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STATE 62
URGENT 4-15-68
TO DIRECTOR
FROM LEGAT MEXICO CITY NO. 167

N 2214X

UNSUBS; RED OVER WHITE CESSNA, NUMBER N TWO TWO ONE FOUR X, LANDED
APRIL FIVE, ONE NINE SIX EIGHT, NEAR CABORCA, SONORA, AND BURNED BY CREW.
ITSA.

MEX TWO SEVEN TWO ADVISED CAPTIONED AIRCRAFT LANDED APRIL FIVE
LAST ON FARM ABOUT FIVE KILOMETERS SOUTH OF CABORCA, SONORA, MEXICO.
NUMBER OR DESCRIPTION OF CREW NOT KNOWN.

CREW SET FIRE TO PLANE, BURNING ONE WING, MOTOR AND CABIN SEAT,
AFTER WHICH SECOND UNDESCRIBED PLANE LANDED, TOOK FIRST CREW ABOARD AND
DEPARTED.

MEXICAN JUDICIAL POLICE INVESTIGATION.

REQUEST RESULTS OF CHECK CONCERNING PLANE NUMBER.

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DUTY AGENT

Division Six

4/16/68

SA Bowen F. Rose, Bureau Liaison, contacted Mr. George Dane, Federal Aviation Agency, 4/16/68, who ^{Code 13 25211} advised Red over white Cessna, Number N2214X, manufactured in 1965, has serial number 3370114 and as of 12/67 was property of Skyways Air Credit Corp., Box 1227, Ogden, Utah. No record of stolen with FAA.

^{stolen}
No record of plane in Bu Indices or NCIC.

Mr. Shroder called Salt Lake City to conduct investigation re possible theft and they are to come in with teletype.

NOTE: This plane was burned in Mexico 4/5/68 one day after King murdered in Memphis.

I checked with McDonough who advised there is ~~REHEX~~ no known connection with this plane and "Murkin" at this time.

JOHN C. GORDON
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C. J. Davis*

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3:12 PM MST URGENT 4/16/68 LOJ
TO DIRECTOR OKLAHOMA CITY AND PHOENIX.
FROM SALT LAKE CITY (26-26368) 4P

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UNSUB: NINETEEN SIXTYFIVE CESSNA THREE THREE SEVEN SUPER SKYMASTER, SN
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THREE THREE SEVEN DASH ZERO ONE ONE FOUR, FAA REGISTRATION N TWO TWO OE
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FOUR X. ITSA. OO: PHOENIX.

RE PHOENIX TELETYPE TO SALT LAKE CITY, APRIL TWELVE, SIXTYEIGHT.

MRS. NELDA POGUE, SKYWAYS AIR CREDIT CORPORATION, OGDEN, UTAH,
ADVISED APRIL TWELVE, SIXTYEIGHT, ABOVE DESCRIBED AIRCRAFT LEASED JAN-
UARY NINETEEN, SIXTYSIX, TO AERIAL APPLICATORS, INC., SALT LAKE CITY,
UTAH, AND SUBLET BY THE COMPANY TO MOUNTAIN FUEL SUPPLY, SALT LAKE CITY,
AT ABOUT THAT TIME FOR USE IN PIPELINE PATROL. POGUE ADVISED PLANE
CRASHED NEAR HUNTINGTON, UTAH, AND SKYWAYS SUBSEQUENTLY PAID FOR LOSS BY
INSURANCE COMPANY OF NORTH AMERICA LOCATED PHILADELPHIA, PA.

MRS. POGUE ADVISED TELEPHONE CALL RECEIVED ONE WEEK AGO FROM FAA
SOMEWHERE IN CALIFORNIA, ASKING WHAT SKYWAYS WAS DOING WITH THIS AIR-
CRAFT, TO WHICH MRS. POGUE ADVISED SHE HAD NO INFORMATION BEYOND THAT
OUTLINED ABOVE.

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ON APRIL SIXTEEN, SIXTYEIGHT, MR. JOE W. ALLEN, VICE PRESIDENT, MARKETING AND DISTRIBUTION, MOUNTAIN FUEL SUPPLY COMPANY, SALT LAKE CITY ADVISED ABOVE DESCRIBED CESSNA PURCHASED BY AIRIAL APPLICATORS, INC. OF SALT LAKE CITY, FOR USE BY MOUNTAIN FUEL SUPPLY AND THIS PLANE LEASED ON TWO-YEAR CONTRACT JANUARY SEVEN, SIXTYSIX, TO BE USED IN PIPELINE PATROL IN MOUNTAIN FUEL BUSINESS AREA. ALLEN ADVISED PLANE CRASHED NEAR HUNTINGTON, UTAH, APRIL TEN, SIXTYSEVEN, KILLING PILOT AND THREE MOUNTAIN FUEL EMPLOYEES. AIRCRAFT WAS RETURNING SALT LAKE CITY FROM PIPELINE INSPECTION AND APPARENTLY RAN SHORT ON FUEL AND CRASHED WHILE TRYING TO RETURN TO HUNTINGTON AIRPORT. ALLEN ADVISED HE OBSERVED AIRCRAFT FOLLOWING CRASH AND WOULD SAY IT WAS TOTALLY DEMOLISHED AND CANNOT CONCEIVE ITS HAVING BEEN REBUILT. HE ADVISED PHOTOS OF CRASH SHOW REGISTRY NUMBER CLEARLY AND THERE IS NO QUESTION ABOUT THE DISPOSITION OF THIS PARTICULAR AIRCRAFT. OCCURRENCE INVESTIGATED CAB AND FAA.

JOHN D. STREETER, PRESIDENT, AIRIAL APPLICATORS, INC., SALT LAKE CITY, ADVISED APRIL SIXTEEN, SIXTYEIGHT, CAPTIONED AIRCRAFT LEASED FROM SKYWAYS AIR CREDIT CORPORATION, OGDEN, UTAH, JANUARY NINETEEN, SIXTYSIX AND SUBLET MOUNTAIN FUEL SUPPLY COMPANY, SALT LAKE CITY, FOR PIPELINE SURVEY. AIRIAL APPLICATORS PROVIDED PILOT AND AIRCRAFT FOR MOUNTAIN FUEL USE. STREETER CORROBORATES CRASH DETAILS OUTLINED ABOVE AND ADVISED THE FOLLOWING CRASH ALL REMAINS OF PLANE BROUGHT TO SALT LAKE CITY FOR FAA INSPECTION, AND THAT SUBSEQUENTLY INSURANCE COMPANY OF NORTH AMERICA, END PAGE TWO

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WITH OFFICE IN SALT LAKE CITY, PAID OFF LOSS OF AIRCRAFT AND SUBSEQUENTLY SOLD SALVAGE IN SALT LAKE CITY TO FLOYD STILLWELL, FALCON FIELD, NEAR ARIZONA. STREETER ADVISED STILLWELL HAD ENGINES AND OTHER MISCELLANEOUS SALVAGE TRANSPORTED TO FALCON FIELD FOR THEIR USE. OTHER PARTS ABANDONED SALT LAKE CITY AND DISPOSED OF AS SCRAP.

