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Via **TELETYPE****URGENT**

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)
FROM: NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

Re: MURKIN

Re LOS ANGELES TELETYPE TO BUREAU 6/11/68.

THE FILES OF THE NEW ORLEANS OFFICE CONTAIN NO INFORMATION TO THE EFFECT THAT EARL ANGLIN JAMES WAS EVER SUBPOENAED BY ORLEANS PARISH DA JAMES GARRISON IN CONNECTION WITH GARRISON'S INVESTIGATION INTO THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY, OR IN CONNECTION WITH ANY OTHER MATTER.

DAVID W. FERRIE, DECEASED, AND APPARANT SUSPECT BY GARRISON AS A CONSPIRATOR INTO THE KENNEDY ASSASSINATION WAS INTERVIEWED BY NEW ORLEANS AGENT ON DECEMBER TEN, NINETEEN SIXTY THREE IN CONNECTION WITH THE CASE ENTITLED QUOTE JACK LEON RUBY, AKA; LEE HARVEY OSWALD, AKA. - VICTIM(DECEASED) BUFILE FORTY FOUR DASH TWO FOUR ZERO ONE SIX END QUOTE. FERRIE FURNISHED NAMES OF INDIVIDUALS WHOM HE SAID WERE SOURCES FOR QUOTE PHONY END QUOTE DEGREES. ONE OF THE NAMES HE MENTIONED WAS EARL ANGLIN JAMES, OF TORONTO, CANADA. NO FURTHER DATA AVAILABLE RE JAMES.

BUREAU CONSIDER ABOVE FOR DISSEMINATION TO LEGAT, OTTAWA AND RCMP IN CONNECTION WITH INFORMATION FURNISHED IN REFERENCED LOS ANGELES TELETYPE.

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Approved: *[Signature]*
Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO :SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

DATE: 5/7/68

FROM :SA STEPHEN M. CALLENDER

SUBJECT:MURKIN

At approximately 3:15 PM on 5/6/68, Mr. CHARLES I. DENECHAUD, JR., an attorney located at 1412 Pere Marquette Building, appeared at the Office along with Mr. CECIL M. SHILSTONE. Mr. DENECHAUD stated that he has represented Mr. SHILSTONE for many years and that Mr. SHILSTONE was insistent upon coming to this office to provide information.

Mr. SHILSTONE stated he is President of the Shilstone Testing Laboratory, Inc., as well as President of Shilstone and Associates located at 814 Conti Street. He started out the conversation by stating that in the past he had had an association with District Attorney JIM GARRISON in regards to GARRISON's probe of the assassination of President KENNEDY. He said that this association with GARRISON was strictly to give financial support to GARRISON's investigation. He said that at the inception of GARRISON's investigation into the assassination of KENNEDY and prior to the time that CLAY SHAW was arrested, GARRISON needed money to conduct his inquiry. As a result, GARRISON contacted SHILSTONE as well as WILLARD ROBERTSON and CHARLES RANCH (phonetic) requesting contributions. He said that these three individuals, as well as others, whom he did not name, contributed money to GARRISON and had formed a group known as "Truth and Consequences".

Mr. SHILSTONE stated his purpose in coming to this office was that in the past day or so, individuals have told him that there is a rumor going around New Orleans that SHILSTONE is the New Orleans industrialist and "political killer" referred to in the New Orleans papers a week or so ago in connection with the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING. SHILSTONE stated he had read these articles in the New Orleans papers and that he had no idea as to how these rumors got started. He said that the following individuals were personal friends of his and had contacted him and had told him about these rumors:

HARRY BATT, owner and operator of Pontchartrain Beach Amusement Park;



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LOUIS RONSELL, a New Orleans financier;

CLEM SEIRT, who is President of the National American Bank;

As well as a New Orleans physician whom he did not want to identify.

Mr. SHILSTONE stated that in the past he has been a political ally of Governor MC KEITHEN and had contributed to the Governor's campaign and had, in fact, "master-minded" the Governor's re-election for a second term.

Mr. DENECHAUD stated that about a week ago, he was informed by CARLOS CHIMERA, who is the operator of the Pere Marquette Garage, that CHIMERA had been informed by JOSEPH DIROSA that rumors were circulating that the person referred to in the papers as the New Orleans industrialist was CECIL SHILSTONE.

Mr. SHILSTONE inquired as to whether he was under investigation in captioned case and was informed that the writer could make no comment. However, this was not to imply one way or the other, that all investigations and information developed in any case conducted by the FBI was strictly confidential.

Mr. SHILSTONE inquired as to whether the FBI could make a statement that he was not involved in this case and was again informed the FBI had no comment. He stated that when people had told him about these rumors, he informed them there was nothing to these rumors.

He said he had not attempted to ascertain the source of these rumors.

Mr. SHILSTONE inquired as to whether his appearance would be made a matter of record and he was informed that it would be. He stated that he had no information in regards to captioned matter. He said that one of the things he was concerned about was that if this rumor about him became generally known, it might cause some Negro militant to shoot him the same as JACK RUBY had shot LEE OSWALD.

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At the conclusion of the interview, Mr. DENECHAUD stated that he had told Mr. SHILSTONE that it would do them no good to come to the FBI but that Mr. SHILSTONE still wanted to come to this office.

Mr. SHILSTONE was courteously thanked for his appearance at this office at the conclusion of this interview.

In addition to the above, Mr. SHILSTONE stated that he is also employed by the State of Louisiana in conducting saliva and urine tests on horses which run at Louisiana race tracks.

A review of the files of the New Orleans Office contain several references in regards to SHILSTONE in the file 89-69. This is the case involving the investigation of the Assassination of President KENNEDY and the references reveal that SHILSTONE was one of the original founders of a group known as Truth and Consequences in 1967. This group was made up of New Orleans businessmen who donated money to District Attorney JIM GARRISON to help him defray the cost of his investigation in the KENNEDY matter.

File 65-289 is an investigation of German activities in the New Orleans area in 1939 and 1940. Serial 66, page 33, lists one CECIL M. SHILSTONE, 8419 Sycamore Street, New Orleans. This individual is not further identified.

Serial 89, page nine of this file is the results of a credit check on CECIL M. SHILSTONE, 1662 Valmont, not further identified.

New Orleans file 76-2424 is captioned KENNETH NELSON BISHOP, Possible Parole Violator. This file reveals that information had been received that captioned subject had been arrested by the Lawton, Oklahoma PD and had in his possession credit cards of CECIL M. SHILSTONE of the Shilstone Testing Laboratory, 814 Conti Street, New Orleans, La. Investigation determined that previously Mr. SHILSTONE's wallet had been stolen.

New Orleans file 172-20-149 is a memorandum of SA REED W. JENSEN dated 8/24/67 in the case captioned DOUGLAS

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FONTENOT, Et Al, SPORTS BRIBERY. SA JENSEN interviewed the Chief Biochemist at the Shilstone Testing Laboratory, 814 Conti Street, in regards to various drugs used on horses inasmuch as this laboratory conducted various tests on the winning horses at the Louisiana tracks.

