

Milwaukee. WFO has more
background. He instructed that
Matalek be interviewed for complete
background, ascertain whereabouts
since 3/25/68, obtain color photo-
graph, front, back, side - immediately get
photos of Memphis + Birmingham

SAs Walsh + Swanson went
to PD to interview + photograph Matalek.

St. Mc New was advised as to
background on Matalek & advised
that he would hold Matalek.

for investigation, not for the FBI

SA Gooch requested WFO
to immediately furnish background
re Matalik. WFO later furnishes
background which SA Gooch gave to
SA Walsh at Bu PD

IC Foster determines that
there are no flights out of Friendship
to Birmingham. First direct flight
to Memphis is on American Airlines
at 1:57 PM (arriving 3:41 Memphis) connecting
to Birmingham out of

Washington National at 8:45pm &
3:45am, stopping in Atlanta first.
Delta has a direct flight to
Birmingham from National at
8:45am Sunday.

Supervisor Long at SBF
was closed of some flights at 6:47pm.
He instructed writer to use his own
judgement in getting the photos
transported since it appeared
impossible to get the photos to
Washington National for tonight's flight.

Supervisor Donald Daly,
American Airlines, Tinseltown
advised that Robert Sheppard
the night manager who comes
on duty at 7³⁰pm should be
able to arrange to have pilot
take the photos on 1st Am
flight to Memphis - phone Sheppard
at 761-2753

Sheppard contacted 7:27am & will
arrange to have pilot take photos to Memphis. He
requested identity of Agent who will

accept photos at Memphis airport.
SA M. J. Price, Memphis Office
was contacted & will call back
re identity of Agent. Called
back to advise SA
Robert Goodwin will pick
up photos at airport

SAC (170-249)

4/11/68

SA GERALD N. SMITH

[REDACTED]

R (PROB) (GHETTO)

On 4/11/68 captioned informant was contacted and questioned for any information he might have re the murder of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING. Informant said the only ~~XXXXXX~~ information he had concerning this murder was what he had obtained from television and the news media.

He could suggest no suspects in this matter and had no information at all regarding the murder.

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MURKIN

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SA FRED WILSON

No laundry mark such as that described used in either Allegany or Garret Counties.

SA HARRY J. SARAZIN

Negative in Harford and Cecil Counties except Elite Laundry and Cleaners, Warren and Adams Streets, Havre de Grace, and they do not know because their work is done by the Elite Service, 2100 N. Monroe Street, Baltimore, who puts the laundry marks on and maintains the records. (To be checked by BA Agent)

SA ROBERT L. LANPHEAR

Total of 111 drying cleaning and laundry establishments were assigned to agents of Hyattsville, Prince Georges County, RA, contacted 4/9 and 10/68, and no identification has been made.

It was determined during one contact by SA DUNKLE that a Mr. JOE COMBS, residence phone 248-6127, is the WDC representative of Thermoseal Company, and that he is presently in Norfolk, Virginia, on business. This info was furnished to Supr. ELMER TODD, WFO, who stated he would handle.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC BALTIMORE ⁴⁴⁻⁶⁶⁹~~(157-833)~~

DATE: 4/8/68

FROM : SA RICHARD F. MAYO

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. (MURKIN);
RM

At Salisbury, Maryland

On 4/8/68 ALFRED H. SMITH JR, President, ALFRED H. SMITH INC., (Star Laundry), 908 North Salisbury Blvd. Salisbury, Md stated that he purchased an M-5L4 Thermoseal tape machine, Serial number 32500 sometime in January or Feb. 1968. SMITH stated that Code #02B-6 is not familiar to him and this code has never been used by his company. He stated that the first two numbers designate the Lot number, the letter could designate the week or could represent B for Box cleaning, as apposed to H for Hanging cleaning. The last number or series of numbers designate the bundle number. SMITH stated that his code would be similiar to the following: 11A-1. He stated that on Monday morning, he always starts the first lot at 11, as he never thought of 01, 02 etc. He stated that the letter ~~would~~ represent the week, and the last number or numbers represent the budle. He stated that normally there are 20 bundles to a lot and they handle approximately ~~20~~ 10 lots a day. He stated that by Friday, ~~of the week~~ the lot number would be in the sixties or seventies.

Smith stated that they use a different color tape for each lot, and when they have gone through all the different colors, they start over again. He stated that some Cleaning Establishments use Red Tape to designate a Rush or One day Cleaning. Smith stated that he can trace his code* back through his tickets and find the name of the person ~~who~~ to whom the cleaning belongs, and also determine ~~from the cleaning~~ ticket if a Route man picked it up or the ~~name of~~ store where the cleaning was dropped off.

Smith stated that prior to his taking the business over last year, Star Laundry started off the week on a Monday with the number 31.
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Baltimore (44-669)

DATE: 4/9/68

FROM : SA Robert I. Mc Enroe

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 4/9/68, following investigation was conducted concerning red laundry tags with laundry markings, "02B-6" or "D2B-6," at interest in this matter:

Mr. PAUL RIDENOUR, Manager, Hagerstown Laundry, Inc., 137 W. Franklin St., Hagerstown, Md.; laundry marks, primarily initials, printed directly on articles of clothing; no tags used.

Mr. ARTHUR L. ROSSMAN, Hub Dry Cleaners, Inc., 326 S. Mulberry St., Hagerstown, Md.; laundry for that company handled by Sanitary Laundry, Martinsburg, W. Va.; markings he recalls were names of customers.

Mrs. ELIZABETH YUTZY, Regal-Empire Associates, 571 Jefferson Blvd., Hagerstown, Md.; laundry handled by Baltimore, Md., plant; articles are marked for ultra-violet viewing.

Mrs. HELEN KIDWELL, Ringer's Home Laundry, 737 Chestnut St., Hagerstown, Md.; orange tag stapled to articles; laundry code consists of only three digits or three letters or a combination of letters and digits totaling three.

Mrs. MARY MASON, Tiny Mary's Shirt Laundry, 338 S. Potomac St., Hagerstown, Md.; accepts shirts only; hand-prints or handwrites names in shirts.

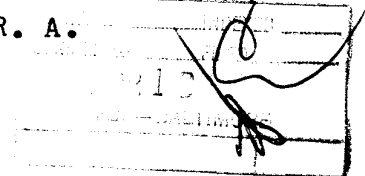
Mr. WILLIAM MASON, Town & Uptown Cleaners, Main St., Hancock, Maryland; laundry handled by Rockwell Laundry, Martinsburg, W. Va.; articles are marked for ultra-violet viewing.

Mrs. ETHEL JONES, Vogue Drive-In, Lynwood Road, Hagerstown, Md.; no laundry, except shirts, are accepted.

Additionally, linen supply companies (2), were contacted. They do not accept laundry, but only handle their own rented items.

No further investigation, Hagerstown R. A.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) AND
MEMPHIS

FROM BALTIMORE (44-669) ~~REDACTED~~

MURKIN.

RE KNOXVILLE TELETYPE, APRIL SEVEN, SIXTY-EIGHT AND
BALTIMORE TELETYPE TO BUREAU, APRIL SEVEN, SIXTY-EIGHT.

