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Title: ERIC STARVO GALT;
(FNU) GALT.
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM

Character: CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY

Synopsis: Murder weapon, a Remington 30.06, Model 760, Serial No. 461476, was one of a shipment from Remington-Arms Company, Bridgeport, Connecticut, to Wimberly-Thomas Hardware Company, Birmingham, and sold on 8/31/66 to AEROMARINE SUPPLY COMPANY, Birmingham. Employees that concern recall an individual, who was later identified from photograph as ERIC S. GALT, had first visited Aeromarine Supply Company on two occasions Friday, 3/29/68, when he purchased a .243 caliber Remington rifle, Model 700, which was equipped on that date with Redfield scope 2x-7x; paid cash and gave name HARVEY LOWMEYER, 1907 South 11th Street, Birmingham. On following day, Saturday, 3/30/68, same individual returned after telephonic contact and exchanged this rifle for the murder weapon, a Remington Model 760, 30.06 caliber, to which scope was attached. Investigation at address given, 1907 - 11th Street South, and all surrounding neighborhood revealed that LOWMEYER, or any individual possibly identical, was unknown as residence occupied over thirty years by elderly mother of local attorney, W. A. JENKINS. Records Jefferson County Department of Revenue, Birmingham, revealed 1968 Alabama license 1-38993 issued to ERIC S. GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, for 1966 Mustang two-door, VIN 6T07C190647. Previous registration for this car was to WILLIAM D. PAISLEY, residence - 701 South 48th Street, Birmingham. PAISLEY advised he purchased car from local Birmingham dealer on 12/15/66 and sold same to GALT on 8/30/67 for $1,995.00 cash, paid in front of local downtown bank after GALT had visited his residence and inspected car on 8/29/67 in response to newspaper ad.

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Investigation determined GALT rented room at rooming house operated by PETER CHERPES, 2608 Highland Avenue, on the southside of Birmingham, on 8/26/67. Maintained room until approximately 10/7/67 when departed for unknown destination; had in possession the 1966 Mustang, which he kept parked in center median of the avenue and apparently used same very little. While there, GALT was unemployed, claiming he was on vacation and did not associate with other roomers, all of whom are being contacted. Shortly prior to departure from rooming house, received package later determined to have been shipped from a photographic company in Chicago, which contained a camera and other equipment. A Standard Oil Service Station on Highland Avenue determined to have been source of S & H Green Stamps distributed during period 9/8-22/67, which were recovered from GALT's effects in abandoned Mustang at Atlanta, Georgia. Also, a dry-cleaning ticket recovered at Atlanta determined issued by neighboring cleaning establishment on Highland Avenue, Birmingham, under name GAULT. On 8/28/67, ERIC S. GALT rented safe deposit box #5517 at Main Office, Birmingham Trust National Bank, and record reveals entries to box after that date on September 5, 21 and 28, 1967. Box surrendered to bank 12/13/67 after receipt of letter from GALT enclosing both keys, stating he no longer needed as had moved. Letter believed postmarked Baton Rouge, Louisiana. GALT determined to have enrolled for five weekly classes in dance instruction at the Continental Dance Club Studios, Graymont Ave., Birmingham, on 9/12/67. Gave same rooming house address on registration card. Operators of that establishment and persons who attended classes with GALT unable to furnish pertinent background information regarding him. Extensive investigation conducted in effort to secure further information regarding GALT during his period of residence at rooming house and also on the days he apparently returned to Birmingham to purchase rifle. This encompassed numerous neighborhood investigations, contacts with boarding houses, hotels and motels, financial institutions, airlines, taxicabs, bus stations, automobile insurance agencies, libraries, laundry and dry-cleaning establishments, divorce records, barge line operators, and all other similar investigative phases, which did not produce

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additional evidence. On 4/16/68, a photograph forwarded to the Birmingham Office by the Los Angeles Office of ERIC S. GALT was exhibited to three witnesses at AEROMARINE Supply Company, two of them stating in their opinion same was identical to the HARVEY LOWMEYER, purchaser of the murder weapon. On 4/17/68, AUSA R. MACEY TAYLOR, Birmingham, authorized the filing of a complaint charging ERIC STARVO GALT with Conspiracy to violate Section 241, Title 18, USC, and recommended bond in amount of $50,000. On same date, SAC JOSEPH H. GAMBLE filed the complaint before USC MILDRED F. SPRAGUE, Birmingham, and warrant issued, which is being maintained in Birmingham Office. SINCE SUBJECT IS CHARGED WITH MURDER BY USE OF A HIGH-POWERED RIFLE, HE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND EXTREMELY DANGEROUS.

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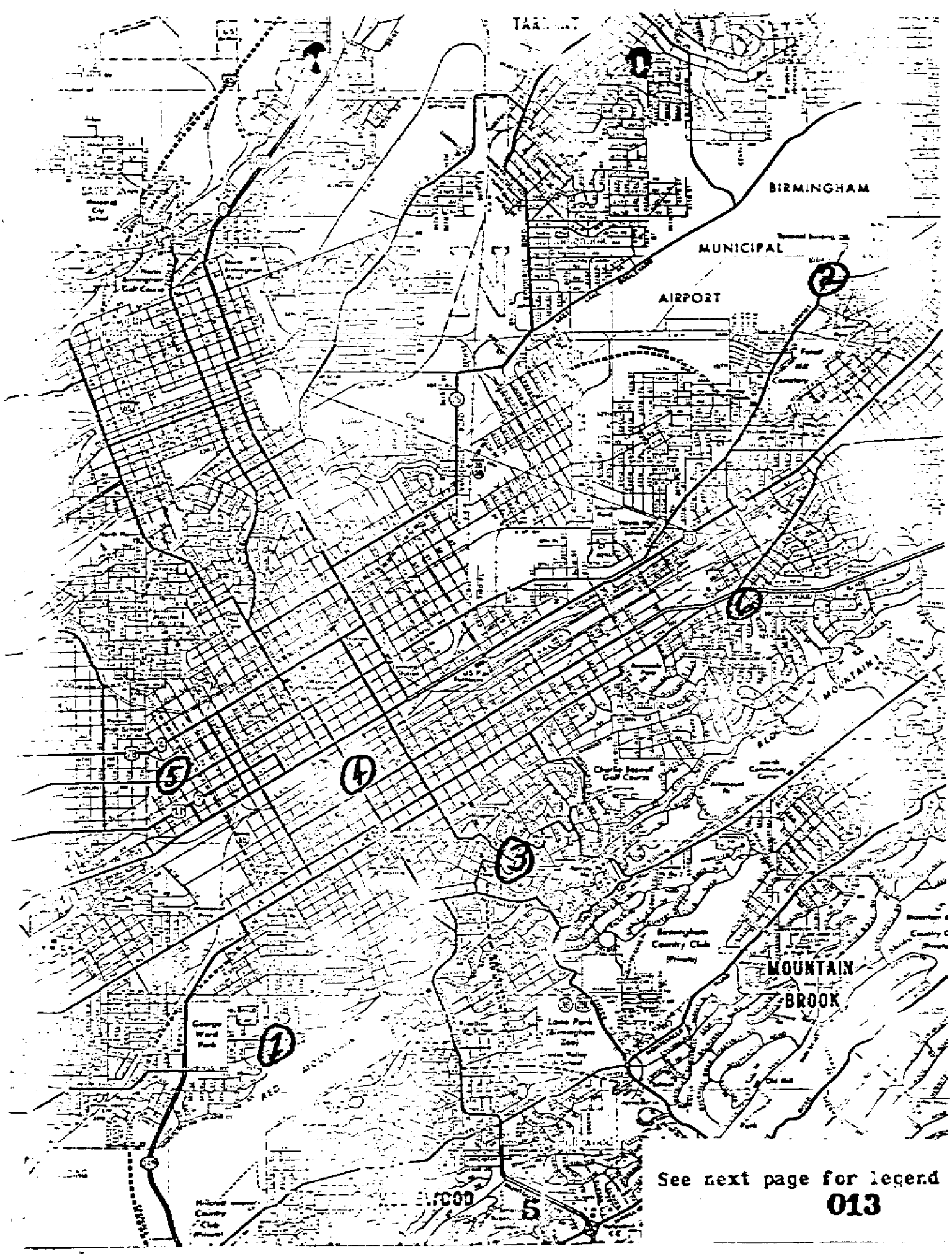
CITY MAP OF BIRMINGHAM, REFLECTING POINTS OF CONTACT BY ERIC S. GALT.



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LEGEND OF LOCATIONS VISITED BY ERIC S. GALT
DEPICTED ON CITY MAP OF BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

1. Fictitious address 1907 11th Street South given by GALT at time of purchase of rifle.

2. Location of Aeromarine Supply Company, 5701 Airport Highway, where rifle purchased.

3. Rooming house operated by Mr. PETER CHERPES, 2608 Highland Avenue, where GALT resided from August 26, 1967, to about October 7, 1967.

4. Main Office of Birmingham Trust National Bank, 112 North 20th Street, where GALT maintained safety deposit box from August 28, 1967, until cancelled by bank on December 13, 1967.

5. Location of Continental Dance Club Studios, 731½ Graymont Avenue, where GALT enrolled on September 12, 1967.

6. Residence address of WILLIAM D. PAISLEY, 701 South 48th Street, where GALT answered newspaper ad to purchase 1966 white Mustang on August 29, 1967, and sale consummated following day.

NOTE: The address of The Gun Rack, 1507 31st Street, SW, and Long-Lewis Hardware Company, 2014 2nd Avenue North, Bessemer, Alabama, are located several miles southwest of the area depicted on the map and not readily shown. These stores of interest due to description of individual, possibly identical with GALT, furnished ty salesman as exhibiting unusual interest in guns and their ballistics.

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COMPOSITE DESCRIPTION GIVEN BY WITNESSES; ARTIST'S SKETCH; AND DATES ERIC S. GALT KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN IN BIRMINGHAM:

Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Age:	32 - 36
Height:	5'8" - 5'10"
Weight:	165 - 175
Eyes:	Blue; large pupils; habit of staring intently while conversing;others say looked down.
Hair:	Medium brown, not parted, combed back, rather short with some "ripple wave" as appeared to have formerly been short crew-cut.
Complexion:	Medium to pale
Characteristics:	Meek; mild-mannered; quiet; non-smoker but occasionally user of alcohol, possibly beer and/or Vodka.
Clothing:	Neatly dressed on occasions in business suit, white shirt and tie; other occasions, sport clothes.
Residence:	Rooming house - 2608 Highland Avenue, on south side of Birmingham, Alabama.
Occupation:	Unemployed while in Birmingham; read newspapers and "relaxed."
Knowledge of Gun:	Witnesses at AEROMARINE SUPPLY COMPANY stated subject did not appear to have any knowledge of high-powered rifles.

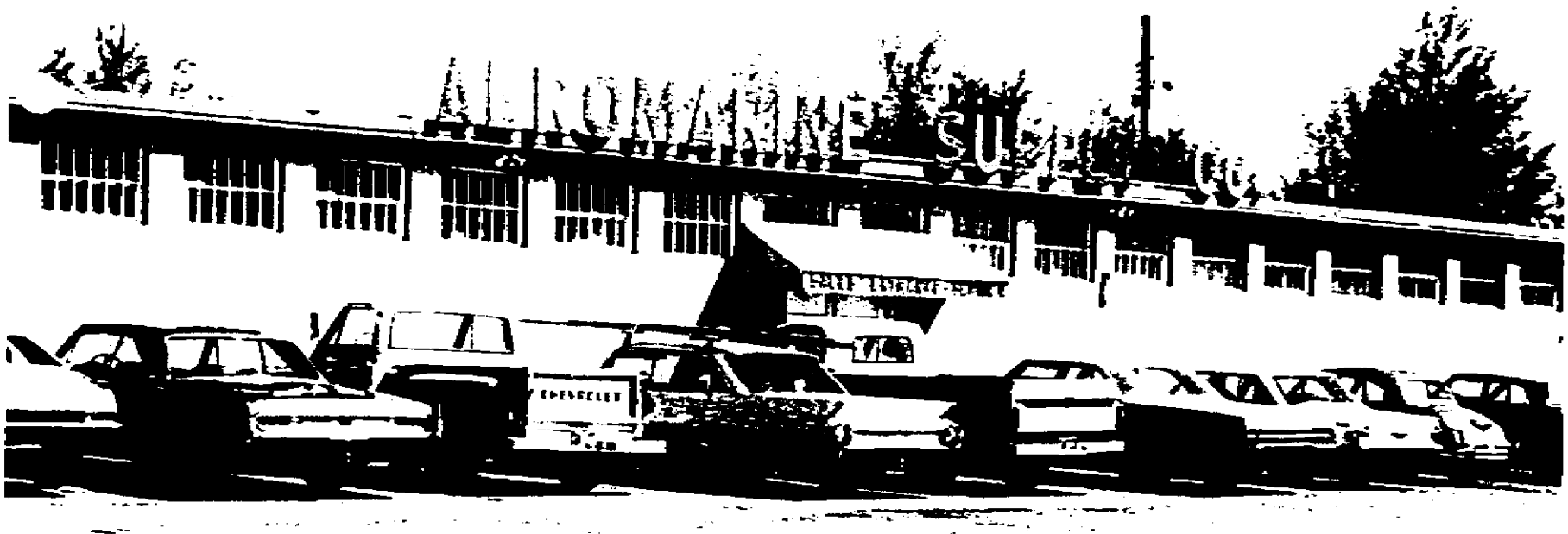
ARTIST'S SKETCH OF UNSUB.

DATES AND LOCATIONS GALT KNOWN WHILE AT BIRMINGHAM

August 26, 1967:	Rented room at 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, in boarding house operated by PETER CHERPES.
August 28, 1967:	Rented safe deposit box #5517 at Main Office of Birmingham Trust National Bank in downtown Birmingham.
August 29, 1967:	Replied to newspaper classified ad for purchase of 1966 white Mustang from local resident, WILLIAM D. PAISLEY, at his residence and sale consummated in downtown Birmingham the following day, 8/30/67.
September 8-22, 1967:	Period during which S & H Green Stamps, which were found in GALT's abandoned Mustang in Atlanta, were distributed to customers at Standard Oil Service Station, 2188 Highland Avenue, Birmingham.
September 12, 1967:	GALT enrolled for 5 weekly classes in dance instruction at Continental Dance Club Studios, aka Friendship Club, Birmingham, giving residence address as 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham.
October 3, 1967:	Dry-cleaning ticket, which had been recovered from GALT's effects at Atlanta, identified as having been issued on this date for the pressing of a coat at Mayfield Cleaners, 2222 Highland Avenue, under name GAULT.
October 3, 1967:	Records of Superior Bulk Film Company, Chicago, reflected shipment of photographic equipment and camera to GALT at the Highland Avenue rooming house address.

October 4, 1967:	PETER CHERPES, operator of rooming house, 2608 Highland Avenue, signed for package addressed to GALT.
October 5, 1967:	GALT wrote typewritten letter from his rooming house at Birmingham to the Superior Bulk Film Company, Chicago, returning one camera which had been delivered along with other photographic equipment.
October 7, 1967:	Approximate date of GALT's departure from his Birmingham rooming house, and no further correspondence received from him by PETER CHERPES.
October 18, 1967:	Letter from Superior Bulk Film Company, Chicago, returned from the rooming house address at Birmingham.
October 22, 1967:	Records of Superior Bulk Film Company, Chicago, reflect typewritten letter from GALT requesting a refund on the returned camera be sent to him at Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico, Hotel Rio.
November 20, 1967:	Records of the film company at Chicago reflect letter from GALT advising he had not received his refund and requesting same be sent then to 1535 North Serrano, Los Angeles, California.
December 13, 1967:	GALT's safe deposit box, Birmingham Trust National Bank, Birmingham, cancelled and found empty upon receipt of letter enclosing keys, believed mailed in Louisiana.
March 29, 1968:	GALT purchased one rifle from AEROMARINE Supply Company, Birmingham, and had scope mounted.
March 30, 1968:	GALT returned above gun to AEROMARINE and traded same for the murder weapon.

