

FBI MEMPHIS

647PM URGENT 4/7/68 CAF

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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Trans all Agents 4/8/68 SAC Shanklin advised 4/7/68 jmr

Re Wm. H. ...

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SUSPECT MALE WHITE, AGE TWENTY SIX TO FORTY YEARS, HEIGHT FIVE FT. EIGHT TO FIVE FT. ELEVEN INCHES, ONE HUNDRED FIFTY TO ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY LBS.; DARK BROWN OR SANDY HAIR, COMBED STRAIGHT BACK. EYES BLUE OR GREEN; MEDIUM 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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TO: SACM MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: SAC, DALLAS (44-2649)

MURKIN

PERSON IDENTIFIED AS GENE M. STAMM, WHITE MALE, THIRTY-FIVE TO FORTY, FIVE FEET NINE INCHES TALL, ONE HUNDRED FORTY-FIVE POUNDS, DARK BROWN HAIR, STOPPED FOR SPEEDING IN NACOGDOCHES, TEXAS, APRIL SEVEN, LAST. DRIVING SIXTY-FIVE WHITE CHRVROLET, TENNESSEE LICENSE BP DASH ZERO SIX SIX THREE, SHELBY COUNTY. EXHIBITED TENNESSEE DRIVERS LICENSE ONE SIX FIVE SIX SIX FOUR FIVE. STATED WORKING FOR WAR ON POVERTY AND ENROUTE MEMPHIS TO HOUSTON. ARRESTING OFFICER HAD NO INFORMATION CONNECTING STAMM WITH MURKIN, BUT REPORTED SAME TO FBI.

MEMPHIS HANDLE.

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS AND NEW ORLEANS

FROM: SAC, DALLAS (44-2649)

MURKIN

ABILENE, TEXAS WOMAN CONSIDERS DESCRIPTION OF
SUSPECT FITS MALE, FIRST NAME MARK, LNU, REGISTERED AT
RAMADA INN IN TOWN ABOUT THIRTY MILES EAST OF SHREVEPORT,
LOUISIANA NIGHT OF MARCH TWENTY-EIGHT, LAST. THIS PERSON
WAS SUPPOSEDLY SALESMAN FOR TOP VALUE TRADING STAMPS FROM
ALEXANDRIA, LOUISIANA. DESCRIBED AT SIX FEET TALL, RECEDING
HAIRLINE . LAST SEEN LEAVING MOTEL FOLLOWING MORNING IN RED
CAR, POSSIBLY A PORSCHE.

NEW ORLEANS HANDLE.

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) AND CHARLOTTE
FROM: SAC, DALLAS (44-2649)

MURKIN

T. G. GRIMES, CONSTRUCTION BUSINESS, DALLAS, TEXAS,
CONSIDERS CHARLES NELSON GIBSON, AGE ABOUT THIRTY-SEVEN,
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 RFD THREE, BOX THREE ONE
ZERO, RED SPRINGS NORTH CAROLINA, PRESENT WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN
TO GRIMES.

CHARLOTTE HANDLE.

END

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Special Agent in Charge

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44-2649-124

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, DALLAS (44-2649)

DATE: 4/6/68

FROM : SA CHARLES R. KING

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

62-0-11824
100-0-6358
105-484A-95

At 4:45 P.M. this date, JACK HAMILTON, FR 46009, telephonically advised that a DEWAYNE DALLAS fits the description of that given in the newspaper describing the assassin who killed Dr. KING. HAMILTON advised that Mr. DALLAS has displayed and published anti-Negro literature and vehemently denounces the Black Race. HAMILTON said he believes DALLAS is some kind of nut and this is why he has brought this matter to the attention of the FBI.

HAMILTON stated Mr. DALLAS has an envelope company both here in Dallas, Texas and in Memphis, Tenn. and that Mr. DALLAS is originally from Mississippi. HAMILTON said DALLAS has a brother now in Mississippi who was here in Dallas, Texas until they moved their printing operation to Mississippi.

HAMILTON advised Mr. DALLAS is very outspoken about his beliefs and concentrates his attacks mostly against the Colored Race and Jews. HAMILTON stated Mr. DALLAS has in the past printed a lot of anti Negro literature and has supported the American Nazi Party.

Above submitted for information purposes.

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Article to Mr & Mrs [unclear]

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AIR MAIL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, DALLAS (44-2649) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

OO-MEMPHIS

Enclosed for Memphis and Birmingham are one copy each of page one of a pamphlet captioned "Discipleship for our American Liberties" which was reported to have been promulgated in Dallas in 1964 by DEWAYNE DALLAS who was soliciting contributions to be sent to American Liberties Campaign Fund, 109 South Haskell, Dallas 10, Texas. It is requested photograph of DEWAYNE DALLAS which appears on the pamphlet be shown to witnesses and Dallas Office be informed if witnesses make any definite or tentative identification.

On 4/6/68, a Dallas, Texas, citizen advised telephonically he considered description of UNSUB is similar to that of DEWAYNE DALLAS, who was identified by the citizen as having an envelope company with branches in Dallas and Memphis, being originally from Mississippi, and being an outspoken racist.

Effort is being made to determine the whereabouts of DEWAYNE DALLAS during pertinent periods. The Dallas City Directory (1967) lists DeWayne Dallas Company (A. DEWAYNE DALLAS), business forms, 109 S. Haskell. No residence address is shown. The Dallas current telephone directory lists DEWAYNE DALLAS, 6266 St. Albans Drive, telephone TA 4-0003. DeWayne Dallas Company is listed at 109 S. Haskell, telephone TA 3-8305. Memphis determine whether this man is listed in Memphis directories.

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DeWayne Dallas

Private Citizen

Dallas, Texas

DISCIPLESHIP

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The apostle Paul asked, "Am I therefore become your enemy, because I tell you the truth?" If I become your enemy because I tell you the truth then your enemy I am willing to be.

No matter how resistant or unhelpful you are or shall be to me you are or will become a friend provided you believe in truth.

To compromise with the foolishness infiltrating the American way of life today is to provide a ledge whereby anti-God may lodge and root itself, and thus destroy the well-being of a great nation and its people.

We cannot dodge or be passive toward today's issues and do the job required of us as citizens of our Republic - America.

We must take the message across the breadth and depth of our land. Together we win - apart we lose.

COMMUNISM - People say communism will come to America. Communism will not come to America - it is here.

METHODS - Communist methods are marching, revolting, demonstrating, looting, and defiance of law and order in whatever country it occurs.

MOB VIOLENCE - Turn back the pages of time and recall in foreign countries how we read of violence through mobs and the ultimate overthrow of governments. Remember how baffled we were as to why the people failed to rise against it?

In America it is happening through the same pattern and gesture - Yet rank and file Americans refuse to stand against such ruthlessness.

The question is are we going to be ruled by mob violence, pressure groups, and cheap politics or by the decent, respectable citizenry of the Republic.

INTERNAL COMMUNISM - Finds favor in liberal government through terror, bombings of schools and churches, beatings, lawlessness, and by crying police brutality and discrimination.

PURGE - Communists and liberals purge their opposition by calling them extremist, bigot, isolationist, horse and buggy days, insanity inference, brotherhood, and constantly harping that the people demand more services from the government.

UNITY - Take note that the liberal, communist, socialist, and internationalist speak for the same programs whether in Washington or in Moscow. Read your daily newspaper and observe their unity of thought.

