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FBI DALLAS

FBI WASH DC

210AM URGENT 4-5-68 BGM

TO DIRECTOR DALLAS MEMPHIS
FROM WASHINGTON FIELD 1P

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., CIVIL RIGHTS

MACK RICHARDSON IN INTELLIGENCE DIVISION, SECRET SERVICE
WASHINGTON, D.C., ADVISED INSTANT DATE OF RECEIPT OF A
TELEPHONE CALL AT ELEVEN THIRTY P.M., APRIL FOUR LAST,
FROM MRS. JAMES W. TRIMXXX TRINKLE, FIFTEEN HUNDRED PROVINCETOWN
LANE, RICHARDSON, TEXAS, TELEPHONE AD ONE TWO SEVEN THREE
ONE. SHE SAID THAT ON MARCH TWENTYNINE LAST HER HUSBAND WAS
IN ABILENE, TEXAS, AND BOUGHT GAS FROM A MOBILE STATION WHERE
THE ATTENDANT INFORMED HIM THAT A YOUNG WHITE MALE IN A NEW
WHITE CAR HAD GUNS AND AMMUNITION IN THE BACK SEAT AND HAD
SAID HE WAS GOING TO MEMPHIS TO TAKE CARE OF THE LEADERS OF
THE DEMONSTRATION. MR. TRINKLE DID NOT WISH HIS WIFE TO
INFORM THE AUTHORITIES IN ORDER NOT TO BECOME INVOLVED. MRS.
TRINKLE SAID THE CARBON CREDIT MOBILE TICKET IDENTIFIED THE
STATION AS ONE-H-TWENTY. DALLAS IMMEDIATELY CONDUCT APPROPRIATE
INVESTIGATION TO ASCERTAIN FACTS AIMED AT IDENTIFYING THE
OCCUPANT OF SAID AUTOMOBILE.

END

JDH

FBI DALLAS

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1:15 AM Lee advised 4-5-68
1:20 AM W. Horton advised 4-5-68

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24 Photo front of Dallas 11/22/63

25. Newspaper sketch of King assassin

26. Photo - ~~Unknown~~ Unknown individual (1869 mm)27. Report by the Dept. of Justice Task Force to Review
the FBI Martin Luther King Jr. Security & assassination
investigation

28. Notes re: visit by Betty Lou Wade 8/19/78

" 29 " " " " " 8/20/78

" 30 " " " " Stephen Wayne Wilson "

" 31 " " " " Mark Anthony Wilson "

32 notes from anonymous call 2/2/79

33 " " " " " 1/30/79

Disposition:

1A27 placed in back, 2/23/78

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(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(CITY AND STATE)

By ser 437
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)To Be Returned ☐ Yes
☒ NoReceipt given ☐ Yes
☐ No

Description:

Photo of Unsub
Taken Dallas 1-1-22-63
Said to resemble artist's
sketch of King assassin



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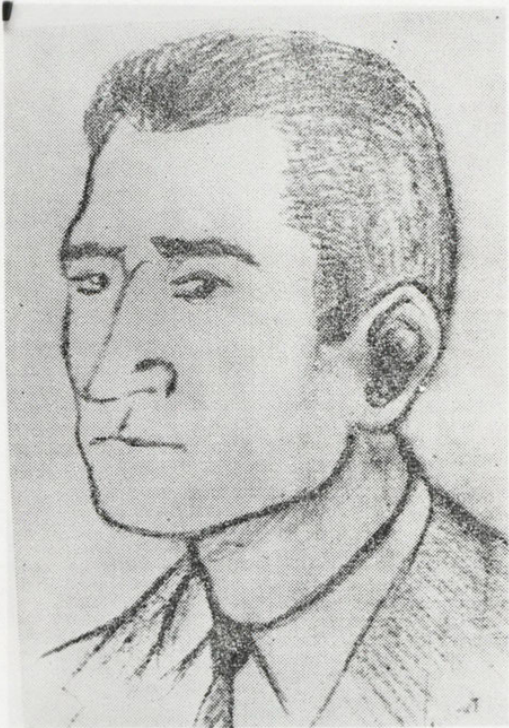
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(CITY AND STATE)

