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Memorandum

TO : SAC, TAMPA (157-3231)

DATE: 4/10/68

FROM : SA A. LEWIS BARNETT

SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE: LAUNDRY MARKINGS

On 4/10/68, Mr. R. H. MC INTYRE, General Manager, Prathers Inc., 1828 Evans, Ft. Myers, advised SA A. LEWIS BARNETT that the Textile Marking Machines used by his firm are located at the Prathers Branch in Naples, Fla., and at a laundry owned by Prathers, Sunshine Cleaners, 2234 Cleveland Ave., Ft. Myers.

Mr. MC INTYRE contacted the Naples branch and was informed that the branch is currently using machines model no. H5L1, serial nos. 31631 and 31793. Mr. MC INTYRE advised that his manager at Naples told him that Agents from the Naples FBI office had contacted the firm there during the morning of 4/10/68, and received the necessary information.

The above information concerning the machines located in Naples was discussed with SA ERNIE HARRISON, RA, Naples, and he verified the fact that he had obtained the information concerning these machines.

Mr. ROBERT CROLL, Manager, Sunshine Cleaners, 2234 Cleveland Ave., Ft. Myers, advised SA A. LEWIS BARNETT that his firm uses a Thermo-Seal tagging machine, model #H5L1, serial no. 31810.

Mr. CROLL furnished a sample label from this machine; but advised that the code in question could not have come from his company as his firm uses a different code system.

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FROM : SA A. LEWIS BARNETT

SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE: LAUNDRY MARKINGS

On 4/10/68, Mr. EARL HOLBROOK, Manager, Wiltshire Cleaners, 2017 Monroe, Ft. Myers, Fla., advised SA A. LEWIS BARNETT that his firm is currently using a Thermo-Seal marking machine purchased from the Textile Marking Machine Co., Syracuse, N.Y. He advised that his firm had never used zero as part of a code in identifying laundry. He advised his code is run as follows, keeping in mind that the machine is capable of making only five characters:

First one or two characters will be numerals and will be the lot number, the week is identified by the middle character which is a letter of the alphabet, and the last character is the bundle number.

Mr. HOLBROOK advised that his machine bears the model number H5K4, serial no. R-33479.

Mr. HOLBROOK furnished samples of his machine labels which will be submitted to the office. He also advised that different color codes are used and red tape with black lettering is used on occasion.

He reiterated that if the code number in question contains the character zero, it was not made by his firm.

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TO : SAC, TAMPA (157-3231) (P)

DATE: 4/10/68

FROM : SA HUGH N. SMITH

SUBJECT: MURKIN

The following laundries were contacted by SA HUGH N. SMITH in an attempt to ascertain which laundries in this area used a Thermo-Seal Marking Machine manufactured by Textile Marking Machine Company of New York:

Three Hour Laundry, 2000 Central Ave., St. Petersburg, Fla, Mr. Robert Prudhomme, manager. Negative

Sixty Minute Cleaner & Laundry, Inc., 1640 5th Ave./S, St. Petersburg, Florida, Mrs. Smith, manager. Negative

Spic & Span Cleaners & Laundry, Mrs. Davis, owner, 14971 Gulf Blvd., Maderia Beach, Florida. Negative

Sunshine Laundry & Dry Cleaners, Inc. 621 16th St. North, St. Petersburg, Florida, Mr. Carde, manager. Negative.

20th St. Automatic Laundry, 20th St. & Pass-A-Grille Way, St. Petersburg, Florida, Martha Koerpage, manager. Negative.

The following chain of laundries do use the above mentioned tag made by the Thermo-Seal Marking Machine. Investigation continues to further identify the type of tag used by this laundry.

Soft Water Laundry, Inc. 701 2nd Ave. S., Chuck Hayes, manager. Mr. Hayes stated that they did use the Thermo-Seal Marking Machine made by Textile Marking Machine Company of New York. He further stated that the tag they used was red in color, 4" wide, approximately 1" long. He further stated that the only other laundry that used the Thermo-Seal Machine was CHATEAUGUA LAUNDRIES & DRY CLEANERS, 563 10th St./ S, St. Petersburg, Florida.

Investigation continues to further identify the tag used by Soft Water Laundry, Inc.

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DATE: 4/10/68

FROM : SA A. LEWIS BARNETT

SUBJECT: MURKIN
Re Laundry Markings

On 4/10/68, SA BRIAN R. HOLSTEIN telephonically contacted the following laundries in regard to their use of a Thermoseal Marking Machine from the Textile Marking Machine Company, Syracuse, N. Y. All advised that their companies did not own or use such a machine:

Ft. Myers

Arnold Palmer Cleaning Center, Mr. VERNON CHRISTIAN
Bay 1 Hr. Clearners, OSCAR BROWN
Betty Brite Dry ~~XXXXXXXX~~ Cleaners, ALMA KOMAREK
CARLSEN CLEANERS, FRED CARLSEN
Carriage Cleaners and Laundry
City Dry Cleaners & Laundry, JERRY BROOKS
Classic Cleaners, BILL POSEY
Fischers Dry Cleaning Plant, G. FISCHER
Gorman's One Hour, EVELYN GORMAN
Lady Ann Cleaners, JOHN BROWN
Raymond Clearners, ERNEST RAYMOND
Town and Country, FRANK BRIEILEY
City Hall Wee Wash, ROY RADCLIFF
Sandt's Laundry, PEARL SANDT

It is noted that Prathers, Inc., Sunshine Dry Cleaning and Wiltshire's Dry Cleaning were contacted ~~xxxxxxxx~~ personally by the writer and separate memoes have been dictated showing use of the Thermoseal tagging machine.

The following cleaners and laundries were contacted telephonically by SA HOLSTEIN with negative results;

Punta Gorda

Kip's Cleaners and Laundry, AUGUSTA BRADFELD
Betty Brite, OTTO EISENMAN
Vanity Cleaners, HAROLD WILKIE
North Village, DOMINICK TIRENZI

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DATE: 4/10/68

FROM : SA JOHN J. BUTLAND

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Rebutel, 4/9/68.

