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TO: DIRECTOR FBI AND MEMPHIS

FROM: SAC, ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN

GENE CANTARELL (PROTECT IDENTITY) SIKESTON, MISSOURI PHONE GR ONE EIGHTEEN ZERO ONE TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED ST. LOUIS DIVISION THAT HE IS ACQUAINTED WITH CHARLEY ROBERTS WHO LIVES IN MEMPHIS TENN AND WORKS AT FIRESTONE TIRE COMPANY THERE. HE LAST SAW ROBERTS IN SIKESTON MISSOURI TWO MONTHS PRIOR AT WHICH TIME ROBERTS SAID HE HAD RECENTLY PURCHASED A THIRTY ZERO SIX RIFLE TO KILL MARTIN LUTHER KING. ROBERTS LAST KNOWN TO BE DRIVING A WHITE MUSTANG, YEAR UNKNOWN. ACCORDING TO CANTARELL, ROBERTS HAS PRIOR ARREST RECORD WITH MEMPHIS PD FOR ASSAULT. HIS PRESENT WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN; DESCRIBED AS WHITE, MALE, AGE TWO THREE, MEDIUM HEIGHT AND BUILD, LIGHT BROWN HAIR, GREEN EYES, SILLY GRIN.

MEMPHIS CONSIDER AS SUSPECT AND OBTAIN IDENTIFYING DATA FOR ELIMINATION PURPOSES. P

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS, ALBANY, KANSAS CITY
 FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775)

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REBUTEL TO ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES, APRIL NINE INSTANT.
 INVESTIGATION IN ST. LOUIS REFLECTS THAT ALL THERMAL
 SEAL MARKING MACHINES AND TAGS IN MISSOURI ARE SOLD AND
 SERVICED BY AL DAVIS, TEXTILE MARKING MACHINE COMPANY, KANSAS
 CITY, MO. ~~THE~~ NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS ^{IS} IN SYRACUSE, N.Y.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT ALBANY DIVISION CONTACT TEXTILE
 MARKING MACHINE COMPANY AT SYRACUSE, N. Y., AND OBTAIN LISTS
 OF THERMAL SEAL DISTRIBUTORS AND SET FORTH LEADS FOR THEM
 TO BE CONTACTED.

KANSAS CITY CONTACT AL DAVIS AND SECURE LISTS OF CLEANERS
 IN HIS TERRITORY WHO UTILIZE THESE MACHINES AND TAGS.

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TO BUREAU (44-38861), BIRMINGHAM (44-1740), MEMPHIS (44-1987), AND
NEW ORLEANS

FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN; CR 00:ME

RE BH TEL CALL AND TEL TO BU AND SL 4-9-68 RE SUSPECT ERIC
SERVO GALT AND RELATIVE KARL GALT, TWO FIVE ONE FIVE LAFAYETTE ST.
SLMO.

THERE IS NO TWENTY-FOUR HUNDRED OR TWENTY-FIVE HUNDRED BLOCK
IN ST. LOUIS CITY OR ST. LOUIS COUNTY. CHECK OF SL CITY AND COUNTY
DIRECTORIES CONTAINS NO LISTING FOR ERIC SERVO GALT OR KARL GALT.
TELEPHONE DIRECTORY NEGATIVE. SL INDICIES AND RECORDS SLPD NEGATIVE
FOR BOTH INDIVIDUALS. ALL LOGICAL PUBLIC SOURCE RECORDS BEING CHECKED
INCLUDING LOCAL BARGE LINES AND INS. ALL INDIVIDUALS WITH SURNAME
GALT IN ST. LOUIS WILL BE INTERVIEWED UNDER SUITABLE PRETEXT IN EFFORT
TO IDENTIFY ERIC AND KARL GALT, QACB NMU OF A RECORDS BEING CHECKED.

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1-32AM URGENT 4-9-68 HFL

TO MEMPHIS (44-1987) CLEVELAND (44-565) ST LOUIS (44-775)
FROM DIRECTOR

MURKIN;

RE CV TELEPHONE CALL AND TELETYPE APRIL EIGHT; SL TELETYPE
APRIL EIGHT; MI TELEPHONE CALL APRIL EIGHT.

REMAINING UNIDENTIFIED LATENT FINGERPRINTS THIS CASE NOT
IDENTICAL FINGERPRINTS ALFRED JOSEPH KAMINSKI, ARMY SERVICE NUMBER
[REDACTED], FBI NUMBER FOUR EIGHT ONE
FOUR TWO NINE E; TOMMIE ROBERT HENDERSON, FBI NUMBER SEVEN ONE
NINE THREE TWO ZERO C; THEODORE J. ADANK, FBI NUMBER THREE EIGHT
SEVEN ONE ZERO EIGHT ZERO; ALLAN PAUL ADANK, FBI NUMBER EIGHT NINE
ZERO ZERO ZERO NINE D; OR ROBERT THOMAS LANHAM, JR. FBI NUMBER SEVEN
SIX ONE SIX ONE FIVE E. NO PALM PRINTS AVAILABLE FOR THESE
INDIVIDUALS.

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FBI BIRMGHAM

675 PM URGENT 4-9-68 GDM

TO DIRECTOR MEMPHIS , ST. LOUIS AND NEW ORLEANS
FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)

MURKIN, CR. OO: MEMPHIS.

RE BIRMINGHAM TELEPHONE CALL TO SL THIS DATE.

RE SUSPECT ERIC ~~SERVO~~ ^{STAY} GALT

ON AUG. TWENTYNINE - THIRTY, LAST, GALT PURCHASED NINETEEN SIXTYSIX WHITE MUSTANG HARDTOP WITH RED INTERIOR FROM WILLIAM D. PAISLEY, BIRMINGHAM, FOR NINETEEN HUNDRED NINETYFIVE DOLLARS CASH. DURING CONVERSATION WITH PAISLEY, GALT CLAIMED HE HAD BANK ACCCOUNT AT BIRMINGHAM TRUST NATIONAL BANK AND HAD WORKED AS A "BARGER OUT OF ST. LOUIS", EXPLAINING HE WORKED ON RIVER BARGE BETWEEN ST. LOUIS AND NEW ORLEANS. GALT TOLD PAISLEY HIS DIVORCED WIFE PRESENTLY LIVED ON ROCKY RIDGE ROAD OR DOLLY RIDGE ROAD, BIRMINGHAM. EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY DIVORCED WIFE NEGATIVE.

BANKS RECORDS DISCLOSED GALT RENTED SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX AUG. TWENTYEIGHT, LAST, AND IN DECEMBER, NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN, ANSWERED PAYMENT DEMAND FOR BOX RENTAL BY SAYING HE WAS MOVING TO
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LOUISIANA. LETTER CAME FROM BATON ROUGE. IN APPLYING FOR SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX, GALT LISTED NEAREST RELATIVE AS KARL GALT, TWO FIVE ONE FIVE LAFAYETTE, ST. LOUIS, MO.

ALABAMA DRIVERS LICENSE ISSUED TO GALT SHOWS HE IS W/M, BORN [REDACTED], FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES, ONE HUNDRED SEVENTYFIVE POUNDS, BLUE EYES AND BROWN HAIR.