By ser. 437
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)To Be Returned ☐ Yes☒ NoReceipt given ☐ Yes☐ No

Description:

Photo of Newspaper Artist's
sketch of King assassin



2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

File No. 44-2649-1A²⁶

Date Received 2-14-69

From ME
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(CITY AND STATE)

By _____
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

To Be Returned ☐ Yes
☐ No

Receipt given ☐ Yes
☐ No

Description:

Photo - Unknown individual

2-18-69 JZ



Field File No. 44-2649-1A²⁸

OO and File No. ~~ME~~ 44-1987

Date Received 8/19/78

From Self
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(CITY AND STATE)
By Perry H. Cole
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

To Be Returned ☐ Yes

Receipt Given ☐ Yes

☒ No

☒ No

Description:

Agents notes re:
intv. of Betty Lou
Wade

PFL
8/19/78

Betty Lou Wade, ^{233 Smith, Burleson Texas.} former
wife of Burgess Audie Wilson. (295-2200)

was married to Wilson.

in 4/4/68 and they were residing
at ... Herrick Street, Grandview, Mo.
Wilson had a jewelry business at
Katz Drugstore in Grandview. Later
moved the business to Bettor, Mo. ~~as~~
and had sep. store ^{in a small shopping Ctr.} under name of
Wilbur's Jewelers.

Remarried Wilson. Feb 1967 at
Memphis, Tenn. Wilson employed as
Civilian govt emp at Richards-Gabour
AFB. Shortly thereafter, Wilson

4. her moved to Grandview, Mo. & resided
a Grandview for several years.

Says she can positively state
Wilson was ~~not~~ in Grandview at the
time Dr. King was shot.

Has had mental problems for
years but, declines treatment.
Says has ~~not~~ threatening ^{harassing tel. calls} her ~~in her children~~ ^{in her children}.
Son Mark Wilson 20 had his father
arrested at Cleburne, Texas for non-
child support & harassment abt. 2 years ago.

Was committed to a mental hosp. in ^{New} ~~San~~
~~Brunswick, N.J.~~ ^{in 1974} ~~in 1975~~.

Describe her ex-husb as ^{a liar} ~~crazy~~
Con artist, with serious mental problems.
Says can't differentiate between the truth
& fantasy and lives in a "dream world."
Needs medical attention.

Sister - Lyda McGahey
2002 East 18th Ave No.
Columbus, Miss Tel 327-1141

Another Sister is: Christine Gauthier
Fulton, Miss
Rt 1, Box 36

Bro: Allison Wilson
Reform, Ala.

Children refuse to have anything
to do w/ their father. They are

Never owned a white Mustang
& Daughter never drove vehicle from
Kansas City, Mo to Memphis Tenn.

Caution: Says Wilson carries a gun all
the time.

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Stephen Wayne Wilson
3117 Livingston
Ft. Worth, Tex (tel 923-9414)

Mark Anthony Wilson
514 S.E. Gardens Apt 132
Ft. Worth, Tex (295-2854)

Deborah Ann Jones (husb. Charles)
2628 Newburg Rd. #106
Belvidere, Ill.
Tel. # 543-9734

Field File No. DL 44-2649-1A²¹

OO and File No. ME 44-1987

Date Received 8/20/78

From Self
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(CITY AND STATE)

By Perry F Cole
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

To Be Returned ☐ Yes

☒ No

Receipt Given ☐ Yes

☒ No

Description:

Notes re: intro. of
Betty Lou Wade
(2nd intro.)

PKC
8/10/10 Betty Low Wade -

① Visit to Memphis was 1 wk or 2 after
This was King's death.

