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TO ALL SACS

FROM DIRECTOR 1P

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., RACIAL MATTERS.

IN VIEW OF POSSIBILITY OF RETALIATORY MEASURES TAKEN
AS RESULT OF THE ASSASSINATION OF KING, IMMEDIATELY ALERT
ALL SOURCES (RACIAL, SECURITY, AND CRIMINAL), WHO ARE IN
POSITION TO POSSIBLY LEARN OF INFORMATION OF THIS NATURE.
ANY PERTINENT INFORMATION DEVELOPED SHOULD RECEIVE EXPEDITIOUS
DISSEMINATION, BOTH LOCALLY AND TO BUREAU.

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Att.:

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☐ Steno

☐ Clerk

RE: RACIAL MATTER
NY TELCALL
11:25 PM

☐ Rotor #:

ACTION DESIRED

☐ Acknowledge

☐ Open Case

☐ Assign _____ Reassign _____

☐ Prepare lead cards

☐ Bring file

☐ Prepare tickler

☐ Call me

☐ Return assignment card

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☐ Submit report by _____

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☐ Initial & return

☐ Leads need attention

☐ Return with explanation or notation as to action taken.

SUPR NC GILLCUTY from NY called and said
Inspector SIZOO from the Bureau requested the
following passed on to Buffalo:

In view of racial disturbances occurring
throughout various parts of the country

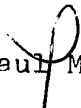
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specific instructions is to be made to all Bureau personnel to be judicious in their travels to and from the office (avoiding potential disturbance areas) particularly during the night and off duty hours.

The SAC is personally responsible to have sufficient manpower in the area to handle any emergency that may occur."


Paul M.

Security Supr CONROY aware of above.

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TO ALL CONTINENTAL SACS
FROM DIRECTOR 1P

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OO: MEMPHIS

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COULD RESULT IN THE SOLUTION OF THIS MOST IMPORTANT INVES-
TIGATION. SAC WILL BE HELD PERSONALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY
FAILURE TO PROMPTLY AND THOROUGHLY HANDLE INVESTIGATIONS
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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
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TO DIRECTOR MEMPHIS AND NEW YORK
FROM BUFFALO (44-374) (P)

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THE AGGRESSOR. ILES CAME TO NYC FROM TALLAHASSEE FLORIDA.

ROHER STATED NEVER HEARD HARMON REFER TO KING NOR EXPRESS HATRED OF NEGROES BUT DESCRIBED HIM AS MORBIDLY INTERESTED IM NURDERS AND POSSIBLY PSYCHOTIC. ILES IS DESCRIBED AS HATING ALL NEGROES AND FEARFUL BECAUSE OF BEATINGS GIVEN HIM. ROHER TOLD MTPD HE ONCE SAW GRAY SUITCASE IN HARMON'S POSSESSION WHICH HARMON SAID HE HAD QUOTE USED WHEN IN JUVENILE COURT UNQUOTE. SUITCASE CONTAINED TWO PAIR HANDCUFFS PLUS BALL POINT TYPE PEN WHICH HARMON SAID WAS CAPABLE FIRING SOME TYPE BULLETS OR PROJECTILES. ROHER TOLD MTPD SUITCASE CONTAINED NO OTHER TYPE WEAPON.

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ATTN: FBI LAB

FROM: SAC, BUFFALO (44-374)

MURKIN
CR
(OO Memphis)

Re Buffalo tel, dated 4/8/68.

Transmitted herewith to Lab, Birmingham, and Memphis is one Xerox copy each of Liberty National Bank Dealer Plan-Purchaser Statement, obtained from former SA BIRL WILSON. The copies furnished were Xeroxed from a Xerox in the possession of former SA WILSON. The handwriting on the document is reportedly that of suspect Dr. ALVIN EUGENE FRENCH.

For the information of the Laboratory, Dr. ALVIN EUGENE FRENCH has been travelling through the Southern states, passing true name checks and obtaining rental cars through the use of credit cards, some of which have been cancelled. He has a poor financial history with a number of Buffalo area financial institutions.

Dr. FRENCH reportedly served for several years in Africa as a Missionary, during which time he contracted brain fever. He has been under treatment as a mental patient

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at Gowanda State Hospital, Gowanda, New York, and most recently at Rochester State Hospital, Rochester, New York, leaving the latter institution in 9/67.

On 4/3/68, Dr. FRENCH was staying at a Holiday Inn in Williston, Florida. On 4/5/68, he called a girl friend at a Rochester, New York banking institution from Memphis, Tennessee, at which time he said he was going to Atlanta, Georgia, where he would stay at a Holiday Inn. At Atlanta, he said he planned to confer with some of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING's successors.