STREETER DESCRIBED ORIGINAL AIRCRAFT AS YELLOW WITH WHITE TRIM AND AS TWO ENGINE PUSH-PULL ARRANGEMENT. HE FURTHER MADE AVAILABLE COLORED PHOTO OF AIRCRAFT WHICH IS BEING COPIED AT SALT CITY AND WILL BE FORWARDED PHOENIX. STREETER ADVISED FAA AIRCRAFT REGISTRY, BOX ONE ZERO EIGHT TWO, OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA, WOULD BE ABLE TO ADVISE THE REGISTRY INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS AIRCRAFT AS THIS IS CENTRAL CLEARING HOUSE FOR AIRCRAFT IN U.S. HE FURTHER ADVISED GRAPHIC CRAFTSMAN, SIX ONE NINE F STREET, N.W., WASHINGTON, D.C. WOULD HAVE CAB REPORT ON ACCIDENT. STREETER EXPRESSED VIEW THAT ENGINES ONLY COULD HAVE BEEN USED FOLLOWING CRASH AS IT APPEARED TO HIM PLANE TOTALLY DEMOLISHED.

FOR INFORMATION OKLAHOMA CITY, STATE JUDICIAL POLICE, HERMOSILLO, SONORA, MEXICO, ADVISED INSTANT AIRCRAFT LANDED ON A RANCH STRIP NEAR COBORCA, SONORA, MEXICO, APRIL FIVE LAST. ONE OR TWO AMERICANS LEFT THE AIRCRAFT AND SET FIRE TO IT. ANOTHER AIRCRAFT, NOT FURTHER IDENTIFIED, LANDED, PICKED UP CREW OF INSTANT AIRCRAFT, AND DEPARTED. EXTENT OF DAMAGE TO INSTANT AIRCRAFT UNKNOWN AS YET.

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OKLAHOMA CITY CHECK FAA AIRCRAFT REGISTRY.

PHOENIX CONTACT FLOYD STILLWELL.

OKLAHOMA CITY AND PHOENIX SUTEL BUREAU RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION.

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CABLEGRAM

URGENT

TO: LEGAT, MEXICO

1 - B. F. Rose
1 - Foreign Liaison (Cleared
Telephonically)
① - Mr. Gordon

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI

"CHANGED," UNSUB; NINETEEN SIXTY-FIVE CESSNA THREE THREE SEVEN SUPER SKYMASTER, SN THREE THREE SEVEN - ZERO ONE ONE FOUR, FAA REGISTRATION N TWO TWO ONE FOUR X. ITSA. OO: PHOENIX.

RE LEGAT, MEXICO TELETYPE FOUR FIFTEEN LAST.

TITLE CHANGED TO GIVE DESCRIPTION AND SERIAL NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT. TITLE PREVIOUSLY CARRIED AS "UNSUBS; RED OVER WHITE CESSNA, NUMBER N TWO TWO ONE FOUR X, LANDED APRIL FIVE, NINETEEN SIXTY-EIGHT, NEAR CABORCA, SONORA, AND BURNED BY CREW." FOUR SIXTEEN LAST BUREAU LIAISON CONTACTED FAA, WHO ADVISED CESSNA REGISTERED WITH FAA UNDER NUMBERS SET OUT IN CAPTION. PLANE MANUFACTURED IN NINETEEN SIXTY-FIVE AND AS OF TWELVE, SIXTY-SEVEN, WAS PROPERTY OF SKYWAYS AIR CREDIT CORPORATION, OGDEN, UTAH. NO STOLEN REPORT FAA, BUREAU INDICES, OR NCIC.

SALT LAKE CITY ADVISED FOUR SIXTEEN LAST, ABOVE DESCRIBED AIRCRAFT WHICH WAS ORIGINALLY YELLOW WITH WHITE TRIM WITH TWO ENGINE PUSH - PULL ARRANGEMENT, LEASED ONE, SIXTY-SIX, TO AIRIAL APPLICATORS INC., SALT LAKE CITY, AND SUBLET TO MOUNTAIN

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TELETYPE TO LEGAT MEXICO

RE: "CHANGED," UNSUB; NINETEEN SIXTY-FIVE CESSNA

FUEL SUPPLY, SALT LAKE CITY, FOR USE IN PIPELINE PATROL.

THIS PLANE CRASHED IN UTAH FOUR, SIXTY-SEVEN, KILLING PILOT
AND THREE PASSENGERS, AND WAS REPORTED TOTALLY DEMOLISHED.

SKYWAYS WAS SUBSEQUENTLY PAID FOR LOSS BY ~~PHILADELPHIA~~ ~~INSURANCE~~

INSURANCE COMPANY OF NORTH AMERICA, PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA.

SALVAGE CONSISTING OF ENGINES AND OTHER MISCELLANEOUS PARTS

SOLD TO FLOYD STILLWELL, FALCON FIELD, MESA, ARIZONA. IT

APPEARED TO ONE OBSERVER ONLY ENGINES COULD HAVE BEEN USED

FOLLOWING TOTAL DEMOLISHMENT OF AIRCRAFT. PHOENIX AND

OKLAHOMA CITY CONDUCTING ACTIVE INVESTIGATION.

LEGAT, MEXICO CITY THROUGH ESTABLISHED SOURCES, RECHECK
AIRCRAFT, FAA REGISTRATION NUMBER AND SERIAL NUMBER AS SET
OUT IN CAPTION, AND ADVISE.

NOTE:

Legat, Mexico City advised 4/15/68, he received information from a source that a Red Over White Cessna, number N 2214 X landed 4/5/68, on farm in Mexico, where crew set fire to plane burning one wing, motor, and cabin seat. Subsequently, second undescribed plane landed, took crew of burned plane aboard and departed. Legat, requested check concerning plane number as Mexican Judicial Police were investigating this case.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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FBI OKLA CITY

11:53 AM URGENT 4-17-68 BJS

TO DIRECTOR, PHOENIX, AND SALT LAKE CITY

FROM OKLAHOMA CITY 26-36176

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UNSUB; NINETEEN SIXTYFIVE CESSNA THREE THREE SEVEN SUPER
SKYMASTER, SN THREE THREE SEVEN DASY ZERO ONE ONE FOUR, FAA
REGISTRATION N TWO TWO ONE FOUR X. ITSA. OO - PHOENIX.

RE SALT LAKE CITY TEL APRIL SIXTEEN LAST.

RECORDS FAA AIRCRAFT REGISTRATION BRANCH SHOW N TWO TWO ONE
FOUR X ASSIGNED TO CESSNA THREE THREE SEVEN SUPER SKYMASTER,
SN THREE THREE SEVEN - ZERO ONE ONE FOUR, OWNED BY SKYWAYS
AIRCREDIT CORP. BOX ONE TWO TWO SEVEN OGDEN, UTAH, BOUGHT
FROM CESSNA MAY FIFTEEN SIXTYFIVE. LAST INSPECTED MARCH FOUR
SIXTYSEVEN AT SALT LAKE CITY AIRPORT BE JOHN D. STREETER, TWO
CONTINENTAL ENGINES, FRONT I O THREE SIX ZERO - C, REAR, I O
THREE SIX ZERO - D. TWO MC CAULEY PROPELLORS, FRONT D Z A F
THREE FOUR C FIVE NINE SLASH SEVEN SIX C; REAR D Z A F THREE FOUR
C SIX ONE SLASH L SEVEN SIX C. NARCO MARK ONE TWO A SLASH
V O A - FIVE SYSTEM; NARCO U G R - ONE A, GLIDESLOPE RECEIVER;
NARCO M B T - TWO FOUR R MARKER RECEIVER; NARCO A D F THREE
ONE; CESSNA BROADBAND ANTENNA.

