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FORISALITE THROUGH KA DWA DETERMINE TO KNOW LICENSE
INDIVIDUAL WHO SHOT KING

CVB HIT THE DESCRIPTION AND COMPOSITE PHOTOGRAPH OF THE
GAS BY USE OF CREDIT CARD. MOSS ADVISED THE DRIVER OF THIS
SIX FIVE THREE, PULLED INTO THE STATION AND DRIVER PURCHASED
WHITE THUNDERBOLT BEARING SIXTY-EIGHT KA LICENSE TWO NINE SEVEN
PURCHASE GAS. WHILE THERE AN INDIVIDUAL DRIVING A SIXTY-FIVE
STATION ACROSS FROM THE PERSI COGA PLANT. MOSS HIT 2. C. TO
INVESTIGATE THREE P.M. TODAY HE STOPPED AT THE STINGRAY SERVICE
2. C. TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED THE CHARGOLLE OFFICE THAT AT APPROX-
TODAY 7. FEMIS MOSS ONE ZERO TWO FINESTIA ST. YORK

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 (SEE BUFILE 62-117290)

MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

In connection with the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr., on April 4, 1968, we are continuing the investigation with all possible diligence and dispatch.

The investigation is nationwide in scope as countless suspects are being processed and physical evidence is being traced.

A rifle, believed to be the murder weapon, and a zipper bag containing a pair of binoculars and a large number of personal items were apparently abandoned by the subject immediately after the shooting. Extensive efforts are being made to identify the source of each of these items as a means of identifying and locating the person or persons responsible for the killing.

In addition to active investigative efforts throughout the field, the many facilities of the FBI Laboratory and Identification Division are continuing to make exhaustive tests of evidence obtained.

You may be completely assured that this investigation will continue on an expedited basis until the matter has been finally resolved.

1 cc - The White House, the Attorney General, the Deputy Attorney General, and Assistant Attorney General Stephen J. Pollak by routing slip, 4/9/68.

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ALL CONTINUE ON AN OUTSTANDING MATTER WITH THE ABOVE SUBJECT. THE RESULTS
DO NOT APPEAR TO BE COMPLETELY SATISFACTORY FOR THIS INVESTIGATION.

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THE BUREAU AND CONTINUING TO MAKE EXTENSIVE SEARCHES OF THE FILES
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI AND SACS BIRMINGHAM, BALTIMORE AND MEMPHIS
 FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703)

MURKIN SUSPECT EMIL MATALIK.

RE BALTIMORE TEL APRIL SIX LAST AND WFO TELEPHONE CALL TO
 BALTIMORE APRIL SEVEN INSTANT.

EMIL MATALIK IDENTICAL WITH INDIVIDUAL INVESTIGATED BY
 WFO FEBRUARY TO MARCH, SIXTY UNDER CAPTION EMIL MATALIK, IS-R,
 WHO RESIDED FOUR THREE ZERO K ST., N. W., WASHINGTON, D. C.
 INQUIRIES ON APRIL SEVEN INSTANT REFLECTS MATALIK AT THAT
 RESIDENCE AT ABOUT FIVE PM AND AGAIN AT SEVEN OR SEVEN THIRTY
 PM ON APRIL FOUR LAST. FOUR INDIVIDUALS RECALL MATALIK BEING
 AT HIS RESIDENCE AT VARIOUS TIMES DURING THE ENTIRE WEEK
 OF APRIL ONE UNTIL MORNING OF APRIL SIX LAST.

WFO WILL RECORD INVESTIGATION AND MAINTAIN IN WFO FILE.

WFO INDICATING NO FURTHER ACTION RE MATALIK.

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AND IDENTIFY ALL KLAN MEMBERS, MINUTEMEN, OTHER HATE GROUP
MEMBERS, RABBLE ROUSERS AND ANY OTHER INDIVIDUALS KNOWN TO
HAVE VIOLENT PROCLIVITIES LOCATED WITHIN YOUR TERRITORIES.
YOU SHOULD IMMEDIATELY ATTEMPT TO ASCERTAIN THEIR WHEREABOUTS
DURING THE PERTINENT PERIOD THROUGH CHECK OF INDICES,
INFORMANTS AND OTHER ESTABLISHED SOURCES. WITH RESPECT TO
THOSE WHO CANNOT BE IMMEDIATELY ELIMINATED DURING PERTINENT
PERIOD, YOU SHOULD SUBMIT, ATTENTION IDENT DIVISION, NAME,
DESCRIPTION, FBI NUMBER, MILITARY SERIAL NUMBER OR OTHER
IDENTIFYING NUMBERS IN ORDER THAT APPROPRIATE FINGERPRINT
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2:07 PM 4-6-68 URGENT JHB

TO: BUREAU

FROM: LITTLE ROCK (157-1215)

UNSUB; ASSASSINATION OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.,
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, APRIL FOUR, SIXTYEIGHT. RACIAL MATTERS.

