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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHARLOTTE (44-NEW)
(157-5800)

DATE: 4/7/68

FROM : SA DAVID M. HARRIS

SUBJECT: MURKIN

At 12:10 A. M., 4/7/68, SA CHARLIE TANNIAN, Boston Division, telephonically contacted the Charlotte Division and advised as follows:

The word "Murkin" is the code name given to investigation concerning the assassination of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. A Mrs. ELEANOR POWERS, Reade Hotel, Boston, telephonically contacted the Boston Division the night of 4/6/68, and confidentially furnished the following information with request that her identity be concealed in view of her friendship with the BREECE family.

She is acquainted with one GEORGE WILBUR BREECE, white male, age 22, six feet, sandy hair, a prominent nose, of Fayetteville, N. C. He is the son of JOE WILBUR BREECE who operates a funeral parlor at 123 Bow St., Fayetteville, N. C. He bears a strong resemblance to the composite sketch of the suspect in the KING assassination. She recalls GEORGE WILBUR BREECE as a wild young man whose family gave him a white Mustang automobile a year or two ago. She ;stated he has used the alias of JOHN WILLARD which is the name used by the suspect at Memphis.

SA TANNIAN stated he had contacted Supervisor DAVID A. SCHMIDT, Division 6, of the Bureau, by telephone who instructed that the Boston Division telephone this information to Charlotte and follow it with a confirming teletype. SA TANNIAN advised that all leads in this matter are being handled on a most expedite basis.

At 12:20 A. M., 4/7/68, the above information was furnished to SA ROBERT H. CAVERLY at Fayetteville, N. C.

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At 12:45 A. M., 4/7/68, Supervisor DAVID A. SCHMIDT, Duty Agent, Division 6, SOG, was telephonically contacted concerning the Bureau's desires in this matter, specifically as to whether or not they desired an all-out investigation before day. He agreed that it would be preferable to hold off investigation until normal daylight hours. He added that the investigation under the above code name is handled in the 44-classification and pertains only to the investigation to identify and apprehend the assassin.

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FBI BOSTON

1253AM URGENT 4-7-68 TJT
TO DIRECTOR, CHARLOTTE, & MEMPHIS
FROM BOSTON

MURKIN.

RE BS TELEPHONE TO BUREAU APRIL SIX LAST.

MRS. ELEANOR POWERS, REID HOTEL, BOSTON, MASS., (PROTECT),
ADVISED ELEVEN FORTY FIVE PM APRIL SIX LAST THAT GEORGE WILBUR
BREECE, AGE TWENTY TWO, SIX FEET, SANDY HAIRE^{NR}D, PROMINENT NOSE,
SON OF J. WILBUR BREECE, 123 BOW ST., FAYETTEVILLE, N.C., BEARS
STRONG RESEMBLANCE TO COMPOSITE SKETCH OF SUSPECT IN KING
ASSASSINATION APPEARING IN BOSTON PAPERS. MRS. POWERS DESCRIBED
BREECE AS A WILD YOUNG MAN WHO IN THE PAST HAS USED THE ALIAS
OF JOHN WILLARD. POWERS FURTHER STATED BREECE WAS GIVEN WHITE
FORD MUSTANG BY FAMILY A YEAR OR SO AGO. POWERS IS FRIEND OF
BREECE'S PARENTS AND FEELS THAT GEORGE BREECE IS CAPABLE OF
SUCH AN ACT. POWERS DOES NOT KNOW BREECE'S CURRENT WHEREABOUTS.

CHARLOTTE ATTEMPT TO ASCERTAIN CURRENT WHEREABOUTS OF GEORGE
WILBUR BREECE, OBTAIN PHOTOGRAPH; SECURE BACKGROUND AND DESCRIPTION
AND ADVISE MEMPHIS.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHARLOTTE (44-NEW)

FROM : SA ROBERT H. CAVERLY

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/7/68

Re Boston teletype to Bureau, Charlotte and Memphis
4/7/68.

RE: GEORGE WILBUR BREECE

WILLIAM JOYNER, Bureau of Identification, Fayetteville, N. C., PD, advised 4/7/68, BREECE is son of J. WILBUR BREECE who operates funeral home at 123 Bow St., Fayetteville, N. C., which is located directly across the street from the PD.

JOYNER is acquainted with BREECE and saw him last week in Fayetteville in U. S. Army fatigues. He was driving a late-model green automobile, believed to be a Mustang or Cougar, and over the sun visor was a sign with the words "Army Mortuary Service."

JOYNER stated BREECE is of similar stature and bears a resemblance to composite photograph of suspect in KING assassination; however, the nose on the photograph is too long for BREECE.

Desk Sgt. STEVENSON, Provost Marshal's Office, Ft. Bragg, N. C., advised his records contain "as of 2/29/68" the name of Specialist Fourth Class GEORGE W. BREECE, ASN RA 12981065, who was assigned to the Headquarters Co., U. S. Army Garrison, Ft. Bragg, N. C.

Sgt. BURKE, Headquarters Co., USAG, Ft. Bragg, N. C., advised he has no records available at this time of the morning to indicate whereabouts or duty status of BREECE but stated these records would be available in the later morning hours or possibly by Monday morning.

Investigation continuing and results will be furnished Charlotte 4/7/68 ~~(or possibly 4/8/68)~~.

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249PM 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 ASSASSINA-
TION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., IN MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, ON
APRIL FOUR LAST.

ALL INVESTIGATION MUST BE HANDLE UNDER THE PER-
SONAL 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 INVES-
TIGATION. SAC WILL BE HELD PERSONALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY
FAILURE TO PROMPTLY AND THOROUGHLY HANDLE INVESTIGATIONS
IN THIS MATTER.

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FBI KAN CITY

658AM URGENT 4-7-68 NDG

TO DIRECTOR MEMPHIS (44-1897) NEW HAVEN AND CHARLOTTE.
FROM KANSAS CITY (44-760)

MURKIN. CR.

RE CHICAGO TELETYPE FOUR SEVEN SIXTYEIGHT AND DENVER AIRTEL
AND LHM TWO TWO SIXTYEIGHT CAPTIONED MINUTEMEN; IS MISC.

