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Date: 4-6-68

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Via TELETYPE DEFERRED
(Priority)

TO: CLEVELAND AND MEMPHIS
FROM: BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)

MURKIN

REURTEL TODAY.

NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT ALA. LICENSE FOUR SEVEN DASH
FIVE ONE SIX FIVE. ISSUED TO JOSEPH SVESTKA, SIX THREE
TWO DAWSON HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA, FOR SINTYSEVEN OPAL.

INQUIRIES SIX THREE TWO DAWSON DETERMINED SVESTKA
CURRENTLY ATTENDING CASE INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY GRADUATE
SCHOOL, CLEVELAND, OHIO, WHERE HE REPORTLY RESIDES IN DORM.

CLEVELAND SHOULD CONDUCT APPROIATE INVESTIGATION,
TO ELIMATE SVESTKA AS UNSUB.

END

DWJ:SSP

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Via TELETYPE URGENT
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TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS
FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)

MURKIN

ON THIS DATE COSBY E. MANSFIELD, FATHER OF EUGENE SMITH MANSFIELD, ADVISED THAT EUGENE MANSFIELD QUIT HIS JOB AT RELIANCE STEEL COMPANY, COTTONDALE, ALABAMA, APPROXIMATELY THREE WEEKS AGO AND LEFT THE TUSCALOOSA AREA AND HIS PRESENT WHEREABOUTS ARE UNKNOWN. HE ADVISED THAT HE RECEIVED PHONE CALL FROM EUGENE THE FIRST OF LAST WEEK AND EUGENE STATED HE WAS IN MISSISSIPPI (CITY NOT GIVEN).

RECORDS OF RELIANCE STEEL NOT AVAILABLE UNTIL A.M. APRIL EIGHT, AND RECORDS WILL BE REVIEWED FOR ASSOCIATES AND POSSIBLE FORWARDING ADDRESS. EUGENE MANSFIELD DOES NOT GET ALONG WELL WITH HIS FATHER AND RELATIVES AND DOES NOT KEEP THEM ADVISED OF LOCATION AND IS A DRIFTER.

END.

CEW:ssp/hep

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Via TELETYPE URGENT
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TO JACKSON AND MOBILE
FROM BIRMINGHAM

MURKIN

RE JACKSON TELEPHONE CALL TO BIRMINGHAM TODAY TO DETERMINE WHEREABOUTS JAMES MC/KAY, BOMBING SUSPECT JACKSON DIVISION, AT SIX PM, APRIL FOUR, SIXTYEIGHT, AND BIRMINGHAM TELEPHONE CALL TO MOBILE TODAY.

INQUIRY INDICATES MC KAY WAS DIRECTED TO MOBILE, ALABAMA.

MOBILE SHOULD CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION AS REQUESTED IN REFERENCED TELEPHONE CALL.

END.

HTP:JHG:hep
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Via TELETYPE IMMEDIATE
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TO: DIRECTOR AND SACS MEMPHIS
ATLANTA

FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)

MURKIN.

Re BH TELCALL TO ATLANTA THIS DATE.

RECORDS DELTA AIRLINES, BIRMINGHAM, SHOW THAT ON MARCH TWENTYSEVENTH, LAST, ONE W. J. LEHMEYER PURCHASED TICKET ON DELTA AIRLINE FLIGHT FIVE NINE FIVE, DEPARTING BIRMINGHAM SIX TWO THREE P.M. EN ROUTE MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, ARRIVING AT SEVEN ZERO SEVEN P.M. HE HAD SPACE ON DELTA FLIGHT NINE THREE TWO LEAVING MEMPHIS AT EIGHT FOUR FIVE P.M. EN ROUTE CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, AND THEREAFTER SPACE ON NORTHWEST AIRLINE FLIGHT TWO THREE NINE FROM CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, TO MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA. AIRLINE PERSONNEL, BIRMINGHAM, UNABLE TO STATE IF LEHMEYER TRAVELED TO MINNEAPOLIS, HOWEVER DID VERIFY LEHMEYER DEPARTED BIRMINGHAM TO MEMPHIS INASMUCH AS TICKET WAS COLLECTED AT GATE.

ATLANTA IMMEDIATELY CHECK RECORDS DELTA AIRLINE TO DETERMINE WHETHER LEHMEYER LEFT MEMPHIS MARCH TWENTYSEVENTH LAST EN ROUTE TO MINNEAPOLIS. CHECK DELTA AIRLINE RECORDS TO DETERMINE ANY PRIOR OR SUBSEQUENT TRAVEL OF LEHMEYER TO DATE. DETERMINE METHOD OF PAYMENT, AND OBTAIN ORIGINAL TICKET.

SELLER OF TICKET

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AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, MOBILE

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FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-3310) (P)

MURKIN
CR
OO: ME

Re Birmingham telephone call to Mobile, 4/6/68.

Mr. WILLIAM NICHOLS, Plant Manager, Northington Laundry, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, advised their laundry mark 2B-6 (color pink) was traced to LILLY/WHITE Cleaners, Demopolis, Alabama, on 3/9/68. Customer's name was J. C. McALPINE, and the total bill was 91 cents. Owner of LILLY WHITE Cleaners is Mr. (FNU) PFAFFMAN.

NICHOLS advised the above 91-cent bill was possibly payment for three dress shirts.

This information was telephonically furnished to SA FRANK GILMAN of the Mobile Division by SA ERIC L. WILSON of the Birmingham Division on 4/6/68.

LEADS:

MOBILE:

AT DEMOPOLIS, ALABAMA:

Will conduct discreet background regarding McALPINE in effort to determine whether he is identical with UNSUB in this matter.