LIBERAL - The liberal is a first cousin to the communist. Communists and liberals theorize that government must become big and the people must be taught to depend upon government.

The liberal policy not only includes aid to communism, but includes construction of industry in communist countries. Under liberal leadership we are doing both.

Liberals say there are two kinds of communism. If so, it shows itself in two forms - Federal Aid and Foreign Aid.

ADMINISTRATION - Communism and the present administration in Washington appeal to the lust in man. They want people to seek something free with individual consideration for consequence. Our nation and our national way of life stand in jeopardy. What does the Administration propose? They propose more of the medicine that has made America sick unto death. All Americans should be as sick of the medicine men.

Too many people in America have forgotten to remember to think thoroughly.

Russia and communism must be dropped from our dole system. **FREE** - Notice how everything has become free to the communist, adulteress, lazy, and the masquerader at the expense of the productive worker and tax payer.

TAXATION - We are working hard to make more money to pay more taxes, so our government can sell to and extend credit to Russia, so Russia can enslave more people. Do you think God will hold us guiltless? I do not think God will hold us guiltless.

TRADE - Why trade with communist countries? Russia wants trade with us because they manufacture goods using slave labor and can ship goods into the United States to sell at prices much lower than we can manufacture and sell the same goods at our high labor cost.

Look how this gap widens when our labor union chiefs demand more and more for less and less. We lower tariffs, too!

Foreign aid coupled with foreign trade allows for the disappearance of our gold reserves.

VOTING - The voting privilege is not free. Our forefathers paid with their lives, fortunes, and sacrifices for the privilege to vote. Voting requirements that include the poll tax are fair.

Voting is a heritage not to be taken lightly and should be exercised unselfishly with full awareness given to the best interest of our country in preference to personal motives.

DISCRIMINATION - Let one negro cry discrimination and the Army is alerted and sent immediately. The administration is trigger happy against its own people, but scared to death of the enemy.

SENSES - There are five senses. We shall consider only two; these are hearing and feeling.

I hear Russia rattle their bombs - I feel the Administration shake. I feel them shake through disarmament negotiations, Cuban inspections, missile removals, hot lines, treaties, and another conference.

NUCLEAR WAR - If nuclear war is going to win future wars, Mr. Administration, explain to me why 200 million foot soldiers will go for Israel in the Battle of Armageddon in the ending war of wars? Answer this question before you tell us we cannot stand against Russia because we might trigger a nuclear war and destroy civilization. Another question please - to whom do you refer when you speak of peddlers of fear, Mr. Administration?

It is worthy of further note that it is not man who destroys that Army.

DAVID AND GOLIATH - Viewing the American scene today reminds me of the defiance of Goliath during the day of David.

I think that I must feel the pangs of disbelief coupled with disgust that David felt when Goliath strutted in the Valley of Elah observing the tremble of some of his fellow countrymen.

To me the picture is absolutely the same except for two things: I am no David and the Russian is no Giant.

The Premier's subjects in Russia would love a piece of his hide and I think we should avail to them that privilege.

DEAD END - The boys dying daily from hot bullets, if they could talk, would tell us of the fallacy of the dead-end policy called cold war.

COLD WAR - We disarm while the enemy arms. We pull troops out while they send troops in. We give; they receive. We train enemy pilots; they shoot ours.

There is no such thing as a cold war. The coldest spot of the cold war is in Washington. It is the Administration that has frozen and these men are very cold.

What has happened to the value of every American life? We should weep and fight rather than fright and compromise.

****Allow me one word of caution, please - we had better put our military back into the hands of the military first and away from**

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Via AIRTEL AM
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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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11:15 AM URGENT 4-8-68 MMW
TO DALLAS 44-2649 AND MEMPHIS
FROM NEW ORLEANS 157-10673 (P) 1P

MURKIN.

RE DALLAS TEL TO NO AND MEMPHIS APRIL EIGHT, SIXTYEIGHT,
SETTING FORTH INFO CONCERNING SUSPECT NAMED MARK LNU.

DALLAS SUTEL IDENTITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS, WOMAN AND
CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH INFO RE MARK OBTAINED. ALSO
FURNISH BASIS FOR THIS WOMAN'S BELIEF THAT MARK MAY BE
SUSPECT IN THIS MATTER. FURNISH INFO CONCERNING DIRECTION
AND POSSIBLE DESTINATION OF THIS INDIVIDUAL WHEN SEEN
LEAVING MOTEL MORNING OF MARCH TWENTYNINE LAST.

NEW ORLEANS HOLDING IN ABEYANCE PENDING ABOVE INFO.

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TO: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

FROM: SAC, DALLAS (44-2649)

MURKIN.

RE DALLAS TELETYPE TO NEW ORLEANS AND MEMPHIS
APRIL EIGHT INSTANT AND NEW ORLEANS TELETYPE APRIL
EIGHT INSTANT CONCERNING SUSPECT MARK (LNU).

ABILENE WOMAN IS NANCY SAULNIER, THREE ZERO
TWO LOUISIANA, ABILENE, TEXAS, WHO STATES SHE SAW
PHOTO IN ABILENE NEWSPAPER OF SUSPECT. THIS WAS
PRESUMABLY AN ARTIST'S CONCEPTION. INDIVIDUAL WHO
SAT AT TABLE NEAR HER AT DINNER SUBSEQUENTLY VISITED
WITH HER IN HER ROOM, CONVERSATION INCONSEQUENTIAL.
SHE MERELY SAW HIM LEAVING MOTEL . DOES NOT KNOW
IN WHAT DIRECTION HE WENT. THIS WOMAN HAS NO BASIS
OTHER THAN APPARENT FEELING MARK'S PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION
SIMILAR TO THAT OF PHOTO SEEN BY HER. P

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC J. GORDON SHANKLIN

DATE: 4-5-68

FROM : SA B. TOM CARTER

SUBJECT: UNSUBS(2)
MEMPHIS DEMONSTRATION LED BY
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING;
JAMES HOLIDAY, COMPLAINANT

44-2649
J6-38, 423 VKI

On 4-4-68 JAMES HOLIDAY, 1634 E. Leuda(ED5-9118) was interviewed by SAS B.TOM CARTER AND EARL HALEY. HOLIDAY stated he is a cab driver for the UNITED CAB CO, 907 Irma, Ft. Worth, Texas. About 5PM on ~~Friday~~ Friday, March 29, 1968 he got a call to pick up a fare at 2401 White Settlement. On arriving there he picked up two men in front of the BINSWANGER GLASS CO, 2401 White Settlement. One stated they both worked there. They asked him to drive them to the corner of Beach and E. Belknap. En route one of the men asked him if he had been listening to the radio and if ^{he} had ~~he~~ heard anything about someone being killed in Memphis during the march led by Br. MARTIN LUTHER KING. HOLIDAY stated he told them he had not been listening to his radio and knew nothing about any killing in MEMPHIS. Later he started listening to his radio and learned that a teen age youth had been killed in Memphis as a result of the march. HOLIDAY stated in view of DR. KING'S death yesterday he ~~thought~~ thought he ought to report this even though ~~the~~ the men were undoubtedly talking about the death of the teen age youth. He stated he doubts that he could identify either of the two men. Both men were wearing slacks and sport shirt and were carrying work clothes.

ACTION: No action as this conversation took place on 3-29-68 and apparently had no connection with the murder of DR. KING.

