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9:18PM EST 2-21-68 URGENT RGT

TO DIRECTOR
FROM MIAMI (157-NEW)

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. DeLoach	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Bishop	✓
Mr. Casper	✓
Mr. Callahan	✓
Mr. Conrad	✓
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UNSUB; THREAT TO KILL MARTIN LUTHER KING, TWO TWENTYONE SIXTYEIGHT;
RACIAL MATTER
MIAMI, FLA. PM; EM - THREAT.

Bombing matter

Harold Charles Kno Lehman

AT EIGHT ZERO FIVE PM, INSTANT, ANONYMOUS TELEPHONE CALL
RECEIVED BY MIAMI OFFICE FROM MALE CALLER. CALLER ASKED IF
FBI AWARE MARTIN LUTHER KING IN MIAMI. CALLER STATED INTENDED
TO KILL KING AND WOULD LIKE TO BOMB ROOM OF KING AT HOTEL BUT
FEARED INJURING OTHERS.

KING STAYING SHERATON FOUR AMBASSADORS HOTEL, MIAMI.
SIMILAR CALL RECEIVED BY SWITCHBOARD OPERATOR SHERATON SHORTLY
BEFORE EIGHT PM INSTANT.

SECRET SERVICE, ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH M.I. GROUP, LOCAL
AUTHORITIES, MIAMI, AND SECURITY OFFICER SHERATON ADVISED.
HOTEL SECURITY ADVISING KING RE THREAT.

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- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. G.C. Moore

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TO: ALL OFFICES
 FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI

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ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., RACIAL MATTERS.

IN VIEW OF POSSIBILITY OF RETALIATORY MEASURES TAKEN
 AS RESULT OF THE ASSASSINATION OF KING, IMMEDIATELY ALERT
 ALL SOURCES (RACIAL, SECURITY, AND CRIMINAL), WHO ARE IN
 POSITION TO POSSIBLY LEARN OF INFORMATION OF THIS NATURE.
 ANY PERTINENT INFORMATION DEVELOPED SHOULD RECEIVE EXPEDITIOUS
 DISSEMINATION, BOTH LOCALLY AND TO BUREAU.

See under

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COPIES MADE, DATE 5/4/78 BY
 PCB/SS RE M.L.K. Jr. Assass.
 FOR REVIEW AT FEHQ AND/OR DELIVERY
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 (SEE BUFILE 62-117200)

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TO BE MADE BY THE DIRECTOR
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DISSEMINATION OF SOURCE INFORMATION AND TO BUREAU
VIA BELIEF IN SOURCE INFORMATION REPORTED SHOULD BE CHIEF EXECUTIVE
POSITION TO POSSIBLE LEAD TO INFORMATION ON THIS MATTER
VIA SOURCE (KING'S SOURCE) AND ARE IN
AS RESULT OF THE ASSASSINATION OF KING'S INTERVIEW WITH

IN AREA OF POSSIBLY OF BELIEF IN SOURCE INFORMATION
ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. SOURCE MATTERS

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI

TO: ALL OFFICES

- 1 - MR. G.C. MOORE
- 1 - MR. SULLIVAN
- 1 - MR. DELOACH

DETAILS

URGENT

DIVISION

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1 - Mr. DeLoach
 1 - Mr. Rosen
 1 - Mr. Malley
 1 - Mr. McGowan
 1 - Mr. Martindale
 1 - Mr. McDonough

1 - Mr. Long
 1 - Mr. Bishop
 1 - Mr. Conrad
 1 - Mr. Sullivan

April 5, 1968

MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

At approximately 6:03 p. m., April 4, 1968, Martin Luther King, Jr., was on a second floor balcony of the Lorraine Hotel and Motel, Memphis, Tennessee. King's associates, who were at the street level, heard a shot and King fell immediately after the shot was heard. He was taken at once to St. Joseph Hospital where he was pronounced dead at 7:05 p. m. Death resulted from bullet damage to major neck vessels and the spinal cord.

