

FBI NEW HAVEN

FBI MEMPHIS

534PM URGENT 4/7/68 CAF

TO DIRECTOR, NEW HAVEN, CHARLOTTE, AND BIRMINGHAM
FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987) 1P

MURKIN - CR.

RE KANSAS CITY TEL APRIL SEVEN, SIXTY EIGHT, SIX FORTY FIVE
AM.

KANSAS CITY TEL REQUESTED THAT NEW HAVEN FURNISH MEMPHIS
COMPLETE SUMMARY CONCERNING ONE VINCENT DE PALMA.

REQUEST NEW HAVEN, RATHER THAN FURNISH SUMMARY RE DE PALMA,
ESTABLISH DE PALMA'S WHEREABOUTS ON MARCH TWENTY NINE AND THIRTY,
AND APRIL FOUR, NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT. IN EVENT DE PALMA'S
WHEREABOUTS CAN BE ESTABLISHED ON THOSE THREE DAYS, IT WOULD NOT
APPEAR THAT HE COULD BE OF INTEREST IN CONNECTION WITH CAPTIONED
CASE. MARCH TWENTY NINE AND THIRTY ARE DATES OF INTEREST TO
BIRMINGHAM SINCE WEAPON IN INSTANT CASE BOUGHT IN BIRMINGHAM.
APRIL FOUR OF INTEREST BECAUSE THIS DATE THAT MURDER TOOK PLACE
IN MEMPHIS.

NEW HAVEN ADVISE WHEN SUFFICEIENT INVESTIGATION HAS BEEN
CONDUCTED TO ESTABLISH WHEREABOUTS OF DE PALMA ON PERTINENT DAYS.

P.

END

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TO DIRECTOR, BOSTON, MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM
FROM NEW HAVEN (157-818)

MURKIN - CR. OO - ME.

RENHTEL THIS DATE TO BS, ME, KC AND CE.

FOR INFO OF BIRMINGHAM, MOTHER OF VINCENT PAUL DE PALMA,
BRISTOL, CONN. ADVISED THIS DATE THAT DE PALMA CONTACTED HER
IN PERSON IN BRISTOL HOSPITAL ON APRIL FIVE LAST STATING HE HAD
ARRIVED IN BRISTOL ABOUT NOON THAT DATE, AND HAD SUBSEQUENTLY
SEEN HIS CHILDREN AND HIS FATHER WHO IS IN STATE HOSPITAL, NORWICH,
CONN. MRS DE PALMA STATED DE PALMA HAS BEEN RESIDING SINCE EARLY
FEBRUARY TO DATE IN MIDDLETOWN, RHODE ISLAND WHERE EMPLOYED AS BUS
DRIVER.

BOSTON HAS LEADS TO ASCERTAIN DE PALMA'S WHEREABOUTS ON APRIL
FOUR, SIXTYEIGHT.

BOSTON DETERMINE WHEREABOUTS OF DE PALMA ON MARCH TWO NINE AND
THIRTY LAST SINCE THESE DATES ARE OF INTEREST TO BIRMINGHAM SINCE
WEAPON IN CASE PURCHASED IN BIRMINGHAM.

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TO ALL SACS

FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987) 2P

MURKIN; CR. OO MEMPHIS.

RE BUTEL TO ALL SAC'S APRIL SEVEN, NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT.
FOR INFO ALL OFFICES, PERTINENT PERIODS IN INVESTIGATION
ARE MARCH TWENTY NINE AND THIRTY IN BIRMINGHAM, ALA., AND
APRIL FOUR, SIXTY EIGHT, IN MEMPHIS, TENN.

IN EVENT ANY DATA DEVELOPED RE SUSPECTS, IF INTERESTED
OFFICES CAN ESTABLISH WHEREABOUTS OF SUSPECTS ON DATES ABOVE,
THIS MAY ELIMINATE SUSPECT. IF THIS CANNOT BE DONE, EFFORTS
SHOULD BE MADE TO SECURE PHOTOGRAPHS OF SUSPECTS IN QUESTION AND
FORWARD PHOTOS TO MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM FOR POSSIBLE ELIMINATION.
PERTINENT DESCRIPTIVE DATA SHOULD BE INCLUDED WITH PHOTOS.

