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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
 FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (44-565) (P)
 RE: MURKIN

Re Cleveland teletype to Director, 4/27/68 and Chicago teletype to Director, FBI, 5/1/68.

All investigation was conducted on May 2, 1968, by SA HOMER K. MILLER at Lima, Ohio, and by SA STEPHEN FUNDERSBURK and SA HOMER K. MILLER at Findlay, Ohio. The following information is being furnished to offices, who according to referenced Chicago teletype, 5/1/68, are attempting to locate THOMAS EUGENE CRAMER, looking towards his elimination in involvement in MURKIN.

AT LIMA, OHIO

Mrs. ESTHER MOTTER, Clerk, Health Department, Allen County, Lima, Ohio, advised birth certificate reflects THOMAS EUGENE CRAMER born [redacted] at Lima, Ohio; father, DONALD CRAMER, mother, MARY RYPKENA CRAMER; birth record was registered on 2/16/39.

AT FINDLAY, OHIO

WAYNE ETHEL (NA), Chief of Police, Findlay, Ohio, Police

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Department, advised THOMAS EUGENE CRAMER, born [REDACTED], had the following arrests:

3/19/60	Leaving Scene of Accident \$25 Fine
9/10/60	Operating Under Suspension \$9 costs, 2 days in County Jail
2/12/61	Intoxication \$10 fine, \$7.50 costs
2/17/61	1. Entry in Night Season \$300 fine 2. Committing Personal Violence 3 days County Jail
5/2/61	Non-support Released
7/31/64	Public Intoxication \$10 Fine

WILLIAM BELL, Sheriff of Hancock County, advised THOMAS EUGENE CRAMER originally was in jail for a few days in 1961, for Non-support, and in February, 1961 for B & E, then again on 7/31/64 for Non-support, and released August 3, 1964. On the arrest of 7/31/64, which was Non-support, his address was indicated as 1943 Henderson, Chicago, Illinois. His description was W/M, born [REDACTED], 5'9", 135 lbs., brown hair, blue eyes, slim build.

Mrs. ELINOR LAIRD, Credit Reporter, Credit Bureau of Findlay, Ohio, advised THOMAS EUGENE CRAMER had been known to her files since 1961 and there was a notation that he had been divorced from a BETTY JYWISE in November, 1961; no other information.

~~Mrs. BETTY J. CRAMER, 342 Trenton,~~ ^X advised she divorced THOMAS EUGENE CRAMER in 1961 and had only seen him about once a year since when he had come to see their child. She stated he re-married and she believed he left a second wife. She stated the last she knew he was driving an old Lincoln Continental.

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She stated that on no occasion had she ever heard him mention the Nazi Party, attending any special meetings, of any kind, nor had she ever heard him mention Dr. KING. She had no idea as to the whereabouts of subject, but advised his mother, MARY KENNEDY and a sister, FRANCES, lived in Findlay.

Mrs. MARY KENNEDY, 1209 Concord Street, advised that talked to her son's wife, GLINDA, in Chicago, by telephone, and that GLINDA, who is also known as DINK, lives at 3322 West Palmer Street, Chicago, telephone 312-772-4691. She stated GLINDA is employed at Sally's Beauty Shop, Broadway and Addison Streets, Chicago, telephone 312-WE-5-3510. She advised when talking to GLINDA, GLINDA told her THOMAS had left and gone to Seattle, Washington, where he lived in some motel, but that he reportedly had checked out of this hotel; also that she believed he had been working at some sporting goods store. Mrs. KENNEDY had no idea as to the present whereabouts of her son, THOMAS EUGENE CRAMER, and advised that the person he would get in touch with would be his wife, GLINDA. She advised that her son had left the Findlay area a year ago and she had not seen him in four or five months. She advised that her son did at one time go with a young man named DAVE SHAW, but she did not know the whereabouts of this DAVE SHAW. She said that in her opinion, her son needed psychiatric treatment, and has been known to tell tall stories when he has been drinking. Further, she stated she recalled hearing that her son had at one time telephoned the FBI in Chicago, within the last few years, but she thought it had something to do with Communism. She advised that her son does have two or three weapons; that he liked to hunt and fish; but, she has never known him to carry a weapon on his person. She stated that it no time had she ever heard her son mention Nazism or talk about Dr. KING. She stated it was her belief that at the time he may have called the FBI in Chicago, he may have been drinking at some bar in Chicago with some friends. She advised that although he was not mentally unbalanced, he did frequently during his marriages just take up and leave when he felt like it.

She stated she would immediately contact the FBI if she receives any information as to his whereabouts.

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FRANCES CRAMER, subject's sister, who resides with her mother, could furnish no additional information.

Mrs. MARY KENNEDY, his mother said that he had a brother, DONALD, in ~~Fremont~~, Ohio, and a stepbrother, BOB SHANAHAN in Chicago. She said she believed this BOB SHANAHAN, his half-brother, lived on George Street, back of the Stewart-Warner Factory.

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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Will maintain contact with GLINDA CRAMER, aka., "DINK", 3322 West Palmer Street, it being noted she is the person whom THOMAS EUGENE CRAMER will possibly be getting in touch with.

Will, if not already done, locate and interview ROBERT SHANAHAN, step-brother, who resides on George Street, back of the Stewart-Warner Factory, for any information he may have as to whereabouts of THOMAS EUGENE CRAMER.

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Transmit the following in PLAINTEXT
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TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) AND SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)
FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

MURKIN : *THREATS TO MARTIN LUTHER KING.*

MR. OAKLEY BROWNLOW TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED THAT ABOUT ONE WEEK BEFORE KING WAS KILLED IN MEMPHIS HE WAS IN THAT CITY VISITING BROTHER WHO WAS PATIENT AT HOSPITAL. WHILE THERE, HE HEARD RUMOR SUPPOSEDLY PREVALENT IN MEMPHIS AT THAT TIME BECAUSE OF RIOTING AFTER DR. KING'S MARCH THERE. RUMOR TO EFFECT THAT GRADY CARROLL, FORMER CONSTABLE, GRENADA COUNTY, MISS., WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE STATED THAT IF KING CAME BACK TO MEMPHIS AFTER RIOTS WERE OVER, HE, CARROLL, WAS GOING TO HAVE HIM KILLED. BROWNLOW COULD FURNISH NO POSITIVE INFO ^{ONLY} ON THE FOREGOING RUMOR.

