

Slaying Suspect Veiled Identity

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and appearance," Cherpes said. "He always wore sporty clothes and a tie. He was always pleasant and I never knew of him drinking."

Cherpes said Galt "didn't say much about his family affairs, only that he was divorced. He only talked about the weather, never about politics or racial troubles."

He said Galt stayed at his rooming house at 2608 Highland ave. from Aug. 26 to Oct. 7 last year.

He said that during September, Galt received a prepaid package in the mail from Chicago. He said it weighed 20 to 25 pounds, was about two feet long and one foot wide. The next day, Cherpes said, Galt told him it was the wrong merchandise and he planned to send it back.

(The .30-06 Remington hunting rifle, found near the murder scene and believed to be the death weapon was sold in Birmingham, according to the manufacturer's serial number records.)

In October, Cherpes said, Galt told him he was leaving for Mobile, Ala., to seek a job. Galt said he expected a letter from Chicago and asked Cherpes to hold it for him.

In February or March, Cherpes said, the letter came from Chicago. He said the envelope was thin and green, with a Chicago post mark.

"I was puzzled for a while

where to mail it," Cherpes said. "I didn't have an address (for Galt). So I held the letter for a week, and returned it."

Cherpes said it appeared to him the letter contained a check.

When he received the letter, Cherpes said, he went to his file to look for Galt's registration card and found it. But when FBI agents came to him last week, Cherpes said it was missing.

Cherpes earlier denied knowing Galt. He said this was because the FBI has asked him not to say anything about the man. But he said the FBI had no authority to stop him. His rooming house was bolted and he refused to admit anyone this afternoon.

He said Galt was a natty dresser who always paid his \$27 a week room and board in cash, on time.

"When he was here, on the third or fourth day, he asked me if I would drive his car downtown for him to take a driver's test," Cherpes said.

"He was a new man to Alabama and to Birmingham and also a customer," Cherpes continued, "and I wanted to help him on that basis. If he had asked for my recommendation, I would have investigated more closely."

Cherpes said that when Galt arrived at the rooming house, he told him his last job was in the shipyards at Pascagoula, Miss. However, Ingalls Shipbuilding Co. at Pascagoula said it had never hired a man by that name.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, WFO (44-703)

FROM : ROBERT H. SYLVESTER, Clerk

SUBJECT: MURKIN - CR

DATE: 4/17/68

A woman identifying herself as Mrs. JEROME POLAHA, 2413 N. Utah St., Arlington, Virginia, telephone [REDACTED], called WFO at 5:76pm, 4/17/68, and advised as follows:

Upon observing an artist sketch of unsub in the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., in today's newspaper, her husband immediately recognized him as a former college schoolmate. Looking through the school yearbooks, Mr. POLAHA was able to come up with the photo of the former schoolmate. A photo of the girl this individual married, and her name, were located, however.

Mrs. POLAHA suggested contact of her husband for further details. He can be reached at their residence during the day, or between 5:30pm and 2:00am at Billy's Restaurant, 1025 Vermont Ave., N.W., WDC, where he is employed as a waiter.

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advised 8:30
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FBI May Be Chasing Phantom

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., April 16 (UPI) — An artist's conception of the man wanted in the sniper slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. "looked exactly like" Eric Starvo Galt, the elusive central figure in a nationwide manhunt, according to Galt's landlord.

Federal agents, still refusing comment on the having a southern drawl and a pointed nose—the investigation, appeared no closer to locating Dr. King's assassin yesterday.

As agents continued to follow cold trails, it seemed more likely that Galt may have been an elaborately devised alias and that such a person existed only in a Birmingham rooming house in certain Alabama state records.

Galt cannot be traced before he took a Birmingham room last August or after his abandoned car was impounded by the FBI in Atlanta last week.

Galt, claiming to have come to Alabama from Louisiana, bought his white Mustang in Birmingham and applied for and was granted a state driver's license.

Little else is known of the figure, described as having a southern drawl and a pointed nose—the same general description as Dr. King's assassin.

The car, found in an Atlanta housing project, fits the description of one seen leaving a Memphis flophouse from where the fatal shot was fired at Dr. King April 4.

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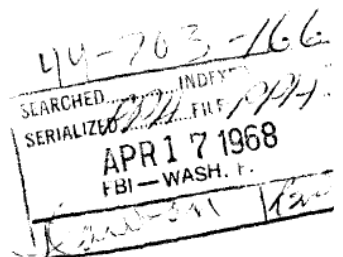
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King Assassin Still at Large

Secretive FBI Follows Cold Trail

ATLANTA, April 15 (UPI) — Federal agents, intensifying the largest manhunt in FBI history, today maintained stringent silence as they followed a cold trail in the hunt for the sniper assassin of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The hunt for elusive Eric Starvo Galt continues, altho there is no warrant outstanding for the unemployed merchant seaman.

Police in Jacksonville, Fla. said yesterday two hitchhikers arrested on vagrancy charges had no connection with the case. They were arrested after a Negro motorist reported one of the men looked just like an artist's sketch of the murderer.

