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FROM DIRECTOR 1P

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

POSITION TO POSSIBLY LEARN OF INFORMATION OF THIS NATURE.

ANY PERTINENT INFORMATION DEVELOPED SHOULD RECEIVE EXPEDITIOUS

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TO: DIRECTOR WASHINGTON FIELD, AND MEMPHIS FROM: ST. LOUIS (157-NEW)

PASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., RACIAL MATTER.

POSSIBLE PARTICIPATION BY AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY, AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES UNION (AFSCME) IN MARCH, MEMPHIS, TENN., FOUR EIGHT SIXTYEIGHT. RM.

CHARLES OLDHAM, LIAISON SOURCE, FORMER NATIONAL CHAIRMAN CORE, AND ATTORNEY FOR AFSCME CONFIDENTIALLY ADVISED TONIGHT THAT THIS UNION HAD PLANNED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVE NUMBER OF PEOPLE FROM VARIOUS MID-RESTERN AND POSSIBLY OTHER CITIES TO MEMPHIS TO PARTICIPATE IN MARCH MONDAY FOUR EIGHT SIXTY-EIGHT. IN VIEW KING SHOOTING THIS COULD BE USED TO CREATE FURTHER

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	OLDHAM. UNLESS BUFILES OR WFO FILES INDICATE IT NOT DESIRABLE
	TO DO SO, IT IS SUGGESTED CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO CONTACT
	JERRY WURF TO DETERMINE NUMBER AFSCHE PEOPLE GOING TO MEMPHIS
	AND FROM WHICH CITIES, TOGETHER WITH ANY DETAILS AVAILABLE.
	OLDHAM SAID IT HAD BEEN CONSIDERED THAT AS MANY WHITE PERSONS
	AS POSSIBLE PARTICIPATE FROM AFSCME RANK AND FILE MEMBERS.
,	OLDHAM SAID AFSCME PARTICIPATION COULD BE CANCELLED OR COULD
•	MESULT IN INCREASED NUMBERS GOING TO MEMPHIS TO ADD TO POTENTIAL
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	DANGER. SL SOURCES CONTACTED AND CONTINUING TO BE CONTACTED
	FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING ABOVE OR OTHER INFORMATION
	WHICH MIGHT EFFECT MEMPHIS SITUATION OR INDICATE DISTURBANCES
	LOCALLY OR ELSEWHERE. BUREAU AND INTERESTED OFFICES WILL BE
1	KEPT ADVISED. SLPD. MILITARY INTELLIGENCE, AND USA ADVISED.
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ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING. JR. . RACIAL MATTER.

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AT APPROXIMATELY EIGHT PM, FOUR FOUR SIXTYEIGHT, FORTYEIGHT
INMATES ALL ON FIFTH FLOOR, ST. LOUIS CITY JAIL, UPON LEARNING OF
ASSASSINATION OF KING BEGAN DEMONSTRATION BY SHOUTING "THEY KILLED
OUR LEADER", STAMPING THEIR FEET, AND THEN TEARING OUT PLUMBING,
BREAKING FURNITURE. SLPD NOTIFIED BY JAIL AUTHORITIES AND POLICE
DETACHMENTS SENT TO JAIL WHERE BY TEN PM DEMONSTRATION HAD BEEN
SUBDUED. DEMONSTRATING INMATES WERE REMOVED FROM JAIL AND
TRANSPORTED TO OTHER SECURITY. INMATES REPRESENT "HARD CORE"
INMATES AWAITING TRIAL ON FELONIES. NO DISTRUBANCE IN FOUR OTHER
FLOORS OF JAIL, AND NO INJURIES KNOWN ALTHOUGH TEAR GAS USED BY
POLICE TO QUELL DISTURBANCE. CONTACT MAINTAINED WITH ACTING LOCAL
POLICE OFFICIALS, WARDEN OF JAIL AND ST. LOUIS DIRECTOR OF WELFARE
WHO STATE DISTURBANCE CAUSED BY EMOTIONAL SYMPATHETIC OUTBREAK BY
FIFTH FLOOR INMATES. OFFICIALS NOTE NO OTHER DISTURBANCES IN ST.
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AT EIGHT TWENTY PM, FOUR FOUR SIXTYEIGHT, OFFICIAL DELTA AIRLINE, SLMO, ADVISED PERSON GIVING NAME OF P. BILLINGS CALLED AND MADE RESERVATIONS FOR TWELVE FBI AGENTS ON DELTA FLIGHT NUMBER EIGHT THREE ZERO DEPARTING SLMO NINE FIFTYSIX PM, FOUR FOUR SIXTYEIGHT FOR MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE. BILLINGS FURNISHED LAST NAMES OF ALLEGED FBI AGENTS ONLY. RESERVATION CLERK DELTA WAS SKEPTICAL AND CALLED TELEPHONE NUMBER GIVEN BY BILLINGS AND WAS ADVISED BY UNKNOWN WOMAN NO SUCH PERSON WAS UNKNOWN AT THIS NUMBER. AGENTS WERE IMMEDIATELY DISPATCHED TO AIRPORT AND NO ONE APPEARED AT RESERVATION DESK ASKING FOR AIRLINE TICKETS UNDER NAMES GIVEN.

