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TO: CLEVELAND AND MEMPHIS

FROM: BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)

MURKIN

REURTEL TODAY.

NINFTEEN SIXTYFIGHT 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 SYESTKA

CURRENTLY ATTENDING CASE INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY GRADUATE

SCHOOL, CLEVELAND, OHIO, WHERE HE REPORTLY RESIDES IN DORM.

CLEVFLAND SHOULD CONDUCT APPROJATE INVESTIGATION, TO ELEMATE SVESTKA AS UNSUB.

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TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS
FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)

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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.

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TO JACKSON AND MOBILE

FROM BIRMINGHAM

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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.

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ATLANTA

FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)

MURKIN. RC BH TELCALL TO ATLANTA TOIS DATE.

RECORDS DELTA AIRLINES, BIRMINGHAM, SHOW THAT ON MARCH TWENTYSEVENTH, LAST, ONE W. J. LEHMEYER PURCHASED TICKET ON DFLTA 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 TICKFT 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

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TO: SAC. MOBILE

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, Tuscaleosa, 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.

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DIRECTOR, FBI

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SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)

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PeBUtel this date.

Finchesed herewith are two photographs and two Korox copies of the artist aketch of the UNSUB drawn by Bureau artists from descriptions furnished them by employees of Aeromanine Supply Company.

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INVESTIGATION IN BIRMINGHAM AREA WITH LIGGETT-REXALL CHAIN

TO IDENTIFY CASH REGISTER RECEIPTS IN POSSESSION OF UNSUB NEXT

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 MX UTILIZING THESE RECEIPTS.

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FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)

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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.

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

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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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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.

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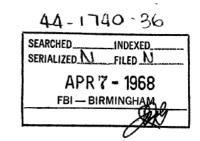
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338 PM URGENT 4/7/68 GFH

TO DIRECTOR BIRMINGHAM BALTIMORE MEMPHIS

FROM WASHINGTON FIELD 44-703/ 1P

M URKIN/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.

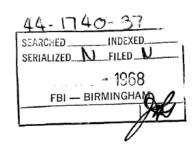
WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE INDICATING NO FURTHER ACTION RE MATALIK.

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TO DIRECTOR, NEW HAVEN, CHARLOTTE, AND BIRMINGHAM

FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987) 1P

M URKIN - CR.

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

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

REQUEST NEW HAVEN, RATHER THATN 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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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 HE DEPARTED ATLANTA, VIA EAL ABOUT TWENTY SIX AND TWENTYSEVEN. ELEVEN A.M., MARCH TWENTYSEVEN AND ARRIVED BIRMINGHAM, ALA., ABOUT ONE HOUR LATER. HE WAS MET AT BIRMINGHAM AIRPORT BY RICHARD E VANS, 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 DID NOT ARRIVE AT LEAVE BIRMINGHAM TO RETURN TO MINNEAPOLIS. 44-1740-38 END PAGE ONE

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AIRPORT IN TIME TO MAKE SOUTHERN AIRLINES FLIGHT. STANDBY PASSAGE ON DELTA AL FLIGHT TO MEMPHIS ABOUT SIX P.M., M ARCH 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. A BO VE SCHEDULE FURNISHED BY LEHMEYER FROM HANDWRITTEN EXPENSE 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. L EHMEYER 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 A CCI DENT.

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

HE WAS BORN

SIXTYSEVEN INCHES TALL, ONE EIGHT FIVE POUNDS, HAIR

GREY, SHORT, RECEDING. IN VIEW OF FOREGOING MEMPHIS MAY

DESIRE TO INFORM ATLANTA TO DISCONTINUE INQUITY 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

OCCUPATION IS SERVICE STATION

ATTENDANT. DETERMINED LA MERE MOVED FROM THIS ADDRESS ON END PAGE THREE

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. DISCONTINUE LEAD REGARDING HIM AT AMERICAN EXPRESS COMPANY.

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BHldey love 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 44-1740-40

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

FBI NEW HAVEN

8-17PM URGENT 4/7/68 RJC

TO DIRECTOR, BOSTON, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM

FROM NEW HAVEN (157-818)

MURKIN - CR. 00 - 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.