CHECK MARYLAND DMV APRIL EIGHT LAST DISCLOSED MARYLAND
LICENSE GJ SEVEN EIGHT EIGHT THREE ISSUED FOR SIXTY-EIGHT FORD
HARDTOP, WHITE MUSTANG OWNED BY CLARENCE BENJAMIN MITCHELL
AND WANDA STELLA MITCHELL, SIX ZERO TWO TWO SURREY SQUARE LANE,
PG COUNTY, WDC, APT. T DASH ONE. MITCHELL DESCRIBED AS WHITE
MALE, FIVE FEET NINE INCHES, ONE SIX FIVE POUNDS, DOB

CHECK MARYLAND STATE POLICE RECORDS
REFLECT CLARENCE B. MITCHELL, FIVE FIVE TWO THREE OXON HILL
ROAD, OXON HILL, MARYLAND, DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, FIVE FEET,
TEN INCHES, ONE SEVEN ZERO POUNDS, DOB

OCCUPATION IN FORTY-SIX AS BOILER FIREMAN FOR U.S.
GOVERNMENT. ON SEPTEMBER FOUR, SIXTY-FOUR, MITCHELL PURCHASED
.TWO TWO CALIBER GELESI WITH TWO ONE-HALF INCH BARREL, SERIAL
NUMBER ONE ONE SIX ONE THREE THREE, BALTIMORE. INDICES NEGATIVE.

① - Baltimore
ASB:jtk

Approved: *[Signature]*

Special Agent in Charge

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ON APRIL EIGHT LAST, WANDA STELLA MITCHELL WAS CONTACTED AND MADE ARRANGEMENTS FOR CLARENCE BENJAMIN MITCHELL TO MEET AGENTS AT OSI HEADQUARTERS, ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE, SUITLAND, MARYLAND WHERE HE WAS EMPLOYED. MITCHELL STATED THAT ON APRIL FOUR LAST HE WAS WITH HIS WIFE AND CHILDREN AT THEIR PRESENT HOME, THREE THREE FOUR EIGHT CURTIS DRIVE, APT. ONE ZERO ONE, SUITLAND, MARYLAND. MITCHELL STATED HE LEFT WDC FOR HIS HOME IN RIPLEY, TENNESSEE NEAR MEMPHIS AT APPROXIMATELY NINE P.M. ON APRIL FOUR LAST.

WANDA STELLA MITCHELL CONTACTED AND VERIFIED THAT HER HUSBAND WAS AT HOME UNTIL LATE EVENING OF APRIL FOUR LAST.

ALLEN E. AUSTIN, SUITLAND LOAN OFFICE, SUITLAND, MARYLAND, IDENTIFIED MITCHELL AS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO PAWNED A GUITAR AND AMPLIFIER AFTER TWO P.M. ON APRIL FOUR LAST.

AGENTS OBSERVED MITCHELL DRIVING CREAM FORD MUSTANG, BLACK VINYL TOP, BEARING SIXTY-EIGHT MD LICENSE GJ SEVEN EIGHT EIGHT THREE.

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

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407PM URGENT 4-11-68 MLC

TO DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

SAC ST. LOUIS

SAC BALTIMORE

SAC MEMPHIS (44-1987)

SAC BIRMINHAM (44-1740)

FROM SAC INDIANAPOLIS (44-563)

J
MURKIN

RE SUSPECT ERIC STARVO GALT

RE BUTEL ALL OFFICES APRIL TEN, LAST; ST. LOUIS TEL TO SPRINGFIELD, ARIL ELEVEN, INSTANT, AND SPRINGFIELD TEL INDIANAPOLIS, APRIL ELEVEN, INSTANT.

RECORDS AMERICAN COMMERCIAL LINES SHOW NO PAST OR PRESENT EMPLOYMENT FOR GALT. ABOVE COMPANY MERGED WITH NUMEROUS COMPANIES AN RECORDS DESTROYED.

AN IB SEVEN LISTING SHOWS ONE E. S. GAULT, SOC. SEC. # [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], EMPLOYED PRIOR TO NINETEEN FIFTY SEVEN, PROBABLY AMERICAN BARGE LINES CO. NO FURTHER INFO.

UACB - BALTIMORE CONTACT SOURCE FOUR, FOR INFO RE GAULT WHO
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Lead given to Joyce & La
will give it to Source 4 &
Shores for it back by
4/12/68. JKS

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MAYBE IDENTICAL. ST. LOUIS; ALL EMPLOYEES WITH EITHER NATIONAL
MARITIME UNION OR INLAND BATMENS UNION, SEAFARER'S INTERNATIONAL,
BOTH ST. LOUIS. BIRMINGHAM ADVISED BA IF SOC. SEC. NO. ABOVE IS
GALT'S IF AVAILABLE.

CORR, PG 2 LN 2 WRD 5 SHLD READ BOATMENS

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
Memorandum

TO : SAC, BALTIMORE (44-669-31A)

DATE: 4/17/68

FROM : SA JOHN J. GROGAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN; CR

RE: EMIL MATALIK, SUSPECT

12:09 PM Ident Div. reported negative on fingerprints, per MC DONOUGH, Div. 9

2:26 PM Memphis advised photos shown to witnesses, negative

12:15 PM SA DAWSON, WFO, advised MATALIK in D.C., all week according to their investigation

4:40 PM MATALIK to be placed on Trailways bus for Washington, D.C., at 5:25 PM, 4/7/68

①-Baltimore
JJG:mk
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1035PM URGENT 4-5-68 LLF

TO DIRECTOR, WFO, BIRMINGHAM, AND MEMPHIS
FROM BALTIMORE

MURKIN; SUSPECT ~~EMIL KATALIK.~~

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*Sent to ME-10⁴² P
Sent to DIR+WFO, WFO
11 32⁴² P L4*

SUSPECT ARRESTED BY BALTIMORE PD AS LOOK ALIKE AFTER PD
OBSERVED ARTISTS CONCEPTION OF ASSASSIN IN BALTIMORE NEWSPAPER
TODAY. KATALIK, WHITE MALE, BORN SEVEN FIVE TWENTY NINE, HIGHLAND
WISCONSIN, FIVE FEET TEN INCHES, ONE HUNDRED SIXTY POUNDS,
RUDDY COMPLEXION, HONORABLY DISCHARGED FROM USAF SERIAL NUMBER
AF [REDACTED] ADVISED UPON INTERVIEW
ARRIVED BALTIMORE TODAY FROM WASHINGTON, D.C., WHERE HE LIVED
FOR PAST MONTH AT FOUR THREE ZERO K STREET, N.W., IN ROOMING
HOUSE. CLAIMS TO LIVE ON DISABILITY PENSION AND TO HAVE BEEN
CONFINED TO ST. ELIZABETHS HOSPITAL WASHINGTON, D.C., IN
NINETEEN SIXTY THREE. ALSO CLAIMS ARREST BY GAME WARDEN DOUGLAS
COUNTY, WISC., NINETEEN SIXTY ONE OR SIXTY TWO FOR CARRYING GUN.
KATALIK FOR MOST PART UNCOOPERATIVE DURING INTERVIEW. PER BUREAU
INSTRUCTIONS TWO SETS OF TEN PHOTOS OF KATALIK ARE BEING FORWARDED
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MEMPHIS BY PILOT AMERICAN AIRLINES FLIGHT NUMBER FIVE NINE NINE
LEAVING BALTIMORE ONE FIFTY FIVE AM APRIL SEVEN NEXT ARRIVING THREE
FORTY ONE AM MEMPHIS TIME. MEMPHIS REQUESTED TO FORWARD ONE SET OF
THESE PHOTOS TO BIRMINGHAM. WFO ATTEMPT VERIFY D.C. RESIDENCE AND
LOCATION PAST SEVERAL DAYS. BALTIMORE WILL FOUR SEVEN NEXT HAND
DELIVER TO BUREAU AND WFO PHOTOS OF MATALIK ALSO FINGER AND
PALM PRINTS TO IDENT DIVISION.

