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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 4/8/68

U. L. BAKER, 1408 Clermont Drive, advised he is an employee of the Aeromarine Supply Company, Airport Highway, Birmingham. In connection with the sale of a gun case for a Varmint model rifle, BAKER said he recalled making such a sale, but could not recall the date nor the name of the customer. He said he could not state that this gun case was sold on the same date that he had sold a rifle and scope sight, which was March 29, 1968. He said the man who bought the gun case was a frequent customer, and described him as a white male, 27 - 28 years old, 5'9", 180 lbs., heavyset, with blond, thinning hair. BAKER identified the other salesman, who would have been behind the counter on March 29, 1968, as the manager of the store, J. HOYT STEPHENS.

In connection with the accent or speech of the person who purchased the rifle and scope sight, BAKER said he believed it was from "this" (Alabama) general area. BAKER said that the man who purchased the rifle had left the store on March 29, 1968, and came back later in the afternoon and picked up the rifle. He was asked if it was possible that the man stayed in the store during this time, and BAKER said he was not sure.

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J. HOYT STEPHENS, residence 1108 South 55th Street, Birmingham, said he is the manager of the Aeromarine Supply Company, Airport Highway, Birmingham. STEPHENS said he occasionally works behind the counter and would be the person identified by a customer as a gray-haired salesman other than Mr. U. L. BAKER.

STEPHENS said he could not recall anything concerning the sale of a gun case for a Varmint-type rifle nor the sale of a Remington rifle and scope sight on March 29, 1968.

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On April 9, 1968, SA RICHARD D. SCHWEIN exhibited the artist's conception of Unknown Subject to Mrs. FRANCES BROWN, Waitress, Andy's Lounge, 1923 1st Avenue North, who advised that this individual bore a very strong resemblance to the individual who ordered two Schlitz beers in the lounge, as described in her interview.

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On April 6, 1968, JOHN DENNIS HANNERS, 809 Meg Drive, furnished the following:

HANNERS went to the Aeromarine Supply Company on Airport Highway twice on March 29, 1968. The first time was about 10:00 A.M., and he was there for about an hour, during which time he made a purchase. He returned sometime between 2:00 and 2:30 P.M., and stayed until sometime after 4:00 P.M. About fifteen minutes after he arrived, a man wearing a business suit, dark brown in color, came in and looked at some rifles. From this man's actions it was obvious to HANNERS that this man knew little or nothing about rifles. He was waited on by an employee named BAKER. He finally purchased a Remington, model unknown, rifle and ordered a scope sight to be installed at that time. HANNERS left sometime after 4:00 P.M. and at that time this purchaser was still in the store. At the time HANNERS left, the purchaser was watching BAKER equip the rifle with the scope sight. HANNERS said he is quite positive he could identify this purchaser if he ever saw him again.

HANNERS recalled that this purchaser talked to a customer who was in the store at the same time on March 29, 1968, which customer was buying a gun case for a Varmint model rifle. This customer apparently was well known to BAKER and HANNERS recalls seeing this customer have some conversation with the purchaser of the rifle.

HANNERS advised he had no conversation with this purchaser nor did he hear him mention any name, locality, occupation, residence, and/or automobile. When HANNERS left the store he noticed there were several cars parked in the store parking lot, but could not recall any one specific car, except a small red midget-type compact. HANNERS further said he had never seen the purchaser of the rifle before nor has he seen him since this occasion.

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HANNERS furnished the following description of the purchaser of the rifle:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	About 38 years
Height	5'10"
Weight	180 lbs., with slight "pot"
Hair	Dark brown and wavy on top, thick on the sides
Eyes	Open as if looking intently at something
Clothing	Dark brown business suit, white shirt and tie
Speech	Possibly Southern
Manner	Acted shy, quiet spoken, not forward in manner or speech, not observed smoking.

On April 7, 1968, JOHN DENNIS HANNERS said he did not recall hearing the purchaser of the rifle speak enough to definitely identify his voice or his accent, if any. He only recalls the purchaser specifically saying to BAKER, in connection with the purchase of the rifle, "I'll take this one."

In going over his actions in the store on a minute-to-minute basis, HANNERS said he believes he arrived between 2:00 and 2:30 P.M., that the purchaser of the rifle arrived fifteen minutes later, that the son of the owner of the store, DON WOODS, came into the store about thirty minutes after the purchaser of the rifle had arrived, and that HANNERS left the store about one and one-half hours after he had first arrived, which would have been sometime between 3:30 and 4:00 P.M., at which time the purchaser of the rifle was still in the store.

HANNERS recalled that the young man who was buying the gun case for the Varmint model rifle was a white male, about 25 years, 5'10", 170 lbs., black, thick, long hair combed straight back. This individual was still in the store with the purchaser when HANNERS left.

HANNERS said that the purchaser drew HANNERS' attention because of his obvious lack of knowledge concerning rifles.

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HANNERS also recalled that there was another salesman behind the counter other than BAKER who was gray-haired. HANNERS further recalled seeing that there was more than one rifle on the counter during the time the purchaser of the rifle was discussing the purchase with BAKER.



## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date 4/8/68

JOHN WEBSTER DE SHAZO, 17 Montevallo Lane, Mountain Brook, furnished the following:

DE SHAZO is a regular and frequent customer at Aero-marine Supply Company, Airport Highway, Birmingham. DE SHAZO is also a member of the National Rifle Association (NRA) and therefore has an extensive and avid interest in weapons.

On March 29, 1968, DE SHAZO went to the Aeromarine Supply Company, arriving sometime around 3:00 P.M. He was there for about one to one and one-half hours. At the time he arrived, the son of the owner, DON WOODS, was out to lunch, and DE SHAZO wanted to conduct his business with WOODS. About twenty minutes after DE SHAZO arrived, a man in a dark shade of brown business suit which was wrinkled as if he had been working or traveling, came into the store. DE SHAZO said his first impression of this man was that he did not look like a hunter or an outdoorsman, and that he appeared to be out of place in the store. It was apparent to DE SHAZO in watching this man that he did not know anything about rifles. He looked at and handled several different weapons and finally decided to buy a Remington Model 700 .243 Winchester. He also ordered a Redfield Variable scope. The total cost of this purchase would have been about \$270. DE SHAZO recalled saying to this man, "You've really got quite a gun there - you'll have to learn how to use it." The man replied that he was going deer hunting with his brother, or brother-in-law, in Wisconsin, who had invited him to hunt. This man also said that he was now able to buy a rifle so he was going to get a good one. Sometime while DE SHAZO was observing this man, he noticed that he could detect the odor of alcohol on his breath. He said the man was not drunk, bleary-eyed, nor was his speech slurred, but he had definitely been drinking. DE SHAZO said when he left the store this purchaser was still in the store waiting for a salesman named BAKER to get the scope sight mounted on the rifle that this man had purchased.

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DE SHAZO said he could recall only two laborers coming into the store while this man was there and that there were two persons behind the counter, BAKER and a man named STEPHENS.

DE SHAZO said the man gave DE SHAZO the impression that he was not from Alabama. This man was quiet, soft-spoken, and was not observed smoking at any time. DE SHAZO said several times that his attention was drawn to this man because of his lack of knowledge of weapons and, in DE SHAZO's opinion, this man had no business getting a rifle. He said he had thought at the time that this is the type of person who buys a rifle to kill his wife, and who gives the use of weapons a bad name.

