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TO DIRECTOR 44-38861 MEMPHIS ST. LOUIS BIRMINGHAM
FROM KANSAS CITY 44-760 2P

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RE ST. LOUIS TELETYPE MAY FOURTEEN LAST AND BIRMINGHAM TELETYPE
MAY NINELAST.

MAJ. POIRY, SECURITY OFFICER, MO. STATE PENITENTIARY (MSP),
ADVISED HE KNEW BOTH JOHN VELANTI AND SUBJECT. HE KNOWS OF NO
ASSOCIATION WITH EACH OTHER AND KNOWS OF NO RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN
THE TWO IN MSP.

INMATE MSP, ERNEST BAGBY, NM, ONE OF THE OLDER INMATES AT THE
PENITENTIARY, ADVISED THAT HE KNEW JOHN VELANTI AT THE PRISON BUT
DID NOT KNOW SUBJECT AND KNOWS OF NO RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO
INDIVIDUALS.

MARIAN JANSEN, FORMER INMATE, MSP, RELEASED FEB NINETEEN LAST
REPORTEDLY RESIDING NINE THREE ZERO FIVE STATE, KANSAS CITY,
KANSAS, WILL BE INTERVIEWED BY THE KANSAS CITY OFFICE.
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TELEPHONE CALL MADE FROM RESIDENCE OF TOM BRITTON TO JEFFERSON CITY, MO. ON OCT THREE LAST WAS TO THE HOME OF CARL MILLS, MANAGER, RENZ FARM, A PRISON FARM ATTACHED TO MSP. THE RENZ FARM IS WHERE THE BREAD WAS BEING DELIVERED AT THE TIME SUBJECT ESCAPED. MILLS WAS INTERVIEWED BY MSP OFFICIALS ON MAY FIFTEEN LAST CONCERNING ANY CONTACT HE MAY HAVE WITH FORMER INMATES. MILLS ADMITTED TO FRIENDSHIP WITH TOM BRITTON WHO HAD PREVIOUSLY HELPED HIM AROUND THE FARM AND STATED HE HAD RECEIVED CORRESPONDENCE FROM BRITTON AND ALSO A PHONE CALL FROM HIM SOMETIME LAST FALL. HE ADVISED NOTHING PERTINENT TRANSPIRED IN THESE COMMUNICATIONS AND THEY WERE JUST MADE ON A FRIENDSHIP BASIS.

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)
MEMPHIS
ST. LOUIS

FROM: KANSAS CITY (44-760)

MURKIN.

JAMES D. WALLACE, INMATE NO. SEVEN FIVE SIX EIGHT TWO, MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY (MSP), JEFFERSON CITY, MO. ADVISED THIS DATE HE WAS RAISED WITH JIMMIE OWENS, WHO WAS ARRESTED WITH RAY PRIOR TO HIS INCARCERATION AT MSP. WALLACE HIMSELF WAS IN MSP FROM NINETEEN-FIFTYNINE UNTIL HE WAS PAROLED IN NINETEEN-SIXTYFIVE. HE RETURNED TO THE PENITENTIARY IN MARCH, SIXTYEIGHT. WALLACE ADVISED THAT LAST SUMMER, MONTH UNKNOWN, HE WAS COMING OUT OF THE JEFFERSON-GRAVOIS BANK, ST. LOUIS, MO., WHEN HE OBSERVED JIMMIE OWENS AND SUBJECT COMING IN. HE STATED TO THEM, "GLAD I GOT MY MONEY OUT BEFORE YOU GUYS GOT HERE." THEY STATED THAT "WE'RE PUTTING MONEY IN." WALLACE ADVISED HE HAD NO MORE CONVERSATION WITH THEM, HAS NOT SEEN THEM SINCE, AND CAN NOT EVEN DESCRIBE WHAT THEY WERE WEARING.

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WALLACE ALSO STATED THAT HE THOUGHT THE MENARD BROTHERS FROM ST. LOUIS MIGHT HAVE SOME INFORMATION RE SUBJECT'S WHEREABOUTS. THESE THREE INDIVIDUALS ARE RAYMOND O. MENARD, FBI NO. FOUR SEVEN ONE EIGHT TWO TWO SEVEN; RICHARD MENARD, FBI NO. FOUR FOUR NINE SIX EIGHT FOUR EIGHT; AND LOUIS GENE MENARD, FBI NO. FIVE ONE SEVEN NINE EIGHT EIGHT A. MSP RECORDS REVEAL THAT THEY WERE ALL FORMER INMATES AT THAT INSTITUTION, AND THEIR MOTHER, HAZEL MENARD, CURRENTLY RESIDES AT TWO ONE ZERO FOUR SOUTH EIGHTH STREET, ST. LOUIS, MO.

MSP RECORDS REVEAL THERE ARE NO INDIVIDUALS CURRENTLY IN THE PENITENTIARY BY THE NAME OF COOLEY. IN THE PAST HISTORY OF THE PRISON, THERE HAVE BEEN TWELVE DIFFERENT COOLEYS INCARCERATED AT THAT INSTITUTION OVER THE YEARS.

JAMES DUANE WRAY, CURRENT INMATE AT MSP, ADVISED THAT HIS OLDER BROTHER, LARRY WRAY, IS LAURENCE EUGENE WRAY, CURRENTLY IN KANSAS CITY. WRAY STATED HE IS CERTAIN THERE IS NO SUCH ORGANIZATION AS A COOLEY GANG OPERATING IN THE PRISON.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU, LAURENCE EUGENE WRAY, FBI NO. NINE SIX EIGHT ONE ZERO FIVE B, IS SUBJECT OF ONE THREE SEVEN FILE IN THE KANSAS CITY OFFICE.

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ST. LOUIS CHECK BANK RECORDS. ATTEMPT TO LOCATE AND
INTERVIEW JIMMIE OWENS AND MENARD BROTHERS.

AIRMAIL COPY TO BIRMINGHAM.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1740)

DATE: 5-16-68

FROM : Horace H. Willis

SUBJECT: Murkin
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Re SA Kresek's memo 5-10-68.

The current Telephone directory for Double Springs,
Alabama shows the subscriber to tel. # 489-5347
as A. Z. Knight, not otherwise identified.

In the event additional information re Knight is
desired please advise.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)

DATE: 5/16/68

FROM : SA RICHARD D. SCHWEIN

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
OO: ME

Re letter of MARIE RAINEY to SAC, postmarked
4/30/68.

On 5/1/68, MARIE RAINEY, 3660 44th Avenue North, was interviewed by SA'S RICHARD D. SCHWEIN and NEIL G. MARTIN. Mrs. RAINEY related a vague incoherent story concerning threats made on her life by the NAACP and other organizations, whose names she did not desire to mention. Mrs. RAINEY was unable to maintain a coherent train of thought. She finally advised that after due consideration, she had decided the letter she had written to the FBI had absolutely no bearing on the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., and the interview was terminated.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)

DATE: 5/16/68

FROM : SA RICHARD D. SCHWEIN

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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OO: ME

On 4/26/68, R. A. WILSON, 1229 North 23rd Street, Apt. A, Birmingham, telephonically advised he had information concerning JAMES EARL RAY.

On the same date, WILSON was interviewed by SA'S RICHARD D. SCHWEIN and NEIL G. MARTIN. WILSON advised that he had met the person he believed to be JAMES EARL RAY in the Driftwood Lounge in Birmingham, approximately one week before the death of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. WILSON stated that while in the Driftwood Lounge, he had been drinking with this person who identified himself as RAY FLYNN from Boston, Massachusetts. This person told WILSON that he had been in the used car business in Boston, and was in Birmingham on business for an electronics company. WILSON stated that the person known to him as FLYNN inquired about the various bars and "joints" in Birmingham, where he might have a good time. They also discussed dance music.