New Orleans file 172-16-61 is a newspaper article of the New Orleans States-Item, 10/5/67 in regards New Orleans domed stadium. This article indicated that the Shilstone Testing Laboratories was to conduct soil boring tests in regards to building the dome stadium. This article further related SHILSTONE is a political associate of the Mayor of New Orleans.

New Orleans file 62-2904 is a memorandum dated 3/4/58 from the ASAC to the SAC in which it was indicated that the Shilstone Testing Laboratory is an old and well-established business concern.

(504) 524-8395

CECIL M. SHILSTONE, P. E.
PRESIDENT

SHILSTONE TESTING LABORATORY, INC.
CECIL M. SHILSTONE AND ASSOCIATES, INC.
814 CONTI STREET NEW ORLEANS

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Cross reference found for Oswald



In Reply, Please Refer to
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Richmond, Virginia
December 16, 1963

RE: AMERICAN NAZI PARTY

PICKETING IN DALLAS, TEXAS

On December 6, 1963, a source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised that, according to Major ALAN JEROME WELCH, American Nazi Party (ANP), Arlington Virginia, ANP member JOHN EDWARD JOYNER was in Houston, Texas, on the morning of December 6, 1963. He was on his way to picket at the spot in Dallas, Texas, where President John F. Kennedy was assassinated on November 22, 1963, but the exact time of his expected arrival in Dallas was not known.

WELCH also stated that JOYNER might possibly visit the parents of WELCH; namely, PORTER OSWALD and MILDRED MARGARET WELCH, 2912 Iola, Houston, Texas. However, there was a possibility that he may have "Chickened out" and might have been malingering with respect to his journey to Dallas.

Subsequently, on the same date, GEORGE LINCOLN ROCKWELL, self-styled National Commander of the ANP, advised the source that JOYNER was in Houston, Texas, on that date and had borrowed \$20.00 from the parents of ALAN JEROME WELCH. JOYNER was expected to be in Dallas, Texas, either that night or on the morning of December 7, 1963, in order to accomplish his "mission" of picketing at the site of the President's assassination. ROCKWELL added that the ANP gave expense money to JOYNER when he left Arlington but JOYNER had spent most of this money "going from bar to bar drinking." He said this drinking could have been avoided if JOYNER had taken the "Oath against drinking" before leaving ANP Headquarters.

On December 7, 1963, PORTER OSWALD WELCH, 2912 Iola, Houston, Texas, informed that he is the father of ALAN JEROME WELCH. He said that on December 5, 1963, a young man who identified himself as JACK JOYNER, telephoned him and he later had breakfast with JOYNER in Houston. JOYNER said he was going

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to Dallas, Texas, where he planned to put on a demonstration in the uniform of the ANP at the site where President Kennedy was assassinated, however, JOYNER did not explain the purpose of this demonstration.

PORTER OSWALD WELCH added that he is fifty seven years of age and moved to Texas from Oregon. His middle name, OSWALD, was given to him by his parents in honor of a former governor of Oregon by that name who was greatly admired by members of his family. He said that his friends have joked with him about the name OSWALD since the recent publicity involving LEE HARVEY OSWALD, the alleged assassin of the President, but he pointed out that he had never heard the name of LEE HARVEY OSWALD before and that there was absolutely no connection between the two families.

On December 7, 1963, the source informed that, according to ROCKWELL, JOYNER had arrived in Dallas, Texas, on that date and was scheduled to picket at the assassination site between 3:00 and 4:00 p.m. Eastern Standard time on that date.

On December 9, 1963, ROCKWELL informed that he had just talked by long distance telephone with JOHN EDWARD JOYNER in Dallas, Texas. He said JOYNER had been arrested by the Dallas, Texas, Police Department, on the afternoon of December 7, 1963, after he had marched around the assassination site "about twice." He stated that JOYNER was dressed in the uniform of the ANP and that he carried placards to advertise the fact that FIDEL CASTRO was responsible for the assassination of President Kennedy. He added that when he heard about the arrest of JOYNER he immediately called the Chief of Police in Dallas and told him if JOYNER was not released immediately he, ROCKWELL, would catch the next plane to Dallas and personally fight the charges against JOYNER in a court of law. Shortly after this call, according to ROCKWELL, JOYNER called him to advise that he had been released.

ROCKWELL also stated that JOYNER had the right, as a representative of the ANP, to picket as he did in order to bring home to the American people the fact that CASTRO and communism were the real culprits in this vile act of killing the President. He said, if he had the money, and commented that the ANP is in the worst financial shape it has ever been, he would personally lead some of his "troopers" in a picket of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee in New York City. He could

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not understand why, in view of the fact that this Committee was obviously involved in the president's assassination, the U. S. Government is allowing it to still operate and openly have an office in New York City. With respect to JOYNER, he added that he was leaving Dallas for Houston, Texas, on December 9, 1963, and would then go to New Orleans, Louisiana, where ANP members would assist him to return to ANP Headquarters in Arlington, Virginia.

On December 10, 1963, PORTER OSWALD WELCH, mentioned above, advised that JACK JOYNER was in Houston, Texas, for a short time on the evening of December 8, 1963. He stopped by WELCH's home for "refreshments" and left hitchhiking for New Orleans, Louisiana, the same evening.

RESIGNATIONS FROM ANP

On December 10, 1963, a copy of a letter to "Commander GEORGE LINCOLN ROCKWELL, American Nazi Party, Arlington, Virginia," from "KARL R. ALLEN" was received through the mail at the Alexandria, Virginia, Resident Agency of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). This letter states, "Please accept my resignation from the American Nazi Party, effective today, December 8, 1963." A place for acceptance of the resignation, along with the date, by ROCKWELL appeared on this letter, but this portion was not signed.

On the same date, the above source, advised that at the regular Sunday meeting of the ANP, held on December 8, 1963, at the ANP barracks, 6150 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia, Major KARL ROGERS ALLEN, Jr., the Deputy National ANP Commander, submitted a "verbal resignation" from the ANP. The reason for ALLEN's resignation was not known but the source ascertained that ALLEN is now living at an unknown address in Washington, D. C., and has obtained employment with an unknown concern.

On December 10, 1963, the source added that Captain SETH DAVID RYAN, identified in the December 1, 1963, issue of "The Rockwell Report," an official publication of the ANP, as the editor of "The Storm Trooper" and the "Confidential Newsletter," other official ANP publications, had resigned from the ANP on December 9, 1963. The reason for this resignation was unknown and the current location of RYAN was unknown.

On the same date the source informed that Storm Trooper HARRY EARLE BLAIR had resigned from the ANP on December 9, 1963.

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BLAIR was reduced in rank from Group Leader to Storm Trooper and was transferred by ROCKWELL to the ANP in Los Angeles as punishment for breaking the oath he took against drinking. This was the apparent reason BLAIR resigned, however, the source did not know his current location.

On December 9, 1963, GEORGE LINCOLN ROCKWELL, advised that DAVID LEE FORD, a former member of the ANP, had been making threats to kill him. He noted that FORD had been making these threats to a current ANP member, namely, DAVID PETERSON, and PETERSON had told ROCKWELL about them. Because of these threats, which ROCKWELL said he felt FORD meant, ROCKWELL obtained a warrant in Arlington County, Virginia, charging FORD with "threat to kill." On the basis of this warrant, FORD was arrested by the Arlington County Police Department on December 7, 1963, and held under \$500.00 bond.