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	RM.		
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	WEBS	STER GROVES POLICE DEPT. ADVISED TODAY ONE	TONY
	ROGER RUI	MPF, TEACHER, EDEN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, WE	BSTER GROVES
	WILL ORGA	ANIZE MARCH FROM EDEN SEMINARY TO DOWTOWN W	EBSTER
	GROVES A	ND RETURN, STARTING AT TEN AM TODAY. IT WI	LL LAST
	ABOUT ON	E HOUR AND PERSONNEL WEBSTER COLLEGE WILL J	OIN MARCH.
	TOTAL MAI	RCHERS ESTIMATED TO BE FIFTY. NO DIFFICULT	IES
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## Memorandum

ro : SAC, ST. LOUIS ATTN: MR. WELTON

DATE: 4-4-68

FROM : SPC, JOHN HAUBRICH

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING.

This office was advised by the Supervisor of the Delta Airlines ticket office Mr. Russ Terry that a Mr Billings had made reservations for twelve FBI agents on the 9:56 pm flight to Memphis. (Flight #830) The names mixims are as follows: Friend, P., Billhauser, T., Funk, F., Samuelson, T., Johanson, J. P., Somnes, T., Atkinson, J. F., Jones, A., Berg, J., Otool, B., Samuels, S., Gumm, J., Billings also left this number as his telephone MA 1-8539. Said he would pick up tickets at the airport. This call was received 8:10 PM.

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## Memorandum

TO : SAC, ST. LOUIS

DATE: 4-4-68

FROM : SPC. JOHN HAUBRICH

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION of MARTIN Luther King. J. RM.

10:00pm

Ancall was received from SA Klager of Kansas City who was advised to call this office and forward the following info.

George Moore of the R Racial Intelligence Section set forth

the following message.

In view fo possible racial disturbances arising from the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., all offices should (1) Take all necessary precautions re personnel proceeding to and from offices tonightm tomorrow and over the weekend. Be sure personnel are most judicious as to where and when they travel dependant of course on local conditions. Each SAC exercise prudence and issue appropriate instructions under the circumstances. (2) Each SAC must understand that he is responsible to have adequate man power on duty to handle any emergency which might arise during critical hours ahead.

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RE ST. LOUIS TEL, APRIL FIVE, INSTANT.

WEBSTER GROVES POLICE ADVISE SEVENTYEIGHT PARTICIPATED IN From FEN AM & ELEVENAM MARCH, WITHOUT INCIDENT. MILITARY INTELLIGENCE, UNITED STATES ATTORNEY, ADVISED.

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Information concerning:	dite
March in Webster Groves, Mo., by Eden and Webster College Personnel in Memor	Theological Seminary ry Martin Luther King, 4/5/68
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TO: DIRECTOR

FROM: ST. LOUIS (157-5883) 2P

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING;

MARCH SPONSORED BY MID-CITY COMMUNITY CONGRESS FROM ONE

THIRTY PM TO FIVE PM, APRIL SEVEN NEXT, ST. LOUIS, MO.;

RM.

SOURCES ADVISE TODAY A MARCH AS MEMORIAL TO MARTIN

LUTHER KING WILL BE HELD BY CAPTIONED GROUP FROM ONE THIRTY

PM TO FIVE PM, SUNDAY, APRIL SEVEN NEXT. MARCH GOES ON

FRANKLIN AVE., ST. LOUIS, WHICH IS NEGRO. MARCH WILL HAVE

FIVE HUNDRED MARSHALS ALONG ROUTE TO PRESERVE ORDER AND

SPONSORS HAVE INCLUDED MORE MILITANT NEGROES SUCH AS HENRY

THOMAS AND PERCY GREEN (RABBLE ROUSER INDEX) TO PREVENT THEM FROM

INITIATING UNSPONSORED ACTIVITY ON THEIR OWN. TOTAL NUMBER

MARCHERS NOT KNOWN. SPONSORS CLAIM NO TROUBLE EXPECTED.

ST. LOUIS POLICE DEPT., MILITARY INTELLIGENCE, SECRET

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FBI ST LOUIS 313PMURGENT 4-5-68 LCR TO DIRECTOR, FBI FROM ST. LOUIS 157-5883

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TO MEMPHIS, ST. LOUIS AND WASHINGTON FIELD

FROM DIRECTOR

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING,. RACIAL MATTER - POSSIBLE PARTICIPATION BY AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY, AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES UNION (AFSCME) IN MARCH, MEMPHIS, TENN., FOUR EIGHT SIXEIGHT, RACIAL MATTER.

RE SL TEL APRIL FOUR LAST

JERRY WURF SHOULD NOT BE CONTACTED REGARDING MATTER MENTIONED IN RETEL AT THIS TIME. ALL OFFICES SHOULD ATTEMPT TO ASCERTAIN NUMBER OF AFSCME MEMBERS WHO ARE PLANNING TO GO TO MEMPHIS FOR MARCH THERE APRIL EIGHT NEXT TOGETHER WITH ANY OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION REGARDING PARTICIPATION OF THESE MEMBERS IN PLANNED MARCH. HANDLE THROUGH ESTABLISHED SOURCES.

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TO DIRECTOR AND ST. LOUIS

FROM SPRINGFIELD (157-196)

NAACP DINNER E. ST. LOUIS, ILLINOIS APRIL FIVE, SIXTYEIGHT. RM.