Investigation indicates that the shot may have been fired from the second floor bathroom of a rooming house at 422 1/2 South Main Street, approximately 205 feet from where King was standing. A shot was heard from the second floor at approximately 6 p. m. and immediately after the shot was fired, a white man left the bathroom and ran out of the building. The bathroom provides an open view of King's room. Occupants of the rooming house had observed a white man carrying a package approximately three feet in length and possibly wrapped in a piece of blanket. This man occupied Room 5B on April 4, 1968.

Bessie Ruth Brewer, manager of the rooming house, advised that a white man who identified himself only as John Willard and who gave no address, appeared at the rooming house sometime between 3 p. m. and 3:30 p. m., April 4, 1968, and rented Room 5B, paying one week's rent in advance. Room 5B affords a view of the Lorraine Hotel and Motel. We are making every effort to locate Willard as quickly as possible.

Guy Warren Canipe, Sr., operates an amusement machine company approximately 300 feet from King's room. At approximately 6 p. m. he heard a noise at his door. He looked up and saw a man walking away.

1 cc - The White House, the Attorney General, the Deputy Attorney General, Assistant Attorney General Stephen J. Pollak by routing slip dated 4/5/68.

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URGENT 4/5/68 10:00 PM
TO DIRECTOR
FROM NEW YORK (100-157141) (P)
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MURKIN - RE: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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- 1 - MR. CASPER
- 1 - MR. CALLAHAN
- 1 - MR. CONRAD
- 1 - MR. FELT
- 1 - MR. GALE
- 1 - MR. RUCKELSHAUS
- 1 - MR. SULLIVAN
- 1 - MR. TAVEL
- 1 - MR. WATKINS
- 1 - MR. WOOD
- 1 - MR. YERGEN

MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

He then found an open carton and saw a gun barrel in the carton. A piece of green cloth was wrapped around the carton and a small zipper bag was nearby. Canipe also observed a white Mustang being driven away at a high rate of speed.

The items found by Canipe are presently undergoing exhaustive examinations in the FBI Laboratory and extensive efforts are being made to trace each item. The carton contained a .30-06 Springfield caliber Remington Gamemaster rifle, Model 760, serial number 461476. The rifle is equipped with a Redfield variable power telescopic sight. The zipper bag contained various personal items including a pair of binoculars.

The bullet recovered from King's body is also being examined by the FBI Laboratory.

Press reports have referred to two suspects who were arrested after they were observed changing clothes in a garage. These men are Manuel Marcus Levin and Alex J. Hurder. Both have been identified as civil rights workers by the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and have been released.

A full investigation has been instituted and every effort is being made to promptly identify the person or persons responsible for this murder.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA

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Authority NW 23176
By [Signature], NARA, Date 10/8/83

**ASSASSINATION OF DR.
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
RACIAL MATTERS
ATfile 157-3004**

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Enclosed for the Bureau is the original and eight copies of LHM.

Source referred to is AT 1387-R.

Enclosed LHM submitted at this time for Bureau's information. Active investigation of ABERNATHY has not previously been conducted by Atlanta.

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- 5- Atlanta
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 - (1 - 100-5586) (M. L. KING, JR.)

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Atlanta, Georgia
April 5, 1968

Title COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF SOUTHERN
CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

ASSASSINATION OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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Reference RACIAL MATTERS

Atlanta Memorandum dated and captioned
as above.

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COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF SOUTHERN
CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
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ASSASSINATION OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER
KING, JR.
RACIAL MATTERS

Radio Station WSB, Atlanta, Georgia, during a one p.m. newscast April 5, 1968, announced that Reverend Ralph D. Abernathy, Vice President and Treasurer, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), would assume leadership of SCLC following the assassination of Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., former President, SCLC.

A confidential source advised on April 5, 1968, that SCLC for several years had named Abernathy to succeed Reverend King in the event the latter should become incapacitated.