2 - Mobile
② - Birmingham
ELW:epg
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TELETYPE

IMMEDIATE

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

RL
FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)

MURKIN

ReBUTel this date.

Enclosed herewith are two photographs and two Xerox copies of the artist sketch of the UNSUB drawn by Bureau artists from descriptions furnished them by employees of Aeromarine Supply Company.

3-Bureau (enc. 4)

2-Birmingham

JHG:rlg

(5) *rlg*

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Via TELETYPE URGENT
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TO DIRECTOR, ~~XXX~~ MEMPHIS AND JACKSONVILLE
FROM BIRMINGHAM 44-1740

MURKIN 00: MEMPHIS

INVESTIGATION IN BIRMINGHAM AREA WITH LIGGETT-REXALL CHAIN TO IDENTIFY CASH REGISTER RECEIPTS IN POSSESSION OF UNSUB ~~REX~~ DETERMINED THAT LIGGETT-REXALL CHAIN UTILIZES ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY THE SERVICES OF NATIONAL CASH REGISTER COMPANY. EACH INDIVIDUAL STORE HAS ELECTROPLATE MADE FOR INDIVIDUAL CASH REGISTER, NATIONAL CASH REGISTER AT JACKSONVILLE FLORIDA HANDLES THE ENTIRE SOUTHEAST AREA.

SUGGEST MEMPHIS IMMEDIATELY FORWARD COPY OF CASH REGISTER RECEIPTS INSTANT CASE TO JACKSONVILLE DIVISION FOR CONTACT WITH NATIONAL CASH REGISTER COMPANY TO IDENTIFY RETAIL OUTLET ~~EX~~ UTILIZING THESE RECEIPTS.

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1 39 PM URGENT 4-7-68 GDM

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND JACKSONVILLE

FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)

MURKIN. OO: MEMPHIS.

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

MURKIN

IN VIEW OF UNSUB'S USE OF NAMES HARVEY LOWMEYER WHEN PURCHASING RIFLE IN BIRMINGHAM AND JOHN WILLARD IN REGISTRATION AT MEMPHIS, AS WELL AS THE PURCHASE OF AN AIRLINE TICKET IN BIRMINGHAM BY A W. J. LEHMEYER, ETC., NEW YORK IMMEDIATELY CONTACT HEADQUARTERS OF AMERICAN EXPRESS COMPANY AND REVIEW RECORDS TO DETERMINE IF THESE NAMES APPEAR AS CREDIT CARD HOLDERS AND, THEREAFTER, SET OUT APPROPRIATE LEADS TO ELIMINATE OR IDENTIFY AS UNSUB THIS CASE. BIRMINGHAM CHECKING RECORDS OF DINERS CLUB.

Daly
Handle AM, Monday 4/7

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TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA AND MEMPHIS
FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)

MURKIN

RETELS REQUESTING CHECK DELTA AIRLINES RECORDS CONCERNING
W. J. LEHMEYER.

ATLANTA REQUESTED TO OBTAIN A LIST OF ALL PASSENGERS FROM
BIRMINGHAM TO MEMPHIS AND/OR RETURN FOR MONTH OF MARCH AND THROUGH
APRIL FIVE LAST FROM HEADQUARTERS OF DELTA AND SOUTHERN AIRLINES.
THESE AIRLINES ARE ONLY COMMERCIAL AIRLINES PROVIDING PASSENGER
SERVICE BETWEEN BIRMINGHAM AND MEMPHIS. LIST SHOULD BE IMMEDIATELY
FURNISHED TO BIRMINGHAM AND MEMPHIS FOR APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION.

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3 13PM URGENT 4-7-68 SAA

TO ALL CONTINENTAL SACS

FROM DIRECTOR 1P

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 HANDLE UNDER THE PERSONAL DIRECTION OF THE SAC. LEADS ARE TO BE AFFORDED IMMEDIATE, THOROUGH, 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.

END

ME..

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3 38 PM URGENT 4/7/68 GFH

TO DIRECTOR BIRMINGHAM BALTIMORE MEMPHIS
FROM WASHINGTON FIELD 44-703 1P

MURKIN/SUSPECT EMIL MATALIK.

RE BALTIMORE TEL APRIL SIX LAST AND WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE
TELEPHONE CALL TO BALTIMORE APRIL SEVEN INSTANT.

EMIL MATALIK IDENTICAL WITH INDIVIDUAL INVESTIGATED BY
WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE 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.

WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE WILL RECORD INVESTIGATION AND MAINTAIN
IN WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE FILE.

WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE INDICATING NO FURTHER ACTION RE MATALIK.

END

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TO DIRECTOR, NEW HAVEN, CHARLOTTE, AND BIRMINGHAM
FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987) 1P

MURKIN - CR.

RE KANSAS CITY TEL APRIL SEVEN, SIXTY EIGHT, SIX FORTY FIVE
AM.

KANSAS CITY TEL REQUESTED THAT NEW HAVEN FURNISH MEMPHIS
COMPLETE SUMMARY CONCERNING ONE VINCENT DE PALMA.

REQUEST NEW HAVEN, RATHER THAN FURNISH SUMMARY RE DE PALMA,
ESTABLISH DE PALMA'S WHEREABOUTS ON MARCH TWENTY NINE AND THIRTY,
AND APRIL FOUR, NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT. IN EVENT DE PALMA'S
WHEREABOUTS CAN BE ESTABLISHED ON THOSE THREE DAYS, IT WOULD NOT
APPEAR THAT HE COULD BE OF INTEREST IN CONNECTION WITH CAPTIONED
CASE. MARCH TWENTY NINE AND THIRTY ARE DATES OF INTEREST TO
BIRMINGHAM SINCE WEAPON IN INSTANT CASE BOUGHT IN BIRMINGHAM.
APRIL FOUR OF INTEREST BECAUSE THIS DATE THAT MURDER TOOK PLACE
IN MEMPHIS.

