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Date 4/6/68

Title and Character of Case

MURKIN

Date Property Acquired 4/6/68	Source From Which Property Acquired Mr. DON WOOD, AEROMARINE SUPPLY COMPANY, Birmingham, Alabama
Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit Gun Vault	Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same Evidence

Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same

1. One box of 20 cartridges, Norma Manufacturer; caliber .243 Win., 75 grains hollowpoint, Index #5. (Submitted by SA J. T. ARNETT)
2. Remington rifle box for Model 760 Remington Rifle, caliber 30/06 Springfield. This box bears "Remington Arms Company, Stock #9684, Rifle SN 461476, Remington Arms Company, Inc., ILION, New York, USA."
3. AEROMARINE SUPPLY COMPANY sticker, bears #504A, price \$139.95.

Submitted by SA J. T. ARNETT.

The above articles were taken to the Bureau on 4/10/68 by
SA ROBERT J. YARNALL.

Let. to Don Wood
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Date 4-15-68

Title and Character of Case

MURKIN
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Date Property Acquired 4-15-68	Source From Which Property Acquired Ruby Goodman, Mayfield Cleaners, 2222 Highland Ave. Birmingham, Ala.
Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit Bulky Exhibit Room	Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same EVIDENCE
Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same	

4 DRY CLEANING RECEIPT BOOKS DATED 9-1-67 TO 9-7-67, 9-11-67
to 9-15-67, 9-15-67 to 9-22-67, and 9-30-67 to 10-5-67.

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Date 7-13-68

Title and Character of Case

MURKIN

Date Property Acquired (Ser. 2012) 7-13-68	Source From Which Property Acquired FBI Photo Lab.
Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit Bulky Exhibit Room	Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same Hold for Future Future Reference Until after Subjects trial

Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same

One set of 8 X 10 Photo prints of hotel and motel registrations in Birmingham area for night of 3-29-68. These compared with names of guests at Rebel motel, Memphis, on night of 4-3-68 but no implications of names noted. (see ser. 2020)

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SUBMITTED BY SA SNOW.

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SA 4-27-81
12/7/81 *QSC*

Field File # **44-1740-1B**

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-)

FROM : Supv. ANDREW M. SMITH

SUBJECT: UNSUB.;
MARTIN LUTHER KING,
Deceased - VICTIM
CR

DATE: 4/5/68

At 9:05 a.m., 4/5/68, SA HOWARD TETEN, Memphis Office, called with regard to Birmingham investigation to trace the Remington rifle at Wimberly & Thomas Hardware Company (W & T), Birmingham. SA TETEN advised Mr. DeLOACH at the Bureau had instructed that it is imperative that Mr. JOE BIDDLE at W & T not furnish information concerning this rifle to anyone except the FBI. He further stated that the Memphis Office needs the information on the rifle as soon as it can be obtained.

This information was immediately furnished to SAC GAMBLE and thereafter at 9:15 a.m., SA NEEL P. SHANAHAN, who is conducting investigation on the rifle, was contacted by telephone. He advised that he had already left W & T and had informed Mr. BIDDLE that he should maintain inquiries and information concerning the rifle in confidence. I instructed SA SHANAHAN that he should immediately call Mr. BIDDLE and instruct him not to disclose either FBI inquiries or information concerning the rifle to anyone other than the FBI. I informed SA SHANAHAN that Mr. DeLOACH had instructed that this is imperative. SA SHANAHAN stated he would immediately call Mr. BIDDLE and advise him of this effect.

SA SHANAHAN was also instructed not to disclose to any persons contacted concerning the rifle the reason for our inquiry on the rifle.

SA SHANAHAN stated he had learned at W & T that the rifle had been sold to AEROMARINE in Birmingham and he was then en route there to obtain further information.

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FBI ALBANY

10:07 AM URGENT 4/5/68 PXB

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, NEW HAVEN
FROM ALBANY (157-273) 1P

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., RM.

RE NEW HAVEN TELCALL TO ALBANY AND ALBANY TELCALLS TO
BIRMINGHAM APRIL FIVE INSTANT.

REOCRDS OF REMINGTON ARMS COMPANY, ILION, NEW YORK, SHOW
REMINGTON MODEL SEVEN SIX ZERO, SERIAL NUMBER FOUR SIX ONE
FOUR SEVEN SIX WAS ONE OF THREE RIFLES IN SINGLE CARTON SHIPPED
BY REMINGTON INVOICE NUMBER FIVE FIVE EIGHT SIX EIGHT ON
MARCH THIRTY NINETEEN SIXTYSIX TO WIMBERLY THOMAS HARDWARE
COMPANY, ONE EIGHT ZERO NINE FIRST AVENUE SOUTH, BIRMINGHAM,
ALABAMA. INSTANT CARTON WAS PART OF A SEVENTYONE CARTON
SHIPMENT OF FIREARMS DELIVERED ON CUSTOMER'S ORDER NUMBER
TWO SIX THREE THREE EIGHT. OTHER TWO RIFLES OF SAME MODEL
IN CARTON WITH INSTANT WEAPON BORE SERIAL NUMBERS FOUR SIX
ONE FOUR FIVE ZERO AND FOUR SIX ONE FOUR FOUR TWO. TOTAL OF
FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTEEN FIREARMS INCLUDED IN ABOVE SHIPMENT.
BIRMINGHAM DETERMINE DISPOSITION OF RIFLE

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1020 PM URGENT 4-5-68 REM

TO DIRECTOR, BIRMINGHAM, AND MEMPHIS

FROM JACKSON (157-9586)

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. RM.

RE ME PHONE CALL THIS DATE.

MEMPHIS ADVISED BY PHONE THIS DATE THAT SUSPECT WHILE RUNNING FROM ROOMING HOUSE ACROSS FROM LORRAINE HOTEL MEMPHIS, AFTER KING WAS SHOT DROPPED BAG AND WEAPON. SOME ITEMS IN BAG WERE HEAD AND SHOULDERS SHAMPOO TICKET NUMBER ONE ^{1 6 7 8} SIX SEVEN EIGHT WITH PRICE ONE DOLLAR TEN ^{\$1.10} CENTS AND PALMOLIVE RAPID SHAVE TICKET NUMBER THREE ^{3 4 5 8} FOUR FIVE EIGHT WITH PRICE SEVENTY NINE ^{.79} CENTS. NO DATES ON TICKETS OR CITY AND STATE LISTED. PURCHASED LIGGETT REXALL PHARMACY. MEMPHIS ADVISED THERE IS LIGGETT REXALL IN COLUMBUS, MISS.

TOMMY HARROLSON, OWNER G & H LIGGETT REXALL, COLUMBUS, MISS., ADVISED TODAY ALL CASH REGISTER RECEIPTS FROM HIS STORE BEAR TITLE "G & H REXALL DRUG, COLUMBUS, MISS"; FOLLOWING TITLE IS DATE OF PURCHASE, AMOUNT OF PURCHASE; SACKS FOR PURCHASES DO NOT BEAR STORE'S NAME.