FOR INFO NEW HAVEN AND CHARLOTTE, SPRINGFIELD DIVISION ADVISED
EDITOR, TIMES DEMOCRAT, DAVENPORT, IOWA, ADVISED HE RECEIVED
TELEPHONE CALL FROM EDWARD BUMGARDNER OF NINE ONE SEVEN SIXTH
AVENUE, ERIE, ILLINOIS, ON APRIL FIVE LAST. BUMGARDNER ADVISED
HIM THAT ARTIST'S CONCEPTION DISPLAYED ON TELEVISION OF ASSASSINATION
SUSPECT APPEARS TO BE THAT OF ONE VINCENT DE PALMA. BUMGARDNER
ALSO ADVISED THAT HE IS FORMER MINUTEMAN AND ASSASSINATION MAY
HAVE BEEN COMMITTED BY MEMBER OF MINUTEMEN.

ON APRIL SIX LAST BUMGARDNER INTERVIEWED AT ERIE ILLINOIS
AND ADVISED AS FOLLOWS.

BUMGARDNER ATTENDED MINUTEMAN SCHOOL IN COLORADO AND WAS
ASSIGNED TO "STRIKE TEAM" WITH VINCENT DE PALMA.

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IT WAS DISCUSSED AT SCHOOL THAT IF ROBERT DE PUGH, LEADER OF MINUTEMEN, WAS EVER ARRESTED "STRIKE TEAM" WOULD ASSASSINATE MARTIN LUTHER KING AND VARIOUS GOVERNMENTAL OFFICIALS TO CREATE DIVERSION THEREBY MAKING IT POSSIBLE TO RESCUE DE PUGH. BUMGARDNER NOTED DE PUGH PRESENTLY WANTED BY FEDERAL AUTHORITIES. BUMGARDNER ADVISED DE PALMA WAS ASSIGNED CODE NAME WILLARD AND HE NOTED PERSON WHO KILLED KING REPORTED BY NEWS MEDIA TO HAVE REGISTERED IN HOTEL IN MEMPHIS USING NAME WILLARD.

NEW HAVEN IS ORIGIN IN CASE CAPTIONED VINCENT PAUL DE PALMA, MINUTEMEN, IS-MISC.

DE PALMA RESIDED MINUTEMEN HEADQUARTERS, INDEPENDENCE, MO., IN SEPT. SIXTYSEVEN WITH EDWARD BUMGARDNER AND ROBERT BAGWELL. HE ALSO ATTENDED MM TRAINING SESSIONS IN COLORADO DURING AUGUST SIXTYSEVEN WITH THEM.

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CURRENT ADDRESS OF BAGWELL KNOWN TO CHARLOTTE, AS HE HAS RECENTLY FURNISHED INFO RE CASE CAPTIONED ROBERT BOLIVAR DE PUGH DASH FUGITIVE, BR-CONSPIRACY, BUFILE NINE ONE DASH TWO EIGHT EIGHT SEVEN TWO. IN ORDER TO VERIFY INFO DE PALMA ASSIGNED CODE NAME WILLARD, BAGWELL SHOULD BE INTERVIEWED IMMEDIATELY.

BUMGARDNER FORMERLY PCI OF SPRINGFIELD OFFICE WHO WAS DISCONTINUED DUE TO HIS DISCLOSING RELATIONSHIP WITH BUREAU. HE HAS CONSIDERABLE ARREST RECORD DATING NINETEEN FIFTYSIX TO PRESENT FBI NUMBER SEVEN TWO SEVEN THREE NINE FIVE C.

FOR INFO BUREAU, RE DENVER LHM CONTAINS REPORT FROM ATTU DENVER CONCERNING INTERVIEW WITH DE PALMA JANUARY FIFTEEN LAST WHEREIN HE FURNISHED INFO RE "STRIKE TEAMS" AND ASSASSINATION OF GOV'T AGENTS AND ALSO KING AMONG OTHERS, SHOULD DE PUGH GO TO JAIL.

CE INTERVIEW BAGWELL AND NH FURNISH MEMPHIS COMPLETE SUMMARY RE DE PALMA.

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Date: 4/7/68

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✓ TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS (44-1897), NEW HAVEN, KANSAS CITY, AND JACKSON
 FROM SAC, CHARLOTTE (44-¹³⁶⁵~~760~~)

MURKIN. ~~etc.~~

RE KANSAS CITY TELETYPE TODAY REFLECTING THAT SUSPECT
 VINCENT DE PALMA WAS ASSIGNED CODE NAME WILLARD BY MINUTEMEN.

ROBERT ERVIN BAGWELL, THREE SEVENTY BROADWAY, ASHEVILLE,
 N. C., FORMER MEMBER OF MINUTEMEN WHO HAS FURNISHED CONFIDENTIAL
 INFORMATION ON MINUTEMEN ACTIVITIES, ADVISED TODAY HE NEVER
 KNEW VINCENT DE PALMA, ROBERT DE PUGH OR WALLY PEYSON, NUMBER
 ONE MAN OF DE PUGH, TO USE COVER NAMES, AND HE DOES NOT RECALL
 ANY MINUTEMAN USING THE CODE NAME OF WILLARD OR JOHN WILLARD.

BAGWELL DESCRIBED DE PALMA, WHOSE TRUE NAME IS WHITE HORSE
 OR WHITE HAWK, AS INDIAN, MALE, AGE TWENTYFIVE APPROXIMATELY,
 SIX ONE, ONE SEVENTY POUNDS, BROWN HAIR, BROWN EYES, LIGHT
 BROWN COMPLEXION, MEDIUM BUILD, ORIGINALLY FROM CONNECTICUT AND
 REARED IN AN ORPHANAGE. HE SAID HAD DE PALMA OR ANY OF THE
 HARDCORE MINUTEMEN SHOT KING, THEY WOULD HAVE DISMANTLED THE
 RIFLE AND PUT IT IN A BRIEFCASE, RATHER THAN ABANDON IT AND
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Approved: R. M. M.
 Special Agent in Charge

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WOULD NOT HAVE RUN FROM THE SCENE.

BAGWELL REITERATED HE HAD NO KNOWLEDGE THAT MINUTEMEN HAD HAD ANY PLANS TO KILL KING. BAGWELL WAS FORMER MEMBER OF WHITE KNIGHTS OF KU KLUX KLAN (WKKKK) BEFORE BECOMING ACTIVE IN MINUTEMEN AND SAID KING WAS A MAJOR TARGET FOR THIS GROUP. HE DESCRIBED WKKKK AS AN ASSASSINATION SQUAD FOR KKK, WITH HEADQUARTERS IN MERIDAN, MISSISSIPPI. HE KNEW E. L. MCDANIEL TO BE HEAD OF THIS GROUP SEVERAL YEARS AGO BUT DOES NOT KNOW THE IDENTITIES OF THE PRESENT LEADERS AND ACTIVISTS OF WKKKK. END JACKSON IS REQUESTED TO CONTACT INFORMANTS AND SOURCES IN WKKKK FOR ANY INFORMATION THAT KING MAY HAVE BEEN A TARGET OF THIS GROUP OR THAT THIS GROUP OR ANY OF ITS MEMBERS HAD ANY PLANS TO TAKE ANY ACTION AGAINST KING.