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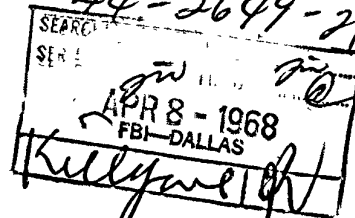
FBI NEWARK

3430E URGENT 4-8-68 ELF
TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, DALLAS
FROM NEWARK (44-854) (P)

MURKIN, RE COURTLAND FOUTS, POSSIBLE SUSPECT

STEPHEN A. ANDERSON, THIRD YEAR STUDENT AT DREW UN.
SEMINARY, MADISON, NJ, ADVISED THIS DATE ON A CONFIDENTIAL
BASIS, THAT AFTER READING NEWSPAPER ACCOUNTS OF SUBJECT MATTER,
HE IMMEDIATELY THOUGHT OF COURTLAND FOUTS, A FORMER HIGH
SCHOOL CLASSMATE AT THE NACOGDOCHES, TEXAS, HIGH SCHOOL, AS A
POSSIBLE SUSPECT. HE NOTED THAT DURING RECENT TELEPHONE
CONVERSATION WITH HIS FAMILY IN TEXAS, HE LEARNED THAT FOUTS'S
FAMILY IS VERY UPSET AT THE PROSPECT OF FOUTS'S TWIN BROTHER
CASEY BEING SENT TO VIETNAM IN THE NEAR FUTURE AND RECALLED
THAT DURING AN INTERVIEW WITH FOUTS'S FATHER IN CONNECTION
WITH A SCHOOL PROJECT A FEW YEARS AGO, HE LEARNED THAT THE
FOUTS FAMILY HAVE STRONG, BUT WELL CONCEALED, PREJUDICES
AGAINST NEGROES AND OTHER MINORITY GROUPS.

ANDERSON STATED THAT ALTHOUGH FOUTS'S FAMILY CONTINUES TO
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RESIDE IN NACOGDOCHES, TEX., FOUTS HAS BEEN IN DETROIT FOR APPROXIMATELY ONE YEAR IN THE EMPLOY OF THE STATE BUREAU WHICH CONDUCTS EXAMINATIONS OF BANKS. HE STATED THAT DAVID STEPHENS, TWO ONE ONE BAILEY ST., NACOGDOCHES, TEX., WHO IS A PART OWNER OF KENNEDY'S JEWELERS, IN THAT TOWN, WOULD KNOW FOUTS'S DETROIT ADDRESS.

ANDERSON DESCRIBED FOUTS AS WHITE MALE, FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES, TWENTYFIVE TO TWENTYSIX YEARS OF AGE, ONE SIXTYFIVE TO ONE EIGHTY POUNDS, DIRTY BLOND HAIR, HAD SCHOLASTIC DIFFICULTIES WHILE ATTENDING STEPHEN AUSTIN COLLEGE IN NACOGDOCHES, WEAR QUALITY CLOTHES SINCE HIS FATHER OPERATES THE MENS CLOTHING STORE IN NACOGDOCHES. PARENTS COME FROM GASSTON, S.C., WHERE THEY FREQUENTLY VISIT.

ANDERSON SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED THAT INVESTIGATION NOT DISCLOSE SOURCE OF ABOVE INFORMATION SINCE HIS FAMILY HAS HAD SOCIAL AND BUSINESS ASSOCIATION WITH FOUTS'S FAMILY FOR OVER TWENTY YEARS.

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LEAD, DALLAS, AT NACOGDOCHES, TEXAS: WILL THROUGH DAVID STEPHENS, TWO ONE ONE BAILEY ST. ASCERTAIN DETROIT ADDRESS OF COURTLAND FOUTS AND FURNISH INFORMATION TO DETROIT FOR APPROPRIATE HANDLING.

MAIL COPIES TO BIRMINGHAM AND DETROIT.

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12-53PM URGENT 4-8-68 BJM

TO DIRECTOR, DALLAS, MEMPHIS, AND BIRMINGHAM

FROM JACKSON (157-9586) 4P

MURKIN - CR

REJNTEL CALL TO TYLER, TEXAS RA APRIL EIGHT, SIXTYEIGHT.

MEMPHIS BY TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR DATED APRIL SEVEN, LAST, ADVISED THAT IN CONNECTION WITH VARIOUS ITEMS WHICH MAY BE OF EVIDENCE IN INSTANT CASE, TWO CANS OF SCHLITZ BEER WERE RECOVERED FROM A BLUE OVERNIGHT BAG DROPPED BY SUSPECT IN MEMPHIS. THESE SCHLITZ BEER CANS WERE INSIDE A LARGE BROWN PAPER BAG BEARING TRADE NAME "HOMESTEAD" REGISTERED TO GRAHAM PAPER CO., ST. LOUIS, MO. BEER CANS BORE MISS. STATE TAX STAMP NUMBERS ZERO THREE OVER ONE FIVE EIGHT. THE MEMPHIS OFFICE ADVISED THEY WERE NOT AWARE OF THE EXACT SIGNIFICANCE OF THESE NUMBERS, BUT THAT POSSIBILITY EXISTED NUMBERS MIGHT APPLY TO A TAX PAID BY A DISTRIBUTOR AND COULD CONCEIVABLY INDICATE AREA IN WHICH BEER WAS SOLD

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THE JACKSON OFFICE WAS REQUESTED TO EXPLORE THE SIGNIFICANCE AND POSSIBLE MEANING OF NUMBERS OR TAX STAMP. IF THE NUMBERS DESIGNATED A PARTICULAR AREA SERVED BY A DISTRIBUTOR IN MISS., IT WAS REQUESTED THAT JACKSON ALSO DETERMINE WHAT RETAILERS APPEAR IN SAME AREA MIGHT ALSO POSSIBLY USE PAPER BAG BEARING ABOVE IDENTIFYING DATA.

MR. JAMES JONES, TOBACCO, BEER, AND PRIVILEGE TAX DIVISION, MISS. STATE TAX COMMISSION, JACKSON, MISS., ADVISED THIS DATE THAT NUMBERS ON TAX STAMP EFFECTED BY SCHLITZ BREWING CO., LONGVIEW, TEXAS, AT TIME BEER IS CANNED AND FOR NO PARTICULAR SIGNIFICANCE TO MISS. TAX COMMISSION. MR. JONES ADVISED THAT BREWERY AT LONGVIEW, TEXAS, MIGHT POSSIBLY ATTRIBUTE SIGNIFICANCE TO NUMBERS ON TAX STAMP AND MIGHT CONCEIVABLY BE ABLE TO ADVISE DISTRIBUTOR TO WHICH INSTANT CANS SHIPPED.

AS A RESULT OF REFERENCED TEL CALL, SA CHARLES L. BROWN, RA, TYLER, TEXAS, ADVISED THAT HIS INITIAL INQUIRY AT SCHLITZ
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BREWING COMPANY, LONGVIEW, TEXAS, INDICATES THAT ABOVE CAPTIONED NUMBERS INDICATE THAT BEER WAS CANNED ON MARCH FIFTEEN, SIXTYEIGHT, LONGVIEW, TEXAS, AND SUBSEQUENTLY SHIPPED TO STATE OF MISS. NO OTHER SIGNIFICANCE CAN BE ATTACHED TO THIS NUMBER. SCHLITZ BREWERY RECORDS INDICATE STATE OF MISS. HAS FIFTEEN DISTRIBUTORS. IDENTITY OF THESE DISTRIBUTORS BEING DETERMINED IN EVENT FURTHER IDENTIFYING INFORMATION RELATIVE TO BEER CANS IS OBTAINED.