The following investigation was conducted by SA JOHN J. BUTLAND on 4/10/68:

The following individuals all advised that no Thermo Seal marking machine is utilized by their respective laundries:

TARPON SPRINGS, FLORIDA

Mrs. NEVA HILLIARD,
Modern Cleaners and Laundry,
10 South Pinellas;

HARRY MIRDAKIS,
Sanitary Laundry and Cleaners,
408 Cross Winds
(laundry work done at Clearwater, Florida)

Mr. HUTTON,
Upton Laundry and Cleaners,
(work done at Dunedin, Florida)

NEW PORT RICHEY, FLORIDA

Mrs. SHEILA ROYTS,
Royts U. S. 19 Laundry
U. S. 19, New Port Richey, Florida

Mrs. CAROL BOLTON,
New Port Richey Cleaners and Laundry
143 E. Main

Mrs. BURDETTE PHILLIPS,
Uptons Laundry and Cleaners,
210 South Boulevard

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BROOKSVILLE, FLORIDA

Mrs. ETTIE BROOKS,
Brooksville Cleaners,
104 South Main

Mrs. CLARA MEADEN,
Pronto Cleaners, '
Brooks Plaza

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The following individuals were telephonically contacted on 4/10/68 by SA ROBERT C. SMITH to locate a Thermo Seal Marking Machine. All ~~of~~* the following advised they do not use this type machine.

Mrs. WILMA JOHNSON, Aldrich Cleaners & Laundry, 1605-3rd St, Sarasota, Fla, Sends all laundry to Bradenton Cleaners & Laundry, Bradenton, Fla

LORA WILFORD, Kemper Cleaners, Inc, 2139 Siesta Dr, Sarasota, Fla. Sends to Jacks Dry Cleaning & Laundry, Bradenton, Fla; and to Soft White Laundry, Sarasota, Fla.

MAE SCOTT, Ken Park Cleaners & Laundry, Northeast Shopping Plaza, Sarasota, Fla. Sends to Bayview Laundry, Sarasota, Fla.

MARY PERRINE, Asst. Manager, Rep Cleaners, 7237 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, Fla.

Siesta Cleaners & Laundry, 2123 Siesta Dr, Sarasota, Fla.
Send to Bayview Laundry, Sarasota, Fla.

GEORGE LEWIS, Soft White Laundry, 1522-3rd Street, Sarasota, Fla. ~~Attn: Marking~~* Small business and each lot done individually therefore no marking necessary.

TREVOR GRUBBS, Tropical Cleaners, 2053 Ringling Blvd, Sarasota, Fla. Does not use Thermo Seal Marking Machine.

DAN WILKINSON, Manager, Bay View Cleaners & Laundry, Inc, 1523 Main Street, Sarasota, Fla, advised he has three Thermo Seal Marking Machines but the number 02B-6 or D2B-6 is not his mark. He advised his first group is the lot number consisting of 1 through 98; the second group indicates where the bundle came from, such as from a pick up store or by a route man; and the last group is the customer number. He advised that he never uses a letter prefix.

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PAUL HUDGINS, Manager, Lily White & Heritage Laundry,
700 S. Osprey Ave, Sarasota, Fla, advised he has two Thermo Seal
Marking Machines, but the number 02B-6 or D2B-6 is not his mark.
He advised that in his number system the first group is a letter which
changes each day, using A through Z; and the second number denotes the
lot number, while the last number is the ~~ticket~~ customer ticket number.
He also advised that he uses blue tape.

Following investigation conducted by SA Donald G. Montegar
Following individuals contacted telephonically on 4/10/68
and advised they did not use a Thermo Seal Marking Machine in their
business:

Mr. L. B. Younker, Courtesy Cleaners 3509 Manatee Ave. Bradenton, Fla.

~~Adaca/Adaca~~

Eula M. Howell, Oneco Cleaners, Oneco, Fla.

Arthur Ruscher, Service Cleaners, Cortez Plaza Bradenton, Fla.

R. L. Albritton, Skyway Laundry, 815 Manatee Ave. Bradenton, Fla.

Tamiami Cleaners 427 12th St. S Bradenton, Williams Cleaners 633 E.

10th St. W Palmetto, Fla. both send their laundry to Bradenton
Laundry.

Jean ?Schlesley, Bradenton Laundry 2715 9th St. W. advised they use
a Thermal Seal machine but the number 02B-6 or D 2B-6 is not their
number. The first would be a digit indicating the lot number which
would normally be numbered 1 thru 55. Where the letter B is in this
set they list a digit which would be the drivers number.

Efforts to contact Emily Cleaners 9005 ~~Ada/Adada~~ Gulf Dr. Anna Maria island indicated the number has been discontinued.

R. J. Rutledge, Jack's Dry Cleaning , 2001, 9th St. W Bradenton, Fla. advised his comp nay uses the Thermal Seal machine but the number 02B-6 or D2B-6 is not used by him. All of his markings begin with the letter H.

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FROM : SA W. Gargan

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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Today SA R. Phasingame checked following
laundries with negative results wise for no
finding a laundry tag like the Turner Seal
by Textile Mfg. Co. one in this case:

Laundry

Sunshine Leather Repair
659 Central av ST P.

AAA Dryers & Cleaners
2119 Central ST P.

Apex Cleaners
7109 9th N. ST P

contact

Bernard Fella

James Foley

Alvin Chargin

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Laundry
Bette's Dry Cleaners
1411 3 av so STP

Contact

Milton Brown

Black's Fine Dry Cleaning
963 4 S/N STP

Alma Tattler

Carrige Cleaners
3706 49 S/N STP

Rail Beck

Chen's Cleaners Inc.
3001 Center STP.

W. H. Harrison

Green's (formerly Graham's)
2004 9 av so STP

Lynne Green

Holiday Cleaners
5000 Center ST

Mrs. John Jordan

Heal Clean. & Laundry
3734 16 S/N STP

Joeta Meredith

Lester's Cleaning
941 22 S/S STB.

Calvin Lester

Laundry

Contact

Mr. Cleaver
2200 Central

Russell Calhoun

Miss N' West
4670 49 S/N

Richard Rankin

Cardin + Sunshine Laundries
621 16 S/N

Ernest Cord

C. J's Cleaners + Tailors
2210 Tanager A/S

Cal. J. Forehand

One Ham Valet Cleaners
2026 Tupper Blvd N

Lester Darling

R P Cain Operat. Dry Clean.
1402 16 S/S

Roger Pappas

Pellcherry Dry Cleaners
1800 4 S/N

Roland Carlson

Laundry

Contact

Quick Cleaners 623 22 S/S

Elizabeth Reems

Colony Cleaners

"

Reck Cleaners 425 9 S/N

Catharine Grohls

Ticket fast Cleaners 6613 35 A/N

Vivian Shelton

Rogers Dry Cleaning 1702 Central

Mary Gordon

Sparkle Cleaners 6802 Gulf Blvd S/Bch

Mary Ufer

H. F. Taylor Alteration 949 Tyne Blvd N.

Payal Taylor

Tyrene Dry Cleaners 949 Tyne " "

Chas. Eichmberg

Herring Cleaners 1701 16 S/S

Herbert Herring

Home Service L. & C. 2102 Central

A. J. Reis

Howards C & C 1400 4 S/S

"