PURCHASE OF MURDER WEAPON FROM
AERONARINE SUPPLY COMPANY,
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA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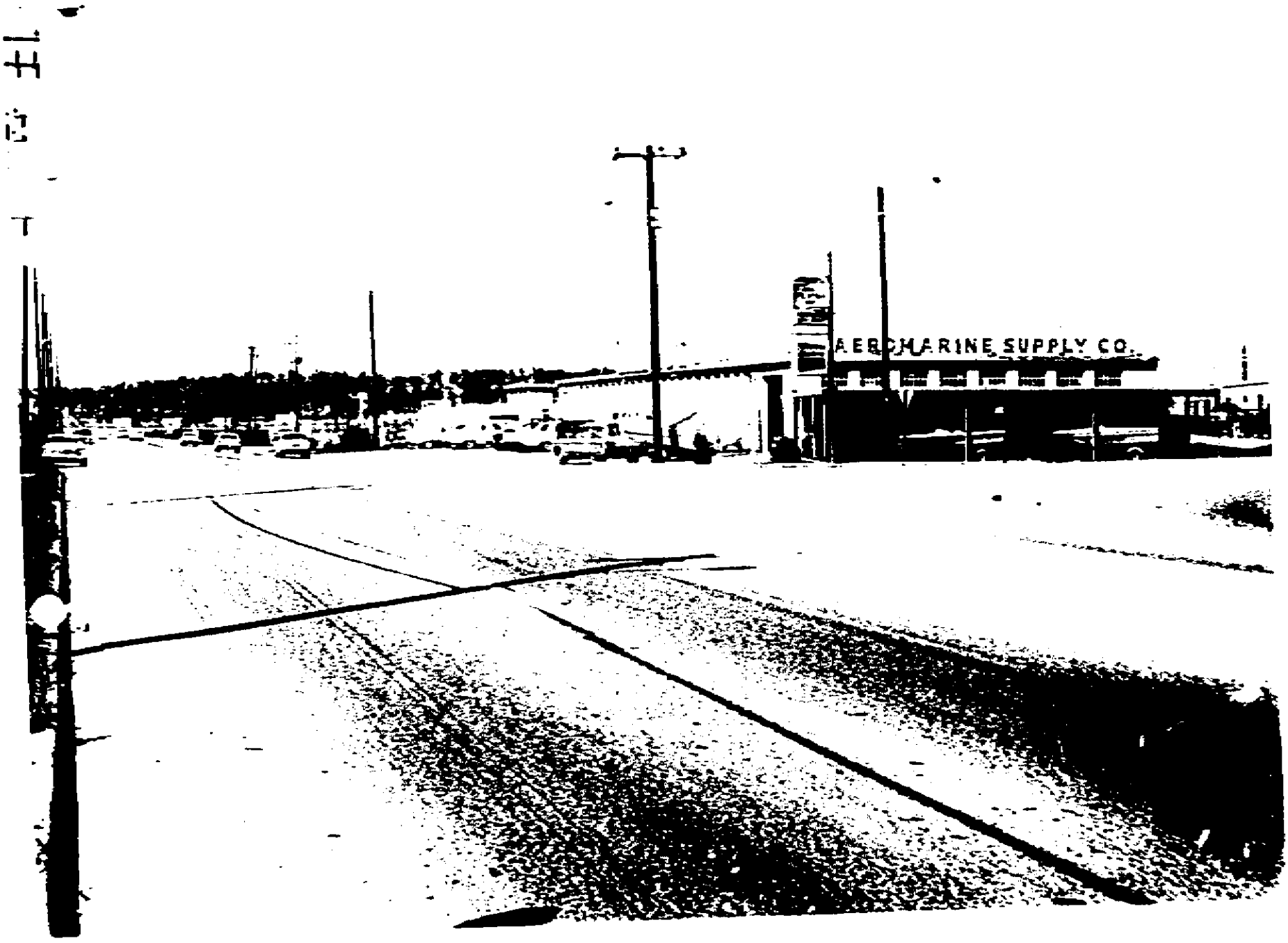
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VIEW OF AEROMARINE SUPPLY COMPANY

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Date 4/11/68

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

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

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

On 4/5/68 at Birmingham, Alabama File # BH 44-1740

by SA NEIL P. SHANAHAN:jml Date dictated 4/11/68

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

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

"Birmingham, Alabama
April 5, 1968

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"4/5/68

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

"/s/ DONALD F. WOOD

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

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

Phone 595-2142
AIRCRAFT-AUTOMOTIVE
MARINE—SPORTING GOODS
PARTS & SUPPLIES

AEROMARINE SUPPLY CO.

5701 BIRMINGHAM AIRPORT HIGHWAY
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA 35212

GUN
INVOICE NUMBER 2251A

TO HARVEY LOWMEYER DATE 3/29 1968

ADDRESS 1907 - SOUTH ST, Bessemer ALA

ORDER NUMBER AGE 31 | PHONE ☐ WIRE ☐ LETTER ☐ PICK UP ☒ | SHIP VIA: | NAME: | TERMS: ☐CASH ☐CHECK | SALESMAN CS

QUANTITY	PART NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	LIST	NET	TOTAL
1	17EIII# 504A	7-STA REM MOD. ~~7600~~			
	POMP ACTION ~~Auto~~	RIFLE, CAL.			
		.243 WIN. S.N. ~~2537749~~	461476		134 95
1	2X-7X	REDFIELD SCOPE	91 50		74 60
1	JR 710	BASE & D.C. RINGS.	23 90		20 32
1	Box	243 CAL			4 65
					234 52
		Harvey Lowmeyer			

IF CHECK IS GIVEN IN FULL OR TAKE PAYMENT FOR THIS INVOICE, TITLE SHALL REMAIN WITH SELLER UNTIL CHECK HAS CLEARED BANK IN WHICH DRAWN, AT THE OPTION OF THE SELLER.

TAX 14 07
TOTAL 248 59

RECEIVED BY

MERCHANDISE CANNOT BE RETURNED FOR CREDIT, REFUND OR EXCHANGE AFTER 10 DAYS FROM SALE DATE
PURCHASE INVOICE MUST ACCOMPANY ALL RETURNS.

RECORD INVOICE

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Date April 8, 1968

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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A. L. IRWIN, 7822 Sixth Avenue South, a patrolman employed by the Birmingham Police Department, advised he is presently attending the police department academy for rookie policemen.

IRWIN recalled being at the Aero Marine Supply Company, near the airport, Birmingham, on March 29, 1968, for about an hour between 4:30 and 5:30 P.M. IRWIN recalled seeing a customer in the store wearing a dark business suit. He could only recall that this man was a white male, age about 36, about 5'8" tall, about 160 pounds, with dark hair. IRWIN said he could recall nothing else about this man or if he was still in the store when IRWIN left. He did recall there were several cars parked outside the Aero Marine Supply when he left, but could recall none specifically.

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On April 6, 1968, CHARLES F. CAUDLE, employed at Aeromarine Supply Company, 5701 Airport Highway, Birmingham, Alabama, advised that he did not recall observing the individual at Aeromarine Supply Company on March 29, 1968, and March 30, 1968, who purchased a rifle and a scope.

On April 6, 1968, J. HOYT STEPHENS, employee of Aeromarine Supply Company, 5701 Airport Highway, Birmingham, advised he did not recall observing the individual at Aeromarine Supply Company on March 29 and 30, 1968, who purchased a rifle and scope.

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The following classified advertisement appeared in the morning newspaper, The Birmingham Post-Herald, under the "Articles for Sale" column in its issue of March 30, 1968, and had appeared in the evening Birmingham News during the pertinent period:

"GUNS--GUNS--GUNS

Rifles--Shotguns--Pistols

BROWNING--REMINGTON--COLT

--Hi-standard--Ruger--Winchester--
Weatherby--Savage--Smith & Wesson.
Over 1,000 arms in stock for your
selection. Surplus Rifles, Pistols
and Shotguns at bargain prices.
Leather Bolts and Holsters. Gun
Scopes, Polychokes & Recall pads
installed. Shotgun Shells, Reloading
Supplies & Equipment at discount
prices. Colt Anniversary Presentation
Revolvers.

REMINGTON PRIMERS:
RIFLE AND PISTOL
$6 per M. Shotgun, $10 per M.

BUY---SELL---TRADE

AEROMARINE SUPPLY CO.
5701 Airport Hiway 595-2142"

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents J. T. ARNETT and PETER JOHN BODKIN at Birmingham, Alabama, on April 6, 1968:

Photographs of the following individuals were exhibited separately to U. L. BAKER, salesman, and DON WOOD, salesman, Aeromarine Supply, 5701 Birmingham Airport Highway, Birmingham. After viewing these photographs, BAKER and WOOD each advised none of the individuals in these photographs were identical to the person who purchased a rifle in the name of HARVEY LOWMEYER, from the Aeromarine Supply on March 29 - 30, 1968. Photographs exhibited were as follows:

EUGENE SMITH MANSFIELD,
Tuscaloosa Sheriff's Office No.1077

HARRY L. WILLIAMS,
Birmingham Police Department No.128548

LESLIE WILLIAMS,
Birmingham Police Department No.87077

CLARENCE E. DANIELS, JR.,
Jefferson County Sheriff's Office
Photograph, June 3, 1960

JAMES ALTON DANIELS,
Sheriff's Office, Birmingham,
Alabama, No.96122

THOMAS ALBERT TARRANTS,
FBI No.157-758

SALAVADORE FARINO,
Birmingham Police Department
No.130581.

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CUSTOMERS AT AEROMARINE SUPPLY COMPANY, BIRMINGHAM, DURING PERTINENT PERIOD, 3/29-30/68.

Although there were numerous "cash" sales to customers by this firm during the above pertinent period, there were also numerous tickets made out to the name of the individual customer even though cash was involved. All invoices were obtained and each customer was contacted for any information concerning the individual who had purchased the rifles during the two days involved. With the exception of those witnesses whose interviews are set forth under that portion of this report dealing with the purchase of the murder weapon, the other contacts proved negative and the names of those individuals are recorded in the Birmingham file.

ADDRESS, 1907 South 11th STREET, BIRMINGHAM, GIVEN BY UNSUB, USING ALIAS HARVEY LOWMEYER, AND DETERMINED TO BE FICTITIOUS. RESULTS OF EFFORTS TO LOCATE LOWMEYER and/or LEHMEYER.

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

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

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

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

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

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by SA HENRY A. SNOW:gas 35 Date dictated 4/11/68

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

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

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

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AT BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

The following investigation was conducted by SA NEIL P. SHANAHAN, unless otherwise stated.

On April 7, 1968, Mrs. CHRIS SALTZMANN, Lackey Aero Service, advised that a review of her records contained no chartered flights identifiable with anyone by the name of LOWMEYER.

On April 7, 1968, Mr. WILLIAM PATTERSON, manager, Airport Motel, made available the records of the motel from March 26, 1968, through April 1, 1968. These records were reviewed without developing any pertinent information.

On April 8, 1968, Mr. BILL WOODS of Bill Woods Beachcraft, made available his records of charter flights, which were reviewed without developing any pertinent information.

On April 8, 1968, Mr. RALPH KEEF, ENCO Station, 5224 Airport Highway, was contacted concerning an individual in a business suit who hailed a cab from his station on March 28, 1968. KEEF stated he was unable to recall such an individual

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Mr. JACK POPINKO, clerk, Sunny-K Flying Service, Birmingham Airport, advised that the Sunny-K company is no longer engaged in the business of chartering private flights. POPINKO advised that the only two private charter services are Bill Woods Beachcraft and Lackey Aero Service, both located at the Birmingham Airport. POPINKO stated that an individual utilizing a charter flight can either rent and fly an airplane himself or also pay for the pilot. He said that under normal conditions it is not necessary to file a flight plan, giving proposed destinations, but that one may be filed if the pilot desires for safety reasons. He advised that the Birmingham Airport is a controlled airport and that, normally, all private flights must request both take off and landing permission from the tower by radio and that a record of these radio transmissions is maintained by the airport officials.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA WILLIAM A. SAUCIER on April 5, 1968:

Mr. J. L. SMITH, Assistant Manager, Parliament House Motor Hotel, 420 South 20th Street, advised that he had made a search of his hotel guest records from January 1, 1968, to the present date, and was unable to locate any record of a guest by the name of W. J. LEHMEYER or HARVEY LOWMEYER.

A review of registration records for the month of March and April, 1968, at the Airport Motel, Municipal Airport, Birmingham, failed to reflect any registration at this motel for an individual registering by the name of W. J. LEHMEYER or HARVEY LOWMEYER.

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ROBERT D. MORRISON, Ticket Agent, Southern Airlines, Municipal Airport, advised that a search of his records for the past month for passengers on all flights departing from Birmingham, Alabama, to Memphis, Tennessee, failed to disclose any passenger listed by the name of HARVEY LOWMEYER. Mr. MORRISON said that he did have a listing for one W. J. LEHMEYER, who made a telephonic reservation at Birmingham, for travel on March 27, 1968, from Birmingham, Alabama, to Minneapolis, Minnesota. He said that LEHMEYER was scheduled to depart from Birmingham, at 5:11 P.M., March 27, 1968, on Southern Flight 268A, to Memphis, Tennessee. He said that this passenger was to change planes at Memphis, Tennessee, and board Delta Airlines Flight 932, leaving Memphis, at 8:45 P.M., March 27, 1968, en route Chicago, Illinois. This passenger was then to change planes at Chicago, Illinois, and depart on Northwest Airlines Flight 398, leaving Chicago, Illinois, at 11:40 P.M., en route to Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Mr. MORRISON said that he personally prepared this ticket and that Mr. LEHMEYER never appeared for this flight and his ticket was marked "Void." He said that Mr. LEHMEYER gave as his places of contact while in Birmingham, Alabama the Airport Motel and Parliament House Motel, Birmingham.

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RICHARD EVANS, 1827 Short 12th Street, Bessemer, Alabama, advised as follows:

He is acquainted with W. J. LEHMEYER and last saw him on March 27, 1968, at Birmingham. About a week prior to March 27, 1968, he received a call from a union official asking him to make arrangements for LEHMEYER to talk with one LOUIS ELKOURIE in Birmingham on union business.

On the night of March 26, 1968, J. L. BAILEY, general chairman of the union, called EVANS from Louisville and told him that LEHMEYER would be in Birmingham the next day.

On March 27, 1968, EVANS met LEHMEYER at the Municipal Airport in Birmingham when LEHMEYER arrived at 10:46 a.m. on a flight from Atlanta. EVANS took LEHMEYER in his car to West End Baptist Hospital where they talked with Mrs. ELKOURIE. They went back to the airport to reschedule a flight. LEHMEYER checked in his luggage. They then went to Plantation Barbecue on First Avenue North, Birmingham, for lunch. Then they either went to a movie and to the airport, or vice versa, EVANS cannot recall which. He does not recall the movie or the theater in downtown Birmingham. They were "killing time" until they could talk with ELKOURIE at 5:00 p.m. EVANS thinks they left the movie about 4:45 p.m. and then went to ELKOURIE's home at 7444 48th Avenue, Birmingham, where they talked with him. EVANS then took LEHMEYER back to the airport shortly after 6:00 p.m. EVANS left before LEHMEYER's flight departed at 6:30 the same day. He was going to Chicago via Atlanta.

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Mrs. SALLY ANN WASHBURN, Manager, Avon Motel, 1512 South 20th Street, made available all of her registrations for March and April, 1968, which were reviewed.

No registration was observed in the name of LOWMEYER or LEHMEYER, and the only registration from Memphis, Tennessee, was the following:

WILLIAM BUDING, 3656 Dunn, Memphis, Tennessee, registered on April 1, 1968, for one day, driving a Chevrolet, bearing Tennessee License TP 8387.

BUDING registered for one person and stayed in Unit 5; however, Mrs. WASHBURN stated that she observed BUDING leave the motel shortly after he checked in and return with an unknown girl.

She stated that she would describe BUDING as a white male, in his late thirties, 6'1", 160 - 170 lbs., medium build, dark hair, wearing a business suit.

Mrs. WASHBURN observed the FBI sketch which has been prepared in this case, and stated that BUDING somewhat resembled this individual, especially his hair and eyes.

She stated that there are no telephones in the rooms and that she did not observe BUDING or anyone else carrying a large cardboard box which could contain a rifle.

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JOE B. GILLILAND, 5013-B Georgia Road, Birmingham, telephone 592-0429, advised as follows:

He advised he has worked in the electrical shop at Hayes International Corporation for 15 years, and in September of 1967 was laid off. Beginning then, he went to work for Yellow Cab Company as a dayshift driver. He advised that he drives Taxi Cab #52 and begins work at 6:00 a.m.

At approximately 9:00 a.m. on March 28, 1968, he drove a fare from the Tutwiler Hotel to the airport. The taxi cab starter at the airport advised that they had too many taxis at the airport and he need not wait at that cab stand.

GILLILAND advised that he returned toward town along the airport highway, and at 15th Avenue in front of the Enco Station he picked up a fare that flagged him down. He stated this individual was standing on the grass in front of the service station between the two entrance ramps.

He described this individual as a white male, six feet to six feet, one inch, 180 pounds, 35 to 40 years old, wearing a blue suit with a black tie. This individual was carrying a small overnight, blue suitcase about 24 inches long. The man opened the back door and placed the suitcase on the back seat beside him. This individual stated "You go where I tell you. Go down 5th Avenue to 20th Street and turn left."

GILLILAND advised this individual made no further comments during the trip until they reached the vicinity of Five Points South, when the passenger stated "This is good enough. I'll get out right here."

GILLILAND advised that he let his passenger off on the northwest corner of 20th Street and 9th Avenue South, referred to as Five Points South. The total fare was $2.16, and this individual gave him three one-dollar bills and told

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him to "keep the change - buy a cup of coffee."

GILLILAND stated that on Thursday, March 28, 1968, he had 18 total fares, and this particular run was his fifth of the day; therefore, the time would be placed at approximately 9:00 a.m. He was unable to recall whether the suitcase this individual was carrying was leather, nylon, or of some other composition. He stated the last he saw of this individual was when he stepped from the cab up onto the curb on the northwest corner of 20th Street and 9th Avenue South.

When displayed the artist's conception of the individual using the name HARVEY LOWMEYER, GILLILAND advised the face was familiar and he was quite certain that it was the individual he took to Five Points South.

On March 29, 1968, he made two trips from the airport, the first being two boxes which were transported from the Railway Express to Office Park Circle, and the second a fare from the terminal to 4740 1st Avenue South. GILLILAND stated he could not recall this particular fare but was relying on his trip sheet.

GILLILAND advised he could not recall the fare from the Tutwiler Hotel to the airport on March 30, 1968, or the return trip from the airport to 4604 South Long. These last two trips were the last two of the day, so that the time would be placed around 4:00 p.m. He has no recollection of the number of passengers, their sex or race.

The following investigation was conducted at Birmingham, Alabama, by Special Agents C. B. STANBERRY and HARRY T. POSEY:

The records of the following companies pertaining to automobiles rented by those companies during the period of March 1, 1968, through April 8, 1968, were reviewed for the names of HARVEY LOWMEYER, W. H. LEHMEYER and JOHN WILLARD. The distance traveled and the destination was also observed.

An artist conception was also displayed to employees of the companies contacted as indicated.

No record was located indicating that LOWMEYER, LEHMEYER or WILLARD had rented an automobile from those companies and no employee was located who could identify the artist conception.

DATE	COMPANY
April 8, 1968	Airways Rent-A-Car 2315 5th Avenue, North Birmingham, Alabama

Records made available by WALTER DOUGHTON, Manager, who advised that automobiles rented from this company were to be returned to this office at Birmingham. The automobiles are not allowed to be taken to other offices in other cities or states to be left.

April 8, 1968	National Car Rental 2328 5th Avenue, North Birmingham, Alabama

Records made available by DON SHUBERT, Manager, who made available records covering rentals for the period of April 1, 1968, through April 8, 1968, and advised that the records for the month of March, 1968, are maintained at the National Car Rental office, 3317 South Memorial Parkway, Huntsville, Alabama.

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PURCHASE OF 1966 WHITE MUSTANG TWO-DOOR
BY ERIC S. GALT, 2608 HIGHLAND AVENUE,
FROM OWNER, WILLIAM D. PAISLEY, ON
AUGUST 29 and 30, 1967.