In addition to his duties with SCLC, Abernathy has also served as pastor of the West Hunter Street Baptist Church, 775 Hunter Street, N. W., Atlanta.

Source furnished the following descriptive data concerning Abernathy:

Name	Ralph David Abernathy
Sex	Male
Race	Negro
Age	Approximately 42

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COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN
LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

ASSASSINATION OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Born	Alabama
Height	5 feet 9 inches
Weight	185 pounds
Education	Graduate of Alabama State College, Montgomery, Alabama
Marital Status	Married (spouse - Juanita Abernathy, nee Jones)
Dependents	Three children
Residence	690 Laverne Drive, N. W. Atlanta

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Date: 4/6/68

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Via PLAIN TEXT AIRTEL
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI ATTN: FBI LABORATORY
FROM : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
CIVIL RIGHTS

Submitted herewith are additional items recovered in connection with the murder of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.:

- (1) One pair of men's shorts. (Waistband in unstretched condition, one side, measures approximately 11 3/4 inches, which would be waistband of approximately 23 1/2 inches. Fully extended waistband measures approximately 17 1/2 inches, one side or a total of 35 inches.
- (2) T-shirt, size 42-44, designated "Jockey Power Knit" T-shirt, large size. It appears on visual examination that lower portion of T-shirt has been cut.

Laboratory requested to examine T-shirt and shorts for any hidden laundry marks and any other examination that may help to determine origin of garments. In connection with the laundry tape that appears on both the shorts and T-shirt, the number O2B-6 appears. Since a portion of the left side of each of these tapes is missing, the possibility that the "O" might be the remnant of the letter EP or some other combinations should not be overlooked.

Inquiry of the Albany Office discloses that the Textile Marking Machine Co., Syracuse, N.Y., has a representative, JOE COMBS, 5232 Devonshire Dr., Oxenhill, Maryland, Tel. 301-248-6128, in residence at Oxenhill. COMBS reportedly has the ability to determine on inspection of laundry marking tapes as to whether or not this is type tape produced by his company and type of machine producing same.

- 3 - Bureau (Enc. -)
- 1 - Albany
- 1 - Birmingham
- 2 - Memphis

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Special Agent in Charge

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not to be...
the removal of the letter 'D' or some other composition should
these tapes be magnetic, the possibility that the 'D' might be
OSB-a symbols. Since a box of the tape side of each of
tube type symbols on both the upper and D-sides, the number
to determine origin of symbols. In connection with the laboratory
and ribbon laundry marks and any other examination that may be
laboratory requested to examine D-side and shorts for

box of D-side has been cut.

labeling. If symbols on upper examination that lower

(3) D-side, side 42-44, designated 'locked power button D-side'

side of a total of 30 inches.
extended measuring measures approximately 11 inches, one
would be measuring or approximately 33 inches. Fully
tion, one side, measures approximately 11 3/4 inches, upper
(1) one pair of men's shorts. (Measuring to unextended length-

connection with the murder of DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.:
submitted herewith are additional items recovered to

- SUBJECT: CIVIL RIGHTS
- MURKIN
- FROM : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1981)
- TO : DIRECTOR, FBI ATTN: FBI SUBSTANCES

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4/6 O'Keefe handling

Request that Laboratory prior to conducting its examinations arrange for COMBS to view tape.

In addition, there is submitted herewith one board which is part of a window sill in window of bathroom at 422 1/2 South Main, from which it appears that fatal shot was fired.

Laboratory requested to examine board to ascertain any possibility of breech powder burns or any other identifiable markings that may be made by weapon in question. Possibility that recoil marks may appear on board. Texture of board was such that no latents of significance could be developed. Suggest however that the Bureau reexamine for possibility latents might be developed by FBI.

In addition, there is submitted herewith five cards appropriately identified of various latents lifted by representatives of the Memphis PD. These latents should be examined against any latents developed in examinations conducted by FBI.