ON APRILIFIVE LAST LT. COL. J. C. MOSLEY, NIGHT CHIEF, E. ST. LOUIS, ILL. PD, FURNISHED FOLLOWING INFORMATION.

DUE TO ILLNESS, CHARLES EVERS, BROTHER OF SLAIN CIVIL RIGHTS WORKER, MEDGAR EVERS, WAS UNABLE TO ATTEND CAPTIONED DINNER. IN EVERS ABSENCE, HIS AIDE, REV. ALLEN JOHNSON OF LAUREL, MISSISSIPPI, WAS PRINCIPLE SPEAKER. REV. JOHNSON URGED THE NEGROES OF E. ST. LOUIS TO FOLLOW IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING BY AVOIDING VIOLENCE IN OBTAINING THEIR CIVIL RIGHTS. REV. JOHNSON STATED THAT CHARLES EVERS WOULD BE AT ST. LOUIS, MO., ON APRIL SEVEN NEXT TO PARTICIPATE IN A SYMPATHY MARCH IN ST. LOUIS FROM THE GATEWAY ARCH TO FOREST PARK.

THERE WAS NO VIOLENCE AND NO ARRESTS WERE MADE. END PAGE ONE

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TO DIRECTOR AND ST. LOUIS

FROM SPRINGFIELD (157-196)

# PROPOSED FIREBOMBING AT E. ST. LOUIS, ILLINOIS, APRIL FIVE, SIXTYEIGHT. RM.

ON APRIL SIX INSTANT LT. COL. J. C. MOSLEY, NIGHT CHIEF, E. ST. LOUIS, ILL. PD ADVISED THERE WAS NO FIREBOMBING OR RACIAL VIOLENCE AT E. ST. LOUIS ON APRIL FIVE LAST.

USA E. ST. LOUIS, MILITARY INTELLIGENCE EDWARDSVILLE, ILL. AND SECRET SERVICE ST. LOUIS, MO. ADVISED.

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	CARRIED ARTICLE ENTITLED "SIXTEEN FIRMS HERE HIT WITH FIREBOMBS."
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CHARLESTON, MO. WINDOWS WERE BROKEN IN SERVICE STATIONS AN	1
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SHERIFF'S OFFICE, CHARLESTON, REASONED WITH THE DEMONSTRATORS	
DISPERSED QUIETLY. THERE WERE NO ARRESTS, NO INJURIES AND N	
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FROM SPRINGFIELD (157-196)

PROPOSED BLACK POWER CONFERENCE E. ST. LOUIS, ILL. APRIL SIX, SIXTYEIGHT. RM.

ON APRIL SIX LAST LT. COL. RAY BISCHOFF, ASSISTANT CHIEF, E. ST. LOUIS, ILL. PD ADVISED AS FOLLOWS: ON THE AFTERNOON OF APRIL SIX LAST A FEW E. ST. LOUIS CORE MEMBERS AND MERLIN R. KENNEDY, PRESIDENT NAACP, BLOOMINGTON, ILL., MET AT THE HOME OF HOMER G. RANDOLPH, CHAIRMAN EMERITUS OF E. ST. LOUIS CORE, ONE THREE TWO FOUR E. BROADWAY, E. ST. LOUIS, BUT NOTHING OF INTEREST WAS DISCUSSED ACCORDING TO POLICE SOURCES.

USA E. ST. LOUIS, SECRET SERVICE ST. LOUIS, MO. AND MILITARY INTELLIGENCE EDWARDSVILLE, ILL. ADVISED.

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USA E. ST. LOUIS, SECRET SERVICE ST. LOUIS, MO. AND MILITARY INTELLIGENCE EDWARDSVILLE, ILL. ADVISED.

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FROM PHILADELPHIA (157-2574)

ASSASSINATION MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. RM.

SOURCE, RELIABLE, ADVISES THAT LAWRENCE G. HENRY, RAM MEMBER AND COURIER, IS GATHERING A GROUP OF ARMED BLACK NATIONALISTS TO GO TO MEMPHIS, TENN. FOR MEMORIAL MARCH FOUR EIGHT NEXT AND ATLANTA, GA. FOUR NINE NEXT FOR FUNERAL. LAWRENCE HENRY WILL GO TO DETROIT TO MEET BROTHERS MILTON AND RICHARD HENRY WHO ARE KNOWN TO THAT OFFICE. PERSONS LEAVING PHILA. WILL GO INDIVIDUALLY BY AIR. SOURCE IS INSTRUCTED TO GO TO KANSAS CITY, MO. THE BRYANT WILL GO TO ST. LOUIS. OTHER WILL ALSO GO TO CHICAGO AS WELL AS ABOVE CITIES. IN THESE PLACES THEY WILL KILL TIME AWAY FROM THEIR HOME CITY. THEY WILL FLY INTO MEMPHIS APRIL SEVEN TO ARRIVE JUST BEFORE SEVEN PM CURFFW. ARRIVAL TIMES WILL BE FROM SIX TO SIX FORTY FIVE PM. ALL WILL BE ARMED WITH PISTOLS IN SHOULDER HOLSTERS. GROUP WILL MEET JUST BEFORE MARCH ON MONDAY AT PARADE AREA FOR FINAL INSTRUCTIONS. SOURCE STATES HE HAS BEEN ADVISED THAT "HELP" WILL ALSO COME FROM "THE SOUTH".