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At 8:30 A.M., the records of the Jefferson County Department of Revenue were examined to determine the registered owner of an automobile bearing 1968 Alabama tag no. 1-38993. These records indicated that this tag was issued on October 2, 1967, to Mr. ERIC S. GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama, for a 1966 Mustang, two-door, eight cylinder, Vehicle Identification No. 6T07C190647. This record also indicated that this car bore a previous 1967 Alabama tag no. 1A-88354. A check of the records concerning this number revealed that this number was issued for the same automobile to a Mr. WILLIAM D. PAISLEY, 701 48th Street South, Birmingham, Alabama, who bought this car from Maring Crawford Ford Company, Birmingham, on December 15, 1966. This car had originally been registered by Maring Crawford Ford Company, on March 11, 1966, as having been sold to MELVIN L. HARVEY, 3311 Highland Drive, Birmingham. The record shows the car was transferred from HARVEY's name to PAISLEY on December 15, 1966, and was then transferred from PAISLEY to ERIC S. GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama, on August 30, 1967.

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

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

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

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

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

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

PAISLEY produced a bill of sale for this transaction which shows the car was sold to ERIC GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama, telephone 323-9487, for $1,295 on August 30, 1967.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PAISLEY said he could not recall how GALT was dressed on August 29, 1967, but did believe that on August 30, 1967, GALT was wearing a sport coat, a dress shirt with the tie open at the neck.

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

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

PAISLEY furnished the following detailed description of the automobile:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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MARVIN CONDRAY, Service Manager, O. Z. Hall Ford Company, Birmingham, Alabama, furnished the following:

The O. Z. Hall Ford Motor Company was formerly known as Maring Crawford Ford Company. The policy of the Maring Crawford Ford Company concerning demonstrators was to register the car in Jefferson County, Alabama, in the name of one of the company's salesmen. Mr. CONDRAY said that MELVIN E. HARVEY was formerly a salesman employed by Maring Crawford Ford Company, and HARVEY formerly resided at 3311 Highland Drive, Birmingham, Alabama.

CONDRAY's service records show that a 1966 Ford Mustang was designated on March 11, 1966, as a demonstrator, and was subsequently sold to WILLIAM D. PAISLEY. This car was brought in for repair work on March 9, 1967, at which time the brake light was repaired as was an oil leak and a rattle in the dash. At that time the automobile had 13,164 miles. On April 10, 1967, this automobile was brought in and received a complete brake overhaul. At that time the car had 14,776 miles. This car has Vehicle Identification No. 6T07C-190647.

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MELVIN E. HARVEY, 1023 Lakeview Crescent, Birmingham, presently employed as a new car salesman, Adamson Ford Company, Birmingham, furnished the following information:

HARVEY was employed by Maring Crawford Ford Company until May, 1967. He recalled that in March, 1966, he obtained a new 1966 white Ford Mustang, eight cylinder hardtop from the company's new car lot and thereafter this automobile was used as a demonstrator until it was sold sometime in December, 1966. HARVEY at that time was residing at 3311 Highland Drive, and the car was registered in his name. He stated the automobile never left the State of Alabama during the time it was used as a demonstrator. HARVEY said the warranty plate for this automobile was issued in the name of MELVIN E. HARVEY, 3311 Highland Drive, and that the warranty was in effect until March, 1968. He said any claims made through the use of this warranty plate would be sent to the Warranty Department, Ford Motor Company, Detroit, by any authorized dealer where the work was performed. HARVEY said that any new owner of this automobile, while the warranty was in effect, should have had the warranty plate changed to the new owner's name, but that very often this is not done by the customers.

HARVEY said he had no knowledge whatsoever that this car ever went to California, and he knew no one by the name of ANITA CATZWINKEL and/or GINGER DAY.

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On April 16, 1968, WILLIAM DAVID PAISLEY, JR., 701 South 48th Street, Birmingham, Alabama, furnished the following:

PAISLEY said he had recalled that at the time he sold his 1966 white Ford Mustang to ERIC GALT, on August 30, 1967, he told GALT that the car needed to have the oil changed as soon as possible and that the car needed a tune-up. PAISLEY recalled that the car at the time of sale to GALT had approximately 19,800 miles. He also recalled that the air filter was a factory replacement and that the oil filter was an A/C oil filter that had been purchased from the Texaco station in the Woodlawn area of Birmingham.

On April 17, 1968, WILLIAM DAVID PAISLEY, JR. advised he recalled he purchased this car on or about December 15, 1966. The car at the time had about 9,000 to 9,500 miles and had been used as a demonstrator by the Maring Crawford Ford Company. PAISLEY said the car was never driven by him out of Alabama.

PAISLEY recalled at the time he sold the car to ERIC GALT he also furnished GALT a warranty plate which bore the name of the Maring Crawford salesman, MELVIN E. HARVEY. The car had been registered in HARVEY's name while it was being used as a demonstrator. PAISLEY recalled that the warranty on this automobile was still in effect until March, 1968. He said he had not changed the name on the warranty plate to his own (PAISLEY) as he should have, but had kept the original plate which bore the name, MELVIN E. HARVEY.

PAISLEY said he never drove the automobile to California, and he knew no one by the name of ANITA CATZWINKEL and/or GINGER DAY.

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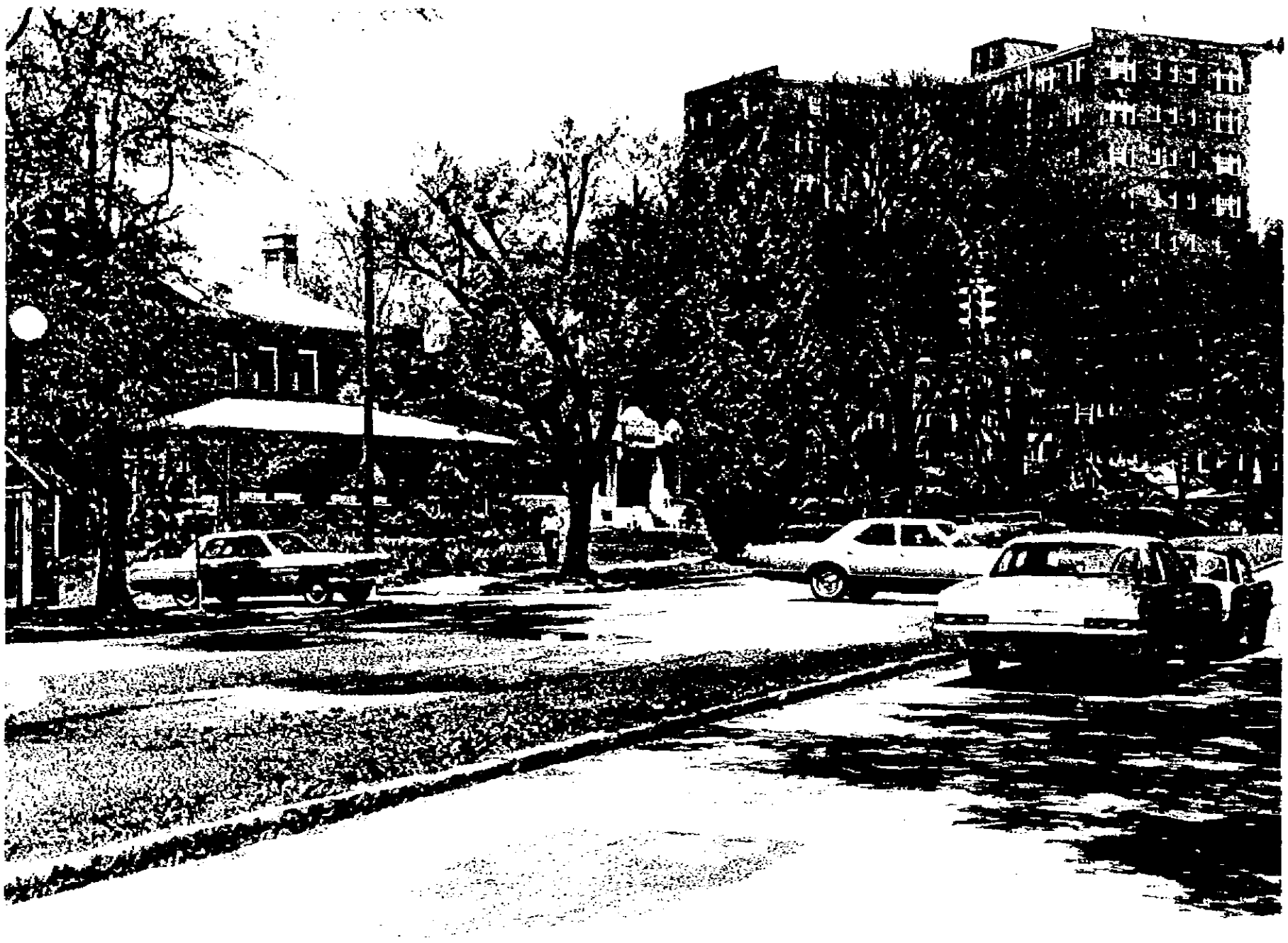
ROOMING HOUSE, 2608 HIGHLAND AVENUE,
BIRMINGHAM, OPERATED BY PETER CHERPES.



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Date 4/11/68

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Date April 11, 1968

Mr. PETER CHERPES, owner and manager of a boarding house located at 2808 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, made available his receipts for all known guests for the months of August, September, October, November and December, 1967.

A review of these receipts disclosed the following information:

1. Receipt dated August 26, 1967, to Mr. ERIC S. GALT -- Room and board from August 26, 1967 through September 1, 1967. The cost of these accommodations was $22.50, and it is noted on the receipt that ERIC GALT occupied Room #14 at this residence.

2. Receipt dated September 2, 1967, to Mr. ERIC S. GALT -- Room and board from September 2, 1967 through September 9, 1967. The cost of these accommodations was $22.50, and it is noted on the receipt that ERIC GALT occupied Room #14 at this residence.

3. Receipt dated September 9, 1967, to Mr. ERIC GALT -- Room and board from September 9, 1967 through September 16, 1967. The cost of these accommodations was $22.50, and it is noted on the receipt that ERIC GALT occupied Room #14 at this residence.

4. Receipt dated September 30, 1967, to Mr. ERIC GALT -- Room only from September 30, 1967 to October 7, 1967. The cost of this accommodation is shown as $17.50, and further, Mr. GALT occupied Room #14.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 14, 1968

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/13/68

Mr. PETER CHERPES, owner and manager, Economy Rooming House, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, made available for review his receipts as well as guest registration cards for the months of August, September, October, November and December, 1967.

A review of these receipts and guest cards disclosed the following individuals were at the rooming house during the period August 26, 1967, through October 2, 1967:

1. Mr. D. T. GREEN, 2007 8th Street, South, Decatur, Alabama, employed Rust Engineering Company, occupied room 24 and 27 from August 4, 1967 through February 1, 1968.

2. Mr. HILL HARDY, room 21 and still a guest, having arrived Economy Boarding House July, 1967. Mr. HILL HARDY employed Nifty Paper Company, Birmingham, Alabama.

3. Mr. PERCY STRICKLAND presently occupies room 17 and has resided at this boarding house for several years.

4. Mr. CHARLES JACKSON DAVIS, room 25, and employed Cambridge Tile Manufacturing Company, 3506 4th Avenue, South, Birmingham.

5. FORREST M. COLE, 4018 Gastin or Gastis Circle, Jackson, Mississippi, occupied room 19 and 18 from September 26, 1967, through October 31, 1967.

6. Mr. JULIAN DIFFEY or DIFFERY occupied room 26 from August 25, 1967, to September 1, 1967. He furnished address as 7340 Quecnstown Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama

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7. JAE E. BELL, 2537 Wycliff Drive, Pensacola, Florida, occupied room 26 from September 18, 1967, to September 25, 1967. Notation on registration card indicates Mr. BELL employed Stegall and Company.

8. Mr. O. L. BLACK, Route 5, Box 227, Andalusia, Alabama, telephone 222-1508, occupied rooms 18 and 29 from September 17, 1967, to September 24, 1967.

9. Mr. THOMAS D. FRANKLIN, 110 Arcade Street, Gadsden, Alabama, occupied room 18 from August 31, 1967, to September 14, 1967. Notation on the registration card indicates Mr. FRANKLIN employed Avondale Mills.

10. Mr. LONNIE P. SMITH, no address listed, occupied room 22 from September 2, 1967, to September 9, 1967. Notation of the registration card indicates Mr. SMITH employed Hanover Nursing Home.

11. Mr. BILLY CLEVELAND, Star Route North, Sulligent, Alabama, occupied room 29 from October 2, 1967, to October 12, 1967.

12. Mr. DANIEL LEE SMITH, 708 South 80th Street, Atlanta, Georgia, occupied room 18 from October 5, 1967, to October 18, 1967.

13. Mr. AUSTIN STOUDENMIRE, 348 Doster Street, Prattville, Alabama, occupied room 22 from September 20, 1967, to October 11, 1967.

14. Mr. RICHARD ALAN WEBB, 1307 Alexandria Road, Weaver, Alabama, telephone 237-3479, occupied room 28 from August 31, 1967, through October 12, 1967.

15. JAMES E. WELDON, Route 4, Box 73, Opelika, Alabama, telephone 745-7558. No room listed. Was guest in boarding house from September 17, 1967, through September 28, 1967.

16. Mr. GEORGE DWIGHT PARK, JR., 2308-D 6th Avenue, North, and YMCA, Birmingham, occupied rooms 26 and 18 from September 23, 1967, to December 30, 1967.

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17. Mr. LAWRENCE HOWELL occupied room 23 from September 11, 1967, through October 3, 1967. Mr. HOWELL employed Federal Aviation Agency and resides 1888 Dickson, telephone 682-9840, Memphis, Tennessee.

18. Mr. DENNIS GRIFFIN occupied room 11 from August 31, 1967, through September 25, 1967. Employment Alabama Material Company, 2605 7th Avenue, South, Birmingham.

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Date 4/12/68

Mr. D. T. GREEN, 2608 Highland Avenue, was interviewed at Rust Engineering Company in Birmingham, where he is employed. GREEN advised that his home is in Decatur, Alabama, and that he is only at the boarding house from Monday evening through Friday afternnon after work. He stated that he cannot remember anyone by the name of ERIC S. GALT or anyone fitting GALT's description living at the rooming house in Room 14 or any other room. GREEN advised that he has little association with any of the other tenants at this rooming house since he has a television in his own room, where he spends most of his time when not at work.

At this point in the interview, Mr. GREEN said that he has a severe drinking problem and this also accounts for the amount of time he spends alone in his room. Mr. GREEN advised, after viewing a composite drawing, that this does not resemble anyone he recalls living at the rooming house since he has been there.

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Mr. CHARLES JACKSON DAVIS, 2608 Highland Avenue, was interviewed at his place of employment, the Cambridge Tile Manufacturing Company, 3506 Fourth Avenue, South, and, after being advised of the nature of the interview, stated that he does not recall anyone by the name of ERIC S. GALT ever living at CHERPES' rooming house. DAVIS stated that he has been living there since they moved into the new rooming house in July, 1967, and he has occupied Room 25 since that time. He said that he cannot recall anyone who has lived in Room 14 and does not recall anyone who has lived there as owning a Mustang automobile.

DAVIS was shown a composite drawing and stated that it does not remind him of anyone who has lived at this rooming house.

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Mr. PERCY STRICKLAND, 2608 Highland Avenue, was interviewed at this residence and requested whether or not he remembered an individual by the name of ERIC GALT, who occupied Room 14 from the end of August, 1967, through the middle of October, 1967.

STRICKLAND stated at first that he did not remember anyone by that name, but after conferring briefly with Mr. PETER CHERPES, the landloard, he said that he did remember a young fellow staying in that room for about two months. He advised, however, that he did not know him and does not know anything about his activities while he stayed at this rooming house.

After viewing a composite drawing, STRICKLAND stated that this drawing resembles this individual who stayed in Room 14, although he cannot be certain as he does not remember him that well.

STRICKLAND stated that he cannot remember whether this individual owned an automobile and, if so, what kind or what color it might have been.

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Mr. HILL HARDY was interviewed at the Nifty Paper Company in Birmingham and advised that he is originally from Pensacola, Florida, and has been working for Nifty and living at PETE CHERPES' boarding house for the past four years. He stated that this boarding house was located on 19th Street until July, 1967, when that building was sold, forcing CHERPES to move his boarding house operation to 2608 Highland Avenue.

HARDY advised that he occupies Room 21 and has occupied this room since July, 1967.

When questioned concerning an individual using the name ERIC S. GALT, who occupied Room 14 from August 26, 1967, until October 7, 1967, HARDY advised that the only man he remembers living in that room was an old man. He said he cannot remember anyone by the name of ERIC GALT as living at the rooming house. He also stated, after being advised of GALT's description, that he could not remember anyone with that description living there. He said that he does not recall a white Mustang automobile belonging to anyone living at the rooming house or sitting in the island of the front street in front of this house.

HARDY stated he was sorry he could not be of more help, but that he is a quiet individual himself and stays in his room most of the time and has little or no association with the other tenants at this house.

After viewing an artist's conception shown to him, HARDY advised that it does not resemble anyone he remembers ever living at this boarding house.

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HOLLIS STRICKLIN, General Manager, Yellow Cab Company, 1008 North 19th Street, Birmingham, Alabama, made available the taxicab trip sheets for August 26, 1967.

(1) Driver RAY JAMES, Taxicab No. 42, made 23 trips, according to his trip sheet. JAMES came on duty at approximately 6 A.M.

Trip #8 reflects one passenger taken from 2909 Highland Avenue to 2600 Highland Avenue, total fare 50 cents.

Trip #14 reflects one passenger taken from 1031 Eighth Avenue, South, to South Highland (exact address not specified), fare $1.20.

(2) Driver MILFORD ROUSE, Taxicab No. 37, made 40 trips, according to his trip sheet. ROUSE came on duty at approximately 4 P.M.

Trip #21 reflects one passenger was taken from the "L&N" to South Highland (exact address not specified), fare $1.

Trip #33 reflects one passenger taken from Trailways to South Highland (exact address not specified), fare 65 cents.