Mr. Galt, if that is his real name, appears to hold the key to the investigation. His car was impounded last week after it was found abandoned in a housing project here. The car answered the description of one seen fleeing Memphis, April 4 with Dr. King's killer.

The Nobel Peace Prize winner was shot to death as he stood on the balcony of a motel in Memphis.

The murder weapon, a 30.06 caliber Remington automatic rifle, is believed to have been purchased in Birmingham shortly before the slaying.

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King Clues Point to Hired Killer

By Paul W. Valentine
Washington Post Staff Writer

MEMPHIS, April 16—There is growing speculation among Memphis police detectives that Martin Luther King's assassin was a disinterested professional killer—not a racist ideologue—who left an elaborate trail of phony clues to confuse his pursuers.

They won't say who they think hired the killer or why, but the evidence, they say, points to a well-paid professional job.

Frank C. Holloman, director of Fire and Police has maintained a stony

silence on progress of the April 4 murder investigation, as has his chief of detectives, William Huston. But sources in the department indicate that the "hired killer" theory is gaining momentum.

One notion is that the killer began his preparation six or eight months ago by dissolving his real identity and manufacturing a new personality known as "Eric Starvo Galt, 36, unemployed merchant marine."

Surrounding himself with phony credentials, he waited patiently in various cities for the right opportunity to fulfill his assignment.

In Birmingham, meanwhile, Jefferson County Sheriff Mel Bailey told United Press International that there is evidence that the assassin was in Birmingham while Dr. King was jailed in the city last October and November.

Bailey said he believes the murder may have been the result of a conspiracy and that Birmingham could well have been the original site planned for the assassination.

Dr. King came to Birmingham to serve a five-day sentence for holding a demonstration on Easter Sunday, 1963,

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in violation of a court order. Bailey kept Dr. King under heavy guard throughout his stay in Birmingham.

The sheriff said his theory is only conjecture but that "it is based on evidence uncovered so far in the case."

The right opportunity came April 4 in Memphis. Dr. King had arrived the day before, and television and local newspapers had announced the motel and room number where Dr. King was staying.

The assassin rented a room in an adjacent building under the name "John Willard," fired the fatal shot and fled, leaving an enormous trail of finger prints, clothing, binoculars, a rifle and an expended shell in his wake.

Federal authorities said today they are satisfied John Willard and Eric Starvo Galt are the same person.

Memphis detectives say evidence that the killer was hired at a substantial price is reflected by his ability to purchase a "white mustang" automobile and follow Dr. King around the country for several months without apparently holding a job.

The detectives are leery of the physical evidence left by the killer

"He was supposed to have shot King with a pump rifle," one said. "Well, there was a spent shell found on the bathroom floor of the rooming house, and a pump rifle won't eject a shell automatically. It won't come out unless you pull back on the pump mechanism."

He noted that the discarded Remington 30.06 pump rifle found on the street near the rooming house was inside a Browning automatic rifle packing box. He suggested that the assassin actually had two rifles, using the Browning automatic to kill Dr. King and planting the Remington as a red herring. Even if the expended shell found in the bathroom matches the Remington, he said, the killer could have fired it at an earlier date and planted the shell to match the Remington.

The FBI has the Remington and other physical evidence at its laboratories in Washington and has not revealed its findings.

Memphis detectives look at the assassin as an incredibly "cool" character who didn't seem to mind being obvious. Dressed neatly in a business suit and necktie, he rented an \$8.50-a-week

room in a flophouse, paying in advance with a clean, new \$20 bill. He then proceeded to leave finger and hand prints around the bathroom and dump a bag full of clothing, a rifle with telescopic sight and a pair of binoculars on the street as he fled.

"It was better than a television show, the way he did it," said one officer.

Most of the items dumped in the street, they speculate, will lead to blind alleys. The killer was casual about his finger and hand prints either because he is an alien or because he thinks he is one of the few American adults who has not been fingerprinted at one time or another, they say.

They discount the possibility of a Ku Klux Klan conspiracy in the assassination. "Shucks," said one, "with all this reward money (\$100,000) being offered here, if it was the Klan, they would have turned each other in a long time ago."

In Atlanta, meanwhile, two cab drivers said they gave rides to the man identified as Galt immediately after the assassination. They made the claims after identifying Galt from sketches circulated by the FBI.

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Photograph taken 1968
(eyes drawn by artist)



Photograph taken 1968

Aliases: Harvey Lowmyer, John Willard

DESCRIPTION

Age:	36, born July 20, 1931 (not supported by birth records)	Eyes:	Blue or hazel
Height:	5'8" to 5'11"	Complexion:	Medium
Weight:	160 to 175 pounds	Race:	White
Build:	Medium		
Hair:	Brown, possibly cut short		
Occupation:	Has claimed employment as seaman		
Remarks:	Noticeably protruding left ear; reportedly is a lone wolf; allegedly attended dance instruction school; has reportedly completed course in bartending.		

