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AT 44-2386. PAGE FOUR.

DOROTHY DAVIS ADVISED HER HUSBAND DID OWN AND OPERATE BAR ON MORELAND AVENUE, AND AT ONE TIME WAS KNOWN AS PETE'S PLACE. HUSBAND DIED MAY, 1975. SHE IS UNFAMILIAR WITH THE NAMES *RAIPH (nu)*, LEON AND CLAUDE POWELL. SHE REMEMBERS HER HUSBAND TALKING ABOUT RAY GODFREY, HOWEVER, HAS NO IDEA HOW HE COULD BE LOCATED.

NUMEROUS ATTEMPTS TO LOCATE ANNIE LOIS COMPOS AT HER RESIDENCE, 4120 GLENWOOD ROAD DURING JANUARY 7, 1976, PROVED NEGATIVE. ●

ON JANUARY 7, 1976, MRS. E. S. PENNINGTON, DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL, CITY OF ATLANTA, ADVISED SHE HAS REVIEWED CITY PERSONNEL RECORDS AND COULD FIND NO RECORD OF RAY GODFREY OR RAYMOND GODFREY EMPLOYED OR HAVING EVER BEEN EMPLOYED BY THE CITY OF ATLANTA. C. L. SNEED, SECRETARY, MUSICIANS NUMBER 148, ATLANTA, GEORGIA, ADVISED HE REVIEWED UNION'S RECORDS AND COULD NOT FIND NO REFERENCE TO RAY GODFREY. RECORDS OF ATLANTA PD NEGATIVE REGARDING RAY GODFREY.

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RECORDS OF ATLANTA PD REVEALED CLAUDE POWELL, JR., HAD BEEN ARRESTED ON MAY 10, 1949, FOR ARMED ROBBERY BY MECKLENBURG, COUNTY POLICE, CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA, AND SENTENCED TO SERVE BETWEEN FIVE AND TEN YEARS IN STATE PENN; ARRESTED JUNE 28, 1965 FOR ALLOWING INTOXICATED PERSON TO DRIVE, BY ATLANTA PD, AND SENTENCED TO SERVE EIGHT MONTHS IN ATLANTA CITY FARM; ARRESTED AUGUST 25, 193 FOR INDECENT EXPOSURE AND DRUNK BY ATLANTA PD, AND SENTENCED THIRTEEN DAYS OR \$25.00. MECKLENBURG COUNTY PD ARREST NUMBER IS 4822. DESCRIPTION OF CLAUDE POWELL, JR., IS WHITE MALE, DATE OF BIRTH [REDACTED] SIX FEET TWO INCHES, 171 POUNDS, FBI NUMBER 212 946 A.

RECORDS OF ATLANTA PD REVEALED LEON POWELL ARRESTED AUGUST 26, 1955, BY PROVOST MARSHAL, FORT BENNING, GEORGIA, CHARGED WITH ARTICLE 86. NO DISPOSITION AVAILABLE. ARRESTED JUNE 28, 1962, FOR WIFE BEATING AND ABANDONMENT, CHARGE WITHDRAWN JULY 6, 1962. LEON OWEN POWELL DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, DATE OF BIRTH [REDACTED] FBI NUMBER 220 012 E.

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BRENDA POWELL, DAUGHTER-IN-LAW OF LEON POWELL, ADVISED LEON POWELL WORKING AT UNKNOWN LOCATION IN ROCKDALE COUNTY AND WOULD NOT RETURN TO ATLANTA UNTIL LATE PM OF JANUARY 7, 1976.

CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION (CRD), U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, REQUESTS THE FOLLOWING IMMEDIATE INVESTIGATION TO RESOLVE ALLEGATION MADE BY LEON OWEN POWELL:

EL PASO DIVISION AT MIDLAND, TEXAS. WILL INTERVIEW CLAUDE POWELL, AT SCOTTISH INN FOR ANY INFORMATION HE HAS RE LEON OWEN POWELL'S ALLEGATION. OBTAIN ARTIST'S CONCEPTION OF RALPH (LNU) FROM CLAUDE POWELL. HANDLE THROUGH FACIAL IDENTIFICATION CATALOG AS SET FORTH IN FBI HANDBOOK, PART I, PAGE 21.