DE SHAZO said he could positively identify the man who purchased the rifle and scope sight should he ever observe him again.

DE SHAZO furnished the following description of the man who purchased the Remington rifle and scope sight:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	30 - 32 years
Height	5'10"
Weight	170 - 175 lbs.
Hair	Brown, combed straight back, wavy
Manner	Quiet, soft-spoken, non-smoker
Clothing	Wearing wingtip shoes, a medium- priced, wrinkled, dark brown business suit, white shirt, and tie.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date April 8, 1968

DONALD F. WOOD, residence 405 Lance Lane, Birmingham, the son of the owner of Aeromarine Supply Company, Airport Highway, was asked if he could identify a customer who purchased a gun case for a Varmint model rifle on March 29, 1968. WOOD, after checking his invoices, noted that there was such a sale made on March 29, 1968, but the invoice was made out to "Cash." WOOD recalled, however, that this customer is a regular customer who is a white male, about 25 years old, five feet, ten inches, 170 pounds, long, black hair, whose first name is JOHN. WOOD further recalled that he had sold a Browning pistol to this man about two and one-half years ago. WOOD then checked his records and identified this man as JOHN WEBSTER DeSHAZO, 17 Montevallo Lane, Mountain Brook, Alabama, who purchased a Browning Standard Weight Pistol on December 11, 1965.

Later on April 7, 1968, DON WOOD made available the following weapons which had been identified by JOHN WEBSTER DeSHAZO as having been handled by the person who purchased a rifle and scope sight at the Aeromarine Supply Company on March 29, 1968:

One Browning Safari grade, caliber .243, bolt-action rifle, Serial No. 3700Z5, Stock No. 946A.

One Remington Model 700, heavy barrel, Varmint .243 Winchester, Serial No. 266009, Stock No. 753A.

One Remington Model 788, caliber .30-30, bolt-action rifle, Serial No. 020726, Stock No. 756A.

Mr. WOOD was furnished a receipt for the above weapons.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date April 9, 1968

Mrs. WILLIAM D. PAISLEY, 701 48th Street South, Birmingham, furnished the following.

On August 29, 1967, Mrs. PAISLEY received a telephone call from a man later identified as ERIC GALT in answer to a newspaper ad the PAISLEYS had run in an effort to sell their 1966 white Mustang. GALT inquired if the car had been sold yet and was told that it had not. He then said he would like to look at it and asked how to get to the PAISLEY residence. He told Mrs. PAISLEY that he was "not familiar with the city." She thought at the time that the caller might be one of her teenage sons' companions who was playing a joke on her, so she asked the caller (GALT) "Do you work?" GALT said "I'm a barger. I'm here looking for a job with Social Security." He then explained to Mrs. PAISLEY that a barger was a person employed on a river barge, and he was working on such a barge between New Orleans and either Memphis and/or St. Louis.

Mrs. PAISLEY later saw GALT when he was dealing with her husband concerning the automobile. She described him as a white male, age about 32, five feet, ten inches tall, 160 pounds, dark brown hair, neat-looking, neat dresser, quiet, ~~and~~ possibly a Texas accent but definitely not northern, eastern or Virginian.

Mrs. PAISLEY said she did not believe she could identify this man if she saw him again.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date April 9, 1968

WILLIAM D. PAISLEY, 701 48th Street South,  
Birmingham, furnished the following.

On August 29, 1967, a man later identified as ERIC GALT came to the PAISLEY residence in a taxi cab. This man apparently was the same man who had called earlier in the day and talked to PAISLEY's wife about an ad the PAISLEYS had placed in a local newspaper in an effort to sell their 1966 white Mustang. PAISLEY showed the automobile which has a red interior to GALT and offered to let him test-drive the car. GALT refused to drive the car, saying he did not have an Alabama drivers license, but he did have one in Louisiana. PAISLEY then drove GALT around the area, and during this drive picked up PAISLEY's son DAVID. When they returned to the PAISLEY residence, GALT said "I'll take it off your hands." GALT said he did not like the off-white color of the car, but apparently was otherwise satisfied. GALT then suggested that he give PAISLEY some earnest money, and asked if PAISLEY would drive GALT to the downtown area of Birmingham. It was then agreed that they would meet the next day at about 10:00 a.m. at the First National Bank to settle the deal. GALT told PAISLEY that he, GALT, had his bank account at the Birmingham Trust National Bank. GALT asked PAISLEY how he wanted payment for the car, and PAISLEY suggested a cashier's check. GALT said he did not know how to get a cashier's check, and PAISLEY said he would show him how the next day. PAISLEY, accompanied by his son DAVID, then took GALT to First Avenue and North 20th Street, where GALT got out of the car.

The next day PAISLEY received a telephone call from GALT, who said he would meet him at the First National Bank to settle the deal. At about 10:15 a.m., they met in front of the bank, and GALT took \$2,000 cash out of his shirt pocket and gave it to PAISLEY. PAISLEY suggested they go inside the bank and count the money, which they did. PAISLEY deposited the money in the bank, and GALT went with PAISLEY's son to a parking lot where he took possession of the car.

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PAISLEY recalls GALT mentioned that he worked on a barge line between New Orleans and St. Louis, and that he would work 20 days and then be off 10 days. He recalled GALT saying that he was married, and that his wife was now living "over in Rocky Ridge," referring to an area south of Homewood, Alabama.

PAISLEY described GALT as a white male, age about 32, five feet, ten and one-half inches tall, 160 to 165 pounds, dark brown hair, neat-looking, neat dresser, quiet, accent was not from the Alabama area.

Mr. PAISLEY said he did not believe he could identify GALT if he ever saw him again.

PAISLEY produced a bill of sale for this transaction which shows the car was sold to ERIC GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama, telephone 323-9487, for \$1,995 on August 30, 1967.



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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/11/68

At approximately 8:15 p.m., Mr. PETER CHERPES was contacted at 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham. He advised that he is the manager and owner of a business operated at this address known as Economy Rooms, which business occupies the entire large white frame dwelling located at this address.

Mr. CHERPES was asked whether or not he had a tenant named ERIC S. GALT. Mr. CHERPES had immediately stated that a man named GALT had been a tenant at his rooming house for about three months, but has been gone for about five months. CHERPES immediately reviewed a quantity of 3x5 index cards, which he uses as registration cards for his guests, and was unable to locate one in the name ERIC L. GALT, but stated he recalled this individual as a man who occupied Room 14 in the rooming house. He stated this man came around the end of August, 1967, and rented a room, stating he had previously lived and worked in Pascagoula, Mississippi, where he had worked for a manufacturing company that made big boats. CHERPES stated that he believes it was the Ingalls Boat Company. He said that GALT stayed until approximately the end of October, 1967, and left, stating he had a job working on a boat in Mobile, Alabama. CHERPES described GALT as being about 5'10" tall, 170 pounds, and said he remembered him as being a very neat dresser. He advised that GALT stated he was on vacation and did not work anywhere while he stayed at the rooming house.

CHERPES was not able to state initially whether GALT had an automobile, but later said that he thought he did have an automobile and that it was white.