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PERSONS KNOWN TO BE IN GROUP ARE:

LAWRENCE G. HENRY NEGRO, FIVE FT. EIGHT IN., MEDIUM DARK COMPLEXION ONE FIVE ZERO LBS., MEDIUM BUILD, SHORT BLACK HAIR, BORN SEVEN FOUR THIRTY FOUR AT PHILA.

CLIFFORD NATHANIEL HYMAN, NEGRO, MALE, BORN TEN TWENTY FIVE THIRTY ONE, AT KENT, MD., FIVE FT. SEVEN AND ONE HALF IN., ONE FOUR ZERO LBS., SLENDER BUILD, BLACK HAIR, BROWN EYES, MEDIUM DARK BROWN COMPLEXION. "CHRONIC SEVERE PARANOID TYPE."

JOHN BRYANT, JR., NEGRO, MALE, BORN EIGHT FIVE TWENTY SIX DISABLED VETERAN WITH "PSYCHOSIS, DEMENTIA PRAECOX, SEVERE", SIX FT., ONE NINETY LBS., BLACK HAIR, BROWN EYES, WELL BUILT.

JOHN TURNER AKA TALIB ZOBIEZ, NO DESCRIPTION AVAILABLE.

ALL ABOVE ARE ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

AUSA JOHN R. SUTTON, EDPA OF OPINION INFO AT HAND INSUFFICIENT TO AUTHORIZE PROSECUTION FOR CRIME ABOARD AIRCRAT PRIOR TO ACTUAL BOARDING OR ATTEMPT TO BOARD, AND SUGGESTS IF PERSONS LOCATED ARRESTS CAN BEST BE MADE BY PD ON CONCEALED WEAPONS CHARGES.

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PH PD ADVISED OF INFO RE PROPOSED TRAVEL. WILL ATTEMPT TO LOCATE PARTICIPANTS PRIOR TO DEPARTURE AND ARREST OF POSSIBLE ON CONCEALED WEAPONS CHARGES. SA'S AND POLICE WILL OBSERVE PLANE DEPARTURES BALANCE APRIL SIX TO IDENTIFY PERSONS NAMED SO THAT POLICE CAN ARREST AT SAFEST POINT PRIOR TO BOARDING PLANE. AIRPORT POLICE ALERTED AND COOPERATING. LIAISON AFFECTED WITH PERTINENT AIRLINES.

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BUREAU AND OFFICES WILL BE KEPT ADVISED.

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TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA, CHICAGO, DETROIT, KANSAS CITY, MEMPHIS, AND

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FROM PHILADELPHIA (157-2574)

ASSASSINATION MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

SOURCE, RELIABLE, IS TO DEPART PHILA. EIGHT FIFTY AM THIS DATE FLIGHT SIX FOUR THREE UNITED AIRLINES FOR CHICAGO, ARRIVE NINE FIFTY HE WILL THEN FLY VIA TWA TO KANSAS CITY AND DEPART THERE THREE TWENTY FIVE PM ARRIVING MEMPHIS FIVE TEN PM THIS DATE. AT MEMPHIS HE WILL MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR TRIP TO ATLANTA.

CLIFFORD HYMAN ADVISED SOURCE THAT HE, HYMAN, WOULD TRY TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR WALLACE MUHAMMAD TO MEET SOURCE IN CHICAGO. CLIFFORD INDICATED HE WILL FLY DIRECT TO MEMPHIS THIS DATE. AND TIME OF DEPARTURE UNKNOWN TO SOURCE.

SOURCE INSTRUCTED TO OBTAIN GUN BY BOTH LAWRENCE HENRY AND CLIFFORD HYMAN WHO HAVE ADVISED SOURCE THEY WILL BE ARMED. SOURCE HAS NOT

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SOURCE BELIEVES THAT HAROLD HYMNA, BROTHER OF CLIFFORD MAY ALSO MAKE TRIP TO MEMPHIS AND ATLANTA. HAROLD IS FORMER NOI OFFICER AND FOLLOWER OF WALLACE MUHAMMED AND MALCOLM X. HAROLD HYMAN IS N/M, DOB TEN THIRTYONE THIRTYFIVE AT PHILA., FIVE SEVEN, ONE FIVE FIVE LBS., HAS SPEECH IMPEDIMENT, TALKS IN HESITANT MANNER.

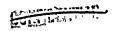
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DEPARTED FOR DETROIT APRIL SIX LAST, FROM AIRPORT OTHER THAN PHILA.

SOURCE ADVISED MARCELLUS ANDREWS, JOHN TURNER, AND JOHN BRYANT, JR., HAVE DEPARTED CITY FROM AIRPORTS OTHER THAN PHILA. SOURCE REPORTED THESE PERSONS AND OTHERS, IDENTITIES UNKNOWN, DEPARTED FROM NEWARK, N.J., NEW YORK CITY AND WILMINGTON, DELAWARE.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

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PHOTOS OF HENRY, ANDREWS, TURNER, AND HYMAN BROTHERS FURNISHED ATLANTA AND MEMPHIS AMSD THIS DATE.



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SOURCE WILL CONTACT MEMPHIS AND ATLANTA OFFICES.

FOR INFO OF BUREAU, PH INDICES REFLECT JOHN BRYANT, JR., HAS BEEN EMPLOYED USPO, PHILA., SINCE THREE TWELVE FIFTYEIGHT AS MAIL HANDLER. PH WILL VERIFY BRYANT'S ABSENCE FROM WORK AND RETURN THROUGH POSTAL AUTHORITIES.

