the intersection of Simpson Road and Paines; in area number 09 an ink circle approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ inch in diameter and the numeral 10 were noted. The center of this circle lies approximately on 14th Street between Crescent Avenue and Peachtree Road; in area number 06 an ink circle approximately $\frac{3}{8}$ inch in diameter appears. The center of this circle is approximately at the meeting place of Highland View and Ponce de Leon Terrace.

The notations set out below were observed on Q196 ("Atlantic Richfield Co." street map of Los Angeles.") On the top of that side of this map which contains the alphabetical street listings a small pencil circle was noted in the "Van Nuys District" at the intersection of Buffalo Avenue and Oxnard Street.

On the large map on the other side of this map the following markings were noted in the Beverly Hills area. Two vertical lines in ink at the east end of the park which is located at Olympic Boulevard and Heath Avenue; vertical lines in ink at San Vicente Boulevard and Masselin Avenue; an ink line running between the two vertical lines previously mentioned generally following Pico Boulevard and Packard Street; an ink line extending from the vertical lines at the park along Olympic Boulevard to Alfred Street.

An ink line at the intersection of Beverly Glen Boulevard and Woodruff; an ink line at the intersection of Beverly Glen Boulevard and Warnall Avenue.

Also noted was an ink marking at Sunset Boulevard and Palm Drive.

Ink parentheses were noted around the words "Somma Way" and "Rocca Pl" which are located in Stone Canyon.

The pair of trousers, specimen Q202, is old and soiled. The lining and pockets are yellowed, the two front pockets have holes in them and the edge of the left front pocket is threadbare. The trousers have a "NEEDLECRAFT" label. The waist is 34 1/2 inches and the inseam is 26 inches. A name handwritten in black on the right rear pocket is probably a cleaners mark. This name appears to be "Z SOLOFF;" however, the last two letters are not clear. No invisible cleaners marks were found on Q202.

Several brown to dark brown head hairs of Caucasian origin were found on the trousers and in the pocket debris. These hairs are different from the hairs from the Mustang and Memphis scene. It was concluded that they did not originate from the same source. No hairs were found on the Q201 necktie.

Nofibers were found on the Q202 trousers or on the Q201 necktie that could be associated with cloth items previously submitted in this case.

No marks or labels were found on the Q201 necktie.

Examination of the other items described above disclosed no other pertinent information.

The submitted evidence has been retained.

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Washington, D. C. 20537



REPORT

of the

IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

YOUR FILE NO. 44-2386
FBI FILE NO. 44-38861
LATENT CASE NO. 91075

April 19, 1968

TO: SAC, Atlanta

RE: MURKIN

REFERENCE: Letter 4-15-68

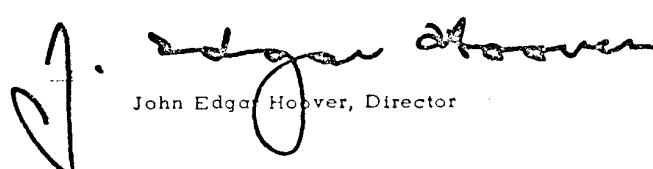
EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: Atlanta

SPECIMENS: Portable TV and numerous items from storage
room in Rooming House at 113 Fourteenth Street,
Atlanta, Georgia, Q174 through Q200, and Q203

Six latent fingerprints and one latent impression, which may be a fingerprint, impression of lower joint of a finger, or partial palm print, were developed on map of Mexico, Q194. No other latent impressions of value found or developed.

One of the latent fingerprints on the map is identical with the latent fingerprint previously reported on the rifle, Q2, and with the latent fingerprint previously reported on binoculars, Q14. Other latent prints on the map compared with latent prints previously reported in this case, but no identification effected.

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John Edgar Hoover, Director

SAC, Atlanta

April 19, 1968

Results of laboratory examination and disposition
of specimens subject of separate report.

This report confirms and supplements Butel of
4-17-68.