CHICAGO NOT AWARE IF ANY INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED RE GRADY CARROLL. MEMPHIS HANDLE. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, DALLAS (44-2649) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
THREAT TO MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

RE: JOHN C. MEDIXER

Re Chicago teletypes to Bureau dated 4/25 and 5/2/68,
Dallas teletype to Bureau dated 4/26/68, and Springfield
teletype to Chicago and Dallas dated 5/3/68.

A summary of investigation conducted at Dallas is
set out as follows:

On 5/6/68, JOHN C. MEDIXER was located at his place
of employment, the Texas Nameplate Company, 1906 S. Ervay
Street, Dallas. Records of that company as furnished by
Mrs. MARGARET ROSE, Personnel Department, reflected that
MEDIXER had been employed by that company as a printer since
4/18/68, with his residence shown as 5506 East R. L. Thornton
Expressway, Dallas. Personnel records of the above company
also reflected that MEDIXER sustained an injury while on duty
on 4/22/68, and at that time he gave the above address.

On 5/8/68, MEDIXER was interviewed at the Texas
Nameplate Company and stated that he left Chicago, Illinois,
on 3/31/68, by way of Greyhound Bus, directly to Dallas, Texas,
with an approximate 2-hour layover at St. Louis, Missouri, on
the same date. He stated that he arrived Dallas early on the
morning of 4/1/68, and immediately contacted a friend of his

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by the name of EDDIE CRANFIELD, who lives at 5506 East R. L. Thornton Freeway. MEDIXER stated that before leaving Chicago he lived at 4601 Belmont and worked for the Rotoprint Company. He stated that while in Chicago he was a member of the American Nazi Party (ANP) and plans to continue his membership with the ANP by paying his dues to the ANP headquarters in Arlington, Virginia. MEDIXER further stated that he does not plan to contact any of the ANP members in Dallas, Texas, since he is becoming inactive in the ANP inasmuch as he is getting married shortly to a Dallas girl by the name of CHARLENE HARRIS, who works at the Coca Cola Bottling Company, Dallas, Texas.

MEDIXER then stated that on 4/1/68, he obtained a construction job through his friend, EDDIE CRANFIELD, with the Leroy Roberts Construction Company, 4031 Mission Street, Dallas, Texas. He stated that he worked continuously at this construction company with EDDIE CRANFIELD until approximately 4/12/68, at which time he left that company because he did not like construction work. MEDIXER stated that he then began working for the Texas Nameplate Company on 4/18/68, and has been so employed to the present date.

MEDIXER then stated that in regard to the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR, he does not recall ever making any threats against the life of KING, however, since he is a member of the ANP, he does not agree at all with the policies followed by KING or his successors. He stated, however, that as a member of the ANP he does not believe in violence and the present policy of the ANP is against physical violence.

MEDIXER is described as white male; born [redacted], at Chicago, Illinois; 5'10"; 145 pounds, Selective Service No. [redacted] (Classified as 1-A with the Benton, Illinois Selective Service Board); blue eyes, blond hair.

MEDIXER stated that since he is getting married in the near future, he plans to stay in the Dallas area and purchase a home and become inactive in the ANP.

He further stated that Mr. LEROY ROBERTS or his foreman, BILL DAVIDSON, could vouch for his whereabouts from 4/1 to 12/68.

On 5/6/68, Mr. BILL DAVIDSON, Foreman with the Leroy Roberts Construction Company (supra), advised SA JAMES W. ANDERTON that his payroll records reflect that JOHN C. MEDIXER was employed

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by that company as a fork lift operator (assistant) from 4/1/68 through 4/12/68. Mr. DAVIDSON stated that in addition to his pay roll records he recalls MEDIZER working during that period with his friend, EDDIE CRANFIELD.

FD-302s regarding above interviews follow to Memphis.

John C. Medizer

INSTRUCTIONS

1. This form may be submitted in legible hand-printing.
2. Use separate form for each individual on whom record is requested.
3. Make effort to furnish FBI Identification Number or Law Enforcement Identification Number.
4. Furnish descriptive data and fingerprint classification only when FBI Number not available.
5. Indicate office for reply in lower right corner only. Also list in lower right corner all offices which should receive copies of available records. Include carbon of revised FD-9 for each office receiving copies and forward with original to Bureau.
6. Do not fill in block in lower left corner.
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To: DIRECTOR, FBI		Attention: Identification Division		Date: 5/2/68									
Re: <i>John C. Medizer</i> X Dent. Record													
Furnish The Known Identification Record of the Following:													
Name: <i>John C Medizer</i>		FBI No. _____											
		Other No. SSN _____											
Aliases: <i>S-1500</i>													
Sex: <i>M</i>	Race: <i>White</i>	Birth Date: _____	Birthplace: <i>Chicago or West Frankfort, Ill.</i>	Residence: <i>3208 N Sheffield</i>									
Height: <i>5'11</i>	Weight: <i>150</i>	Build: <i>Medium</i>	Hair: <i>Blond</i>	Eyes: <i>Blue</i>	Age: <i>28</i>								
Fingerprint Classification			Scars, marks and tattoos: <i>Ty. H 14121530 V. County</i>										
Also Furnish: ☐ Photo ☐ Fingerprints ☐ Handwriting Specimens													
Identification Division's Reply <i>5-9-68</i> ☐ On basis of information furnished, unable to identify: ☐ Criminal Files ☐ Civil Files ☐ All Files ☒ Record Attached <i>h</i> ☐ Photo Attached ☐ Photo Not Available ☐ Fingerprints Attached ☐ Handwriting Specimen Attached <i>AMS</i>			Return Reply to: SAC, <i>Chicago</i> <i>44-1114</i> Send Copies To: <i>E) 44-1114-648</i> <table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 100%;"> <tr> <td>SEARCHED _____</td> <td>INDEXED <i>1</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td>SERIALIZED <i>1</i></td> <td>FILED _____</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2" style="text-align: center;">MAY 1968</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2" style="text-align: center;">FBI - CHICAGO</td> </tr> </table> <i>Clifton</i> <i>info</i>			SEARCHED _____	INDEXED <i>1</i>	SERIALIZED <i>1</i>	FILED _____	MAY 1968		FBI - CHICAGO	
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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
SO Dallas Texas	John C. Medizer #141385	6-23-65	H/F Richardson PD (drk & disorderly)	lifted & paid fine
	<i>John Medizer</i>	<i>9/67</i>	<i>157-2259</i> <i>157-3-3777</i>	
Since neither fingerprints nor an identifying number which is indexed in our files accompanied your request, FBI cannot guarantee in any manner that this material concerns the individual in whom you are interested				

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The following information from FBI record, NUMBER none assigned
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All descriptive factors (if any) furnished by you match
those in our identification file unless herein quoted.