MATALIK BEING HELD BY BALTIMORE PD FOR INVESTIGATION,
LOCAL CHARGE ANTICIPATED RELEASE APRIL SEVEN NEXT.

END

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FBI BIRMGHAM

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WA 9 744PM LLF

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TO DIRECTOR PLAINTEXT

FROM BALTIMORE

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MURKIN

Knockville
RE ~~NEWARK~~ TEL FOUR SEVEN INSTANT.

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copy made.*

CHECK MARYLAND DMV DISCLOSED RECORD RE MARYLAND LICENSE GJ SEVEN EIGHT EIGHT THREE NOT YET IN FILE. WILLIAM C. LEYKO, DIRECTOR, TITLE AND REGISTRATION DIVISION ADVISED IMPOSSIBLE TONIGHT TO LOCATE RECORD SINCE MAY STILL BE OUT IN COUNTY WHERE ISSUED. WILL INSTITUTE SEARCH PROMPTLY MORNING OF FOUR EIGHT NEXT HOWEVER ESTIMATES MAY TAKE SEVERAL HOURS TO LOCATE RECORD. BALTIMORE WILL FOLLOW CLOSELY AND REQUESTED INTERVIEW CONDUCTED IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIPT OF NECESSARY INFORMATION.

END

CORR DATE OF TEL SHLD BE 4-7-68

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URGENT 4-7-68 RNK

TO DIRECTOR, BIRMINGHAM, BALTIMORE, AND MEMPHIS PLAINTEXT
FROM WASHINGTON FIELD (44-703) 1P

MURKIN/SUSPECT EMIL MATALIK.

RE BALTIMORE TEL APRIL SIX LAST AND WFO TELEPHONE CALL TO
BALTIMORE APRIL SEVEN INSTANT.

EMIL MATALIK IDENTICAL WITH INDIVIDUAL INVESTIGATED BY
WFO FEBRUARY TO MARCH, SIXTY UNDER CAPTION EMIL MATALIK, IS-R,
WHO RESIDED FOUR THREE ZERO K ST., N. W., WASHINGTON, D. C.
INQUIRIES ON APRIL SEVEN INSTANT REFLECTS MATALIK AT THAT
RESIDENCE AT ABOUT FIVE PM AND AGAIN AT SEVEN OR SEVEN THIRTY
PM ON APRIL FOUR LAST. FOUR INDIVIDUALS RECALL MATALIK BEING
AT HIS RESIDENCE AT VARIOUS TIMES DURING THE ENTIRE WEEK
OF APRIL ONE UNTIL MORNING OF APRIL SIX LAST.

WFO WILL RECORD INVESTIGATION AND MAINTAIN IN WFO FILE.
WFO INDICATING NO FURTHER ACTION RE MATALIK.

PENDING.

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RJW

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FBI KNOXVLE

415 PM 4/7/68 URGENT RXP
TO MEMPHIS AND BALTIMORE
FROM KNOXVILLE 157-1298
MURKIN.

RE BUTEL TO ALL OFFICES APRIL SEVEN INSTANT.

ON APRIL SEVEN INSTANT, ROBERT MULLIN AND MICKEY BUSBY,
CONTACTED KX. OFFICE AND ADVISED THEY HAD HITCH-HIKED TO KX.
FROM MEMPHIS AND WERE PICKED UP AT BROWNSVILLE, TENN. ABOUT SIX
P.M. APRIL SIX LAST BY PERSON GIVING NAME BUD MITCHELL, AGE TWENTY-
FIVE TO THIRTY, SIX FEET, DARK BROWN HAIR, SHORT NORMAL CUT,
ONE FORTY-FIVE TO ONE FIVE ZERO LBS. MEDIUM BUILD, WELL
DRESSED, DRIVING PALE YELLOW MUSTANG, BEARING MARYLAND LICENSE
G J SEVEN EIGHT EIGHT THREE. MITCHELL SAID HE HAD BEEN IN MEMPHIS
AND WAS RETURNING TO WASHINGTON DC. SAID EX GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE
AND GAVE IMPRESSION WAS SOME TYPE OF INVESTIGATOR.

MITCHELL STATED THAT HE HAD GONE TO MEMPHIS "TO SEE KING
MARCH AT AN EARLIER DATE BUT KING CHICKENED OUT BECAUSE OF THE
SNOW." SAID THAT HE HAD PISTOL UNDER DASH OF CAR AND THAT
HE OWNED A RIFLE. MITCHELL ALLEGEDLY TOLD COMPLAINANTS THAT
"THINGS WILL QUIETEN DOWN AFTER THEY BURY THAT CREEP" AND ALSO
DISCUSSED HOW EASY IT WAS TO GET AN M-ONE RIFLE AND CLIPS. HE

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SAID THAT HE HAD BEEN TO RIPLEY, TENN. VISITING HIS RELATIVES
ON THIS TRIP. THEY FURNISHED ABOVE AS OF POSSIBLE VALUE IN
INVESTIGATION OF MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING.

MULLIN AND BUSBY STATED THEY, ARE STUDENTS' MEMPHIS STATE
UNIVERSITY, RESIDENCE THREE THREE ONE MC CORD HALL, MEMPHIS AND
RETURNING TO MEMPHIS BY MONDAY APRIL EIGHT NEXT.

BALTIMORE DETERMINE OWNER OF YELLOW MUSTANG, MARYLAND LICENSE
G J SEVEN EIGHT EIGHT THREE AND INTERVIEW MITCHELL TO DETERMINE
WHEREABOUTS AT SEVEN PM EST APRIL FOUR LAST.

MEMPHIS AT RIPLEY DETERMINE IF MITCHELL KNOWN THAT AREA
AND IF THERE DURING PERTINENT PERIOD.

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RJW

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*James not yet in file!
Jaya contacted Div. James
tag section - impossible to locate
Honite - would need armed guard
for employees and doubt would
be able to locate even then
con*

Wm. C. Leys

Div. Tele. Rm.

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BALTIMORE --4-- 345PM RNK

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TO CONTINENTAL ALL SACS PLAINTEXT

FROM DIRECTOR 1 P

MURKIN

THIS IS THE CAPTION FOR THE CIVIL RIGHTS INVESTIGATION TO IDENTIFY PERSON OR PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., IN MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, ON APRIL FOUR LAST.

ALL INVESTIGATION MUST BE HANDLED UNDER THE PERSONAL DIRECTION OF THE SAC. LEADS ARE TO BE AFFORDED IMMEDIATE, THROUGH IMAGINATIVE ATTENTION. YOU MUST EXHAUST ALL POSSIBILITIES FROM SUCH LEADS AS ANY ONE LEAD COULD RESULT IN THE SOLUTION OF THIS MOST IMPORTANT INVESTIGATION. SAC WILL BE HELD PERSONALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY FAILURE TO PROMPTLY AND THOROUGHLY HANDLE INVESTIGATIONS IN THIS MATTER.

