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The following investigation was conducted by SA DONALD M. HOLLAND at Las Vegas, Nevada.

Re: Telephone numbers called from pay telephones located on Interstate Highway No. 10, Texas, between December 15-17, 1967.

Las Vegas telephone number 384-7271 called from telephone number 835-9587, Beaumont, Texas, on December 17, 1967.

Subscriber to Las Vegas number 384-7271 is CLYDE C. NUTTER, apartment 102C, 2750 East Bonanza, Las Vegas, Nevada. On May 14, 1968, NUTTER was interviewed. He advised he is an Airman First Class assigned to Nellis Air Force Base, Las Vegas, Nevada. He has had telephone number 384-7271 since September, 1967.

He stated he does not recall any telephone call from Texas during December, 1967. NUTTER said his number has been called from distant stations on a number of occasions but the calls have not been completed because they have been wrong number calls. NUTTER said the only long distance calls he or his wife have received since they have lived in Las Vegas have been from either his parents or his wife's parents, all of whom reside in North Carolina.

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6-13 PM URGENT 5-17-68 SMS

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, KANSAS CITY, MIAMI, LAS VEGAS,
DETROIT AND KNOXVILLE

FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574) 9P

MURKIN.

RE LOS ANGELES PHONE CALL TO BUREAU MAY SEVENTEEN INSTANT.

RE LOS ANGELES TIMES INFORMANT "BOB" LNU.

WILLIAM THOMAS, CITY EDITOR, LOS ANGELES TIMES,
TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED SAC LOS ANGELES TODAY AND
ADVISED PAPER HAD INFORMATION WHICH THEY FELT MIGHT BE OF
ASSISTANCE TO FBI IN THIS MATTER. SAC WESLEY G. GRAPP
AND SUPERVISOR WILLIAM JOHN NOLAN CONTACTED MR. THOMAS
AND REPORTER JERRY COHEN AT LOS ANGELES TIMES OFFICE. THEY
ADVISED EARLY IN THE WEEK, MONDAY OR TUESDAY, THE PAPER
HAD BEEN TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED BY AN INDIVIDUAL WHO SAID HE
HAD INFORMATION CONCERNING WHAT ACTUALLY HAD TAKEN PLACE IN
CONNECTION WITH THE DEATH OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. THOMAS
ADVISED THERE WERE THREE OR FOUR TELEPHONE CALLS, AND HE
MADE NOTES DURING THE CALLS, AND ON THE EVENING OF MAY SIXTEEN,
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SIXTY EIGHT, HE AND JERRY COHEN MET THIS INDIVIDUAL AT A BAR. HE ADVISED THE INDIVIDUAL GAVE THE NAME QUOTE BOB UNQUOTE, NO LAST NAME, DESCRIBED AS IN MIDDLE THIRTIES, DECENT LOOKING FELLOW, AND APPARENTLY HAD BEEN IN SEVERAL PENITENTIARIES, AS HE KNEW THE LANGUAGE VERY WELL. THOMAS ADVISED THE PAPER HAD TAKEN NO OVERT STEPS IN ATTEMPTING TO VERIFY THE STORY BUT DID HAVE REPORTERS IN KANSAS CITY, MEMPHIS, HUNTSVILLE, MIAMI AND BIRMINGHAM, AND HE HAD INSTRUCTED THE REPORTERS TO CONTACT THE LOCAL FBI OFFICE AND MAKE THIS INFORMATION, AS SET FORTH IN HIS NOTES, AVAILABLE. HE ADVISED FURTHER HE CONTEMPLATED MAKING THIS INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO ATTORNEY GENERAL RAMSEY CLARK. HE ADVISED HIS SOLE PURPOSE WAS TO GET A STORY OUT OF THE MATERIAL, BUT DID NOT WISH TO INTERFERE IN ANY FBI INVESTIGATION.

HE ADVISED DURING HIS MEETING WITH QUOTE BOB UNQUOTE HE GOT FROM BOB A BUS TICKET DATED APRIL SEVEN, SIXTY EIGHT, ON A GREYHOUND BUS FROM KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, TO LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, WHICH TICKET WAS ISSUED BY SOUTHERN GREYHOUND AT KNOXVILLE ON APRIL SEVEN SIXTY EIGHT AND HAD THE NUMBERS THREE SPACE ZERO ZERO ZERO EIGHT TWO TWO TWO NINE SPACE FOUR

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TWO. TRANSPORTATION WAS FROM KNOXVILLE TO MEMPHIS, MEMPHIS TO EL PASO, THEN TO LOS ANGELES. HE ADVISED HE HAD GIVEN QUOTE BOB UNQUOTE ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS FOR THE TICKET AND THIS INFORMATION AND DID NOT EXPECT TO HEAR FROM HIM AGAIN, AS QUOTE BOB UNQUOTE SAID HE NEEDED THE MONEY TO LEAVE TOWN.

SET FORTH FOR THE INFORMATION OF RECEIVING OFFICES ARE THE NOTES AS TYPED UP BY THOMAS CONCERNING HIS INTERVIEW OF "BOB".

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ONE. THE DAY BEFORE THE SHOOTING, RAY WAS PICKED UP IN ATHENS, ALABAMA, AND WAS TAKEN TO MEMPHIS.

TWO. HE REGISTERED IN ROOMING HOUSE. ANOTHER MAN REGISTERED AS SAMUEL LEWIS. PAREN LEWIS WAS SUPPOSED TO BE BACKUP MAN, KILL KING AT RALLY THAT NIGHT IF RAY MISSED HIS CHANCE ON THE BALCONY. PAREN

THREE. AFTER SHOOTING KING, RAY WALKED TWO OR THREE BLOCKS TO THE GETAWAY CAR, ACCOMPANIED BY A GIRL AND A GUY. THE CAR IS A NEW BLUE BUICK, WITH ALABAMA PLATES. FIRST DIGITS ARE BELIEVED TO BE ONE FOUR. CAR IS OWNED AND WAS DRIVEN BY EDDIE WILBURN OF HUNTSVILLE, ALA. IT IS EQUIPPED WITH A POLICE
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RADIO. PAREN SECOND MAN STAYED OVERNIGHT, TOOK EARLY BUS TO KNOXVILLE. PAREN

FOUR. RAY, TWO GIRLS AND A CHILD WERE DRIVEN OUT OF MEMPHIS BY WILBURN IN THE BLUE BUICK. WENT TO KANSAS CITY. TRIP TOOK SIX AND ONE HALF HOURS. GIRLS, CHILD, WILBURN ALL FROM HUNTSVILLE.

FIVE. IN KANSAS CITY, RAY STAYED OVERNIGHT AT A HOME. IT IS A SMALL, GRAY, SHINGLED, ONE-BEDROOM HOUSE ABOUT THREE MILES FROM CENTRAL KANSAS CITY. PAREN WE HAVE ROUGH LOCATION. PAREN

SIX. AT DUSK THE NEXT DAY PAREN APRIL FIVE PAREN RAY WAS FLOWN TO BELLE GLADE, FLORIDA, IN A PRIVATE PLANE. TOOK OFF FROM PRIVATE FIELD, ALSO USED AS TRAINING FIELD FOR MILITARY. RAY ARRIVED EARLY APRIL SIX.

SEVEN. PLANE IN WHICH RAY WAS FLOWN IS OWNED BY A WILLIAM PIERCE, A WEALTHY MAN WHO OWNS OR OPERATES AN AIRPORT IN BELLE GLADE, AND ONCE OWNED A CONTRACTING COMPANY IN CUBA. NOT KNOWN WHETHER PIERCE FLEW THE PLANE. PIERCE ALSO OWNS MOTEL IN BELLE GLADE AND COTTAGES ON THE LAKE IN NEARBY OKEECHOBEE PAREN OR MAYBE ON NEARBY LAKE OKEECHOBEE PAREN. PIERCE SAID
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TO BE KKK MEMBER.

EIGHT. THEORY: RAY STAYED IN MOTEL OR IN COTTAGE. MAY BE STILL THERE. OR IN CUBA.

NINE. ON APRIL ELEVEN, RAY GOT ON YACHT PAREN PROBABLY CHARTER BOAT PAREN IN KEY WEST. BOAT OWNED BY BEN THOMPSON. PAREN A BEN THOMPSON OF MIAMI OWNS THREE FISHING BOATS. PAREN.
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ONE. PIERCE OFTEN FLIES OWN PRIVATE PLANE TO NEW ORLEANS. SAID TO KNOW DA JIM GARRISON. ALSO MIGHT CHECK POSSIBLE FLIGHTS IN DIRECTION OF CUBA.

TWO. PIERCE AND WILBURN SAID TO BE RELATED.

THREE. LEAD TO WILBURN MIGHT BE VFW CLUB IN HUNTSVILLE, WHERE HE IS SUPPOSED TO BE A MEMBER.