On December 7, 1963, the above source said he had ascertained that DAVID LEE FORD had been recently "kicked out" of the ANP because of alleged threats he had made to kill GEORGE LINCOLN ROCKWELL. He has been residing in a room with another former ANP member, HOWARD LEE MC CUISTON, over the Spot Tavern on North Oak Street in Arlington. According to the source, FORD officially denied that he had made any threats to kill ROCKWELL; rather, he said that he and MC CUISTON had been talking between themselves how, if anyone really wanted to do so, the killing of ROCKWELL could be accomplished.

The source also mentioned that FORD appears mentally disturbed and has made comments to the effect that he is now working for President Johnson and the U. S. Secret Service.

ACTIVITY IN DANVILLE, VIRGINIA

On December 6, 1963, the source related that, according to Major ALAN JEROME WELCH, ANP Headquarters, ANP members JERRY COCHRAN, OTIS COCHRAN, AND ALEXANDER DE FIELDS, who went to Danville, Virginia, on November 26, 1963, to try and locate living quarters to accommodate a "large number" of ANP members, have returned to ANP Headquarters. After their return, Major KARL ROGERS ALLEN, JR., and Lieutenant ROBERT LLOYD, III, made a trip to Danville to accomplish the same purpose.

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WELCH added that neither group was successful in locating the desired accommodations, but it is expected that by December 15, 1963, when MARTIN LUTHER KING is supposed to return to Danville, adequate living quarters will have been found.

On December 9, 1963, GEORGE LINCOLN ROCKWELL advised that accommodations had been located in Danville, Virginia, for an "ANP Command Post" and that he and some of his men will be in Danville on December 15, 1963, to "greet MARTIN LUTHER COON." He added that he will remain in Danville as long as KING does and will "provide the leadership the White people need in their fight to save the White race." He provided no further details.

NEW ARRIVALS AT ANP HEADQUARTERS

On December 6, 1963, the source stated that Major ALAN JEROME WELCH had informed that HOWARD JOSEPH CLARK, from New York City, had arrived at ANP Headquarters. CLARK related that he had served a prison term and was on probation for forgery.

On October 14, 1963, Chief MICHAEL FIORDO, Wellsville, New York, Police Department, advised that he had arrested HOWARD JOSEPH CLARK, RD 1, Morrisville, New York, on that date on a charge of disorderly conduct. He was involved in a fighting incident at Randall's Restaurant in Wellsville.

At that time CLARK informed Chief FIORDO that he was on his way to Arlington, Virginia, to meet with GEORGE LINCOLN ROCKWELL and that he was a member of the ANP. According to Chief FIORDO, CLARK was described as follows:

Name	HOWARD JOSEPH CLARK
Race	White
Sex	Male
Born	Lennox, New York
Height	5'7"
Weight	180 pounds
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Fair
Build	Heavy
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Released from Attica Prison,
Attica, New York, on October
14, 1963, after serving 7½
year sentence for forgery.

MISCELLANEOUS

On December 6, 1963, the source informed that according to Major ALAN JEROME WELCH, BENTON LEE JOHNSTON, an associate member of the ANP, had left the area to visit his brother in Bellefonte, Ohio. This brother has been identified by JOHNSTON as MORGAN JOHNSTON. After visiting his brother, JOHNSTON plans to go to Clearwater, Florida, where he will remain permanently.

On December 9, 1963, Mrs. VIRGINIA GREEN, Deputy Clerk, Arlington County, Virginia, Clerk of Court, advised that on November 29, 1963, an order was signed by the Arlington County Court committing DONALD WILEY to the Western State Hospital, Staunton, Virginia, for observation to determine if he is eligible, from a mental stand point, to be returned to society under probation for the crime of unauthorized use of an automobile with which he is charged in Arlington County. He was taken to this hospital on December 2, 1963, and will remain until the hospital authorities have completed the necessary observations.

It is noted that DONALD WILEY was the former Chaplain of the ANP. He was arrested in Emporia, Virginia, along with GEORGE LINCOLN ROCKWELL and ROY JAMES, on July 19, 1963, on a charge of unlawful and felonious conspiracy to incite the white population of the State of Virginia to acts of war and violence against the Negro population in violation of Virginia state law. These three individuals were indicted on this charge in Greenville County, Virginia, on October 1, 1963, and the indictment against them was quashed on November 21, 1963.

On August 4, 1963, WILEY was arrested by the Arlington County, Virginia, Police Department on a charge of unauthorized use of an automobile and he has been in custody since this arrest.

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Re: SCOTT NORDAL (LOOK ALIKE)

Date Property Acquired <i>4/19/68</i>	Source From Which Property Acquired <i>MARY MURPHY, 623 Royal St., NOLA</i>
Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit <i>Bulky Exhibit Room</i>	Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same <i>For laboratory examination</i>
Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same	

- 1. Clear glass ash tray*
- 2. Contents of ash tray*
- 3. Can of Miss Clairol Hair Spray*
- 4. Empty carton for DeWitt's pills*
- 5. Paperback book entitled "The Green Felt Jungle"*
- 6. Blue shirt box*
- 7. Shirt card board*
- 8. Match book from Court of Two Sisters*
- 9. Street map for City of New Orleans*

Lab Lab 4/22/68 SA Hughes

Evidence retained in Lab sec. serial 650
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Bulky Exhibit - Inventory of Property Acquired as Evidence
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Date **7-9-68**

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Date Property Acquired

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Grand Jury

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Bulky

Hold for evidence - 6 months

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366-3895
362-4413
366-6563**

SA Decker

SA 8/91

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FROM DIRECTOR 1P

IN VIEW OF POSSIBILITY OF RETALIATORY MEASURES TAKEN AS RESULT OF THE ASSASSINATION OF KING, IMMEDIATELY ALERT ALL SOURCES (RACIAL, SECURITY, AND CRIMINAL), WHO ARE IN POSITION TO POSSIBLY LEARN OF INFORMATION OF THIS NATURE. ANY PERTINENT INFORMATION DEVELOPED SHOULD RECEIVE EXPEDITIOUS DISSEMINATION, BOTH LOCALLY AND TO BUREAU.

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Brown advised 4/4/68

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-NEW)

DATE: 4/4/68

FROM : OTIS L. PAGE

SUBJECT: Assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr.,
RMJ

At 9-15 PM, Jacob A. Schaffner, MIG, New Orleans, telephonically contacted the office and advised that they had received information that there had been three fire bombings in New Orleans. The bombings were at 305 Milaudon Street, 329 Broadway, 7813 Teard Street. These addresses are all in the same general area. Mr. Schaffner stated the police were investigating the fire bombings.

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SA Brown advised.



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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-NEW)

DATE: 4/4/68

FROM : ASAC, JOSEPH T. SYLVESTER
~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~

SUBJECT: Assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr.,
RM.

