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Title: ERIC STARVO GALT, also known as
Eric S. Galt,
Eric Gault,
Harvey Lowmeyer,
Harvey Lowmyer,
John Willard;
REVEREND MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM

Character: CIVIL RIGHTS

Synopsis:

On 4/11/68, 1966 white Ford Mustang, 1968 Alabama License 1-38993, located in parking area Capitol Homes, Atlanta Public Housing Project. Two residents of project observed a white male, whose general description fits subject, park Mustang approximately 2:30 a.m. - 3:00 a.m., 4/5/68, and walk toward Memorial Dr., SE, but could not identify photo of GALT. Third resident observed white male sometime after 3:00 a.m., 4/5/68, walk away from parking area and identified photo of subject as this individual. Search of Mustang conducted 4/11-12/68 and pertinent items transported to FBI Laboratory. Information receiv 4/13/68 that ERIC S. GALT on 3/30/68 changed address to 113 14th St., NE, Atlanta, Ga. Landlord of rooming house this address advised ERIC S. GALT paid rent for Room #2 for two week period commencing 3/24/68. He last saw GALT 3/31/68, at which time second week's rent paid. On morning 4/5/68, landlord found note in GALT's room indicating he had to go to "Birmingham" and had left television set for which he would try to return in about a week. On 4/17/68, landlord identified photo of subject as closely resembling GALT. Furnished signed statement re this identificatio One tenant of adjacent rooming house operated by same landlord advised a white Mustang with out-of-state license parked at rear of 113 14th St. for a period of approximately two weeks and approximately two weeks prior to 4/15/68, but never observed operator. Interview of other tenants negative. Search of GALT's

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room with consent conducted and pertinent items transported to FBI Laboratory. Search revealed a portable Zenith television. Operator of Piedmont Laundry pick-up station in general area of above address advised white male using name ERIC GALT left laundry and drycleaning 4/1/68. Same individual picked up these items on morning 4/5/68. Could not identify photo of subject. Other investigation to develop background information re subject negative. Description set forth. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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DETAILS:

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I. RE 1966 FORD MUSTANG

A. Location of Mustang

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At approximately 4:04 p.m., April 11, 1968, a white Ford Mustang, two door, subsequently determined to be a 1966 model was observed in the following location. This vehicle was located in parking area number nine of Capitol Homes, a public housing project in the City of Atlanta, Georgia. Parking area number nine is entered west off of Connally Street between Memorial Drive and Woodward Avenue. Above vehicle was backed into a position about six parking squares on the left from the front entrance of the parking area.

External observation of the above 1966 Mustang determined that same bore 1968 Alabama license 1-38993. Also this observation determined that a 1967 Alabama license 1A-38354 was laying on the shelf above the rear seat.

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Photographs of 1966 Mustang in Capitol Homes parking lot were taken April 11, 1968, by SA CARL E. CLAIBOR

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However, the index card relating to that page is set out below:

Davis, Dect. R.L. Mustang Atlanta SA Langsfield

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April 11, 1968 approx. 2 p.m. Davis (Auto Theft Squad, Atlanta) received a radio message to meet someone at Connally St and Memorial Drive. These met Kenneth Jones and Iloe Powell, local ministers, who stated that a female named Lorence reported white mustang with Alabama license was parked in Capitol Home Parking lot since previous Friday.

Proceeded to lot found 1966 Ford Mustang, tow-door, white, with 1968 Alabama license 1-38993, backed into parking square. Observed 1967 Alabama license 1A-88354 lying on deck above rear seat. Car was locked. Davis unlocked left front door and determined vehicle Identification

Key Mustang Atlanta SA Langsfield Reynolds

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Dectective Davis found a small 1 3/4" flat silver colored key on floor between 2 front seats. No markings or numbers found on key.

Davis marked key with initials and date, 4/11/68.

his initials and also dated same. He stated that it was about one and three quarters inches long and was made out of thin, flat metal of a silver color. He stated he did not observe any numbers or markings on the key when he located same.

Detective DAVIS said that in order to determine ownership of this car, he sent the information concerning the license plates and the Vehicle Identification Number to the National Crime Information Center but subsequently determined that one digit was either deleted or incorrectly sent in this message. He said that he also had a message sent to the State Police in Montgomery, Alabama, concerning the license plates described above and the Vehicle Identification Number to which message a reply was received indicating that the Alabama State Police had received a reply from the National Crime Information Center concerning this vehicle relating to one [illegible] STARVO GALT but no stolen information was received.

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A Xerox copy of a portion of an Atlanta City map indicating the location of the 1966 Mustang is set forth in Appendix A of this report.

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B. Neighborhood Investigation

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Mrs. MARY L. BRIDGES, Apartment 550, Capitol Homes, located off Memorial Drive, recalled that at about 8:30 AM on Friday, April 5, 1968, she had just gotten her children off to school and was alone in her home. She stated she remembered looking out of the window and observing a white automobile pull up in the parking lot directly across from the door to her apartment. She stated that at that time the parking lot was almost deserted, having very few cars in it, and she thought that the person driving the automobile was one of many people who utilize the parking area at Capitol Homes as a parking lot on their way to work.

Mrs. BRIDGES stated that the car pulled up and parked just to the left of her door and that it was backed into the parking spot. She recalled noticing that the car had an out-of-state license plate and upon further inspection stated it was an Alabama plate. She stated that she observed the lone male occupant of the automobile get out of the car and begin to walk across the parking lot in a direction away from her apartment and toward Memorial Drive. She stated that when he reached the other side of the parking lot, he approached Memorial Drive by the left hand lane between two of the apartment buildings directly to the front of her apartment. She stated that this man continued to walk toward Memorial Drive but because her apartment is slightly to the right of the two above apartment buildings, she lost sight of him prior to his arrival at Memorial Drive and therefore was unaware of what direction he took upon arriving at Memorial Drive and was also uncertain as to whether he had entered an apartment further down the street beyond her view.

Mrs. BRIDGES stated that this individual was alone and that she did not observe him locking his automobile. She described the unknown male as being about 30-35 years of age, 5'10" to 6', 165 pounds, medium build, wearing a navy blue suit

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and a white shirt. She stated that he was dark headed but was unable to furnish any further descriptive data re the above individual because she stated that her observation of him was from a rear view and that she never saw this man's face.

She was certain, however, that he was wearing a navy blue suit and appeared to be well-dressed, but she could not recall if he was wearing a tie and could furnish no other information concerning any peculiarities about this individual as regards his gait or attire.

Mrs. BRIDGES advised that the white automobile which he drove into the parking lot remained in her parking lot until April 11, 1968, when it was towed away. She stated that to the best of her knowledge no one had access to that automobile until that time. She also stated that when this unknown male left the parking lot, she thought that he may have been an insurance salesman but was certain that he had no luggage, was carrying nothing in his hand, was bare headed, and without glasses. She could offer no further information in this matter.

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Mrs. MARY L. BRIDGES, 170 Woodward Avenue, Apartment 550, was exhibited seven photographs including two of ERIC STARVO GALT. Mrs. BRIDGES could not identify any of the photographs. She explained that, in regard to the man who had parked the 1966 Mustang near her apartment, she had never seen his face. She advised she had only seen the back of his head, and she did not believe she could identify him.

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Mrs. LUCY CAYTON, Apartment 490, Capitol Homes Apartment Building, Memorial Drive, advised that she had gotten her children off to school at about 8:15 AM on April 5, 1968, and her husband normally leaves for work at about 8:00. She stated that it is her normal routine to begin cleaning her apartment, and she stated that she had cleaned almost the entire apartment, including the upstairs bedrooms, and while she was sweeping her front stoop, she noticed a white male about 5'8" - 5'9", approaching her apartment from the parking lot which is to the left of her front door. She advised that her front door faces from the opposite direction from the parking lot as does Mrs. PAYNE and Mrs. BRIDGES.

Mrs. CAYTON stated that she did not observe this white male exit from the white Mustang located in the parking lot, but saw him as he approached the Memorial Drive side of the parking lot and he began to walk toward her apartment which is to the left of the end of the parking lot. She stated that this man then came to the back yard area of the two apartment buildings immediately to her left and after stopping at the beginning of the lane to the back yards as if he was attempting to gain his bearings, he then proceeded toward Memorial Drive through the back yard area at which time she lost sight of him. She was unable to determine as to where he journeyed or if he entered an apartment. She stated her first impression was that he was a salesman or an insurance agent looking for an apartment.