ST. LOUIS IMMEDIATELY ATTEMPT TO FULLY IDENTIFY SUSPECT GALT THROUGH MARITIME UNION AND APPROPRIATE RECORD CHECKS AND THROUGH DISCREET INQUIRY RE NEAREST RELATIVE KARL GALT. ALSO ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY DIVORCED WIFE AND OBTAIN ALL POSSIBLE BACKGROUND INFORMATION

NEW ORLEANS AT BATON ROUGE, LA., IN ADDITION TO ATTEMPTS TO IDENTIFY GALT THROUGH MARITIME UNION CONDUCT APPROPRIATE RECORD CHECKS.

FOR INFORMATION ST. LOUIS AND NEW ORLEANS, ALL INVESTIGATION RE GALT DIRECTED TOWARDS OBTAINING PHOTOGRAPH AND HANDWRITING AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE TIME. EXPEDITE.

LEADS FURNISHED TO ST. LOUIS BY RE TELEPHONE CALL.

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TO: DIRECTOR, DALLAS, MEMPHIS, AND BIRMINGHAM

FROM: JACKSON (157-9586)

MURKIN. CR

REJNTEL CALL TO TYLER, TEXAS RA APRIL EIGHT, SIXTYEIGHT.

MEMPHIS BY TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR DATED APRIL SEVEN,

LAST, ADVISED THAT IN CONNECTION WITH VARIOUS ITEMS WHICH MAY BE OF EVIDENCE IN INSTANT CASE, TWO CANS OF SCHLITZ BEER WERE RECOVERED FROM A BLUE OVERNIGHT BAG DROPPED BY SUSPECT IN MEMPHIS. THESE SCHLITZ BEER CANS WERE INSIDE A LARGE BROWN PAPER BAG BEARING TRADE NAME "HOMESTEAD" REGISTERED TO GRAHAM PAPER CO., ST. LEWIS, MO. BEER CANS BORE MISS. STATE TAX STAMP NUMBERS ZERO THREE OVER ONE FIVE EIGHT. THE MEMPHIS OFFICE ADVISED THEY WERE NOT AWARE OF THE EXACT SIGNIFICANCE OF THESE NUMBERS, BUT THAT POSSIBILITY EXISTED NUMBERS MIGHT APPLY TO A TAX PAID BY A DISTRIBUTOR AND COULD CONCEIVABLY INDICATE AREA IN WHICH BEER WAS SOLD.

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① - ST. LOUIS (AM)
① - JACKSON

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THE JACKSON OFFICE WAS REQUESTED TO EXPLORE THE SIGNIFICANCE AND POSSIBLE MEANING OF NUMBERS OR TAX STAMP. IF THE NUMBERS DESIGNATED A PARTICULAR AREA SERVED BY A DISTRIBUTOR IN MISS., IT WAS REQUESTED THAT JACKSON ALSO DETERMINE WHAT RETAILERS APPEAR IN SAME AREA MIGHT ALSO POSSIBLY USE PAPER BAG BEARING ABOVE IDENTIFYING DATA.

MR. JAMES JONES, TOBACCO, BEER, AND PRIVILEGE TAX DIVISION, MISS. STATE TAX COMMISSION, JACKSON, MISS., ADVISED THIS DATE THAT NUMBERS ON TAX STAMP EFFECTED BY SCHLITZ BREWING CO., LONGVIEW, TEXAS, AT TIME BEER IS CANNED AND FOR NO PARTICULAR SIGNIFICANCE TO MISS. TAX COMMISSION. MR. JONES ADVISED THAT BREWERY AT LONGVIEW, TEXAS, MIGHT POSSIBLY ATTRIBUTE SIGNIFICANCE TO NUMBERS ON TAX STAMP AND MIGHT CONCEIVABLY BE ABLE TO ADVISE DISTRIBUTOR TO WHICH INSTANT CANS SHIPPED.

AS A RESULT OF REFERENCED TEL CALL, SA CHARLES L. BROWN, RA, TYLER, TEXAS, ADVISED THAT HIS INITIAL INQUIRY AT SCHLITZ

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BREWING COMPANY, LONGVIEW, TEXAS, INDICATES THAT ABOVE CAPTIONED NUMBERS INDICATE THAT BEER WAS CANNED ON MARCH FIFTEEN, SIXTYEIGHT, ^{Longview, Texas} AND SUBSEQUENTLY SHIPPED TO STATE OF MISS. NO OTHER SIGNIFICANCE CAN BE ATTACHED TO THIS NUMBER. SCHLITZ BREWERY RECORDS INDICATE STATE OF MISS. HAS FIFTEEN DISTRIBUTORS. IDENTITY OF THESE DISTRIBUTORS BEING DETERMINED IN EVENT FURTHER IDENTIFYING INFORMATION RELATIVE TO BEER CANS IS OBTAINED.

HILLIS MC LEMORE, MANAGER, GRAHAM PAPER CO., JACKSON, MISS., ADVISED THIS DATE NAME "HOMESTEAD" IS TRADE NAME FOR BAGS DISTRIBUTED BY THEIR COMPANY. BAG IN QUESTION COULD HAVE BEEN MANUFACTURED IN NUMBER OF MILLS WHICH MANUFACTURE BAGS FOR GRAHAM UNDER TRADE NAME, AND POSSIBLY THE POINT OF MANUFACTURE COULD BE IDENTIFIED BY EXAMINATION OF BAG ITSELF AT ST. LOUIS. STATED COULD POSSIBLY RECOGNIZE DIE USED TO IMPRINT TRADE NAME, AS DIE COULD BE DIFFERENT AT EACH OF THE MILLS. NINETY PERCENT OF HIS BUSINESS IN STATE OF

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MISSISSIPPI IS SALES TO JOBBERS WHO IN TURN SELL TO INDIVIDUAL STORES OR RETAILERS.

THE MEMPHIS DISTRIBUTOR, CHRIS REHKOPF, COVERS NORTHERN MISSISSIPPI AND NEW ORLEANS OFFICE COVERS SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI. IF GIVEN SIZE OF BAG EACH DISTRIBUTOR COULD TELL TO WHICH JOBBERS HE HAD SOLD BAGS OF THAT SIZE WITHIN PAST THREE MONTHS. IT WOULD THEN BE NECESSARY TO FIND OUT FROM JOBBERS TO WHOM THEY HAD SOLD BAGS.

DALLAS AT LONGVIEW TEXAS EXPEDITE COVERAGE OF LEAD AND ADVISE BUREAU AND MEMPHIS.

BUREAU, JACKSON, AND MEMPHIS RESULTS FOLLOW BY THREE ZERO TWO'S TO MEMPHIS.

MEMPHIS WILL INTERVIEW CHRIS REHKOPF, MEMPHIS DISTRIBUTOR, AND CONSIDER EXHIBIT OF BAG FOR EXAMINATION TO DETERMINE TO WHICH JOBBERS HE HAS SOLD BAGS FOR PAST THREE MONTHS.