HARROLSON ADVISED HIS STORE IS ONLY LIGGETT DRUGS IN MISSISSIPPI; OTHER STORES LOCATED PREDOMINENTLY IN ALABAMA AND IN GEORGIA AND FLA.
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HARROLSON AND OTHER STORE EMPLOYEES CANNOT RECALL ANY ONE FITTING DESCRIPTION OF KING ASSASSIN HAVING MADE PURCHASES OF ITEMS RECOVERED BY MEMPHIS. NO MOTELS OR SERVICE STATIONS LOCATED NEAR VICINITY OF HARROLSON'S STORE.

LOCAL HARDWARE STORE OWNER, COLUMBUS ADVISED NO COMPAGE OR RAMPAGE HARDWARE LOCATED IN OR NEAR COLUMBUS, MISS., OR KNOWN TO HIM.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-
FROM : Supv. ANDREW M. SMITH
SUBJECT: UNSUB.; ASSASSINATION OF
MARTIN LUTHER KING - VICTIM
CR

DATE: 4/5/68

At 2:10 p.m., 4/5/68, Mr. CLEM McGOWAN of the Bureau called and gave the following additional instructions:

In view of the fact that suspect LOWMEYER went to AEROMARINE on Friday and then went back again on Saturday, there is a possibility that he lives in Birmingham or, if not, he may have stayed at a hotel or motel.

Therefore, motels and hotels should be checked in the Birmingham area for the name LOWMEYER and variations of that name, LOHMEYER, etc. *1/1/68*

In addition, the Mobile Office should be requested to check on driver's licenses and car registrations in the name of HARVEY LOWMEYER and variations.

SA's BUTLER, JANSEN, MARTIN and SCHWEIN were immediately instructed to begin checking motels and hotels in the Birmingham area for the name HARVEY LOWMEYER and variations for the dates of 3/27, 28, 29 and 30/68. They were instructed that under no circumstances are they to disclose the reason for the Bureau's interest in LOWMEYER. SA BUTLER was placed in charge of the check of motels and hotels.

At 2:30 p.m., I telephonically contacted SA CLIFF ROWE in the Montgomery RA. He was requested to check the State Bureau of Motor Vehicles for a driver's license or car registration in the name of HARVEY LOWMEYER and variations. He was furnished LOWMEYER's description and the false address given by LOWMEYER. He, too, was advised that the reason for the Bureau's interest should not be disclosed. He was also instructed that if anything of value was found, Mr. CLEM McGOWAN at the Bureau and the Memphis Office and Birmingham should be immediately advised telephonically.

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SA ROWE said he would immediately proceed to the State Motor Vehicle Bureau and handle.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-New)

DATE: 4/5/68

FROM : SA HENRY A. SNOW

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING - VICTIM
RM - CR

The following investigation was conducted 4/5/68 with reference to the name HARVEY LOWMEYER, with the address listed as 1907 South 11th Street, Birmingham, Ala.

City directories reflect the above address is occupied by Mrs. VIRGINIA B. JENKINS, residence telephone 252-1249 and also listed to W. A. JENKINS. The latter resides, according to suburban directory, at 3128 Warrington Road, Mountain Brook, telephone 967-2378.

JENKINS has been an acquaintance for many years and was formerly a Judge in the Jefferson County Circuit Court and is entirely reliable.

He was interviewed in his office, 302 Frank Nelson Building. Judge JENKINS related that the address, 1907 11th Street South, has been occupied by his mother, Mrs. VIRGINIA B. JENKINS, for over 30 years and she being a widow has lived alone for the past several years. At the present time she is in St. Vincent Hospital undergoing treatment so the house is vacant at the moment. He stated definitely that the name HARVEY LOWMEYER means nothing whatsoever to him and he has never heard of any such individual. In the presence of Agent he telephonically contacted his mother at St. Vincent Hospital and determined also that she has never heard the name HARVEY LOWMEYER in any way. Both advised also that reliable neighbors occupy the residences adjoining Mrs. JENKINS's home and that no one in the neighborhood has ever been known by that name.

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FBI MEMPHIS

1:43PM URGENT 4-5-68 MCP

TO DIRECTOR AND BIRMINGHAM

FROM MEMPHIS 44-1896 1 P

UNSUB, AKA JOHN WILLARD; MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM.

CR. OO: ME.

RE TELEPHONE CALLS TODAY IN WHICH IT WAS INDICATED UNSUB PURCHASED BROWNING CALIBER TWO FOUR THREE RIFLE ON MARCH TWENTY NINE, SIXTY EIGHT FROM THE WIMBERLY THOMAS HARDWARE, ONE EIGHT ZERO NINE FIRST AVENUE SOUTH, BIRMINGHAM, AND THEN RETURNED THIS WEAPON ON MARCH THIRTY, SIXTY EIGHT, TO EXCHANGE IT FOR A REMINGTON GAMEMASTER, MODEL SEVEN SIX ERO, THIRTY DASH ZERO SIX RIFLE WITH A REDFIELD SCOPE AND WEAVER MOUNT.

BIRMINGHAM, ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN BROWNING RIFLE AND FORWARD TO FBI IDENTIFICATION DIVISION FOR LATENT FINGERPRINT EXAMINATION.

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TO: DIRECTOR AND SAC, MEMPHIS

FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., RM.

RE ALBANY TEL TO BIRMINGHAM AND BIRMINGHAM TELEPHONE CALLS
TO THE BUREAU AND MEMPHIS THIS DATE.

RECORDS OF WIMBERLY THOMAS HARDWARE COMPANY INDICATE RIFLE
IN QUESTION SOLD TO AEROMARINE SUPPLY COMPANY, BIRMINGHAM,
ALABAMA. SALESMAN AT AEROMARINE SUPPLY COMPANY FURNISHED INVOICE
THIS DATE INDICATING RIFLE, TOGETHER WITH A REDFIELD SCOPE WITH A
WEAVER-TYPE MOUNT, SOLD TO ONE HARVEY LOWMEYER, NINETEEN NAUGHT
SEVEN SOUTH ELEVENTH STREET, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, ON MARCH THIRTY,
SIXTYEIGHT. SALESMAN INDICATED THAT LOWMEYER ORIGINALLY PURCHASED
A REMINGTON SEVEN ZERO ZERO MODEL RIFLE ON MARCH TWENTYNINE,
SIXTYEIGHT, AND MADE ARRANGEMENTS THE FOLLOWING MORNING TO EXCHANGE
IT FOR A REMINGTON SEVEN SIXTY MODEL BEARING SERIAL NUMBER
FOUR SIX ONE FOUR SEVEN SIX, TOGETHER WITH ONE BOX OF THREE ZERO
DECIMAL ZERO SIX AMMUNITION. PURCHASE PRICE WAS TWO FOUR EIGHT

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DOLLARS AND FIVE NINE CENTS, WHICH WAS PAID IN BILLS OF TWENTY DOLLAR DENOMINATIONS. TELEPHONE DIRECTORY AND CROSS INDEX INDICATE FICTITIOUS NAME AND ADDRESS USED. NO CRIMINAL OR CREDIT RECORD FOR LOWMEYER LOCATED BIRMINGHAM. DISCREET INQUIRY AT ADDRESS GIVEN INDICATES LOWMEYER UNKNOWN.