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FROM: JACKSONVILLE (157-1535)

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ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. RM

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MRS. BOLE ROACH, JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA, ADVISED THAT ARTIST CONCEPTION PHOTO OF INDIVIDUAL BELIEVED TO HAVE ASSASSINATED MARTIN LUTHER KING THAT APPEARED IN TODAY'S ISSUE OF "FLORIDA TIMES UNION," A JACKSONVILLE NEWSPAPER, CLOSELY RESEMBLES ONE OLAF (PHONETIC) WEBB. ROACH SAID SHE KNEW WEBB TEN YEARS AGO WHEN BOTH EMPLOYED FOREE HOSPITAL IN ATHENS, TENNESSEE. ROACH STATED WEBB LEFT ATHENS, TENNESSEE, NINETEEN FIFTY SEVEN OR FIFTY EIGHT AND TRAVELED TO CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, WHERE HE REPORTEDLY WAS EMPLOYED BY THE CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, POLICE DEPARTMENT. SHE DESCRIBED WEBB AS WHITE MALE AMERICAN, FIVE FEET EIGHT INCHES, ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY LBS., BROWN HAIR, BLUE EYES, LARGE BUSHY EYEBROWS, LONG POINTED NOSE, WORE HAIR SLICK STRAIGHT BACK AND HAD "FUNNY WALK" IN THAT HE KEPT HIS RIGHT ARM STIFF AND STRAIGHT WHEN WALKING.

ROACH HAS HAD NO ASSOCIATION WITH WEBB FOR PAST SEVERAL YEARS, HOWEVER, BELIEVES ARTIST CONCEPTION VERY CLOSELY RESEMBLES WEBB.

KNOXVILLE AT ATHENS, TENNESSEE, DETERMINE BACKGROUND OF WEBB THROUGH RECORDS OF FOREE HOSPITAL AND FURNISH RESULTS.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI (100-111111)

U. S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE

FROM SAC, CHICAGO (100-111111) (P)

RE CHICAGO TELETYPE TO BUREAU, APRIL FIVE LAST.

BOYCH, ALVIN EARLE, WAS EMPLOYED BY THE CHICAGO INTERIOR POLICE DEPARTMENT AND REGISTERED TO CHICAGO INTERIOR POLICE DEPARTMENT OFFICE OF REGISTERED VEHICLES NUMBER TEN SIX SEVEN IN CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

BOYCH ADVISED THAT HE WAS EMPLOYED BY THE CHICAGO INTERIOR POLICE DEPARTMENT AND REGISTERED TO CHICAGO INTERIOR POLICE DEPARTMENT OFFICE OF REGISTERED VEHICLES NUMBER TEN SIX SEVEN IN CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

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RE: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

CHICAGO (100-111111) (P)

TO DIRECTOR, FBI (100-111111)

FROM SAC, CHICAGO (100-111111) (P)

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CHICAGO THROUGH CHICAGO PD RECORDS OR OTHER SOURCES
ATTEMPT TO LOCATE WEBB AND ESTABLISH HIS WHEREABOUTS ON
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FBI DALLAS

1247AM URGENT 4/6/68 JDP

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND NEW ORLEANS

FROM DALLAS (44-2649)

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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.

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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

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TO DIRECTOR
FROM SAC, NEW YORK (100-458711) (P)
MURKIN - RE: JAMES EARL RAY, AKA; ALLEGED ASSASSIN OF
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.; FUGITIVE; RACIAL
TERRORISM; COMMUNIST INFLUENCE; etc.

RE NEW YORK TELETYPE TO BUREAU, APRIL FIVE LAST.

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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.

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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 AGENTS

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.

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TO DIRECTOR, CHARLOTTE AND MEMPHIS (PLAIN)
ATTENTION DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIVISION
FROM NEW YORK 157-2269

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ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.; RM.