HILLIS MC LEMORE, MANAGER, GRAHAM PAPER CO., JACKSON, MISS., ADVISED THIS DATE NAME "HOMESTEAD" IS TRADE NAME FOR BAGS DISTRIBUTED BY THEIR COMPANY. BAG IN QUESTION COULD HAVE BEEN MANUFACTURED IN NUMBER OF MILLS WHICH MANUFACTURE BAGS FOR GRAHAM UNDER TRADE NAME, AND POSSIBLY THE POINT OF MANUFACTURE COULD BE IDENTIFIED BY EXAMINATION OF BAG ITSELF AT ST. LOUIS. STATED COULD POSSIBLY RECOGNIZE DIE USED TO IMPRINT TRADE NAME, AS DIE COULD BE DIFFERENT AT EACH OF THE MILLS. NINETY PERCENT OF HIS BUSINESS IN STATE OF MISSISSIPPI IS SALES TO JOBBERS WHO IN TURN SELL TO INDIVIDUAL STORES OR RETAILERS.

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THE MEMPHIS DISTRIBUTOR, CHRIS REHKOPF, COVERS NORTHERN MISSISSIPPI AND NEW ORLEANS OFFICE COVERS SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI. IF GIVEN SIZE OF BAG EACH DISTRIBUTOR COULD TELL TO WHICH JOBBERS HE HAD SOLD BAGS OF THAT SIZE WITHIN PAST THREE MONTHS. IT WOULD THEN BE NECESSARY TO FIND OUT FROM JOBBERS TO WHOM THEY HAD SOLD BAG.

DALLAS AT LONGVIEW TEXAS, EXPEDITE COVERAGE OF LEAD AND ADVISE BUREAU, MEMPHIS AND JACKSON OF RESULTS FOLLOWS BY THREE ZERO TWO'S TO MEMPHIS.

MEMPHIS WILL INTERVIEW CHRIS REHKOPF, MEMPHIS DISTRIBUTOR, AND CONSIDER EXHIBIT OF BAG FOR EXAMINATION TO DETERMINE TO WHICH JOBBERS HE HAS SOLD BAGS FOR PAST THREE MONTHS.

AM COPIES TO NEW ORLEANS AND ST. LOUIS. END

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Date: 4/8/68

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TO: SAC LITTLE ROCK
FROM: SAC DALLAS (44-²⁶⁴⁹~~2648~~)
MURKIN. CR. OO MEMPHIS.

TODAY W. J. MC LENDON, ONE THREE ZERO TWO THREE COPENHILL ROAD, DALLAS, TEXAS, TELEPHONE AD NINE - EIGHT EIGHT FOUR SIX, TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED HAD JUST RETURNED FROM TEN DAY STAY IN MEMPHIS AND EN ROUTE BACK TO DALLAS. HE AND HIS WIFE NOTICED 'SIXTYSIX OR 'SIXTYSEVEN FORD MUSTANG, 'SIXTYEIGHT ARKANSAS LICENSE A A Z EIGHT SIX NINE. STATED HE AND WIFE NOTICED PERSON DRIVING THIS VEHICLE HAD LONG, SHARP NOSE, RECEDING HAIRLINE, SANDY COLORED, APPEARED TO BE IN LATE TWENTIES OR EARLY THIRTIES. STATED BOTH HE AND WIFE HAD OBSERVED ARTIST SKETCH OF SUSPECT IN MEMPHIS NEWSPAPER AND SKETCH AND INDIVIDUAL DRIVING ABOVE-DESCRIBED VEHICLE SIMILAR. MC LENDON STATED HE FIRST OBSERVED MUSTANG NEAR GREENVILLE, TEXAS, AND LAST OBSERVED THE VEHICLE WESTBOUND ON OUTSKIRTS OF DALLAS.

DETERMINE REGISTERED OWNER OF CAR AND WHEREABOUTS PERTINENT DATES.

MEMPHIS ADVISED AM. P

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TO: DIRECTOR
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SAC JACKSON AND
SAC MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: SAC DALLAS (44-2649) (2 P)

MURKIN. CR. OO MEMPHIS.

RE JACKSON TELEPHONE CALL TO TYLER RA AND TELETYPES
TO DALLAS, APRIL EIGHT 'SIXTYEIGHT.

J. C. SPIEKERMAN, JR., PLANT MANAGER, AND J. D. FAULKENBERRY,
OFFICE MANAGER, JOS. SCHLITZ BREWING COMPANY, LONGVIEW, TEXAS,
PERSONALLY CONTACTED TODAY AND FOLLOWING INFO OBTAINED:

CANNED BEER PRODUCED THIS PLANT STAMPED ON BOTTOM OF CAN
WITH CODE FOR DATE IT WAS CANNED. STAMP ZERO THREE OVER ONE
FIVE EIGHT REFERS TO DATE MARCH FIFTEEN 'SIXTYEIGHT. NO OTHER
STAMP OR MARKING PLACED ON BEER CAN BY FIRM AT TIME OF MANUFACTURE.
ALL CANS UTILIZED BY LONGVIEW PLANT SHOW REGULAR SCHLITZ BEER
IDENTIFICATION ON OUTSIDE OF CAN AND IDENTIFY PLACE OF MANUFACTURER
AS LONGVIEW, TEXAS. BOTTOM OF CAN FOR ALL BEER PACKAGED AND
MANUFACTURED FOR SALE IN MISSISSIPPI HAS BLACK LETTERING SHOWING
MISSISSIPPI TAX PAID, SEAL FOR STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, AND AMOUNT
OF TAX PAID WHICH WOULD BE FOUR CENTS FOR TWELVE FLUID OUNCE

① - Dallas

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CAN OR FIVE AND ONE THIRD CENTS FOR SIXTEEN FLUID OUNCE CAN.

BEER BREWED AND CANNED ON MARCH FIFTEEN 'SIXTYEIGHT WAS IN ALL PROBABILITY SHIPPED TO MISSISSIPPI DISTRIBUTORS AT HATTIESBURG, MARCH FIFTEEN AND TWENTY; CLARKSDALE, MARCH FIFTEEN AND TWENTY; MERIDIAN, MARCH FIFTEEN AND TWENTY; YAZOO CITY, MARCH EIGHTEEN; BILOXI, MARCH EIGHTEEN AND TWENTY; TUPELO, MARCH TWENTY; AND JACKSON, MARCH TWENTY LAST.

TOTAL BEER PACKAGED FOR SALE IN MISSISSIPPI BEARING STAMP ZERO THREE OVER ONE FIVE EIGHT CONSISTED OF TWENTYONE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED FIFTYTWO CASES IN POP TOP CANS AND TWO HUNDRED FIFTYTWO CASES OF SOFT TOP CANS, TWENTYFOUR CANS PER CASE.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF FIFTEEN SCHLITZ DISTRIBUTORS LOCATED IN MISSISSIPPI PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED JACKSON OFFICE IN RETEL CALL.

DETAILS OF ABOVE INTERVIEWS BEING FORWARDED JACKSON IN APPROPRIATE FD THREE ZERO TWO'S. P

Approved: _____ Sent: _____ M Per: _____
Special Agent in Charge

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO: ALL AGENTS

DATE: 4/8/68

FROM: SAC, DALLAS (44-2649)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

OO: MEMPHIS

MURKIN is code assigned to investigation to identify person or persons responsible for murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., Memphis, Tennessee on 4/4/68.