ORIGINAL INVOICE BEING HAND CARRIED TO BUREAU THIS DATE, TOGETHER WITH THE RIFLE WHICH WAS RETURNED BY THE UNKNOWN SUBJECT, AS WELL AS THE CARTON IN WHICH IT WAS CONTAINED, FOR EXAMINATION PURPOSES.

ALL HOTELS, MOTELS, AIRLINES, AND RENTAL CAR AGENCIES IN THE AREA ARE BEING CHECKED FOR PERTINENT PERIOD. ALL LEADS RECEIVING IMMEDIATE ATTENTION.

BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-3310) (P) DATE: 4/5/68

FROM : SA DAVID T. DALY

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
RM

On 4/5/68, the Memphis Division telephonically advised SAC, Birmingham Division, that a laundry mark had been found on the tee shirt and shorts in a suitcase belonging to the unknown subject in this matter.

This laundry marking consisted of a red tape which was ironed or stuck on the garments, and was described as $\frac{1}{4}$ " in width and 1 and $\frac{1}{16}$ " long containing black numbering on the tape, bearing the numbers 2B-6 or 02B-6.

On 4/5/68, SA DAVID T. DALY contacted all laundries listed in the Birmingham, Alabama telephone directory regarding this marking with negative results.

It was determined that this marking was one produced by a thermo-seal machine manufactured by the Textile Marking Company of Syracuse, New York.

On 4/5/68, SA ROBERT RAY, Syracuse, New York Resident Agency, telephonically advised that he had contacted the Textile Marking Company of Syracuse, New York, and had been advised that they were the only manufacturer of the thermo-seal machine which produced a marking $\frac{1}{4}$ " in width, however, the length was either 1 and $\frac{1}{8}$ " or 1 and $\frac{5}{16}$ ".

SA RAY advised that the Textile Marking Company furnished the following listing of the operators of the thermo-seal machine within the State of Alabama:

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Alexander City Laundry, Alexander City, Alabama.

Capitol City Laundry, 507 South Decatur,
Montgomery, Alabama.

HOMER L. CORUM, 2508 Memorial Parkway South,
Huntsville, Alabama.

Empire Rouse, Incorporated, 1038 Adams Avenue,
Montgomery, Alabama.

Oakwood College Laundry Department, Huntsville,
Alabama.

JAMES F. O'DELL, Huntsville, Alabama.

Quality Laundry and Cleaners, Auburn, Alabama.

Snow White Laundry, 1052 Park Avenue, Enterprise,
Alabama.

White Swan Laundry, Huntsville, Alabama.

Youngs Laundry, 216 North College Street,
Auburn, Alabama.

Northingtons Laundry, Incorporated, Tuscaloosa,
Alabama.

Aladdin Laundry, Birmingham, Alabama.

On 4/5/68, SA DAVID T. DALY telephonically
contacted Mr. SHERRER, Owner of Aladdin Cleaners,
108 55th Place North, who advised that although he
utilized the thermo-seal machine, he has never used a
marking with the letter "B".

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On 4/5/68, SA's DALE W. JOHNSON and ALVIN LEE KING were telephonically advised to contact the laundries at Tuscaloosa and Huntsville respectively.

On 4/5/68, SAC, WILLIAM L. ALEXANDER, Mobile Division, was telephonically advised regarding the above described marking and to expeditiously contact the laundries listed above in the Mobile Division.

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TO: DIRECTOR FBI, SAC, MEMPHIS AND MINNEAPOLIS
 FROM SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-3310)
 SUBJECT ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., RACIAL MATTER.
 RECORDS SOUTHERN AIRLINES, BIRMINGHAM, SHOWS THAT ONE
W.J. LEHMEYER MADE TELEPHONIC RESERVATION AT BIRMINGHAM FOR TRAVEL
 ON MARCH TWENTY SEVEN SIXTYEIGHT FROM BIRMINGHAM TO MINNEAPOLIS,
 MINNESOTA. HE WAS TO CHANGE PLANES AT MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE AND AT
 CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, HOWEVER, LEHMEYER NEVER APPEARED FOR FLIGHT
 AND GAVE PLACES OF CONTACT BIRMINGHAM AS PARLIAMENT HOUSE AND AIRPORT
 MOTELS. INVESTIGATION AT PARLIAMENT HOUSE AND AIRPORT MOTELS FAILED
 TO LOCATE W.J. LEHMEYER AS GUEST. RECORDS DELTA AIRLINES, BIRMINGHAM,
 SHOWS THAT ON MARCH TWENTY SEVEN SIXTYEIGHT W.J. LEHMEYER PURCHASED
 TICKET ON DELTA AIRLINE FLIGHT FIVE NINE FIVE DEPARTING BIRMINGHAM
 SIX TWENTY THREE P.M., ENROUTE, MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, ARRIVING AT
 SEVEN ZERO SEVEN PM. HE HAD PASSENGER SPACE ON DELTA FLIGHT NINE
 THREE TWO LEAVING MEMPHIS AT EIGHT FORTY FIVE P.M., ENROUTE CHICAGO,
 ILLINOIS AND THEREAFTER SPACE ON NORTH WEST AIRLINE FLIGHT TWO
 THREE NINE FROM CHICAGO, ILL., TO MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA. AIRLINE
 PERSONNEL BIRMINGHAM UNABLE TO SAY IF LEHMEYER TRAVELED TO MINNEAPOLIS
 BUT CAN STATE THIS INDIVIDUAL DID PASS THROUGH GATE FOR FLIGHT TO
 MEMPHIS INASMUCH AS HIS TICKET WAS COLLECTED AT GATE.

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IN VIEW OF UNSUB HAVING USED NAME HARVEY LOWMEYER IN PURCHASE OF ASSASSINATION WEAPON AT BIRMINGHAM AS WELL AS THE SIMILARITY IN THE LAST NAMES OF LOWMEYER AND LEHMEYER IT IS FELT THAT MEMPHIS SHOULD DETERMINE IF LEHMEYER DEPARTED MEMPHIS ON DELTA FLIGHT NINE THREE TWO ON THREE TWENTY SEVEN SIXTYEIGHT NOTING FURTHER THAT HIS RESIDENCE NOR CONTACTS COULD BE ESTABLISHED AT BIRMINGHAM. IT IS ALSO NOTED THAT UNSUB AT TIME OF PURCHASE OF WEAPON MADE STATEMENT THAT HE WAS GOING HUNTING IN THE STATE OF WISCONSIN WHICH IS IN THE SAME GENERAL AREA AS MINNEAPOLIS. MEMPHIS HANDLE. MINNEAPOLIS CHECK INDICES AS WELL AS OTHER PUBLIC SOURCES OF INFORMATIONS TO IDENTIFY LEHMEYER.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-NEW)(P)

FROM : ASAC RALPH J. RAMPTON

SUBJECT: UNSUB;
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM
CR

DATE: 4/6/68

At 9:50 A.M., 4/6/68, CLEM MC GOWAN, Chief, Civil Rights Section, Bureau, telephonically advised Birmingham has been sending numerous communications to the Bureau concerning captioned matter under improper titles which has resulted in improper routing and delays in handling at the Bureau. He requested all material sent in concerning this investigation be captioned appropriately.