IMMEDIATELY FACSIMILE RESULTS DIRECTLY TO EXHIBITS SECTION, FBIHQ, AND TELEPHONICALLY DISCUSS ANY PROBLEMS RE ARTIST'S CONCEPTION DIRECTLY WITH EXHIBITS SECTION.

CHARLOTTE AT CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA. DETERMINE ALL PLACES WHERE CLAUDE POWELL REPORTEDLY INCARCERATED TO DETERMINE IF EVER INCARCERATED WITH JAMES EARL RAY.

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CONCEPTION OF RALPH (LNU) FROM LEON OWEN POWELL. CONTINUE
EFFORTS TO LOCATE RAY GODFREY AND ANNIE LOIS COMPOS.

All OFFICES HANDLE ANY ADDITIONAL OBVIOUS AND LOGICAL LEADS DEVELOPED
SUCH AS INTERVIEW OF ANY ADDITIONAL WITNESSES DEVELOPED DURING
INTERVIEW. IF ANY QUESTION ARISES RE COVERING ANY ADDITIONAL
LEAD, PROMPTLY CONTACT FBIHQ.

IMMEDIATELY CONDUCT THIS INVESTIGATION AND SUTEL SUMMARY
ON DAILY BASIS UNTIL INVESTIGATION IS COMPLETED. HANDLE ANY
LEADS OUT OF YOUR DIVISION BY TELETYPE. HANDLE PURSUANT TO
SECTION 27, VOLUME II, MANUAL OF INSTRUCTIONS. ALSO FURNISH
ALL INFORMATION TO MEMPHIS, OFFICE OF ORIGIN **AND ATLANTA.**

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

EL PASO

FROM ATLANTA (44-2386) (P)

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RE EL PASO TELETYPE TO BUREAU, JANUARY 7, 1976.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (P)

DATE: 1/7/76

FROM : SA CARL J. WELTON

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Bureau teletype to Atlanta, 1/6/76.

VERNON RYLES, Owner-Manager, Shrimp Boat, 788
Riverside Drive, Macon, Georgia, on 1/7/76, advised as
follows:

He has been associated with Shrimp Boats, Inc.,
for ten years. During that time he has operated a large
Shrimp Boat at 788 Riverside Drive, which is in the same
block as the main office. During those ten years, he has
never known anyone by the name of PETE DAVIS having been
associated with Shrimp Boat either as an office employee
or with any other Shrimp Boat location.

He advised Shrimp Boat is now in bankruptcy
and the First National Bank and Trust of Macon, Georgia
has the assets in receivership.

A check of the Macon Telephone Directory and
City Directory failed to reflect a listing in the name of
PETE DAVIS.

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FBI FACIAL IDENTIFICATION FACT SHEET

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UNSUB NO. _____ NAME OF WITNESS LEON OWEN POWELL

At the beginning of interview a detailed description of unknown subject should be obtained from witness.

SEX M AGE 44-48 RACE W COMPLEXION MEDIUM

HEIGHT 6'2" WEIGHT 200 BUILD STOCKY - MUSCULAR

COLOR OF EYES DARK COLOR OF HAIR DK BROWN - GRAYING TEMPLES

Check items listed below which best represent this description.

<p>A HEAD</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1. oval</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 2. round</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 3. triangular</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 4. long</p> <p>B EYES</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 1. average</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 2. bulging</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 3. squint</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4. sunken or deep-set</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 5. iris raised</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 6. close-set</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 7. wide-set</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 8. heavy lid</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 9. overhanging lid</p> <p>C EYEBROWS</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 1. average</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 2. thin</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3. heavy</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 4. meeting</p>	<p>D NOSE</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1. average</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 2. concave</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 3. hooked</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 4. narrow base</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 5. snub</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 6. downward tip</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 7. small</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 8. large</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 9. wide base</p> <p>E MOUTH</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1. average</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 2. both lips thick</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 3. both lips thin</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 4. thick upper lip</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 5. thick lower lip</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 6. thin upper lip</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 7. thin lower lip</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 8. large</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 9. small</p>	<p>F CHIN</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 1. average</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 2. jutting</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 3. pointed</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 4. receding</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 5. square</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 6. double chin</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 7. cleft or dimple</p> <p>G EARS</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1. average</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 2. protruding</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 3. close-set</p> <p>H CHEEK AND CHEEKBONE</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 1. average</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2. prominent</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 3. sunken cheek</p>	<p>J HAIR</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1. straight</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 2. curly or wavy</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 3. kinky</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 4. balding</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 5. crew cut or flat-top</p> <p>K FACIAL LINES</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 1. forehead</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 2. between eyes</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 3. nose to corner of mouth</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 4. side of face</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 5. around eyes</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 6. chin and neck</p> <p>L MUSTACHE</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>M BEARD</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>N POCKMARKS AND SKIN IRREGULARITIES</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>
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Using description noted above, direct the witness to the sections of Facial Identification Catalog which show examples of items checked. Photographs selected by witness from the Catalog as representing a likeness to the feature of the unknown subject should be recorded below, using the key number found under each photograph.