Hurtis Sundryment 7104 5 A/N

Mr. Hurtis

Johnnys Cleaners 2216 4 S/N

John R. Finch

Locks Coin Op. Laundry 2811 9 A/N

Al. Friedlins

Murphy L & C 5317 16 S/N

Grace Ross

One Hour Martinizing 5317 16 S/N

Jane Hyman

" " 11213 7 S/N

Jean Moore

Valit C & L. 6513 Central

Clarence Schram

Veroy Park DC 1165 a/N

Al. Hallack

W. Sundry Supply

Kay Shaw

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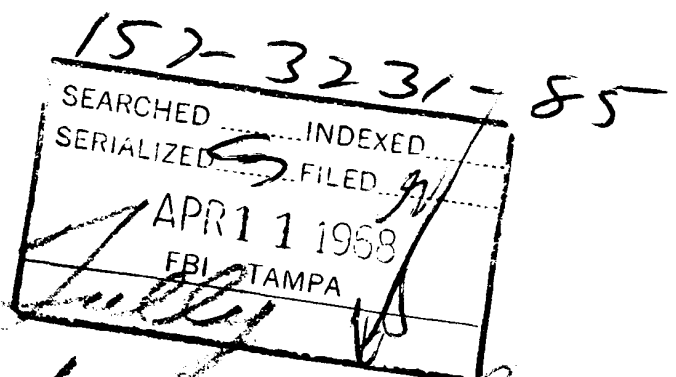
DATE: 4-10-68

FROM : SA EDWARD J. TULLY

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 4-10-68, all laundries in Brevard County, Florida were contacted by SA's Ryan, Fink, Michel, and Ritchey regarding a particular laundry mark. No information of value was obtained.

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*Attach your list
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DATE: 4-9-68

FROM : SA EDWARD J. TILLY

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 4-9-1968, the following agencies were contacted regarding any reference to an individual named Lowmeyer:

Titusville Credit Bureau
Titusville Police Department
Brevard County SO
Brevard Tag agency
Brevard License agency
Cocoa Credit Bureau
Cocoa PD
Eau Gallie PD
Melbourne Credit Bureau
Melbourne PD.
Cocoa Beach PD
PAA Badge Office
NASA Badge Office

In addition the current telephone directories and city directories were reviewed with negative results.

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SA WALTER B. GRANGER

MARVIN DAVIES
LIAISON SOURCE

On 4/5/68, the subject was communicated with and he informed that he does not know what reaction the KING assassination will have upon the Negro community of St. Petersburg, Florida. He said that he thought that a great deal depends upon what the United States Congress does concerning the current Civil Rights Bill which is before that body. He said that he thinks that the majority of Negroes are extremely interested in the outcome of this legislation and that should it be considered favorably, he thinks the racial situation throughout the United States will be relieved. He said that there is a great deal of tension in almost every Negro in America because of the attitude of the American white for them. He remarked that the President's Commission on Civil Disorders was correct in its analysis of the causes of racial discord in America.

MR. DAVIES said that he understands that JOSEPH WALLER is irritated at the NAACP since the organization did not offer him any legal counsel during his trial in 1967. MR. DAVIES pointed out that WALLER had never been a member of the NAACP and, in fact, has ostracized that organization on a number of occasions. He said he did not know what effect and influence WALLER will have on the community in St. Petersburg, but noted that during his last attempts at organizing Negroes in St. Petersburg, he was only successful in surrounding himself with a very few individuals.

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MR. DAVIES commented that he thinks that the possibility of racial strife exists anywhere where large concentrations of Negroes are located. He said that generally speaking when large concentrations of Negroes are prevalent in an area, the conditions which precipitate violence also exist. He explained these conditions as substandard housing, lack of educational opportunity, poverty and segregation.

SAC, TAMPA (157-2193) (P)

4/11/68

SA WALTER B. GRANGER

NATHANIEL CROOK
LIAISON SOURCE

On 4/5/68, MR. CROOK was communicated with and he informed that he had no specific information indicating imminent violence in either Tampa or St. Petersburg, Fla. MR. CROOK lives in Tampa, but works at the General Electric Company in St. Petersburg. He said that he is of the opinion that the MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. assassination will influence only those individuals who have a propensity to violence.

He said that he foresees racial strife throughout the United States unless a massive commitment to change is made by the white community. He commented that he is of the opinion that a great deal of money is necessary to be channeled toward fulfilling the basic needs and necessities of the Negro community such as housing, schools, and recreational facilities. He remarked that in a great number of communities throughout the United States he understands that a sizable amount of money is being channeled into the purchase of additional arms and equipment for law enforcement agencies and that he does not believe that this will, in any way, prevent riots. He thinks that perhaps some of these communities are taking the attitude toward resisting the potential rioters rather than a preventive attitude which could avoid them. He remarked that the United States has the capability to change the current status of the Negro if only the white majority and the middle class Negro will fully commit themselves to this change.

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He pointed that America during World War I, World War II and the Korean conflict was able to build almost overnight an industrial complex which was responsible for winning these conflicts. He stated it is going to be necessary for America to take the same stand for changing the crisis in the American race issue.

He concluded by saying that he has no specific information indicating violence in either Tampa or St. Petersburg, but pointed out that he does not think that violence is an organized activity, but rather a spontaneous one.

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Slayer Search Systematic

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — The task of finding the person who killed Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. apparently has settled down to the grueling police routine of sifting every clue and checking every lead.

The Memphis Commercial Appeal reported today that the city's fire and police director is investigating the possibility that someone used the police radio frequency to draw officers off the trail of the fleeing assassin.

The paper said in a copyright story that Frank C. Holloman, Memphis fire and police director, "would only say last night that such a possibility is under investigation."

The paper said radio transmissions indicated Lt. R. W. Bradshaw in police car 160 was speeding after a white Mustang, suspected as a possible getaway car, following the shooting.

Holloman "did confirm that Lt. Bradshaw in car 160 was 'in the area' of the reported chase, but not involved in the case" the paper said.

"I was not chasing a white Mustang," the paper quoted Bradshaw as saying. "Any other information will have to come from the chief."

"The police dispatcher relayed seven transmissions — supposedly from Lt. Bradshaw in car 160 — between 6:35 p.m. and 6:47 p.m. last Thursday," the paper said, "little more than a half-hour after Dr. King was shot by a sniper outside the Lorraine Motel." The paper said the messages described the route of the chase, said that a blue Pontiac was also chasing the Mustang and said shots were fired from the Mustang at the Pontiac.



Artist's sketch of King assassin, drawn from descriptions.