During the conversation, MC GOWAN requested specifics with respect to investigation being conducted in Birmingham, and when I pointed out our investigation was being handled discreetly, he advised the policy is to conduct a full open investigation without any qualifications because, as he pointed out, the sooner this matter is solved the quicker the rioting in the cities around the country will be reduced. I pointed out we were working on all phases of the investigation and since he has given this policy, there will be no attempt to keep the investigation from the news media.

During the discussion with MC GOWAN, I was given the clear impression that there is no reason to withhold any inquiries we desire to make or to be concerned about any leaks to the press. The only concern the Bureau apparently has, or did have, with respect to this investigation was the fact the Bureau received information from outside sources about the tracing of the rifle before Bureau channels of communication gave Bureau officials the full picture.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Birmingham (157-3310) (P)

DATE: 4/6/68

FROM : SA J. T. ARNETT

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
RM

JAMES McKAY
RM (KLAN)
(OO: JACKSON)
JN 157-2866

SA ROY S. RODMAN, Jackson Office, at 7:32 A.M., 4/6/68, advised that in Jackson case captioned "JAMES McKAY; RM (KLAN)," JN 157-2866, they are conducting an investigation to determine the whereabouts of JAMES McKAY, bombing suspect, at 6:00 P.M., 4/4/68.

He advised McKAY is employed by AMERICAN CYANAMID COMPANY, Jackson, Mississippi, and he departed Phoenix, Arizona, at 3:50 P.M., 4/5/68, destination EIDSON DECKLE PRODUCE COMPANY, 1200 Roberts Industrial Drive, Birmingham, Alabama. McKAY is due to arrive Birmingham evening of 4/6/68. He is traveling in Unit #94, American Cyanamid Company, which is a C.O-4000 International Tractor with American Cyanamid in blue letters on door, pulling white trailer with replica of cyanamid products in bottles on sides of trailer.

McKAY is traveling with CLYDE THOMPSON, driver for AMERICAN CYANAMID, also from Jackson, Mississippi. McKAY is a white male, 35 to 40 years of age, 5'11", 165 - 175 pounds, black hair.

LEAD: Jackson requested that Birmingham interview McKAY upon arrival at Birmingham for purpose of ascertaining his whereabouts at 6:00 P.M., 4/4/68. He should have up-to-date daily log, delivery tickets and pickup bills; also, credit card invoices for fuel.

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ADDENDUM:

SA J. T. ARNETT inquired of SA ROY S. RODMAN as to whether it would not be more logical for Jackson to attempt interview with McKAY at Jackson as direct route from Phoenix to Birmingham is through Jackson, Mississippi, which is McKAY's home.

SA RODMAN stated they did not know McKAY's exact route and they would not attempt to locate and interview McKAY at Jackson and requested that Birmingham advise Jackson by teletype when McKAY is located and interviewed. SA ARNETT informed SA RODMAN that this matter would be brought to the attention of the SAC at Birmingham.

SAC, Birmingham (157-3310) (P)

4/6/68

SA J. T. ARNETT

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
RM

At 7:28 A.M., 4/6/68, Security Clerk LUTHER P. BRANNON, Mobile Office, telephonically advised that SA McCLUNEY, Montgomery, Alabama, had been requested to conduct an investigation regarding laundry marks in connection with a suspect in captioned matter. BRANNON stated McCLUNEY had advised him he did not have a description of the laundry marks. BRANNON stated he was unable to locate a memorandum in the Mobile Office concerning laundry marks in this case.

SA J. T. ARNETT furnished LUTHER P. BRANNON information as set out in memorandum of SA DAVID T. DALY dated 4/5/68 concerning information received from Memphis and the RA at Syracuse, N. Y.

SA ARNETT advised BRANNON that if this information was not sufficient, he should contact the Memphis Office.

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Indices: ☐ Negative ☐ See below

Subject's name and aliases <i>Assassination of Martin L. King, Jr. RM</i>		Address of subject <i>"MURKIN"</i>		Character of case <i>RM</i>		
Complainant <i>Anonymous</i>		Complainant's address and telephone number		Complaint received ☐ Personal ☒ Telephonic Date <i>4-6-68</i> Time <i>2:00 A</i>		
Subject's Description	Race	Sex ☐ Male ☐ Female	Height	Hair	Build	Birth date and Birthplace
	Age		Weight	Eyes	Complexion	
	Scars, marks or other data					
Facts of complaint <i>An Anonymous Caller advised Ray Gilley, Parrish, Ala. had just returned home from Memphis, Tenn. The caller seemed think Gilley had actual first hand info re King's assassination. He refused to give name or phone number.</i>						
Action Recommended <i>Glen D. McConnell</i> (Agent)						

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Transmit the following in PLAINTEXT
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(Priority)

TO DIRECTOR, NEW HAVEN, MEMPHIS AND MOBILE
FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)

MURKIN. CR. OO: MEMPHIS.

RE JACKSON TEL, APRIL FIVE, LAST, CAPTIONED "ASSASSINATION OF
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.; RM."

THIS WILL CONFIRM BIRMINGHAM TELEPHONE CALL TO NEW HAVEN THIS
DATE REQUESTING IMMEDIATE CONTACT WITH HEADQUARTERS, LIGGETT-REXALL
DRUG COMPANY, STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT, TO OBTAIN LIST OF ALL LIGGETT-
REXALL OUTLETS IN STATE OF ALABAMA. FOR INFO, ^{MOBILE AND} NEW HAVEN, AFTER KING
WAS SHOT, SUBJECT DROPPED BAG AND WEAPON WHILE RUNNING FROM ROOMING
HOUSE ACROSS FROM LORRAINE MOTEL, MEMPHIS. IN BAG WERE DRUG STORE
ITEMS WITH CASH REGISTER RECEIPTS SHOWING PURCHASE LIGGETT-REXALL
PHARMACY. NO DATES ON RECEIPTS OR CITY AND STATE LISTED. ITEMS

NEW HAVEN SUTEL LIST TO BIRMINGHAM AND MOBILE FOR APPROPRIATE
INVESTIGATION.

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RJR:epg

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WERE HEAD AND SHOULDERS SHAMPOO
TICKET NUMBER ONE SIX SEVEN EIGHT,
ONE DOLLAR TEN CENTS AND PALMOLIVE
RAPID SHAVE TICKET NUMBER THREE
~~FOUR FIVE~~ EIGHT, SEVENTY NINE CENTS.