<p>A HEAD <u>KA 1-6</u></p>	<p>D NOSE <u>OD 1-10</u></p>	<p>H CHEEK AND CHEEKBONE <u>KH 2-5</u></p>	<p>L MUSTACHE _____</p>
<p>B EYES <u>KB 4-1</u></p>	<p>E MOUTH <u>KE 1-16</u></p>	<p>J HAIR <u>KJ 1-1</u></p>	<p>M BEARD _____</p>
<p>C EYEBROWS <u>KC 3-9</u></p>	<p>F CHIN <u>KF 5-8</u></p>	<p>K FACIAL LINES</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>N POCKMARKS AND SKIN IRREGULARITIES _____</p>
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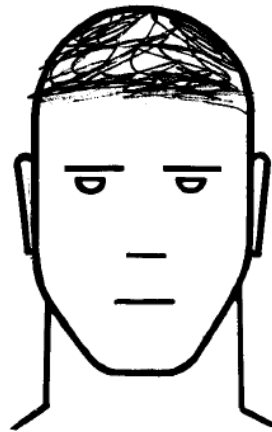
CLOTHING AND ACCESSORIES

Furnish detailed description of hat, glasses, and clothing (from waist up). Include photos or drawings, if possible, from magazines, etc., showing similar items with appropriate comments re any variations from examples.

DARK BLUE SUIT, WHITE SHIRT AND TIE

ADDITIONAL REMARKS

VERY NEAT - EXTREMELY WELL DRESSED
AND GROOMED - LOOKED LIKE "PHILADELPHIA
LAWYER"



Use drawing of head to mark position of hairline, hat, scar(s), bandage(s), beard, mustache, etc.

UNSUB NO. _____ NAME OF WITNESS BRON OWEN POWELL DATE 1-7-76

CASE TITLE MURKIN

BUFILE NO. 44-38861 FIELD OFFICE NO. 44-2386 INTERVIEWING AGENT THOMAS J. WILSON

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HIS BROTHER AND HIM REGARDING MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. POWELL TOLD HER THAT MAN HAD A SUITCASE FULL OF MONEY AND WANTED HE AND HIS BROTHER, CLAUDE, TO MURDER KING. POWELL WAS VERY INTOXICATED WHEN RELATING THIS STORY TO HER. SHE SPECIFICALLY REMEMBERS HE RELATED THIS TO HER AFTER THE KING ASSASSINATION. HER EX-HUSBAND WAS CONSTANTLY GETTING DRUNK AND SPENDING ALL HIS PAY CHECK ON BOOZE. NUMEROUS TIMES SHE HAD TO PULL HIM OUT OF A BAR BEFORE HE SPENT ALL HIS MONEY SO THERE WOULD BE ENOUGH LEFT TO BUY GROCERIES. NUMEROUS TIMES, WHILE HE WAS DRUNK, HER EX-HUSBAND WOULD TALK ABOUT VARIOUS KILINGS AND KILLERS. SHE THOUGHT THIS WAS MOSTLY THE LIQUOR TALKING; HOWEVER, IF HE STUCK BY HIS STORY WHEN HE WAS SOBER, SHE WOULD ATTRIBUTE SOME VALIDITY TO HIS TALE. SHE COULD NOT SUPPLY ANY FURTHER INFORMATION.

