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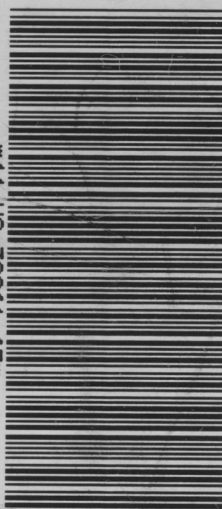
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FILE # - MURKIN

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: July 3, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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This case involves the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

"Ebony" magazine, with which we had cordial contacts, has forwarded letters from a long-time convict, Raymond Curtis in which Curtis makes reference to his prison association with James Earl Ray, their plans to kill King and regarding businessmen putting up money to have King killed. Curtis, who was described by his former defense attorney as a liar and cheat, previously furnished similar information on which logical investigation was conducted and nothing of substantive value was developed.

Atlanta has been instructed to reinterview Curtis to pin him down once and for all and anything of pertinence will be run out. "Ebony" magazine is being advised that results of Curtis' interview will be furnished Civil Rights Division.

BACKGROUND:

Bureau is in receipt of a letter from Charles Leonard Sanders, Managing Editor, "Ebony" magazine, enclosing two semi-literate letters from Raymond Curtis, an inmate of Whitfield County Jail, Dalton, Georgia. Curtis, in his letters, claims to have information on the King murder and Mr. Sanders suggests we may want to check into Curtis' story and Mr. Sanders requests to be furnished any information resulting from our inquiries which can be released.

Curtis alleges he was a former inmate with Ray, discussed killing King over the course of three years and a group of "KK" businessmen covering five states were put up the money for the King killing.

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RE: MURKIN

Curtis indicates he has written a book on this and he did not tell the FBI all he knows.

Bureau files indicate we have had cordial relations with "Ebony" magazine.

Curtis, a long-time convict, was previously interviewed in the King case. He was an inmate in prison at the same time as Ray in approximately 1962 - 1966. He made allegations relating to a mysterious visitor of Ray while Ray was in prison, that a "bounty" had been put on President John F. Kennedy's head and the "KK of the South" had raised a million dollar bounty from businessmen for King's head.

Logical investigation was conducted on the nebulous information furnished by Curtis without developing substantive information of value. A previous defense attorney advised that Curtis would lie, steal and commit other crimes to further his own interest.

ACTION BEING TAKEN:

1. In order to fully resolve any information he claims to have in the King case, the Atlanta Office has been instructed to reinterview Curtis for full details and pin him down. Any pertinent information of substance will be fully run out. Results of interview and any additional inquiries will be furnished the Civil Rights Division.

2. Attached for approval is a letter to Mr. Sanders of "Ebony" magazine advising him that results of any interview will be forwarded to the Civil Rights Division of the United States Department of Justice.

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

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FROM : A. Rosen

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1-Mr. DeLoach 1-Mr. Mohr
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I spoke with Fred Vinson, Assistant Attorney General of the Criminal Division, today concerning items which have not been resolved in connection with the transportation of subject Ray to the United States upon completion of the order of extradition.

1. Vinson advised me he had been in touch with the Secretary of the Air Force and preliminary discussions indicated the Air Force would handle transportation. No decision has yet been made as to whether the plane will be assigned to this mission from European bases or whether the plane will depart from the United States on this mission. This is important to the Bureau inasmuch as our escort Agents will be able to fly to Europe on the Air Force plane if it departs from the United States.

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2. Vinson indicated the Air Force Secretary suggested they might have a 707 available in Germany, in which event it would be designated in time to allow the transporting Agents to arrange for appropriate liaison with the crew in London. In any event, Vinson understood we will need at least two days if the plane is to depart from the United States in order to give the crew a chance to rest up and, of course, our Agents in any event would allow themselves two days in order to be physically fit to handle the transportation. It is observed one night's sleep is lost going east from the United States to London in view of the difference of five hours in time.