CHERPES advised that shortly after GALT had been living there he received a package in the mail which he (CHERPES) saw because the mailman left it with him. He stated he remembered asking GALT about this package and GALT stated that he was not satisfied with the merchandise and had returned it. CHERPES also advised that he received

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a letter addressed to GALT about three or maybe four weeks ago, which he returned to the postman.

CHERPES advised that he remembers GALT's making a telephone call to Mobile, Alabama, to confirm this job he said he had on a boat.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/11/68

At approximately 1:00 p.m. on April 5, 1968, Mr. ROBERT E. WOOD, SR., and DONALD F. WOOD accompanied the interviewing Agents to the Aeromarine Supply Company, 5701 Airport Highway, Birmingham, where DONALD F. WOOD made available a Remington Model 700, caliber .243, rifle, which was believed by them to have been handled by the unknown individual who had purchased the Remington Model 760 rifle on March 30, 1968. DONALD F. WOOD also furnished nine boxes of caliber .243 ammunition from their inventory stating that one box of this ammunition was believed to have been handled by the individual who purchased the gun. DONALD F. WOOD also furnished a set of Redfield bases and rings which had been the original bases and rings furnished by the manufacturer of the Redfield scope.

Mr. WOOD was furnished a signed receipt for the above items.

Immediately following the receipt of these items, SA NEIL P. SHANAHAN hand carried them aboard a United Airlines flight, changing to a Delta flight in Atlanta, Georgia, and ultimately accompanied them to Mr. GEORGE BONEBRAKE of the FBI Identification Division at approximately 8:00 p.m. same date. These items, from the time they were delivered to SA SHANAHAN, did not leave his possession until delivered to Mr. BONEBRAKE.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/11/68

At approximately 10:30 a.m. DONALD F. WOOD was contacted at Aeromarine Supply Company, 5701 Airport Highway, Birmingham, and advised that he is the son of ROBERT E. WOOD, SR., who is the owner of the Aeromarine Supply Company. WOOD was discreetly questioned concerning the sale of a Remington caliber 30.06 rifle, serial number 461476, which Aeromarine had purchased from Wimberley-Thomas in August, 1966. DONALD F. WOOD immediately stated that he had heard the accounts of the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING the previous day on the radio and had immediately recalled selling a rifle, as was described in the newspaper as the murder weapon, to an individual about a week before the murder. WOOD immediately searched for and found a sales invoice in his records and indicated that on Saturday, March 30, 1968, he had sold this gun to an individual using the name HARVEY LOWMEYER.

After obtaining both copies of this sales invoice, Mr. WOOD was requested to accompany the interviewing Agent to the Birmingham Office of the FBI, which he agreed to do. Mr. WOOD was transported to the Birmingham Office of the FBI, where he furnished the following signed statement:

"Birmingham, Alabama  
April 5, 1968

"I, DONALD F. WOOD, hereby make this statement to Special Agent NEIL P. SHANAHAN who has identified himself to me as a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I reside at 405 Lance Lane, Birmingham, Alabama and subscribe to telephone number 836-4918. I am employed by my father, ROBERT E. WOOD, SR. at the Aeromarine Supply Company, 5701 Airport Highway, Birmingham, Ala., as a salesman.

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"On Friday, March 29, 1968, sometime in the early afternoon I had just returned from lunch when I observed Mr. U. L. BAKER, also a salesman, completing the sale of a rifle to an individual unknown to me. Mr. BAKER had just sold this man a Remington, Model 700, Caliber .243 Winchester with a 2x-7x Redfield Scope mounted thereon. Mr. BAKER had made this sale and had also mounted and bore sighted the scope on our machine. This individual also bought one box of 20 rounds of .243 Norma ammunition. He payed cash for this sale. When I first observed this man he was dressed in a dark business suit with a white shirt and tie, as well as I remember. He was approximately 5'8" tall, 150 to 160 pounds and had dark hair. He had a medium complexion and appeared to be a meek individual. This individual had given his name as HARVEY LOWMEYER and stated that he resided at 1907 South 11th Street, Birmingham, Alabama. He also advised that he was 36 years of age.

"This information was not given to me personally by this individual, but I determined it from the bill of sale that was prepared by Mr. BAKER.

"Following the sale this individual left the store carrying the gun in a cardboard box utilized by the Browning Manufacturing Company. This box was used because with the scope mounted the rifle would not fit in the normal Remington box. He also took the empty Remington manufacturer's carton with him when he left.

"It was, as best I recall, either later that afternoon or early the following Saturday morning when this individual called on the telephone and stated that he had had a conversation with his brother and decided that the gun he had purchased was not the gun he wanted and he requested whether he could exchange it for a Remington, Model 760, 30.06 caliber. I advised him that we could make this exchange but that it would cost him an additional \$5.00.

"At approximately 9:00 AM on Saturday, March 30, this same individual returned to the store with the gun he had previously purchased. When he returned the gun he had the gun still in the Browning box. I told him that I would change the scope from the caliber .243 rifle to the Model 760, but that it would take me until approximately 3:00 o'clock in the afternoon and I instructed him to return at 3:00 o'clock and to bring the original Remington box for the caliber .243 weapon with him when he came as I would need a box to store the gun in. I gave him the Model 760 gun and I believe that I left it in the Browning carton. I did not receive the \$5.00 because in exchanging the scope I had to use a Weaver base and rings instead of the Redfield base and rings and this made up the cost difference. I also exchanged the box of .243 caliber ammunition for a box of 30.06 ammunition which I believe was Peters Core Lokt, 150 grain, 20 rounds per box. He left the store carrying the gun in the cardboard box.

"During the course of our dealings on Saturday I asked this individual why he didn't want the caliber .243 gun and I told him that it was a big enough gun to bring down any deer in Alabama. He stated in an offhand manner that he wanted the 30.06 caliber gun because he was going to use it to hunt in Wisconsin.

"At the present time this is all that I can remember concerning the transaction with this individual.

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"I have read this signed statement and accept where I have initiated one correction. I find it to consist of this and two other pages and it is true and correct.

"/s/ DONALD F. WOOD

"/s/ NEIL P. SHANAHAN, Special Agent,  
FBI, 4/5/68.

"/s/ MARVIN M. EUBANKS, Special Agent,  
FBI, Birmingham, 4/5/68."

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Date 4/11/68

JOE F. BIDDLE, Manager, Sporting Goods Department, Wimberley-Thomas Hardward Company, 1809 First Avenue, South, Birmingham, was contacted at approximately 8:30 a.m. and advised that he had already been contacted by the man from Remington-Arms Company in Bridgeport, Connecticut, and had been advised by him that Remington 30.06 rifle, serial number 461476, had been shipped to Wimberley on March 30, 1966, under Remington invoice number 55868.

Mr. BIDDLE stated that this order was received and was, in fact, a shipment of 418 guns of various types.

He consulted his record book, captioned Daily Report of Sale of Guns and Pistols, and determined that Remington rifle, caliber 30.06, marketed under Remington symbol number 9684, serial number 461476, had been sold on August 31, 1966, to Aeromarine Supply Company, 5701 Airport Highway, Birmingham.

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Date April 11, 1968

Mr. PETER CHERPES, owner and manager of a boarding house located at 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, made available his receipts for all known guests for the months of August, September, October, November and December, 1967.