It should be noted that the buildings referred to by Mrs. CAYTON are not the same buildings referred to by Mrs. BRIDGES or Mrs. PAYNE in that PAYNE and BRIDGES state that the white male journeyed up the left lane of the front of the apartment building referred to by Mrs. CAYTON whereas she states that the white male proceeded toward Memorial Drive through the back yard lane.

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Mrs. CAYTON stated that this occurred somewhere between 8:15 and approximately 9:30 and she was unable to state a definite time for this incident.

Mrs. CAYTON described the individual she observed leaving the parking lot as being in his late 20s or early 30s, about 5'8"-9", black wavy hair, white male, wearing dark blue suit, white shirt, and a conservative type tie, color and description unrecalled. She stated that she observed this individual to be carrying a small notebook with a piece of paper hanging out of the edges of the notebook resembling an insurance salesman's policy. She stated that he had no glasses and was not wearing a hat. She could offer no further information in this matter.

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LUCY CAYTON, 149 Memorial Drive, Southeast, Apartment 490, was exhibited seven photographs, including two of ERIC STARVO GALT. CAYTON said the photograph of GALT with his eyes open appeared identical to the individual she saw walking in the parking lot toward her apartment on the morning of April 5, 1968.

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Mrs. EARNEST PAYNE, a resident of Apartment 551, 166 Woodward Avenue, S.E., advised that at about 8:30 or 9:00 a.m., the morning of April 5, 1968, she observed a white automobile drive into the parking area which is located adjacent to her apartment. She said that her particular attention was brought to this automobile as she noted that it had an Alabama license plate on it. She made a remark concerning this to her husband.

She continued to watch the automobile and the driver seemed to be familiar with the surrounding territory in that he made no hesitency in the parking of the automobile. When he got out of the car he proceeded north on the walkway between the two apartment buildings located near the parking area toward Memorial Drive. She does not know in which direction this individual might have gone when he reached Memorial Drive as she is unable to see this particular street from her apartment.

She described this individual as a white male, approximately 25 - 30 years of age, who was wearing a sport coat with dark colored trousers with sandy hair, weighing approximately 160 pounds, and possibly 5' 10" in height. She further described him as a nice, clean looking individual with sandy hair, dressed as though he were a businessman and carrying a small pad of some type in his hand. She estimated this pad to be approximately five inches wide and possibly ten to twelve inches in length. He impressed her as being a type of insurance man and after he got out of the automobile, he locked it and proceeded up the path as previously noted.

She does not recall every having seen this individual in the area before, neither does she recall having seen an automobile such as the one that was parked near her apartment bearing an Alabama plate being parked in this area before. She could furnish no further information concerning the automobile nor the individual that got out of it.

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Mrs. ERNEST PAYNE, 166 Woodward Avenue, Apartment 551, was exhibited photographs of ERIC STARVO GAIT. These were included among five other photographs. Mrs. PAYNE advised she could not identify any photographs. She stated she only had a profile view of the man who parked the 1966 Mustang near her apartment. She said it was her impression that the man she saw appeared younger than GAIT, and his hair was lighter. She felt the man she had seen was about thirty years old.

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CHARLES STEPHENS, driver, United Cab Company, 255 Forsyth Street, advised that on April 5, 1968, a Friday, at 8:41 a.m., he was traveling in his cab west on Memorial Drive when he was flagged down by an individual between Frazier and Capital Streets. He stated that this individual was a white male, age approximately 29-30 years, 6 feet tall, approximately 175 pounds, slender build, neat appearance, wearing a beige colored trench coat or car coat. STEPHENS stated that he was unable to further describe this individual. He stated that he could not remember the hair coloring or other identifying features of this individual. He stated that this individual requested transportation to the Greyhound Bus Depot in Atlanta. STEPHENS stated that as far as he could remember there was no further conversation between this individual and himself. STEPHENS stated that he dropped this individual off in front of the Greyhound Bus Depot and the fare came to $.93. He stated that the individual gave him two single dollar bills and told him to keep the change. STEPHENS stated that he did not recall this individual having any luggage or carrying any items with him. He stated he did not recall where this individual went after he left the cab.

STEPHENS viewed two artist's conception composite photographs and stated that neither of these were familiar to him.

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CHARLES STEPHENS, cab driver, United Cab Company, 255 Forsyth Street, Atlanta, Georgia, was exhibited a group of photographs which included the two photographs of EMIC STARGO GALE. STEPHENS stated that none of the individuals depicted in the photographs resembled the passenger that he transported on April 5, 1963, at approximately 3:41 a.m. from the vicinity of Capitol Avenue and Memorial Drive to the Greyhound Bus Depot in Atlanta. STEPHENS stated that the thing he remembered about the passenger he had in his cab was the fact that he had a very lean, thin face and none of the individuals in the above-mentioned photographs displayed such facial characteristics.

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C. Examination of 1966 Mustang

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On April 11, 1968, SA JAMES JOSEPH DOLAN accompanied Reid's Body Shop wrecker of 952 Memorial Drive, Southeast, Atlanta, Georgia, which towed a 1966 Mustang, white in color, two-door, bearing 1968 Alabama License 1-38993, from the Capitol Homes Apartments parking lot two the FBI Garage, located at 275 Peachtree Street, Northeast, Atlanta, Georgia.

The driver of the wrecker was DAIRL KIMBELL.

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On April 11, 1968, an examination was made of a 1966 Ford Mustang at the FBI Garage in Atlanta, Georgia.

This vehicle was a two-door 289, eight-cylinder, 2-barrel carburetor, color white, hardtop, bearing 1968 Alabama license 1-38993. The mileage was noted as 39100.8. The Serial number was 6T07C190647, the body 65A, the color H, the trim 25, date 17A, DPSO 21. The serial number, body number, terminal date and DPSO were noted on the serial plate affixed to the left door. Also affixed to the left door was an RPM sticker H. BECKMAN Chevron Service, 1506 North Normandy Avenue, Los Angeles, California, Telephone #666-9921. The sticker reflected oil was drained 2/13/68, wheel bearings were checked at 34185 miles, wheels were aligned at this same mileage.

A Gulf Pride sticker was also affixed at this same location with no address or company name listed; however, mileage was noted on this sticker as 20253 and the only portion of date was "68".

On the left door post was noted an RPM chevron sticker CORT-FOX FORD, 4581 Hollywood Boulevard, Hollywood, California, Telephone 3-1131, reflecting service oiled at mileage 34290, oil filtered at same mileage.

On the left rear trunk lid was a metal insignia "Maring Ford".

The right rear window bore a sticker "Direccion General de Registro Federal de Automoviles, 1967 Octbre Turista, Aduana de Nuevo, Laredo, Tam." (rest of sticker torn).

This same sticker was also affixed to the right front windshield, lower right side, and it bore Folio #H294-486. The last word which was torn on the other sticker is reflected on the second sticker as Tamps.

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Tires on the vehicle were as follows:

Right front tire Firestone 7.50 by 14 deluxe Champion (black wall), good tread;

Right rear tire no markings, recap whitewall (tread on tire good), note Mustang symbol center of hubcap of this vehicle missing and area around this center was dented and torn.

Left rear tire no markings, a recap, whitewall (tread good);

Left front tire Medallion 110 7.75 by 14. Notation replaces 7.50 by 14 and notation Nylon tubeless, whitewall (good tread);

Spare tire in trunk Goodyear 6.95 by 14, power cushion. This tire was a whitewall and the tire was flat and the tread was almost bald.

ENGINE AREA EXAMINATION

Tag on air filter a Puralator tag, showing Puralator oil filter with a red ink notation Perl, Puralator air filter with red ink notation AFP 43, date of service in red ink 9/23/67. Mileage in red ink 29253.

On left front fender flange about 12 inches from last digit of PVIN a metal plate 1 1/4" by 3 1/2" bearing the following imprinting:

Top left corner D 372, below this 12 A 18 6T07C 190547. Below this 65A M 25, below this RM.

The battery was a Sears All-State high voltage (12 volt 54 plates). Under the negative terminal was a bright metal plate imprinted C8. On the engine side of the battery there was a white tape about the size of a nickel stuck on the battery, also showing the notation C-8.

