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# *Memorandum*

TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) DATE: 4/12/68

FROM : SUPV. EDWARD T. KASSINGER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Writer has made a complete review of all teletype communications available morning of 4/12/68. Teletypes reviewed have been marked with "X" in lower left-hand corner. The purpose of this review is to pinpoint exactly, 1) what we know in the way of descriptive data to date concerning ERIC STARVO GALT (or individual using that name), and 2) what we know concerning the whereabouts of this individual at specific times.

DESCRIPTIVE DATA

Mrs. VERA BERNHARDT, 1539 North Serrano, Los Angeles, California, Manager of apartment house at 1535 North Serrano, saw GALT on several occasions while he was a tenant at that address. She described him as a white male, 28 - 33 years of age, 5' 9", thin face, high cheekbones, triangular-shaped face dark brown hair, medium build, "forlorn" appearance.

DALE DYKEMA, Receiver, with records concerning property at 1535 North Serrano, for which GALT paid cash rent November and December, 1967, described GALT as follows:

White, male, 35 - 40, 5' 10" - 6', 170 - 175 pounds, slight to medium build, brown brush cut hair, possibly blue eyes, prominent ears, southern accent, neat appearance.

SOURCE: LA tel, 4/12/68

Alabama Drivers License in name of ERIC GALT describes him as white male, born 7/20/31, 5' 11", 175 pounds, blue eyes, brown hair.

Bureau tel, 4/10/68

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ERIC S. GALT, white male, DOB 7/20/31, 5' 11", 175 pounds, blue eyes, brown hair, occupation barge or riverboat man, residence in Fall, 1967, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham.

ME tel, 4/10/68 (10:30 PM)

WHEREABOUTS

| Dates | |
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| 8/26/67 | ERIC STARVO GALT rented room at 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham. |
| 8/26 - 10/7/67 | ERIC STARVO GALT, Room 14, Economy Boardinghouse, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, these dates<br><br>BH tels, 4/11/68 (8:34 P.M. and 8:39 P.M. respectively) |
| 8/67 - 10/67 | ERIC STARVO GALT, residing 2608 Highland Avenue, South, Birmingham.<br><br>BH tel, 4/11/68 (8:36 P.M.) |
| 10/67 | Turista Sticker on window of Mustang abandoned Atlanta, 4/5/68, showed Folio No. H 294486, with date 10/67.<br><br>AT tel, 4/12/68. |
| 11 - 12/67 | ERIC S. GALT, according to Mrs. VERA BERNHARDT, 1539 North Serrano, Los Angeles, manager of apartments located at 1535 North Serrano, and DALE DYKEMA, Los Angeles, resided at 1535 North Serrano 11 - 12/67. Was not there when DYKEMA went to collect rent in Jan., 1968.<br><br>LA tel, 4/12/68. |

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| 12/1/67 | GALT departed Highland Avenue address, Birmingham, about 12/1/67, ostensibly for new job on barge or tugboat at Mobile.<br><br>ME tel, 4/10/68 (10:30 PM) |
| 1/22/68 | Letter postmarked 1/22/68, Los Angeles, from GALT to DYKEMA, signed ERIC S. GALT, and dated 1/21/68.<br><br>LA tel 4/12/68. |
| 2/13/68 | ALBERT BALLAN, Mechanic at H. Beckman Chevron Service, Los Angles has service order dated 2/13/68 for work on Mustang, bearing Ala. license 1-38993, customer GALT, paid cash.<br><br>LA tel, 4/12/68. |
| 2/22/68 | BUD COOK, JR., Cort Fox Ford, Los Angeles, has work order, 2/22/68, in name of E. GALT, 1535 North SERRANO, Los Angeles, showing GALT paid cash for work on 1966 Mustang with Ala. license 1-38993, mileage 34289. Bill signed ERIC S. GALT.<br>LA tel, 4/12/68. |
| 3/1/68 | GALT reportedly obtained duplicate Ala. Drivers License, 3/1/68, claiming LA Drivers License expired in 1962.<br>ME tel, 4/10/68 (10:30 P.M.) |
| 3/30/68 | Weapon used in murder purchased 3/30/68, at Birmingham, Ala.<br><br>ME tel, 4/5/68 (3:55 P.M.) |