At 8-05 PM, 4/4/68, BEN THOMAS, Associated Press Reporter, New Orleans, telephonically advised that the AP had received an anonymous telephone call from a person believed to be negro to the effect that unless the mayor "Schiro" did not offer a message of condolence concerning Martin Luther King by tomorrow there would be a riot in New Orleans.

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Frank L. Farnsworth, Secret Service, advised 8-23PM.

Thomas P. Reiley, MIG, advised 8-34 PM.

General Burbank advised by SA Litchfield 8-35 PM.

Dave Kent, NOPD Intelligence Unit, advised 8:35 pm

SA Alderson advised 9:20 p

SA Harnigan advised 9:25 p

SA Miller advised 9:27 p

Supr. Wall advised 9:30 p

SA Callender advised 8:30 p

SA Heibel workroom 8:30 pm

SA Hood advised 8:50 pm

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC

FROM : Otis L. Page

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER
KING, JR., RACIAL MATTERS.

DATE: 4/4/68

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R. At 10-10 PM, 4/4/68, an anonymous caller, believed to be a white male, telephonically contacted the New Orleans office of the FBI and stated he was calling from Alexandria, Louisiana. Caller stated he was a residence of Memphis and for obvious reasons he had to remain anonymous. Caller stated last Wednesday about breakfast time he was in the DOWNTOWNER MOTEL in Memphis, Tennessee. Caller stated that BERNARD LANSKY and his brother were sitting at the table next to caller about 3 feet away. BERNARD LANSKY, who is owner of LANSKY's Clothing Store, Beale, Street, Memphis, was talking to an unknown white male, about 26 or 27 straight black hair, 160-165. Caller said he overheard BERNARD LANSKY tell the unknown white male "Let's get the black m--- f---, if he comes back we are going to be bankrupt". Caller said he overheard the unknown white male say he wanted half now, and caller stated he saw money change hands. Unknown white male was to get the other half after the job and then leave town. Caller believed the price to be one thousand dollars.

Caller stated that LANSKY's clothing store was on the verge of bankruptcy already and this was the final blow.

Caller was asked if any other information came to mind that he failed to mentioned to call any FBI office and he could furnish the information anonymously.

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Caller stated Lanskys Clothing store was fire bombed last week.

Pfeiffer about 10:50 p.m. is checking w/ phone

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Date: 4/4/68

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Via TELETYPEURGENT

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
SAC, MEMPHIS

FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., RM.
RE NEW ORLEANS TELCALL TO MEMPHIS, APRIL FOUR INSTANT.
AT TEN TEN PM, CST, APRIL FOUR INSTANT,

ANONYMOUS TELEPHONE CALL RECEIVED NEW ORLEANS OFFICE FROM
PERSON BELIEVED TO BE WHITE MALE, WHO ADVISED HE WAS
RESIDENT OF MEMPHIS, TENN., AND THAT HE WAS CALLING FROM
ALEXANDRIA, LA. CALLER STEADFASTLY REFUSED TO IDENTIFY
HIMSELF, BUT FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

LAST WEDNESDAY HE WAS AT DOWNTOWNER MOTEL,
MEMPHIS, IN RESTAURANT, ABOUT BREAKFAST TIME. BERNARD
LANSKY, LANSKY'S BROTHER, AND UNKNOWN WHITE MALE WERE
SEATED ABOUT THREE FEET AWAY AT NEXT TABLE. LANSKY
IS OWNER OF LANSKY'S CLOTHING STORE, BEALE STREET, MEMPHIS.
UNKNOWN WHITE MALE IS TWENTYSIX OR TWENTYSEVEN YEARS OLD,
ONE HUNDRED SIXTY TO ONE HUNDRED SIXTYFIVE POUNDS, FIVE
FOOT EIGHT, STRAIGHT BLACK HAIR. BERNARD LANSKY WAS HEARD
TO TELL UNKNOWN WHITE MALE QUOTE LET'S GET THE BLACK
MOTHER F----- IF HE COMES BACK WE ARE GOING TO BE
BANKRUPT ENDQUOTE. UNKNOWN WHITE MALE SAID QUOTE
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Approved: *[Signature]*
Special Agent in Charge

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I WANT HALF NOW ENDQUOTE. BERNARD LANSKY WAS HEARD TO SAY UNKNOWN MALE WAS TO GET THE OTHER HALF AFTER THE JOB WAS DONE.

ANONYMOUS CALLER STATED HE SAW MONEY CHANGE HANDS, AND HEARD AMOUNT ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS MENTIONED. ALSO OVERHEARD ARRANGEMENTS MADE FOR UNKNOWN WHITE MALE TO LEAVE TOWN AFTER JOB. CALLER FURNISHED NO OTHER DETAILS CONCERNING THIS EVENT.

CALLER STATED THAT LANSKY'S CLOTHING STORE ON VERGE OF BANKRUPTCY, ^{WAS FIRE BOMBED LAST WEEK,} AND THIS QUOTE WAS FINAL BLOW UNQUOTE.

IMMEDIATE SEARCH WAS MADE OF PHONE COMPANY MARK SENSE TOLL TICKETS AT ALEXANDRIA, LA., AND PHONE CO. OPERATORS CONTACTED. NO INFORMATION DEVELOPED INDICATING SUCH CALL MADE FROM ALEXANDRIA, BUT DIRECT DISTANCE DIALED CALLS ARE ~~NOT~~ HANDLED BY AUTOMATIC EQUIPMENT AT LAFAYETTE, LA. INQUIRY BEING MADE WITH TELEPHONE COMPANY AT THIS TIME TO ATTEMPT REVIEW OF DDD TAPES.

NEW ORLEANS WILL KEEP BUREAU AND MEMPHIS ADVISED OF ANY FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS.

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-10673)

DATE: 4/4/68

FROM : SA Nathan O. Brown

SUBJECT: Assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR
RM

At 11:20pm, 4/4/68, NO 1242-R (PROB) advised that at the meeting of Unit 557, 4/4/68, JOSEPH and BERNARD OVERSTREET talked about going to Memphis that night in view of the unrest over the shooting of KING.

Both of the OVERSTREETs talked to JOE's brother in Memphis on the phone, and although they gave serious consideration to making the trip, they decided, at least while at the meeting, that they were available to come to Memphis at a moment's notice to protect members of the family. It was mentioned that it might not be useful to go now as the military was in control of the town.

Source stated both men were carrying sidearms at the meeting.

FRED ROTH, Commander, and Det. BILL KNIGHT, JPSO Intelligence Unit advised of the above 11:45pm. All night watch on BERNARD and JOE OVERSTREET's houses set up by JPSO, who will advise if either leave town.

① - 157-10673
1 - 170-336
1 - 157-10317 (JOE OVERSTREET)
1 - 157-10328 (BERNARD OVERSTREET)
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Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-10673)

DATE: 4/4/68

FROM : SA NATHAN O. BROWN

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR
RM

At 10:50pm, 4/4/68, SA KEVIN HARRIGAN advised he had been in touch with a source who advised that there was a rumble that some of the black militants were having a meeting on the night of 4/4/68 at Big Time Crip's Bar to "plan what action should be taken."

No further information available.

SA ROBERT HEIBEL, at NOPD Intelligence Unit Office, was advised of the above at 11:00pm, 4/4/68.