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IN PERTINENT PERIODS, INTERESTED OFFICES SHOULD MAKE EFFORTS
TO SECURE FINGERPRINTS OF SUSPECT IN QUESTION AND SUBMIT SAME TO
BUREAU FOR ELIMINATION.

COMPOSITE DESCRIPTION, BASED ON DATA DEVELOPED IN BIRMINGHAM
AND MEMPHIS, IS AS FOLLOWS:

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RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION MUST BE PROMPTLY FURNISHED BUREAU, MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM. P.

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8-49PM URGENT 4/7/68 RJC

TO DIRECTOR AND NEW YORK
FROM NEW HAVEN (157-818)

MURKIN - CR. 00 - ME.

REALTEL THIS DATE.

DONALD H. ROY, ONE THREE THREE PROSPECT ST., MANCHESTER, CONN.
ADVISED THIS DATE BARTON AND ROY COMPANY, MANCHESTER IS A
DISTRIBUTOR OF LAUNDRY SUPPLIES AND NOT ENGAGED IN LAUNDERING
BUSINESS. ROY ADVISED HE HAS NOT BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH COMPANY SINCE
DEATH OF HIS FATHER, HOWARD ROY FIVE YEARS AGO. HE SAID FATHER AND
EDWARD BARTON, ALSO DECEASED WERE PARTNERS. HE ADVISED HE WORKED AS
SALESMAN FOR COMPANY NINETEEN FIFTY NINE TO NINETEEN SIXTY ONE
DURING WHICH TIME THEY WERE DISTRIBUTORS FOR THERMO SEAL MARKING
MACHINES. HE ADVISED THAT THE COMPANY NOT SOLE DISTRIBUTOR AND OTHERS
WORKED TERRITORY. ROY STATED HE DEALT WITH FRED WEBER, FACTORY
REPRESENTATIVE, TEXTILE MACHINE COMPANY AND THAT WEBER WOULD KNOW
LOCATION OF ALL THERMO SEAL MARKING MACHINES IN CONNECTICUT. HE
ADVISED WEBER RESIDES LONG ISLAND, N.Y. RETEL ADVISED WEBER RESIDES

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THREE THREE

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NEW YORK SHOULD CONTACT WEBER FOR COMPLETE LIST THESE MACHINES SOLD IN CONN. AND ADVISE.

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FBI NEW YORK

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FBI ALBANY

1125PM URGENT 4-7-68 DER

TO DIRECTOR, BIRMINGHAM, MEMPHIS, BOSTON, NEWARK, NEW HAVEN
AND NEW YORK.

FROM ALBANY 157-253

MURKIN CR OO MEMPHIS

RE ALBANY TELETYPE FOUR SIX LAST.

EXPERT AT TEXTILE MARKING MACHINE CO. OBSERVED COLOR
PHOTOGRAPHS OF LAUNDRY TAPES AND ADVISED THIS IS FIVE CHARACTER
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FBI DENVER

2:05 AM MST URGENT 7-8-68 FCD

TO: DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, BUTTE, KANSAS CITY, LITTLE ROCK, NEW HAVEN,
AND SALT LAKE CITY

FROM: DENVER (157-203) 2P

MURKIN; CR. 00: MEMPHIS.

RE BOSTON TELETYPE TO BUREAU APRIL EIGHT, SIXTY EIGHT.

FOR INFORMATION KC AND NH, BOSTON OFFICE INTERVIEWED VINCENT
JAMES DE PALMA, NEWPORT, R.I., FORMER MINUTEMAN, WHO REPEATED INFO
HE PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED TO ATTD INVESTIGATOR KARL E. TERLAU AT DENVER
JANUARY LAST TO EFFECT THAT MINUTEMEN PLANNED TO KILL KING, ETC..
DE PALMA ADVISED THAT IF MINUTEMEN RESPONSIBLE ASSASSIN COULD BE
MIKE ANU FROM TEXAS DESCRIBED WM, ITALIAN EXTRATION, TWENTY SIX,
FIVE FEET TEN INCHES, ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY LBS., LIGHT COMPLEXION,
THICK BLACK CURLY HAIR. MIKE OWNED MILK TRUCK PAINTED WHITE WITH
KANSAS LICENSE LAST KNOWN TO BE PARKED AT TOPAZ MINING CO. NEAR
SALT LAKE CITY.

