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TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, DALLAS AND NEW ORLEANS
FROM KNOXVILLE (P) 157-1298

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. OO MEMPHIS.

RE NEW ORLEANS TELETYPE TO BUREAU TODAY.

JAMES JOHNNY HALL, BORN [REDACTED]

BROOKHAVEN, MISS., ARRESTED WITH DANIEL EARL KELLUM APRIL TWO,
NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT BY BUREAU AGENTS KINGSFORT, TENN., AND CHARGED
WITH BANK ROBBERY. BOTH STILL IN CUSTODY. SUBJECTS WERE IN CUSTODY
WHEN KING ASSASSINATED.

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TO DIRECTOR, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673) AND MEMPHIS
FROM CHARLOTTE (157-5800)

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. RM.

RE MO TELETYPE DATED APRIL SIX, INSTANT.

HARRY PROBST, NIGHT ADMINISTRATIONS OFFICER, VETERANS
ADMINISTRATION HOSPITAL, DURHAM, N.C., ADVISED HOSPITAL
RECORDS REFLECT RONALD E. SIMPSON BORN OCT. TWENTYFOUR, FORTY-
ONE, USAR NO. ONE FOUR SEVEN TWO THREE FOUR TWO SIX, FIRST
ADMITTED TO VA HOSPITAL OCT. NINE, SIXTYSEVEN, DIAGNOSIS SCHIZOPHRENIA
SIMPSON RELEASED ON LEAVE NOV. ELEVEN, LAST AND RETURNED
NOV. TWENTYFOUR, LAST. RELEASED ON LEAVE AGAIN DEC. TWENTY,
LAST, FOR RETURN DEC. TWENTYSEVEN, BUT GRANTED EXTENSION TO
JAN. NINE, LAST AND AGAIN EXTENDED WITHOUT RETURN TO HOSPITAL
TO FEB. FIVE, LAST. HOWEVER, PRIOR TO TERMINATION OF THIS
EXTENSION, SIMPSON DISCHARGED JAN, TWELVE, LAST, FOR MAXIMUM
HOSPITAL BENEFITS. THIS WAS ONLY RECORDED ADMISSION FOR
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SIMPSON AT HOSPITAL. HIS HOME ADDRESS WAS IN CARE OF SISTER, MRS. I. D. WHITE, THREE ONE ONE JACKSON ST., ROANOKE RAPIDS, N.C. HOSPITAL RECORDS FURTHER REFLECT SIMPSON NEVER MARRIED.

FILES, CHARLOTTE OFFICE, REFLECT SIMPSON ARRESTED DEC. NINETEEN, SIXTYSIX, BY EL PASO COUNTY, TEX., SO. CHARGED WITH VAGRANCY. HAD NO DRAFT CARD, HAD NO WALLET AND ADVISED HAD NOT REQUESTED DUPLICATE REGISTRATION. RECORDS LOCAL BOARD, HALIFAX, N.C., REFLECT SIMPSON CORRECTLY AND PROPERLY REGISTERED, CLASSIFIED FOUR DASH A FOR PRIOR MILITARY SERVICE. END.

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TO MEMPHIS (44-1987) NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)
FROM DIRECTOR 1P

MURKIN; CIVIL RIGHTS.

REMEAIRTEL APRIL SIX LAST AND NOTEL APRIL SIX LAST.

TWO LATENT FINGERPRINTS ON LIFTS SUBMITTED BY MEMPHIS. THESE
PRINTS NOT IDENTICAL WITH PREVIOUSLY REPORTED LATENT PRINTS.

LATENT FINGERPRINTS THIS CASE NOT IDENTICAL FINGERPRINTS RONALD
BARDIN SIMPSON, USAF NUMBER ONE FOUR SEVEN TWO THREE FOUR TWO SIX.

EXAMINATION CONTINUING. CONFIRMING.

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TO ALL CONTINENTAL SACS
FROM DIRECTOR LP

MURKIN

THIS IS THE CAPTION FOR THE CIVIL RIGHTS INVESTIGATION
TO IDENTIFY PERSON OR PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ASSASSINA-
TION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., IN MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, ON
APRIL FOUR LAST.

ALL INVESTIGATION MUST BE HANDLE UNDER THE PER-
SONAL DIRECTION OF THE SAC. LEADS ARE TO BE AFFORDED
IMMEDIATE, THOROUGH IMAGINATIVE ATTENTION. YOU MUST
EXHAUST ALL POSSIBILITIES FROM SUCH LEADS AS ANY ONE LEAD
COULD RESULT IN THE SOLUTION OF THIS MOST IMPORTANT INVES-
TIGATION. SAC WILL BE HELD PERSONALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY
FAILURE TO PROMPTLY AND THOROUGHLY HANDLE INVESTIGATIONS
IN THIS MATTER.

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TO NEW ORLEANS

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MURKIN

REURTEL APRIL SIX LAST.

THERE ARE NO WANTS ON FILE, IDENTIFICATION DIVISION,
FOR DONALD EARDIN SIMPSON, FBI NUMBER SIX NINE FOUR ONE TWO
EIGHT F, AF SERIAL NUMBER SAME AS YOUR TEL. BUREAU FUGITIVE
INDICES AND NCIC NEGATIVE FOR SIMPSON. FOR YOUR INFORMATION,
FINGERPRINTS SIMPSON COMPARED WITH LATENTS ON PREVIOUSLY
SUBMITTED EVIDENCE AND NOT IDENTICAL.

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TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, NEW ORLEANS AND JACKSON
FROM SPRINGFIELD (44-561) 3PP

MURKIN

ROCK ISLAND, ILLINOIS PD RECEIVED ANONYMOUS CALL APRIL SEVEN
INSTANT, INDIVIDUAL WEARING GOLD COLORED CLOTHING AT FORT ARMSTRONG
HOTEL CARRYING GUNS OR SHOT AT SOMEONE OR HAD BEEN IN MEMPHIS WHEN
VICTIM KILLED. THE COMMENTS NOT CLEAR. DETECTIVES LOCATED BILLY
RAY KING AKA. WILLIAM, WHITE MALE, DOB:

ST. JOSEPH, LOUISIANA, SIX FEET ONE, ONE EIGHTYFIVE
LBS., DARK BROWN CURLY HAIR, BLUE EYES, TATTOO DEVILS HEAD RIGHT
FOREARM, "MARGE" AND SMALL HEART UPPER RIGHT ARM, "GLENDA" LEFT
UPPER ARM, SIX INCH AREA ACID BURN LEFT FOREARM. PHOTOS AND MAJOR
CASE PRINTS OBTAINED.

KING INTERVIEWED, STATES EMPLOYED WITH KGW TOWING COMPANY,
GREENVILLE, MISS. LEFT HIS HOME ONE ZERO TWO ARLINGTON, LAKE
PROVIDENCE, LOUISIANA AROUND NOON APRIL FOUR LAST, WHERE HE RESIDES
WITH MOTHER GERTRUDE FRITH, VIA TRAILWAY BUS TO MEMPHIS, TENN.
ARRIVING MEMPHIS LATE AFTERNOON. AFTER ARRIVAL SEARCHED INDEXED
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WHILE HE WAS IN BUS STATION THREE OR FOUR BLOCKS FROM RAINBOW
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MOTEL. KING ADMITTED HE HAD STAYED AT LORRAINE IN PAST. BECAUSE OF RIOTS NOONE COULD LEAVE BUS DEPOT WHERE HE STAYED ALL NIGHT. EARLY AM APRIL FIVE LAST BEFORE DAYBREAK HE TOOK TAXI TO AIRPORT. HE HAD IN HIS POSSESSION PLANE TICKET WHICH HE CLAIMS GIVEN TO HIM BY KGW COMPANY FOR FLIGHT FROM GREENVILLE, MISS., TO ST. LOUIS AND QUINCY, ILLINOIS, DATED APRIL FIVE LAST. CLAIMS HE WAS TO BOARD HIS TOWBOAT, "GEORGE WEATHERS" AT QUINCY. WHEN ALL PLANE RESERVATIONS FILLED IN GREENVILLE, HE THEN TOOK ABOVE BUS TO MEMPHIS. ALSO AT MEMPHIS AIRPORT PLANES ALL FULL AND HE THEN CALLED JERRY WILSON, KGW CO., GREENVILLE, MISS., WHO INSTRUCTED HE TAKE BUS TO QUINCY. KING RETURNED TO MEMPHIS BY TAXI AND TOOK BUS TO ST. LOUIS AND QUINCY, ILLINOIS. HE MISSED TOWBOAT WHICH HAD PASSED AND HE THEN CAME TO ROCK ISLAND.