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NO RECORD AT FAA REGARDING CRASH OR LEASE BY SKYWAYS TO
AIRIAL APPLICATORS, INC., SALT LAKE CITY.

PHOENIX, IN INTERVIEWING STILLWELL, BEAR IN MIND
POSSIBILITY THIS NUMBER PAINTED ON SIMILAR AIRCRAFT WHICH WAS
STOLEN.

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TO: LEGAT, MEXICO CITY

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI

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1 - Mr. Gordon

1 - Mr. B. F. Rose

1 - Foreign Liaison

(cleared telephonically)

UNSUB; NINETEEN SIXTYFIVE CESSNA THREE THREE SEVEN SUPER
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FAA REGISTRATION N TWO TWO ONE FOUR X, ITSA, OO: PHOENIX.

REBUCAB FOUR SEVENTEEN SIXTYEIGHT.

OKLAHOMA CITY ADVISED FOUR SEVENTEEN SIXTYEIGHT RECORDS
FAA AIRCRAFT REGISTRATION BRANCH SHOW CAPTIONED AIRCRAFT OWNED
BY SKYWAYS AIRCREDIT CORP. BOX ONE TWO TWO SEVEN OGDEN, UTAH,
BOUGHT FROM CESSNA MAY FIFTEEN, NINETEEN SIXTYFIVE. LAST IN-
SPECTION MARCH FOUR NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN, AT SALT LAKE CITY
AIRPORT BY JOHN D. STREETER (PRESIDENT OF AERIAL APPLICATORS
INC. SALT LAKE CITY), TWO CONTINENTAL ENGINES, FRONT I O THREE
SIX ZERO - C, REAR, I O THREE SIX ZERO - D. TWO MC CAULEY
PROPELLORS, FRONT D Z A F THREE FOUR C FIVE NINE SLASH SEVEN SIX
C; REAR D Z A F THREE FOUR C SIX ONE SLASH L SEVEN SIX C. NARCO
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CABLEGRAM TO LEGAT, MEXICO CITY
RE: UNSUB; NINETEEN SIXTYFIVE CESSNA
THREE THREE SEVEN SUPER SKYMASTER,

NO RECORD AT FAA REGARDING CRASH OR LEASE BY SKYWAYS TO
AERIAL APPLICATORS, INC., SALT LAKE CITY.

PHOENIX IS TO INTERVIEW FLOYD STILLWELL WHO BOUGHT SALVAGE
OF CRASHED AIRCRAFT AND HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO BEAR IN MIND FAA
NUMBER N TWO TWO ONE FOUR X POSSIBLY PAINTED ON SIMILAR AIRCRAFT
WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN STOLEN.

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from a source that a Red Over White Cessna Number N 2214 X
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burning one wing, motor, and cabin seat. Subsequently, second
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FBI PHOENIX

9:55 AM URGENT 4-18-68 MPB

TO: DIRECTOR AND SALT LAKE CITY (26-26386)

FROM: PHOENIX (26-23962) 2P

UNSUB; SIXTYFIVE CESSNA THREE THREE SEVEN SUPER SKY MASTER,
SN THREE THREE SEVEN-ZERO ONE ONE FOUR, FAA REGISTRATION
NUMBER N TWO TWO ONE FOUR X. ITSA.

RE SU TEL APRIL SIXTEEN, LAST.

FLOYD STILLWELL, AVIATION SPECIALTIES, FALCON FIELD,
MESA, ARIZONA, ADVISED HE PURCHASED THE WRECKED SIXTYFIVE
CESSNA SUPER SKY MASTER, SN THREE THREE SEVEN- ZERO ONE ONE
FOUR IN SIXTYSEVEN IN UTAH AFTER IT WAS WRECKED. THE TWO
ENGINES AND TWO PROPELLERS ARE PRESENTLY IN STILLWELL'S
POSSESSION AT FALCON FIELD, MESA. STILLWELL HAS NO KNOW-
LEDGE REGARDING A SIMILAR CESSNA PLANE THAT MAY HAVE BEEN
STOLEN WITH FAA REGISTRATION NO. TWO ONE SIX TWO X AND
REGISTRATION NO. CHANGED TO READ N TWO TWO ONE FOUR X. HE
HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF ANYONE USING FAA NO. N TWO ONE ONE
FOUR X.

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BODY OF THE WRECKED PLANE PURCHASED BY STILLWELL WAS
REPORTEDLY DESTROYED AND THE PARTS CONTAINING THE FAA REG-
ISTRATION NO. WAS SCRAPPED AND SALVAGED AND NEVER BROUGHT
TO MESA FROM UTAH BY STILLWELL.

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1 - Foreign Liaison
Mr. Gordon

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CABLEGRAM

TO LEGAT, MEXICO CITY

FROM DIRECTOR, FBI

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UNSUB; SIXTYFIVE CESSNA THREE THREE SEVEN SUPER SKY
MASTER, SN THREE THREE SEVEN - ZERO ONE ONE FOUR, FAA
REGISTRATION NUMBER N TWO TWO ONE FOUR X. ITSA.

REBUCAB APRIL SEVENTEEN, LAST.

FLOYD STILLWELL, AVIATION SPECIALTIES, FALCON FIELD,
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SIMILAR CESSNA PLANE THAT MAY HAVE BEEN STOLEN WITH FAA
REGISTRATION NO. TWO ONE SIX TWO X AND REGISTRATION NO. CHANGED
TO READ N TWO TWO ONE FOUR X, HE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF ANYONE
USING FAA NO. N TWO ONE ONE FOUR X. BODY OF WRECKED PLANE
PURCHASED BY STILLWELL WAS REPORTEDLY DESTROYED AND THE
PARTS CONTAINING THE FAA REGISTRATION NO. WAS SCRAPPED AND
SALVAGED AND NEVER BROUGHT TO MESA FROM UTAH BY STILLWELL.

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CABLEGRAM TO LEGAT, MEXICO CITY
RE: UNSUB; SIXTYFIVE CESSNA THREE THREE SEVEN

NO RECORD OF FAA REGISTRATION NO. N TWO ONE SIX TWO X
BEING STOLEN WITH FAA, NCIC, AND IN BUREAU INDICES. N TWO ONE
SIX TWO X REGISTERED TO H. GILBERT RETTEW COMPANY, POST
OFFICE BOX ONE ONE SIX FIVE, SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA, ACCORDING
TO FAA RECORDS.

MAIL COPIES TO PHOENIX AND SALT LAKE CITY.

LEGAT, MEXICO CITY THROUGH
SOURCES INSTRUCTED TO VERIFY
NUMBERS ON BURNED AIRCRAFT.
IF REPLY FROM MEXICO CITY
COMES IN, SEND TO SALT LAKE CITY
AND PHOENIX BY TELETYPE.