CAUTION

GALT IS SOUGHT IN CONNECTION WITH A MURDER WHEREIN THE VICTIM WAS SHOT. CONSIDER ARMED AND EXTREMELY DANGEROUS.

A Federal warrant was issued on April 17, 1968, at Birmingham, Alabama, charging Galt with conspiring to interfere with a Constitutional Right of a citizen (Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 241).

IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS PERSON, PLEASE NOTIFY ME OR CONTACT YOUR LOCAL FBI OFFICE. TELEPHONE NUMBERS AND ADDRESSES OF ALL FBI OFFICES LISTED ON BACK.

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April 17, 1968

J. Edgar Hoover 44-703-169
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, WFO

DATE: 4/17/68

FROM : SE MELVIN L. MONTGOMERY

SUBJECT: MURKIN -CR

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At 12:18 PM this date, RICHARD SCOTT, National Science Foundation, 1800 K NW, telephone code 183 extensions 7835 or 7836, telephonically advised that a friend of his who he refused to identify but inadvertently referred to as "HERB" had recently commented to him that a former schoolmate at American University had been released from jail about the time that GALT, subject in captioned case, has been traced back to: about August, 1967.

Caller said the person involved is one JOHN SWEENEY (first name may be different) who had had a lover's quarrel with his date and had stabbed and killed her. She was JUDY HUBBARD, the daughter of a Navy Admiral and the case had received wide newspaper publicity. As SCOTT recalled SWEENEY had received sentence on a second degree murder charge. SCOTT's friend recalled that SWEENEY had been released from jail in about August, 1967. The friend noted the similarity in appearance between SWEENEY and the published pictures of suspect in captioned case. SCOTT noted that the age would be approximately correct.

SCOTT said his friend had had SWEENEY as a classmate in about 1960 and the friend had subsequently been drafted into the Army and was serving at Fort Knox, Ky., at the time of the murder of HUBBARD. He has not seen SWEENEY since about 1960. The friend commented that SWEENEY was of the temperament that could do such a deed, illustrating by saying that SWEENEY might see an ant on the sidewalk and comment "That is only an ant and it must die" whereupon he would step on the ant and kill it.

SCOTT further commented that if SWEENEY's name acutally was JOHN he wished to note that one of suspect's names was JOHN WILLARD and that a person looking for an alias hurriedly might use his own first name and attach the name of some familiar object to it - in this case possibly the WILLARD hotel which used to be a spot where the "swing" set used to congregate.

He was thanked for his call.

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4/19/68 Scott contacted, said his friend has seen picture of Ray, sub of case in newspaper and Sweeney is definitely not identical to Ray, abt Scott

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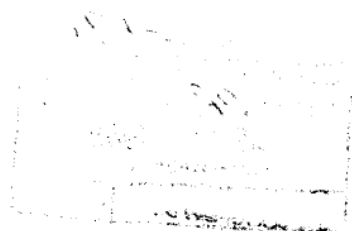
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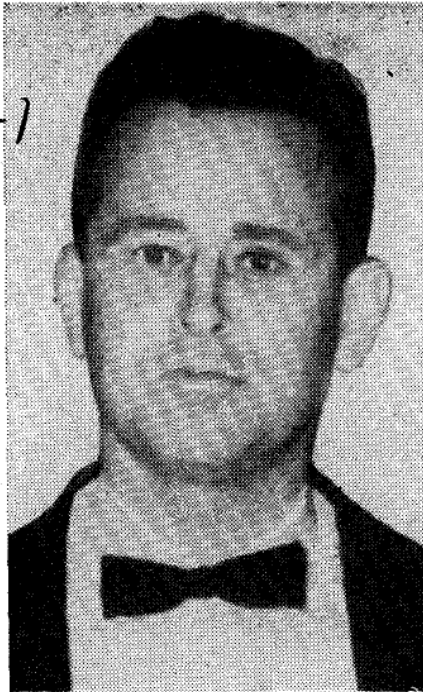
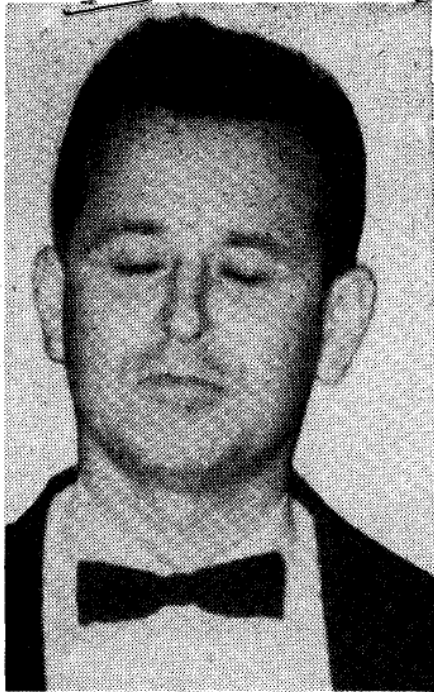
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The FBI obtained a warrant yesterday charging Eric Starvo Galt with conspiracy in the assassination of Dr. King in Memphis on April 4. The FBI released these

photos of a man it identified as Galt. The open eyes in the picture at right were sketched in by FBI artists. The source of the photograph was not revealed.