FOUR. RIFLE IS SUPPOSED TO HAVE BEEN LEFT IN FURNACE OF MEMPHIS ROOMING HOUSE, AND IS BELIEVED STILL THERE. MUST REFER TO BACKUP MAN'S WEAPON.

FIVE. RAY NOW WEARING BIFOCALS.

SIX. WHITE MUSTANG BELONGING TO RAY WAS NOT IN MEMPHIS ON THE DAY OF KING SLAYING, AND HE DID NOT ESCAPE IN IT. PRESUMABLY IT NEVER LEFT GEORGIA IN APRIL.

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SEVEN. ON THE DAY OF THE KILLING PAREN APRIL FOUR PAREN RAY MADE PHONE CALLS FROM MEMPHIS TO BELLE GLADE. CALLS BELIEVED TO BE MADE FROM A BUS STATION.

EIGHT. IN THE WEEKS BEFORE THE KILLING, RAY STAYED SOMEWHERE IN BELLE GLADE.

NINE. STORY OF PAYOFFS VERY COMPLICATED. WILBURN SUPPOSED TO HAVE BEEN PAID OFF IN RENO. NIGHT BEFORE KILLING, SOMEBODY HIT A KENO TICKET FOR TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS IN CAL-NEVA LODGE. RIGGED, TO PASS THE MONEY. DONE WITH KNOWLEDGE OF CHARLIE CATE, SIX EIGHT EIGHT ZERO PEBBLE BEACH DRIVE, RENO, WHO RUNS A SHIFT AT CAL-NEVA. THEN THERE IS BEN PAREN OR JACK PAREN STURGES OF ST. LOUIS, WHO USED TO WORK BAR ON SECOND STREET, RENO. CAME INTO MONEY. ANOTHER QUOTE CONTACT. UNQUOTE.

PAGE THREE - LOS ANGELES.

ONE. RAY SOMEBODY STAYED IN CLARK HOTEL, ROOM SEVEN ZERO ZERO, ON APRIL SEVENTEEN DASH EIGHTEEN.

TWO. LAMONT WHITE, WHO WORKS FOR WESTERN UNION IN LOS ANGELES. HAS SENT MONEY TO LOUISIANA. BOUGHT TWO PISTOLS UNDER HIS NAME. THEY REALLY WENT TO FRANK BRICKLEY OF CHATANOOGA,
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TENN., WHO WAS IN PRISON WITH RAY. BRICKLEY SUPPOSED TO BE HERE.

THREE. HAROLD'S CAFE PAREN FIVE FIVE FIVE SOUTH MAIN PAREN. RAY BARTENDER THERE FOR WEEK OR SO. QUEER BAR. GUY NAMED CONNIE KNOWS HIM THERE.

WILLI SHEA. ONCE WORKED TOP RAIL BAR, SEVENTH AND ALVARADO. RAY SUPPOSEDLY MARRIED TO HER ONCE. SHE FROM MISSOURI, NOW LIVES IN NORTH HOLLYWOOD. HAS MONEY. MOTHER MARRIED, LIVES IN COMPTON, DRIVES A PURPLE PONTIAC CONVERTIBLE. NOW LIVES AT EIGHT ONE TWO SOUTH WESTLAKE, LOS ANGELES, WITH MAN WHO OWNS A BAR. SHE IS BLOND, ABOUT THIRTY EIGHT.

PAGE FOUR - MORE SUPPLEMENTAL DATA:

ONE. TELEPHONE CREDIT CARD SUPPOSEDLY USED BY RAY WAS ISSUED TO RIDELL CATERING, U. S. RUBBER, DETROIT. EITHER IN NAME OF RIDELL PAREN NO FIRST NAME PAREN OR A ROBERT BRINKLEY. RIDELL REPORTER LIVES IN HARPER WOODS, MICH. CALLS ON CARD REPORTED MADE FROM MEMPHIS TO BELLE GLADE, FLA., AMONG OTHERS.

TWO. SAMUEL LEWIS, SECOND MAN IN ROOMING HOUSE, DISCHARGED NINETEEN SIXTY THREE FROM MILAN, MICH. ALSO SERVED TIME IN CHILlicothe AND TERRE HAUTE. PAREN WARDEN AT MILAN SAYS NO
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RECORD OF LEWIS. PAREN

THREE. LEWIS TOOK BUS TO LOS ANGELES FROM KNOXVILLE ON APRIL SEVEN. CAME THROUGH MEMPHIS AND EL PASO.

THOMAS ADVISED THAT IN RELATION TO ITEM FIVE, PAGE ONE, OF HIS NOTES, THIS HOUSE IS LOCATED OFF A MAIN STREET STARTING FROM DOWNTOWN KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, DIRECTION UNKNOWN, AND FROM THE MAIN STREET A SMALLER STREET GOES TO THE LEFT, WHICH STREET HAS A WESTERN UNION BUILDING LOCATED ON IT AND GOES OFF FROM THE MAIN STREET IN THE FORM OF A STEEP HILL. TWO TO THREE MILES UP THE HILL ON THE LEFT ARE LOCATED NICE LOOKING APARTMENTS, BROWNISH IN COLOR, WHERE STUDENTS FROM SOME SCHOOL LIVE, AND JUST PRIOR TO THIS ON THE RIGHT IS THE LOCATION OF A MOVING COMPANY, NO NAME KNOWN, AND A GROCERY STORE IS LOCATED IN THE VICINITY OF THE MOVING COMPANY ON THE SAME SIDE. ABOUT TWO BLOCKS BEYOND THE GROCERY STORE THERE IS A NARROW STREET WITH RAMSHACKLE HOUSES ON ONE SIDE AND VACANT LOTS ON THE OTHER. TURNING RIGHT ON THIS STREET, THE THIRD HOUSE ON THE LEFT WOULD BE THE CORRECT HOUSE INVOLVED, WHICH IS OCCUPIED BY AN INDIVIDUAL QUOTE WHO SELLS BEER AND BOOZE AFTER HOURS AND HIDES GUYS OUT. UNQUOTE. THE HOUSE IS DESCRIBED AS ONE BEDROOM, END PAGE EIGHT

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NO GARAGE, DIRT DRIVEWAY, SINGLE STORY AND HAS A LARGE FREEZER
IN THE LIVING ROOM.

THOMAS ADVISED FROM THE STORY RECEIVED, IT IS A
POSSIBILITY QUOTE BOB UNQUOTE IS THE SAME AS THE SAMUEL LEWIS
MENTIONED IN HIS NOTES.

EACH RECEIVING OFFICE SHOULD CAREFULLY REVIEW THE NOTES
AND IMMEDIATELY ATTEMPT TO VERIFY ANY OF THE INFORMATION SET
FORTH AND ADVISE BUREAU, MEMPHIS AND LOS ANGELES.

LOS ANGELES WILL IMMEDIATELY PURSUE EFFORTS TO PROVE OR
DISPROVE THE ALLEGATIONS SET FORTH FOR LOS ANGELES AREA.

AIR MAIL COPIES BEING FURNISHED CINCINNATI, NEW ORLEANS,
ST. LOUIS AND INDIANAPOLIS IN VIEW OF INFORMATION FURNISHED
IN THE NOTES.

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642PM URGENT 5-17-68 MEN

TO DIRECTOR, 44-38861, BIRMINGHAM, KANSAS CITY, MIAMI,

NEW ORLEANS, ATLANTA, DETROIT, AND LAS VEGAS

FROM MEMPHIS 44-1987 3P

MURKIN.

IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THROUGH SECRET SERVICE, MEMPHIS, THAT THE THREE TWENTY DOLLAR FEDERAL RESERVE NOTES PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED TO THE LABORATORY ARE BONA FIDE AND NOT COUNTERFEIT.

EFFORTS ARE CONTINUING TO LOCATE THE ORIGINAL U. S. POSTAL MONEY ORDERS THAT SUBJECT USED FOR PAYMENT TO LOCKSMITHING INSTITUTE IN NEW JERSEY. THE ORIGINALS OF THESE MONEY ORDERS WILL BE FORWARDED TO THE FBI LABORATORY REQUESTING APPROPRIATE EXAMINATION.

RALPH CARPENTER, EMPLOYEE OF YORK ARMS, MEMPHIS, WAS ADMITTED MAY TEN LAST TO PSYCHIATRIC UNIT JOHN GASTON HOSPITAL, MEMPHIS, ON COMPLAINT OF WIFE. SANITY HEARING TO BE HELD MONDAY NEXT, AND CARPENTER TO BE COMMITTED TENNESSEE PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL AND INSTITUTE, MEMPHIS. CONDITION DIAGNOSED AS PARANOIA WITH GRANDIOSE FEELINGS.

IN CONNECTION WITH INFORMATION FURNISHED THE LOS ANGELES OFFICE BY REPRESENTATIVES OF LOS ANGELES TIMES NEWSPAPER,

No prior information regarding this in Las Vegas - no leads this TT.