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REMY TEL CALL TO MEMPHIS FOUR FIVE, SIXTYEIGHT.

ON APRIL FIVE INSTANT, INSPECTOR AL OWENS, NASSAU COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT (NCPD), ADVISED INFORMATION WAS RECEIVED FROM A HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL RELIABLE, SOURCE, DURING ONE NINE SIXTYSIX, WHOSE IDENTITY IS KNOWN ONLY TO THE NYCPD INDICATING THAT A LETTER, SIGNED ROBERT E. BAGWELL, REFLECTED IN PART: " I DON BELIEVE THAT DOING AWAY WITH KING WOULD BE A NICE JOB TO START WITH." BAGWELL WAS ARRESTED OCTOBER THIRTY SIXTY SIX, WITH OTHER MMINUTEMEN BY NYCPD. CHARGES SUBSEQUENTLY DISMISSED.

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BAGWELL, SUBJECT OF CHARLOTTE FILE ONE HUNDRED DASH ONE ZERO FOUR THREE SIX, IS DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, FIVE SEVEN, HUNDRED FIFTY LBS. BORN [REDACTED], ASHVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA, HAIR BROWN, EYES HAZEL, DEEP SET, NOSE SMALL, MOUTH

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SMALL NARROW, CHIN SQUARE, EARS SMALL, COMPLEXION DARK, SWARTHY.
TATTOOS -CROSS, "BORN TO RAISE HELL," SKULL AD CROSS BONES,
WITH SNAKE RUNNING THROUGH, WITH INITIALS NSRP. LOCATION OF
TATTOOS NOT KNOWN.

CHARLOTTE. AT CHARLOTTE, N. C. THROUGH INTERVIEW
DETERMINE AND ADVISE OF BAGWELL'S WHEREABOUTS AT TIME OF ASSASSINATION
OF MARTIN LUTHER KING.

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TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS
FROM ATLANTA (157-3094)

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UNSUB, AKA JOHN WILLARD; MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. -
VICTIM, CR. OO: MEMPHIS.

RE MEMPHIS TELS APRIL FIVE LAST.

CEDERTOWN, GA. TEL. NO. SEVEN FOUR EIGHT DASH NINE
ZERO NINE SIX LISTED TO CITY PACKAGE SHOP, MAIN STREET,
CEDARTOWN, GA. WILLIAM GOLDEN, PROPRIETOR ADVISED SHERMAN
SANDERS IN SHOP AFTERNOON APRIL FIVE, USED TELEPHONE. AFTER
HANGING UP, OPERATOR CALLED BACK AND GOLDEN BROUGHT SANDERS BACK
TO PHONE. STATED SANDERS WAS DRUNK.

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AGENTS WENT TO HOME OF SANDERS. HIS WIFE WAS OUT SIDE
OF HOME. SHE SAID SANDERS WAS VERY DRUNK, HAD LOCKED HER
OUT OF HOUSE, AND HAD GUN. AGENTS WERE ABLE TO GET INTO HOUSE
AND GET GUN AWAY FROM SANDERS. HE ADMITTED HE WAS IN CITY
PACKAGE SHOP IN AFTERNOON BUT DENIED MAKING TELEPHONE CALL.

DOES NOT KNOW CHARLES WADELL WILSON BUT KNOWS CHARLES WENDELL
WILSON AND BUD DAWSON. DENIES ANY KNOWLEDGE INSTANT MATTER.

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SANDER'S WIFE STATED WHEN HE IS DRUNK, HE DOES CRAZY
THING AND DOES NOT REMEMBER THEM. SHE STATED HE WAS IN

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CEDARTOWN ALL DAY APRIL FOUR. OTHER INVESTIGATION REFLECTS SANDERS DID NOT REPORT TO WORK EVENING APRIL FOUR BUT CALLED SUPERVISOR AND STATED WAS HAVING CAR TROUBLE. NEIGHBOR STATES WAS IN CEDARTOWN ELEVEN PM APRIL FOUR.