AM COPIES TO NEW ORLEANS AND ST. LOUIS.

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TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, NEW YORK, PHILADELPHIA, ATLANTA,
DALLAS, SAN FRANCISCO, LOS ANGELES, CHICAGO AND ST. LOUIS.
FROM CLEVELAND (44-565) 2P

MURKIN. OO: MEMPHIS.

RE SUSPECT ERIC STARVO GALT.

RE BUREAU TEL TO ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES APRIL TEN INSTANT.

RAY MOSSHART, FORMER BUAGENT, ARSON AND FRAUD DIVISION,
AMERICAN INSURANCE ASSOCIATION, (AIS), WILLIAMSON BLDG.,
CLEVELAND, OHIO CONTACTED RE CAPTIONED SUSPECT, IT BEING NOTED
AIS MAINTAINS REGIONAL NAME INDEX BUREAUS THROUGHOUT THE U.S.
OF ALL TYPES INSURANCE CLAIMS, PERSONAL INJURY AND OTHERWISE.
MOSSHART ADVISED CV INDEX BUREAU INDICES NEGATIVE RE GALT
BUT NOTED THE CLEVELAND FILES COVER A FIVE STATE AREA ONLY.
HE NOTED ADDITIONAL REGIONAL OFFICES ARE LOCATED IN ATLANTA,
CHICAGO, DALLAS, LOS ANGELES, PHILADELPHIA, SAN FRANCISCO,
ST. LOUIS AND NEW YORK CITY WITH EXECUTIVE OFFICES AND A FOREIGN
BUREAU ALSO LOCATED AT NEW YORK CITY.

GENERALLY, RECORDS OF ABOVE OFFICES ARE AVAILABLE ONLY
TO INSURANCE PEOPLE AND ATTORNEYS, BUT IN VIEW OF COOPERATIVE
ATTITUDE ON PART OF REGIONAL CLEVELAND OFFICE, IT IS SUGGESTED
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RECEIVING OFFICES TACTFULLY ATTEMPT TO CHECK SUSPECT'S
NAME THROUGH THESE INDEX BUREAUS.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, ST. LOUIS (44-475)

DATE: 4/10/68

FROM : SA EDWARD M. MORELAND

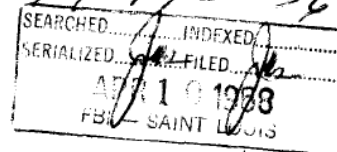
SUBJECT: MURKIN;
CIVIL RIGHTS
OO: MEMPHIS

On 4/8/68, at 5:25 p.m., Supervisor ED MC DONOUGH, Division #6, SOG, telephonically inquired as to whether or not SL investigation had resolved the matter involving THOMAS R. HENDERSON, who was in contact with Rev. GIBSON.

Mr. MC DONOUGH was advised that this matter had been resolved whereupon he stated that the Department of Justice had inquired as to whether or not there had been anything to this information.

EMM:pjh
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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, ST. LOUIS (44-775)

DATE: 4-10-68

FROM : ATTENTION: SA PETERSON

SA AUBREY D. PARK

SUBJECT:

There are two laundries in Rolla, Missouri.

WAYNE EDMUNDSON, Manager, BUSY BEE LAUNDRY, advised 4-9-68, his laundry does not use the thermo seal marking machine.

JIM POWELL, owner, MODERN CLEANERS AND LAUNDRY and RAPID SERVICE LAUNDRY AND CLEANING, advised his laundry does not use the thermo seal marking machine.

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410 PM URGENT 4/10/68 PHM

TO ST. LOUIS

FROM KANSAS CITY 44-760

MURKIN

REBUTEL TO ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES APRIL NINE LAST.

AND ST. LOUIS TEL TO BUREAU APRIL NINE, LAST.

MR. ALVIE A. DAVIS, MIDWEST FACTORY REPRESENTATIVE FOR
THERMO SEAL MARKING MACHINES MANUFACTURED BY TEXTILE MARKING
MACHINE CO., SYRACUSE, NY, ADVISED THE ONLY FIVE CHARACTER
THERMO SEAL MARKING MACHINE IN THE ST. LOUIS DIVISION WOULD
BE AT THE HOLLIS E. SUITS LAUNDRY, ST. LOUIS, MO.

ST. LOUIS AT ST. LOUIS, MO., CONTACT ABOVE LAUNDRY AS
DIRECTED IN REBUTEL.

IT IS NOTED IN RETEL THIS MUST BE GIVEN TOP PRIORITY TO
INSURE THESE CHECKS ARE IMMEDIATELY RUN OUT. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES
SHOULD ANYONE BE TOLD THIS INVESTIGATION IS IN CONNECTION WITH
CAPTIONED MATTER.

MEMPHIS ADVISED AIR MAIL.

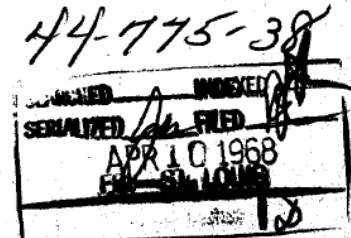
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FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN CR OO: MEMPHIS

RE SUSPECT LAUNDRY MARK

KC TEL TO SL INSTANT DATE ADVISED THAT CONTACT WITH
ALVIE A. DAVIS, MIDWEST REP FOR THERMAL SEAL REFLECTED
THAT THE ONLY LAUNDRY IN ST. LOUIS DIVISION UTILIZING FIVE
DIGIT MARKING MACHINE IS HOLLIS SUITS LAUNDRY, ST. LOUIS.

MC CAULEY SUITS, OFFICE MANAGER, HOLLIS SUITS, ONE
FOUR ZERO ZERO RUSSELL, ST. LOUIS ADVISED INSTANT DATE
THAT HIS FIRM USES ONLY THREE DIGITS OF THEIR FIVE DIGIT
MACHINE AS FOLLOWS: FIRST DIGIT LETTER AND SECOND AND
THIRD DIGITS NUMERALS. SUITS STATED TO HIS KNOWLEDGE
THEY HAVE NEVER USED O TWO B DASH SIX OR D TWO B DASH SIX.

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1006AM URGENT 4-10-68 SAA
TO ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES
FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 1P

MURKIN OO: MEMPHIS.

RE: SUSPECT ERIC STARVO GALT

IMMEDIATELY CHECK YOUR INDICIES, ALL STATE SELECTIVE
SERVICE HEADQUARTERS, CITY AND TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES,
DRIVERS LICENSE BUREAUS, MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISIONS, FINANCIAL
INSTITUTIONS, CONDUCT CREDIT AND CRIMINAL CHECK AND
CONTACT OTHER LOGICAL SOURCES TO OBTAIN ANY INFORMATION
WHATSOEVER RE SUSPECT GALT. DRIVERS LICENSE ISSUED IN
ALABAMA DESCRIBES GALT AS WHITE MALE, BORN [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES, ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-
FIVE POUNDS, BLUE EYES, BROWN HAIR.