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WHICH INFORMATION IS REPORTEDLY ALSO BEING FURNISHED JUSTICE DEPARTMENT, THE FOLLOWING IS NOTED:

MRS. BESSIE BREWER, OPERATOR OF ROOMING HOUSE, FOUR TWO TWO AND ONE HALF S. MAIN ST., MEMPHIS, ADVISED THIS DATE THAT SAMUEL LEWIS UNKNOWN TO HER EITHER BY NAME OR AS AN ADDITIONAL REGISTRANT ON APRIL FOUR LAST.

MRS. BREWER STATES THAT NO ONE LIVING THERE HELPS MAINTAIN THE ROOMING HOUSE BY MAKING BEDS, ETC. EACH TENANT MAINTAINS HIS OWN ROOM AND MRS. BREWER CLEANS THE ROOM AFTER THE TENANT CHECKS OUT.

AN EXAMINATION OF THE ROOMING HOUSE AND THE CELLARE OF THE ROOMING HOUSE DISCLOSES THERE IS NO FURNACE. HEAT SUPPLIED IN EACH ROOM BY GAS HEATERS.

PREVIOUS INVESTIGATION, OF WHICH LOS ANGELES TIMES NOT AWARE, WOULD TEND TO PROVE BEYOND REASONABLE DOUBT THAT MURDER WEAPON WAS RECOVERED AND NOW IN POSSESSION OF MEMPHIS POLICE DEPARTMENT. PREVIOUS INVESTIGATION WOULD ALSO INDICATE THAT SUBJECT'S WHITE MUSTANG WAS IN SUBJECT'S POSSESSION AT REBEL MOTEL, MEMPHIS, ON NIGHT OF APRIL THREE LAST.

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MEMPHIS FEELS INFORMATION IS SO OBVIOUSLY INCORRECT
THAT ANY ADDITIONAL INQUIRY WOULD BE A WASTE OF INVESTIGATIVE
EFFORT; HOWEVER, OFFICES CONDUCTING INVESTIGATION SHOULD
NOT DISCONTINUE UNLESS ADVISED BY THE BUREAU.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS. P.

END, JCK

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TO LOS ANGELES 44-1574 ATLANTA MEMPHIS BIRMINGHAM KANSAS CITY MIAMI
LAS VEGAS DETROIT MOBILE KNOXVILLE ALBANY CHARLOTTE
FROM DIRECTOR 1P.

MURKIN

RE LA TEL MAY SEVENTEEN LAST.

LATEST ARREST RECORD IDENTIFICATION DIVISION FILES FOR FRANK
WILLIAM BRICKLEY, FBI NUMBER ONE NINE SEVEN SEVEN NINE SIX C.
JUNE TWENTYFOUR SIXTYSIX, UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY, TERRE HAUTE,
INDIANA, PV, YCA, NMVIA AND ESCAPE FROM FEDERAL CUSTODY, TRANSFERRED
FROM FEDERAL CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION, TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA,
EXPIRATION OF GOOD TIME JANUARY SIXTEEN SIXTYSEVEN.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, MIAMI, LAS VEGAS,

DETROIT & KNOXVILLE

FROM KANSAS CITY (44-760) 1P

MURKIN

RE LOS ANGELES TEL MAY SEVENTEEN LAST.

INVESTIGATION KANSAS CITY SUBURBAN AIRPORTS NEGATIVE AS TO
PLANE OF WILLIAM PIERCE.

AGENTS ELIMINATED ALL MOVING COMPANIES IN AREA DESCRIBED BY
LOS ANGELES TIMES REPORTER BY PHYSICAL OBSERVATION.

WARDEN HAROLD SWENSON ADVISED NO PREVIOUS INMATE MISSOURI
STATE PENITENTIARY NAMED FRANK BICKLEY OR SIMILAR NAME AND
MISSOURI STATE HIGHWAY PATROL NEGATIVE RE FRANK BICKLEY. VARIATION
BRICKLEY REFERRED TO RE LOS ANGELES TEL WILL BE CHECKED AM
MAY EIGHTEEN INSTANT.

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TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, KANSAS CITY, MIAMI,
LAS VEGAS, DETROIT, MOBILE, KNOXVILLE, ALBANY AND CHARLOTTE
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574) (P) 6P

MURKIN

RE LA PHONE CALL TO BUREAU AND LA TEL MAY SEVENTEEN
INSTANT, RE LOS ANGELES TIMES INFORMANT - "BOB" LNU.

FOR INFO ATLANTA, MOBILE AND ALBANY, LA TIMES HAS HAD
CONTACT WITH ONE BOB LNU WHO SAID HE HAD INFO CONCERNING WHAT
ACTUALLY HAD TAKEN PLACE IN CONNECTION WITH DEATH OF DR. KING.
IN ADDITION TO OTHER INFO FURNISHED BY BOB LNU, HE STATED
FOLLOWING REGARDING ASPECTS OF CASE INVOLVING LOS ANGELES AREA:

ONE. RAY SOMEBODY STAYED IN CLARK HOTEL, ROOM SEVEN
HUNDRED, ON APRIL SEVENTEEN DASH EIGHTEEN LAST.

TWO. LAMONT WHITE WHO WORKS FOR WESTERN UNION IN LA
HAS SENT MONEY TO LOUISIANA. BOUGHT TWO PISTOLS UNDER
HIS NAME. THEY REALLY WENT TO FRANK BRICKLEY OF CHATANOOGA,
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THREE. HAROLD'S CAFE, FIVE FIVE FIVE SOUTH MAIN. RAY BARTENDER THERE FOR WEEK OR SO. QUEER BAR. GUY NAMED CONNIE KNOWS HIM THERE.

ALSO WILLI SHEA. ONCE WORKED TOP RAIL BAR, SEVENTH AND ALVARADO. RAY SUPPOSEDLY MARRIED TO HER ONCE. SHE FROM MISSOURI, NOW LIVES IN NORTH HOLLYWOOD. HAS MONEY. MOTHER MMARRIED, LIVES IN COMPTON, DRIVES A PURPLE PONTIC CONVERTIBLE NOW LIVES AT EIGHT ONE TWO SOUTH WESTLAKE, L.A., WITH MAN WHO OWNS A BAR. SHE'S BLOND, ABOUT AGE THIRTY EIGHT.

FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED LA AREA THIS DATE.

JACK HERD, DAY MANAGER TOP RAIL BAR ADVISES WILLI SHEA ENTIRELY UNKNOWN. NO COCKTAIL WAITRESSES EMPLOYED BY THIS BAR, EXCEPT ON RARE OCCASIONS LIKE NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY. ON THOSE OCCASIONS, HIS OWN GIRL FRIEND OR GIRL NAMED BERNICE DOUGLAS WHO DOES NOT FIT DESCRIPTION OF WILLI SHEA HAS HELPED OUT AT BAR. MRS. NANCY BURGDORF, MANAGER FOR LAST SEVENTEEN YEARS AT EIGHT ONE TWO SOUTH WESTLAKE, REPORTS NO WILLI SHEA HAS OR IS RESIDING AT THAT ADDRESS.

LEAMONT ANDERSON WHITE, EFFEMINATE THIRTY SIX YEAR OLD NEGRO MALE, EMPLOYED BY WESTERN UNION, WHO RESIDES AT THREE EIGHT ONE SEVEN GIBRALTAR AVENUE, APT. FIVE, LOS ANGELES

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TELEPHONE TWO ONE THREE DASH TWO NINE FOUR DASH NINE FIVE THREE NINE, REPORTS HAS KNOWN FRANK BRICKLEY AND HIS BROTHER BOB BRICKLEY FIVE OR SIX YEARS. DURING THAT TIME FRANK HAS BEEN IN AND OUT OF ONE JAIL AFTER ANOTHER. BOTH FRANK AND BOB ARE HEAVY DRINKERS AND WHEN IN LA AREA HAVE FREQUENTED SKIDROW BARS NEAR FIFTH AND MAIN IN DOWNTOWN LA AND SEVENTH AND ALVARADO NEAR WESTLAKE PARK. THEIR PARENTS RESIDE IN ROSSVILLE, GEORGIA AND WHEN IN LA DURING JUNE SIXTY SEVEN THEY MADE CALLS FROM WHITE'S HOME TO FOLLOWING NUMBERS, ONE OF WHICH IS THEIR PARENTS NUMBER:

ROSSVILLE AREA CODE FOUR ZERO FOUR

TWO TWO NINE DASH TWO ONE FIVE FIVE

EIGHT SIX SIX DASH SEVEN THREE ONE ZERO

KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE CODE SIX ONE FIVE

FIVE TWO FOUR DASH ONE THREE ONE FIVE

SWEETWATER, TENNESSEE CODE SIX ONE FIVE

THREE THREE SEVEN DASH SEVEN SEVEN SEVEN FIVE

CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE CODE SIX ONE FIVE

SIX TWO TWO DASH NINE ZERO SIX SEVEN

WHITE ALSO FURNISHED TWO RECIPITS FOR PURCHASE OF GUNS BY HIM FROM WEATHERBY SPORTING GOODS, TWO SEVEN EIGHT ONE EAST FIRESTONE
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BLVD., SOUTH GATE, CALIFORNIA FOR ONE BAYARD THIRTY TWO CALIBER, SERIAL NUMBER TWO FIVE TWO TWO ONE; AND BERETTA TWENTY-FIVE AUTOMATIC PISTOL, SERIAL NUMBER EIGHT EIGHT SEVEN TWO EIGHT ZERO, PLUS AMMUNITION FOR EACH WEAPON.