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4-07PM URGENT 447768 - DES

TO DIRECTOR, BOSTON, MEMPHIS, KANSAS CITY, CHARLOTTE.

FROM NEW HAVEN (157-818)

MURKIN CR. OO: MEMPHIS.

RE KANSAS CITY TELETYPE FOUR SEVEN SIXTY EIGHT AND NEW HAVEN
TEL CALLS TO BUREAU AND BOSTON THIS DATE.

MOTHER OF VINCENT PAUL DE PALMA, BRISTON, CONN. INTERVIEWED
THIS DATE. HEG STATED THAT ABOUT THE SECOND WEEK OF FEBRUARY
DE PALMA VISITED HER AT HER HOME IN BRISTOL, AT THIS TIME
SHE GAVE DE PALMA A NOTE WHICH HAD BEEN LEFT WITH HER TO
HAVE DE PALMA CONTACT THE NEAREST OFFICE OF THE FBI IN THE
EVENT HE CONTACTED HER. SHE STATED HE TOOK THE NOTE AND THEN SAID
QUOTE THE FBI ONLY WANTS TO GET ME TO APPEAR IN COURT AGAINST
DE PAUGH AND I WON'T EVER DO IT AS I WOULD NOT LEAVE THE
COURTROOM ALIVE, LET THEM GET IN TOUCH WITH ME IF THEY WANT ME
END QUOTE. SHE STATED THAT ON APRIL SEVEN LAST SHE LEFT THE
BRISTOL HOSPITAL WHERE SHE HAD BEEN CONFINED FOR A WEEK WITH A
NERVOUS CONDITION BROUGHT ON BY HER SON. SHE STATED THAT AT
APPROXIMATELY SIX PM ON APRIL FIFTH LAST DE PALMA VISITED HER IN
THE HOSPITAL. HE TOLD HER THAT HE HAD COME TO BRISTOL FROM
NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND ARRIVING ABOUT NOON, HAD TAKEN HIS
FOUR CHILDREN FOR A DRIVE AND HAD THEN VISITED HIS FATHER AT
NORWICH STATE HOSPITAL, NORWICH, CONN. SHE STATED THAT
SINCE THE FIRST PART OF FEBRUARY DE PALMA HAS BEEN EMPLOYED

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BY A BUS COMPANY IN NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND AS A DRIVER. SHE BELIEVES HE DRIVES AT NIGHT. FURTHER THAT FOR THE FIRST FEW DAYS AFTER ARRIVAL HE RESIDED WITH HIS FATHER-IN-LAW, BERT KELLY, THREE ROSEDALE TERRACE, MIDDLETOWN, RHODE ISLAND. HE THEN OBTAINED A THREE ROOM APARTMENT AT SIXTY NINE RHODE ISLAND AVE., ROUTE TWO, MIDDLETOWN, RHODE ISLAND WHERE HE ALLEGEDLY RESIDES TO PRESENT. BOSTON IMMEDIATELY DETERMINE PRESENCE OF DE PALMA IN NEWPORT-MIDDLETOWN, RHODE ISLAND AREA DURING APRIL FOUR LAST. BOSTON ALSO REFER TO REPORT OF SA WILLIAM H. BOOTH JR., DATED TWO FIFTEEN LAST ENTITLED VINCENT PAUL DE PALMA, AKA, MINUTEMEN IS DASH MISCELLANEOUS. EXHIBIT SECTION THIS REPORT SETS OUT INTERVIEW WITH DE PALMA BY A&TT OFFICE, DENVER COLORADO ON ONE SEVENTEEN LAST. BUREAU HAS INSTRUCTED THAT DE PALMA SHOULD BE IMMEDIATELY INTERVIEWED REGARDING ALLEGATIONS MADE TO ATTD. IN VIEW OF DE PALMA'S BACKGROUND INCLUDING HIS REPORTED POSSESSION OF PISTOL AND KNIFE, CAUTION SHOULD BE EXERCISED DURING INTERVIEW WHICH SHOULD BE CONDUCTED BY

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TWO AGENTS. PRESS DE PALMA FOR SPECIFICS ON ALL POINTS. ALL
LEADS TO RESOLVE THIS MATTER CONCERNING HIS INTERVIEW WITH
ATTD SHOULD BE SET OUT BY TELETYPE AND SUTER SUMMARY OF
INTERVIEW FOLLOWED IMMEDIATELY BY LHM. AS DE PALMA HAS BEEN
CONSIDERED A SUSPECT IN SOBOM, HIS WHEREABOUTS DURING THE DAY OF
FEBRUARY TWENTY FIRST LAST SHOULD BE ASCERTAINED. BY SEPARATE
AIRTEL MEMPHIS IS BEING FURNISHED A COPY OF THE SUMMARY REPORT
OF SA WILLIAM H. BOOTH, JR. DATED TWELVE SEVEN SIXTY SIXTY
SEVEN AND INVESTIGATIVE REPORT DATED TWO FIFTEEN LAST UNDER
CAPTION VINCENT PAUL DE PALMA, AKA, MINUTEMEN INTERNAL
SECURITY DASH MISCELLANEOUS.

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CORR PAGE THREE LINE EIGHT LAST WORD SIXTY SHOULD BE OMITTED.

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MEMPHIS
847PM URGENT 4/7/68 CAP
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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Forty YEARS Height 5' 11"
SUSPECT MALE WHITE, AGE TWENTY SIX TO ~~53~~ ~~TO FIVE~~ GV. ELEVEN INCH
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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FBI PITTSBGH

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SUPSECT MALE WHITE, AGE TWENTY SIX TO FORTY YERSXXXXYEARS, HEIGHT

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POK WRJ

FBI PITTSBGH

RH...COULD U WRITE OUT 2ND LINE

FIVE FT. EIGHT TO FIVE FT. ELEVEN INCHES, ONE HUNDRED FIFTY TO

DWS

FBI RICHMOND

CE...JMC

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FBI MEMPHIS

537PM URGENT 4/7/68 CAF

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 SUFFICIENT INVESTIGATION HAS BEEN
CONDUCTED TO ESTABLISH WHEREABOUTS OF DE PALMA ON PERTINENT DAYS.