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The following items of possible evidentiary value were located in the trunk of the vehicle:

1) Pair of mens shorts, olive green, make Diplomat, manufactured Hong Kong, China, 65% polyster; 35% cotton, size 34.

2) One pillow dated 9/19/67, label "Crushed Landfowl Feathers" Reg. No. CAL 2823, approximately 20" x 26".

3) One pillow case bearing laundry mark "20B-3".

4) Two halves of styrofoam packing material outside dimensions 8 3/4" x 6 7/8" x 2".

5) Sytrofoam dividers (two pieces) 1/8" thick, 2 ¼" wide and 6 3/4" long.

6) One cotton rug, color beige, 25" wide and 58" long.

7) One black sports shirt, five button, no tail, label "Arturo Rosetti Custom Tailors", size large, 100% cotton.

8) One sweat shirt, navy blue, short sleeve, no label.

9) One plaid plastic floor mat removed from trunk floor.

10) One Monticello medium-size shirt jacket, tapered, gray and black, six button.

11) One white sheet, form fitted, with additional piece attached and sewn with yellow thread.

12) One form fitted white sheet.

13) One pair brown socks.

14) One flip flop shower or beach shoe, for left foot, made in Japan, size 7 - 8½.

15) One camera air release for shutter, Prinz brand.

16) Two pieces of card board, gold.

17) Small metal clip, (possibly for portable radio system).

18) Assorted tools: jack, screw driver, lug wrench, hunting knife in case with "GESCO"on case.

19) Piece of Kleenex box with writing "At Pool" on one side and names GINGER DAY and ANITA KATZWINKEL, 1535 Serrano, Apartment 6, on other.

20) One air filter (removed from engine).

21) One 1967 Alabama license plate, 1A 88354, found on rear window ledge.

22) 1968 Alabama license plate 1Z 8993, affixed to car.

23) Sweepings from trunk, front and rear seat of vehicle.

24) Soil sample from spare wheel of vehicle, found in trunk.

25) Rear view mirror removed from vehicle.

26) One wiper blade found in trunk.

27) Spare wheel pressure plate, spare wheel anchor bolt and toggle lug found in trunk.

28) Sunglasses and case removed from glove compartment.

29) Paper scraps from under back seat.

30) Personna razor blade found on dashboard.

31) Two front floormats, and rear floormat removed from vehicle.

32) Four latents lifted from 1966 Mustang, as follows:

a) lift from door handle(left)
b) Lift found eight inches behind right door handle plunger.

c. lift from right door handle.
d. lift from driver's side door glass (front)

Locations of these prints were photographed.

Lifts were made of the serial plate and the Public Vehicle Identification Number.

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On April 11, 1968, following search and processing of a 1966 white Ford Mustang, evidence obtained therein was prepared for transmittal to the Bureau and hand carried by SA ALDEN F. MILLER via Eastern Air Lines Flight 444 departing Atlanta, Georgia, at 3:50 AM and arriving Dulles Field, Washington, D. C., at 5:40 AM. On April 12, 1968, at 9:00 AM, one container of evidence addressed to the Laboratory itself was turned over to Mr. MORRIS S. CLARK, Hairs and Fiber Section of the Laboratory, for processing. The second container was turned over to SA JAMES H. MORTIMER as it contained items for document examination as well as latent fingerprint processing.

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On April 12, 1968, 1968 Mustang, Vehicle Identification Number 6T07C190467, was examined at the FBI Garage in Atlanta, Georgia. The following soil samples were obtained from this vehicle:

1. Soil sample from right fender well
2. Soil sample from right front wheel
3. Soil sample from right rear wheel
4. Soil sample from right rear fender well
5. Debris from lower part of left fender
6. Soil sample from left front wheel
7. Soil sample from left rear wheel
8. Scrapings from front left tire tread
9. Soil from underneath body in front of differential
10. Soil sample from differential
11. Soil sample from the front of exhaust pipe
12. Soil sample obtained from underneath body, front part of car
13. Soil sample from the left fender well
14. Soil sample from left rear fender well
15. Scrapings from left rear tire tread
16. Scrapings from tread right rear tire
17. Scrapings of two spots under glove compartment (resembling blood)

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18. Scrapings from tread right front tire

19. Scrapings from front part of engine

The spare tire and wheel were removed from the vehicle and packaged for Laboratory examination.

A gasoline sample was obtained from the car and placed in a clean container.

The radio in the vehicle was noted to be a Ford radio (XCM-CCD), and not in working order. No holes were noted as having been drilled in the dash of the vehicle.

The vehicle had an alternator (standard size).

Several small cracks were noted in the vehicle windshield.

Two China bookends, one of a cat and one of a horse, were found in the trunk and were dusted for latent fingerprints with negative results.

The only tire on the vehicle containing a tube was the right front tire. This tube was examined and reflects the following identification marks: G7 General Popo,750 by 14, (made for)Mecha Por, General Popo, SA Mexico DI.

A water sample was obtained from the windshield washer bag.

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On April 12, 1968, Special Agent JACK B. SHIRCH personally delivered the soil samples and other items obtained April 12, 1968 from the 1966 Mustang, Identification Number 6R07C190467, to Ben [illegible], Federal Bureau of Investigation Laboratory, Washington, D. C.

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RE: EXAMINATION OF TIRES OF 1966 MUSTANG ABANDONED BY GALT IN ATLANTA, APRIL 5, 1968

The following investigation was conducted by SA CHARLES PAUL ROSE and SA ROBERT MICHAEL KANE on April 17, 1968 at Atlanta, Georgia:

The following individuals, who are connected with the sale and manufacture of tire retread equipment used by recapping companies in recapping old tires, were displayed recapped tires from the 1966 Mustang abandoned by GALT in Atlanta. They all noted that the tread design was not a tread made by recappers in the Southeastern states.

They are: Mr. BUD REESE, Operations Manager, Dugco Supply Division of Duggan Manufacturing Company, 410 Fourteenth Street, Atlanta; GERALD SMITH, ELMO BROWN Gordy Tire Company, Fourteenth Street, Atlanta; BOB SNELL, BALY Tire Company, 4900 Peachtree Industrial Boulevard, Chamblee; LOU EVAN, Salesman, Wilson Tire and Supply Company, Atlanta, Georgia.

Mr. THAD PERDUE, LeMaster Retread Equipment Company, Atlanta, Georgia, advised that the left front tire is design WT/771-X, wide track and retread manufactured by the Super Mold Corporation, Lodi, California. He noted the number 601 appears on the recap portion of the tire and stated the manufacturer should be able to identify the current location of recap machinery with this number.

He suggested that the tread on the two rear tires was possibly made by mold manufactured by the Los Angeles Matrix Company, Los Angeles, California, or the Ace Mold Company, El Monte, California. Appearing on the recap portion of the two rear tires in small letters is RCP. PERDUE observed the weather worn condition of casings in the form of small cracking and stated his experience in California

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leads him to believe tires possibly had been in California and cracking due to Ozone in atmosphere, as this is a common condition in that area. PERDUE is acquainted with tire recap business in Southeastern states and stated both treads are foreign to this area of the United States, which is further substantiated by other investigation in the Atlanta area. Wear on each tire is difficult to estimate inasmuch as original tread unknown, but estimated to exceed five thousand miles on each tire.

II. INVESTIGATION CONCERNING ERIC STARVO GALT

A. Presence of ERIC STARVO GALT in Atlanta, Georgia

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On April 13, 1968, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Newark, advised that information developed at Locksmithing Institute, 1500 Cardinal Drive, Little Falls, New Jersey revealed the address of ERIC S. GALT was changed on March 30, 1968 to 113 Fourteenth Street, Northeast, Atlanta, Georgia.

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B. Residence on Fourteenth Street, Northeast

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Miss ROBBIE LEE GARNER, Apartment D-8, 1295 Donnelly Avenue, S. W., furnished the following information:

She is the only sister of JIMMIE D. GARNER who operates rooming houses at 107 and 113 - 14th Street. She has a key to GARNER's room at 107 - 14th Street and visits him occasionally. On Saturday, April 13, 1968, she visited his room about Noon. GARNER was not in his room and she stayed for only a brief time. In looking about the room she observed the name "GALT" written in dark blue ink on a piece of paper, size about 2" x 4". The paper was either white or light blue in color. She was not positive if the paper was a separate slip or the back of an envelope. She believes it was located on a table near the phone.