CLAIMS WHEN FRANK BRICKLEY WAS LAST IN LA AREA ABOUT SUMMER SIXTY SEVEN BOTH OF THESE WEAPONS DISAPPEARED FROM HIS RESIDENCE, AND HE SUSPECTED EITHER FRANK OR BOB BRICKLEY OR THEIR COUSIN, WHOSE NAME HE CAN NOT NOW RECALL, STOLE THEM. SAID HE HAS NEVER FILED A STOLEN REPORT. SAID ABOUT TWO MONTHS AGO HE GOT COLLECT CALL FROM FRANK SEEKING MONEY, AT WHICH TIME FRANK INDICATED HE HAD JUST GOTTEN OUT OF HOSPITAL WHERE WAS RECOVERING FROM UNDESCRIBED WOUND. WAS UNABLE AT THIS TIME TO FIND TELEPHONE COMPANY CHARGES FOR THIS CALL, BUT BELIEVES IT WAS FROM KNOXVILLE OR NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE. SAID HE IS SURE THAT NO ONE OTHER THAN FRANK OR BOB BRICKLEY OF POSSIBLY THEIR COUSIN, COULD HAVE BEEN IN POSSESSION OF INFO THAT HE HAD PURCHASED ABOVE DESCRIBED WEAPONS OR THAT HE HAD RESPONDED TO CALL FOR MONEY BY SENDING TWENTY OR THIRTY DOLLARS TO FRANK. CLAIMS LAST SAW BOB BRICKLEY LESS THAN TWO MONTHS AGO, AT WHICH TIME BOB SAID FRANK WAS IN PRISON, BUT DID NOT INDICATE SPECIFIC CHARGE OR LOCATION.

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FRANK BRICKLEY APPEARS IDENT TO FRANK WILLIAM BRICKLEY,
AKA, SUBJECT OF BUFILE SEVEN SIX DASH TWO THREE SEVEN THREE FOUR;
ATLANTA FILE SEVEN SIX DASH TWO FOUR ONE TWO: MOBILE FILE
SEVEN SIX DASH ONE ZERO EIGHT ONE, WHO ACCORDING TO MOBILE
AIRTEL JANUARY TWO FOUR SIXTY SIX APPREHENDED AUSTIN TEXAS ONE
TWO FOUR SIXTY SIX.

LAPD RECORDS INDICATE LEAMONT A. WHITE ARRESTED JULY SIXTY
FIVE LEWD CONDUCT IN VICINITY OF FOURTH AND MAIN, L.A.

PERSONNEL CLARK HOTEL ADVISE ONE RAY YOUNG, WHO GAVE HOME
ADDRESS OF ONE FIVE ONE BEACH ST., MASSENA, NEW YORK, WAS
REGISTERED ROOM SEVEN HUNDRED APRIL SEVENTEEN DASH LAST. PHOTOS
OF SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY EXHIBITED TO PERTINENT HOTEL PERSONNEL
WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

CONRAD TORROMEO, NIGHT MANAGER, HAROLD'S BAR, FIVE FIVE
FIVE SOUTH MAIN, WHO IS KNOWN AS CONNIE, OBSERVED ALL PHOTOS
OF JAMES EARL RAY AND ADVISES NEVER EMPLOYEE OR CUSTOMER. PHOTO
DISPLAYED TO OTHER PERSONNEL, INCLUDING DAY SHIFT, WITH NEGATIVE
RESULTS.

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FOR INFO ALL OFFICES, BUREAU HAS INSTRUCTED ALL LEADS IN THIS MATTER RECEIVE IMMEDIATE AND CONTINUOUS ATTENTION.

ALBANY WILL CHECK OUT RAY YOUNG, MASSENA, N.Y. TO ELIMINATE AS SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY, AND TO DETERMINE IF KNOWS BRICKLEY BROTHERS OR LEAMONT ANDERSON WHITE, BEARING IN MIND POSSIBLE HOMOSEXUAL INVOLVEMENT.

ATLANTA REQUESTED TO CONTACT BRICKLEY'S PARENTS AT ROSSVILLE, GEORGIA TO SECURE CURRENT PHOTOS OF BOB BRICKLEY WHO MAY BE AKA ROY BRICKLEY, JR. FORWARD PHOTO TO LA TO SHOW TO LA TIMES REPORTERS WHO CONTACTED BOB LNU, TO DETERMINE IF HE IS INFORMANT IN THIS MATTER.

IDENT DIVISION REQUESTED TO ADVISE LA AND INTERESTED OFFICES OF ANY CURRENT INCARCERATION OF FRANK BRICKLEY FROM RECORDS OF FBI NUMBER ONE NINE SEVEN SEVEN NINE SIX C.

INVESTIGATION LA CONTINUING. AIR MAIL INFO COPIES FURNISHED CINCINNATI, INDIANAPOLIS, NEW ORLEANS AND ST. LOUIS.

CHARLOTTE RECEIVING COPY FOR INFO PER INSTRUCTION MIAMI.

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FBI KNOXVLE

425AM URGENT 5-18-68 WTB

TO BUREAU..ATTENTION IDENTIFICATION DIVISION AND CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION.
ATLANTA, LOS ANGELES, LOUISVILLE, MEMPHIS, EL PASO, BIRMINGHAM,
KANSAS CITY, MIAMI, LAS VEGAS, DETROIT. INDIANAPOLIS.
FROM KNOXVILLE 44-696

MURKIN

RE LOS ANGELES TEL MAY SEVENTEEN LAST COPIES OF WHICH BEING
SENT SEPARATELY BY TELETYPE TO ATLANTA, INDIANAPOLIS AND LOUISVILLE
FOR INFO.

THE FRANK BRICKLEY OF CHATTANOOGA REFERRED TO BY INFORMANT
MAY BE FRANK WILLIAM BRICKLEY AKA WILLIAM ROY BRICKLEY, WILLIAM
FRANKLIN BRICKLEY, WILLIAM FRANK BRICKLEY, WILLIAM ROY BUCKLEY,
BILL ROBERT SHAW, BILL SHAW, BILLY SHAW, BILL R. SHAW, FBI NO.
ONE NINE SEVEN SEVEN NINE SIX C ORIGINALLY FROM CHATTANOOGA, TENN.
AND WHO HAS AN EXTENSIVE CRIMINAL RECORD. HE WAS LAST KNOWN TO HAVE
BEEN IMPRISONED AT TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA AND WAS RELEASED JAN.
SIXTEEN, SIXTYSEVEN UPON COMPLETION OF SENTENCE. TERRE HAUTE PRISON
NO. TWO THREE SIX FOUR TWO DASH TH.
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BRICKLEY DESCRIBED AS WMA, BORN JULY TWENTYSEVEN, NINETEEN THIRTYSIX OR JUNE TWENTYSIX, NINETEEN THIRTYEIGHT AT CHATTANOOGA, TENN. OR VICINITY. HEIGHT FIVE FT. EIGHT INCHES, ONE FORTY TO ONE FORTYFIVE LBS., (IN NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE), EYES BROWN, HAIR BROWN, DIM TATTOO LEFT UPPER ARM.

IT IS NOTED THAT BRICKLEY HAS SERVED TIME IN CHILLICOTHE AND TERRE HAUTE AND ATTENTION IS CALLED TO ALLEGATION THAT "SAMUEL LEWIS" SERVED TIME IN CHILLICOTHE AND TERRE HAUTE. POSSIBILITY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED THAT BRICKLEY IS TRUE IDENTITY OF SAMUEL LEWIS AND BOB, LNU, WHO FURNISHED INFORMATION TO LOS ANGELES TIMES. IDENT DIVISION REQUESTED TO AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY COPIES OF MOST RECENT PHOTOGRAPH OF BRICKLEY TO LOS ANGELES, EL PASO, MEMPHIS, AND KNOXVILLE FOR DISPLAY BY THOSE OFFICES TO WILLIAM THOMAS, CITY EDITOR, LOS ANGELES TIMES, JERRY COHEN, LOS ANGELES TIMES, AT THE EL PASO BUS STATION, MEMPHIS BUS STATION AND KNOXVILLE BUS STATION.