THIS MUST BE GIVEN TOP PRIORITY AND ALL LEADS MUST BE
COVERED BY TELETYPE TO THOROUGHLY RESOLVE. NO INDICATION
TO BE GIVEN THAT THIS LEAD IS IN CONJUNCTION WITH MURKIN CASE.
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TO DIRECTOR AND ALL SACS

FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) 1P.

MURKIN

ERIC STARVO GALT, TWO SIX ZERO EIGHT HIGHLAND AVENUE SOUTH,
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, REGISTERED OWNER OF WHITE NINETEEN SIXTYSIX
MUSTANG, VIN SIX T ZERO SEVEN C ONE NINE ZERO SIX FOUR SEVEN,
BEARING NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT ALABAMA LICENSE ONE - THREE EIGHT NINE
NINE THREE^{9 3} IS PRIME SUSPECT IN THIS CASE.

ALL OFFICES CHECK ABOVE VIN FOR POSSIBLE RE-REGISTRATION.

NO INDICATION TO BE GIVEN THAT THIS LEAD IS IN CONJUNCTION
WITH MURKIN CASE.

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AND MIAMI
FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN CR OO: MEMPHIS

RE SUSPECT ERIC STARVO GALT

CHECK OF INS FILES ST LOUIS REFLECTS THAT ONLY
INDIVIDUAL WITH SURNAME GALT HANDLED BY THAT OFFICE HAS
BEEN PAULA SIMONE GALT, FEMALE BORN NINETEEN ZERO EIGHT
IN PARIS FRANCE, INS FILE A SEVEN TWO FIVE THREE EIGHT SIX
ZERO. ENTIRE FILE FORWARDED TO INS MIAMI IN NOVEMBER NINETEEN
SIXTY SEVEN. *SL Credit + Criminal Checks negative re
PAULA SIMONE GALT.*

MIAMI CHECK INS FILE OF PAULA GALT AND DETERMINE IF
ERIC OR KARL GALT RELATED TO HER.

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FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN CR OO: MEMPHIS
RE SUSPECT ERIC STARVO GALT

RE SL TELETYPE INSTANT DATE

FOLLOWING RECORDS SL CITY AND COUNTY NEGATIVE THIS
DATE AS TO SUSPECT AND RELATIVE KARL GALT:

BIRTH, DEATH, MARRIAGE, AND PORTION OF DIVORCE;
BOARDS OF EDUCATION; BARGE LINES; NMU AND SEAFARERS INTERNATIONAL
UNIONS; RIVER PUBLICATION "THE WATERWAYS JOURNAL"; VOTERS
REGISTRATION; MPRC AND FRC RECORDS; CITY EARNINGS TAX;
~~RE~~ IRS AND ALL METROPOLITAN BANKS FOR ANY ACCOUNTS OR
FINANCIAL DEALS. ~~INS RECORDS HAVE BEEN~~

INS RECORDS HAVE ONLY ONE ALIEN WITH SURNAME GALT:
PAULA SIMONE. BUREAU AND MIAMI HAVE BEEN SEPARATELY ADVISED
OF HER FILE.

LAFAYETTE AVENUE SKIPS FROM NINETEEN ZERO SEVEN TO
TWENTY THREE TWENTY TWO AND ALSO FROM TWENTY THREE FIVE FIVE
TO TWENTY SIX ZERO FIVE. EXHAUSTIVE NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION
THOSE BLOCKS AS WELL AS LOGICAL VARIATIONS OF LISTED ADDRESS
WERE NEGATIVE.

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TO: MIAMI

FM: ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN CR OO: MEMPHIS

RE SUSPECT ERIC STARVO GALT

RE SL TEL INSTANT DATE

FOR INVESTIGATIVE ASSISTANCE OF MIAMI, BIRMINGHAM
TEL FOUR NINE LAST ADVISED SUSPECT GALT PURCHASED SIXTY
SIX MUSTANG IN BIRMINGHAM LAST AUGUST. ~~ALABAMA DRIVERS LICENSE~~
CLAIMED HE WAS A "BARGER" WORKING ON THE MISSISSIPPI. IN
APPLYING FOR SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX IN BIRMINGHAM, GALT LISTED
HIS NEAREST RELATIVE AS KARL GALT, TWENTY FIVE FIFTEEN
LAFAYETTE, ST. LOUIS, MO. ALABAMA DRIVERS LICENSE OF ERIC
GALT SHOWS HIM TO BE W/M BORN [REDACTED]

EXHAUSTIVE
^ INVESTIGATION IN ST. LOUIS ~~REVEALED THAT THE~~
~~FOUR NINE LAST~~ FAILED TO REFLECT ANY INFORMATION RE EITHER
GALT. LAFAYETTE ADDRESS IS NON-EXISTANT. P

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912AM URGENT 4-11-68 JLN

TO MEMPHIS, ST. LOUIS (44-755)

FROM HOUSTON (44-1509) 1P

MURKIN, CR.

RE ST. LOUIS TEL, APR. TEN, LAST.

COURTNEY ALLEN, VP SIOUX CITY AND NEW ORLEANS BARGE
LINES, HOUSTON, TEX., ADVISED CHECK OF COMPANY RECORDS ONE
NINE FIVE THREE TO DATE REFLECTS NO EMPLOYMENT RECORD FOR AN
ERIC STARVO GALT.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, ST LOUIS (44-775)(P)

DATE: 4/9/68

FROM : DEAN R. SHUMWAY

SUBJECT: MURKIN

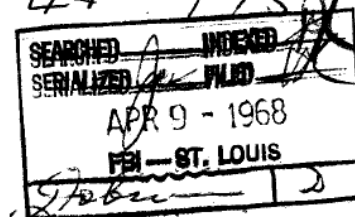
At 8:50 PM, 4/9/68 NELSON KIRKWOOD, News Director, WIL News advised he had learned through ABC news, New York, that LYNN RAY CLEVELAND, 2351 Whitmore Place, St. Louis, Missouri is in custody at Joplin, Missouri as a suspect in the murder of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING.

CLEVELAND was arrested at Joplin after a call from the operators of the CORAL MOTEL, Joplin, who claimed that CLEVELAND acted strangely while watching the funeral of Dr. King. Kirkwood stated his impression is that ~~KIRKWOOD-is-a~~ CLEVELAND is a mental case.

Kirkwood further advised that he checked the address given by CLEVELAND, and found a listing to CHARLES HYSLOP, 2351 Whitmore Pl. Mrs. Hyslop confirmed that CLEVELAND rents a room from her, but declined to furnish any other information.

Kirkwood stated he also telephoned Joplin where he talked to the Chief of Police. He confirmed that CLEVELAND is in custody in that city and would be held a maximum of 20 hours unless charged. The Chief reported that the FBI is presently interrogating CLEVELAND. He furnished the suspects DOB as [REDACTED], at Palmer, Texas.

St. Louis indices negative regarding CLEVELAND. The St. Louis Telephone Directory reflects a listing for CHARLES L. HYSLOP at 2351 Whittmor Place, PR 3-0001.