Description and Related Data: JOHN C. MEDIZER

Race:

Sex:

Height:

Weight: 160

Hair: Brown

Eyes:

Date and Place of Birth: Chicago, Illinois

Scars and Marks: Unk.

Address: (in 1965) 1512 S. Harwood Dallas, Texas

Occupation: Mechanic

Fingerprint Classification: 20 L 13 U 13
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FROM SAC, CHICAGOSUBJECT UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC. (UKA)
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(CG file 44-1114) (P) ✓*ask Mark*
On 5/9/68, RAYMOND JOSEPH HEALEY, 3815 West Montrose Street, Chicago, Illinois, personally appeared at Chicago FBI Office and furnished the following information.

HEALEY Stated that on 1/22/68, he visited with Governor LESTOR MADDOX at Atlanta, Georgia. He stated MADDOX asked him to attend the Georgia School Board Association Convention on 1/22/68 which was held at the Atlanta Biltmore Hotel, Atlanta, Georgia.

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HEALEY advised that he attended the convention and met one, CALVIN S. CRAIG, who claimed to be the Grand Kleagle of the UKA. CRAIG advised that he resides at 1009 Byron Drive Southwest, Atlanta Georgia.

HEALEY advised that in conversation with CRAIG, CRAIG stated to HEALEY that they (not otherwise described) were going to execute the mayor and vice mayor of Atlanta, Georgia.

HEALEY also stated that CRAIG bears a strong resemblance to photographs he has seen of JAMES EARL RAY who is presently being sought by the FBI in connection with the assassination of KING. HEALEY advised that CRAIG's physical description would appear similar to the physical description of RAY. He was unable to furnish any additional information relating to the above matters.

HEALEY advised that CRAIG furnished him a card which he claimed would permit HEALEY to join the UAK for \$40 if he would do so by 6/1/68.

Chicago indices contain numerous references to an individual (s) with the name RAYMOND J. HEALEY. Chicago file 65-122 appears to pertain to complainant HEALEY referred to above. CG 65-122 indicates HEALEY furnished information to the FBI which pertained to the German American Bund. HEALEY at that time as well as at the present time is a writer who publishes magazines.

CG indices being reviewed and results will be furnished, if pertinent. Subsequent to indice review Chicago will evaluate and give consideration to reinterviewing HEALEY, for any additional information he may have and also to determine if he has informant potential.

Copies being furnished recipient offices in view of continuing interest in matter set forth above.

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Since it appears HEALEY may offer informant potential his identity should be protected at this time.

Information relative to the alleged plot against the Mayor and Vice Mayor of Atlanta should be disseminated by Atlanta to appropriate authorities.

Atlanta advise if HEALEY is known to Atlanta sources or the Atlanta Police Department. Atlanta indices should be checked re HEALEY.

Atlanta also requested to conduct appropriate inquiry to determine if information by HEALEY is accurate. Specifically, did HEALEY meet with Governor MADDOX on 1/22/68 and did he attend the Georgia School Board Association Convention which was allegedly held at the Atlanta Biltmore Hotel on 1/22/68.

Dear Sirs:

If I were to tell you the name of a man who was offered the contract for \$20,000.00 to kill 'KING', would this be of interest to you? The man may have been lying but he was in Chicago and I remembered names he mentioned while talking about his trip and who he saw there. I will not want my name mentioned nor trouble from it, please.

Very truly yours,

L. Marisse

P.O.B. 85

Mead, Febr 68041

I live with my daughter Brenda Weber.

I have no phone.

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TO: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

FROM: SAC, OMAHA (44-310) (P)

RE: MURKIN

Re Chicago teletype to Omaha 4/18/68.

On 4/18/68 LE (MRS. CHARLES R.) REECHER, aka Mrs. LE MORISSE, her previous married name, currently residing with her daughter BRENDA (MRS. JERRY ALLEN) WEBER, (P.O. Box 85), Mead, Nebraska, advised that both she and her daughter are in process of obtaining divorces from their husbands who travel together and are away from home almost continuously.

Mrs. MORISSE related that although married to him since 6/16/66, she had not ever come to know much about CHARLES R. REECHER and that, except for that having to do with his employments, marriage, and description, he is the only source of the information set out below, the authenticity of which she has no way to verify.

REECHER was paroled early in 1966 from the Illinois State Penitentiary where he had been sentenced for rape. She became acquainted with him when they were both employed at International Harvester, Moline, Illinois, and J.I. Case, Bettendorf, Iowa. Either through direct association or mutual acquaintances at the penitentiary, REECHER became closely associated with Chicago hoodlums "Little Caesar" (an "Italian name" not recalled by Mrs. MORISSE), MIKE (LNU) and PETER VERDINO. REECHER "thinks the world" of "Little Caesar". The "Double R" bar or tavern in Chicago is operated by MIKE (LNU) and VERDINO.

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On or about 3/24/68 REECHER and WEBER returned to Mead and during their conversations regarding his trip, REECHER told Mrs. MORISSE they had been in Chicago where PETER VERDINO had "offered him (REECHER) a contract to kill 'KING' for \$20,000" or, as an alternative, to "transport dope out of New York" for \$10,000. REECHER said he had not accepted either offer and sought Mrs. MORISSE's views concerning them which she expressed as "a ridiculous idea" for him even to consider.

REECHER and WEBER again departed Mead on or about Sunday March 31 and returned Sunday 4/7/68, reportedly by bus to Fremont or possibly Omaha, Nebraska, where they were picked up by WEBER's mother. They stayed only about 24 hours when they left again, taking Mrs. MORISSE's car, a black two-door Ford, about 1962 model, license or VIN not immediately available, and their present whereabouts are unknown to her. During that time REECHER mentioned that WEBER had a gun and that he had taken possession of it for safekeeping. She did not see a gun nor was it described to her. No reference was made by REECHER to their previous conversation about his offer of "a contract" nor to the shooting of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., which had occurred during the previous week and Mrs. MORISSE was prompted to advise the FBI of these circumstances only after long deliberation and her conclusion that she should not withhold it even though it may be without significance.

Mrs. MORISSE requested that her identity be protected in any investigation which may be undertaken with respect to the information furnished by her.

REECHER was described as white male, born [redacted], 6'2½, 230 pounds, light brown curly hair with blond streaks; blue eyes and always wears hornrimmed glasses; native of Coleta, Dixon or Sterling, Illinois; employed, since early 1966 when paroled from Illinois State Penitentiary, as welder and lift truck operator, at International Harvester, Moline, Illinois, J.I. Case, Bettendorf, Iowa, Independent Metals and Omaha Steel, Omaha.