~~CHARLES~~ WENDELL WILSON ARRESTED ABOUT ONE MONTH AGO AS UFAP SUBJECT AND BELIEVED STILL IN CUSTODY. THIS BEING CHECK OUT.

CHARLES HAYNES, CALLOWAY GARDEN APARTMENTS, ATHENS IS TWENTY ONE YEAR OLD GRADUATE STUDENT AT UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA. HAS NO KNOWLEDGE INSTANT MATTER AND DOES NOT KNOW SANDERS OR OTHER INDIVIDUALS.

RUD DAWSON NOT AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW. HOWEVER, SEVERAL NEIGHBORS SAW HIM IN CEDARTOWN DURING AFTERNOON AND EVENING APRIL FOUR.

IN VIEW OF FOREGOING, NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED THIS FACET.

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS

FROM: SAC, ST. LOUIS (44-775) (P)

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Re SL Teletype to Bureau and Memphis, 4-7-68

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of photograph of BENJAMIN FRANKLIN GIBSON, Imperial
Wizard, Ozark Klan of Missouri.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 4/8/68

FROM : T. E. Bishop

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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Mr. Fred Ramsey, a former NBC producer who is known to Leinbaugh in my office, called this afternoon regarding captioned case. Ramsey said that several years ago he had co-produced a TV documentary regarding Neshoba County, Mississippi, and the Miburn case. Ramsey said he spent some time interviewing "Preacher" Killen (Reverend Edgar Roy Killen) and his three sons. Ramsey said the three Killen boys would be in their late 20's or early 30's and he said all of them had very prominent noses and he felt the artist's conception in this case bore a resemblance to "Preacher" Killen's sons. Ramsey said he specifically recalled that all three of the Killen boys considered King as the most dangerous man in the country and they all made comments to the effect that sooner or later he had to be killed.

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RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that this memorandum be referred to the General Investigative Division and that appropriate instructions be issued to the Jackson Office to check out the three sons of "Preacher" Killen as possible suspects in the slaying of King.

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- 1 - Mr. Rosen
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Jackson - to check out the
3 Killen boys. also 4/10/68*

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RE RICHMOND TEL TO BUREAU APRIL NINE SIXTY EIGHT RE
SUSPECT LESTER FORSYTHE.
RICHMOND SHOULD REFER TO CASE CAPTIONED LESTER IRVING
FORSYTHE JR., AKA-FUGITIVE, PV, OO RICHMOND, RICHMOND FILE
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LESTER FORSYTHE IS NOT KNOWN TO NEWARK AS BEING ANYONE
CONNECTED WITH UKA, AND INDICES NEGATIVE EXCEPT FOR ABOVE
REFERENCE

RICHMOND, AT STAUNTON, VA., EXHIBIT PHOTO OF LESTER IRVING
FORSYTHE, JR. TO ROBERT JONES, TO DETERMINE IF IDENTICAL TO
PERSON IN SAVANNAH.

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NEWARK WILL ATTEMPT TO INTERVIEW JOHN BEHRINGER, GRAND
DRAGON OF UKA IN N.J., UNDER SUITABLE PRETEXT ON APRIL TEN
NEXT TO FURTHER IDENTIFY SUSPECT.

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RE KANSAS CITY TEL DATED APRIL EIGHT, SIXTYEIGHT, TEN
EIGHTEEN PM, TO BUREAU, MEMPHIS, SALT LAKE CITY, AND BOSTON.