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Memorandum

TO : SAC, ST. LOUIS (44-775)

DATE: 4/10/68

FROM : SA J. ROBERT MEIGS

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CIVIL RIGHTS

OO: Memphis

At 10:20 a.m., on April 10, 1968, Mrs. HELEN WALSH, in charge of the Travelers Aid Society at the Greyhound Bus Station, advised that she had some information relative to LYNN RAY CLEVELAND, who had been picked up, she believes in Kansas City, Missouri, in connection with the murder of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

She stated that CLEVELAND has been in her office on several occasions, the last time being on January 20, 1968, at which time he indicated he had been living with people by the name of FISHBACK, at 2337 Whitmore Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri. She said CLEVELAND gave the address of his parents as Box 9260, Palmer, Texas.

Mrs. WALSH stated that CLEVELAND told her he was a mental case and had been in a mental hospital, place unknown. He further stated that he had attended Baylor University and was a hard-core Southern Baptist.

Mrs. WALSH stated that she believes the newspaper indicated that CLEVELAND was released after being questioned but she thought the information in her files may be of some assistance to this office.



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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, ST. LOUIS (44-775)

DATE: 4-10-68

FROM : SA J. ROBERT MEIGS

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
OO:ME

On 4-10-68, an individual who refused to identify himself advised that he had observed the newspaper sketch alleged to be the likeness of the individual who killed Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING. The anonymous individual said that this sketch bears a definite resemblance to WILL JOHNS who is an insurance salesman for the Firemen's Fund Insurance Co., 14 S. 4th St., SLMO. He stated that this individual is a young white man, about 5'10", 160 lbs., with sandy receding hair.

The caller stated that he knows nothing specific which would associate JOHNS with the killing of KING and does not know where JOHNS lives or what type of automobile he drives.

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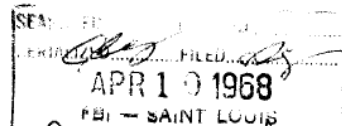
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TO: SAC, ST. LOUIS

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) -P-

RE: MURKIN ✓

On the evening of the above date Mr. DOUGLASS JOHNSON, Route 2, Box 83A, Decatur, Alabama, phone 355-4255, who described himself as a Vice-President of a manufacturing company, phoned the Memphis Office. He had the call charged to his own phone. He advised as follows:

Around 1:30 p.m., 3/30/68, he stopped at a liquor store on Old Highway 61 between Steele, Missouri and Blytheville, Arkansas. This store is about 10' inside the Missouri line. The young man who sold him a bottle of whiskey resembled the artist's sketch of the killer of KING. He had a long pointed nose and was using a lot of rough talk in talking about Negroes.

LEADS:

ST. LOUIS DIVISION

AT STEELE, MISSOURI

Will conduct appropriate investigation to identify or eliminate the young man as the slayer of Dr. KING.

Airtel _____

Teletype _____

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719PM URGENT 4-9-68 SVW

TO INDIANAPOLIS ST. LOUIS

FROM DIRECTOR 1P

MURKIN

DALLAS OFFICE RECEIVED ANONYMOUS CALL FROM FEMALE
TO EFFECT THAT SUBJECT OF THIS CASE HAD ARMY SERIAL
NUMBER [REDACTED]

ARMY SOURCES ADVISED THIS SERIAL NUMBER ASSIGNED
TO DONNIE LEON HARDEN WHO ENTERED U.S. ARMY MAY ONE,
FIFTY-EIGHT, AT MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA, RECRUITING STATION.
HARDEN DESCRIBED AS SEVENTY-THREE INCHES TALL, ONE NINE
SEVEN POUNDS, BLUE EYES, BLOND HAIR, BORN [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] IN CONECUH COUNTY, ALABAMA.

ST. LOUIS AND INDIANAPOLIS SHOULD CHECK ARMY
PERSONNEL RECORDS FOR INFORMATION AS TO CURRENT MILITARY
OR CIVILIAN ADDRESS FOR SUSPECT HARDEN. SUTEL MEMPHIS
AND APPROPRIATE OFFICE. COPY BY MAIL TO MEMPHIS AND
DALLAS.

END

JLS

FBI ST LOUIS

*noted
repc phoned
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*Wagner
Lynch*

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 10, 1968

A review of the Army service record for DONNIE LEON HARDEN, Army Serial Number [REDACTED], on file at the Military Personnel Records Center, St. Louis, Missouri, disclosed that HARDEN served in the U. S. Army on active duty from May 1, 1958 at Montgomery, Alabama, to honorable discharge from active duty and transferred to the Reserve at Oakland, California, March 31, 1961. He thereafter entered on active duty in the Army at Montgomery, Alabama on May 22, 1963, and served until honorable discharge due to hardship at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, June 4, 1965. Rank at time of discharge was Specialist Fourth Grade. He also had inactive service in the Alabama National Guard, April 21, 1955 to April 30, 1958, and May 15, 1962 to December 17, 1962. He served in the inactive U. S. Army Reserve from April 1, 1961 to April 30, 1962. His military occupation was listed as Communications Center Specialist. His civilian occupation was listed as Welder, Farmer and Musician (singing and guitar). The file failed to show any courts-martial or absences without official leave but did indicate a reduction in rank in December, 1962, while in the National Guard due to inefficiency. No details appear.

Top secret clearance was granted him on September 30, 1958, based on a background investigation completed September 24, 1958 by the Army Security Agency, Third Army Area, Dossier Number [REDACTED].

The following description appeared in the file:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	6' 2"
Weight	235 pounds
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Blue
Born	[REDACTED]
	Conecuh County, Alabama
Relatives	VADA HARDEN, nee Colburn, wife; born 1934, Texas; date and place of marriage - not shown.

On 4/10/68 at St. Louis, Missouri File # SL 44-775-57
 by IC R. DOUGLAS KING/jtc ARD Date dictated 4/10/68

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Parents	LEON and ALICE HARDEN, Route C, Evergreen, Alabama
Brother	PAUL M. HARDEN, Route C, Evergreen, Alabama
Brother	LARRY H. HARDEN, Route C, Evergreen, Alabama
Parents-in-law	SAM and SYBIL COLBURN, 701 Roxella, Houston, Texas
Social Security Number	[REDACTED]
Selective Service	Registrant of Local Board 18, Evergreen, Alabama, [REDACTED]
Character	(All Evergreen, Alabama)
References	J. C. JOHNSON, Sheriff's Department; DELMA BOWERS, Southern Coach and Body Company; ROBERT KENDALL, State Senator; WILEY SALTER, State Representative; MABRY COOK, Cook's Service Station.

Employments were listed as follows:

June, 1956 to August, 1956: A. W. Williams Drilling Company, West Virginia Street, Mobile, Alabama, supervisor, SAM HAGERMAN;

September, 1956 to November, 1956: Fletcher and King, Andalusia, Alabama; LEELAND FLETCHER, supervisor;

November, 1956 to April, 1958: Southern Coach and Body Company, Evergreen, Alabama; supervisor, DELMA BOWERS;

April, 1961 to December, 1961: Southern Coach and Body Company, Evergreen, Alabama;

May, 1962 to August, 1962: Conecuh County Survey Department, Evergreen, Alabama; supervisor, MARLON WILKINS;

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September, 1962 to November, 1962: Brown and Root Construction Company, Houston, Texas; PAUL JAMES, supervisor;

November, 1962 to March, 1963: Peden Iron and Steel Company, Houston, Texas; ARCHIE VERHAGEN, supervisor;

April, 1963 to May, 1963: Southern Coach and Body Company, Evergreen, Alabama; supervisor, CLEVE GARNLY.