Approved: *JAH*
Special Agent in Charge

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Per *JAH*

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INVESTIGATION.

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HOLD THIS IS NH W LIST BEING OBTAINED AND WILL BE FURNISHED.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1740) (P)

DATE: 4/6/68

FROM : ASAC RALPH J. RAMPTON

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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OO: ME

ReBHTel to New Haven, 4/6/68.

The following information was telephonically furnished by the New Haven Office:

The following are the outlets of Liggett-Rexall Drugs in Alabama:

<u>Store #</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Telephone #</u>	<u>Manager</u>
1909	7714 Eastwood Mall, Birmingham	592-8149	CARLOS CANAS
1911	1931 1st Avenue, Birmingham	254-3249	AMOS STEPHENS
1912	Agricola Shopping Center, 301D North 12th Street, Gadsden	547-4987	LEON LEVENS
1921	Roebuck Plaza Shopping Center, 9142 South 4th Avenue, Birmingham	833-7681	ROBERT LOVE
1922	5 Points West Shopping Center, 2205 Bessemer Road, Birmingham	785-4141	WILLIAM WEED

The following are agents of Liggett-Rexall who handle Rexall drugs (not necessarily Rexall stores):

9470 2029 Center Point Road, Birmingham

9520 26 Midfield Park Place, Midfield

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9536 #1 Dwight Square, Gadsden
9554 1024 South 20th Street, Birmingham
9588 324 West 5th Street, Attalla

This will later be confirmed by teletype.

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FBI CLEVELAND

2:32PM URGENT 4-6-68 BJC

TO DIRECTOR; BIRMINGHAM AND MEMPHIS
FROM CLEVELAND (157-1416)

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

RE BUTEL TO ALL OFFICES, APRIL FOUR LAST.

ON APRIL SIX INSTANT, STEVE DOMCHICK, ENGINEER, GOODYEAR AERO SPACE, WHO RESIDES ONE EIGHT SIX FIVE GAYLORD DRIVE, AKRON, OHIO, TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED THAT WHILE DRIVING INTO CLEVELAND THIS DATE HE OBSERVED A WHITE MALE DRIVING TOWARD CLEVELAND IN A WHITE SMALL COMPACT CAR WITH ALABAMA PLATES FOUR SEVEN-FIVE ONE SIX FIVE. HE SAID HE CAUGHT ONLY A QUICK GLANCE OF DRIVER BUT BELIEVED DRIVER LOOKED SIMILAR TO ARTIST SKETCH OF UNSUB APPEARING IN LOCAL NEWSPAPER.

BIRMINGHAM WILL DETERMINE REGISTERED OWNER AND ASCERTAIN WHETHER HE COULD BE IDENTICAL WITH UNSUB.

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TO BIRMINGHAM AND MEMPHIS
FROM JACKSON (157-9586)
ASSASSINATION OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.; RM.

EUGENE SMITH MANSFIELD, W/M, PDOB [REDACTED]
ELMORE CO., ALA., HEIGHT, FIVE FOOT, NINE INCHES, WEIGHT, ONE HUNDRED
SEVENTY, HAIR BROWN, EYES BROWN, FBI NUMBER THREE ZERO TWO FOUR FIVE
FIVE B, TUSCALOOSA CO., ALA., SO NUMBER ONE ZERO SEVEN SEVEN, AND
ALLEGEDLY MEMBER UKA, INC., KLAVERN NUMBER FIVE, TUSCALOOSA, ALA., WAS
KNOWN TO BE IN JACKSON, MISS., MARCH TWENTYTWO - TWENTYFOUR, SIXTYEIGHT,
ALLEGEDLY TO HANDLE A "HIT" FOR L. E. MATTHEWS, PROVINCE GIANT,
WKKKKOM. PRESENT WHEREABOUTS OF MANSFIELD NOT KNOWN TO JACKSON.

JACKSON PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED PHOTOS OF MANSFIELD TO MEMPHIS TO
EXHIBIT IN CAPTIONED MATTER.

BIRMINGHAM, AT TUSCALOOSA, ALA. DETERMINE WHEREABOUTS OF MANSFIELD
DURING PERTINENT PERIOD OF CAPTIONED MATTER.

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TO MEMPHIS 44-1987 BIRMINGHAM

FROM DIRECTOR 3P

UNSUB, AKA JOHN WILLARD; MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., DASH VICTIM. CR.

REMEAIRTELS APRIL FOUR, DELIVERY OF EVIDENCE APRIL FIVE BY
MEMPHIS SA ROBERT FITZPATRICK AND BIRMINGHAM SA NEIL P. SHANAHAN.

ALL EVIDENCE EXAMINED FOR LATENT PRINTS WITH FOLLOWING RESULTS:
MEMPHIS EVIDENCE

ONE FINGERPRINT SIDE OF REMINGTON MODEL SEVEN SIX NAUGHT RIFLE,
Q TWO.

ONE FINGERPRINT REDFIELD TELESCOPIC SIGHT ON RIFLE, Q TWO.

ONE PALM PRINT ON BLACK BOX, Q ONE, FOR RIFLE. (THIS PALM
PRINT IDENTIFIED AS PALM PRINT BIRMINGHAM STORE CLERK DONALD F. WOOD).

ONE FINGERPRINT ON BINOCULARS, Q ONE FOUR, FROM BLUE ZIPPER BAG.
(THIS LATENT IDENTICAL LATENT ON Q TWO RIFLE).

ONE FINGERPRINT ON MEMPHIS COMMERCIAL APPEAL NEWSPAPER, Q ONE
NINE, FOR APRIL FOUR, SIXTYEIGHT, FROM BLUE ZIPPER BAG.

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ONE FINGERPRINT ON GILLETTE AFTER SHAVE LOTION BOTTLE, Q TWO FOUR, FROM BLUE ZIPPER BAG.

ONE FINGERPRINT ON SCHLITZ BEER CAN, Q FIVE THREE, FROM BLUE ZIPPER BAG.

BIRMINGHAM EVIDENCE

THREE FINGERPRINTS ON FEDERAL CARTRIDGE BOX.

THREE FINGERPRINTS AND THREE PALM PRINTS ON REMINGTON MODEL SEVEN NAUGHT NAUGHT RIFLE BOX. (THESE LATENTS ALL IDENTICAL PRINTS OF STORE CLERK WOOD).

FIFTEEN FINGERPRINTS ON TWO INVOICES FOR PURCHASE OF RIFLES. (FOURTEEN OF THESE LATENTS IDENTICAL PRINTS OF STORE CLERK WOOD AND REMAINING LATENT IDENTICAL FINGERPRINT OF AGENT RECOVERING INVOICES).

BOTH RIFLES DISASSEMBLED AND COMPLETELY EXAMINED FOR LATENTS.