She had heard of the name GALT in connection with the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

About 8:00 P.M., April 13, 1968, she again visited her brother. He was in bed and appeared to be very drowsy and tired. She did not enter the room but merely opened the door and attempted to converse with him. She mentioned that she had seen the name "GALT" written on a paper in his room, but this did not cause any particular reaction, as GARNER seemed to be about half asleep. He did say something about the name GALT being a common name.

She said her brother does not keep up on current affairs and may not have even been aware of the news about GALT. She said that in addition to running the rooming houses, he also runs GARNER's cafeteria on Northside Drive. She stated he gets up about 4:00 A.M. and works about a 16-hour day. She advised that GARNER attended Mississippi Southern and was an Army officer during World War II. She stated her brother is in very poor financial condition. She stated she never heard of her brother belonging to any kind of organizations or clubs and she does not believe he has any political interests or motivations. She said she was certain that GARNER would not assist nor shield anyone involved in any criminal activity.

Miss GARNER advised she is a teacher at Sandtown School on Campbellton Road.

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A Xerox copy of a portion of an Atlanta City map indicating the location of 113 Fourteenth Street is set forth in Appedix A of this report.

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Mrs. ESTELLE PETERS, Manager, Piedmont Laundry, Pick-Up Station, 1168 Peachtree, Northeast, home residence 1033 Milam Terrace Apartments, Clarkston, Georgia, home telephone number 433-4024, business telephone number 892-1467, advised that on April 1, 1968 shortly before 10 a.m. a white male came into the laundry and placed four undershirts, three underdrawers, one pair of socks, one wash cloth, as well as dry cleaning consisting of one pair of trousers, one coat and one tie and gave her the name ERIC GALT. She stated that she asked him if he spelled ERIC as ERIC and he replied yes and proceeded to spell his last name as GALT.

Mrs. PETERS described the dry cleaning and the coat as being a black checked coat with small check blocks and being an ordinary man's suit coat. She said it was not a sport coat or blazer, but an ordinary suit coat.

She described the trousers as a gray on the darker side and the tie as being black with tan and brown diagonal stripes.

She stated that GALT told her that he did not want any starch in his laundry and wanted the laundry folded.

An artist's sketch of GALT was exhibited to Mrs. PETERS and she advised that she could not say whether or not the sketch resembled GALT. She said she would not be in a position to state whether she could identify GALT if she were to see him again.

Mrs. PETERS continued that she recalled GALT as being in his thirties and slightly taller than Special Agent KANE, who is six feet in height and approximately the same weight as Special Agents KANE and ROSE whose weights are approximately 185 pounds.

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SA ROBERT MICHAEL KANE CPR/RMK/pml 4/16/68

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GALT was clean shaven, neat with ordinary complexion. She failed to notice any particular regional accent and did not notice any peculiar marks or clothing characteristics. She did not recall his attire at the time the laundry and dry cleaning was placed April 1, 1968.

Mrs. PETERS advised from her ledger maintained by her in the usual course of business, the laundry and dry cleaning of GALT was picked up between 9 and 10 a.m. possibly closer to 9 a.m., on April 5, 1968 by the same individual who placed the laundry on April 1, 1968. She did recall that he was one of the earlier customers in the day and was of the opinion that he picked the laundry up earlier than he deposited the cleaning and laundry. To the best of her recollection, GALT entered the laundry and stated that he was there to pick up the laundry and cleaning of ERIC GALT.

At the time he obtained the completed laundry and dry cleaning, he was abrupt and short in his manner of speech giving her the impression that he was in a hurry or had a car parked in an area where he should not have parked. He appeared impatient while waiting for her to locate his laundry and cleaning. GALT paid for the laundry and cleaning in cash and she was of the opinion that he walked North on Peachtree Street toward Fourteenth Street after leaving the Laundry. She was unable to furnish his mode of dress on April 5, 1968 other than to stated that he did appear to be well shaven and neatly attired. Mrs. PETERS explained that the only area visible to her on Peachtree Street has prohibited parking and that his car, if he had one, would not have been parked immediately in front of the Laundry. Both times GALT was observed he appeared to be alone and she did not associate any other person with GALT. She did not obtain the impression that GALT was depositing cleaning and laundry for anyone other than himself although she did not assign or mark the laundry. She did assign the dry cleaning

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items and was of the opinion that they would have been his clothing.

Mrs. PETERS produced a laundry slip from her transactions of April 5, 1968 indicating that ERIC GALT on April 1, 1968 deposited nine items of laundry described as three drawers, four undershirts, one pair of socks and one wash cloth. The notation appeared on the laundry slip "No Starch and Folded", indicating that the laundry would have been placed in a small rectangular stapled package. The laundry mark EGC83 would have been affixed in indelible black pencil in all the laundry items at the main plant of the Piedmont Laundry prior to laundering. She explained that the EG would indicate the customer as ERIC GALT and the C83 is the designation for her pick-up station. In addition, the laundry slip indicates the marker as A Lot 10 which she explained as being the laundry designation and the lot number. A 19-30 appears on the laundry slip and she explained this as meaning the ledger and entry number utilized by her in her bookkeeping system. The total amount of the laundry was $1.16.

In addition, she furnished a green dry cleaning slip dated April 1, 1968 bearing the name ERIC GALT which has the dry cleaning tag 8 over 755 stapled to the slip. She explained that this tag 8 over 755 would have been placed in each dry cleaning item by staples and this is the Laundry's designation to identify the dry cleaning. The dry cleaning slip reflects one coat, black check; one pair of trousers, gray and one tie, black with tan and brown stripes were deposited on April and claimed on April 5, 1968 by GALT at a total cost of $1.55.

Mrs. PETERS furnished the above described laundry and dry cleaning slips indicating they were prepared by her April 1, 1968.

Mrs. PETERS explained that no laundry slips are issued to the customer by the laundry and the laundry and the customer would not have been issued a slip to claim his laundry

and dry cleaning as all of these items are handled by the laundry personnel only.

Mrs. PETERS recalled that CALT made no other remarks or any conversation giving her any other impression. She had no recollection of any prior transactions with CALT.

A xerox copy of the above mentioned laundry and dry cleaning slip is set forth in Appendix B.

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Mrs. ESTELLE PETERS, Manager, Piedmont Laundry, Pick-Up Station, 1168 Peachtree, Northeast, Atlanta, furnished the following information:

Upon viewing photographs of ERIC STARVO GALT, one photograph with the eyes open and the other furnished with eyes closed, stated that she could not positively identify him by these photographs. She noted that when GALT came into the laundry that his eyes were open and she did state that the photograph with the eyes open looked a good deal more like him than the artist's conception previously exhibited to her.

She further advised that she felt she could tell more concerning an identification of GALT by hearing him talk. She pointed out that the hair in the photograph looks very much like GALT's hair but she could not say that the photograph of GALT is the man who came into her laundry April 1 and April 5, 1968.

Mrs. PETERS advised that she would have to see him in person and hear him speak before she could honestly make a positive identification.

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1. Interviews of Landlord

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JIMMIE DELTON GARNER, 107 - 14th Street, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia, was contacted at 10:37 P.M., April 14, 1968, at which time he furnished the following information:

GARNER made available a record book maintained by him concerning persons who rent rooms at both 107 and 113 - 14th Street, N.E., rooming houses operated by him on a lease basis. A review of this record book failed to disclose any registration in the name GALT. It should be noted this book contains only a record of roomers for the period beginning January 1,1968.

Upon being questioned concerning individuals renting at these addresses who might have checked out prior to the completion of the period for which they had paid, or others who for any reason might not be recorded in this record book, GARNER named, among others, an individual named (First Name Unknown) GALT. On being questioned concerning GALT, he said this individual was first seen by him on the afternoon of April 5, 1968, between the hours of 5:00 and 6:00 P.M. He explained that another roomer, FRED C. JOYCE, who occupies room #1 at 113 - 14th Street, N.E., had been sitting in front of this building and was approached by GALT, who inquired concerning the availability of a room. GARNER joined the pair and GALT indicated to GARNER he was interested in obtaining a single, quiet room. Having no such room available, GARNER told GALT he would put him in Room #3, at 107 - 14th Street, which room was a double room and that he would be moved to a single room as soon as one became available. GARNER said he noted GALT was driving a black car, probably a Ford, bearing an out-of-state license plate (state of registration not recalled), and that the car was possibly a 1962 or 1963 model.

