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RE MY PHONE CALLS TO DALLAS, MEMPHIS, AND NEW ORLEANS, TODAY.

RE DALLAS PHONE CALL INDICATING ATTU AGENT JOE KALISTER RECEIVED

INFORMATION FROM SHERIFF, CENTERVILLE, TEXAS, THAT INDIVIDUAL IN

JAIL MADE STATEMENTS CONCERNING KING ASSASSINATION.

ON THIS DATE SHERIFF ROYCE WILSON, CENTERVILLE, TEXAS, ADVISED

THAT ON PARIL SEVENTEEN, LAST, HE PICKED UP HERMAN PETER KACKENMESTER

WHITE MALE, SIX FOOT TWO INCHES, TWO THIRTY POUNDS, BROWN HAIR AND

EYES, DOB MOLE ON RIGHT CHEEK, WEARS

GLASSES, HOME ALLEGEDLY NEW JERSEY, OCCUPATION AUTHOR, ENGINEER

FOR QUESTIONING IN CONNECTION WITH SALE OF NEW BOAT AND MOTOR AT

CENTERVILLE. KACKENMESTER DRIVING LIGHT BLUE SIXTYFOUR CHEVROLET

WIDE SIDE PICKUP, SIXTYEIGHT LOUISIANA LICENSE EIGHT ZERO DASH

SEVEN FOUR FIVE, WITH IRON, WOOD BURNING STOVE IN BACK. HE HAD NO

IDENTIFICATION PAPERS OR DRIVERS LICENSE, CLAIMED THESE HAD BEEN

STOLEN. HE WAS RAMBLING, MADE FERSE IN HIS CONVERSATION SES SHERIFF

NOTICED KACKENMESTER HAD WRITTEN IN RED PENCIAL ON-HOUSTON POST

NEWSPAPER WORDS TO THE FOLLOWING EFFECT.

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CKM MOVEMENT, THIS IS ONLY THE BEGINNING, JOHN F. KENNEDY,

DATE, MR. X, DATE, MRS. X, DATE, AIRPLANE CRASH, DATE, AIRPLANE

CRASH AGAIN, DIFFERENT DATE, MR. KING, APRIL SIXTYEIGHT. BY THE

WAY THERE WERE FIVE MEN KILLED IN PRISON LAST NIGHT. I PAID

TWENTYSIX CENTS FOR THIS NEWSPAPER AND LEFT IT IN A LAUNDRY. DRAWN

ON THE BOTTOM OF NEWSPAPER WAS PICTURE OF GARBAGE TRUCK BACKING

OVER A LIGHT POLE.

BASED ON ABOVE SHERIFF QUESTIONED KACKENMESTER REGARDING KING
ASSASSINATION. KACKENMESTER SAID HE DID NOT KILL KING BUT SAID HE
WAS INVOLVED, LATER SAID HE KNEW WHO DID KILL KING. HE RAMBLED
IN CONVERSATION MAKING NO SENSE. SHERIFF ASKED HIM WHAT CKM
MOVEMENT WAS AND KACKENMESTER TOLD HIM IT WAS "HYPOTHETICAL." HE
ALSO TOLD SHERIFF IN RECENT PAST HE TOOK BUS FROM NEW JERSEY TO
SAN FRANCISCO, WENT TO SLEEP, WOKE UP IN CORPUS CHRISTI AND WORKED
HIS WAY BACK TO NEW ORLEANS AND BOUGHT A PICKUP TRUCK FOR SEVEN
HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS. HE HAD NINE HUNDRED SEVENTY DOLLARS; SEVEN
HUNDRED DOLLARS WAS IN AMERICAN EXPRESS MONEY ORDERS. HE HAD
LETTER WRITTEN TO FOREIGN MINISTER IN CANADA AND A LETTER STATING
HE HAD FILED SUIT AGAINST PENTAGON IN AMOUNT OF TEN THOUSAND
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DOLLARS PLUS ONE DOLLAR AND A QUARTER FOR CAUSING PRESIDENT JOHNSON TO SEND TROOPS TO VIETNAM.

