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507PM URGENT 4/11/68 GWK  
TO DIRECTOR (AIR MAIL) AND JACKSONVILLE 44-769

MURKIN - CR, OO: MEMPHIS.

RE JACKSON TELE. INSTANT, LAUNDRY CONTACTS.

WILLIAM DUDENHOFFER, UNISERVICES, IND., INDIANAPOLIS,  
ADVISED HIS ORGANIZATION HAS NUMEROUS ESTABLISHMENTS THROUGHOUT  
COUNTRY AND INVENTORY RECORDS OF EACH WOULD HAVE TO BE CHECKED.  
HE ADVISE THAT HERMAN MILLER, PRESIDENT, ORANGE STATE UNIFORM  
AND LINEN SERVICE, JACKSONVILLE, WOULD BE THE PERSON MOST  
LIKELY TO KNOW WHEREABOUTS OF THERMO-SEAL MACHINE. DUDENHOFFER  
SAID HE COULD THEN CHECK INVENTORY RECORDS FOR THAT LOCATION.  
HE SAID MILLER WILL BE BACK IN JACKSONVILLE APRIL TWELVE NEXT  
AND CONTACT SHOULD BE MADE ONLY WITH THIS INDIVIDUAL.

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TO : SAC, JACKSONVILLE (44-769)

DATE: 4/10/68

FROM : SA CHARLES L. CARROLL

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 4/9/68 SAs AHART, B. GORDON, and CARROLL checked records in Gulf, Calhoun, Jackson, Bay, Washington, Holmes and Walton Counties and found no record in the name LOWMEYER or LOWMYER.

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TO : SAC, JACKSONVILLE (44-769)

DATE: 4-12-68

FROM : IC THAD D. POWELL

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Bureau teletype 4-8-68.

On 4-9-68, the following agencies were contacted in regards to any information pertaining to HARVEY LOWMEYER or LOWMYER:

Voters Registration Office  
Duval County Courthouse

Lt. W. H. KNIGHT  
Identification Division  
Jacksonville Police Department

DORIS WARD  
Identification Division  
Duval County Sheriff's Office

BETTY BOONE  
Jacksonville Beach Police Department

HELEN COULTER  
City Electric Department

ELSIE HYATT  
Bureau of Vital Statistics  
Florida State Board of Health

The City Directories were also reviewed with negative results concerning LOWMEYER or LOWMYER and all telephone directories, which covers the area of each resident agency in the Jacksonville Division, were checked under the two above names and no record located.

On 4-10-68, records of the Jacksonville PD, Duval County SO, Driver License Bureau, Jacksonville Credit Bureau, and City Electric Department records were reviewed concerning ERIC STARVO GALT and no record identifiable with GALT was located in the above agencies.



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TO : SAC (44-769)

DATE: 4/11/69

FROM : SA JAMES R. MORRISON

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Charlotte teletype to Dallas 4/10/68.

The following investigation was conducted at Jacksonville, Fla., on 4/11/68 by SA JAMES R. MORRISON.

EARL J. GIBSON, 6956 Deauville was interviewed at his place of employment Turknett-Turnbull Printing Co., 439 E 8th Street and furnished the following information. He has not seen or heard anything from his brother CHARLES NELSON GIBSON in over 10 years and the only person he knows who possibly may know his brother's whereabouts is his mother Mrs MAUDE GIBSON of Red Springs, N.C. He said his brother has been roaming around the U.S. for years and as far as he knows does construction work. He telephoned his mother a short time ago and she did not mention having heard from CHARLES. He recalled that a number of years ago CHARLES spent the winters in Florida and the summers in Wisconsin but could not give any exact locations in either Florida or Wisconsin. In addition to the relatives named in reCharlotte teletype a sister Mrs W. L. MILLS lives in Jacksonville.

Mrs W. L. MILLS, 6224 W Bartholf Ave., informed she has not seen or heard from her brother CHARLES NELSON GIBSON in about 7 years. At that time he telephoned her while intoxicated, became abusive and she hung up on him. He has never contacted her since. She named the members of her immediate family all of whom are set forth in Reference Charlotte teletype. She said her brother is a "roamer" who has only maintained occasional contact with her mother Mrs MAUDE GIBSON. The last time her mother mentioned him was about a year ago when he telephoned her from somewhere in either Texas or California, place unknown.

Both EARL GIBSON and Mrs MILLS promised to contact the Jacksonville office if she learns anything about CHARLES NELSON GIBSON's whereabouts.

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TO : SAC, JACKSONVILLE(44-769)

DATE: 4/11/68

FROM : SA ROBERT H. ANDERSON, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 4/10 & 11/68, the pertinent city and telephone directories, light and water departments, arrest records of Police Departments and Sheriff's Offices, credit bureaus and financial institutions located within Citrus, Lake, Marion and Sumter counties, were checked under the name of ERIC STARVO GALT and no record was located.

On 4/11/68, all laundries located within the above counties were checked to determine whether they used a five digit thermo. seal marking machine, utilizing red cloth tape with black ink lettering size 1/4" x 1 & 1/16" long, with negative results.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSONVILLE (44- 769) P  
( Atten. SA CHARLES J. HONETOR)

FROM : SA MICHAEL E. DELL

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/11/68

On 4/9/68, the following individuals advised that the records of their respective office did not contain any record for a HARVEY LOWMEYER, or LOWMYER, or did they contain any record for anyone with either of these last names:

LOLA AYERS, Sec., Okaloosa Co. SO, Crestview, Fla.  
PAULA APPLEWHITE, Sec., Fort Walton Beach PD, Fort Walton Beach, Fla.  
FRANCES MC CARTNEY, Fort Walton Beach, Fla., Credit Bureau  
(which covers the entire Okaloosa Co., Fla., area)  
ELSIE GARRETT, Supervisor of Elections, Okaloosa Co., Crestview Fla.

In addition, on the same date, a check of the Telephone and City Directories for the Okaloosa County Fla., area, failed to reflect any listing for anyone named either LOWMEYER or LOWMYER.

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TO: SAC,

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☐ Albuquerque  
☐ Anchorage  
☐ Atlanta  
☐ Baltimore  
☐ Birmingham  
☐ Boston  
☐ Buffalo  
☐ Butte  
☐ Charlotte  
☐ Chicago  
☐ Cincinnati  
☐ Cleveland  
☐ Columbia  
☐ Dallas  
☐ Denver  
☐ Detroit  
☐ El Paso  
☐ Honolulu

☐ Houston  
☐ Indianapolis  
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☐ Seattle  
☐ Springfield

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☐ Washington Field  
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☐ Hong Kong  
☐ London  
☐ Manila  
☐ Mexico, D.F.  
☐ Ottawa  
☐ Paris  
☐ Rome  
☐ Santo Domingo  
☐ Tokyo

Date April 11, 1968

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:

Attached are three photographs of tee shirt and shorts bearing laundry marks.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSONVILLE (44-769)

DATE: 4/15/68

FROM : SA STANLEY A. SPRING

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
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Re: ERIC STARVO GALT

The following were contacted on 4/10/68 and could furnish no information identifiable with GALT:

Mr. L. REEVES  
Atlantic National Bank

Miss JOYCE SUMMERFIELD  
Lake Forest Atlantic Bank  
Southside Atlantic Bank  
Springfield Atlantic Bank  
Westside Atlantic Bank

Mrs. M. HURST  
Central National Bank

Mrs. E. PERRYMAN  
First Guarantee National Bank

Mr. H. ODOM  
Jacksonville National Bank

Mrs. J. DESMOND  
State Bank of Jacksonville

Miss J. ZAMBETTI  
First Bank and Trust Co. of Jacksonville

Miss T. MOORE  
First National Beach Bank

M. SOURES  
American National Bank;  
American Arlington Bank;  
American Beach Boulevard Bank

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Mr. HOWARD DEVAUGHN  
Florida National Bank;  
Florida Deposit and Savings;  
Florida National Bank at Arlington;  
Florida National Bank at Lake Shore;  
Florida Northside Bank

Mr. WILMER GAUGE  
Barnett First National Bank;  
Murry Hill Barnett National Bank;  
San Jose Barnett National Bank

Mr. FRED BARR, Commercial Credit Corp., Beach Boulevard, advised that he had checked all loan and finance institutions through the loan exchange which is a central repository concerning individuals who have applied for small loans in the Jacksonville, Fla., area with unproductive results.