FBI Links Fugitive, 'Brother'

By Laurence Stern
Washington Post Staff Writer

A fugitive warrant charging Eric Starvo Galt with conspiracy in the murder of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was obtained yesterday by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The announcement by Attorney General Ramsey Clark was the first official assertion that Dr. King's death in Memphis on April 4 was the result of a conspiracy. Shortly after the murder Clark declared that the killing was committed by one man, acting alone.

The FBI complaint charges that the conspiracy was hatched on or about March 29 in Birmingham between Galt "and an individual whom he alleged to be his brother." FBI spokesmen would not elaborate on the identity of the alleged conspirator.

Photos Released

Simultaneously with the announcement of the filing of the complaint, the FBI released two photographs of Galt in what officials surmised to be bartender's garb—a formal jacket and black tie. The suspect in the photograph was identified as Galt "also known as Harvey Lowmyer and John Willard."

Five hours after the FBI announcement here, Galt was charged with first-degree murder in a state warrant issued in Memphis. District Attorney Phil Canale filed the murder charge. Murder is a capital crime in Tennessee.

The itinerant Galt was said to have worked as a cook on Mississippi River boats, as a merchant seaman and was also a professionally trained bartender. He was described by the FBI as "armed and

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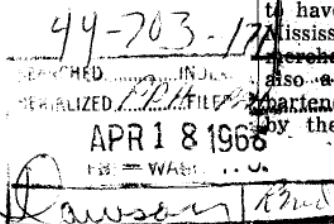
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dangerous."

The FBI statement said that Galt bought a 1966 white Mustang, a major clue in the case from a resident of Birmingham on Aug. 30, 1967. Between the time of purchase and the day the car was found abandoned in Atlanta on April 12 the Mustang's odometer recorded 19,000 miles, according to the FBI.

Galt's travels in the Mustang included trips to Los Angeles, New Orleans, Birmingham, Mexico, Memphis and Atlanta, FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover announced. Galt was reported to have been in Memphis on April 3 and April 4, the FBI said, and then he left for Atlanta.

Basis for Complaint

The FBI complaint was based on a Reconstruction era civil rights statute. It charged the following:

"On or about March 29, at Birmingham, Alabama . . . Eric Starvo Galt and an individual

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whom he alleged to be his brother, entered into a conspiracy which continued until on or about April 5, 1968, to injure, oppress, threaten or intimidate Martin Luther King Jr. . . . in the free exercise or enjoyment of a right secured to him by the Constitution or laws of the United States; namely, the right to freely travel from state to state. In furtherance of this conspiracy, Eric Starvo Galt did, on or about March 30, 1968, purchase a rifle at Birmingham, Ala. . . ."

The FBI announcement pointed out that a .30-06 rifle equipped with a telescopic sight was found near a room-

ing house on South Main Street in Memphis immediately after the assassination of Dr. King. The rooming house overlooks the Lorraine Hotel and Motel, where Dr. King had been staying at the time he was killed.

In Memphis witnesses have told authorities that a man checked into a rooming house adjoining the Lorraine Hotel and Motel under the name of "John Willard," one of the aliases attributed to Galt. The suspect was charged as Galt since he has used the name for nearly a year. There is still no certainty that it is the real name of the suspected assassin.

The FBI described Galt as "an avid dancer" and said that he took dancing lessons in New Orleans in 1964-65, in Birmingham during September and October, 1967, and in Long Beach, Calif., from December, 1967, to February, 1968. In Los Angeles he graduated from a bartending course last March 2, the Bureau asserted.

The announcement said that Galt traveled from Los Angeles to New Orleans and back between Dec. 19 and 21, 1967. While in New Orleans, the FBI said, Galt claimed to have contacted an engineering or a contracting firm.

He is described as white, about five feet eight to five feet eleven, between 160 and 175 pounds, and a neat dresser. He has brown hair worn in a "brush" cut with blue

eyes, a straight, narrow nose, and clean, regular teeth. His birth date was given as

Galt, according to the FBI, was described as a "loner" with a "rural" flavor to his speech. He is a fan of western and country music. He has a preference for vodka and beer. The description further notes that Galt's left ear protrudes further from his head than his right ear.

A Memphis FBI agent commented that "we have a lot of additional information that is not in the (FBI) statement. We even know what filling stations he stopped at," United Press International reported.

Meanwhile a witness at the slaying scene said the FBI photograph of Galt does not resemble the man seen leaving the scene shortly after the slaying.

"Unless he was wearing a wig or had had a face lift or something, it's not the man I saw," said Charles Q. Stevens, who lives in the second-floor rooming house in Memphis from which the fatal bullet is thought to have been fired.