NEW HAVEN ADVISE WHEN SUFFICEIENT INVESTIGATION HAS BEEN
CONDUCTED TO ESTABLISH WHEREABOUTS OF DE PALMA ON PERTINENT DAYS.

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5 47PM URGENT 4-7-68 RLT

TO DIRECTOR, BIRMINGHAM AND MEMPHIS
FROM MINNEAPOLIS 157-450.

MURKIN. CR.

RE MEMPHIS TEL APRIL SIX LAST AND MYTEL TO BU AND MEMPHIS
APRIL SIX.

TODAY WILLIAM JOSEPH LEHMEYER, THREE FIVE THREE ZERO
FAIRLAWN DRIVE, MINNETONKA, MINN., AN INVESTIGATOR FOR MINNEAPOLIS
LAW FIRM OF DE PARK, ANDERSON AND PERL, WHO REPRESENT INTERNATIONAL
BROTHERHOOD OF RAILWAY FIREMEN, STATED THAT IN CONNECTION
WITH LAW FIRM INVESTIGATION HE DEPARTED MINNEAPOLIS MARCH
TWELVE LAST AND TRAVELLED TO W. VA., KENTUCKY. HE PRODUCED
BILL THAT HE STAYED AT ATLANTA HILTON HOTEL, ATLANTA, MARCH
TWENTY SIX AND TWENTYSEVEN. HE DEPARTED ATLANTA, VIA EAL ABOUT
ELEVEN A.M., MARCH TWENTYSEVEN AND ARRIVED BIRMINGHAM, ALA., ABOUT
ONE HOUR LATER. HE WAS MET AT BIRMINGHAM AIRPORT BY RICHARD
EVANS, ONE EIGHT TWO SEVEN SHORT TWELFTH STREET, BESSEMER, ALA.,
TELEPHONE FOUR TWO FIVE - THREE SIX FIVE ONE. EVANS IS LOCAL
CHAIRMAN OF BROTHERHOOD OF RAILWAY FIREMEN. LEHMEYER SPENT
ENTIRE DAY WITH EVANS. VISITED EVAN'S WIFE AT LOCAL HOSPITAL,
HAD LUNCH AT BAR B QUE, ATTENDED MOVIE AND VISITED A MR.
ELKOURIE WHO WAS ILL. LEHMEYER MADE TWO FLIGHT SCHEDULES TO
LEAVE BIRMINGHAM TO RETURN TO MINNEAPOLIS. DID NOT ARRIVE AT
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AIRPORT IN TIME TO MAKE SOUTHERN AIRLINES FLIGHT. TOOK
STANDBY PASSAGE ON DELTA AL FLIGHT TO MEMPHIS ABOUT SIX P.M.,
MARCH TWENTYSEVEN. EVANS DROVE HIM TO AIRPORT FOR DEPARTURE.
TRAVELLED VIA DELTA AL TO MEMPHIS, HAD LAYOVER, ATE DINNER
THERE AND AFTER DINNER TRAVELLED VIA DELTA TO CHICAGO WHERE
HE TRANSFERRED DIRECT TO NORTHWEST AIRLINES, RETURNING TO
MINNEAPOLIS DURING EARLY MORNING HOURS OF MARCH TWENTYEIGHT.
ABOVE SCHEDULE FURNISHED BY LEHMEYER FROM HANDWRITTEN EXPENSE
SHEETS. HE SAID HE SPENT MARCH TWENTYEIGHT AND TWENTY NINE
IN HIS MINNEAPOLIS OFFICE. ON MARCH THIRTY HE CONDUCTED
INVESTIGATION IN WATERTOWN, MINN. AMONG CONTACTS THERE WAS
WILLIAM O'CONNELL, DEPUTY SHERIFF, CARVER CO., MINN.
LEHMEYER STATED HE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF ANYONE POSSIBLY USING
HIS NAME TO TRANSACT BUSINESS IN ALABAMA. HE DID NOT
LOSE OR LOAN ANY ITEMS OF IDENTIFICATION WHILE IN THE STATE.
TODAY DEPUTY SHERIFF O'CONNELL RECALLS LEHMEYER CONTACTING HIM
AT HIS HOME ON MARCH THIRTY IN CONNECTION WITH A PERSONAL INJURY
ACCIDENT.

TODAY, HARVEY A. HOLTON, DISTRICT JUDGE, REDWOOD FALLS,
MINN., STATED HE HELD COURT IN REDWOOD FALLS ON APRIL THREE AND FOUR
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LAST, AND IDENTIFIED LEHMEYER AS BEING PRESENT IN HIS COURT WHEN COURT WAS DISMISSED AT APPROXIMATELY TWO P.M., APRIL FOUR, LAST. MARCH SIXTYEIGHT PHOTO OF LEHMEYER OBTAINED AND COPY BEING SENT BIRMINGHAM AND MEMPHIS. LEHMEYER FORMERLY IN U.S. ARMY, ASN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HE WAS BORN [REDACTED] SIXTYSEVEN INCHES TALL, ONE EIGHT FIVE POUNDS, HAIR GREY, SHORT, RECEDING. IN VIEW OF FOREGOING MEMPHIS MAY DESIRE TO INFORM ATLANTA TO DISCONTINUE INQUIRY AT DELTA AL PROCESSING, AS SET OUT IN CHICAGO TEL TODAY.