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3. No decision has been reached by Vinson as to who is to stand the cost of the flight. As a matter of fact, Vinson indicated the Secretary mentioned the cost of the flight would run around \$20,000 although he had no fixed figure. I advised Vinson, of course, the Bureau had no funds to take care of this. He said he thought it would be proper, if the Air Force did not handle the matter, to make some preliminary inquiries with the State of Tennessee concerning the transportation costs

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inasmuch as we would be handling the matter which ordinarily would have to be provided for by the State of Tennessee. As it now stands, Vinson understands the Bureau has no intention of paying for the costs of transportation. Vinson also mentioned the Secretary of the Air Force indicated they might have a constellation (this is a propeller-type plane) which might run less in cost. Vinson said this would be unsatisfactory because of the slowness of the plane and, of course, the most modern equipment should be used. There was no problem insofar as this was concerned, according to Vinson.

4. Vinson had previously advised me he was going to determine whether arrangements could be made so that all persons on the flight upon arrival at touch down in the United States would immediately be cleared so there would be no delays by Customs, Immigration, and Public Health. Vinson stated he had checked into this and Farrell, Immigration and Naturalization Service Commissioner, had indicated he would have arrangements made so that all will be immediately cleared without any difficulty upon touch down in the United States.

5. We had previously discussed the question of medical assistance upon departure from London, en route and at touch down in the United States. It had previously been mentioned it would be preferable to have a military doctor rather than Public Health Service doctor. Vinson again mentioned he preferred Public Health, someone who was familiar with prison procedures. I mentioned a decision should be reached on this but it would appear the Air Force could supply plenty of doctors and insofar as a physical examination is concerned an Air Force doctor would be much more familiar with Air Force procedures in the event some emergency arose en route. The doctor, of course, will be needed to examine the prisoner upon departure and also to examine the prisoner at arrival in the United States so that no question can be raised concerning his physical condition upon delivery to the authorities in the United States. Arrangements, of course, will also be made for proper photographing of the prisoner at departure and arrival in order to support the transporting officers' proper handling of the prisoner.

6. We discussed arrangements for the handling of Ray's personal effects and I advised Vinson appropriate receipts would be

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obtained at both points and these would be prepared in advance so there would be no delay at either point in handling any personal effects which might be sent. It was also pointed out that appropriate papers would be prepared to be handed to the local authorities upon arrival so that all they need do would be to affix their signatures to such papers and this in turn would also prevent any delays.

7. We had previously discussed the necessity for Vinson to arrange with the Home Secretary in London the departure procedures with specific reference to whether some indication can be received from the British as to when the prisoner may be obtained once the final order is signed by the Home Secretary. Vinson stated he had had discussions with the State Department and had informally prepared certain papers which will be required for the delivery of the prisoner to the transporting Agents. He said the identities of the Agents will be inserted in the order and the State Department procedure will probably be delivery of the request of the State Department to the Home Secretary by the Ambassador in London, for the delivery of the subject to the transporting Agents who have been designated by the United States Government to handle the transportation. Vinson stated he will assume the responsibility for working this out and will advise us in ample time. He said he hoped to be able to get some informal reaction from the Home Secretary concerning the possibility of keeping the extradition order bottled up until the Agents depart. He felt this was highly unlikely but he was going to try but said the British were rather stuffy about this. He said we need not be concerned with the preparation of these papers as he will advise us of their preparation in final form.

8. In connection with the aforementioned, it will be necessary for Minnich to obtain completed exit control papers and Vinson stated he had talked to Minnich about this and Minnich has excellent liaison with the British authorities and will go forward with the preparation of the necessary papers so the prison officials will deliver the prisoner to the transporting Agents once the Home Secretary hands the order to the prison officials. In this connection, instructions will be issued today to Minnich to advise the Bureau the exact nature of such papers so there will be no delay in the preparation of same and in order that the Bureau will be fully advised of the details concerning the handling of this phase of the matter.