The current telephone and city directories reflect only a THOMAS J. A. GALT at Atlantic Beach, Fla., as the only GALT listed in the Jacksonville area.

Mr. CLARENCE DUFFIN, Florida National Bank, Jacksonville, advised on 4/11/68, that records of that institution reflect a Mrs. SUE REID GALT opened a savings account with that institution on 9/11/46 and has a current address of 161 Ocean Front, Atlantic Beach, Fla. Bank records reflected the following relatives:

THOMAS J. A. GALT  
DEXTER GALT

No information was located in the records of that institution concerning any ERIC GALT.

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FBI ALBANY

11:30 AM URGENT 4/15/68 PXB  
TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), NEW YORK, JACKSONVILLE  
(44-769), MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
FROM ALBANY (44-493) 3P

MURKIN

RE JACKSONVILLE TELETYPE APRIL FOURTEEN LAST. FOR  
INFO OF NYO, RE TEL ADVISED THAT FRANK GURNEY, SHELL  
STATION, FORT CAROLINE ROAD, JACKSONVILLE, ADVISED HE  
OPENED STATION EIGHT A.M., APRIL FOURTEEN LAST. INDIVIDUAL  
AT TIME WAS SLEEPING IN CAR WHICH HAD FLAT TIRE AND IT  
APPEARED HE HAD DRIVEN ABOUT TEN MILES ON FLAT. GURNEY  
CHANGED TIRE AND NOTED DARK BROWN ATTACHE CASE AND  
CARDBOARD FILE IN TRUNK. INDIVIDUAL SAID HE WAS FROM  
NEW YORK CITY BUT LIVED IN FLORIDA ELEVEN MONTHS OF YEAR.  
HE HAD BEEN DRINKING AND WAS LOST. APPEARED TO HAVE  
SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT OF MONEY IN WALLET. LEFT STATION  
GOING TOWARD JACKSONVILLE AFTER RECEIVING DIRECTIONS.

GURNEY SAID HE NOTICED A SIMILARITY BETWEEN THIS  
INDIVIDUAL AND ARTIST SKETCH WHICH APPEARED IN JACKSONVILLE  
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HE DESCRIBED INDIVIDUAL AS WHITE MALE AGE THIRTY EIGHT TO FORTY, FIVE FEET EIGHT TO NINE INCHES, ONE FIFTY POUNDS, EYES UNKNOWN, SANDY HAIR, FAIR COMPLEXION, SLENDER BUILD, POINTED FEATURES, DRESSED IN DARK SUIT, WHITE SHIRT AND TIE, NO HAT.

CAR DESCRIBED AS NINETEEN SIXTY FIVE OR SIX DARK BLUE OR BLACK CHRYSLER NEWPORT BEARING NEW YORK LICENSE Q A TWO FIVE FIVE NINE.

DMV RECORDS, ALBANY, N.Y., REVEAL NEW YORK LICENSE Q A TWO FIVE FIVE NINE ISSUED RICHARD J. BRAND, JR., ONE ZERO SEVEN - ONE THREE ONE HUNDRED TWENTYFIFTH STREET, JAMAICA, NEW YORK, FOR NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR GREY CHRYSLER SEDAN, VIN FOUR THREE TWO SEVEN FOUR FOUR SIX NINE. BRAND, BORN [REDACTED],

EMPLOYED NYC DEPARTMENT OF SANITATION, ONE FIVE FIVE WORTH STREET, NYC, NY. VEHICLE INSURED BY ALLSTATE INSURANCE COMPANY POLICE NUMBER ZERO THREE FOUR-TWO EIGHT - THREE EIGHT ONE.

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BRAND ISSUED NYS CHAUFFEURS LICENSE NUMBER B ONE  
EIGHT ZERO FIVE ZERO - ZERO SIX SEVEN FIVE TWO - ONE ONE  
ONE SEVEN FOUR TWO ONE NOVEMBER TWENTYONE LAST, EXPIRING  
NOVEMBER THIRTY, NINETEEN SEVENTY. APPLICATION DESCRIBES  
BRAND, FIVE FEET EIGHT INCHES AND BROWN EYES.

NEW YORK WILL CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION  
TO ELIMINATE BRAND AS POSSIBLE IDENTICAL SUSPECTS IN  
THIS MATTER. P

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FBI JACKSVLE

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**REPORT  
of the****FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**Date: **April 11, 1968**Re: **MURKIN  
CR**FBI File No. **44-38861**Lab. No. **D-560449 JK**Specimens received **4/10/68**

**Kc7 Photocopy of Liberty National Bank Dealer Plan-  
Purchaser Statement bearing purported known hand  
printing and signature of DR. ALVIN EUGENE FRENCH**

**Result of examination:**

Because Kc7 is almost entirely hand printed and not adequate for comparison with the questioned writings, it could not be determined whether the material in this matter was prepared by DR. ALVIN EUGENE FRENCH, Kc7. However, the style of writing of FRENCH differs from the other writings which have been submitted in this matter.

**Kc7 has been retained.**

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*W. H. Smith*



**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**

Date: **April 11, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN  
CR  
OO: Memphis**

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**  
Lab. No. **D-560449 JK**

Examination requested by: **Buffalo**

Reference: **Airtel 4/8/68**

Examination requested: **Document**

Remarks:

**Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)**

- 1 - Atlanta Enclosure (Lab report)**
- 1 - Birmingham (44-493) Enclosure (Lab report)**
- ① - Jacksonville Enclosure (Lab report)**
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254PM URGENT 4-15-68 BLW

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS, ATLANTA, JACKSONVILLE

AND MIAMI

FROM TAMPA (157-3231) 3P

MURKIN, CR., OO ME.

RE TAMPA TEL TO DIRECTOR, ME AND BM APRIL TEN, SIXTYEIGHT.