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NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION, VICINITY 2608 HIGHLAND AVENUE, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA:

The following establishments were contacted by SA DAVID T. DALY on April 10, 1968 and the artist's conception of Unknown Subject was displayed, with negative results:

Mr. GRAY MILLENDORE, owner, Millendore Drugs, 2913 Highland Avenue;

ANDREA E. KEY, manager, Mayfield Cleaners, 2915 Highland Avenue;

ROBERT HARRIS, manager, Highland Racket Club, Highland Avenue.

LAUNDRIES AND CLEANERS,
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA:

In connection with a check of laundries in the Birmingham, Alabama area, Mr. ESCO, Manager of Mayfield Cleaners, was contacted telephonically by SA DAVID T. DALY and he advised that although he used the thermo-sealed machine in marking laundry, laundry mark 2B-6 or 02B-6 had never been used by him and that he had never used a red tape in marking laundry.

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RENTAL OF SAFE DEPOSIT BOX NO. 5517 AT MAIN OFFICE OF BIRMINGHAM TRUST NATIONAL BANK, BY ERIC S. GALT ON AUGUST 28, 1967.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/13/68

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

1. Record of Access to Safe Deposit Box No. 5517 of ERIC S. GALT.

2. Contract for Safe Deposit with ERIC S. GALT.

3. Ledger card (rental record) for Safe Deposit Box No. 5517 in name of ERIC S. GALT.

4. Undated letter from ERIC S. GALT to Birmingham Trust National Bank.

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

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date April 14, 1968

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

1. Record of Access to Safe Deposit Box #5517 of ERIC S. GALT

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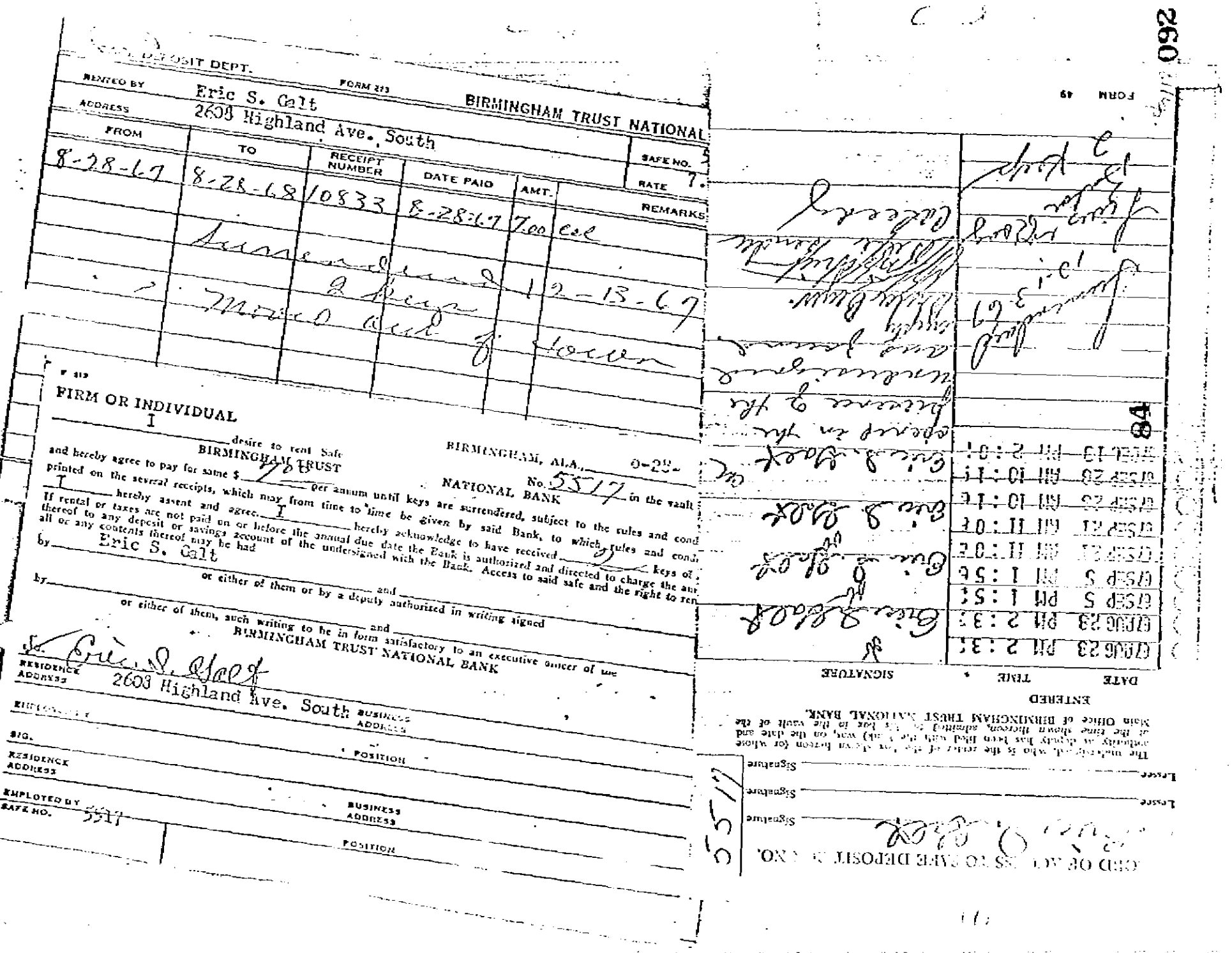

SAFE DEPOSIT DEPT. FORM 213 BIRMINGHAM TRUST NATIONAL

RENTED BY Eric S. Galt

ADDRESS 2608 Highland Ave., South

FROM	TO	RECEIPT NUMBER	DATE PAID	AMT.	SAFE NO. 5517 RATE 7.00 REMARKS
8-28-67	8-28-68	10833	8-28-67	7.00	ese
	Amended and 2 keys Mixed ast & lower		12-13-67		

FIRM OR INDIVIDUAL

I desire to rent Safe BIRMINGHAM TRUST NATIONAL BANK No. 5517 in the vault

BIRMINGHAM, ALA. 8-28-

and hereby agree to pay for same $ 7.00 per annum until keys are surrendered, subject to the rules and cond printed on the several receipts, which may from time to time be given by said Bank, to which rules and cond

I hereby assent and agree. I hereby acknowledge to have received keys of

If rental or taxes are not paid on or before the annual due date the Bank is authorized and directed to charge the an thereof to any deposit or savings account of the undersigned with the Bank. Access to said safe and the right to ren all or any contents thereof may be had

by Eric S. Galt and

or either of them or by a deputy authorized in writing signed

by and

or either of them, such writing to be in form satisfactory to an executive officer of the BIRMINGHAM TRUST NATIONAL BANK

E. Eric S. Galt

RESIDENCE ADDRESS 2608 Highland Ave. South BUSINESS ADDRESS

BUS. POSITION

RESIDENCE ADDRESS BUSINESS ADDRESS

EMPLOYED BY SAFE NO. 5517 POSITION

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FORM 49

ENTERED

DATE	TIME	SIGNATURE
AUG 23	PM 2:32	Eric S. Galt
AUG 23	PM 2:33	Eric S. Galt
SEP 5	PM 1:52	Eric S. Galt
SEP 5	PM 1:56	Eric S. Galt
SEP 21	AM 11:06	Eric S. Galt
SEP 21	AM 11:07	Eric S. Galt
SEP 28	AM 10:16	Eric S. Galt
SEP 28	AM 10:17	Eric S. Galt
DEC 13	PM 2:01	Eric S. Galt

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The undersigned, who is the owner of the ... (illegible) ... person for whose authority as deputy has been filed with the ... (illegible) ... was, on the date and at the time shown thereon, admitted to ... (illegible) ... box in the vault of the Main Office of BIRMINGHAM TRUST NATIONAL BANK.

Lessee Signature

Lessee Signature

Signature

CARD OF ACCESS TO SAFE DEPOSIT BOX NO. 5517

RECORD OF ACCESS TO SAFE DEPOSIT BOX NO. 5517

Lessee Eric D. Galt Signature

Lessee _____ Signature

Lessee _____ Signature

The undersigned, who is the renter of the box shown hereon (or whose authority as deputy has been filed with the bank) was, on the date and at the time shown thereon, admitted to this box in the vault of the Main Office of BIRMINGHAM TRUST NATIONAL BANK.

ENTERED DATE	TIME	SIGNATURE
67JUN 23	PM 2:3[illegible]	
67JUN 28	PM 2:3[illegible]	Eric D Galt
67SEP 5	PM 1:5[illegible]	Eric D Galt
67SEP 5	PM 1:56	
67SEP 21	AM 11:07	
67SEP 21	AM 11:07	Eric D Galt
67SEP 28	AM 10:16	
67SEP 28	AM 10:15	
67DEC 13	PM 2:0[illegible]	Eric D. Galt opened in the presence of undersigned and found empty Brita Bauw. [illegible] Callaway

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Surrendered 12-13-67

2 Keys

FORM 49

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Galt, Eric S.

FROM	TO	RECEIPT NUMBER	DATE PAID	AMT.	REMARKS
8-28-67	8-28-68	16533	8-28-67	7.00	cc
					12-13-67
					Surrendered 2 keys

ADDRESS 2608 Highland Ave. South

RENTED BY Eric S. Galt

SAFE NO. 5517 RATE 7.00

SAFE DEPOSIT DEPT. FORM 313 BIRMINGHAM TRUST NATIONAL BANK

(3)

Eric S. Galt

RESIDENCE ADDRESS 2608 Highland Ave. South BUSINESS ADDRESS

EMPLOYED BY POSITION

AGE SAFE NO. 5517

RESIDENCE ADDRESS BUSINESS ADDRESS

EMPLOYED BY POSITION

and

or either of them, such writing to be in form satisfactory to an executive officer of the

BIRMINGHAM TRUST NATIONAL BANK

(2)

EVIDENCE

(14)

Dear Sir,

Inclosed are two keys
I rented from your
am going to Louisiana so won't
need them, & my help left
some containers of smothing
in the box if you just destroy
them. Thanks

Eric S. Galt

Undated letter from Eric S. Galt to Birmingham Trust National Bank

The above document obtained from Charles T. Smith, auditor BTNB, Birmingham, Ala. on 4/9/68 by SA John H. Kreach, FBI, Birmingham.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/13/68

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

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

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by SA ROBERT J. YARNALL:gas 87 Date dictated 4/13/68

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1 FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/16/68

Mrs. CATHERINE REEDY, Manager, Safe Deposit Box Section, main office, Birmingham Trust National Bank (BTNB), Birmingham, Alabama, furnished the following information concerning safe deposit box number 5517.

She advised that a review of the contract for this box reflects that ERIC S. GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue, South, rented this box on August 28, 1967, for a period of one year at an annual rental of $7. She said that the rental ledger card reflected that GALT surrendered the keys to this box on December 13, 1967, (prior to expiration of his contract) and a notation on the ledger card states he had moved out of town.

Mrs. REEDY advised that she recalls the keys were received from GALT through the mail and that GALT had enclosed a letter saying he was returning the keys as he had moved out of town and that if anything was remaining in the box that the bank was to destroy the items. Mrs. REEDY added that the envelope the letter was received in has been destroyed and she does not recall what postmark the envelope bore.

Mrs. REEDY stated that on December 13, 1967, the box was opened in the presence of bank officials BRUCE BEYER, C. E. KIRKPATRICK, BILLIE BENDER and herself, and the box was found to be empty. She advised that a notation to this effect was made on the record of access to the safe deposit box.

Mrs. REEDY, on examining the contract on this box executed by GALT on August 28, 1967, stated that she is certain she accepted the contract from GALT and, to the best of her recollection, she is certain GALT rented the box on the morning of August 28, 1967, and at that time GALT did not have anything to put into the box, but advised her he would return later in the day to place something in the box. She added that, although normal banking hours are from 9 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., customers do have access to their

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safe deposit boxes until 4:00 p.m. She stated that, according to the record of access to GALT's safe deposit box, he had entered the box at 2:32 p.m. on August 28, 1967, and stayed their for a period of seven minutes, having checked out at 2:37 p.m.

Mrs. REEDY advised that each time a customer goes to his box, either she or her assistant will go to the box with the customer to assist the customer in getting the box and the bank employee will then place his initials by the signature of the customer. She added that each time a customer enters the box he will sign the record of access. The record of access will be stamped showing the date and time the customer entered the box and the time the customer leaves.

Mrs. REEDY advised that, according to the record of access, GALT entered the box on dates and times set forth below and that DIANNE BATTLES, an employee of her section, assisted GALT in going to the box:

DATE	TIMES
August 28, 1967	2:32 p.m. to 2:37 p.m.
September 5, 1967	1:52 p.m. to 1:56 p.m.
September 21, 1967	11:04 a.m. to 11:08 a.m.

Mrs. REEDY advised that on September 28, 1967, her initials appear by GALT's signature, indicating she assisted GALT in going to the box on that date and that GALT was at the box from 10:16 a.m. to 10:19 a.m.

Mrs. REEDY stated that she recalls GALT's name; however, she was unable to recall anything specific concerning him and could not describe him. She is certain she would not be able to recognize him again if she saw him since she had only limited contact with him.

She advised that when GALT opened the account she does not recall any specific conversation with him and, since she did not make any notation on the contract as to where he was employed, she feels he probably told her he was self-employed, or possibly did not give her an answer to this question.

Mrs. REEDY stated that the only other person in her section who may recall GALT is DIANNE BATTLE, who had been employed in this section until January 17, 1968, when she resigned from the bank.

Mrs. REEDY added that only she and one other employee are assigned to this section and, therefore, there is no one else in the section who would have known GALT.

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DIANNE BATTLE, 2425 Shades Crest Road, Birmingham, Alabama, was interviewed in the office of CHARLES T. SMITH, Auditor, Birmingham Trust National Bank, Birmingham, Alabama. Miss BATTLE furnished the following information:

She advised she was a former employee of the Birmingham Trust National Bank (BTNB), having resigned from the bank on January 17, 1968. She advised that while employed at the bank she worked in the Safe Deposit Box Section and was so employed in this section during August and September, 1967. She advised that her immediate supervisor was Mrs. CATHERINE REEDY and that she and Mrs. REEDY were the only employees in this section during the time she was employed with BTNB.

Miss BATTLE then furnished the following information concerning safe deposit box #5517, rented in the name of ERIC S. GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue South.

Miss BATTLE reviewed a contract executed by GALT dated August 28, 1967, the date GALT rented the box from BTNB, and advised that she did not open this account; that the only person who would have opened the account would have been Mrs. REEDY.

Miss BATTLE advised that when a customer enters a safe deposit box, the time the customer enters the box and the time the customer leaves the box will be stamped and the date the person entered will also appear on the Record of Access to the customer's safe deposit box. She further stated that the customer will place his signature on the Record of Access each time the customer enters the box. In addition, either she or Mrs. REEDY, depending on who assisted the customer in going to the box, will place their initials by the signature of the customer.

After examining the Record of Access to safe deposit box #5517, Miss BATTLE advised that the records show

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GALT entered the box on four different occasions and that on three occasions she had assisted GALT in going to the box, since her initials appeared by his signature. She stated the records show that GALT had entered the box on the following dates and times as set forth below:

Date	Time
8/28/67	2:32 p.m. to 2:37 p.m.
9/9/67	1:52 p.m. to 1:56 p.m.
9/21/67	11:04 a.m. to 11:08 a.m.
9/28/67	10:16 a.m. to 10:19 a.m.

Miss BATTLE advised that on August 28, 1967, September 5 and 21, 1967, she assisted GALT in going to the box and that on August 28, 1967, Mrs. REEDY assisted GALT in going to the box.

Miss BATTLE advised that she does recall ERIC S. GALT and that to the best of her knowledge he was friendly on each occasion although he was quiet and said very little to her. She stated that one reason she recalls GALT is the fact that when most customers go to their safe deposit box they will take the box to one of the booths located in the Safe Deposit Section and will stay there for ten minutes or longer; however, on each occasion that GALT came to the box he stayed only a few minutes and did not go to any booth. She stated she also recalls that on each occasion he came in he would tell her that she could stay with him since he would only be there a few minutes. She stated, however, that she did not stay with GALT and would return to her desk. Miss BATTLE stated she never observed GALT putting anything in or taking anything out of the box and she never recalls seeing him carrying anything into the safe deposit box section other than one time she does recall he had a small paper bag in his hand.

Miss BATTLE stated that on each occasion GALT came to the bank he was dressed in casual clothes and she did not notice anything unusual about him. She added that on each occasion he came to the bank he was alone and she

reiterated that he was a very quiet individual and said very little to her, and he never attempted to strike up any conversation with her. Miss BATTLE advised that on December 13, 1967, GALT sent a letter to the bank enclosing the keys to the safe deposit box, wherein he advised the bank that he was now living out of Birmingham and was surrendering his safe deposit box. She advised she made a notation to this effect on the Record of Access to GALT's safe deposit box and that she also put on there that he lives in Baton Rouge. Miss BATTLE advised she does not recall anything specific in the letter indicating that GALT was residing at Baton Rouge, and that she believes she obtained this information from the postmark on the envelope in which the letter was received. She advised that this envelope has been destroyed; however, to the best of her knowledge a copy of the letter would be maintained in GALT's file maintained in the Safe Deposit Box Section.

Miss BATTLE described GALT as follows:

Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Age:	Late 20's or early 30's
Height:	5'11"
Weight:	170 lbs.
Hair:	Brown; cut short
Eyes:	Believed blue; did not wear glasses.
Complexion:	Ruddy
Characteristics:	Very polite, friendly and quiet.

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Date April 14, 1968

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

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CHARLES T. SMITH, Auditor, Birmingham Trust National Bank, Birmingham, advised that normal banking hours Monday through Thursday are from 9:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M., and on Fridays normal banking hours are 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. and 3:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.

He advised that although the bank will normally close at 2:00 P.M., any customer desiring to go to their safe deposit box are permitted to go to their box until 4:00 P.M. He advised that although there is a guard on the door after 2:00 P.M., the guard does not requiry any identification from a customer, nor does he require a customer to sign any register if the customer desires to go to the safe deposit box. He, therefore, advised that the guard would have no records to determine if ERIC S. GALT had gone to his safe deposit box after normal banking hours on August 28, 1967.