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ON NIGHT OF APRIL SEVEN, LAST, ROVING BANDS OF YOUNG NEGROES SMASHED WINDOWS AND TOSSED SEVERAL FIRE BOMBS IN THE BUSINESS DISTRICT OF CHARLESTON, MO. DAMAGE WAS MINOR. SEVEN NEGROES WERE ARRESTED IN THE VICINITY OF ONE FIRE AT CHARLESTON AUCTION BARN. NO CHARGES FILED AS OF APRIL EIGHT, INSTANT. AS SECURITY MEASURE MISSOURI STATE HIGHWAY PATROL HAVE BEEN ORDERED ON TWENTYFOUR HOUR GUARD DUTY OF THE CHARLESTON RESIDENCE OF GOVERNOR WARREN E. HEARNES.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES, U. S. ATTORNEY, MIC AND SECRET SERVICE CLOSER RESTORED BY DNE O'CLOCK AM- INSTANTIPLE.

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# King Slaying Sparks Negro Riot at Jail

BY RICHARD LOTT AND CHARLES OSWALD Globe-Democrat Staff Writers

The assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King touched off a riot by 96 Negro prisoners in he City Jail at 8:30 p.m. Chursday, authorities reported.

Police used tear gas to quell he rioters on the fifth floor of he jail at Clark avenue and 4th street. Warden A. J. Graves said damage was exensive, including a broken television set on which the inmates and received news of Dr. King's death.

### SMALL FIRES

They ripped out plumbing, electrical wiring and fixtures and broke windows. Several small fires were started, but did not spread.

Police had the riot under control by 10 p.m. and removed the rioters to holdover cells of the Central Police District. Two were taken to City Hospital, one suffering a cut foot and the other complaining of stomach pains, police reported.

Arthur J. Kennedy, city director of public safety, said the riot was due to "years of frustration and denial for the Negroes."

He said the disorder started when Negro prisoners started yelling, "They've killed our leader."

### DENIED RIGHTS

Mr. Kennedy declared that Negroes are denied equal rights in courts and cannot afford lawyers, so they are made to sit and wait for trial. The overcrowding of City Jail was partly to blame, he said.

the added that he anticipated trouble at the jail following or. King's murder, and said that the superintendent of City Workhouse "is presently sitting on a powder keg."

The Mobile Reserve was summoned shortly after the riot started. They started using tear gas at 9:35 p.m. to subdue the rioters.

During the riot, smoke was

During the riot, smoke was observed in the northeast side of the jail. Firemen were called to the jail, but the blaze caused only minor damage. They later used ventilating fans to clear the gas from the building.

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PRISONERS TRANSFERRED

Police brought out the prisoners, many of them with clothes torn, coughing and crying from the tear gas. They were handcuffed with their hands behind their backs, and were loaded into police cruisers for transportation to holdover cells.

As they were brought out of the jail, several prisoners shouted obscene remarks to police and reporters. They declared they would restart the riot

Police kept a tight security
of the jail, during and after the
riot, refusing to permit niwsmen to enter.

JAIL ASSAILED

Overcrowded conditions at the jail have been assailed recently by several grand juries.

The February term grand jury called the jail "an archaic, dilapidated, grossly overcrowded relic of the early part of the century — totally inadequate to meet the needs resulting from increased population and the relentless escalation of the crime rate."

That jury reiterated the need for immediate action leading to the provision of a new and adequate jail. The December term jury called for a study of a bond issue to pay for construction of a new jail.

### **426 CAPACITY**

Built in 1913, the jail has a capacity of 426 inmates. In recent months, its population has exceeded 400 on several occasions. Grand Jurors have noted that exercise and recreation programs for prisoners are non-existent.

The jail has been the scen of namerous disturbances. Last Nov. 27, an outbreak of rioting in the jail resulted in injuries to two prisoners and a policeman.

That disorder was touched off when guards sent to remove two men from the "bullpen" on the third floor were rushed by other prisoners.

**GRIEVANCES LISTED** 

A list of grievances submitted by the rioters in November blamed the disturbance on tension created by allegedly insufficient food, overcrowding, "unfair" treatment by the courts and racial prejudice by jail personnel.

In November 1966, about 40 prisoners protested about evening meals and set fire to two mattresses. In both instances, guards put out the fires.

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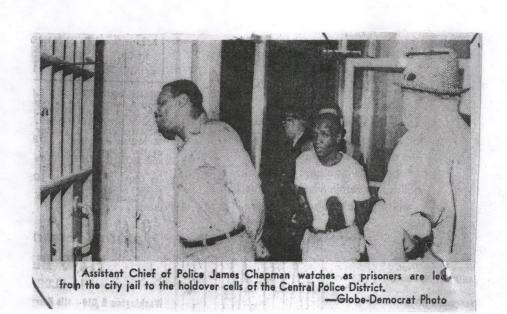
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### Arson, Looting in Nation

# 19 Dead, Hundreds

# Hurt in Riots

By JAMES C. MILLSTONE

Washington Correspondent
of the Post-Dispatch
WASHINGTON, April 6

Federal troops patrolled he
nation's capital today after a
second night of arson and looting that left four persons dead
and nearly 700 injured.

