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ATLANTA AT ATLANTA. WILL CONTINUE EFFORTS TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW LEON POWELL.

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)

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MEMPHIS (44-1987)

KNOXVILLE

FROM: ATLANTA (44-2386) (P)

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RE ATLANTA TEL TO THE DIRECTOR, FEBRUARY 5, 1976. FOR THE INFORMATION OF KNOXVILLE, LEON POWELL, A RESIDENT OF ATLANTA, CONTACTED THE ATLANTA OFFICE ON JANUARY 4, 1976 AND ADVISED HE AND HIS BROTHER, CLAUDE POWELL, JR. WERE APPROACHED BY AN INDIVIDUAL NAMED ARNOLD RAY GODFREY IN LATE NOVEMBER, 1967 WITH AN OFFER TO ASSASSINATE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. FOR A SUM OF MONEY. GODFREY ALLEGEDLY PUT THEM IN CONTACT WITH A RALPH (LNU) WHO OFFERED THE POWELL'S \$75,000 TO ASSASSINATE KING. THE POWELLS REFUSED THE OFFER. LEON AND CLAUDE POWELL HAVE BEEN POLYGRAPHED. LEON'S POLYGRAPH WAS INCONCLUSIVE, HOWEVER, EXAMINER FOR CLAUDE POWELL WAS OF OPINION POWELL TELLING TRUTH. ARNOLD RAY GODFREY DENIES INVOLVEMENT, HOWEVER, REFUSED POLYGRAPH AND HAS SINCE HIRED ATTORNEY AND REFUSED TO ANSWER FURTHER QUESTION. GODFREY IS A WHITE MALE, BORN JUNE 11, 1930 AT COPPER HILL, TENNESSEE.

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EFFORTS TO LOCATE LEON POWELL ON THIS DATE STILL NEGATIVE. POWELL'S DAUGHTER-IN-LAW CONTACTED AND ADVISED SHE HAS NOT SEEN HER FATHER-IN-LAW SINCE HE LEFT HER RESIDENCE. SHE WOULD ATTEMPT TO LOCATE HIM AND ADVISE HIM TO CONTACT THE ATLANTA OFFICE OF THE FBI.

MRS. L. N. PENNINGTON, DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL, CITY OF ATLANTA, REVIEWED HER RECORDS ON THE EMPLOYMENT OF ARNOLD RAY GODFREY. THE RECORDS SHOW THAT GODFREY HAS A WIFE NAMED MILLIE. NO OTHER RELATIVES ARE LISTED ON THE EMPLOYMENT APPLICATION. EMPLOYMENT APPLICATION WAS FILED IN 1949 AND THE FOLLOWING REFERENCES WERE NOTED: FRANK WALDON, ROUTE 1, COPPER HILL, TENNESSEE; WALTER STYNUK, ROUTE 1, COPPER HILL; CLAUDE CRANFORD, ROUTE 1, COPPER HILL. RECORDS FURTHER REFLECT THAT GODFREY WENT THROUGH THE FIFTH GRADE AT COPPER HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

CLINTON STANFORD, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, ENVIRONMENT AND STREET SERVICES, CITY OF ATLANTA, WAS CONTACTED AND ADVISED ALL RECORDS CONCERNING THE EXACT DAYS WORKED BY ANY CITY EMPLOYEES ARE CURRENTLY STORED IN A VAULT AT CITY HALL. HE WOULD ATTEMPT TO LOCATE THESE RECORDS AND VERIFY THE WHEREABOUTS OF ARNOLD RAY GODFREY DURING THE MONTHS OF NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER

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FROM KNOXVILLE (44-696) (RUC)

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RE ATLANTA TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR FEB. 6, 1976.

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Hair: Brown

Eyes: Blue

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Scars and Marks: None Listed

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PD Atlanta Ga	Lee Carrol Godfrey #174514	6-13-56	O.A.I & speeding	\$150 & 12 mo on chg of speeding
PD Jacksonville Fla	Lee Dudley Godfrey #118-219 B	12-13-58	vag/ & inv.	12-16-58 dism on chg of vag
PD Atlanta Ga	Lee Carroll Godfrey #174514	3-10-59	DC worthless chks	12 mos prob on chg of Frd Chks 6-24-59
PD Atlanta Ga	Lee Carool Godfrey #174514	6-23-59	L. of A	3-4 yrs conc w/sent now parving 7-9-59
St Bd of Corr Atlanta Ga	Lee Godfrey #A43582/36816	7-20-59	rape (3) armed rob (3) obt money on fictitious name fraud chk uttering fraudulent chks (5) malicious mischief	Total 10-20 yrs Recaptured 10-18-60 on chg of Rape (3) Armed Rob (3) Obt Goods by Fict Name Fraud Chk Misd (6) L. of Auto Misd (2) 9-26-65 conditional release see supplement
Liberty	Lee Carol Godfrey #RA 14 396 947	4-17-51 Atlanta Ga		
PD Asheville NC	Lee Carol Godfrey #52137	2-5-63	inv escape from St of Ga	

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FD Atlanta Ga	Lee Cody Godfrey #174514	1-4-67	and son (armed robbery late of auto) In transit	
Diagnostic & Class Ctr Jackson Ga	Lee Godfrey #A-43562	1-11-71	Rape (3) Cbt Cds Rict Rape (2) ... Speeding	10-20-yrs (3C) 2-7 yrs CC, 2- yrs CC, 4-20 y CC, 2-20-yrs C 12 mos CC, 12 mos CC, 12 mos CC 8 mos CC
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FROM: ATLANTA (44-2386) (P)

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RE ATLANTA TEL TO BUREAU DATED FEBRUARY 11, 1976.

