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

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
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TO : FILE

DATE: 4/5/68

FROM : SAC, SEATTLE

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER
KING, JR.

At 9:23 PM on 4/4/68 I received a call from HANNES K. WATZLAWEK, Night Supervisor at San Francisco, who advised that he had received a call from Mr. SIZOO at the Bureau, the latter in turn advising that all West Coast offices should be called and informed that the SACs should take into consideration the personal safety of the employees moving to and from work.

He advised that Mr. SIZOO had stated that the SACs "should use their own discretion re instructing the personnel in going to and from work" but that it was not contemplated that the personnel be called individually at that particular moment.

Further, Mr. SIZOO had instructed that the SACs be informed that they should have the office adequately manned and sufficient manpower immediately available to handle any particular emergency.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (157-733)

DATE: 4/5/68

FROM : SA GIRARD KEIL

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

On April 4, 1968, at 5:20 p.m., SA HANNES K. WATZLAWEK, San Francisco, telephonically advised that the Bureau had called San Francisco requesting them to notify the west coast offices that a teletype was coming out in approximately 30 minutes regarding the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING, however, the Bureau desired the west coast offices to immediately alert all sources including racial, criminal, and security who might be in a position to furnish any information regarding any spontaneous uprising in the Black Nationalist movement resulting from the assassination of KING.

As a result of this phone call, agents on the security squad were advised to alert their sources, phone calls were made to Spokane, Tacoma, Richland, and Yakima, to alert their sources in this matter.

SA JOHN M. FLIEGE made arrangements to contact the following agents who have sources who could possibly be in a position to furnish information regarding this matter: BAILEY, BOHLIN, DUFFY, DUSCHEK, EARLE, McDONALD, D. RODGERS, SNELL, TAYLOR, UNDERWOOD, GIRARD, CONNOR, WALTON and NETTER.

SA STILES immediately made contact with racial informants and contact with the Seattle Police Department. Arrangements were made for SA SIDNEY E. RUBIN to be on duty at the office during the night of April 4, 1968, to handle any information which might arise during the night. SA HARRINGTON alerted contacts at the Seattle Police Department advising them to immediately call the Seattle Office if any incidents occurred.

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At 8:15 a.m., April 5, 1968, the SAC had a conference of all employees and advised them of the tense situation regarding the assassination of KING and advised them to be careful in their daily activity in accordance with a second phone call from the Bureau to San Francisco who subsequently called Seattle advising of increased tension and possible injury to Bureau personnel. At the conference all of employees the agents were again instructed to remain alert and report immediately any information regarding this situation.

On April 5, 1968, all Senior Resident Agents were advised re Bureau phone calls and teletype.

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Pasco Negroes, Whites Join To Honor King

By JINI DALEN
Herald Staff Writer

In Washington, D.C., rioters tossed fire bombs through windows and looted stores until 12,000 federal troops were called.

In Chicago, 11 were killed in the insurrection.

And in east Pasco, about 400 Negroes and whites prayed together for peace and brotherhood—all in the name of the Rev. Martin Luther King, martyred Thursday by his assassination in Memphis.

At Pasco's Morning Star Baptist Church Dr. King's "American dream" showed a glimmer of coming true here as members of all Pasco congregations sang "America the Beautiful" together.

At least 10 ministers of both races participated in the two-hour service, along with Tri-City civil rights and civic leaders.

But most of those who took part were just people—black and white—who felt saddened or guilty or shocked enough to "do something" to purge their emotions.

"There was an atmosphere in that church," Art Fletcher said today, "I've never felt at any other inter-racial church meeting.

"People were comfortable with

each other. They didn't have to work at it," he explained.

He said if this was happening at other services, "King's death may have brought about the beginning of the end of segregated church services, though I know it's a way-out hope."

"If we want to contribute to Dr. King's life," said the Rev. Howard Hawkins, St. James Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, "we must lead lives of non-violence and we shall overcome."

The Rev. David Braun, white pastor of Riverside Methodist Church, compared King's arrival in Memphis to Jesus' entrance in Jerusalem on Palm Sunday almost 2,000 years ago.

