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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: April 15, 1968

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SUBJECT: MURKIN

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

Galt's correspondence [redacted] received a change of address for Galt on 3/30/68 showing he would be at 113 14th Street, N. E., Atlanta. Jimmie Delton Garner, manager of this "hippie" rooming house has now been interviewed.

Garner was approached on a general line of inquiry concerning recent tenants without mentioning the name Galt. Garner named Galt as a tenant who had recently left without completing a week he had paid for in advance. A complete review of Garner's records revealed no mention of Galt and Garner alleged this was an oversight as he collected the rent away from the location of his records.

Garner stated Galt arrived about 6:00 p. m., 4/5/68, driving a black car, probably a Ford, 1962 or 1963 model, possibly bearing a Tennessee license. Galt first contacted Fred C. Jones, a tenant, who directed him to Garner, and Galt told Garner he was a welder from the Carolinas but had been working in another state. Galt was placed temporarily in Room 5 at 107 14th Street, and on 4/7/68 moved to Room 6 at 113 14th Street. Garner saw him move a paper bag or box of possessions but did not note any luggage.

On 4/7/68, Harold G. Anderson, an employee of the Albert Pick Motel, was brought to Garner by Fred C. Jones and was given Room 2, 113 14th Street. Garner noted Galt and Anderson became friendly but nothing indicated a prior acquaintance.

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At about 9:00 p. m., 4/9/68, Garner says Galt and Anderson came to his room stating they were checking out. Galt said he had received a call from a friend in Michigan telling him that welders are better paid there. They were leaving for Michigan that night and Anderson hoped to get a job as a welder's helper. Anderson received a partial refund from two weeks rent previously paid. Galt was paid through 4/11/68 but did not ask for a refund. He did receive a refund of a key deposit. Garner noted beer bottles in Anderson's room and presumed they had been drinking there.

Garner said he could not remember Galt's first name but volunteered he had seen mail for Galt and accompanied Agents to the table where mail is left for tenants. Three pieces of mail for Galt from the locksmithing school were on the table postmarked 4/1/68, 4/9/68 and 4/10/68. He remarked that his sister, Robbie Lee Garner, visited him last Friday or Saturday at which time she noticed the mail for Galt and commented this was the same name as the King murder suspect. Garner said he did not feel it was likely his tenant was identical with the suspect and thus did not feel compelled to tell anyone.

Garner maintained throughout he had never seen or heard of Galt before 4/5/68. He could offer no explanation as to why Galt would receive mail postmarked 4/1/68. Garner denied Galt left anything with him for storage. He said Rooms 4 and 5 are reserved for storage but contain nothing but linen and possibly a few items of no value left behind by roomers. Garner's description of Galt resembles that of the subject.

The rooming house records on Anderson show his next of kin as G. F. Anderson, Atlanta, telephone [REDACTED]. Garner described Anderson as 40 years of age, 5' 9", 155 - 160 pounds, light brown hair, medium to fair complexion.

After the interview Garner telephoned the Agents to say he had re-examined his records and feels Galt is identical with [REDACTED], who registered 4/5/68 and gave person to be notified in emergencies as [REDACTED]. Investigation is being conducted at Gastonia, North Carolina, Warren, Michigan, and Atlanta is locating Garner's sister and Anderson's father.



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[REDACTED] noted that Room 4 has a new padlock. In casual conversation with Garner, Garner told [REDACTED] about one week ago a clean cut young man said he would be gone over a week and rented room 4 for storage of personal effects. By taking the hinges off the connecting door from Room 2, the Agent examined Room 4. There is no bed in this room. There is a brown Zenith portable television set. Marie Martin, Los Angeles, has stated she traded a white General Electric portable television set to Galt; however, she is color blind and her description of the controls matches the Zenith set in Room 4. Also in Room 4 is a brand of sugar sold in California but not in Georgia, a map of Atlanta with four circled areas, one of which is the general area of King's home and one of which is the general area of SCLC headquarters. There was also a John Birch Society pamphlet. Except for a desk and an easy chair, there is nothing else of monetary value but there are a few minor items of food, a bread knife, a coffee warmer and a clip-on tie.

[REDACTED] Garner was not questioned about the items found in Room 4. The rooms alleged by Garner to have been occupied by Galt have been treated for fingerprints, some paper and other items of unknown value were recovered from one of the rooms that has not been re-rented, and sheets allegedly used by Galt in the second room have been obtained. They are being forwarded the Laboratory.

Galt advised [REDACTED] that he was taking a course from American Business Consultants, Long Beach, California. Xaviar Von Koss, owner of American Business Consultants, stated he has been in business since May, 1966, teaching self-hypnotism and "powers of the mind." He teaches by consultation only, keeps no records and does not recall Galt either by name or by the artist's concept of the subject.

In correspondence [REDACTED], Galt listed as references Mrs. Rita Steen and Mrs. Marie Deninno, Los Angeles. Charles J. Stein has advised that on 12/14/67 he was in the Sultan Bar, St. Francis Hotel, Los Angeles, accompanied by

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his sister, Rita Stein, and his cousin, Marie Martin, also known as Marie Dennino, [REDACTED] They became acquainted with Galt in the bar and he offered to drive Stein to New Orleans to pick up Rita Stein's two children and return them to Los Angeles. Galt stipulated that he would only do this if the two women registered to vote and gave their party affiliation as George Wallace's American Independent Party.