OO: MEMPHIS.

PER BUREAU INSTRUCTIONS TO SEND THREE AGENTS AND ONE
STENOGRAPHER TO MEMPHIS, SA'S RICHARD S. BRANDT, SN
EIGHT SIX SIX; VINCENT H. LAMMERS, SN THREE ZERO EIGHT
FOUR; JOE W. PHILLIPS, SN ONE FOUR SEVEN ONE; AND STENO
RUBY JONES, DEPARTING TWO P.M. AND ARRIVING MEMPHIS FOUR
THIRTY TO FIVE P.M., THIS DATE.

MEMPHIS BEING ADVISED TELEPHONICALLY.

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TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, JACKSON

FROM NEW ORLEANS

MURKIN. OO: MEMPHIS.

RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE FOUR SEVEN SIXTYEIGHT.

GERTRUDE FRITH, ONE ZERO TWO ARLINGTON, LAKE

PROVIDENCE, LA. ADVISED LAST DATE HER SON BILLY RAY

KING LEFT LAKE PROVIDENCE, LA. ON APRIL FOUR SIXTYEIGHT

TO RETURN TO WORK. GIRLFRIEND MARJORIE KENNEDY DROVE

KING TO GREENVILLE, MISS. TO CATCH A BUS. FRITH STATED

SHE HADN'T SEEN OR HEARD FROM HER SON SINCE HE LEFT.

NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN MUSTANG IN POSSESSION OF MARJORIE

KENNEDY. TO BEST OF FRITH'S KNOWLEDGE KING NOT A MEMBER

OF KKK OR ANY MILITANT GROUP. MARJORIE KENNEDY ADVISED

LAST DATE SHE DROVE KING TO GREENVILLE, MISS. ON APRIL

FOUR, LAST TO CATCH A TRAILWAYS BUS ABOUT SEVEN PM. KING

PURCHASED TICKET TO QUINCY, ILLINOIS. ABOUT TEN FIFTEEN

PM APRIL FOUR, LAST KING CALLED KENNEDY AND STATED HE ~~WAS~~

IN CLARKSDALE, MISS. HE STATED BUS COULDN'T GO ANY FURTHER AND HE TOLD HER TO PICK HIM UP AT DOWNTOWNER MOTEL.

SHE ARRIVED CLARKSDALE AT ONE O'CLOCK AM APRIL FIVE,

LAST WHERE SHE PICKED UP KING AND THEY RETURNED TO LAKE

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PROVIDENCE, LA. IN () TE AM ON APRIL FIVE LAST () TOOK
KING TO KGW TOWING OFFICE AT GREENVILLE, MISS. WHERE HE
WAS TO OBTAIN TRANSPORTATION TO QUINCY, ILLINOIS. SHE
RETURNED TO LAKE PROVIDENCE, LA. WITH SIXTYSEVEN
MUSTANG, TWO DOOR, VIN SEVEN T ZERO ONE T ONE SEVEN SEVEN
EIGHT ONE THREE BEARING NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT-SIXTYNINE LA.
LICENSE EIGHT SIX F NINE FOUR EIGHT, DARK BLUE IN COLOR.
KENNEDY HAS POSSESSION OF VEHICLE AND STATED KING PUR-
CHASED INSTANT VEHICLE ABOUT TWO WEEKS AGO FROM TRAVIS
SHEFFIELD AND VEHICLE PRESENTLY IN SHEFFIELD'S NAME.
KENNEDY STATED THAT TO BEST OF HER KNOWLEDGE, KING NOT
A MEMBER OF KKK.

NEW ORLEANS INDICES NEGATIVE RE BILLY RAY KING.
JACKSON AT CLARKSDALE, MISS. DETERMINE IF BILLY RAY
KING REGISTERED AT DOWNTOWNER MOTEL NIGHT OF APRIL FOUR
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KING RECEIVED AT DOMINION HOTEL NIGHT OF APRIL FOUR
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NEW ORLEANS INDICES NEGATIVE RE BIGGA BVA KING.
MEMBER OF KKK.