WILSON described the person known to him as FLYNN as a white male in his middle thirties, approximately 5'10", 160 pounds, brown hair, dark eyes, with a Boston accent. The person was neatly dressed in slacks, shirt, a tie, and a dark sport coat. FLYNN was wearing unusual shoes, which appeared to WILSON to be dancing shoes of some type. WILSON stated that this man had an airlines ticket from Eastern Airlines, and commented that he had to catch a flight later in the evening. FLYNN told WILSON that he (FLYNN) was staying at the Essex House.

Investigation to determine the identity of the person known as RAY FLYNN determined that he had been arrested in Anniston, Alabama, and in Birmingham, Alabama, on local confidence game charges, that his name was RAY FLYNN, and he was from Boston, Massachusetts. During the

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pertinent period of the assassination, he was incarcerated in jail in Anniston, Alabama.

No further investigation in this matter is being conducted.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI AND
SACS, MEMPHIS
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FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN

RE DONALD W. RAMSEY, AKA BILL RAMSEY.

ON MAY THIRTEEN INSTANT, CALIFORNIA PAROLE AGENT C. L. MANDELLA, SAN LUIS OBISPO, CALIFORNIA, FURNISHED PHOTOSTATIC COPY OF LETTER WHICH DONALD W. RAMSEY, AKA BILL RAMSEY, BOONE COUNTY JAIL, HARRISON, ARKANSAS WROTE TO LAWRENCE E. LAYMON AT THE ADDRESS OF A FRIEND OF LAYMON'S MRS. ETHEL SPICHTIG, BOX TWO FOUR THREE, GROVER CITY, CALIFORNIA. LAYMON IS BEING SOUGHT BY MANDELLA AS PAROLE VIOLATOR. RAMSEY WAS RELEASED FROM CALIFORNIA MEN'S COLONY, WEST FACILITY, LOS PADRES, CALIFORNIA, NOVEMBER ONE, NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN AND SUBSEQUENT TO HIS ARREST IN ARKANSAS, WAS

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DISCHARGED FROM PAROLE BY CALIFORNIA AUTHORITIES MAY THREE LAST AS THEY CHOSE NOT TO EXTRADITE. NATURE OF LETTER FROM RAMSEY TO LAYMON INDICATES THE TWO ARE FORMER PRISON ASSOCIATES; THAT RAMSEY AND ONE MUTT HOLLAND WERE ARRESTED FOR RUNNING GUNS AND WHISKEY AND THAT RAMSEY IS CONFINED IN BOONE COUNTY JAIL, HARRISON, ARKANSAS. ONE PORTION OF RAMSEY'S LETTER IS AS FOLLOWS:

"THE BIG HEAT IN WASHINGTON, D. C. IS SEEKING ME OUT ON LUTHER KING AND FOUR NIGGERS SHOT TO DEATH IN KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI. HAD SOME HIGH POWERED RIFLES WITH SCOPES AND SOME PISTOLS. THE HEAT SAYS ONE OF MY RIFLES COULD BE THE ONE THAT GOT KING. THEY PROVED I WAS IN MEMPHIS THAT NIGHT SO I AM JUST SWEATING IT OUT. THIS LETTER IS SMUGGLED OUT NOT CENSORED. MUTT WENT HAZY ON ME BUT IS GETTING BETTER, FLUSHED A COUPLE HUNDRED DOWN THE TOILET - TRIED TO KILL HIMSELF AND ALL THAT JAZZ. HE HAS A CHECK BEFF IN SAN CLEMENTE RIGHT NOW. CALIFORNIA WANTS HIM FOR THAT AND OTHER THINGS. I GOT ABOUT TWENTY THOUSAND OUT IN PAPER IN EIGHTEEN STATES MOST OF IT FEDERAL, BUT SO FAR JUST A P. V. HOLD FROM CALIFORNIA. THE KING AND KC BUSINESS AND

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THIRTY DAYS HERE FOR CONCEALED WEAPONS, BIG FINE FOR GUNS AND WHISKEY." ANOTHER PORTION OF THE LETTER READS:

"I BOUGHT A NEW CAR FORD BUT WORE IT OUT SIXTY THOUSAND MILES - WILL LET THE FINANCE COMPANY TAKE IT NOW. I'LL PROBABLY BE SLOUGHED UP FOR QUITE A WHILE. I WILL FIGHT ALL THE WAY - NOTHING TO LOSE NOW. I WILL BE HERE TIL MAY NINETEENTH UNLESS FEDS RELEASE TO CALIFORNIA."

LITTLE ROCK AT HARRISON, ARKANSAS - INTERVIEW RAMSEY RE MURKIN, POSSIBLE ITSP VIOLATIONS, AND RE FOUR NEGROES KILLED IN KANSAS CITY. INTERVIEW MUTT HOLLAND WHO WAS APPARENTLY ARRESTED WITH RAMSEY ALONG SAME LINES.

BIRMINGHAM AND KANSAS CITY ADVISED AIR MAIL.

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Date: MAY 15, 1968

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-9586) (P)

MURKIN

Re alleged offer of \$100,000.00 by the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi (WKKKKOM) to anyone who kills MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

BACKGROUND:

On 6/2/67, DONALD JAMES NISSEN, FBI Number 607320A, furnished the following information to the Dallas Office:

NISSEN stated that while at Leavenworth Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, from July, 1965, until

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his release in April, 1967, he became very friendly with an inmate identified as LEROY MC MANAMAN. MC MANAMAN was originally from western Kansas and was alleged to have bootlegged in Mississippi. According to NISSEN, he and MC MANAMAN worked together in the shoe factory at Leavenworth.

NISSEN said he had previously met MC MANAMAN before going to the penitentiary in Jackson, Mississippi, and he recognized MC MANAMAN again at Leavenworth.

Just before NISSEN was scheduled to be parolled from Leavenworth, MC MANAMAN approached him and stated that he knew NISSEN was going to Atlanta and that he wanted NISSEN to set things up for him.

MC MANAMAN told NISSEN that \$100,000.00 had been offered by the WKKKKOM to be paid to anyone who would kill MARTIN LUTHER KING.

MC MANAMAN allegedly instructed NISSEN to contact a Mrs. (first name unknown) EURE, at the Eure Realty Company, Jackson, Miss. MC MANAMAN claimed Mrs. EURE is listed as a correspondent by him at Leavenworth Penitentiary. According to MC MANAMAN's instructions, NISSEN was to contact Mrs. EURE and ask her when she next writes to MC MANAMAN at the Penitentiary to tell him "DON" had arrived. MC MANAMAN indicated he would write and tell EURE that NISSEN was "O.K."

If NISSEN wanted to try to "pull this" himself, Mrs. EURE would put him in contact with two people identified only as FLOYD (1nu), an Honorary Colonel in the National Guard at Jackson, Miss., and a second person whom NISSEN could not now recall. NISSEN stated that the unidentified person, according to MC MANAMAN had recently been appointed Deputy United States Marshal at Jackson.

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A review of Leavenworth Penitentiary Parole Progress Report for LEROY BASIL MC MANAMAN dated October, 1966, disclosed MC MANAMAN began his sentence at Leavenworth on January 18, 1963. The offense is listed as receiving and concealing stolen vehicle from interstate commerce. Under the Sentence Captioned there is an entry "Harboring a Fugitive 9 Years". The codefendants were listed as BURTON HARRY HERPEL, RUBIE CHARLES JENKINS and CHARLES E. TESCHER.

The Classification Study Sheet discloses the following description of LEROY BASIL MC MANAMAN:

True Name	LEROY BASIL MC MANAMAN
Aliases	None
Race	White
Date of Birth	
Age	At admission, 49 years
Height	5 feet 10 inches
Weight	188 pounds
FBI Number	1244125
Social Security Number	Unknown
Marital Status	Divorced
Education	10th grade
Age at first arrest	20 years

The Arrest Record Sheet in the Classification Study shows MC MANAMAN was arrested 12/22/34, Dodge City, Kansas, for investigation. He has numerous arrest since that time in Kansas, Omaha, Nebraska, Colorado Springs, Colorado, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and Springfield, Missouri.

