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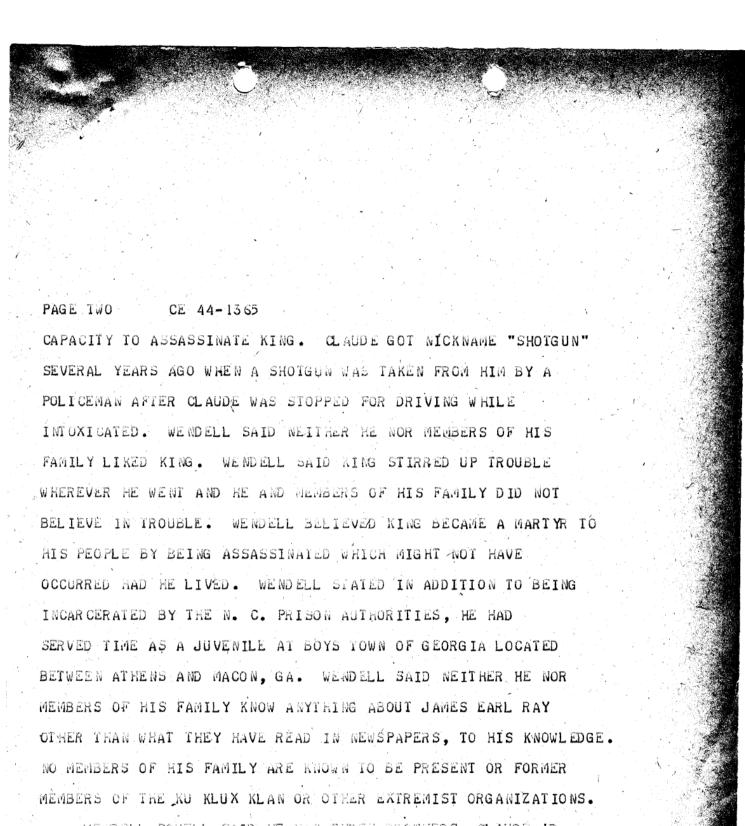
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FROM: ATLANTA (44-2386) (7)

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RE BUREAU TEL JANUARY 9, 1976.

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Then, from his prison cell, Ray stated that he hadn't acted alone, but had been part of a conspiracy with white Southerners. He petitioned for a new trial to air these charges. Earlier this year, a federal judge ruled that no new trial would be allowed.

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The startling revelation this week of new facts about the FBI's drive to eliminate King as a leader of the civil rights movement adds new weight to a suspicion already shared by millioner the "white Southerners" who plotted the killing were in the service of the FBL the state of the service of the service of the FBL the state of the service of

The deprayed attempts of the PBI to silence King knew no limits. The latest disclosures show that the FBI hoped it could compel him to commit suicide by threatening to make public tapes of his private life. King was harassed and hounded at every turn by government agents.

The FBI tried character assassination, and failed. Their next step, all the evidence indicates, was to use a real assassin.

Only a tiny portion of the facts are known about the FBI's war on King, and on other Black leaders such as Malcolm X and Fred Hampton. The rest remain locked in files in Washington. Who would deny that these still-secret files contain accounts of crimes far more sinister than what has and M. Marian already been forced into the open?

The Political Rights Defense Fund, which is coordinating the suit filed by the Socialist Workers party and the Young Socialist Alliance against the FBI, has already succeeded in compelling the release of files documenting illegal government activities against Blacks, unionists, antiwar activists, and radical groups.

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FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (44-2638) (P)

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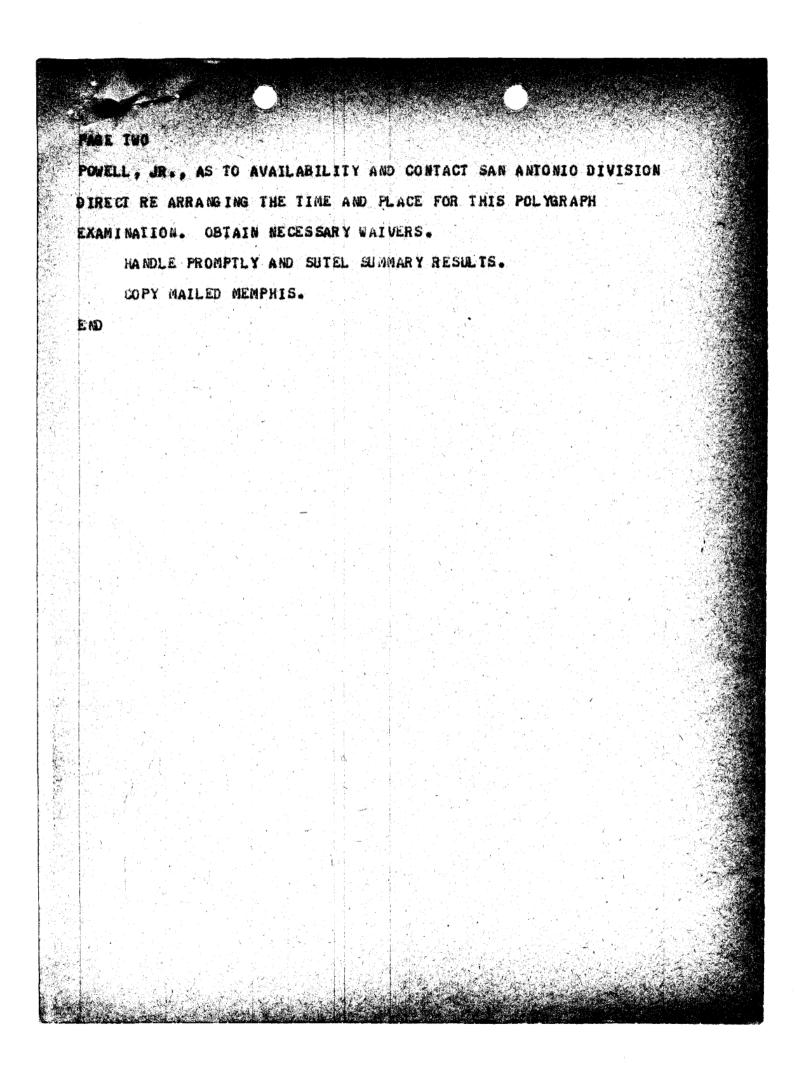
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POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION FOR CLAUDE POWELL, JR.,