"They both knew they could best serve "where the action was," he said, from an altar adorned with palm leaves.

Rev. Braun reminded that hostile Roman soldiers stood on each street corner of Jerusalem just as hostile whites awaited the arrival of Dr. King in Memphis.

Nearly every seat — includ-

ing both choir lofts — of the small white church in the heart of east Pasco was occupied.

A baby slept in the first row. Another cried, was carried out by his mother and brought back with a bottle in his mouth.

"Amens," "hallelujahs" and "you say it, brother" at first startled white ministers and parishioners accustomed to the library stillness of their own churches.

But all sang together "We shall brothers be, someday"—

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a chorus of the civil rights anthem, "We Shall Overcome," as they marched to the altar to deposit contributions to King's Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

About \$550 was collected, including donations from east Pasco churches, the Self-Help Co-operative, a tavern and a pool hall.

Fletcher, reading from the works of Mahatma Ghandi, inspiration for King's non-violence movement, said "the division of our people is between good and bad, not black and white."

"Everyone guilty of hatred and injustice is just as guilty of the murder as the one who pulled the trigger," said Rev. Hawkins.

Fletcher noted that King's own people, "who distorted his own non-violent march by breaking windows and causing trouble were guilty too.

"That's the reason he was in

Memphis," Fletcher said. "He had to go back to prove he could lead a non-violent march."

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Dr. King Day Proclaimed For Seattle

Mayor Dorm Braman last night proclaimed Sunday a "Day of Civic Mourning and Remembrance" for Dr. Martin Luther King.

It will be highlighted by silent marches to a 2 p.m. memorial service at Seattle Center Arena.

Braman, who along with Gov. Dan Evans, will speak briefly at the ceremony, urged all citizens to "join me in honor of this distinguished American Nobel laureate and humanitarian."

He also asked all flags be flown at half-staff until after Dr. King's funeral on Tuesday.

THE SERVICE, organized by civil rights groups, will be preceded by dramatic silent marches from various Seattle churches to Seattle Center.

The Most Rev. Thomas A. Connolly, Catholic Archbishop of Seattle, called yesterday upon all members of his faith to participate in the "silent, peaceful" marches.

He invited marchers, regardless of faith, to assemble at 1 p.m. at one of five sites:

—St. James Cathedral parking lot at 9th

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Avenue and Marion Street.

—St. Mark's Cathedral, 1129-10th Ave. E.

—First Afro-Methodist Church, 1523-14th Ave.

—Gethsemane Lutheran Church, 911 Stewart St.

—Bethany Presbyterian Church, 1818 Queen Anne Ave. N.

The Rev. John Adams, Seattle civil rights leader, asked all those attending the service to wear black arm bands.

LATER in the evening, memorial services for Dr. King will be held in St. Mary's Parish school hall, 611-20th Ave. S. with City Councilman Sam Smith delivering the eulogy at 7 p.m.

Another service will begin an hour later in the First Unitarian Universalist Church, Des Moines.

On Monday, University of Washington President Charles E. Odegaard has invited "all members of the university family" to join him in a massive 11:40 a.m. memorial service in the Hec Edmundson Pavilion.

ODEGAARD asked all classes be dismissed at

11:30 a.m. to allow students to attend.

Monday afternoon, a memorial Catholic Mass is set for 5:30 p.m. in St. James Cathedral.

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Silent Marches to Start at City Churches

By DON HANNULA

Silent marches from several Seattle churches will be made tomorrow to the Seattle Center Arena for a city-wide memorial service at 2 p. m. for the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Mayor Braman has declared tomorrow a "day of civic mourning and remembrance" for the slain civil-rights leader. The mayor and Gov. Dan Evans will participate in the ceremony, sponsored by the Central Area Civil Rights Committee.

The Rev. Dr. John H. Adams, C. A. C. R. C. chairman, said:

"We are asking all citizens of the area to join with the

sponsoring organization to make this a massive peaceful tribute to Dr. King and a mandate to our society to implement the dream Dr. King expressed so eloquently in Washington, D. C., in 1963.

A classic line from Dr. King's "I Have A Dream" speech on August 28, 1963, was: "I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character."