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Clark Says Suspect Is 'On the Run'

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark said yesterday that law enforcement agents have "one man on the run" as a suspect in the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

"We have a name we are working on. Whether it is the right name, we'll have to see," Clark said.

The attorney general said that "the trail has lengthened" since Friday when he said that the investigation had spread several hundred miles beyond Memphis, Tenn., where King was slain.

But Clark, interviewed on television (Meet the Press—NBC), said it was not appropriate to disclose where the search has taken law enforcement officials.

Clark said the evidence collected "still points" to the assumption that one man killed King. "There is no evidence that more were involved," he said.

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TAMPA, FLORIDA

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TELETYPE

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TO: BUREAU
FROM: JACKSONVILLE (157-1534)

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. RM

RE TAMPA TEL TO BUREAU, MEMPHIS AND JACKSONVILLE
APRIL FIVE LAST.

INVESTIGATION ST. AUGUSTINE, FLA., DETERMINED RAY
COCHRANE (PHONETIC) DESCRIBED IN REFERENCED TELETYPE,
IDENTICAL TO RAY D. ETTTEL, MANAGER, GATORLAND, ST. AUGUSTINE,
FLORIDA, WHICH IS OWNED BY ETTTEL'S FATHER.

ETTTEL INTERVIEWED AND DENIED KNOWLEDGE OF CAPTIONED
MATTER AND OF EVER HAVING DRAWN BEAD ON MARTIN LUTHER KING.
ETTTEL STATED ALTHOUGH HE DID NOT BELIEVE IN KING'S
ACTIVITIES HE FEELS ASSASSINATION UNWARRANTED.

ETTTEL STATED HE OWNS SEVERAL RIFLES AND IS AVID HUNTER.
HE ALSO ADVISED HE WAS EMPLOYED BY PACIFIC GUN SIGHT CO.,
OMAHA, NEBRASKA, FROM OCTOBER NINETEEN SIXTY FIVE TO
APRIL NINETEEN SIXTY SIX.

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ETTEL STATED ON APRIL FOUR LAST HE WORKED AT GATORLAND, ST. AUGUSTINE, FLORIDA, FROM EIGHT A.M. TO SIX P.M. AND THIS WAS VERIFIED BY WIFE. ST. JOHNS COUNTY DEPUTY BOB BISSELL, ST. AUGUSTINE, FLA., NEIGHBOR TO ETTEL STATED HE SAW ETTEL LATE WEDNESDAY NIGHT AT RESIDENCE. DEPUTY SHERIFF VAN LINDSEY, ST. JOHNS COUNTY SO, NEXT DOOR NEIGHBOR TO ETTEL ADVISED HE SAW ETTEL AT RESIDENCE THURSDAY EVENING, APRIL FOUR LAST.

ETTEL DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, DOB [REDACTED], [REDACTED], AT SOUTH BEND, INDIANA, FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES, TWO HUNDRED TEN LBS., MEDIUM TO HEAVY BUILD, BROWN HAIR AND EYES, MEDIUM COMPLEXION, MARRIED WITH TWO CHILDREN, RESIDENCE FIVE ONE ONE A STREET, ST. AUGUSTINE BEACH, FLA.

MEMPHIS AND TAMPA ADVISED AIRMAIL.

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TO : SAC, TAMPA (157-3231)

DATE: 4/12/68

FROM : SA BILL D. WILLIAMS

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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RE: Laundry tags.

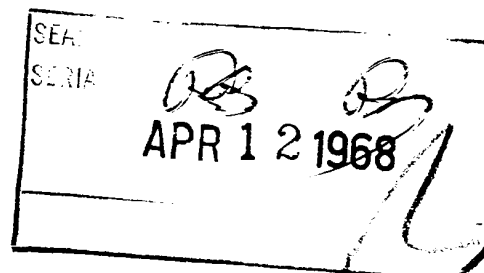
The following establishments were contacted on 4/10/68 and it was determined that none use a textile marking machine, such as described in Bureau teletype, 4/9/68:

Main Street Cleaners, 207 East Main Street,
Dade City.

Stanley's Cleaners, 216 S. 8th Street, Dade
City.

Hoods Family Cleaners and Laundry, 405 S.
Gall Boulevard, Zephyrhills.

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Classmate Recalls Martin Luther King

'A Quiet Person, A

Nice Guy'

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(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

The bullets which killed nonviolence apostle Martin Luther King on a Memphis motel balcony last night, echoed in St. Petersburg today with a mixture of fond memories and fear for the future.

"Martin Luther King lived for freedom and he died for freedom — with his boots on," reflected St. Petersburg Community Relations Director Alex Hawkins.

"We were in college together," Hawkins recalled. Morehouse College in Atlanta in 1946; King two years later.

Hawkins said he knew King as a "quiet person and a nice guy but his leadership ability in those days was not as evident as his oratorical talent."

Negro attorney I. W. "Ike" Williams, president of the local branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, spoke haltingly of the slain man's

sudden death:

"In terms of future direction, I'm not sure in my own mind," said Williams. "But from the national point of view certain things must be done immediately."

The Negro spokesman said the U.S. Congress should pass the pending civil rights legislation today, complete with open housing provisions. "It can be done," he emphasized.

Williams also called for the national administration and the Congress to immediately curtail the foreign aid program and the monetary outlay for the war in Vietnam "and shift those monies to a massive project to alleviate conditions of Negroes in the ghettos of America."

"If this is not done," Williams said, "then I feel certain we are in for some real racial unrest."

The local NAACP head said he hopes the relative quiet across America last night "does not lull the white community into complacency, be-

cause all hell could still break loose and I'm not so sure that would be a bad thing."

On the local level, Williams said, "the city administration needs to stop pussyfooting with the aspirations and the desires of the Negro community. The city has not really gotten involved in trying to improve their lot."

Williams decried the lack of Negroes employed at City Hall and the absence of city firemen and meter readers.

"The city must wake up," he said. "Industrial leaders in the community must also wake up. It's long past due that we concern ourselves to secure for all citizens the opportunity to realize the American dream."

Mayor Don Jones' reaction to the King slaying was that it's a "terrible, deep loss."

"He made contributions to the whole society. He tried to act constructively and in the interest of the total American society," said the mayor.

Jones, 42, reacted with

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ST. PETERSBURG EVENING
INDEPENDENT, ST.
PETERSBURG, FLA.

Date: 4/5/68

Edition: LOCAL

Author:

Editor: ROBERT M. STIFF

Title:

Character:

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Submitting Office: TAMPA

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ALEXANDER HAWKINS

anger that King, 39, had been cut down in the prime of his life.

Hawkins was reading a Dept. of Labor report entitled, "Social and Economic Conditions of Negroes in the U.S." when the first bulletin was flashed over nationwide television.