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1 - 157-10214 (WILLIAM SONIA)
1 - 157- (BLACK LIBERATION FRONT)
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : (SAC 157-10673

DATE: 4/5/68

FROM : SA NATHAN O. BROWN

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR
RM

Re New Orleans teletype to Director and Memphis, sent 4/5/68, setting forth information about BERNARD LANSKY as suspect in captioned matter.

As there appears a possibility that a print-out of the DDD tapes recorded at Lafayette, La., of calls from Alexandria to New Orleans, an inquiry should be made as soon as possible with Security Supervisor E.E. TURNLEY, SBT&T, Baton Rouge, La. to determine the feasibility of such an attempt.

TURNLEY is suggested as writer recalls discussing this matter with TURNLEY while TURNLEY was assigned at New Orleans, and it is writer's recollection that such a check is possible. This is a complicated process that should only be attempted in unusual cases.

Inquiry at TURNLEY's residence, Baton Rouge, 12:00 midnight, 4/4/68, determined TURNLEY at Atlanta, Ga., and can be reached by calling him at JIM HENDRICK's Office, Area code 404, number 529-8453, after 8:30am, 4/5/68.

LEAD:

CONTACT TURNLEY AS SET FORTH ABOVE TO SEE IF POSSIBLE TO CHECK FOR 10:10pm CALL.

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FBI JACKSVLE

1041 AM URGENT 4/5/68 MMH

TO DIRECTOR, JACKSON, NEW ORLEANS, MEMPHIS
FROM JACKSONVILLE /157-1534/ 3P

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. RM.

RE TAMPA TELEPHONE CALL TO JACKSONVILLE TODAY.

MR. EMMETT PETER, ONE THREE ONE NINE S. EIGHTH ST., LEESBURG,
FLA., TELEPHONICALLY FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION TO SA TED
R. TUCKER TODAY.

PETER STATED HE HAS BEEN A MEMBER FOR THREE YEARS OF THE NATIONAL
CIVIL RIGHTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE, WHICH IS HEADED BY SECRETARY OF
AGRICULTURE ORVILLE FREEMAN. THE COMMITTEE HAS FIFTEEN MEMBERS COMPOSED
CHIEFLY OF VARIOUS COLLEGE PRESIDENTS AND REPUTABLE INDIVIDUALS, BOTH
NEGRO AND WHITE. THE COMMITTEE WHICH MEETS FOUR TIMES A YEAR IN
VARIOUS LOCALES, TAKES TESTIMONY MAINLY FROM VARIOUS CIVIL RIGHTS
LEADERS, WELFARE PEOPLE, AND THOSE PEOPLE INVOLVED IN THE EQUAL
OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM.

ACCORDING TO PETER, A SOURCE WHOM HE DID NOT WISH TO IDENTIFY BUT
WHO ACCORDING TO PETER, IS ABSOLUTELY RELIABLE, ADVISED THAT ON THURSDAY
PRIOR TO THE RECENT ELECTIONS HELD IN MISSISSIPPI IN WHICH NEGRO NAACP
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LEADER CHARLES EVERS WAS A CANDIDATE FOR NATIONAL OFFICE, A ROMAN CATHOLIC PRIEST IN LOUISIANA, NOT FURTHER IDENTIFIED, RECEIVED A CONFESSION FROM A YOUNG WHITE MALE THAT A GROUP OF INDIVIDUALS HAD GIVEN THIS PERSON TWENTYFIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS TO ASSASSINATE EVERS. ACCORDING TO PETER, THE PRIEST WAS TORN BETWEEN HIS LOYALTY AND DUTY TO THE CHURCH TO MAINTAIN THIS INFORMATION IN STRICTEST CONFIDENCE OR TO TAKE THIS INFORMATION TO THE PROPER OFFICIALS IN ORDER TO POSSIBLY AVERT THIS ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT. PETER STATED IT WAS RESOLVED TO MAKE THIS INFORMATION KNOWN AND HE BELIEVES THAT BOTH EVERS AND THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES IN MISSISSIPPI WERE NOTIFIED.

PETER ADVISED THAT FATHER LOUIS TOOMEY, PRESIDENT, LOYOLA UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH, NEW ORLEANS, AND ONE AARON HENRY, NEGRO DRUGGIST, CLARKSDALE, MISS., BOTH OF WHOM ARE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE, ARE AWARE OF THIS PLOT AND SHOULD KNOW THE IDENTITY OF THE PRIEST INVOLVED. ACCORDING TO PETER, HENRY IS THE LEADER OF THE NAACP IN CLARKSDALE.

PETER STATED HE BELIEVES EITHER PERSON WOULD BE RECEPTIVE TO INTERVIEW, HOWEVER, SUCH INTERVIEW SHOULD BE MOST CIRCUMSPECT SINCE THIS INVOLVED A BREACH OF PRIEST AND WORSHIPER RELATIONSHIP SINCE THE INFORMATION WAS OSTENSIBLY OBTAINED BY THE PRIEST IN THE FORM OF A CONFESSION DURING A CONFESSIONAL PERIOD.

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PETER ADVISED HE DOES NOT KNOW IF THIS REPORTED PLOT HAS ANY CONNECTION WITH THE MARTIN LUTHER KING ASSASSINATION, BUT HE FELT THAT THIS COULD BE A POSSIBILITY AND SHOULD BE REPORTED TO THE FBI.

PETER STATED IN THE EVENT HE RECEIVES ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, HE WOULD IMMEDIATELY CONTACT THE OCALA RESIDENT AGENCY AND MAKE THIS KNOWN.

JACKSON AT CLARKSDALE, MISS., DETERMINE IF INFORMATION CONCERNING THE PLOT ON THE LIFE OF CHARLES EVERS WAS MADE KNOWN TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES. IF NOT AND IF NO REASON EXISTS NOT TO CONTACT AARON HENRY, JACKSON SHOULD INTERVIEW HIM FOR PERTINENT DETAILS CONCERNING THE INFORMATION FURNISHED BY EMMETT PETER AND THEN ADVISE NEW ORLEANS WHETHER OR NOT FATHER TOOMEY SHOULD BE INTERVIEWED CONCERNING THIS MATTER.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-
FROM : ASAC SYLVESTER
SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF
MARTIN LUTHER KING
4/4/68

DATE: 4/5/68

The Atlanta Office was instructed by the Bureau to notify the New Orleans Office to be sure the New Orleans Office had sufficient personnel available during the coming weekend to handle any situation that might arise. All personnel should be alerted to be most prudent in handling themselves in any Negro area so that any action on their part would not cause any problems.

Superintendent GIARRUSSO telephonically advised 4/4/68 that he had had a staff meeting and had placed his men on alert but intended to take no further action but there were three firebomb Molotov cocktails thrown in this area.

At 10:20 p.m., 4/4/68, I telephonically furnished information concerning the anonymous call received to Supv. APPEL at Memphis.

All SRAs were alerted, and furnished information to contact sources.

SA BROWN and SA HOOD came to the New Orleans Office to handle telephone calls and overall coordination of information, in preparing and sending of teletypes.