And an Atlanta taxicab driver said last night that the FBI picture he identified as a man he hauled two blocks the night after Dr. King was assassinated was different from the picture of Galt released by the FBI.

"The one the FBI showed me was much younger. The face was much thinner. The cheeks weren't as fleshy," said the driver.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : sac, wfo

DATE: 4/18/68

FROM : SE MELVIN L. MONTGOMERY

SUBJECT: MURKIN - CR

At 10:31 AM this date Mr. THOMAS A. TINSLEY, Director, Bureau of Employee Compensation, Department of Labor, C110 X3231, telephonically advised that his organization had been going through their records for information on the name GALT and have developed the following:

ERNEST S. GAULT received compensation in connection with an injury sustained while working with Inland Waterways, St. Louis, Missouri, in 1952.

The record for this matter is located at the records center in Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania, and can be obtained by Mr. TINSLEY's office or can be reviewed at the center. Mr. TINSLEY said that if his office was to be contacted ^{and} ~~he~~ he was not available, his assistant Mr. DONOVAN (PETER J.) (X3282) could be contacted.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703) (P)

MURKIN - CR

ReWFOtelephone call to Richmond (SA JESSIE C. HALL, Alexandria RA) 4/18/68.

On 4/17/68, Mrs. JEROME POLAHA, 2413 North Utah Street, Arlington, Virginia, telephone [REDACTED], telephonically advised the Washington Field Office that her husband had immediately recognized the artist sketch of the unknown subject in the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. as a former college schoolmate. A review of school yearbooks revealed the girl this individual married.

Mrs. POLAHA suggested that her husband be contacted for further details. He can be reached at their residence during the day and is employed at Billy's Restaurant, 1025 Vermont Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C., as a waiter between 5:30 p.m. and 2:00 a.m.

Richmond contact JEROME POLAHA at his residence.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) AND SACS, CHICAGO, MEMPHIS
AND MOBILE

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

MURKIN.

RE SI TEL CALLS TO MEMPHIS AND CHICAGO INSTANT.

KENNETH NEWBLE, NEGRO, PEORIA, ILLINOIS, ADVISED TODAY
HE HAD WORKED AS SEAMAN WITH ONE RICHARD GALT FROM BIRMINGHAM,
ALABAMA SAILING ON S.S. HUDSON OF VICTORY TRANSPORTATION
LINE, NY, NY, DECEMBER SIXTYONE TO FEBRUARY, SIXTYTWO ON VOYAGE
TO SPAIN WITH RETURN TO PORT ARTHUR, TEXAS. NEWBLE AND GALT
WERE BOTH MEMBERS OF SEAFARERS INTERNATIONAL UNION, MOBILE,
ALABAMA WITH NATIONAL OFFICE LOCATED, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK. TOBY
DANCY, NEGRO, MOBILE, ALABAMA WAS MEMBER OF SAME UNION
AND SAILED ON S.S. HUDSON WITH THEM. DURING VOYAGE, RELIGIOUS,
RACIAL AND POLITICAL MATTERS WERE DISCUSSED AT LENGTH. GALT
RELATED HE HAD STUDIED FOR PRIESTHOOD, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, DURING
EARLY YEARS AND WAS EXPERIENCED VETERAN SEAMAN.

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GALT DESCRIBED, WM, FORTY - FORTYTWO, SIX FEET, ONE HUNDRED SIXTYFIVE POUNDS, CASUAL DRESSER, HAD EXCELLENT KNOWLEDGE OF HANDGUNS AND CONCERNING EUROPE.

SI FILES INDICATE NEWBLE APPEARS IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT OF SSA, FORTYEIGHT CASE, CLOSED, NO PROSECUTION IN FIFTYNINE AT WHICH TIME HE WAS MEMBER OF U.S. MERCHANT MARINE, MOBILE, ALABAMA, WITH ID CARD NUMBER Z ONE ONE TWO ONE SIX SEVEN FIVE. NEWBLE ARRESTED IN GAMBLING RAID, PEORIA, ILLINOIS PD, DURING SIXTYSEVEN.

BUREAU REQUESTED CHECK IDENT RECORDS TO DETERMINE IF RICHARD GALT, BORN APPROXIMATELY [REDACTED] [REDACTED] DESCRIBED ABOVE HAD U.S. COAST GUARD Z NUMBER ASSIGNED DURING SIXTYONE - SIXTYTWO. IF SO, FURNISH IDENT RECORD WITH LEADS TO LOCATE AND ELIMINATE.

MOBILE, IMMEDIATELY CONTACT SEAFARERS INTERNATIONAL UNION FOR RECORD AND PHOTO RICHARD GALT BASED ON ABOVE DATA. ALSO CONFIRM NEWBLE'S RELIABILITY BY VERIFYING UNION MEMBERSHIP. ATTEMPT CONTACT TOBY DANCY FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RE GALT AND WHEREABOUTS.

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CHICAGO CHECK RECORDS ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO IN EFFORT
TO VERIFY EARLY PRIESTHOOD STUDIES AND OBTAIN INFORMATION
TO ASSIST IN LOCATING FOR ELIMINATION.