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TO ALL SACS

FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987) 2P

MURKIN; CR. OO MEMPHIS.

RE BUTEL TO ALL SAC'S APRIL SEVEN, NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT.

FOR INFO ALL OFFICES, PERTINENT PERIODS IN INVESTIGATION
ARE MARCH TWENTY NINE AND THIRTY IN BIRMINGHAM, ALA., AND
APRIL FOUR, SIXTY EIGHT, IN MEMPHIS, TENN.

IN EVENT ANY DATA DEVELOPED RE SUSPECTS, IF INTERESTED
OFFICES CAN ESTABLISH WHEREABOUTS OF SUSPECTS ON DATES ABOVE,
THIS MAY ELIMINATE SUSPECT. IF THIS CANNOT BE DONE, EFFORTS
SHOULD BE MADE TO SECURE PHOTOGRAPHS OF SUSPECTS IN QUESTION AND
FORWARD PHOTOS TO MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM FOR POSSIBLE ELIMINATION.
PERTINENT DESCRIPTIVE DATA SHOULD BE INCLUDED WITH PHOTOS.

IF UNABLE TO ELIMINATE ON BASIS OF ESTABLISHED WHEREABOUTS
IN PERTINENT PERIODS, INTERESTED OFFICES SHOULD MAKE EFFORTS
TO SECURE FINGERPRINTS OF SUSPECT IN QUESTION AND SUBMIT SAME TO
BUREAU FOR ELIMINATION.

COMPOSITE DESCRIPTION, BASED ON DATA DEVELOPED IN BIRMINGHAM
AND MEMPHIS, IS AS FOLLOWS:

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TO DIRECTOR BIRMINGHAM MEMPHIS ATLANTA

BALTIMORE BOSTON CINCINNATI LAS VEGAS

LOS ANGELES NEWARK RICHMOND SAN DIEGO AND SAN FRANCISCO

FROM ALBANY 157-273

MURKIN CR OO MEMPHIS

RE ALBANY TEL APRIL EIGHT INSTANT

THE FOLLOWING ARE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF DISTRICT
MANAGERS FOR TEXTILE MARKING MACHINE COMPANY WHO MAY BE ABLE
TO FURNISH ASSISTANCE IN EVENT ANY PROBLEMS DEVELOP:

ATLANTA:

DICK BRISTOW, THREE FOUR SIX TWO, N.W. THIRTEENTH
AVENUE, GAINESVILLE, FLA., TELEPHONE NUMBER F R TWO ONE TWO NINE
ZERO.

BALTIMORE AND RICHMOND

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JOE COMBS, FIFTY TWO THIRTY DEVONSHIRE, OXON HILL,
MARYLAND, TELEPHONE TWO FOUR EIGHT SIX ONE TWO SEVEN.

CINCINNATI

JACK CODY, TWENTYNINE TWENTYNINE CHAUCER DRIVE, SHERWOOD
VILLAGE, NORTH CANTON, OHIO, TELEPHONE FOUR NINE TWO SIX FOUR
NINE SEVEN.

BOSTON:

FRED WEBER, THIRTYTHREE SKYLARK LANE, STONYBROOK,
LONG ISLAND, TELEPHONE SEVEN FIVE ONE TWO ONE THREE FIVE.
LOS ANGELES, SAN FRANCISCO, LAS VEGAS AND SAN DIEGO

FRED RAUPACK, ONE EIGHT FOUR ZERO NINE HIAWATHA,
NORTHRIDGE, CALIFORNIA, TELEPHONE EM THREE EIGHT NINE SIX
THREE. P.

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SUSPECT MALE WHITE, AGE TWENTY SIX TO FORTY YEARS, HEIGHT FIVE FT. EIGHT TO FIVE FT. ELEVEN INCHES, ONE HUNDRED FIFTY TO ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY LBS.; DARK BROWN OR SANDY HAIR, COMBED STRAIGHT BACK. EYES BLUE OR GREEN; MEDIUM BUILD; COMPLEXION AVERAGE, SMOOTH. GENERAL PHYSICAL APPEARANCE; NEAT.

POSSIBILITY EXISTS SUSPECT IS NON-SMOKER. INDICATIONS WERE THAT SUSPECT RENTED ROOM BETWEEN THREE AND THREE-THIRTY PM, APRIL FOUR, LAST, AND DEPARTED ROOM SHORTLY AFTER SIX PM. NO MATCHES OR CIGARETTES FOUND DURING THAT PERIOD, WHICH SUGGESTS SUSPECT MAY BE NON-SMOKER.

RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION MUST BE PROMPTLY FURNISHED BUREAU, MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM. P.

END

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FBI NEW YORK

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BA...LLF

FBI BALTO

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URGENT IMMEDIATE 4-8-68 DER

TO DIRECTOR BIRMINGHAM MEMPHIS ATLANTA BALTIMORE BOSTON
CINCINNATI LAS VEGAS LOS ANGELES NEWARK RICHMOND SAN DIEGO
AND SAN FRANCISCO

FROM: ALBANY /157-273/

MURKIN; CR; OO MEMPHIS

RE ALBANY TEL TO BUREAU APRIL SEVEN LAST AND
TELEPHONE CALLS TO BUREAU, ATLANTA, BOSTON, BALTIMORE,
AND SAN FRANCISCO, APRIL EIGHT INSTANT.

SEARCH OF PREMISES BELIEVED OCCUPIED BY UNSUB
WHO ASSASSINATED DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING ON FOUR FOUR
SIXTYEIGHT DISCLOSED SUITCASE IN WHICH WAS LOCATED
TEE SHIRT AND UNDERSHORTS BEARING LAUNDRY MARK ON
RED TAPE WITH BLACK LETTERING BELIEVED TO BE THERMO-
SEAL TYPE, MANUFACTURED BY TEXTILE MARKING MACHINE
CO. INC., SYRACUSE, N.Y. THE TAPE IS ONE QUARTER
INCH WIDE AND ONE AND ONE SIXTEENTH INCH LONG AND
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*Conrad
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BEARS LETTERS AND NUMBERS ZERO TWO B DASH SIX.

EXPERTS AT TEXTILE MARKING MACHINE COMPANY ADVISE TYPE ON THIS MACHINE IS UNUSUAL IN THAT THE FIRST TWO CHARACTERS ARE FIFTEEN POINT TYPE AND THE LAST THREE CHARACTERS ARE EIGHTEEN POINT TYPE, WITH THE MIDDLE CHARACTER, THE LETTER B, PROBABLY BEING NARROW RATHER THAN REGULAR TYPE. THE USUAL MACHINE CARRIES FIFTEEN POINT TYPE FOR THE FIRST THREE CHARACTERS AND EIGHTEEN POINT TYPE FOR THE LAST TWO CHARACTERS.