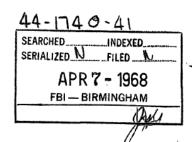
BOSTON DETERMINE WHEREABOUTS OF DE PALMA ON MARCH TWO NINE AND THIRTY LAST SINCE THESE DATES ARE OF INTEREST TO BIRMINGHAM SINCE WEAPON IN CASE PURCHASED IN BIRMINGHAM.

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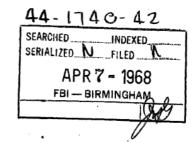
RE BIRMINGHAM TEL TO DIRECTOR APR. SEVEN SIXTYEIGHT,
REGARDING OBTAINING LIST OF PASSENGERS ON FLIGHTS FROM
BIRMINGHAM TO MEMPHIS FOR MONTH OF MAR. AND THROUGH APR. FIVE
SIXTYEIGHT FROM DELTA AND SOUTHERN AIRLINES, ATLANTA, AND
TELEPHONE CALL TO SAC BIRMINGHAM APR. SEVEN SIXTYEIGHT.

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

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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

A VAILABLE 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 A SAC, MEMPHIS.

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

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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 ES 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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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 44-1740-44 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

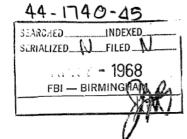
SHOULD BE MADE TO SECURE PHOTOGRAPHS OF SUSPECTS IN QUESTION AND
FORWARD PHOTOS TO MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM FOR POSSIBLE ELIMINATION.

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 RUILD; COMPLEXION AVERAGE, SMOOTH. GENERAL PHYSICAL APPEARANCE; NEAT.

POSSIBLITY 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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TO MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM AND JACKSON

FROM MILWAUKEE (44-388)

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JOHN BREMPELL, 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. BREMPELL 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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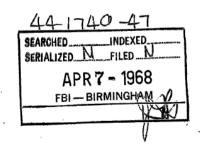
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RE ALBANY TELETYPE FOUR SIX LAST.

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 NORTHEASTERN 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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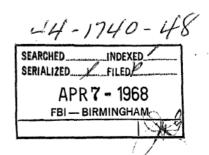
RE BIRMINGHAM TEL TODAY.

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

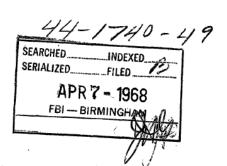
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TO: DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS

FROM: SAC. BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)

ATTN: FBI IDENTIFICATION

DIVISION AND LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

MURKIN

Reference Birmingham Summary teletype this date.

Agents conducting investigation in connection with customer's in Acormarine 3/29/68, identified one JOHN WEBSTER DE SHAZO, member of National Rifle Association and avid oun enthusiast. DE SHAZO advised Agents that Unsub handled three rifles while in Aeromarine shile 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. Kt/10/70/1/M/

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 242, 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 rifts 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.

Laten 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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TO:

DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM:

SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

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

MURKIN

Enclosed for Birmingham are two (2) copies of a photograph of BYRON DE TA BECKVITH.

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
Sacremento, 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 44-/746
Manufacturing (11 Inc., Greenwood, Mississippi. He has

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JN 157-9586

been involved in Klan activities for many years and due to past action, has a propensity for violence.

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AT BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

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

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AT MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

Memphis previously furnished photographs to exhibit to appropriate persons.

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121	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.					
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	UNSUB, aka John Willard MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR VICTIM CR (OO: MEMPHIS)	
	Enclosed for Birmingham are 2 photograph JOHN HUBEART WILLARD taken 4/5/68. These should exhibited to persons where Unsub purchased murder	be
	Also enclosed is a photograph of SA ROBI GOODWIN of the Memphis Office, who one of the with stated resembles the Unsub. This photograph shoul exhibited as an aid in preparing a composit drawing	nesses has ld also be
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DIRECTOR, FBI

ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

FROM:

SAC. MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

SUBJECT:

UNSUB, aka John Willard:

MARTIN LUTHER KING. JR. -

VICTIM CR

(00 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 H16164663A

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 44-1740-52 have necessary latent examination conducted on these \$20 SEARCHED NOTICE OF SEARCHED NOTIC

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

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

ATTN: FBI LABORATORY

FROM: SAC. MEMPHIS (44-1987) P

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

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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 "Compage" 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 V. S. map.

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When opened, blue hag 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, Whitdhaven, 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) 7 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 scap 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 fingeprint 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.