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9. Vinson indicated in previous discussions that he viewed favorably the FBI taking the prisoner from touch down, which would be the Naval Air Station at Memphis, to the Sheriff's Office. He had not reached any definite decision as to this inasmuch as he felt the local authorities might desire to pick up the prisoner as soon as our plane touched down at the Naval Air Station. He said this matter had not been resolved yet and he asked whether the Bureau had any views concerning this insofar as the Memphis authorities were concerned. He also wanted to know whether the Memphis authorities were equipped to handle the transportation from the Naval Air Station to the jail. I advised him our SAC at Memphis had been in touch with the Memphis Sheriff who will handle the prisoner on behalf of state authorities. I advised Vinson the Sheriff had designated a special crew to handle the prisoner while he is being detained at the jail and they will have no other function. I also advised Vinson that if the Sheriff was to transport the prisoner from the Naval Air Station to the jail he would obtain a closed van and would have the necessary escort party. Vinson indicated it would be desirable to ascertain the attitude of the local authorities before a definite decision was reached as to who was to handle the prisoner from the point of touch down (Naval Air Station) to the County Jail which would be under the jurisdiction of the Sheriff. We will ascertain this in contact with our SAC today. In this connection, it would seem preferable to have the Sheriff assume the responsibility for transporting the prisoner from the Naval Air Station.

10. In connection with the handling of our function in the United States, it is suggested that Special Agent Kenneth Bounds, who accompanied George Zeiss to London and who is being relieved of this assignment in view of personal reasons, be sent to Memphis two days before the plane will arrive in Memphis in order to insure that arrangements which have been initiated are adequate. Bounds has attended conferences at the Seat of Government concerning the detailed plans which have been made concerning the handling of the prisoner both in England and in the United States and is fully conversant with all discussions, as well as having had the experience of being in London. It also may be well for ASAC Harold Light, who will be in charge of the transporting party, to make a quick trip to Memphis in order to be familiar with any arrangements there in the event the Agents have to transport the prisoner from the Naval Air Station to the jail. Otherwise, such a trip would not be necessary on the part of Light.

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ACTION TO BE TAKEN:

1. Minnich will immediately be alerted to the above discussion and instructed to go forward with the necessary arrangements and advise the Bureau concerning the exit control papers and procedures. This is on the assumption we will go by military aircraft.

2. The SAC at Memphis will be immediately alerted to the above developments in order that he may be completely familiar with the procedures and he will ascertain if Memphis authorities will assume responsibility for transporting the prisoner from the Naval Air Station to the jail. In this connection, if approved, we will suggest to Jensen that such arrangements be effected if possible. Vinson will be appropriately advised of the decision of Memphis authorities.

3. A final determination will need to be made by Vinson as to the point from which the plane will depart on this mission, whether it be from a European point or the United States, in order that appropriate arrangements can be made for (1) the transportation of the Agents from the United States to London and (2) the establishment of appropriate liaison with the Commanding General who will have the overall responsibility of the Air Force crew. This was discussed with Vinson and he agrees that the Commanding General should have control of the plane. This will eliminate going through a lot of red tape with intermediate officers of the Air Force. Vinson stated he will obtain the identity of the Commanding General so appropriate liaison can be maintained.

4. The escort party previously approved by the Director will be Legat John Minnich, London; ASAC Harold Light, Quantico, Virginia; and George Zeiss, Quantico Firearms Instructor. It is suggested that Supervisor W. L. Martindale, who previously went to London, also be a member of the transporting party in the event

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Ray is at all talkative. Martindale, of course, is familiar with the details of this case. In this connection, it is noted that Vinson today indicated he had a note from the subject stating he had no intention of talking, that he would discuss all matters with his attorney Arthur Hanes, and that when he was transported back to the United States by U. S. Government officers he hoped they would send someone with less imagination than Vinson. Vinson does not know what the subject is referring to but he suspects he has in mind the comment made by the British press that Vinson spoke with Ray when as a matter of fact he did not. Vinson stated he would send us the original of this note.

*I see no need of
Martindale being
in the group. Agents
should be sufficient.*

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 7/9/68

FROM *Q/b* SAC, SAN DIEGO (175-8) (C)

SUBJECT: POSSIBLE THREAT AGAINST
ROBERT F. KENNEDY,
PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE
SPEECH AT CHULA VISTA, CALIF.
5/20/68
INFO CONCERNING

MURKIN

Re San Diego airtel to Bureau 5/23/68 and Bureau
airtel to San Diego dated 5/28/68.

A review of this case in San Diego Division reflects
no further investigation necessary in view of the location of
JAMES EARL RAY and this case is being closed in the San Diego
Division.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
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Re Bureau airtel, dated 7/5/68, and Jackson airtel to the Bureau, dated 7/5/68.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM.