TEXTILE MARKING MACHINE EXPERTS ALSO STATED THIS MACHINE IS DEFECTIVE IN THAT IT IS PRODUCING A TAPE ONE AND ONE SIXTEENTH INCH LONG INSTEAD OF ONE AND ONE EIGHTH INCH LONG AND IS NOT PROJECTING THE TAPE FAR ENOUGH RESULTING IN CUTTING OFF A PORTION

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OF THE FIRST LETTER. THE CODE USED IN THE NORTH
EASTERN PART OF THE UNITED STATES IS AS FOLLOWS:

THE FIRST OETTER O STANDS FOR LOT NUMBER; THE
FIRST NUMBER TWO INDICATES THE DAY OF THE WEEK, TWO
BEING TUESDAY; THE SECOND LETTER INDICATES THE FIRST
LETTER OF THE STORE NAME, THIS IS THE LETTER B; THE
LAST NUMBER IS THE BUNDLE NUMBER, THIS IS SIX. COLOR
CODING OF THE TAG MAY DESIGNATE VARIOUS THINGS SUCH
AS A DIFFERENT MONTH OR THE IDENTITY OF A STORE IN
A CHAIN. EXPERTS ALSO STATE THE USE OF THIS SYSTEM
ON LAUNDRY ITEMS IS UNUSUAL IN THAT THE SYSTEM IS
NORMALLY USED ON GARMENTS BEING DRY CLEANED.

THE BUREAU HAS INSTRUCTED THAT ALL TEXTILE
MACHINES USING THIS TYPE TAPE BE LOCATED AND MACHINES
USING THIS CODE BE IDENTIFIED.

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THE CODE USED HAS BEEN TRACED TO THE NORTHEASTERN PART OF THE UNITED STATES, HOWEVER A SIMILAR CODING IS USED IN THE WESTERN PART OF THE UNITED STATES ALSO AND A SIMILAR CODE IS ALSO USED BY COMPANIES WITHOUT THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE COMPANY'S REPRESENTATIVES, THEREFORE ALL THESE MACHINES MUST BE CHECKED.

FOLLOWING ARE MACHINES HAVING FIVE CHARACTERS OR SIX CHARACTERS CAPABLE OF PRODUCING THE INSTANT LAUNDRY TAPE:

ATLANTA:

BLUM'S, MACON, GEORGIA, MODEL NUMBER H FIVE L ONE, SERIAL NUMBER THREE ONE NINE SEVEN THREE.

BALTIMORE:

STAR LAUNDRY, NINE ZERO EIGHT NORTH SALISBURY BOULEVARD, SALISBURY, MARYLAND, MODEL NUMBER H FIVE L FOUR, SERIAL NUMBER THREE TWO FIVE ZERO ZERO.

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E FIVE

BOSTON:

LEWIS NATIONAL CORP., ONE MT. VERNON
AVE, DORCHESTER, MASS., MODEL NUMBER H
FIVE L FOUR, SERIAL NUMBER THREE TWO TWO NINE ZERO
(A DISTRIBUTOR FOR TEXTILE MARKING MACHINE CO.,
THIS MACHINE SHIPPED APRIL SIXTYTWO); SUPERIOR LAUNDRY
SIX TWENTYFIVE CONCORD AVE, CAMBRIDGE, MASS.,
MODEL NUMBER H FIVE K ONE, SERIAL NUMBER R THREE ONE
SEVEN SIX TWO.

CINCINNATI:

SWAN CLEANERS, EIGHT ZERO FOUR MOUNT VERNON
AVENUE, COLUMBUS, OHIO, MODEL NUMBER H FIVE K ONE
SERIAL NUMBER R THREE ONE FIVE FOUR SEVEN.

FLAS VEGAS:

MONARCH CLEANERS, ONE FOUR THREE ZERO SOUTH MAIN
LAS VEGAS, NEVADA, MODEL NUMBER H FIVE L FOUR, SERIAL
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NUMBER THREE TWO FOUR NINE EIGHT.

LOS ANGELES:

BEACH CITIES LAUNDRY, SIX TWO ZERO MAIN STREET,
HUNTINGTON BEACH, CALIFORNIA, MODEL NUMBER R H FIVE
K ONE, SERIAL NUMBER THREE ONE THREE NINE FOUR;
CALIFORNIA OVERALL COMPANY, ONE SIX TWO ZERO COMPTON
AVENUE, LOS ANGELES, CALIF.; MODEL NUMBER H FIVE
K ONE, SERIAL NUMBER THREE ONE THREE FIVE TWO;
DELITE LAUNDRY, ONE SIX ZERO SEVEN, BROOKLYN AVENUE,
LOS ANGELES, CALIF., MODEL NUMBER R H FIVE K ONE,
SERIAL NUMBERS THREE ONE FOUR FOUR NINE, THREE ONE
FOUR FIVE FOUR, THREE ONE THREE NINE TWO, THREE ONE
FOUR FOUR SEVEN; GOLD COAST LAUNDRY, ONE EIGHT THREE
EIGHT EAST FORTY FIRST PLACE, LOS ANGELES: MODEL
NUMBER H FIVE K FOUR, SERIAL NUMBER R THREE TWO THREE
TWO ONE; NICOLAY KETZBECK INC., GAMMATU LAUNDRY,
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EIGHT SIX ONE ONE WEST THIRD STREET, LOS ANGELES,
MODEL NUMBER H FIVE K ONE, CONVERTED FROM H FIVE J
ONE, SERIAL NUMBER THREE ZERO NINE ZERO TWO.

NEWARK:

CUSTOM SHIRT LAUNDRY, TWO ZERO SEVEN HADDON
AVENUE, WESTMONT, N.J., MODEL NUMBER H FIVE
M FOUR, SERIAL NUMBER THREE TWO SIX FOUR FOUR.

RICHMOND:

FARLINGTON OR FANLINGTON LAUNDRY, THREE EIGHT
ZERO ZERO SOUTH FOUR MILE RUN DRIVE, ARLINGTON,
VIRGINIA, MODEL NUMBER H FIVE L FOUR, SERIAL NUMBER
THREE TWO FIVE ZERO FOUR.

SAN DIEGO

KELLY ORIGINAL FRENCH LAUNDRY, ONE ZERO FOUR
TWO UNIVERSITY AVE., SAN DIEGO, CALIF., MODEL
NUMBER R H FIVE K ONE, SERIAL NUMBERS, THREE ONE
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THREE NINE ONE, THREE IE THREE NINE FIVE, MODEL
NUMBER H FIVE K ONE, SERIAL NUMBERS THREE ONE FOUR
SIX ONE AND THREE ONE FOUR NINE ONE.