All leads must be handled immediately. Set out new leads by teletype. SAC personally handling.

Suspect described as white male, age 26-40, 5'8" to 11" tall, 150-170 pounds, dark brown or sandy hair, combed straight back, eyes-blue or green, build-medium, complexion, average-smooth, general physical appearance-neat. Suspect may be non-smoker since no matches or cigarettes found in areas where suspect apparently spent 2½ to 3 hours.

Pertinent periods in investigation are March 29 and 30 in Birmingham, Alabama, and April 4 in Memphis, Tennessee. In event data developed regarding possible suspect, suspect may be eliminated by establishing whereabouts on above dates. If this cannot be done, efforts should be made to secure photos of suspect to be forwarded to Memphis and Birmingham for possible elimination along with descriptive data. Efforts should also be made to secure fingerprints of suspect for submission to Bureau for elimination.

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FBI WASH DC

832PM 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. *Nothing on surnames only, either*

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
END PAGE ONE

*SAC Houston
advised
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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.

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SAC DETROIT AND
SAC MEMPHIS

FROM: SAC DALLAS (44-2649)

MURKIN. OO MEMPHIS.

RE NEWARK TEL TO BUREAU APRIL EIGHT LAST.

DAVID STEPHENS, TWO ONE ONE BAILEY ST., NACOGDOCHES, TEXAS,
ADVISED RECENT ADDRESS OR ACTIVITIES OF COURTLAND FOUTS UNKNOWN.

RECORDS STEPHEN F. AUSTIN STATE COLLEGE, NACOGDOCHES, REFLECT
COURTLAND B. FOUTS BORN MARCH FIVE 'FORTYTWO, LAST ADDRESS NINE
ZERO PICKFORD SHELBY HOTEL, FIVE TWO FIVE LAFAYETTE BOULEVARD,
DETROIT, MICHIGAN.

BILLY WALL, POSTMASTER, NACOGDOCHES, ADVISED COURT FOUTS
UNDERSTOOD TO BE EMPLOYED BY NATIONAL BANK EXAMINERS, POSSIBLY
IN DETROIT.

DETROIT. AT DETROIT. ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY COURTLAND B. FOUTS
AND DETERMINE WHEREABOUTS DURING PERTINENT PERIOD.

BIRMINGHAM AND NEWARK ADVISED AM. P

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1 - Newark (AM)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, DALLAS (44-2649)

FROM : SUP ROBERT P. GEMBERLING

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/8/68

Re: WALTER NATHANIEL ISSEL
aka. Walter Nathaniel Yssel
James Louis Minor - SUSPECT

On the afternoon of 4/8/68, SA WILLIAM H. PATTERSON, U. S. Secret Service, Dallas, Texas, telephonically advised that captioned individual is a Protective Intelligence Case of U. S. Secret Service, and is known to have, in the past, owned a 20 millimeter cannon and a .50 caliber machinegun. He is from Dallas and is currently in Dallas. Approximately two weeks ago this individual was in Cleveland, Ohio. According to a SANFORD SOBUL, of a TV station in Cleveland, Ohio, he has learned from a source of his (SOBUL's) that captioned individual looks like the composite description of the killer of MARTIN LUTHER KING.

Mr. PATTERSON stated there is a complete file with a photograph of this individual available through Secret Service Headquarters in Washington, D. C. PATTERSON stated he did not have captioned individual's current place of residence and employment in Dallas available but that he had talked with ISSEL on Friday, 4/6/68, at which time ISSEL was cooperative and expressed a desire to be contacted at any time at his residence but did not want to be contacted at work.

SA PATTERSON advised that in the event an Agent of the FBI desired to interview ISSEL to contact him (PATTERSON) who would make the residence address available, as well as accompany the Agent if desired, since he has the confidence of ISSEL.

Secret Service file it in 60-2-40113.



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him + WFO 4/9/68 to
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Memorandum

TO : FILE (44-2649) (P)

DATE: 4/9/68

FROM : SAC J. GORDON SHANKLIN

SUBJECT: MURKIN
OO: Memphis

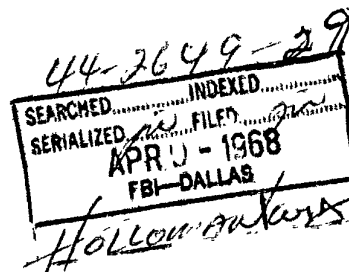
At 11:35 AM this date, an unknown anonymous female called the Dallas Office, and Mrs. KITTY HARRIS, who was operating the switchboard, answered the FBI. This woman then said, "Take this serial number down" and gave her serial number RA 245-53268. She then wanted to know definitely if she had the serial number, and when assured that she did, she said, if you will check that, you will find the individual who killed MARTIN LUTHER KING.

At 11:40 AM, Dallas time, I furnished the above information to Inspector JAMES R. MALLEY at the Bureau, who stated they could check it out there as they have several good latent prints.

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TO: SACS, DALLAS, EL PASO, AND HOUSTON
FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (44-1242)

MURKIN.

REBUTEL TO ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES APRIL EIGHT, LAST.

SAN ANTONIO WILL COVER STATEWIDE CHECKS FOR STATE
SELECTIVE SERVICE, TEXAS DPS IDENT DIVISION, AND DRIVERS
LICENSE RECORDS.

AUTOMOBILE REGISTRATION RECORDS AND VOTER REGISTRATION
RECORDS NOT AVAILABLE ALPHABETICALLY ON STATE LEVEL
AND MUST BE CHECKED BY COUNTY.

END AND ACK PLS

Above telephonically furnished
Dallas and El Paso to

Waverly Collins

by David A. Wall

at 3:00 pm

1 - San Antonio
1 - Dallas (Confirmatory)
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325PM URGENT 4-9-68 MCP

TO DALLAS

FROM MEMPHIS 44-1987 1 P

MURKIN. CR. 00: ME.

MRS. RONALD MEDLOCK, SIX EIGHT SIX SEVEN YORK ROAD,
PARAMA HEIGHTS, OHIO, TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED MEMPHIS OFFICE
APRIL NINE INSTANT THAT HER EX HUSBAND WESLEY MITCHELL,
THREE FIVE TWO ZERO FONTANA DRIVE, DALLAS, AN EMPLOYEE OF
MOORE BUSINESS FORMS, DENTON, TEXAS, HATES NEGROES,
PARTICULARLY KING, HAS MADE VIOLENT STATEMENTS, IS AN
EXCELLENT MARKSMAN, AND IS FULLY CAPABLE OF COMMITTING ACT
OF VIOLENCE. DALLAS CONSIDER MITCHELL AS POSSIBLE SUSPECT
INSTANT CASE AND ATTEMPT TO ELIMINATE. P. CORR: LN TWO FIRST WRD IS ■
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350PM URGENT 4/9/68 AAH

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS (44-1987), BIRMINGHAM AND DALLAS
FROM MOBILE (157-2627)

MURKIN. OO ME.

ON JAN. EIGHTEEN, SIXTYFIVE, WHEN MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., WAS LEADING VOTER REGISTRATION ACTIVITIES AT SELMA, ALA., ONE JIMMY GEORGE ROBINSON WENT TO THE ALBERT HOTEL, SELMA, WHERE KING WAS STAYING, AND PHYSICALLY ASSAULTED KING WITH A BLOW TO THE RIGHT SIDE OF HIS HEAD. ROBINSON, AT THAT TIME ALLEGEDLY AN AFFILIATE OF THE NATIONAL STATES RIGHTS PARTY.