E. L. BING, PLANT CITY, FLA. CONTACTED DEPARTMENT  
TO ADVISE THAT HE HAD PATRON AT NIGHTCLUB RAINBOW, EATONVILLE,  
FLA. ON EVENING APRIL SEVEN LAST WHO CLOSELY RESEMBLED  
WITNESS COMPOSITE SKETCH PUBLISHED LOCAL NEWSPAPERS.  
BING STATED THAT DURING EVENING PARTY OF SIX-SEVEN  
NEGROES AND ONE CAUCASIAN WERE CELEBRATING IN CLUB. AROUND  
THREE AM THE WM ASKED BING TO CASH PERSONALIZED CHECK  
DRAWN ON CHATTANOOGA BANK, NAME NOT RECALLED. BY WAY  
OF IDENTIFICATION THIS INDIVIDUAL STATED EMPLOYED BY  
HOLIDAY INN, ME., AS PAINTER AND DISPLAYED CREDIT CARD,  
NAME NOT RECALLED. INDIVIDUAL STATED HE WAS BROKE  
AND NEEDED MONEY FOR TAXI FROM EATONVILLE TO ORLANDO, FLA.  
HE DISPLAYED BUS TICKET, COMPANY UNKNOWN, FROM ORLANDO  
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TO MM. BING REFUSED TO HONOR PERSONAL CHECK AND INDIVIDUAL CONTACTED ONE LEON SMITH, WINTER PARK, FLA. TO VOUCH FOR HIM. BING STATES HE REFUSED TO ACCEPT CHECK. BING STATES AT CLOSING TIME FOUR AM, APRIL EIGHT, SIXTYEIGHT HE SERVED UNKNOWN WM SOLICITING PARTY PATRONS FOR TRANSPORTATION TO ORLANDO.

THIS INDIVIDUAL DESCRIBED WM, SIX FEET, ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTFIVE LBS., DARK BROWN HAIR, COMBED STRAIGHT BACK RECEDING ON SIDES TO FORM PEAK, BROWN TROUSERS, BROWN SPORT COAT, WEARING WHITE TURTLENECK SWEATER, HAD PRONOUNCED LIMP IN LEFT LEG, NO REGIONAL ACCENT.

WITNESSES WHO OBSERVED UNIDENTIFIED WHITE MALE AT RAINBOW CLUB, EATONVILLE AND AT ORLANDO APRIL SEVEN- EIGHT, LAST VARY IN DESCRIPTIONS THEY FURNISHED FOR HIM BUT GENERALLY FEEL HE RESEMBLES ARTIST'S CONCEPTION APPEARING IN MASS MEDIA. UNIDENTIFIED WM TRIED TO CASH SIXTY DOLLAR CHECK DRAWN ON UNRECALLED BANK, CHATTANOOGA. UNIDENTIFIED WM TAKEN TO GREYHOUND BUS STATION, ORLANDO, UNIDENTIFIED WM COULD LOGICALLY HAVE TAKEN GREYHOUND BUSES ON APRIL EIGHT

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Mr. Sullivan  
Mr. Lombardi

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LAST DEPARTING ORLANDO EIGHT FIFTEEN AM ON RUN THREE ELEVEN;  
NINE TWENTY AM ON RUN THREE SIX THREE, TEN TEN AM ON RUN  
SIX THREE TWO OR ELEVEN FIFTEEN AM ON RUN TWENTY THREE.  
DRIVER ON RUN SIX THREE TWO INTERVIEWED AND UNABLE TO  
IDENTIFY DRAWING. A. J. STROUDMIER, MM, WAS DRIVER ON  
RUN THREE ELEVEN. CHARLIE TITUS, MM, WAS DRIVER ON RUN  
THREE SIX THREE, AND WILLIE RAGAN, JACKSONVILLE, DRIVER *in my mind*  
ON RUN TWENTY THREE.

MIAMI AT MIAMI CONTACT OPERATIONS OFFICE, GREYHOUND,  
INTERVIEW STROUDMIER AND TITUS AND EXHIBIT ARTIST'S ONCEPTION.

JACKSONVILLE AT JACKSONVILLE HANDLE REAGAN LEAD.  
MEMPHIS AT MEMPHIS CONTACT HOLIDAY INN FOR POSSIBLE  
IDENTIFICATION OF WM AND EXHIBITS ARTIST'S CONCEPTION.

ATLANTA AT DALTON, GA. EXHIBIT ARTIST DRAWING AT BANKS  
AND PAINTERS LOCAL IN EFFORT TO IDENTIFY WM SEEN  
AT EATONVILLE AND ORLANDO. UNIDENTIFIED WM TOLD ONE PERSON  
HE WAS FROM DALTON, GA. AM COPY TO BH.

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—UPI Telephoto

## Likeness Of Killer

This sketch, distributed to police all over Mexico, is said to resemble man wanted for murder of Martin Luther King. Sergio Jaubert, artist at Mexico City police headquarters, made drawing from description provided by FBI as result of speculation killer may have fled south of border.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

TAMPA TRIBUNE  
TAMPA, FLA.

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Author:

Editor:

Title: ASSASSINATION OF  
MARTIN LUTHER KING

Character: CR

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Classification: 44-769

Submitting Office:

Jacksonville

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# FBI Cancels 'Locate' Order In King Case

MEMPHIS (AP)—The FBI issued, then withdrew, a request that Florida police help locate Eric Starvo Galt, a white man, as the investigation of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. entered its second week.

Federal agents refused to say why they are seeking Galt, whose last known address was Birmingham, Ala.

The bulletin distributed yesterday on the statewide police teletype network in Florida said Galt was driving a white Mustang. Witnesses in Memphis told investigators earlier they saw a man in a white Mustang drive away from the rooming house from which King was shot April 4.

A source in the Dade County Public Safety Department in Miami said the FBI bulletin began: "Reference locate and notify no warrant issued Eric Starvo Galt," then described Galt and the Mustang. The message concluded: "If located notify Agent Charles Bell FBI Miami."

"This meant they wanted him spotted, not picked up," the Miami source said. It was reported originally that a pickup order was issued.

The FBI in Miami refused any comment.

At about the same time the locate order was sent in Florida, federal agents in Atlanta impounded a white Mustang parked since last Friday at a public housing project near the Georgia Capital in Atlanta.

The message, withdrawn with the explanation that it was released by mistake, described Galt as a white male, 36 years old, about 5 feet 11 and 175 pounds with blue eyes and brown hair.

This roughly matches the description circulated by federal authorities the night of King's slaying.

Special Agent John Hanlon of the Miami FBI office, who withdrew the locate order about four hours after it was issued, said "I cannot comment" when asked for further details.

The FBI in Memphis and Atlanta also refused to discuss the developments. In Washington, an aide said Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark will have no comment.

The Florida teletype message said Galt was last seen driving a white 1966 Mustang hardtop, Alabama license 1-38993. Birmingham police said this tag was issued to Eric S. Galt of 2608 Highland Ave., Birmingham.

Rev. Ike Powell, minister of Inner City Methodist Church in Atlanta, said he told police about the abandoned Mustang yesterday morning after receiving a call from a member of his church.

"They sent two detectives over there and two more came while we were there," the Rev. Mr. Powell said. "They went over it, checked around and didn't appear too excited."

Later, he said, FBI agents arrived and were "all over the place."

Witnesses in Memphis who reported seeing a white Mustang pull away from the rooming house said the car had a red and white license plate. Alabama tags are red and white.

The Birmingham address given for Galt is a large white two-story house in what once was an elite residential area. A red neon sign flashes the word "rooms," but a knock on the door was unanswered.

A Birmingham newspaper, the Post-Herald, said residents of the rooming house confirmed that they were questioned by the FBI. It said the residents reported they have not seen Galt for about three months and can't recall what type car he owned.