SAN FRANCISCO:

GOLDEN STATE DRIVE IN CLEANERS, TWO ONE SEVEN
FIVE WINCHESTER BLVD., CAMPBELL, CALIF.,
MODEL NUMBER H FIVE L FOUR, SERIAL NUMBER THREE TWO
FIVE ZERO THREE; HIGHLAND DRIVE IN CLEANERS, ONE TWO ZERO
ONE LA SALLE AVENUE, SEASIDE, CALIF., MODEL NUMBER
H FIVE L ONE, SERIAL NUMBER THREE ONE SIX THREE TWO
MARSHALL STEEL COMPANY, FIVE FOUR TWO SEVEN TELEGRAPH,
OAKLAND, CALIF., MODEL NUMBER H FIVE K ONE, SERIAL
NUMBER THREE ONE TWO TWO SIX; SANFORD CLEANERS, TWO
EIGHT SEVEN FIVE EL CAMINO, PAO ALTO, CALIF.,
MODEL NUMBER H FIVE L FOUR, SERIAL NUMBER THREE TWO
FIVE ZERO SIX; STERLING CLEANERS AND LAUNDRY, ONE
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ONE FOUR ZERO HOWARD E., BURLINGAME, CALIF.,

MODEL NUMBER H FIVE L FOUR, SERIAL NUMBER THREE

ONE SIX FOUR SEVEN; SUPERIOR FRENCH LAUNDRY, ONE TWO

EIGHT FOUR WEST MAIN AVENUE, OAKLAND, CALIF.,

WHICH HAS NUMEROUS MACHINES OF THIS TYPE SOME OF

WHICH HAVE BEEN RETURNED TO REPRESENTATIVE. MACHINE

H FIVE K ONE SERIAL NUMBER THREE ONE THREE FIVE EIGHT

RETURNED TO TEXTILE MARKING MACHINE HAS BEEN

CHECKED BY ALBANY.

REGARDING THE ABOVE MACHINES ALL OF THOSE
HAVING FIVE CHARACTERS HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AND
THE NUMBERS FURNISHED BY TELEPHONE TO BALTIMORE,
BOSTON AND SAN FRANCISCO. OTHER MACHINES SET FORTH
ABOVE FOR THE DESIGNATION IN THE MODEL NUMBER
INDICATING THAT THEY ARE FIVE CHARACTER MACHINES.
HOWEVER THE RECORDS OF TEXTILE MARKING MACHINE
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COMPANY SHOW SIX DIG 3. ALL OF THESE MACHINES COULD
BE CHECKED TO DETERMINE WHETHER THEY USE THE CODE
ON INSTANT TAPE.

THE BUREAU HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO FURNISH ALL
OFFICES SET FORTH ABOVE WITH PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE
GARMENTS BEARING THE TAPE IN SUFFICIENT QUANTITY TO
COVER THESE LEADS.

ALL OFFICES ARE DIRECTED BY THE BUREAU TO
IMMEDIATELY CONTACT THE ABOVE CONCERNS AS DESIGNATED,
DETERMINE IF THEY USE THE CODE SYSTEM AS SHOWN ON
INSTANT TAPE AND IF THEY DO USE THAT SYSTEM, OBTAIN
ALL INFORMATION AVAILABLE IN AN EFFORT TO IDENTIFY
UNSUB. THE BUREAU HAS FURTHER DIRECTED THAT EVEN
IF THEY DO NOT USE THIS SYSTEM, TAPES SHOULD BE
OBTAINED USING THE CHARACTERS IN INSTANT TAPE WHICH
SHOULD BE FORWARDED IMMEDIATELY TO THE FBI LAB FOR
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COMPARISON WITH INSTANT TAPE.

COPY OF THIS TELETYPE IS FURNISHED TO BIRMINGHAM
IN VIEW OF CHECKS BEING MADE WITH AIRLINE COMPANIES. P.

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TO ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES (PLAINTEXT)
FROM DIRECTOR (44-38861) 2P

MURKIN.

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THIS IS THE CASE INVOLVING THE MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., ON APRIL FOUR, LAST, IN MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD ANYONE BE TOLD THIS INVESTIGATION IS IN CONNECTION WITH CAPTIONED MATTER.

IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT A RIFLE ABANDONED NEAR SCENE OF CRIME WAS PURCHASED BY INDIVIDUAL USING THE NAME HARVEY LOWMEYER OR LOWMYER.

LOWMEYER OR LOWMYER IS GENERALLY DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, THIRTYSIX YEARS OLD, FIVE FEET EIGHT INCHES TALL, ONE HUNDRED FIFTY - ONE HUNDRED SIXTY POUNDS, BLACK OR DARK BROWN HAIR.

IN VIEW OF THE UNUSUAL NATURE OF THE NAMES LOWMEYER AND LOWMYER, ALL OFFICES SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CHECK YOUR INDICES, ALL CITY DIRECTORIES, ALL TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES COVERING YOUR TERRITORIES, ALL DRIVERS LICENSE RECORDS, ALL AUTOMOBILE

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REGISTRATION RECORDS, VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS, AND
CREDIT AND CRIMINAL RECORDS ON THE SURNAMES LOWMEYER
AND LOWMYER. IN VIEW OF THE UNUSUAL NATURE OF THE NAMES,
DO NOT CONFINE YOUR CHECK TO HARVEY LOWMEYER AND LOWMYER
ONLY. ANY INDIVIDUALS IDENTIFIED AS BEARING THESE SURNAMES
SHOULD BE IMMEDIATELY CHECKED OUT COVERING THE PERTINENT
PERIOD. YOU SHOULD ALSO APPROPRIATELY CHECK OUT ALL
BOMBING SUSPECTS IN YOUR TERRITORIES.

HANDLE IMMEDIATELY AND GIVE TOP PRIORITY ATTENTION.

BUFILES CONTAIN NO INFORMATION IDENTIFIABLE ON
HARVEY LOWMEYER OR LOWMYER.

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Via TELETYPE URGENT
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TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, WFO

FROM BALTIMORE

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MURKIN

RE BALTIMORE TELETYPE TO BUREAU AND BALTIMORE PHONE CALL
TO WFO, BOTH APRIL NINE INSTANT. CONCERNING ALLEGATION THAT
A CUBAN NAMED EDDIE CLAIMED HE RETURNED FROM MEMPHIS
EDUARDO RABAGO, APT. EIGHT, LONG BRANCH APARTMENTS, A FEW DAYS
AGO AND HE
EIGHT SEVEN ZERO NINE GILBERT PLACE, SILVER SPRING, MD., KNEW 3 WEEKS
AGO KING WOULD BE
WAITER, BANQUET DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON HILTON HOTEL, NINETEENTH
ST. AND CONNECTICUT AVE., NW, WASHINGTON, D.C., ON APRIL NINE
INSTANT ADVISED AS FOLLOWS:

ON APRIL EIGHT HE WAS AT SEVEN ZERO SEVEN RESTAURANT, SEVEN
ZERO SEVEN UNIVERSITY BOULEVARD EAST, SILVER SPRING, MD., FROM
ABOUT THREE PM UNTIL AFTER ELEVEN PM, DRINKING BEER WITH VARIOUS
PERSONS. HE DID NOT RECALL MAKING OR HEARING ANYONE ELSE MAKE
A STATEMENT THAT THEY KNEW THREE WEEKS AGO DR. MARTIN LUTHER
KING, JR. WOULD BE KILLED. THERE WAS MUCH DISCUSSION RE KING'S
MURDER. IT WAS HIS OPINION THAT IF SUCH A STATEMENT WAS MADE,
IT WAS IN THE SENSE THAT IT WAS "SUSPECTED" KING WOULD BE KILLED
BECAUSE OF THE BITTER FEELINGS AGAINST KING BY SEGREGATIONISTS.

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RABAGO HAS NEVER BEEN TO MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, AND DENIES HAVING ANY INFORMATION WHATSOEVER CONCERNING CAPTIONED MATTER OTHER THAN WHAT HE HAS READ IN LOCAL NEWSPAPERS.