ROBINSON ALSO ASSAULTED FORMER SA DANIEL D. DOYLE, FBI, AT SELMA, ALA., MAR. SEVEN, SIXTYFIVE, AND WAS CHARGED WITH VIOLATION TITLE EIGHTEEN, SECTION ONE ONE ONE AND SIX FOUR ONE. SUBSEQUENTLY ROBINSON TRIED AND ON AUG. THIRTYONE, SIXTYSIX FOUND NOT GUILTY IN JURY TRIAL.

IN VIEW OF ABOVE, MOBILE FEELS ROBINSON SHOULD BE CONSIDERED LOGICAL SUSPECT IN MURDER OF KING.

ROBINSON DESCRIBED AS WM AMERICAN, BORN MAY TWO, THIRTYEIGHT
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AT BONHAM, TEX., SIX FOOT ONE AND ONE HALF INCHES TALL, ONE SIXTY LBS., BROWN HAIR, BLUE EYES, SLENDER BUILD. ROBINSON HAS FBI NO. TWO TWO NINE SEVEN ONE D.

ROBINSON RESIDED AT FIVE TWO EIGHT ALA. AVE., SELMA, ALA., APR. TWENTYONE, SIXTYFIVE, AND IN INTERVIEW ADMITTED MEMBERSHIP IN NSRP, STATING HE SERVED AS NSRP ORGANIZER IN DALLAS. ROBINSON'S LAST KNOWN ADDRESS WAS GARLAND, TEXAS.

SUBSEQUENT TO ABOVE ASSAULT, ROBINSON IS KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN IN BIRMINGHAM, ALA., AREA WHERE HE WAS AN ASSOCIATE OF J. B. STONER.

BIRMINGHAM WILL ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE IF ROBINSON IN BH AREA AND REVIEW THEIR FILE ONE FIVE SEVEN DASH EIGHT SIX SEVEN FOR LOGICAL INVESTIGATION TO LOCATE ROBINSON.

DALLAS WILL REVIEW FILES EIGHT NINE DASH FOUR NINE AND ONE FIVE SEVEN DASH TWO ONE FIVE IN AN EFFORT TO DETERMINE ROBINSON'S LOCATION DURING PERTINENT PERIOD.

MOBILE AT SELMA, ALA., WILL CONTACT LOGICAL SOURCES IN AN EFFORT TO DETERMINE IF ROBINSON IN SELMA AREA DURING PERTINENT PERIOD.

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FBI MEMPHIS

416PM URGENT 4-9-68 MCP

TO DALLAS

FROM MEMPHIS 44-1987 1 P

MURKIN; CR. OO: ME.

RECORDS, MEMPHIS MOTELS, INDICATE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS
REGISTERED ON DATE INDICATED AND LISTED FORD AUTOMOBILES
REFLECTING INDICATED LICENSE NUMBERS:

DOUG ROY, ONE FIVE FOUR EIGHT MAPLETON, DALLAS, TEXAS,
TEXAS LICENSE LKF DASH FOUR ONE FOUR, CHECKED IN APRIL TWO
AND OUT APRIL THREE, LAST.

CLAUDE R. ROUX, ONE THREE FIVE ZERO FIVE SHAHAN, DALLAS,
TEXAS, ALABAMA LICENSE FORTYSEVEN DASH SEVEN FIVE ONE FOUR, DATE SHOWN
AS APRIL FOUR, LAST.

IF ABOVE CARS DETERMINED TO BE MUSTANGS, CONDUCT
APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION. P. END.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, DALLAS (44-2649) (P)

DATE: 4/9/68

FROM : ASAC MOORE

SUBJECT: MURKIN
OO: Memphis

At 4:40 PM this date I accepted a collect call from CHARLES SHIPWASH, 405 Cloverhouse, Lufkin, Texas, Telephone NU 4-4968. SHIPWASH indicated that approximately 2½ hours ago while at Pete's Liquor (beer jdnt), 12 miles west of Lufkin, he had a 15 minute conversation with a man known to him only as SANDY. He stated that SANDY indicated that he had made a big mistake and had made a shot. SHIPWASH asked what he was referring to and SANDY indicated he had shot KING. SANDY showed SHIPWASH a 3006 rifle in his car, which was described as a 1957 solid dark blue Chevrolet, two door.

SHIPWASH described SANDY (LNU) as white, male, age 31, 5'8", 160 to 170 lbs., blond, sandy hair, wearing blue and gray plaid jacket, charcoal trousers. SHIPWASH requested that his name be held in confidence and was furnishing this information for the FBI's information. He said the telephone number mentioned above is that of his landlady with whom any messages could be left.

I immediately checked with the operator and determined that SA KILLGORE is presently in the Lufkin PD and a stop was placed for him to immediately call the Dallas Office.

The above information was furnished to SA KILLGORE and he was requested to notify the SAC if there appeared to be some substance to this information; otherwise, a memorandum to the Dallas file concerning his inquiry would be sufficient.



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TO ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES

FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 2P

MURKIN

AMONG ARTICLES RECOVERED AT SCENE OF SHOOTING, APPARENTLY ABANDONED BY UNSUB, WERE A PAIR OF BROWNISH CHECKERED PRINT UNDERSHORTS AND WHITE JOCKEY TEE SHIRT BEARING CLOTH LAUNDRY TAGS. THESE TAGS WERE MADE BY A THERMO SEAL MARKING MACHINE MANUFACTURED BY THE TEXTILE MARKING MACHINE COMPANY, SYRACUSE, NEW YORK. THESE TAGS ARE ONE QUARTER INCH WIDE AND ONE AND ONE SIXTEENTH INCH LONG, RED IN COLOR AND BEAR MARKING WHICH APPEARS TO BE "O TWO B DASH SIX" OR "D TWO B DASH SIX." ONLY A PORTION OF THE FIRST CHARACTER IS PRESENT ON EACH TAG, AND THIS CHARACTER IS CUT ON A SLIGHT BIAS. NO OTHER VISIBLE LAUNDRY MARKS WERE FOUND ON EITHER GARMENT.

IMMEDIATE CHECKS OF LOGICAL LAUNDRIES SUGGESTED BY TEXTILE MARKING COMPANY HAVE TO DATE BEEN UNPRODUCTIVE.
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UPON RECEIPT, ALL OFFICES SHOULD IMMEDIATELY TELEPHONICALLY
CONTACT ALL LAUNDRIES IN YOUR DIVISIONS TO IDENTIFY
LAUNDRY USING THIS CODE AND THESE TAGS AND PURSUE LOGICAL
LEADS DEVELOPED.

IF PERTINENT LAUNDRY IDENTIFIED, IMMEDIATELY ADVISE
BUREAU TELEPHONICALLY.

THIS MUST BE GIVEN TOP PRIORITY HANDLING TO INSURE
THAT THESE CHECKS ARE IMMEDIATELY RUN OUT.

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

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FBI LASVEAS

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I SENT N AN ALL SAC MESSAGE OR TO ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES
CAPTIONED MURKIN 603PM TODAY DID YOU RECEIVE IF SO PLEASE ACKP
ON CALL

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FBI SANANTON

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FBI SAN FRAN

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SAC WFO *to member*

FROM: SAC DALLAS (44-2649)(3 P)

MURKIN. *O.O. member*

REBUTEL APRIL EIGHT LAST.