Nineteen persons have died in racial disorders since the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King was killed Thursday night, including nine in Chicago and five in Washington. Washington and Chicago were heavily damaged by fires Friday night.

Two youths died in Detroit, one in Tallahassee, and in Minneapolis police said a Negro killed a white neighbor Thursday night In Memphis, a young Negro man shot (by police Thursday night died today.

Looting and arson began to increase again in Washington after an kall-night curfew expired at dawn.

The Capitol Closed for Capitol and the Library of Congress were closed to visitors but tour groups went through the White House. A Marine Corps unit was moved to to guard the Capitol shortly after midnight, freeing an Army force for deployment elsewhere.

Sniper fire, looting and new blazes broke out at midmorning in Chicago.

Brig. Gen. Richard T. Dunn, commander of 6000 guardsmen mobilized to quell disturbances, asked for additional troops for "an early show of strength."

Smoke still hung over sections of Washington, long after officials reported that they had brought the worst of the rioting under control.

Long corridors of residential shd commercial property, near-light all of it in northwest Washington Negro areas, were devastated. Entire blocks were burned to the ground. Shattered glass and rubble littered the streets and sidewalks.

Police said there had been 293 separate fires, and some of them still were burning. As the city struggled to return to normal, new reports of looters and new fire calls reached police.

At Chicago, National Guard troops and police restored a measure of calm today, after a night of firebombings, shooting and looting that caused extensive damage.

At least 6000 federal troops were deployed at Washington and there were reports that others were standing by.

The troops moved into the city with rifles unloaded but with ammunition in their beits. Their bayonets were sheathed.

Machine-gum emplacements were set up at the White House and at the Capitol by troops who ringed the national buildings. Others moved into the worst trouble spots, moving along to the chant of "March, March, March, "Small contingents dropped off at each intersection in the riot-torn areas.

By this morning, as reinforce-

By this morning, as reinforcements were moved in from other bases, soldiers could be

Mayor Walter E. Washinkton of dered a 13-hour curfew flast night, between 5:30 p.m. and \$150 a.m., and announced that it would continue until further notice. His order forbade sale of alcoholic beverages, firearms, ammunition and gasoline that was not pumped directly into motor vehicle tanks.

Former Deputy Defense Secretary Cyrus R. Vance was assigned to coordinate the Federal operation. He and other Pentagon officials joined the

Mayor in frequent inspections of the trouble area.

Persons who viewed the city from the air late yesterday said Washington looked like "a city on fire."

Looting was widespread, and was done by men, women and children. Groups of men drove up to some stores in trucks, piled into the establishments and emerged with armloads of goods, loaded them aboard the trucks and drove off.

Women filled shopping bags and carts at supermarkets and groceries. Children left battered shops with wastebaskets full of goods. One boy, no more than 7 years old, walked down a littered street carrying an Easter bunny nearly as large as himself. People hauled away clothing, often still on the hangers.

For the most part, the looters ignored photographers recording their actions, occasionally waving and grinning at the cameras. Police watched some of the looting without moving to prevent it. Officers obviously had instructions to use as much restraint as possible to avoid bloodshed.

When looting became particulatly heavy or crowds grew theatening, police used tear gat. By 6 a.m., police reported 2071 persons had been arrested in the two nights of violence. Six of every seven were adults. (Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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loosing a liquor store. Other details were not available.

night was Harold Bentley, 34, buried under the collapsing wall of a burning building.

A white man, George Fletcher, 28, was reported beaten to death by Negro youths in the rioting Thursday night.

Among the injured were seven policemen and six firemen.

Although most of the disorder was confined to Negro areas of Washington, which has a population about 60 per cent Negro, looting spread to downtown sections and reached major department stores and specialty shops

Government workers were urged everyone to return to their homes. The result was one of the worst traffic fams ever to occur in Washington. Starting about 3 p.m. and continuing beyond nightfall, bumper-tobumper traffic clogged most major arteries out of the city.

At Chicago, Brig. Gen Richard T. Dunn, emergency situation commander of the guard, reported, "The situation is under control," Mayor Richard J. Daley, who had remained in his office most of the night, announced, on leaving that "everything is under control."

Three thousand Guardsmen. their weapons loaded and fixed with bayonets, patrolled streets on the west and near northwest sides, two areas hit hardest. About 3000 troops stood by on alert in city armories.

The footing and firebombing began last night on West Madison street, about three miles from the downtown area. When Guardsmen moved in the violence moved 12 blocks south to West Roosevelt road. Early today looting and sniping broke out on the northwest side, two

miles from downtown.
Gard spokesmen, reported sporadic outbreaks of looting before dawn in all the affected

Police reported that 343 per-

sons were arrested in va sections of the city, including 40 juveniles and 20 women

The third Negro to die in the two men shot by snipers, one shot in an exchange of gunfire with police, three found shot to death behind stores, and one found shot on the balcony of his northwest home.

One man bled to death. Police said he may have cut his leg by falling through a glass door or window or by falling on broken glass which littered the area. One man was found dead in a burned store.

In some blocks, both sides of West Madison street appeared to be a solid mass of flames and dense smoke, and in others within three blocks of the White there was scattered looting and some minor fires.

Crowds in the area taunted sent home early as city officials police and firemen, yelling, "A white man killed Martin Luther King."