J. C. GORDON

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Date: 4/25/68

Transmit the following in _____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (26-53238)

RE: UNSUB;
1965 Cessna Super-Sky Master
Model 337
FAA 2162X
ITSA
OO: Los Angeles

Captioned aircraft was stolen from Miro Field, Rialto, California, on the night of 3/18/68 - 3/19/68. A white male, about 26 years of age, 5'10" to 6' tall, with dark brown hair and a dark complexion, wearing a brown suit and horn-rimmed glasses landed this aircraft at Blythe, California, later that same night and bought gas for cash. He said he was en route to Dallas, Texas, but filed no flight plan. He appeared to be an experienced pilot.

Insurance investigators, accompanied by a detective from the Rialto, California, Police Department on the weekend of 4/20/68 - 4/21/68 flew to Hermosillo, Mexico, and there consulted the judicial police. With their assistance, this plane was found to have been burned and was recovered at about 60 miles west of Caborca, Sonora, Mexico, on a dry lake owned by one RALPH BLAND. Tracks showed the aircraft had been taxied to a field which was surrounded by shrubbery and was then burned. The plane had been repainted from its former blue and white to red and white and the FAA number on the fuselage changed to N2214X.

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Previous information given by the insurance investigator indicated this plane had been repainted in Arizona.

By means of positive identification, the Rialto detective said the rear propeller of the plane hub bore serial number 642201 and the front propeller hub bore serial number 643731.

The Bureau is requested, through Legat in Mexico, to secure Bureau interest through cooperation with Hermosillo, Mexico, judicial police and determine if any suspects are known.

Legat, Mexico City

April 30, 1968

Director, FBI

"CHANGED". UNSUB; 1965
CESSNA SUPER-SKY MASTER,
MODEL 337, FAA 2162X
ITSA

OO: LOS ANGELES

- 1 - Foreign Liaison,
Cleared Telephonically
- 1 - Mr. B. F. Rose
- 1 - Mr. Gordon

ReBuCab 4/16/68 captioned "Unsub; 1965 Cessna 337,
Super-Sky Master, SN 337-0114, FAA Registration Number
N2214X. ITSA." Title changed to delete latter caption.

Enclosed for Legat, Mexico City are two copies and
one copy each for Oklahoma City and Salt Lake City of Los
Angeles airtel, 4/25/68, captioned case.

For information of receiving offices, under cap-
tion, "Unsubs; Red over White Cessna, Number N2214X, Landed
April 5, 1968, Near Caborca, Sonora, and Burned by Crew.
ITSA," Legat, Mexico advised 4/15/68, this aircraft landed
April 5, 1968, on a farm 5 kilometers south of Caborca,
Sonora, Mexico. The number and description of the crew was
not known at that time. The crew set fire to the plane,
burning one wing, motor, and cabin seat, after which a second
undescribed plane landed and took the first crew aboard and
departed. The Mexican Judicial Police were investigating,
and Legat, Mexico requested a check concerning the plane's
FAA Number. Investigation to date indicates FAA Number
N2214X was assigned to an aircraft which crashed near
Huntington, Utah, 4/10/67, and the fuselage salvage reported
destroyed including FAA Number N2214X.

Legat, through established sources secure Bureau's
ITSA interests with Mexican Judicial Police. Los Angeles
coordinate case with interested offices.

Enclosures (2)

- 2 - Los Angeles (26-53233)
- 1 - Oklahoma City (26-36173) (Enc)
- 1 - Phoenix (26-28863)
- 1 - Salt Lake City (26-26363) (Enc)

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SN 337-0114, FFA REGISTRATION #N2214X
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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM LEGAT MEXICO CITY NO 229

MURKIN.

REMYCAB MAY NINE LAST.

UNKNOWN DECEASED AT ACAPULCO, GUERRERO:

BODY OF MAN BELIEVED TO BE AMERICAN DISCOVERED BURIED IN SAND ON BEACH AT ACAPULCO NEAR PIERRE MARQUEZ HOTEL MAY TEN INSTANT. POLICE CHIEF STATES MAN ABOUT THREE ZERO YEARS OLD AND WAS APPARENTLY SHOT AND BEATEN, ABOUT THREE DAYS AGO. THREE PERSONS BELIEVED TO BE AMERICANS AND WHITE CAR WITH TEXAS LICENSE PLATES REPORTEDLY SEEN NEAR SCENE AT THAT TIME. POLICE CHIEF IS ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN FINGERPRINTS AND WILL FORWARD TO THIS OFFICE SO THAT DETERMINATION CAN BE MADE WHETHER ANY CONNECTION WITH THIS CASE.

INVESTIGATION AT MONTERREY, NUEVO LEON:

CHECK OF HOTELS AND MOTELS AT SALTILLO, COAHUILA, MATEHUALA, SAN LUIS POTOSI, MONTERREY, AND OTHER LOGICAL SPOTS WITHIN MONTERREY TERRITORY ON MAIN HIGHWAY BETWEEN BORDER AND MEXICO CITY HAS NOT TO DATE DEVELOPED ANY INDICATIONS THAT SUBJECT HAS BEEN IN THIS AREA RECENTLY OR ANY RECORD OF HIS TRAVEL AFTER CROSSING BORDER ON OCTOBER SEVEN LAST.

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RE ANONYMOUS CALL TO MEMPHIS POLICE:

MEX-FIVE NINE HAS COMPLETED INVESTIGATION MADE MAY EIGHT, NINE, AND ONE ZERO INSTANT IN AREA FIVE ZERO MILES SOUTH OF CABORCA. SEARCH COVERED AREA OF APPROXIMATELY ONE ZERO ZERO SQUARE MILES. ENTIRE REGION ISOLATED, DESERT-LIKE LAND WITH ONLY INHABITANTS ON ONE TWO ISOLATED RANCHES.

SEARCH CONCENTRATED IN AREA ABOUT SIX ZERO MILES SOUTHWEST OF CABORCA WHERE CESSNA SUPER SKY MASTER BURNED APRIL FIVE LAST AS REPORTED IN BUFILE TWO SIX-THREE NINE SIX TWO NINE NINE UNDER CAPTION "UNSUB; ONE NINE SIX FIVE CESSNA THREE THREE SEVEN SUPER SKY MASTER, SN THREE THREE SEVEN-ZERO ONE ONE FOUR, FAA REGISTRATION NUMBER N TWO TWO ONE FOUR X, ITSA." ORIGINAL ALLEGATIONS THAT CASE SHOWED PLANE LANDED ON FARM ABOUT FIVE KILOMETERS SOUTH OF CABORCA BUT SUBSEQUENT INVESTIGATION SHOWS PLANE LANDED SIX ZERO MILES SOUTHWEST OF CABORCA, FOUR KILOMETERS FROM RANCH OWNED BY AMERICAN NATIONAL RAFAEL BLAND. BLAND NOT PRESENT DURING CURRENT CHECK BY MEX-FIVE NINE BUT INFORMANT INTERVIEWED SON, SERGIO BLAND, WHO TOOK INFORMANT TO PLACE WHERE REMAINS OF PLANE STILL EXIST. PLANE WRECKAGE LOCATED ON PRACTICALLY IMPASSABLE ROAD. SERGIO BLAND SAW A PLANE BURN FROM DISTANCE BUT OBSERVED NO OCCUPANTS OR ANYONE NEAR WRECKAGE, ALTHOUGH TWO SETS OF LANDING TRACKS INDICATED ANOTHER PLANE MAY HAVE LANDED. INFORMANT SEARCHED

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ALL AREA WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE OF PLANE WRECKAGE BUT NO EVIDENCE OF ANY RECENT GRAVES.