INVESTIGATION APRIL NINE INSTANT THROUGHOUT DALLAS TERRITORY TO LOCATE PERSONS WITH SURNAMES LOWMEYER OR LOWMYER HAS NOT DEVELOPED ANYONE BY THAT NAME. REVIEW OF ALL CITY DIRECTORIES, TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES, VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS, AND CREDIT AND CRIMINAL RECORDS TO DATE NEGATIVE AND INVESTIGATION THESE RECORDS CONTINUING. DRIVER'S LICENSE RECORDS LOCATED AT AUSTIN, TEXAS TO BE CHECKED BY SAN ANTONIO. AUTO REGISTRATIONS FILED ONLY BY LICENSE PLATE NO. AND NOT BY NAME.

DALLAS INDICES NEGATIVE RE LOWMEYER OR LOWMYER.

AT ELEVEN THIRTYFIVE AM, APRIL NINE INSTANT AN ANONYMOUS FEMALE CALLED DALLAS OFFICE AND AFTER INSTRUCTING SWITCHBOARD OPERATOR TO TAKE THIS NO. DOWN, GAVE SERIAL NO. RA TWO FOUR FIVE FIVE THREE TWO SIX EIGHT. AFTER ASSURED NO. WAS WRITTEN

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DOWN, CALLER STATED IF YOU WILL CHECK THAT, YOU WILL FIND THE INDIVIDUAL WHO KILLED MARTIN LUTHER KING. THIS INFO WAS IMMEDIATELY FURNISHED BUREAU BY TELEPHONE.

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WILLIAM H. PATTERSON, AGENT, U. S. SECRET SERVICE, DALLAS, ADVISED THAT WALTER NATHANIEL ISSEL AKA WALTER NATHANIEL YSSEL, JAMES LOUIS MINOR, IS A PROTECTIVE INTELLIGENCE CASE OF U. S. SECRET SERVICE, FILE NO. C O - TWO - FOUR ZERO ONE ONE THREE, AND IS KNOWN TO HAVE OWNED A TWENTYTWO MILLIMETER CANNON AND FIFTY CALIBER MACHINE GUN. ACCORDING TO PATTERSON, ISSEL IS FROM DALLAS AND IS CURRENTLY IN DALLAS, ARRIVING FROM CLEVELAND, OHIO, ABOUT TWO WEEKS AGO. PATTERSON STATED THAT ACCORDING TO A SANFORD SOBUL, OF A TV STATION IN CLEVELAND, SOBUL LEARNED FROM A SOURCE OF HIS THAT ISSEL LOOKS LIKE A COMPOSITE DESCRIPTION OF THE KILLER OF KING. PATTERSON SAID THERE IS A COMPLETE FILE WITH PHOTO OF ISSEL AT SECRET SERVICE HEADQUARTERS, WASHINGTON.

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WFO CONTACT PROTECTIVE INTELLIGENCE DIVISION, SECRET
SERVICE, OBTAIN PHOTO AND DESCRIPTION OF ISSEL, AND FORWARD
TO MEMPHIS FOR DISPLAY TO WITNESSES. P

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TO: SAC MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC DALLAS (44-2649) (3 P)

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WAYNE SMITH, TWO FOUR TWO ZERO WICKER, DALLAS, ADVISED ON APRIL NINE INSTANT THAT ON EVENING OF KING ASSASSINATION, A FRIEND, HUBERT A. FERRELL, FOUR FOUR ZERO SIX HOLLAND, DALLAS, ADVISED HIM HE HAD BEEN TOLD BY AN "INFORMANT", NOT OTHERWISE IDENTIFIED BY FERRELL, THAT THEY, NOT IDENTIFIED BY FERRELL, HAD TRIED TO GET KING TWO WEEKS PREVIOUSLY AND WOULD TRY AGAIN. SMITH ALSO ADVISED THAT ON SAME EVENING MRS. FERRELL WAS CRYING AND WAS OBVIOUSLY UPSET AND STATED SHE HOPED IT WAS NOT SOMEONE "WE" KNOW. SMITH STATED FERRELL HAS A BROTHER, JAMES FERRELL, RESIDING IN MEMPHIS AREA, WHO HAS VIOLENT DISLIKE FOR NEGROES, HAS HIS FAMILY THINKING SAME WAY, AND HAS RIFLES AND AMMUNITION WHICH HE HAS TAUGHT HIS THREE OR FOUR SONS TO USE. HUBERT AND JAMES FERRLL HAVE REPORTEDLY PURCHASED LAND IN ARKANSAS TO WHICH TO GO IN EVENT SITUATION GETS TOO BAD IN MEMPHIS.

HUBERT A. FERRELL WAS INTERVIEWED ON APRIL NINE INSTANT AND ADVISED THE ONLY INFO HE HAS IS THAT WHILE WITH A LARGE

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GROUP OF MEN IN A "BULL SESSION" SOMEONE, IDENTITY NOT RECALLED, MADE STATEMENT TO EFFECT THAT DURING FIRST MARCH THE RIOT WAS PROBABLY A DIVERSION TO ALLOW THE MILITANT NEGROES AN OPPORTUNITY TO SHOOT KING, BUT THAT KING HAD BEEN TAKEN AWAY BEFORE THEY HAD A CHANCE AND THEY WOULD PROBABLY TRY AGAIN. FERRELL STATED HIS WIFE IS VERY UPSET AND WORRIED ABOUT HER SISTER WHO RESIDES IN MEMPHIS.

FERRELL FURNISHED IDENTITIES OF RELATIVES IN MEMPHIS AREA AS FOLLOWS:

BROTHER HERBIE W. FERRELL, THREE SEVEN NINE FIVE MACON ROAD, EMPLOYED BY INSURANCE COMPANY FORMERLY KNOWN AS NATIONAL BURIAL INSURANCE COMPANY; BROTHER HARVEY PARNELL FERRELL, MANAGER, A & P STORE, ADDRESS NOT KNOWN, BUT LISTED IN PHONE BOOK; SISTER MRS. ROY MCLLAIN, ARGONNE ST., FRAZIER STATION, MEMPHIS; BROTHER JAMES FERRELL, FORMERLY RESIDING ON RAINES ROAD, MEMPHIS, AND NOW RESIDING SEARCY, ARKANSAS, EMPLOYED AS CONDUCTOR OR

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FIREMAN BY ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD, MEMPHIS.

ABOVE INFO IS BEING FURNISHED TO MEMPHIS IN EVENT
IT MAY BE DESIRED TO ESTABLISH WHEREABOUTS OF ABOVE INDIVIDUALS
DURING PERTINENT PERIOD. FD - THREE ZERO TWO FOLLOWS. P

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, DALLAS (44-2649)

DATE: 4/9/68

FROM : SPC CLINTON B. BROWN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 4/9/68, Det. A. J. CARROLL, Intelligence Unit, Dallas PD, telephonically advised anonymous call received from colored male, who advised he picked up white hitchhiker, who met the description of suspect this matter. Caller informed Police that he picked this person up on Interstate 20, around Mesquite, heading East. Hitchhiker let out East of Mineola, Texas, about three blocks from a Highway Patrol car. When hitchhiker observed the patrolman in his car, he turned around and started walking in the direction from which they had just come.