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JERRY ALLEN WEBER was described as white male, born [redacted] or 46, 6', slender build. His (adoptive) parents are LAWRENCE and EDNA WEBER who operate the Spart Time Cafe at Mead. An adopted sister is LINDA WEBER, employed as Nurse's Aid at University Hospital, Omaha. WEBER described as lazy and dependent upon his mother for pocket money.

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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Will conduct appropriate investigation to determine the identities of "Little Caesar", MIKE LNU and PETER VERDINO and whether VERDINO in fact may have been implicated in instant conspiracy.

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Date May 14, 1968

MORTON L. ZASLAVSKI, Attorney at Law, 820 West North Avenue, furnished the following information:

In addition to being an attorney, ZASLAVSKI is the owner of the Public Service Currency Exchange, 820 West North Avenue, Chicago, which is located in a predominantly Negro area. A majority of the customers of the currency exchange are Negroes.

ZASLAVSKI advised that he does not know JAMES EARL RAY by name, aliases or description. ZASLAVSKI was shown a photograph of RAY and he advised that he has never seen RAY.

ZASLAVSKI's business interests are located in Chicago and he uses his office at 820 West North Avenue to operate these interests. During March and April, 1968, he was in Chicago, Illinois. ZASLAVSKI did not travel to Tennessee or Alabama during March or April, 1968.

At this point ZASLAVSKI stated that he does not know the FBI's source of information but he attributes this inquiry to an occurrence in 1966. At this time, an individual whom he believes is named BROWN, first name unknown, reported to the Chicago Police Department that he, ZASLAVSKI, had put up some money to have MARTIN LUTHER KING killed. BROWN was a self-appointed civil rights leader who may have been affiliated with the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE). Actually BROWN was a trouble maker who would disappear for months at a time and then reappear. Whenever BROWN appeared ZASLAVSKI would always anticipate some type of trouble. ZASLAVSKI believes BROWN has been a customer at the Public Service Currency Exchange.

At the time of this alleged threat to kill MARTIN LUTHER KING, a Chicago police officer came to 820 West North Avenue and interviewed ZASLAVSKI. The officer explained that a complaint had been made. ZASLAVSKI told the officer that he did not make any offer of money to have KING killed nor did he make any threats to kill KING. ZASLAVSKI believes that

On 5/7/68 at Chicago, Illinois File # EJ CG 44-1114 -68
by SAs HAROLD K. JOHNSON & RICHARD F. GLIEBE/ejh Date dictated 5/13/68

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the officer made a report and that it could be located at the district police station covering 820 West North Avenue. The police at that district station were aware of BROWN and that he had a history of being a trouble maker.

The following is a description of ZASLAVSKI:

Name	MORTON L. ZASLAVSKI
Sex	Male
Race	White
Date of Birth	
Place of Birth	Chicago, Illinois
Height	6'1"
Weight	190 pounds
Hair	Grey
Eyes	Brown
Occupation	Attorney, Currency Exchange owner
Address	820 West North Avenue Chicago, Illinois

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Date 5/3/68

JOSEPH JOHN GAFFNEY, 285 Elm Park Avenue, advised that he lives at home with his parents and is presently a student attending the Elmhurst College. He pointed out the Elmhurst College is located in the immediate area of his home and that he enrolled in that college on February 6, 1967, now majoring in English.

GAFFNEY stated he is also a member of the 86th U.S. Army Reserve Command, G-2 Section (Administrative), 1819 West Pershing Road, Chicago, and that his group meets on Sunday and Thursday nights.

GAFFNEY stated he has not made any trips from the Chicago area during the last couple months except during the Easter Vacation period from school during which time he traveled to Pella, Iowa. He explained that he left for Pella, Iowa, about April 11, 1968, and returned on April 14, 1968. He said the purpose of the trip was to visit MARY KAY BRADOF, Central College, Pella, Iowa, and that he was accompanied by ROBERT PINDERSKI, a fellow student at Elmhurst College and his girl friend, RUTH BRADOF, who is a sister of MARY KAY BRADOF. GAFFNEY stated that he and PINDERSKI stayed at the Motel Dutch Mill, Pella, Iowa.

GAFFNEY stated he has been at school since his time of enrollment except for the time he went to Iowa during the Easter Vacation and about two days during which time he was home with the flu about the middle part of March, 1968.

GAFFNEY said that he has known ORVILLE BRETTMAN since childhood days and that BRETTMAN is now in the U.S. Marines and is presently in Viet Nam. He said BRETTMAN has been stationed at Camp Pendleton, California, and was home in the Chicago area from approximately December 10-27, 1967. He said he believes BRETTMAN, referred to as "ORV", left for Viet Nam about the middle of March, 1968.

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GAFFNEY said that he had previously had some discussions with BRETTMAN regarding the "Minutemen" as well as many other subjects through the years. GAFFNEY said he has not in the past nor is he now a member of "Minutemen" and has no interest in the organization. He said BRETTMAN had some knowledge of the organization and although he is of the impression BRETTMAN might have been a member he is not absolutely certain.

GAFFNEY stated that he has never mentioned any conspiracy to assassinate anyone and volunteered that the loss of KING is a loss to everyone because he stood for non-violence. GAFFNEY said he is against violence and the loss of KING "is the worst thing that could have happened." He said he is against all this recent violence including the riots and burning.

GAFFNEY concluded by stating he assumed he was interviewed previously regarding the "Minutemen" and again this time because someone probably put his name on a membership or mailing list. He said if this has happened he wants it to be known he is not a member and is against violence such as killing, rioting, and burning. He added he is not anti-Negro and has not taken part in any demonstrations or other activity.

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Mrs. JANE LOVELL, Records Office, Elmhurst College, advised that JOSEPH JOHN GAFFNEY is presently enrolled in the college. However, it was determined by additional questions that there is no requirement that the students actually attend classes. She added she has no records of attendance by students and that the keeping of attendance records is not required at the school or by the individual teachers.

LOVELL stated GAFFNEY takes the following courses:

Geography, teacher - JOHN BOHNERT; English, teacher - Miss ALICE HADDIX; Philosophy, teacher - DEAN CLARK; Art, teacher - Miss LATHAM BASKERVILLE.