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CONTINENTAL DANCE CLUB STUDIOS, aka
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Date April 16, 1968

Mr. MARLIN C. MYERS, Owner, Continental Dance Studios, 7960 Crestwood Boulevard, Birmingham, Alabama, stated that he and Mrs. LOUELLA LUTZ operated Continental Dance Studios, 725 Common Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, from 1964 through October, 1965, when the dance studios went out of business.

Mr. MYERS stated that during 1964 ERIC CALT took five private dance lessons and about three months of group dance lessons at the Continental Dance Studios in New Orleans, Louisiana. Mr. MYERS advised that CALT bought a year's club membership at the Continental Dance Studios in New Orleans, Louisiana, and that CALT paid for these lessons in cash. Mr. MYERS stated that CALT did not have very much money and that he had to budget his dance lessons at five hours per week. Mr. MYERS stated that CALT did not pay for all of his dance lessons and left still owing some money for the dance lessons.

Mr. MYERS advised he was of the opinion that CALT came from the New Orleans, Louisiana, area since he had taken a one-year club membership at the Continental Dance Studios. Mr. MYERS advised that when he operated the Continental Dance Studios in New Orleans, he would advertise the lessons in the want-ad section of the local newspapers.

Mr. MYERS advised he does not have the dance lessons' contract that ERIC CALT completed in New Orleans, Louisiana, but believes that Mrs. LOUELLA LUTZ, who now lives somewhere in California, might have the records of the Continental Dance Studioswhich went out of business in October 1965.

Mr. MYERS stated that the Continental Dance Studios had their bank account with the Whitney Bank, New Orleans, Louisiana. He stated he is positive that CALT never paid for his dance lessons by check.

Mr. MYERS stated that in September 1968, he and his wife, JOAN, placed an advertisement in the personal section of

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the Birmingham, Alabama, newspapers advertising adult dance classes being formed. Mr. MYERS stated that no address was listed in the advertisement, only a telephone number to call. Mr. MYERS stated he does not recall if he or his wife took the call from GALT concerning the dance classes.

Mr. MYERS exhibited a contract for dance lessons bearing the name of ERIC GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama, dated September 12, 1967. He also produced an index card bearing the name of ERIC GALT, which indicated that GALT took group dance lessons from September 12, 1967, through October 3, 1967. Mr. MYERS advised that neither of these documents were handled or executed by GALT. He advised the dance lessons were held at the Friendship Club, Graymont Avenue, Birmingham, on Tuesday evenings from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Mr. MYERS stated that GALT attended four of the dance classes and did not show up for the fifth dance class. Mr. MYERS stated he received a letter several days after the fifth dance class had been scheduled from ERIC GALT, in which GALT stated he was leaving town and sorry that he could not attend the remaining dance classes. GALT in the letter stated that if he were ever back in the Birmingham area, he would again contact Mr. MYERS for additional dance lessons.

Mr. MYERS stated that the dance lessons GALT attended cost $10.00 for five dance lessons. Mr. MYERS stated that GALT was extremely interested in dancing but was a very poor dancer. Mr. MYERS stated that due to GALT's interest in dancing, he is of the opinion that he would take dance lessons wherever he went. Mr. MYERS stated he is also of the opinion that GALT would go to dance studios that had cheap lessons and not the expensive dance studios.

Mr. MYERS stated that during the four weeks that GALT took dance lessons, he does not recall ever seeing him smoke. Mr. MYERS stated that GALT talked very little and would answer questions with only Yes or No. Mr. MYERS stated that GALT would not look you in the eye when he talked with you and had a very weak handshake.

Mr. MYERS stated that GALT never mentioned that he had taken dance lessons from Continental Studios, New Orleans, Louisiana, and never indicated that he knew the MYERS.

Mr. MYERS stated he never saw GALT in any kind of a car, but he believed that GALT would ride a bus rather than own a car. Mr. MYERS stated that GALT never mentioned where he worked, but in his opinion GALT probably worked on some type of construction work.

Mr. MYERS described ERIC GALT as a white male, about five feet, eleven and one-half inches tall, 165 pounds, sandy-brown hair worn in a crew cut, light blue eyes, fair complexion, medium build, clean shaven, spoke softly, southern accent, and in his early 30's.

Mr. MYERS advised that GALT always arrived at the Friendship Club for the dance lessons alone and always left alone. Mr. MYERS advised that GALT never spoke with any of the other students, with the exception of DORIS LADNER, who is the sister of Mr. MYERS. Mr. MYERS stated it is possible that his sister, Mrs. LADNER, might have learned where GALT was employed or why he was in Birmingham, Alabama.

Mr. MYERS stated that while in New Orleans, Louisiana, he would have dance parties at the Continental Dance Studios, and believes that GALT might have attended one or two of these parties and it is possible he might have a picture of GALT.

Mr. MYERS stated he will look through the photographs he took at the dance parties in New Orleans, Louisiana, to determine if he had a picture of ERIC GALT.

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Mrs. JOAN MYERS, Continental Dance Studios, 7960 Crestwood Boulevard, stated that she was a dance instructor at the Continental Dance Studios, 725 Common Street, New Orleans, Louisiana. She stated that she started her dance instructor training at the Continental Dance Studios in New Orleans, Louisiana, on April 27, 1964, and completed this training around the first of June, 1964. Mrs. MYERS stated she recalls ERIC GALT took dance lessons in New Orleans, Louisiana, at the Continental Dance Studio. Mrs. MYERS stated GALT bought a one-year club membership for dance lessons, but did not have very much money so they had to budget his dance lessons at five hours a week. Mrs. MYERS stated that GALT would have taken these dance lessons from June, 1964, to December, 1964. Mrs. MYERS stated that GALT did not pay for all his dance lessons and still owes the Continental Dance Studios some money for the dance lessons. Mrs. MYERS stated the Continental Dance Studios, New Orleans, Louisiana, went out of business in October, 1965.

Mrs. MYERS stated that in September, 1968, she and her husband, MARLIN, ran an advertisement in the Personal Want Ads of the Birmingham newspaper advertising adult dance classes being formed. She advised no address was listed in the advertisement, only a telephone number to call. Mrs. MYERS stated she does not recall if she or her husband took the telephone call from GALT. Mrs. MYERS advised these dance classes were held at the Friendship Club, Graymont Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama, on Tuesday evening from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Mrs. MYERS stated that GALT began these classes on September 12, 1968, and attended four classes. She advised that he did not appear for the fifth class and a few days later, her husband received a letter from GALT stating he had to go out of town and could not attend any more dance lessons. Mrs. MYERS advised she does not know where the letter was mailed from and that her husband has thrown the letter away.

Mrs. MYERS stated she recognized GALT as the same individual who had taken dance lessons in New Orleans,

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Louisiana, and owed money for those lessons. Mrs. MYERS stated that neither she nor her husband said anything to GALT about the money he owed for the dance lessons in New Orleans, Louisiana, since he was paying for the dance classes in cash. Mrs. MYERS stated that GALT never mentioned that he knew them or had taken dance lessons at the Continental Dance Studio in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Mrs. MYERS stated that GALT never indicated where he was employed or why he was in Birmingham, Alabama. She advised that she never saw GALT smoke and never saw him in any kind of a car. Mrs. MYERS stated that she does not recall GALT wore any type of jewelry. She advised that he was a neat, but careless, dresser. She stated GALT would never look at the person speaking to him and would answer all questions with either "yes" or "no." Mrs. MYERS stated GALT always came to the dance classes by himself and left by himself. Mrs. MYERS advised that GALT never had any conversations with any of the other students. She advised that the only student in the class who talked with GALT was her sister-in-law, DORIS LADNER.

Mrs. MYERS advised ERIC GALT was a white male, in his early thirties, 5' 11½", 165 pounds, sandy colored hair, worn in a crew cut, medium build, fair complexion, no confidence, light blue eyes, soft spoken with a southern accent. Mrs. MYERS advised she does not recall anything about the hands of GALT.

Mrs. MYERS stated that when she danced with GALT she could not even tell he was there, as he lacked confidence in himself. She advised that he was very interested in dancing, but was a very poor dancer and she does not believe he would ever learn how to dance.

Mrs. MYERS looked through the photographs taken at the dance parties of the Continental Dance Studios in New Orleans, Louisiana, and stated that none of them contained a picture of ERIC GALT.

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MARLIN C. MYERS, in the presence of his wife JOAN, was contacted at their residence, 953-A North 47th Street, at which time they went through all the photographs taken at the dance parties at the Continental Club, New Orleans, Louisiana, and stated they could not locate a picture of ERIC GALT in any of these photographs. Mr. MYERS stated he does not have any additional photographs which might contain a picture of ERIC GALT.

Mr. MYERS stated he does not believe that LOUELLA LUTZ, his business partner in the Continental Dance Studios in New Orleans, would have the dance lesson contract executed by ERIC GALT in New Orleans since she would have only the business-type records dealing with the payroll and records of this nature.

Mr. MYERS advised that AL LE BRETON, SR., 4432 Spain Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, the landlord of the building where Continental Dance Studios were located, might be able to furnish information as to what happened to the records left at 725 Common Street when Continental Dance Studios went out of business in October 1965.

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ENROLLMENT AGREEMENT

CONTINENTAL DANCE CLUB STUDIOS

Date Sept 12, 1967

Gentlemen:

	Approximate months	Classes	Private Lessons	Membership Fee	Deposit or Initiation fee
membership of agrees to take a	—	5 hr	—	10.00	10.00

Total Down Payment 0, To Be Paid

Balance to be paid as follows Paid in Full

Cash discount allowed within ..... days following date of this contract.

If necessary to cancel an appointment, I will give 6 hours notice to avoid being charged.

The CONTINENTAL DANCE CLUB STUDIOS of .....

will provide the above course of instruction and any failure on my part to take the lessons within one year from the date of this agreement shall not obligate the studio any further, but shall not relieve me of my obligations under this agreement. There will be NO REFUNDS on unused lessons. I acknowledge that instead of the regular rate of $10.00 for each half-hour lesson a reduced rate has been granted me because of the number of lessons purchased, and accordingly I AGREE THAT THIS AGREEMENT MAY NOT BE CANCELLED BY EITHER PARTY.

This course may be transferred to any Continental Dance Club Studio.

The pupil agrees to assume all liability for any injury to (his) (her) person which may be incurred while receiving dance instruction at the studio.

This does not guarantee any specific teacher.

The above constitutes our complete agreement and we shall not be bound by any verbal modification unless it is written into this agreement before it is signed.

Accepted by Continental Dance Club Studios

By Mrs. Marlene Meyer
(Authorized Signature)

Approved by :.....

.....
(Signature of Pupil)

	Private		Group	
Club				
Orig.				
Ext.				
Renew.				

Membership is subject to cancellation without cause during the first year by action of the Board of Directors of the Club and upon refunding the pro-rata portion of membership dues for the balance of the year remaining.

Name Eric Galt

Address 2608 Highland Ave

Home Phone 323-9487

Bus. Phone .....

(HANDWRITING NOT THAT OF GALT)

Name Eric Galt Phone 323-9487
Works 2608 Highland Ave Address
Phone

Lessons taken Name Sept 12	Date of B	Amount
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Date April 16, 1968

Mrs. DORIS LADNER, 2121 - 36th Avenue North, Birmingham, Alabama, advised that her brother, MARLIN C. MYERS, and his wife JOAN own and operate the Continental Dance Studios, 7960 Crestwood Boulevard, Birmingham, Alabama. She advised that commencing on or about September 5, 1967, she has been taking dance lessons from her brother. She stated that from September 5, 1967, until approximately two months ago her brother gave dance lessons at the Friendship Club located on Graymont Avenue, Birmingham, and that these lessons were given each Tuesday evening from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

She stated she does recall ERIC GALT was a student in her dance class from September 12, 1967, until approximately October 3, 1967. She stated that during that period there were approximately fourteen to sixteen persons in the class and that half of them were men and the other half were women. She stated that at the beginning of the classes in September, 1967, all the students introduced themselves to each other and she does recall at this time that her brother had asked her and her sister, Mrs. WEEKS, who was also a student in the class, to circulate among the students to help them feel at ease. She stated that as a result of doing this she met ERIC GALT and did try to make him feel at ease.

She stated GALT was a very quiet and timid person who had very little to say and did not volunteer any information concerning himself when asked such questions. She stated that to the best of her knowledge he only attended approximately four lessons and that on his last appearance he did seem to converse with her more than he did at the beginning of the lessons; that he did ask her where she was living in Birmingham. She stated that when she told him she lived on the north side of Birmingham, he replied that he knew very little about Birmingham and the only area he was familiar with was the Highland Avenue

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area where he resided. She stated that from this conversation she feels he is not a native of Birmingham and had not been in Birmingham for any length of time. She stated he did tell her he had taken dancing lessons in New Orleans and when he made this statement, she mentioned that her brother and his wife were from New Orleans and had taught dancing lessons in New Orleans. She stated GALT did not make any indication that he had recalled taking dancing lessons from her brother, although she was aware of this since her sister-in-law, JOAN, had previously mentioned this fact to her.

She stated that during her conversations with GALT he never indicated where he was employed, although she recalls that he either said he was living near an area where construction was going on or was working in construction.

She advised that she noticed when she was talking with him he would not look her in the eyes; that he would either look away or drop his head, and that when he would be sitting in a chair he seemed to be staring into the distance as though he had something on his mind. She further stated that in trying to make him feel more at ease she would attempt to draw him into conversation by bringing up various subject matters; however, he never seemed to respond to any of the questions she asked other than the fact he would either give a yes or no answer. She did state, however, that he was interested in sports and when asked specifically what sport he was interested in, he commented that he liked baseball.

She advised that on each occasion when she arrived for a dance lesson GALT was always there before she was and after the classes were over he always left before she did since she would usually stay around and assist her brother and sister-in-law in cleaning up the studio. She, therefore, was unable to state whether he had an automobile and GALT had never made any comment to her how he would arrive at the dance studio. She stated that when she, her brother, sister and sister-in-law would leave the dance hall, they usually went to the Plantation Barbecue and she had never observed GALT at the Plantation. She stated she has no knowledge as to where GALT would go after the dance instructions were over; that she never observed him in the area of the Friendship Club when she was leaving.

Mrs. LADNER stated that during the dance instructions they would keep changing partners and therefore no one particular individual would dance with the same partner for any length of time. She stated she never observed GALT talking with any particular student in the class, and she again reiterated that GALT would stay by himself or if a group of people came around to him during one of the breaks, he would just sit there and say nothing.

She added that she never observed GALT smoking cigarettes, nor at any time did she notice any alcoholic beverages on his breath. She advised that she is certain she would be able to recognize GALT if she saw him again.

She described him as follows:

Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Height:	Approximately 5'11"
Hair:	Brown; crew-cut
Eyes:	Blue
Complexion:	Ruddy
Age:	35 - 36
Weight:	175 - 180
Dress:	Would wear shirt, tie, sport coat and occasionally wore a knit turtle-neck shirt; never noticed any jewelry of any kind; always appeared neat.
Characteristics:	Clean-shaven; hands not rough; extremely quiet and reserved.

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IDENTIFICATION AT MAYFIELD CLEANERS, BIRMINGHAM, OF RED DRY CLEANING TICKET NO. 4591, FOUND IN GALT's EFFECTS AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 15, 1968

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RUBY GOODMAN, Manager, Mayfield Cleaners, 2222 Highland Avenue, made available a dry cleaning receipt book dated September 30, 1967, to October 5, 1967.

This book reflects that red ticket Number $4591, was issued October 3, 1967, for the pressing of one coat under the name of GAULT. Mrs. GOODMAN advised that the writing on this receipt is in her handwriting, and she is the only one employed at the laundry, except on Thursdays another woman releaves her.

This same receipt book contains an entry October 2, 1967, for the cleaning of a pair of trousers under the name of GAULT, ticket Number R4451.

Mrs. GOODMAN also furnished dry cleaning receipt book dated September 15, 1967, to September 22, 1967, which contains an entry dated September 20, 1967, for the cleaning of one pair of trousers under the name of GAULT, ticket Number R3701.

Mrs. GOODMAN also furnished a dry cleaning receipt book dated September 11, 1967, to September 15, 1967. This book contains a receipt dated September 13, 1967, for the cleaning of one tie and one pair of trousers under the name of GAULT, ticket Number R4962.

She also furnished laundry receipt book dated September 1, 1967, to September 7, 1967, showing an entry September 5, 1967, for the cleaning of two shirts and one coat under the name of GALT.

Mrs. GOODMAN advised that she had no recollection whatsoever of the individual named GALT or GAULT.

She was exhibited an artist's conception of the suspect and stated this was not familiar to her.

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IDENTIFICATION OF SERVICE STATION,
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, WHERE S & H
GREEN STAMPS, FOUND IN GALT's EFFECTS
AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA, WERE DISTRIBUTED.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/16/68

O. H. ABRAMS, Manager, Standard Service Station, 2188 Highland Avenue, South, Birmingham, stated that his station purchases S&H green stamps about every two weeks in lots of 100,000. The purchase usually consists of 20 books of stamps with 5,000 stamps per book.

ABRAMS checked his records and ascertained that stamps bearing the number 14LK at the top of the stamp and the number 627 at the bottom of the stamp, on the face, were purchased on September 8, 1967, from S&H salesman, M. E. DAWKINS. At that time stamps bearing the numbers 621-640 were purchased. The next purchase of stamps was on September 22, 1967. ABRAMS stated the number 627 on the stamp would indicate that it was given to a customer sometime during the period September 8-22, 1967.

ABRAMS stated he did not recall any customer who drove a white 1966 Mustang with a red interior. He furnished the names of all employees who were working at his station during the period August 28 to October 7, 1967.

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VISITS BY AN INDIVIDUAL POSSIBLY IDENTICAL WITH
UNSUB WITH OTHER SPORTING GOODS STORES --
THE GUN RACK, BIRMINGHAM, AND LONG-LEWIS
HARDWARE COMPANY, BESSEMER, ALABAMA.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/12/68

QUINTON B. DAVIS, 912 Ann Street, Ensley, Birmingham, Alabama, owner of "The Gun Rack", 1507 31st Street, S.W., Birmingham, Alabama, furnished the following information regarding a customer who had expressed an interest in buying a high-powered rifle.