Hitchhiker wearing blue jeans, plaid shirt, dark colored jacket, talked a lot about shooting, and said was from Georgia.



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1130PM URGENT 4-9-68 ELN
TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND DALLAS
FROM KANSAS CITY (44-760)

MURKIN. 00: MEMPHIS

RE KANSAS CITY TEL TO BUREAU APRIL NINE INSTANT.

LYNN RAY CLEVELAND ARRESTED JOPLIN, MO. PD FOUR FIFTY PM
AND BOOKED ON CHARGE HOLD FOR INVESTIGATION-HOMICIDE OTHER CITIES.
ENTIRE BASIS FOR ARREST WAS WOMAN WHO OBSERVED CLEVELAND HITCHHIKING
AND THOUGHT HE RESEMBLED ARTIST CONCEPTION OF UNSUB IN NEWSPAPER.
LOCAL NEWS MEDIA MONITORING JOPLIN PD RADIO PICKED UP THIS INFO
WHICH RESULTED IN MANY PRESS INQUIRIES. JOPLIN CHIEF OF POLICE
DENIES TELLING PRESS OR ANYONE ELSE CLEVELAND BEING HELD FOR FBI.
CHIEF OF POLICE JOPLIN, MO. ANTICIPATES FILING VAG. CHARGE ON
CLEVELAND APRIL TEN NEXT. WHEN ARRESTED CLEVELAND HAD NO LUGGAGE
OR IDENTIFICATION AND ONLY FIVE CENTS ON PERSON. CLAIMS NO PERMANENT
ADDRESS AND THAT HE IS TRAVELING BAPTIST MINISTER AND EVANGELISTIC
SINGER.

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CLEVELAND RAMBLES INCOHERENTLY AND CANNOT FURNISH DEFINITE INFO AS TO PAST WHEREABOUTS AND RELATES BEING FORMER PATIENT AT TERRELL STATE HOSPITAL TERRELL, TEXAS. DENIES MURDER AND BEING IN MEMPHIS, TENN. AND BIRMINGHAM, ALA. DURING PAST TWO WEEKS. CLAIMS HAS RESIDED SPRINGFIELD, MO. INTERMITTEDLY LAST SEVERAL WEEKS AT VARIOUS HOTELS. INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED TO VERIFY WHEREABOUTS ON APRIL FOUR LAST. PHOTO BEING MAILED DIRECT TO MEMPHIS OFFICE. MAJOR CASE PRINTS BEING OBTAINED FOR FORWARDING TO BUREAU.

CLEVELAND DESCRIBED AS WM, AGE THIRTYTHREE, POB PALMER, TEXAS, FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES, ONE HUNDRED FIFTYFIVE LBS., BROWN RECEDING HAIR, BLUE EYES, LONG PROMINENT NOSE AND LONG SIDE BURNS. PARENTS ARE MR. AND MRS. GARLAND FRANCIS CLEVELAND, SEVEN ZERO ONE MAIN STREET, PALMER, TEXAS WHERE FATHER IS MANAGER OF BARRON BRICK CO. 449- 2223

DALLAS VERIFY CLEVELAND AS PATIENT TERRELL STATE HOSPITAL AND OBTAIN MENTAL CONDITION. DALLAS INTERVIEW PARENTS FOR MENTAL CONDITION, BACKGROUND AND WHEREABOUTS ON APRIL FOUR.

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1034AM URGENT 4-10-68 SAA

TO ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES
FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 1P

MURKIN OO: MEMPHIS.

RE: SUSPECT ERIC STARVO GALT
IMMEDIATELY CHECK YOUR INDICIES, ALL STATE SELECTIVE
SERVICE HEADQUARTERS, CITY AND TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES,
DRIVERS LICENSE BUREAUS, MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISIONS, FINANCIAL
INSTITUTIONS, CONDUCT CREDIT AND CRIMINAL CHECK AND
CONTACT OTHER LOGICAL SOURCES TO OBTAIN ANY INFORMATION
WHATSOEVER RE SUSPECT GALT. DRIVERS LICENSE ISSUED IN
ALABAMA DESCRIBES GALT AS WHITE MALE, BORN SEVEN TWENTY,
THIRTY-ONE, FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES, ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-
FIVE POUNDS, BLUE EYES, BROWN HAIR.

THIS MUST BE GIVEN TOP PRIORITY AND ALL LEADS MUST BE
COVERED BY TELETYPE TO THOROUGHLY RESOLVE. NO INDICATION
TO BE GIVEN THAT THIS LEAD IS IN CONJUNCTION WITH MURKIN CASE.

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TO : SAC, DALLAS (44-2649) (P)

DATE: 4/10/68

FROM : SA ROSSITER C. MULLANEY

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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RE: SUSPECT ISAAC WELDON KIRK

COP EARL ANDREWS, Mansfield, Texas, on this date advised that he had been contacted by E. J. TERRELL, Texas Ranger, regarding suspect KIRK. He stated TERRELL advised he had heard rumors that KIRK might have been the murderer of MARTIN LUTHER KING. ANDREWS stated it was his understanding that KIRK was employed by a communications company located in Garland or Richardson, Texas, which builds micro relation towers and that KIRK and his crew were last known to have been located at Madison, Tennessee, and that KIRK and his crew had been out of contact with the company and apparently missing since 4/3/68. ANDREWS stated that KIRK is the husband of AGNES KIRK, Justice of the Peace at Mansfield. He stated KIRK is in Mansfield only two or three times a year and was last in Mansfield at approximately Christmas time, 1967. He advised that KIRK was supposedly in possession of a 1968 Ford XL Fastback, light blue in color, which is titled in both his and his wife's name. ANDREW stated he would obtain the license number of this vehicle and would advise. He stated most of his information regarding this matter had been obtained from E. J. TERRELL.

Texas Ranger E. J. TERRELL, Fort Worth, Texas, advised this date he had heard a rumor several days ago that the people in Mansfield, Texas were of the opinion that suspect KIRK might be responsible for the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING. He stated he proceeded to Mansfield and there talked to AGNES KIRK, wife of the suspect, O. L. WATSON, Constable; and Chief ANDREWS. He said it was his opinion that KIRK's wife was the one who started the rumor. He said apparently the basic reason for the rumor was that KIRK bears a general resemblance to the artist conception of the killer which has appeared in the newspapers. He advised that KIRK has allegedly been employed for 10 or 12 years as a construction foreman in charge of seven or eight crews

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which build micro wave towers and that the employing company is the Rohn Construction Company located in Richardson, Texas.

TERRELL advised that he had checked with the Tarrant County SO and had determined KIRK had three arrests. He stated he was unable to find his notes to provide additional details regarding these arrests. He stated the above was approximately the extent of his investigative results at the present time.

Deputy Sheriff DUANE HITT, Tarrant County SO, Identification Division, Fort Worth, on this date advised records there reflect that ISAAC W. KIRK had been arrested by that office on three occasions as follows:

11/24/53
3/12/59
7/13/61

The charge on each occasion was contempt of court. He stated that the fingerprints taken for the arrest of 3/12/59 had been sent to the FBI and had been returned marked no record. He stated Tarrant County SO No. for KIRK was 19536 and that the DPS No. was 733305. HITT further advised that KIRK's birthdate was recorded as 4/3/25, at Cleburne, Texas, and he was described as follows:

Race	Caucasian
Sex	Male
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Green