② Bought in Feb for Daughter's grad.
in June.

Was a cream colored Mustang.

Said Wilson never drove vehicle
was standard shift & he always
drove new red Thunderbird.

③ Father had heart attack &
was in Baptist Hosp. at
~~Memphis~~ Memphis, Tenn.

④ Wilson stayed home w/
sons - Mark 10 & Stephen
14 at that time.

was in car w/ open for Memphis.

⑤ Says ^{husb} just as called her
continuously.

Said ~~that~~ has made allegations
once other stories written up
in the news media. But she
never heard him claim to have
murdered King in the past.

FD-340 REV. (6-14-77)

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By Perry F. Cole
(CITY AND STATE)
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

To Be Returned ☐ Yes

☒ No

Receipt Given ☐ Yes

☒ No

Description:

*Notes re: intro. of
Stephen Wayne Wilson.*

7pc
8/20/78

Stephen ^{Wayne} Wilson
advised -

abt 15 at the time -
Recalls hearing abt Dr Kings
death on T.V. - said they were
all at home + father definitely
there

No way father could have
killed King - was in K.C.
at that time.

Says vehicle stayed a K.C.
- never taken to Memphis - said
Father did drive on occasion -
thinks vehicle was light blue -
verified it was 1965 Mustang.

Says when got out of Serv. in
Jan 1976 stayed & went to San
Antonio, Tx. Father jailed at
New Braunfels, Tx. - placed on
probation. Said father is Alcoholic.
Father having mental problems and
placed in Hosp. Alcoholic Rehab. Clinic
at San Antonio for ~~one~~ 3-4 days.

Described father's mental state
as not rational - called many
of his ex-wives & old girlfriends.
Denied calls but phone bill
substantiated. would drink &
then do something weird or crazy.
All talk - never known to do
anything physical.

Never heard father make any
statement that he killed Martin
Luther King - ~~any~~

Last saw Father at San Marcos
Tex. in Jan 1978. Had dinner together -
seemed to be doing OK. - No ind.
of any problems.

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From Self
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(CITY AND STATE)
By Perry F. Cole
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

To Be Returned ☐ Yes
☒ No

Receipt Given ☐ Yes
☒ No

Description:

*Notes re. intro. of
Mark Anthony Wilson*

PFC
8/20/78

Mark Anthony Wilson -

Very sick - Insane

Couldn't have done it -

To the best of his recollection -

At the time King killed -

Father was at Grandview, Mo. ^{with them}
~~the whole~~ Thinks Mother + Sister were at Memphis ^{meeting} Brother

Verified Father's sister had
a white Mustang - Father drove only
drove vehicle to instruct sister to drive -
doesn't recall him ever making any trips in st.

Says ^{lived} at Canyon Lake, Tex.

1973 - house burned down -

Faulty elec. wiring - Father took
in ⁱⁿ money and purchased new truck + abandoned
family.

Describes father as habitual liar -
has always wanted to be someone
important - says is definitely alcoholic -
thinks whole world is crazy & he is
the only sane person.

Confirmed
said Father was Private Pilot + used to
own a Bonanza aircraft. ~~that~~

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From _____

(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

By SALDO H. SUEBT
CITY AND STATE)
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

To Be Returned ☐ Yes

☒ No

Receipt Given ☐ Yes

☒ No

Description:

Notes taken
from anonymous
call.

Anonymous Caller
Female

SPEECH 8:10 A
11/30/79

C. H. Wilson = 51, 6'
Boyd, Texas = 180
pipe welder = alcoholic
was in Memphis - W, M

owned white Mustang with
Mississippi tags

Greenville, Miss in 1967 -
living -

moved to Texas 10 yrs

messing w/ Klan at the
time

purchased the ^{new} mustang

Kept the car hid in Greenville,
Miss. for a while

had a man with ^{him} heavy
involving in the Klan - "He would
were in Memphis kill or going to
kill Martin Luther King"

lives on rd b/w Boyd + Azle
(F/M 760)?

was drinking 2 + 3 qts a
day + still does

thinks he is capable of
murder + especially if he
has been drinking.