Enclosed herewith for Kansas City are two copies each of the following:

An LHM

Atlanta teletype to Bureau and Jackson, 7/3/68

Jackson airtel to Bureau, 7/5/68

Bureau airtel to Jackson, 7/5/68.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

UACB, additional inquiry is not being made in regard to information obtained from the Vicksburg, Miss., Credit Bureau, and the Vicksburg Police Department, concerning individuals who have the last name of WILLETT, as no information was contained in the file indicating that these individuals are now or were connected with Mississippi River Transportation, either by profession or for entertainment.

LEADS (UACB):

KANSAS CITY DIVISION

AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI

1. Will review the records of the Missouri State Penitentiary to determine if an inmate by the name of (FNU) WILLETT, aka Mississippi, from Vicksburg, Miss., was incarcerated at the Penitentiary sometime following the death of JOHN F. KENNEDY.

2. Should a record of (FNU) WILLETT be located, will obtain complete background information and set out leads to have this individual interviewed concerning the allegations made by RAYMOND CURTIS.



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Jackson, Mississippi 39205

July 11, 1968

JAMES EARL RAY;
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. -
VICTIM

Reference Raymond Curtis interview in County Jail, at Dalton, Georgia.

On July 5, 1968, the current telephone directory and the current city directory were examined. No listings were found in either directory under the name of Willett.

Chief of Police Marion Brown, Vicksburg, Mississippi, Police Department, advised on July 5, 1968, that he did not know anyone in the Vicksburg, Mississippi, vicinity by the name of Willett. He did note that he has occasionally seen trucks pulling heavy equipment for oil riggings passing through Vicksburg containing the name of W. O. (Red) Willett painted on the side of the trucks. The headquarters of this organization is shown at an unrecalled location in the State of Louisiana.

Detective Captain Roy Redditt, Vicksburg Police Department, was unable to furnish any additional information concerning a (First Name Unknown) Willett in the Vicksburg, Mississippi, area.

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ENCLOSURE

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John Edwards, Identification Bureau, Vicksburg Police Department, advised on July 5, 1968, that his records indicate one A. M. Willett, a white male, age 40, of Tallulah, Louisiana, was arrested on November 24, 1952, on a charge of drunk driving. He was fined \$50. The file contains no additional information concerning this arrest.

John Edwards also indicated that his files reveal that one R. D. Willette, a white male, age 35, of the Circle Lake Apartments, Vicksburg, Mississippi, was arrested on November 10, 1952, on a charge of drunk driving and that he was fined \$50. No other information was contained in the record concerning this arrest.

Sheriff Paul Barrett, Warren County Sheriff's Office, advised that his records concerning prior arrests are incomplete, but that he does not recall an individual from this area by the name of Willett.

On July 5, 1968, Mrs. Edna Cole, Manager, Credit Bureau of Vicksburg, Emmich Building, Vicksburg, Mississippi, advised that her records contained the following information:

A. H. Willett, Jr., has been known to the Credit Bureau since March, 1959. This individual resides at 116 South Cedars Street, Tallulah, Louisiana. He previously resided at 700 LaSalle Street, Tallulah, Louisiana. As of March, 1959, he was employed as a Sales Manager by the Tallulah Motor Company. His credit record has been satisfactory.

Mrs. Cole stated the file indicates August H. Willett, III, has been known to the file since February, 1967. He resides at 100 North Lincoln Street, Tallulah, Louisiana, receiving mail at Post Office Box 221. He is

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employed as an automobile salesman by the Lamar T. Loe Motor Company, Tallulah, Louisiana. His date of birth is given as [REDACTED]. He is single, and is renting at his residence. He has been in the United States Army Reserve, his military service expiring on March 1, 1967. The file indicates his father is August H. Willett, Jr., also an employee of the Lamar T. Loe Motor Company. An uncle is shown as Adrian Willett, Tallulah, Louisiana. A credit report was prepared for "Phillips," Kansas City, Missouri, on February 11, 1967. His credit has been satisfactory.

An unsatisfactory account, a repossession, was reported by Southern Trailer Distributors, Vicksburg, Mississippi, Highway 61, South, on May 26, 1967, for one Franklin Willett, Beldon, Mississippi.