SUGGEST BUREAU THROUGH APPROPRIATE DOMESTIC OFFICES ASCERTAIN WHETHER PERSONS INVOLVED BUFILE TWO SIX-THREE NINE SIX TWO NINE NINE HAVE ANY PERTINENCE TO CAPTIONED CASE.

INFORMANT INTERVIEWED AVAILABLE PERSONS AT EACH OF ONE TWO RANCHES IN AREA BUT NO ONE HAS SEEN ANY AMERICANS IN AREA DURING PAST SIX WEEKS AND NO EVIDENCE FOUND OF POSSIBLE RECENT BURIAL PLACES.

ALL LEADS IN MEXICO RECEIVING EXPEDITE ATTENTION AND INVESTIGATION CONTINUES ON PRIORITY BASIS.

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TO DIRECTOR

(44-38861) -PLAINTEXT-

FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574) 2P

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MURKIN

REBUTELCAL TO LOS ANGELES MAY THIRTEEN LAST CONCERNING CESSNA
SKYMASTER, STOLEN RIALTO, CALIFORNIA, WHICH WAS FUELED AT BLYTHE,
CALIFORNIA, AFTER THEFT TWO AM, MARCH NINETEEN LAST AND CRASHED ^{AS}
MEXICO APRIL FIFTH LAST.

NETTIE COPE, KAL CRAFT AVIATION, BLYTHE AIRPORT, BLYTHE, CALIF.,
SERVICED INSTANT PLANE MARCH NINETEEN LAST AND STATES WAS OCCUPIED
BY ONE WHITE MALE, TWENTY EIGHT TO THIRTY YEARS OLD, FIVE FOOT TEN
INCHES TO SIX FOOT, ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY POUNDS, OLIVE COMPLEXION,
HEAVY DARK BROWN HAIR, SLIGHT INDENTATION UPPER LIP, NO ACCENT,
WEARING HORN RIM GLASSES, DRESSED IN WHITE SHIRT, TIE, AND DARK
BROWN BUSINESS SUIT. SHE VIEWED ALL PHOTOGRAPHS, JAMES EARL RAY
AND STATES HE IS NOT IDENTICAL WITH MAN WHO FUELED PLANE. HE
PURCHASED THIRTY GALLONS GASOLINE AND PAID CASH.

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THIS MAN ALSO TALKED WITH WILBUR B. HUMMEL, AIR TRAFFIC SPECIALIST, FAA, BLYTHE AIRPORT, AND SAID WAS ENROUTE DALLAS, TEXAS, VIA EL PASO, TEXAS. HUMMEL DESCRIBED MAN AS WHITE MALE, FIVE FOOT TEN INCHES, MEDIUM BUILD, FORTY YEARS. HUMMER VIEWED ALL PHOTOS OF RAY AND STATES CAN NOT BE POSITIVE BUT DOES NOT BELIEVE THIS MAN IDENTICAL WITH JAMES EARL RAY.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM LEGAT, OTTAWA (44-4) 2

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MURKIN.

RCMP, MONTREAL, ADVISE NO DIRECT FLIGHTS MONTREAL TO RHODESIA. MOST DIRECT ROUTE WOULD BE MONTREAL TO NEW YORK AND NEW YORK TO LONDON OR MONTREAL TO LONDON OR MONTREAL TO LISBON.

FROM LONDON, SOUTH AFRICAN AIRLINES HAVE THREE FLIGHTS WEEKLY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY AND FRIDAY TO SALISBURY, RHODESIA. FROM LISBON, PORTUGUESE AIRLINES HAVE WEEKLY FLIGHT ON MONDAYS TO SALISBURY.

IN CONNECTION WITH PASSPORT SURVEY BY RCMP, BUREAU REQUESTED TO ADVISE OF ANY ADDITIONAL PERIOD FOR WHICH SUBJECT'S ACTIVITIES NOT ACCOUNTED BETWEEN NINE ONE SIXTYSEVEN AND FOUR ONE SIXTYEIGHT AND ADVISE IF SURVEY SHOULD BE EXTENDED.

ON FIVE TEN SIXTYEIGHT, CUSTOMS REPRESENTATIVE, U.S. TREASURY, MONTREAL, TURNED OVER TO RCMP PIECE OF YELLOW ONION-

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SKIN PAPER AND PART OF COVER OF MATCHBOOK BEARING INSCRIPTION ST. MORITZ ON THE PARK. PAPER BORE NOTATION IN BLOCK LETTERS: "THINGS TO DO - ONE. MARTIN LUTHER KING. TWO. RAP BROWN. THREE. STOKELY CARMICHAEL." THE NAME MARTIN LUTHER KING IS CROSSED OUT WITH LINE. THIS WAS FOUND ON FLOOR OF CORRIDOR FOURTH FLOOR SHERATON MT. ROYAL HOTEL, MONTREAL, FIVE NINE LAST BY A CLIENT, MRS. H. R. JOSEPH, P. O. BOX NINETYSIX, NORTHRIDGE, CALIFORNIA, WHO OCCUPIED ROOM FOUR ZERO ZERO EIGHT AT TIME.

DETAILED INVESTIGATION OF INCIDENT MADE BY RCMP AND RESULTS TO BUREAU BY AIRTEL THIS DATE, INCLUDING COPIES OF ALL EXHIBITS FOR EXAMINATION. MATCHBOOK COVER CONCERNS ST. MORITZ HOTEL, NEW YORK CITY. PHOTO OF RAY EXHIBITED TO ALL EMPLOYEES WITHOUT EFFECTING ANY IDENTIFICATION. LIST OF GUESTS IN IMMEDIATE AREA OBTAINED FOR CHECKING OUT.

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URGENT 5-17-68

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM LEGAT MEXICO CITY NO. 244

MURKIN.

REMYCAB MAY ONE FOUR LAST.

INVESTIGATION AT PUERTO VALLARTA, JALISCO:

INVESTIGATIVE INFORMANT ASSIGNED TO REVIEW RECORDS OF TELEPHONE COMPANY KEPT AT MAZATLAN, SINALOA FOR CALLS MADE FROM PUERTO VALLARTA DURING PERIOD OF SUBJECT'S ESTABLISHED STAY THERE. THESE ARE CALLS MADE FROM CASETA (CENTRAL TELEPHONE EXCHANGE) SINCE POSSIBILITY OF CALLS BY SUBJECT FROM TWO HOTELS WHERE HE STAYED HAD BEEN ELIMINATED EARLIER.

EXHAUSTIVE REVIEW OF OVER TWELVE HUNDRED TOLL TICKETS COVERING THIS PERIOD COMPLETED AND NO RECORD FOUND OF CALLS IN NAME OF GALT. CALLS FROM "MR. RAY" WERE MADE AS FOLLOWS:

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NOVEMBER THREE LAST: TO SAN FRANCISCO TELEPHONE NUMBER
FOUR ONE FIVE - THREE FOUR SEVEN - THREE ZERO TWO SEVEN;
THIS TICKET ALSO BEARS ANOTHER NUMBER WHICH APPEARS TO BE A
NUMBER FOR SAN MATEO, CALIFORNIA, W THREE FOUR TWO NINE FOUR
SIX FOUR ONE EIGHT NINE, BUT EXACT SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS EXTRA
NUMBER ON TICKET UNKNOWN.

