Lorraine Motel SA Quinn Smith

I-97

Fireman who observed shooting. Can describe scene in general terms. States that newspapers covered windows so that Memphis Police could keep King party under surveillance without being seen. Thinks shot was from rifle and came from left.

Lorraine

I-48

King and Abernathy were to eat dinner at his house evening of 4/4/68.

VI-23

Dr. King planned to eat at his home evening of 4/4.

VI-27

group went to his house to spend night of 4/4 there - Changed minds and returned to Lorraine.

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VI-37

Kyles and others were responsible for enlisting support of Dr. Martin Luther King for sanitation workers' strike. King arrived in Memphis on Wed. morning, 4/3/68, and checked into room 306, Lorraine Motel, with Ralph Abernathy. Motel and room number were identified in several news media reports.

Kyles was in room 306 with King and Abernathy while they freshened up for dinner about 5:55 pm King left room and stood, talking with associates, on balcony, Kyles left room, spoke to King, walked past King heard shot., ran back to King and saw bullet wound. Abernathy came out of room. Kyles put bedspread over King's body. Abernathy tried to speak to King. Police

arrived; ambulance arrived.

Some people pointed to empty land and bushes, indicating shot might have come from west to east.

Identification of persons who were supposed to come to his home for dinner.

Laue. James H.

Lorraine

Extradition Affidavit

(Community Relations Service)

Lived in Room 308 of Lorraine 4/4/68. Heard shot from room about 6:05 pm. Went out to balcony; saw King bleeding on balcony.

Attached and marked photos of Lorraine balcony, view of rooming house from balcony, and surveyed diagram of whole area with designations of where he stood, where King's body was seen, etc.

I-55

Standing about 3' from steps on north end of court yard, looking toward court yard. Heard shot. Is definite that the shot came from a high-powered Hifle - not a shotgun. Knows that shot came from across the street, ie, from west. Looked to buildings across street but saw no one in windows:

Followed Andrew Young to King.

No information leading to killer.

Lorraine Lee, Rev. Bernard VI-22 arrived with Dr. King after meeting about 300 am

Lee, Rev. Bernard Lorraine Vi-26 gathered in room 201 afternoon of 4/4

Lorraine

VI-38 returned to Memphis with King 4/3

Lorraine Motel SA Quinn Smith

I-91

Fireman observing King when shot. Announced to firemen and police that King was shot. Went out front door to Main St. Saw no vehicles or pedestrians. Identified some persons with King. Thought shot came from left of firehouse. No other information.

LOENNEKE, Lt. George

Lorraine Motel

I-97

At firehouse window looking at King on balcony.

Louw, Joseph

Lorraine

VI-41

photographer at motel who took pictures in vicinity after shooting 4/4

MCCULLOUGH, Marrell Lorraine Motel

SA Tiowe Lawrence

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Negro, active in COME, arrived Lorraine Motel about 5:55 p.m. 4/4/68, in his car with Rev. James Orange and Rev. James Bevel. Parked car in Motel lot on east side of Mulberry, just south of old motel portion. Got out of car and saw King on 2nd floor balcony almost directly in front of room 306, which had been king's room during his recent visit to Memphis. King was leaning over rail. McCullough saw no one else on balcony. Walking back toward another car, McCullough heard explosive sound; he was standing and facing north. His position would be south of King who was facing west.

MCCULLOUGH, Marrell (continued)

Heard someone said King had been killed. Looked up. Saw King fall backward in southeast direction. McCullough ran to King and applied pressure on wound with a towel given to him by some one else. Relieved by Abernathy.

Saw no one running; knew of no suspects. Thinks bullet would have come from northwest.

VI-23

Secretary of Dr. King - King called her around 1:30 pm 4/4 in Atlanta.

VI-24

Poss. a local minister - At Motel just after shooting with Mrs. Davis.

Lorraine Motel SA Bauer Darlington

I-64

Desk clerk and cook - Worked in kitchen from 3 p.m. - 11 p.m. 4/3 and 4/4. Heard shot around 6 p.m. 4/4 - ran out back door on east side - saw nothing. Ran out front door on east side - saw King lying on balcony.

ORANGE, Rev James

Lorraine Motel

I-43

On King's staff; come to Memphis and talked with McCullough. Arrived at motel 5:55 p.m. 4/4.

Lorraine

VI-22

Spoken of Dr. King and Mrs. Davis about running for U.S. Senator, in conversation early morning 4/4

VI-45

at motel from 3/30 - 4/4 checked out before shooting.