BIRMINGHAM AND HOUSTON CHECK LOCAL SOURCES CONCERNING
ANY BACKGROUND RICHARD GALT BASED ON ABOVE.

NEW YORK, CHECK RECORDS VICTORY TRANSPORTATION LINE
AND NATIONAL OFFICE, SEAFARERS INTERNATIONAL UNION FOR
INFORMATION TO ASSIST IN LOCATING AND ELIMINATING GALT.

COPIES MAILED BIRMINGHAM, HOUSTON AND NEW YORK. P.

tel re Victory sent 4/10/67.
JS

4/17/68

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
(OO:ME)

Re Springfield teletype to Bureau, dated 4/12/68,
one copy of which is enclosed to WFO, and reNYtel to the
Bureau and WFO, dated 4/16/68.

Re RICHARD GALT.

AL KERR, Secretary-Treasurer, Seafarers' International
Union of North America, AFL-CIO, cannot identify RICHARD GALT
based upon information given. He suggests that the US Coast
Guard files, Washington, DC, be checked for KENNETH NEWBLE,
Z1121675, to determine exact date he, NEWBLE, signed on and
off the "S. S. Hudson" in December, 1961, and February, 1962,
respectively. Official terminology would be date and place of
engagement, and date and place of termination of employment
for NEWBLE.

Thereafter a lead should be set out to review the
ship's articles at the appropriate Shipping Commissioners to
determine further identification re RICHARD GALT to eliminate
or identify him as unsub instant matter.

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AT WASHINGTON, DC. Will conduct suggested investigation
at US Coast Guard.

UNSUB SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY ERIC STARVO GALT

FBI No. 405,942 G



Photograph taken 1968
(eyes drawn by artist)



Photograph taken 1968

Aliases: Harvey Lowmyer, John Willard

DESCRIPTION

Age:	36, born July 20, 1931 (not supported by birth records)	Eyes:	Blue or hazel
Height:	5'8" to 5'11"	Complexion:	Medium
Weight:	160 to 175 pounds	Race:	White
Build:	Medium		
Hair:	Brown, possibly cut short		
Occupation:	Has claimed employment as seaman		
Remarks:	Noticeably protruding left ear; reportedly is a lone wolf; allegedly attended dance instruction school; has reportedly completed course in bartending.		

CAUTION

GALT IS SOUGHT IN CONNECTION WITH A MURDER WHEREIN THE VICTIM WAS SHOT. CONSIDER ARMED AND EXTREMELY DANGEROUS.

A Federal warrant was issued on April 17, 1968, at Birmingham, Alabama, charging Galt with conspiring to interfere with a Constitutional Right of a citizen (Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 241).

IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS PERSON, PLEASE NOTIFY ME OR CONTACT YOUR LOCAL FBI OFFICE. TELEPHONE NUMBERS AND ADDRESSES OF ALL FBI OFFICES LISTED ON BACK.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) AND SAC, PHILADELPHIA

FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703)

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RE ERNEST S. GAULT.

THOMAS A. TINSLEY, DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, WASHINGTON, D.C., ADVISED ERNEST S. GAULT RECEIVED COMPENSATION IN CONNECTION WITH INJURY SUSTAINED WHILE WORKING INLAND WATERWAYS, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, APRIL EIGHT FIFTYTWO, CASE NUMBER X - SEVEN TWO EIGHT EIGHT THREE ONE.

MR. PETER J. DONOVAN, ASSISTANT TO TINSLEY, ADVISED JOHN F. WILLARD, INJURED MARCH ONE FIFTYFOUR WORKED DEFENSE AIR MATS, WESTOVER AFB MASSACHUSETTS, CASE NUMBER X - EIGHT NINE EIGHT SEVEN SEVEN EIGHT. RECORDS AVAILABLE THROUGH REFERENCE SERVICE, ROOM THREE ZERO EIGHT, FRC NAVAL SUPPLY DEPOT, MECHANICSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA.

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BOOKING KING'S KILLER ^c

...Or Maybe Ayn Fleming?

Was the murderer of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. a man influenced by two characters in contemporary fiction—one a glorified individualist who hates society and the other an Ian Fleming arch villain?

The name of the man listed on the registration card of the white Mustang car linked to the slaying is "Eric Starvo Galt." The FBI has been unable to find anything to indicate that any such a person exists.

In Ayn Rand's 1957 novel, "Atlas Shrugged," the leader of a tiny minority of people described as able, creative and ultra-conservative is "John Galt." And in some of Ian Fleming's James Bond stories, the leading enemy of the status quo is called "Ernst Stavro Blofeld."

Ayn Rand's novel begins with the quote: "Who is John Galt?" but the character remains hidden from the reader for over half the book, at which time he appears and delivers a scorching denunciation of society that runs some 80 pages of monologue.