KING ADMITS OWNERSHIP SIXTYSEVEN BLUE MUSTANG WHICH CAR IS AT HIS HOME AND PAPERS FOR CAR IN NAME OF FRIEND, TRAVIS SHEFFIELD, ALTHOUGH HE IS PAYING FOR CAR. KING DENIES KILLING MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., OR KNOWLEDGE OF SAME. ALSO DENIES MEMBERSHIP KKK BUT HASTILY ADDED TO THESE QUESTIONS "EVEN IF HE DID HE WOULD NOT

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ADMIT IT."

NO CHARGES FILED BY ROCK ISLAND PD. KING WILL BOARD TOWBOAT
AT MIDNIGHT INSTANT DATE AT ROCK ISLAND.

PHOTOS BEING MAILED DIRECTLY TO MEMPHIS AND PRINTS DIRECTLY
TO BUREAU.

JACKSON VERIFY FACTS AT KGM COMPANY AND INTERVIEW JERRY WILSON
FOR ALL DETAILS INCLUDING DESTINATION TOWBOAT.

NEW ORLEANS INTERVIEW MOTHER FOR ALL PERTINENT FACTS. VERIFY
OWNERSHIP, DESCRIPTION AND PRESENCE OF CAR.

MEMPHIS DISPLAY PHOTOS TO WITNESSES.

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TO ALL SACS

FROM MEMPHIS (44-1937) 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.

IF UNABLE TO ELIMINATE ON BASIS OF ESTABLISHED WHEREABOUTS
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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SUSPECT MALE WHITE, AGE TWENTY SIX TO FORTY YEARS, HEIGHT FIVE FT. EIGHT TO FIVE FT. ELEVEN INCHES, ONE HUNDRED FIFTY TO ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY LBS.; DARK BROWN OR SANDY HAIR, COMBED STRAIGHT BACK. EYES BLUE OR GREEN; MEDIUM BUILD; COMPLEXION AVERAGE, SMOOTH. GENERAL PHYSICAL APPEARANCE; NEAT.

POSSIBILITY EXISTS SUSPECT IS NON-SMOKER. INDICATIONS WERE THAT SUSPECT RENTED ROOM BETWEEN THREE AND THREE THIRTY PM, APRIL FOUR, LAST, AND DEPARTED ROOM SHORTLY AFTER SIX PM. NO MATCHES OR CIGARETTES FOUND DURING THAT PERIOD, WHICH SUGGESTS SUSPECT MAY BE NON-SMOKER.

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

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MURKIN. OO: MEMPHIS.

RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE FOUR SEVEN SIXTYEIGHT.
GERTRUDE FRITH, ONE ZERO TWO ARLINGTON, LAKE
PROVIDENCE, LA. ADVISED LAST DATE HER SON BILLY RAY
KING LEFT LAKE PROVIDENCE, LA. ON APRIL FOUR SIXTYEIGHT
TO RETURN TO WORK. GIRLFRIEND MARJORIE KENNEDY DROVE
KING TO GREENVILLE, MISS. TO CATCH A BUS. FRITH STATED
SHE HADN'T SEEN OR HEARD FROM HER SON SINCE HE LEFT. A
NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN MUSTANG IN POSSESSION OF MARJORIE KKK
KENNEDY. TO BEST OF FRITH'S KNOWLEDGE KING NOT A MEMBER
OF KKK OR ANY MILITANT GROUP. MARGORIE KENNEDY ADVISED
LAST DATE SHE DROVE KING TO GREENVILLE, MISS. ON APRIL
FOUR, LAST TO CATCH A TRAILWAYS BUS ABOUT SEVEN PM. KING
PURCHASED TICKET TO QUINCY, ILLINOIS. ABOUT TEN FIFTEEN
PM APRIL FOUR, LAST KING CALLED KENNEDY AND STATED HE WAS
IN CLARKSDALE, MISS. HE STATED BUS COULDN'T GO ANY FUR-
THER AND HE TOLD HER TO PICK HIM UP AT DOWNTOWNER MOTEL.
SHE ARRIVED CLARKSDALE AT ONE O'CLOCK AM APRIL FIVE,
LAST WHERE SHE PICKED UP KING AND THEY RETURNED TO LAKE

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PROVIDENCE, LA. IN LATE AM ON APRIL FIVE LAST SHE TOOK KING TO KGW TOWING OFFICE AT GREENVILLE, MISS. WHERE HE WAS TO OBTAIN TRANSPORTATION TO QUINCY, ILLINOIS. SHE RETURNED TO LAKE PROVIDENCE, LA. WITH NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN MUSTANG, TWO DOOR, VIN SEVEN T ZERO ONE T ONE SEVEN SEVEN EIGHT ONE THREE BEARING NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT-SIXTYNINE LA. LICENSE EIGHT SIX F NINE FOUR EIGHT, DARK BLUE IN COLOR. KENNEDY HAS POSSESSION OF VEHICLE AND STATED KING PURCHASED INSTANT VEHICLE ABOUT TWO WEEKS AGO FROM TRAVIS SHEFFIELD AND VEHICLE PRESENTLY IN SHEFFIELD'S NAME. KENNEDY STATED THAT TO BEST OF HER KNOWLEDGE, KING NOT A MEMBER OF KKK.

NEW ORLEANS INDICES NEGATIVE RE BILLY RAY KING,
JACKSON AT CLARKSDALE, MISS. DETERMINE IF BILLY RAY

KING REGISTERED AT DOWNTOWNER MOTEL NIGHT OF APRIL FOUR LAST.

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Special Agent in Charge

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Longshoremen— Shut Down Port In Honor of King

New Orleans longshoremen, about 6,000 strong, stayed away from the docks, closing the port here today, as a show of respect and mourning for slain civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King.

Memorial services were scheduled, university classes canceled, some city workers were absent and some business establishments closed in the wake of Dr. King's death.

White longshoremen joined Negro longshoremen in the walkout which will continue until tomorrow morning.

ALFRED CRITTENDEN, president of the white union, local 1418, said his men would not be working today, "out of respect for the feelings of our co-workers over the death of their leader. They are our partners; we work only together."

John E. Morrill of the Sewerage and Water Board said that 206 of the S&WB's Negro employees stayed away from work at the board's central construction yard, Florida and Peoples. At other stations, employees were working.

Gov. John J. McKeithen, who is in New York, said, "Murder is the extreme example of defiance of the law."

"THE PHILOSOPHY of doing the act because one feels

in his own heart and mind he is justified could eventually lead us to anarchy.

"Those guilty of the foul murder of Martin Luther King must be brought to justice and dealt with appropriately and immediately.

"People of both races must rededicate themselves to the upholding of law and order. Changes in our society must be made under

"This man's dedication to the cause for which he stood has brought him some of the highest honors the world can bestow. Let us hope and pray that his death, rather than increasing bitterness, might rather bring a rededication to the cause which he espoused during his lifetime—nonviolence—with peace and good will to all men."

McKeithen said, "The people of Louisiana extend their sympathies and condolences to the next of kin of this latest victim and all others of both races who have lost their lives as the result of racial violence."