Would not identify the other
man until she found out
that we were investigating this.

1/31/79 Tel to Operator
C.H. Wilson, Boyd
817-433-5105

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Date Received 2/20/79

From Anonymous caller
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

By SA Wdr H. Specht
(CITY AND STATE)
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

To Be Returned ☐ Yes ☒ No
Receipt Given ☐ Yes ☒ No

Description:

Notes re anonymous
caller 2/20/79 - same
basic info as on
1/30/79

Anonymous Female
same basic info as on ^{Caller} 1/30/79

4:20 P
2/20/79

Chas H. Wilson -

had taken a tag of an old
Dymouth -

White Mustang -

had a brother

James Edward Wilson
"Jack"

~~Pardman~~ Prison Miss
Pardman also at Huntsville, Tex.
he's dead now

bought England Motor Greenville, Miss.

financed through CIT in
Greenville Miss.

lives on 114

carries a rifle most of
time - usually has same
type of weapon on him

still a welder - Lone Star
Gas-contractor

has been at least 10 yrs.
since she has seen
him.

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(Title) _____

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1. Six pages of notes by Wayne Smith re: Hubert G. Linsell
2. Photos of the shirt & shorts bearing laundry marks (4-23-68)
3. Photos of artist conception of Unsub as described by witnesses in Memphis (4-15-68)
4. Photos of artist conception of Unsub as described by witnesses in Birmingham (4-15-68)
5. Photos - James Earl Ray (4-23-68)
6. 1960 (year) photos of James Earl Ray "
7. Photos - Richard B. Linneman Family (4-25-68)
8. Sample laundry marks - Machine #1 - Thermoseal (4-30-68)
9. " " " Machine #3 - Thermoseal "
10. " " " Machine #2 "
11. Photos - James Earl Ray "
12. Photos of sub Ray taken by woman's companion while in Mexico in 1967.

Disposition.

1A, 9 & 10 sent Lab 4-25-68 gcs

1A, thru 1A12 transferred to SUB A.

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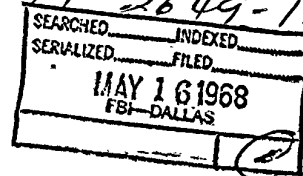
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13. Application for employment of Th. M. Cuvard
14. Photos - Robert L. Baskers (5-17-68@)
15. Photos of James Earl Ray taken in fall of 1967 (5-28-68@)
16. Photos of James Earl Ray
17. Photos of Laundry Marks placed on shirt & bed linen for James Earl Ray under name of Eric Stars Galt in the Los Angeles area (5-29-68@)
18. Copy of anonymous letter postmarked May 1, 1968 Dallas, Tex addressed to Mr. Lee Mayor of Memphis, Memphis, Tennessee (5-29-68@)
19. Photo - Paul Osborn Bridgeman (6-7-68@)
20. Photo - Jacqueline Kline (6-7-68@)
21. Review of Right Form & interview log - Lloyd Gene Penn
22. Photo taken at Dallas 11/22/63 (9/10/68@)
23. Photo Unknown Person 11/24/63

Disposition:

1A¹³ - 1A²³ Transferred to Sub A (9/10/68@)



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Date: 4/5/68

Transmit the following in PLAINTEXT
(Type in plaintext or code)Via TELETYPE URGENT
(Priority)TO: DIRECTOR AND
SAC MEMPHIS

FROM: SAC DALLAS (44-2649) (4 P)

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.; CIVIL RIGHTS.
OO MEMPHIS.RE WFO TEL TO BUREAU, DALLAS AND MEMPHIS, TWO TEN AM,
TODAY.