NOVEMBER FIVE LAST: TWO CALLS TO LOS ANGELES TELEPHONE
NUMBER TWO ONE THREE - EIGHT NINE THREE - FOUR ONE ONE TWO;
ONE WAS TO A "SENORITA SANCHEZ" AND THE OTHER TO A "SENORITA
SANAY" WHO COULD BE SAME PERSON.

NOVEMBER EIGHT LAST: COLLECT CALL TO DON LIVELY AT DALLAS,
TEXAS, TELEPHONE NUMBER TWO ONE FOUR - A D NINE - FIVE FOUR
FOUR SEVEN; INFORMANT STATED THERE WERE ACTUALLY EIGHT SEPARATE
CALLS TO THIS NUMBER BUT ABOVE IS ONLY DATE NOW AVAILABLE.

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INFORMANT ALSO CHECKED ON HOTELS AND MOTELS IN MAZATLAN WHICH HAD BEEN THOROUGHLY CANVASSED EARLIER BY AGENTS OF MEXICAN FEDERAL SECURITY POLICE. NO RECORD LOCATED FOR SUBJECT UNDER TRUE NAME, GALT ALIAS, OR ANY OTHER KNOWN ALIAS.

INFORMATION PERTAINING TO TELEPHONE CALLS FURNISHED DIRECTLY TO INTERESTED DOMESTIC OFFICES SO IMMEDIATE INVESTIGATION COULD BE INSTITUTED TO IDENTIFY CALLER AND DETERMINE ANY CONNECTION WITH SUBJECT OR THIS CASE.

BUREAU WILL BE IMMEDIATELY ADVISED OF ALL PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS.

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TO: DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS

FROM: LOS ANGELES

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RE LEGAT, MEXICO CITY TELETYPE CALL TO LOS ANGELES MAY SEVENTEEN LAST.

FOR INFORMATION OF BUREAU, LEGAT, MEXICO CITY ADVISED REVIEW OF TELEPHONE COMPANY RECORDS AT PUERTO VALLARTA, MEXICO, DISCLOSED TWO TELEPHONE CALLS TO LOS ANGELES FROM PUERTO VALLARTA DURING NOVEMBER, NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN, OF POSSIBLE PERTINENCE TO THIS MATTER.

FIRST CALL ON NOVEMBER FIVE LAST WAS STATION TO STATION FROM A MR. RAY, NOT FURTHER IDENTIFIED, TO A SENORITA SANCHEZ AT NUMBER TWO ONE THREE DASH EIGHT NINE THREE DASH FOUR ONE ONE TWO. SUBSCRIBER TO ABOVE NUMBER IS ROY COHN, EIGHT SIX THREE NINE COLUMBUS AVENUE, SEPULVEDA, CALIFORNIA. MRS. COHN INTERVIEWED THIS DATE AND ADVISED HER HUSBAND WAS IN PUERTO VALLARTA DURING EARLY NOVEMBER, NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN ON MINING VENTURE. MRS. COHN'S FIRST NAME IS SANDRA. SHE RECALLED THAT HER HUSBAND CALLED HER FROM PUERTO VALLARTA AT HER HOME DURING EARLY NOVEMBER, NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN. SHE SPECULATED THAT MEXICAN TELEPHONE OPERATORS MISTOOK RAY FOR ROY AND SANCHEZ FOR SANDRA.

SECOND CALL ON NOVEMBER TWENTY THREE LAST WAS STATION TO STATION TO NUMBER TWO ONE THREE DASH SIX SEVEN ZERO DASH NINE ONE FIVE ONE FROM A MR. JOHN, NOT FURTHER IDENTIFIED. SUBSCRIBER TO ABOVE NUMBER IS NORTH AMERICAN ROCKWELL CORPORATION (NARC), EL SEGUNDO, CALIFORNIA. JOE FERRARA, SECURITY, NARC, ADVISED RECORDS INDICATE NO EMPLOYEES WERE IN PUERTO VALLARTA ON COMPANY BUSINESS DURING THE PERIOD NOVEMBER FIFTEEN THROUGH DECEMBER FIFTEEN, NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN. FERRARA STATED NO WAY TO DETERMINE IF NARC EMPLOYEE WAS IN PUERTO VALLARTA ON VACATION. SWITCHBOARD AT NARC HAS NO RECORD OF RECEIVING CALL FROM PUERTO VALLARTA ON NOVEMBER TWENTY THREE LAST.

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NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED THIS PHASE.

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BUREAU ADVISE LEGAT, MEXICO CITY.

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CABLEGRAM

URGENT

TO LEGAT MEXICO CITY
FROM DIRECTOR FBI (44-38861)

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MURKIN.

BIRMINGHAM OFFICE ADVISED THAT POSTAL INSPECTOR, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, REPORTED MAILMAN HAD FOUND A KEY APPARENTLY FROM A MOTEL IN MEXICO. ON THE KEY APPEARED THE FOLLOWING: "ROOM ONE ONE THREE ONE - MEXICO, ALBA, MR THREE NINE ZERO THREE FOUR." ATTACHED TO THE KEY WAS A METAL TAG BEARING THE FOLLOWING: "PASEO, DALA, REFORMA, THREE TWO FIVE." THESE WORDS WERE TRANSLATED IN ENGLISH TO "PLEASE RETURN TO PASEO, DALA, REFORMA, MEXICO."

IF FRASIBLE LEGAT MEXICO CITY SHOULD MAKE APPROPRIATE CHECK TO DETERMINE ORIGIN OF THIS KEY AND IF OF POSSIBLE SIGNIFICANCE TO CAPTIONED CASE, CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INQUIRIES.

CHARLES J. STEIN, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, ADVISED APRIL THIRTEEN LAST THAT HE TRAVELED TO NEW ORLEANS AND BACK WITH INDIVIDUAL KNOWN TO HIM AS ERIC S. GALT BETWEEN DECEMBER

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**CABLEGRAM TO LEGAT MEXICO CITY
RE: MURKIN**

**FIFTEEN AND DECEMBER TWENTYONE SIXTYSEVEN. DURING THIS
TRIP, GALT TOLD STEIN THAT HE HAD RECENTLY RETURNED FROM
MEXICO WHERE HE FORMERLY HAD A PART OWNERSHIP OF A BAR WITH
A MEXICAN. BAR LOCATED NEAR OCEAN AND HE RECENTLY SOLD OUT
TO THE MEXICAN.**

**NO INDICATION SHOULD BE GIVEN THAT INQUIRIES ARE IN
CONNECTION WITH CAPTIONED CASE.**

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM LEGAT MEXICO CITY NO. 168

MURKIN.

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Tel 4 APR 13
4:09 A.M.

RE ERIC STARVO GALT:

REBUCAB APRIL ONE THREE LAST.

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TO FACILITATE SEARCH REGARDING FIRESTONE TIRE, DETERMINED
NECESSARY TO KNOW WHETHER OR NOT WHITE SIDE WALL AND IF TIRE BORE
LEGEND "SIN CAMARA". REQUEST SUCAB REPLY WHEREUPON MANAGER OF FIRESTONE
IN MEXICO WILL CHECK ALL DISTRIBUTORS TO ATTEMPT DETERMINE RETAILER.
TIRE MANUFACTURED FEBRUARY ONE NINE SIX SEVEN IN MEXICO AND IS MOST
POPULAR SIZE IN USE WITH NO RECORD OF RETAILER IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE.