AT BATON ROUGE, a group of 150 students from Scotlandville High School began an orderly five-mile march to the State Capitol.

The students, trailed by city and parish police units, marched down the sidewalk along busy Highway 61 bearing signs with messages such as, "We're Not Going Down; We're Going Up."

As they neared their objective, the group was swelled by another 250 students from Capitol High School and the march was continued, with police units blocking traffic, down the Baton Rouge expressway.

The marchers passed the governor's mansion enroute and assembled on the steps of the Capitol.

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New Orleans Police Department heads called a meeting to discuss possible effects of the assassination in New Orleans. The meeting was termed a precautionary measure.

Police Supt. Joseph I. Giarrusso said today the department is maintaining a vigil but that he does not expect any kind of trouble. The city appears calm, he said.

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STATES-ITEM

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city's public schools, called King's murder "a great tragedy of our times—most inopportune, as tragedies can be."

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Douglas said he cannot predict the chance of violence in Louisiana, but added that Baton Rouge and New Orleans are the state's two "hot spots."

He said the NAACP will "pursue the same course of nonviolence."

Douglas was reached by telephone at Franklin, where he was attending a meeting of Negroes to promote a selective buying program. He said the mood of those at the meeting was one of great sadness but not of violent reaction.

JOSEPH DELPIT, NAACP Baton Rouge chapter president, said, "I feel the black people will not really react to peaceful demonstrations anymore . . . black people will do anything they deem necessary for total liberation."

Asked if the assassination would cause more violence, Delpit replied, "If there wasn't already violence, Mr. King wouldn't be dead."

Negroes, he said, "certainly will not sit back and let this sort of thing happen to them . . . I think it will be a matter of self defense."

"I FORESEE a lot of bloodshed if there is no improvement in Negro rights," Delpit said, however, that violence could be averted if whites now "do some soul searching" about expanding Negro rights.

"It's all in the hands of the white people," he said.

Clarence "Chink" Henry, president of Negro longshore Local 1419 here, called on all 4,000 of his union's waterfront workers to refrain from any demonstration in protest to the slaying.

"I know that our members feel this great loss very keenly and we are deeply shocked. However, I am asking all riverfront workers to heed the philosophy of Dr. King."

"LET THERE BE no demonstrations," Henry said.

"Let there be peace."

Henry said that no work will be performed on the docks by his union today or tonight out of respect for Dr. King.

"Today, we are shocked. We are deeply hurt and we are angry. The Rev. Martin Luther King, leader of the massive March on Washington in 1963, winner of the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964 and martyr for the cause of freedom in 1968, merits our everlasting gratitude," Henry said.

HENRY SAID, "the movement for human dignity in the United States cannot be stopped. The United States continued in the direction of human dignity even after the assassination of President Kennedy in 1963, and likewise the movement for human dignity must continue even after the death of Dr. King."

Mayor Victor H. Schiro said, "I pray that the perpetrators will be apprehended and punished and I hope that in the heat of emotion this terrible act will not beget more violence in Memphis or any other city."

"At a time such as this, all responsible citizens should join together to reach reasonable solutions to our problems," he concluded.

Mayor Schiro said he has canceled a trip he had planned to make for his health. "After the events of the last few hours," he said, "I decided it would be better to stand by my post."

NEGRO COMEDIAN Flip Wilson, who was performing at Loyola University Field House under the sponsorship of the New Orleans Concertium, said he was "emotionally on edge." Asked for his comments on the murder, Wilson said, "I don't even want to think about it."

In Washington, Sen. Russell B. Long, said, "It is a terrible and tragic thing. I hope some day we can settle our differences peaceably at the polls and control the criminal element that is not satisfied with settling things in the way our American ideals dictate."

Long, whose father, Sen. Huey P. Long, was assassinated in the Louisiana State capitol 33 years ago, said, "I know how a family feels when the head of a family is assassinated."

REP. F. EDWARD Hebert, D-La., said he hoped "reasonable people will realize the situation and remain calm. This was all brought on by so-called nonviolence preaching. King preached violence under the guise of nonviolence and you have to realize that violence begets violence."

"This should be a lesson to avoid violence. What amazes me," Hebert said, "is that people are amazed this happened. He turned against our country on the Vietnam war and was most vicious in attacking the President."

"This incident could set off a powder keg in America on which the fuse as well as the powder was inserted by those preaching nonviolence."

At Xavier University, classes were canceled and a Mass for Dr. King was celebrated at noon by the Rev. Kilian W. Downey, O.P., the Rev. Joseph I. Reardon, O.P., the Rev. Hubert Riley, O.P., and the Rev. Robert Villegas, C.S.C.

An ecumenical group of chaplains was planning a memorial meeting for Dr. King this afternoon at Tulane University's McAlister Auditorium.

AT DILLARD University, a memorial service opened with the school choir singing "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" to a chapel overflowing with students and adults of both races.

Earlier, university president Dr. Albert W. Dent had cancelled classes and ordered the flag flown at half-mast.

Dean of students Robert L. Polk spoke at the service and chastised students for going about their business normally after the first stunning moments when the news was released.

"If we can't find time to reflect on what has happened today," Dean Polk said, "it may be our last opportunity. We are all involved in what happened in Memphis by our complicity. We were there. We pulled the trigger."

He said too many have been content to let others do the work for all.

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Douglas said he cannot predict the chance of violence in Louisiana, but added that Baton Rouge and New Orleans are the state's two "hot spots".

He said the NAACP will "pursue the same course of nonviolence."

Douglas was reached by telephone at Franklin, where he was attending a meeting of Negroes to promote a selective buying program. He said the mood of those at the meeting was one of great sadness but not of violent reaction.

JOSEPH DELPIT, NAACP Baton Rouge chapter president, said, "I feel the black people will not really react to peaceful demonstrations anymore... black people will do anything they deem necessary for total liberation."

Asked if the assassination would cause more violence, Delpit replied, "If there wasn't already violence, Mr. King wouldn't be dead."

Negroes, he said, "certainly will not sit back and let this sort of thing happen to them. I think it will be a matter of self defense."

"I FORESEE a lot of bloodshed if there is no improvement in Negro rights," Delpit said, however, that violence could be averted if whites now "do some soul searching" about expanding Negro rights.

"It's all in the hands of the white people," he said.

Clarence "Chink" Henry, president of Negro longshore Local 1419 here, called on all

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STATES-ITEM

NEW ORLEANS, LA

Date: 4-5-68

Edition: RED COMET

Author:

Editor: GEORGE W. HEALY

Title: ASSASSINATION OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING 4-4-68, MEMPHIS, TENN.

Character: RM

or

Classification:

Submitting Office: N.O., LA.

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4,000 of his union's waterfront workers to refrain from any demonstration in protest to the slaying.

"I know that our members feel this great loss very keenly and we are deeply shocked. However, I am asking all riverfront workers to heed the philosophy of Dr. King.

"LET THERE BE no demonstrations," Henry said.

"Let there be peace."

Henry said that no work will be performed on the docks by his union today or tonight out of respect for Dr. King.

"Today, we are shocked. We are deeply hurt and we are angry. The Rev. Martin Luther King, leader of the massive March on Washington in 1963, winner of the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964 and martyr for the cause of freedom in 1968, merits our everlasting gratitude," Henry said.

HENRY SAID, "the movement for human dignity in the United States cannot be stopped. The United States continued in the direction of human dignity even after the

assassination of President Kennedy in 1963, and likewise the movement for human dignity must continue even after the death of Dr. King."

Mayor Victor H. Schiro said, "I pray that the perpetrators will be apprehended and punished and I hope that in the heat of emotion this terrible act will not beget more violence in Memphis or any other city.

"At a time such as this, all responsible citizens should join together to reach reasonable solutions to our problems," he concluded.