JAMES W. TRINKLE, ONE FIVE ZERO ZERO PROVINCETOWN LANE,
RICHARDSON, TEXAS, WAS INTERVIEWED TODAY AND STATES HE STOPPED
AT INTERSTATE HIGHWAY ^{TWENTY} MOBILE STATION IN ABILENE, TEXAS, AT
APPROXIMATELY ELEVEN THIRTY AM, MARCH TWENTYNINE LAST. WHILE
OBTAINING GAS, ATTENDANT ASKED WHERE HE WAS FROM AND TRINKLE
ADVISED HIM HE WAS EN ROUTE TO DALLAS. DURING BRIEF CONVERSATION
ATTENDANT MENTIONED FACT UNIDENTIFIED MAN HAD COME INTO STATION
EARLIER THAT MORNING OR DAY BEFORE AND MAN HAD SEVERAL GUNS IN
BACK END OF CAR. ATTENDANT TOLD TRINKLE MAN SAID HE WAS "GOING
TO MEMPHIS TO KILL SOME NEGROES." NO FURTHER DETAILS OF CONVERSA-
TION RECALLED BY TRINKLE AND TRINKLE DID NOT OBTAIN DESCRIPTION
OF MAN OR CAR HE WAS DRIVING. ATTENDANT DID COMMENT ABOUT SEVERE

KD - Dallas
1 - WFO (AM)

-CTB/UEH/jc

jw(2)

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Special Agent in ChargeSent WA 1030 M Per [Signature]

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SCARS ON MAN'S FACE AND ATTENDANT MADE SOME COMMENT TO FACT APPARENTLY MAN HAD JUST RETURNED FROM SERVICE IN VIETNAM BECAUSE OF SCARS ON FACE.

TODAY HOMER DILL, MANAGER, MOBIL INTERSTATE TWENTY SERVICE STATION, ABILENE, TEXAS, ADVISES AS RECALLED ON MARCH THIRTYONE LAST ABOUT SEVEN AM, AN INDIVIDUAL DRIVING A BRAND NEW WHITE, TWO-DOOR HARDTOP THUNDERBIRD AUTO STOPPED THERE FOR GAS. HE ADVISED HE DID NOT NOTE THE LICENSE NO. AS THE PAYMENT FOR THE GAS WAS IN CASH. HE STATED THE INDIVIDUAL MENTIONED THAT HE WAS GOING TO MEMPHIS AND HAD A THIRTY POINT ZERO SIX AND SOME OTHER RIFLES LAYING IN THE BACK SEAT PARTIALLY COVERED BY A SHEET. HE ADVISED DURING THE COURSE OF CONVERSATION, THIS INDIVIDUAL STATED HE WAS EN ROUTE TO DALLAS TO STAY WITH AN AUNT AND THEN GOING TO MEMPHIS. HE STATED THE GUNS DID NOT HAVE A SCOPE AND THE INDIVIDUAL MENTIONED HE DID NOT USE A SCOPE AS HE FELT IT WAS NOT FAIR TO ANIMALS AND DID NOT GIVE THEM A

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CHANCE. DILL STATED THE INDIVIDUAL SAID NOTHING ABOUT GOING TO KILL NEGROES NOR DID HE SHOW ANY ANIMOSITY TOWARD NEGROES. HE ADVISED THE INDIVIDUAL CAME BACK THROUGH, STOPPED AT HIS SERVICE STATION ON APRIL THREE LAST, JUST AS HE OPENED, AND WAS ACCOMPANIED BY A WHITE FEMALE, BELIEVED TO BE HIS WIFE. DILL ADVISED THEY MENTIONED THEY HAD COME FROM HIS AUNT'S IN DALLAS AND WERE GOING ON A VACATION AND TOOK TWELVE OR FOURTEEN GALLONS OF GAS, THE LAST TIME PAYING IN CASH. DILL CONTENTED THAT AT NO TIME DID THIS INDIVIDUAL SAY HE WAS GOING TO KILL ANYONE. HE STATED HIS IMPRESSION WAS THIS INDIVIDUAL HAD JUST RETURNED FROM VIETNAM AS HE HAD TWO LARGE SCARS ON THE LEFT SIDE OF HIS FACE WHICH HAD NOT YET HEALED AND WERE DEEP SCARS CONTAINING A SCAB. DILL STATED IT WAS HIS IMPRESSION THAT THIS INDIVIDUAL WAS TRAVELING FROM SOMEWHERE IN THE WEST, PLACE UNKNOWN, TO PICK UP HIS WIFE WHO WAS LIVING IN MEMPHIS AND WAS RETURNING TO THE AREA FROM WHICH HE HAD COME TO GO ON A VACATION. HE WAS UNABLE TO