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JOHN BOHNERT advised that JOSEPH GAFFNEY is enrolled in his Geography class and added that even though he is not required to keep student attendance records, he can state with certainty that GAFFNEY is in fairly good attendance. He said GAFFNEY attends about three of the four weekly classes of his and that GAFFNEY has been turning in regularly his weekly test papers. BOHNERT said he also had GAFFNEY in his class last semester, therefore, knows him well by sight.

BOHNERT added that he has talked with GAFFNEY outside regular class periods and has gained the impression that GAFFNEY brags and is always trying to impress others with his importance. He said the times he has talked with GAFFNEY outside of class he can hardly get away from him once he begins bragging of his exploits, accomplishments and wealth or wealthy acquaintances.

BOHNERT said that GAFFNEY is failing in his class.

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Miss ALICE HADDIX advised that JOSEPH GAFFNEY is enrolled in her English class, however, he has not been to class. She said it is possible that he may have been to the first class at the beginning of the semester, but since that time she is sure he has not been to her class. She added that no attendance records are maintained but she is sure of the above statement.

She concluded that since GAFFNEY has not been to class, he will not receive a passing grade from her class.

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Dr. ROBERT J. CLARK advised he is the Dean of School and that he teaches the Philosophy class in which JOSEPH GAFFNEY is enrolled.

Dr. CLARK said that GAFFNEY is a very poor class attender and has not been to his class for quite some time. He said he wrote a note to GAFFNEY to see him on April 3, 1968, but has not heard from GAFFNEY. He said the note was written because GAFFNEY had not been to his class for probably a week or two before that date and it may have been longer.

He added the school does not keep attendance records of the students and that GAFFNEY will not receive a passing grade from his class.

Dr. CLARK said that he lives on the other side of the street from the GAFFNEY family residence but has no personal knowledge of the family.

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Miss LATHAM BASKERVILLE advised that JOSEPH GAFFNEY is enrolled in her Art class. She said she has a very poor memory for faces and gets the students mixed up. She looked through several piles of papers and finally said she had located a paper, which according to her, GAFFNEY turned in on April 25, 1968.

Miss BASKERVILLE added she is not required to keep attendance records but believes GAFFNEY is a regular attender even through she does get the students mixed up.

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JOSEPH J. GAFFNEY, 285 Elm Park Avenue, advised that he has enrolled at the Elmhurst College only to please his parents. He stated he does not want to go to school and was of the impression that the agents would only check to see if he was enrolled at the school. He said that he did not expect that his daily attendance in the classes would be checked and then admitted that he does not attend classes regularly. He said that his mother gets him up in the morning and that he leaves for the campus, but usually does not go to his classes.

GAFFNEY stated that he has not taken any trips from the area, as stated before, even though he has not been attending classes.

GAFFNEY explained that when he does not go to classes, he goes to the room of his friend, JOHN PALM, Room 204, Niebur Hall, Elmhurst College, to rest or listen to records. He said PALM would not know when he has been there because PALM is at his classes during that time.

He said that other times he walks around the campus or goes to the Elmhurst Camera Shop, located on Addison Street, Elmhurst, Illinois, and talks to his friends, JERRY MOLLER or TROCK (LNU), who operate the camera shop. GAFFNEY said he has an interest in photography and considers cameras his hobby.

GAFFNEY then located the last address for BRETTMAN which he stated is as follows:

Cpl. ORVILLE H. BRETTMAN,
Number 2250151,
H&S Company,
5th Recon. Batt.,
5th Marine Division, FMF(REIN) M.C.B.,
Camp Pendleton, California.

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GAFFNEY advised that he expects to fail in school and since ~~he now~~ realizes that it is known that he does not attend most of his classes regularly his whereabouts can be verified through his parents. He maintained that at least one of his parents sees him each day and that both parents usually see him each day.

GAFFNEY said his parents were on a trip during part of February and early March, 1968, and at least one of them has been home from that time until April 29, 1968. He said that at the present time both of his parents are out of town but that his father is expected to be back in the area the following day.

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JOSEPH W. GAFFNEY advised that he is employed as the General Purchasing Agent and heads the purchasing for all Sears Roebuck and Company stores located nationally. He advised that his son, JOSEPH J. GAFFNEY, is an only child and was adopted.

GAFFNEY said that he can personally vouch for the whereabouts of his son in this area since he sees the son each day or if he does not, the mother sees the son and is sure he gets off to school.

GAFFNEY said his son left the area only for a few days during the Easter vacation when he went to Pella, Iowa, and was accompanied by a school friend, ROBERT PINDERSKI, and his girl friend.

GAFFNEY said the only time one of the parents was not home was when they were both away on trips during part of February and early March, 1968.

GAFFNEY said his son has been more or less forced by his parents to go to school and he knows that the son does not want to continue. He maintained that in spite of his son's irregular attendance in classes, he can without reservation vouch that he has been in this area and at home each day since his wife and he returned to the house early March, 1968.

GAFFNEY said that his son's "weakness" is that he talks too much and in a very immature way is always trying to impress people. He said that on many occasions his son has been talking or exaggerating and in one way or another it has caused him trouble. GAFFNEY said he has many times cautioned his son about trying to impress people by talking too much but he thinks it is probably something his son has to grow out of or become more mature.

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GAFFNEY said he has talked at length with his son in view of the previous interview regarding the "Minutemen" and the interview of the day before and still does not understand why his son is being interviewed. He said that if his son's name has been placed on a membership or mailing list of some organization without his son's knowledge, he would like to have the matter resolved once and for all now because he does not want his son to be interviewed everytime something happens.

GAFFNEY said that he assumes that his son's name probably was turned into the "Minutemen" organization by a childhood friend, ORVILLE BRETTMAN. GAFFNEY said that he has forbidden his son to write or associate with BRETTMAN.

GAFFNEY added that his son has taken no part in school demonstrations or protests of any kind and has expressed no strong feeling for or against Negroes or their causes or any other political or social movements.

GAFFNEY advised that he very much appreciated the courteous manner in which he and his son were interviewed and the lack of embarrassment caused him or his family because of the interviews. He added that he would like to take some steps if he knew what steps to take to insure that his son's name would be taken off the organization list or the matter resolved.

He concluded by repeating that his son's "weakness" is attempting to impress people by immature talk and added that he can vouch for his son's whereabouts in this area during the periods previously stated.

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TITLE OF CASE JAMES EARL RAY, aka; DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.- VICTIM		REPORT MADE BY SA RAMON W. STRATTON	TYPED BY CMS
		CHARACTER OF CASE CR - CONSPIRACY UFAC - ROBBERY	

REFERENCE: Report of SA RENE J. DUMAINE at Chicago, 5/10/68.