LATENTS NOT IDENTICAL FINGERPRINTS OF JOHN HUBBARD WILLARD, FBI NUMBER NINE THREE FOUR FOUR FIVE FOUR C; HERMAN H. DANIELS, FBI NUMBER ONE SIX NINE THREE THREE FIVE C; EUGENE SMITH MANSFIELD, FBI NUMBER THREE NAUGHT TWO FOUR FIVE FIVE B; SAMUEL HOLLOWAY BOWERS, FBI NUMBER EIGHT THREE SEVEN ONE FIVE ONE E; THOMAS A. TARRANTS, FBI NUMBER NINE NINE TWO FIVE EIGHT TWO E; BYRON DE LA BECKWITH, FBI NUMBER FIVE FOUR ONE TWO ONE SIX E; WILLIAM J. LENMEYER, ARMY
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SERVICE NUMBER [REDACTED] HARVEY E. LOHMEYER, FBI NUMBER SEVEN THREE NAUGHT NINE SEVEN NINE A; WILLIAM ARTHUR LOHMEYER, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI POLICE NUMBER SEVEN SIX NAUGHT EIGHT FIVE DASH FOUR; OR WILLIAM ALBERT LOHMEYER, PATTERSON, NEW JERSEY COUNTY JAIL NUMBER THREE EIGHT FOUR TWO SEVEN.

LATENTS ON MEMPHIS EVIDENCE NOT IDENTICAL ELIMINATION FINGER-PRINTS OF GUY WARREN CANIPE, BORN SEPTEMBER TWELVE NINETEEN NAUGHT NINE, IN LUFKIN, TEXAS; NEVELYN ECDRAY/ZACHARY, BORN JANUARY TWENTY-FIVE NINETEEN TWENTYTWO, IN ROBBS, MISSISSIPPI; SA ORVILLE VERNON JOHNSON OR SAC JENSEN.

THREE LATENTS ON BIRMINGHAM CARTRIDGE BOX NOT IDENTICAL ELIMINATION PRINTS OF STORE CLERKS WOOD AND V. L. MATHEW BAKER OR SA NEIL P. SHANAHAN.

LATENTS COMPARED EACH OTHER BUT NO ADDITIONAL IDENTIFICATIONS EFFECTED.

LABORATORY REPORT AND DISPOSITION OF ALL EVIDENCE SEPARATE.

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6-04PM URGENT 3/6/68 RJC
TO DIRECTOR, BIRMINGHAM, MEMPHIS AND MOBILE
FROM NEW HAVEN (157-818)

UNSUB; MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM. CR.

REURTEL TODAY AND TEL CALL AND NH TEL CALL TODAY.

STANLEY LEXEMBURG, VICE PRESIDENT, LIGGETT-REXALL, STAMFORD,
CONN. FURNISHED FOLLOWING AS OUTLETS OF LIGGETT-REXALL DRUG,
ALABAMA.

STORE NO. ADDRESS, CITY AND STATE TEL. NO. MANAGER

1909 7714 EASTWOOD MALL, BIRMINGHAM, ALA. 592-8149 CARLOS CANAS

1911 1931 FIRST AVE., BIRMINGHAM, ALA. 254-3249 AMOS STEPHENS

1912 AGRICOLA S/C 301 D. NORTH 12TH ST, GADSDEN, ALA 542-4987

LEON LEVENS.

1921 ROEBUCK PLAZA S/C 9142 S. 4TH AVE., BIRMINGHAM, ALA. 833-7681

ROBERT LOVE.

1922 5 POINTS WEST S/C 2205 BESSEMER RD., BIRMINGHAM, ALA. 785-4141

WILLIAM WEED.

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FOLLOWING AGENTS FOR LIGGETT-REXALL DRUGS.

STORE NO. ADDRESS AND CITY

9 470 2029 CENTER POINT RD., BIRMINGHAM, ALA.

9 520 26 MIDFIELD PARK PLACE, MIDFIELD, ALA.

9 536 1 DWIGHT SQUARE, GADSDEN, ALA.

9 554 1021 SOUTH 20TH ST., BIRMINGHAM, ALA.

9 588 324 WEST FIFTH ST., ATALLA, ALA.

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1035PM URGENT 4-6-68 LLF

TO DIRECTOR, WFO, BIRMINGHAM, AND MEMPHIS
FROM BALTIMORE

MURKIN: SUSPECT EMIL MATALIK.

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SUSPECT ARRESTED BY BALTIMORE PD AS LOOK ALIKE AFTER PD
OBSERVED ARTISTS CONCEPTION OF ASSASSIN IN BALTIMORE NEWSPAPER
TODAY. MATALIK, WHITE MALE, BORN [REDACTED] HIGHLAND
WISCONSIN, FIVE FEET TEN INCHES, ONE HUNDRED SIXTY POUNDS,
RUDDY COMPLEXION, HONORABLY DISCHARGED FROM USAF SERIAL NUMBER
[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 DISABLITY 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.
MATALIK FOR MOST PART UNCOOPERATIVE DURING INTERVIEW. PER BUREAU
INSTRUCTIONS TWO SETS OF TEN PHOTOS OF MATALIK 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.

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TO DIRECTOR, CHICAGO, MINNEAPOLIS, AND BIRMINGHAM
FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987) 3P

MURKIN *Indy*

FOR INFO OF CHICAGO AND MINNEAPOLIS INVESTIGATION
CONDUCTED BIRMINGHAM DIVISION SUGGESTS INDIVIDUAL BY NAME OF
WILLIAM J. LEHMEYER MAY BE OF INTEREST THIS CASE.

BIRMINGHAM HAS ADVISED THAT INQUIRIES IN CONNECTION
WITH MARCH TWENTYSEVEN RESERVATION, SOUTHERN AIRLINES,
APPARENTLY WERE NOT FILLED. BIRMINGHAM INVESTIGATION
DISCLOSED THAT CONTACT POINTS OF PARLIMENT HOUSE AND AIRPORT
MOTEL HAD NO RECORD FOR WILLIAM J. LEHMEYER.

INDIVIDUAL WHO PURCHASED GUN OF INTEREST IN INSTANT
CASE DID USE NAME OF LOWMEYER IN BIRMINGHAM. SIMILARITY OF
NAMES WARRANTS ADDITIONAL INQUIRIES.

MEMPHIS INVESTIGATION DISCLOSED THAT WILLIAM J. LEHMEYER
DID PASS THROUGH GATE DELTA AIRLINES, MEMPHIS, EN ROUTE TO
CHICAGO, FLIGHT NINE THREE TWO, DELTA AIRLINES, DEPARTING
MEMPHIS EIGHT FORTYFIVE P.M. MARCH TWENTYSEVEN. THIS
CONFIRMS SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION FURNISHED BY BIRMINGHAM
INVESTIGATION.

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BIRMINGHAM INVESTIGATION SHOWED THAT LEHMEYER REPORTEDLY HAD TICKETS ROUTING HIM FROM BIRMINGHAM THROUGH MEMPHIS TO CHICAGO WITH SUBSEQUENT STOP IN MINNEAPOLIS.