INDIANAPOLIS AT TERRE HAUTE REVIEW PRISON RECORDS FOR LEADS AS TO CURRENT WHEREABOUTS OF BRICKLEY AND SET OUT LEADS TO HAVE HIM INTERVIEWED., ALSO DETERMINE IF THEY HAVE A MORE RECENT PICTURE THAN THE ONE TAKEN MAY THIRTY, NINETEEN SIXTYFIVE AND IF SO, OBTAIN AND FORWARD COPIES TO INTERESTED OFFICES.

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LOS ANGELES AT LOS ANGELES...BRICKLEY WAS ARRESTED PD
LOS ANGELES, CALIF. APRIL EIGHT, SIXTYTHREE UNDER NAME BILL SHAW
NO. SIX FIVE THREE SEVEN ZERO SIX S FOR GT-AUTO AND BY SO LOS
ANGELES AS BILL ROBERT SHAW APRIL NINE SIXTYTHREE, GT-AUTO, UNDER
NO. B-NINE SIX ZERO FOUR TWO SEVEN. OBTAIN PHOTOGRAPHS IF AVAILABLE
AND IF GOOD PHOTOGRAPH CONSIDER DISPLAYING TO THOMAS IMMEDIATELY.
ALSO REVIEW RECORDS FOR LOCAL LEADS ...IT BEING NOTED THAT HE
ALLEGEDLY IS IN LOS ANGELES AREA AT THIS TIME ACCORDING TO INFO
FURNISHED BY "BOB" TO THOMAS.

ATLANTA REVIEW YOUR FILE SEVEN SIX DASH TWO FOUR ONE TWO FOR
LEADS TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW BRICKLEY.

KNOXVILLE WILL INTERVIEW RELATIVES AND KNOWN ASSOCIATES OF
BRICKLEY IN CHATTANOOGA AREA.

LOUISVILLE AT LEXINGTON AT GREYHOUND OFFICE, EIGHT ZERO ONE
LIMESTONE, REVIEW COPIES OF AUDITORS STUBS OF TICKETS ISSUED AT
KNOXVILLE, TENN. TO DETERMINE IDENTITY OF TICKET AGENT
SELLING TICKET NO. THREE SPACE ZERO ZERO ZERO EIGHT TWO TWO TWO
ZERO SPACE FOUR TWO ON APRIL SEVEN, NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT AT
KNOXVILLE FOR TRANSPORTATION KNOXVILLE TO LOS ANGELES VIA
MEMPHIS AND EL PASO AND FOR ANY OTHER DATA AVAILABLE.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING.

SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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Date: 5-18-68

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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, AND LOS ANGELES
FROM: LAS VEGAS (157-133)

MURKIN

RE LA T/T, MAY 17, RE LA TIMES INFORMANT "BOB" LNU.

CAL NEVA LODGE, CRYSTAL BKY, NEVADA HAS BEEN CLOSED SINCE
LABOR DAY 1967. IT HAS RECENTLY BEEN PURCHASED BY CEASARS PALACE
HOTEL AND CASINO, LAS VEGAS AND ACCORDING TO INFORMATION AVAILABLE
IS NOT SCHEDULED TO REOPEN THIS YEAR.

CAL NEVA CLUB, RENO NEVADA, HAS ONE CHARLES THOMAS CATE RENO
PD #69350 EMPLOYED FOR LAST 12 YEARS NOW WORKING AS PIT BOSS ON
SWING SHIFT. LAS VEGAS INDICES NEGATIVE ON EDDIE WILBURN, BEN OR
JACK STURGIS.

Warren Nelson owner advised

CAL NEVA CLUB HAD NO KENO HITS OVER \$400 ON APRIL 3 LAST.
CLUB HAS NOT HAD A \$25,000 KENO HIT IN ALMOST 3 YEARS.

WASHOE COUNTY S.O. RENO, HAS NO IDENTIFIABLE RECORD OF WILBURN
OR STURGIS, PER DEPUTY JAMES HAHN.

CATHY NEWBERRY ID BUREAU ADVISED RENO PD HAS NO IDENTIFIABLE
RECORD OF WILBURN, ONE BEN STURGIS, JR. FBI #1226167 APPLIED THERE
IN 1963 FOR WORK PERMIT AS BARTENDER AT BAR LOCATED ON SOUTH
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Special Agent in Charge

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VIRGINIA ST. ABOUT 3/4 MILE FROM SECOND ST. HE ^{IS} ~~MAX~~ NOT LISTED IN
CURRENT RENO CITY OR TELEPHONE DIRECTORY AND DOES NOT HOLD CURRENT
WORK PERMIT.

RENO PD RECORD OF GATE'S WORK PERMIT AS CAL NEVA CLUB PIT BOSS
SHOWS HIS ADDRESS AS 6880 PEBBLE BEACH BRIVE, RENO, NEVADA.

GATE INTERVIEWED, UNABLE TO FURNISH ANY CLEARIFYING INFO
AND STATED WILBURN AND STERGIS UNKNOWN TO HIM.

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TO ALL FIELD DIVISIONS
FROM DIRECTOR

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MURKIN

INASMUCH AS RAY IS KNOWN TO AWAY STAY AT FLOPHOUSES AND LOWER CLASS ROOMING HOUSES, ALL OFFICES WILL FURNISH COPY OF IDENTIFICATION ORDER REGARDING RAY TO SALVATION ARMY AND OTHER CHARITABLE TYPE MISSIONS.

ALL OFFICES COVERING STATE CAPITALS, IF NOT ALREADY DONE, WILL HAVE DRIVERS LICENSE BUREAUS CHECK ALL DRIVERS LICENSE APPLICATIONS FOR MONTHS OF APRIL AND MAY, 1968, CONCERNING ALL MALE CAUCASIANS OVER THIRTY YEARS OF AGE AND UNDER FIFTYFIVE YEARS, IN VIEW OF FACT IT IS POSSIBLE SUBJECT SECURED DRIVERS LICENSE USING ANOTHER NAME OTHER THAN ALIASES KNOWN. AS RESULT OF REVIEWING THESE APPLICATIONS, YOU SHOULD CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE IF ANY SUCH INDIVIDUAL IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT.

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Carson City
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If the intelligence contained in the above message is to be disseminated outside the Bureau, it is suggested that it be suitably paraphrased in order to protect the Bureau's cryptographic systems.

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Date: 5/22/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) AND SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: SAC, LAS VEGAS (157-133) (P)

MURKIN. OO: MEMPHIS.

RE BUREAU RADIOGRAM MAY TWENTYONE LAST.

ARRANGEMENTS MADE WITH DMV, CARSON CITY, NEVADA, TO OBTAIN DATA FROM APPROPRIATE DRIVER'S LICENSE APPLICATIONS FILED APRIL ONE LAST TO DATE. SAME WILL BE AVAILABLE IN ABOUT TWO DAYS. ADDITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS MADE TO RECEIVE SIMILAR DATA FROM NEW APPLICATIONS ON A DAILY BASIS PROMPTLY ON THEIR RECEIPT BY DMV, CARSON CITY, FROM ISSUING SUBSTATIONS THROUGHOUT THE STATE.

INFORMATION RECEIVED WILL BE PROCESSED AND LOGICAL"
SUSPECTS WILL BE CHECKED OUT.

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Federal Office Building, Room 2-011
300 Las Vegas Boulevard South
Las Vegas, Nevada 89101
May 22, 1968

Mr. Hale Bennett, Chief
Automation Division
Department of Motor Vehicles
Carson City, Nevada

Dear Mr. Bennett:

Pursuant to discussion on May 22, 1968, between Russell W. Bowton of your office and Special Agent Wallace M. Pollard of this office, it is requested that your Division furnish to this office data recorded on certain driver's license applications received since April 1, 1968, and daily henceforth for a period yet to be determined.

This request pertains to an investigation of major importance. To obtain this information by manual review of basic records would require a great expenditure of time by personnel whose efforts can be more effectively expended on other duties.

Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

HAROLD E. CAMPBELL, JR.
Special Agent in Charge

2 - Addressee
1 - Las Vegas (157-133)
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : FILE (157-133)

FROM : SAC HAROLD E. CAMPBELL, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/23/68

At approximately 8:30 a.m. today, SAC KARL W. DISSLY, Kansas City, furnished the following information in captioned matter:

A confidential source of the Kansas City Office, who is a Gypsy, was recently in touch with Mrs. JOHN WILLIAMS, Sparks, Nevada. Mrs. WILLIAMS is a Gypsy fortune teller who operates under the name THERISA BROWN at 1548 B Street, Sparks, Nevada, telephone 358-9216. THERISA BROWN reportedly told the Kansas City Office source that sometime between 4/1 and 10/68 a male individual came to her establishment at Sparks, Nevada. He gave BROWN \$150 for a reading. While Mrs. BROWN was praying for him in connection with her reading, she placed her hands around his waist. At that time she detected that he was wearing a money belt which appeared to her to be perhaps quite well filled with money. When she told the customer he was due to take a long trip, he said that was correct. There was also some indication that he verified the fact that he had in the recent past had a hotel room in San Francisco.