Dr. Albert W. Dent, president of Dillard University, ordered today's classes cancelled and said a memorial service would be conducted on campus.

NEGRO COMEDIAN Flip Wilson, who was performing at Loyola University Field House under the sponsorship of the New Orleans Consortium, said he was "emotionally on edge." Asked for his

comments on the murder, Wilson said, "I don't even want to think about it."

In Washington, Sen. Russell B. Long, said, "It is a terrible and tragic thing. I hope some day we can settle our differences peaceably at the polls and control the criminal element that is not satisfied with settling things in the way our American ideals dictate."

Long, whose father, Sen. Huey P. Long, was assassinated in the Louisiana State capitol 33 years ago, said, "I know how a family feels when the head of a family is assassinated."

REP. F. EDWARD Hebert, D-La., said he hoped "reasonable people will realize the situation and remain calm. This was all brought on by so-called nonviolence preaching. King preached violence under the guise of non-violence and you have to realize that violence begets violence.

"This should be a lesson to avoid violence. What amazes me," Hebert said, "is that people are amazed this happened. He turned against our country on the Vietnam war and was most vicious in attacking the President.

"This incident could set off a powder keg in America on which the fuse as well as the powder was inserted by those preaching nonviolence," he said.



—AP WIREPHOTO.

AT FINAL PUBLIC APPEARANCE before his assassination last night, DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING appears in a reflective mood while waiting to address a mass rally for striking Memphis sanitation workers.

4/8/68

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AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
(ATTENTION: LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION)

FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
(OO: Memphis)

ReNOTel to Bureau, Charlotte and Memphis, 4/6/68 at 6:52 p.m.

Enclosed for the Latent Fingerprint Section are the major case prints of RONALD BARDIN SIMPSON, WMA, born [redacted] at Halifax County, N. C., who was arrested by the Jennings, La., SO on 4/6/68 on vagrancy charges. SIMPSON is 6 feet, 150 pounds, and states he was arrested in 1966 in Tampa, Fla., for disturbing the peace. He advises he received 1967 Christmas leave, at which time he headed to the West Coast. While he states he was probably hitchhiking from Texas to Louisiana on Thursday, 4/4/68, he is vague concerning his location and SIMPSON is obviously in need of mental care. However, SIMPSON is similar in facial appearance to the artist's sketch of the UNSUB drawn by Memphis artist BILL HARRINGTON and carried in the Beaumont, Texas, Enterprise morning newspaper of 4/6/68.

The Latent Fingerprint Section is requested to compare the major case prints of SIMPSON with those reportedly found on the rifle or other latents submitted by the Memphis Division and advise interested offices as to findings.

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FBI DALLAS

10-39 AM URGENT 4-8-68 SCW
TO MEMPHIS AND NEW ORLEANS
FROM DALLAS (44-2649)(1P)

MURKIN

ABILENE, TEXAS WOMAN CONSIDERS DESCRIPTION OF SUSPECT FITS
MALE, FIRST NAME MARK, LNU, REGISTERED AT RAMADA INN IN TOWN
ABOUT THIRTY MILES EAST OF SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA NIGHT OF
MARCH TWENTYEIGHT, LAST. THIS PERSON WAS SUPPOSEDLY
SALESMAN FOR TOP VALUE TRADING STAMPS FROM ALEXANDRIA, LOUISIANA.
DESCRIBED AS SIX FEET TALL, RECEDING HAIRLINE. LAST
SEEN LEAVING MOTEL FOLLOWING MORNING IN RED CAR, POSSIBLY A PORSCHE.
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(Priority)TO: DALLAS (44-2649)
MEMPHIS

FROM: NEW ORLEANS (157-10673) (P)

MURKIN.

RE DALLAS TEL TO NO AND MEMPHIS APRIL EIGHT, SIXTYEIGHT,
SETTING FORTH INFO CONCERNING SUSPECT NAMED MARK LNU.

DALLAS SUTEL IDENTITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS, WOMAN AND
CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH INFO RE MARK OBTAINED. ALSO
FURNISH BASIS FOR THIS WOMAN'S BELIEF THAT MARK MAY BE
SUSPECT IN THIS MATTER. FURNISH INFO CONCERNING DIRECTION
AND POSSIBLE DESTINATION OF THIS INDIVIDUAL WHEN SEEN
LEAVING MOTEL MORNING OF MARCH TWENTYNINE LAST.

NEW ORLEANS HOLDING LEAD IN ABEYANCE PENDING ABOVE
INFO.

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FBI DALLAS

12-03PM URGENT 4-7-68 SCW
TO NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)
FROM DALLAS (44-2649)(1P)

MURKIN.

RE MYTEL TO NEW ORLEANS AND MEMPHIS APRIL EIGHT INSTANT
AND NEW ORLEANS TELETYPE APRIL EIGHT INSTANT CONCERNING SUSPECT MARK.(
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ABILENE WOMAN IS NANCY SAULNIER, THREE ZERO TWO LOUISIANA,
ABILENE, TEXAS, WHO STATES SHE SAW PHOTO IN ABILENE NEWSPAPER OF
SUSPECT. THIS WAS PRESUMABLY AN ARTIST'S CONCEPTION. INDIVIDUAL
WHO SAT AT TABLE NEAR HER AT DINNER SUBSEQUENTLY VISITED
WITH HER IN HER ROOM, CONVERSATION INCONSEQUENTIAL. SHE MERELY
SAW HIM LEAVING MOTEL. DOES NOT KNOW IN WHAT DIRECTION HE
WENT. THIS WOMAN HAS NO BASIS OTHER THAN APPARENT FEELING
MARK'S PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION SIMILAR TO THAT OF PHOTO SEEN BY HER.P.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

DATE: April 8, 1968

FROM : SA PAUL R. LANCASTER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re telephone call from Supervisor LEE RUDROW 4/8/68.

On 4/8/68, the following establishments were checked and they all advised that during the previous week they said no one registered in their establishment from Tennessee, especially Memphis, Tennessee:

Mrs. GLADYS E. REITH
Manager
Ring Apartments
535 Lakeview
Pineville, Louisiana

These are regular apartments and rental is usually on a weekly or monthly basis.

Mrs. THERESA JOHNSON,
Manager
Town and Country Motel
5215 Mac Arthur Drive
Alexandria, Louisiana

She rents to both whites and colored. There have been no strangers or out of town customers during the previous week.

Mrs. LOLA BELL EPPS
Owner
Epps Motel
Tenth Packing House Road
Alexandria, La.

Mrs. EPPS only rents to Negroes.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

DATE: 4/8/68

FROM : SA JAMES W. SMITH

SUBJECT: MURKIN

The following investigation was conducted by
SA JAMES W. SMITH at Minden, La., on 4/8/68:

Mr. CLARENCE FISH, Manager, Ramada Inn, Minden,
made available his file which showed a registration for
the night of 3/20/68 as NANCY SAULNIER, 302 Louisiana Ave.,
Abilene, Texas. SAULNIER was driving a 1966 Pontiac white,
1968 Virginia licenes A480697. SAULNIER checked out of the
Ramada Inn at 7:53 a.m., 3/21/68. On rear bumper of SAULNIER's
car was a sticker, Dyess Air Force Base, written on it.

On the same night, 3/20/68, MARK RUELL, registered
for one night at Ramda Inn and he checked out at 7:53 a.m.,
3/21/68, the same time as SAULNIER.

RUELL is well known to Mr. FISH as the manager of
Top Value Stamps, Inc., Alexandria, La. His address as listed
on registration card was 1000 Grebell Ave., Alexandria, La.
FISH statd that RUELL is known to drive a late model red MG
or Porche automobile. FISH described RUELL as follows:

Age	35
Height	6'
Weight	160-170
Hair	Receding hair line

He also stated that RUELL has some sort of difficulty
with his arms, one being slightly shorter than the other.