Hawkins had just passed over a paragraph that stated conditions in the United States "do not warrant complacency nor do they justify pessimism

or despair."

The city's only Negro department head said King's killing reminded him of the assassination of former President John F. Kennedy.

Hawkins was to be the guest speaker at a special meeting of the NAACP last night. About 25 persons appeared, news of King's death arrived, a moment of silence was declared and the meeting was adjourned.

King was the type of person who rolled with the punches," said Hawkins. "He was tops in the nonviolent, direct confrontation approach. He operated with the masses."

Hawkins predicted the untimely death will "leave a void in the overall program" to obtain a better life for Negroes.

The community relations director said he fears "activists will be better able to take over now because no one will be able to keep things nonviolent to the extent that he did."

who ask me how to treat an eczema or a lichen planus or a psoriasis or perhaps some skin disease so rare that I never heard much about it. I wish I could help these people, especially when I see that they are living in a rural area where there are no skin specialists; but there are too many difficulties in the way. In the first place, an eczema might mean anything; it is a general term describing many kinds of skin eruption.

An able skin specialist, a friend of mine, tells me a high percentage of the people whom he sees nowadays with an inflamed patch of skin are suffering from irritation produced by some new detergent, kitchen soap, antiperspirant, hair spray, facial cream, hair tonic, hair pomade, or perhaps poison ivy. When a patient has a skin eruption, the essential part of the treatment is not prescribing an ointment, but is finding what is producing the inflammation, and then getting rid of that. As I often say to people, "What you must do is to

**DR.
WALTER C.
ALVAREZ**



number of questions.

When I was a lad, I had a splendid sense of balance except when I stood up suddenly after I had been squatting down looking for a book on a bottom shelf. Sometimes then, for a few seconds, I had such a poor sense of balance that I grabbed a shelf and hung on to it. That momentary loss of balance I still get occasionally; it is due to a sudden fall in

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, TAMPA (157-3231)

DATE: 4/11/68

FROM : SA WILLIAM F. DOYLE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

At 11:50 a.m. this date I returned a call to E. LUTRELL BING, liaison source, who advised that on 4/10/68, he visited his bar, the Rainbow Bar, at Eatonville, Fla. While there, he was in contact with FRANK MILLER, ROCK RIVERS and an individual named ALEX (LNU), all of whom were present when an unsub who resembled the composite drawing of the assassin of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING allegedly visited the Rainbow Bar earlier this week. All of these 3 individuals agreed that the composite drawing bore a striking resemblance to the person that they had met at the Rainbow Bar.

BING stated he also determined from inquiry that LEON SMITH drove the unsub white male who had been at the Rainbow Bar to the Greyhound Bus station in the early morning hours of last Monday. BING stated that he contacted authorities at the Greyhound station and determined that one R. A. PETERSON, on the 12:00 midnight to 8:00 a.m. shift, was the individual who had handled the ticketing of the white male unsub at the time he departed for Miami. BING stated he was unable to determine the precise time of departure. BING stated he displayed the photograph of the KING assassin and PETERSON also indicated that it bore a striking resemblance to the unsub white male mentioned earlier. BING was informed by PETERSON that the unsub W/M attempted to cash a check at the Greyhound terminal which was drawn on a Chattanooga, Tenn., bank. The ticket agent refused to honor this check and recalled, however, that the unsub W/M stated that he was originally from Dalton, Ga. The ticket agent, according to BING, was unable to recall the unsub W/M's name.

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(1 - 157-2209) (BING)
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TO : SAC, TAMPA (157-3231)

DATE: 4/11/68

FROM : SA WILLIAM A. KELLER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE: LAUNDRY MARKING

On 4/10/68, RICHARD BRISTOW, Textile Marking Machine Co., Gainesville, Fla., advised that he sells and services Thermo-Seal marking machines in S.C., Ala., Ga., Fla. and Miss. as far north as Jackson. He furnished from memory a list of the laundries in the Tampa Division which use the Thermo-Seal marking machine. They are as follows:

TAMPA:

Oak Park Laundry
Townes Laundry

done
done

ST. PETERSBURG:

Soft Water Laundry

done

SARASOTA:

Tropical Cleaners
Lilly White Laundry
Bayview Laundry

done
done
done

BRADENTON:

Bradenton Cleaners & Laundry
Jack's Dry Cleaning

done
done

FT. MYERS:

Prather's Laundry & Cleaners

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ORLANDO:

Executive Laundry

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WINTER PARK:

Imperial Laundry
Winter Park Laundry

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RAs are requested to contact laundries within their territory.

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FBI MIAMI

1239 PM URGENT 4/11/68 SHR

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, MEMPHIS 44-1987, BIRMINGHAM 44-1740, NEW YORK AND
TAMPA

FROM MIAMI 44-1854 2 P

MURKIN

RE BUREAU AND ST. LOUIS TELS APRIL TEN, LAST.

RE SUSPECT ERIC STARVO GALT.

INS. MIAMI, FILE A SEVEN TWO SIX THREE EIGHT SIX FIVE, FOR PAULE
SIMONE GALT, REFLECTS ADDRESS AS OF DEC. ONE, SIXTYSEVEN AS FIVE SIX
ZERO SEVEN GULF DRIVE, HOLMES BEACH, FLA. PAULE BORN [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], PARIS, FRANCE, FIVE FEET TWO AND ONE HALF, DARK
BROWN HAIR, BROWN EYES, ONE FORTYPOUNDS. AS OF MAY TWENTYSEVEN, FORTY-
NINE, ADDRESS FOUR TWO FOUR TWO SWAN ST., ST. LOUIS, MO., HUSBAND WARREN
U.S. POST OFFICE, ST. LOUIS, MO. PAULE'S CHILDREN JEAN CLAUDE
DUPUREUR, BORN [REDACTED]; ALAIN EDMOND ROBERT
DUPUREUR, BORN [REDACTED].

INS FILE A THREE EIGHT ZERO SIX FIVE SEVEN ONE FOR MARIE DELIMA
SIMONE GAULT NEE MATTE, AKA SIMONE MATTE GAULT, SHOWS ADDRESS AS OF

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JULY TWENTYSEVEN, FIFTYFIVE, ONE ZERO SIX FOUR MADISON AVE., NYC,
HUSBAND JOSEPH JAMES GAULT. SIMONE BORN [REDACTED],
MONTREAL, CANADA, FIVE FEET TWO, ONE FORTYFIVE, BROWN HAIR, BLUE EYES.