BROWN reportedly told the informant that about four days after MARTIN LUTHER KING's assassination, she saw a picture on television of the assassin and was certain it was the same individual described above.

The Kansas City source admitted the possibility that the information may not be true. She pointed out, however, that if it is true, THERISA BROWN should be able to make an excellent identification in view of her personality and the fact that she gives the type of readings which require an excellent memory generally.

The Bureau's source of this information should not be disclosed when contacting THERISA BROWN. Additionally, the source has stated that in the event it is disclosed to BROWN that another Gypsy was the Bureau's source in this matter, she feels it would jeopardize our attempt to obtain information, inasmuch as the other Gypsy would certainly either refuse to talk or fail to tell the truth.



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Kansas City recommends that a good pretext in view of the circumstances and the situation of the informant would be that some person has advised this Bureau that an individual fitting the description of MARTIN LUTHER KING's assassin was seen leaving BROWN's place at sometime in the past. It is felt that with necessary variations this would perhaps be the best approach under the circumstances.

THERESA BROWN should be immediately contacted and information set forth above completely exploited in an attempt to obtain pertinent information in this case.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI, SACS KANSAS CITY AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)
 FROM: SAC, LAS VEGAS (156-133) 3P

MURKIN.

RE KANSAS CITY TELEPHONE CALL TODAY CONCERNING INFORMATION
 FURNISHED BY ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ GYPSY SOURCE OF KANSAS CITY OFFICE.

JOHN AND RUBY WILLIAMS, MAN AND WIFE, OPERATE THE PALMISTRY
 SHOP, ONE FIVE FOUR EIGHT B STREET, SPARKS, NEVADA. RUBY GIVES
 READINGS UNDER THE NAME THERISA BROWN AND JOHN KEEPS OUT DRUNKS AND
 TROUBLE MAKERS.

JOHN AND RUBY WERE INTERVIEWED TODAY BY BUAGENT UNDER PRETEXT
 OF ATTEMPTING TO LOCATE BUREAU FUGITIVES. THEY WERE DISPLAYED
 A GROUP OF PHOTOS INCLUDING ALL AVAILABLE PHOTOS OF JAMES EARL RAY
 AT WHICH THEY BOTH STATED THAT NONE OF THESE INDIVIDUALS HAD BEEN
 IN THEIR PLACE OF BUSINESS AND THEY DID NOT RECALL EVER SEEING ANY
 OF THEM.

JOHN AND RUBY WERE TOLD THAT SOME OF THE INDIVIDUALS IN THE
 PHOTOS WERE BANK ROBBERS AND THEY WERE ASKED IF ANYONE HAD SPENT
 A LARGE SUM OF MONEY WITH THEM. RUBY REPLIED SHE CHARGES THREE

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DOLLARS FOR PALM READINGS AND FIVE DOLLARS FOR BOTH PALM AND CARD READINGS. WHEN ASKED ABOUT TIPS, RUBY STATED THE MOST SHE EVER GETS IS ONE DOLLARR AND THAT IS VERY RARELY.

UPON CONCLUSION OF THE INTERVIEW, RUBY WHO HAD BEEN CONTINUOUSLY LOOKING AT THE ABOVE PHOTOS HELD OUT THE PHOTO OF JAMES EARL RAY THAT APPEARS ON HIS IDENTIFICATION ORDER AND ASKED IF THAT WAS THE MAN THAT SHOT MARTIN LUTHER KING. JOHN ALSO LOOKED AT THIS PICTURE AGAIN AND BOTH RELATED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION.

ON THE FOLLOWING SATURDAY EVENING AFTER KING WAS SHOT, A YOUNG MAN CAME IN FOR A READING. RUBY AT THE TIME HAD A CUSTOMER IN THE READING ROOM AND THE MAN WAS ASKED TO SIT DOWN. THIS MAN VOLUNTEERED TO JOHN THAT HE HAD SOME GUNS IN HIS CAR AND THAT HE WAS GOING TO SAN FRANCISCO TO SEEK EMPLOYMENT, AND IF UNSUCCESSFUL HE WAS GOING TO A FOREIGN COUNTRY. HE DID NOT SAY WHAT COUNTRY HE WAS GOING TO AND DID NOT INDICATE WHAT TYPE OF WORK HE WAS SEEKING OR FURNISH ANY BACKGROUND INFO CONCERNING HIMSELF, EVEN TO THE EXTENT OF WHETHER OR NOT HE LIVED IN THE RENO-SPARKS AREA.

JOHN SAID AFTER RUBY WAS FINISHED GIVING THE READING TO THE CUSTOMER HE TOLD HER IN THEIR NATIVE LANGUAGE THAT THE MAN WAITING

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WAS A TROUBLE MAKER. RUBY THEN TOLD THIS MAN SHE HAD AN APPOINTMENT AND COULD NOT GIVE HIM A READING AFTER WHICH HE LEFT.

A FEW DAYS LATER, RUBY SAW THE PHOTO OF JAMES EARL RAY ON TELEVISION AND SHE IMMEDIATELY THOUGHT OF THE MAN MENTIONED ABOVE, ALTHOUGH HE DID NOT LOOK LIKE HIM. SHE SAID SHE EASILY BECOMES FRIGHTENED.

BOTH JOHN AND RUBY SAID THIS MAN DEFINITELY WAS NOT IDENTICAL WITH RAY AFTER VIEWING ALL OF RAY'S PHOTOS CAREFULLY. THEY BOTH SAID THERE WAS NO RESEMBLANCE.

JOHN, WHO SAW THE MAN FOR ABOUT TEN MINUTES, DESCRIBED HIM AS A WM, NOT OVER TWENTYEIGHT YEARS OF AGE, FIVE FEET NINE, STOCKY BUILD, DARK BROWN HAIR, HAD SORT OF OKLAHOMA ACCENT AND DRESSED IN WORK CLOTHES.

JOHN SAW THIS MAN THROUGH A WINDOW GET IN AN OLD STATION WAGON, ABOUT FIFTYSEVEN OR FIFTYEIGHT AND POSSIBLY A PLYMOUTH, AND DRIVE OFF. HE DID NOT KNOW THE LICENSE PLATE NOR THE COLOR OF THIS VEHICLE, NOTING IT WAS DARK OUT AT THE TIME.

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RE: MURKIN
PUBLICITY ON REWARDS OFFERED

- ☐ For information ☐ Retention optional ☐ For appropriate action
- ☐ The enclosed is for your information. If used as a source report, ☐ paraphrase contents.
- ☐ Enclosed are corrected pages from report of SA dated _____

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Remarks: ReBulet 5-20-68.

In the event of inquiries regarding the identity of the sources of the reward money offered in the Murkin case, you may confidentially advise established sources that according to a compilation set forth in the April 27th edition of the "Commercial Appeal," Memphis, Tennessee, \$25,000 each has been offered by the "Commercial Appeal" and Scripps-Howard newspapers and that in addition, businessmen and citizens in Memphis have offered several thousands more and the Memphis City Council has under-written the reward up to a total of \$100,000.

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Date: May 21, 1968

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Via Airtel _____

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To: All SACs
LEGATS, Mexico City
Ottawa

[Signature]
From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

For your information and investigative assistance, subject James Earl Ray has been known to consort with prostitutes and "street bums." A photograph of subject was obtained from a prostitute in Mexico. This photograph showing subject wearing sunglasses was previously forwarded to your office.

This should be borne in mind in your daily contact with informants, officers of vice squads and prostitutes in covering leads in connection with this and other cases.

Armed and dangerous.

SAC
[Signature]
Oliver Belmont

cc -
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Reno Lead
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② contact PD & WCSO
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
 FROM: SAC, LAS VEGAS (157-133) (P)
 SUBJECT: MURKIN
 OO: Memphis

Re Jacksonville airtel to the Bureau dated 5/22/68, regarding alleged offer of \$100,000.00 by White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (WKKKK), Jackson, Mississippi, to anyone who kills MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Enclosed for Little Rock is one copy each of Dallas airtel to the Bureau, 6/6/67; Kansas City airtel to the Bureau, 7/21/67; Dallas airtel to the Bureau, 5/1/68, and Jacksonville airtel to the Bureau, 5/22/68, which are background information.

On 5/27/68, EDWARD J. PRESTON, 1565 Sharon Way, Reno, Nevada, advised SA NORMAN M. STONE he is a partner in Safety Auto Control, Inc., which recently moved to 855 Harrietta Way, Sparks, Nevada. He said DONALD JAMES NISSEN, is unknown to him and has never been employed by that company which has only been in existence about one year.