MC MANAMAN is a native of Kansas and has resided in that state most of his life. He has been somewhat nomadic in the past several years, drifting throughout both Kansas and Oklahoma. His last residence was with his parents in Dodge City, Kansas.

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Under the New Social Information, section it is indicated that MC MANAMAN writes very often to his mother who lives in Dodge City, Kansas. He has a grown son and daughter living in Dodge City and they occasionally bring his mother to the institution to visit him. He is divorced and his former wife never writes. MC MANAMAN has been writing often to a woman friend, SYBIL EURE who lives in Jackson, Mississippi. MC MANAMAN has received seven visits from SYBIL EURE and four visits from his mother and son.

The Penitentiary file indicates MC MANAMAN plans to work with SYBIL EURE in the real estate business in Jackson, Mississippi, upon his release from Leavenworth.

The file further indicates SYBIL EURE shows much interest in assisting MC MANAMAN and there seems some possibility that they may marry in the future.

Upon receiving the information from DONALD JAMES NISSEN concerning the alleged offer of \$100,000.00, Mrs. SYBIL EURE was interviewed at Jackson, Mississippi, on 8/8/67.

At that time Mrs. SYBIL M. EURE advised that she is well acquainted with LEROY MC MANAMAN and frequently corresponds with him at the Leavenworth Penitentiary. She explained that early in 1964 after becoming acquainted with MC MANAMAN she rented a room to him at her residence where MC MANAMAN stayed for a few weeks. As far as she knows this is the only time MC MANAMAN has spent in Mississippi. She does not believe that MC MANAMAN is involved or ever has been involved in any Klan activity or associated with anyone whom she new to be involved in Klan activity and that she has never been involved in any Klan activities herself.

She stated that she does not know any of MC MANAMAN's associates, does not know anyone by the name of DONALD JAMES NISSEN, nor has MC MANAMAN ever mentioned NISSEN's name. She does not know of any alleged offer of \$100,000.00 by the WKKKKOM to kill MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. She has never heard of anything similar to this mentioned and claims not to be involved in any such plot.

She does not know anyone by the name of FLOYD who is a Honorary Colonel in the National Guard or anyone recently appointed as a United States Marshal at Jackson. She stated that her brother's name is FLOYD GARDNER but he is not in the National Guard, not a member of any Klan group, and he does not know MC MANAMAN.

The only person she knows in the United States Marshal's Office at Jackson is CHARLES SUTHERLAND, the Chief Deputy, who is a distant cousin of her former husband, JOHN EURE. She also knows BOB THOMAS, who is associated with the United States Marshal's Office. She considers both SUTHERLAND and THOMAS to be respectable people and she thought most assuredly that they would have no association with any Klan group.

On 5/13/68, Mrs. SYBIL G. EURE, 423 Raymond Road, Jackson, Miss., was reinterviewed.

At the outset she inquired as to the nature of the interview.

It was explained to Mrs. EURE that since the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., her past association with MC MANAMAN may be of a more significant nature.

The alleged offer of \$100,000.00 by the WKKKKOM was explained to her again.

Mrs. EURE, who appears to be a reasonably successful business woman, neat in appearance, and well spoken, said she now recalls how this alleged offer all started.

She said she recalls that in 1964 when she first met MC MANAMAN, he was out on some kind of a bond waiting for an appeal. At the same time the murder of the three civil rights workers in Neshoba County, Mississippi, was at the height of publicity. Sheriff RAINEY of Neshoba County was presumed to be, at the time, an official in the Klan in Neshoba County. At least the newspapers, radio and television news stories indicated this much. During the same period her real estate business was in minor financial difficulty and she recalls casually mentioning that if she approached the Sheriff of Neshoba County she could probably get \$100,000.00 to kill KING. She said she now feels in all probability that MC MANAMAN took her casual statement seriously. She said she now realizes the seriousness of such a statement since KING's murder.

Mrs. EURE stated that she is an outspoken business woman and often passes remarks of this nature more to attract some prospective customers than anything else. She said she believes that this is the basis for MC MANAMAN's information concerning the offer of money by the Klan in Mississippi to kill MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

In attempting to determine the circumstances concerning her meeting MC MANAMAN in 1964, Mrs. EURE said she met him through a mutual business friend. Her association with MC MANAMAN was business. She said in her opinion MC MANAMAN had a world of knowledge

in real estate business and that if he ever gets out of prison she will always be willing to hire him as an assistant in her real estate business.

After his appeal was denied in 1964, MC MANAMAN was returned to Kansas and began serving his sentence. She said she went out to the Penitentiary on two occasions in 1964, the first time to pick up MC MANAMAN's automobile which she financed for him. All other visits, two or three times in 1965 and once in 1966, were just friendly visits. She said the last time she visited him was early in 1966 and that she has not seen him or heard from him since that time. She said as far as she knows he is still in prison.

Mrs. EURE was very apologetic, very cooperative, and stated that she has no information whatsoever concerning the person or persons responsible for the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. If, in the event she receives any information which may be of help in this matter she will immediately contact the FBI.

Mrs. EURE is a white female, approximately 5 feet 9 inches, slender, moderately attractive, approximately 50 years of age.

A further review of the Leavenworth Penitentiary Classification Sheet for MC MANAMAN discloses that his nine year sentence was in an unoperative status for 375 days due to an appeal. The Classification Study form of MC MANAMAN, Register Number 81371-L indicates that MC MANAMAN was received at Leavenworth Penitentiary in April, 1964 after his appeal had been denied.

The Bureau, through FBI Identification Division records, may wish to compare the records of DONALD JAMES NISSEN, FBI Number 607320A; LEROY BASIL MC MANAMAN, FBI Number 1244125 (as indicated in prison records) with the known arrest record of JAMES EARL RAY to determine if they were ever confined in the same prison at the same time with subject RAY.

JN 157-9586

The above information is being furnished to offices designated for information purposes. No leads are being set out in view of information furnished by Mrs. EURE.

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Almena Lomax, Editor-Publisher

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Los Angeles 90019, Calif.

938 - 8458, area code, 213

May 8, 1968

Mr. Lloyd Johnson
Federal Bureau of Investigation
1340 W. 6th Street
Los Angeles 90017

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Following this note are the names and addresses of whites, subscribers to my publication whom I thought might bear checking out in the case of the slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King.

If you don't mind a theory, you might consider the slaying in the same light as the bombing of the church in Birmingham in 1962, or '63. That was done for a purpose, to intimidate the Negroes bent on integrating the schools of Alabama that year, as a prelude to Gov. Wallace's standing in the schoolhouse door. Neither the church nor the children was the primary target, but the resolve of the Negroes.

There must have been many times when Dr. King could have been more, or as, conveniently killed. I have no doubt that the purpose was achieved when the Negroes rioted after the assassination. The only question in my mind is who wanted the riots this time, the Wallace-ites, the leftwing, or even ambitious people in between.

In the event you think it was a "racist", or rightwing political killing, Montgomery, Mobile, and the small towns of Alabama might be a good place to look for Gault or Ray. Gault, by the way, rings a bell in my memory as a fairly common Alabama name. I have traveled and lived in Alabama the best part of the past 10 years. I know Mobile, Montgomery, Barbour County, Macon County and all the surrounding counties very well. Alabama probably has the highest per capita White Citizens Council membership in the country, people who would bomb a church, burn a school, kill one or several people to make their point.

The Tuskegee names I am giving you I know to be white and in the main Council members, people who intended to get me, I have been told, had I continued publishing in Tuskegee, people who were almost equally guilty with that Segrest man who shot and killed Sammy Younge, Jr. in Tuskegee the year after I left and after he had taken up the cudgel -- with a lot less finesse, unfortunately after I left. The others I just think are white.

I also have a number of white liberal southerners, including the usual run of white leftwing southerners and a number of those on the Coast. I don't know whether I should list them or not. The left pretended to great detestation

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to Dr. King and raised money for him and gave to him liberally; but when it comes to whatever it is they want, a shift of power to themselves, to change the system, etc., I wouldn't trust them behind the shadow of a broomstick. I think they have made it very clear that they have a vested interest in the Negro riots.