Stein states that on 12/15/67 Galt drove Stein and the women in his white Mustang to a voting registration office and let them out at the door. Galt entered the office later as they were completing their registrations and Stein gained the impression Galt was known to the people in the office.

Upon leaving the registration office the women were dropped off at Stein's residence and after stopping at Galt's Serrano Street address the two men drove to New Orleans without stopping to sleep, arriving there 12/17/67. While en route Galt made a number of calls to unknown persons from pay telephones, mostly in Texas.

In New Orleans Galt declined an invitation to stay at the home of Stein's mother and Stein directed him to a motel.

Galt had said he wanted to contact an engineering or contracting firm in New Orleans. On 12/18/67 Stein accidentally met Galt on the street and Galt said he had contacted the people he was interested in and was ready to return to Los Angeles but Galt telephoned later that day to say a storm was blocking their route. Galt, Stein, and the two children left New Orleans 12/19/67 and returned to Los Angeles without stopping except for food and gasoline, arriving in Los Angeles 12/21/67. Stein has not seen him since.

Galt paid for all purchases in cash and Stein says Galt mentioned he was from Alabama and planned to return there. Stein gained the impression Galt was involved in the California Campaign of George Wallace. On one occasion Galt told Stein that if Negroes want to be free men they should go North or West; if they want to be slaves they should stay in the South.



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Galt further told Stein he recently returned from Mexico where he formerly owned a bar in partnership with a Mexican to whom he recently sold his interest. This is being checked out.

Stein made available undeveloped film taken during the trip to New Orleans. He said Galt might be in one of the pictures. The film has been developed by the Bureau and no photograph of Galt was found. Stein subsequently stated he had found another roll of color film and a roll of black and white film that might have a picture of Galt. The black and white film has been developed by the Los Angeles Office. There was no picture of Galt. The color film is presently being processed at the Bureau.

The records of the Providence Motel, New Orleans, show that Eric S. Galt, using Galt's old Birmingham address, registered 12/17/67 and checked out 12/19/67. He made no long distance calls and records of local telephone calls have been destroyed. Two sheets of paper that may have indented writing were found in the telephone book in the room occupied by Galt. This paper and the registration card are being examined in the Laboratory.

The telephone company check Eric Galt used for payment of rent at the St. Francis Hotel, Los Angeles, has been traced. It represents a refund from a deposit Galt posted for telephone service at 1535 North Serrano, Los Angeles, which was discontinued 1/22/68.

[REDACTED]

It has been established by hotel records that Galt stayed at Hotel Rio, Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico, from 10/19/67 to 11/6/67. Additional details are being obtained.

It has previously been reported Galt took dancing lessons in Birmingham in September, 1967, and in New Orleans in 1964-65.

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Murlin and Jane Meyers, who gave dance lessons to Galt in Birmingham and New Orleans, say he is "crazy" about dancing but a poor dancer and difficult to teach because he cannot remember instructions. He gave no information about himself and answered questions with yes or no answers. He was a loner who did not mingle and made no effort to make friends.

Catherine Norton, National Dance Studio, Long Beach, California, states she frequently gave lessons to an Eric Galt from December, 1967, to February, 1968. Galt told her he was a merchant seaman not presently working and was attending bartending school. He did not appear friendly with dance students or instructors. Galt did attend one party of approximately 20 dance students but arrived and left alone, stayed to himself during the party and was uncommunicative. He drank an alcoholic punch at the party. Norton said in general Galt was withdrawn and often evasive. She described him as about 27 years old, having brown, crew cut hair, slightly protruding ears, straight, narrow nose, blue eyes, slight Southern accent, rural language and diction suggesting he does not have a high degree of education, 5' 11", 165-170 pounds, teeth straight and clean, fingernails clean and trimmed, wore gold ring with dark stone, always neatly dressed with coat, tie and shiny black alligator shoes, and wore a tie tac and cuff links. He had a nervous habit of occasionally pulling at an ear lobe. She described him as a good dancer.

Rodney Arvidson, owner of above studio, stated Eric Galt, 1535 North Serrano, Los Angeles, took a \$499.00 dance course from December, 1967, until February, 1968, when he said he quit abruptly to go to a bartending school. He believed Galt had recently been in Mexico and thinks he is a Southerner from his references to Alabama. Galt said he was a merchant seaman. Arvidson, who speaks Spanish, says Galt does not speak Spanish and speaks English poorly, is socially inept, an introvert, and a poor dancer because he wouldn't loosen up. He rarely smiled and when he did it was a "nervous, crooked smile." Arvidson also said Galt was a loner, unemployed, and paid cash for his lessons by taking a wad of bills from his pocket.



Mr. [redacted] to Mr. DeLoach
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All offices are checking dancing schools and Los Angeles
is checking bartending schools for any record of Galt.

ACTION:

Vigorous investigation is continuing.

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