Throughout his service his home address is listed as Route C, Evergreen, Alabama. In 1963, an address of 6125 Ridgemont Avenue, Houston, Texas appeared and his address at the time of final discharge was listed as 701 Roxella, Houston, Texas.

He has blood group "O". He received an expert's badge in the M1 carbine. He had foreign service of one year, eight months, and 15 days in the Pacific Theater.

A letter from his wife appeared in the file dated April 2, 1965, addressed to Lieutenant General J. L. RICHARDSON, Fort Houston, Texas, which alleged that HARDEN had made false statements in applying for a hardship discharge. She stated HARDEN had indicated he was going to run his father's firm in Evergreen, Alabama, and that she was a nervous wreck worrying about him going overseas, all of which was untrue. She stated that he had a job waiting for him at Brown and Root Construction Company as a heavy equipment operator. She further stated that he had been a different man since his service in Okinawa as he had beaten her several times and had spent one night in jail on arrest by the Alamo Heights Police Department in San Antonio, Texas for having beaten her. She stated his temper and filthy language were terrible. She stated she had tried to leave him but had been told by him he would kill her and all three of their children if she did. She stated he purchased a rifle and cartridges the following day. She stated he had torn up several pieces of their furniture, half of her clothing, broken her watch, and had choked her on several occasions. She further alleged mistreatment of their 15 month old son.

The file further reflected a statement by HARDEN that his wife had previously suffered a complete nervous

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breakdown and that she apparently was approaching a similar breakdown at the time of his discharge.

file. A 1963 photograph of HARDEN appears in the

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SAC, ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN
CR
(OO: Memphis)

Re Bureau teletype to Indianapolis and St. Louis,
4/9/68, and St. Louis teletype to Memphis, Houston, and
Mobile, 4/10/68.

Re: Suspect DONNIE LEON HARDEN

Enclosures: For Memphis, 9 copies of FD-302
concerning review of military record for HARDEN; for Mobile,
Houston and Dallas, one copy each of FD-302 concerning HARDEN's
military record.

LEADS:

MOBILE and HOUSTON DIVISIONS

Conduct appropriate investigation to locate HARDEN
and determine if he may be logical suspect.

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- 2 - Memphis (Encs. 9)
 - 2 - Houston (Enc. 1)
 - 2 - Mobile (Enc. 1)
 - 2 - Dallas (Enc. 1)
 - 1 - St. Louis

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433PM URGENT 4/10/68 OJS

TO DIRECTOR (AIR MAIL) MEMPHIS, ST. LOUIS
FROM INDIANAPOLIS (44-563)

MURKIN

REBUTEL TO INDIANAPOLIS AND ST. LOUIS APR. NINE LAST.

ON APR. TEN INSTANT, LTC RICHARD E. COOLEY, U. S. ARMY
PERSONNEL SERVICES SUPPORT CENTER, FT. BENJAMIN HARRISON, IND.,
ADVISED SA KENNETH E. MORRIS THE TWO ZERO ONE PERSONNEL FILE
FOR DONNIE LEON HARDIN, ASN [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], WAS TRANSFERRED TO U. S. ARMY ADMINISTRATION CENTER,
ST. LOUIS, MO. ON JUNE TWO TWO, SIXTYFIVE. REFERENCED TEL HAS
SET OUT LEAD FOR ST. LOUIS TO REVIEW THIS FILE.

END

GMC

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TO: MEMPHIS (44-1987)
 FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN. CIVIL RIGHTS. OO: MEMPHIS.

RE BIRMINGHAM TELETYPE TO BUREAU, MEMPHIS, ST. LOUIS AND
 NEW ORLEANS, APRIL NINE, LAST, CONCERNING SUSPECT ERIC
~~STARVO~~
~~STARVO~~ GALT.

INQUIRY CONCERNING SUSPECT ERIC ~~STARVO~~ GALT DETERMINED
 THAT MAIN OFFICE OF SOUTHERN TOWING COMPANY, ^{A barge line} HIGHWAY EIGHTYFOUR,
 WEST CARUTHERSVILLE, MISSOURI, IS LOCATED AT MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE.
 MEMPHIS, ~~HANDLE~~. Ascertain if Galt ever employed
 by that company.

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TO: HOUSTON, BIRMINGHAM AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN. CIVIL RIGHTS. OO: MEMPHIS.

RE BIRMINGHAM TELETYPE TO BUREAU, MEMPHIS, ST. LOUIS AND
NEW ORLEANS, APRIL NINE, LAST, CONCERNING SUSPECT ERIC

STARVO
~~1-5810~~ GALT. & Butel April 10 last to all SACs.

INQUIRY AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, DETERMINED THAT COMPLETE
EMPLOYMENT RECORDS FOR SIOUX CITY AND NEW ORLEANS BARGE LINES,
INC., ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, WOULD BE REMAIN OFFICE OF COMPANY
AT FIVE ZERO ONE TWO TELEPHONE ROAD, HOUSTON, TEXAS.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF HOUSTON, BIRMINGHAM OFFICE
REPORTED THAT SUSPECT GALT, DATE OF BIRTH ,
, ONCE INDICATED HE HAD BEEN EMPLOYED AS BARGER OUT
OF ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, BETWEEN ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, AND
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA. GALT INDICATED HE HAD AN UNCLE, KARL

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GALT, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI.

HOUSTON, ~~HANDLE~~ determine IF Galt ever
employed by previously mentioned barge lines
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TO: DIRECTOR ~~MEMPHIS~~ MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM
 FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN CR. OO MEMPHIS.

RE SUSPECT ERIC STARVO GALT

RE BIRMINGHAM TEL TO BUREAU, APRIL NINE, LAST, AND BUREAU
 TEL TO ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES, APRIL TEN INSTANT.

WILLIAM WALTER CORTOR, FORMER SL NINE SIX NINE DASH S,
 WHO WORKED ON U. S. INLAND BARGES, THIRTYNINE TO SIXTYTHREE,
 ADVISED INSTANT DATE THAT AMERICAN SEAMEN WORKING ON BARGES
 NEVER REFER TO THEMSELVES AS "BARGERS". HE STATED THIS TERM
 IS USED BY EUROPEANS WHO WORK ON BARGES.

IN VIEW OF ABOVE, ~~AND~~ ^{EIGN} POSSIBLE FOR ORIGIN OF NAMES
~~KARL~~ AND ERIC STARVO GALT, IT IS SUGGESTED, IF NOT ALREADY DONE,
 ALL INS RECORDS BE INCLUDED IN THIS NAME SEARCH. P

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TO: MEMPHIS, HOUSTON AND MOBILE
FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN, CR. OO: MEMPHIS.

REBUTEL TO INDIANAPOLIS AND ST. LOUIS, APRIL NINE, LAST.