KENNEDY STATED THAT TO BEST OF HER KNOWLEDGE, KING NOT
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TO DIRECTOR, NEW YORK AND MEMPHIS

FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)

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MARTIN LUTHER^O King

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IN VIEW OF UNSUB'S USE OF NAMES ~~HARVEY LOWMEYER~~ WHEN PURCHASING
RIFLE IN BIRMINGHAM AND ~~JOHN WILLARD~~ IN REGISTRATION AT MEMPHIS, *TENN.*
AS WELL AS THE PURCHASE OF AN AIRLINE TICKET IN BIRMINGHAM BY A
~~W. J. LOWMEYER~~, ETC., NEW YORK IMMEDIATELY CONTACT HEADQUARTERS OF
AMERICAN EXPRESS COMPANY AND REVIEW RECORDS TO DETERMINE IF THESE
NAMES APPEAR AS CREDIT CARD HOLDERS AND THEREAFTER, SET OUT
APPROPRIATE LEADS TO ELIMINATE OR IDENTIFY AS UNSUB THIS CASE. *K*
BIRMINGHAM CHECKING RECORDS OF DINERS CLUB. *c*

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IN VIEW OF SUSPECT'S USE OF NAMES HANLEY FENWELER WHEN PURCHASING

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FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1140) (P)

TO DIRECTOR, NEW YORK AND MEMPHIS

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TO DIRECTOR, BIRMINGHAM, MEMPHIS, BOSTON, NEWARK, NEW HAVEN
AND NEW YORK.

FROM ALBANY 157-253

MARTIN LUTHER KING

MURKIN OO MEMPHIS

RE ALBANY TELETYPE FOUR SIX LAST.

EXPERT AT TEXTILE MARKING MACHINE CO. OBSERVED COLOR
PHOTOGRAPHS OF LAUNDRY TAPES AND ADVISED THIS IS FIVE CHARACTER
MACHINE, FIRST TWO CHARACTERS FIFTEEN POINT TYPE, LAST THREE
CHARACTERS EIGHTEEN POINT TYPE WITH THIRD CHARACTER DEFINITELY
A LETTER B, NOT NUMBER THREE(3). HE ADVISED THIS CODE USED NORTH-
EASTERN UNITED STATES. THE TYPE ON THE TAPE VERY UNUSUAL, LIMITED
TO NO MORE THAN TEN MACHINES MANUFACTURED BY TEXTILE MARKING
MACHINE CO. IDENTITIES OF THOSE MACHINES WILL BE OBTAINED
AM FOUR EIGHT NEXT AND FURNISHED IMMEDIATELY TO INTERESTED OFFICES.

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WEEK 12 00 MEMPHIS

FROM ALBANY 121-823

AND NEW YORK.

TO DIRECTOR, BIRMINGHAM, MEMPHIS, BOSTON, NEWARK, NEW HAVEN

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Via AIRTEL

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
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OO: Memphis

Submitted herewith for the information of the Bureau are the following photographs:

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- 3 Photograph taken from the approximate position where Dr. KING was shot, looking towards the rooming house from which the shot was fired. Small "X" appears above the bathroom window.
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- 7, 8 Front view photographs of the immediate area of interest.
9, 10, Photograph #12 particularly since it shows approximately
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13, 14 in connection with this case.
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19, 20 Photos 17, 18, 19 and 20 continue on down Main Street to the Fire Station, which is immediately adjacent to the lot containing the automobiles and junk in preceding pictures. Photograph 20 has completed the circuit around the Fire Station and is now looking north on Mulberry St. with the Lorraine Motel on the right hand side of the picture and the hedges and shrubbery and trees at the left, generally concealing an embankment, beyond which is the rooming house in which suspect stayed.
- 21, 22,
23, 24 Photographs at varying angles at the rear of the rooming house. The bathroom window from which it is believed shot was fired has been designated by an "X" in photographs 21, 22 and by an arrow in Photo #23. The arrow markings in Photos 21 and 24 indicate the window in suspect's room, which was at side of building.
- 25 Photo 25 is a night photograph which was taken closer to the rear of the building with an "X" above the bathroom window.
- 26 Photo 26 is a night photo taken of the area at which Dr. KING's body fell.
- 27, 28,
29, 30,
31, 32,
33 Photographs taken on the Mulberry Street side of the Lorraine Motel facing Room 306, which was occupied by Dr. KING. This room has been marked by an "X" in each of the photos.
- 34 This is photo of the main building of the Lorraine Motel at the corner of Huling and Mulberry.
- 35 This is a photo to the left side of Photo 34.
- 36, 37,
38, 39 These are photos in the bathroom of interest, including a photo of the bathroom where it is believed suspect may have stood.