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AT MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE. Review of Chicago files has revealed that Chicago is not in possession of all communications relating to possible conspirators, since Memphis is origin. Chicago files do not disclose whether information concerning suspect DONALD LAWRENCE STOUT, aka LAWRENCE DONALD STOUT, has been resolved and Memphis Division will determine from file review whether STOUT has been eliminated and if not, will set forth appropriate leads.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED None						ACQUIT- TALS	CASE HAS BEEN: PENDING OVER ONE YEAR ☐ YES ☒ NO PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS ☐ YES ☒ NO
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This report relates only to individuals who have reportedly made threats against MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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Report of: SA RAMON W. STRATTON
Date: 7-8-68

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Title: JAMES EARL RAY;
Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIMCharacter: CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY; UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID
CONFINEMENT - ROBBERY

Synopsis: This report relates to individuals who have made threats against victim KING. ROBERT CORNELL BUXTON, born [redacted] at Brockville, Ontario, Canada; THOMAS EUGENE CRAMER, born [redacted] at Lima, Ohio; JOSEPH JOHN GAFFNEY, born [redacted] at Chicago, Illinois and ORVILLE H. BRETTMAN, MSN 2250151; Mrs. JESSIE KILGRAF (KILGRAS), Penfield, New York; JOHN C. MEDIZER, born [redacted] at Chicago, Illinois; ALFRED GEORGE SCHNEIDER, born [redacted] at Chicago, Illinois; and MORTON L. ZASLAVSKI, born [redacted] at Chicago, Illinois; all investigated and no indication any connected with JAMES EARL RAY or murder of KING developed. Investigation to determine whether TONY DEXTER, reported by NAACP to have offered a reward for murder of KING, actually exists was completely negative. Investigation set forth identifying DONALD LAWRENCE STOUT, aka Lawrence Donald Stout, born [redacted] at Detroit, Michigan, FBI #4959380, as person who allegedly threatened to kill KING. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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On March 17, 1965 ROBERT C. BUXTON, white, male, 3102 South Wallace, Chicago, Illinois, telephonically contacted the Chicago FBI Office and stated "MARTIN LUTHER KING is a man to be watched." BUXTON stated "I'd kill him if he got in my way, yes, I am a threat to him." BUXTON gave the impression of being intoxicated and at times was incoherent.

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Re: ROBERT BUXTON

The following investigation was conducted by SA WILLIAM M. O'BRIEN and SA MICHAEL A. GARRETT III at Chicago, Illinois, on April 25, 1968:

Mrs. NORMA LOFTIS, Clerk, Immigration and Naturalization Service, 219 South Dearborn, advised that a check of their files revealed no record on ROBERT C. BUXTON.

A check of the records of the Bureau of Records and Communications, Chicago Police Department, reflected a ROBERT C. BUXTON, born [redacted], or June 22, 1915, at Ontario, Canada, Social Security Number [redacted]. Records revealed that BUXTON was arrested in September, 1962, for sleeping on the sidewalk and had arrests in October, 1965, and December, 1965, for disorderly conduct. Records revealed BUXTON had an address of 3102 South Wallace, Chicago, in 1965, and an address of 468 West 28th Street, Chicago, in 1962.

A check of the files at the Chicago Credit Bureau revealed a record on ROBERT BUXTON, 3102 South Wallace, Chicago. Records revealed an inquiry was received on March 11, 1968, regarding BUXTON, wife DOROTHY, from Mercantile Discount, showing his employment as Paidor Fixtures.

A check of the telephone directory for the City of Chicago was negative for BUXTON; however, the directory showed an EMIL J. PAIDAR Company, barbers' fixtures, 1120 North Wells, Chicago, Illinois.

PAUL BRESTIN, Personnel Manager, Emil J. Paidar Company, 1120 North Wells, advised that ROBERT CORNELL BUXTON, Social Security Number [redacted] has been employed with their company as a stockman since July 25, 1966. He described BUXTON as a white male, born [redacted], 6'4" tall, 200 pounds, red hair, brown eyes, residence 3102 South Wallace, Chicago, Illinois. BUXTON's records show he is married, claims two exemptions, and was in United States Army from 1941 through 1946. BUXTON's records show previous employment with United

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Exposition, Hilton Hotel, from September, 1963, to May, 1966; Satalite Lounge, 87th and Rockwell, May, 1962, to September, 1963, as a cook; Cal-Mar Restaurant, 72nd and Ashland, as a cook; Como-Inn, Milwaukee near Grand, as a cook. BUXTON's records reflect he was working at this company on March 29 and April 4, 1968, from 7:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. BUXTON had not worked on March 30, 1968, as this was a Saturday. BUXTON's records reflect no derogatory information and Mr. BRESTIN advised that he was a good worker.

Mr. AUGUST BURDA, BUXTON's immediate supervisor, Emil J. Paidar Company, 1120 North Wells, advised that he has known ROBERT BUXTON during his employment with Paidar Company and stated that he knew nothing of a derogatory nature concerning his activities or associates. BURDA stated that he knew of no participation by BUXTON in hate-type groups or subversive organizations and he stated that although BUXTON has a hot temper on occasion, he does not feel that this characteristic is inordinate. BURDA stated that BUXTON to his knowledge is amiable towards his fellow employees who are of various races and has never displayed or expressed any racist tendencies. BURDA stated that BUXTON has no credit difficulties and has presented no disciplinary problems other than missing several days work, probably because of excessive use of intoxicants.

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ROBERT CORNELL BUXTON, 3102 South Wallace, Chicago, Illinois, telephone number 842-4577, was advised of the identity of the interviewing agents as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and was advised of his rights by Special Agent MICHAEL A. GARRETT III, as shown on an Advice of Rights Form which he read and signed. BUXTON was advised that he was being interviewed regarding a telephone call that he had made on March 17, 1965, St. Patrick's Day, to the Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation at Chicago, Illinois, threatening to kill MARTIN LUTHER KING.

BUXTON stated that he could not remember making the call in question. He stated that it was probably he that made the call and that he must have been drunk at the time since it was St. Patrick's Day. He stated that he does crazy things sometimes when he gets a few drinks in him and is capable of saying anything when he is drunk.

BUXTON stated that he knows nothing about the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., and has no idea who might have been connected with this crime. BUXTON was exhibited a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY, Identification Order Number 4182, and he stated that this individual was totally unfamiliar to him.

BUXTON explained that he has never been in Birmingham, Alabama, or Memphis, Tennessee, and has not been out of the Chicago area in the last two months. BUXTON stated that he does not own an automobile and has no credit problems. He stated, however, that he has no bank account and has trouble keeping himself in beer money.