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TO LEGAT, MEXICO CITY

FROM DIRECTOR, FBI

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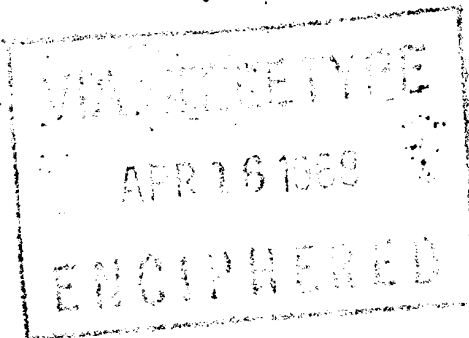
REURCAB APRIL FIFTEEN, LAST.

FIRESTONE TIRE IN QUESTION IS A BLACKWALL TIRE AND DOES NOT BEAR LEGEND "SIN CAMARA." IT DOES HAVE, HOWEVER, THE WORDING "HECHA-EN-MEXICO."

YOU SHOULD ASCERTAIN IF GALT CARRIED INSURANCE IN MEXICO.

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URGENT 4-16-68 RDR

TO DIRECTOR

FROM LEGAT MEXICO CITY NO 169

MURKIN.

Galt

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RE ERIC STARVO GALT.

REMYCAB APRIL ONE FOUR LAST.

CONTINUING INVESTIGATION AT PUERTO VALLARTA, JALISCO, ESTABLISHED THAT GALT MOVED INTO TROPICANA HOTEL NOVEMBER SEVEN LAST, AFTER LEAVING RIO HOTEL, AND STAYED AT TROPICANA UNTIL NOVEMBER THIRTEEN LAST.

RECORDS INDICATE ONLY THAT HE WAS ALONE AND FROM BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA.

BARTENDER LUIS GARCIA, HOTEL OCEANA, STATES HE WAS ACQUAINTED WITH GALT FOR A FEW DAYS. GALT TOLD GARCIA HE HAD BEEN IN ARMY FOR NINE YEARS, SERVING AS A DRIVER OR CHAUFFEUR, BUT HAD NOT PREVIOUSLY BEEN OUT OF UNITED STATES. GALT HAD WHITE MUSTANG AND COMPLAINED THAT ONE TIRE WAS LARGER THAN THE OTHERS, WHICH ADVERSELY AFFECTED PERFORMANCE ON HIGHWAY.

GARCIA STATED GALT HAD PORTABLE TYPEWRITER, MAKE UNKNOWN.

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GARCIA SAID HE TERMINATED BRIEF ASSOCIATION BECAUSE GALT INDICATED INTEREST IN OBTAINING MARIJUANA.

REGARDING SKETCHES FORWARDED FROM SAN ANTONIO OFFICE APRIL THIRTEEN LAST, THOSE INTERVIEWED TO DATE ADVISE SKETCH WITH SHORT HAIR OR CREW CUT IS GOOD LIKENESS, BUT SOME BELIEVE THE NOSE SHOULD BE A LITTLE MORE POINTED AND THAT GALT WAS HEAVIER IN THE CHEEKS. HE IS ALSO DESCRIBED AS A SERIOUS APPEARING INDIVIDUAL WHO WALKS VERY DELIBERATELY.

RESULTS OF FURTHER INVESTIGATION AT PUERTO VALLARTA AND MEXICO CITY WILL BE IMMEDIATELY FURNISHED THE BUREAU.

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM LEGAT MEXICO CITY NO. 172

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MURKIN.

RE KEY FOUND IN BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA.

REBUCAE APRIL ONE FOUR LAST.

ASSISTANT MANAGER, HOTEL MARIA ISABEL, PASEO DE LA
REFORMA THREE TWO FIVE, MEXICO CITY, ADVISES ALL ROOM KEYS HAVE BRASS
TAG WITH REQUEST IN SPANISH THAT KEY BE RETURNED TO HOTEL AT THAT
ADDRESS. IN ADDITION KEYS ARE STAMPED "ALSA," NAME OF LOCAL KEY
MANUFACTURER, AND ALL CARRY THE NUMBER "NIR THREE NINE ZERO THREE FOUR,"
WHICH IS A CODE NUMBER FOR KEYS FROM THIS HOTEL.

REVERSE SIDE OF BRASS TAG HAS A MONOGRAM OF THE HOTEL INITIALS
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REGISTRATION CARDS NOT FILED BY ROOM NUMBER, AND NO RECORD KEPT OF MISSING KEYS. HOWEVER, REGISTRATION CARDS BEING CHECKED FOR OCCUPANTS OF ROOM ONE ONE THREE ONE IN RECENT PAST AND RESULTS WILL BE FURNISHED BUREAU.

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URGENT 4-17-68

TO DIRECTOR

FROM LEGAT MEXICO CITY NO. 173

Galt

MURKIN.

Long

RE ERIC STARVO GALT.

INFORMATION DEVELOPED AT PUERTO VALLARTA, JALISCO, THAT
GALT SPENT ONE NIGHT, PROBABLY NIGHT OF NOVEMBER SIX LAST,
WITH WOMAN BEFORE MOVING INTO TROPICANA HOTEL. THIS WOMAN
TENTATIVELY IDENTIFIED AS ALICIA OR ELISA ARELLANO TORRES,
LAST KNOWN ADDRESS CONTRERAS MEDELLIN SEVEN SEVEN, GUADALAJARA,
JALISCO.

EFFORTS BEING MADE TO LOCATE AND ARRANGE DISCREET INTERVIEW
WITH ARELLANO BY INVESTIGATIVE INFORMANT AT GUADALAJARA.

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TO ASSIST AGENT ON SCENE AT PUERTO VALLARTA, BUREAU REQUESTED
TO ADVISE AMOUNT OF GALT'S TIME ALREADY ACCOUNTED FOR IN
CALIFORNIA DURING NOVEMBER AND/OR DECEMBER LAST. THAT IS,
SINCE DOCUMENTS ESTABLISHING DATE OF DEPARTURE FROM MEXICO
HAVE NOT YET BEEN LOCATED, APPROXIMATELY WHAT ADDITIONAL AMOUNT
OF TIME SUBSEQUENT TO CHECKING OUT OF TROPICANA HOTEL ON NOVEMBER
ONE THREE LAST SHOULD BE THE SUBJECT OF FURTHER INVESTIGATION
IN MEXICO.

CABLE REPLY WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

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URGENT 4-22-68

TO DIRECTOR

FROM LEGAT MEXICO CITY NO. 179

MURKIN.

RESIDENT AGENT AT HERMOSILLO, SONORA, MEXICO, CONTACTED APRIL TWO ONE LAST BY EL PASO OFFICE CONCERNING ALEJANDRO RIVERA CERVANTES, WHO SENT TELEGRAM TO NEW YORK OFFICE INDICATING HE HAD LOCATED PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR ASSASSINATION OF DOCTOR KING.