The C. A. C. R. C., at the request of Dr. King's Southern Christian Leadership Conference, has requested citizens to march from des-

ignated churches, beginning at 1 p. m.

Dr. Adams said persons gathering at central-area churches will march west on East Madison Street to Broadway, then to Denny Way, to Fifth Avenue and on to the Arena.

The committee has designated four churches outside the central-area as 1 p. m. staging areas for marches — St. Mark's Cathedral, 1551 10th Ave. E.; St. James' Cathedral, Ninth Avenue and Marion Street; Gethsemane Lutheran Church, 911 Stewart St.; Bethany United Presbyterian Church, 1812 Queen Anne Ave.

The 4,200-seat capacity of the Arena is expected to be strained for the memorial services.

Many memorial services are scheduled at churches throughout the Seattle area tomorrow.

The Most Rev. Thomas A. Connolly, archbishop of Seattle, today called upon Catholics in the archdiocese to participate in the march and the service at the arena.

Tribute will be paid to Dr. King at 11:40 a. m. Monday by Dr. Charles Odegaard, University of Washington president, at the Edmundson Pavilion. Classes at the University will be halted for the service.

An earlier plan for a march from the east side of Lake Washington for tomorrow's city-wide memorial service has been changed. Members of East Side churches now will drive to the west side of the Coliseum, then march to the Arena.

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Student Calls for Harmony

An earnest young Negro student yesterday called upon both black and white youth to avoid racial violence at all costs.

The youth, Jerry Williams, 17, of 821-27th Ave., who described himself as an active Black Power advocate and a member of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, added:

"This is the time to hold down racial violence, not a time to start it. Racial violence negates all that Dr. Martin Luther King stood for. It will help no one at all at any time."

Young Williams said he hopes to set up a permanent conference of young persons of both races as a memorial to Dr. King.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : SAC, SEATTLE (157-733)

DATE: 5-27-68

FROM : S. J. [unclear]

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

This case was opened on receipt of Butel 4-4-68, under above caption. Butel instructed all offices to conduct appropriate informant contacts following KING'S death.

On receipt of Butel, all Agents were immediately contacted with instructions to contact their informants. All Resident Agents were telephonically contacted with the same instructions.

Since a major part of Seattle investigation is being conducted under the MURKING (44-371) caption, and since Bureau instructions in Butel did not specifically require any additional investigation, this case should be closed.

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MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION
 REPORT OF
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REGISTER NO. W-16000

NAME Raymond Leon Yount

AGE 29

TRUE NAME

ALIAS

BIRTH DATE

BIRTH PLACE Ft. Smith, Ark.

HEIGHT 5 FT. 11 3/4 IN.

WEIGHT 155

RACE White

BUILD Tall

HAIR Brown

EYES Hazel

COMPLEXION Fair

MARKS, SCARS, OR TATTOOS Small scar inner left wrist; 6" scar right hip.

OCCUPATION OR TRADE Engineering - survey

MARITAL STATUS Married

EDUCATION College hours in engineering

RELIGION

Mormon

GRADE ACHIEVEMENT 11.8

INTELLIGENCE CLASSIFICATION Above average

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SOCIAL SECURITY NO.

SELECT. SERVICE NO. Tulsa, Okla. 73

CLASS.

MILITARY Nat. Guard 1955

1956

Honorable

Air Force FROM 1956

TO 1956

TYPE OF DISCHARGE Minority

U.S. Navy 1957

1957

disch.

PAROLES OR PROBATION: MO. 0

FORMER IMPRISONMENT:

MO. 0

honorable

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EMERGENCY ADDRESS FATHER: Mr. Otis Yount

113 Linwood Dr.

Sand Springs, Okla.

PRESENT CONVICTIONS

TELE NO.

CAUSE NO. 304

OFFENSE: PG: No account check

SENTENCE 4 years

DATE OF SENTENCE: 4-24-69

TERM OF COURT Mar. 196

COUNTY: Barry

DATE RECEIVED: 4-26-69

JAIL TIME 7 days

FULL TIME 4-8-1973

% TIME 4-8-1972

DISCH. DATE

CAUSE NO.