BUXTON stated that his whereabouts during the last two months could be verified by checking with the bartender named BABE at Babe's Tavern on the corner of 31st and Wallace Streets in Chicago.

The following is a description of BUXTON as taken from observation and interview:

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Name:	ROBERT CORNELL BUXTON
Residence:	3102 South Wallace, Chicago, Illinois
Date of Birth:	[REDACTED]
Place of Birth:	Brockville, Ontario, Canada
Height:	6'4"
Weight:	249 pounds
Hair:	Red
Eyes:	Brown
Sex:	Male
Race:	White
Citizenship:	Naturalized U.S. Citizen
Social Security #:	[REDACTED]
Army Serial Number:	[REDACTED]
Employment:	EMIL J. PALIDAR Company, 1120 North Wells, Chicago Stock Clerk
Occupation:	Scar on left wrist
Scars and Marks:	Married, Wife, DOROTHY, Same Address
Marital Status:	ROBERTA ATKINS, 30's and Albany, Basement Apartment, Chicago, Illinois.
Daughter:	U.S. Army from 1942 to 1945
Military Service:	468 West 28th Street, Bridgeport, Illinois
Previous Residences:	6607 South Stewart, Chicago, Illinois 6239 South Kimbark, Chicago, Illinois

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On September 6, 1966 THOMAS ORCAHER or CRANER, 1909 School Street, Chicago, Illinois, telephonically advised the Chicago FBI Office that he had joined the "Nazis" and he was to kill MARTIN LUTHER KING when KING returned to Chicago.

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Re: THOMAS EUGENE CRAMER

The following investigation was conducted by SAS JAMES A. POND and ROBERT L. ZIMMERMANN:

A review of the records of the Chicago Police Department conducted on April 25, 1968, disclosed no arrest record for THOMAS E. CREAMER and no additional arrest record for THOMAS E. CRAMER to that already set forth. The records of the Chicago Police Department do reflect that on September 20, 1966, THOMAS E. CRAMER, 1901 School Street, Chicago, Illinois, was the victim of an auto theft.

A review of the indices of the Chicago Division under the names THOMAS E. CREAMER and THOMAS E. CRAMER on April 25, 1968, disclosed no additional references under these names.

On April 25, 1968, JOSEPHINE ZERBIAN, Proprietress, of the Five Step Inn, 1801 West School Street, advised she recalled a THOMAS CRAMER, a white male, about 25 years old, who lived in the next block, west on School Street. She stated that she had not seen him in almost two years. She stated that she recalled he was from Ohio and she had heard he had returned to Ohio.

On April 25, 1968, Mrs. RUSSO, daughter of the landlord at the building, 1909 West School Street, advised that a review of rent receipts disclosed that THOMAS CRAMER moved from that address in early December, 1966. She advised that his wife was named GLINDA and she was a beautician. Mrs. RUSSO advised that THOMAS CRAMER was employed at Stewart-Warner Corporation, Department 75. Mrs. RUSSO advised that they had no forwarding address for the CRAMERS, however, she thought they were going to Ohio when they left Chicago in December, 1966.

On April 26, 1968, Miss JACKIE MOHR, Personnel Clerk, Stewart-Warner Corporation, made available the employment record of THOMAS E. CRAMER, born [redacted] at Lima, Ohio, Social Security Number [redacted]. The record disclosed that CRAMER was hired originally on May 29, 1963, and worked to April 6, 1965. He was rehired June 15, 1965, and worked to September 19, 1966. He was rehired April 18, 1967, and was terminated April 28, 1967, when he failed to report for work.

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The record disclosed his address at time of employment in April, 1967, was reflected as 3840 Sheridan Road.

The records disclose his wife is GLINDA and describe CRAMER as a white male, 5' 10", 137 pounds, brown hair, and green eyes.

The records further disclose that when CRAMER left Stewart-Warner in 1965, he left a forwarding address of 234 Prospect Street, Freemont, Ohio.

On April 26, 1968, it was determined that there is no such address as 3840 North Sheridan Road, however, there is a 3840 North Sheffield, and Sheffield changes to Sheridan Road at 3900 North.

Inquiry at 3840 North Sheffield, and a review of the rent receipts for that address, disclose no record of THOMAS CRAMER as a resident.

On April 30, 1968, WILLIAM BUCHANAN was contacted at the Stewart-Warner Corporation, 1826 Diversey Parkway, Chicago, Illinois. He advised that he was a friend of THOMAS CRAMER and had heard CRAMER was in Oregon a couple of weeks ago. He advised that he received this information through CRAMER's half brother, ALFRED ROBERT SHANAHAN, who in turn, got it from CRAMER's wife, GLINDA. He advised that GLINDA lives on Palmer Street, exact address unknown.

On April 30, 1968, inquiry at House of Style by Salli, Incorporated, 3617 North Broadway, disclosed GLINDA CRAMER was not working that day and her residence address was unknown as she reportedly had just recently moved.

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Mrs. GLINDA CRAMER, 3322 West Palmer, telephone 772-4691, was interviewed at her place of employment, House of Style by Salli, Incorporated, 3617 North Broadway, telephone WE 5-3510, where she is employed as a beautician. Mrs. CRAMER advised that she is the wife of THOMAS EUGENE CRAMER, however, they are currently separated. She stated that in September, 1966, prior to separation from her husband, they resided at 1909 School Street, Chicago, Illinois. Mrs. CRAMER advised that the correct spelling of her family name is CRAMER and that she has never known it to be spelled CREAMER.

Mrs. CRAMER advised that she had been contacted by her in-laws in Ohio, who notified her that they had been contacted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation relative to locating her husband. She stated that she had received a telephone call from her husband on Wednesday, April 24, 1968, from Seattle, Washington. Her husband had been living at 621 North Jackson, Seattle, Washington, which is the Bush Hotel, however, when he called her, he had indicated he was possibly going to move from the hotel to a local YMCA. She stated that after being contacted by her in-laws, she called the Bush Hotel in an effort to locate her husband, however, was advised that he had moved without leaving a forwarding address. She stated that her husband was working in Seattle at a sporting goods store the name of which she did not recall.

Mrs. CRAMER advised that in the event her husband had left Seattle, he would, in all probability, go to San Jose, California, where he would stay at the residence of DAVE SHAW, 1967 Stoney Road, Apartment 3, San Jose, California.