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SECRETARY TO PRESIDENT, LOWERY MUSIC COMPANY, ADVISED IN 1967 HER FIRM HANDLED COUNTRY AND WESTERN SINGER BY NAME OF RAY GODFREY. GODFREY WOULD, AT THIS TIME, BE APPROXIMATELY FORTY-FIVE TO FIFTY YEARS OF AGE AND IS A WHITE MALE. SHE DESCRIBED GODFREY AS REAL "COUNTY" FELLOW. SHE REFUSED TO BELIEVE GODFREY COULD BE IN ANY TROUBLE WHATSOEVER. NATURE OF ATLANTA'S INQUIRY NOT RELATED TO HER. SHE STATED GODFREY WORKED FOR ATLANTA WATER DEPARTMENT WITH TELEPHONE NUMBER 622-1481 AS WORK PHONE. SHE ALSO ADVISED RECORDS REFLECT GODFREY HAD SOCIAL SECURITY ACCOUNT NUMBER SHE ALSO FURNISHED NEGATIVE OF PHOTOGRAPH OF RAY GODFREY.

TELEPHONE NUMBER 622-1481 IS LISTED TO ATLANTA CITY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND STREETS. MRS. L. S. PENNINGTON, DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL, CITY OF ATLANTA, RECONTACTED AND ADVISED THAT PAT SOJKA, SUPERVISOR, SEWER REPAIR DIVISION, WOULD BE PERSON TO CONTACT RE ANYONE EMPLOYED AT TELEPHONE NUMBER 622-1481.

PAT SOJKA ADVISED CITY OF ATLANTA DOES HAVE AN EMPLOYEE NAMED RAY GODFREY, EMPLOYED AS A SEWER SERVICE FOREMAN. GODFREY IS KNOWN TO BE A COUNTRY AND WESTERN SINGER. RAY GODFREY IS NOT
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HIS COMPLETE NAME, HOWEVER. CURRENT RECORDS OF SEWER DEPARTMENT REFLECT TRUE NAME AS A. R. GODFREY, LIVING AT 1105 LAKESHORE DRIVE, JONESBORO, GEORGIA, TELEPHONE 477-5036.

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ON JANUARY 8, 1976, AT 3370-CI ADVISED TELEPHONE NUMBER 477-5036 SUBSCRIBED TO BY ARNOLD GODFREY, ORIGINALLY CONNECTED APRIL, 1961 AND TRANSFERRED TO ABOVE ADDRESS OCTOBER, 1974. UP TO 1970, EMPLOYED BY CITY OF ATLANTA CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT, NO UP-DATE AVAILABLE FOR EMPLOYMENT SINCE. IT WOULD APPEAR GODFREY'S NAME IS ARNOLD RAY OR RAYMOND GODFREY.

ATLANTA CONDUCTED ALL INVESTIGATION REQUESTED BY CIVIL RIGHTS DEPARTMENT, HOWEVER, IS KEEPING CASE IN PENDING STATUS IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT CHARLOTTE AND EL PASO HAVE OUT-
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POWELL BROTHERS, LEON AND CLAUDE, SHOULD BE CONSIDERED
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SECRETARY TO PRESIDENT, LOWERY MUSIC COMPANY, ADVISED IN 1967 HER FIRM HANDLED COUNTRY AND WESTERN SINGER BY NAME OF RAY GODFREY. GODFREY WOULD, AT THIS TIME, BE APPROXIMATELY FORTY-FIVE TO FIFTY YEARS OF AGE AND IS A WHITE MALE. SHE DESCRIBED GODFREY AS REAL "COUNTRY" FELLOW. SHE REFUSED TO BELIEVE GODFREY COULD BE IN ANY TROUBLE WHATSOEVER. NATURE OF ATLANTA'S INQUIRY NOT RELATED TO HER. SHE STATED GODFREY WORKED FOR ATLANTA WATER DEPARTMENT WITH TELEPHONE NUMBER 622-1481 AS WORK PHONE. SHE ALSO ADVISED RECORDS REFLECT GODFREY HAD SOCIAL SECURITY ACCOUNT NUMBER SHE ALSO FURNISHED NEGATIVE OF PHOTOGRAPH OF RAY GODFREY.