DENVER FILES CONTAIN COPY OF TERLAU'S REPORT DATED JAN. TWENTY
TWO, SIXTY EIGHT, AND REFLECT THAT SAME HAS BEEN FURNISHED TO ALL
LISTED OFFICES. NO ADDITIONAL INFO IN DENVER FILES RE MIKE.

KANSAS CITY AND NEW HAVEN AS OO OF MINUTEMEN AND DE PALMA CASES
REVIEW FILES FOR POSSIBLE IDENTITY OF QUOTE MIKE UNQUOTE. 157-818-261

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cc to 100-19151
see memo for 62-2167
W.S.

100-19151

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BUTTE, LITTLE ROCK, AND SALT LAKE CITY OFFICES SUTEL MEMPHIS
RESULTS OF PRIOR INVESTIGATION TO VERIFY INFO PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED
BY DE PALMA TO ATTD.

DENVER WILL RECONTACT ATTU INVESTIGATOR TERLAU.

END

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FBI BOSTON

936AM URGENT 4/8/68 2P PJC

TO DIRECTOR, KANSAS CITY, NEW HAVEN, NEW YORK, ALBANY & NEWARK
FROM BOSTON

MINUTEMEN, IS, MURKIN.

REBOSTEL FOUR EIGHT INSTANT.

FOLLOWING INFO FURNISHED ON CONFIDENTIAL BASES BY
VINCENT DI PALMA.

MINUTEMEN HAD GENERAL PLAN TO FOMENT CIVIL STRIFE BY
KILLING NEGRO LEADERS, MARTIN LUTHER KING, RAP BROWN, AND
STOKELY CARMICHAEL AND THEREAFTER TO SEIZE POWER IN CONFUSION.
NO SPECIFIC TIME TABLE SET AND CARMICHAEL HAD LEAST PRIORITY
BECAUSE HE WAS ALREADY FOMENTING CIVIL STRIFE HIMSELF.

MINUTEMEN ALSO PLANNED TO KILL NEW YORK ATTORNEY GENERAL
LOUIS LEFKOWITZ AND TO KIDNAP AND KILL USA, KANSAS CITY,
MO., FOR PROSECUTION AGAINST MINUTEMEN AND ROBERT B.
DE PUGH, AND ATTU AGENTS JAMES MOORE AND FRANK BELLIKI,
KANSAS CITY, MO., AND FBI INVETIGATOR OF MINUTEMEN IN
KANSAS CITY DESCRIBED AS ELDERLY, SHORT AND WITH GRAY HAIR.

Xerox copy to:
100-19146
100-19127
105-6328
100-19133
62-2167

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100-19151

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THEY PLANNED TO PLACE A BOMB AT THE DOOR OF FBI OFFICE, NEW HAVEN, CONN., AFTER WORKING HOURS, NOT TO INJURE PEOPLE BUT TO CAUSE CONFUSION.

FROM TIME TO TIME MINUTEMEN HAVE CONDUCTED SURVEILLANCES OF INDIVIDUALS IN THEIR OFFICES CONCERNING THESE PLANS.

MINUTEMEN MEMBERS IN CONNECTICUT IDENTIFIED AS DR. CONVARD, OPTOMETRIST, BRIDGEPORT, CONN., GEORGE BROWN, FIRE DEPARTMENT, WATERBURY, CONN., THOMAS HART, BRIDGEPORT, CONN., JOSEPH FABIANO, TWENTYSEVEN AND A HALF WALL ST, WATERBURY, CONN. MEETINGS HELD ON FARM IN NAUGATUCK, CONN. DE PUGH HAS STANDING ORDERS TO BLOW UP COURTROOM OR COURT HOUSE RATHER THAN LET HIMSELF BE TRIED AND CONVICTED

AIRMAIL COPIES SENT DENVER, BUTTE, LITTLE ROCK, SALT LAKE CITY, AND MEMPHIS.