Former SA WILSON had verified Dr. FRENCH's presence in Atlanta on 4/8/68, at which time Dr. FRENCH indicated he planned to stay in Atlanta until 4/10/68.

Buffalo does not know whether any handwriting of unsub in captioned case available. If available, it should be compared with Dr. FRENCH's handwriting.

UNSUB ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

Buffalo, New York 14202
April 8, 1968

Mr. Thomas K. Wooge
Agent in Charge
U.S. Secret Service
320 U.S. Court House
Buffalo, New York 14202

RE: ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN
LUTHER KING, JR.
RACIAL MATTERS

Dear Mr. Wooge:

On April 8, 1968, former Federal Bureau of Investigation Special Agent Birl Wilson, now at Liberty National Bank, Buffalo, New York, brought to the attention of this Office background data concerning one Dr. Alvin Eugene French, who is being sought by various banking institutions in Western New York for passing bad checks and use of credit cards on closed accounts.

Investigation by bank officials indicate that Dr. French was in Memphis, Tennessee on April 5, 1968 and indicated to a girl friend in Rochester, New York that he was going to Atlanta, Georgia, where he would confer with some Negro people, whom he said were successors to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Further investigation by bank officials has established that Dr. French is now in Atlanta, Georgia, and staying in Room 466, Airport Holiday Inn, and intends to remain there through April 10, 1968.

Dr. French reportedly served as a Missionary in Africa some years ago, where he contracted brain fever. He has served as a part-time Psychiatric Consultant at Gowanda State Hospital, Gowanda, New York, and has been a mental patient at that institution; and subsequently, at the Rochester State Hospital, Rochester, New York. He left the latter institution in September, 1967. He was at one

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time self-employed as a physician in Collins, New York.

Dr. French was born in Indiana on August 12, 1927, is white, and is described as being 5'10" in height, and 170 to 180 pounds in weight.

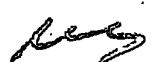
His presence in Memphis, Tennessee on April 5, 1968 makes him a possible suspect in the assassination of Dr. King and his presence in Atlanta, Georgia, together with his past history of mental illness, is believed to be a matter of concern to Secret Service, in view of the possible presence of President Johnson at the funeral service of Dr. King in Atlanta, Georgia on April 9, 1968.

The foregoing information, together with all available background data concerning Dr. French has been furnished to Federal Bureau of Investigation Headquarters and to Federal Bureau of Investigation Offices in Memphis, Tennessee and Atlanta, Georgia.

This is being brought to your attention for appropriate action.

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Very truly yours,


NEIL J. WELCH
Special Agent in Charge

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2:40PM URGENT 4/8/68 AMM 4P

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHUS (44-1987), BIRMINGHAM, ATLANTA & JACKSONVILLE
FROM BUFFALO (44-374)

MURKIN: CR, OO: MEMPHIS

ON APRIL EIGHT, INSTANT, FORMER SA BIRL WILSON,
NOW AN OFFICER, LIBERTY BANK, BUFFALO, N.Y., ADVISED DR.
ALVIN EUGENE FRENCH, BORN AUGUST TWELVE, TWENTYSEVEN, IN
INDIANA, AND WHO HAS PAST HISTORY OF MENTAL DISTURBANCE,
IS UNDER INVESTIGATION BY HIS BANK FOR ISSUANCE OF NUMBER
OF BAD CHECKS AND USE OF CREDIT CARDS, USING HIS TRUE NAME,
SINCE SEPTEMBER, SIXTYSEVEN, WHEN HE LEFT ROCHESTER STATE
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TO ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES

FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 2P

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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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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC Buffalo (170-157)(P)

FROM : SA Thodders J. Szymanski

SUBJECT: Alfred Ferdinand Richardson

DATE: 4/8/68

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)
☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R
☒ PRI (GHETTO)

Dates of Contact 4/5/68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted 44-374 (MURKIN) 157-228 (Potential Racial Violence Major Urban Areas)		
Purpose and results of contact ☒ NEGATIVE ☐ POSITIVE ☐ STATISTIC Print topic of conversation in Negro area is assassination of Rev. Martin Luther King, and attitude seems to be it was extremely unfortunate occurrence from standpoint that it places additional strain on a difficult situation, & was done by a person who was just a white trash, & gave no thought to possible consequences. The Negro people seem to be quite impressed with the homage & tribute being afforded King, & are hopeful that the irresponsible element in Negro community does not start anything as all it does is add to the problems already existing.		
☒ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating VG Potential	Coverage 217

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Memorandum

TO : SAC BUFFALO (170-93)(P)