He advised that RUELL is well known to him and has
been a guest at the Ramada Inn on many occasions. He recalls
seeing RUELL at the Ramada Inn about one week ago either
last Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday night. He also advised
that RUELL has had with him a number of salesman that work
with him in Top Value Stamps, Alexandria.

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Memorandum

TO :

SAC

(157-10673)

DATE:

4/8/68

FROM :

ASAC SYLVESTER

SUBJECT:

MURKIN

Supv. RICHARD LONG, Civil Rights Division, Bureau, advised that he and ED McDONOGH were handling instant case. He advised that in a small bag they had recovered some shorts and shirts in which they had discovered laundry marks and set out leads but they would have to expand the leads.

On the gun, the UNSUB had gone to Birmingham and purchased the gun on 3/29/68, returned complaining but had a telescopic sight put on it in Birmingham on 3/30/68. On 4/4/68 a pair of binoculars had been purchased in Memphis; that latent fingerprints on the binoculars and on the gun matched.

I inquired when the field was going to get some information to assist in covering leads and he stated a teletype and airtel were being prepared and coming out. He advised that in the airtel would be leads to furnish names, etc., of hate group members and klansmen for comparison against the latent fingerprints.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-)

FROM : ASAC SYLVESTER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/8/68

In discussing this matter with SAC JENSEN of Memphis, he advised that the pertinent period that has to be resolved in reference to any suspects that might be developed in this case is the period 3/29 and 3/30/68 when suspect travelled to Birmingham and purchased a gun; and 4/4/68 in Memphis when MARTIN LUTHER KING was shot.

All investigation must be completed and teletyped to office of origin and Bureau on same day, and an FD-302 prepared on the results of the investigation and forwarded with 25 copies to Memphis immediately following transmission of the teletype.

The airtel should be set up with a subcaption under the name of the suspect with a brief synopsis setting forth the investigation being forwarded by 302, which will enable Memphis to coordinate and handle the reporting of this case.

SA CALLENDER should immediately get out a memorandum to all Agents giving them the benefit of the instructions in this matter. The Bureau stated this will be handled under the personal supervision of the SAC, who will be held accountable for the appropriate, thorough handling of all leads.

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TO DIRECTOR, BIRMINGHAM, MEMPHIS, NEW ORLEANS, SEATTLE.
FROM SALT LAKE CITY 44-253 P 5P

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MURKIN, CR. OO MEMPHIS.

RE BOSTON AND DENVER TELS APRIL EIGHT, NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT.

RE INFORMATION FURNISHED BY VINCENT JAMES DE PALMA SUGGESTING
IF MINUTEMAN KILLED KING, ASSASSIN COULD BE MIKE (LNU) FROM TEXAS,
DESCRIBED AS WHITE, MALE, ITALIAN EXTRACTION, TWENTYSIX XEARS,
FIVE FEET TEN INCHES, ONE SEVEN ZERO POUNDS, LIGHT COMPLEXION,
THICK, BLACK, CURLY HAIR. ACCORDING TO DE PALMA, MIKE OWNED
WHITE MILK TRUCK, BEARING KANSAS LICENSE.

FOLLOWING INFORMATION DEVELOPED SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH, FROM
INVESTIGATION IN FILE "ROBERT BOLIVAR DE PUGH - FUG.; WALTER
PATRICK PEYSON, AKA - FUG.; ET AL; BR - CONSPIRACY," OO SEATTLE.
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ON SEPTEMBER TWELVE, SIXTYSEVEN, INDIVIDUAL USING NAME WALTER R. JENNINGS, ACCOMPANIED BY ONE "BILL", RENTED HOUSE ON PROPERTY OF THOMAS SAND AND GRAVEL COMPANY NORTH OF SALT LAKE CITY.

JENNINGS IN POSSESSION OF WHITE DELIVERY TRUCK, WITH OUT OF STATE LICENSE. "BILL" DRIVING NINETEEN FIFTYSEVEN TWO-TONE CHEVROLET.

WHEN THEY MOVED IN, RENTAL SIGN ON HOUSE WAS TURNED OVER AND

"TOPAX MINING COMPANY" WRITTEN ON REVERSE. NO RECORD THIS

COMPANY OPERATING IN UTAH. JENNINGS DESCRIBED AS WHITE, MALE,

THIRTYFOUR TO THIRTYSIX YEARS, FIVE FEET TEN INCHES, MEDIUM

BUILD, BLACK HAIR, HEAVY SOUTHERN ACCENT. #BILL# BELIEVED IDENTI-

CAL WITH WALTER PATRICK PEYSON. BY LETTER POSTMARKED DECEMBER

FIFTEEN, SIXTYSEVEN, AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, JENNINGS FORWARDED

RENT FOR ABOVE HOUSE FOR JANUARY. JENNINGS AND #BILL" BELIEVED

TO HAVE MOVED OUT OF HOUSE EARLY JANUARY, NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT.

ON JANUARY EIGHT, SIXTYEIGHT, PEYSON, USING NAME BILL

ERICKSON, RENTED HOUSE AT THREE TWO TWO NORTH NINTH WEST, SALT

LAKE CITY. WAS ACCOMPANIED BY INDIVIDUAL, NOT DESCRIBED, WHO LEFT

WITHIN DAY OR SO. PEYSON LIVED THIS ADDRESS UNTIL MARCH FIVE,

SIXTYEIGHT, WHEN APPARENTLY LEFT SALT LAKE CITY. DURING THIS

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PERIOD WAS IN POSSESSION WHITE DELIVERY TRUCK, WITH OUT-OF-STATE LICENSE. PEYSON UNEMPLOYED DURING THIS PERIOD BUT HAD PRINTING EQUIPMENT IN HOUSE, WHICH HE MOVED OUT MARCH FIVE, SIXTYEIGHT.

ON JANUARY EIGHTEEN, SIXTYEIGHT, PEYSON WAS ACCOMPANIED BY INDIVIDUAL USING NAME MIKE FREEMAN, DESCRIBED AS WHITE, MALE, TWENTYSIX YEARS, FIVE FEET EIGHT INCHES, BLACK WAVY HAIR, STOCKY BUILD, HAVING SOUTHERN ACCENT, AND DRIVING NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE WHITE CHEVROLET, WITH LOUISIANA LICENSE. FREEMAN ALSO OBSERVED IN SALT LAKE CITY, MARCH FIVE, SIXTYEIGHT, HELPING PEYSON MOVE PRINTING EQUIPMENT. FREEMAN PROBABLY IDENTICAL WITH WALTER R. JENNINGS. NEW ORLEANS CONDUCTING INVESTIGATION TO IDENTIFY FREEMAN.

ON FEBRUARY TWENTYSIX, SIXTYEIGHT, A HOUSE IN CLEVELAND, UTAH, RENTED BY ONE BILL ANDERSON AND HIS SON. THEY WERE DRIVING WHITE DELIVERY TRUCK, WITH OUT-OF-STATE LICENSE PLATES. ANDERSON AND SON POSSIBLY IDENTICAL WITH DE PUG ASON. THE SON LIVED AT CLEVELAND APPROXIMATELY TWO WEEKS AND NO ACTIVITY SEEN AT HOUSE SINCE THAT TIME. HOUSE CHECKED AS RECENTLY AS APRIL EIGHT, SIXTYEIGHT, AND DETERMINED TO BE EMPTY.

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ON MARCH TEN, SIXTYEIGHT, LARRY RUSSELL JAUSSE, AT REQUEST OF PEYSON, KNOWN TO HIM AS BILL ERICKSON, WENT TO CLEVELAND, UTAH AND DROVE DELIVERY TRUCK BACK TO SALT LAKE CITY. JAUSSE SUPPOSEDLY WILL BE CONTACTED AS TO DISPOSITION OF TRUCK, WHICH IS STILL IN HIS POSSESSION. WHEN JAUSSE RECOVERED TRUCK IT BORE UTAH DEALER'S LICENSE PLATE STOLEN FROM DEALER AT GARLAND, UTAH. JAUSSE HAS NO FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING TRUCK BUT BELIEVES WILL BE CONTACTED. JAUSSE IS MEMBER OF PATRIOTIC PARTY BUT APPEARS COOPERATIVE.