A review of these receipts disclosed the following information:

1. Receipt dated August 26, 1967, to Mr. ERIC S. GALT -- Room and board from August 26, 1967 through September 1, 1967. The cost of these accommodations was \$22.50, and it is noted on the receipt that ERIC GALT occupied Room #14 at this residence.
2. Receipt dated September 2, 1967, to Mr. ERIC S. GALT -- Room and board from September 2, 1967 through September 9, 1967. The cost of these accommodations was \$22.50, and it is noted on the receipt that ERIC GALT occupied Room #14 at this residence.
3. Receipt dated September 9, 1967, to Mr. ERIC GALT -- Room and board from September 9, 1967 through September 16, 1967. The cost of these accommodations was \$22.50, and it is noted on the receipt that ERIC GALT occupied Room #14 at this residence.
4. Receipt dated September 30, 1967, to Mr. ERIC GALT -- Room only from September 30, 1967 to October 7, 1967. The cost of this accommodation is shown as \$17.50, and further, Mr. GALT occupied Room #14.

Mr. PETER CHERPES advised that he recalls ERIC GALT requesting him to drive him to the Drivers License

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Department, Birmingham, Alabama, in order that he could obtain a current State of Alabama drivers license. He said that he is unable to state positively if he drove ERIC GALT to the drivers license examination station in his automobile or if he drove Mr. GALT's Ford Mustang. He said that he did remain with ERIC GALT while he took his drivers license test and examination, and thereafter he departed.

Mr. CHERPES also recalls that ERIC GALT received a package from Chicago, Illinois, while at his boarding house during the month of September 1967. He said that this package was a box approximately ten inches in height, by 18 inches by 24 inches, weighing approximately 20 pounds. Mr. CHERPES said that ERIC GALT was not happy with the merchandise he received, and that he was returning the box to the sender. He added that the contents of this box is unknown to him.

Mr. CHERPES stated after ERIC GALT departed from the boarding house, a letter was received addressed to ERIC GALT, which he believed was from the same sender as the box. He described this letter as a business-type letter, and he believed it contained a check. CHERPES said that he held the letter for several days, and since ERIC GALT had moved and furnished no forwarding address he returned this letter to the Post Office.

A review of additional guest receipts disclosed a receipt dated October 17, 1967, which shows that Mr. FOREST McCABE paid room rent on Room #14 from October 17, 1967, through October 24, 1967. In this regard, it is noted that ERIC GALT resided in Room #14 during his entire stay at the boarding house.

An additional receipt was located dated October 24, 1967, which shows that rent was paid on Room #14 from October 24, 1967, through October 31, 1967, by Mr. FOREST McCABE.



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Mr. HERBERT KELLY was interviewed at 2608 Highland Avenue and furnished the following information.

Mr. KELLY advised that he has been employed as a cook for Mr. PETER CHERPES for the past several years and was so employed while CHERPES occupied the present house, 2608 Highland Avenue.

After being advised of the nature of the interview, he stated that he remembers ERIC GALT only vaguely. He remembers that he occupied Room 14 for about two months shortly after they first moved into that house. He said that he serves breakfast to the boarders between 6 and 7:30 every morning and that this individual in Room 14 came out of his room at approximately 7:15 or 7:20 after everyone else had finished breakfast and gone to work, had his breakfast and then went back to bed. KELLY advised that he recalls "fussing" at this man several times for waiting so late to have his breakfast.

KELLY stated that he recalled something peculiar about this man in that he paid for room and board each week he was there, except the last week, he only paid for a room and did not take any meals. He said that he recalls this individual stating that the reason he did not have meals was that he did not have any money.

KELLY viewed a composite drawing and stated that it resembled GALT, except that he believed GALT to be thinner in the face than this drawing indicated.

KELLY is described as a Negro male, approximately 50 years old.

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Date 4/12/68

WILLIAM DAVID PAISLEY, JR., 701 South 48th Street, Birmingham, on April 9, 1968, furnished the following:

Sometime in late August, 1967, PAISLEY's father had run an ad in the Sunday newspaper in an effort to sell their 1966 white two-door hardtop Mustang with red interior and whitewall tires. They advertised the car as being for sale for \$1,995. A couple of days later, a man later identified as ERIC GALT and PAISLEY's father picked up PAISLEY at the home of one of his friends. PAISLEY's father was driving the car and GALT was riding in the front seat. They drove around the area for awhile and then returned to the PAISLEY residence. GALT did not ask any questions, look at the motor or in the trunk of the car. He said, "I'll be glad to take this car off your hands." He then agreed to give PAISLEY's father a down payment if Mr. PAISLEY would take GALT back to downtown Birmingham. They then agreed to meet the next morning at the First National Bank to settle the deal, because PAISLEY's father has his office in that building and PAISLEY at the time was employed in the First National Bank.

Mr. PAISLEY suggested that GALT obtain a cashier's check. PAISLEY and his father then took GALT to First Avenue North and 20th Street, where he got out of the car. That evening, August 29, 1968, PAISLEY tried to call GALT at the telephone number GALT had left with PAISLEY's father. PAISLEY was unable to talk to GALT as he was not at the number called and PAISLEY learned this number was at a rooming house on Highland Avenue. The next day PAISLEY's father received a telephone call from GALT who said he was six blocks away from the First National Bank building and would meet the PAISLEYS in front of the First National Bank at about 10:15 A.M. They met in front of the bank at 10:15 A.M. and GALT produced \$2,000 in cash, mostly twenties, with some 100-dollar bills. They stepped inside the bank where the money was counted and GALT was given a bill of sale.

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PAISLEY then took GALT to the parking lot where the car was parked and showed him how to drive the car. He then gave GALT the keys and GALT drove off.

DAVID PAISLEY recalled that he observed this same car for about six weeks after the sale, parked in front of the rooming house in the 2600 block of Highland Avenue, but that he had not seen this automobile since about the first of October, 1967. He also recalled that on one of these occasions he observed a front bumper tag with a drawing of a Confederate flag thereon.

PAISLEY recalled GALT saying that he worked on a barge on the Mississippi River "out of St. Louis" to New Orleans. He would work a month and then be off for two weeks, and that this was a lonely life. He also said he had saved all his money from his job and would pay cash for the car.

PAISLEY also recalled that GALT was emphatic about not test driving the automobile, and said that his Louisiana license had expired and he had not obtained an Alabama driver's license yet. He also recalled GALT making a statement that he did his banking at the Birmingham Trust National Bank, and "I have my money there."

PAISLEY described GALT as a white male, 5'8"-8½", age 32, tall, 145 pounds, dark brown or black hair with a widow's peak and cut short. This person was not a smoker, was very clean-cut, very shy and quiet. He claimed he was divorced and that his wife was presently living on Rocky Ridge or Dolly Ridge Road "over the mountain," referring to an area south of Homewood, Alabama. PAISLEY recalled this person had an accent which was possibly Western, but was definitely not from the Alabama area. PAISLEY also recalled this person saying he was unemployed at that time.

PAISLEY said he could definitely identify this person if he ever saw him again.

On April 10, 1968, DAVID PAISLEY observed an artist's conception of a person who had purchased a rifle at Aeromarine Supply, Birmingham, on March 29, 1968. PAISLEY said this artist's conception did not resemble ERIC GALT.