Following are the names: (Date refers to when subscription entered)

Johnson, Samuel
Realty Mortgage Co.
Bank for Savings Bldg.
Birmingham, Ala.
1/4/65 mailed in

Simpson, Mr. Joseph W.
1924 Calch Road
Birmingham 23, Ala. changed later to Box 7346

Paid by Mrs. Va. Simpson
2632 Mt. Brook Parkway
Birmingham, Ala. 35223

(I seem to have left off the date of entry, but it was between Oct. and January of 1965)

Goggans, Harry I.
800 Barbour St.
Eufaula, Ala.
10/24/64

Paid by Robert Howard, Howard Cleaners, Highway 80, Tuskegee
Goggans left Tuskegee and closed out his business, real estate, when the first Negro councilmen were elected. Howard is supposed to be very friendly to Negroes and pretended to great admiration of my efforts and often tried to get me to come to see him. But the Negroes do not trust him and advised me not to

Following all supposedly WCC members:

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C. L. Averett, 309 Southside, Tuskegee, Ala.
Leon L. Bennett, Box 327, Tuskegee, Ala.
Mr. Boles, Box 417, Tuskegee, Ala.
Bob Dawson, 98 N. Maple, Tuskegee, Ala. (supposed friend of Negroes, but might know something and might talk.)
W. T. Coggins, Box 608, Tuskegee, Ala.
W. G. Dyson, 301 E. Southside, Tuskegee, Ala.
J. W. Ross, 308 S. Elm Street, Tuskegee, Ala.
Howard Rutherford, Tuskegee, Ala.
Harvey Sadler, Box 297, Tuskegee, Ala.
Story Equipment Co., Tuskegee, Ala.
Thomas C. Story, Rt. 2, Tuskegee, Ala.
John E. Henderson, Rt. 1, Box 182, Tuskegee, Ala.
State Senator Edward H. Reynolds, Box 126, Notasulga, Ala.

W. L. Avant, Rt. 2, Union Springs, Ala.
A. H. Clements, General Delivery, Notasulga, Ala.
Charlie McMillon, Shorters, Ala.
Leonard R. Wilson, Box 947, Jasper, Ala.

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F. C. Thompson, Box 44, Shortery, Ala.

~~Jim Giddings, 19E (or 7) North Meyer, Tucson, Ariz.~~ 7/2/58/81 (signed Mrs. "Hae")
(I don't know whether the foregoing, after State Sen. Reynolds
are white or Negro, or how or why they came to subscribe to
the Tribune. Usually whites who are friendly identify themselves
as such.)

Professional leftists who use the Negro cause, but who may or may not deserve
my evil suspicions:

The Bradens, the Southern Patriot, 3210 W. Broadway (res. 4403 Virginia ave.)
Louisville, Ky.

Southern Conference Education Fund, 822 Perdido st., New Orleans, La. 70112

Mr. and Mrs. Murry Wagner, 2401 Moreno Dr., Los Angeles 90039

Ewing G. Porter, 7370 Rosewood, Los Angeles 36

Atty. Ben Margolis, 3175 W. 6th street, Los Angeles

John T. McTernan, same as above

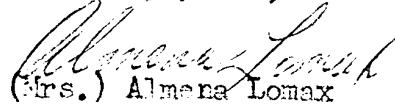
Mrs. Sylvia P. Miller, 165 S. Orange Drive, Los Angeles 36

Mrs. Madelyne Gerlach, 348 Norwich drive, Los Angeles 90048

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh DeLacy, 6624 Fulton ave., Van Nuys, Calif.

Henry Blankfort, 12659 Milbank, Studio City, Calif.

Sincerely yours,


(Mrs.) Almira Lomax

P. S.: If you should wish any additional information, I will be in Berkeley
at The Post until Saturday or Sunday, at home for sure Monday.

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Date: 5/14/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
 FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)
 RE: MURKIN

Re Bureau airtel to Los Angeles dated 4/24/68;
 Los Angeles airtels to Bureau dated 4/30/68, and 5/9/68;
 (Mrs. ALMENA LOMAX, Complainant).

Referenced Bureau airtel transmitted a copy of a letter written by Mrs. ALMENA LOMAX dated 4/13/68, addressed to Attorney General RAMSEY CLARK, forwarded to the Bureau by the Civil Rights Division. Copies were sent to Atlanta, Birmingham, and Memphis. Mrs. LOMAX's letter advised she had published a "little magazine" entitled the "Tuskegee Tribune" in 1964 and 1965 while residing in Tuskegee. She believed a large number of white people, described by Negroes in the area as being members of the White Citizens Council or "Kluxer types", subscribed to the Tribune, and inferred the possibility existed some of these individuals might be implicated in, or have knowledge of the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

- 3 - Bureau
- 1 - Atlanta (44-2386) (Info) (Encls. 1)
- ③ - Birmingham (44-1740) (Encls. 3) *See'd*
- 2 - Louisville (Encls. 2)
- 1 - Memphis (44-1987) (Info) (Encls. 1)
- 5 - Mobile (Encls. 5)
- 2 - New Orleans (Encls. 2)
- 2 - Phoenix (Encls. 2)
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On 4/29/68, Mrs. LOMAX was contacted concerning the above individuals and stated she had had "second thoughts" and believed her theory that the above individuals might have had something to do with KING's assassination was a far-fetched idea. Mrs. LOMAX agreed to furnish a list of white subscribers.

On 5/10/68, the Los Angeles Office received a Special Delivery letter from Mrs. LOMAX, copies of which are enclosed for the Bureau and each office, in which she listed the names of people she believed or knew to be white, taken from the subscription list of the "Tuskegee Tribune".

There were no references known identical in the indices of the Los Angeles Office to any of the individuals in Alabama or the individual residing in Tucson, Arizona.

For the information of the Bureau, the following listed individuals residing in Los Angeles are on the Security Index of the Los Angeles Office.

HUGH DE LACY (Bufile 100-47062)

ATTY BEN MARGOLIS (Bufile 100-25130)

JOHN T. MC TERNAN (Bufile 77-29135)

MURRY WAGNER (Bufile 100-367824)

The following individuals listed by Mrs. LOMAX are on the Reserve Index - B of the Los Angeles Office:

MADELYNE GERLACH (Bufile 100-378387)

SYLVIA P. MILLER (Bufile 100-393768)

HENRY BLANKFORT, listed by Mrs. LOMAX, has been the subject of a security investigation by the Los Angeles Office (Bufile 100-262025).

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There were no references in the Los Angeles indices concerning one EWING G. PORTER; however, a check of the Cross Directory, Pacific Telephone Company, reflects one PORTER EWING resides at 7370 Rosewood Avenue, Los Angeles. EWING has not been the subject of an investigation by the Los Angeles Office; however, a review of references concerning him reflects his name was maintained on a card index by JOHN WESLEY HARRIS, JR., a member of the Executive Committee of the Los Angeles Progressive Labor Party, which card reflected EWING was a history professor at Los Angeles City College (LACC), was a sponsor of the Civil Rights Club on that campus, and was "friendly to PL".

The addresses of all the above individuals in the files of the Los Angeles Office were identical to the addresses furnished by Mrs. LOMAX.

Because the above individuals are on the Security Index, Reserve Index - B or have been the subject of a security investigation, and because PORTER EWING is a professor at LACC, no interviews of these individuals will be conducted by the Los Angeles Office, UACB, in the light of the remote nature of the allegation made by Mrs. LOMAX, and the possibility of embarrassment to the Bureau.

No further investigation is contemplated by the Los Angeles Office concerning Mrs. LOMAX' complaint, and any further information received from her will be promptly furnished to the Bureau.

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AT JASPER, ALABAMA: Will consider interviewing LEONARD R. WILSON at the address in the enclosed letter for any information he might have concerning the assassination of KING.