PRESTON states his company manufactures an auto safety product which is sold nationally. He said his company does not handle any of the sales of this product, noting all sales are handled exclusively by Allstate Safety Control, Inc., Room 201, Tanglewood, Office Building, 7509 Cantrell Road, Little Rock, Arkansas. He said if NISSEN was selling this auto safety part, he would be employed by Allstate Safety Control, Inc. He suggested ROBERT SPEARS, manager, of that company be contacted.

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- 1 - Jacksonville (44-769)
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- 2 - Memphis (44-1986)
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LITTLE ROCK

AT LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

Contact ROBERT SPEARS, Manager, Allstate Safety Control, Inc., Tanglewood Office Building, Room 201, 7509 Cantrell Road, in an effort to locate DONALD JAMES NISSEN.

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AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (44-769) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
(OO: Memphis)

Re Dallas airtel to Bureau 5/1/68 regarding alleged offer of \$100,000 by White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (WKKKK), Jackson, Mississippi, to anyone who kills MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., and Atlanta airtel to Bureau dated 5/8/68.

Enclosed for Las Vegas is one copy each of Dallas airtel to Bureau dated 6/6/67, Kansas City airtel to Bureau 7/21/67, and Dallas airtel to Bureau 5/1/68, which are background information.

By communication dated 5/8/68, Atlanta advised that on 5/8/68, Mr. J. B. McWHORTER, Spencer International Press, Atlanta, Georgia, advised DONALD JAMES NISSEN is no longer employed by that company, having left approximately 12/67, to go to Corpus Christi, Texas, where he was employed by the Americana Encyclopedia Company. McWHORTER stated he recently learned that NISSEN is working in Panama City, Florida, selling a safety device which operates as a gyroscope.

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He stated the name of the unit is the Auto Safety Control and the company office is located in Reno, Nevada.

Investigation by the Jacksonville Division at Panama City, Florida, has determined that as of 5/16/68, the files of the Bay County SO and the Panama City PD failed to reflect any information concerning DONALD JAMES NISSEN.

On 5/16/68, Mrs. MARY HUCKABEE, Credit Bureau of Panama City, advised the only information in her files concerning DONALD JAMES NISSEN is a notation indicating that as of January, 1966, he was residing at 5612 East Highway 98, which is the address for the Paradise Trailer Park.

On 5/20/68, ERNEST L. THRONE, Operator, Paradise Trailer Park, 5612 East Highway 98, advised that his records are not available prior to 1/67, and that he has no record of DONALD JAMES NISSEN having ever residing at the Paradise Trailer Park.

On 5/20/68, D. R. HINTON, JR., Manager, Gulf Power Company, Panama City, Florida, advised that his files contained no record of DONALD JAMES NISSEN.

LEADS

LAS VEGAS

AT RENO, NEVADA

Will locate DONALD JAMES NISSEN through the company offices of Auto Safety Control and interview him for any information he may have obtained regarding the alleged offer to kill KING since NISSEN's release from jail on 6/19/67.

For the information of the Las Vegas Office, the Jackson Office, in 7/67, advised the WKKKK were in bad financial strait, having a difficult time raising enough money to defend members of this organization after their arrest.

Information copy being furnished to Jackson inasmuch as present investigation being conducted by that Division.

FBI

Date: 6/6/67

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, DALLAS (157-New) (P)

SUBJECT: ALLEGED OFFER OF \$100,000
BY WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE
KU KLUX KLAN,
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI,
TO ANYONE WHO KILLS
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.;
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM
RM

OO - Jackson

On 6/2/67, DONALD JAMES NISSEN, FBI No. 637 320 A, presently an inmate at Grayson County Jail, Sherman, Texas, was interviewed by SA W. J. WILKINSON, JR. and SA JOHN B. FULKS, at which time a signed statement was obtained pertaining to an alleged violation of NISSEN's civil rights since being brought to jail in Sherman as of 5/12/67. The Bureau has been advised of that matter under caption "GEORGE W. BLANTON, Sheriff, Grayson County, Sherman, Texas; DONALD JAMES NISSEN - VICTIM, CR, OO Dallas."

After obtaining a signed statement in the civil rights matter, NISSEN orally furnished the following information, requesting that his identity be concealed as the source of the information.

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NISSEN stated that while at Leavenworth Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, from July, 1965, until his release in April, 1967, he became very friendly with another inmate identified as LEROY McMANAMAN. McMANAMAN was originally from Western Kansas, town unrecalled, and was alleged to have bootlegged in Mississippi. According to NISSEN, he and McMANAMAN worked together in the shoe factory at Leavenworth. NISSEN claimed that the FBI had tried to "get" McMANAMAN on bank burglary charges but were unsuccessful and McMANAMAN was presently in the penitentiary on charges of concealing three stolen autos and was due for release sometime next year.

NISSEN said he had previously met McMANAMAN before going to the penitentiary in Jackson, Mississippi, and he recognized McMANAMAN "in the joint."

NISSEN said that just before he was scheduled to be paroled from Leavenworth, McMANAMAN approached NISSEN, stating that he knew NISSEN was going to Atlanta as soon as he squared away two local detainers and McMANAMAN told NISSEN he needed him to set things up for him.

McMANAMAN told NISSEN that \$100,000 had been offered by the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan to be paid to anyone who would kill MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

NISSEN stated that after he was squared away on his two local Texas charges, McMANAMAN wanted him to contact a Mrs. FNU EURE, at the Eure Realty, Jackson, Mississippi. McMANAMAN claimed Mrs. EURE is listed as a correspondent by him at Leavenworth Penitentiary. According to instructions, NISSEN was to contact Mrs. EURE and ask her when she next writes to McMANAMAN at the penitentiary to tell him "DON" had arrived. McMANAMAN indicated he would write and tell EURE that NISSEN was "O.K."

If NISSEN wanted to try to "pull this" himself, Mrs. EURE would put him in contact with two people identified to NISSEN only as FLOYD LNU, an honorary colonel in the National Guard at Jackson, Mississippi, and a second person whom NISSEN cannot now identify. NISSEN stated, however, that the unidentified person, according to McMANAMAN, had recently been appointed a Deputy U. S. Marshal at Jackson.

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It was NISSEN's understanding that if he were willing to pull the job, he was to get in touch with Mrs. EURE, advise her, and she would thereafter put him in touch with the above two men, both of whom NISSEN understands are associated with the White Knights. NISSEN stated those men would insure payment if KING were killed.

NISSEN continued, saying that if he were not interested in doing the job himself, he was supposed to "case KING's place," (location not specified) in Atlanta, and check the layout. NISSEN pointed out he could do this rather easily, as before serving time, he worked for Encyclopedia Americana. After getting the layout, NISSEN was to tell McMANAMAN the set-up so that when McMANAMAN was released from the penitentiary he could handle it himself. NISSEN stated he would get a percentage of the money received by McMANAMAN for casing KING's residence. NISSEN stated that based on his knowledge of McMANAMAN, he believes McMANAMAN is perfectly capable of committing the plot. He stated McMANAMAN "hates Negroes and lets them know it in the pen."

NISSEN also claimed that another inmate at Leavenworth, a JOHN MAY, a nearby cellmate of NISSEN's when he was at the penitentiary, has knowledge of the aforementioned plot.

MAY is from Rock Island, Illinois, and has worked as a machinist at the arsenal in Rock Island. He is presently at Leavenworth on a Dyer Act charge. McMANAMAN had asked NISSEN to contact MAY to determine if MAY could build a long barrel and firing pin for a new type of .38 automatic pistol. McMANAMAN knows that MAY is an excellent machinist and a friend of NISSEN's. According to NISSEN, McMANAMAN intended to use this long barrel pistol with the scope and firing pin to be made by MAY in the killing of KING. McMANAMAN planned to dispose of the scope, firing pin and long barrel, and replace the original barrel and firing pin and in this manner the gun could not be traced to McMANAMAN.

NISSEN claims he contacted MAY about McMANAMAN's proposal and MAY reportedly told NISSEN he did not want anything to do with the plan, but he stated he could make a long

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barrel for the gun if so desired. NISSEN advised it would be "O.K." for the FBI to contact MAY in order to verify NISSEN's story. NISSEN feels MAY will protect him, as they are good friends.

NISSEN claims that MAY also told him he also had heard of the \$100,000 sum put up for the death of KING. MAY's information apparently came from an unrecalled source in either North or South Carolina.

NISSEN understands the \$100,000 is supposed to be a standing offer.

