

1791. Ray prints to be compared by Atl. PD
1792. Print check neg.
1793. Lab report on Locksmith's Ledger papers handprinting materials Galt- typewriter comparisons inconclusive
1794. Lab report: Future Books order blank match of Galt writing.
1795. Car dealers and renters checked in Atl. Garner interviewed but drunk. EAL flight personnel interviewed no Ray aboard 4/12 One Wray probably not Ray.
1796. Tele on Rogue River logging and checking Ray's interest
1797. Individual seen in auto- too unreliable for photo check of 200,000 neg. photo.
1798. Tele re: publishing photo of Ray and data in barber trade mags.
1799. Lab. report on marking tapes
1800. Embassy in Toronto sends in records on one [redacted] (b)(7)(c)
1801. Memo Rosen to DeLoach items on Rev. A.D. King; ident. by paisley-sonc-wife seller of car.
1802. Bonn wants Ray flyers
1803. Interview of allege fellow prison inmate [redacted] ordered (b)(7)(X0)
1804. Western Union tapes examined in Detroit.
1805. Atl wants flyers to oil car.
1806. - old nut in Philly.
1807. [redacted] not id. of Galt. (b)(7)(c)
1808. Airtel 4/13 LA re: Flikeid- Chevron maps-shoes
1809. Check on prints of John Warner Willard.
1810. Tele prints not either Rife.
1811. Citizen tip check
1812. Memo to DeLoach on info by Ray's associates.
1813. Flyes to Canada.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO: Mr. DeLoach

DATE: April 19, 1968

SUBJECT: MURKIN

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Malley
- 1 - Mr. McGowan
- 1 - Mr. McDonough
- 1 - Mr. Martindale
- 1 - Mr. Long
- 1 - Mr. Bishop
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Mr. Tolson
 Mr. DeLoach
 Mr. Mohr
 Mr. Bishop
 Mr. Casper
 Mr. Callahan
 Mr. Conrad
 Mr. Felt
 Mr. Gale
 Mr. Rosen
 Mr. Sullivan
 Mr. Tavel
 Mr. Trotter
 Mr. Tele. Room
 Miss Holmes
 Miss Gandy

Handwritten notes:
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This case concerns the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

The Laboratory has determined that the handprinting on an envelope [redacted] bearing a postmark of Montreal, Canada, VII, 1967, with a return address of Eric S. Galt, 2589 Rue Notre Dame EST, Montreal, Canada, Province of Quebec, was prepared by the same individual who prepared the [redacted] order form of the Superior Bulk Film Company, Chicago, Illinois.

With respect to further processing of the Mustang automobile, the wheels and tires of this car were observed by an official of Tire Retread Equipment Company in Atlanta, Georgia, and he advised that the left front tire is designed with "771-X Y Track" on retread equipment manufactured in Lodi, California, by Superior Mold Corporation.

This official of the Tire Retread Equipment Company in Atlanta advised that based on the number appearing on the recap the manufacturer should be able to identify the location of such recap equipment. He further suggested that the treads of the two recap tires were made by a mold manufactured in Los Angeles, California, by the Los Angeles Matrix Company or by the Ace Mold Company, El Monte, California. He stated from the letters "RGT" appearing on the recapped portion of the equipment can be traced even further. This is being fully explored.

The official noted that from the weather worn condition of the casings, which appear in the form of small cracks, it was his opinion that the tires had possibly been in California where the ozone in the

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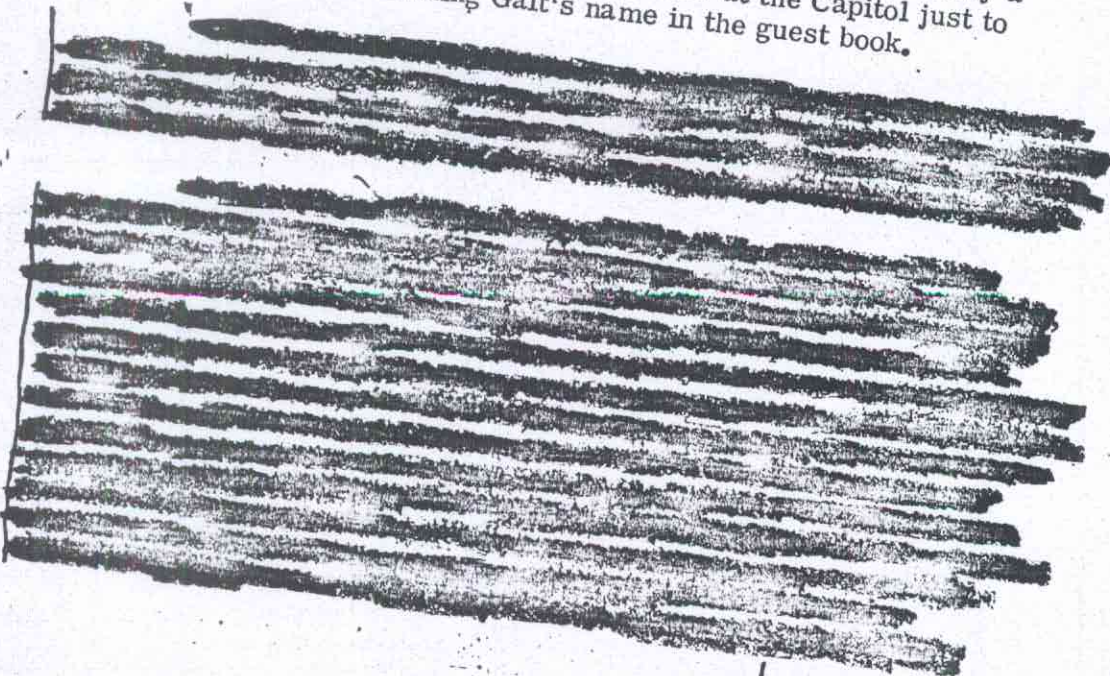
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atmosphere causes such condition. The official further stated that the tread designs of the two rear tires were foreign to the southeastern area of the United States, and he estimated the wear on the recaps to have exceeded 5,000 miles on each tire.