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**Photo
No.**

- 40, 41** Photographs of the interior of the suspect's room. Of possible interest in Photo #40 is the fact that the curtain on one side appears to have been fastened. This is window from which suspect would have had to have leaned at least half way out to fire shot at Lorraine Motel.
- 42, 43,
44, 45** These are photographs of the stairway down the rear of building, stairway up the rear of building, and shot of hallway in both directions. Photo #45 is the view down the hall from the bathroom towards Main St., which is in a westerly direction.
- 46, 47** Photos of the general debris and type of terrain at rear of building of interest.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : MR. TROTTER *bb*

DATE: 4/8/68

FROM : S. F. Latona *R*

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Tolson _____
DeLoach _____
Mohr _____
Bishop _____
Casper _____
Callahan _____
Conrad _____
Felt _____
Gale _____
Rosen *RR*
Sullivan _____
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Holmes _____
Gandy _____

LATENT PRINT EXAMINATION

Re my memo to you of 4/8/68, advising of receipt of three rifles from Birmingham.

mg
Two latent fingerprints and one latent palm print of value developed on one of three rifles submitted by Birmingham Office on 4/8/68. No latent prints on other two rifles. These three rifles believed handled by Unsub. prior to making purchase.

These latent prints not identical fingerprints and palm prints of two store clerks Wood and Baker. Latent fingerprints not identical latent fingerprints previously reported this case. Latent prints not identical fingerprints, and palm prints where available, of suspects named to date.

Latent fingerprint on board (window sill in bathroom) identical fingerprint of Memphis agent.

Thirteen latent fingerprints and one latent palm print remain unidentified this case. *R*

Memphis, Birmingham, and General Investigative Divisions have been advised. *C*

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Bishop
- 1 - Mr. Conrad

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CJB:bb *bb*
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APR 9 9 21 AM '68

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REC'D - CIV RIGHTS
FBI

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URGENT

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157--10673)

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI

MURKIN; CIVIL RIGHTS.

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR

RENEAIRTTEL APRIL SIX LAST AND NOTEL APRIL SIX LAST.

TWO LATENT FINGERPRINTS ON LIFTS SUBMITTED BY MEMPHIS. THESE
PRINTS NOT IDENTICAL WITH PREVIOUSLY REPORTED LATENT PRINTS.

LATENT FINGERPRINTS THIS CASE NOT IDENTICAL FINGERPRINTS RONALD

BARDIN SIMPSON, USAF NUMBER [REDACTED]

EXAMINATION CONTINUING. CONFIRMING.

DEH/lvc *lc*

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Re

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FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

RE: [REDACTED]

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

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RE: [REDACTED]

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI

RE: [REDACTED]

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RE: [REDACTED]

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APRIL 7, 19⁶8

TELETYPE

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1 - Mr. Helgeson

TO: SAC, NEW ORLEANS

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI

MURKIN

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

REURTEL APRIL SIX LAST.

THERE ARE NO WANTS ON FILE, IDENTIFICATION DIVISION, FOR RONALD BARDIN SIMPSON, FBI NUMBER SIX NINE FOUR ONE TWO EIGHT F, AF SERIAL NUMBER SAME AS YOUR TEL. BUREAU FUGITIVE INDICES AND NCIC NEGATIVE FOR SIMPSON. FOR YOUR INFORMATION, FINGERPRINTS SIMPSON COMPARED WITH LATENTS ON PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED EVIDENCE AND NOT IDENTICAL.

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NOTE:

New Orleans advised in retel that Simpson in custody Lake Charles, Louisiana, on vagrancy charge and unable to account for whereabouts april 4, last. appearance said to match artist conception. NCIC records checked by Miss Ward. Fugitive indices by SA Bledsoe and Ident records by Bonebrake. Bonebrake also furnished results of comparison fingerprints with latents.

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URGENT

TO SAC'S ATLANTA (157-3094) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM DIRECTOR, FBI

MURKIN

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

N.C.B.

REATTTEL APRIL SEVEN SIXTYEIGHT.

REMAINING UNIDENTIFIED LATENT FINGERPRINTS THIS CASE NOT IDENTICAL
FINGERPRINTS FLOYD EUGENE AYERS, FBI NUMBER EIGHT ZERO THREE FIVE

TWO TWO C.

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- 1- Mr. Rosen
- 1- Mr. Trotter
- 1- Mr. McDaniel
- 1- Mr. Ganley
- 1- Mr. Latona
- 2- Mr. Bonebrake

Re

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- 1- MR. ROSENBERG
- 1- MR. TOLSON
- 1- MR. BELMONT
- 1- MR. DELOACH
- 1- MR. MOHR
- 1- MR. WICK
- 1- MR. CASPER

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TO SACS ST. LOUIS (44-775)
MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM DIRECTOR FBI

MURKIN

MARTIN Luther King Jr.

REMLTEL APRIL SEVEN.

REMAINING UNIDENTIFIED LATENT FINGERPRINTS THIS CASE NOT
IDENTICAL FINGERPRINTS BENJAMIN FRANKLIN GIBSON, FBI NUMBER ONE
ZERO SEVEN ONE ZERO NINE C.