PERSONAL REVIEW OF MINNESOTA DRIVER'S LICENSE RECORDS, ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA, BY HAROLD HIGGINS, FORMER SA, AND CURRENT SUPT., MINNESOTA BUREAU OF CRIMINAL APPREHENSION, TODAY DETERMINED THESE FILES CONTAIN NO RECORD UNDER NAME LOWMEYER. AT TIME OF ORIGINAL CONTACT, THE LICENSE BUREAU CLERK MISUNDERSTOOD THE REQUEST, AND ACTUALLY LOCATED A LICENSE FOR A HARRY WILLIAM LA MERE, JR., SIX SEVEN NINE EAST SEVENTY NINTH STREET, APT. FIVE, MINNEAPOLIS, BORN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] OCCUPATION IS SERVICE STATION ATTENDANT. DETERMINED LA MERE MOVED FROM THIS ADDRESS ON
END PAGE THREE

PAGE FOUR

APRIL ONE LAST AND LEFT NO FORWARDING ADDRESS. INVESTIGATION
CONTINUING TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW LA MERE TO ELIMINATE.

BIRMINGHAM CONSIDER INTERVIEW OF RICHARD EVANS, BESSEMER,
TO VERIFY MARCH TWENTYSEVEN ACTIVITY OF LEHMEYER IN
BIRMINGHAM.

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

MURKIN; CR.

RE BIRMINGHAM TEL THIS DATE.

W. J. LEHMEYER ELIMINATED AS POSSIBLE SUSPECTS. NEW YORK
DISCONTINUE LEAD REGARDING HIM AT AMERICAN EXPRESS COMPANY.

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

MURKIN; CR.

BH telephone call to

RE MEMPHIS TELCALL TO BIRMINGHAM AND MOBILE THIS DATE.
REFERENCED MEMPHIS TELEPHONE CALL INDICATED MEMPHIS POLICE DEPARTMENT RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL FROM UNKNOWN INDIVIDUAL FOUR: ZERO FIVE PM THIS DATE WHO ASKED "DO YOU WANT TO KNOW WHO KILLED MARTIN LUTHER KING." MEMPHIS POLICE DEPARTMENT REPLIED AFFIRMATIVELY AND WHEN CALLER WAS ASKED TO IDENTIFY HIMSELF HE STATED HE DID NOT WANT TO TALK TO POLICE AND HUNG UP. OPERATOR CUT IN AND ASKED IF CALL WAS DISCONNECTED AND POLICE ADVISED IT WAS. OPERATOR IDENTIFIED HERSELF AS BIRMINGHAM AND RECONNECTED CALL. WHEN RECONNECTED POLICE IDENTIFIED PERSON CALLED AS ORIGINAL CALLER WHO STATED HE DID NOT WANT TO TALK TO POLICE AND AGAIN HUNG UP. OPERATOR REFUSED TO DIVULGE BIRMINGHAM NUMBER TO POLICE.

CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE BIRMINGHAM ADVISED CALL PLACED FROM TELEPHONE NUMBER THREE TWO NINE - NINE FIVE SIX SEVEN. SUBSCRIBER

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TELEPHONE NUMBER THREE TWO NINE - NINE FIVE SIX SEVEN. SUBSCRIBER
CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE BIRMINGHAM ADVISED CALL PLACED FROM
DIAGNOSIS BIRMINGHAM NUMBER TO POLICE.
MAIL TO TALK TO POLICE AND AGAIN HUNG UP. OPERATOR REFUSED TO
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DEPARTMENT RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL FROM UNKNOWN INDIVIDUAL FOUR:
REFERENCED MEMPHIS TELEPHONE CALL INDICATED MEMPHIS POLICE
BY MEMPHIS LEGCALL TO BIRMINGHAM AND MOBILE THIS DATE"

MURKIN: CB

FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1370) (P)
TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND MOBILE

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RANDALL ASKEW, ONE ZERO ZERO SIX HILLABEE HIGHWAY, ALEXANDER CITY,
ALABAMA. MOBILE TELEPHONICALLY REQUESTED TO IMMEDIATELY INTERVIEW.

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ALABAMA* MOBILE TELEPHONICALLY REQUESTED TO IMMEDIATELY INTERVIEW*
BANDAGT ASKEM* ONE SEBO SEBO SIX HIGHTVREE HIGHWAY* ALEXANDER CITY*
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FBI NEW HAVEN

8-17PM URGENT 4/7/68 RJC
TO DIRECTOR, BOSTON, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM
FROM NEW HAVEN (157-818)

MURKIN - CR. OO - ME.

RENHTEL THIS DATE TO BS, ME, KC AND CE.

FOR INFO OF BIRMINGHAM, MOTHER OF VINCENT PAUL DE PALMA,
BRISTOL, CONN. ADVISED THIS DATE THAT DE PALMA CONTACTED HER
IN PERSON IN BRISTOL HOSPITAL ON APRIL FIVE LAST STATING HE HAD
ARRIVED IN BRISTOL ABOUT NOON THAT DATE, AND HAD SUBSEQUENTLY
SEEN HIS CHILDREN AND HIS FATHER WHO IS IN STATE HOSPITAL, NORWICH,
CONN. MRS DE PALMA STATED DE PALMA HAS BEEN RESIDING SINCE EARLY
FEBRUARY TO DATE IN MIDDLETOWN, RHODE ISLAND WHERE EMPLOYED AS BUS
DRIVER.

BOSTON HAS LEADS TO ASCERTAIN DE PALMA'S WHEREABOUTS ON APRIL
FOUR, SIXTYEIGHT.