SHERIFF FEELS KACKENMESTER IS A QUOTE NUT END QUOTE AND RELEASED HIM NINE FIFTEEN A.M. THIS DATE RETURNING ALL PAPERS TO HIM.

KACKENMESTER DID NOT SAY WHERE HE WAS GOING BUT ASKED DIRECTIONS
TO DALLAS, TEXAS. SHERIFF HAS SEEN ERIC STARVO GALT'S PHOTOGRAPH. STATES KACKENMESTER DEFINITELY NOT GALT.

NEW ORLEANS CHECK INDICES, MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION FOR ABOVE PICKUP, TO IDENTIFY KACKENMESTER AND DETERMINE IF KACKENMESTER INVOLVED IN KING'S ASSASSINATION.

OBTAIN IDENTIFYING NUMBER TO COMPARE WITH FINGERPRINTS.

DETERMINE HIS WHEREABOUTS DURING PERTINENT PERIOD.

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RE MEMPHIS TEL. APRIL FIVE. LAST AND HOTEL TO MEMPHIS. KC AND SF. APRIL TEN. LAST.

RE SUSPECTS W. DAVIS. B. CHIDLOW. VICENT WALKER AND LAWRENCE RAND.

AIRLINE HOSTESSES. TRANSPORTATION DRIVERS. HOTELS. CRIMINAL AND CREDIT RECORDS. STREET AND TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES. HOUSTON, CHECKED TO IDENTIFY AND LOCATE SUSPECTS. ALL CHECKS NEGATIVE.

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TO DIRECTOR AND MIAMI (44-1854) PLAINTEXT FROM NEWARK (44-854)

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RE MIAMI TEL TO BUREAU, ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, MEMPHIS, NEWARK AND NEW YORK, FOUR NINETEEN LAST.

RE ERIC STARVO GALT. FLIGHT CREW MEMBERS OF EASTERN AIRLINES (EAL) FOREIGN BOUND FLIGHTS OUT OF ATLANTA, &3G;* (,)

APRIL FIVE DASH SIX LAST.

PAGES THREE AND FOUR RE TEL SET OUT LEAD RE FLIGHT ATTENDANT CYNTHIA LOUISE BRONSON, EIGHTY THREE-NINETY SIX ONE HUNDRED EIGHTEENTH ST., APT. TWO D, KEW GARDENS, NEW YORK, FOR FLIGHT ONE ZERO SIX.

EAL, JFK AIRPORT, NYC, ADVISES BOONSON NOW IN MIAMI

AREA AND SCHEDULED TO DEPART MIAMI ON FLIGHT TWO TWO ZERO

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CRANE, FOURTEEN AVALON LANE, MATAWAN, N. J., FLIGHT ONE ZERO

SIX. SAME SOURCE ADVISES CRANE DEPARTED JFK, NYC, SEVEN TWENTY

AM, THE DATE, ON FLIGHT TO MONTREAL, AND DEPARTED MONTREAL

AT NINE FIFTY AM, THIS DATE, RETURN JFK AND IMMEDIATELY DEPART

FOR MIAMI, FLIGHT SEVENTEEN, TO ARRIVE MIAMI AT TWO THIRTY

NINE, THIS DATE. MIAMI HANDLE BRONSON AND CRANE AND EXHIBIT

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FROM LOUISVILLE (44-947)

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RE LOS ANGELES TELETYPE APRIL NINETEEN. LAST.

RECORDS BMV, LOUISVILLE, REVEAL KENTUCKY LICENSE B. APPLICA 1945

L FOUR FIVE SIX FORTY REGISTERED TO FRANK W. WHITE, FOUR

NINETEEN MONTANA, LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY, FOR PONTIAC AUTOMOBILE.

INSTANT DATE, BEULA DRYE, FOUR NINETEEN MONTANA,

LOUISVILLE, ADVISED HER GRANDSON, FRANK WILLIAM WHITE,

OWNS A LIGHT GREEN SIXTYSEVEN PONTIAC, TWO-DOOR HARDTOP,

VIN TWO SIX TWO EIGHT SEVEN SEVEN P ONE ZERO ONE NINE

FOUR NINE. SHE ADVISED WHITE RESIDES WITH HER FROM TIME

TO TIME; IS ON THE ROAD A GREAT DEAL OF TIME AS CHAUFFEUR

FOR BUSINESSMEN, FIRMS UNKNOWN. SHE ADVISED NO KNOWLEDGE

RE WHEREABOUTS STATING IN ADDITION TO CHAOFFEUR, 6HEAPR 23 1968

GAMBLES HEAVILY AND OFTEN CARRIES LARGE AMOUNTS OF CASH.