EXTENSIVE FUGITIVE INVESTIGATION BEING REQUESTED INSTANT
CASE IN CONNECTION WITH ROBERT BOLIVAR DE PUGH AND WALTER PATRICK
PEYSON, BOTH FUGITIVES IN A BR CONSPIRACY CASE IN WHICH SEATTLE
ORIGIN. SUGGEST BUREAU, IF NOT ALREADY HANDLED, COMPARE PRINTS
OF THESE TWO FUGITIVES WITH LATENTS INSTANT CASE. IN EVENT THEY
CAN BE ELIMINATED ON BASIS OF PRINTS, FUGITIVE INVESTIGATION RE
THESE TWO SUBJECTS CAN BETTER BE HANDLED IN THEIR OWN FUGITIVE
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TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, AND PHOENIX
FROM NEW HAVEN (157-818)(P)
ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. RM

FOLLOWING FURNISHED BY DETECTIVE RUSSELL HUGHES, WEST
HARTFORD, CONN., POLICE DEPARTMENT, THIS DATE.

TH

WILLIAM LESLIE WILLARD, BORN [REDACTED],
HARTFORD, CONN., RESIDENT FIVE SEVEN RAYMOND, ROAD, WEST
HARTFORD, CONN.; HARTFORD POLICE DEPT., NUMBER FOUR FOUR TWO
FOUR NINE, SIX FEET TWO INCHES, ONE HUNDRED NINETY POUNDS, BROWN
HAIR, AND AT TIMES WEARS GLASSES, PRESENTLY SOUGHT AS CHECK

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ASSER. DISCHARGED UNITED STATES ARMY BECAUSE OF MENTAL CONDITION.
ABOUT ONE YEAR AGO KNOWN TO HAVE PURCHASED AND EXCHANGED RIFLES
AND SHOTGUNS AT SEARS ROEBUCK STORE, WEST HARTFORD.

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WILLARD LEFT RESIDENCE THREE TO FOUR WEEKS AGO AND NOT
HEARD FROM UNTIL NIGHT OF APRIL FIVE, LAST, WHEN HE CALLED HIS

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MOTHER IN WETHERSFIELD, CONN., SEEKING FUNDS TO TRAVEL HOME ON APRIL SIX, INSTANT. NOT KNOWN IF MOTHER SENT HIM MONEY. FAMILY INTENDS TO COMMIT HIM TO MENTAL INSTITUTION WHEN HE RETURNS HOME. HE TOLD MOTHER HE WAS AT YUMA, ARIZONA, AND RECENTLY DISCHARGED FROM HOSPITAL FOLLOWING A FALL.

DETECTIVE HUGHES STATED WILLARD CLOSELY RESEMBLED ARTIST'S CONCEPTION OF UNSUB WHICH APPEARED IN HARTFORD PAPER THIS DATE AND SIGNIFICANT THAT UNSUB USED NAME JOHN WILLARD WHEN HE RENTED ROOM IN MEMPHIS.

PHOTO OF WILLARD SENT MEMPHIS.

PHOENIX AT YUMA, ARIZONA, WILL CHECK HOSPITALS FOR RECORD OF WILLARD AS TO DATES OF HOSPITALIZATION.

NEW HAVEN INDICES NEGATIVE.

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TO.. DIRECTOR, BIRMINGHAM, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

AND MEMPHIS PLAINTEXT

FROM.. NEW YORK (44-1609) 1P

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MURKIN

RE LOS ANGELES TEL TO THE BUREAU APRIL EIGHT LAST.

RUTH PETERSON, MOTHER OF ALAN ROY PETERSON, CONFIRMED
ALAN TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED HER MORNING OF APRIL EIGHT
LAST TO DETERMINE WHY FBI TRYING TO CONTACT HIM. SHE
STATES ALAN FORWARDS ALL HIS MAIL TO HER WHICH CONSISTS
OF ONLY CHURCH BULLETINS. SHE STATES NEITHER
SHE NOR ALAN'S FATHER HAVE ANY BROTHERS OR SISTERS, THEREFORE
ALAN HAS NO COUSINS. SHE KNOWS OF NO ONE OTHER THAN
HERSELF WHO COMMUNICATES WITH ALAN PETERSON.

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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.

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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.

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

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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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