FROM : SA *Thoddeus J. Szymanski*

SUBJECT: CURTIS BERNARD FLUKER

DATE: 4/8/68

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Purpose and results of contact ☒ NEGATIVE ☐ POSITIVE ☐ STATISTIC <i>Engaged in general discussion of Dr. Martin Luther King assassination + possible effect on racial riots or recrimination by negro community in Buffalo. PRI stated the assassination is prime topic of conversations among both Negroes + Whites; that reaction of stable Negro population seems to be that the assassination was an unfortunate occurrence; that murder was committed by some demented white; + that it was not part of a white plot against the Negro Race as such.</i> <i>Any talk heard re riots is more along lines of people wondering whether there will be trouble than any specific indications there will be.</i>		
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Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-374) (P)

DATE: 4/9/68

FROM : SA R. GORDON EDDY

SUBJECT: MURKIN
(OO MEMPHIS)

Attached hereto for designated Agents are copies of a memorandum relating to captioned matter.

With regard to the individual using the name of HARVEY LOWMEYER or LOWMYER, the Bureau has instructed that the following checks should be made immediately by all Offices:

All city directories
All telephone directories
All drivers' license records
All automobile registration records
All voter registration records
Credit and criminal records in the names LOWMEYER and LOWMYER but in view of the unusual nature of the names the checks should not be confined solely to HARVEY LOWMEYER or HARVEY LOWMYER.

ANY INDIVIDUALS IDENTIFIED AS BEARING THESE SURNAMES SHOULD BE IMMEDIATELY CHECKED OUT COVERING THE PERTINENT PERIOD.

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IN ADDITION, ALL BOMBING SUSPECTS ARE TO BE CHECKED OUT.

BUREAU INSTRUCTS THIS SHOULD BE HANDLED IMMEDIATELY AND GIVEN TOP PRIORITY ATTENTION.

LEADS

RESIDENT AGENTS AND ROAD TRIP AGENTS

Will make appropriate record checks within their territory.

SE WALSH

Will review all city directories in Buffalo Office and all telephone directories for Buffalo territory.

SE KELLEY

Will make credit and criminal checks as outlined above.

SE WILLIAMS

Will check voter registration records as outlined above.

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SA GORDON EDDY

Will arrange for determining the whereabouts of any bombing suspects during the pertinent period as per Bureau instructions.

Results of these checks should be furnished to SA R. GORDON EDDY.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : ALL AGENTS

DATE: 4/9/68

FROM : SAC NEIL J. WELCH

SUBJECT: MURKIN
(OO MEMPHIS)

Bureau has advised captioned is code name for investigation into assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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

BUREAU HAS FURTHER ADVISED THAT ALL INVESTIGATION MUST BE HANDLED UNDER THE PERSONAL SUPERVISION OF THE SAC. LEADS ARE TO BE AFFORDED IMMEDIATE, THOROUGH, IMAGINATIVE ATTENTION. ALL POSSIBILITIES FROM SUCH LEADS MUST BE EXHAUSTED AS ANY ONE LEAD COULD RESULT IN SOLUTION OF THIS MOST IMPORTANT INVESTIGATION.

Pertinent dates in this investigation are 3/29 and 3/30/68 at Birmingham, Alabama, and 4/4/68 at Memphis, Tennessee. Whereabouts of suspects on those dates may help to eliminate them. Efforts should be made to secure photographs of suspects and forward them to Memphis and Birmingham for possible elimination. Descriptive data should be included with the photographs.

Efforts should be made to obtain fingerprints of suspects and submit them to the Bureau for elimination.

A composite description of this unsub is as follows:

Sex	Male
Race	White
Age	26 to 40
Height	5'8" to 5'11"

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Weight	150 to 170 pounds
Hair	Dark brown or sandy, combed straight back
Eyes	Blue or green
Build	Medium
Complexion	Average, smooth
General Physical Appearance	Neat, possibility exists subject is non-smoker as he apparently rented room between 3:00 and 3:30 p.m. on 4/4/68 and departed shortly after 6:00 p.m., leaving no matches or cigarettes

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

Bureau has advised that a rifle abandoned near the scene of the crime was purchased by an individual using the name of HARVEY LOWMEYER or LOWMYER, described as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	36
Height	5'8"
Weight	150 to 160
Hair	Black or dark brown

Memphis has instructed that all offices should canvas criminal informants, security informants and racial informants for possible knowledge concerning assassination with specific emphasis on informants in known hate groups.

LEADS

ALL AGENTS

Will contact their criminal, security and racial informants, or potential informants, and furnish results of these contacts to SA R. GORDON EDDY.

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These contacts should be made immediately.

UNSUB SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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630 PM URGENT 4-9-68 BJP

TO ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES
FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 2P

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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.

IMMEDIATE 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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