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II. PRESENCE OF SUBJECT IN ATLANTA

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A. Reinterviews Of Landlord

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 30, 1968

JIMMIE DELTON GARNER, 107 - 14th Street, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia, was interviewed at his place of employment, The Vista Cafeteria, 1052 Northside Drive, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia.

At the outset of the interview, GARNER acknowledged that he had been on a prolonged "drunk" since about Friday, April 19, 1968, and was at the time of the interview in the throes of a "terrific hangover." GARNER explained that he has had a continual drinking problem for the past few years in that he has from time to time "gone on drinking sprees" for periods lasting several days in duration.

GARNER at this time acknowledged that he was previously on one of his "drunks" from a period beginning about March 22, 1968 through about March 30, 1968 which included the first week that the man known to him as ERIC S. GALT resided at the rooming house operated by GARNER at 113 - 14th Street, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia.

GARNER said that despite his being in the throes of a "hangover" resulting from his most recent drinking binge, he now felt able to again recount his recollections of his contacts with "GALT". GARNER provided the following information:

GARNER began drinking in his room at 107 - 14th Street about Friday, March 22, 1968. On Sunday afternoon, before darkness (exact time unknown but possibly between 3:00 and 4:00 p.m.) the man whom he later knew as ERIC S. GALT appeared at GARNER's door. GARNER said he now believes the door to his room was open, and that he (GARNER) was sitting in a chair in his room in a drunken condition. GARNER recalls that "GALT" inquired regarding obtaining a single room. At the time the rooming house at 113 - 14th Street, N.E. had been closed for sometime possibly three or four weeks. This rooming house had been closed because it had become "infested with 'hippies'" and the

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by SAs JOHN E. OGDEN and
O. RICHARD HAMILTON JEO: hjm Date dictated 4/30/68

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only way he could get them to move from the rooming house was to close it up. When "GALT" asked for a single room, there was no single room available in the rooming house at 107 - 14th Street, N.E. so he decided to put "GALT" in the rooming house at 113 - 14th Street, N.E. Accordingly, "GALT" was the first roomer in this rooming house for several weeks.

GARNER now recalls that "GALT" produced a partly consumed quart or fifth size bottle of vodka. This bottle was square in shape but the brand name could not be recalled. He believes he may have had a drink with "GALT" in his (GARNER's) room at 107 - 14th Street, N.E. after which he accompanied "GALT" to the rooming house next door where he showed "GALT" room number 2. When "GALT" stated that the room was quite small, GARNER opened the door connecting with room number 4 which is utilized normally as a storage room and which has no windows. GARNER told "GALT" he could use the connecting room and at this time there was some mention made that "GALT" would put his television set on the desk in room number 4 as well as other articles belonging to "GALT". GARNER recalls that the connecting door is equipped with a hasp and padlock and that he (GARNER) upon unlocking and opening this door, replaced the padlock, (unlocked) on the hasp. GARNER said he did not see the television or other items belonging to "GALT" at this time and has no clear recollection of ever seeing any of "GALT's" possession prior to "GALT's" departure from this address.

GARNER also recalls that "GALT" left the partly consumed bottle of vodka with GARNER and that after showing "GALT" to his room, GARNER returned to 107 - 14th Street, N.E. where he continued to drink.

He said the vodka bottle was undoubtedly thrown away in the trash.

GARNER states that he is unable to recall any of the conversations he may have had with "GALT." When specifically asked whether "GALT" had stated how he happened to pick this particular rooming house; where he had come from; whether he had made inquiries about places to eat, laundry and drycleaning facilities or service to his automobile, GARNER said he cannot recall any conversation concerning these or similar matters.

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He reiterated that his contact with "GALT" on this occasion is very hazy because of his intoxicated condition.

At this point, GARNER stated that information previously provided to Agents concerning having obtained "GALT's" name at the time of initial contact was probably erroneous because he now recalls that he did not have "GALT" write his name at this time but that this was done a week later on March 31, 1968, when "GALT" paid GARNER for a second week's rent in advance.