INS, MIAMI FILE A ELEVEN FOUR TWO SIX ONE SEVEN THREE FOR LAZARA
GAULT TRANSFERRED NEW YORK, OCT. FOUR, SIXTYSEVEN. INS, MIAMI, HAS
NO RECORD OF ERNEST GAULT; ERIC K. C. GAULT OR ERIC STARVO GALT.

TAMPA CONDUCT INVESTIGATION AT HOLMES BEACH, FLA. TO DETERMINE
IF WARREN MILTON GALT IS IDENTICAL TO SUSPECT GALT OR MEMBER OF HIS
FAMILY IDENTICAL TO SUSPECT.

NEW YORK CONDUCT INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE IF JOSEPH JAMES GAULT
OR MEMBERS OF HIS FAMILY IDENTICAL TO SUSPECT.

REVIEW INS FILE A ELEVEN FOUR TWO SIX ONE SEVEN THREE FOR LAZARA
GAULT TO IDENTIFY HIM OR MEMBER OF HIS FAMILY AS IDENTICAL TO SUSPECT
GALT.

NO INDICATION TO BE GIVEN THIS LEAD IS IN CONJUNCTION WITH MORKIN
CASE.

DIRECTOR AND NEW YORK ADVISED SEPARATELY.

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PG 1 AFTER LINE 8 WHICH ENDS HUSBAND WARREN GARBLED TO U.S. POST
OFFICE, ST. LOUIS, PLS FILL THIS IN FOR ME

OK MIN PLS

MILTON GALT, BORN [REDACTED]

MILTON GALT, BORN [REDACTED], ST. LOUIS, MO., EMPLOYED
U. S. POST ETC.

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FBI TAMPA

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*See A-139
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FBI WASH DC

353PM URGENT 4/11/68 CAB

TO ALL SACS

FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 2P.

MURKIN

INVESTIGATION HAS ESTABLISHED THAT AN INDIVIDUAL USING THE NAME ERIC STARVO GALT WAS IN MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, ON APRIL FOUR, SIXTYEIGHT, REPORTEDLY DRIVING A NINETEEN SIXTYSIX WHITE MUSTANG WITH ALABAMA LICENSE ONE DASH THREE EIGHT NINE NINE THREE. THE BUREAU IS ANXIOUS TO LOCATE THIS INDIVIDUAL FOR QUESTIONING IN CONNECTION WITH THIS MATTER.

ALL OFFICES COVERING POINTS OF EXIT FROM THE COUNTRY SHOULD INITIATE A CHECK TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT ERIC GALT HAS DEPARTED THE COUNTRY.

ALL OFFICES ARE TO CONTACT THE APPROPRIATE POLICE DEPARTMENTS IN YOUR TERRITORY TO INSURE THAT ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES ARE COVERED BY AN ALL POINTS BULLETIN TO THE EFFECT THAT ERIC STARVO GALT IS WANTED FOR QUESTIONING
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*Office has done this w/ PH P + FOLE
per Kypa Beahl. TP PB
contacted & said if PH P send out tel,
all law enf. in state gets. No APB placed*

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BY THE FBI.

GALT IS DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, HEIGHT FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES, WEIGHT ONE HUNDRED SEVENTYFIVE POUNDS, EYES BLUE, HAIR BROWN, DATE OF BIRTH [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], ACCORDING TO HIS DRIVERS LICENSE.

GALT'S CAR IS DESCRIBED AS A NINETEEN SIXTYSIX WHITE HARD-TOP MUSTANG, SIXTYEIGHT ALABAMA LICENSE TAG ONE-THREE EIGHT NINE NINE THREE, VIN SIX T ZERO SEVEN C ONE NINE ZERO SIX FOUR SEVEN. CAR HAD FOUR INDIVIDUAL RED PLASTIC FLOOR MATS, MUFFLER PAINTED SILVER WHEN PURCHASED BY GALT IN AUGUST SIXTYSEVEN.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD IT BE INDICATED TO ANYONE AT ANY PLACE THE NATURE OF THE CASE IN WHICH GALT IS WANTED FOR QUESTIONING BY THE FBI.

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TP...BLW

FBI TAMPA

JK...MHM

FBI JACKSVLE

CO...WTA

FBI-COLUMBIA

SV...JRC

FBI SAVANNAH

AT...HJM

FBI ATLANTA

TO CLR

FBI TAMPA

FBI ALBANY

511PM URGENT 4-11-68 DER

TO DIRECTOR MEMPHIS COLUMBIA JACKSONVILLE MIAMI TAMPA

AND ATLANTA

FROM ALBANY /44-493/

MURKIN CR.

RE COLUMBIA TEL TO BUREAU AND TAMPA TEL TO BUREAU,
APRIL TEN LAST, AND ALBANY AIRTEL TO BUREAU, APRIL TEN LAST.

REFERENCED COLUMBIA TELETYPE RE THERMO-SEAL MACHINES AT
IDEAL WHITE SWAN LAUNDRY, CHARLESTON, S.C., MACHINE SN THREE
THREE ZERO ZERO SEVEN, WAS BILLED TO ABOVE COMPANY ON JULY
TWENTYSEVEN, NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR, NO RECORD OF ITS RETURN IN
COMPANY RECORDS. TEXTILE MARKING MACHINE CO., SYRACUSE, NY,
ADVISED THIS MACHINE MAY HAVE BEEN RETURNED TO SALES REPRESENTATIVE
RICHARD BRISTOW, THREE FOUR SIX TWO N. W. THIRTEENTH AVE.,
GAINESVILLE, FLA., TELEPHONE FR TWO ONE TWO NINE ZERO.

JACKSONVILLE CONTACT BRISTOW TO DETERMINE IF HE HAS
ANY RECORD OF ABOVE MACHINE AND ADVISE COLUMBIA AND ALBANY.

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COMPANY RECORDS SHOW FOLLOWING MACHINES FORMERLY CON

SIGNED TO BRISTOW ARE LOCATED AS FOLLOWS: SAVANNAH-SUPERIOR
LAUNDRY, AUGUSTA, GA., SN THREE THREE SIX NINE ZERO ZERO;
JACKSONVILLE-LAKE CITY LAUNDRY, LAKE CITY, FLA., SN R THREE
THREE SIX THREE FIVE; MIAMI - COLONIE CLEANERS, FORT LAUDERDALE,
FLA., SN THREE THREE SEVEN EIGHT ONE; ALLPATIAH CLEANERS,
MIAMI, FLA., SN THREE THREE SIX FOUR EIGHT; TAMPA-IMPERIAL
LAUNDRY, WINTER PARK, FLA., SN THREE THREE SIX NINE TWO.

OFFICES INDICATED LOCATE MACHINES AND DETERMINE INFOR-
MATION REQUESTED BY LEAD ALBANY AIRTEL APRIL TEN LAST.