ON MARCH TWENTYSIX, SIXTYEIGHT, PEYSON PHONED GIRL FRIEND, SALT LAKE CITY, HOWEVER REFUSED TO FURNISH ANY INFORMATION AS TO WHEREABOUTS OR ACTIVITIES AND STATED WOULD BE "LONG TIME" BEFORE HE COULD CALL AGAIN. HE INDICATED HE WAS CONSTANTLY MOVING.

IT APPEARS MIKE, REFERRED TO BY DE PALMA, MAY BE IDENTICAL WITH INDIVIDUAL KNOWN IN UTAH AS MIKE FREEMAN AND WALTER R. JENNINGS.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING TO DETERMINE OWNERSHIP OF WHITE DELIVERY TRUCK IN POSSESSION OF JAUSSE.

NEW ORLEANS REQUESTED TO EXPEDITE INVESTIGATION TO IDENTIFY MIKE FREEMAN.

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SEATTLE REVIEW BANK ROBBERY FILE REGARDING DE PUGH AND
PEYSON FOR INFORMATION AS TO POSSIBLE IDENTITY OF MIKE, REFERRED
TO BY DE PALMA.

PH, BUTTE, DENVER, KANSAS CITY AND LITTLE ROCK ADVISED AIR MAIL.

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EACH OFFICE ADVISED SEPERATLY

END ACK

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5:57 PM URGENT 4-5:52 AMS

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, ALBANY, LOS ANGELES, NEW ORLEANS (INFO)
PHILADELPHIA AND SACRAMENTO (INFO).
FROM NEW YORK 44-1509

MURKIN; CIVIL RIGHTS; OO: MEMPHIS.

RE NY TEL TO THE BUREAU DATED APRIL SEVEN AND APRIL
EIGHT LAST AND ME TEL TO ALL SACS DATED APRIL SEVEN LAST.

FOR INFORMATION, BIRMINGHAM ADVISED UNSUB USED NAME HARVEY
LOWMEYER WHEN PURCHASING RIFLE IN BIRMINGHAM AND NAME JOHN
WILLARD IN REGISTRATION AT ME. BIRMINGHAM REQUESTED NY OFFICE
TO CONTACT DINERS CLUB TO DETERMINE IF EITHER NAME APPEARED AS
CREDIT CARD HOLDERS AND THEREAFTER SET OUT APPROPRIATE LEADS TO
ELIMINATE OR IDENTIFY AS UNSUB THIS CASE.

REVIEW OF DINERS CLUB'S RECORDS AT NEW YORK REVEALS NO
CREDIT CARD FOR HARVEY LOWMEYER.

RECORDS REFLECT THE FOLLOWING DINERS CLUB ACCOUNTS UNDER
THE NAME JOHN WILLARD:

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JOHN F. WILLARD, WILLARD GENERAL TIRE SERVICE, INC.,
TWO THREE NINE WEST KING STREET, YORK, PENNSYLVANIA.

THIS ACCOUNT NUMBER [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HAS BEEN ACTIVE SINCE NINETEEN HUNDRED FIFTY THREE.

PH CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION TO ELIMINATE OR
IDENTIFY JOHN F. WILLARD AS UNSUB THIS CASE.

JOHN W. WILLARD, WIFE MARY R. WILLARD, ONE THREE FIVE
HAMPTON ROAD, SYRACUSE, NEW YORK, TELEPHONE NUMBER
GE NINE DASH NINE SEVEN FOUR FIVE, DINERS CLUB ACCOUNT
NUMBER [REDACTED] E [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] DINERS CLUB RECORDS REFLECT WILLARD AS PRESIDENT
OF J.W. WILLARD ASSOCIATES, INC. EMPLOYMENT AGENCY, TWO
TWO ZERO SOUTH WARREN STREET, SYRACUSE, NEW YORK,
TELEPHONE NUMBER FOUR TWO TWO DASH FIVE ONE ONE ONE,
AND HAS BANK ACCOUNT AT MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK AND TRUST
COMPANY, SYRACUSE, NEW YORK.

HIS SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER IS RECORDED AS [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] AND HE HAS
OPERATED ABOVE BUSINESS FOR PAST ELEVEN YEARS. THE ACCOUNT
WAS OPENED OCTOBER THIRTY, NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN, AND
IS PRESENTLY AN ACTIVE ACCOUNT.

AL CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION TO ELIMNATE
OF IDENTIFY JOHN W. WILLARD AS UNSUB THIS CASE.

JOHN D. WILLARD, JR., AGE TWENTY EIGHT IN NINETEEN
SIXTYFIVE, DINERS CLUB ACCOUNT NUMBER [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], RESIDED AT FOUR FOUR ZERO
SEVEN BEACH STREET, LANCASTER, CALIFORNIA, TELEPHONE
NUMBER LI OR MI EIGHT DASH FIVE FOUR THREE EIGHT AS OF
NINETEEN SIXTYFIVE, AT WHICH TIME HE WAS DESCRIBED AS
BEING SINGLE. PRIOR TO THIS DATE, HE WAS FIRST LIEUTENANT
AT EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, CALIFORNIA, FOR THREE YEARS.
THIS ACCOUNT WAS CLOSED AT MEMBER'S REQUEST, MAY NINETEEN,
NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN. ACCOUNT HISTORY IDENTIFIES FATHER
AS ~~JOHN D. WILLARD, SR.~~, FOUR ONE FOUR CHICASAND STREET,
SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA, AND REFLECTS WILLARD, JR., MAINTAINED
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A BANK ACCOUNT AT THE COMMERCIAL NATIONAL BANK, SHREVEPORT,
LA. HE LISTED HIS PERSONAL REFERENCE AS KEN SMITH,
FOUR FOUR ZERO SEVEN BEACH STREET, LANCASTER, CALIFORNIA,
AND A CHARGE ACCOUNT AT KELEK, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS.

THE ABOVE INFORMATION WAS OBTAINED TELEPHONICALLY FROM
DINERS CLUB, LOS ANGELES BY DINERS CLUB, NEW YORK.

LA CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION TO
ELIMINATE OR IDENTIFY JOHN D. WILLARD, JR., AS UNSUB
THIS CASE.

END

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Date: APRIL 8, 1968

Transmit the following in PLAIN TEXT
(Type in plaintext or code)Via TELETYPE URGENT
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, SALT LAKE CITY

FROM: NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

MURKIN

RE SALT LAKE CITY TELETYPE TODAY.

NEW ORLEANS IS NOT IN RECEIPT OF ANY TELETYPES FROM
BOSTON OR DENVER INSTANT DATE. NEW ORLEANS HAS NO INFORE MIKE ~~XX~~ FREEMAN OR WALTER R. JENNINGS.

SALT LAKE CITY SUTEL.

SMC:

Approved: [Signature]
Special Agent in ChargeSent 6:47 6:52 6:54 M Per CDCFBI
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5-00PM URGENT 4/8/68 LGB

TO DIRECTOR (44-38761), MEMPHIS AND NEW ORLEANS
FROM SALT LAKE CITY (44-353) 1P
MURKIN

RE NEW ORLEANS TEL FOUR EIGHT INSTANT.

REFERENCE IS MADE TO NEW ORLEANS AIRTEL TO SALT LAKE CITY
DATED THREE TWENTYFIVE, SIXTYEIGHT, ENTITLED, "DUANE IVAN CARLSON;
ROBERT HOLIVAR DE PUCH - FUGITIVE; ET AL, OO: SE," NEW ORLEANS
FILE NO. NINETEEN DASH THREE FIVE SIX THREE, WHICH IS PENDING IN
NEW ORLEANS AND SETS OUT INVESTIGATION RELATIVE TO THE ATTEMPTED
IDENTIFICATION OF ONE MIKE FREEMAN AT SLIDELL, LOUISIANA.