> There was sporadic shooting through the night as police tried to chase looters from stores Patrol dogs were used to guard a handful of buildings along West Madison, including a sporting good stores that police said had a large supply of weapons, The trouble began as school opened yesterday on the South Side when several thousand pupils failed to report to classes and many, youngsters milled outside school buildings. Fires were set in waste baskets and several false alarms were turned

Board of Education spokesmen said classes were canceled in 19 high schools, including nearly all schools in Negro elementary schools also were closed. Many of the initial closings were to allow pupils to attend memorial services for the Rev. Dr. King.

National Guardsmen also backing up police in troit and the Boston area. unit of 500 Guardsmen mo into Pine Bluff, Ark., to keep peace after police and Negroes exchanged sporadic guafire in the night.

Guard troops operating from armored personnel carriers in Nashville flushed snipers from buildings and the campus of Tengessee A&I University, To students were wounded, neith seriously.

Five policemen and National Guardsmen were injured in an exchange of gunfire with snipers near the predominantly Ne-gro North Carolina A&T State University in Greensboro. Guard troops also were called to Raleigh and Durham.

Some windows were smashed in midtown Manhattan as groups of Negro youths moved into the Times Square-theater district area of New York, but the Harlem and Bedford Stuyvesant areas were relatively peaceful after sporatic violence the night before.

Trouble was reported also in Philadelphia; Pittsburgh; Wichital Oakland and Palo Alto. Casi.; Denver, Hartford, Con.; Freeport and Buffalo, N.Y.; Tojedo, O.; South Bend, In.; Trenton, N.J.; Portland, Ord.; Kalamazoo, Mich.; and Atlanta.

" Four Deaths the four fatalities, three were Negroes, one a 14-year-old boy. He was Thomas Williams, who police said was shot when looting a clothing store. Police said the shooting was accidental and occurred when an officer's revolver discharged as he grappled with several youths. Hrnest McIntyre, 20, was shot

to death by a policeman when TURN TO PAGE 7, COLUMN 4

### Police Use Tear Gas

### Riot at City Jail; 'They Killed Our Leader'

Police used tear gas and smoke grenades last night to quell a riot by prisoners at City Jail over the assassination of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King.

Authorities here also attributed to the death of the civil rights leader a minor fire, an unsuccessful attempt to use a Molotov cocktail and several broken store windows.

The disturbance at the jail broke out among 97 prisoners confined on the fifth floor abbut 8:30 p.m. Most were Negroes. They tore plumbing fixtures from the wall, broke toiled bowls, beat on bars with cups and hurled objects from the windows

set afire and thrown through windows. The Fire Department extinguished the blazes.

Arthur J. Kennedy, director of welfare, whose jurisdiction includes the City Jail, was unsuccessful in efforts to quiet the

"I tried to talk to them," he said. "I tried to calm them down, but they wouldn't listen to reason. All they did was shout: 'We want to die, they killed our leader'.'

Three policé officers and eight prisoners were taken to City Hospital for treatment of minor injuries. Sgt. Sanford mate the damage to the jail, Sutfin suffered a laceration to said: "We have had an overthe right hand, Sgt. William loaded condition in the jail for

sion of the right knee and Pa- the causes of our problem." trolman John Boehmer suffered

was confined to the fifth floor, where the damage was extendemolished and recreation not disabled. rooms were left in a shambles. An inch of water from broken plumbing covered the floors.

The rioters were taken to the holdover cells in Police Head- fire to a former fire station at quarters because of lack of room at the new Workhouse.

Kennedy, declining to estil

Newspapers were rolled up, Wilson was treated for an abra over a year now. That's one of

About 110 police officers rea sprained right hand. sponded to the riot call. Capt.

The disfurbance, except for a Edward Harper, who was in small fire on the third floor, charge of the operation, and Assistant Chief James Chapman sive. Two television sets were inhaled some tear gas but were

> There were other scattered disturbances last night.

An attempt was made to set 3934 Enright avenue that neighboring Negroes have unsuccessfully sought for a recreation center. Someone splashed gasoline on the east side of the building and set fire to it. Fireput out the blaze.

Molotov cocktail was wn at the front window of a grocery at 812 Academy avenue but a heavy screen deflected the missile and no damage was

Windows were broken in five stores in the 1300 block of North Kingshighway.

Police reported that bricks were thrown through the windows of automobiles belonging to Ronald Odette, 8852 Cozzens avenue, Jennings, and Aroba Newton, 25 University street, last night. The incidents occurred at the intersection of Jefferson and Cass avenues where the drivers had stopped for a traffic signal.

Windows were reported broken at Al's Food Market, 1307 North Jefferson avenue, Harry's Market, 1979 Burn avenue, and Spot Linoleum Co., 5510 Easton avenue.

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xteen business establish flaming object through a wir ments were targets for flaming dow at 1 a.m. The arsonist fled Molotov cocktails and windows in a car with two companions. were smashed in 35 other stores in the city last night and early today, police reported.

The Fire Department answered more than 40 alarms, some false, after 10 p.m. Two fires were accompanied by explosions.

Firemen reported extensive blast and fire damage to a food store at 1447 Arlington avenue. A bomb was thrown into the

A two-story building at 5556 Easton avenue was damaged by a bomb thrown onto the roof. Occupants of a second-floor apartment escaped injury. The explosion started a fire that spread to a store on the first floor.