SHE ADVISED HE ENLISTED AT AGE SEVENTEEN WITH USAF;

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HONORABLY DISCHARGED IN SIXTYSIX.

SHE DESCRIBED GRANDSON W/M, TWENTYTHREE, SIX FEET, ONE FORTYFIVE POUNDS, THIN, DARK BLOND HAIR, BALDING ON TOP, COMPLEXION - ACNE.

SHE ADVISED GRANDSON AT HER RESIDENCE AT TIME OF SHOOTING OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING.

SHE STATED NO RESEMBLANCE BETWEEN GRANDSON AND PHOTOS OF SUBJECT.

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TO DIRECTOR, WFO, PITTSBURGH AND MEMPHIS

FROM CLEVELAND (44-565) 3 P

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MR. STANFORD KOBLENTZ, MANAGER, AKERS FOLKMAN TRAVEL AGENCY,
ONE NINE ZERO THREE EAST NINTH STREET, CLEVELAND, OHIO, PHONE M A
ONE - NINE THREE TWO THREE, AND MISS LINDA WANTZ, ONE THREE ZERO
WEST BOULEVARD, APARTMENT FIVE ZERO THREE - C, CLERK, TRAVEL AGENCY,
STATED A MAN, WHO APPEARED TO BE IDENTICAL WITH JAMES
EARL RAY, WAS IN THEIR OFFICE APRIL FIGHTEENTH, LAST, AT NINE FORTY
FIVE A.M. USING THE NAME CHARLES MOATS. THEY STATED PHOTOGRAPHS IN
NEWSPAPER AND PHOTOGRAPHS EXHIBITED TO THEM BY AGENTS OF RAY
APPEARED TO BE IDENTICAL WITH THE INDIVIDUAL USING THE NAME CHARLES
MOATS. THEY STATED MOATS STATED HE WANTED TO GO TO CLARKSBURG, WEST
VIRGINIA. IN A HURRY, AND DID NOT CARE HOW MANY STOPS THE PLANE
MADE EN ROUTE.

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MOATS WAS GIVEN A TICKET FOR NORTHWESTERN FLIGHT MEET THREE

TWO SIX, WHICH FLIES NON-STOP TO NATIONAL AIRPORT, WASHINGTON, D.C.,

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LEAVING AT ELEVEN TEN A.M. ON APRIL EIGHTEENTH, SIXTYEIGHT, AND WAS GIVEN A TICKET FOR TRANSFER OUT OF WASHINGTON ON LAKE CENTRAL AIRLINES FLIGHT NUMBER FIVE THREE FOUR FROM D.C. NATIONAL AIRPORT AT ONE FIFTY FIVE P.M., ARRIVING CLARKSBURGH THREE TWELVE P.M..

WANTZ STATED MOATS INDICATED HE ARRIVED IN CLEVELAND, OHIO, VIA BUS ON THAT A.M. AND THAT HIS LUGGAGE WAS AT SOME UNKNOWN TERMINAL. WANTZ AND KOBLENTZ DESCRIBED MOATS AS FOLLOWS:

HEIGHT:

FIVE FEET. ELEVEN INCHES.

WEIGHT:

ONE SIXTY-FIVE TO ONE SEVENTY.

HAIR:

DARK BROWN.

BUILD:

MEDIUM.

AGE:

MID-THIRTIES.

CHARACTERISTICS: CLEAN SHAVEN

SCARS:

ONE-HALF INCH SCAR IN MIDDLE OF FOREHEAD

FOREHEAD CURVED TOWARDS LEFT EYE STOPPING

APPROXIMATELY ONE INCH ABOVE EYE.