NEW ORLEANS EXPEDITE REMAINDER OF INVESTIGATION.

OFFICES ADVISED SEPARATELY.

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Andrew Oliver 4/8/68

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340PM LCC URGENT 4/8/68 GJM
TO ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES
FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 2P

MURKIN

Handwritten list:
N/C Alexander - Hancock
N/C Belmont - Litchfield
" Conington - Quir
" DeLoach - Smallwood
" Mohr - Wood
" Rosen - DeLoach
" Sullivan - Kelley
" Tavel - Becker

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, THIRTYSIX 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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*Radrow advised
Cawender advised
Sylvester advised*

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REGISTRATION RECORDS, VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS, AND
CREDIT AND CRIMINAL RECORDS ON THE SURNAMES LOWMEYER
AND LOWMYER, IN VIEW OF THE UNUSUAL NATURE OF THE NAMES,
DO NOT CONFINE YOUR CHECK TO HARVEY LOWMEYER AND LOWMYER
ONLY. ANY INDIVIDUALS IDENTIFIED AS BEARING THESE SURNAMES
SHOULD BE IMMEDIATELY CHECKED OUT COVERING THE PERTINENT
PERIOD. YOU SHOULD ALSO APPROPRIATELY CHECKOUT ALL
BOMBING SUSPECTS IN YOUR TERRITORIES.

HANDLE IMMEDIATELY AND GIVE TOP PRIORITY ATTENTION.

BUFILES CONTAIN NO INFORMATION IDENTIFIABLE ON
HARVEY LOWMEYER OR LOWMYER.

END

HOLD FOR SECOND MESSAGE AFTER ACK

ME...TSJ

FBI MEMPHIS

NO...OLP

FBI NEW ORLS

SH...CDM

FBI BIRMINGHAM

MO...AAP

FBI MOBILE

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Date: 4/8/68

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Via TELETYPE URGENT
(Priority)

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND SALT LAKE CITY
FROM NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

MURKIN

RE NEW ORLEANS AIRTEL TO SALT LAKE CITY DATED THREE
TWENTYFIVE SIXTYEIGHT CAPTIONED " DUANE IVAN CARLSON;
ROBERT BOLIVAR DE PUGH - FUGITIVE; ETAL, OO: SE.", AND
RE SALT LAKE CITY TEL INSTANT DATE.

BASED ON INFORMATION FURNISHED TO NEW ORLEANS BY
SALT LAKE CITY THE MICHAEL FREEMAN REFERRED IN REFERENCED
AIRTEL FROM SLIDELL, LOUISIANA IS NOT IDENTICAL TO INDIVIDUAL
BEING SOUGHT FOR QUESTIONING BY SALT LAKE CITY DIVISION IN
BANK ROBBERY CONSPIRACY MATTER.

IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE NO FURTHER EFFORT MADE TO LOCATE
THE MICHAEL FREEMAN FROM SLIDELL, LA. IF ADDITIONAL
INVESTIGATION RE FREEMAN DESIRED, SALT LAKE CITY SET OUT
APPROPRIATE LEADS IN AS MUCH AS SALT LAKE CITY IN POSSESSION
OF ALL BACK GROUND IN THIS MATTER.

END

NAZ:olp

Approved: RCR
Special Agent in Charge

Sent

11:33 pm - wla
11:40 pm - SLC

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Per

11:47 pm - me

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FBI KAN CITY

957 AM URGENT 4/9/68 PHM

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), DENVER 157-203, MEMPHIS, NEW ORLEANS
SEATTLE, SALT LAKE CITY
FROM KANSAS CITY 44-760 1P

MURKIN. 00:MEMPHIS

RE DENVER TEL TO DIRECTOR, APRIL EIGHT LAST.

RE COMMUNICATION REQUESTED FILE REVIEW TO DETERMINE IDENTITY
OF UNKNOWN SUSPECT, MIKE. SALT LAKE CITY TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR,
MARCH THIRTEEN LAST ENTITLED DUANE I. CARLSON, ETAL, BR, BUFILE
NINETY ONE- TWO EIGHT EIGHT SEVEN TWO, REVEALS A MIKE FREEMAN,
WMA, TWENTYFIVE YEARS FROM NEW ORLEANS WAS WITH WALTER PATRICK
PEYSON, A MINUTEMAN, IN UTAH DURING JAN. SIXTYEIGHT. MIKE
AT THAT TIME WAS DRIVING A WHITE MILK TRUCK WITH KANSAS PLATES.
SALT LAKE CITY TELETYPE DATED APRIL EIGHT LAST REVEALS PEYSON
RECENTLY DRIVING SIXTY GMC VAN TRUCK WHITE IN COLOR, WITH
KANSAS PLATES. PEYSON FUGITIVE IN BR CONSPIRACY, SEATTLE
OFFICE OF ORIGIN, ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

NEW ORLEANS CONTINUE EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY MIKE FREEMAN.

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FBI KAN CITY

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NEW YORK CONTINUE EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY MIKE GREENMAN
SOURCE OF ORIGIN* ARMED AND DANGEROUS*
KNOWN SUBJECT* REASON LOCATED IN AN CONSPIRACY* REVEALS
RECENTLY DRIVING SIXTY TWO AND INCH WHITE IN COLOR* WITH
SIXTY FIVE SIXTY SEVEN WHITE FORD MUSTANG FORTY SEVEN REASON
AT THAT TIME WAS DRIVING A WHITE FORD MUSTANG WITH KNOWN SUBJECT*
REASON* A WITNESS* IN NEW YORK CITY* SIXTYEIGHT* FIVE
AND* IDENTIFIABLE ALONG WITH NEW YORK AND WITH OTHER SUBJECT
AT THAT TIME* TWO EIGHT EIGHT SEVEN TWO* REVEALS A MIKE GREENMAN*
WHICH THIRTEEN FORTY SEVEN DUNE I* CONSON* EIGHT* ON* SUBJECT
IS UNKNOWN SUBJECT* MIKE* SIXTY FIVE SIXTY SEVEN TO DIRECTOR*
RE COMMUNICATION REQUESTED LIFE BELIEF TO DETERMINE IDENTIFY
BE DELETED TO DIRECTOR* FORTY EIGHT FORTY

NEW YORK 00:NEW YORK

FROM NEWARK CITY 44-120 10

REVEALS* SIXTY FIVE SIXTY

TO DIRECTOR 44-28861* DELETED 121-302* NEW YORK* NEW YORK

TO NEW YORK 44-28861* DELETED 121-302* NEW YORK

END NEW YORK

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

DATE: 4/9/68

FROM : SA NATHAN O. BROWN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Memo of SA NATHAN O BROWN dated 4/5/68 concerning check of DDD Tapes, Lafayette, Louisiana.

Security Supervisor E. E. TURNLEY, SBT&T, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, advised at 2:20 p.m. on 4/8/68 that he had completed a review of the DDD tapes which were recorded at Lafayette, Louisiana, on 4/4/68 and which would reflect all DDD telephone calls emanating at Alexandria, Louisiana, on this date. Mr. TURNLEY stated that the review consisted of a check of every call made between 10:00 p.m. and 10:25 p.m. on 4/4/68, and no record was located of a call from Alexandria to the FBI Office at New Orleans, Louisiana.

Mr. TURNLEY stated that although a check had been made on a previous occasion of the Mark Sense Toll Tickets at Alexandria in effort to locate this call, he has arranged for a print out of all calls from Alexandria, Louisiana, to area code 504. This print out will include station-to-station calls, person-to-person calls, credit card calls, 3rd No. Billing calls, collect calls, etc.