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TO: DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS
FROM: CHARLOTTE (44-1365)

MURKIN.

RE BOSTON TEL TO BUREAU AND CHARLOTTE TELCALL TO BUREAU
INSTANT DATE.

WILLIAM JOYNER, BUREAU OF IDENTIFICATION, FAYETTEVILLE,
N. C., PD, ADVISED APRIL SEVEN INSTANT GEORGE WILBUR BREECE,
SON OF J. WILBUR BREECE, FUNERAL HOME OPERATOR, FAYETTEVILLE,
N. C. JOYNER PERSONALLY ACQUAINTED WITH GEORGE BREECE AND
LAST SAW HIM LAST WEEK WEARING U. S. ARMY FATIGUES DRIVING
LATE MODEL GREEN AUTOMOBILE BELIEVED MUSTANG OR COUGAR,
STATED BREECE OF SIMILAR STATURE AND BEARS RESEMBLANCE TO
COMPOSITE PHOTO OF SUSPECT BUT NOSE ON PHOTO TOO LONG FOR
BREECE.

RECORDS, PMO, FT. BRAGG, N. C., LISTS SPECIALIST FOURTH
CLASS GEORGE W. BREECE, ASN RA ONE TWO NINE EIGHT ONE ZERO
FIVE SIX, ASSIGNED SERVICE CO., U. S. ARMY GARRISON, MORTUARY
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BRANCH, FT. BRAGG, N. C. RECORDS CURRENT ONLY TO FEBRUARY
TWENTYNINE LAST.

SGT. BURKE, HEADQUARTERS CO., USAG, FT. BRAGG, N. C.,
ADVISED LAST RECORDS RECEIVED SHOW BREKCE REPORTED FOR DUTY
SEVEN A. M. APRIL THREE LAST. RECORDS WITH CURRENT INFO NOT
AVAILABLE FOR EXAMINATION UNTIL APRIL EIGHT NEXT.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING.

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FBI DALLAS

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AM URGENT 4-8-68 SCW

TO MEMPHIS (44-1987) AND CHARLOTTE
FROM DALLAS (44-2649)(1P)

MURKIN

T.G. GRIMES, CONSTRUCTION BUSINESS, DALLAS, TEXAS,
CONSIDERS CHARLES NELSON GIBSON, AGE ABOUT THIRTYSEVEN, EMPLOYED
SOME FOUR MONTHS AGO, MAY BE SUSPECT. GIBSON BELIEVED KOREAN WAR
VETERAN AND OF UNSTABLE MIND. OBSESSED WITH SUBJECT OF COMMUNISM.
GIBSON GAVE ADDRESS R F D THREE, BOX THREE ONE
ZERO, RED SPRINGS, NORTH CAROLINA, PRESENT WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN
TO GRIMES.

CHARLOTTE HANDLE.

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1100AM URGENT 4-8-68 MCP

TO CHARLOTTE

FROM MEMPHIS 44-1987 P

MURKIN.

RE BOSTON TELETYPE APRIL SEVEN, SIXTYEIGHT, ONE ZERO NINE AM.

REFERENCE BOSTON TELETYPE FURNISHED INFORMATION RE ONE
GEORGE WILBUR BREECE, AGE TWENTYTWO, OF FAYETTEVILLE, N. C.,
BEFOR SUBMITTING BACKGROUND AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA TO MEMPHIS,
CHARLTTE SHOULD ESTABLISH WHEREABOUTS GEORGE WILBUR BREECE ON
MARCH TWENTYNINE AND THIRTY, AND APRIL FOUR, SIXTYEIGHT. IF
WHEREABOUTS OF BREECE ESTABLISHED ON THESE DATES, PROBABILITY
HE IS NOT INVOLVED INSTANT CASE. THE MARCH DATES OF INTEREST
SINCE MARCH THIRTY DATE WEAPON INSTANT CASE PURCHASED. APRIL
FOUR DATE KING MURDERED IN MEMPHIS.

IF CHARLOTTE UNABLE TO ESTABLISH WHEREABOUTS BREECE ON
PERTINENT DATES, EFFORTS SHOULD BE MADE TO SECURE FINGERPRINTS
AND SUBMIT SAME TO BUREAU FOR ELIMINATION PURPOSES.

END.

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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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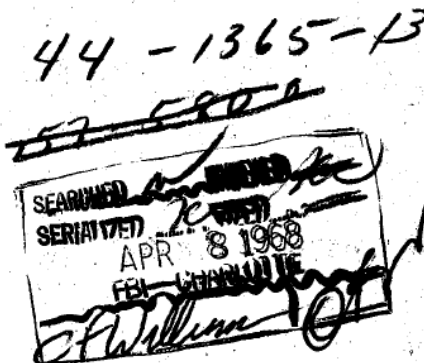
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FBI NORFOLK

220PM URGENT 4-8-68 SNB

TO CHARLOTTE AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM NORFOLK 157-1280 1P

MURKIN; CR. OO MEMPHIS.

PATROLMAN LLOYD GOODBREAD, CHESAPEAKE, VA., PD, FURNISHED
THIS DATE AS POSSIBLE SUSPECT CAPTIONED CASE, JOHN WOLLARD AKA
RUSTY WMA, AGE MID TWENTIES, RESIDES RT. FOUR, BOX TWO ZERO THREE,
WASHINGTON, N. C., TWO SEVEN EIGHT EIGHT NINE. IS EXPERT HUNTER,
FORMER BASEBALL PLAYER, HAD LAST CHRISTMAS REMINGTON THIRTY DASH ZERO
SIX. NO EXTREMIST SYMPATHIES KNOWN, HOWEVER MEETS GENERAL DESCRIPTION
OF ASSASSIN. NOT KNOWN WHETHER WOLLARD IN SERVICE. BELIEVED TO HAVE
BEEN ARRESTED LOCALLY ON MINOR CHARGES. BELIEVED EMPLOYED NEW BERN,
N. C. NORFOLK INDICES NEGATIVE.

CHARLOTTE CONDUCT BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION AND CHECK RE WHEREABOUTS
PERTINENT DATES.

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Ludeman advised

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TO: MEMPHIS

FROM: CHARLOTTE (44-1365)

MURKIN.

RE MEMPHIS TEL TODAY.

FIRST SGT., SERVICE COMPANY, USAG, FT. BRAGG, N.C.,
ADVISED SP FOUR GEORGE WILBUR BREECE, ASN RA ONE TWO NINE EIGHT
ZERO SIX FIVE HAS BEEN PRESENT FOR DUTY DURING PERTINENT PERIOD
MARCH TWENTYEIGHT DASH APRIL FOUR. STATES BREECE NEVER AWOL
OR LATE FOR DUTY DURING THIS PERIOD. WHEREABOUTS VERIFIED THROUGH
MILITARY RECORDS.