Mrs. CRAMER advised that the last time she actually saw her husband was the Thursday after Valentine's Day, 1968. She stated that on that date, he left Chicago and she understands he went to Lima, Ohio, from there to Denver, Colorado, and from there to Seattle, Washington. She stated that she does not have any idea what his activities were during that period.

Regarding a telephone call made by him to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, in September, 1966, relative to his being

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contacted to kill Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING, she stated she did not have any personal knowledge in regard to this call made by her husband, however, she did receive a telephone call about that time from a police agency, the identity of which she does not recall, wherein she was questioned concerning the call allegedly made by her husband. She stated she informed the inquiring police agency that she knew nothing about it, however, if they want to question her further, they should come out to see her personally. She stated that she was not further contacted.

Mrs. CRAMER advised that her husband does drink alot and that he does some odd things when he is drinking, however, she has never known him to do anything, even when drinking, which would cause her to believe he might deliberately plot to kill someone.

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The Cleveland Division reported on April 27, 1968, that DONALD L. CRAMER and his wife, ELAINE, were interviewed on April 27, 1968, at 234 North Prospect Street, Freemont, Ohio. They said that DONALD CRAMER's brother, THOMAS E. CRAMER, left the Freemont area two to three years ago and has not been in contact with them. DONALD was of the opinion that THOMAS was separated from his wife, GLENDA, who is called "DINK," and that GLENDA could be located as a beautician at the House of Sally, 3400 Broadway, Chicago. GLENDA's mother is INNA WADDLE, 1934 North Drake, Chicago, telephone: 384-8553. THOMAS has a half brother, ROBERT SHANAHAN, employed at the Stewart-Warner Company, Chicago.

DONALD telephonically contacted his mother at Findlay, Ohio, and she said that THOMAS had left his wife and that she believed him to be in the Chicago area.

DONALD said that THOMAS is an alcoholic who regularly left his family. DONALD recalled hearing in the past that two or three years ago THOMAS CRAMER telephoned the FBI in Chicago and as a joke said he was going to kill MARTIN LUTHER KING. DONALD said that THOMAS actually had done this because he was angry at some Negroes at the Stewart-Warner Company.

DONALD said that THOMAS telephonically contacted him several years ago from Chicago and said he had strangled his wife, that she was lying dead in bed in their home and that he had called the police. DONALD then telephoned the police in Chicago, who said that GLENDA was not injured and that THOMAS was drunk. DONALD said that his brother has a long history of making up such stories.

The Cleveland Division advised as follows on May 3, 1968:

The following investigation was conducted on May 2, 1968, by Special Agent HOMER K. MILLER at Lima, Ohio and Special Agent STEPHEN FUNDERBURK and Special Agent MILLER at Findlay, Ohio:

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Mrs. ESTHER MOTTER, Clerk, Health Department, Allen County, Lima, Ohio, advised birth certificate reflects THOMAS EUGENE CRAMER born [redacted] at Lima, Ohio; father, DONALD CRAMER, mother, MARY RYPKENA CRAMER; birth record was registered on February 16, 1939.

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WAYNE ETHEL (NA), Chief of Police, Findlay, Ohio, Police Department, advised THOMAS EUGENE CRAMER, born [redacted] had the following arrests:

March 19, 1960	Leaving scene of accident - \$25 fine
September 10, 1960	Operating under suspension \$9 costs, 2 days in County Jail
February 17, 1961	1. Entry in Night Season \$300 fine. 2. Committing Personal Violence 3 days County Jail.
February 12, 1961	Intoxication --\$10 fine \$7.50 costs.
May 2, 1961	Non-support Released
July 31, 1964	Public Intoxication \$10 Fine

WILLIAM BELL, Sheriff of Hancock County, advised THOMAS EUGENE CRAMER originally was in jail for a few days in 1961, for Non-Support, and in February, 1961, for B & E, then again on July 31, 1964, for Non-Support, and released August 3, 1964. On the arrest of July 31, 1964, which was non-support, his address was indicated as 1943 Henderson, Chicago, Illinois. His description was white, male, born [redacted] 5'9", 135 pounds, brown hair, blue eyes, slim build.

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Mrs. ELINOR LAIRD, Credit Reporter, Credit Bureau of Findlay, Ohio, advised THOMAS EUGENE CRAMER had been known to her files since 1961 and there was a notation that he had been divorced from a BETTY JYWISE in November, 1961; no other information.

Mrs. BETTY J. CRAMER, 342 Trenton, advised she divorced THOMAS EUGENE CRAMER in 1961 and had only seen him about once a year since when he had come to see their child. She stated he re-married and she believed he left a second wife. She stated the last she knew he was driving an old Lincoln Continental. She stated that on no occasion had she ever heard him mention the Nazi Party, attending any special meetings of any kind, nor had she ever heard him mention Dr. KING. She had no idea as to the whereabouts of subject, but advised his mother, MARY KENNEDY and a sister, FRANCES, lived in Findlay.

Mrs. MARY KENNEDY, 1209 Concord Street, advised that she talked to her son's wife, GLENDA, in Chicago, by telephone, and that GLENDA, who is also known as "DINK", lives at 3322 West Palmer Street, Chicago, telephone 312 772-4691. She stated GLENDA is employed at Sally's Beauty Shop, Broadway and Addison Streets, Chicago, telephone 312 WE 5-3510. She advised when talking to GLENDA, GLENDA told her THOMAS had left and gone to Seattle, Washington, where he lived in some motel, but that he reportedly had checked out of his hotel; also that she believed he had been working at some sporting goods store. Mrs. KENNEDY had no idea as to the present whereabouts of her son, THOMAS EUGENE CRAMER, and advised that the person he would get in touch with would be his wife, GLENDA. She advised that her son had left the Findlay area a year ago and she had not seen him in four or five months. She advised that her son did at one time go with a young man named DAVE SHAW, but she did not know the whereabouts of this DAVE SHAW. She said that in her opinion, her son needed psychiatric treatment, and has been known to tell tall stories when he has been drinking. Further, she stated she recalled hearing that her son had at one time telephoned the FBI in Chicago, within the last few years, but she thought it had something to do with Communism. She advised that her son does have two or three weapons; that he liked to hunt and fish; but,

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On March 25, 1967, Military Intelligence, Evanston, Illinois, reported that one JOSEPH JOHN GAFFNEY of Elmhurst, Illinois, had recruited Private First Class STEPHEN LANE to serve as a member of a two man team with him to assassinate MARTIN LUTHER KING on KING's visit to Chicago in 1967. On April 7, 1967 GAFFNEY was interviewed by military authorities and denied any knowledge of any planned acts of violence against anyone.