BOSTON DETERMINE WHEREABOUTS OF DE PALMA ON MARCH TWO NINE AND
THIRTY LAST SINCE THESE DATES ARE OF INTEREST TO BIRMINGHAM SINCE
WEAPON IN CASE PURCHASED IN BIRMINGHAM.

END

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8:25MPM EST URGENT 4-7-68 LCS

TO DIRECTOR, BIRMINGHAM, AND MEMPHIS
FROM ATLANTA

MURKIN. OO: MEMPHIS.

RE BIRMINGHAM TEL TO DIRECTOR APR. SEVEN SIXTYEIGHT,
REGARDING OBTAINING LIST OF PASSENGERS ON FLIGHTS FROM
BIRMINGHAM TO MEMPHIS FOR MONTH OF MAR. AND THROUGH APR. FIVE
SIXTYEIGHT FROM DELTA AND SOUTHERN AIRLINES, ATLANTA, AND
TELEPHONE CALL TO SAC BIRMINGHAM APR. SEVEN SIXTYEIGHT.

DURING RE TELEPHONE CALL SAC JOSEPH GAMBLE, BIRMINGHAM,
STATED THAT LEAD IN RETEL SHOULD BE HELD IN ABEYANCE UNTIL
FURTHER NOTICE DUE TO THE INFORMATION DEVELOPED THROUGH AIRLINE
SOURCES IN ATLANTA AS TO THE TREMENDOUS VOLUME OF PAPER WHICH
WOULD RESULT FROM OBTAINING DESIRED INFORMATION FROM DATA
PROCESSING, AS WELL AS THE TREMENDOUS TIME AND MANPOWER WHICH
WOULD OF NECESSITY HAVE TO BE UTILIZED BY AIRLINE PERSONNEL
AS WELL AS BUREAU PERSONNEL.

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FBI ATLANTA

8 52PM URGENT 4-7-68 LCS

TO DIRECTOR, BIRMINGHAM, MEMPHIS, MINNEAPOLIS, AND CHICAGO
FROM ATLANTA

MURKIN. OO: MEMPHIS.

RE CHICAGO TEL TO ATLANTA APR. SEVEN SIXTYEIGHT, WHICH
REFERENCES MEMPHIS TEL TO DIRECTOR, BIRMINGHAM, AND MINNEAPOLIS,
APR. SIX SIXTYEIGHT.

DERRELL PARHAM, SENIOR OPERATOR, DELTA AIRLINES DATA PROCESSING
CENTER, ATLANTA, GA., ADVISED ON APR. SEVEN SIXTYEIGHT THAT
MEMORY BANK "PRINT OUT OF PAST DATE PASSENGER NAME RECORDS" REVEALS
FOLLOWING:

PASSENGER LEMEYER - L MADE RESERVATION AT BIRMINGHAM AIR
FIELD TICKET OFFICE AT SIX FOURTEEN PM ON MAR. TWENTYSEVEN
SIXTYEIGHT WITH DELTA TICKET AGENT C C ONE, FOR RESERVATION ON
DELTA FLIGHT NINE THREE TWO FROM MEMPHIS TO CHICAGO ON MAR.
TWENTYSEVEN SIXTYEIGHT, GIVING NO CONTACT SUCH AS TELEPHONE
NUMBER IN BIRMINGHAM.

AT SAME TIME OF ABOVE ARRANGEMENTS, LEMEYER MADE
RESERVATION ON NORTHWESTERN AIRLINES FLIGHT TWO THREE NINE ON
MAR. TWENTYSEVEN SIXTYEIGHT FROM CHICAGO TO MINNEAPOLIS - ST. PAUL
AND HAD SAME CONFIRMED.

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ABOVE DELTA RECORDS FURTHER REVEAL PASSENGER WAS LISTED AS LEHMEYER - L ON STANDBY FOR DELTA FLIGHT FIVE NINE FIVE ON MAR. TWENTYSEVEN SIXTYEIGHT FROM BIRMINGHAM TO MEMPHIS, WITH NO CONTACT IN BIRMINGHAM GIVEN. THIS STANDBY RESERVATION WAS MADE AT TWELVE FIFTYFOUR PM ON MAR. TWENTYSEVEN SIXTYEIGHT WITH DELTA BIRMINGHAM CLERK F W THREE; HOWEVER, NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT COMPUTER CENTER AS TO WHETHER PASSENGER ACTUALLY MADE THIS FLIGHT.

COPIES OF ABOVE MENTIONED PAST DATE PASSENGER NAME RECORDS FOR DELTA FLIGHTS FIVE NINE FIVE AND NINE THREE TWO ON MAR. TWENTYSEVEN SIXTYEIGHT BEING FURNISHED BIRMINGHAM AND MEMPHIS AMSD APR. SEVEN SIXTYEIGHT IN ACCORDANCE WITH TELEPHONE CONVERSATIONS OF APR. SEVEN SIXTYEIGHT WITH SAC, BIRMINGHAM, AND ASAC, MEMPHIS.

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Via TELETYPE URGENT
(Priority)

TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS AND NEW YORK
FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)

MURKIN; CR.

SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION:

LIST OF ALL KNOWN CUSTOMERS FOR MARCH TWENTYNINE AND THIRTY, SIXTYEIGHT, OBTAINED FROM INVOICES OF AEROMARINE SUPPLY COMPANY. AVAILABLE CUSTOMERS BEING INTERVIEWED. ONE CUSTOMER RECALLS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO MAY BE IDENTICAL TO UNSUB; HOWEVER, DESCRIPTION VARIES FROM THAT FURNISHED BY AEROMARINE EMPLOYEES IN THAT HE IS DESCRIBED AS HAVING DARK BROWN HAIR WITH TENDENCY TO BE CURLY AND FULL ON SIDES, FULL FACE, WEIGHT ONE SEVEN ZERO, HEIGHT FIVE FEET TEN INCHES. WHEN SHOWN ARTIST CONCEPTION OF UNSUB HE INDICATED THE EYES AND HAIR WERE NOT SIMILAR TO HIS RECOLLECTION OF UNSUB. STATED HAIR SHOULD BE THICKER AND COMBED STRAIGHT BACK. CUSTOMER STATED HE WAS AT GUN SHOP FROM APPROXIMATELY TWO:FIFTEEN PM UNTIL THREE:THIRTY PM AT WHICH TIME THIS INDIVIDUAL WAS WATCHING SALESMAN MOUNT SIGHT ON RIFLE. HE CONCLUDED THIS PERSON HAD LITTLE KNOWLEDGE OF GUNS. ONE ADDITIONAL CUSTOMER KNOWN TO HAVE HAD CONVERSATION WITH SAME PERSON HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AND EFFORTS BEING MADE TO LOCATE.

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SEVERAL EMPLOYEES PARLIAMENT HOUSE MOTEL INDICATED ARTIST CONCEPTION OF UNSUB FAMILIAR TO THEM AS OCCASIONAL CUSTOMER IN PAST. INVESTIGATION BEING CONCENTRATED TO IDENTIFY THIS INDIVIDUAL.

ALL LIGGETT-REXALL OUTLETS IN DIVISION CONTACTED NEGATIVELY. DETERMINED THESE OUTLETS USE NATIONAL CASH REGISTERS. MEMPHIS REQUESTED TO FORWARD COPY OF CASH REGISTER RECEIPTS TO JACKSONVILLE FOR CONTACT WITH NATIONAL CASH REGISTER COMPANY TO IDENTIFY RETAIL OUTLET UTILIZING RECEIPTS.

ALL LAUNDRIES UTILIZING THERMO-SEAL MACHINE MANUFACTURED BY TEXTILE MARKING COMPANY CHECKED NEGATIVELY.

PENETRATIVE AND THOROUGH NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION IN AREA OF ONE NINE ZERO SEVEN SOUTH ELEVENTH STREET CONDUCTED IN A FIFTEEN SQUARE BLOCK RADIUS UTILIZING ARTIST CONCEPTION. AREA WILL BE EXPANDED. ALL HOTELS, MOTELS, AIR AND BUS FACILITIES, AUTO AGENCIES, TAXICAB COMPANIES BEING CONTACTED. CAB DRIVERS' TRIP SHEETS AND DISPATCHER LOGS ANALYZED AND APPROPRIATE INDIVIDUALS BEING INTERVIEWED.

NEW YORK REQUESTED TO CHECK AMEXCO FOR ACCOUNTS IN NAMES OF LOWMEYER, LEHMEYER AND WILLARD. DINERS CLUB, BIRMINGHAM, BEING CHECKED.

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LIST OF INDIVIDUALS RENTING AUTOMOBILES BIRMINGHAM MARCH ONE TO APRIL FIVE, SIXTYEIGHT, BEING EXAMINED AND LOGICAL LEADS BEING CHECKED.

ALL AIRPORT PERSONNEL RECHECKED WITH ARTIST CONCEPTION WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

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TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND SEATTLE
FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)

MURKIN; CR.

BIRMINGHAM SUGGESTS POSSIBILITY UNSUB MAY BE IDENTICAL WITH ROBERT BOLIVAR DE PUGH, AKA - FUGITIVE, IO FOUR ONE SEVEN SIX, OR WALTER PATRICK PEYSON, AKA - FUGITIVE, BASED ON COMPARISON OF PHOTOS THOSE INDIVIDUALS WITH ARTIST CONCEPTION PREPARED AT BIRMINGHAM ON APRIL SIX, SIXTYEIGHT, CASE OF WHICH SEATTLE IS ORIGIN, BUFILE NINE ONE - TWO EIGHT EIGHT SEVEN TWO, AND DESCRIPTION SET FORTH IN REPORT OF SA VERNON P. COYNE (A), SEATTLE, MARCH TWO SEVEN, SIXTYEIGHT. SEATTLE REPORT REFLECTS BOTH THE SUBJECTS WOULD BE CAPABLE OF ANY CRIMINAL ACT AND CURRENTLY CONSIDERED A SUSPECT IN SOVIET BOMBING, WASHINGTON, D. C. BIRMINGHAM EXHIBITING PHOTOS BOTH SEATTLE SUBJECTS TO WITNESSES AT PURCHASE OF GUN TONIGHT AND SUGGEST MEMPHIS EXHIBIT TO LOGICAL WITNESSES.

SEATTLE ADVISE MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM WHETHER ANY RECENT INFORMATION WOULD PRECLUDE DE PUGH AND PEYSON FROM BEING CONSIDERED SUSPECTS.

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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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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.

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8 46PM IMMEDIATE 4/7/68 PJR
TO MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM AND JACKSON
FROM MILWAUKEE (44-388)

MURKIN; CR. OO MEMPHIS.

JOHN BREPELL, STANDARD SERVICE STATION ATTENDANT, TWO SEVEN ZERO FIVE W. CLYBOURN, TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED THAT MAN ANSWERING NEWSPAPER DESCRIPTION AND ARTIST'S CONCEPTION OF UNSUB APPEARED AT ABOVE STATION AT SEVEN FORTY PM TODAY DRIVING LIGHT BLUE SIXTYSIX OR SIXTYSEVEN FORD BEARING MISSISSIPPI LICENSE TWO F F FIVE ONE FIVE. BREPELL DESCRIBED DRIVER AS WM, TWENTYSEVEN TO THIRTY, SIX FEET, ONE SIX ZERO LBS., LONG NOSE AND CHIN, SANDY HAIR, DRESSED COWBOY BOOTS, BLUE JEANS, CHECKERED COAT.