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AT BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA: Will consider interviewing SAMUEL JOHNSON and JOSEPH W. SIMPSON at the addresses in the enclosed letter concerning any knowledge they might have of the assassination of KING.

LOUISVILLE

AT LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY: Will consider interviewing CARL and ANN BRADEN, apparent editors of "The Southern Patriot" as referred to on page three of enclosed letter for any information they might have concerning the assassination of KING.

MOBILE

AT EUFALA, ALABAMA: Will consider interviewing HARRY I. GOGGINS at the address in the enclosed letter for any information he might have concerning the assassination of KING.

AT MONTAIGLE, ALABAMA: Will consider interviewing A. H. CLEMENTS and State Senator EDWARD H. REYNOLDS at the addresses in enclosed letter for any information they might possess concerning the assassination of KING.

AT SHORTER, ALABAMA: Will consider interviewing CHARLIE MC MILLON, no address, concerning his possible knowledge of the assassination of KING.

AT TUSKEGEE, ALABAMA: Will consider interviewing C. L. AVERETT, LEON E. BARNETT, MR. BOLES, BOB DAWSON, W. T. COGGINS, W. G. DYSON, JOHN E. HENDERSON, ROBERT HOWARD, J. W. ROSS, HOWARTH RUTHERFORD, HARVEY SADLER, owner of the Story Equipment Company, and THOMAS C. STORY for information they might have concerning the assassination of KING.

AT UNION SPRINGS, ALABAMA: Will consider interviewing W. L. AVANT for any information he might have concerning KING's assassination.

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NEW ORLEANS

AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA: Will consider interviewing appropriate officials of the Southern Conference Educational Fund, New Orleans, for any information they might have concerning the assassination of KING.

PHOENIX

AT TUCSON, ARIZONA: Will consider interviewing JIM GIDDINGS at the address set out on page three of enclosed letter for any information he might have concerning the assassination of KING.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, BIRMINGHAM

DATE: 5/14/68

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FROM : SAC, DENVER (157-203)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
OO: Memphis

On 5/13/68, Mrs. MOSELLE DROLLINGER, 12300 East Nevada Avenue, Aurora, Colorado, advised that the following information was furnished to her third-hand. She does not want her identity disclosed to any of her relatives, including her husband.

She attended her mother's funeral at Phil Campbell, Alabama, and recently returned to Denver. She said her sister-in-law, MABEL WHITTEN BROWN, from Akron, Ohio (DROLLINGER refused address), and DROLLINGER's brother, DEWEY BROWN, were at the funeral. DEWEY received this information from MABEL. MABEL has a first cousin named HOWARD SIDE, who is supposed to have a criminal record. SIDE left many years ago, location unknown, but returned to Alabama shortly after KING's death, and is currently residing with MABEL's uncle, WALTER WHITTEN, and cousin ODELL WHITTEN at Hackelburg, Marion County, Alabama. WALTER is in the business of cutting pulpwood while ODELL and SIDE go into the woods to cut the timber. ODELL is supposed to have told MABEL that SIDE is very suspicious of anyone who comes to the house and usually hides behind the door with a gun. She said that SIDE is in his late 40's, but is supposed to look like the sketch made of KING's assassin.

Since it is established that JAMES EARL RAY is the subject of this investigation, this information is being furnished Birmingham in the event it is later learned that a conspiracy may be involved and SIDE could logically be considered a suspect.

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-30861)

FROM: BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)

MURKIN.

THE BELOW QUOTED TRANSCRIPT OF A TELETYPE FROM THE LOS ANGELES TIMES DAILY NEWSPAPER WAS FURNISHED ON INSTANT DATE TO SA MARION B. ER HUMMEL BY JACK NELSON, ALLEGEDLY A REPORT FOR THE LOS ANGELES TIMES FROM ATLANTA, GEORGIA. NELSON ADVISED THAT THIS INFORMATION WAS BEING FURNISHED AT THE SAME TIME TO THE FBI AT LOS ANGELES, MEMPHIS, KANSAS CITY AND MIAMI. THIS TRANSCRIPT STATES AS FOLLOWS:

"THE DAY BEFORE SHOOTING OF KING, RAY WAS PICKED UP IN ATHENS, ALABAMA, AND WAS TAKEN TO MEMPHIS. THERE REGISTERED IN A ROOMING HOUSE WITH SAMUEL LEWIS, SUPPOSEDLY THE BACK-UP MAN WHO WAS SUPPOSED TO SHOOT KING AT A RALLY IF RAY MISSED.

"AFTER THE SHOOTING, RAY WALKED OFF TWO OR THREE BLOCKS WITH A GIRL AND ACCOMPANIED BY A MAN, GOT IN A NEW BUICK, ALABAMA PLATES SUPPOSEDLY BEGINNING WITH FOURTEEN. THE CAR IS OWNED AND DRIVEN BY EDDIE WILBURN, OF HUNTSVILLE, AND IS EQUIPPED WITH A POLICE RADIO.

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"LEWIS IS SUPPOSED TO HAVE STAYED OVERNIGHT IN THE ROOMING HOUSE IN MEMPHIS WHERE THE SHOTS WERE FIRED. HE THEN TOOK A BUS TO KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, AND THEN TOOK A BUS TO LOS ANGELES.

"RAY, TWO GIRLS AND A CHILD WERE DRIVEN OUT OF MEMPHIS BY WILBURN IN THE BLUE BUICK AND WENT TO KANSAS CITY. THE TRIP TOOK SIX AND ONE-HALF HOURS. THE GIRLS AND THE CHILD AND WILBURN ARE ALL FROM HUNTSVILLE AND ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LEFT KANSAS CITY AND GONE BACK TO HUNTSVILLE. IN KANSAS CITY RAY STAYED OVERNIGHT IN A PRIVATE HOME. IT IS A GRAY SHINGLED ONE-BEDROOM HOUSE THREE MILES FROM DOWNTOWN KANSAS CITY.

"AT DUSK THE NEXT DAY, APRIL FIVE, AFTER THE MURDER, RAY WAS FLOWN TO BELLE GLADE, FLORIDA, IN A PRIVATE PLANE AND FROM A PRIVATE FIELD WHICH IS USED AS A TRAINING FIELD FOR THE MILITARY. HE ARRIVED APRIL SIX. THE PLANE IN WHICH RAY FLEW IS OWNED BY WILLIAM PIERCE, A WEALTHY MAN WHO OWNS AND OPERATES AN AIRPORT AT BELLE GLADE AND ONCE OWNED A CONTRACTING COMPANY IN CUBA. IT IS NOT KNOWN WHETHER PIERCE FLEW THE PLANE. PIERCE ALSO OWNS A MOTEL AND COTTAGES AT LAKE OKECHOBEE AND IS A KKK MEMBER. ON APRIL ELEVEN, RAY GOT ON A YACHT, CHARTERED FISHING BOAT, PROBABLY AT KEY WEST,

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WILBURN IS MIDDLE-AGED, MEDIUM HEIGHT, GRAYING AT THE TEMPLES, SWINGS WITH THE DAMES, SUPPOSED TO BE A MEMBER OF THE VFW IN HUNTSVILLE. PIERCE AND WILBURN ARE SUPPOSED TO BE RELATED IN SOME WAY.

A RIFLE WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE BEEN LEFT IN A FURNACE IN THE ROOMING HOUSE. PRESUMABLY MEMPHIS DOES NOT KNOW THE SIGNIFICANCE.

THE WHITE MUSTANG WAS NOT IN MEMPHIS THE DAY OF THE MURDER AND SUPPOSEDLY DID NOT LEAVE GEORGIA. PIERCE ALSO KNOWS JIM GARRISON OF NEW ORLEANS.