COORDINATED WITH SA LOREN K. LEE, SAN ANTONIO DIVISION,

FOR JANUARY 19, 1976, 8:00 P. M., MIDLAND, TEXAS. NECESSARY
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ON THE SAME DATE, LEON OWEN POWELL ADVISED THAT HE IS WILLING TO TAKE A POLYGRAPH EXAMINE AND STATED THAT HE WOULD BE AT THE ATLANTA OFFICE OF THE FBI SOMETIME BETWEEN 3:00 AND 7:00 P.M. ON JANUARY 19, 1976, FOR THE POLYGRAPH EXAMINE.

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TO

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SAN ANTONIO (44-1242) (RUC)

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FROM

REBUTEL TO ATLANTA, JANUARY 15,1976, AUTHORIZING REINTERVIEW OF CLAUDE POWELL, JR., WITH USE OF POLYGRAPH.

ON JANUARY 19, 1976, AT 8:15 P.M., CLAUDE POWELL, JR., AFFORDED POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION AT MIDLAND, TEXAS, BY SA LOREN K. LEE (SAN ANTONIO) WHO WAS UNASSISTED IN COLLATERAL INTERVIEW.

POWELL'S "YES" RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS, "DID SOMEONE OFFER YOU AND LEON \$50,000 TO KILL MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.?" AND "DID SOMEONE ASK YOU TO KILL MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.?" WERE LESS THAN RESPONSES TO CONTROL QUESTION, INDICATING POWELL IS TRUTHTELLING IN STATING SOMEONE DID. IN FACT. OFFER HIM AND HIS BROTHER \$50,000 TO KILL MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. POWELL'S "NO" RESPONSE TO QUESTION, "DO YOU KNOW WHO ASKED YOU AND LEON TO KILL MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.?" AND HIS REACTIONS FOLLOWING THE ANSWER INDICATE POSSIBLE KNOWLEDGE REGARDING UNIDENTIFIED PERSON

MENTIONED IN ABOVE QUESTIONS.

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AFFORDED POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION AT MIDLAND, TEXAS, BY SA LOREN K.

LEE (SAN ANTONIO) WHO WAS UNASSISTED IN COLLATERAL INTERVIEW.

POWELL'S "YES" RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS, "DID SOMEONE OFFER YOU AND LEON \$50,000 TO KILL MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.?" AND "DID SOMEONE ASK YOU TO KILL MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.?" WERE LESS THAN RESPONSES TO CONTROL QUESTION, INDICATING POWELL IS TRUTHTELLING IN STATING SOMEONE DID, IN FACT, OFFER HIM AND HIS BROTHER \$50,000 TO KILL MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. POWELL'S "NO" RESPONSE TO QUESTION, "DO YOU KNOW WHO ASKED YOU AND LEON TO KILL MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.?" AND HIS REACTIONS FOLLOWING THE ANSWER INDICATE POSSIBLE KNOWLEDGE REGARDING UNIDENTIFIED PERSON.

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PAGE 2 SA 44-1242 SUBJECT POWELL WAS LEFT WITH IMPRESSION THAT RESULTS OF POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION WERE UNCLEAR AND THAT STRONG POSSIBILITY EXISTED WHEREIN FBI WOULD REQUEST ADDITIONAL TEST IN IMMEDIATE FUTURE. RESULTS OF TEST WERE NOT DISCUSSED IN ANY WAY WITH POWELL NOR WAS INTERROGATION EFFECTED. BUREAU REQUESTED TO FURNISH COPY OF THIS COMMUNICATION TO BUREAU FILE 80-5. E N D.... LAP FBI ATLANTA TKS/CLR

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RE ATLANTA NITEL TO THE BUREAU, JANUARY 19, 1976.

LEON OWEN POWELL WAS SCHEDULED TO APPEAR IN THE ATLANTA OFFICE OF THE FBI TO TAKE A POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION SOMETIME BETWEEN 3:00 PM AND 7:00 PM ON JANUARY 19, 1976. APPROXIMATELY 7:00 PM, POWELL TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED THE ATLANTA OFFICE, ADVISING HE WAS "SICK" AND THAT HE DESIRED TO POSTPONE THE POLYGRAPH EXAM UNTIL THE WEEK OF JANUARY 26 THROUGH 30, 1976.

POWELL WAS TENTATIVELY RESCREDULED TO TAKE THE POLYGRAPH EXAMON JANUARY 26 OR JANUARY 27, 1976.

UACB, ATLANTA DIVISION WILL SUBMIT NO FURTHER TELETYPES IN THIS MATTER UNTIL POWELL IS POLYGRAPHED.

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

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