King was killed as he stood outside his motel room about 200 feet from the bathroom window in the rooming house from which authorities say the fatal shot was fired. Witnesses said the assassin walked out of the rooming house, dropped a bundle including a .30.06 rifle in front of a business firm next door and then left in a white Mustang.

The Los Angeles Times said gun sale records of a dealer believed to have sold the rifle have been seized by FBI agents in Birmingham.

Using the rifle's serial number, agents obtained from the manufacturer, Remington Arms Co., the name of the wholesale distributor and apparently traced the retail sale to a Birmingham sporting goods store, the Times said.

The firm was not named.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

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how much rent Galt paid, whether it was paid lately or if Galt still had the room.

Another boarder said a room and two meals a day cost \$22 a week.

Cherpes probably knew Galt better than any other person who has been found in Birmingham. Cherpes accompanied Galt for his driver's license examination last Sept. 6, records show. Only last March 1, a duplicate driver's license was mailed on request to Eric Starvo Galt at the boarding house, 2608 Highland Ave.

Otherwise, Galt seems to be almost a phantom.

At dry cleaners, service stations, apartment houses and other places in the southside area of the boarding house, no one contacted by The Associated Press knew anything about Galt.

"The FBI has already checked our records," said a woman cashier at a cleaners on 26th Street. "I've been here two years and we have had no Galt as a customer."

The man called Galt said he was a seaman, out of work, but the Maritime Union has no record of his name. He established no credit in Birmingham, so far as is known, and maintained only a safe deposit box at a local bank — no checking or savings account.

A check of unemployment payment records in the State Department of Industrial Relations here disclosed no payments to Eric Starvo Galt.

Nor was there a trace of a man called Galt in state birth

records, Veterans' Administration files or police records. No one by that name has filed out an income tax return for the state back to 1963.

Most of the Birmingham hospital files were checked and show no Eric Starvo Galt.

There is one Galt listed in the city telephone directory: The Rev. Ralph M. Galt, a white minister of the United Church of Christ and instructor at Miles College, a predominantly Negro private school in Birmingham.

"We don't know a thing about this person," said Mrs. Ralph M. Galt. "We have checked all the relatives we can think of. We've checked pictures and this man's description doesn't ring a bell."

She said her husband's family came from Iowa where the name Galt was not uncommon. But she said the names Eric and Starvo were unusual. "We don't know anybody in our family by that name," she said.

Mrs. Ralph Galt was wondering aloud over the possibility of a fictitious name. There were others who speculated along that line.

A character in a James Bond novel, "On Her Majesty's Secret Service," has first and middle names of some possible similarity: Ernst Starvo Blofeld.

And Ayn Rand in her book title, "Atlas Shrugged," asks a strange question: "Who is John Galt?" This question, which was left unanswered for a long time in the book, is like that being asked in Birmingham:

"Who, and where is Eric Starvo Galt?"

(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

# Assassin Hunt Is Like Chasing Phantom

The refusal or inability of the FBI to release a composite drawing or picture of the man believed to be the assassin of Dr. Martin Luther King is posing a problem for law enforcement officers here and elsewhere who need the photo — if one exists — in order to effectively help track down the suspect.

The case of a Louisville, Ky., man arrested on West Beaver Street Saturday by Jacksonville police points up the problem.

Clyde Courtney, 33, was arrested by police and charged with vagrancy after several people told police he looked like a composite sketch of the assassin drawn by a Memphis, Tenn., newspaper artist. Courtney apparently had no connection with the assassination, a spokesman for the FBI field office here said late Saturday night.

## Refuses to Elaborate

In stating that Courtney "presumably is not connected with the assassination" after an hour and a half interview by a federal agent at the city jail, the spokesman refused to

elaborate on any other aspects of the investigation which began with the murder of the Negro civil rights leader in Memphis on Thursday, April 4.

Courtney was arrested with a Jacksonville resident, Curtis Henderson, 39, who gave his address as 3757 Rogero Road, according to Patrolman Harmon L. Plunkett who was called to the 2100 block of West Beaver Street Saturday night by a group of men who said Courtney resembled the published sketches of the assassin.

## Pair Arrested

Courtney and Henderson were arrested in the 2800 block of West Beaver Street as they began hitch-hiking to New Orleans, La., where they said they were going to seek employment on an oil rig in the Gulf.

Although the artist's sketch was not authorized by the FBI, residents of the neighborhood in Memphis, Tenn., where King was assassinated, reported last week that federal agents had shown them composite drawings

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**CLYDE COURTNEY**  
Arrested Here

which were either the same or very similar to those printed by newspapers in Florida and elsewhere.

The FBI has repeatedly re-



**ARTIST SKETCH**  
From Memphis

fused requests for composite drawings of the man they are seeking in what is perhaps the most massive manhunt in modern times. They even re-

fuse to admit the existence of such a sketch.

Agents have a good physical description of the King assassin: 30 to 32 years old, 5 feet, 10 inches tall, weighing 165 pounds with a receding hairline and a long, thin nose.

They also have a good description of the white 1966 Mustang which witnesses said sped away from the Memphis rooming house minutes after King was shot as he stood on a motel balcony 205 feet from the rear of the rooming house.

A white Mustang was impounded Thursday night from an Atlanta parking lot where it had been parked since the morning after King's slaying.

The impounded car bore license tags issued in Birmingham, Ala., to Eric Starvo Galt, 37, who identified himself as an unemployed merchant seaman when he applied for an Alabama driving license last year.

FBI agents in Birmingham, Ala., Sunday were showing sketches of a man's face and asking about Galt, the mysterious object of a hunt linked to the probe of Dr. King's assassination.

What the agents have learned or what they want with Galt is a tightly kept FBI secret.

"No comment," is all the FBI will say. Not even the local police have been asked to help in Birmingham.

Some key sources have been told by the FBI not to discuss their knowledge of Galt with anyone.

Who is Eric Starvo Galt?

The name came up last Thursday on the Florida police teletype system from the FBI asking authorities to locate Galt. The message said Galt was driving a 1966 white Mustang hardtop with Alabama tag 1-38993.

At almost the same time the Florida alert went out, FBI agents in Atlanta were taking into custody a white Mustang with Alabama tag 1-38993, sold to Galt.

The getaway car after King's slaying was described by witnesses as a white Mustang with red and white license tags. Alabama and Arizona tags are red and white.

Eric Starvo Galt's name appeared in official state rec-

ords when he bought a white Mustang last Aug. 30 from a car salesman, William D. Paisley of Birmingham. Paisley would not talk about it.

#### **Pays \$2,000**

Sources said the man called Galt paid \$2,000 cash for the car.

When he applied for a driver's license, Galt put down "merchant seaman, unemployed." The application gave his birthdate as [redacted], and his description as 5-11, 175 pounds, blue eyes and brown hair — the same general description as a man seen fleeing a Memphis rooming house after the slaying.

Piecing bits of information together — and assessing the huge gaps, the phantom-like quality of the man — results in a sketchy picture of a neatly dressed man whose apparent absence of any kind of official records seems strange.

There has been speculation in the Birmingham News that a false trail was laid by the killer or killers.

But what of Eric Starvo Galt?

"My memory of him is so dim," said Charles Jack Davis, 26, a tile company employee who has a small second floor room in the boarding house where Galt lived at some time in the past year.