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THEY STATED HE WAS ATTIRED IN A DARK TWEED SPORTS JACKET WITH SPORT SHIRT OPEN AT NECK, AND NOT HAT. THEY STATED SPORTS JACKET LOOKED LIKE HE MAY HAVE SLEPT IN IT AND WAS IN NEED OF CLEANING AND PRESSING. THEY STATED HE TALKED WITH A HILLBILLY ACCENT, BUT USED GOOD ENGLISH. BOTH STATED SUBJECT APPEARED TO BE EXTREMELY NERVOUS.

CHECK WITH NORTHWEST AIRLINES SERVICE SUPERVISOR, MISS SHIRLEY ERRIES, CLEVELAND, OHIO, REFLECTS RESERVATION MADE BY CHARLES MOATS FOR FLIGHT NUMBER THREE TWO SIX EN ROUTE NATIONAL AIRPORT, WASHINGTON, D.C., NON-STOP.

WFO, AT NATIONAL AIRPORT, WILL ASCERTAIN IF MOATS CONTINUED TO CLARKSBURG AND WILL ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE IF IDENTICAL WITH RAY BY CONTACTING LAKE CENTRAL AIRLINES.

PITTSBURGH, AT CLARKSBURG, WILL CONTINUE INVESTIGATION TO IDENTIFY AND LOCATE CHARLES MOATS TO DETERMINE IF IDENTICAL WITH RAY.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING AT CLEVELAND.

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RE BUREAU TELEPHONE CALL TO SAN ANTONIO APRIL TWENTY LAST. INSURANCE COMPANIES MENTIONED IN REFERENCE TELEPHONE CALL ARE CLOSED. RECORDS WILL BE EXAMINED AM APRIL TWENTYTWO NEXT AND THE BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED.

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RE INFORMATION FROM CURTIS WAY TO TIME, INC., NYC.

ON FOUR NINETEEN LAST, GALLWILLIAMS, NINE SOMERSET ST.,

NEWARK, AN EMPLOYEE OF NELBHBORHOOD YOUTH CORPS, TENSIXTY

BROAD, NEWARK, AND AN ACQUANTANCE OF CURTIS AND GLORIA THE WAS

INTERVIEWED AND ADVISED THAT ON FOUR EIGHTEEN LAST SHE WAS SHOWN

PHOTO BY CURTIS WAY, OF GROUP INCLUDING AN UNKNOWN W/M, WHICH

WAY SEEMED TO THINK WAS IDENT TO NEWSPAPER PHOTO OF ERIC STARVO

GALT. WILLIAMS STATED THAT SHE IMMEDIATELY RECOGNIZED THE W/M IN

WAY'S SNAPSHOT AS BEING PERSON SHE HAD SEEN AROUND NEWARK FOR

SEVERAL PAST MONTHS AND PERSON WHO ESCORTED FRIEND OF HERS, THERESA

BRAYE. A N/F, AND EX-SCHOOL TEACHER IN NEWARK, TO MAYOR'S BALL,

TWO EIGHTEEN LAST, IN NEWARK. WILLIAMS UNABLE TO FURNISH

ADDRESS FOR BRAYE. SHE ALSO RECALLED THE SAME W/M, AS HANDING

OUT FLOWERS AT MAYOR'S BALL. WILLIAMS NOT PRESENT AT PARADE,

MARCH TWO FOUR LAST, OR AT DR. KING'S APPEARANCE AT ABYSSINIAN

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BAPTISTCHURCH, MARCH TWO SEVEN LAST. SHE DESCRIBED W/M AS SIX FOOT FOUR, OVER TWO HUNDRED LBS., DARK BROWN OR BLACK CURLY HAIR, GREYING AT TEMPLES, AND FAVORING WESTERN STLYE STRING TIES, VERY POLITE, AND HAVING SOUTHERN ACCENT.

WILLIAMS STATED THAT IN HER OPINION THE W/M IN WAY'S SNAP-SHOT IS DEFINITELY NOT IDENT TO ERIC STARVO GALT AND THAT WAY IS GROSSLY IN ERROR IN THIS MATTER. SHE ADVISED THAT SHE COULD NOT UNDERSTAND WHY WAY WOULD START SUCH A THING, NOR WHY HE WOULD EVEN STATE THAT THE W/M IN THE SNAP-SHOT RESEMBLED GALT.