BREECE CONTACTED, CLAIMS HAS BEEN IN FAYETTEVILLE
DURING PERTINENT PERIOD. HE IS OWNER OF SIXTYSEVEN MUSTANG,
GREEN AND BLACK, SIXTYEIGHT N.C. LICENSE DA FIVE ZERO ONE.

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BREECE IS WHITE MALE, BORN [REDACTED]
FAYETTEVILLE, SIX FEET FOUR, ONE SEVEN THREE LBS., BROWN HAIR,
BLUE EYES, SLENDER BUILD, RESIDENCE TWO ZERO ZERO THREE FT.
BRAGG RD., FAYETTEVILLE, NO PROMINENT FEATURES, INCLUDING NOSE.
INSERT FOLLOWS.

END.

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Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1365)

DATE: 4/8/68

FROM : SA RICHARD A. CARR

SUBJECT: MURKIN

ReDLtel today.

COP LUTHER HAGGINS, Red Springs, N.C., PD advised CHARLES NELSON GIBSON had been committed to a mental institution in Columbia, S.C., about two years ago & HAGGINS has not seen him in this area since that time. HAGGINS advised that GIBSON's mother is MAUDE GIBSON who resides at Rt. 3, Box 310, Red Springs.

Attempts to contact MAUDE GIBSON negative.

Neighbor of MAUDE GIBSON advised that MAUDE GIBSON's son, GLENN, from Charlotte picked up MAUDE on 3/25/68 to take her to a hospital for gall bladder trouble & she has not returned.

Neighbor advised that CHARLES GIBSON last visited MAUDE GIBSON about Christmas, 1967.

GEORGE DAVIS, Postal employee, (Protect identity), advised that GLENN GIBSON is employed in CE by Beau Knit Textile & that MAUDE GIBSON is presently in the hospital at Laurinburg. He advised that a few weeks ago he saw a letter from MAUDE GIBSON to CHARLES GIBSON & recalled that the letter was addressed to somewhere in Texas.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHARLOTTE (44-1365)

DATE: 4/8/68

FROM : RALPH D. HILL

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 4/8/68, 4:20 P.M., Mr. J. LEWIS MOSS, 102 Lincetta St., York, S. C., telephone 684-3134 or 684-6684, telephonically advised that approximately 3 P.M. this date he stopped at a Sinclair service station located across from the Pepsi Cola Plant, Rock Hill, S. C., to purchase gas. He stated while he was there an individual driving a 1965 white Thunderbird bearing 1968 Kentucky license 297-653 pulled in the station and driver purchased gas by use of credit card. Mr. MOSS stated upon observing the unknown individual he feels this individual fits the description and composite photo of individual who shot MARTIN LUTHER KING. Mr. MOSS stated he went home and looked at the photograph which appears in local newspaper again before he decided to contact the FBI.

Mr. MOSS stated he did not inquire at the service station as to what name the individual used when signing the credit card. He stated he was furnishing this information to the FBI for whatever value it might be.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHARLOTTE (44-1365) (P)

DATE: 4/8/68

FROM : SA THOMAS H. GEORGE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

WILLIAM BAILEY, Night Duty Supervisor, Division 6, SOG, called at 6:05 p.m., today, furnishing the following information:

Information was received that a secretary in the Attorney General's Office had received a telephone call at 5:30 p.m. from an unknown male, possibly Negro, who identified himself as FREDERICK DUNSTAN, Whitefield, N. C., Route 350, who stated was calling the Attorney General to report that a white man was at his residence, drunk, with a gun, and he said he was the person who killed MARTIN LUTHER KING.

BAILEY noted there was no Whitefield, N. C., but there was a Whiteville, N. C., and requested this be checked out and the Bureau advised by teletype or telephone.

SA DAVID W. WATSON was called at 6:10 p.m., and will advise.

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TO CHARLOTTE

FROM MEMPHIS 44-1987 1P

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~~ALFRED H. HARLEY, SPEEDLINE MANUFACTURING CO., INC.,~~

~~GREENSBORO, N. C., N. C. DRIVER LICENSE NO. ONE NINE ONE EIGHT
FOUR FOUR TWO, RENTED A NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT FORD WHITE MUSTANG
FROM NATIONAL CAR RENTAL SYSTEMS, INC., METRO AIRPORT, MEMPHIS,
AT FIVE THIRTY P. M., APRIL THREE LAST AND RETURNED VEHICLE
EIGHT A. M., APRIL FIVE LAST.~~

CHARLOTTE DETERMINE IF HARLEY IDENTICAL UNSUB THIS CASE.

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715PM URGENT 4/8/68 GJM

TO ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES
FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 2P

MURKIN

THIS IS THE CASE INVOLVING THE MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., ON APRIL FOUR, LAST, IN MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE.

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

IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT A RIFLE ABANDONED NEAR SCENE OF CRIME WAS PURCHASED BY INDIVIDUAL USING THE NAME HARVEY LOWMEYER OR LOWMYER.

Indy LOWMEYER OR LOWMYER IS GENERALLY DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, THIRTYSIX YEARS OLD, FIVE FEET EIGHT INCHES TALL, ONE HUNDRED FIFTY - ONE HUNDRED SIXTY POUNDS, BLACK OR DARK BROWN HAIR.

IN VIEW OF THE UNUSUAL NATURE OF THE NAMES LOWMEYER AND LOWMYER, ALL OFFICES SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CHECK YOUR INDICES, ALL CITY DIRECTORIES, ALL TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES COVERING YOUR TERRITORIES, ALL DRIVERS LICENSE RECORDS, ALL AUTOMOBILE
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REGISTRATION RECORDS, VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS, AND CREDIT AND CRIMINAL RECORDS ON THE SURNAMES LOWMEYER AND LOWMYER, IN VIEW OF THE UNUSUAL NATURE OF THE NAMES, DO NOT CONFINE YOUR CHECK TO HARVEY LOWMEYER AND LOWMYER ONLY. ANY INDIVIDUALS IDENTIFIED AS BEARING THESE SURNAMES SHOULD BE IMMEDIATELY CHECKED OUT COVERING THE PERTINENT PERIOD. YOU SHOULD ALSO APPROPRIATELY CHECKOUT ALL BOMBING SUSPECTS IN YOUR TERRITORIES.