END

LAC

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FBI WASH DC

FBI NEW HAVEN

1143AM URGENT 4/8/68 LAC

TO DIRECTOR

FROM NEW HAVEN (157-818)

MURKIN

RE: CHICAGO TELETYPE, APRIL SEVEN, LAST; MEMPHIS TELETYPE, APRIL SEVEN, LAST

ALFRED C. SPOERL, ONE TWO NINE OLD FIELD ROAD, TRUMBULL, CONN., EMPLOYED NATIONAL DISTRIBUTION MANAGER U.S. ELECTRICAL MOTORS, OLD GATE LANE, MILFORD, CONN., ADVISED ON APRIL SEVEN, LAST, THAT ON APRIL FOUR, LAST HE AND ~~W.F. HOEHING~~ EMPLOYED SAME FIRM, DRIVING FROM PHILADELPHIA, MISS., TO MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, LEFT PHILADELPHIA, MISS, BETWEEN FOUR AND FOUR FIFTEEN P.M., THAT DATE, VIA CAR AND ARRIVED MEMPHIS, TENN., BETWEEN SEVEN ZERO FIVE AND SEVEN TEN P.M., SAME DATE.

HE STATED AFTER ARRIVING AT MEMPHIS MUNICIPAL AIRPORT RENTED AVIS RENT A CAR AND WHILE PROCEEDING TO HOLIDAY INN SOUTH, WHERE HAD RESERVATIONS, LEARNED OF THE SITUATION IN MEMPHIS. HEARD ON THE RADIO THAT SECTION TO WHICH PROCEEDING BARRICADED AND DECIDED TO CANCEL RESERVATIONS IN MEMPHIS. WENT BACK TO AIRPORT AND MADE RESERVATIONS ON FLIGHT BACK TO CHICAGO WITH HOEHING.

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FINGERPRINTS BEING OBTAINED AND HOEHING TO BE INTERVIEWED BY NEW HAVEN.

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Approved: *[Signature]*
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-818)

FROM : ATTENTION SA J. G. NAGLE
SA THURL STALNAKER

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF DR. MARTIN
LUTHER KING
RACIAL MATTER

DATE: 4/5/68

The following informants were contacted on 4/4/68, regarding captioned matter in accordance with Bureau instructions. No pertinent information has been received from them, to date, concerning this matter.

NH 505-TE-C
NH 533-C
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PCI WILLIAM MICHAELS
PCI JOHN PAUL RAFALOWSKI

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SAC (157-818)

4/5/68

ATTENTION SA J. G. NAGLE
SA THURL STALNAKER

ASSASSINATION OF DR. MARTIN
LUTHER KING
RACIAL MATTER

The following informants were contacted on 4/4/68, regarding captioned matter in accordance with Bureau instructions. No pertinent information has been received from them, to date, concerning this matter.

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PCI WILLIAM MICHAELS
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Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW HAVEN (157-818)

DATE: 4/5/68

FROM : SA ROBERT E. SHORTELE

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.
RACIAL MATTERS

On 4/4/68 NH#529-C and PCI PAUL ANDREWS were contacted and advised that they knew of no talk of trouble due to the assassination but would be on the lookout for such talk and should anything come to their attention that would be of interest to the FBI they would immediately make that information available.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
 WASHINGTON, D.C. 20537

P69-249 J. Edgar Hoover
 Director.

The following FBI record, NUMBER **30 999 G**, is furnished FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY.

CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
PD Hartford Conn	William L. Willard #44249-P69	5-1-67	AWOL	
PD Hartford Conn	William L. Willard #44249-P69	5-9-67	AWOL	
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Information shown on this Identification Record represents data furnished by fingerprint contributors. Where final disposition is not shown or further explanation of charge is desired, communicate with agency contributing those fingerprints.
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4/6/68

SA EDWARD F. STILES (P)

Assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr.

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TO: DIRECTOR FBI, BIRMINGHAM, MEMPHIS, BOSTON
FROM: NEW HAVEN (157-818)
MURKIN. CR. OO MEMPHIS

RE ALBANY TEL APRIL SEVEN LAST.

HAROLD WEINER, PRESIDENT, BARRY'S CLEANERS, THREE ONE SIX BRIDGE APPROACH, NEW LONDON, CT., TODAY ADVISED THAT THE THERMOSEAL IDENTIFICATION MACHINE MANUFACTURED BY TEXTILE MARKING CO., INC., WHICH HE BOUGHT FIVE OR SIX YEARS AGO, WAS IN USE BY THIS FIRM FOR IDENTIFICATION ON SHIRTS ONLY FOR ONE YEAR AND WAS THEN SOLD TO JOHN TORES, PROPRIETOR OF CLEANING ESTABLISHMENT, NAME UNKNOWN, FALL RIVER, MASS.