PAISLEY said his father had told GALT during the transaction that GALT would have to get insurance for the Mustang as the PAISLEYS would cancel their car insurance by calling State Farm Insurance Company that day (August 30, 1968). PAISLEY recalled that GALT did not ask any questions or say anything further about car insurance.

During his contacts with GALT, PAISLEY said he never detected the odor of alcohol on GALT nor did he observe GALT smoke cigarettes. PAISLEY said the ad for the automobile had been run in the "Birmingham News" on Sunday, August 27, 1967, only.

PAISLEY recalled GALT, after inspecting PAISLEY's Mustang, saying that this was the cleanest one that GALT had seen. He also recalled GALT saying, "I've got my money in the Birmingham Trust," and did not refer to the bank as the "BTNB," which is commonly done by natives of Birmingham. In connection with GALT's divorced wife whom GALT claimed was living on Rocky Ridge Road or Dolly Ridge Road, "over the mountain," PAISLEY recalls GALT saying, "Yeah, that's the way it goes."

PAISLEY said the price of \$1,995 for the Mustang was \$300 too much, but this price was never questioned by GALT and this price did not seem to bother GALT in any way. GALT said he had been saving his money and because he worked on a barge he had no place to spend it.

PAISLEY said he could not recall how GALT was dressed on August 29, 1967, but did believe that on August 30, 1967, GALT was wearing a sport coat, a dress shirt, with no tie, open at the neck.

Prior to GALT's taking possession of the car on August 30, 1967, PAISLEY's father asked GALT how GALT was going to get his driver's license. GALT replied that he had a friend "over at the rooming house," who would take him to the place where he could obtain a driver's license and change the registration on the car.

DAVID PAISLEY recalled that during the month to six weeks after the sale he had observed this car parked on numerous occasions in front of the rooming house in the 2600 block of Highland Avenue. He had noted that this car seemed to be dirty from non-use, rather than from being driven, and that on the last occasion of observing this car which would have been about the first of October, 1967, the car still had the slick bald tires that had been on it when it was sold.

PAISLEY furnished the following detailed description of the automobile:

1966 white Mustang, two-door hardtop, eight cylinder, 289, four individual red plastic floor mats, push button radio, heater, remote control outside mirror, day-night inside mirror, very clean engine, mileage 20,000 miles, equipped with Autolite battery, four whitewall, bald tires. The spare was in good shape but had a wider whitewall than the tires on the wheels. The seats were medium red in color and the carpeting was maroon or dark red. The body condition of the car was excellent and the muffler was painted shiny silver.

PAISLEY said that he had forgotten to advise on April 9, 1968, that on April 5, 1968, sometime between 1:00 P.M. and 1:30 P.M., while driving east on Fifth Avenue North, in front of the U. S. Post Office, PAISLEY observed a 1966 clean, white Mustang hardtop, which he thought could possibly be the same car he had sold to GALT. He also, at the same time, observed the back of a man getting into this car whose build resembled that of GALT. PAISLEY said he could not be definite that this was the same car and that the individual was GALT, as he only had a fleeting glimpse.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/13/68

Mrs. WILLIAM ARTHUR (VIRGINIA B.) JENKINS, SR., was interviewed at her assigned room, Room 327, St. Vincent Hospital, in the presence of her son, Judge WILLIAM ARTHUR JENKINS. She stated that the name HARVEY LOWMEYER is totally unknown to her; that she has never had any roomers or boarders in her residence at 1907 11th Street, South, and to her knowledge, none of the neighbors have ever had any person by that name either residing in their homes or employed in any manner.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4-13-68

At 8:30 AM the records of the Jefferson County Department of Revenue were examined to determine the registered owner of an automobile bearing 1968 Alabama tag #1-38993. These records indicated that this tag was issued on 10-2-67 to Mr. ERIC S. GALT, 2608 Highland Ave., Birmingham, Alabama for a 1966 Mustang, 2 door, 8 cyl., car VIN 6T07C190647. This record also indicated that this car bore a previous 1967 Alabama tag #1A-88354. A check of the records concerning this number revealed that this number was issued for the same automobile to a Mr. WILLIAM D. PAISLEY, 701 48th St. South, Birmingham, Alabama., who bought this car new from Maring Crawford Ford Co. in Birmingham on 3-11-66. This record also bore a notation that this car was sold by PAISLEY to ERIC S. GALT, 2608 Highland Ave., Birmingham, Alabama on 8-30-1967.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/13/68

CHARLES T. SMITH, Auditor, Birmingham Trust National Bank (BTNB), advised that since December 13, 1967, Safe Deposit Box No. 5517 has not been rented. He advised that from August 28, 1967, through December 13, 1967, this box had been rented in the name of ERIC S. GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham.

SMITH made available the Safe Deposit Box No. 5517 for examination. In the event the above described box is to be introduced into court, a subpoena duces tecum should be issued to C. E. KIRKPATRICK, Vice President, Birmingham Trust National Bank.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/13/68

The following documents were made available to SA JOHN H. KRESEK by the Birmingham Trust National Bank, Birmingham, Alabama:

1. Record of Access to Safe Deposit Box No. 5517 of ERIC S. GALT.
2. Contract for Safe Deposit with ERIC S. GALT.
3. Ledger card (rental record) for Safe Deposit Box No. 5517 in name of ERIC S. GALT.
4. Undated letter from ERIC S. GALT to Birmingham Trust National Bank.

In the event that the above documents are needed for evidence, they may be obtained by execution of a subpoena duces tecum addressed to Mr. C. E. KIRKPATRICK, Vice President, Birmingham Trust National Bank.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date April 14, 1968

The following listed documents pertaining to Safe Deposit Box #5517, Birmingham Trust National Bank, Birmingham, Alabama, rented under the name of ERIC S. GALT, were hand-delivered by SA JOHN H. KRESEK on April 10, 1968, to Mr. JAMES H. MORTIMER, Document Section, FBI Laboratory, Washington, D. C.:

1. Record of Access to Safe Deposit Box #5517 of ERIC S. GALT
2. Contract for Safe Deposit with ERIC S. GALT
3. Ledger card (rental record) for Safe Deposit Box #5517 in the name of ERIC S. GALT
4. Undated letter from ERIC S. GALT to Birmingham Trust National Bank

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/13/68

Mrs. NEWTON (VIRGINIA) SKELTON, residence 2600 Stoney Branch Road, Mountain Brook, who is the sister of Judge WILLIAM ARTHUR JENKINS, was interviewed in his presence and stated emphatically that she has never heard the name HARVEY LOWMEYER in any manner. She is certain that he has never had any connection at the residence of her mother, 1907 - 11th Street, South, since she frequently visits her mother at that address and the name is totally unfamiliar.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/13/68

Mrs. WILLIAM ARTHUR JENKINS, wife of Judge JENKINS, residence 3128 Warrington Road, Mountain Brook, stated positively that she has never heard the name HARVEY LOWMEYER being connected in any way with the residence of her mother-in-law at 1907 11th Street, South. She frequently visits at that residence and is certain she would have heard something of that individual had he in fact ever had any connection with the residence. She was also positive that he is not known nor has resided in the neighborhood of her mother's-in-law home.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/13/68

Attorney WILLIAM ARTHUR JENKINS was interviewed at his office, Room 302, Frank Nelson Building, with reference to possible occupants of the address listed as 1907 South 11th Street, Birmingham. Attorney JENKINS has been an acquaintance of many years, is considered reliable and is a former Judge of the Jefferson County Court, Civil Division.