PLANE ON WHICH LEHMEYER ARRIVED IN MEMPHIS LANDED AT SEVEN O SEVEN P.M. AND DEPARTED EIGHT FORTYFIVE P.M. AIRPORT IN MEMPHIS IS APPROXIMATELY TWENTYFIVE MINUTE DRIVE EACH WAY FROM AREA IN WHICH MURDER TOOK PLACE. THIS ALLOWS APPROXIMATELY FIFTY MINUTES IN WHICH THIS PERSON, IF SUBJECT OF INTEREST, COULD HAVE CANVASSED AREA FOR FUTURE USE.

REQUEST THAT MINNEAPOLIS MAKE APPROPRIATE INQUIRIES WITH CONNECTING AIRLINES FROM CHICAGO ON MARCH TWENTYSEVEN ON WHICH WILLIAM J. LEHMEYER MIGHT ARRIVED IN MINNEAPOLIS. THEREAFTER CONDUCT SUFFICIENT DISCREET INQUIRIES TO ESTABLISH BACKGROUND OF WILLIAM J. LEHMEYER AND ASCERTAIN HIS WHEREABOUTS AS OF APPROXIMATELY SIX P.M. ON EVENING OF APRIL FOUR. CONDUCT SUFFICIENT INVESTIGATION TO ELIMINATE IF THIS CAN BE DONE.

INQUIRY AT MEMPHIS DISCLOSED THAT WILLIAM J. LEHMEYER REPORTEDLY HAD FLIGHT FROM CHACAGO VIA NORTHWEST AIRLINES, FLIGHT TWO THREE NINE.
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CHICAGO OFFICE REQUESTED TO MAKE APPROPRIATE INQUIRY
TO DETERMINE WHETHER WILLIAM J. LEHMEYER DID TAKE FLIGHT
TO MINNEAPOLIS. P.

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TO MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM
FROM ATLANTA

MURKIN.

REBHTEL FOUR SIX LAST.

MISS JANE MAYO, DELTA AIRLINES RESERVATION SUPERVISOR, ATLANTA, GA., ADVISED RECORDS REFLECT ONE LEHMYER WAS PASSENGER DELTA FLIGHT FIVE NINE FIVE THREE TWENTYSEVEN SIXTYEIGHT, BIRMINGHAM TO MEMPHIS. PASSENGER LISTED AS L. LEMEYER BOARDED FLIGHT DELTA NINE THREE TWO, FIRST CLASS, ENROUTE O'HARE AIRPORT CHICAGO, HAVING CONNECTIONS WITH NORTH WEST FLIGHT TWO THREE NINE. MANIFEST OF DELTA FLIGHT NINE THREE TWO FAILED TO SHOW PASSENGERS, FLIGHT NO. OR METHOD OF TRAVEL TO MEMPHIS. RECHECK OF DELTA MANIFEST TELEPHONICALLY AT BIRMINGHAM FOR FLIGHT TO MEMPHIS REFLECTS LEHMYER WAS STANDBY PASSENGER FOR FLIGHT AND THAT TICKET WAS PURCHASED AT BIRMINGHAM AIRPORT AT ONE PM. FOR THIS REASON MODE OF ARRIVAL NOT REFLECTED ON MANIFEST OF NINE THREE TWO.

ATLANTA CONTINUING EFFORTS TO LOCATE ORIGINAL TICKET FOR SUBMISSION TO LAB AND RECORD OF OTHER TRAVEL. THIS TICKET WILL
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ALSO REFLECT METHOD OF PAYMENT.

MEMPHIS IF NOT ALREADY REQUESTED, CHECK FOR PASSENGER
LEHMYER OR LEMEYER ON NORTHWEST FLIGHT TWO THREE NINE, THREE
TWENTYSEVEN TO MINNEAPOLIS FOR IDENTIFYING DATA.

END

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1 52AM CORRECT DATE IS 4/7/68 URGENT 4-6-68 DER

TO DIRECTOR, BIRMINGHAM, MEMPHIS, BOSTON, NEWARK, NEW HAVEN
AND NEW YORK

FROM ALBANY /157-273/ 5P

MURKIN CR OO MEMPHIS

RE TEL CALLS TO BUREAU MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM THIS DATE.

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 UNDER
SHORTS 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 BEARS
LETTERS AND NUMBERS EITHER D TWO B DASH SIX OR ZERO TWO B DASH
SIX.

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

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CALLS BY ALBANY OFFICE TO ALL SALES REPRESENTATIVES OF TEXTILE MARKING MACHINE CO. DISCLOSED THAT ONLY ONE AREA OF UNITED STATES (NORTHEAST) UTILIZES THIS CODE SYSTEM ON THIS TAPE. THE CODE IS AS FOLLOWS: THE FIRST LETTER O OR D STANDS FOR LOT NUMBER; FIRST NUMBER DESIGNATES DAY OF WEEK, TWO BEING TUESDAY; SECOND LETTER IS FIRST LETTER OF THE STORE NAME; LAST NUMBER IS THE BUNDLE NUMBER. COLOR CODING OF TAG MAY DESIGNATE VARIOUS THINGS SUCH AS THE IDENTITY OF A STORE IN A CHAIN. FOR IDENTIFICATION IT APPEARS THAT THE MACHINE PRODUCING THE TAPE WAS DEFECTIVE CAUSING A CUT OFF OF THE TAPE BY ONE SIXTEENTH INCH AND CUTTING A PORTION OF THE FIRST LETTER. ALSO DETERMINED THAT THE USE OF THIS SYSTEM ON LAUNDRY ITEMS IS UNUSUAL IN THAT IT IS NORMALLY USED ON GARMENTS BEING DRY CLEANED.

FOLLOWING ARE DISTRIBUTORS OF THERMO-SEAL MACHINES WHO MAY HAVE SOLD MACHINES TO STORES WHOSE NAMES BEGIN WITH THE LETTER B.

BOSTON: LEWIS NATIONAL CORP., ONE MT. VERNON ST.
DORCHESTER, MASS., NEWARK: PROSPERITY DIVISION OF AMETEK
ONE SEVEN TWO FIVE ORIENT WAY RUTHERFORD, N.J.; NEW YORK
DELTA CLEANERS EQUIPMENT CO., EIGHT SEVEN FIVE PROSPECT
AVE., WESTBURY, L.I.; EXCELL LAUNDRY MACHINERY CO. FIVE
ONE FOUR SECOND ST., BROOKLYN, N.Y. WHO SOLD A MACHINE
DELIVERED SEVEN TWENTYTWO SIXTYSIX TO BIG SIX DRIVE IN
CLEANERS, ADDRESS NOT KNOWN AT SYRACUSE, N.Y.;

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MILL NATIONAL CORP. ONE ONE ZERO ONE EAST TREMONT AVE. BRONX,
N.Y. AND KAY-BEE EQUIP. CORP. SEVEN SEVEN DASH ZERO FIVE
SEVENTYSIXTH ST. GLENDALE, L.I..