TELEPHONE NUMBER 622-1481 IS LISTED TO ATLANTA CITY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND STREETS. MRS. L. S. PENNINGTON, DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL, CITY OF ATLANTA, RECONTACTED AND ADVISED THAT PAT SOJKA, SUPERVISOR, SEWER REPAIR DIVISION, WOULD BE PERSON TO CONTACT RE ANYONE EMPLOYED AT TELEPHONE NUMBER 622-1481.

PAT SOJKA ADVISED CITY OF ATLANTA DOES HAVE AN EMPLOYEE NAMED RAY GODFREY, EMPLOYED AS A SEWER SERVICE FOREMAN. GODFREY IS KNOWN TO BE A COUNTRY AND WESTERN SINGER. RAY GODFREY IS NOT
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HIS COMPLETE NAME, HOWEVER. CURRENT RECORDS OF SEWER DEPARTMENT REFLECT TRUE NAME AS A. R. GODFREY, LIVING AT 1105 LAKESHORE DRIVE, JONESBORO, GEORGIA, TELEPHONE 477-5036.

IN ORDER TO CLARIFY INFO RE PETE DAVIS IN ATLANTA TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU, JANUARY 7, 1976, IT IS TO BE NOTED DOROTHY DAVIS ADVISED HER HUSBAND, PETE DAVIS, OWNED AND OPERATED BAR KNOWN AS "PETE'S PLACE" ON MORELAND AVENUE JUST SOUTH OF INTERSECTION OF CONFEDERATE AND MORELAND AND THAT HER HUSBAND DIED IN MAY, 1975 OF NATURAL CAUSES, NAMELY CANCER.

ON JANUARY 8, 1976, AT 3370-CI ADVISED TELEPHONE NUMBER 477-5036 SUBSCRIBED TO BY ARNOLD GODFREY, ORIGINALLY CONNECTED APRIL, 1961 AND TRANSFERRED TO ABOVE ADDRESS OCTOBER, 1974. UP TO 1970, EMPLOYED BY CITY OF ATLANTA CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT, NO UP-DATE AVAILABLE FOR EMPLOYMENT SINCE. IT WOULD APPEAR GODFREY'S NAME IS ARNOLD RAY OR RAYMOND GODFREY.

ATLANTA CONDUCTED ALL INVESTIGATION REQUESTED BY CIVIL RIGHTS DEPARTMENT, HOWEVER, IS KEEPING CASE IN PENDING STATUS IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT CHARLOTTE AND EL PASO HAVE OUTSTANDING INVESTIGATION.

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POWELL BROTHERS, LEON, AND CLAUDE, SHOULD BE CONSIDERED
POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS.

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8:32PM NITEL JANUARY 8, 1976 JDC

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)
ATLANTA (44-2386)
EL PASO
MEMPHIS
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9:59AM URGENT JANUARY 9, 1975 OXM

TO: DIRECTOR (44-388681)

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MEMPHIS

FROM: EL PASO (44-920) (P) ///5P///

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LEON OWEN POWELL, a white male, 3841 Austin Drive, Decatur, Georgia, telephone 289-1545 was advised of the identities of the interviewing agents and requested to furnish information that he possessed concerning the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

POWELL was advised of his rights by SA AUGUST W. BULFER as shown on a ~~handwritten warning~~ and waiver of rights form which POWELL executed after reading. POWELL declined to furnish a signed statement, however voluntarily furnished the following information.

During late October or early November, 1967, exact date unknown, during the late afternoon hours he and his brother CLAUDE POWELL, JR., who uses the alias SHOTGUN POWELL, a white male who is currently located at the Scottish Inn, room number unknown, at Midland, Texas, employment unknown, were having a drink in Pete's Bar at Moreland and Confederate Avenue in Atlanta, Georgia.

He and his brother were approached by a mutual friend, RAY GODFREY a white male, approximately 40 years old, 6'1" tall, 220 pounds, auburn hair, country and western singer, employed with the Atlanta Sanitation Department, who asked if he and his brother would be interested in making \$50,000.

During the conversation with GODFREY it was determined that GODFREY could and would put them in contact with an individual who would pay them to murder MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. He and his brother expressed interest in the contract to murder KING at which time the conversation with GODFREY was terminated and GODFREY told them that they would be contacted concerning the murder contract of KING in the near future.