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FURNISH ANY FURTHER INFO WHICH MIGHT HELD TO IDENTIFY OR LOCATE THIS INDIVIDUAL, STATING SHOULD HE COME THROUGH AGAIN HE WOULD ASCERTAIN THE LICENSE NO. OF THE CAR AND FURTHER INFO TO IDENTIFY HIM AND FURNISH SAME TO THE FBI.

HE STATED THAT THE INDIVIDUAL WAS DESCRIBED AS A W/M, ABOUT THIRTYFIVE, SIX FEET, TWO HUNDRED, BAREHEADED, WELL KEPT HAIR, WHITE LEVIS AND A SPORT SHIRT. THE FEMALE ACCOMPANYING HIM WAS DESCRIBED AS A W/F, AGE THIRTYFIVE, FIVE FEET EIGHT INCHES, ONE HUNDRED FIFTY, SHORT BROWN HAIR. P

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Special Agent in Charge

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Date: 4/6/68

Transmit the following in PLAIN TEXT
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via TELETYPE U R G E N T
(Priority)

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND NEW ORLEANS
FROM DALLAS (44-2649)

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.; CIVIL RIGHTS. OO-MEMPHIS.

ON APRIL FIVE LAST, JOE CONLEY, DEPUTY SHERIFF, POTTER CO. SO, AMARILLO, TEXAS ADVISED ONE DALE NEWBY WAS AT A PAY PHONE AND WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK TO AN FBI AGENT. CONTACT WAS MADE WITH NEWBY WHO ADVISED HE HAD READ IN NEWSPAPER CONCERNING THE ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. AND BELIEVES THE MAN WHO MIGHT BE RESPONSIBLE IS JAMES JOHNNY HALL. NEWBY SERVED TIME WITH HALL IN FCI, EL RENO, OKLA. HALL HAS BEEN RELEASED FROM FCI AND IS REPORTEDLY LIVING WITH MOTHER (NAME UNKNOWN) AT TWO NINE SIX ONE GROON OR GROOM ST., BAKER, LA.

NEWBY ADVISED THAT DURING TIME HE WAS AT FCI EL RENO, HALL HAD NUMEROUS FIGHTS WITH NEGRO INMATES AND INFORMED HIM WHEN HE GOT OUT HE WANTED TO KILL A "NIGGER" AND MARTIN LUTHER KING WAS SINGLED OUT BY HALL AS BEING A GOOD ONE TO KILL. HE FURTHER

1 - Dallas

SGB/jdp

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Special Agent in Charge

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Per *[Signature]*

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STATED HALL TOLD HIM HE WOULD KILL KING IF HE HAD THE CHANCE.

NEWBY DESCRIBED HALL AS FOLLOWS: WHITE MALE, AGE TWENTY-THREE OR TWENTY-FOUR, FIVE FEET FIVE OR SIX INCHES, ONE FORTY LBS., BALD WITH DARK BROWN HAIR AROUND SIDE OF HEAD, BROWN EYES, DARK COMPLEXION, SCARS ON ARMS (SUICIDAL ATTEMPTS); TATTOOS ON BOTH ARMS (ONE DESCRIBED AS EAGLE ON LEFT ARM).