GALT accepted this arrangement and paid GARNER while outside the dwelling and he believes he received a $10 bill and a $1 bill in payment. The cost of the room was $10.50 per week and a $.50 key deposit. During the conversation, GALT indicated he was a welder and originally came from "The Carolinas." He explained that he had a tag for a different state on the Ford because he had been working in another state.

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At this point GARNER indicated that possibly the tag on the Ford was a Tennessee tag, but he was not at all certain of this.

GARNER described GALTSas being a white male, 32 - 35 years of age, 5' 11", 190 pounds, dark brown or black hair worn in a brush cut, blue eyes, medium "outdoor" complexion and having a southern accent. He noted no distinguishing features or characteristics and had no recollection of any ring or other jewelry. His dress was casual, specifically described as a shirt and slacks.

GALT moved into Room #5 at 107 - 14th Street, N.E., where he remained until Sunday, April 7, 1968. On this day GALT was moved to Room #6 at 113 - 14th Street, N.E. On this occasion, GARNER observed GALT move his possessions and noted that he had no luggage and all of his possessions were either moved in a paper bag or box.

On April 7, 1968, HAROLD G. ANDERSON, an employee of the Albert Pick Motel, 14th and Spring Streets, N.E., Atlanta, was brought to the rooming house by FRED C. JONES, who is also employed by this hotel. GARNER assigned ANDERSON Room #2 at 113 - 14th Street, N.E., and noted that the individual he believed to be GALT and ANDERSON became friendly.

On April 9, 1968, at approximately 9:00 P.M., GALT and ANDERSON came to GARNER's room at 107 - 14th Street, N.E., at which time GALT advised GARNER that both he and ANDERSON were checking out. He said both men appeared to have been drinking. During the conversation, GALT advised he had received a telephone call from a friend in Michigan and had learned that welders were receiving a higher hourly wage there. For this reason, he had decided to go to Michigan to seek work. ANDERSON, who was a motel employee, indicated he was going to Michigan with GALT and hoped to obtain employment as a welder's helper. GARNER recalled he refunded approximately $17 to ANDERSON, who had paid two weeks in advance on registering on April 7. GALT did not ask for a refund, although he was paid through April 11, but did receive the return of his $1.50 deposit for the key.

Thereafter, GARNER accompanied GALT and ANDERSON to ANDERSON's room where he secured the room keys from both GALT and ANDERSON. At this time he noted several beer bottles in the room and presumed GALT and ANDERSON had been drinking together. GARNER did not actually observe the departure of GALT and ANDERSON, but noted both were gone on the morning of April 10, 1968, as was the previously-described black Ford auto.

GARNER made available the registration for HAROLD G. ANDERSON. This registration does not reflect an address for ANDERSON, but indicates that his father is G. F. ANDERSON, Duluth, Georgia, telephone number 448-4672. GARNER explained that he always attempts to obtain the name and address for a next of kin for his roomers.

GARNER provided the following physical description of HAROLD G. ANDERSON:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	40
Height	5' 9"
Weight	155 - 160 pounds
Hair	Light brown, parted on side
Complexion	Medium
Eyes	Unknown
Distinguishing Characteristics	None noted
Dress	Casual, shirt and slacks

GARNER identified other tenants who resided at 113 - 14th Street, N.E., during the same period that GALT was a roomer there.

GARNER said he was unable to recall GALT's first name, but advised he had observed mail on the hall table of the rooming house at 113 - 14th Street, N.E., which mail was

addressed to GALT. At this point, GARNER accompanied the interviewing Agents to 113 - 14th Street, N.E., where it was observed that there were two letters and a package on the hall table addressed to ERIC S. or E. GALT. The package was postmarked 4/1/68, and the letters were postmarked 4/9 and 4/10/68. GARNER advised his sister, ROBBIE LEE GARNER, a school teacher who resides in the Dixieland Apartments, 1295 Donnelly Avenue, S.W., Atlanta, had visited him on either Friday or Saturday night, April 12 or 13, 1968. At this time his sister had thumbed through the mail on the table at the 113 - 14th Street address and upon noticing the mail addressed to ERIC GALT, she commented to GARNER that this was the same name as the individual who, according to newspaper publicity, was a suspect in the murder of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. GARNER stated that he did not feel there was any likelihood that the GALT who had stayed at 113 - 14th Street, N.E., was identical with this suspect, stating many people have the same name.

GARNER stated that he had neither seen nor heard of GALT prior to April 5, 1968, and that during GALT's stay at his rooming house he saw nothing to indicate that GALT had any connection with any other tenant at this address prior to his arrival there. GARNER was asked whether he had any explanation for the fact that GALT had mail postmarked 4/1/68 addressed to him at 113 - 14th Street, N.E., and according to GARNER, GALT did not arrive at this location until April 5, 1968. GALT said he was unable to explain this, and had no idea how this could occur.

GARNER was also questioned concerning the possibility that GALT or any other roomers had left material with him in storage or for safekeeping. He assured that this was not so. He did report that Rooms #4 and #5 at 113 - 14th Street, N.E., both of which it was noted were fastened with hasps and padlocks, were storage rooms. He stated they contained only linens and possibly a few items of no value left behind by roomers.

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With regard to Room #5 at 107 - 14th Street, N.E., GARNER said that this room had not been occupied by anyone since GALT was transferred from this room on April 7, 1968. He noted, however, that the maid, PERRY LEE ZACHRY or her helper, identity unknown, would have changed the sheets in Room #5 after GALT was moved.

With regard to Room #6 at 113 - 14th Street, N.E., this room remained vacant until April 13, 1968, when it was rented to DAVID O'DONNELL, 12 Andover Drive, Syosset, New York. He described O'DONNELL as a very young man who is also employed at the Albert Pick Motel and who was brought to the rooming house by FRED C. JONES. He said he does not believe this room was made up prior to its being rented to O'DONNELL, but advised he had given O'DONNELL clean sheets so that he could change the linens himself.

GARNER said he did not know of any association between GALT and other rooners at either of the rooming houses except the association with HAROLD G. ANDERSON, as previously described.

In explanation for the failure of the name "GALT" to appear on the rooming house records, GARNER said that he can only explain this by saying he received payment for the room while away from the place where he maintains his records and had inadvertently failed to record the name when he returned to his room.

The interview of GARNER concluded at 1:38 AM, April 15, 1968.

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During the interview of JIMMIE DELTON GARNER, he asked the question, "How are you coming on the King murder?" He was then asked by interviewing Agent if he had heard or read much concerning this and he stated he had read quite a bit in the newspapers and seen a lot on television. GARNER then indicated that he knew this was why we were asking about CALT.

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At 2:30 a.m. JIMMIE DELTON GARNER telephonically contacted the Atlanta Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation at which time he provided the following information:

Since providing the information concerning MMIC GILT during a personal interview by agents, he has rechecked his records and now believes that the individual whom he knew as GILT actually was registered at the rooming house under the name of WILLIAM LEE, Route 1, Gastonia, North Carolina. GARNER said his records do not reflect the room number to which LEE was assigned but noted that the records do show LEE arrived April 5, 1968, and paid through April 12, 1968. When renting the room, LEE supplied the name Miss Betty Antimuk, 1052 Waltz Street, Warren, Michigan, as the individual to be notified in case of emergency. GARNER said all information provided during the prior interview was accurate except that he now feels certain that WILLIAM LEE's registration pertains to MMIC GILT.

GARNER was questioned as to how he determined this man's name to be GILT when the registration was in the name of LEE. GARNER was unable to satisfactorily explain this except to say that he feels that he concluded that LEE was GILT when GARNER's sister called his attention to the mail at the rooming house which was directed to MMIC GILT.

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In response to a telephonic request received at 9:31 a.m. from JERRIE DELTON GARNER, he was interviewed in front of his restaurant located at 1052 Northside Drive, Northwest, Atlanta, Georgia.