CONCERNING THE PAYOFF, WILBURN WAS PAID OFF IN RENO AT A KILLING IN KENO AT THE CAL NEVA LODGE. TICKET WAS RIGGED TO PASS TWENTYFIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS, WHICH WAS DONE BY CHARLIE CATE. HE IS FROM ALABAMA OR TENNESSEE AND GOES BACK REGULARLY ON VACATION. BEN OR JACK SPURGIS OF ST. LOUIS IS ALSO SUPPOSEDLY IN ON THE PAYOFF."

ABOVE IS BEING FURNISHED FOR INFORMATION BUREAU AND INTERESTED OFFICES.

BIRMINGHAM INDICES NEGATIVE ON NAMES SAMUEL LEWIS, EDDIE WILBURN, WILLIAM PIERCE AND BEN THOMPSON.

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MEMPHIS, LOS ANGELES, KANSAS CITY AND MIAMI ADVISED BY AIRMAIL.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)

DATE: 5/13/68

FROM : SA FLOYD I. CLARKE

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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Re lead set out in serial 1307.

The following investigation was conducted by SA FLOYD I. CLARKE in Piedmont, Alabama:

On 5/1/68, MARTIN OLTSIK of Marvel Corporation, Piedmont, Alabama advised the time cards for EDWARD HILL reflect he punched in and out on the time clock as follows:

DATE	IN	OUT
3/26/68	10:00am	3:03pm
3/27/68	6:02am	2:31pm
3/28/68	6:01am=	2:36pm
4/1/68	6:07am	7:18am

On 5/2/68 and 5/6/68, efforts to locate EDWARD HILL in the Piedmont area met with negative results.

On 5/7/68 JEANETTE SMITH, Route 3, Piedmont advised EDWARD HILL had lived with her since his arrival in Piedmont. She stated that he had worked for a short time at Marval Quilting Company aut, after he started working there he became very sick and had to quit. During the time he was sick and for several weeks thereafter he stayed at her house and helped out with odd jobs to earn his keep. Mrs. SMITH stated that HILL never left her house for any length of time during this period.

JAMES "Bunk" SMITH stated that JEANETTE SMITH was his mother and he verified that EDWARD HILL had lived at their house for approximately two months and was never away from the house for more than an hour - two hours and this was only when he would go to the store or to one of the truck stops to get a sandwich.



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On 5/8/68 EDWARD HILL was located at 102 Front Street, Piedmont, Alabama at which time he stated he did not remember dates very well and he stated that if he was not working at Marvel Quilting Company on 4/4/68 he was at the home of JEANETTE SMITH where he had been living while he was in Piedmont after getting out of jail in Birmingham. HILL advised that after he started work at Marvel he became sick and had to quit and this occurred during the first part of April 1968. HILL further advised that he was sick for quite some time, maybe three weeks and during this time he never left the immediate area of JEANETTE's home.

HILL also stated that he did not have any information concerning the assassination of DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR..

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FBI MEMPHIS

552PM URGENT 5-17-68 MEN

TO DIRECTOR, 44-38861, BIRMINGHAM, KANSAS CITY, MIAMI,
NEW ORLEANS, ATLANTA, DETROIT, AND LAS VEGAS
FROM MEMPHIS 44-1987 3P

MURKIN.

IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THROUGH SECRET SERVICE, MEMPHIS, THAT THE THREE TWENTY DOLLAR FEDERAL RESERVE NOTES PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED TO THE LABORATORY ARE BONAFIDE AND NOT COUNTERFEIT.

EFFORTS ARE CONTINUING TO LOCATE THE ORIGINAL U. S. POSTAL MONEY ORDERS THAT SUBJECT USED FOR PAYMENT TO LOCKSMITHING INSTITUTE IN NEW JERSEY. THE ORIGINALS OF THESE MONEY ORDERS WILL BE FORWARDED TO THE FBI LABORATORY REQUESTING APPROPRIATE EXAMINATION.

RALPH CARPENTER, EMPLOYEE OF YORK ARMS, MEMPHIS, WAS ADMITTED MAY TEN LAST TO PSYCHIATRIC UNIT JOHN GASTON HOSPITAL, MEMPHIS, ON COMPLAINT OF WIFE. SANITY HEARING TO BE HELD MONDAY NEXT, AND CARPENTER TO BE COMMITTED TENNESSEE PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL AND INSTITUTE, MEMPHIS. CONDITION DIAGNOSED AS PARANOIA WITH GRANDIOSE FEELINGS.

IN CONNECTION WITH INFORMATION FURNISHED THE LOS ANGELES OFFICE BY REPRESENTATIVES OF LOS ANGELES TIMES NEWSPAPER,

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WHICH INFORMATION IS REPORTEDLY ALSO BEING FURNISHED JUSTICE DEPARTMENT, THE FOLLOWING IS NOTED:

MRS. BESSIE BREWER, OPERATOR OF ROOMING HOUSE, FOUR TWO TWO AND ONE HALF S. MAIN ST., MEMPHIS, ADVISED THIS DATE THAT SAMUEL LEWIS UNKNOWN TO HER EITHER BY NAME OR AS AN ADDITIONAL REGISTRANT ON APRIL FOUR LAST.

MRS. BREWER STATES THAT NO ONE LIVING THERE HELPS MAINTAIN THE ROOMING HOUSE BY MAKING BEDS, ETC. EACH TENANT MAINTAINS HIS OWN ROOM AND MRS. BREWER CLEANS THE ROOM AFTER THE TENANT CHECKS OUT.

AN EXAMINATION OF THE ROOMING HOUSE AND THE CELLARE OF THE ROOMING HOUSE DISCLOSES THERE IS NO FURNACE. HEAT SUPPLIED IN EACH ROOM BY GAS HEATERS.

PREVIOUS INVESTIGATION, OF WHICH LOS ANGELES TIMES NOT AWARE, WOULD TEND TO PROVE BEYOND REASONABLE DOUBT THAT MURDER WEAPON WAS RECOVERED AND NOW IN POSSESSION OF MEMPHIS POLICE DEPARTMENT. PREVIOUS INVESTIGATION WOULD ALSO INDICATE THAT SUBJECT'S WHITE MUSTANG WAS IN SUBJECT'S POSSESSION AT REBEL MOTEL, MEMPHIS, ON NIGHT OF APRIL THREE LAST.

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MEMPHIS FEELS INFORMATION IS SO OBVIOUSLY INCORRECT
THAT ANY ADDITIONAL INQUIRY WOULD BE A WASTE OF INVESTIGATIVE
EFFORT; HOWEVER, OFFICES CONDUCTING INVESTIGATION SHOULD
NOT DISCONTINUE UNLESS ADVISED BY THE BUREAU.

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6:33PM URGENT 5-17-68 SMS

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, KANSAS CITY, MIAMI, LAS VEGAS,
DETROIT AND KNOXVILLE
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574) 9P

MURKIN.

RE LOS ANGELES PHONE CALL TO BUREAU MAY SEVENTEEN INSTANT.

RE LOS ANGELES TIMES INFORMANT - "BOB" LNU.