SA HEIBEL, who had been contacting informants and sources, ~~wase~~ sent to the New Orleans PD to stay in contact with the Intelligence Unit.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-NEW)

DATE: 4/5/68

FROM : SA RICHARD M. ALU

SUBJECT: UNSUB;
SHOOTING OF REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE
4/4/68
RM - CR

The following investigation was conducted by
SA JOHN A. PFEIFER at Alexandria, Louisiana:

DON HUDSON, Manager, Bentley Hotel, advised
that there were no calls through the hotel switchboard
to any New Orleans phones on the night of 4/4/68, and
the following are guest on 4/4/68 who were registered
as being from Tennessee:

R. COOPER, Memphis (no other address),
a driver for Herrin Truck Co., Room 331.

M. T. ROWLAND, Memphis (no other address),
a driver for Herrin Truck Co., Room 425.

J. C. STAFFORD, Memphis (no other address),
a driver for Herrin Truck Co., Room 506.

JAMES H. HEUSTESS, 830 Bresslyn, Nashville,
Metro Public Schools employee, Room 757,
checked out 4/5/68.

C. L. HUGHEY, 4014 Lamar Avenue, Memphis,
Room 430, registered since 2/18/68.

Mrs. MARGARET KRALEY, Manager, Imperial 400
Motel, advised there were no guests registered on 4/4/68,
as being from Tennessee and the following are the only
calls by guests to New Orleans through her switchboard
on 4/4/68:

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RICHARD FLYNN, 423 Baronne St., New Orleans, employee of Consumer Credit Corp., on 4/4/68 called 504-288-9271 and spoke for five minutes.

Mr. N. O. RUSH, Manager, Colonel Motel, advised there were no calls through his switchboard on 4/4/68, and no guests registered on 4/4/68 from anywhere in Tennessee.

Mrs. RONNIE LUNO, Manager, Luno Courts, advised that her motel has no switchboard or phones in the guest rooms and no one at her motel on 4/4/68 registered as living in Tennessee.

N. N. ALLUMS, Manager, Vista Courts, formerly Kerry's Motel, advised his motel has no switchboard and there are no guest room phones. No one in his motel on 4/4/68, registered as being from Tennessee.

SALLY LANDRUM, Clerk, Pelican Motel, advised no calls were made through her switchboard on 4/4/68 to New Orleans and the only guests there on 4/4/68 registered as living in Tennessee was W. C. STUDDARD (or STADDARD), 1744 Weir (or Wurr) Street, Memphis, who was in Room 221 with a Mrs. COGGINS, not further identified. (Agent knows Pelican Motel to be a "shack-up" place.

MIKE HUSTERD, Manager, Greenbrier Motel, advised no calls were made to New Orleans on 4/4/68 through his switchboard and the only guests registered from Tennessee are the following, who are all rooming together in Room 8:

LARRY HUGHEY, Box 64 Union City, driving a 1968 red and black Oldsmobile sedan with Tennessee license IZ 5776.

GERALD BASS, Union City, driving a 1967 beige Dodge Charger.

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Both work for Hughey Revell Construction Company and have been registered monthly since 12/6/67.

HARRY DUSCHANG, Manager, Cenla Courts, advised that his motel has no switchboard, and none of his guests on 4/4/68 registered as living in Tennessee.

CLARA B. FLOWERS, Manager, Paradise Motel, advised there is not switchboard in her Negro motel and no one registered there on 4/4/68 was from Tennessee.

The Epps Motel was determined to be a Negro motel and was not contacted.

The following investigation was conducted by SA PATRICK J. DENTE at Alexandria, La.:

The following individuals listed below were contacted on 4/5/68, concerning a possible telephone call from their premises to New Orleans on 4/4/68, and concerning any guests registered on 4/4/68, as being from the State of Tennessee, with negative results:

Mrs. DOUIE NOVSTRETH, Cavelier Motel Hotel, 3057 Masonic Drive.

CHARLOTTE HYNSON, Clerk, Alexandria Inn, 1212 Mc Carthy Drive.

GEORGE BARKER, Manager, Travel Lodge, 116 Mc Carthy Drive.

Mrs. HAZEL HOLLAND, Howard Johnson Motor Lodge, 700 Mc Carthy drive.

Mrs. ELVENA HANCOCK, Manager, Fleur De Lis Motel, 1000 Mc Carthy Drive.

NO 157-NEW

ENNIS G. DAVIS, Holiday Inn, 2300 Mc Carthy Drive.

Miss LILLIAN HURLOCK, Owner, Hurlock Courts, 2700 North Shreveport Highway.

Mr. J. C. JOHNSON, Owner, "71" Courts, 2809 N. Shreveport Highway.

The following investigation was conducted by SA RICHARD M. ALU at Alexandria, La.:

On 4/5/68, a records check by the below indicated individuals at the following listed motels re a male, not further identified, who called the New Orleans Office of the FBI at approximately 10:00 p.m. on 4/4/68, met with negative results:

ALBERT LOWE, Southern Motel, 3405 Mc Carthy Drive.

J. H. STROUD, Leroy's Motor Court, 1133 Mc Carthy Drive.

CECIL RANSBOTTOM, Ransville Motel, 3923 Mc Carthy Drive.

J. S. JOHNSON, Willowglen Courts, 5522 Mc Carthy Drive.

CHARLES GOYER, Ramada Inn, 2211 Mc Carthy Drive.

Miss PINKY EWEN, Springhill Court, Shreveport Highway.

A check of the above listed motels by the individuals indicated re guests with Tennessee address, produced the following:

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SOUTHERN MOTEL

JIM JONES, 4942 De Panne Drive, Memphis, Tenn.

CHARLES A. ROSS, 5072 Churchill Cove, Memphis,
Tenn.

RAMADA INN

WALTER S. DUNCAN, 217 Cumberland Street,
Memphis, Tenn.

An attempt to contact the following motels in
person and telephonically met with negative results:

Town and Country Motel, 5215 Mc Carthy Drive.

The Ring Apartments, 505 Lakeview, Pineville, La.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

DATE: 4/5/68

FROM : SUPERVISOR LELAND CRAIG RUDROW

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
RACIAL MATTERS

SA JOHN A. PFEIFER called at 1:15 PM to advise that a check of phone company records in Alexandria failed to reflect any call to the New Orleans FBI number from the Alexandria area.

He said further that a list was being compiled of persons from Tennessee registered at local motels and hotels and as of this time, there are approximately 15 to 20 persons on the list. He was instructed that when the list was completed, a memo listing the persons should be telephoned to the office immediately.

It is to be noted that further checks are being made on telephone calls through the telephone company in Atlanta, Georgia.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS

DATE: 4/5/68

FROM : SA JOHN A. PFEIFER

SUBJECT: UNSUB;
Shooting of Reverend
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
April 4, 1968
Memphis, Tenn.
RM - CR

Re telephone call of SA NATHAN BROWN on 4/4/68.

The following investigation was conducted by SA JOHN A. PFEIFER on 4/4/68.

At Alexandria, Louisiana.