#### **General Description**

"I don't guess there's any such thing as a typical person," Davis went on. The best he could recall was that Galt's general description was brown hair and blue eyes, about 5-11.

Another boarder, 29-year-old Hill Hardy, who works the 3 p.m. to 11:30 shift at a paper plant, said he had lived at the stucco house since it opened last September. But he didn't remember ever seeing Galt.

Other boarders were unable to remember much if anything at all about the man who had occupied Room 14 on the ground floor, but was gone apparently for weeks or months at a time.

Owner-manager Peter Cherpes has turned his records over to the FBI and refuses politely to talk about Galt. He would not even say

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# Lonely Man Is Caught Up In Hubbub of Assassin Hunt

By JOSEPH P. AVERILL  
Times-Union Staff Writer

For a brief moment Saturday night the law enforcement apparatus of the United States leaned upon one lonely man in Jacksonville.

FBI agents scurried about, checking into Clyde Courtney's tale of his whereabouts on Thursday, April 4, the day Martin Luther King was cut down by a sniper's bullet in Memphis.

"This is fantastic," Courtney told a newsman as he was entering city jail. "I don't even kick my dog." Courtney was questioned by an FBI agent and apparently his story was verified.

A spokesman at the local FBI office Sunday said,

"There is no apparent connection between the vagrant arrested in Jacksonville and the slaying of Dr. King." The spokesman refused to make further comment.

Courtney says he was in a bar, "about five miles out of Cordele, Ga.," the day the civil rights leader was killed. He says he gave the FBI agent the name of the person with whom he was drinking.

#### Heard of Killing

"The lady at the bar told me that King was dead. I didn't know anything about it," he said Sunday.

Jacksonville Patrolman Harmon L. Plunkett arrested Courtney and a companion on vagrancy charges Saturday night after a group of men

told police Courtney resembled a published sketch made by a Memphis newspaper artist from descriptions of the assassin of King.

"He looked too much like the picture to let him go," Plunkett said. (See sketch and photo above.)

Courtney was held under \$100 bond in city jail.

Sunday he said he was walking out toward the city limits so he could start hitchhiking to New Orleans where he and his companion hoped to get jobs on off-shore oil rigs.

"I had a job here at the shipyard," Courtney said, "but I couldn't find any place to stay. I had no money to eat."

He had some clothes in a paper sack, seven bananas and twenty-five cents when Plunkett stopped him.

#### Left Louisville

Courtney left Louisville his hometown, early in the month, heading south. He says he hoped to find a warm climate which would suit his wife, who is in California.

"I miss my family. I have two beautiful children," he said.

Courtney said he'd had troubles before, "but never anything like this. Of all the people in the world, I have to look like him (King's assassin)."

"They asked me all kinds of

questions and I answered them. I've got nothing to hide.

"It's stupid, but it's funny in a way. I think I'll write a book about it" he said.

"The FBI man was nice. I guess he's just got a job to do.

"He didn't say much to me, but I don't think he believes I did it," said Courtney, referring to the assassination.

"All this attention doesn't make me feel important," Courtney said. "It's got me dumbfounded. And it worries me in a way, too.

"Suppose some nut decides I did it. He could kill me. And then my sisters and mother are going to be worried, too."

Courtney's hearing on the vagrancy charge is scheduled for this morning before Municipal Court Judge John E. Santora.

"I hope the judge goes easy on me," he said. "I haven't done anything.

"And I was on my out of town.

"I guess they had to charge me with something. A vagrancy charge isn't much, but it can get you some days."

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RE MEMPHIS TELS TO BUREAU, BIRMINGHAM, ATLANTA, LOS  
 ANGELES AND JACKSONVILLE, APRIL FOURTEEN SIXTYEIGHT RE  
 LEADS SET FORTH JACKSONVILLE DIVISION AT PANAMA CITY  
 CONCERNING RELATIONSHIP OF GORDON FORBES WITH SUSPECT GALT.

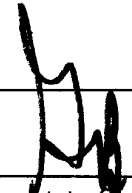
CAROL COX FORBES, EX-WIFE OF GORDON FORBES, ADVISED  
 PARENTS OF FORBES MR. AND MRS. JAMES H. FORBES PRESENTLY  
 IN MEMPHIS, CAN BE LOCATED AT HOSPITAL WHERE GORDON FORBES  
 IS PATIENT OR IN CARE OF MRS. MAE RAY, TWO FIVE EIGHT  
 PALASADE, MEMPHIS. EX-WIFE NOT AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW  
 UNTIL SIX PM, APRIL FIFTEEN SIXTYEIGHT.

MEMPHIS INTERVIEW MR. AND MRS. JAMES H. FORBES RE  
 FORBES PREVIOUSLY OPERATING FISHING BOATS KNOWN AS REDFINS  
 IN PANAMA CITY, FLA., AREA TO DETERMINE IF GALT KNOWN

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AND IF NOT KNOWN, DETERMINE IDENTITIES FORMER CREW MEMBERS  
AND FORMER CAPTAINS ~~SO~~ JACKSONVILLE AT PANAMA CITY  
CAN LOCATED AND INTERVIEW. INQUIRIES BEING MADE OF WATERFRONT  
SOURCES, PANAMA CITY, FLA., RE GALT.

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TO DIRECTOR 44-38861 AND JACKSONVILLE ~~4-15-68~~  
FROM NEW YORK 44-1609

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RE AL TEL TO BUREAU, FOUR FIFTEEN INSTANT.

ON THIS DATE RICHARD J. BRAND, JR., ONE ZERO SEVEN  
DASH THIRTEEN ONE HUNDRED TWENTY FIFTH STREET, QUEENS, NEW  
YORK, ADVISED HE HAS BEEN AT HIS RESIDENCE ENTIRE WEEKEND  
OF FOUR THIRTEEN DASH FOURTEEN SIXTY EIGHT AND HAS HAD  
POSSESSION OF HIS VEHICLE, NINETEEN SIXTY FOUR GRAY CHRYSLER  
NEWPORT BEARING NEW YORK LICENSE QA TWO FIVE FIVE NINE.  
THIS VEHICLE WAS OBSERVED BY BUREAU AGENTS IN FRONT OF HIS  
HOUSE.

BRAND DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, DOB

, FIVE FEET SIX INCHES, ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY POUNDS,  
HAIR BROWN, BALDING, HEAVY MUSTACHE, WEARING  
GLASSES.

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BRAND ALSO ADVISED HAS NOT BEEN IN STATE OF FLORIDA  
SINCE FIVE YEARS AGO.

BRAND HAS NO MATURE CHILDREN.

CONSIDER UNSUB ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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SA CHARLES J. HONETOR

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(OO: Memphis)

Re Jacksonville teletype to the Bureau, Memphis,  
Louisville and Atlanta, 4/14/68.

On 4/13/68, a call was received at the Jacksonville  
Office from Lt. M. P. RICHARDSON, Jacksonville PD, Jacksonville,  
Fla.

Lt. RICHARDSON advised that at approximately 7:40  
PM, 4/13/68, one CLYDE COURTNEY was arrested by an officer of  
the Jacksonville PD and lodged in the city jail, charged with  
vagrancy inasmuch as he had no visible means of support. He  
said at the time of arrest he appeared to fit the description  
and resemble sketches published in a magazine of the slayer of  
Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING.