RABAGO CAME TO U.S. FROM CUBA AS REFUGEE IN FIFTYNINE, WAS A MEMBER OF TWO FIVE ZERO SIXTH CUBAN BRIGADE, RECRUITED AND TRAINED UNDER CIA, AND HE PARTICIPATED IN CUBAN INVASION IN SIXTYONE. HE ADVISED THAT IF HE RECEIVES ANY PERTINENT INFORMATION HE WOULD FURNISH SAME TO FBI. NO EFFORT BEING MADE TO LOCATE BARTENDER AL BALLEW, UACB ABOVE FURNISHED TO WFO BY REFERENCED PHONE CALL.

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TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND WFO
FROM BALTIMORE

MURKIN CR OO MEMPHIS

RE BU TELEPHONE CALL TO BALTIMORE, AM APRIL nine SIXTY EIGHT.

BUREAU ADVISED INFO TELEPHONICALLY RECEIVED FROM LT. S.T. HALL,
MONTGOMERY COUNTY PD MARYLAND THAT LATTER RECEIVED CALL FROM FNU
MC CLELLAND, WHO RUNS SEVEN ZERO SEVEN RESTAURANT ON UNIVERSITY
BLVD, SILVER SPRING, MARYLAND, RE OVERHEARING A CUBAN TELLING A
MAN IN BAR EVENING APRIL EIGHT LAST THAT HE KNEW KING WAS TO BE
KILLED THREE TO FIVE DAYS BEFORE IT HAPPENED AND THAT CUBAN HAD
LEFT MEMPHIS FEW DAYS AGO.

CHESTER MC CLELLAND, RESIDENCE ONE EIGHT ZERO EIGHT KANAWHA STREET,
ADELPHI, MARYLAND, TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED THIS AM AND ADVISES HE
OPERATES SEVEN ZERO SEVEN RESTAURANT, SEVEN ZERO SEVEN UNIVERSITY
BLVD, SILVER SPRING, THAT A CUBAN NAMED EDDIE LNU, WHO FREQUENTS
HIS RESTAURANT AND BAR ABOUT TWO TO THREE TIMES EACH WEEK, WAS
IN BAR EVENING APRIL EIGHT LAST DRINKING HEAVILY. MC CLELLAND
OVERHEARD EDDIE TELL PART TIME BARTENDER, AL BALLEW, THAT HE HAD

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RETURNED FROM MEMPHIS FEW DAYS AGO AND THAT HE KNEW THREE WEEKS
AGO THAT KING WOULD BE KILLED.

EDDIE DESCRIBED AS WHITE, MALE, AGE FORTY FIVE TO FIFTY YEARS,
HEIGHT FIVE TEN, WEIGHT ONE SIXTY FIVE TO ONE SEVENTY POUNDS,
AND
HAIR BLACK, TYPICALLY CUBAN, /LOUD TALKING, PARTICULARLY WHEN
DRINKING: RESIDES LONG BRANCH APTS, SEVEN HUNDRED BLOCK UNIVERSITY
at PINEY BRANCH ROAD,
BLVD, /SILVER SPRING, MD. AND EMPLOYED AS CHEF OR COOK AT SHERATON
HOTEL
BELVEDERE/OR SHERATON HOTEL, WDC.

MC CLELLAND STATES AL BALLEW MOVED LAST WEEK AND CURRENT ADDRESS
UNKNOWN, THOUGH HAS FULL TIME EMPLOYMENT AT SEARS STORE, MONTGOMERY
MALL, SILVER SPRING, MD.

WFO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW EDDIE FNU RE ALLEGED TRIP TO MEMPHIS AND
KNOWLEDGE KINGS DEATH.

SAME
BALTIMORE CONDUCTING INVESTIGATION SILVER SPRING.

BUREAU INSTRUCTS EXPEDITIOUS HANDLING ALL LEADS THIS CASE.

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*If necessary to
determine name
of Eddie
Call Mc Clelland
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TO ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES (PLAINTEXT)

FROM DIRECTOR (44-38861) 2P

MURKIN

AMONG ARTICLES RECOVERED AT SCENE OF SHOOTING, APPARENTLY ABANDONED BY UNSUB, WERE A PAIR OF BROWNISH CHECKERED PRINT UNDERSHORTS AND WHITE JOCKEY TEE SHIRT BEARING CLOTH LAUNDRY TAGS. THESE TAGS WERE MADE BY A THERMO SEAL MARKING MACHINE MANUFACTURED BY THE TEXTILE MARKING MACHINE COMPANY, SYRACUSE, NEW YORK. THESE TAGS ARE ONE QUARTER INCH WIDE AND ONE AND ONE SIXTEENTH INCH LONG, RED IN COLOR AND BEAR MARKING WHICH APPEARS TO BE "O TWO B DASH SIX" OR "D TWO B DASH SIX." ONLY A PORTION OF THE FIRST CHARACTER IS PRESENT ON EACH TAG, AND THIS CHARACTER IS CUT ON A SLIGHT BIAS. NO OTHER VISIBLE LAUNDRY MARKS WERE FOUND ON EITHER GARMENT.

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CHECKS OF LOGICAL LAUNDRIES SUGGESTED BY TEXTILE MARKING COMPANY HAVE TO DATE BEEN UNPRODUCTIVE.

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UPON RECEIPT, ALL OFFICES SHOULD IMMEDIATELY TELEPHONICALLY
CONTACT ALL LAUNDRIES IN YOUR DIVISIONS TO IDENTIFY
LAUNDRY USING THIS CODE AND THESE TAGS AND PURSUE LOGICAL
LEADS DEVELOPED.

IF PERTINENT LAUNDRY IDENTIFIED, IMMEDIATELY ADVISE
BUREAU TELEPHONICALLY.

THIS MUST BE GIVEN TOP PRIORITY HANDLING TO INSURE
THAT THESE CHECKS ARE IMMEDIATELY RUN OUT.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD ANYONE BE TOLD THIS
INVESTIGATION IS IN CONNECTION WITH CAPTIONED MATTER.

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TO ATLANTA, AND MEMPHIS
FROM BALTIMORE 1P

MURKIN.

RE BUREAU TEL APRIL EIGHT LAST.

RE EDGAR FRANKLIN JOHNSTON; BOMBING SUSPECT.

RALPH HAMILL, TECHNICAL SUPERVISOR, NATIONAL BROADCASTING
COMPANY, WASHINGTON, D.C., ADVISED TODAY JOHNSTON WHO RESIDES
ONE ZERO TWO ZERO SEVEN JULEP COURT, SILVER SPRING, MARYLAND,
WAS WORKING NINE A.M., TO SIX P.M., MARCH TWENTYNINE LAST
AND FROM MARCH THIRTY THROUGH APRIL FOUR LAST WAS ON VACATION
STAYING WITH RELATIVES IN GEORGIA.

ATLANTA, WHO HAS BACKGROUND, AND WHO HAS VERIFIED
JOHNSTON'S WHEREABOUTS IN PAST THROUGH RELATIVES, CONTACT
MR. AND MRS. CHARLES P. JOHNSTON, ROME, GEORGIA, PARENTS,
AND CLYDE L. JOHSTON, ATLANTA, GEORGIA, RE JOHNSTON'S WHEREABOUTS
PERTINENT PERIODS INSTANT CASE.