HANDLE IMMEDIATELY AND GIVE TOP PRIORITY ATTENTION.

BUFILES CONTAIN NO INFORMATION IDENTIFIABLE ON HARVEY LOWMEYER OR LOWMYER.

END

RH...ECS

FBI RICHMOND

CE...HLH

FBI CHARLT

NF...JEG

FBI NORFOLK

TU CLR

F B I

Date: 4/8/68

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Via TELETYPE

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(Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI, LOUISVILLE AND MEMPHIS
FROM: CHARLOTTE (44-1365)

MURKIN.

TODAY, J. LEWIS MOSS, ONE ZERO TWO LINCETTA ST., YORK, S. C., ^{Telephonically} ADVISED THE CHARLOTTE OFFICE THAT AT APPROXIMATELY THREE P.M. TODAY, HE STOPPED AT THE SINCLAIR SERVICE STATION ACROSS FROM THE PEPSI COLA PLANT, ROCK HILL, S. C., TO PURCHASE GAS. WHILE THERE, AN INDIVIDUAL DRIVING A SIXTY-FIVE WHITE THUNDERBIRD, BEARING SIXTY-EIGHT KY. LICENSE TWO NINE SEVEN SIX FIVE THREE, PULLED INTO THE STATION, AND DRIVER PURCHASED GAS BY USE OF CREDIT CARD. MOSS ADVISED THE DRIVER OF THIS CAR FIT THE DESCRIPTION AND COMPOSITE PHOTOGRAPH OF THE INDIVIDUAL WHO SHOT KING.

LOUISVILLE, THROUGH KY. DMV, DETERMINE TO WHOM LICENSE ISSUED AND DETERMINE HIS WHEREABOUTS ON PERTINENT DATES.

AIR MAIL COPY TO COLUMBIA FOR INFORMATION.

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Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1365)

FROM : SA THOMAS H. GEORGE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/8/68

Re my memo today.

SA DAVID W. WATSON telephonically advised at 9:15 p.m. this date that Chief of Police WADE WHITE and HORACE SHAW, Superintendent, Columbus County Bureau of Identification, both Whiteville, N. C., could locate no record of FREDERICK DUNSTAN or DUNSTON, and there is no Route 350 in the area with rural mail routes not believed to have that high a box number. SA WATSON stated on morning of 4/9/68 he would check records of Carolina Power and Light Telephone Company and interview carriers at U. S. Post Office.

This information was furnished Night Supervisor WILLIAM BAILEY, Division 6, who stated this would be sufficient for the present and to sutel results of additional investigation.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1365)

FROM : SA CRAWFORD F. WILLIAMS

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/9/68

Re memo of SA RICHARD A. CARR, 4/8/68.

On 4/8/68, JIM OAKLEY, Security Officer, Beaunit Textile, Charlotte, N.C., advised there are 6 or 7 Beaunit Mills in the area. He stated that a search of records revealed the only GLENN GIBSON employed by Beaunit was WALTER GLENN GIBSON employed from 8/5/57 to 9/12/66, when he quit to go to work for Ellerbee Manufacturing Co., Ellerbee, N.C. OAKLEY stated that WALTER GLENN GIBSON has a brother, DANIEL LEE GIBSON, 72 New St., Rockingham, N.C., who is employed on the third shift at the Beaunit Plant in Rockingham.

On 4/8/68, SA ROBERT STEVENSON, Rockingham RA was telephonically requested to contact Mrs. MAUDE GIBSON at the hospital in ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Laurinburg, N.C. to ascertain the whereabouts of CHARLES NELSON GIBSON. If unable to locate her, SA STEVENSON will contact WALTER GLENN GIBSON and/or DANIEL LEE GIBSON for same information.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1365)

DATE 4-8-68

FROM : SA FRANK L. FAIRCHILD

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On this date, CE 2116- R advised he could furnish no information concerning the assassin.

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TO: MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: CHARLOTTE (44-1365) (~~REC~~)

MURKIN. OO: MEMPHIS

Ref Norfolk TEL to Memphis and Charlotte April Eight.

MRS. MOZELLE BARROW, ROUTE ONE, VANCEBORO, NORTH CAROLINA, ADVISED THAT HER SON-IN-LAW, WHO RESIDES WITH HER, JOHN WOOLARD, ALSO KNOWN AS RUSTY, HAS EATEN EVERY MEAL AT HER HOME FOR THE PAST TEN DAYS AND HAS BEEN IN BED AT A REASONABLE HOUR EVERY NIGHT.

MR. BILL LANIER, SUPERVISOR OF NATIONAL HARRISONS ASSOCIATE, MOREHEAD CITY, N. C., ADVISED THAT WOOLARD WORKED ON MARCH TWENTY-NINE, SIXTY-EIGHT, AND APRIL FOUR, SIXTY-EIGHT, BUT WAS OFF ON MARCH THIRTY, SIXTY-EIGHT, IT BEING A SATURDAY.

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FBI RICHMOND

12:05PM URGENT 4/9/68 GSS

TO BUREAU; MEMPHIS; CHARLOTTE; AND NEWARK

FROM RICHMOND (44-657) 1P

MURKIN. CR.

MR. ROBERT JONES, DIRECTOR OF WOODROW WILSON REHABILITATION CENTER, STAUNTON, VA., ADVISED THIS DATE HE WAS IN SAVANNAH, GA. NIGHT OF APRIL FIVE-SIX LAST, AT LOCAL BAR. HE MET ONE LESTER FORSYTHE FROM THE STATE OFFICE OF THE "KU KLUX KLAN", P. O. BOX TWELVE, CALDWELL, N. J. JONES BELIEVES FORSYTHE IS AN EXACT LOOK-ALIKE TO THE ARTIST CONCEPTION OF THE UNSUB IN THIS CASE. JONES WAS ACCOMPANIED BY SAMUEL TARLTON, SUPERINTENDENT, HISTORICAL SITES, NORTH CAROLINA DEPT. OF ARCHIVES AND HISTORY, RALEIGH, N. C.

ADMINISTRATIVE; LEADS. NEWARK WILL IDENTIFY LESTER FORSYTHE AND OBTAIN NECESSARY DATA AND SPECIFICALLY ANY FBI NO. OR FINGER-PRINT RECORD TO IDENTIFY OR ELIMINATE HIM AS SUSPECT IN THIS MATTER.