BOSTON LOCATE JOHN TORES, PROPRIETOR OF CLEANING ESTABLISHMENT AT FALL RIVER AND INTERVIEW IN EFFORT TO IDENTIFY LAUNDRY MARK AND UNSUB. P.

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Approved: C. J. [Signature]
Special Agent in Charge

Sent DIV-3:19P
BH-3:21P
ME-3:27PM
BS-3:30P Per he

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319PM URGENT 4/8/68 LAC

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FBI DENVER

425 PM URGENT 4-8-68 MH

TO DIRECTOR, BOSTON, BUTTE, KANSAS CITY, LITTLE ROCK, MEMPHIE,^S
NEW HAVEN AND SALT LAKE CITY
FROM DENVER 157-203 3P

MURKIN, CR.

RE BOSTON TELETYPE APRIL EIGHT, SIXTYEIGHT TO
DIRECTOR AND RECEIVING OFFICES.

RE DENVER TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR, BUTTE, MEMPHIS, KANSAS CKTY,
LITTLE ROCK, NEW HAVEN AND SALT LAKE CITY, DATED APRIL
EIGHT, SIXTYEIGHT.

REFERENCED BOSTON TELETYPE SET FORTH INFORMATION
THAT VINCENT DE PALMA FURNISHED TO ATTD, DENVER, COLO.,
DETAILS REGARDING MINUTEMEN HIDEOUT ON FARM NEAR FAYETTEVILLE,
ARK., WHERE DE PALMA LAST SAW ROBERT DE PUGH DECEMBER TWENTYTHREE,
LAST. DE PALMA HEARD MINUTEMEN HAVE HIDEOUT IN A NATIONAL FOREST
IN MONTANA ONE AND ONE-HALF DAYS HIKE FROM NEAREST ROAD.

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DENVER CAN FIND NO INFORMATION IN AVAILABLE FILES INDICATING INFORMATION CONCERNING MINUTEMEN HIDEOUT IN A NATIONAL FOREST IN MONTANA WAS FURNISHED TO FBI PREVIOUSLY BY DE PALMA.

A REVIEW OF INFORMATION FURNISHED TO ATTD IN DENVER BY DE PALMA IS NEGATIVE CONCERNING ALLEGED MONTANA NATIONAL FOREST HIDEOUT.

RECONTACT INSTANT DATE OF ATTD AGENT KARL TERLAU, DENVER, INDICATED NO INFORMATION CONCERNING MONTANA HIDEOUT FURNISHED TO HIM BY DE PALMA.

BUREAU AND RECEIVING OFFICES, EXCEPT BUTTE AND MEMPHIS, RECEIVED COPY OF REPORT OF KARL E. TERLAU DATED JANUARY TWENTYSECOND, SIXTYEIGHT, CONCERNING THE INTERVIEW OF DE PALMA. THAT REPORT FURNISHED AS ENCLOSURE TO DENVER AIRTEL TO BUREAU CAPTIONED "MINUTEMAN", IS - MISCELLANEOUS, DATED FEBRUARY SECOND, SIXTYEIGHT. COPY OF THAT REPORT FURNISHED TO BUTTE AS ENCLOSURE TO REPORT OF SA WILLIAM H. BOOTH, JR., DATED FEBRUARY FIFTEEN, SIXTYEIGHT, AT NEW HAVEN, CAPTIONED "VINCENT PAUL DE PALMA, AKA."
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COPY OF ABOVE-MENTIONED ATTD REPORT BEING FORWARDED
MEMPHIS INSTANT DATE BY AIRTEL.

IN VIEW OF ABOVE INFORMATION, BOSTON INSTRUCTED TO
RECONTACT DE PALMA CURRENTLY EMPLOYED TRANSIT BUS LINE,
NEW PORT, RHODE ISLAND, AS INDICATED IN REFERENCED BOSTON
TELETYPE, AND ASCERTAIN SPECIFICS FROM DE PALMA CONCERNING
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BOSTON FURNISH BUTTE PERTINENT INFORMATION.

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FBI WASH DC

652PM URGENT 4/8/68 GJM

TO ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES

FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 2P

MURKIN

THIS IS THE CASE INVOLVING THE MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., ON APRIL FOUR, LAST, IN MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD ANYONE BE TOLD THIS INVESTIGATION IS IN CONNECTION WITH CAPTIONED MATTER.

IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT A RIFLE ABANDONED NEAR SCENE OF CRIME WAS PURCHASED BY INDIVIDUAL USING THE NAME HARVEY LOWMEYER OR LOWMYER.

LOWMEYER OR LOWMYER IS GENERALLY DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, THIRTY-SIX YEARS OLD, FIVE FEET EIGHT INCHES TALL, ONE HUNDRED FIFTY - ONE HUNDRED SIXTY POUNDS, BLACK OR DARK BROWN HAIR.

IN VIEW OF THE UNUSUAL NATURE OF THE NAMES LOWMEYER AND LOWMYER, ALL OFFICES SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CHECK YOUR INDICES, ALL CITY DIRECTORIES, ALL TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES COVERING YOUR TERRITORIES, ALL DRIVERS LICENSE RECORDS, ALL AUTOMOBILE

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HANDLE IMMEDIATELY AND GIVE TOP PRIORITY ATTENTION.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT - MEMORANDUM

TO : ALL AGENTS
FROM : SAC C. E. WEEKS
SUBJECT: MURKIN

For information of all Agents, this matter involves murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., on 4/4/68, in Memphis, Tennessee.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD ANYONE BE TOLD THIS INVESTIGATION IS IN CONNECTION WITH CAPTIONED MATTER.

It has been determined that a rifle abandoned near scene of crime was purchased by individual using the name HARVEY LOWMEYER or LOWMYER. (Possibly spelled LOHMEYER or LOHMYER.)

LOWMEYER or LOWMYER is described as white, male, 36 years old, 5'8" tall, 150-160 pounds, black or dark brown hair.

All offices are under instructions to check all city directories, all telephone directories, all drivers license records, all automobile registration records, voter registration records, and credit and criminal records under the names LOWMEYER, LOWMYER, LOHMEYER or LOHMYER.

Any individual identified as bearing these surnames should immediately be checked out covering the pertinent period.

LEADS: All Agents having liaison with respective police departments should immediately review pertinent records at these police departments and submit memorandum for instant file.

Each Senior Resident Agent should coordinate the matter in his respective territory and insure appropriate records described above are checked immediately.

INTRAOFFICE MEMO NO. 37

April 9, 1968

TLC/lrf

cc: 1-157-818

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Date: 4/9/68

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Via TELETYPE URGENT
(Priority)

TO: MEMPHIS
FROM: NEW HAVEN (157-818)

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ABOVE FURNISHED FOR INFO AND POSSIBLE ACTION BY YOUR
DIVISION.

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157-818-37

Approved: OK/b Sent 10:45A M Per he
Special Agent in Charge

FBI MEMPHIS

FBI NEW HAVEN

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FROM : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
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Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Boston, Massachusetts

April 8, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

MINUTEMEN

The following information was received from a source who claims to be familiar with activities and plans of the Minutemen:

The Minutemen had a general plan to foment civil strife by killing Negro Leaders, Martin Luther King, Rap Brown, and Stokely Carmichael and, therefore, seize power in the confusion. No specific time table set and Carmichael had least priority because he was already fomenting civil strife himself.

The Minutemen also planned to kill New York Attorney General Louis Lefkowitz and to kidnap and kill the United States Attorney in Kansas City, Missouri, for prosecution against the Minutemen and Robert B. DePugh, and Alcohol, Tobacco and Tax Unit Agents James Moore and Frank Belliki of Kansas City, Missouri, and FBI Investigator of the Minutemen in Kansas City whom they described as elderly, short and with gray hair.

They planned to place a bomb at the door of the FBI Office in New Haven, Connecticut, after working hours, not to injure people but to cause confusion.

From time to time, the Minutemen have conducted surveillances of individuals in their offices concerning these plans. The Minutemen members in Connecticut are identified as Doctor Convard, Optometrist, Bridgeport, Connecticut, George Brown, Fire Department, Waterbury, Connecticut, Thomas Hart, Bridgeport, Connecticut, Joseph Fabiano, 27½ Wall Street, Waterbury, Connecticut. The meetings are held on a farm in Naugatuck, Connecticut. DePugh has standing orders to blow up the courtroom or court house rather than let himself be tried and convicted.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

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APPENDIX"MINUTEMEN"

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