THESE MACHINES WERE NOT INCLUDED IN REFAIRTEL.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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MJR

FBI TAMPA

621PM URGENT 4/11/68 GJM

TO ALL SACS

FROM DIRECTOR 1P

MURKIN

REBUTEL THIS DATE TO PLACESTOPS ON ERIC STARVO GALT
AND A NINETEEN SIXTYSIX WHITE MUSTANG. DISREGARD
REFERENCED TELETYPE AND CANCEL ANY ALL POINTS BULLETINS
THAT MAY HAVE BEEN ISSUED.

END

MJR

FBI TAMPA

MM PJL

FBI MIAMI

JK JLC

FBI JACKSON

CO PAB

FBI-COLUMBIA

SV SPT

FBI SAVANNAH

AT LBN

FBI ATLANTA

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*No APB placed
No stops placed
with Customs or any other
agency.*

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FBI TAMPA

FBI BOSTON

629 PM URGENT 4-11-68 SEM

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND TAMPA

FROM BOSTON (157-644)

MURKIN; CR, OO: MEMPHIS.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES, APRIL NINE LAST.

INVESTIGATION PORTLAND, ME., DISCLOSES THAT GEORGE THATCHER, AUBURN, ME., WHILE VACATIONING IN ORLANDO, FLA, HAD PERSONAL LAUNDRY LAUNDERED AT PARISIAN CLEANSERS, INC., ROBINSON AVE., ORLANDO, FLA. IT WAS NOTED THAT THATCHER'S SHIRTS CONTAINED THERMO SEAL MARKING SYSTEM OF TEXTILE MARKING MACHINERY CO., INC., SYRACUSE, N.Y.

TAMPA CONTACT PARISIAN CLEANSERS, INC. TO ASCERTAIN IF THIS CLEANING COMPANY IS USING CODE AND TAGS OF THERMO SEAL MARKING SYSTEM AND PURSUE ANY LOGICAL LEADS DEVELOPED.

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MJR

FBI TAMPA

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FBI ALBANY

1130 AM URGENT 4-11-68 DER

TO: DIRECTOR AND (30) SAC RECEIVING ALBANY AIRTEL APRIL TEN LAST.

FROM ALBANY:

MURKIN, CR.

RE ALBANY AIRTEL APRIL TEN LAST.

IT IS SUGGESTED IN COVERING LEADS REAIRTEL THAT PERSONAL CONTACTS BE MADE WITH OPERATOR OF MACHINES IN PREFERENCE TO SUPERVISORY PERSONNEL AS TEXTILE MARKING MACHINE CO., SYRACUSE, NY, NOW SUGGESTS THAT ZERO IN FIRST CHARACTER MAY HAVE BEEN INSERTED BY MACHINE OPERATOR IN PREFERENCE TO USING A DASH.

IF OTHER CHARACTERS SIMILAR TO QUESTIONED CODE, SUGGEST IMMEDIATE SUBMISSION TO BUREAU LAB FOR COMPARISON.

ALL OFFICES BEING ADVISED BY ALBANY.

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FBI TAMPA

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*Call
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11/10/68
O'Connell
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Barnett*
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Memorandum

TO : SAC, TAMPA (157-3231)

FROM : SA THEODORE R. SEMAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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OO: MEMPHIS

DATE: 4/11/68

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W.E.D.U. Educational Television
Channel 3
Exempted from 2.20.4 St
908 249-5751

On 4/11/68, Dr. IRVING HALL, 712 39th Street, West, Bradenton, Florida telephonically contacted the Sarasota RA and advised that between the hours of approximately 8:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. 4/7/68 he and his wife viewed a television program over Channel 3, Educational Television Channel, Station WEDU, Tampa, Florida. HALL stated this program was a panel type discussion concerning the study of the march on Washington that was to be lead by MARTIN LUTHER KING this spring. HALL also stated that a white male, who was a member of the panel, who was sitting on the floor, near a Negro who was standing and who was the moderator made several comments that dealt with KING leading the above march. The white male, according to HALL, reportedly made a comment to the effect, "If KING leads the march on Washington, the march will be a Negro march and the poor white people will be getting screwed".

HALL stated that upon viewing the artist's conception of the assassin of KING and comparing the description that has been set forth in local newspapers regarding the assassin, he believed the white male on the above television program who made remarks critical of KING'S leadership, appears of similar description to the artist's conception of the assassin.

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TAMPA DIVISION

AT TAMPA, FLORIDA

Contact logical personnel, television station WEDU, Channel 3, regarding the above program in an effort to identify white male member of panel as set forth above.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, TAMPA (157-3231)

DATE: 4/11/68

FROM : SA DENNIS R. DICKSON

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Contact is being made with motels in the Tampa area in an effort to determine if ERIC GALT, JOHN WILLARD or HARVEY LOWMEYER stayed at a hotel during the pertinent period.

On 4/11/68, MILDRED PIXTON, Manager, Haven Motel, 7007 No. Nebraska Ave., advised that a HOWARD WILLARD spent one night at the motel on 4/5/68, and checked out the following day. He possessed no luggage and stated that he had had a fight with his wife. He paid cash for the room and stated that he was employed at Capital Motors, Tampa, and was driving a car bearing the tag 3W-3743.

Check of auto registration records on 4/11/68 reflects that 3W-3743 is registered to H. J. RADFORD, Rt. 5, Box 123 A, Tampa, Fla., on a 1952 Buick.

On 4/11/68, LEO SHELTON, Asst. Manager, Capital Motors, 5702 Florida Ave., advised that there was no individual employed at Capital Motors by the name of HOWARD WILLARD. He stated that an AUDREY EUGENE WILLARD previously worked at Capital Motors, however, has not been employed for at least two or three weeks.

LEADS

TAMPA AT TAMPA, FLA.

Immediately contact H. J. RADFORD, Rt. 5, Box 123A, Tampa, to identify HOWARD WILLARD who registered at Haven Motel on 4/5/68, in order to eliminate him as a suspect in captioned case.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC 157-3231

DATE: 4/12/68

FROM : SA John R.M. Whelan

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR

Re memo SA Dennis R. Dickson 4/11/68

On 4/12/68 Leo Shelton, Manager Capital Motors 5702 Florida Avenue advised that Audrey Eugene Willard was employed as a mechanic at ACE AUTO PARTS, a junk car lot owned and operated by CAPITAL MOTORS, located on State Highway #41 between 40 Street and 43 Street Tampa

Henry Dorman, Manager, ACE AUTO PARTS Co on 4/12/68 advised that Audrey Eugene Willard is not presently employed at this lot. Dorman stated



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that AUDREY's brother HOWARD WILLARD is presently employed at this auto lot. DORMAN pointed out HOWARD WILLARD and it was noted by SA Whelan that HOWARD WILLARD did not resemble artist concept photograph of the principal suspect in this case nor did he meet the physical description of suspect.