MRS. ANN CRUMIDY, THREE FIVE QUITMAN ST., NEWARK ALSO
EMPLOYED AT NEIGHBORHOOD YOUTH CORPS, ADVISED SHE HAD SEEN PERSON
REFERRED TO BY GAIL WILLIAMS AS THE FLOWER MAN, AT THE MAYOR'S BALL
AS WELL AS OTHER PLACES IN THE NEWARK AREA. SHE ADVISED THAT
HE IS DEFINITELY NOT IDENT TO ERIC STARVO GALT, AND THAT CURTIS WAY
MUST BE OUT FOR A REWARD, AND WAS CRAZY FOR STARTING SUCH A THING.
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ON FOUR NINETEEN LAST, JOHN PATRICK O'ROURKE, WMA, SIX FOOT FOUR AND ONE-HALF INCHES TALL, TWO HUNDRED TWENTY EIGHT POUNDS, FORMER WEST ORANGE, N.J. POLICE SERGEANT FOR SIXTEEN YEARS, RESIDING ROOM ELEVEN EIGHTEEN, YMCA, SIX HUNDRED BROAD, NEWARK, N.J., WAS INTERVIEWED. HE ADVISED THAT HE KNEW THERESA BRAYE, AND HAD HANDED OUT FLOWERS TO THE LADIES. HE ALSO ADVISED THAT HE WAS A PARTICIPANT IN THE PARADE FROM LINCOLN PARK TO WASHINGTON PARK ON MARCH TWENTY FOUR LAST AND HAD ATTENDED A DANCE AT THE TERRACE BALLROOM, NEWARK, EVENING OF MARCH TWENTY FOUR LAST, WHERE HE DANCED WITH SEVERAL NEGRO LADIES.

O'ROURKE ADVISED THAT ON EVENING OF MARCH TWENTY SEVEN LAST HE ATTENDED THE APPEARANCE OF DR. KING AT THE ABYSSINIAN BAPTIST CHURCH, NEWARK, AND WAS SUMMONED TO FRONT OF CHURCH BY AN UNRECALLED NEGRO MINISTER FRIEND OF HIS. HE SAT ON RIGHT SIDE OF DIAS DURING SPEECH BY DR. KING AND OTHERS AND RECALLED SEVERAL FLASH TYPE PHOTOS BEING TAKEN DURING THIS AFFAIR. HE RECALLED THAT AS HE TOOK SEAT NEAR DIAS HE SHOOK HANDS WITH SEVERAL NEGRO MINISTERS WHO WERE ALREADY SEATED IN THAT AREA.

ON FOUR NINETEEN LAST, OLIVER LOFTON, FIFTY ONE CLIFTON ST.,
NEWARK, DIRECTOR OF NEWARK LEGAL SERVICES, AND FORMER AUSA, NEWARK,
INTERVIEWED AND ADVISED THAT HE DEFINETLY RECALLED A TALL WHITE MALE,
WEARING A WESTERN TYPE STRING TIE, AS BEING PRESENT AT THE ABYSSINIAN
BAPTIST CHURCH ON MARCH TWENTY SEVEN LAST. LOFTON VIEWED PHOTO OF
ERIC STARVO GALT, AS FURNISHED BY BUREAU, AND ADVISED THAT ALTHOUGH

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THERE MAY BE SOME SIMILAR CHARACTERISTICS TO GALT'S FACIAL FEATURES, THAT THE WHITE MALE HE OBSERVED AT THE CHURCH WAS NOT IDENTICAL TO THE PHOTO OF GALT. LOFTON STATED PERSON HE IS SPEAKING OF WAS BECKONED TO COME DOWN TO FRONT OF CHURCH BY A NEGRO MINISTER, WHOM LOFTON DOES NOT KNOW, BUT WHOM HE HAS SEEN AROUND NEWARK AREA NUMEROUS TIMES, AND KNOWS MINISTER TO BE ACQUAINTED WITH REV. HORACE SHARPER, PASTOR OF ABYSSINIAN CHURCH. WHEN WHITE MALE APPROACHED DIAS, HE SHOOK HANDS WITH LOFTON AND ONE OR TWO OTHER NEGRO MINISTERS NEAR DIAS, AND THEN TOOK SEAT TO SIDE OF DIAS NEAR THE PIANO.