CLARENCE FISHER, OWNER OF FISHER WALL, 326 PATTERSON ROAD,
SCOTTSDALE, ADVISED HE DOES HAVE AN EMPLOYEE NAMED RAY COOLEY,
BUT IS NOT IN AT THIS TIME. HE WILL HAVE COOLEY CONTACT THE FBI.

CAPTAIN LONG, COBB COUNTY POLICE, ADVISED SHIRLEY BULLOCK
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ATLANTA AT ATLANTA. LOCATE AND INTERVIEW RAY COOLEY AND
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PD Atlanta Ga	Lee Cody Godfrey #174514	1-4-67	und sen (armed robbery larc of auto) In transit	
Diagnostic & Class Ctr Jackson Ga	Lee Godfrey #A-43582	1-11-71	Rape (3) Obt Gds Fict N Fraud Cks Arm Rob Arm Rob (2) Utt Forg chks (5) Mal Misch Opr A Intox speeding	10-20-yrs (3CC) 2-7 yrs CC, 2-7 yrs CC, 4-20 yrs CC, 2-20-yrs CC, 12 mos CC, 12 mos CC, 12 mos CC 8 mos CC

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	A43582/36816 7-20-59 discharged 12-18-72			
		SUPPLEMENT		

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Date of transcription 1/14/76

ANNIE LOIS CAMPOS was contacted at her residence and furnished the following information:

She was unable to remember any incident where her husband told her he and his brother had been hired to assassinate any individual. Upon the suggestion of the interviewing Agents by naming MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., as the victim, Mrs. CAMPOS immediately responded that sometime after MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., was assassinated, her husband told her that an individual had approached him in a bar, had shown him a suitcase full of money and suggested that he and his brother assassinate MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. When he told her about this incident, he was under the influence of alcoholic beverages; in fact, she stated her husband was an alcoholic. Many times she had to go to the bar on a Friday night and physically remove her husband in order that he would spend all of his paycheck so the children would have some food. A lot of times when her husband was drunk he talked about killing different individuals. She assumed this had a lot to do with when he was in the Army.

Mrs. CAMPOS stated, however, that if her husband told her the same story while he was sober, she would tend to put some truth in the incident.

The following description of ANNIE LOIS CAMPOS was obtained through observation and interview:

Race	White
Sex	Female
Date of birth	<input type="text"/>
Place of birth	Homer, Georgia
Husband's name	OLE CAMPOS

She had previously been married to LEON OWEN POWELL from July, 1955, until 1975.

Interviewed on 1/7/76 ^{EXT} at Atlanta, Georgia File # Atlanta 44-2386-2408
 by SA CHARLES T. CARROLL, JR., and SA THOMAS J. WILSON ^{RWS} TJW:wy/cw Date dictated 1/13/76

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MEMPHIS (44-1987) **6:45 RSH**
FROM: ATLANTA (44-2386) (P)
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SHIRLEY BULLOCK, SISTER OF ARNOLD RAY GODFREY, BELLEMEADE
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ATLANTA AT ATLANTA. LOCATE AND INTERVIEW "YANK VENABLE"
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CLAUDE POWELL, JR., Room 211, Scottish Inn, was interviewed in his motel room during the late evening of February 5, 1976.

Discrepancies in his version of an alleged meeting with an unknown white male at Pete's Bar Atlanta, Georgia, as compared with LEON POWELL's were discussed. CLAUDE stated that any discrepancies are a result of a long passage of time since the incident and his statement is accurate in his recollection. He clarified his relationship with RAY GODFREY stating that GODFREY was a friend whom he has known for many years but GODFREY was more closely associated and a better friend of LEON's. CLAUDE also commented that he later learned GODFREY made an initial contact with LEON approximately one week prior to the unknown white male's proposition to murder MARTIN LUTHER KING but he did not know anything about the meeting at Pete's Bar until the unknown white male seated himself and made the offer, nor did he have prior knowledge of what transpired between GODFREY and LEON.

Other than these changes, CLAUDE stands by his original statement, emphasizing that his statement may differ in some aspects with LEON's statement but the fact is, both he and LEON witnessed the offer of a substantial amount of money by an unknown white male to murder MARTIN LUTHER KING.

In addition, CLAUDE stated he and LEON talked about the alleged meeting with the unknown white male frequently after its occurrence but as time passed, they talked about it less and less. He said that he and LEON worked together on the same job at the time of the alleged meeting and continued to do so until approximately three months ago. He knows of no one who could verify that they were in Atlanta, Georgia, at the time of the alleged meeting but stated that both, he and LEON, were residing in Decatur, Georgia, during this time. CLAUDE described

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the interior of Pete's Bar, including the booth where each participant of the alleged meeting was seated and a sketch was made by Special Agent FRANZ W. NENKEL. CLAUDE was questioned specifically concerning his polygraph examination in response to the question "Do you know who asked you and LEON to kill MARTIN LUTHER KING?", and he denied having any prior knowledge of the unidentified person who offered he and LEON \$25,000 to murder MARTIN LUTHER KING.

CLAUDE stated that he telephonically contacted his brother, LEON POWELL, at telephone number 404-289-1545, Decatur, Georgia (telephone number is for DAVID POWELL, CLAUDE's nephew) after initial interview by FBI Agents at Midland, Texas. CLAUDE stated that he and LEON discussed the interview.

In addition, CLAUDE stated he had discussed the alleged meeting with the unknown person at Pete's Bar with WILLIAM DEAN WOODCOCK, his partner in business and roommate at the Scottish Inn. WOODCOCK is the only fellow employee whom he told of the alleged meeting.

CLAUDE stated that the unknown person who offered them the money to murder MARTIN LUTHER KING did not have any type of an accent. He repeated that all aspects of his statement including description, time reference and conversation between the unknown person who made the offer to kill MARTIN LUTHER KING were true and accurate to the best of his recollection.