Mr. LAMAR WATERS, Suburban Manager (Protect identity) of Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, was contacted and requested to search toll tickets for a call to New Orleans phone 504-522-4671 at about 10:00 pm this date and to canvas the operators to determine if any recalled discussing with any caller on the evening of 4/4/68 the location and/or phone number of the FBI in New Orleans or any caller inquiring about a number with which to contact the Alexandria FBI agents. He advised that he had had the toll tickets for 10:00 pm through 11:00 pm reviewed, and no such call located. He advised he had had the chief operator contact the others, and none could recall such a request. He advised a direct-dial call would only be registered on the computer tape at Lafayette, Louisiana.

Contact was made with the Imperial 400 Motel, since it is the only motel of any size located in the city, and they had no record of any calls to New Orleans that evening.

This information was furnished to SA's BROWN, BUCKLEY and LANCASTER.

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Date: 4/5/68

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TO: DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS
FROM: NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., RM.

RE NEW ORLEANS TEL TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS APRIL FIVE,
INSTANT, WHICH CONTAINED INFORMATION RE ANONYMOUS CALL BELIEVED
FROM ALEXANDRIA, LA. AND RECEIVED BY NEW ORLEANS OFFICE EVEN -
ING OF APRIL FOUR, LAST.

ON APRIL FIVE, INSTANT A CHECK OF MOTELS AND HOTELS
ALEXANDRIA, LA., CONDUCTED AND OF HOTELS AND MOTELS HAVING
SWITCHBOARDS NO INFORMATION DEVELOPED THERE WERE ANY TELEPHONE
CALLS PLACED THROUGH SWITCHBOARDS TO FBI OFFICE NEW ORLEANS.

NAMES OF INDIVIDUALS REGISTERED AT VARIOUS HOTELS AND
MOTELS, ALEXANDRIA WHO LISTED EITHER MEMPHIS OR OTHER AREAS
IN TENNESSEE, OBTAINED.

ED TURNLEY, SECURITY SUPERVISOR, SBT&T COMPANY CONTACTED
AND ADVISED ATTEMPTS WOULD BE MADE TO REVIEW PRINT-OUT OF
DDD TAPES RECORDED AT LAFAYETTE, LA., TO LOCATE ANY CALL TO
FBI NEW ORLEANS, AND RESULTS WOULD BE PROVIDED NEW ORLEANS
OFFICE. THIS IS A COMPLICATED PROCESS AND AS YET NO INFORMATION
RECEIVED FROM TURNLEY.

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FBI JKSN MISS

4:45 PM URGENT 4-5-68 VCG

TO DIRECTOR, JACKSONVILLE, NEW ORLEANS AND MEMPHIS
FROM JACKSON (157-9586)3P

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. RM.

RE JACKSONVILLE TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR, JACKSON, NEW ORLEANS,
AND MEMPHIS, APRIL FIVE, INSTANT; JACKSON REPORT OF SA R.
STEPHEN CARR, MARCH TWENTY TWO, LAST, ENTITLED "FRANKLIN
WAYNE BUFORD; SHOOTING INTO HOME OF JAMES CHARLES EVERS,
TWO FIVE FIVE FOUR QUEENSWOOD AVENUE, JACKSON, MISS., MARCH
THREE, LAST; JAMES CHARLES EVERS - VICTIM; CR - EL; VRA
NINETEEN SIXTY FIVE," AND JACKSON LHM MARCH SIX, LAST
ENTITLED "MEETING SPONSORED BY NAACP SCHEDULED TO BE HELD
JANUARY SEVENTEEN, LAST, JACKSON, MISS., TO SELECT NEGRO
CANDIDATE FOR CONGRESS, RM."

ON MARCH TWO, LAST, FATHER WILLIAM MORRISSEY (PI),
WHITE MALE, CATHOLIC PRIEST IN NATCHEZ, MISS., CONFIDENTIALLY
ADVISED BUAGENT HE HAD TALKED TO ONE "MOON HAZEL". FATHER
MORRISSEY REPORTED THAT HAZEL HAD BEEN HANGING AROUND WHERE
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EVERS HAD BEEN SPEAKING AND ON ONE OCCASION GOT INTO AN AUTOMOBILE WITH FATHER MORRISSEY AND HAZEL CONFIDENTIALLY ADVISED HIM THAT HE HAD BEEN OFFERED FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS BY AN UNSPECIFIED PERSON TO KILL EVERS.

BUAGENTS PROVIDED THIS INFO TO NATCHEZ, MISS., PD, WHO ARRESTED HAZEL ON MARCH TWO, LAST, ON A CHARGE OF DRUNKENESS. DURING INTERVIEW BY BUAGENTS, HAZEL APPEARED PARTIALLY INCOHERENT AND ADVISED HE HAD BEEN OFFERED FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS TO KILL EVERS BY AN INDIVIDUAL HE COULD ONLY DESCRIBE AS "AVERAGE AMERICAN NAMED JOE." HAZEL STATED HE TOLD THIS INDIVIDUAL HE WOULD DO THE JOB FOR FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS AND A TRIP OUT OF THE U.S. HE STATES HE SUBSEQUENTLY RECEIVED FOUR OR FIVE ANONYMOUS CALLS AT BARS AND PAY PHONES REGARDING THE "HIT," BUT HAZEL STATED HE HAD DECIDED NOT TO DO THE "JOE" FOR ANY PRICE.

HAZEL HAS BEEN ARRESTED APPROXIMATELY FORTY TIMES IN PAST ON CHARGES FROM DRUNKENESS TO GRAND LARCENY.

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NATCHEZ PD RELEASED HAZEL MARCH SIX, LAST, AFTER INVESTIGATION OF THIS MATTER, AND J. T. ROBINSON, COP, NATCHEZ, STATED HE BELIEVED WHOLE MATTER TO BE A HOAX AND A RESULT OF TOO MUCH DRINKING BY HAZEL IN LOCAL BARS.

ARREST RECORD REVEALS FULL NAME OF FORNEY MARION HAZEL, WHITE MALE, DOB [REDACTED] BOB DUNN, LA., HEIGHT FIVE FEET, ELEVEN INCHES, WEIGHT TWO HUNDRED POUNDS, FBI NUMBER FOUR ONE THREE NINE NINE EIGHT TWO. TATTOO OF STAR ON LEFT HAND AND "F M HAZEL" ON LEFT FOREARM. ADDRESS GIVEN AS ONE SEVEN ONE NINE COLEMAN AVENUE, WEST MONROE, LA., AND EMPLOYMENT WITH LOUISIANA DELTA PLANTATION, JONESVILLE, LA.

① NEW ORLEANS AT WEST MONROE, LA., DETERMINE WHEREABOUTS OF HAZEL DURING EVENING APRIL FOUR, LAST. AT NEW ORLEANS
② CONTACT FATHER LOUIS TOONEY TO DETERMINE IF ABOVE INFO IDENTICAL WITH INFO FURNISHED BY EMMETT PETER IN FIRST REFERENCE.
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PLS HOLD FRO ANOTHER MESS.

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TO DIRECTOR, JACKSON, JACKSONVILLE AND MEMPHIS
FROM NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)
ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. RM.