He advised that during the past several months, an individual has been in The Gun Rack on two or three occasions. He stated that he recalled on one occasion, he talked with this individual and attempted to sell him a rifle. It was about noon and he was alone in The Gun Rack at the time this occurred. He stated that it was raining at the time and he recalls the individual parked his car near the front entrance to The Gun Rack. He stated that he could not recall the exact description of this car but as he recalls, the car was a small car, light in color. He stated if it was a white car, it was dirty.

He advised that he believes this individual was in The Gun Rack two or three months ago, exact date he cannot recall.

He stated when the man came into The Gun Rack, he asked him if he had a Model 264 Browning automatic, Grade 2. He informed the man he did not have a Model 264 Browning, as this was a new rifle and he had not been promised delivery by the Browning Company of Model 264 until June or July 1968. DAVIS advised that numerous gun magazines have carried stories about a Browning Model 264, but they are not available to dealers at this time.

He advised he recalls the man asked him about a Redfield rifle scope, a 3x9 Accu-range scope, and DAVIS

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pointed out in a Redfield 1968 bulletin that on page 6 of this bulletin is the type scope the man made inquiry concerning.

He recalls the man asked him how long it would take for him to get the scope, as DAVIS did not have the scope in stock. DAVIS informed the man it would take two or three days to obtain the scope and have it mounted.

DAVIS advised that he exhibited to the man several different rifles but does not recall the man actually handling any of the rifles. He recalls that among the weapons that he attempted to sell this individual was a Remington Model 742 automatic, a Model 700 7 m.m. Remington Magnum. He stated that the reason he recalls the 7 m.m. Magnum is that he only had one of these guns and he had purchased it for an individual who had refused to take the gun after he had purchased it. He advised that he attempted to sell the man several other guns, including guns with caliber 30/06, .243 and .308, but the man appeared to be more interested in obtaining information regarding the amount a bullet dropped at certain distances than actually in buying a rifle. He stated that he and the man referred to a 1968 gun book and looked up various manufacturer's ammunition and the amount the bullet would drop at various distances for .243 caliber, .308 caliber, and 30/06 caliber.

He advised that in his experience in selling guns and ammunition, most of the people who are interested in ballistics are individuals who do hand reloading. He advised that at the time, he thought this individual was interested in the drop of bullets, as he might be planning to reload ammunition with varying amounts of powder. He advised that now he recalls during their conversation the man did not at any time express any interest in the muzzle velocity of the bullet but was only interested in weights of bullets and the amount of drop at various distances. From the conversation, he gained the impression the man wanted to buy a rifle that would fire a bullet with the least amount of drop, several hundred yards of distance.

He furnished the following description of this individual:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	30-35
Height	5'9" - 5'10"
Weight	150 pounds
Build	Slender
Complexion	Light. Skin did not appear as if the man was ever in the sun; gave the impression of being almost pale.
Characteristics	General impression of being a weak person physically, not the type who would be interested in outdoor big-game shooting.

He stated the man, during their conversation, did not appear to be too interested in the guns as he was listening very closely to information he furnished regarding ballistics. He stated the man stared at him during their conversation. He advised the man's eyes were light in color, blue, but with different colors, very unusual in appearance, and very noticeable. He stated the man talked very plainly, pronounced each word very clearly. He stated he could not be positive as to whether this man is a Southerner or from some other section of the country, although he does not talk like most Southerners.

He stated the man had thin, bony hands and his fingernails were manicured. He stated the man's face was thin, and although the man talked very intelligently and may have been an educated person, he gained the impression the man was under a strain or slightly mentally disturbed. He stated the man had a very serious expression on his face, although he was polite and courteous. He advised that he believes this man may have been in his store on one occasion during the football season but he does not recall the man buying anything or his reason for being in the store.

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Date April 12, 1968

CLYDE ROYAL MANASCO, Route 9, Box 602, Birmingham, Alabama, Clerk, The Gun Rack, located at 1507 S.W. 31st Street, Birmingham, Alabama, furnished the following information:

On March 29, 1968, at about 1:30 p.m., he was in The Gun Rack alone when a man came in the store and made inquiry concerning ballistics of various rifles. He stated this individual did not appear to want to purchase a rifle as much as he was seeking information about ballistics. He stated this man was interested in obtaining information concerning the rifle that would give the flattest and longest trajectory in a bullet. He stated they discussed the various calibers of rifles, including .243, .308 and 30.06. He stated this man, in his opinion, did not come in to buy a rifle but came in for information concerning rifles and ballistics. He said the man asked him if he had a ballistics chart he could take with him, and MANASCO advised him he did have such a chart. The man then asked him if he had a used .243 caliber rifle, which he did not have.

He advised he would describe this individual as a white male, thirty years of age, 5'8" to 5'9" in height, 140 to 150 pounds, light brown hair, light complexion, dressed in sports clothes, and he does not believe the man was wearing a coat when he was in The Gun Rack.

He stated he did not observe this individual's automobile or mode of travel. He gained the impression from conversation with this individual that he had either been or was going to Long-Lewis Hardware Company, Bessemer, Alabama.

He advised he recalls that this individual was interested in the amount of drop a bullet would have at 200 yards and other various distances, and he was seeking information concerning the speed and weight of bullets. Mr MANASCO said he would give this matter further thought and he might be able to recall additional details concerning this matter.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 12, 1968

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CLYDE ROYAL PANASCO, Route 9, Box 602, Birmingham, Alabama, Clerk at The Gun Rack, located at 1507 S. W. 31st Street, Birmingham, Alabama, was interviewed, and he furnished the following information:

He advised that he now recalls that the man who came to The Gun Rack and made inquiry concerning ballistics of various rifles did not occur on March 29, 1968, as he had previously informed SA J. T. ARNETT. He stated that on March 29, 1968, he was not at work as he took an examination for a pilots license on March 29, 1968. He stated that he was alone at The Gun Rack at the time the man came in, as the owner of The Gun Rack was out of town on business on Wednesday, March 27, 1968, and he believes that March 27, 1968, is the date that this man came to The Gun Rack.

He stated that since being interviewed by SA J. T. ARNETT on April 8, 1968, he had given this matter considerable thought, and now recalls that this individual had been in The Gun Rack three or four times during the past several months, exact time and dates he could not recall. He stated that he recalls on other occasions when this man came to The Gun Rack he did not make any inquiry of him about any guns, ammunition, or ballistics. He stated on the other occasions he had observed this man, he had come into the store and looked at the various items on display. He stated that this is not unusual, for many customers are "lookers". He stated the man did not handle the weapons on the occasions he was in The Gun Rack. He stated that many customers who come to The Gun Rack pick up and handle numerous weapons without making a purchase. He advised he did not recall ever seeing this individual with another person when he was at The Gun Rack. He stated on the occasions the man was in The Gun Rack, he had offered to show him merchandise, but the man had always been polite in refusing and stated he was only looking.

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MANASCO stated that as he now recalls, the man coming in the store on March 27, 1968, stated on his arrival, "I would like to see your .243 caliber rifles". MANASCO stated that he did not have any .243 caliber rifles in stock, and he attempted to sell the man a 30/06 caliber rifle. He stated that he recalls he attempted to sell this man a Weatherby rifle, and the man indicated that the price of this rifle was too high. He stated that the man, he did not believe, however, handled any rifles while at The Gun Rack, although MANASCO believes he attempted to hand the man a rifle as he would exhibit them to him. He stated he recalls he tried to sell the man a 742 rifle, caliber 30/06. He stated that on previous occasions that this man had been in The Gun Rack, he had appeared not to be interested in purchasing a gun, but was merely interested in looking at the various weapons. He stated on March 27, 1968, however, he gained the impression that this man was "about ready to buy a gun". He stated, therefore, he attempted to sell the man a gun. He stated the man showed an interest and asked questions about the weight of bullets for the various calibers and the amount the bullet would drop at various distances. He stated he gained the impression that the man was more interested in the inches a bullet dropped at various distances than he was in muzzle velocity of the bullet and weight of the bullet.

He advised he did not recall the man asking him anything about a 6.5 millimeter rifle or ammunition. He stated he has 6.5 millimeter rifle ammunition in stock. He stated that when the man asked him about charts concerning ballistics and weapons, he gave the man a booklet entitled "Winchester-Western 1968 Sporting Arms and Ammunition". This booklet has a cover and is 47 pages in length. He pointed out that this booklet contains various articles on weapons and ballistics of various type cartridges. He stated he also gave this man a booklet entitled "Redfield '68 Scopes, Mounts, Sights". He advised that this booklet has a cover and is 31 pages in length. This booklet, he advised,

contains various articles on scopes and mounts. He advised the man was also seeking information on rifle scopes. Mr. MANASCO furnished copies of two similar booklets as the ones he had furnished the man on March 27, 1968.

He stated that on the occasions he had observed this man, he at no time was under the impression he had been drinking alcoholic beverages. He stated that he now recalls the individual's description as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	28-32 years old
Height	5'8" - 5'9"
Weight	140-150
Build	Slender
Hair	Light brown
Eyes	Light blue
Complexion	Light (He stated the individual did not appear to have been in the sun and his complexion was almost pale looking.)

MANASCO stated the individual's eyes were very noticeable as the man would look directly at him when he was talking. He stated many customers would look at guns or weapons and carry on a conversation about them, but this customer would look directly into his eyes during the time they were carrying on a conversation. He stated the man appeared to be alert and listened very carefully to the information he furnished concerning guns and ballistics. He stated the man's voice was very clear and of slightly higher pitch than normal, and in his opinion, the man's voice did not sound like a southerner, or at least the man had resided in other sections of the country until his voice did not resemble that of a person who had been in this area for a long time. He stated the man did not appear to be a strong person, but weak physically. He stated the man was polite and gave the impression of being intelligent. He stated the man's teeth were clean and straight although not perfect. He recalls that the man's fingernails had been manicured and the fingernails were even with his fingers.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date April 11, 1968

LYNDELL EARL DILBECK, 89 Holiday Trailer Park, Bessemer Super Highway, Bessemer, Alabama, who is employed in the gun and sporting goods department at Long-Lewis Hardware Company, Bessemer, Alabama, furnished the following information:

He recalls some man coming to Long-Lewis Hardware on Friday, March 29, 1968, and asking about a high-powered rifle, but he is sure he referred this individual to MIKE KOPP, who is in charge of that department. He said it was possible that he went to lunch shortly after referring this customer to Mr. KOPP, as he recalls this was about noon-time.

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LYNDELL EARL DILBECK, 89 Holiday Trailer Park, Bessemer Super Highway, Bessemer, Alabama, advised he is employed in the gun and sporting goods department at LONG-LEWIS HARDWARE COMPANY, Bessemer.

After viewing FBI artist's conception of an individual, exhibited to him by SA J. T. ARNETT, DILBECK advised he could not recall whether this artist's sketch is similar to the person who had made inquiry concerning a high-powered rifle on March 29, 1968.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 11, 1968

JOHN MICHAEL KOPP, 1420 - 35th Street, Ensley, Birmingham, Alabama, employed as Manager of Firearms Department, LONG-LEWIS HARDWARE Wholesale and Retail Store, Bessemer, Alabama, furnished the following information:

He stated that on Friday, March 29, 1968, at about noontime, he recalls a customer making inquiry concerning a high-powered rifle. This individual was seeking information concerning ballistics of the various high-powered weapons. When the man first made inquiry concerning whether they handled high-powered rifles, he asked him if he would like to see a 30-30 and the man said he would not as a 30-30 would not be powerful enough. The man asked if he had a .243, .308 or 30/06 caliber rifle, also inquiring as to the prices of the various rifles, and he informed him he had a Winchester .243 rifle for $127.95, a .308 for $154.95 and a 30/06 for $176.98. He recalls this man asking how many inches would the .308 bullet drop at 600 yards. He also wanted to know the ballistics or drop in a 30/06.

KOPP stated this individual looked at the rifles and is sure he handled the rifles in the store. However, since that time these rifles have been handled by numerous other individuals, and the previous day all of these rifles were removed from the racks and stored in another part of the building, at which time at least four other employees had handled the rifles. He stated he recalls that this individual handled a Browning rifle, opening the action of the rifle and closed it without any difficulty. He said this particular rifle had a unique manner in which the action could be opened and released and unless someone was familiar with this rifle, it would be highly unlikely that he could open and close the action without assistance or careful study of the mechanism. He stated this individual asked him if he had any 6.5 mm. ammunition that would fit a Japanese rifle.

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Mr. KOPP advised that this individual asked if he had any scopes and scope mounts. He recalls the man asked how much a "tip-off" mount would cost. He said the man did not ask him any details concerning the power of scopes, nor did he state what power scope he desired. This individual asked how long it would take to have a scope mounted on a rifle and KOPP informed him it would take at least two days as he sent his rifles to Birmingham to T. K. LEE to have the scopes mounted. He said the man appeared to be shopping and pricing rather than actually interested in the immediate purchase of a rifle.

He stated the individual did not appear to be familiar with Bessemer, Alabama, as he recalls the individual asking him about other places that might have high-powered rifles at Bessemer, and he told the man that BANKS PAWN SHOP and SIMMONS PAWN SHOP might have them, at which time the man asked him where these places were located. KOPP stated these two places of business are located directly across the street from Long-Lewis Hardware Company, and he pointed out Banks Pawn Shop, directly across the street, to this man.

Mr. KOPP advised he did not know whether any other employee at Long-Lewis Hardware Company observed this individual, but that the other employee who works in the same department is LYNDEL EARL DILBECK.

He stated this unknown individual talked in a soft voice but pronounced each word very clearly and had no particular accent. During the conversation he noted that the man pronounced several words in a way which indicated to KOPP that he may have been from another section of the country. He stated he recalls on one occasion, while this man was in the store, he called to an employee in the store whose name is PAUL, and when he called this individual by the name PAUL, it appeared to startle the man and he repeated the name "PAUL" but pronounced it "PAAL."

He stated that at Long-Lewis Hardware there is a moose head trophy on display, and this individual made some comments concerning this being such a nice trophy,

Although he claimed he had fired at a Moose or some other large game on one occasion and missed, he did not give any details concerning any hunting experience.

KOPP stated this individual did not appear to him to be strong enough to shoot a high-powered weapon. He had an extremely light complexion with a rather "weak" appearance. He did not appear to be an outdoor type who would enjoy big game hunting.

He stated that when the man was about to leave the store he said he would look around some more and might come back to Long-Lewis.

KOPP furnished the following description of this individual who made inquiry regarding a high-powered rifle:

Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Height:	5'9" - 5'10" (KOPP noted that on one occasion he had to look behind this person and it was necessary that he stand on his tiptoes to look over this man's head. KOPP is 6 feet tall. He said he first thought the man to be his height, but noting the fact that from eye level he would have to raise up 2 or 3 inches to look over his head, the man would probably be 5'9" or 5'10".)
Complexion:	Fair; appeared he had not been in the sun and might be sick.
Eyes:	Color not recalled but believed to be light.
Age:	28 - 32
Build:	Slender
Weight:	150 lbs.
Hair:	Light brown to "dishwater blond"
Hair Style:	Combed up in front and flat on top; combed straight back; hair stood up slightly; thin in appearance; medium-short on sides.

Eyebrows:	Medium thick (KOPP stated that at the time this individual was in Long-Lewis he was wearing dark horn-rimmed glasses and the side frames were wide and went straight back similar to those worn by Entertainer RAY CHARLES, whose picture he has seen in various advertisements. He observed the eyebrows when the man got something in his eye and took his glasses off.)
Mouth:	Small
General Appearance:	Very serious expression on face; facial shape - thin. When the man talked he could observe the cheekbones against the skin.
Nose:	Thin
Hands:	Thin and well kept;nails manicured.
Clothing:	Business type suit, dark brown color; shirt appears to be identical to a shirt manufactured by SERO Company. KOPP advised he has a Sero shirt and it appeared to be identical to shirt owned by KOPP. This was a white shirt with small blue and yellow pin stripes.
Tie:	Predominantly green with a stripe, button-down.

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JOHN MICHAEL KOPP, 1420 - 35th Street, Ensley, Birmingham, Alabama, employed as Manager of the Firearms Department, LONG-LEWIS HARDWARE Wholesale and Retail Store, Bessemer, Alabama, was shown artist's conception of an individual by SA J. T. ARNETT. Mr. KOPP advised that this artist's conception resembled an individual who had made inquiry concerning a high-powered rifle on March 29, 1968; however, in his opinion, it varies from the person's appearance in the following manner:

The hair was not combed exactly like the artist's conception, the hair appearing to be too thick. He stated the man's hair appeared to him to be combed more flat on top, straight back, thinner, and not quite as high. He said the artist's sketch of the man's eyes did not appear exactly as he recalled the person's eyes with whom he talked. The man's face appeared to be thinner than the artist's conception, but stated the artist's conception does resemble this person.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA J. T. ARNETT on April 9, 1968, at Bessemer, Alabama

J. A. LEWIS, salesman, Long-Lewis Hardware Company, after viewing artist's conception exhibited to him, advised he did not recall ever seeing an individual similar to the artist's conception in Long-Lewis Hardware.

WILLIAM P. McCLINTON, owner, Banks Pawn Shop, Bessemer, after viewing artist's conception exhibited to him by SA J. T. ARNETT, advised he could not recall this individual ever being in Banks Pawn Shop. He stated it was possible the man could have been in his place of business, but he did not have detailed information regarding ballistics and very few rifles of any type.

BERNARD BIGBEE, Clerk, Banks Pawn Shop, after viewing artist's conception of an individual, stated he did not recall ever seeing this person or a similar person in Banks Pawn Shop, and did not recall a person of similar appearance making inquiry regarding high-powered rifles and ballistics. He said it was possible this person could have made an inquiry, but in view of the recent increase in business he might not recall this individual.

RALPH SIMMONS, owner, Simmons Pawn Shop, Bessemer, Alabama, after viewing artist's conception of an individual exhibited to him by SA ARNETT, advised he did not recall an individual similar to the artist's conception making any inquiry in his store concerning a high-powered rifle. He stated he does not carry any rifle more high-powered than a 30-30 caliber.

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AUTO RENTAL AGENCIES AND
USED CAR DEALERS

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ROSCOE HARRIS
Hiker
National Car Rental
2328 5th Avenue, North
Birmingham, Alabama

CHARLES HILL
Hiker
National Car Rental

BRENDA GREER
Rental Agent
National Car Rental.