RIVERA INTERVIEWED SAME DATE BY MEX FIVE NINE AND STATED HE WAS HOLDUP VICTIM NEAR BEACH IN NAZATLAN, SINALOA, MEXICO, ON APRIL FIVE LAST. HE SAID HE DROVE TO MEXICO CITY, ARRIVING APRIL SIX LAST AND FOUND THE SAME PERSON, FROM HE NOW BELIEVES IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT RAY, RIDING IN TAXI OPERATING FROM STAND NEAR YORK HOTEL.

INFORMANT POINTED OUT THAT RIVERA HAS TWO WIVES AND AT TIMES APPEARED TO BE IRRATIONAL AND WANDERING IN HIS STORY OF HIS ACTIVITIES.

INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED AT YORK HOTEL, MEXICO CITY, TO IDENTIFY INDIVIDUAL DESCRIBED BY RIVERA AND DETERMINE WHETHER IDENTICAL WITH RAY OR OTHERWISE CONNECTED WITH CASE.

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REMYCAB APRIL TWENTY LAST AND BUCAB APRIL TWENTY-TWO INSTANT.

INFORMATION DEVELOPED BY AGENT ON SCENE AT PUERTO VALLARTA, JALISCO, THAT INDIVIDUAL PROBABLY IDENTICAL WITH GALT SPENT CONSIDERABLE TIME WHILE VISITING THERE WITH A PROSTITUTE NAMED IRMA MORALES. MORALES NO LONGER AT PUERTO VALLARTA AND INTENSIVE INVESTIGATION UNDER WAY TO LOCATE HER IN SMALL COMMUNITY NEAR GUADALAJARA, JALISCO.

MEXICAN FEDERAL SECURITY POLICE HAD PREVIOUSLY CANVASSED ALL TOURIST SPOTS AT SEA COAST CITY OF NAZATLAN, SINALOA, AND IS DISPATCHING AGENTS TO PERFORM ANOTHER THOROUGH SEARCH WITH PHOTOGRAPHS PROVIDED BY THIS OFFICE.

NEX - THREE FOUR WILL COVER ALL HOTELS AND OTHER TOURIST ACCOMMODATIONS AT RESORT CITY OF ACAPULCO, GUERRERO.

MEXICAN IMMIGRATION HAS PHOTOGRAPHS REPRODUCED BY THIS OFFICE AND STOPS AT ALL BORDER POINTS AND INTERNATIONAL AIRPORTS. GUATEMALAN IMMIGRATION AND MEXICAN OFFICIALS AT SEA COAST CITIES OF MERIDA, YUCATAN; VERACRUZ, VERACRUZ; AND TAMPICO, TAMAULIPAS, ALSO ALERTED. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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TO: LEGAT, MEXICO CITY
FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI
MURKIN

THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE WAS RECEIVED FROM SAC, PHOENIX:
CAPTAIN SERGIE RAMIREZ UGALDE, FEDERAL HIGHWAY PATROL,
STATIONED IN MEXICALI, BAJA CALIFORNIA, MEXICO ADVISED
BUAGENT APRIL TWENTY LAST THAT WHILE ON DUTY APRIL EIGHTEEN
LAST AT ABOUT NINE P.M. HE OBSERVED AN INDIVIDUAL HITCHHIKING
EAST ON FEDERAL HIGHWAY TWO AT THE COLORADO BRIDGE SEPARATING
BAJA CALIFORNIA FROM STATE OF SONORA. HE RELATED INDIVIDUAL
APPEARED SIMILAR TO SUBJECT RAY. STATED THIS INDIVIDUAL
WAS CARRYING GUITAR. INDIVIDUAL SECURED A RIDE AT THE
BRIDGE WITH AN EAST BOUND BEIGE VOLKSWAGON BEARING UNKNOWN
CALIFORNIA LICENSE DRIVEN BY YOUTH TWENTY-TWO TO TWENTY-
THREE YEARS, WHO INDICATED HE WAS GOING TO SAN MIGUEL,
GUANAJUATO, MEXICO. THE OFFICIAL STATED IT WOULD BE
NECESSARY FOR VEHICLE TO BE PROCESSED AT BORDER STATION AT
SONOITA, SONORA INASMUCH AS THEY WERE PROCEEDING INTO
INTERIOR OF MEXICO.

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RE: MURKIN

ON APRIL TWENTY-ONE LAST, ANTONIO G. MUNOZ, AGENTE K, SECRETARIO DE LA OFICINA DE MIGRACION, SONOITA, SONORA, MEXICO ADVISED BUAGENT SIX MONTH VISA F M FIVE, NUMBER EIGHT FIVE NINE EIGHT SIX TWO ONE, WAS ISSUED BETWEEN MIDNIGHT AND EIGHT A.M. APRIL NINETEEN LAST TO PAUL VARNER LINDHARD, AGE TWENTY-ONE, TWO SIX ZERO FOUR EIGHT FARMFIELD ROAD, CALABASAS, CALIFORNIA. AUTO PERMISO, FOLIO ONE, NUMBER ONE ONE ONE ONE SIX ZERO ISSUED LINDHARD FOR NINETEEN SIXTY VOLKSWAGON VIN THREE FOUR FOUR NINE ZERO SEVEN FIVE, CALIFORNIA LICENSE V T D NINE ZERO ZERO. LINDHARD GAVE DESTINATION OF SAN MIGUEL DE ALLENDE, GUANAJUATO, MEXICO. STICKER NUMBER ONE ONE ONE ONE SIX ZERO IS AFFIXED TO VEHICLE. MUNOZ UNABLE TO LOCATE RECORD OF LINDHARD'S HAVING COMPANION OR VISA BEING ISSUED FOR SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY.

LEGAT MEXICO RESOLVE THIS MATTER.

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MURKIN.

REMYCAB APRIL TWO TWO LAST.

IRMA MORALES (TRUE NAME MANUELA AGUIRRE MEDRANO) PROSTITUTE WITH WHOM GALT SPENT CONSIDERABLE TIME WHILE AT PUERTO VALLARTA IN OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER, ONE NINE SIX SEVEN, INTERVIEWED BY MEX - TWO FOUR AT SMALL TOWN NEAR GUADALAJARA. PHOTOGRAPH OF GALT FURNISHED BY MORALES WHICH WAS TAKEN IN PUERTO VALLARTA ON NOVEMBER THREE, ONE NINE SIX SEVEN, HAS BEEN FORWARDED BUREAU WITH PILOT OF EASTERN AIRLINES FLIGHT NINE ZERO FOUR, APRIL TWO THREE INSTANT, AS BUREAU HAS BEEN TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED. ORIGINAL PHOTO WAS POLAROID OF GALT AND MORALES BUT BEFORE GIVING UP PICTURE, SHE INSISTED ON HER PHOTOGRAPH BEING CUT OUT.

MEX - TWO FOUR HAS EXTENSIVELY INTERVIEWED IRMA MORALES, WHO CLAIMS NOT TO HAVE SEEN GALT SINCE NOVEMBER NINE LAST AND NOT TO HAVE HEARD FROM HIM SINCE THAT TIME.

MORALES CLAIMED THAT ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER TWO NINE LAST, GALT WAS DRINKING AT SAME TABLE WITH HER ABOUT NINE PM AND FOUR NEGROES AND SEVERAL WHITE PEOPLE WERE SEATED AT ANOTHER TABLE. GALT KEPT "GOADING" THE NEGROES, ONE OF WHOM WAS DESCRIBED AS

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