RE: SUSPECT DONNIE LEON HARDEN

FOR INFO HOUSTON AND MOBILE, ANONYMOUS CALL RECEIVED DALLAS
FROM FEMALE ALLEGING SUBJECT THIS CASE HAD ARMY SN [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

MPRC RECORDS THIS DATE ST. LOUIS SHOW SN ASSIGNED DONNIE LEON
HARDEN, WM, BORN [REDACTED] CONECUH CO., ALA.,
SEVENTYTHREE INCHES TALL, TWO HUNDRED THIRTYFIVE LBS., BROWN HAIR,
BLUE EYES. ACTIVE ARMY SERVICE FIFTYEIGHT TO SIXTYONE, AND
SIXTYTHREE TO HARDSHIP DISCHARGE, JUNE FOUR, SIXTYFIVE, AT
FORT HOUSTON, TEXAS. ADDRESS ON DISCHARGE: SEVEN ZERO ONE,
ROXELA, HOUSTON, RESIDENCE OF PARENTS IN LAW, SAM AND SYBIL

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COLBURN, BUT HOME ADDRESS LISTED AS: ROUTE C, EVERGREEN, ALA.,
WITH PARENTS LEON AND ALICE HARDEN. SOCIAL SECURITY NO.

 KNOWN TO J. C.

JOHNSON, DELMA BOWERS, ROBERT KENDALL, WILEY SALTER AND MABRY
COOK, ALL EVERGREEN, ALA.

LETTER FROM WIFE, VADA, APRIL TWO, SIXTYFIVE, ALLEGES MIS-
REPRESENTATION IN APPLICATION FOR HARDSHIP DISCHARGE; HE INTENDED
EMPLOYMENT BY BROWN AND ROOT CONST. CO., HOUSTON; HE HAD
BEATEN HER; HAD THREATENED TO KILL HER IF SHE LEFT HIM; AND
HAD PURCHASED RIFLE AND CARTRIDGES.

FILE INDICATES SHE HAD PREVIOUSLY SUFFERED NERVOUS BREAKDOWN.
POSSIBILITY EXISTS SHE MAY BE ANONYMOUS CALLER THIS INSTANCE.

HOUSTON AND MOBILE CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION TO
LOCATE HARDEN AND DETERMINE IF HE MAY BE LOGICAL SUSPECT.

DETAILED THREE ZERO TWO FOLLOWS. P

COPY BY MAIL TO DALLAS

END.

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, ST. LOUIS (44-775) (P) DATE: 4/8/68

FROM : SA SPURGEON J. PETERSON

SUBJECT: MURKIN

At 6:30 PM on 4/6/68, a telephone call was received by SA SPURGEON J. PETERSON from a Mr. MARVIN BOWLEN, of 403 North Van Buren Street, Kirkwood, Missouri, telephone TA 1-6926. Mr. BOWLEN stated that he had a friend who owned a farm at Libertyville Neighborhood, which is located between Farmington and Fredericktown, Missouri. This friend had contacted BOWLEN and said he had observed a sketch of UNSUB in this case and believes it to be a likeness of one SHELBY BELKEN, who lives near his farm at Libertyville Neighborhood. Mr. BOWLEN stated that his friend refused to permit his identity to be revealed and he, BOWLEN, also wanted to remain anonymous insofar as making this complaint is concerned. BOWLEN further related that he has a good friend who is a reporter for the "St. Louis Post-Dispatch" newspaper and said that he would like to tell his friend about this matter in order that he could get in on the story when SHELBY BELKEN was arrested. He also wanted to know that if BELKEN were arrested if his friend could collect the reward that has been offered in connection with the apprehension of the murderer of MARTIN LUTHER KING. BOWLEN asked that he be advised as soon as this matter had been "checked out".

Mr. BOWLEN was informed that the FBI would not be able to check back with him at this time as we do not discuss results of our investigations. It was suggested to him that he not contact the newspapers until it was determined whether or not there was any credence to his friend's suspicions.

Resident Agent DOUGLAS ROSENBERGER was telephonically contacted immediately and furnished the above information with instructions to locate the BELKEN family and determine whether or not SHELBY BELKEN could possibly be involved in this case. Thereafter on the evening of 4/6/68, SA ROSENBERGER telephoned the writer and stated that he had been in touch with the MSHP and that they had, at his request, located the BELKEN family on a farm at Libertyville Neighborhood and had determined that there was no resemblance between the sketch appearing in the newspaper of UNSUB and SHELBY BELKEN. They told SA

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ROSENBERGER that SHELBY BELKEN is 56 years old, that he has one son, JAMES BELKEN, living with him who is 18 years old, and he has a second son, PAUL BELKEN, who works for Railway Express Agency (REA), in St. Louis. PAUL BELKEN is described as approximately 20 years old. Neither SHELBY nor JAMES BELKEN looked like the sketch of UNSUB. It was the opinion of the State Patrol, according to SA ROSENBERGER, that this family would have had no connection with instant case.

Chief BOB WYATT of REA, St. Louis, advised SA PETERSON that PAUL ALBERT BELKEN has been employed by his agency since 3/12/64, as a marker. His Social Security Number is [REDACTED]. He is 28 years old and has an address of RR 1, Box 24, Imperial, Missouri. He was on duty from 6:10 AM to 2:40 PM, on both 3/29 and 3/30/68. He was off duty on 4/4/68. He stated that BELKEN is a white male, 6', 190#, brown hair, hazel eyes; in 1963 when a photograph, which is available, was taken, it showed considerable acne and pockmaking on his face, particularly on the region of his lower jaw. At that time he wore his hair in a crewcut.

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421PM URGENT 4-9-68 MCP

TO ST. LOUIS

FROM MEMPHIS 44-19-87 1 P

MURKIN; CR. OO: ME.

RECORDS, MEMPHIS MOTEL, INDICATE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUAL
REGISTERED ON DATE INDICATED AND LISTED FORD AUTOMOBILE
REFLECTING INDICATED LICENSE NUMBERS:

KENNETH E. HUNT, ONE ZERO FOUR TWO FIVE TRASK DRIVE,
ST. LOUIS, MO., MISSOURI LICENSE KH ONE DASH ONE EIGHT FIVE.
DATE SHOWN AS APRIL TWO, LAST.

IF ABOVE CAR DETERMINED TO BE MUSTANG, CONDUCT APPROPRIATE
INVESTIGATION. P.

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To: SAC, Albany

From: Director, FBI

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
RACIAL MATTERS

Many offices are using above caption in communications to the Bureau concerning a variety of activities and racial incidents arising out of the killing of Martin Luther King, Jr. This is creating problems from administrative and filing standpoints and should be discontinued immediately. Captions descriptive of the activity involved should be used in accordance with instructions in the FBI Handbook, page 154h of Part III.

For example, in reporting information concerning disturbances that may have occurred in Albany the caption "Racial Disturbances Following Assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., Albany, New York, April 9, 1968, Racial Matters" could be used.