The files of the Credit Bureau contained, for reference purposes, the name J. O. Willett Pipeline Company, Monroe, Louisiana. The company is shown as being organized in September, 1959, and its President as L. W. Bobbs.

Paul J. Dennis, Vice-President, Vicksburg Mid River Service, Incorporated, advised on July 5, 1968, that (First Name Unknown) Willett owned a houseboat known as the "Nell Willie," a diesel-powered ship capable of travel on the Mississippi. (First Name Unknown) Willett was described as an elderly man who was crippled and used a cane. He and his wife, whose name is believed to be Nell, took vacation trips on his houseboard approximately twice a year, securing the services of a Mississippi River pilot to operate the boat for them. (First Name Unknown) Willett is believed to have been a resident of the State of Arkansas and to have docked his houseboat at the Greenville, Mississippi, Yacht Club.

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Mr. Dennis advised on July 9, 1968, that he does not know any individual in the vicinity of Vicksburg, Mississippi, who is known as "Mississippi." He stated that he had made inquiry among his employees and other individuals who are familiar with the people who frequent the Vicksburg waterfront and those who travel on the Mississippi River, and that he was unable to find anyone having knowledge of an individual known as "Mississippi."

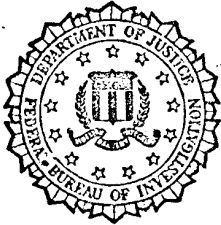
John B. Sanders, Boat Captain of the Sprague, advised that he is familiar with most of the individuals who frequent the Vicksburg waterfront. He stated he does not know of any person in this area who has the nickname "Mississippi."

Willie Smith, a Negro male employee of the Greenville, Mississippi, Yacht Club, advised on July 5, 1968, that the correct name of the houseboat is the "Nell Willis" and that it was owned by a (First Name Unknown) Willis, who died about two or three years ago. Nell Willis, wife of (First Name Unknown) Willis, is still living and residing in or around Pine Bluff, Arkansas.

Following the death of Mr. Willis, the houseboat was sold to Sonny (Last Name Unknown), a member of the Memphis, Tennessee, Yacht Club, who is believed to be a Mississippi River pilot.

Willie Smith advised that Mr. Willis was always considerate of Negroes and gave no indication of anti-Negro sentiments.

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Sheriff Paul Barrett, Warren County Sheriff's Office, advised that his records concerning prior arrests are incomplete, but that he does not recall an individual from this area by the name of Willett.

On July 5, 1968, Mrs. Edna Cole, Manager, Credit Bureau of Vicksburg, Emmich Building, Vicksburg, Mississippi, advised that her records contained the following information:

A. H. Willett, Jr., has been known to the Credit Bureau since March, 1959. This individual resides at 116 South Cedars Street, Tallulah, Louisiana. He previously resided at 700 LaSalle Street, Tallulah, Louisiana. As of March, 1959, he was employed as a Sales Manager by the Tallulah Motor Company. His credit record has been satisfactory.

Mrs. Cole stated the file indicates August H. Willett, III, has been known to the file since February, 1967. He resides at 100 North Lincoln Street, Tallulah, Louisiana, receiving mail at Post Office Box 221. He is

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employed as an automobile salesman by the Lamar T. Loe Motor Company, Tallulah, Louisiana. His date of birth is given as [REDACTED]. He is single, and is renting at his residence. He has been in the United States Army Reserve, his military service expiring on March 1, 1967. The file indicates his father is August H. Willett, Jr., also an employee of the Lamar T. Loe Motor Company. An uncle is shown as Adrian Willett, Tallulah, Louisiana. A credit report was prepared for "Phillips," Kansas City, Missouri, on February 11, 1967. His credit has been satisfactory.

An unsatisfactory account, a repossession, was reported by Southern Trailer Distributors, Vicksburg, Mississippi, Highway 61, South, on May 26, 1967, for one Franklin Willett, Beldon, Mississippi.

The files of the Credit Bureau contained, for reference purposes, the name J. O. Willett Pipeline Company, Monroe, Louisiana. The company is shown as being organized in September, 1959, and its President as L. W. Bobbs.