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1. - Mr. Rosen, Room 5706

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1 - MR. BOSEN, ROOM 2400

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REBO SEAN AND REBO KIRK C.

IDENTIFY DISSEMINATE BELTWIN ENVIKIN GIBSON, FBI NUMBER ONE

REVINING DISSEMINATED TOLERO DISSEMINATE THIS CASE FOR

REVINING VBNIT SEAN.

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FROM DIRECTOR FBI

MEMPHIS (44-1982)
TO SACs EL, TOLERO (44-198)

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1 - Mr. Long

TO: SAC, DETROIT

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI

MURKIN

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

M.C. 6

RE BUREAU CALL TO DETROIT APRIL SEVEN INSTANT.

AT TWELVE TEN A. M. , AN INDIVIDUAL PHONED THE CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT GIVING HIS NAME AS JIMMY ENOCH, FIVE TWO FOUR SOUTH TWENTYSIX STREET. SAJINAW, MICHIGAN, PHONE FIVE ONE SEVEN PL FOUR TWO SEVEN EIGHT.

ENOCH STATED ONE FRANK BALDWIN, WHITE MALE, SIX FOOT THREE, EARLY TWENTY'S, WAS INVOLVED IN ASSASSINATION OF KING. NO ADDRESS GIVEN FOR BALDWIN.

DETROIT INTERVIEW ENOCH AND DETERMINE IF ANY

SUBSTANCE TO THIS INFORMATION.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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NOTE:

Above information furnished by Hugh Fleisher, Civil Rights Division, to Duty Supervisor D. A. Schmidt, 4/7/68. Detroit advised immediately by phone.

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APRIL 7, 1968

TELETYPE ¹ COPIES MADE, DATE 5-4-78 BY ^{RE M.L.K. JR.} URGENT
FOR REVIEW OF RECORD AND/OR DELIVERY
TO [illegible] DATED 5-3-78
(SEE SOURCE 107-11290)

1 - Mr. McGowan

TO: ALL SACS

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI

MURKIN

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

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 HANDLED 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 INVE-
STIGATION. SAC WILL BE HELD PERSONALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY
FAILURE TO PROMPTLY AND THOROUGHLY HANDLE INVESTIGATIONS
IN THIS MATTER.

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TO SAC MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM DIRECTOR FBI

MURKIN

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

REURAIRTEL APRIL SIX SIXTYEIGHT, URTTEL APRIL SEVEN SIXTYEIGHT
AND BUTEL APRIL SEVEN SIXTYEIGHT.

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TWO LATENT FINGERPRINTS ON LIFTS FROM ROOM AND NINE LATENT
FINGERPRINTS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED IN BUTEL APRIL SIX SIXTYEIGHT,
NOT IDENTICAL FINGERPRINTS OF FOLLOWING: JOHNNY SAUNDERS WILLARD,
FBI NUMBER NINE SEVEN TWO SEVEN SEVEN SEVEN E, RONALD BARDIN
SIMPSON, FBI NUMBER SIX NINE FOUR ONE TWO EIGHT F, JACK CUSTAR
HAMM (HAM) (MAJOR CASE PRINTS SUBMITTED BY NEW YORK APRIL SEVEN
SIXTYEIGHT, VINCENTO PAUL DE PALMA, ASN ONE ONE THREE SIX NAUGHT
THREE EIGHT NAUGHT, WALTER NATHANIEL ISHAI, FBI NUMBER THREE NINE
SEVEN FIVE FOUR FIVE C, EMIL NATALIK (MAJOR CASE PRINTS SUBMITTED
BY BALTIMORE APRIL SEVEN SIXTYEIGHT), WILLIAM FREDERICK TATROE, JR.
FBI NUMBER THREE ONE NINE NINE NAUGHT TWO F, *REC 36 44-38861-154*
FBI TWO SIX FIVE SIX NINE SEVEN F, GEORGE WILBUR BREECH, ASN *Re* APR 8 1968
ONE TWO NINE EIGHT ONE NAUGHT SIX FIVE, JAMES R. KIDDER, FBI NUMBER

THREE SEVEN SEVEN FIVE EIGHT SIX D, JAMES LEE KIDDER, FBI NUMBER

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1 - Mr. Rosen Room 5766

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SEVEN TWO SEVEN SEVEN ONE SEVEN F, JAMES EDWARD KIDDER, FBI NUMBER
FOUR THREE FOUR SEVEN THREE NAUGHT C.

TWO LATENT FINGERPRINTS ON LIFTS FROM ROOM ALSO NOT IDENTICAL
FINGERPRINTS OF INDIVIDUALS LISTED IN BUTEL APRIL SIX SIXTYEIGHT.