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| 4/3,4/68 | Records, Rebel Motel, Highway 71, Memphis, reflect ERIC S. GALT arrived 7:15 P.M., 4/3/68, departed Noon, 4/4/68, driving white Mustang bearing Ala. license 1-38993 (1968). |
| | ME tel, 4/10/68 (10:30 P.M.) |
| 4/4/68 | GALT checked into motel (name not given), Memphis, on 4/4/68. |
| | BU TEL, 4/10/68 |
| 4/4/68 | "At present, known subject did use name of JOHN WILLARD while at residence in roominghouse Memphis". |
| | ME tel, 4/6/68 (4:24 P.M.) |
| | "Other names of significance include HARVEY LOWMEYER, name used when subject purchased weapon believed used in instant murder." |
| | ME tel, 4/6/68 (4:24 P.M.) |
| 4/5/68 | Individual (GALT?) abandoned Mustang at approximately 8:30 A.M., Atlanta. Mustang VIN 6T07C190647, had both Ala. tag 1967 1-88354 and Ala. 1968 138993. Mileage 39,100, registered to ERIC STARVO GALT; abandoned Capitol Homes Housing Project, Atlanta, Ga. Witness described individual abandoning car as white male (age not not noted), 5' 11", 165 pounds, neatly dressed, suit (blue?), left area after locking car, walked through project towards Memorial Drive, carrying small book or similar item. |

No luggage; no hat; no glasses.

AT Tel, 4/12/68

Date not given — Subject claimed employment with Ingall's Shipyard, Pascagoula, Miss. (no record this employment)

ME tel, 4/10/68 (10:30 P.M.)

Date not given — "Rifle abandoned at scene of crime purchased by individual using name HARRY LOWMEYER, or LOWMYER, described as white male, 36, 5' 8", black or dark brown hair."

BU tel, 4/8/68 (8:10 P.M.)

It is suggested that a review be made of any additional memoranda or other communications not available to this writer at time of instant summary with view toward establishing further descriptive data and whereabouts.

As indicated above, there is a lack of information in this regard.

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ADDENDUM

DESCRIPTIVE DATA

Data obtained from Alabama Drivers License issued to GALT and from information furnished by persons who knew him in Birmingham is as follows:

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| Sex | Male |
| Race | White |
| DOB | 7/20/31 |
| Height | 5' 11" |
| Weight | 175 pounds |
| Eyes | Blue |
| Hair | Brown |
| Complexion | Fair |
| Appearance | Neat; clean-cut; neat dresser; Western of Texas accent; definitely not northern, eastern or Virginian |
| Peculiarities | Very shy and quiet and often observed wearing business suit, shift and tie. |
| Marital Status | GALT has indicated he is divorced. |

WHEREABOUTS

| Dates | |
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| 4/3/68 | ERIC S. GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, registered at Rebel Motel, 3466 Lamar Avenue, Memphis on this date. Departed next day. Memphis attention directed to GALT, 36 year old, white male, as result of motel check when Memphis determined registration reflected GALT driving Mustang auto, having Ala. tag 138993. |

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| 9/1 - 12/1/67 | PETER CHERPES, owner, boardinghouse, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, advised ERIC GALT tenant from 9/1 - 12/1/67. No registration card. CHERPES claimed GALT previously employed Ingall's Boat Works, Pascagoula, Miss. Unemployed and on "vacation" in Birmingham. Departed Birmingham claiming he was going to Mobile to work on a boat. |
| | Serial 110 |
| 9/67 - 12/67 | GALT had safety deposit box Birmingham Trust National Bank. Answered payment for box rental by stating he was moving to Los Angeles. Letter to bank post-marked Baton Rouge. |
| | Serial 110 |
| 11 - 1/18/68 | GALT occupied Apartment 6, 1535 Serrano, Los Angeles, during part of 11 - 1/18/68, and skipped. |
| | Serial 118, Pg. 2 |
| 2/22/68 | GALT still in Los Angeles area with white Mustang. |
| | Serial 118, Pg. 2 |
| 8/29, 30/68 | GALT answered newspaper ad, purchasing 1966 white Mustang, hardtop, red interior. Purchased from WILLIAM D. PAISLEY at 70140 8th St., Birmingham, Ala. GALT came to PAISLEY's residence 8/29 in taxi. He declined to drive Mustang, stating he had no Ala. drivers license. He did claim to have one from Louisiana, however, GALT met PAISLEY 8/30/67 at 1st National Bank, Birmingham, where GALT paid $1995 in cash, mostly in $20 and $100 bills. GALT claimed to PAISLEY he worked on barge out of St. Louis. |

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Claimed worked 20 days; off 10 .
Claimed married, alleged wife living "now" in Rocky Ridge area south of Homewood, Ala. PAISLEY recalls GALT making statement divorced and GALT's wife lived on Rocky or Dolly Ridge Road "over the mountain", referring to area south of Homewood, Ala.

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