CHARLOTTE - AT RALEIGH. WILL LOCATE AND INTERVIEW MR. SAMUEL TARLTON FOR ANY INFO HE MAY HAVE RE THE IDENTITY OF LESTER FORSYTHE AND HIS POSSIBLE CONNECTION WITH INSTANT CASE. 44-1365-26

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FBI CHARLT

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHARLOTTE (44-1365) (P)

DATE: 4/9/68

FROM : SA, GLENN C. SCOTT

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Agent's Memo No. 137, Series 1968, dated 4/8/68.

On ~~4/8/68~~ 4/9/68, the below listed individuals were contacted and while they said they were aware of captioned incident they had no information whatsoever regarding it.

CE 2240

PCI HAROLD BRUCE ALLEN

PCI THOMAS ABRAM WARLICK

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-

DATE: 4-9-68

FROM : MORGAN
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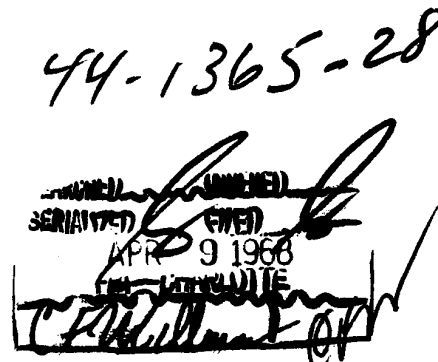
SUBJECT: MURKIN

I have searched the indices on the names HARVEY LOWMEYER AND HARVEY LOWMYER with negative results. All variations of these names have been searched with negative results.

The following specific Surnames have been searched and there are no index cards under these surnames:

LOWMEYER
LOWMYER
LOWMAYER
LOWEMEYER
LOWEMAYER
LOWEMAYR
LOMAYER
LOMEYER
LOHMAYER
LOHMEYER

There are no surnames spelled LOWM as first four letters other than the surname LOWMAN.



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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1365)

DATE: 4/9/68

FROM : SA CRAWFORD F. WILLIAMS

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On morning of 4/9/68, JAMES RODNEY EDWARDS, white, male, born [redacted] Greenville, S.C., who is confined at the City Jail, Charlotte for worthless checks, advised he desired to talk with an Agent concerning the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

SA E.R. JOHNSON handling.

CFW:



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ALL AGENTS MEMO #139, SERIES 1968
CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

MEMO TO ALL AGENTS:

RE: MURKIN

By teletype from the Bureau to all Continental Offices, dated April 8, 1968, the following instructions were received:

This is the case involving the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., on April 4, 1968, at Memphis, Tennessee.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES, should anyone be told this investigation is being conducted in connection with captioned matter.

It has been determined that a rifle abandoned near the scene of the crime was purchased by an individual using the name HARVEY LOWMEYER or LOWMYER. This individual was described as a white male, thirty-six years of age, five feet eight inches, one hundred fifty to one hundred sixty pounds, black or dark brown hair.

In view of the unusual nature of the names LOWMEYER and LOWMYER, all offices should immediately check your indices, all city directories, all telephone directories covering your territory, all driver's license records, all automobile registration records and credit and criminal records on the surnames LOWMEYER and LOWMYER. In view of the unusual nature of the names, do not confine your check to HARVEY LOWMEYER and LOWMYER only. Any individuals identified as bearing the surname LOWMEYER or LOWMYER should be immediately checked out covering the pertinent period. You should also appropriately check out all bombing suspects in your territory, handle IMMEDIATELY, and give TOP PRIORITY ATTENTION.

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RE: ALL AGENTS MEMO #139, SERIES 1968
MURKIN

The Bureau advised that the Bureau files contain no information identifiable with HARVEY LOWMEYER or LOWMYER.

The Raleigh Resident Agency is attempting to handle all voter registration records and is checking driver's license, automobile registration, and selective service records. All telephone directories are being checked at Charlotte.

In order to comply with Bureau instructions, all city directories and credit and identification records are to be checked immediately in every county in the state. The search should not be confined solely to LOWMEYER or LOWMYER but should also include variations and possible spellings of the surname. Possibilities include LOHMIER, LOHMAIER, LOMEYER, et cetera.

As pointed out by the Bureau, these checks should not be confined to any first name, but any individual identified as bearing the surname should be immediately checked out covering the pertinent period. The pertinent period in this case is March 29-30, 1968, and April 4, 1968. It has been determined that the rifle found near the scene of the crime was purchased in Birmingham, Alabama on March 30, 1968.

Any positive results should be immediately furnished Charlotte by telephone. Negative results should be recorded in memorandum.

AS INDICATED ABOVE, THIS IS TO RECEIVE TOP PRIORITY ATTENTION.

ROBERT M. MURPHY
SAC

Agents' Memo No. 137, Series 1968
Charlotte, North Carolina

MEMO ALL AGENTS:

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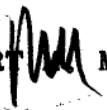
The Bureau has designated the above caption as the approved code word for investigation dealing with murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING.

Information under the above caption should pertain only to investigation bearing on identifying the subject. All other information pertaining to racial incidents arising out of the assassination should not be submitted under this caption but should be submitted under the appropriate caption pertaining to racial matters (Charlotte file 157-5800).

By airtel dated 4/6/68, the Memphis Office instructed that Charlotte and other offices canvass criminal informants, security informants and racial informants for possible knowledge concerning assassination with specific emphasis directed toward informants in known hate groups.

All Agents are instructed to immediately contact criminal, security and racial informants. Positive information should be telephonically furnished Charlotte Office. Negative information should be included in a memorandum captioned "MURKIN" to reach Charlotte no later than 4/12/68.

Due to the emphasis being placed on this case, the deadline of 4/12/68 must be met without fail.

ROBERT  MURPHY

SAC

April 8, 1968
cc: Each Agent
cc: 44-1365
cc: 66-138
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
(ATTENTION: LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION)

FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
(OO: Memphis)

ReNotel to Bureau, Charlotte and Memphis, 4/6/68 at
6:52 p.m.

Enclosed for the Latent Fingerprint Section are the major case prints of RONALD BARDIN SIMPSON, WMA, born [REDACTED] at Halifax County, N. C., who was arrested by the Jennings, La., SO on 4/6/68 on vagrancy charges. SIMPSON is 6 feet, 150 pounds, and states he was arrested in 1966 in Tampa, Fla., for disturbing the peace. He advises he received 1967 Christmas leave, at which time he headed to the West Coast. While he states he was probably hitchhiking from Texas to Louisiana on Thursday, 4/4/68, he is vague concerning his location and SIMPSON is obviously in need of mental care. However, SIMPSON is similar in facial appearance to the artist's sketch of the UNSUB drawn by Memphis artist BILL HARRINGTON and carried in the Beaumont, Texas, Enterprise morning newspaper of 4/6/68.