NEWBY ADVISED THAT HALL VISITED MEMPHIS FREQUENTLY.

NEW ORLEANS AT BAKER, LA. ENDEAVOR TO ESTABLISH WHEREABOUTS OF HALL ON AFTERNOON OF APRIL FOUR LAST.

HALL SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS HAVING SUICIDAL TENDENCIES.

END

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Special Agent in Charge

FBI DALLAS

306AM 4/6/68 URGENT WHD

TO: DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, DALLAS, AND KNOXVILLE
FROM: NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. OO: MEMPHIS.

RE DALLAS TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND NEW ORLEANS
FOUR SIX INSTANT.

RE KNOXVILLE (NINETY ONE DASH TWO SIX THREE TWO) TELETYPE TO
DIRECTOR AND NEW ORLEANS FOUR TWO SIXTYEIGHT.

FOR INFORMATION KNOXVILLE, INFORMATION RECEIVED AT DALLAS,
TEXAS, JAMES JOHNNY HALL, OF TWO NINE SIX ONE GROOM ST.,
BAKER, LOUISIANA, WAS POSSIBLE SUSPECT IN ASSASSINATION OF
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HALL DESCRIBED AS RACIST WHO HAS INDICATED
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. WOULD BE A GOOD "NIGGER" TO KILL.

HALL REPORTED BY KNOXVILLE ARRESTED BY BUAGENTS
AT KINGSPORT, TENNESSEE APRIL TWO SIXTY EIGHT FOR BANK ROBBERY.
HALL CHARGED BEFORE UNITED STATES COMMISSIONER SAME DATE.

KNOXVILLE AT KNOXVILLE, TENN., ADVISE IF HALL IN CUSTODY
AT TIME OF ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. AND IF NOT
ENDEAVOR TO ESTABLISH WHEREABOUTS OF HALL ON AFTERNOON OF APRIL
FOUR LAST.

HALL SHOULD BE CONSIDERED TO HAVE SUICIDAL TENDENCIES.

END.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, DALLAS (44-2649)

DATE: 4/6/68

FROM : SA JOHN K. HOFFMAN

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
OO: MEMPHIS

At 11:30 A.M. today, Colonel HUGH D. DOW (USAF), telephonically advised he arrived at Love Field, Dallas, Texas, via Braniff Flight 163, from Colorado Springs, Colorado, at about 10:00 A.M. He said he entered an airport limousine (car #8) to go to Fort Worth, Texas. A man and a woman also entered the limousine but they were not traveling together. While waiting for the driver, they began discussing the death of KING.

The man mentioned he had just come in from Memphis, Tennessee this morning and might go back tonight since he had a girl there. Colonel DOW said he got the impression he referred to a daughter. He then inquired as to whether Dallas was larger than Fort Worth and was told that it was. He then got out of the limousine and said he was going to stay in ~~KXXXXXX~~ Dallas.

Colonel DOW said this individual was a white male, about 5' 8" tall, wearing a dark suit with a white turtle-neck sweater, and had dark crew-cut hair.

He said he has no further information relative to this person and realizes the information he is furnishing is very nebulous in nature but he felt he should report it. He said he will be in Fort Worth at the home of his brother, telephone WA 3-0704, until Sunday evening. He resides at 1600 South Eades, Apartment 911, Arlington, Va.

SAC SHANKLIN discussed the above with ASAC HALTER, Memphis, and was advised this information does not appear pertinent.