At approximately 9 PM, Lt. RICHARDSON was contacted  
at the Jacksonville PD, Jacksonville, Fla., at which time it  
was noted that several newspaper reporters were at the PD and  
appeared to be in possession of full details concerning the  
arrest of COURTNEY and information COURTNEY had in his  
possession concerning his prior activities and whereabouts.

Lt. RICHARDSON made available the report of the  
arresting officer, Mr. H. L. PLUNKETT, Badge Number 67, who  
stated that CLYDE COURTNEY, who gave his address as 1012  
Winkler Dr., Louisville, Ky., was arrested at 2350 West  
Beaver St., along with one CURTIS HENDERSON.

The arrest, according to this report, was based on  
a call to report to 2119 West Beaver St.; that a Mr. JOHNSON  
and 3 other Negro males and 1 white male had informed that 2  
white males had just passed heading west on Beaver St. The  
complainant advised that one of the white males who was later  
determined to be CLYDE COURTNEY, fit the description and  
resembled a sketch published in Jet Magazine of the slayer

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of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING. Officer PLUNKETT located COURTNEY and HENDERSON and noted that COURTNEY did resemble this sketch.

PLUNKETT, according to the report, thereafter called Lt. RICHARDSON to the scene, who advised Officer PLUNKETT to book them and notify the FBI. The original criminal complaint number in this matter was shown as 30212.

CLYDE (NMN) COURTNEY, white male, age 33, Born [redacted], at Louisville, Ky., was interviewed at the Jacksonville PD, at which time he furnished the following information:

COURTNEY advised that in August, 1967, as he recalls, he was residing with his half-sister, Mrs. G. E. (ANN) SMITH, 3198 Cannes St., Riverside, Calif. He said during the period that he was residing there he was working for his brother-in-law, G. E. SMITH, as a plumber's helper. He said that his brother-in-law is a plumber and is employed for a subcontractor who holds service contracts for Sears, Roebuck and Co.

COURTNEY stated that he left Riverside, Calif., in approximately, November, 1967, traveling with his brother-in-law in his brother-in-law's car to the home of his mother, Mrs. LULA SENSABOUGH, 1012 Winkler Dr., Louisville, Ky. He said that after arrival in Louisville he first worked for the Louisville Ladder Co., located at 1163 Algonquin, Louisville, Ky. COURTNEY displayed a payroll check voucher slip dated 12/18/67, as evidence of this employment and stated he had been employed by the company for approximately 2 weeks.

COURTNEY stated that he quit this work and thereafter went to work as a janitor for St. Anthony's Hospital in Louisville, Ky., being employed there for approximately 1 month. He stated that the Department Head at St. Anthony's Hospital, a Mr. (FNU) KRAMER, quit work at St. Anthony's Hospital and went to work for the Jefferson Community Colleges in Louisville, Ky.

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He stated that the Jefferson Community Colleges are under the University of Kentucky. He said that he left his job at St. Anthony's Hospital and went with Jefferson Community Colleges as a janitor under Mr. KRAMER. He said his pay was received from the University of Kentucky, out of Lexington, Ky. COURTNEY made available payroll slips as evidence of this employment.

He said that during his entire stay in Louisville, Ky., he stayed with his mother, Mrs. LULA SENSABOUGH, 1012 Winkler Dr.

COURTNEY said that on Wednesday morning, 4/3/68, he left Louisville, Ky., and rode with a neighbor in the neighbor's car to Cordelle, Ga. He said the neighbor was one Mr. (FNU) JAMES, 1010 Winkler Dr., Louisville, Ky. He said they arrived in Cordelle, Ga., on 4/3/68, at approximately 6 PM. He said he registered at the Peaceful Motel, Cordelle, Ga.

COURTNEY stated that he first heard of the death of MARTIN LUTHER KING at Mr. (FNU) PULLMAN's Bar, which he said was located 5 miles outside of Cordelle, Ga., specific address unknown. He said this was after dark on the evening of 4/4/68.

COURTNEY advised that while in Ga. he was in the company of one C. H. MASSEY practically all of the time. He said C. H. MASSEY lives on 10th St. in Vienna, Ga. He said that MASSEY is a long time resident, having lived there approximately 15 to 20 years and is a carpenter by trade.

COURTNEY said that he left Vienna, Ga., on 4/8/68, by Greyhound Bus and arrived in Jacksonville, Fla., on Tuesday, 4/9/68, about 6 AM.

He said he first stayed at the City Mission at the corner of Beaver and Laura Streets in Jacksonville, Fla., for 2 nights, after which he moved to 41 West Beaver St., Jacksonville, Fla.



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He stated he had made application for a job at the Jacksonville Ship Yards and had been issued an Identification Badge which he displayed, but that since he was broke and could not find a place to stay and did not have enough money to eat on he and HENDERSON had started out to hitchhike to New Orleans, La., to obtain a job with a Mr. MC DERMITT on an oil drilling rig. He explained that if he could have reached New Orleans a job with the oil drilling rig would have paid room and board and made it possible for him to get along.

COURTNEY had in his possession a letter from Mr. LOWELL E. LATHROP, District Attorney, Domestic Relation Division, Court House, San Bernardino, Calif., dated 2/29/68. The letter was addressed to CLYDE COURTNEY, 1012 Winkler Dr., Louisville, Ky., and enclosed a payment agreement form wherein COURTNEY was agreeing to make child support payments in the amount of \$70 per month, payable \$35 on the second and fourth Friday of each month, beginning 3/22/68. This letter was identified as Welfare Case Number 30-58169. COURTNEY's employment was shown as being the University of Kentucky, Louisville, Ky.

It was noted among COURTNEY's possessions was a paper bag containing dirty clothes consisting of several shirts containing the label J.C.C. No laundry marks were noted.

COURTNEY advised that at the time of arrest he had 25¢ and no job. He said that when released he still plans to go to New Orleans to work on an oil drilling rig.

The following is a description of CLYDE COURTNEY as obtained through interrogation and observation:

Name	CLYDE (NMN) COURTNEY
Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	33
DOB	<input type="text"/>
POB	Louisville, Ky.

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Height	5'9"
Weight	131 lbs.
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Dark brown or black; receding at temples.
Build	Slender
Features	Sharp
Nose	Long
Tattoos	Left upper arm - "BMC" and skull with knife in teeth. Lower left arm - small heart. Base of thumb - numeral "13" with three marks surrounding same. Right upper arm - initials "CC".
Scars	Small 1/2 inch scar above right eyebrow.
Social Security Number per Social Security Card	<div></div>
Drivers License	Drivers license taken away in Loma Linda, Calif., approximately 3 years ago as a result of a wreck which COURTNEY failed to report. No current drivers license.
Military Service	None
Arrests	Admits numerous arrests for drunk. Admits arrested Louisville, Ky., about 8 years ago as accessory before and after the fact of armed robbery. Sentenced to serve 3 years; served 17 months and paroled.
Matital Status	Married

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Relatives

Wife -  
BETTY COURTNEY  
25146 Ban Lewen,  
Loma Linda, Calif.  
Children -  
Daughter  
9 years old.  
Son  
6 years old  
(Both residing with mother.)

Mother -  
Mrs. LULA SENSABOUGH  
1012 Winkler Dr.,  
Louisville, Ky.  
(Person who will always know  
COURTNEY's address.)

Half-sister  
Mrs. G. E. (ANN) SMITH  
3198 Cannes St.,  
Riverside, Calif.