JACKSON IMMEDIATELY CONDUCT LICENSE CHECK, DETERMINE IF SIGNIFICANT AND FURNISH PERTINENT DATA TO INTERESTED OFFICES. P.

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FBI ALBANY

1115A XXPM URGENT 4-7-68 DER

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

FROM ALBANY 157-253

MURKIN CR OO MEMPHIS

RE ALBANY TELETYPE FOUR SIX LAST.

EXPERT AT TEXTILE MARKING MACHINE CO. OBSERVED COLOR
PHOTOGRAPHS OF LAUNDRY TAPES AND ADVISED THIS IS FIVE CHARACTER
MACHINE, FIRST TWO CHARACTERS FIFTEEN POINT TYPE, LAST THREE
CHARACTERS EIGHTEEN POINT TYPE WITH THIRD CHARACTER DEFINITELY
A LETTER B, NOT NUMBER THREE(3). HE ADVISED THIS CODE USED NORTH-
EASTERN UNITED STATES. THE TYPE ON THE TAPE VERY UNUSUAL, LIMITED
TO NO MORE THAN TEN MACHINES MANUFACTURED BY TEXTILE MARKING
MACHINE CO. IDENTITIES OF THOSE MACHINES WILL BE OBTAINED
AM FOUR EIGHT NEXT AND FURNISHED IMMEDIATELY TO INTERESTED OFFICES.
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8 30PM URGENT 4/ 7/ 68 JKN

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS & BIRMINGHAM
FROM SEATTLE 1P

MURKIN; CR.

RE BIRMINGHAM TEL TODAY.

NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE SEATTLE TO PRECLUDE DE PUGH OR PEYSON
FROM BEING SUSPECTS SINCE WHEREABOUTS ON PERTINENT DATE UNKNOWN.

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TO MEMPHIS (44-1987) AND BIRMINGHAM

FROM JACKSON (157-9586)

MURKIN.

RE MILWAUKEE TELETYPE TO ME, BH, AND JACKSON INSTANT DATE.

PTL ROBERT WELDEN, RADIO OPERATOR, MHSP, JACKSON, MISS., ADVISED
LICENSE NUMBER MENTIONED IN REFERENCED TELETYPE IS NOT A MISSISSIPPI
TAG NUMBER.

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✓ To: SAC, Birmingham
✓ From: Director, FBI

MURKIN

Enclosed are two copies of color photographs
of the evidence submitted to the Laboratory.

Enclosures

1 - SAC, Memphis

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Via AIRMAIL URGENT
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TO: DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS

ATTN: FBI IDENTIFICATION
DIVISION AND LATENT
FINGERPRINT SECTION

FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)

MURKIN

Reference Birmingham Summary teletype this date.

Agents conducting investigation in connection with customer's in Aeromarine 3/29/68, identified one JOHN WEBSTER DE SHAZO, member of National Rifle Association and avid gun enthusiast. DE SHAZO advised Agents that Unsub handled three rifles while in Aeromarine while shopping for a rifle. DE SHAZO stated that these were expensive guns and he was certain no one else would buy these guns and he could locate these guns in Aeromarine. ~~4/10/68/PLA~~

At 10:30 P.M., this date Agents located owner of store and accompanied by DE SHAZO, went to Aeromarine and located guns referred to by DE SHAZO. They are identified as follows:

One Browning Safari Grade, Caliber 243, bolt action rifle, SN 3700Z5;

One Remington Model 700 Heavy Barrel Varmint 243, Winchester Rifle, SN 266009;

One Remington Model 788, caliber 30-30, bolt action rifle, SN 020726.

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A preliminary inspection of these rifles indicates what appears to be full set of latent fingerprints. Owner indicates he has serious doubts these weapons have been handled by anyone else since handled by Unsub, 3/29/68.

Latent Fingerprint Section is requested to examine these rifles and conduct appropriate comparison and search. Sutel results Memphis and Birmingham.

Weapons are being hand carried to Identification Division by SA RALPH J. BUTLER, this date.

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Date: 4/6/68

Transmit the following in _____
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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

~~ASSASSINATION OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.~~
RM

MURKIN

DO NOT DESTROY
PENDING LITIGATION

Enclosed for Birmingham are two (2) copies of a photograph of BYRON DE LA BECKWITH

BECKWITH is subject of Bufile 157-3744 and Bureau conducted extensive investigation of BECKWITH in June, 1963 in the murder of MEDGAR EVERS, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) Field Secretary, Jackson, Mississippi, who was slain on June 12, 1963. BECKWITH was arrested by Bureau Agents June 22, 1963, for the murder, and was tried on two occasions at Jackson, and on each occasion, the jury was unable to reach a verdict.

Memphis has background on subject, and Jackson has forwarded photographs of BECKWITH to Memphis in this matter.

BECKWITH described as white male, born [redacted] Sacramento, California, 5' 10", 170 pounds, dark hair, olive complexion, medium build, resides 101 Dewey Avenue, Greenwood, Mississippi, and is employed as sales representative for Barrentine Manufacturing Co., Inc. Greenwood, Mississippi. He has

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DO NOT DESTROY
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- 3 - Jackson(157-9586)
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been involved in Klan activities for many years and due to past action, has a propensity for violence.