Following is a description of NISSEN:

Name	DONALD JAMES NISSEN aka Don
Birth data	9/26/31, Erie, Pennsylvania
Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	5' 10"
Weight	130
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Blue
Scars and marks	1/2" circular bone growth left side of forehead
Military service	U. S. Navy, 1949-1951. BCD for "AWOL," SN USN [REDACTED]
Marital status	Divorced
Former wife	DARLENE CREIGHTON, unknown address Silver City, New Mexico
Former wife's parents	V. B. COLEMAN, 410 Ohio Street, Silver City, New Mexico
Residence	3230 Peachtree Road N.E., Atlanta, Georgia, home office address of Encyclopedia Americana, the "Spencer International Press, Inc."
Parents	Father, deceased; mother, EVA SPRAGUE, operating the Parmaley House, Painsville, Ohio
Sister	ARLYNE HOWARD, 2525 East Alta Vista Street, Tucson, Arizona
Occupation	Salesman
Arrests	Numerous
FBI No.	607 320 A

NISSEN said CHARLES FOREMAN and "Little Red," not otherwise identified, inmate at Leavenworth, were close friends of McMANAHAN, and may have information on captioned matter.

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For the information of the Bureau, Jackson Office has been designated origin in this matter, inasmuch as that office is origin in the case entitled "WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI." Also, if NISSEN's information is to be given any credence, Mrs. FNU HUE would have detailed information on the captioned matter.

Dallas, at this time, is unable to evaluate the information furnished by NISSEN on captioned matter, but for the further information of the Bureau and receiving offices, prior to furnishing the above information and prior to furnishing the signed statement in the civil rights matter, NISSEN stated "I first wanted to know if I furnished you (FBI) information, if you would help me." NISSEN was immediately advised by the interviewing agents that there would be no dickering or trading, but that they would be glad to accept any information he cared to furnish.

Dallas has not deemed it warranted at this time to furnish NISSEN's information in letterhead memorandum form, and that determination is being left to the discretion of the Jackson Division after the completion of the following investigation.

LEADS

ATLANTA

AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA. Furnish Jackson and other interested offices any information available in the file "MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., SM - C, OO Atlanta," which may tend to verify or refute NISSEN's story.

KANSAS CITY

AT LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS. 1. Review LEROY McMANAHAN's prison record at Leavenworth Penitentiary in order to obtain detailed background. Will determine if Mrs. FNU HUE is an approved correspondent of his. Determine if McMANAHAN has any other other Mississippi contacts and thereafter set out appropriate leads.

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2. Review DONALD JAMES NISSEN's prison file for further background.

3. Interview JOHN HAY, inmate at Leavenworth Penitentiary in an effort to verify or refute NISSEN's statements. Note that NISSEN advised that in addition to HAY and NISSEN, a CHARLES FOREMAN and a person identified only as "Little Red" were also associates of McMANAMAN at Leavenworth.

4. Identify and interview CHARLES FOREMAN and "Little Red" in effort to corroborate NISSEN's information. Note NISSEN requested his identity be revealed only to HAY when investigation conducted at Leavenworth.

JACKSON

AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI. 1. Through Klan informants, attempt to verify or refute NISSEN's information on alleged plot regarding MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

2. Identify Mrs. FNU EURE of the Eure Realty Company, Jackson. Determine EURE's degree of association, if any, with the White Knights.

3. Attempt to identify FLOYD LNU, an honorary colonel in the National Guard at Jackson, and the un-named recently-appointed Deputy U. S. Marshal at Jackson, both of whom are alleged to be members of the White Knights.

4. Based on results of investigation conducted by Kansas City and Atlanta, consider interview of Mrs. EURE regarding captioned matter.

DALLAS

AT SHERMAN, TEXAS. Maintain contact with NISSEN and furnish any additional information he supplements regarding the captioned matter.

Information copies furnished Charlotte and Columbia, inasmuch as standing offer of \$100,000 for KING's death may have been circulated in Klan circles in those divisions.

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AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (157-472) RUC

ALLEGED OFFER OF \$100,000
BY WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI TO PERSON WHO
KILLS MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.;
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM
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OO: Jackson

Re Dallas airtel to Bureau 6/6/67.

Enclosed is one copy each of the USP, Leavenworth, Kansas classification material regarding LEROY BASIL MC MANAMAN and DONALD JAMES NISSEN, for Dallas and Jackson. Both inmates presently confined at USP, Leavenworth.

It will be noted that all authorized correspondents of MC MANAMAN are relatives in the Dodge City, Kansas area with the exception of one SYBIL ZURE, 423 Raymond Road, Jackson, Mississippi who according to the Parole Progress Report of October, 1966, MC MANAMAN plans to work with in the real estate business upon his release.

CARL ZARTER, Administrative Assistant, USP, Leavenworth, Kansas, on 7/19/67 was unable to identify present or former inmate known as "LITTLE RED" from his records and those interviewed reported such person was not known to them.

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JOHN EMMANUEL MAY, USP-L, Inmate #82459, FBI #4 714 728, sentenced in USDC, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 9/27/65 to 5 years for ITSHV on interview 7/19/67 by SA MAX E. RICHARDSON advised that he considered the story by NISSEN regarding an alleged plot to kill MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. just one of NISSEN's "cock and bill stories".

MAY stated that he is not an associate of inmate MC MANAMAN, knows him only well enough to recognize him in the institution and has never talked to him. He added that he, MAY, keeps to himself, trying to serve his sentence without becoming involved in the troubles of other inmates and that he is not acquainted with the associates of MC MANAMAN. He denied knowing the identity of any inmate known as "LITTLE RED".

According to MAY it is well known to all inmates in the institution that he is a capable machinist and that he does a great deal of the mechanical drawing in connection with the work done in this institution. He added that when he became acquainted with former inmate DONALD JAMES NISSEN he learned that NISSEN had few friends among the other inmates. Further that NISSEN liked to talk about himself as well as about any subject, with anyone who would listen to him. He explained that NISSEN found him a good listener and would often spend several hours in the doorway of his, MAY's cell, talking while he, MAY was working on his drawings. He added that he seldom did much of the talking but only agreed with whatever NISSEN had to say on whatever topic was being discussed.

MAY stated he does recall that on one occasion NISSEN had mentioned that one "MAC", and he assumed NISSEN was referring to MC MANAMAN, had informed him there was a plot to kill MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. for \$100,000. He added that NISSEN stated that it was "all set up" but that he did not want to tell him too much about it. MAY stated he informed NISSEN that he did not want to know anything about the matter. He said he further told NISSEN that KING was probably so well guarded that a person could not "reach him with a ten foot pole". MAY also recalled that NISSEN claimed that "MAC" had told him to get in touch with someone whose name he mentioned but which he does not now recall, in the real estate business when NISSEN was released.

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MAY went on to state that he believes he indicated to NISSEN that he, MAY had heard some similar comment regarding \$100,000 being offered to kill KING. MAY stated this referred to an occasion several years ago when he was drinking in some bar in Raleigh, N. C. He explained that he was not acquainted with any of the occupants of this bar. He added that some of the occupants were discussing the current racial problems and one individual made the comment that "Someone had a good idea when they offered \$100,000 to get KING killed".

MAY further stated that at no time had NISSEN ever requested him to make any part of a gun. He stated that NISSEN had once inquired if he, MAY, could make a gun and that he informed NISSEN that any machinist with any ability could make a rifle. MAY recalled that he and NISSEN at the same time were talking about what an advantage it would be for the military to have a rifle with a longer magazine or clip that would carry more cartridges than the one presently used.

MAY advised that when NISSEN mentioned the alleged plot to kill KING he paid little attention to what was being said and passed it off as just another of NISSEN's stories.

CHARLES L. FOREMAN, JR., USP-L Inmate #81476, FBI #970 939 sentenced in USDC, Cheyenne, Wyoming, 5/12/64 to 6 years for ITSMV, advised on 7/19/67 that he was not an associate of MC MANAMAN, that he knew no inmate associate of MC MANAMAN's who was known as "LITTLE RED" and that he had never heard any comment from any source regarding a plot or offer of \$100,000 for the killing of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

FOREMAN stated that for a period of time when he first arrived at this institution he frequently ate at the same table with MC MANAMAN but that although there was no friction between them they made other friends with whom they eat. He stated that he is aware that MC MANAMAN dislikes colored people and avoids contact with colored inmates but that he is not outspoken on the subject. He added that he had

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never heard MC MANAMAN make any type of threatening or critical remark to any colored inmate and he is not known to have had any trouble with such inmates. FOREMAN stated that he did not know any of the present associates of MC MANAMAN.

USP, Leavenworth records reflect that LEROY BASIL MC MANAMAN #81371, FBI #1 244 125 was sentenced in USDC, Wichita, Kansas 1/18/63 to 8 years for ITSMV and on 3/31/64 in USDC, Topeka, Kansas to 1 year consecutive for Harboring a fugitive.

Under present mail procedures at the USP, Leavenworth, Kansas, no record is kept of what mail if any is actually received from or sent to any particular correspondent on an inmates authorized correspondent list. SYBIL ZURE, Jackson, Mississippi is not on MC MANAMAN's authorized visitor list.

LEAD

THE JACKSON DIVISION

AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

Suggest interview of SYBIL ZURE, 423 Raymond Road.