WILLIAM THOMAS, CITY EDITOR, LOS ANGELES TIMES,
TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED SAC LOS ANGELES TODAY AND
ADVISED PAPER HAD INFORMATION WHICH THEY FELT MIGHT BE OF
ASSISTANCE TO FBI IN THIS MATTER. SAC WESLEY G. GRAPP
AND SUPERVISOR WILLIAM JOHN NOLAN CONTACTED MR. THOMAS
AND REPORTER JERRY COHEN AT LOS ANGELES TIMES OFFICE. THEY
ADVISED EARLY IN THE WEEK, MONDAY OR TUESDAY, THE PAPER
HAD BEEN TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED BY AN INDIVIDUAL WHO SAID HE
HAD INFORMATION CONCERNING WHAT ACTUALLY HAD TAKEN PLACE IN
CONNECTION WITH THE DEATH OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. THOMAS
ADVISED THERE WERE THREE OR FOUR TELEPHONE CALLS, AND HE
MADE NOTES DURING THE CALLS, AND ON THE EVENING OF MAY SIXTEEN,
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SIXTY EIGHT, HE AND JERRY COHEN MET THIS INDIVIDUAL AT A BAR. HE ADVISED THE INDIVIDUAL GAVE THE NAME QUOTE BOB UNQUOTE, NO LAST NAME, DESCRIBED AS IN MIDDLE THIRTIES, DECENT LOOKING FELLOW, AND APPARENTLY HAD BEEN IN SEVERAL PENITENTIARIES, AS HE KNEW THE LANGUAGE VERY WELL. THOMAS ADVISED THE PAPER HAD TAKEN NO OVERT STEPS IN ATTEMPTING TO VERIFY THE STORY BUT DID HAVE REPORTERS IN KANSAS CITY, MEMPHIS, HUNTSVILLE, MIAMI AND BIRMINGHAM, AND HE HAD INSTRUCTED THE REPORTERS TO CONTACT THE LOCAL FBI OFFICE AND MAKE THIS INFORMATION, AS SET FORTH IN HIS NOTES, AVAILABLE. HE ADVISED FURTHER HE CONTEMPLATED MAKING THIS INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO ATTORNEY GENERAL RAMSEY CLARK. HE ADVISED HIS SOLE PURPOSE WAS TO GET A STORY OUT OF THE MATERIAL, BUT DID NOT WISH TO INTERFERE IN ANY FBI INVESTIGATION.

HE ADVISED DURING HIS MEETING WITH QUOTE BOB UNQUOTE HE GOT FROM BOB A BUS TICKET DATED APRIL SEVEN, SIXTY EIGHT, ON A GREYHOUND BUS FROM KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, TO LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, WHICH TICKET WAS ISSUED BY SOUTHERN GREYHOUND AT KNOXVILLE ON APRIL SEVEN SIXTY EIGHT AND HAD THE NUMBERS THREE SPACE ZERO ZERO ZERO EIGHT TWO TWO TWO NINE SPACE FOUR
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TWO. TRANSPORTATION WAS FROM KNOXVILLE TO MEMPHIS, MEMPHIS TO EL PASO, THEN TO LOS ANGELES. HE ADVISED HE HAD GIVEN QUOTE BOB UNQUOTE ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS FOR THE TICKET AND THIS INFORMATION AND DID NOT EXPECT TO HEAR FROM HIM AGAIN, AS QUOTE BOB UNQUOTE SAID HE NEEDED THE MONEY TO LEAVE TOWN.

SET FORTH FOR THE INFORMATION OF RECEIVING OFFICES ARE THE NOTES AS TYPED UP BY THOMAS CONCERNING HIS INTERVIEW OF "BOB".

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ONE. THE DAY BEFORE THE SHOOTING, RAY WAS PICKED UP IN ATHENS, ALABAMA, AND WAS TAKEN TO MEMPHIS.

TWO. HE REGISTERED IN ROOMING HOUSE. ANOTHER MAN REGISTERED AS SAMUEL LEWIS. PAREN LEWIS WAS SUPPOSED TO BE BACKUP MAN, KILL KING AT RALLY THAT NIGHT IF RAY MISSED HIS CHANCE ON THE BALCONY. PAREN

THREE. AFTER SHOOTING KING, RAY WALKED TWO OR THREE BLOCKS TO THE GETAWAY CAR, ACCOMPANIED BY A GIRL AND A GUY. THE CAR IS A NEW BLUE BUICK, WITH ALABAMA PLATES. FIRST DIGITS ARE BELIEVED TO BE ONE FOUR. CAR IS OWNED AND WAS DRIVEN BY EDDIE WILBURN OF HUNTSVILLE, ALA. IT IS EQUIPPED WITH A POLICE
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RADIO. PAREN SECOND MAN STAYED OVERNIGHT, TOOK EARLY BUS TO KNOXVILLE. PAREN

FOUR. RAY, TWO GIRLS AND A CHILD WERE DRIVEN OUT OF MEMPHIS BY WILBURN IN THE BLUE BUICK. WENT TO KANSAS CITY. TRIP TOOK SIX AND ONE HALF HOURS. GIRLS, CHILD, WILBURN ALL FROM HUNTSVILLE.

FIVE. IN KANSAS CITY, RAY STAYED OVERNIGHT AT A HOME. IT IS A SMALL, GRAY, SHINGLED, ONE-BEDROOM HOUSE ABOUT THREE MILES FROM CENTRAL KANSAS CITY. PAREN WE HAVE ROUGH LOCATION. PAREN

SIX. AT DUSK THE NEXT DAY PAREN APRIL FIVE PAREN RAY WAS FLOWN TO BELLE GLADE, FLORIDA, IN A PRIVATE PLANE. TOOK OFF FROM PRIVATE FIELD, ALSO USED AS TRAINING FIELD FOR MILITARY. RAY ARRIVED EARLY APRIL SIX.

SEVEN. PLANE IN WHICH RAY WAS FLOWN IS OWNED BY A WILLIAM PIERCE, A WEALTHY MAN WHO OWNS OR OPERATES AN AIRPORT IN BELLE GLADE, AND ONCE OWNED A CONTRACTING COMPANY IN CUBA. NOT KNOWN WHETHER PIERCE FLEW THE PLANE. PIERCE ALSO OWNS MOTEL IN BELLE GLADE AND COTTAGES ON THE LAKE IN NEARBY OKEECHOBEE PAREN OR MAYBE ON NEARBY LAKE OKEECHOBEE PAREN. PIERCE SAID
END PAGE FOUR

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TO BE KKK MEMBER.

EIGHT. THEORY: RAY STAYED IN MOTEL OR IN COTTAGE. MAY BE STILL THERE. OR IN CUBA.

NINE. ON APRIL ELEVEN, RAY GOT ON YACHT PAREN PROBABLY CHARTER BOAT PAREN IN KEY WEST. BOAT OWNED BY BEN THOMPSON. PAREN A BEN THOMPSON OF MIAMI OWNS THREE FISHING BOATS. PAREN.

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ONE. PIERCE OFTEN FLIES OWN PRIVATE PLANE TO NEW ORLEANS. SAID TO KNOW DA JIM GARRISON. ALSO MIGHT CHECK POSSIBLE FLIGHTS IN DIRECTION OF CUBA.

TWO. PIERCE AND WILBURN SAID TO BE RELATED.

THREE. LEAD TO WILBURN MIGHT BE VFW CLUB IN HUNTSVILLE, WHERE HE IS SUPPOSED TO BE A MEMBER.

FOUR. RIFLE IS SUPPOSED TO HAVE BEEN LEFT IN FURNACE OF MEMPHIS ROOMING HOUSE, AND IS BELIEVED STILL THERE. MUST REFER TO BACKUP MAN'S WEAPON.

FIVE. RAY NOW WEARING BIFOCALS.

SIX. WHITE MUSTANG BELONGING TO RAY WAS NOT IN MEMPHIS ON THE DAY OF KING SLAYING, AND HE DID NOT ESCAPE IN IT. PRESUMABLY IT NEVER LEFT GEORGIA IN APRIL.

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SEVEN. ON THE DAY OF THE KILLING PAREN APRIL FOUR PAREN RAY MADE PHONE CALLS FROM MEMPHIS TO BELLE GLADE. CALLS BELIEVED TO BE MADE FROM A BUS STATION.

EIGHT. IN THE WEEKS BEFORE THE KILLING, RAY STAYED SOMEWHERE IN BELLE GLADE.

NINE. STORY OF PAYOFFS VERY COMPLICATED. WILBURN SUPPOSED TO HAVE BEEN PAID OFF IN RENO. NIGHT BEFORE KILLING, SOMEBODY HIT A KENO TICKET FOR TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS IN CAL-NEVA LODGE. RIGGED, TO PASS THE MONEY. DONE WITH KNOWLEDGE OF CHARLIE CATE, SIX EIGHT EIGHT ZERO PEBBLE BEACH DRIVE, RENO, WHO RUNS A SHIFT AT CAL-NEVA. THEN THERE IS BEN PAREN OR JACK PAREN STURGIS OF ST. LOUIS, WHO USED TO WORK BAR ON SECOND STREET, RENO. CAME INTO MONEY. ANOTHER QUOTE CONTACT. UNQUOTE.