GARNER opened the conversation by stating "Lee is not Galt." He then made available the registration records for his rooming house. It was again noted these records do not reflect a registration in the name of GALT. At the same time, GARNER produced an envelope bearing the printed name "Eric S. Galt." GARNER said this name was printed thereon by GALT when GARNER requested his full name. Other handwritten notations thereon were, according to GARNER, prepared by himself.

GARNER stated that subsequent to a prior interview, he had been searching his records and his memory and had now determined that on March 24, 1968, late in the evening, an individual knocked on his apartment door, introduced himself as Mr. GALT, and requested a single room.

He was placed in Room Number 2, 113 14th Street, Northeast, Atlanta, Georgia, on noting that the room was small, was offered an adjoining storage room in which to place his surplus belongings. At this point, GALT remarked he would be able to utilize a desk in the storage room for his television set.

GARNER did not see GALT unload his automobile or bring his possessions into the room. He next saw GALT on March 31, 1968, at which time the rent was due and GALT made the statement, "I may as well pay you for another week." This was between 1:00 and 2:30 p.m.

On April 5, 1968, GARNER entered the room at approximately 11:00 a.m. to change the linens. At this time, he found a note on the bed written on a piece of cardboard, believed by him to be a laundry shirt backing, which stated in effect "I've had to go to Birmingham. I've left my TV set here and will try to return for it in

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about a week." He does not recall whether the note was printed or written and destroyed it by throwing it in the trash immediately.

GARNER described GALT as a white male, 33 to 35 years of age, approximately six feet tall, slender build, black hair, worn very short with possibly a part on the side.

GARNER had previously noted GALT to be utilizing a light colored, possibly white, automobile and on the morning of April 13, 1968, telephonically contacted Mr. HAROLD WATERS, Room Number 1, 107 14th Street, Northeast, as this automobile was parked near WATERS, at which time he asked WATERS generally if he recalled the make of car and WATERS advised him it was a late model Mustang, possibly 1966 or 1967.

GARNER estimated his total contact with GALT on both occasions did not exceed one-half hour. He stated on both occasions GALT was neatly dressed in a dark suit, white shirt, and tie. He characterized him as looking like a preacher.

The inconsistencies in the information previously furnished by GARNER and the foregoing were thoroughly discussed with him and he could attribute it only to "being confused", in that he had erroneously associated the name GALT with the roomer, WILLIAM LEE, about whom he had furnished the information.

At this time, GARNER made available a three page memorandum in his handwriting which chronologically sets forth his association with GALT. The envelope previously referred to, furnished by GARNER, on which GALT wrote his name, also contained the notation "Could do several different kinds of work." This note was prepared by GARNER.

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GARNER stated he made this notation during his initial contact with GALT, at which time he asked his usual questions of new roomers about their line of work. He said he inadvertently failed to record the information on the envelope in his permanent records. GARNER added that at the time of renting the room, he received a $1.00 key deposit from GALT and the key was left with the note on the bed by GALT.

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Date April 16, 1968

JIMMIE DELTON GARNER was interviewed in the office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, 275 Peachtree Street, Northeast, Atlanta, Georgia, after voluntarily accompanying SAs ROGER L. KAAS and HARRY L. LEE from his place of business, 1052 Northside Drive, Northwest, Atlanta, Georgia. At this time, GARNER stated that he was aware of the discrepancies in the information furnished by him but insisted it was due solely to the confusion which existed in his mind in erroneously relating the name GALT with his roomer, WILLIAM LEE.

He stated he had no reason for telling the Agents that he had no items in his possession which belonged to GALT, when, in fact, he was holding a television set, other than the confusion previously referred to.

In determining the individuals in each of the rooming houses operated by him (107 14th Street, Northeast, Atlanta, Georgia) who may have been in a position to observe GALT, he advised that at the time of renting to GALT, there was no other occupant in this building.

He stated he had closed 113 14th Street on February 11, 1968, after the neighborhood hippies attempted to take it over.

He admitted that he had two double rooms vacant at the time GALT applied for a room and that he had previously rented these for the price of a single room, but GALT insisted on a single room, so he decided to open the other rooming house. He admitted it cost him more to do this than he would receive initially in rent, but that he had been planning to open it, as the other house was filling up.

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GALT remained the sole occupant of this building until April 1, 1968, at which time FRED C. JONES was placed in Room Number 1.

In continuing to question GARNER as to why he had denied holding property for GALT, he finally admitted that it had been his policy in the past to retain for 30 days possessions left behind by roomers, then to claim them as his own, and it was his intention to do this with the television set.

GARNER specifically denied that he had previously known GALT, that GALT had been referred to him by anyone, that he had accepted an extra amount of money from GALT for any reason, or that he had any knowledge concerning his present whereabouts.

GARNER stated that he was born and raised in Mississippi, was a member of the Baptist Church, and was "not a Communist." He denied having any knowledge of the John Birch or other right wing organizations, stating he had joined only one organization which name he could not now recall, but described by him as a civic organization.

He reiterated that it had always been his intention to cooperate with the FBI and that he had, in fact, that morning given the address and telephone number of his restaurant to a roomer, Mr. BURGESS, where he could be reached should GALT return for the television set. He stated he did this so he could immediately notify the FBI of GALT's return.

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Date April 17, 1968

Mr. JIMMIE DELMON GARNER observed the below identified photographs which were displayed in a rectangular form as indicated below:

First Row

1. ROGER DEAN UNDERHILL

2. GEORGE GORDON

3. FRANK S. DE MORRIS

SecondRow

4. JAMES A. HARDIN

5. DANIEL JESS COLEMAN

6. ERIC STARVO GALT

Third Row

7. FRED HOLLIS

8. DOUGLAS MARVIN BROWDER

9. CHARLES WILLIAM MANSON

Upon viewing them GARNER unhesitatingly picked up the photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT stating, "This is the best I've seen, if it isn't GALT, it sure looks like him." GARNER was reluctant to make a more positive identification, but said he felt this was a photograph

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On 4/17/68 at Atlanta, Georgia File # Atlanta 44-2986

SA ROGER D. MAY

by [redacted] Date dictated 4/17/68

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of the man who had rented Room Number 2 at 113 Fourteenth Street, NE, Atlanta, Georgia, from him under the name ERIC S. GALT. The photographs were displayed to GARNER in his room located at 107 Fourteenth Street, NE, Atlanta, Georgia with only GARNER and SAs JOHN E. OGDEN and ROGER L. KAAS present. At the time no indication was given him as to which photograph was GALT or the status of the investigation then being conducted.

Subsequent to the identification GARNER provided the following signed statement:

"April 17, 1968

"I, JIMMIE D. GARNER, furnish the following voluntary statement to ROGER L. KAAS and JOHN E. OGDEN who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. No threats or promises have been made or offered to cause me to make this statement

"I have this date been shown a group of nine photographs which were laid out on a chair in my room at 107 14th Street, NE, Atlanta, Ga. No hint or suggestion was made to me by these agents concerning any of the photographs on display, and I was asked only whether I recognized any of ther persons depicted in these photographs.

"From this group I have selected one photograph which closely resembles the man who rented a room from me at 113 Fourteenth Street, NE, under the name of ERIC S. GALT. When I selected

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this photograph I told the agents, "If this isn't GALT, it sure looks like him". I have identified the photograph I selected by placing my initials on the back thereof.

"/s/ JIMMIE D. GARNER

"Witnessed: JOHN E. OGDEN, Special Agent, FBI
Atlanta, Ga.

ROGER L. KAAS, Special Agent, FBI
Atlanta, Ga."

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2. Interview of Other Tenants

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1 Date April 18, 1968

HENRY H. WATKINS, Apartment 1, 107 14th Street, Atlanta, advised he is not acquainted with any other tenants in this building other than [redacted], the plumber, who lives in Room 2 at this address, and he is not acquainted with any residents of the building located at 113 14th Street.

WATKINS was asked if he recalled a white Mustang which may have been parked at the rear of 107 14th Street or 113 14th Street, and he stated he recalled this car well since the owner of this car always parked in such a manner he would use up about three parking spots. WATKINS stated there was a shallow ditch between the parking areas at the rear of 107 14th Street and 113 14th Street, and the individual who drove this white Mustang generally parked at the rear of 113 14th Street parallel to this ditch rather than heading into the ditch and in this manner utilized about three parking spots. WATKINS said this irritated him since parking space was so short and he would have mentioned it to Mr. [redacted], but [redacted] was sick at the time and he did not bother him with it. WATKINS said if he had ever seen the driver of this white Mustang, he would have mentioned it to him directly, but he had never seen the driver of this Mustang. He stated he knew there was an out of state plate on this car, but did not recall the state and said it might have been white with black letters. WATKINS said he always checked license plates of strange cars parked behind these two houses since renters generally have out of state cars and local license plates generally belong to people who have no business parking in this area. For that reason he was able to recall that this white Mustang had an out of state license plate on it.