Judge JENKINS stated that his widowed mother, Mrs. WILLIAM ARTHUR (VIRGINIA B.) JENKINS, SR., has resided at the above address for over 30 years and has never had any roomers or boarders in her residence since the death of her husband some years ago. He stated that he personally resides with his family at 3128 Warrington Road, Mountain Brook, a suburb of Birmingham.

Judge JENKINS related that the name HARVEY LOWMEYER or any phonetic variation thereof means positively nothing to him and to his knowledge he has never had any dealings with such an individual either in connection with his legal practice, services on the Bench in the County Court or personally.

He advised that his mother was as of that date a patient at St. Vincent Hospital undergoing medical tests and in the presence of the Agent, he telephonically contacted her at the hospital and was informed that the name HARVEY LOWMEYER was unknown to her and that she had never heard of any individual by that name either at her residence or in the neighborhood. Arrangements were made for a personal interview with Mrs. JENKINS, SR., at that time.

On April 7, 1968, Judge JENKINS arranged for an interview with his mother at St. Vincent Hospital and on that date stated that he still was unable to recall anyone by the name LOWMEYER.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date April 14, 1968

FRANCES BROWN, Waitress, Andy's Lounge, 1923 1st Avenue North, was interviewed and related the following with reference to a man who was in the lounge on the evening of March 29, 1968. Mrs. BROWN stated she recalls the date because this is the day she and her boyfriend drove to Nashville, Tennessee, and she left work early and this individual was still sitting in the lounge when she left.

Mrs. BROWN stated she had an opportunity to view this person for approximately 45 minutes. He entered the lounge at approximately 6:30 p.m., sat at a table on the side of the lounge that she services, and was still sitting there when she left work at 7:10 p.m. During the period this man was under her observation, he ordered and drank two Schlitz beers. Mrs. BROWN stated the person she observed was a white male approximately 35 years of age, neatly dressed, wearing dark trousers, a dress shirt and tie, and a dark brown or blue sport coat. She stated he appeared to be of average height, although she could not tell his exact height because he was seated during the entire period she could see him. She recalls he had blue eyes and sandy, brush-cut hair, which was longer on the sides. Mrs. BROWN stated that the individual sat by himself and did not converse with anyone other than her when he ordered his beer. As best she recalls, he had a local accent.

Mrs. BROWN advised she had never seen this individual before and has not seen him since. She commented that Andy's Lounge caters to regular customers, and it is slightly unusual when a stranger comes in off the street.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date April 14, 1968

Safe Deposit Box #5517, obtained from CHARLES T. SMITH, Auditor, Birmingham Trust National Bank, Birmingham, Alabama, on April 10, 1968, by SA ROBERT J. YARNALL, was hand-delivered by SA YARNALL to Mr. GEORGE BONEBRAKE, FBI Identification Division, Latent Fingerprint Section, Washington, D. C., on the same date.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date April 14, 1968

Immediately following the receipt of a package at approximately 12:30 a.m., April 8, 1968, containing three weapons from Special Agent ROBERT M. BARRETT, Special Agent RALPH N. BUTLER hand-carried them aboard a Delta Airlines flight, changing to an Eastern Airlines flight in Atlanta, Georgia, and ultimately accompanied them to Mr. GEORGE BONEBRAKE of the FBI Identification Division at approximately 8:00 a.m. on April 8, 1968.

These items, from the time they were delivered to SA BUTLER, did not leave his possession until delivered to Mr. BONEBRAKE.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 14, 1968

Mr. PETER CHERPES, Economy Rooming House, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, advised that ERIC GALT first came to his rooming house during the last week in August, 1967. He said that ERIC GALT resided in Room 14 during his stay at the rooming house and he was unable to state positively the mode of transportation used by GALT when he first arrived. Mr. CHERPES pointed out that he runs a continuous ad in the Birmingham, Alabama newspapers and more than likely GALT obtained the address of his rooming house from a newspaper. He said that he was unable to recall if GALT telephoned him prior to coming to the rooming house, pointing out that he gets numerous inquiries each day concerning rooms and rates.

Mr. CHERPES said that when ERIC GALT arrived, he had two or three pieces of luggage, was cleanly dressed and said that he previously lived and worked in Pascagoula, Mississippi. He recalled that GALT said he worked for a manufacturing company that made boats and he believed it was the Ingalls Boat Company, Pascagoula, Mississippi. He said that GALT told him he was on vacation and further that he was unemployed during the entire time he stayed at the rooming house.

Mr. CHERPES said that a few days after ERIC GALT arrived, he came to him and asked him if he would go with him to obtain a State of Alabama driver's license inasmuch as he had no driver's license. He said that since GALT was a new tenant, which he desired to keep, he agreed to accompany GALT, which he did, to the driver's license examination station, Birmingham, and waited for GALT while he took his driver's examination and road test. He recalled that GALT had a white recent model Mustang which he drove to and from the driver's license examination station. Mr. CHERPES was unable to recall seeing this white Mustang prior to the day that he accompanied ERIC GALT for his license examination.

Mr. CHERPES said that he recalls that GALT remained to himself most of the time and further recalled that he was always late for breakfast and ate around 10:00 a.m. GALT,

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thereafter, would return to his room and rest and he observed him on occasions leaving during the day. He said that to the best of his recollection GALT would always be on time for the evening dinner, which was served between 5:30 and 6:00 p.m. each day.

Mr. CHERPES said that approximately two weeks later a parcel post package was delivered to the rooming house for ERIC GALT from Chicago, Illinois, and that he is unable to recall the sender. He remembered this package being delivered inasmuch as GALT was not at the rooming house when the package arrived and that he kept the package in his room until GALT returned. He said that GALT did not open the package in his presence and that he took it to his room and, therefore, he is unable to state what merchandise was in the box. He described the box as approximately ten inches in height by 18 inches by 24 inches and weighing approximately 25 pounds. He said that a day or so later, GALT said to him that he was not happy with the merchandise he had received and was returning it to the sender. He said that GALT did not ask him for any wrapping paper, nor did he see him leave the rooming house with the box.

Mr. CHERPES said that during the latter part of March, 1968, he received a business-type letter addressed to ERIC GALT at his address. He said that this letter contained what he believed to be a check for Mr. GALT and that it was also from the same company in Chicago, Illinois which had mailed the above described box to GALT. He said that he held this letter for one or two days and, thereafter, marked it "Not here" and returned it to the U. S. Post Office. Mr. CHERPES described the envelope in which the letter or check came as a business-type envelope, thin, blue in color, window-type.

Mr. CHERPES said that to the best of his memory he believed that ERIC GALT left his residence on Thursday or Friday evening. He said that a few days prior to GALT's departure he had a conversation with ERIC GALT, at which time he said to CHERPES that he had a possible job on a boat at Pascagoula, Mississippi. He said that GALT said he had made a telephone call concerning this possible employment and the following day GALT advised CHERPES that he had confirmed this employment and that he would be leaving and was going to Mobile, Alabama. He said GALT told him he had

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no current address which he could leave in order that his mail could be forwarded, but that he would send him a forwarding address, which he failed to do.