On 4/17/68, authorities in the office of Georgia Governor Lester Maddox reported that on 4/11/68, a secretary of that office observed several newspaper reporters examining a guest book utilized for registering guests each Wednesday, which is "open house" day and devoted to citizens of the State who wished to speak with the Governor.

The secretary noted that reporter  ^{to the page}, representing Augusta and Savannah, Georgia, papers turned in the guest book to the page dated 4/3/68 and signed "Eric Galt, 903 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama, Jefferson County, Alabama."  of the "Atlanta Constitution" also examined the guest book. The secretary in Governor Maddox's office advised that these three reporters actually intended to play a practical joke on another newspaper reporter at the Capitol just to see his reaction when finding Galt's name in the guest book.



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William David Paisley, Jr., son of the seller of the Mustang to Galt, 8/30/67, upon being shown photographs of Eric Starvo Galt stated the photograph with the eyes shut does resemble the individual who purchased the Paisley's Mustang but he did not care to make a positive identification until he could see Galt in person. After studying the photograph of Galt several minutes, Paisley commented that the more he looked at the photograph the more he believed it was a photograph of the Eric S. Galt who bought the Mustang. Paisley's mother, Mrs. William David Paisley, Sr., advised that she cannot be sure the photograph shown to her is the man who purchased their Mustang.

William David Paisley, Sr., said there is a resemblance between the man in the photograph and the Eric S. Galt who purchased his white Mustang in August, 1967, but he could not make a positive identification from the photograph.

Herbert Kelly who is employed as a cook at the Economy Rooming House, Birmingham, and who served Galt meals during the period of residence in September and early October, 1967, after viewing the photographs of Galt stated he believed that the photographs of Galt are identical with the Eric Galt who resided at the rooming house and the pictures bear a "very close resemblance to him." Mr. Kelly stated he will not make a positive identification from the photographs but desires to view Galt in person before making such identification. Peter Cherpes, owner of the Economy Rooming House, viewed photograph of the subject and stated he believed this was the Eric Galt who resided at the rooming house but Cherpes did not desire to make an identification until he could view him in person.

U. S. Attorney Macon Weaver, Birmingham, advised on 4/18/68 that he received a telephone call from District Attorney Earl Morgan following a conference with the County Commissioner and Morgan desired to know why Birmingham was chosen for the filing of the complaint. Weaver advised that he called the Attorney General who informed Weaver that the decision was made by the FBI. According to U. S. Attorney Weaver, the

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Attorney General stated that he assumed that Birmingham had been chosen as it was the place where the first overt act of the conspiracy occurred. Weaver conveyed this information to the District Attorney who appeared satisfied. Weaver indicated that the District Attorney's prime concern was that the filing of process in Birmingham might reflect on Birmingham's reputation.

The sheet recovered from the abandoned Mustang bore laundry mark "20R-3." Records of the Avalon Cleaners and Laundry, Culver City, California, show that laundry mark "20R-3" was placed on flat laundry on 12/18/67. This laundry was picked up by a customer named "Galt" on or about 12/21/67. Avalon Cleaners Store Number 20 located on Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, is in the vicinity of other activities of Galt. Personnel at the store have no recollection of Galt. Sample tapes taken from the Thermo-Seal machine are being forwarded to the Laboratory for comparison purposes.

Wanted Flyers in the Spanish language on the subject, Eric Starvo Galt, have been prepared and sent to the field as well as appropriate Legats in order to afford additional widespread publicity on the wanted man. Hundreds of suspects are being run out in our sustained efforts to locate and apprehend the subject.

ACTION:

This investigation continues to receive top priority attention.

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