WATKINS was asked at what time of the day he generally recalled this car being parked at the rear of 113 14th Street and he said he was only aware at the times when he returned from work about 5:00 p.m. He estimated that this car was in this area for about 2 weeks and he believes it was about 2 weeks since he had last seen this car.

WATKINS was unable to identify anyone in the neighborhood by description or artist's composite photograph who might have been identical with the individual believed to have used the name [redacted].

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SA [redacted] and

by SA [redacted] J. [redacted] Date dictated 4/17/68

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3. Search of GALT's Room

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/17/68

On April 15, 1968, Mr. JAMES D. GARNER, operator of the rooming house located at 113 - Fourteenth Street, N.E., advised that the small room located at the rear of Room No. 2 was utilized by ERIC S. GALT. He said GALT's rent had expired and that GALT had not returned to claim any of his belongings.

GARNER voluntarily unlocked the door to this room and explicitly stated he had no objections to Agents searching this small room off of Room No. 2.

With the consent of GARNER, this room was searched and the removal of the below-listed articles was conducted in GARNER's presence and he observed and identified each item taken..

The following list of articles were taken from the small room as indicated above, from the locations as follows:

On Top of the Desk in the Room

1) Booklet "What is the John Birch Society?"

2) A Gulf Oil Company map of Atlanta

3) An Arrow map of Greater Atlanta

4) Box of Nabisco saltine crackers

5) A Jar of French's mustard

6) One coffee cup

7) One water glass

8) A small can of Carnation evaporated milk

9) Jar of Maxwell House instant coffee

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by SAs HARRY L. LEE, JOHN G. SULLIVAN, ROGER L. KAAS, JOHN E. OGDEN - HLL:sja/lcc Date dictated 4/17/68

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10) One box of "C & H" sugar

11) One knife

12) One pencil, National's Citation

13) One wire electric cup water heater

14) One portable Zenith television

Behind the Desk

Found behind the desk was a booklet "Your Opportunities in Locksmithing."

Found in the left-hand drawer of the desk were the following items:

1) A jar of Kraft's Catalina French dressing

2) Package of golden grain California lima beans

3) Can of "Iris" ground black pepper

4) Box of five National's Citation pencils

5) A Gulf map of Southeastern USA

6) A Shell map of Texas and Oklahoma

7) A map of Mexico

8) A city of Los Angeles published by Mitock and Sons

9) A map of Los Angeles

10) A Shell map of Louisiana

11) A map of California

12) An Enco map of Arizona and New Mexico

13) A Standard Oil map of Birmingham and vicinity

Each of these items was identified in order that the items might be forwarded to the Laboratory for examination.

During this search, GARNER observed and identified each article taken.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 18, 1968

On April 15, 1968, the items obtained with the consent of Mr. JOHN D. GARNER, Manager of the rooming house located at 113 14th Street, Atlanta, Georgia, were transported to the FBI Laboratory in Washington, D. C., by SA JOHN C. SULLIVAN.

Transportation to Washington, D. C., was via Delta Airlines Flight 338 departing Atlanta at 11:45 p.m. on April 15, 1968.

Delta Flight 338 was met at Friendship Airport by SA JOHN PATTERSON at 1:40 a.m. on April 16, 1968. SA SULLIVAN was transported via Bureau car to the FBI Laboratory in Washington, D. C., where pertinent items were turned over to Bureau Supervisor FREDERICK WALLACE.

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by SA JOHN C. SULLIVAN :bjc Date dictated 4/18/68

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C. RECORDS CHECKS AND OTHER INQUIRIES CONDUCTED IN GEORGIA TO IDENTIFY GALT.

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1. Airlines

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During the period April 12 through 15, 1968, SA CHARLES S. HARDING caused a check to be made of Delta Airlines, Atlanta, Georgia, Computer Records, with negative results for the dates April 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, or 11, 1968.

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2. Birth

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IC MARION W. DAVIS, during the period April 8-10, 1968, ascertained that records of the Georgia State Bureau of Vital Statistics, Atlanta, Georgia, were negative.

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3. Banks

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On April 15 and 16, 1968, SA JAMES J. DOLAN telephonically contacted all banks reflected on pages 145-147 of the classified section of the current Atlanta Telephone Directory with negative results regarding opening or closing of safe deposit box subsequent to March 15, 1968.

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SA MARION B. CHERK and SA TRAVIS L. LYNCH on April 16, 1968, contacted all banks in the general area of 14th and Peachtree Streets, Northeast, Atlanta, Georgia, with negative results for information regarding a checking account, savings account, loan account, charge account, or issuance of a cashiers check during the recent past with negative results.

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4. City and Telephone Directories

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During the period April 8-10, 1968, a review was made of available Telephone and City Directories for major communities in each of the 116 counties covered by the Atlanta office with negative results.

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AT 44-2386
AGS:lcs
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A review on April 10, 1968, by SA ALAN G. SENTINELLA of the current Atlanta Telephone Directory, Atlanta City and Suburban Directories for the years 1966, 1967, and 1968 was negative.

5. Credit and Arrest

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IC MARION W. DAVIS ascertained during the period April 8-10, 1968, that records of the following agencies were negative:

Credit Bureau of Atlanta, Inc.
Atlanta, Georgia

Atlanta Police Department, Identification Division
Atlanta, Georgia

Atlanta Police Department, Station Captain's Office
Atlanta, Georgia

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AT 44-2386
AGS:lcs
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During the period April 8-10, 1968, records of Credit Bureaus, Police Departments, and/or Sheriff's Offices for major communities in each of the 116 counties covered by the Atlanta Office were caused to be checked with negative results.

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6. Car Rentals

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AGS/th
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SA ROBERT R. PERRY on April 11, 1968 contacted car rental agencies in Atlanta for rentals subsequent to April 5, 1968 with negative results.

7. Drivers Licenses

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AGS/th
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SA JOHN E. OGDEN on April 11, 1968 checked records of the Georgia State Drivers License Bureau with negative results.

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8. Dancing Schools

AT 44-2386
AGS:bjc
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SAs ROBERT K. LEWIS and SCOTT T. FENSTERMAKER, during the period April 21 through 15, 1968, ascertained from the operators of all dancing schools in the Atlanta area that they did not have and had not recently had a student enrolled by a pertinent name.

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9. Hotels

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AGS:bjc
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SA CHARLES T. HAYNES and SA JAMES JOSEPH DOLAN on April 12, 1968, checked all low and middle class hotels in the City of Atlanta with negative results for a current or recent guest by a pertinent name.

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10. Immigration and Naturalization Service

AT 44-2386
AGS:bjc
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On April 11, 1968, Miss CAROLINE AMONS, Clerk, United States Immigration and Naturalization Service, Atlanta, Georgia, advised SA JAMES J. ROSE she could not locate a record for ERIC K. C. GAULT.

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11. Laundries

AT 44-2386
AGS:bjc
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During the period April 9 through 11, 1968, inquiry was made of all laundries in the Greater Atlanta area, as listed on Pages 460 through 462 of the current Atlanta Classified Telephone Directory, with negative results regarding use of a Thermo Seal marking machine which had produced a marking tag appearing to read "02B-6" or "D2B-6".

AT 44-2386
AGS:bjc
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During the period April 9 through 11, 1968, inquiry was made of all laundries listed in the current Classified Telephone Directory for major communities in each of the 116 counties covered by the Atlanta Office with negative results regarding use of a Thermo Seal marking machine which had produced a marking tag appearing to read "028-6" or "D28-6".

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AT 44-2386
AGS:bjc
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On April 16, 1968, SAs CHARLES PAUL ROSE and ROBERT MICHAEL KANE contacted all laundries in the Peachtree Street - 14th Street, Northeast, Atlanta, area, other than the Piedmont Laundry Pickup Station, 1168 Peachtree Street, Northeast, with negative results.