ONE LATENT FINGERPRINT OF VALUE FOUND ON BOARD FROM WINDOW
SILL. NO LATENT PRINTS ON LAUNDRY TAPE ON T DASH SHIRT AND SHORTS.

LATENT PRINT ON BOARD CURRENTLY BEING COMPARED WITH FINGERPRINTS
OF ALL SUSPECTS AND RESULTS WILL FOLLOW.

RESULTS OF LABORATORY EXAMINATION SEPARATE.

CONFIRMING.

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TO SAC MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM DIRECTOR FBI

MURKIN

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR

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FURTHER REURAI TEL APRIL SIX SIXTYEIGHT, Airtel APRIL SEVEN SIXTYEIGHT AND BUTEL APRIL SEVEN SIXTYEIGHT.

LATENT FINGERPRINT ON BOARD NOT IDENTICAL FINGERPRINTS ALL NAMED SUSPECTS TO DATE. THIS LATENT FINGERPRINT COMPARED REMAINING UNIDENTIFIED LATENT FINGERPRINTS THIS CASE, BUT NO IDENTIFICATION EFFECTED.

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1 - Mr. Rosen, Room 5706

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 Mr. Rosen _____
 Mr. Sullivan _____
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1 - Mr. Rosen, Room 2402

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UNIDENTIFIED FINGERPRINTS THIS CASE, FOR NO IDENTIFICATION
 KNOWN SUBJECTS TO DATE. THIS FINGERPRINT COMPARED REMAINING

FINGERPRINT ON BOVED FOR IDENTIFY FINGERPRINTS WITH
 SIMILARITY AND BEST ABOUT SEVEN SIMILARITY.

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ROOM DIRECTOR FBI

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1-Mr. Tolson
1-Mr. Mohr

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1-Mr. DeLoach
1-Mr. Rosen
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1-Mr. Bishop
1-Mr. Martindale
1-Mr. Conrad
1-Office, 7133
1-Mr. Frazier,
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TO SAC MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM DIRECTOR FBI

UNSUB.; AKA. JOHN WILLARD; MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.,
VICTIM; CR.

REURAIRTELS APRIL FOUR.

SERIAL NUMBER ON RIFLE BOX WHICH ORIGINALLY
CONTAINED BROWNING RIFLE DETERMINED TO BE FOUR SEVEN FOUR
FOUR Z FIVE.

BULLET FROM VICTIM IS POINT THIRTY CALIBER METAL-
JACKETED SOFT POINT SPORTING TYPE BULLET OF REMINGTON -
PETERS MANUFACTURE. BULLET IS IDENTIFIABLE IN ALL
REMAINING PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS TO ONE FIVE ZERO GRAIN
BULLETS IN FIVE LOADED CALIBER POINT THIRTY - ZERO SIX
SPRINGFIELD REMINGTON - PETERS CARTRIDGES IN SUBMITTED
PETERS CARTRIDGE BOX WHICH ALSO CONTAINED FOUR U. S.
MILITARY CARTRIDGES OF REMINGTON MANUFACTURE CONTAINING

FULL-METAL JACKETED BULLETS.

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NOTE: Based on memo R. H. Jevons to
Mr. Conrad dated 4/5/68,
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FBI
LABORATORY DIVISION

TO DIRECTOR, FBI (100-441100) FROM SAC, NEW YORK (100-158741) (P)
RE NEW YORK TELETYPE TO BUREAU, APRIL FOUR LAST.
FOR INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU, THE FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF THE
RESULTS OF THE ANALYSIS OF THE EVIDENCE RECEIVED FROM NEW YORK
ON APRIL FOUR LAST: THE ANALYSIS OF THE EVIDENCE HAS REVEALED
THAT THE EVIDENCE IS CONSISTENT WITH THE THEORY THAT THE
SUBJECT OF THE INVESTIGATION IS THE SAME AS THE SUBJECT OF THE
INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED BY THE NEW YORK OFFICE ON APRIL FOUR
LAST.

THE RESULTS OF THE ANALYSIS OF THE EVIDENCE ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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TELETYPE TO MEMPHIS

RE: UNSUB.; AKA. JOHN WILLARD; MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.,
VICTIM; CR

BASED ON GENERAL RIFLING IMPRESSIONS, BULLET FROM
VICTIM COULD HAVE BEEN FIRED FROM POINT THIRTY - ZERO SIX
SPRINGFIELD CALIBER REMINGTON GAMEMASTER RIFLE, MODEL
SEVEN SIX ZERO, SERIAL NUMBER ^{4 6 1 4 7 6} FOUR SIX ONE FOUR SEVEN SIX.
DUE TO MUTILATION OF BULLET, INSUFFICIENT MARKS OF VALUE FOR
IDENTIFICATION REMAINING AND NOT POSSIBLE TO DETERMINE
WHETHER OR NOT BULLET FIRED FROM SUBMITTED REMINGTON
RIFLE.