PAGE THREE - LOS ANGELES.

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PAGE FOUR - MORE SUPPLEMENTAL DATA:

ONE. TELEPHONE CREDIT CARD SUPPOSEDLY USED BY RAY WAS ISSUED TO RIDELL CATERING, U. S. RUBBER, DETROIT. EITHER IN NAME OF RIDELL PAREN NO FIRST NAME PAREN OR A ROBERT BRINKLEY. RIDELL REPORTER LIVES IN HARPER WOODS, MICH. CALLS ON CARD REPORTED MADE FROM MEMPHIS TO BELLE GLADE, FLA., AMONG OTHERS.

TWO. SAMUEL LEWIS, SECOND MAN IN ROOMING HOUSE, DISCHARGED NINETEEN SIXTY THREE FROM MILAN, MICH. ALSO SERVED TIME IN CHILLICOTHE AND TERRE HAUTE. PAREN WARDEN AT MILAN SAYS NO
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RECORD OF LEWIS. PAREN

THREE. LEWIS TOOK BUS TO LOS ANGELES FROM KNOXVILLE ON APRIL SEVEN. CAME THROUGH MEMPHIS AND EL PASO.

THOMAS ADVISED THAT IN RELATION TO ITEM FIVE, PAGE ONE, OF HIS NOTES, THIS HOUSE IS LOCATED OFF A MAIN STREET STARTING FROM DOWNTOWN KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, DIRECTION UNKNOWN, AND FROM THE MAIN STREET A SMALLER STREET GOES TO THE LEFT, WHICH STREET HAS A WESTERN UNION BUILDING LOCATED ON IT AND GOES OFF FROM THE MAIN STREET IN THE FORM OF A STEEP HILL. TWO TO THREE MILES UP THE HILL ON THE LEFT ARE LOCATED NICE LOOKING APARTMENTS, BROWNISH IN COLOR, WHERE STUDENTS FROM SOME SCHOOL LIVE, AND JUST PRIOR TO THIS ON THE RIGHT IS THE LOCATION OF A MOVING COMPANY, NO NAME KNOWN, AND A GROCERY STORE IS LOCATED IN THE VICINITY OF THE MOVING COMPANY ON THE SAME SIDE. ABOUT TWO BLOCKS BEYOND THE GROCERY STORE THERE IS A NARROW STREET WITH RAMSHACKLE HOUSES ON ONE SIDE AND VACANT LOTS ON THE OTHER. TURNING RIGHT ON THIS STREET, THE THIRD HOUSE ON THE LEFT WOULD BE THE CORRECT HOUSE INVOLVED, WHICH IS OCCUPIED BY AN INDIVIDUAL QUOTE WHO SELLS BEER AND BOOZE AFTER HOURS AND HIDES GUYS OUT. UNQUOTE. THE HOUSE IS DESCRIBED AS ONE BEDROOM, END PAGE EIGHT

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NO GARAGE, DIRT DRIVEWAY, SINGLE STORY AND HAS A LARGE FREEZER
IN THE LIVING ROOM.

THOMAS ADVISED FROM THE STORY RECEIVED, IT IS A
POSSIBILITY QUOTE BOB UNQUOTE IS THE SAME AS THE SAMUEL LEWIS
MENTIONED IN HIS NOTES.

EACH RECEIVING OFFICE SHOULD CAREFULLY REVIEW THE NOTES
AND IMMEDIATELY ATTEMPT TO VERIFY ANY OF THE INFORMATION SET
FORTH AND ADVISE BUREAU, MEMPHIS AND LOS ANGELES.

LOS ANGELES WILL IMMEDIATELY PURSUE EFFORTS TO PROVE OR
DISPROVE THE ALLEGATIONS SET FORTH FOR LOS ANGELES AREA.

AIR MAIL COPIES BEING FURNISHED CINCINNATI, NEW ORLEANS,
ST. LOUIS AND INDIANAPOLIS IN VIEW OF INFORMATION FURNISHED
IN THE NOTES.

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11:54PM URGENT 5-17-68 REF

TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, KANSAS CITY, MIAMI,
LAS VEGAS, DETROIT, MOBILE, KNOXVILLE, ALBANY AND CHARLOTTE
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MURKIN

RE LA PHONE CALL TO BUREAU AND LA TEL MAY SEVENTEEN
INSTANT, RE LOS ANGELES TIMES INFORMANT - "BOB" LNU.

FOR INFO ATLANTA, MOBILE AND ALBANY, LA TIMES HAS HAD
CONTACT WITH ONE BOB LNU WHO SAID HE HAD INFO CONCERNING WHAT
ACTUALLY HAD TAKEN PLACE IN CONNECTION WITH DEATH OF DR. KING.
IN ADDITION TO OTHER INFO FURNISHED BY BOB LNU, HE STATED
FOLLOWING REGARDING ASPECTS OF CASE INVOLVING LOS ANGELES AREA:

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FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED LA AREA THIS DATE.

JACK HERD, DAY MANAGER TOP RAIL BAR ADVISES WILLI SHEA ENTIRELY UNKNOWN. NO COCKTAIL WAITRESSES EMPLOYED BY THIS BAR, EXCEPT ON RARE OCCASIONS LIKE NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY. ON THOSE OCCASIONS, HIS OWN GIRL FRIEND OR GIRL NAMED BERNICE DOUGLAS WHO DOES NOT FIT DESCRIPTION OF WILLI SHEA HAS HELPED OUT AT BAR. MRS. NANCY BURGDORF, MANAGER FOR LAST SEVENTEEN YEARS AT EIGHT ONE TWO SOUTH WESTLAKE, REPORTS NO WILLI SHEA HAS OR IS RESIDING AT THAT ADDRESS.

LEAMONT ANDERSON WHITE, EFFEMINATE THIRTY SIX YEAR OLD NEGRO MALE, EMPLOYED BY WESTERN UNION, WHO RESIDES AT THREE EIGHT ONE SEVEN GIBRALTAR AVENUE, APT. FIVE, LOS ANGELES
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TELEPHONE TWO ONE THREE DASH TWO NINE FOUR DASH NINE FIVE THREE NINE, REPORTS HAS KNOWN FRANK BRICKLEY AND HIS BROTHER BOB BRICKLEY FIVE OR SIX YEARS. DURING THAT TIME FRANK HAS BEEN IN AND OUT OF ONE JAIL AFTER ANOTHER. BOTH FRANK AND BOB ARE HEAVY DRINKERS AND WHEN IN LA AREA HAVE FREQUENTED SKIDROW BARS NEAR FIFTH AND MAIN IN DOWNTOWN LA AND SEVENTH AND ALVARADO NEAR WESTLAKE PARK. THEIR PARENTS RESIDE IN ROSSVILLE, GEORGIA AND WHEN IN LA DURING JUNE SIXTY SEVEN THEY MADE CALLS FROM WHITE'S HOME TO FOLLOWING NUMBERS, ONE OF WHICH IS THEIR PARENTS NUMBER:

ROSSVILLE AREA CODE FOUR ZERO FOUR

TWO TWO NINE DASH TWO ONE FIVE FIVE

EIGHT SIX SIX DASH SEVEN THREE ONE ZERO

KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE CODE SIX ONE FIVE

FIVE TWO FOUR DASH ONE THREE ONE FIVE

SWEETWATER, TENNESSEE CODE SIX ONE FIVE

THREE THREE SEVEN DASH SEVEN SEVEN SEVEN FIVE

CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE CODE SIX ONE FIVE

SIX TWO TWO DASH NINE ZERO SIX SEVEN

WHITE ALSO FURNISHED TWO RECIPITS FOR PURCHASE OF GUNS BY HIM FROM WEATHERBY SPORTING GOODS, TWO SEVEN EIGHT ONE EAST FIRESTONE
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