RICHMOND, Ptl.

Lorraine Motel

I-90

In firehouse - Saw King shot.

RICHMOND,

Lorraine Motel

I-91

At firehouse with Loenneke looking at King 4/4 at 6 pm.

SHAVERS, Ceolar Motel maid Lorraine Motel SA Medori
Darlington

I-60

Was walking on balcony, heard shot which she throught came from building to the northwest; looked into courtyard and saw people assembling. Looked toward buildings. Saw King fall.

No other information.

Vi-45

at motel 4/4. Left 5:45 pm

I-163

Took 2 photos of Motel; balcony and rooms 206 and 306, 4/4/68.

Lorraine Motel

I-165

Also took photos of Lorraine Motel and environs - separate numbering system to distinguish photos from Ellison's.

STONE, Charles Elvin

Lorraine Motel

SA Quinn Smith

I-89

Observing King from fire station when shot. Announced to firemen and police that King had been shot. They thought he was joking until someone else said same thing. Went towards Mulberry Street, saw mass confusion, went back to firehouse. Named other witnesses. No further information. Did not see Mustang. Thought shot might have come from parking lot north of station.

STONE, Charles

Lorraine Motel

I-97

At window of firehouse looking at King on balcony.

VT-26

About midnight, 4/3/68, Mrs. Ward, Mrs. Davis, and Rev. AD Williams King arrived in Memphis. Mrs. Ward, Mrs. Davis, Rev AD Williams King, Dr. Martin Luther King, Ralph Abernathy, Andrew Young, Chauncey Elkridge, Rev Bernard Lee were in room 201 until approx 5:40 pm, 4/4/68. Mrs. Ward and A.D. Williams King left room; about 15-20 min. later, Mrs. Ward heard shot.

Mrs. Ward has no information which might assist in identifying assassin.

Ward, Mrs. Jasper (Lucretia) Lorraine SA Walsh

VI-29

Details of Mrs. Ward's going to laundry. Misinformation given to motel owners in Panama City, Fla. Motel owners' reaction to Mrs. Ward's return after assassination.

VI-20 -

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In Memphis with Mrs. Davis 4/4 for March 4/5.

Ward, Mrs. Lukie Lorraine VI-42 was suppose to go to dinner at Rev. Kyles 4/4

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Lorraine Motel

I-51

Told chauffer (Jones) he was going to court morning of 4/4 instead of King.

YOUNG, Andrew

Lorraine Motel

I-54

Drove in car of Jones to hospital after ambulance.

YOUNG, Andrew

Lorraine Motel

I-56

Seen running upstairs to balcony after King shot - by Rev. Lee.

Lorraine Motel SA Douglass

I-58

Was in courtyard and saw King on balcony. King spoke to Jones. Heard sound like firecracker, looked up, and saw King lying on back on balcony. Ran to King. Looked across street but saw only police. Checked pulse, which was strong, but King was losing blood rapidly. Thought shot came from bushes on west side of Mulberry.

No other information.

VI-21

at a strategy meeting morning of 4/4

VI-26

Gathered in room 201 afternoon of 4/4

VI-119

Advised FBI of engineering measurements taken at Lorraine Motel. Engineer's transit placed 59" above balcony floor. Level distance from 2nd floor near bathroom window sill of 422½ sourth main to point where King was standing: 206,36'. In-line distance from sill to point where King was standing: 207.02'

Height of sill above the 59" - point and angle measurements given.

Registration Lists Lorraine Motel Memphis

SA Medori
Darlington

VI-31

Walter Bailey: furnished list of people registered at Lorraine 4/3 or 4A/68.

Lorraine Memphis

VI-119

Measurements of murder scene in relation to rooming house done. Placing point at 59 inches high on balcony, distance from bathroom window to King was 206.36 feet.

Measurements done for relation of rear window of rooming house, and King.

Taken by Lt. A.S. Zelinski on 4/29/68.

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Aerial Photo
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Lorraine RH-Mem

I-171

4 strips of film with aerial photos of Lorraine Motel and Main St. taken by Elmer Holder, Jr. 4/10/68.

#1 - Exposures 15-19, flown S to N
#2 - " 20-24, flown S to N
#3 - " 26-27, " NW to SE
#4 - " 28-29, " E to W

Lorraine Photo Photos taken by Joseph Louw after shooting 4/4/68 at Lorraine Hotel. VI-41

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Photos of King's body

Lorraine

VI-42

Appearing in Life magazine of 4/12/68 - Taken by Joseph Louw showing scene immediately after shot on balcony.