Interviewed on 1/4/76 at Decatur, Georgia File # Atlanta 44-2386
 by SAs THOMAS J. WILSON and AUGUST W. BULFER ^{TJW} _{aw/dw} Date dictated 1/7/76 2855

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Approximately one week after the meeting with GODFREY the POWELL brothers were again drinking in Pete's Bar, exact date unknown, at approximately 4 or 5 PM when they were approached by an individual named RALPH (Last Name Unknown), a white male, heavy set, 6'1" to 6'2", no accent, well groomed, late 40's, well spoken, who he described as a "Lawyer type". RALPH (LNU) who was in possession of a briefcase approached him and his brother, put his briefcase on the table, and said, "I guess you know why I'm here". He and his brother nodded their heads in assent at which time RALPH opened his briefcase displaying what he said was \$25,000 and he then said, "If you decide to take the job there's \$50,000 more when it's completed". SHOTGUN POWELL replied to RALPH that he and his brother needed time to think it over, at which time RALPH (LNU) stated, "If your mind is not made up now I can't do business with you". RALPH (LNU) then stood up and nothing else was said. RALPH (LNU) closed his briefcase and left.

POWELL stated that neither he nor his brother observed how RALPH (LNU) came or left the bar and they have not seen RALPH (LNU) since that date.

During the short conversation with RALPH he never actually said that the money being offered to them was to kill MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

He has not had any type of contact with RAY GODFREY in approximately seven years and does not know GODFREY's current location.

The only other individuals aware of he and his brother's meeting with RALPH (LNU) are his former wife, ANNIE LOIS COMPOS, a white female, 4120 Glenwood Road, Apartment A, Atlanta, and PETE DAVIS, a white male, owner of the bar where he and his brother talked with RALPH (LNU).

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The bar where he and his brother met RALPH (LNU) burned down several years ago and he believes that PETE DAVIS is currently manager for Shrimp Boats restaurants with headquarters in Macon, Georgia. DAVIS also could possibly be contacted through HERBERT DAVIS who lives on Flat Shoals Road in Atlanta, Georgia and used to own the Atlanta Technical School.

His former wife has no first hand knowledge of the matter. She is aware of the facts as he described them to her.

PETE DAVIS actually observed RALPH (LNU) enter and exit his bar but DAVIS never entered the conversation between RALPH (LNU) and themselves.

Neither he nor his brother were involved in the killing of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., because the whole situation as he described above "scared us".

He is willing to take a polygraph in this matter.

He has waited nine years to contact the FBI regarding this matter because he recently observed a documentary on television which disturbed his conscience and he felt he had to furnish this information to the FBI.

POWELL stated the reason he believes he and his brother were contacted by GODFREY is because his brother, SHOTGUN POWELL served five years for armed robbery and during the period of time around 1967 his brother had a reputation for being an expert with a shotgun. POWELL stated his brother constantly carried a shotgun because "He has an inferior complex".

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POWELL advised he does not know JAMES EARL RAY and has no other information concerning the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

He believes that his brother will cooperate in discussing this matter with the FBI and he does not know if GODFREY would be willing to discuss his knowledge of what transacted between them in 1967.

The following description of LEON OWEN POWELL was obtained through observation and interview:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	[REDACTED]
Place of Birth	Stephens County, Georgia
Height	6'
Weight	142
Hair	Blond
Eyes	Brown
Build	Medium
Complexion	Light
Tattoos, marks and scars	Tattoo on right arm near shoulder of a lady in a champagne cglass. The words Betty and True Love tattooed on left forearm. On left arm biceps is tattoo of a cherry with words 'here's mine where's yours'
Education	High School, Toccoa, Georgia
Employment	Self-employed as drywall installer, currently unemployed
Residence	Living with son DAVID POWELL age 18 and wife BRENDA at 3841 Austin Drive, Decatur, Georgia. His son DAVID will always know his whereabouts.

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Military Service

U. S. Army, 1952-1955.
service number [REDACTED]
Ranger Instructor, discharged
as Private for going Absent
Without Official Leave (AWOL)

Marital Status

Divorced

Other Home Address

Route 2, Toccoa, Georgia
telephone 886-3254

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