Half-sister -  
Mrs. HARRY L. PIERCE  
4112 Mill Creek Dr.,  
Louisville, Ky.  
telephone 447-1948

Half-sister -  
SHIRLEY ELGIN  
2615 Granada,  
Coral Gables, Fla.

Step-brother -  
LEONARD LINDSEY  
1347 McBride St.  
Far Rockaway, N. Y.

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Mr. J. T. WRIGHT, Identification Division,  
Jacksonville Police Department, on 4/14/68, advised that  
CLYDE COURTNEY was given arrest number 178-069B.

Mr. WRIGHT stated that he would obtain major case  
prints consisting of the roll finger and palm prints and  
tips of COURTNEY and make same available.

Jacksonville, Florida  
April 15, 1968

MEMORANDUM TO ALL SENIOR RESIDENT AGENTS

RE: MURKIN  
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(OO:ME)

Attached hereto are photographs of artist conception of Unknown Subject in this case as described by witnesses in Birmingham and Memphis, respectively.

Description of Subject from Birmingham:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	36
Height	5'8" - 5'10"
Weight	150 to 160 lbs.
Complexion	Medium
Hair	Dark (probably brown)

Description of Subject from Memphis:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	5'11"
Weight	160-170 pounds
Build	Medium
Hair	Dark brown or black; Combed straight back, no part.

- 1 - SA FRED E. GORDON
- 1 - SA WILLIAM H. HAGERTY, JR.
- 1 - SA CLAUDE H. MEADOW, JR.
- 1 - SA ROBERT W. COOK
- 1 - SA ROBERT H. ANDERSON, JR.
- 1 - SA CHARLES L. CARROLL
- 1 - SA ROBERT L. CRONGEYER
- 1 - SA CARL E. BEASON
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**Under no circumstances should anyone be told  
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**ROBERT E. GIBHARDT**  
**SAC**

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RE MEMPHIS TELS TO BUREAU, BIRMINGHAM, ATLANTA, LOS ANGELES AND JACKSONVILLE APRIL FOURTEEN, LAST, RE LEADS SET FORTH JACKSONVILLE DIVISION, PANAMA CITY CONCERNING RELATIONSHIP OF GORDON FORBES WITH SUSPECT, GALT.

SAM JACKSON, SMITH YACHT BASIN, PANAMA CITY, FLORIDA, EMPLOYEE OF JAMES FORBES, FORMER OPERATOR OF "REDFIN" FISHING BOAT FOR THE PAST SIX YEARS, FURNISHED FOLLOWING INFORMATION.

RECALLS A WHITE MALE FITTING DESCRIPTION OF SUSPECT, GALT, EMPLOYED ABOUT TWO TO THREE YEARS AGO ON "REDFIN" AS COOK FOR APPROXIMATELY ONE WEEK. THIS INDIVIDUAL PERSONALLY HIRED BY JAMES FORBES AND LEFT WITHOUT NOTICE. INFORMATION SUBSEQUENTLY RECEIVED THIS INDIVIDUAL BEING SOUGHT BY AUTHORITIES, BELIEVED GEORGIA AUTHORITIES, FOR NON SUPPORT AND/OR BAD CHECKS. THIS INDIVIDUAL LIVED ON BOAT AND HAD NO ROOM AT PANAMA CITY, WAS FRIENDLY WITH GORDON FORBES DURING THIS PERIOD OF TIME.

JACKSON ALSO RECALLS A FORMER EMPLOYEE WITH NAME OF GALTNEY (PHONETIC), BUT CANNOT STATE IF ABOVE-DESCRIBED INDIVIDUAL

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IDENTICAL WITH THE GALTNEY AS HE CANNOT SPECIFICALLY RECALL GALTNEY. HE POINTED OUT MOST FISHERMEN KNOWN BY NICKNAME RATHER THAN TRUE NAME. ANY RECORDS MAINTAINED WERE MAINTAINED BY JAMES FORBES.

DERAL HOLMAN, JOE PENNINGTON, AND REX DAVIS, ALL FORMER CAPTAINS OF "REDFIN" BOAT NOT ABLE TO RECALL DESCRIBED INDIVIDUAL FITTING DESCRIPTION OF SUSPECT, GALT, OR PERSON NAMED GALTNEY.

ABOVE INFORMATION BEING FURNISHED MEMPHIS TO BE USED IN INQUIRY OF JAMES FORBES.

INFORMATION COPY BEING FURNISHED ATLANTA IN VIEW OF INVESTIGATION BY THAT DIVISION AND TO FURNISH INFORMATION CONCERNING NAME GALTNEY.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING PANAMA CITY, FLORIDA.

ATLANTA BEING ADVISED AIRMAIL.

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Special Agent in Charge



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC ( 44-769)

DATE: 4/12/68

FROM : SA CARL A. ANDERSON

SUBJECT: MURKIN

The following laundries in Palatka, Fla. were contacted the laundry tag in this matter and all advised they were not familiar with this tag. *on 4/12/68*

W. A. Walker  
~~Echols Spic n Span~~ Gem City Laundry  
1801 St. Johns Ave.

Irene O'Steen  
Echols Spic n Span Laundry  
1801 St. Johns Ave

Robert Lawrence  
Ideal Laundry  
501 Main St.



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# Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-769)

DATE: 4/12/68

FROM : SA CARL A. ANDERSON

SUBJECT: MURKIN

The following sources were contacted by the writer on 4/12/68 concerning the name Eric Starvo Galt and no record could be found under this name:

Palatka City Directory

Palatka Telephone Directory

John Hodge, owner, Palatka Credit Bureau

Archer Belcher, patrolman, Palatka P. D.

Margaret Kunsman, records clerk, Putnam Co. S. O.

C. D. Pinkleton, manager, Fla. Power and Light Co., Palatka, Fla.



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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSONVILLE (44-769)

DATE: 4/15/68

FROM : SA RUSSELL A. LAFFERTY

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CR

The following Dancing Schools were contacted telephonically 4/15/68 and each advised they had no record present or past of ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMYER, or JOHN WILLARD ever attending their school:

AT JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

Bonna Freyberg  
Academy of Dance  
3122 Beach Boulevard

Mabel Haslett  
Arlington School of Dancing  
6950 Millsa Ave

Mrs. Thelma Baggs  
Baggs Thelma Johnston  
1617 Kings Ave

Betty Balfour Marks  
1621 Roosevelt Ave.

Mrs. Sherwood  
Buddy Sherwood Studios  
All location in Jax

Marta Jackson  
Club Ballerina  
Marta Jackson Ballet School  
5812 Old St. Augustine Rd.

Mrs. Railey  
Dell, Virginia Scol of Danc.  
3649 Park St.

Gloria Norman  
Gloria Norman Dance School  
6337 Arlington Rd.

Miss Griffin  
Griffin Studios  
1622 N. Main St.

Clara Hinson  
Hinson School of Dancing  
1320 Palmdale St.

Nolon Dinman  
Dingman-Spolar Ballet  
4761 Burgundy Rd. N.

Mrs. H.E. Mallette  
John Mallette Scol of Danc.  
103 Fern Street.

Mrs. Mary Weaver Luker  
School of Dancing  
930 LaSalle

Jean LeCompte  
Jeans' Professional Dance Acad.  
6110 103rd St.

