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CONFERENCE CALL: FRANK HITT, ATLANTA, and JOE SULLIVAN, MEMPHIS,
WITH SAC GRAPP, Supr. W. J. NOLAN, and SAC GAMBLE,
BIRMINGHAM.

Re the recovered Mustang: It is the proper one.
There is a service sticker on the door from the Cort Fox
Ford Company, 4531 Hollywood Blvd., telephone 665-1131 in
Hollywood, California which shows car was serviced for oil
and an oil filter at 34,291 miles.

There is another sticker, from H. Beckman Chevron
Service Station, 1506 North Normandie Avenue, Los Angeles,
California, phone 666-9921. This shows car was serviced
February 13, 1968. They packed wheel bearings and aligned wheel
bearings at mileage 34,185. Mileage on the car right now is
39,100 miles.

There is an emblem on the rear end of the car that shows
it came from Marion Ford. This is a metal plate on the back of
the trunk.

Also there is a sticker on the windshield dated
1967, October - Turista
Folio # H 294486
Director General (with something scratched out)-
Federal
Advana de Nuevo Lareda
Tamps
(Above may be Mexican tax stamp sticker.)

There is another sticker just like this one on a side
window of the car.

There is nothing in the car thus far to show that it
has been in California. Trunk is locked and they have not gotten
into it as yet. Cannot tell whether it was cleaned out by the
unsub or neighbors.

This car was in the possession of ERIC STARVO GALT.
This car was purchased in Birmingham on August 30,
1967. It was registered in Alabama and still has Alabama license
plates - 1968 - License 1-38993, VIN 6-6T07C190647.

It appears after he spent about six weeks in Birmingham
he must have gone west and gone down into Mexico and back up to
California, and some time around March 1, 1968, he asked for a
renewal of Alabama driver's license. Driver's license and
the license on the car both Alabama.

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Address 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama, has been given consistently by Galt in Memphis. On April 3 he went from Memphis to Atlanta where he abandoned car following KING shooting. It is suspected he set up GALT identity just for this job. May have given other identity in his travels. We are not sure he is the right man.

The Mustang is a 1966, off white in color, observed driving away from the scene.

JAY
Picture of VERNON shown to one of witnesses who saw unsub; it was in a group and he picked him out. Pictures shown to the boarding house in Birmingham and they did not make them. They said they would like to see better pictures of him. There is a certain look-alike appearance.

The blue bag is a Japanese make. Lab said it is a blue zipper bag, Tel-Star type manufactured in Japan. It is a 20" bag and costs \$5.95 to 6.95 in Washington, D. C. (Jobber-... importer is placed in Kansas City, 2500 Tennessee - United Products. Had a transistor, five numbers scratched out on the case - 00416. Do not know significance of these numbers. May be a prison number.

T shirt size 42, has bottom hem cut off.

Car abandoned last Friday, April 5. Couple of people say it was between 8:30 and 9:00 A.M.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)(P)

DATE: 4/11/68

FROM : SA THEODORE M. GARDNER

SUBJECT: MURKIN;
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Set forth below is a summary of investigation conducted by SA THEODORE M. GARDNER and BILLY DALE HUBBARD, on 4/11/68, in Los Angeles, California, at 1506 N. Normandie Ave. This summary is to be used in any outgoing teletype and therefore is being set forth in teletype form. FD-302s are being prepared and will be submitted separate from this memo.

ALBERT BALLAN, MECHANIC, H. BECKMAN CHEVRON SERVICE STATION, FIFTEEN HUNDRED SIX NORTH NORMANDIE AVE., LOS ANGELES, FURNISHED CARBON COPY OF SERVICE ORDER SHOWING WORK DONE ON FEBRUARY THIRTEEN LAST TO MUSTANG AUTOMOBILE BEARING LICENSE ONE DASH THREE EIGHT NINE NINE THREE, CUSTOMER'S NAME: GALT. RECEIPT SHOWS CUSTOMER PAID CASH FOR WORK DONE. BALLAN FILLED IN PORTION OF ORDER, UNABLE TO RECALL CUSTOMER. OTHER WRITING ON ORDER UNIDENTIFIABLE AT PRESENT, BUT POSSIBLY WRITING OF OWNER WHO WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW A.M., APRIL TWELVE NEXT. BALLAN NOT FAMILIAR WITH NAME GALT OR JAY VERNON, NOR COULD NOT IDENT PHOTO OF VERNON.

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