ON FOUR TWENTY LAST, O'ROURKE RE-CONTACTED AND FURNISHED TWO RECENT PHOTOS OF HIMSELF AND HIS OLD WEST ORANGE PD UNION CARD WITH PHOTO. SUBSEQUENT EFFORTS TO CONTACT GAIL WILLIAMS WERE NEGATIVE THROUGHOUT THE DAY AND AS OF TEN PM THAT DATE SHE WAS NOT AT HOME.

ON FOUR TWENTY LAST, CURTIS WAY; THEODORE ROSE, AND MRS. ROSE, RECONTACTED AND SHOWN PHOTOS FURNISHED BY O'ROURKE. MR. AND MRS. ROSE ADVISED THAT PHOTOS ARE BELIEVED BY THEM TO BE IDENTICAL TO THE WHITE MALE SHOWN IN THE PHOTOS TAKEN BY MR. WAY AT THE ABYSSINIAN BAPTIST CHURCH MARCH TWENTY SEVEN LAST.

CURTIS WAY ADVISED THAT HE IS OF SAME OPINION, AND ADDED THAT PHOTOS OF O'ROURKE ALSO BEAR RESEMBLANCE TO HIM OF THE ERIC STARVO GALT PHOTOS AS PUBLISHED IN NEWSPAPERS AND AS SEEN ON WANTED FLYERS.

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IN VIEW OF ABOVE NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED

RE WAY'S INFORMATION OR PHOTOS. IDENTITIES OF MR AND MRS WAY AND

MR AND MRS ROSE NOT DISCLOSED TO O'ROURKE, AND O'ROURKE'S IDENTITY

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At 11:45 a.m., 4-21-68, Agent Taylor Rudd, Intelligence Unit of Secret Service (Government Code 184-2481) stated that one Francis Dorsey Harris, a white male, born Montgomery County, Maryland, five feet ten inches, 150 pounds, social security number was referred to them by the Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, D.C., in view of the fact that Harris told the Metropolitan Police Department that James Earl Ray was in his house previously and admitted to killing King. According to the police, Harris stated that Ray told him that if the President was ever in Mexico he would probably be killed.

Agent Rudd stated that Harris is presently at the Secret Service Field Office at 1825 H Street, N.W., being interviewed and there is a possibility that they may commit Harris in view of the fact that he appeared to be mentally disturbed.



Donald R. Gochour, Supervisor on duty, Washington Field Office, was immediately advised of above and he was requested to dispatch an Agent to the Secret Service Field Office for the purpose of interviewing Harris to protect the Bureau interest.

Agent Rudd was called and advised that an Agent would be out there to interview Harris and he stated that they would handle the matter concerning the comment allegedly made by Harris regarding the President.

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POSSIBILITY ALSO EXISTS THAT RAY MAY HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN

BURGLARY OR ROBBERY NOT WITHIN FBI JURISDICTION AND MAY BE MATTER OF INTEREST TO LOCAL POLICE DEPARTMENTS. RECEIVING OFFICES SHOULD

CONTACT MAJOR LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES WITHIN THEIR DIVISIONS AND DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT ANY ARMED ROBBERIES OR BURGLARIES PERPETRATED IN WHICH LATENTS RECOVERED OR IN WHICH UNSUB MAY FIT GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT RAY.

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1968 they visited San Francisco, California, and stayed at the Fairmont Hotel. On March 14,-15, 1968, they stayed at the Del Monte Lodge at Pebble Beach, California. During March 27 to March 29, 1968, BARRY GALT stayed at the Fairmont Hotel in San Francisco. His wife did not accompany him on this trip.

The following physical description was obtained:

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BARRY J. GALT advised he has no information about ERIC STARVO GALT.