Mr. CHERPES pointed out that at no time previous or since has he observed ERIC GALT and, further, he is unable to remember any other correspondence he may have received while at the rooming house.

Mr. CHERPES pointed out that GALT remained to himself most of the time and did not mix with other tenants. He was always neatly dressed in sport-type, as well as business-type, clothes. He said that GALT was approximately 30 to 35 years in age, approximately five feet ten inches in height, weighed from 170 to 175 pounds, had medium brown hair which he combed straight back with no part, fair complexion, and thin build.

Mr. CHERPES said that he was unable to remember if he had ever seen GALT with any other person leaving the rooming house and was unable to say who his acquaintances, associates or any other individuals GALT may have known in Birmingham, Alabama might be. He said that GALT would on occasions watch television in the TV room and that possibly some of the other guests who were there during the same time as GALT may have talked with GALT or be in a position to furnish additional information concerning his activities. Mr. CHERPES said that he knows ERIC GALT and could identify him should he see him again or if he should return to the rooming house.

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Responsive to Bureau teletype 4/10/68, evidence developed to date by the Birmingham Office has been reviewed and two copies of each pertinent FD-302 and/or insert are being transmitted to the Bureau herewith. One copy each is being furnished the Memphis Office.

The interviews have been broken down for ready reference by the Bureau and Memphis into the following categories:

Rooming House Where GALT resided at  
2002 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama

PETER CHAPMAN, 4/8/68

HERBERT KELLY, 4/10/68

PETER CHAPMAN, 4/10/68

PETER CHAPMAN, 4/11/68

Purchase of Firearms under name  
HARVEY LOWMYER

JOE F. BIDDLE, 4/8/68

DONALD F. WOOD, 4/8/68

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Fictitious Address (1807 South 11th Street)  
Used at Time Rifle Was Purchased Under  
Name HARVEY LOWMYER

Attorney WILLIAM ARTHUR JENKINS, 4/6,7/68

Mrs. WILLIAM ARTHUR JENKINS, 4/7/68

Mrs. NEWTON SKELTON, 4/7/68

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Purchase of 1966 White Mustang Two-door

SA NEIL P. SHANAHAN and ROBERT M. BARNETT, 4/6/68

WILLIAM D. FAHLEY, 4/6/68

WILLIAM D. FAHLEY, JR., 4/6,10/68

Mrs. WILLIAM D. FAHLEY, 4/6/68



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**Safe Deposit Box Rented at Birmingham Trust  
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**SA JOHN E. KENNEDY, 4/9/68**

**SA JOHN E. KENNEDY, 4/10/68**

**CHARLES T. SMITH, 4/10/68**

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TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, LOS ANGELES  
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JIMMY D. GARNER, OPERATOR OF ROOMING HOUSE AT ONE ONE  
THREE FOURTEENTH STREET NE, ATLANTA ADVISED A SOURCE THAT ABOUT  
ONE WEEK AGO, A NICE LOOKING WELL DRESSED YOUNG MAN, WHO HAS A  
ROOM AT THE ABOVE ADDRESS, ADVISED GARNER THAT HE WOULD BE GONE FOR  
OVER A WEEK, AND WANTED TO STORE SOME OF HIS PERSONAL THINGS IN  
A ROOM HE HAD RENTED.

SOURCE ADVISED THAT ROOM RENTED BY MAN FOR THIS PURPOSE  
CONTAINED THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

DESK, ON TOP OF WHICH IS LARGE PORTABLE TV SET, BROWN,  
ZENITH, ALL CHANNEL MODEL NO. TWO TWO ZERO FIVE - SIX, MARKED  
FOURTEEN N TWENTY THREE, WITH HANDLE ON TOP AND CONTROLS ON FRONT.

PAMPHLET ON TOP OF DESK NEAR TV SET ENTITLED "WHAT IS  
JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY", A TWENTY FIVE PAGE PRINTED BOOKLET.

EASY CHAIR WITH MAPS OF CITY OF ATLANTA, ONE OF WHICH  
WAS FROM FILLING STATION BEARING NO MARKS OR NOTATIONS. SECOND MAP  
WAS COMMERCIALY PREPARED AND LARGE ENOUGH TO SHOW ADDITIONAL  
DETAILS. THIS MAP HAD FOUR AREAS OF ATLANT CIRCLED AS FOLLOWS: *Sub-H-192*  
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AREA OF PONCE DE LEON TERRACE AND HIGHLAND VIEW

AREA OF FOURTEENTH STREET AND PEACHTREE

AREA OF ROCK STREET AND HOPE OR SHOPE TERRACE

AREA OF AUBURN AVENUE AND COURTLAND STREET

ALSO IN THE ROOM IS A FOUR BY FIVE SHEET FROM CLARK'S

CLEANERS: FRENCHS MUSTARD; ONE LB. BOX C AND H CANE SUGAR; OPEN  
BOX NABISCO SALTINE COOKIES; COFFEE CUP, MADE IN JAPAN; BREAD  
KNIFE; ELECTRIC COFFEE WARMER; BLUE CLIP-ON TIE.

IN THE DESK WERE SEVERAL MAPS FROM VARIOUS STATES INCLUDING  
ARIZONA, LOUISIANA AND SOUTHEASTERN US; DIRTY WATER GLASS.

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FROM ATLANTA (44-2386) 5P

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JIMMIE DELTON GARNER, MANAGER, ROOMING HOUSES LOCATED ONE ZERO *inlet*  
SEVEN AND ONE ONE THREE FOURTEENTH ST., N.E., ATLANTA, GA. INTERVIEWED  
EXHAUSTIVELY LATE EVENING THREE FOURTEEN AND EARLY MORNING THREE  
FIFTEEN INSTANT. DURING INTERVIEW NAME OF SUSPECT GALT NOT MENTIONED  
TO HIM BUT VOLUNTEERED BY HIM AS INDIVIDUAL WHO HAD RECENTLY CHECKED  
OUT WITHOUT COMPLETING WEEK FOR WHICH HE PAID IN ADVANCE. COMPLETE  
REVIEW OF ROOMING HOUSE RECORDS FAILED TO LOCATE REGISTRATION FOR  
GALT. WHEN QUESTIONED GARNER ALLEGED THIS AN OVERSIGHT DUE TO HIS  
HAVING BEEN PAID BY GALT WHILE AWAY FROM LOCATION WHERE RECORDS KEPT.  
GARNER STATES GALT ARRIVED AT ROOMING HOUSE APPROXIMATELY SIX PM  
APRIL FIVE LAST DRIVING A BLACK CAR PROBABLY A FORD. NINETEEN SIXTY  
TWO OR SIXTY THREE MODEL. GALT FIRST CONTACTED ANOTHER TENNANT, FRED *inlet*  
C. JONES, ROOM NO. ONE WHO DIRECTED HIM TO GARNER. AT THIS TIME GALT  
SAID HIS HOME WAS IN CAROLINAS BUT HAD BEEN WORKING IN ANOTHER STATE.  
THIS OFFERED IN APPARANT EXPLANATION OF LICENSE TAG ON CAR FROM  
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DIFFERENT STATE, POSSIBLY TENNESSEE, GARNER NOT SURE. GALT CLAIMED TO BE A WELDER BUT DID NOT INDICATE JOB IN ATLANTA.