OFFENSE:

SENTENCE:

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MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
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Diagnostic Center Report

Name: Raymond Leon Yount

Number: W-16900

Date: 5-27-1969

FELONY INCARCERATIONS:

4-1-59, Englewood Colo., 60 days to 6 yrs. by Youth Corr. Act., trans. El Reno Okla. after 4 mos., par. 7-1961, par. viol., 2nd par. 4-1963, p.v., rel. full time served 4-25-65.

11-1965, Cummings Ark. SP Para, 2 yrs., 1 yr. suspended sentence, rel. on administrative par. after 5 months.

7-13-66, Nev. SP, forg., 1-14 yrs., par. after 2½ years.

CRIMINAL HISTORY: Subject indicates that his first arrest was at age 18 for forgery. The FBI Report indicates that the subject has been arrested for investigation, passing checks on a government reservation, Dyer Act, insufficient funds checks, bogus checks, involuntary manslaughter, investigation of forgery, forgery, ex-convict registration, no account checks, no operator's license, and for the present offense which is no account check.

At the time of the present offense the subject was on parole from the state of Nevada.

PRESENT OFFENSE: The subject states that he was having problems with his wife, who left him, taking all of his possessions and money. Subject states that he had already technically violated his parole from the state of Nevada, and wrote several checks during a 1 week period.

There is no Commitment Report available at this time.

Accomplices: None listed.

Detainers: None at present.

FAMILY: Subject is 29 years old. He was born and raised in Fort Smith, Arkansas under fair economic conditions. The subject indicates that his relationship to his parents and to his sister was not good. A previous [redacted] evaluation describes the subject's father as being very nervous and high strung. The report indicates that subject's father has a [redacted] in connection with his military service. The subject's mother was described as being obese and appearing older than her actual age.

EDUCATIONAL: The subject states that he has completed the requirements for his G.E.D. while in the federal institution. He states that he has also taken numerous college hours in engineering and related topics. Diagnostic Center test data indicates that the subject has above average intelligence, above average verbal ability and mechanical comprehension. The S.A.T. score indicates that the subject achieves on an 11.8 grade level. This inmate indicates that he intends to continue taking college courses in the field of engineering.

MARITAL: At the age of 17 the subject married a 19-year-old girl whom he had known for 8 or 9 hours. There were no children by this marriage which ended in divorce after 1 month.

At the age of 20 the subject married a 19-year-old girl whom he had known for 1 day. There were no children by this marriage which also ended in divorce after 1 month.

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At the age of 25 the subject married a 23-year-old woman whom he had known for 3 months before their marriage. There were no children by this union which ended when the subject's wife was killed in an automobile accident.

At the age of 26 the subject married a 43-year-old woman whom he had known for 3 months. There were no children by this marriage, which after 4 years is about to end in divorce.

The subject indicates that his present wife is the cause for his legal difficulties. He indicates that she is a very troublesome person who also has a criminal record.

MILITARY: The subject has served in the Arkansas National Guard from 1955 to 1956 and received an honorable discharge. He enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in 1956 but was given a minority discharge because he was under age when he enlisted. Subject enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1957 and was reportedly given an inaptitude administrative discharge. Subject states that he struck an officer, appeared before a [REDACTED] board and received a discharge because of [REDACTED].

EMPLOYMENT: Subject states that his first job was as an electronic's assembly helper. He indicates that he has held numerous electrical related positions, worked as a draftsman designer and as a member of the engineering staff of the Lear Reno Corporation for 2 months.

RELIGION: This inmate indicates that he has attended the Mormon Church on an irregular basis. Subject indicates that he is personally acquainted with high ranking members of that church's organization.

HEALTH: The subject states that in general his health is good. He has an extensive medical history of [REDACTED] physical problems.

This inmate has received numerous [REDACTED] evaluations. He has been described as an " [REDACTED] of long standing". He was diagnosed as " [REDACTED]."