Above submitted for information.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, DALLAS (44-2649)

DATE: 4/6/68

FROM : SA JOHN K. HOFFMAN

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
OO: MEMPHIS

At approximately 1:00 P.M. today, NANCY SAULNIER, 302 Louisiana, Abilene, Texas, telephonically advised she has just seen a photograph in the Abilene Reporter-News of the suspect in KING's death. She stated that she had been traveling from Ohio to Abilene on March 28, 1968, and stopped at the Ramada Inn in a town thirty miles East of Shreveport, Louisiana. She stated that she was having dinner that evening and observed a man sitting at a nearby table. When he finished his meal, he came to her table and asked if he could sit down and talk with her. She said they talked for a while and then went to her room and watched the news, being particularly interested in weather reports since this was during tornado warning times. She said he then went to his room and she did not see him until the following morning. The next day she was having breakfast and saw him leaving the motel in his automobile which she believes was a red Porsche.

Mrs. SAULNIER said the picture in the newspaper closely resembles the individual whom she met at the motel. She said his name was MARK but she does not recall his last name. She stated that he was supposedly a Top Value stamp salesman from Alexandria, Louisiana. She described him as a W/M; brown, receding hair; about six feet tall; and average build.

Above for information only in view of circumstances and lack of specific details. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~
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TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, DALLAS AND NEW ORLEANS
FROM KNOXVILLE (P) 157-1298

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. OO MEMPHIS.

RE NEW ORLEANS TELETYPE TO BUREAU TODAY.

JAMES JOHNNY HALL, BORN AUG. THIRTY, NINETEEN FORTYFOUR,
BROOKHAVEN, MISS., ARRESTED WITH DANIEL EARL KELLUM APRIL TWO,
NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT BY BUREAU AGENTS KINGSFORT, TENN., AND CHARGED
WITH BANK ROBBERY. BOTH STILL IN CUSTODY. SUBJECTS WERE IN CUSTODY
WHEN KING ASSASSINATED.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, DALLAS (44-2649)

DATE: 4/6/68

FROM : SPC CLINTON B. BROWN

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
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On 4/6/68, T. G. GRIMES, 815 S. Ravinia Dr., Dallas, (FE 1-5568), telephonically advised he had observed the drawing of the suspect in instant matter, and concluded suspect possibly identical to CHARLES NELSON GIBSON, who worked for him about four months ago.

GRIMES said GIBSON worked for him for three or four months, and lived at 300 N. Rosemont, Dallas, Apt. 3, an apartment rented by GRIMES for his employees. GRIMES is in the construction business.

GIBSON, SSN [REDACTED], is age app. 37, and gave address for W-4 Tax form as RFD 3, Box 310, Red Springs, N. C. GIBSON was possibly in Korean War, and his mind is unstable. GRIMES stated GIBSON suspects many people of being Communists, including GRIMES, himself.

GRIMES advised he still has W-4 form on GIBSON, which possibly contains the fingerprints of GIBSON. He stated he is willing to give this to any FBI agent desiring same.

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Charlotte.*

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, DALLAS (44-2649)

DATE: 4/7/68

FROM : SA JAMES W. ANDERTON

SUBJECT: "MURKIN"

On instant date, at 5:15 P.M., Officer JOHN STEED, Nacogdoches, Texas P. D. telephonically advised writer of the following: He stopped for speeding an individual with the name of GENE M. STAMM, who he described as a white, male, age about 35-40, height 5'9", weight about 145, dark brown hair, slight build. He stated he did not charge this individual and permitted him to go on his way. He stated however, that it seemed unusual to him, since this individual had a Tennessee license plate BP-0663 on his car, with "Shelby County" written on the plate. The car was described as a white, 1965 chevrolet, four door sedan. This individual exhibited Tennessee Drivers' license 1656645, and stated that he worked for the War on Poverty and that he was travelling to Houston, from Memphis.

Officer STEED stated that he thought he should relay this information to the FBI, although he did not wish to indicate or insinuate in any way that the above individual might be a suspect in the murder of Dr. King.

A review of Dallas indices is negative; Miss ERMA RODRIGUEZ, Ident. Bureau, Dallas PD., as well as Deputy Sheriff J. BROWN had no record of this individual.

*File to Memphis 4/8/68
cc Houston by memo*

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340PM 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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*SAC Shanklin
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