The violence, which came after the assassination of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, oc-curred in two police districts, Page boulevard and Lucas avewith several exceptions. Eighteen attacks were to buildings on Easton avenue and intersecting streets. Police and firemen reported damage to 14 establishments on Easton, between Clara and Hodiamont avenues.

Compared with other large cities, last night's activity was minor, police said. In several instances police were able to extinguish cloth wicks in firebombs before the contents of the bottles ignited.

At Fehlig Bros. Box & Lumber Co., 1909 Cole street, police discovered a firebomb that failed to ignite.

Extensive fire damage was aused at the Swiss-American Importing Co., 4354 Clayton ave-Witnesses said the fire started after a man threw a

The House of Prayer For All People, 1701 O'Fallon street,

was the target for a firebomb. Damage to the building was

slight.

Extensive fire damage was: reported at a grocery and liqnor store at 5600 Easton avenue, at 1:30 a.m. Window smashings were reported in stores on Wells, Arlington, Semple, Shreve and Blackstone avenues. There was damage, also, To a building at Jefferson and Park avenues. A firebomb was thrown into the American Auto Body Co., 3412 Delmar boule-

Police were called to the Doy Electric Co., 4027 West Florissant avenue, at 9 p.m., after looters began helping themselves to television sets from a display window.

Officers saw a group of four carrying away a large television set after a window was smashed. A stolen set was dropped by several youths who

A 19-year-old youth was arrested after he was alleged to have smashed a window in a confectionery at 2870 McNair avenue last night

Windows in 10 homes occupied by white persons in a Negro neighborhood were broken during the night, police said. Several motorists reported their cars were pelted with stones on North Vandeventer avenue and North Grand boule-No injuries were revard. ported.

In East St. Louis windows were smashed at 11 business firms. Automobiles were damaged by missiles and a car at a service station was set on fire

Alton police were called at 3:30 p.m. yesterday to Alton Senior High School, 2200 College avenue, after fights broke out between racial groups on the parking lot. Chief of Police William Petersen attributed the melee to an earlier incident in which a white student suffered a broken jaw. The victim, Fred Zahn, 18 years old, a senior, was struck by a Negro student in a classroom Petersen said

e assailant, who lives Godrey, was booked suspected of assault. Zahn, two other boys and a girl were treated at Alton Memorial Hospital.

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COMMUNITY CONGRESS

FROM 1:30 PM TO 5 PM, APRIL 7, 1968,

ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

A source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on April 5, 1968, that on Sunday, April 7, 1968, there would be a march sponsored by the Mid-City Community Congress, which is an organization in the mid-St. Louis area sponsored primarily by various church groups and organizations for the purpose of improving the entire situation in the mid-city St. Louis area, including racial and social. This source advised the initial planning meeting for this march was called at 12 midnight to 2 AM on April 5, 1968, and it was to be a march as a This source advised there was memorial to Martin Luther King. much disagreement as to the composition of the march, as well as the route of the march. This disagreement primarily had to do with the attitude of the more militant Negroes, as compared to that of the responsible civil rights organizations. This source stated that the more militant Negroes, of which there were only two present, Henry Thomas and Percy Green, desired that the march be composed of all Negroes and go through the Negro section of St. Louis. Other leaders representing such organizations as the St. Louis Committee on Racial Equality (CORE), the Urban League, and the NAACP felt this would be most improper and the march should represent the unity of the St. Louis community, consisting of both the Negro and white population. Subsequent planning meetings were proposed.

This source advised on April 6, 1968, that it was agreed by compromise between opposing groups and individuals that the march would originate at the Gateway Arch in St. Louis, Missouri

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MARCH SPONSORED BY MID-CITY COMMUNITY CONGRESS FROM 1:30 PM TO 5 PM, APRIL 7, 1968, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

at 1:30 PM, April 7, 1968, and proceed west on Franklin Avenue, which is primarily Negro, and continue west on Enright Street to Union Avenue, and south on Union Avenue to Forest Park where memorial speeches would be held. This source advised that as a precautionary measure to prevent difficulties, those Negroes who might by even remote possibility create a disturbance were assigned positions of marshals to preserve order during the march. These marshals, of which it was hoped to have five hundred, would be stationed along the street on each side of the marchers. Their assignment would be carried out with the assistance of planning through the St. Louis Police Department.

Officials of the St. Louis Police Department advised on April 7, 1968, that the march began promptly at 1:30 PM, continued throughout the planned route to Forest Park, where various individuals gave speeches with the memorial terminating at 6 PM. The march began with approximately one thousand individuals but picked up participants along the way and by 3:45 PM it was estimated that twenty-five to thirty thousand participated. The maximum number of participants was indicated at thirty thousand.

Officials of the St. Louis Police Department advised that there were no incidents in connection with this parade, however, at four locations in the City of St. Louis - Seventh and Pine, 5225 Delmar, 5189 Delmar, and 5040 Delmar, individual windows were broken in either vacant buildings or stores. There were no lootings, and four youths, all juveniles, were arrested at the Seventh and Pine window breaking, with one other eighteen-year-old arrested for breaking a window at another location.

This march went one block from the Missouri Athletic Club in St. Louis where representatives from ACTION, a dissident group of CORE, picketed from 2 PM to approximately 3 PM, with the maximum number of pickets during this period being five. There were no incidents at this location.

On April 8, 1968, a second source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that possibly one of the influencing factors preventing disturbances is the utilization of those Negroes who appeared to be more militant as participants to maintain order throughout the march.

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