This inmate was involved in a motorcycle accident in which he received injuries to his back, head, leg and jaw. A previous [REDACTED] evaluation states that the subject has had an "outside tumor." At one time the subject complained of having blackout spells. During the interview the subject stated that he has often had severe headaches and stated that he has consumed a great deal of alcohol in order to relieve this pain.

The Diagnostic Center Medical Report indicates that the subject is allergic to antibiotics and that he is fit for duty.

SOCIAL ADJUSTMENT: The subject has a long history of poor social adjustment in the home, school, military and marital experience. Subject indicates that he drinks to excess when he is depressed.

The subject's academic pursuits while incarcerated appear to be successful. A previous institutional report indicates that subject received superior grades on a college level in such courses as interior decorating, engineering graphics and engineering drawing.

A previous [REDACTED] evaluation states that the subject has suffered from much [REDACTED], and has done considerable "acting out."

He reportedly had temper tantrums in which he would often leave home in the middle of the night, take the family car and drive to a distant town. On various

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occasions the subject has threatened to kill the rest of his family during these temper tantrums. On 1 occasion the subject left a [REDACTED] stating that he intended to [REDACTED] since "no one loved him."

EVALUATION: The subject is 29 years old. He was born and raised in Fort Smith, Arkansas under fair economic conditions. This inmate has above average intelligence and good mechanical and engineering skills. Subject has had a very stressful and emotionally insecure life. He has made a generally poor social adjustment in spite of his talents.

During the interview the subject presented himself as a nervous individual who on several occasions reminded the interviewer not to insult his intelligence.

The subject has spent approximately the last 10 years in various institutions. He generally appears to have made a good institutional adjustment. The subject has a slightly overbearing personality, but is not totally disagreeable. He has been diagnosed as "[REDACTED]".

During the interview the subject stated that while he was incarcerated at the Cummings Prison Farm in the state of Arkansas he was in a position of authority and consequently received the blame for several incidents of brutality which took place in that institution. Subject indicates that in H-Hall he has received several threats from inmates who knew him from that institution.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION: FBI Report, relative questionnaire, test data, medical report, previous institutional reports, [REDACTED] evaluations and interview.

PM:bs

Philip M Meade
Corrections Caseworker

Name: Raymond Leon Young

Number: 16900

Date: 5-29-1969

MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
DIVISION OF CLASSIFICATION AND ASSIGNMENT

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Custody: Routine
2. Social Service: Not indicated
3. Educational: Correspondence courses
4. Vocational: Computer programmers course
5. Work: Routine

SUPPLEMENTAL RECOMMENDATIONS:

Subject may be qualified to instruct others in algebra and math.

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Date 2/4/70

RAYMOND LEON YOUNT, Missouri State Penitentiary #16900, was interviewed at his request at the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri.

At the start of the interview YOUNT was shown a six page statement which had been made available by Warden HAROLD SWENSON. YOUNT read this six page statement and stated that he had prepared this statement a few days prior to this interview and the statement was true and correct, however, he did not wish to sign it.

"I, Raymond Leon Yount, 16900, do hereby offer this statement completely freely and voluntarily. I issue this statement without any threats or promises being imposed upon me. The the best of my knowledge, all facts given are true to the best of my memory.

"During the latter part of the month of June, or the first part of July of 1966, I was in Oxford, Mississippi. I state this date to be true as I recall that it was just a very few days from the 4th of July holiday.

"It was here (Oxford) that I met with another young fellow which I had served time with in the FRERO. This man's last name was Bean. I don't think I even knew his first name. He had the nickname of "Carnie" as he was a previous carnival worker. Bean appeared to be prosperous, well dressed and with funds. I had known Bean since 1961 at this time.

"I registeren in a motel in Oxford. I do not recall the name of the motel unit. It was a two-story structure located approximately 4 blocks north of the main city square of Oxford. The name used here was either Billye R. Sellers /or James G. Sellers. This will be on the motel records as I believe a worthless check was left there or else the bill for

On 1/26/70 at Jefferson City, Missouri File # KC 62-10

by SA KEITH M. HUNTER-jeo

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the room was abandon. It was here that Bean and I talked, drank and that he told me of "some people I want you to meet".