Paul J. Dennis, Vice-President, Vicksburg Mid River Service, Incorporated, advised on July 5, 1968, that (First Name Unknown) Willett owned a houseboat known as the "Nell Willie," a diesel-powered ship capable of travel on the Mississippi. (First Name Unknown) Willett was described as an elderly man who was crippled and used a cane. He and his wife, whose name is believed to be Nell, took vacation trips on his houseboat approximately twice a year, securing the services of a Mississippi River pilot to operate the boat for them. (First Name Unknown) Willett is believed to have been a resident of the State of Arkansas and to have docked his houseboat at the Greenville, Mississippi, Yacht Club.

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Mr. Dennis advised on July 9, 1968, that he does not know any individual in the vicinity of Vicksburg, Mississippi, who is known as "Mississippi." He stated that he had made inquiry among his employees and other individuals who are familiar with the people who frequent the Vicksburg waterfront and those who travel on the Mississippi River, and that he was unable to find anyone having knowledge of an individual known as "Mississippi."

John B. Sanders, Boat Captain of the Sprague, advised that he is familiar with most of the individuals who frequent the Vicksburg waterfront. He stated he does not know of any person in this area who has the nickname "Mississippi."

Willie Smith, a Negro male employee of the Greenville, Mississippi, Yacht Club, advised on July 5, 1968, that the correct name of the houseboat is the "Nell Willis" and that it was owned by a (First Name Unknown) Willis, who died about two or three years ago. Nell Willis, wife of (First Name Unknown) Willis, is still living and residing in or around Pine Bluff, Arkansas.

Following the death of Mr. Willis, the houseboat was sold to Sonny (Last Name Unknown), a member of the Memphis, Tennessee, Yacht Club, who is believed to be a Mississippi River pilot.

Willie Smith advised that Mr. Willis was always considerate of Negroes and gave no indication of anti-Negro sentiments.

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Little Rock and New Orleans should continue efforts to locate and interview Mrs. NELL WILLIE, the widow of Mr. CHARLES WILLIE, now married to Mr. J. BURNETT, of Monroe, Louisiana. The results of your investigation in this regard should be furnished to the Bureau by LHM.

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In Reply, Please Refer to
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Memphis, Tennessee
July 13, 1968

RE: JAMES EARL RAY;
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM;
CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY;
UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID CONFINEMENT -
ROBBERY

On July 8, 1968, Mr. J. W. Crosier, Manager, Memphis Yacht Club, Memphis, Tennessee, advised that the Nell Willey is a 55-foot, steel-hull, diesel-powered house boat that is owned by Mr. A. D. Cartwright, Jr., the owner of Cartwright Nurseries, Collierville, Tennessee. Mr. Crosier stated the Nell Willey was purchased by Mr. Cartwright several years ago, and that prior to being owned by Mr. Cartwright, this boat was docked at Greenville, Mississippi.

On July 12, 1968, Mr. Marion Looney, Secretary, Cartwright Nurseries, Collierville, Tennessee, advised that Mr. A. D. Cartwright, Jr., is out of the city and unavailable for interview. Mr. Looney said that Mr. Cartwright purchased the Nell Willey from Mrs. C. C. Willey, Altimer, Arkansas, about three years ago, and at the time of purchase this boat was docked at Monroe, Louisiana. Mr. Looney said that for the past three years this boat has been docked at the Memphis Yacht Club and is used only to entertain customers. He said there is no regular crew and that the boat is operated by Mr. Cartwright and his sons. He also stated that this boat seldom goes more than 10 miles in either direction from the Memphis Yacht Club and has not been used for lengthy trips on the Mississippi River.

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TITLE OF CASE JAMES EARL RAY, aka; DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.- VICTIM		REPORT MADE BY SA RAMON W. STRATTON	TYPED BY CMS
		CHARACTER OF CASE CR - CONSPIRACY UFAC - ROBBERY	

REFERENCE: Report of SA RENE J. DUMAINE at Chicago, 5/10/68.

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AT MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE. Review of Chicago files has revealed that Chicago is not in possession of all communications relating to possible conspirators, since Memphis is origin. Chicago files do not disclose whether information concerning suspect DONALD LAWRENCE STOUT, aka LAWRENCE DONALD STOUT, has been resolved and Memphis Division will determine from file review whether STOUT has been eliminated and if not, will set forth appropriate leads.