NO RECORD NSPI OR NCIC OF REMINGTON RIFLE; OF A
BROWNING POINT TWO FOUR THREE WINCHESTER CALIBER RIFLE,
SERIAL NUMBER FOUR SEVEN FOUR FOUR Z FIVE; OF A REDFIELD
TELESCOPIC SIGHT, SERIAL NUMBER A ONE SEVEN THREE FIVE ZERO;
OR BUSHNELL BINOCULAR, SERIAL NUMBER D Q FOUR ZERO EIGHT
SIX SIX FOUR.

FINE SMEARS AND DEPOSITS OF SILTY SOIL FOUND ON
LARGE GREEN AND BROWN CLOTH SUITABLE FOR COMPARISON
PURPOSES. SPECIFIC ORIGIN OF SOIL CANNOT BE DETERMINED BY
LABORATORY EXAMINATION.

BROWN AND GREEN CLOTH FOUND WITH RIFLE IS BEDSPREAD

TELETYPE TO MEMPHIS

**RE: UNSUB.; AKA. JOHN WILLARD; MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.,
VICTIM; CR**

**MEASURING ONE ZERO SIX AND ONE-FOURTH INCHES BY EIGHT FIVE
AND ONE FOURTH INCHES. BEDSPREAD COMPOSED OF SEVENTYFIVE
PERCENT COTTON AND TWENTYFIVE PERCENT RAYON AND SIMILAR
TO THOSE USED IN HOTELS AND MOTELS. NO MARKINGS FOUND TO
INDICATE ITS SOURCE OR MANUFACTURER.**

**BROWN COTTON FIBERS, GREEN COTTON FIBERS AND
GREEN RAYON FIBERS LIKE THOSE COMPOSING BEDSPREAD FOUND ON
RIFLE AND IN DEBRIS FROM RIFLE BOX.**

**SUITCASE, BLUE IN COLOR, CONTAINED NUMEROUS
TOILET ITEMS, MAPS, PAPER BAGS AND OTHER ITEMS. TOILET ITEMS
ARE ALL COMMON BRANDS. OF INTEREST ARE TWO CANS OF SCHLITZ
BEER, EACH BEARING TAX STAMPS INDICATING THEY WERE PURCHASED
IN MISSISSIPPI. NEW PAIR OF BINOCULARS, CASE AND CARTON FOR
BINOCULARS FOUND IN SUITCASE. CARTON INDICATED BINOCULARS
SOLD FOR THIRTYNINE NINETYFIVE AND COMPUTED ON CARTON WAS
THIRTYNINE NINETYFIVE PLUS ONE SIXTY, TOTALING FORTYONE
FIFTYFIVE. A GRAY BAG OF YORK ARMS COMPANY, MEMPHIS, WITH
COST REGISTRY RECEIPT IN AMOUNT OF FORTYONE FIFTYFIVE INSIDE
INDICATES BINOCULARS PURCHASED AT YORK ARMS COMPANY HAVING
FOLLOWING THREE LOCATIONS IN MEMPHIS: DOWNTOWN - ONE SIX**

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JR., VICTIM; CR

TWO SOUTH MAIN; EAST - POPULAR PLAZA AND SOUTH - WHITEHAVEN
PLAZA.

NUMEROUS BROWN HEAD HAIRS OF CAUCASIAN ORIGIN
FOUND ON BEDSPREAD, TOWEL AND HAIRBRUSH FOUND IN SUITCASE
AND LOOSE IN SUITCASE. HAIRS SUITABLE FOR COMPARISONS.
NUMEROUS BROWN TO BLACK BEARD FRAGMENTS OF CAUCASIAN
FOUND ON TWO SAFETY RAZORS FROM SUITCASE WHICH ARE SUITABLE
FOR COMPARISONS.

NO NEGROID HAIRS FOUND.

TRADENAME "HOMESTEAD" ON LARGE PAPER BAG WHICH
CONTAINED BEER REGISTERED TO GRAHAM PAPER COMPANY,
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI.

SMALL RADIO SUBMITTED BEARS SCRATCHES INTERPRETED
TO READ "T ZERO FOUR ONE FIVE" OR "T ZERO FOUR FOUR FIVE."
ANY SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS UNKNOWN. RADIO WILL BE RE-EXAMINED
AFTER LATENT EXAMINATION.

NO WRITING OR SIGNIFICANT INDENTED IMPRESSIONS ON
OTHER BAGS, MAPS, NEWSPAPER AND BINOCULAR BOX.