"The next day, we together drove to another Mississippi city to get new I.D. cards. I am unable to recall the name of this town but believe that I could re-trace the route on a map. The I.D. I obtained was under the name of Bruce Richard Caldwell, 412 Elm Street, Windsor, Ontario, Canada. This I.D. was received out of a case located in the rear of a printing firm. The odd thing that I noted here was all of the packs of I.D. that we looked through were of Canadian origin and that they were not counterfeit, rather real, used I.D. cards. There were several packs of I.D. card_ we looked through to find one that I fitted.

"Note: I was later arrested with this very I.D. on me in Douglas County Nevada. This was on Aug. 13, 1966. I understand that the I.D. cards were returned to an "Inspector" in Windsor.

"Later in the evening of the day which I received the I.D. cards, Bean arranged for us to meet with three men in a motel in the same city. I do recall various things about the location of this motel and the motif of the structure. Bean arranged this meeting by means of a phone call from the printing firm. Obviously it was a local call.

"Upon entry into the motel room the first thing I noticed was the tension about every one present. Drinks were poured and small talk exchanged.

"The three men were well dressed and obviously did not occupy the room full-time as there was no luggage or extra clothes. I would approximate their ages at 28, 35 and 39. I would recognize any of these men if I ever saw them again.

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"The oldest man did most of the talking. He was a large man, wearing a wine-colored silk jacket. He spoke with a accent with I quickly classified as a New Orleans-French. I was familiar with this pronunciation. He wore his pants very high around his waist line which I automatically connected also with the New Orleans French Quarters. At no time did he state that he was from New Orleans or from anywhere.

"He asked me where all I had served time and for what?

"If I liked "Niggers"?

"If I had ever been in the armed service?

"If I could fire a rifle with accuracy?

"If I was interested in making some fast easy money?

"With this, I was shown three large stacks of bills with a brown paper band around each stack.

"Note: These questions were not all asked at the same time, but rather over the course of an hour or so.

"During all this time I was listening more than talking and trying to figure out what the proposition was. No exacting details were given.

"Small talk continued for some time, one of the men, the middle aged one, of approximately 35 years left the room and returned about 30 minutes later.

"Shortly thereafter, I was asked if I would go to Jackson, Mississippi on the next day with two other men. Martin Luther King was given, by name, as the target. He was to speak in public on the next evening. The three of us were to arrange ourselves on roofs of nearby buildings and then "open-fire" at

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the same time. The closet door of the motel room was opened and there were three rifles leaning against the wall. The stacks of money was on the dresser. I knew, in my own mind that these men were serious and did intend to have this man killed. However, it was also obvious to me that there was no way to "get away" with such a crime and I even doubted that payment would be fulfilled. The general plan was not to realistic, for the three on the roofs. To be honest, I was more scared than anything.

"There was no decision made at this time. I told them that I would let them know in a couple of hours, with this Bean and I left the motel room. The younger fellow followed us outside. He handed Bean a motel room key which was to the next unit. The three of us went inside. I told Bean that I was going to the car to get some clothes and bath articles to clean up with. The young fellow stood in the doorway. As quickly as I was in the car, I turned the key and was gone!

"Somewhere north, approximately 50-75 miles of Jackson I stopped at a service station and phoned the F.B.I. office in Jackson Mississippi. I refused to tell the Agent who nor where I was. I only told him that there was a plot to kill Martin Luther King and to keep him out of public in Jackson the next day. The agent tried to hold me on the phone as long as he could. I talked all of 60 seconds. I explained myself clearly. This call should be on file in the Jackson Office. I hung-up the phone and left. I drove on into Jackson, left the car at the airport and boarded a plane for San Francisco, California."

YOUNT advised that the abbreviation FRERO refers to the Federal Reformatory at El Reno, Oklahoma. YOUNT advised he has never seen a picture of JAMES EARL RAY and he could not say if RAY was present in Oxford, Mississippi, when this matter was discussed in July, of 1966.