RE JACKSONVILLE TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR, JACKSON AND
NEW ORLEANS FOUR FIVE SIXTYEIGHT AT TEN FORTYONE AM, AND
JACKSON TEL TO DIRECTOR, JACKSONVILLE AND MEMPHIS FOUR FIVE
SIXTYEIGHT AT FOUR FORTYSIX PM.

INQUIRY AT MONROE, LA. KPD, APRIL FIVE INSTANT DETERMINED
THAT FORNEY :MARION HAZEL IS CURRENTLY INCARCERATED IN JAIL AT ~~NEW~~
MONROE, LA AND HAS BEEN CONFINED CONTINUOUSLY SINCE MARCH EIGHT
SIXTYEIGHT.

FATHER LOUIS TOOMEY, LOYOLA UNIVERSITY, NEW ORLEANS ADVISED
APRIL FIVE INSTANT THAT AT NO TIME HAS ANY INFORMATION EVER COME
TO HIS ATTENTION FROM ANY SOURCE OF AN ALLEGED ATTEMPT TO ASSASS-
INATE CHARLES EVERS.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-10673)

DATE: 4/5/68

FROM : William H. Deily, Jr.

SUBJECT: Assassination of
Martin Luther King, Jr.

At 1:00am, this date, Mrs. Richard Arndt, 1463
Pauger St., NOLA, phone # 947 5783 ~~x~~ telephonically
advised as follows:

Mrs. ~~Ranger~~ Arndt stated that she had in her possession
an article on the Kennedy Assassination written by a
Mr. Bill Berry of the Miami News dated February 2, 1967.
In this article it was mentioned that a police informant
had stated that a klan sman from Tennessee could just as
easily ~~assinate~~ assassinate Martin Luther King as
President Kennedy.

Mrs. Arndt stated that if Bill Berry of the Miami News
could be located, he might be able to shed more light on
the above mentioned article.

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TO: DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, DALLAS, AND KNOXVILLE

FROM: NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. OO: MEMPHIS
RE DALLAS TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND NEW ORLEANS

FOUR SIX INSTANT.

(91-2632)
RE KNOXVILLE TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR AND NEW ORLEANS FOUR TWO
SISIXTYEIGHT.

FOR INFORMATION KNOXVILLE, INFORMATION RECEIVED AT DALLAS,
TEXAS, ~~JOHNNY~~ JAMES JOHNNY HALL, OF TWO NINE SIX ONE GROOM ST.,
BAKER, LOUISIANA, WAS POSSIBLE SUSPECT IN ASSINATION OF
MARTIN LUTHER KING. HALL DESCRIBED AS RACIST WHO HAS INDICATED
MARTIL LUTHER KING WOULD ~~XX~~ BE A GOOD "NIGGER" TO KILL.

HALL ~~XXXXXX~~ REPORTED BY KNOXVILLE ARRESTED BY BUREAU AGENTS
AT KINGSFORT TENN. APRIL TWO SIXTY EIGHT FOR BANK ROBBERY.
HALL CHARGED BEFORE UNITED STATES COMMISSIONER SAME DATE.

KNOXVILLE AT KNOXVILLE TENN., ADVISE IF HALL IN CUSTODY
AT TIME OF ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, AND IF NOT ENDEAVOR
TO ESTABLISH WHEREABOUTS OF HALL ON AFTERNOON OF APRIL ~~X~~ FOUR
LAST

HALL SHOULD BE CONSIDERED TO HAVE SUICIDIAL TENDENCIES

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1251AM URGENT 4/5/68 JDP
TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND NEW ORLEANS
FROM DALLAS (44-2649)

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.; CIVIL RIGHTS. OO-MEMPHIS.

ON APRIL FIVE LAST, JOE CONLEY, DEPUTY SHERIFF, POTTER CO.
SO, AMARILLO, TEXAS ADVISED ONE DALE NEWBY WAS AT A PAY PHONE AND
WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK TO AN FBI AGENT. CONTACT WAS MADE WITH
NEWBY WHO ADVISED HE HAD READ IN NEWSPAPER CONCERNING THE
ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. AND BELIEVES THE MAN
WHO MIGHT BE RESPONSIBLE IS JAMES JOHNNY HALL. NEWBY SERVED TIME
WITH HALL IN FCI, EL RENO, OKLA. HALL HAS BEEN RELEASED FROM FCI
AND IS REPORTEDLY LIVING WITH MOTHER (NAME UNKNOWN) AT TWO NINE
SIX ONE GROOM OR GROOM ST., BAKER, LA.

NEWBY ADVISED THAT DURING TIME HE WAS AT FCI EL RENO, HALL
HAD NUMEROUS FIGHTS WITH NEGRO INMATES AND INFORMED HIM WHEN
HE GOT OUT HE WANTED TO KILL A "NIGGER" AND MARTIN LUTHER KING
WAS SINGLED OUT BY HALL AS BEING A GOOD ONE TO KILL. HE FURTHER
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*Rudman
advised*

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STATED HALL TOLD HIM HE WOULD KILL KING IF HE HAD THE CHANCE.

NEWBY DESCRIBED HALL AS FOLLOWS: WHITE MALE, AGE TWENTY-THREE OR TWENTY-FOUR, FIVE FEET FIVE OR SIX INCHES, ONE FORTY LBS., BALD WITH DARK BROWN HAIR AROUND SIDE OF HEAD, BROWN EYES, DARK COMPLEXION, SCARS ON ARMS [REDACTED]; TATTOOS ON BOTH ARMS (ONE DESCRIBED AS EAGLE ON LEFT ARM).

NEWBY ADVISED THAT HALL VISITED MEMPHIS FREQUENTLY.

NEW ORLEANS AT BAKER, LA. ENDEAVOR TO ESTABLISH WHEREABOUTS OF HALL ON AFTERNOON OF APRIL FOUR LAST.

HALL SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS HAVING [REDACTED].

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TO: DIRECTOR, CHARLOTTE & MEMPHIS

FROM: NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. ^{RM} OO: MEMPHIS.
RONALD BARDIN SIMPSON, WHITE MALE, BORN [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] HALFAX, N. C., USAF NO. ONE FOUR SEVEN TWO THREE
FOUR TWO SIX, IN LOCAL CUSTODY, LAKE CHARLES, LA., ON
VAGRANCY CHARGE. HE IS UNABLE TO GIVE ACCOUNT OF WHEREABOUTS
FOR PERIOD OF APR. ^{four} ~~two~~ LAST. HIS APPEARANCE MATCHES AN
ARTIST'S CONCEPTION PUBLISHED IN BEAUMONT ENTERPRISE
NEWSPAPER. SIMPSON CLAIMS HE IS ON XMAS LEAVE FROM THE
VA HOSP., DURHAM, N. C., AND HAS GENERAL APPEARANCE AND
DEMEANOR OF A MENTAL CASE. *Insect w/ photo*

BUREAU ADVISE IF SIMPSON WANTED.

CHARLOTTE CONTACT VA HOSP AT DURHAM TO DETERMINE STATUS.

NEW ORLEANS AT NEW ORLEANS, WILL SUBMIT MAJOR CASE
PRINTS.

MEMPHIS INFORMATION.

INFO FURNISHED BY SA WRIGHT, LAKE CHARLES.

① - New Orleans

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