LATENT RESULTS AND COMPLETE LABORATORY REPORT
BEING FURNISHED SEPARATELY.

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TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS

FROM JACKSON (157-NEW)

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. RACIAL MATTERS.

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RE MMTEL TO BUREAU APRIL FOUR LAST.

BOB MC GOWAN, (PROTECT), LOCATED INSTANT DATE, CLARKSDALE, MISS.

MC GOWAN AT APPROXIMATELY THREE PM APRIL THREE LAST STOPPED AT SERVICE STATION, NAME UNKNOWN, POSSIBLY A DX STATION, LOCATED SE CORNER HIGHWAY SIXTYONE AND BROOKS ROAD, MEMPHIS WHERE HE HAD HIS CAR GASED AND WASHED. MC GOWAN WAS DRIVING SIXTYEIGHT OLDS CUTLASS, WHITE VINYL OVER DARK GREEN, FLA., LICENSE ONE ZERO DASH TWO SEVEN NINE ZERO SEVEN.

MC GOWAN SAID AT SERVICE STATION WERE TWO W/M ATTENDANTS, ONE W/M MECHANIC AND ONE W/M WHO WASHED HIS CAR.

WHILE IN SERVICE STATION, MC GOWAN HEARD ONE W/M ATTENDANT USE DESK TELEPHONE, NOT PAY PHONE MAKING CALL IN WHICH HE SAID "I HAVE DYNAMITE AND IT WOULD ONLY TAKE A FEW SPARKS TO BLOW UP THE CHURCH WHERE KING IS". MC GOWAN SAID INDIVIDUAL MAKING CALL WORE SERVICE STATION UNIFORM, WAS W/M IN THIRTY'S, SIX FEET, ONE FIFTY TO ONE SIXTY POUNDS, BLACK HAIR, AND WAS DEFINITELY AFFLICTED, AS IF HE HAD PALSEY

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AS HIS HANDS AND HEAD SHAKE. MC GOWAN SAID THIS INDIVIDUAL, VERY NERVOUS
MC GOWAN SAID NO NAMES MENTIONED IN TELEPHONE CONVERSATION.

MC GOWAN SAID AFTER PHONE CALL, SERVICE STATION ATTENDANT AND
TWO OTHER W/M'S WHO WERE STANDING IN STATION WHILE CALL WAS MADE,
LEFT ON FOOT FOR NEARBY COFFEE SHOP AND RETURNED TO SERVICE STATION
SHORT TIME LATER CARRYING SANDWICHES AND COFFEE.

MC GOWAN SAID NEITHER OF THESE INDIVIDUALS WORKED AT SERVICE
STATION. MC GOWAN DESCRIBED ONE AS W/M IN HIS TWENTY'S, YOUNGEST OF
THE THREE, FIVE FEET EIGHT INCHES, ONE FORTY TO ONE FIFTY, BLACK HAIR,
NEAT IN APPEARANCE, GOOD LOOKING, DRIVING SIXTYSIX WHITE MUSTANG, COU^{PE}
WITH UNKNOWN TENN., LICENSE.

MC GOWAN DESCRIBED OTHER W/M AS IN HIS THIRTY'S, MEDIUM HEIGHT,
TWO HUNDRED FIFTY POUNDS, BLACK HAIR, CLEAN CUT, NICE LOOKING, DRIVING
RED DODGE PICKUP TRUCK WHICH HAD BOARDS ON SIDES AND BACK RESEMBLING
FARM TRUCK BEARING UNKNOWN TENN., LICENSE.

MC GOWAN'S RELIABILITY UNKNOWN TO INTERVIEWING AGENTS. HOWEVER,
MC GOWAN ADVISES HAS BEEN SOURCE FOR MIAMI OFFICE, PRINCIPALLY
FORT LAUDERDALE, FLA., RA, FOR NUMBER OF YEARS, AND GIVES IMPRESSION
MORE RECENTLY USED AS RI OF THAT OFFICE.

AM COPY TO MIAMI.

MEMPHIS AT MEMPHIS CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION AT SERVICE
STATION IN EFFORT TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW THREE W/M'S PREVIOUSLY
DESCRIBED.

UNSUB RESPONSIBLE FOR ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR
SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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SUBJECT: JAMES EARL RAY, AKA; ALLEGED ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN PASSPORT TO CUBA.

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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.

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.

SEE NOTE ON REVERSE SIDE

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IN VIEW OF THE UNUSUAL NATURE OF THE NAMES LOWMYER AND LOWMYER, ALL OFFICES SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CHECK YOUR INDICES, ALL CITY DIRECTORIES, ALL TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES COVERING

YOUR TERRITORIES, ALL DRIVER S LICENSE RECORDS, ALL AUTOMOBILE

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