HOWARD WILLARD, was observed to be approximately 5'6" tall weighs about 150 lbs. and appears to be between 22 and 24 yrs of age. He has light brown hair and was observed smoking cigarettes.

DORMAN stated that HOWARD WILLARD has been steadily employed at this lot for at least two months and worked every day of the week 4/1-5/68. with the exception of Saturday 4/6/68.

A black 4 door Buick sedan bearing Florida license plate 3W 3743 was observed parked next to the main building at the ACE AUTO PARTS business lot.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC 170-494A-2

FROM : SA GORDON W. TINDLE

SUBJECT: JAMES PINK VEREEN

DATE: 4/5/68

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)
☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R
☒ PRI (GHETTO)

Dates of Contact 4/5/68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted Racial Conditions Orlando Fla, Ghettos Calm and negative Assassination Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.		
Purpose and results of contact ☐ NEGATIVE ☒ POSITIVE ☐ STATISTIC		
☒ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating good	Coverage good

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Memorandum

TO : SAC *170-385A#1*

FROM : SA *GORDON W. TINDLE*

SUBJECT: *BULLIE BENNARD*

DATE: *4-5-68*

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

☒ *PRI (GHETTO)*

Dates of Contact <i>4/5-68</i>		
Titles and File #s on which contacted <i>Racial Conditions - Orlando, Florida</i> <i>and info assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.</i> <i>Ghetto Calm</i>		
Purpose and results of contact ☐ NEGATIVE ☒ POSITIVE ☐ STATISTIC <i>1- 170-385 A</i> <i>(1- 157- 1484 Sub 3 3231)</i>		
☒ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating <i>good</i>	Coverage <i>good</i> <i>157-3231-105</i>

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Tampa, Florida
April 10, 1968

RACIAL INCIDENTS
TAMPA DIVISION
APRIL 5-10, 1968

Reference is made to memorandum submitted by this office under above caption on April 8, 1968.

The April 8, 1968 issue of "The Evening Independent," St. Petersburg, Florida newspaper, quoted I. W. WILLIAMS, President of the St. Petersburg Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), as proclaiming April 9, 1968 as a "day of unity for soul-searching and rededication of the principles KING (MARTIN LUTHER KING) lived and died for." He asked all employees except those in essential services to stay away from their jobs, and all children to stay away from school for the day. He was also quoted as indicating that this is not a time for demonstrations in the street. The article said he requested that city and county officials allow employees to take the day off for above-stated purpose.

Sergeant DOYLE WALTERS, Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office, Tampa, Florida, advised at 10:40 p.m., April 8, 1968, that, on said evening, a group of some 25 to 30 Negroes in the 14 to 21 years age group had been refused the right to purchase some ice cream at Broughton's Texaco Service Station and Restaurant in Wimauma, Fla., and they were then protesting concerning this action. Sgt. WALTERS said that Broughton's place of business is set up so that whites are served on one side of the building and Negroes on another. On the particular evening, the group of Negroes requested service on the white side, and were refused. WALTERS said

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the Negroes were then talking to some Volunteers in Service To America (VISTA) workers and other adults who were present, that they were all talking in a gentlemanly manner, and that four deputies were standing by in the area in event of trouble. He stated, however, that it appeared the matter would be resolved peaceably and that the matter would be taken up on the following day through proper channels. WALTERS said he expected no further difficulty on the evening of April 8, 1968 relative to this particular matter.

A source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that, at 10:15 p.m., April 8, 1968, a gang of about 100 Negro boys, in the 15 to 18 years age bracket, was reported to be "milling about" a Negro housing development in the area of 22nd Street and Lake Avenue, Tampa. The Negro youths were reported to be throwing rocks at passing automobiles.

Officials at Tampa Police Department also advised about the same time that large groups of young chanting Negroes were attempting to block the intersection at 22nd Street and Lake Avenue, Tampa. It was said there were reports of some gunfire from this group.

The Tampa Police reported at 11:30 p.m., April 8, 1968, that order had been restored by said department and everything seemed to be quiet in the city insofar as the racial situation is concerned.

Sheriff FLANDERS THOMPSON, Lee County, Ft. Myers, Florida, advised on the morning of April 9, 1968 that some 20 to 30 youthful Negroes, who were said to hang around the Anderson Avenue area of Ft. Myers, had been making threats against white store owners in said area in connection with their desires to have the owners close their stores on April 9, 1968 due to the funeral of MARTIN LUTHER KING. Sheriff THOMPSON said he had been in touch with the store owners, that he had reminded them that all Negro stores in the area would be closed since there would be no shopping done by Negroes anyway, and he suggested the white store owners might want to close in the interest of racial

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harmony. As a result, Sheriff THOMPSON said he believed all stores in the Negro section of Ft. Myers would be closed at noon, April 9, 1968, and he felt there would be no racial trouble there.

A second source, who frequents the predominately Negro area around 22nd Street and Lake Avenue, Tampa, and is in a position to follow Negro activities there, advised at 2:55 p.m., April 9, 1968, that 10 police officers had just arrested a Negro at the front of Gene's Bar, 22nd Street and Mallory Avenue. Source complained that the police officers had appeared on the scene in too great a number, had flashed too many weapons and were abusive in their language to the crowd of Negroes which gathered in the area. He said the crowd appeared to be "getting ready to have it out."

Subsequent contact with ALEX TAYLOR, Intelligence Unit, Tampa Police Department, indicated that one TERRY LEE PARCHMONT, Negro male in his late twenties who had been arrested in Tampa during the racial disturbance in 1967, was the man arrested at Gene's Bar. TAYLOR said PARCHMONT was charged with drunk, with using profanity and with resisting arrest, and that \$1,000 bond was set. He said PARCHMONT allegedly fought arresting officers, that only two officers made the arrest, but there were several others in the immediate area. PARCHMONT had been booked, and all was then quiet in the 22nd Street area, according to police reports.

TAYLOR also advised at this time that police were closely observing three Negro males who were known to be in the Tampa area and were visiting one ALLEN JACOB BILLUPS, leader of a West Tampa Negro gang. The three Negroes, driving a 1961 Thunderbird, bearing a California license, were believed by police to possibly be members of the "Black Panthers," as they each wore a green sweatshirt with a black panther jumping through a hoop pictured on the back thereof. Police were surveilling these Negroes in an effort to find something to arrest them for to keep them off the streets on the evening of April 9, 1968, according to TAYLOR.