THESE COMPANIES WILL BE CONTACTED BY OFFICES DESIGNATED
TO DETERMINE IF ANY MACHINES WERE SOLD TO ANY OTHER COMPANIES
BEGINNING WITH LETTER B, WHICH MACHINES MAKE TAPES ONE QUARTER
INCH WIDE AND ONE AND ONE EIGHTH INCH LONG.

FOLLOWING ARE STORES KNOWN TO TEXTILE MARKING MACHINE CO.
WHO HAVE ABOVE DESCRIBED MACHINES AND MAY USE THIS CODING
SYSTEM;

BOSTON: BELFORTE CLEANERS INC. ONE SIX FIVE HIGH ST.
CLINTON, MASS.

NEWARK: BARCLAY CLEANERS BARCLAY CENTER ROUTE SEVENTY
HADDENFIELD, N.J., BERGEN VALET INC. TWO EIGHT EAST MAIN ST.
BERGENFIELD, N.J.; BOND CLEANERS TWO ZERO FIVE TWO
NOTTINGHAM WAY, TRENTON, N.J.

NEW HAVEN: BARRY CLEANERS THREE ONE SIX BRIDGE APPROACH
NEW LONDON SHOPPING CENTER, NEW LONDON, CONN., BARTON AND
ROY SIX EIGHT JENSEN ST., MANCHESTER, CONN.

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NEW YORK: BELL BOY DRIVE IN CLEANERS THREE SIX ONE
BEACH CHANNEL DRIVE, FAR ROCKAWAY, L.I., BEACHURST CLEANERS
ONE ONE DASH ZERO FIVE ONE FIFYFOURTH ST. BEACHURST, L.I.,
BEVY CLEANERS BOICES LANE AND ROUTE NINE W, ULSTER, N.Y.,
BON-ART CLEANERS AND LAUNDRY THIRTYFIFTH AND THREE FIVE ZERO
FIVE JUNCTION BLVD., CORONA, N.Y., JOSEPH G. BRICKNER AND
CHARLES E. MARTIN TWO NINE FIVE MEDFORD AVE., PATCHOGUE, N.Y.,
BRIGHTON LAUNDRY TWO SIX TWO THREE WEST SIXTH ST., BROOKLYN, N.Y.,
BRONX PRESSING MACHINE CO. ONE ONE ZERO ONE E. TREMONT AVE.
BRONX, N.Y. (ALSO LOCATION OF MILL NATIONAL CORP. LISTED
ABOVE AND ALSO HAS SOLD TWO MACHINES IN NINETEEN SIXTYFIVE,
LOCATIONS NOT KNOWN.), BUDGET CLEANERS FOUR FIVE AVENUE
B, N.Y.C. BUDGEWOOD SERVICE TWO FOUR SEVEN TWO THIRD AVE.
BRONX, N.Y., BURRACHIO BROS. ONE TWO FOUR FOUR WEST BROADWAY
HEWLITT, L.I..

ABOVE OFFICES WILL, UPON RECEIPT OF COLOR PHOTO OF TAPE
AND ARTISTS CONCEPTION, IMMEDIATELY CONTACT THESE BUSINESS
PLACES TO IDENTIFY LAUNDRY MARK AND UNSUB. BUREAU
HAS

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INSTRUCTED LEADS MUST BE HANDLED IMMEDIATELY.

BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO FURNISH COLOR PHOTOS OF
LAUNDRY TAPES TO ALBANY, BOSTON, NEWARK, NEW HAVEN AND NEW YORK IN
SUFFICIENT QUANTITIES TO ENABLE COVERAGE OF ABOVE LEADS.

* BIRMINGHAM OR MEMPHIS WILL FURNISH COPIES OF ARTISTS
CONCEPTION TO BOSTON, NEWARK, NEW HAVEN AND NEW YORK IN
SUFFICIENT QUANTITIES TO COVER LEADS.

NEW YORK MAY DESIRE TO CONTACT FRED WEBER THREE THREE
SKYLARK LANE, STONYBROOK, L.I., TEL NO. SEVEN FIVE ONE
TWO ONE THREE FIVE WHO IS SALES REPRESENTATIVE FOR TEXTILE
MARKING MACHINE CO. AND WHO MAY BE ABLE TO GIVE ASSISTANCE.

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ALBANY WILL DISPLAY PHOTOS OF LAUNDRY TAPE TO EDWARD
BROUTON, TEXTILE MACHINE MARKING CO., SYRACUSE, N.Y. FOR
ANY ADDITIONAL INFO HE MAY BE ABLE TO FURNISH.

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TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS (44-1987), BIRMINGHAM AND MINNEAPOLIS
FROM CHICAGO (44-NEW) (P)

MURKIN, OO: MIMPHIS

RE MEMPHIS TEL TO CAPTIONED OFFICES APRIL SIX LAST.

ROBERT MINK, DELTA AIRLINES, CHICAGO, O'HARE INTERNATIONAL
AIRPORT, ADVISED APRIL SIX LAST ALL INFO RELATING TO PRIOR
RESERVATIONS CONTAINED DELTA AIRLINES, DATA PROCESSING CENTER,
MEMORY BANK, ATLANTA, IN CARE OF E. R. BENNETT. RANCE POWERS,
UNITED AIRLINES, UNABLE TO LOCATE ANY INFO RE WILLIAM J.
LEHMEYER. EASTERN AIRLINES HAS NO FLIGHT DEPARTING CHICAGO
TO MINNEAPOLIS AFTER DELTA NINE THREE TWO ARRIVES CHICAGO
UNTIL FOLLOWING DAY.

MILO MATHEWS, NORTHWEST AIRLINES, ADVISED RES. INFO SHOWS
LEHMEYER, CHICAGO - MINNEAPOLIS, PASSENGER MARCH TWO SEVEN
LAST FROM DELTA NINE THREE TWO; ALL RES. AND HISTORY INFO ON
DELTA MEMORY BANK TAPE SEVEN ZERO FIVE FIVE SEVEN THREE ONE
ZERO FIVE.

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NO FURTHER INFO AVAILABLE CHICAGO.

RE MEMPHIS TEL BEING QUOTED AND COPIED TO ATLANTA ONLY FOR
INFO.

ATLANTA, AT DELTA AIRLINES. IMMEDIATELY CONTACT DATA
PROCESSING, TELEPHONE SEVEN SIX TWO - TWO THREE FOUR SIX AND
OBTAIN PRINT OUT OF TAPE SEVEN ZERO FIVE FIVE SEVEN THREE ONE
ZERO FIVE, FURNISHING PASSENGER HISTORY AND CONTACT POINTS
RE PASSENGER WILLIAM J. LEHMEYER AND FURNISH INFO TO BUREAU,
MEMPHIS, MINNEAPOLIS AND OTHER INTERESTED OFFICES.

EXPEDITE.

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FBI BIRMGHAM

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