GARNER said that he continued his drinking activities on through the week of March 24, 1968 and did not begin to sober up until the following weekend. He cannot clearly recall any of his actions during this week but has a hazy recollection of going to "GALT's" room at 113 - 14th Street, N.E. about Tuesday night and of again having some drinks with "GALT" in this room. He states that he cannot recall any of the conversations with "GALT" at this time and he does not recall observing any of the items that might have been in room number 2. He does not recall why he happened to go to the room but suspected that he may have been "checking the building" and just dropped in to visit with "GALT" when he discovered he was in the room. He believes this was Tuesday night, March 26, 1968, but is not sure of this.

GARNER also stated that sometime during the first week possibly on Wednesday, he recalls walking across the street from his residence to Postal Sub Station C for the purpose of buying some envelopes. He said that he was still in a drunken condition but hazily recalls encountering a young man approximately 20 years of age in front of the Post Office who addressed GARNER by name. This unknown individual asked GARNER a question to the effect "Who was the man I saw you with last night in the white Mustang?" GARNER said this suggested to him that he had possibly gone with "GALT" somewhere in "GALT's" automobile while he (GARNER) was dead drunk but although he has tried to recall such an incident, he cannot recall ever being in "GALT's" car. GARNER was specifically questioned at this point as to whether he has any friends or acquaintances residing in the vicinity of Highland View Street, Ponce de Leon Terrace and Barnett Street, N.E. GARNER said that he did not know anyone in that neighborhood and cannot recall having visited that neighborhood on any occasion in the recent past.

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Several efforts were made to encourage GARNER to recall additional information concerning the unknown man who questioned him concerning being in the white Mustang, but he repeatedly stated that he just does not know this person but that it is possibly someone who has been a patron at one of the restaurants which GARNER has operated in the past.

GARNER recalls no further contact with "GALT" until Sunday, March 31, 1968. At this time GARNER had "begun to sober up" and went to the rooming house at 113 - 14th Street, N.E. to check the rooms. He said he does this frequently to be sure that the "hippies" have not again invaded these premises. On this occasion, he encountered "GALT" in the hall. At this time, "GALT" said "he might as well pay him for another week." GARNER said that he did not enter "GALT's" room at this time but picked up an envelope which was lying on the table in the hall and it was at this time he had "GALT" print his name thereon with the view of transferring the name to his permanent records when GARNER returned to his own room. GARNER said he knows he was paid in cash but does not recall the denomination of the bills or any further conversation with "GALT" at this time.

GARNER said that he remained in a sober condition from March 31 until the beginning of his most recent drinking spree on April 19, 1968. He is, accordingly, sure that he did not see "GALT" again after he was paid on Sunday, March 31, 1968. He said he may have seen "GALT's" automobile parked in the rear of 113 - 14th Street, N.E. at various times during the week, but could not be positive and does not recall any specific dates. He noted that he does not recall ever seeing "GALT's" car parked in the parking lot behind the rooming house when GARNER returned from his restaurant to 14th Street about 4:00 p.m. He said that when and if he saw the car, it is his best recollection that it would have been during the early morning hours when he left to go to the restaurant or possibly late in the evening. He stated he retains the impression that "GALT" left the rooming house sometime in the morning and would not return until quite late in the evening. He conceded that it is possible that the car may have been absent from the rooming house for periods of two or three days while "GALT" was a tenant there.