② All Offices

Summary
D. Watson
B. B. Smith
P. B. Smith
T. B. Smith
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THOMAS ROBERT HENDERSON
INFO CONCERNING

On 4/8/68, at 4:55 p.m., Rev. CLYDE OSTER, First Baptist Church, 6136 Garfield, Berkeley, Mo., phone JA 2-8898 (home phone JA 1-2940), stated that at about 12:55 p.m., 4/8/68, he received a phone call from a man who identified himself as PHILLIP BANELLI (phonetic), who advised him that he was at Lambert Airport and that he had a serious problem which he wanted to discuss with a minister.

Rev. OSTER proceeded to the airport to counsel BANELLI and in the ensuing hour and a half conversation, BANELLI expounded that he had been involved with the Mafia, that he had a lot of evidence, and that he was in fear of his life.

Rev. OSTER stated BANELLI opened an attache case and showed him a number of checks. During the conversation BANELLI indicated he had a financial need whereupon Rev. OSTER refused to give him any money. BANELLI then requested Rev. OSTER to drive him into SLMO and he was driven to Ogden and Easton Avenues at about 4:30 p.m., and left the car.

Identical
BANELLI is described by Rev. OSTER as white male, age 21, 5'10" - 11" tall, 145 pounds, light brown hair, brown eyes, thin build, dark gray sport coat, tight black trousers, tattoos on forearms, and indicated he had come from New Orleans, La.

It is noted the person identifying himself as PHILLIP BANELLI appears to be identical to THOMAS ROBERT HENDERSON who contacted Rev. GIBSON in SLMO on the evening of 4/7/68. This interview was handled in substantive 44-475 with copy to instant file.

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MURKIN, RM. OO: MEMPHIS.

RE SPRINGFIELD TEL TO BUREAU AND ST. LOUIS FOUR EIGHT LAST,
AND SPRINGFIELD TEL TO ST. LOUIS FOUR ELEVEN SIXTYEIGHT.

PER CREDIT BUREAU (PROTECT), HARVEY LOHMEYER AND LENORA,
HIS WIFE, LIVED AT ROUTE ONE, PALMYRA, MO., NINETEEN FIFTYSIX
DASH FIFTYEIGHT. THEY HAD UNPAID HOSPITAL BILL FOR BIRTH OF
CHILD. HOSPITAL NOT IDENTIFIED. LENORA LOHMEYER ACCORDING
TO POSTMASTER PALMYRA (PROTECT) DATE NOT GIVEN, CHANGED ADDRESS
FROM ROUTE ONE PALMYRA TO ONE FOUR FOUR EIGHT VESPER STREET,
HANNIBAL, MO. THIS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN IN NINETEEN FIFTY-
EIGHT. NO FURTHER INFORMATION.

NEIGHBORHOOD AT PALMYRA AND HANNIBAL NEGATIVE POST OFFICE,
ARREST, DIVORCE, AND VOTING RECORDS NEGATIVE.

OWNER AT ONE FOUR FOUR EIGHT VESPER RENTS TO TRANSANTS.
HE DOES NOT REMEMBER ANY TENNANT NAMED LOHMEYER.

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TO ST. LOUIS

FROM MILWAUKEE (44-388)(P) 2P

MURKIN

INSTANT DATE, MRS. TISHA JENNINGS, TWENTY SIX FORTY THREE
A NORTH TWENTY FORTH STREET, MILWAUKEE, ADVISED SHE TELEPHONED
HER MOTHER, MRS. CANNON (ARLENE) MARTIN, IN HAYTI, MISSOURI, AT
PHONE NUMBER FL NINE ONE EIGHT EIGHT SIX, WHEREIN THE FOLLOWING
CONVERSATION TOOK PLACE.

MARTIN ADVISED JENNINGS THAT ONE JESSE JAMES, JR., HAYTI,
MISSOURI, WHITE MALE, TWENTY SEVEN TO TWENTY EIGHT, FIVE FOOT
TEN AND ONE HALF INCHES, ONE HUNDRED SIXTY POUNDS, BLACK
WAVY HAIR, DRIVING A NINETEEN SIXTY FIVE WHITE MUSTANG, POSSIBLE
CONVERTIBLE, WAS OUT OF TOWN ON FOUR FOUR SIXTY EIGHT, WHEREABOUTS
UNKNOWN.

HE RETURNED TO HAYTI ON EVENING OG FOUR FOUR SIXTY EIGHT
AND WAS IN POSSESSION OF A LARGE UNKNOWN AMOUNT OF CASH.

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*Burton advised telephonically
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MARTIN ADVISED JAMES' MOTHER ASKED SON, JESSE JAMES, IF HE HAD KILLED MARTIN LUTHER KING, AND SON, JAMES, DID NOT REPLY. HE JUST SMILED, GOT UP, LEFT THE HOUSE, AND HAS NOT BEEN SEEN SINCE.

MARTIN IS A DOMESTIC EMPLOYEE FOR SEVERAL FAMILIES IN HAYTI, MISSOURI PLACE.

JESSE JAMES, SR., OPERATES A SCRAP YARD ON HIGHWAY EIGHTY FOUR, WEST, IN HAYTI, MISSOURI.

JENNINGS ADVISED SHE DOES NOT WANT HER NAME EXPOSED, EVEN TO HER MOTHER.

ST. LOUIS - AT HAYTI, M MISSOURI - WILL CONTACT ARLENE MARTIN AND ASCERTAIN THE VALIDITY OF ABOVE. THEREAFTER, CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION.

AM COPIES SENT BIRMINGHAM AND MEMPHIS.

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PLEASE REPEAT PAGE TWO PARAGRAPH TWO

MARTIN IS A DOMESTIC EMPLOYEE FOR SEVERAL FAMILIES IN HAYTI, MISSOURI, AND WAS PRESENT WHEN THIS CONVERSATION TOOK PLACE.

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RE SUSPECT ERIC STARVO GALT

INDIANAPOLIS TEL TO BUREAU INSTANT DATE REFLECTED
E.S. GAULT EMPLOYED PRIOR TO NINETEEN FIFTY SEVEN, PROBABLY
WITH AMERICAN BARGE LINES

SEAFARERES INTERNATIONAL AND INLAND BOATMENS UNION AT
ST. LOUIS NEGATIVE RE E.S. GAULT. NATIONAL MARITIME RECORDS
REFLECT ERNEST S. GAULT, BORN [REDACTED] IN ARKANSAS,
EMPLOYED IN EARLY FIFTY'S WITH INLAND WATERWAYS CORPORATION
COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS FEDERAL BARGE LINES. ERNEST GAULT
HAS Z NUMBER NINE FIVE NINE TWO THREE ONE DASH ZERO ONE
AND NINETEEN FIFTY THREE RESIDENCE OF NINETEEN ELEVEN WEST
EIGHTEENTH STREET, NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS. NO SOCIAL
SECURITY NUMBER AVAILABLE IN NATIONAL MARITIME RECORDS OF GAULT.

WFO CHECK GAULT'S SEAMAN FILE UNDER ABOVE Z
NUMBER. LITTLE ROCK CONDUCT LOGICAL BACKGROUND RE ADDRESS

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