Mr. TURNLEY stated that this print out would be complete by noon, 4/9/68, and he would immediately advise SA BROWN or SA STEPHEN M. CALLENDER of the results.

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Date: 4/7/68

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Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO : SAC, ALBUQUERQUE
FROM : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
SUBJECT: MURKIN - CR

Note "CHANGED" title. Previously carried under "ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR."

All offices receiving copies of this Airtel note that Bureau has designated above caption as approved code word for investigation dealing with murder of Dr. KING.

Information under above caption should pertain only to investigation that may have bearing on identifying subject instant case. All other information pertaining to racial incidents, and racial activity arising out of assassination of Dr. KING should not be submitted under above caption, but should be submitted by interested offices under the appropriate caption pertaining to Racial Matters.

In addition, all offices in receipt of this information should re-canvass any Criminal Informants, Security Informants, and Racial Informants for possible knowledge concerning assassination, with specific emphasis directed toward informants in known hate groups.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

ALL COPIES AIR MAIL:

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2 - EL PASO	2 - NEW ORLEANS	
2 - HOUSTON	2 - NORFOLK	
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2 - SAVANNAH	2 - PHOENIX	

RGJ:ME
(44)

Approved: RG Jensen
Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M

Per W. J. [Signature]
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-10673)

FROM : ASAC

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/9/68

*Walter Davis Pilot
4229 grams
525-9264*

JOSEPH GAMBLE, SAC, Birmingham, advised at 2:58 that the following lead should be handled immediately and information telephoned to the Bureau and Birmingham, followed up by a teletype.

Immediate check should be made at Baton Rouge at the Driver's License Bureau in the name of ERIC STARVO GALT, white male, dob - [redacted] 5'11", 175 pounds, blue eyes, brown hair.

In checking this no one is to advise anyone that we are checking this in connection with the murder of KING.

Birmingham advised that this man in applying for a driver's license in Birmingham stated that he had a previous Louisiana license. He purchased car on 8/30/67 in Birmingham, allegedly was a merchant marine on a barge running between New Orleans and Mobile.

Check should be made at LSP for any criminal record on him and at Motor Vehicle Bureau to see if he has any car registered to him.

SAC, BIRMINGHAM, advised they got this guy in Memphis on 4/3/68, they know he was driving a white Mustang, everyone from the artist's conception picks him as the man.

According to SAC, Birmingham he is the best thing they have got.

Check should be made with Coast Guard, Seaman's Union - if it is open, with dock authorities and credit and criminal checks. Also check name through city directory, telephone directory, etc. in New Orleans.

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*Walter Davis - Peterson
WLC NO - McDaniels*

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

DATE: 4/9/68

FROM : SA STEPHEN M. CALLENDER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

There is attached for each Senior Resident Agent and each Road Trip Agent a copy of Bureau teletype, 4/8/68, to all offices which is self-explanatory.

The Bureau has advised that all investigation in this matter has to be handled expeditiously and take precedence over all other matters.

It would appear that investigation to be conducted, as instructed in the attached communication, will have to be handled parish by parish in the territories covered by each Resident Agency and Road Trip. The Senior Resident Agent will coordinate this investigation and submit the results. All investigative results should be placed either on a FD-302 or an insert, whichever is appropriate, and should be placed on a mat and 25 copies should be run.

In addition to the names indicated in the attached communication, the following variations of the spelling of the last name should be searched:

LOWMAYER
LOWMIER
LOWMEIR
LOWMER
LOUGHMEYER
LOUGHMYER

LOMYER
LOMEYER
LOWMAIER
LOUGHMAYER

Or anyother variations that can be thought of.

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1 - SA LANCASTER
1 - SA LITCHFIELD
1 - SA GIST
1 - SA SMALLWOOD
1 - SA WARD

1 - SA DENT
1 - SA KELLEY
1 - SA BECKER
1 - SA BOMBARDIER
1 - SA BROOKS
1 - SA SEIBER

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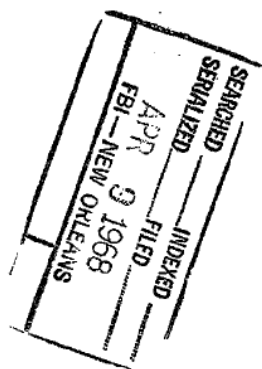
In addition to the instruction set forth in the attached Butel the following public sources should also be contacted.

Public libraries, utility companies. Also check military discharges on file with the County Clerk's Office.

If there is any question in regards to this investigation your should contact the #6 desk immediately.

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OR FILE



FBI NEW ORLS

FBI BUTTE

2:16 PM URGENT 4/9/68 SPR

TO MEMPHIS AND NEW ORLEANS

FROM BUTTE (173-2) 2P

MURKIN, CR.

ON APRIL NINE INSTANT, SIDNEY SAVEY, ONE ZERO SEVEN TWO ONE CRUZER DRIVE, BOISE, IDAHO, ADVISED HE REGISTERED AT HILL TOP MOTEL, DELHI, LOUISIANA, DURING EVENING FEBRUARY SIX LAST. MOTEL EMPLOYEE CAME FROM LIVING QUARTER SECTION, NEAR THE OFFICE AREA. MADE COMMENT TO EFFECT HE HAD JUST HEARD DR. KING SPEAK ON TV AND EVERY TIME HE SEES DR. KING ON TV HE BECOMES ANGRY AND WOULD JUST LIKE TO SLAM DR. KING IN THE FACE WITH TWO BY FOUR BOARD. SAVEY DESCRIBED EMPLOYEE AS WM, THREE ZERO TO THREE FIVE YEARS, FIVE FEET NINE INCHES TALL, ONE SIX ZERO POUNDS, LIGHT BROWN HAIR, COMPLEXION SANDY, BUILD MEDIUM.

SAVEY IS OF OPINION THIS EMPLOYEE SOMEWHAT RESEMBLES ARTIST PROFILE SKETCH OF ASSASSIN APPEARING IN "IDAHO SUNDAY STATESMAN," BOISE, IDAHO, APRIL SEVEN LAST.

For info. 3458
McDelhi-Fry

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NEW ORLEANS, AT DELHI, LOUISIANA, WILL CONDUCT LOGICAL INVESTIGATION IN EFFORT TO ESTABLISH UNIDENTIFIED EMPLOYEE'S WHEREABOUTS DURING PERTINENT PERIOD AND WHETHER OR NOT HE FITS DESCRIPTION OF ASSASSIN.

END.

LAN

FBI NEW ORLS

FBI WASH DC

325PM URGENT 4-9-68 BJP

TO ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES

FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 2P

MURKIN

AMONG ARTICLES RECOVERED AT SCENE OF SHOOTING, APPARENTLY ABANDONED BY UNSUB, WERE A PAIR OF BROWNISH CHECKERED PRINT UNDERSHORTS AND WHITE JOCKEY TEE SHIRT BEARING CLOTH LAUNDRY TAGS. THESE TAGS WERE MADE BY A THERMO SEAL MARKING MACHINE MANUFACTURED BY THE TEXTILE MARKING MACHINE COMPANY, SYRACUSE, NEW YORK. THESE TAGS ARE ONE QUARTER INCH WIDE AND ONE AND ONE SIXTEENTH INCH LONG, RED IN COLOR AND BEAR MARKING WHICH APPEARS TO BE "O TWO B DASH SIX" OR "D TWO B DASH SIX." ONLY A PORTION OF THE FIRST CHARACTER IS PRESENT ON EACH TAG, AND THIS CHARACTER IS CUT ON A SLIGHT BIAS. NO OTHER VISIBLE LAUNDRY MARKS WERE FOUND ON EITHER GARMENT.

IMMEDIATE CHECKS OF LOGICAL LAUNDRIES SUGGESTED BY TEXTILE MARKING COMPANY HAVE TO DATE BEEN UNPRODUCTIVE.
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RA's notified

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