GALT DESCRIBED BY GARNER AS W/M, THIRTY TWO TO THIRTY FIVE, FIVE ELEVEN, ONE NINETY POUNDS, DARK BROWN OR BLACK HAIR WITH BRUSH CUT, BLUE EYES, MEDIUM OUTDOOR COMPLEXION, SOUTHERN ACCENT, NO DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OR CHARACTERISTICS, NO JEWELRY REMEMBERED. WAS DRESSED IN SHIRT AND SLACKS ON ARRIVAL AND WAS IN CASUAL DRESS DURING STAY. GALT ASKED FOR SINGLE QUIET ROOM. GARNER STATED NO SUCH ROOM THEN AVAILABLE AND PUT HIM TEMPORARILY IN ROOM FIVE AT ONE ZERO SEVEN FOURTEENTH ST. THIS A DOUBLE ROOM WHERE GALT REMAINED UNTIL SUNDAY APRIL SEVEN WHEN HE MOVED TO ROOM SIX AT ONE ONE THREE FOURTEENTH ST. GARNER OBSERVED GALT MOVE POSSESSIONS NOTING NO LUGGAGE WITH POSSESSIONS IN PAPER BAG OR BOX.

ON APRIL SEVEN, HAROLD G. ANDERSON, EMPLOYEE, ALBERT PICK MOTEL, *ind* FOURTEENTH AND SPRING ST., ATLANTA, BROUGHT TO ROOMING HOUSE BY JONES AND ASSIGNED ROOM NUMBER TWO AT ONE ONE THREE FOURTEENTH ST. GARNER NOTED GALT AND ANDERSON BECAME FRIENDLY BUT NOTHING TO INDICATE PRIOR ACQUAINTANCESHIP.

ON APRIL NINE AT ABOUT NINE PM GALT AND ANDERSON CAME TO GARNER'S ROOM STATING WERE CHECKING OUT. BOTH APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN DRINKING. GALT STATED HAD RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL FROM FRIEND IN MICHIGAN THAT WELDERS BEING PAID BETTER MONEY THERE AND HE AND ANDERSON LEAVING THAT NIGHT FOR MICHIGAN. ANDERSON HOPED TO GET ON AS WELDER'S HELPER.

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ANDERSON RECEIVED PARTIAL REFUND FROM TWO WEEKS ADVANCE RENT. GALT DID NOT ASK FOR REFUND, ALTHOUGH PAID THROUGH APRIL ELEVEN, BUT DID RECEIVE DEPOSIT ON KEY. GARNER RETURNED WITH GALT AND ANDERSON TO ANDERSON'S ROOM WHERE HE SECURED ROOM KEYS AND NOTED BEER BOTTLES PRESUMING THEY HAD BEEN DRINKING THERE. WHILE GARNER DID NOT OBSERVE DEPARTURE, ANDERSON AND GALT GONE FOLLOWING MORNING PRESUMABLY IN GALT'S CAR AS ANDERSON NOT KNOWN TO HAVE AUTOMOBILE. ROOMING HOUSE REGISTRATION FOR ANDERSON SHOW HAROLD G. ANDERSON, NO CITY SHOWN, WITH NEXT OF KIN AS G.F. ANDERSON, FATHER, ATLANTA *inlet* GA. TEL. NO. FOUR FOUR EIGHT DASH FOUR SIX SEVEN TWO. GARNER DESCRIBED ANDERSON AS W/M, AGE FORTY, FIVE NINE, ONE FIFTY FIVE TO ONE SIXTY LIGHT BROWN HAIR, MEDIUM TO FAIR COMPLEXION. ANDERSON CLAIMED TO BE FROM DULUTH, GA. ANDERSON ONLY TENNANT IDENTIFIED BY GARNER AS BEING FRIENDLY WITH GALT HOWEVER ALL CONTEMPORARY TENNANTS IDENTIFIED AND WILL BE INTERVIEWED.

DURING INTERVIEW GARNER STATED COULD NOT RECALL GALT'S FIRST NAME BUT VOLUNTEERED HAD OBSERVED MAIL ON TABLE AT ROOMING HOUSE FOR GALT AND ACCOMPANIED AGENTS TO LOCATION OF MAIL WHERE TWO LETTERS AND PACKAGE ADDRESSED TO ERIC GALT WERE OBSERVED AS PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED BUREAU. NOTED THAT PACKAGE POSTMARKED APRIL ONE, SIXTY EIGHT. GARNER VOLUNTEERED HIS SISTER, ROBBIE LEE GARNER, VISITED HIM FRIDAY *inlet* OR SATURDAY LAST AT WHICH TIME SHE THUMBED THROUGH MAIL NOTING CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESSED TO GALT. SHE THEN COMMENTED THIS WAS SAME  
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NAME AS SUSPECT IN KING MURDER. GARNER STATED HE DID NOT FEEL IT WAS LIKELY HIS ROOMER WAS IDENTICAL WITH THIS SUSPECT AND THUS DID NOT FEEL COMPELLED TO ADVISE ANYONE ABOUT IT.

THROUGHOUT INTERVIEW GARNER MAINTAINED HE NEITHER SAW NOR HEARD OF GALT PRIOR TO APRIL FIVE LAST AND KNEW NOTHING TO INDICATE GALT HAD ANY CONNECTION WITH ANYONE AT ROOMING HOUSE PRIOR TO ARRIVAL. HE WAS UNABLE TO OFFER ANY EXPLANATION AS TO WHY GALT WOULD RECEIVE MAIL ADDRESSED TO HIM AT ONE ONE THREE FOURTEENTH ST BEARING APRIL ONE POSTMARK WHEN HE DID NOT MOVE IN UNTIL APRIL FIVE. GARNER STATED GALT LEFT NOTHING WITH HIM FOR STORAGE AND NOTHING LEFT IN ROOM. GARNER STATED ROOMS FOUR AND FIVE ARE RESERVED FOR STORAGE BUT CONTAIN NOTHING BUT LINEN AND POSSIBLY A FEW ITEMS OF NO VALUE LEFT BEHIND BY ROOMERS.

NOT POSSIBLE TO PURSUE WITH GARNER CONTENTS OF LOCKED ROOM WHICH CONTAINS TV WITHOUT RISK OF COMPROMISING SOURCE. THIS IS ROOM FOUR. ROOM FIVE AT ONE ZERO SEVEN FOURTEENTH ST. NOT RENTED SINCE VACATED BY GALT BUT CLEANED BY MAID WEDNESDAY APRIL TEN. ROOM SIX AT ONE ONE THREE FOURTEENTH ST. RENTED APRIL THIRTEEN TO NEW TENNANT PRIOR TO CLEAN UP BY MAID. BED MAKE UP BY NEW TENNANT AND SHEETS USED BY GALT OBTAINED DURING PROCESSING OF ROOM WITH GARNER'S CONSENT. ALL ITEMS OF POSSIBLE VALUE BEING FURNISHED BUREAU.

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