The literary "Galt" lives in the United States of the future in which the economy is mysteriously declining. Miss Rand's



An artist's unofficial conception of Galt.

version is that the competent men of the world are vanishing while the greedy incompetents are taking over. The disappearance of the competent "objectivists" is part of their plot against the looters and parasites because the able men are convinced society must collapse before there can be a healthy social order.

To the fictional Galt, the loot-

ers are politicians, bureaucrats, self-styled intellectuals who are evil and must be destroyed. Galt denounces mysticism and glorifies reason. His gospel is abolition of the income tax, an end to foreign aid and of social welfare legislation. At the end, as Galt and his cohorts fly to their Atlantis they see New York writhing in its last convulsions.

Ernst Stavro Blofeld is the much-less philosophical villain of "Thunderball" and two other Fleming novels.

If the man who murdered King was influenced by the views of the fictional characters, or even just concocted an alias from a combination of the names, an investigator might draw the conclusion that the fugitive is a man of some education or affinity for reading. Persons who claim to have seen the suspect, before and after the April 4 assassination, describe him as neatly dressed and well-spoken.

There is some speculation that he is a professional killer, rather than an "amateur." But federal investigators studying the minute details of the case say there is no reason to put more credence in one idea than the other.

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FROM DIRECTOR 1P

MURKIN.

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COMMUNICATIONS MEDIA IN YOUR TERRITORIES TO INSURE THAT
THERE IS FREQUENT REFERENCE TO PHOTOGRAPH OF GALT AND HIS
CONNECTION WITH THIS CASE. IF NOT ALREADY DONE, PHOTOGRAPHS
SHOULD BE SHOWN OR DISTRIBUTED TO LAW ENFORCEMENT AND
OTHER APPROPRIATE AGENCIES IN YOUR AREAS TO INSURE THE
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FROM : SA Robert F. Olmert

SUBJECT: Murkin
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At 10:03pm, SA ED Woodriffe telephonically advised he received a telephone call from PRI James R. Cortez at 9:55pm. Cortez stated that approximately 45 minutes earlier he answered a call at SNCC. The caller said "This is Galt and I want to talk to Stokely". Unsub was told Carmichael was outside the building to which he replied "get that nigger in here." Unsub then hung up. A short time later he called again and stated it was Galt. At this time he stated "Abernathy told me to call and you would get ~~me~~ a place for me." PRI asked where unsub was calling from and he answered the Trailways bus terminal. Unsub again hung up. PRI stated it took him approximately 45 minutes to take his leave of SNCC and contact SA Woodriffe.

SA's D Fiene, D Fitzgerald, P Funkhouser and D.W. Lownsberry were dispatched to the Trailways and Greyhound bus terminals and reported they arrived in the area at 10:19pm and checked both terminals with negative results.

PRI Cortez stated that unsub caller who claimed to be Galt appeared to have a southern accent and he believed he was a white male.

Supervisors Todd and Ferguson advised.

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1 Carmichael
1 James R. Cortez
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WFO FILE NO: **44-703** REVIEWED BY: **HASER** DATE: **4-18-68**NAME: **ROBERT JOSEPH CORCORAN**PASSPORT NO: *(being issued)* ISSUED ON: AT:APPLICATION DATED: **4-18-68** AT: **WDC**

RESTRICTION:

DATE OF BIRTH: AT: **Baltimore, Md.** BIRTH CERTIFICATE SEEN? **yes**

IMMIGRATED TO U.S.: RESIDED AT:

NATURALIZED: AT: CERTIFICATE NO.:

PERMANENT RESIDENCE: **1929 Gwynn Oak Avenue, Baltimore, Md.**MAILING ADDRESS: **made arrangements to pick up his passport ~~on~~ by 4-22-68 in WDC**

TRAVEL PLANS:

PORT OF DEPARTURE:

APPROXIMATE DEPARTURE DATE: **4-24-68**MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION: **air**INTENDED STAY ABROAD: **14-21 days**PROPOSED ITINERARY: **West Germany**PURPOSE OF TRIP: **business**TRAVELING BY ORGANIZED TOUR? EXPECT TAKE ADDITIONAL TRIP ABROAD? **in 2 years**PARENTS: **ROBERT E. CORCORAN, born Baltimore**
CATHERINE EBBERTS, born Baltimore PERSON TO BE NOTIFIED IN EVENT OF DEATH OR ACCIDENT: **wife, at home address**LAST MARRIED ON: **5-23-54** TO: **AMELDA D. (ZAKE) CORCORAN**
BORN AT: **Baltimore** ON: CITIZEN? **yes**
marriage not terminated

DESCRIPTION:

HEIGHT: **5' 11"** HAIR: **brown** EYES: **green****Scar on right wrist Soc. Sec.** OCCUPATION: **salesman**

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

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It is pointed out that, under current passport regulations, a passport may be used by the bearer for lawful travel within the period of its validity whenever and as often as desired without further notification to the Department of State or other government agency. The Passport Office does not receive information as to whether or when a passport is used for foreign travel.