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LEUCK and	KENNETH R. HEINEMAN reflected that there are three
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	cal with the DANIEL or DAVID LEE SMITH who may have
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	It is to be further noted there is no such address
as 708 Sou	th 80th Street in Atlanta which is the address
listed by	SMITH at which time he resided at Economy Room
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	The following persons were contacted by SAs LEUCK
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	On 4/11/68, Mrs. DANIEL SMITH, Route #2, Box 969,
White City	Road, Atlanta, Georgia, advised that her husband,
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On 4/11/68, Mr. DANIEL J. SMITH, 2328 Campbellton Road, Apartment D-3, S. W., Atlanta, advised that he has been teaching music in an Atlanta High School since 1964 and was not in Birmingham, Alabama, during October of 1967. He further advised he has never heard of Economy Room Housing in Birmingham and has never resided there.

On the same date, Mr. DANIEL B. SMITH, JR. was contacted at the phone number of 284-5565 as he has moved from the address of 2324 Glenrock Drive, Decatur, Georgia, where he formerly resided. He advised that he apparently is not the correct SMITH as he has never resided at Economy Room Housing in Birmingham, Alabama.

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MR. EARL SMITH, APPLANCE DEPT., WESTERN AUTO STORE,
NASHVILLE, TENN., TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED NASHVILLE RA ON
APRIL ELEVEN, SIXTYEIGHT, AND REQUESTED HE BE INTERVIEWED RE
INFORMATION HE HAD CONCERNING MURDER OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING. JR.

SMITH INTERVIEWED ON SAME DATE AND FURNISHED FOLLOWING
INFORMATION: SMITH CLAIMED HE WAS FORMERLY AIRMAN FIRST CLASS,
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ON SUMMER AVENUE IN MEMPHIS, TENN. AT THAT TIME HE LIVED IN
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ROOMING HOUSE AT ONE TWO FIVE SEVEN PEABODY. SMITH SAID HE FREQUENTED TAVERN ON BELLEVUE ST., DOES NOT RECALL LOCATION OR NAME OF TAVERN. REPORTEDLY OWNER OF THIS TAVERN IS WHITE FEMALE, FIRST NAME POSSIBLY ANN. SMITH CLAIMS WHILE IN THIS TAVERN HE ENGAGED IN CONVERSATION WITH ANOTHER PATRON AND TOLD THIS PATRON

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HE HAD BEEN IN AIR FORCE AND WHAT HIS MILITARY SPECIALTY HAD BEEN.

THIS OTHER PATRON SAID HE HAD A NEPHEW WHO HAD BEEN IN THE AIR

FORCE AND HAD THE SAME ASSIGNMENT. SUPPOSEDLY THIS NEPHEW HAD

BEEN AT SAME BASE WITH SMITH IN NINETEEN SIXTYTWO.

SMITH CLAIMED HE RECOGNIZED THIS SO CALLED NEPHEW BY NAME. TWO DAYS AFTER INITIAL CONVERSATION AND IN SAME TAVERN AGAIN, SMITH RECONTACTED BY SAME INDIVIDUAL HE MET IN TAVERN BEFORE. SMITH CLAIMS CUSTOMER TOLD HIM THAT SINCE SMITH FORMERLY IN AIR FORCE SMITH WOULD HAVE CONTACTS GIVING HIM ACCESS TO MUNITIONS AND EXPLOSIVES. HE THEN REQUESTED SMITH GET FOR HIM FIFTY HAND GRENADES AND PULLED OUT FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS IN CASH WHICH HE LAID ON TABLE AND SAID, "THIS IS YOURS IF YOU GET ME THE GRENADES." THIS UNIDENTIFIED PATRON THEN EXPLAINED TO SMITH THAT HE AND FOUR OTHER MEN IN MEMPHIS HAD VOWED THAT ONE OF THEM WOULD KILL DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING. JR. IN ONE WAY OR ANOTHER AND THIS WAS REASON FOR WANTING THE HAND GRENADES. SMITH CLAIMED HE ASKEDN THIS PERSON IF HE WERE MEMBER OF THE KKK AND THE INDIVIDUAL TOLD HE WAS NOT. SMITH CLAIMED HE DECLINED TO ACCEPT OFFER AND WAS THEN TOLD. "IF YOU CAN'T GET THEM FOR ME YOU HAD BETTER FORGET IT." SMITH SAID END PAGE TWO