April 9, 1968 — Budget Rent-A-Car
1813-15 1st Avenue, North
Birmingham, Alabama

Records made available by PATRICIA WHALEY, Bookkeeper.

DANNY ENGLISH
Rental Clerk
Budget Rent-A-Car

ERVIN DANIELS
Hiker
Budget Rent-A-Car

JAMES HOWELL
Hiker
Budget Rent-A-Car.

April 8, 1968 — Rent-A-Ford
(International Fleet Corp.)
1720 5th Avenue, North
Birmingham, Alabama

Records made available by C. H. DUNCAN, Partner.

SAM HENDERSON
Hiker
Rent-A-Ford

ROBERT GRAYSON
Hiker
Rent-A-Ford.

April 7, 1968 — Hertz Rent-A-Car
2020 5th Avenue, North
Birmingham, Alabama

Records made available by JOE KLYCE, owner.

JEAN BROXTON
Hertz Rent-A-Car

GLORIA RODDAM
Hertz Rent-A-Car

LILA HYDE
Hertz Rent-A-Car

It is noted that no record of a Mustang that was rented during the period checked was found indicating that this car was taken into Tennessee and then returned to Birmingham.

April 8, 1968 — Avis Rent-A-Car
2023 5th Avenue, North
Birmingham, Alabama

PETE KLYCE
Avis Rent-A-Car

MIKE SULLIVAN
Rental Agent
Avis Rent-A-Car

CURTIS LEE JONES
Hiker
Avis Rent-A-Car

DEWEY RUFFIN
Rental Agent
Avis Rent-A-Car

LAURINE ODOM
Rental Agent
Avis Rent-A-Car

April 8, 1968 — American Leasing
2116 5th Avenue, North
Birmingham, Alabama

Records made available by R. E. JONES, Manager, who advised that automobiles rented through this company are to be returned to Birmingham and are usually rented on a long-term basis.

April 10, 1968 — Liberty Leasing
2428 6th Avenue, South
Birmingham, Alabama

Records made available by BILL GARRIGAN, Manager.

GAIL JONES
Bookkeeper
Liberty Leasing.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA JOHN H. KRESEK, SA HARRY T. POSEY and SA CLAUDE TIMOTHY ADAMS on April 6, 1968, at Birmingham, Alabama:

The records of Hertz Rent-A-Car Company, 2020 5th Avenue North, Birmingham, Alabama, were made available for examination by TOM DYKES, Night Manager.

These records were checked pertaining to automobiles rented by that company from March 20, 1968, to April 6, 1968, and were reviewed for the names HARVEY LOWMEYER and W. H. LEHMEYER, and place of destination, with negative results.

An artist's conception was also displayed to Mr. DYKES of a suspect in this case with negative results.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA's ALVIN LEE KING and HARRY T. POSEY at Birmingham, Alabama:

On April 11, 1968, the following used car lots in the Birmingham, Alabama, area were contacted and a composite conception was displayed to employees of the companies as indicated:

The records of the purchases of automobiles made by the companies contacted during the period of August, 1967, were observed for the names of HARVEY LOWMEYER, W. H. LEHMEYER, JOHN WILLARD, ERIC STARVO GALT, JAY WILLIS VERNON.

No one contacted identified the artist's conception of the suspect and no record of a purchase of an automobile was located containing the above-mentioned names.

Courtesy Used Cars
2300 7th Avenue South
JIM DENNIS, Manager
LEO STANCEL, Salesman
W. H. MORGAN, Salesman
STAN ROPER, Salesman.

Liberty Motors
2428 6th Avenue South
BERTHA TYNER - Bookkeeper
ROBERT S. COOPER, Salesman
BILL COOK, Salesman
FRANCIS COOK, Salesman.

Roy Bridges Rambler
2222 6th Avenue South
HOWARD BRASSEALE, Bookkeeper

CHARLES SCARBROUGH, Salesman
JACK MILLICAN, Salesman
JOHN WALKER, Salesman
CLEMENTS WOOD, Office Manager
JOHN TATE, Salesman
J. C. ALVERSON, Salesman
KELLER WILLIAMSON, Salesman.

Downtown Motors
330 South 24th Street
HAROLD ROSS, Salesman

Car Town, Inc.
400 South 24th Street
FRANK COOPER, Manager
C. E. PATTERSON, Salesman
PETE THOMAS, Salesman.

Foreign Car Center
2211 4th Avenue South
TOMMY CHARLES, Owner
E. L. HUGHEY, Salesman

Penton Motors
2300 Third Avenue South
LESTER PENTON, Owner
W. T. MC CURDY, Salesman

A A OK Used Cars
2301 Third Avenue South
RAY WADSWORTH, Manager
ALISON CREATOZ, Salesman
It is noted that Mr. WADSWORTH stated the company was not open during August of 1967.

G & S Motor Company
2315 Third Avenue South
J. L. GLOVER, Manager

Big Hearted Eddie's Used Car Lot
2425 Third Avenue South
HAROLD HENDERSON, Manager
SIMS BUSBY, Salesman and buyer.
WILLIE CULPEPPER, Mechanic
ESTES SWINDLE, JR., Mechanic.

Arnold Peek Motor Company
2230 Third Avenue South
ARNOLD PEEK, Owner
LESTER MOMAN, Salesman
WILLIAM KNIGHT, Salesman
WILLIAM CLAY, Salesman
JERRY COVINGTON, Secretary.

Compact Auto Sales
2424 Third Avenue South
JOHN D. LINDSEY, Owner

John Smart Motor Company
201 South 24th Street
T. L. SIGGERS, Salesman.

Mac Motors
2400 Second Avenue South
MAX WEINTRAUB, part owner
IRVING WEINTRAUB, part owner.

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LIGGETT REXALL DRUG STORE CONTACTS

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REXALL AND LANE-REXALL DRUG STORES,
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA;

The Memphis Division advised the Special Agent in Charge in Birmingham that in the possession of Unknown Subject were cash register receipts from a Liggett Rexall Drug Store which were labeled at the top Liggett Rexall Drug Store and that the right bore a price and at the bottom left-hand corner the numbers 1678 and 3458. The receipts contain neither a date nor a city nor a store number.

On April 6, 1968 the following Liggett Rexall and Lane Rexall Drug Stores in the Birmingham area were contacted by SA DAVID T. DALY and SA DAVID B. ZWIEN, and none of the below-listed stores had a similar cash register receipt in use:

AMOS F. STEVENS, Liggett Rexall Drug Store, 1901 First Avenue, North;

WILLIAM M. WEEB, Liggett Rexall Drug Store, 5 Points West Shopping Center;

F. L. RAY, Lane Liggett Drug Store, 1624 South 20th Street;

ROBERT PEDGETT, Lane Rexall Drug Store, 3520 Montgomery Highway;

C. A. CANN, Liggett Rexall Drug Store, [illegible] Mall;

H. C. BAILEY, Liggett Rexall Drug Store, [illegible] Park Shopping Center, contacted by SAC CAMBLE;

JEWELL JOHNSON, Hall's Liggett Rexall, [illegible] point, Alabama.

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RECORD CHECKS

The following investigation was conducted by IC WILLIAM H. CUSHEN at Birmingham, Alabama, on April 9, 1968.

Indices of the Birmingham Division were checked, with negative results, regarding the surnames LOWMEYER and LOWMYER.

City directories and telephone directories covering the Birmingham territories were negative regarding the surnames LOWMEYER and LOWMYER.

Miss JEAN BISHOP, Revenue Department, Auto License Department, Jefferson County Courthouse; Miss SYLVIA LITTLE, Board of Registrars, Jefferson County Courthouse; Mr. D. L. WEBBER, Identification Bureau, Jefferson County Sheriff's Office; Miss YVONNE HILL, Identification Bureau, Birmingham Police Department; Miss CATHERINE McCROCKLE, City Recorders Court; and Mrs. JESSIE WILLIAMS, Merchants Credit Association, advised from their respective files they could locate no record regarding the surnames LOWMEYER or LOWMYER.

Likewise, the names of JOHN WILLARD, ERIC S. GALT, and others as they became of interest, were checked through all available sources and records with any identification located.

NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATIONS

Throughout the period covered by this investigation, intensive coverage was afforded all neighborhoods where it had been determined that GALT had had any contacts.

This investigation covered a 25-block area surrounding the address 1907 - 11th Street South, Birmingham, where GALT indicated he resided when murder weapon was purchased under name HARVEY LOWMEYER. This neighborhood investigation also extended to include the address 1907 - 11th Avenue South.

All the business establishments in the Five Points South area, which is centered at the intersection of South 20th Street, 11th Avenue South, and Magnolia Avenue, were checked based on a reported taxicab trip of an individual who had been let out in that area.

All the surrounding area and blocks around GALT's rooming house, 2608 Highland Avenue, were checked, including the high-rise apartment building of the Sheraton Apartments at 2909 Highland Avenue, which address had been considered pertinent based on a cab fare picked up at that address and discharged near the rooming house of GALT. All the area around 4th Avenue and 20th Street North in downtown Birmingham was checked, based on the report of a cab driver that he had picked up a fare at that intersection.

The entire area surrounding the Continental Dance Club Studios, aka Friendship Club, on Graymont Avenue, where GALT had enrolled for dancing lessons, was checked.

The names and addresses of all individuals contacted have been made a part of the Birmingham file, but are not being set forth herein in the interest of brevity although some results of contacts are reported on the following pages.

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JIMMY PHILLIPS, Standard Oil Service Station Manager, 7953 Crestwood Boulevard, residence 1204 Concord Avenue, Birmingham, furnished the following.

Until about the middle of March, 1968, PHILLIPS had been the Assistant Manager at the Standard Service Station at 2188 Highland Avenue, Birmingham. He recalled a customer at the Highland Avenue Station who drove a white Mustang and whose first name was ERIC. He described this person as a white male in his early 30's, five feet, nine to ten inches, 180 pounds, black hair, combed straight back, neat dresser, easy-going in his manner.

PHILLIPS believes this person at the time claimed he was working for an insurance company or a realty company or possibly Social Security. He made all his purchases in cash and was always alone. PHILLIPS believes this person had been observed by him smoking on occasions, but he could not recall his discussing anything except the night clubs in downtown Birmingham and "chasing women." PHILLIPS believes this man once told him that he was divorced and lived in the Highland area of Birmingham.

PHILLIPS claimed when he first observed this car, it had Georgia license plates and a trailer hitch. PHILLIPS said this man claimed he was from Atlanta and used his Mustang to pull a large boat, with the result that the clutch on the Mustang was thrown in bad shape.

PHILLIPS believed the last time he saw this man was in February, 1968, and he was positive he could identify him if he saw him again.

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by SAs NEIL P. SHANAHAN and ROBERT M. BARRETT RMB:mas Date dictated 4/9/68

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The following investigation was conducted by SA JERRY L. EMMONS on April 8, 1968, at Birmingham, Alabama:

Mr. SIDNEY MAYBERGER, Mayberger's Dry Goods Store, 1031 South 20th Street, was shown an artist's conception of the unknown subject in this case. He advised that he though this picture resembled a. ex-convict named JIMMY LEONARD. He said he did not know where LEONARD lives but he saw LEONARD in Birmingham last week.

Mr. J. L. BUFFINGTON, Pay-Less Drugs, 1035 South 20th Street, advised that the artist's conception of the unknown subject he was shown looked like MELVIN BROWN, a pharmacist who lives in Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

JANET INGRAM, Term Finance Company, 530 South 21st Street, was shown an artist's conception of the unknown subject. She advised that he looked like one FLOYD POHLMAN who works at the San Ann Service Station, 42nd Street and First Avenue, North.

LELA WILDER, La Dame Cleaners, 1920 11th Avenue, South, advised that a man named L. L. FINCH, who allegedly resembled the artist's conception of the unknown subject, came in and picked up a man's blue suit, a pair of green work pants, and a pink dress. This man paid for these items with a new $20 bill. The address on the cleaning ticket was shown as 1316 19th Street, Southwest. Mrs. WILDER described the man as being 5'10" to 6', 160 to 165 pounds, greenish-gray eyes, and dark brown hair.

HUGH PEMBERTON, Martin's Flower Shop, 1931 11th Avenue, South, advised that the artist's conception of the unknown subject which he was shown closely resembled one JOHN SCHNATZ, who was formerly employed by him. SCHNATZ supposedly lives somewhere on 44th Street, South.

HASTINGS COLVIN, 1908B 29th Avenue, South, was contacted in regard to his brother, who allegedly resembled the artist's conception of the unknown subject. COLVIN said his brother was named WOODROW COLVIN and lives in Powderly. WOODROW COLVIN has worked for the Progressive Farmer in Birmingham for 25 years and is 53 years of age.

Mr. M. E. ALLISON, 1311 13th Avenue, South, Apartment A, advised that the artist's conception which he was shown strongly resembled one MIKE GILL, who formerly resided at 1400 14th Street, South. GILL's mother has worked for the Birmingham Board of Education and GILL allegedly has a police record.

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NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION, VICINITY
1907 11th AVENUE, SOUTH:

The following persons at the below-listed addresses were contacted by SA DAVID T. DALY on April 8, 1968 and the artist's conception of Unknown Subject was displayed to them, with negative results:

JANE MC KENZIE, receptionist; PERRY ANN OAKES, bookkeeper, Doctors' Offices, 1815 South 11th Avenue;

Mrs. ERMA DANENBERG, receptionist; Mrs. MARGARET HODGES, nurse, Doctors Offices, 1815 South 11th Avenue;

Mrs. MARY JOE JENKINS, receptionist; PEGGY CHAPMAN, nurse, Doctors Offices, 1807 South 11th Avenue;

1801 South 11th Avenue, vacant;

1717-B 11th Avenue, no one at home;

GLORIA KIMBER, Assistant Director, Diabetes Trust Fund, 1717-C, 11th Avenue, South;

1717-A 11th Avenue, South, vacant;

DAISY PILKINTON, JEAN BARKER, SUSAN PEOPLES, Mrs. BILLIE HICKMAN, IRIS COPLEY, VIVIAN BENASELY, receptionist, Dental Arts Building, 1715 11th Avenue, South;

1113 11th Avenue, South, vacant;

JANE POTTS, receptionist; LUCILLE SNODGRASS, nurse, 1701 11th Avenue, South;

1160 11th Avenue, South, no one at home at the following apartments: 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11. BILL RUSSELL, Apartment 4; CECIL REDD, Apartment 12, contacted, negatively;

1110 and 1112 12th Street, South, the Highland Beauty and Barber Shops, respectively, were closed.

SAM CAWTHAN, Kilgo Carpet Service, 1108 12th Street, South;

NORMA STEVENS, JIM STEVENS, MARY MC PHERSON, Jim and Norma's Restaurant, 1104 12th Street, South;

JOHN ASHCRAFT, LESLIE L. ASHCRAFT, RICHARD BITTINGTER, JUDY BITTINGTER, WILLIE MAE FIKES, CLAUDE BLEVINS, all employees of Ashcraft Florist, 1100 12th Street, South;

BRAXTON ADAMS, Humble Oil Station, 1100 Cullom Street;

Mrs. FLORA HARRIS, 1100 South 19th Street, Fitzgerald Apartments, who requested that occupants of other apartments not be interviewed inasmuch as they are all female outpatients from Bryce Mental Hospital, Tuscaloosa, Alabama;

DEBRA VINCENT, WANDA PATE, MAE VINCENT, Apartment A, 1126 South 19th Street;

GERALD BAYLIS, JOAN BAYLIS, Apartment D, JERRY ARNETT, CAROL ARNETT, Apartment C, 1126 South 19th Street;

1130 19th Street, South, not at home;

Mrs. RUTH HAMMETT, 1117 15th Street, South;

HARRY G. MOORE, 1119 15th Street, South.

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BOARDING HOUSES

All known boarding houses, in addition to the one where GALT had resided, were contacted with especial attention to those on the southside of Birmingham. This included those who normally advertise in the classified section of the daily newspapers; those who have signs proclaiming rooms for rent, and those listed in the yellow pages of the Telephone Directory.

The above investigation proved negative except for numerous "look-alikes" who were immediately checked out. The names of all individuals contacted during this phase of the investigation have been recorded in the Birmingham file.

HOTELS AND MOTELS

All hotels and motels, including all employees on all shifts, were contacted at the inception of this investigation and continued throughout as developments indicated. The names of all such employees interviewed are maintained in the Birmingham file.

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BANKS, SAVINGS & LOAN ASSOCIATIONS, AND LOAN COMPANIES

All personnel meeting the public in the main office and 25 branches of The First National Bank of Birmingham; the main office and 17 branches of Birmingham Trust National Bank; all other banks and their branches, were contacted in an effort to determine any information concerning ERIC S. GALT and possible source of funds of that individual.

Likewise, all savings and loan associations, main offices and branches, together with personal loan institutions, were contacted.

The names of all individuals contacted are maintained in the Birmingham file.

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TERRITORY OUTSIDE BIRMINGHAM

All service stations, motels and hotels in the territory of the Birmingham Office covering the northern half of the State of Alabama were contacted, which included cities of the Resident Agencies and all highways leading into Birmingham from the States of Mississippi, Tennessee, and Georgia. Highways on which investigation was conducted included U. S. Highway 78 West, U S. Highway 78 East and I-20, U S. Highway 31 and I-59 N.E., U. S. Highway 31 North and I-65 North, U. S. Highways 72 and 231 across the northern part of Alabama, State Highway 79 from Birmingham through Huntsville, thence Highway 431 North to Tennessee.

The identities of those individuals contacted during the above investigation have been placed in the Birmingham file.

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AIRLINES

All employees of City Ticket Offices and at the Birmingham Municipal Airport of each airline were interviewed and their names maintained in the Birmingham file. As a result of this, one possible suspect whose name was similar to LOWMEYER, namely, W. J. LEHMEYER, was positively eliminated after communication with the Minneapolis Office identified him as a legitimate attorney, whose reason for being in Birmingham during a pertinent period was verified by RICHARD EVANS, Bessemer, Alabama.

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TAXICABS

The trip sheets during pertinent periods of GALT's residence in Birmingham and later return to purchase the murder weapon were checked and all drivers on all shifts of each taxicab company were interviewed.