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On 4-18-68 Mrs. S at RUCNER, Agent in Charge, Wash. Passport Agency, ~~WDC~~ Passport Office, WDC advised Huser that one of the clerks in the Agency saw Robert J. Conoran when he came in to apply for a PB on 4/18/68 & thought he looked like Eric Starvo Galt. Conoran's application was located & reviewed by Huser & copy of his photo obtained. He appears not to be identical with Galt.

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TO: SAC, BALTIMORE
FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703) (P)
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ReButeletype to all offices dated 4/7/68.

Enclosed herewith for BA is one photo of ROBERT JOSEPH CORCORAN.

RE: ROBERT JOSEPH CORCORAN
Possibly identical with
ERIC STARVO GALT

On April 18, 1968, Mrs. SARAH RUCKER, Agent in Charge, Washington Passport Agency, Passport Office, WDC, advised that one of their clerks at the Agency observed ROBERT JOSEPH CORCORAN when he applied for a passport at their office on 4/18/68. RUCKER related that they felt this individual resembled photo of GALT as appeared in the Washington Post Newspaper dated 4/18/68.

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Review of CORCORAN's application indicates the following pertinent information:

Name:	ROBERT JOSEPH CORCORAN
Address:	1929 Gwynn Oak Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland
Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Date of birth:	<input type="text"/>
Place of birth:	Baltimore, Maryland
Marital status:	Married AMELDA D. (ZAKE) CORCORAN on 5/23/54
Occupation:	Salesman
Expected date of departure for West Germany on business trip:	4/24/68
Via:	Air travel
Duration:	14 to 21 days
Parents:	ROBERT E. CORCORAN, born <input type="text"/> , Baltimore, Maryland
	CATHERINE EBBERTS, born <input type="text"/> Baltimore, Maryland
Height:	5 feet 11 inches
Hair:	Brown
Eyes:	Green
Scar:	On right wrist
Social Security Number:	<input type="text"/>

CORCORAN has made arrangements to pick up his passport at the Passport Office, WDC, prior to 4/22/68.

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BALTIMORE

AT BALTIMORE, MARYLAND. Determine if identical to GALT and verify activities during pertinent period.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/18/68

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Mrs. HAROLD (ELEANOR) HILL, 3002 Pearl Drive, Suitland, Maryland said the photograph of ERNEST STARVO GALT which appeared in the "Washington Post" on 4/18/68 looks like a photograph of a person she met several times in the fall of 1967 at a hillbilly type night club, the "Surf Club" in the Colmar Manor area of Bladensburg, Maryland.

Mrs. HILL said this person asked her to dance several times and she refused as she is married. He also offered to buy her a beer which she declined. She added she met him in September, October or November, 1967 on Friday or Saturday evenings. The extent of her conversations with him were his asking her to dance and her refusal. She added her mother HELEN CHATLIN, 3002 Pearl Drive, Suitland, Maryland also saw this person but she has not discussed the photograph which appeared in the "Post" with her mother as her mother is a cab driver for the Washington Cab Company.

She said a person known as "HELLIE" works behind the bar at the Surf Club. The manager of the club is CHICK HILL who plays in the band there.

Mrs. HILL furnished the following description of the person she believes is ERNEST STARVO GALT:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	5'6"
Weight	175-180 pounds
Build	Stocky
Age	Approximately 30

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by SA ROGER D. ASPLAND: rda Date dictated 4/18/68

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Hair	Black (Worn a little longer than a crew cut)

She said he usually stood at the bar and she could not recall having ever seen him there with anyone accompanying him. He usually wore plaid short sleeve shirts with blue plaid or small checks design. She added he was a gentleman and talked very nice to her. Mrs. HILL said she believes this person was at the Surf Club the Friday or Saturday evening dances she attended during September, October or November, 1967. She said he was there about two or three times when she was there. He always appeared clean and neat. She said she does not know his name. She added he tried to get a date with her but she refused.

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Race	White
Sex	Male
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Age	Approximately 38

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A 10" x 18" brown envelope containing evidence was personally delivered to SA WAYNE R. GILBERT at Friendship Airport, Maryland at 6:05 a.m. by Trans World Airlines Hostess LOUREN BROWN, Flight Number 62 from Los Angeles and Trans World Airlines Transportation Agent TONY MARANTO. The envelope bore Trans World Airlines Expedite Baggage Tag TW 06-91-81. Miss BROWN'S home terminal is Newark, New Jersey.

This evidence was personally delivered to Special Agent JAMES H. MORTIMER, Room 7613, FBI Laboratory, Washington, D.C. at approximately 7:00 p.m.

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by SA WAYNE R. GILBERT:jvc Date dictated 4/17/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) AND SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703)

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RE: WALTER GEORGE LOHMEYER, AKA

SEARCH OF FOURTH DISTRICT, OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS, INDEX NEGATIVE RE SUSPECT. RESULTS OF NATIONAL AGENCY CHECKS NOT INDEXED AND CONTAIN NO BACKGROUND INFORMATION.

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