LEADS:

BIRMINGHAM

AT BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

Should immediately exhibit photographs to employees of hardware store where weapon purchased.

MEMPHIS

AT MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

Memphis previously furnished photographs to exhibit to appropriate persons.

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TO: SAC, ALBANY
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P

MURKIN

Note CHANGED title. Previously carried under
"Assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR."

All offices receiving copies of this Airtel note that
Bureau has designated above caption as approved code word for
investigation dealing with murder of Dr. KING.

Information under above caption should pertain only to
investigation that may have bearing on identifying subject instant
case. All other information pertaining to racial incidents, and
racial activity arising out of assassination Dr. KING should not
be submitted under above caption, but should be submitted by
interested offices under the appropriate caption pertaining to
Racial Matters.

In addition, all offices in receipt of this information
should re-canvass any Criminal Informants, Security Informants,
and Racial Informants for possible knowledge concerning assassina-
tion, with specific emphasis directed toward informants in known
hate groups.

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2 CHICAGO	2 RICHMOND
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TO: SAC, BIRMINGHAM
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)
UNSUB, aka
John Willard
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM
CR
(OO: MEMPHIS)

Enclosed for Birmingham are 2 photographs of JOHN HUBEART WILLARD taken 4/5/68. These should be exhibited to persons where Unsub purchased murder weapon.

Also enclosed is a photograph of SA ROBERT W. GOODWIN of the Memphis Office, who one of the witnesses has stated resembles the Unsub. This photograph should also be exhibited as an aid in preparing a composit drawing.

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

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

(OO Memphis)

Submitted herewith under separate cover is the bullet which was removed from Dr. KING's body. It is requested the Laboratory perform the necessary examinations to determine if this bullet came from the rifle being submitted.

In addition to item mentioned above, there is submitted herewith 3 separate \$20 bills bearing the following serial numbers:

Federal Reserve Note
Series 1963 A SN F14002844A

Federal Reserve Note
Series 1963 A SN H16164863A

Federal Reserve Note
Series 1963 SN F06445143A

These were received from BESSIE RUTH BREWER at flop house in which captioned subject stayed. Mrs. BREWER advised subject paid her this date shortly after 3:00 P.M. with a \$20 bill. She does not know which of these \$20 bills subject used. Therefore, Laboratory requested to have necessary latent examination conducted on these \$20

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bills. Also enclosed herewith are prints of BESSIE RUTH BREWER for elimination purposes.

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AIRTEL

AM

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTN: FBI LABORATORY

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P

UNSUB, Aka. John Willard;
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM
CR

AIRTEL #2

Re Airtel #1 submitted this date, Attn: FBI Laboratory.

In separate container there is submitted second item recovered by Inspector N. E. ZACHARY (NA), Memphis PD, in same area as rifle submitted in prior Airtel. This zipper bag was recovered in area in front of 424 South Main Street. Business located at this address is Canipe Amusement Co.

Individual items in blue zipper bag, 20 x 30 inches, have not been individually marked. They were all, however, recovered by Inspector ZACHARY. Contents of bag are as follows:

- (1) In outside zipper compartment is one small magnetic tack hammer.
- (2) Small needle-nose type pliers bearing sales tag, or identifying tag, on handle which reads either "Compag" or "Rompage" Hardware.
- (3) Georgia-Alabama Standard Oil map.
- (4) "Commercial Appeal," Memphis newspaper, first section only, issue of April 4, 1968.
- (5) Standard Oil U. S. map.

3 BUREAU (Enc.
1 MEMPHIS RQJ:RN (4)

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When opened, blue bag has insert and enclosed in insert is one roll of toilet paper.

In bag proper is a set of binoculars, Banner by Bushnell, binocular case and a box in which binoculars in case belong. Binoculars carry magnifying 7 x 35 and No. DQ408664.

(2) Gillette shaving kit - razor, lotion, foamy cream. Right Guard, Heads Up - appears purchased from Oliver Rexall Drug Store, Whitthaven, Tenn., price \$1.89.

(3) Gray paper sack bearing York Arms Co. price tag \$41.55, dated 4/4/68. This appears to be bag in which binoculars purchased.

- (4) One white and yellow checked towel.
- (5) One white handkerchief, no laundry mark.
- (6) Tube Colgate toothpaste
- (7) Pair black socks
- (8) 3 oz. can Right Guard
- (9) 6-Transistor Channel Master Radio
- (10) Bottle Bufferin
- (11) String belt, gray in color.
- (12) Brillcream
- (13) Bottle of one-a-day Vitamins
- (14) Cashmere Bouquet bar of soap bearing label "Member Friendship Inn"
- (15) Hair brush
- (16) Dial Soap
- (17) Head and Shoulders Shampoo bearing-Liggitt-Rexall #1678, Price \$1.10.
- (18) Can Kiwi brown polish

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- (19) Palmolive Rapid Shave with Liggitt Rexall #3478, 79¢
- (20) Loose button, maroon color
- (21) Tooth brush and safety razor
- (22) Mennin Afta
- (23) Cameo Small toilet soap
- (24) Two bobby pins
- (25) 2 cans Schlitz beer in paper sack.

REQUEST OF LABORATORY

Laboratory requested to arrange for appropriate latent fingerprint examination of all items contained herein, as well as exterior and interior of blue bag, various and sundry items enclosed inside bag, and various compartments. Consider all for possibility latent fingerprint examination.

In addition to latent examination, Laboratory should conduct any appropriate Laboratory examination that will assist Memphis in determining manufacturer and distributor of any of items enclosed in blue bag.

See next page for additional Request of Laboratory.