Names of each individual cab driver are recorded in the Birmingham file in this matter.

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BARS AND LIQUOR STORES

All bars, liquor stores, and "joints" in the entire Birmingham area, with especial attention to the southside section of Birmingham and the downtown business district, were canvassed and employees on all shifts were interviewed for possible information. This investigation proved negative with the possible exception of one waitress in a downtown lounge, whose interview has been set forth in this report.

Likewise, all similar institutions on highways leading from Birmingham were canvassed without obtaining any positive information.

BUS STATIONS

All bus stations were checked at the inception of this investigation and throughout as developments indicated.

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AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE AGENCIES

On the possibility that GALT may have insured the 1966 white Mustang after its purchase at Birmingham on August 30, 1967, all agencies dealing in automobile insurance were contacted and no record could be located of any policy having been insured to ERIC S. GALT.

LIBRARIES

All libraries in Jefferson County were contacted and all personnel interviewed in an attempt to develop any information concerning GALT or the possibility that he may have spent time in such institutions while at Birmingham. This investigation proved negative and the names of those people contacted are maintained in the Birmingham file.

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LAUNDRIES AND DRY CLEANING ESTABLISHMENTS

In addition to positive results obtained based on dry cleaning ticket found in GALT's effects at Atlanta, all laundries and dry-cleaning establishments, together with their branches, especially the southside area of Birmingham, were contacted and the names of those individuals are maintained in the Birmingham file.

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MARRIAGE, DIVORCE, AND VITAL STATISTICS RECORDS

The marriage and divorce records of Jefferson County, Alabama, and the counties which comprise the Birmingham Office territory were reviewed from the year 1947 to date, based on GALT's reported statement to an individual that his divorced wife lived "over the mountain" near Birmingham. This review of such records proved negative as to any divorce record of that individual. A check of the Vital Statistics in Jefferson County at Birmingham also proved negative as to any record of GALT.

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BARGE LINE OPERATORS

In view of CALT's reported statement that he was formerly employed on a barge, all companies and river terminals, together with all sources known that might have information concerning his employment, were contacted on the navigable rivers in the Birmingham Office territory. This included all points on the Warrior River, which extends from Birmingport through Tuscaloosa to Mobile, Alabama, and on the Tennessee River which is located in the northern portion of the State of Alabama. All such investigation proved negative.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA JOHN D. KEISLER and SA MARVIN W. EUBANKS on April 12, 1968 at Fairfield, Alabama:

[illegible], wife of Reverend RALPH MARTIN CALL, 5501 [illegible], Fairfield, Alabama, made available the genealogical list of the CALL family which was in booklet form.

This booklet and list were reviewed with negative results regarding the name ERIC STARVO CALL. It is further noted that the name STARVO did not appear in the list and that the name ERIC only appeared one time when a girl on the CALL side of the family married one Captain ERIC FLETCHER in 1925 in England.

Mrs. LORINE CALL advised that relatives Mrs. ANNA CALL, 724 Polk Street, Topeka, Kansas, and Mrs. ROBERT MC ARTHUR, South Garfield Avenue, Hinsdale, Illinois, might have additional information about members of the CALL family residing in California.

Mrs. CALL advised that her husband had left the day before (April 4, 1968) for Atlanta, Georgia, to attend a Socialist meeting being held in that city. It is noted that Reverend RALPH MARTIN CALL is a professor at Miles College, Birmingham, Alabama, and that Mrs. CALL is also a teacher at this institution.

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

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

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

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by SA RICHARD D. SCHWEIN:mas Date dictated 4/12/68

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

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DINERS CLUB, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA:

On April 8, 1968 WILLIAM H. SHARP, Manager, Answering Service of Birmingham, 512 North 18th Street, advised SA DAVID T. DALY that a representative of Diners Club intended to open an office at that address; however, no office had been opened and there was no representative of Diners Club in Birmingham. He furnished the address of the main office at New York, New York. A teletype was directed to the New York Division on April 8, 1968 to check holders of Diners Club cards under the aliases used by unknown subject.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA JAMES D. SNYDER at Birmingham, Alabama, on April 11, 1968:

Mr. W. M. GARDNER, Manager, Retail Credit Company, Birmingham, said the records of his office contain a Broadcast of Disappearance, which is essentially a stop notice for JOHN E. WILLARD, white, male, 5' 11", 203 pounds, date of birth 8/31/35, last known address 2564 South Blue Island Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. WILLARD was last employed by Gateway Transportation Company, Chicago. WILLARD disappeared during September, 1966. The Broadcast of Disappearance was published November 1, 1966, at the request of A. M. Tenison, Jr. GARDNER said his records contained no file number or other information and he could not identify TENISON. However, the home office of Retail Credit Company, 1600 Peach Street, Atlanta, Georgia, would be able to identify TENISON and furnish additional information from their file.

In addition Mr. GARDNER said the records of his office also contain a Broadcast of Disappearance for J. D. WILLARD, white male, 28 years of age in 1961, last known address 414 Elizabeth Street, Corder, Missouri, former occupation insurance agent, wife's name GERALDINE L. WILLARD. J. D. WILLARD disappeared during July, 1960 and the Broadcast of Disappearance was published June 5, 1961. Prior addresses in Kansas City, Missouri, were listed as:

2828 Cherry Street

2929 Holmes Street

832 North Chestnut Street.

GARDNER said the records of his office contain no additional information concerning J. D. WILLARD but the companies home office located at 1600 Peach Street, Atlanta, Georgia, could furnish additional data under File 11-33095-62-1.

Appropriate communications were directed to Chicago, Atlanta, Memphis and Kansas City Offices regarding these individuals.

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INFORMATION CONCERNING LOOK-ALIKE
DOUGLAS EUGENE CROWSON:

On April 9, 1968 BETTY WHITE, barmaid, Redmont Hotel, Birmingham, Alabama, telephonically contacted the Birmingham FBI office, advising that she had seen the artist's conception of the unknown subject and that there was an individual presently at the bar in the Redmont who she thought resembled unknown subject.

On April 9, 1968 BETTY WHITE, barmaid, Redmont Hotel, advised SA DAVID T. DALY and RALPH N. BUTLER that the individual who she thought resembled unknown subject, upon second consideration bore only a slight resemblance and she thought that this was not the individual. She identified this person as a patron at the bar.

It was noted from observation by SA DALY and SA BUTLER that the individual identified by BETTY WHITE bore only a slight facial resemblance to unknown subject and is a much smaller man than the description of unknown subject.

On April 9, 1968 JOHN D. FORD, Transworld Leasing Corporation, 318 Office Park Circle, was shown the artist's conception of the unknown subject and stated that he knew of no one that resembled this picture.

He was advised that one of his employees, DOUGLAS EUGENE CROWSON, had been identified as resembling the artist's conception, and he stated that in his opinion, CROWSON has been employed on a daily basis during the last month and has not left the Birmingham area.

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DOUGLAS EUGENE CROWSON, 6505 Joppa Court, Birmingham, Alabama, was interviewed at the bar of the Redmont Hotel, Birmingham, and furnished the following information:

He produced driver's license Number 2759471 in the name of DOUGLAS EUGENE CROWSON, address 7554 67th Court, Birmingham, date of birth June 19, 1933, 5'6", brown wavy hair, blue eyes, 135 pounds, no scars and marks visible.

CROWSON furnished the following background information:

He is employed by the Transworld Leasing Corporation, Building 3, Suite 318, Office Park Circle. He stated he has not been travelling outside of Birmingham during the last several months. His father is RUBEN CROWSON, 600 Maintenance Drive, Homewood, Alabama, employed at Samford University as maintenance supervisor. His mother is ANN CROWSON, who is employed at the Pharmacy Laboratory, Samford University.

CROWSON advised that he is presently driving a car repossessed by his company, which is a 1957 Ford station-wagon and that he drives in connection with his employment cars leased by the company.

CROWSON identified his immediate supervisor as JOHN D. FORD at the Transworld Leasing Corporation.

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by SA DAVID T. DALY
SA RALPH N. BUTLER DTD:scb 165 Date dictated 4/11/68

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RE: BARNEY OLDFIELD TRAMMELL, JR.,
Date of Birth October 23, 1938,
Residence Box 494D, 155 Sylvia
Drive, Route 1, Gardendale,
Alabama (631-5161)

On April 8, 1968, Dr. WARREN B. WEIL, 1714 11th Avenue, South, and his employees, DORIS REISS and MARY UNDERWOOD were afforded an opportunity to observe the second artist's conception. All three expressed the belief that this individual was a detail man or drug salesman for a major pharmaceutical supply house. They were unable to furnish his name but expressed the belief that it might be (FNU) JOHNSTON. Dr. WEIL expressed his belief that the salesman's name was possibly known to a Dr. JOHN HILLHOUSE in the Medical Arts Building. Attempts were made to contact Dr. HILLHOUSE with negative results, on this date.

The following investigation was conducted by SA PATRICK J. MOYNIHAN on April 9, 1968:

Dr. JOHN L. HILLHOUSE was located at his home, 3721 Redmont Road, Birmingham (252-1984). He advised that he is the official physician for the Birmingham City Jail and also functions as an examiner for the Federal Aviation Agency.

A copy of artist's conception #2 was exhibited and Dr. HILLHOUSE did not immediately establish a connection with the drug salesman mentioned previously by Dr. WARREN WEIL. WEIL's information was brought to the attention of HILLHOUSE, and he advised that the artist's conception does in fact look a good bit like a drug salesman who was in his office as recently as April 8, 1968, and who has been servicing him for some period of time with a frequency of perhaps four visits a year. Dr. HILLHOUSE established that the salesman's name is BARNEY TRAMMEL (phonetic) and he is employed by

Sandoz and Company. Dr. HILLHOUSE described TRAMMELL as a white male, approximately 35 years old, 5'11", 175 pounds, erect bearing, brown-blond hair, and well dressed. He advised that TRAMMELL resides somewhere in the Birmingham area, has a family, is a long-time resident, and is, to his knowledge, a person of good reputation and character, not likely to be sought in connection with an FBI investigation.

On April 9, 1968, BARNEY TRAMMELL was located and interviewed at his home in Gardendale, Alabama. It was noted that he bears a strong resemblance to artist's conception #2. He furnished the following information:

He is employed by the Sandoz Pharmaceutical Company of Hanover, New Jersey, as a sales representative and has been so employed for the past three years. His territory includes the south side of Birmingham, Anniston, Gadsden, Sylacauga and Talladega, all in Alabama. He operates out of his home as the company has no office in Alabama and his immediate superior is Mr. DEAN SIBES, Regional Manager for the company, located in Atlanta, Georgia. His duties consist of calling on doctors and selling drugs and medicines manufactured by the Sandoz Company.

Mr. TRAMMELL referred to his notes and determined the following regarding his recent activities:

On Friday, March 29, 1968, he was in Birmingham, Alabama, at the Jefferson Medical Group located at 1500 6th Avenue, South, in connection with an exhibit at this location and was in contact with various doctors at this time and place. He was present there from approximately 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Following his departure from 1500 6th Avenue, South, he went to the Main Library in Birmingham at 7th Avenue and 21st Street, North, and spent the time from approximately 1:30 until 3:00 or 3:30 p.m.

preparing reports. He then drove to his home in Gardendale and spent the rest of the evening there.

On Saturday, March 30, 1968, he was at home and his father-in-law visited with him from approximately 7:30 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. Following lunch, he took his son to the Roebuck Shopping Center where they visited the barber and did some shopping. He then returned home.

From his memory he furnished the following:

On April 1, 1968, he left home about 8:00 a.m. and returned at approximately 6:30 p.m. He made calls in Ashland, Roanoke, Lineville and Wedowee, Alabama.

On April 2, 1968, he left his home at approximately 8:15 a.m. and did not return until 8:30 p.m. His calls on this date took him to Sylacauga, Alabama. He had dinner in Birmingham in the evening before his return to his home with his boss, DEAN SIBES, Regional Manager from Atlanta.

On April 3, 1968, he left home at approximately 8:15 a.m. and conducted his business in Siluria, Columbiana, Montevallo and Alabaster, Alabama. He returned home at approximately 3:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

On April 4, 1968, he left home at about 8:00 a.m. and his business took him to Anniston, Jacksonville and Fort McClellan, Alabama. He was in the company during the day of DEAN SIBES, Regional Manager from Atlanta, and he left SIBES off in Anniston to catch a plane at about 6:00 p.m.

On April 5, 1968, he left home at 8:00 or 8:15 a.m. and conducted his business at the Smolian Clinic in Birmingham until 12:30 or 1:00 p.m., at which time he returned to his home.

The following description and background was obtained at the time of the interview:

Name:	BARNEY OLDFIELD TRAMMELL, JR.
Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Date of Birth:	October 23, 1938
Place of Birth:	Birmingham, Alabama
Height:	5'9"
Weight:	170 pounds
Eyes:	Blue; dark eyebrows
Hair:	Brown; worn in a half-inch crewcut
Complexion:	Medium
General Appearance:	Neat, well dressed, good looking
Marital Status:	Married
Wife:	JANICE DEAN TRAMMELL
Children:	Two
Education:	Samford College, Birmingham, Alabama, between 1958-1964; B.S. Degree in Business Administration
Military Service:	Alabama Air National Guard; active service 1961-1962 in Germany during Berlin Crisis under AF #24585368
Arrest Record:	None admitted

Indices of the Birmingham Office contain no information identifiable with BARNEY OLDFIELD TRAMMELL, JR.

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ERIC S. GALT
TO LIMITED NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES,
AEROMARINE SUPPLY COMPANY,
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA.

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DONALD F. WOOD was contacted at Aeromarine Supply Company, Birmingham, and was shown a group of seven photographs of various white males. These photographs were numbered one through seven in Roman numerials as follows:

I. BYRON DE LA BECKWITH

II. CHARLES EDWARD ERVIN

III. ELI MONTGOMERY VINES

IV. CLAUDE CHESTER McLAREN, JR.

V. ERIC S. GALT

VI. GORDON DALE ERVIN

VII. RICHARD RAY RATCLIFF

After viewing photographs of the above seven individuals, DONALD F. WOOD furnished the following signed statement:

"Birmingham, Ala
April 16, 1968

"I, DONALD F. WOOD, make the following voluntary statement to Special Agents NEIL P. SHANAHAN and PATRICK J. MOYNIHAN, who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the F.B.I. I am employed by my father as a salesman at Aeromarine Supply Company in Birmingham, Alabama.

"I have just viewed a group of photographs of seven white men and after careful consideration I have selected #5 as the man to whom Mr.

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by SA PATRICK J. MOYNIHAN & SA NEIL P. SHANAHAN/NPS:epg 1-74 Date dictated 4/16/68

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U. L. BAKER sold a rifle and scope sight on 3-29-68 and the man that returned this rifle to me on 3-30-68 and exchanged it for another rifle. This man signed the sales invoice as HARVEY LOWMEYER.

"I can't say exactly at this time but I think that this is the man. To the best of my memory I believe that this is the man that bought the gun.

"I have read this statement consisting of this and one other page and it is true & correct to the best of my knowledge.

"/s/ Donald F. Wood

"Witness:

"/s/ Neil P. Shanahan, Special Agent, FBI
4-16-68

"/s/ Patrick J. Moynihan, Special Agent, FBI,
4/16/68"

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Date 4/16/68

JOHN WEBSTER DE SHAZO furnished the following signed statement:

"Birmingham, Ala.
April 16, 1968

"I, JOHN WEBSTER DE SHAZO, make the following statement to ROBERT M. BARRETT and WILLIAM A. SAUCIER, who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

"I reside at 17 Montevallo Lane, Mountain Brook, Alabama, and I am a dental student at the University of Alabama, Birmingham, Ala.

"Special Agent BARRETT has shown me a group of seven photographs of seven different white males. From this group I have selected a photograph numbered "V" on the back as the photograph of a man who could be identical with a man I observed on March 29, 1968, at Aeromarine Supply Co., Birmingham, and who I saw purchase a Remington caliber .243 Winchester rifle and a Redfield variable scope sight. I believe this is a photograph of this man, but I could be more positive if I saw this purchaser in person.

/s/ JOHN WEBSTER DE SHAZO

"Witnessed:

/s/ ROBERT M. BARRETT, Special Agent, FBI, Birmingham, Ala., 4/16/68

/s/ WILLIAM A. SAUCIER, Special Agent, FBI, Birmingham, Ala., 4/16/68"

The seven numbered photographs shown to DE SHAZO are identified as follows:

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by SA WILLIAM A. SAUCIER
SA ROBERT M. BARRETT /mbr Dictated Date dictated 4/16/68

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I. B. de la BECKWITH

II. CHARLES EDWARD ERVIN

III. ELI MONTGOMERY VINES

IV. CLAUDE CHESTER MC LAREN, JR.

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Mr. U. L. BAKER, who in the first instance sold a rifle to HARVEY LOWMEYER on March 29, 1968, was afforded an opportunity on April 16, 1968, to observe the seven photographs which were exhibited to DONALD WOODS on April 16, 1968. The photographs were exhibited by SAs NEIL P. SHANAHAN and PATRICK J. MOYNIHAN. Mr. BAKER advised that he did not believe that the man to whom he sold the rifle was in the group exhibited. He said he could not select the man from the group. He advised, however, that the purchaser of the rifle could be in this group of photographs.

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ISSUANCE OF FEDERAL PROCESS AT BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

On April 17, 1968, the facts of this matter were discussed by SAC JOSEPH H. GAMBLE and SA HENRY A. SNOW with Assistant U. S. Attorney R. MACEY TAYLOR. At that time, AUSA TAYLOR authorized the filing of a complaint against ERIC STARVO GALT for violation of Section 241, Title 18, USC, in that he did conspire to injure, oppress, threaten or intimidate MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., in the free exercise and enjoyment of his rights secured by the Constitution of the United States, namely, the right to freely travel from state to state. Mr. TAYLOR recommended bond be set in the amount of $50,000.

A complaint was filed by SAC JOSEPH H. GAMBLE, based on the above authority, before U. S. Commissioner MILDRED F. SPRAGUE, Birmingham, on the same date, at which time Mrs. SPRAGUE issued a warrant of arrest for ERIC STARVO GALT.

A copy of the complaint as filed, together with the warrant of arrest, is being maintained in the Birmingham file in this matter.