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YOUNT described the three other unknown males that were at the meeting in a motel room in Oxford, Mississippi, as follows:

Unknown subject #1

Race White
Sex Male
Age Middle or late 20s
Height 5'10" to 5'11"
Weight 155 to 160 lbs.
Hair Black, worn medium long
Complexion Dark
Manner Quiet
Dress Wears flashy clothes

Unknown subject #2

Race White
Sex Male
Age About 35 years old
Dress Well dressed

Unknown subject #3

Race White
Sex Male
Age About 39 years old
Height 6'1"
Weight 230 to 240 lbs., obese
Hair Dark
Accent New Orleans-French

YOUNT advised that he has not seen any of these individuals again, however, he told this story to JOHN EMERSON, 412 West Musser Street, Carson, Nevada, a minister who can be contacted at the above address or through 409 South Tacoma Street, Carson, Nevada.

YOUNT stressed that he had cooperated with U. S. Postal authorities in the past at Little Rock, Arkansas, in November, 1965, concerning some stolen money orders.

YOUNT advised that he had not furnished this information until this time because he felt that the assassination had been averted, but now feels that this information should be given to the proper authorities.

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YOUNT stated that unknown subject #1 hangs around the Itt'll Do Club in Dallas, Texas, and that he had met this individual prior to their meeting in Oxford, Mississippi, however, he did not mention this meeting to unknown subject #1.

YOUNT also stated that unknown subject #3 could be identified through an unknown individual who broke his arm in May of 1966 and was treated at Charity Hospital, New Orleans, Louisiana. YOUNT stated that this unknown individual is a "barker" on Bourbon Street in New Orleans.

YOUNT stated that unknown subject #1 could be identified by URETHA (phonetic) who is a cocktail waitress at Love Field Cocktail Lounge, Dallas, Texas. YOUNT stated that he was with URETHA at the Itt'll Do Club in Dallas when unknown subject #1 tried to start a fight with him, and URETHA knew unknown subject #1 at that time.

YOUNT also advised that his fourth wife, BILLYE RUTH SELLERS, was with him on a check cashing spree at the time of this meeting in Oxford, Mississippi, in July, 1966. YOUNT stated that perhaps SELLERS is wanted by the FBI in regard to these check writing activities. He stated that SELLERS is also known as BILLYE RUTH YOUNT, and BILLYE RUTH HARRIS, and was employed for a time at 201 West King, Carson, Nevada, with the State of Nevada Insurance Division. YOUNT stated that SELLERS could not be contacted through 1027 East Walnut, Springfield, Missouri, or through her children who reside at 1012 Ivy, Cassville, Missouri, or DEBORAH KAY SELLERS, a student at Southwest Missouri State College, Springfield, Missouri.

The following description was obtained through observation and interview:

Name	RAYMOND LEON YOUNT
Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	6'
Weight	173 lbs.
DOB	
Place	Fort Smith, Arkansas
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Hazel
Scar	Left wrist

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INFORMATION CONCERNING CONSPIRACY TO
ASSASSINATE DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.,
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Enclosed for Memphis are 2 copies of an FD-302 on RAYMOND LEON YOUNT, and 1 copy of Missouri Department of Corrections report concerning YOUNT. Information copies along with 2 copies each of FD-302 on RAYMOND LEON YOUNG, and 1 copy each of Missouri Department of Corrections report concerning YOUNT, are being sent to Denver and Seattle, who had cases on YOUNT and SELLERS in the past.

On 1/26/70 RAYMOND LEON YOUNT, Missouri State Penitentiary #16900 was interviewed at the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri. After the interview Warden HAROLD SWENSON, Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, was interviewed by Special Agents ROWEN B. AYERS and KEITH M. HUNTER, at which time he made available a copy of Missouri Department of Corrections report of Division of Classification and Assignment concerning RAYMOND LEON YOUNT.

It is noted that this report states that the subject has an extensive medical history of [redacted] physical problems. "This inmate has received numerous [redacted]. He has been described as an [redacted]. He was diagnosed as [redacted]."

The report also states that the subject has served in the United States Navy and was given an administrative discharge after appearing before a psychiatric board and receiving a discharge because of [redacted].

The above is being furnished for information and evaluation by your office. In view of the above, no leads have been set out by the Kansas City Division.

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