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HE CONSIDERED THIS TO BE A THREAT AND THIS WAS LAST CONTACT HE EVER HAD WITH THIS INDIVIDUAL AND DOES NOT NOW REMEMBER HIS NAME OR THE NAME OF HIS NEPHEW, THE AIRMAN WHO SUPPOSEDLY WAS STATIONED WITH HIM AT SEYMORE JOHNSON AFB. SMITH SAID THE INDIVIDUAL IN THE BAR WAS WM, FORTYFIVE YEARS OF AGE, FIVE SEVEN, GRAY HAIR, HEAVY BUILD, TWO HUNDRED TWENTY LBS., AND DROVE A NEW CORVETTE. SMITH SAID HE HAD NO OBJECTION TO HAVING HIS IDENTITY REVEALED IN CONNECTION WITH THIS INVESTIGATION.

FOLLOWING ABOVE INTERVIEW, SMITH AGAIN RECONTACTED NASHVILLE
RA AND SAID HE HAD BEEN FIRED FROM HIS JOB. AFTER RECEIPT THIS
INFORMATION, C.E. WEAVER, GENERAL MANAGER, WESTERN AUTO STORE, WAS
CONTACTED. WEAVER SAID HE HAD NOT FIRED EARL SMITH BUT HAD TOLD
SMITH TO GO HOME AS SMITH WAS DRINKING ON THE JOB. WEAVER FURTHER
STATED SMITH WAS SUPPOSED TO BE AT MEETING OF EMPLOYEES AT SIX
THIRTY A.M., APRIL ELEVEN, SIXTYEIGHT, BUT FAILED TO ARRIVE. WEAVER
SENT MAN TO LOCATE SMITH AT SMITH'S RESIDENCE. THIS MAN REPORTED
TO WEAVER THAT SMITH WAS DRUNK PREVIOUS EVENING AND OVERSLEPT,
MISSING MEETING. WEAVER SAID HE CONSIDERS SMITH DECEITFUL, UNRELIABLE,
AND PROBABLY A HEAVY DRINKER, AND HAD BEEN CONSIDERING
TERMINATING SMITH'S EMPLOYMENT.

. AS RESULT OF RUMORS AND STATEMENTS OF THIS TYPE. WHICH PRESS SEEMS TO HAVE FUTICULAR AFFINITY FOR FINDING, INQUIRY WAS MADE OF NASHVILLE OFFICE FOR DATA RE EARL SMITH. ALL PRESS INQUIRIES HAVE BEEN ANSWERED WITH GENERAL STATEMENT THAT FBI HAD NO COMMENT TO MAKE RE INVESTIGATION INSTANT CASE. REPRESENTATIVE OF NASHVILLE TENNESSEAN. WAYNE WHITT (PHONETIC). REPORTEDLY A LIFE CORRESPONDENT OR STRINGER IN NASHVILLE. TENN.. ADVISED HE HAD TALKED TO MAN IN A BAR WHO TOLD HIM STORY ABOUT FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR FIFTY HAND GRENADES AND A SO CALLED PLOT TO KILL DR. KING. THE REPORTED REPORTEDLY TOLD THE MAN IN THE BAR THAT THE FBI HAD REFUSED TO MAKE COMMENT REGARDING ANY SO CLLED INTERVIEW OR ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING HIM, WHEREUPON THE MAN IN BAR TOLD REPORTED. "THAT SHOWS HOW IMPORTANT MY INFORMATION IS. I'M HOLDING OUT FOR MORE MONEY." IN VIEW OF APPAISAL OF MR. SMITH BY HIS EMPLOYER. ALLEGING HIS DRINKING. DECEITFULNESS. AND UNRELIABILITY. IT IS APPARENT SMITH HAS SOLD BILL OF GOODS TO A NEWSPAPER REPORTER WHILE IN A TAVERN.

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VARIOUS LOOK-ALIKES REPORTED AND ELIMINATED THIS DATE MEMPHIS DIVISION. INVESTIGATION CONTINUING.

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