The Latent Fingerprint Section is requested to compare the major case prints of SIMPSON with those reportedly found on the rifle or other latents submitted by the Memphis Division and advise interested offices as to findings.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI, MEMPHIS, RICHMOND, AND WFO
 FROM: CHARLOTTE (44-1365) (P)

MURKIN

RE BUREAU CALL TO CHARLOTTE YESTERDAY, CHARLOTTE
 TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU LAST NIGHT, AND CHARLOTTE CALL TO
 BUREAU TODAY.

FOR INFORMATION OF OFFICES RECEIVING THIS TELETYPE,
 FREDERICK DUNSTON TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED ATTORNEY GENERAL'S
 OFFICE AT FIVE THIRTY PM APRIL EIGHT LAST AND ADVISED THERE
 WAS A WHITE MAN AT HIS RESIDENCE WHO ADMITTED KILLING MARTIN
 LUTHER KING, JR. DUNSTON GAVE HIS ADDRESS AS WHITEFIELD,
 N. C., ROUTE THREE FIVE ZERO. EFFORTS TO LOCATE DUNSTON LAST
 NIGHT UNSUCCESSFUL.

FREDERICK LEON DUNSTON LOCATED TODAY ROUTE FIVE,
 BOX ONE FIVE ZERO, WHITEVILLE, N. C., ADVISED HE IS EMPLOYED
 AS A LONGSHOREMAN AT WILMINGTON AND SUNNY POINT, N. C. DUNSTON
 ADVISED HE HAS PREVIOUSLY SERVED THREE YEARS IN N. C. PRISON DEPT.
 ON CHARGES OF RECEIVING STOLEN PROPERTY.

Approved: *[Signature]* **SENT**
 Special Agent in Charge

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DUNSTON CLAIMS HE HAD BEEN DRINKING ON APRIL EIGHT, LAST, AND DID NOT REPORT FOR WORK AND LATE IN THE AFTERNOON WHILE SITTING ON HIS PORCH AN UNKNOWN INDIVIDUAL DESCRIBED AS A WHITE MALE, TWENTY-THREE TO TWENTY-FIVE, BLUE EYES, BLACK HAIR, FIVE FEET TEN INCHES, MEDIUM BUILD, DARK COMPLEXION, AND TATTOO OF HEART WITH BORN TO LOSE ON UPPER RIGHT ARM WALKED PAST HIS RESIDENCE. DUNSTON ADVISED THIS INDIVIDUAL DID NOT IDENTIFY HIMSELF OR STATE WHERE HE WAS FROM. THIS INDIVIDUAL WAS WEARING BLUE DUNGAREES WITH WHITE SHORT SLEEVE SPORT SHIRT WITH YELLOW VERTICLE STRIPES. IN CONVERSATION WITH THIS INDIVIDUAL, HE TOLD DUNSTON HE WAS IN BAD TROUBLE AND THEN ASKED DUNSTON IF HE KNEW DR. KING AND DUNSTON ANSWERED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. UNKNOWN SUBJECT THEN TOLD DUNSTON THAT HE WAS THE INDIVIDUAL WHO SHOT DR. KING BUT THAT HE DID NOT WANT

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TO DO IT. DUNSTON STATED THE INDIVIDUAL INDICATED HE WAS INTERESTED IN SURRENDERING TO FEDERAL AUTHORITIES AND THAT HE WANTED TO GO TO WASHINGTON, D. C., AND TURN HIMSELF IN. DUNSTON SAID THIS MAN STATED HE NEEDED TWO DOLLARS AND THAT HE GAVE HIM THREE DOLLARS AND FIFTY CENTS. DUNSTON CLAIMED THIS INDIVIDUAL REMAINED AT HIS RESIDENCE UNTIL AFTER MIDNIGHT AND DID NOT KNOW WHICH DIRECTION HE WENT WHEN HE DEPARTED FROM HIS RESIDENCE.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES ALERTED TO HELP LOCATE THIS UNKNOWN INDIVIDUAL AND FIRST BUS FROM WHITEVILLE, N. C., TO WASHINGTON, D. C., DEPARTED WHITEVILLE ELEVEN FORTY AM TODAY AND UNKNOWN INDIVIDUAL NOT AT BUS STATION OR ON BUS. DUNSTON ADVISED THAT THIS UNKNOWN INDIVIDUAL WAS EXTREMELY SCARED AND APPEARED TO BE INTELLIGENT AND TALKED IN AN INTELLIGENT MANNER.

N. C. HIGHWAY PATROL ALERTED TO BE ON LOOKOUT FOR HITCHHIKER FITTING DESCRIPTION OF UNKNOWN WHITE MAN AND EFFORTS

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CONTINUING IN VICINITY OF WHITEVILLE TO LOCATE.

RICHMOND NOTIFY VIRGINIA STATE POLICE TO BE ON LOOKOUT
FOR HITCHHIKER FITTING DESCRIPTION AND WFO NOTIFY METROPOLITAN
PD.

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249PM IMMEDIATE 4-9-68 JMS

TO DIRECTOR, BIRMINGHAM, CHARLOTTE AND MEMPHIS
FROM CLEVELAND (44-565) 2P

MURKIN

RE BIRMINGHAM TEL, APRIL NINE INSTANT.

JOSEPH PERRAULT, CREDIT AUDITOR, CREDIT CARD CENTER,
STANDARD OIL COMPANY OF OHIO, CLEVELAND, ADVISED SUSPECT GALT
HAS NEVER BEEN ISSUED A SOHIO CREDIT CARD, FLEETWING CREDIT
CARD OR BORON CREDIT CARD. PERRAULT NOTED BASED ON GALT'S
ADDRESS, AND IF HE IS A USER OF STANDARD OIL COMPANY PRODUCTS,
HE MIGHT POSSIBLY HOLD A HUMBLE OIL CO. CREDIT CARD. HE SAID
THIS COULD BE CHECKED BY CONTACTING HUMBLE OIL CO., SOUTHEAST
ESSO REGION, CHARLOTTE, N.C., TELEPHONE NO. FIVE TWO THREE DASH
TWO TWO ONE ONE.

FOR THE INFO OF CHARLOTTE, ~~ERIC STARVO GALT~~ TWO SIX ZERO
EIGHT HIGHLAND AVE. SOUTH, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, DEVELOPED AS
POSSIBLE SUSPECT THIS CASE. GALT, WM, BORN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] OWNER OF SIXTYSIX MUSTANG, SIXTYSEVEN ALABAMA [REDACTED]

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