The following individuals contacted and advised they have never had GALT, LOWMYER or WILLARD has student in their studios.

Kenneth Richardson, Mrg.  
Arthur Murray  
1402 Miami Rd.

Lonnie Mills, Mgr.  
Fred Astaire  
7 N. Julia



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# Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-769)

FROM : ROBERT W. CLARK

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/15/68

Att: SA Tom Walch

The following dance studios were contacted in Tallahassee, Florida on 4/15/68 and they had no record of Eric Starvo Galt being or having been registered as a student.

1. T. Cook, Arthur Murray, 117 E Call
2. Mildred F. Fleming School of Dancing, 117 W. Calhoun
3. Selter School of Dance, 1801 Thomasville Road

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FBI ATLANTA

6:40 PM URGENT 4-15-68 JWE

TO JACKSONVILLE

FROM ATLANTA 44-2386

MURKIN

ON APRIL FIFTEEN INSTANT, ATLANTA SOURCE SEARCHED THE RECORDS OF ECONOCAR, ONE TWO ONE FIVE EAST VIRGINIA AVENUE, EAST POINT, GA., TO DETERMINE IF ANY SUSPICIOUS PERSONS ATTEMPTED TO RENT AN AUTO ON OR ABOUT APRIL FIVE LAST. SHE ESTABLISHED THAT ON APRIL SEVEN LAST, ONE JOHN S. HUGENBERG, ONE ONE FOUR WELLS DRIVE, FORT WALTON BEACH, FLA. CAME TO ECONOCAR SEEKING TO RENT A VEHICLE, CLAIMING HIS HOME PHONE NUMBER TO BE FOUR SEVEN EIGHT DASH FOUR TWO NINE SIX, PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT, ALLIED VAN LINES AND HIS ATLANTA ADDRESS AS CABANA INN.

SOURCE STATED THAT IN CHECKING HUGENBERG'S BACKGROUND, IT WAS ESTABLISHED HE WAS UNKNOWN AT ONE ONE FOUR WELLS DRIVE, FORT WALTON BEACH, FLA.; HE COULD NOT BE REACHED THROUGH THE HOME PHONE NUMBER AND WAS UNKNOWN AT EITHER ALLIED VAN LINES OR THE CABANA INN. AS SUSPICIONS AROSE CONCERNING THIS INDIVIDUAL, NO CAR WAS RENTED TO HIM AND THE ONLY DESCRIPTION RECALLED WAS  
END PAGE ONE

*Supv. Buro advised -  
8:00 AM  
W. Butler field advised -  
Herring will check &  
call back.  
RM*

*Reported by Tel 4/16*

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THAT HE WAS A WHITE MALE, WITH DARK HAIR, TWENTYFIVE - THIRTY YEARS OF AGE; HOWEVER, A RECORD WAS MADE OF HIS FLA. DRIVERS LICENSE, WHICH HE DISPLAYED, BEARING NUMBER G FOUR THREE FOUR ZERO NINE THREE T.

JACKSONVILLE, THROUGH DMV, CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION RE THIS FLA. DRIVERS LICENSE.

END.

JLC

FBI JACKSVLE

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AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
Attn: Identification Division,  
Latent Fingerprint Section

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

SUBJ: MURKIN  
CR  
OO:Memphis

ReJKtaletype to Bureau, 4/14/68.

Suspect: CLYDE COURTNEY

Enclosed for the Bureau are the following:

One photograph of CLYDE COURTNEY, taken by the Jacksonville Police Department on 4/13/68, under Jacksonville Police Department Number 178069.

Also enclosed is one set of Major Case Prints of CLYDE COURTNEY consisting of the rolled impressions together with palm prints and tips. These were taken by the Jacksonville Police Department and need not be returned.

Enclosed for Memphis is a photograph of suspect CLYDE COURTNEY as described under enclosures for Bureau.

The Single Fingerprint Section of the Identification Division is requested to compare the above Major Case Prints with any latents available in connection with subject matter. Major case prints need not be returned upon completion.

- 3 - Bureau (Enc. 6) (RM)
- 2 - Memphis (Enc. 1) (44-1987)
- ② - Jacksonville

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(Priority)

TO: ATLANTA (44-2386)  
FROM: JACKSONVILLE (44-769) (P)

MURKIN. CR. OO:ME.

RE SUSPECT JOHN S. HUGENBERG.

AUTHORITIES, DMV, TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA, ADVISED THEIR FILES ARE SET UP ALPHABETICALLY BY NAME AND THERE WOULD BE NO WAY TO IDENTIFY AN INDIVIDUAL BY DRIVERS LICENSE NUMBER. A THOROUGH REVIEW OF FILES WAS CONDUCTED NEGATIVELY REGARDING THE NAME HUGENBERG AND VARIATIONS THEREOF. FURTHER ADVISED DRIVERS LICENSE NUMBER G - FOUR THREE FOUR NINE ZERO THREE T, IS INCORRECT, IN THAT NONE OF THE NUMBERS END IN THE LETTER T.

MEMPHIS ADVISED AM.

1 - Memphis(AM)  
TJW:cag  
(2) *cag*

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(Priority)TO: BUREAU (MAIL)  
MEMPHIS

FROM: JACKSONVILLE (44-769)

MURKIN. CR. OO:ME

RETPTEL TO MEMPHIS, APRIL FIFTEEN, LAST, FURNISHING  
UNKNOWN SUSPECT PROVIDED BY E. L. BING, PLANT CITY, FLA.

WILLIAM A. RAGAN, DRIVER, GREYHOUND BUS LINES,  
INFORMED DROVE RUN TWENTYTHREE SOUTH FROM JACKSONVILLE TO  
MIAMI, APRIL EIGHT, LAST. ONLY STOP ON ROUTE AT ORLANDO,  
FLA., A TRANSFER AND CENTER POINT. RAGAN UNABLE TO RECALL  
UNSUB AS DESCRIBED IN RE TAMPA TEL BEING ON HIS BUS OR TO  
IDENTIFY ARTISTS COMPOSITE SKETCH OF UNSUB THIS CASE.

TAMPA ADVISED AIRMAIL.

1 - Bureau (AM)  
1 - Tampa (AM)  
1 - Jacksonville  
JRM:jep  
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(Type in plaintext or code)Via TELETYPE URGENT  
(Priority)TO: BUREAU (44-38861)  
MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: JACKSONVILLE (44-769)

MURKIN. CR. (OO:ME).

RE BUREAU LETTER TO ALL OFFICES, APRIL EIGHT, LAST.

SUSPECT: HARVEY LOWMEYER OR LOWMYER

CHECK OF RECORDS SET FORTH IN REFERENCED BUREAU TEL  
AND OTHER LOGICAL SOURCES FOR SURNAME OF SUSPECT,  
JACKSONVILLE DIVISION, NEGATIVE.RE BUREAU TEL TO ALL OFFICES APRIL FOURTEEN, LAST  
REGARDING DANCING STUDIO LEADS.

SUSPECT: ERIC STARVO GALT

ALL DANCE STUDIOS, JACKSONVILLE DIVISION, CONTACTED  
NEGATIVELY RE SUSPECT.UNSUB ARMED AND DANGEROUS.TJW:cag  
(1) *cag*44-769-112  
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Special Agent in ChargeSent *WA(ESP)*  
*ME(ESP)(SAB)*Per *jk*