GARNER related that on Friday, April 5, 1968, he went to his restaurant at 1052 Northside Drive, N.W. about 5:30 in the morning. He remained at that restaurant until about 10:00 a.m. at which time he returned to the rooming houses on 14th Street for the purpose of getting the linen ready to be picked up by an employee of the Atlanta Linen Company which performs the laundry services for GARNER. GARNER stated that when help is available, he usually takes one of the female employees from the restaurant when he goes to the rooming houses on Friday to change the linen. He recalled, however, that on Friday, April 5, 1968, he was "short of help" at the restaurant and, accordingly, went alone to get the linen. He believes he could have arrived at the rooming house between 10:00 and 10:30 a.m. at which time the driver for the Atlanta Linen Company was waiting for him. GARNER said he went to all of the occupied rooms and took the linen from the beds. Upon entering room number 2 at 113 - 14th Street, N.E., he observed that the bed was made up but from the appearance of the bed it looked as though someone had been lying on top of the spread. He found on top of the bed a note possibly written on a piece of cardboard of the type placed in shirts by the laundry. This note was apparently from "GALT" and although he cannot recall the exact wording, stated something to the effect that "GALT" had to go to Birmingham and would return in about a week to pick up his television and/or property. GARNER said he tossed the note in the waste can in the room and obtained the linen from the bed which he turned over to the employee of the Atlanta Linen Company.

While in the room, he observed that the door connecting room number 2 and the adjacent storage room had been locked but he did not enter the room at this time to determine what property had been left there by "GALT". Sometime later, he did enter the room and noted that a television set was in the room along with miscellaneous items which he cannot specifically recall that were lying on the desk in the room.

GARNER said that he has not received any word or communication from "GALT" concerning the property left there. He cannot recall seeing "GALT" talk to any of the other roomers at either of the rooming houses and knows nothing concerning any of "GALT's" activities while he resided at this address. He is certain that "GALT" did not mention having been referred to this rooming house by anyone and feels that he would have recalled this even though he was in an intoxicated condition during a great portion of the time "GALT" resided there.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 5/7/68

JIMMIE DELTON GARNER, 107 - 14th Street, N.E., Atlanta, was interviewed at his place of business, 1052 Northside Drive, N.W.

GARNER specifically was asked regarding any discussions he may recall with the man whom he knew as ERIC S. GALT concerning drugs and/or narcotics. GARNER replied that he could recall no conversation with "GALT" concerning these matters and can recall nothing to indicate GALT was using drugs or narcotics.

GARNER also was asked specifically whether he recalled any conversation with "GALT" concerning racial matters. GARNER said he cannot recall any such conversation.

GARNER reiterated information previously furnished that the only conversation with GALT was the one on March 31, 1968, at which time he was paid for an additional week's rent. He again stated he is positive he did not encounter "GALT" at 113 - 14th Street, N.E., on Friday, April 5, 1968, when he GARNER, went to that address to remove the dirty linens to be given to the laundry man.

GARNER said PERRY LEE ZACKERY, the cook at Garner's Cafeteria, and another employee at the cafeteria, went to the rooming houses on 14th Street on the afternoon of April 5, 1968, to make up the beds. He cannot recall the identity of the woman who accompanied ZACKERY, but knows only it was a Negro female whom he had picked up to work in the restaurant as a dishwasher. He noted that during the past several weeks, he has had numerous different women working at the restaurant, and cannot specifically recall which one was working on April 5, 1968. He suggested that EDNA JACKSON, who resides at 646 Whitaker Street, might have been the woman who accompanied PERRY ZACKERY to clean the rooming houses on April 5, 1968.

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JIMMY GARNER, 107 14th Street, Northeast, was shown a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY in which he was wearing a suit, white shirt, and fore-in-hand tie. He stated this is the best likeness he has seen to date of RAY and stated, "If not him, it's his twin brother."

GARNER stated he has continued to try to recall additional information concerning RAY and his brief stay at 113 14th Street, Northeast; however, he has been unable to recall any additional information.

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B. Use Of Laundry

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Mrs. ESTELLE PETERS, Piedmont Laundry, 1168 Peachtree Street, Northeast, was shown a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY in which he is wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and fore-in-hand tie. She stated she believes the photograph of RAY in which he was wearing a bowtie is a better likeness, however, stated the more recent photograph in which he is wearing a fore-in-hand tie looks older and the eyes and nose appear very similar.

She stated she has been unable to recall any additional information concerning the individual whom she knew as ERIC S. GALT.

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