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TO BALTIMORE AND MEMPHIS

FROM ATLANTA

MURKIN.

RE BALTIMORE TELETYPE TO MEMPHIS APRIL NINE SIXTYEIGHT
CONCERNING EDGAR FRANKLIN JOHNSTON.

MR. AND MRS. CHARLES P. FRANKLIN, SEVEN PARIS DRIVE, ROME,
GEORGIA ADVISED ON APRIL NINE SIXTYEIGHT THEIR SON, EDGAR FRANKLIN
JOHNSTON ARRIVED NINE THIRTY A.M. VIA AIR AT ATLANTA MARCH THIRTY
SIXTYEIGHT FROM SILVER SPRING, MARYLAND AND DEPARTED TEN THIRTY
A.M. APRIL THREE SIXTYEIGHT VIA AIR FROM ATLANTA ENROUTE SILVER
SPRING. THEY COULD NOT RECALL NAME OF AIRLINE USED BY JOHNSTON.

PARENTS ADVISED SON VISITED WITH THEM DURING ABOVE PERIOD.

ATLANTA AREA TELEPHONE DIRECTORY DOES NOT LIST CLYDE L. JOHNSTON.

BALTIMORE ASCERTAIN EDGAR FRANKLIN JOHNSTON'S WHEREABOUTS
THROUGHT SILVER SPRING SOURCES.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND MEMPHIS

FROM BALTIMORE (44-669)

MURKIN.

RE KNOXVILLE TELETYPE, APRIL SEVEN, SIXTY-EIGHT AND
BALTIMORE TELETYPE TO BUREAU, APRIL SEVEN, SIXTY-EIGHT.

CHECK MARYLAND DMV APRIL EIGHT LAST DISCLOSED MARYLAND
LICENSE GJ SEVEN EIGHT EIGHT THREE ISSUED FOR SIXTY-EIGHT FORD
HARDTOP, WHITE MUSTANG OWNED BY CLARENCE BENJAMIN MITCHELL
AND WANDA STELLA MITCHELL, SIX ZERO TWO TWO SURREY SQUARE LANE,
PG COUNTY, WDC, APT. T DASH ONE. MITCHELL DESCRIBED AS WHITE
MALE, FIVE FEET NINE INCHES, ONE SIX FIVE POUNDS, DOB

CHECK MARYLAND STATE POLICE RECORDS
REFLECT CLARENCE B. MITCHELL, FIVE FIVE TWO THREE OXON HILL
ROAD, OXON HILL, MARYLAND, DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, FIVE FEET,
TEN INCHES, ONE SEVEN ZERO POUNDS, DOB

OCCUPATION IN FORTY-SIX AS BOILER FIREMAN FOR U.S.
GOVERNMENT. ON SEPTEMBER FOUR, SIXTY-FOUR, MITCHELL PURCHASED
.TWO TWO CALIBER GELES I WITH TWO ONE-HALF INCH BARREL,
SERIAL NUMBER ONE ONE SIX ONE THREE THREE, BALTIMORE INDICES NEGATIVE.

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ON APRIL EIGHT LAST, WANDA STELLA MITCHELL WAS CONTACTED AND MADE ARRANGEMENTS FOR CLARENCE BENJAMIN MITCHELL TO MEET AGENTS AT OSI HEADQUARTERS, ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE, SUITLAND, MARYLAND WHERE HE WAS EMPLOYED. MITCHELL STATED THAT ON APRIL FOUR LAST HE WAS WITH HIS WIFE AND CHILDREN AT THEIR PRESENT HOME, THREE THREE FOUR EIGHT CURTIS DRIVE, APT. ONE ZERO ONE, SUITLAND, MARYALND. MITCHELL STATED HE LEFT WDC FOR HIS HOME IN RIPLEY, TENNESSEE NEAR MEMPHIS AT APPROXIMATELY NINE P.M. ON APRIL FOUR LAST.

WANDA STELLA MITCHELL CONTACTED AND VERIFIED THAT HER HUSBAND WAS AT HOME UNTIL LATE EVENING OF APRIL FOUR LAST.

ALLEN E. AUSTIN, SUITLAND LOAN OFFICE, SUITLAND, MARYLAND, IDENTIFIED MITCHELL AS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO PAWNED A GUITAR AND AMPLIPHIER AFTER TWO P.M. ON APRIL FOUR LAST.

AGENTS OBSERVED MITCHELL DRIVING CREAM FORD MUSTANG, BLACK VINYL TOP, BEARING SIXTY-EIGHT MD LICENSE GJ SEVEN EIGHT EIGHT THREE.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND JACKSON
FROM BALTIMORE 2P PLAINTEXT

SENT BY CODED TELETYPE

MURKIN

~~RE JACK (LNU) POSSIBLE SUSPECT~~

ON APRIL TEN INSTANT, SAM H. SMITH, III, TWENTY AUSTIN ROAD, WILMINGTON, DELAWARE, EMPLOYED DU PONT COMPANY, FURNISHED FOLLOWING-
DURING MARCH, NINETEEN SIXTY SIX, HE ATTENDED A RESERVE TRAINING SESSION AT CAMP LEJUNE, N. C. AS A MEMBER OF THE RESERVE MOBILE CONSTRUCTION BATTALION TWENTYFOUR (SEABEES). HIS ROOMMATE WAS AN INDIVIDUAL KNOWN AS JACK (LNU) WHO WAS A WHITE MALE, APPROXIMATELY THIRTYFOUR YEARS OF AGE, FIVE FEET, TEN INCHES, ONE HUNDRED FIFTY TO ONE HUNDRED FIFTYFIVE POUNDS, CO OF SECOND PLATOON, A COMPANY, LIEUTENANT JG. PRIOR TO COMPLETION OF TRAINING, HE WAS POSSIBLY PROMOTED TO LIEUTENANT.

JACK (LNU) DURING NUMEROUS DISCUSSIONS EXPRESSED HOSTILITY AND HATRED TOWARD MARTIN LUTHER KING, BLAMING HIM FOR THE CONFUSION
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AND DISCORD IN THIS COUNTRY. JACK (LNU) APPEARED VEHEMENT IN HIS CRITICISM OF KING AND STATED THAT SOMEONE SHOULD KILL HIM. JACK (LNU) PERSONALLY STATED "IF I HAD THE CHANCE I'D KILL HIM MYSELF." JACK (LNU) WAS AN EXPERT SHOT WITH AN M ONE CARBINE AND ATTAINED THE SECOND HIGHEST SCORE IN HIS DIVISION.

SMITH COULD ONLY RECALL ONLY THAT JACK (LNU) WAS EMPLOYED AS A SURVEYOR AND CIVIL ENGINEER IN A SMALL PARTNERSHIP IN THE VICINITY OF CANTON, MISSISSIPPI. HE RESIDED IN CANTON AND WAS ATTACHED TO A SEABEE DIVISION AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI. SMITH INDICATED THAT HE WOULD RECALL JACK'S LAST NAME IF HE WERE ABLE TO REVIEW AN ORGANIZATIONAL LISTING FOR THE RESERVE MOBILE CONSTRUCTION BATTALION TWENTYFOUR FOR NINETEEN SIXTY SIX.

JACKSON HANDLE.

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