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12. Library

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On April 12, 1968, Miss EUGENIA SPARROW, Assistant Librarian, Atlanta Public Library, advised SA ALAN G. SENTINELLA this library did not maintain a list of the names of individuals to whom library cards are issued. Miss SPARROW reviewed her records pertaining to lost library cards and overdue books without locating a pertinent name.

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13. Motels

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SAs CHARLES F. ROESENER and JOHN M. PALFI on April 12, 1968, checked all motels in the Atlanta area, as listed on Pages 509 through 514 of the Classified Section of the current Atlanta Telephone Directory, with negative results for a current or recent guest having a pertinent name.

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14. Public Utilities

AT 44-2386
AGS:lcs
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Mrs. B. SUTHERLAND, Customer Service Department, Atlanta Gas Light Company, advised SA ALAN G. SENTINELLA on April 12, 1968, that neither gas service nor electric service had been obtained since March 15, 1968 by an individual using a pertinent name.

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15. Motor Vehicle Bureau

AT 44-2386
AGS:lcs
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IC MARION W. DAVIS, on April 8, 1968 ascertained that records of the Georgia State Motor Vehicle Bureau were negative.

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On April 10, 1968, Mrs. BARBARA WAGER, Georgia State Motor Vehicle Bureau, advised IC MARION W. DAVIS records of this Bureau did not reflect a motor vehicle registration had ever been issued up to April 1, 1968, for a vehicle having Vehicle Identification Number 6T07C190647.

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16. Selective Service

AT 44-2386
AGS:lcs
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IC MARION W. DAVIS, on April 10, 1968 ascertained that records of the Georgia State Selective Service Headquarters were negative.

17. Transportation

AT 44-2386
AGS:bjc
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On April 11 and 12, 1968, SAs JOHN H. BRANDT, RICHARD D. RACKLEFF, and JAMES R. RIORDAN contacted taxi cab companies and drivers thereof for information concerning the pick up of a fare in the vicinity of the Capitol Homes Apartments during the period 7:00 a.m. to 12 noon on April 5, 1968, with negative results.

AT 44-2386
AGS:bjc
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SA KENNETH R. HEINEMAN on April 12, 1968, contacted all drivers of Atlanta Transit, Inc. who drove buses on Memorial Drive and Hunter Street, Southeast, Atlanta, Georgia, on April 5, 1968, with negative results.

18. Soap

AT 44-2386
AGS:bjc
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On April 6, 1968, the following individuals were contacted with negative results concerning use of "Cashmere Bouquet" toilet soap or recent registration of a guest by the name of HARVEY LOWMEYER or HARVEY LOWMYER:

HERBERT MOORE
Owner and Operator
Colonial Manor Motel
U. S. Highway 41 South
Perry, Georgia

FRANK MILLS
Owner and Operator
Town and Country Motel
U. S. Highway 27 North
LaGrange, Georgia

DWIGHT STEWART
Owner and Operator
Travelers Haven Motel
Marietta, Georgia

It was determined from each of the above individuals his respective motel is affiliated with a chain of motels known as Friendship Inns.

19. Western Union

AT 44-2386
RJM/jlh
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On April 11 and 12, 1968, microfilm copies of Western Union money orders cashed in the Southeastern United States and cleared through Citizens and Southern National Bank, Atlanta, Georgia, were reviewed by SAs DONALD G. WILSON, SCOTT T. FENSTERMAKER, HILBERT ARPS, and RAYMOND J. MICHEL for the period August 28, 1967 - September 1, 1967 with negative results.

20. Labor Union

AT 44-2386
HR/jlh
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On April 15, 1968, JAMES MC ENDREE, Secretary, Hotel and Restaurant Employees and Bartenders Union, AFL-CIO, Hurt Building, Atlanta, Georgia, was interviewed at his home, 1086 Bellevue Drive, Atlanta, Georgia, by SA HUGH ROBINSON, JR.

MC ENDREE advised that after reviewing all employee records on file with said union, he was unable to locate any record identifiable with ERIC STARVO GALT.

MC ENDREE also viewed a composite photograph of GALT but was not able to identify this individual.

22. [illegible]

AT 44-2386
AGS:hjm
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On April 11, 1968, SAs JOHN M. PALFI, ROBERT K. LEWIS, RICHARD J. CIESKA and DONALD F. TACKITT conducted a neighborhood investigation of that portion of Capitol Homes located on Hunter Street, Southeast with negative results.

AT 44-2386
AGS:hjm
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On April 11, 1968, SA JOHN M. PALFI contacted the management office of Capitol Homes, 89 Memorial Drive, Southeast, with negative results.

AT 44-2386
AGS/pml
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On April 15, 1968, Special Agents PAUL LEE MILLER, CHARLES T. HAYNES, STEPHEN L. HALPIN and RAYMOND J. MICHEL interviewed individuals residing at 107 and 113 Fourteenth Street, Northeast, during the period March 24 through April 9, 1968 without developing additional pertinent information.

D. DESCRIPTION

The following descriptive data has been compiled from information developed during investigation.

Name	Eric Starvo Galt
Aliases	Eric S. Galt Eric Gault Harvey Lowmeyer John Willard Harvey Lowmyer
Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	July 20, 1931
Place of Birth	Unknown
Age	Age reported to be between 35 and 40
Height	5'8" to 5'11"
Weight	160 to 175 lbs.
Build	Medium
Hair	Brown, wears in a brush cut
Eyes	Blue
Teeth	Straight and clean
Nose	Straight bridge line and narrow
Ears	Left ear protrudes further from head than right ear
Complexion	Fair, but may have slight tan
Marital Status	GALT has indicated he has been divorced
Accent	Slight Southern accent, with diction having a rural quality, and probably does not suggest a high degree of education
Occupations Known	Barge or River boatman seaman bartender
Voice	Normal pitch
Attire	Prefers business-like clothing - wears suit and tie with conservative ties; has been known to wear tie tack cuff links; has reportedly worn gold ring with dark colored ston also reportedly has worn shiney black alligator shoes with thin sole

Last Attire Worn	GALT may be presently wearing a black checkered coat, gray trousers, black tie with tan and brown stripes
Perculiarities	Extremely neat in appearance, having fingernails clean and neatly trimmed;
	Has nervous habit of pulling on one of his earlobes;
	Has been reported to have a crooked smile;
	Prefers filter cigarettes, brand unknown, also prefers Vodka and beer;
	Prefers Western and Country Music and has been described as "crazy about dancing";
	Has been described as very shy, quiet, reserved, evasive and generally known as a "loner";
	Has been known to frequent dance studios, low rate hotels, frequently uses cabs for transportation, and also uses commercial laundries for cleaning clothes.

APPENDIX A

Missing When Filmed

APPENDIX B

PIEDMONT LAUNDRY

JAckson 5-8393 Atlanta, Ga.

Name

SOURCE	MARK	MARKER	LOT	PIN NO.

½ HR ☐ REG ☐ M T W T F S

NO STARCH ☐

LT. STARCH ☐ ON HANGERS ☐

HVY. STARCH ☐ FLUFF DRY ☐

Shirts (2-B)		Dresses	
Drawers		Blouses	
Undershirts		Slips	
Pajamas		Aprons	
Union Suits		Gowns	
Sox Pr.		Slacks	
Handkerchiefs		House Coats	
Polo Shirts		Uniforms	
Shorts		Bells	
Pants			
Coat			
Jackets			
Overall Comb.			
Bath Robes			
Bath Towels			
Wash Cloths		Service Charge	.02
Laundry Bag		Total Cash	
Hand Towels		Total Charge	
Sheets			
Pillow Cases		TOTAL	

STARCH

PIEDMONT LAUNDRY

JAckson 5-3393
Atlanta, Georgia

Date April 1 19 68

Name Eric Gill

Address 1st-31

Source Mark

T	DESCRIPTION	PRICE
	3-PC SUIT	
	2-PC SUIT	
1	COATS Beige Alt.	65
1	TROUSERS Beige	65
	OVERCOATS	
	SHIRTS	
1	TIES B.C. 10/Lamont 9 68 ST	25
	JACKETS	
	DRESSES	155
	BELTS	
	SKIRTS	
	BLOUSES	
	SUITS	
	COATS	
	SWEATERS	
	BLANKETS	
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