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This report relates only to individuals who have reportedly made threats against MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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Report of: SA RAMON W. STRATTON
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Title: JAMES EARL RAY;
Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIMCharacter: CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY; UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID
CONFINEMENT - ROBBERY

Synopsis: This report relates to individuals who have made threats against victim KING. ROBERT CORNELL BUXTON, born [redacted] at Brockville, Ontario, Canada; THOMAS EUGENE CRAMER, born [redacted] at Lima, Ohio; JOSEPH JOHN GAFFNEY, born [redacted] at Chicago, Illinois and ORVILLE H. BRETTMAN, MSN 2250151; Mrs. JESSIE KILGRAF (KILGRAS), Penfield, New York; JOHN C. MEDIZER, born [redacted] at Chicago, Illinois; ALFRED GEORGE SCHNEIDER, born [redacted] at Chicago, Illinois; and MORTON L. ZASLAVSKI, born [redacted] at Chicago, Illinois; all investigated and no indication any connected with JAMES EARL RAY or murder of KING developed. Investigation to determine whether TONY DEXTER, reported by NAACP to have offered a reward for murder of KING, actually exists was completely negative. Investigation set forth identifying DONALD LAWRENCE STOUT, aka Lawrence Donald Stout, born [redacted] at Detroit, Michigan, FBI #4959380, as person who allegedly threatened to kill KING. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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On March 17, 1965 ROBERT C. BUXTON, white, male, 3102 South Wallace, Chicago, Illinois, telephonically contacted the Chicago FBI Office and stated "MARTIN LUTHER KING is a man to be watched." BUXTON stated "I'd kill him if he got in my way, yes, I am a threat to him." BUXTON gave the impression of being intoxicated and at times was incoherent.

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Re: ROBERT BUXTON

The following investigation was conducted by SA WILLIAM M. O'BRIEN and SA MICHAEL A. GARRETT III at Chicago, Illinois, on April 25, 1968:

Mrs. NORMA LOFTIS, Clerk, Immigration and Naturalization Service, 219 South Dearborn, advised that a check of their files revealed no record on ROBERT C. BUXTON.

A check of the records of the Bureau of Records and Communications, Chicago Police Department, reflected a ROBERT C. BUXTON, born [redacted] or June 22, 1915, at Ontario, Canada, Social Security Number [redacted]. Records revealed that BUXTON was arrested in September, 1962, for sleeping on the sidewalk and had arrests in October, 1965, and December, 1965, for disorderly conduct. Records revealed BUXTON had an address of 3102 South Wallace, Chicago, in 1965, and an address of 468 West 28th Street, Chicago, in 1962.

A check of the files at the Chicago Credit Bureau revealed a record on ROBERT BUXTON, 3102 South Wallace, Chicago. Records revealed an inquiry was received on March 11, 1968, regarding BUXTON, wife DOROTHY, from Mercantile Discount, showing his employment as Paidor Fixtures.

A check of the telephone directory for the City of Chicago was negative for BUXTON; however, the directory showed an EMIL J. PAIDAR Company, barbers' fixtures, 1120 North Wells, Chicago, Illinois.

PAUL BRESTIN, Personnel Manager, Emil J. Paidar Company, 1120 North Wells, advised that ROBERT CORNELL BUXTON, Social Security Number [redacted] has been employed with their company as a stockman since July 25, 1966. He described BUXTON as a white male, born [redacted], 6'4" tall, 200 pounds, red hair, brown eyes, residence 3102 South Wallace, Chicago, Illinois. BUXTON's records show he is married, claims two exemptions, and was in United States Army from 1941 through 1946. BUXTON's records show previous employment with United

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Exposition, Hilton Hotel, from September, 1963, to May, 1966; Satalite Lounge, 87th and Rockwell, May, 1962, to September, 1963, as a cook; Cal-Mar Restaurant, 72nd and Ashland, as a cook; Como-Inn, Milwaukee near Grand, as a cook. BUXTON's records reflect he was working at this company on March 29 and April 4, 1968, from 7:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. BUXTON had not worked on March 30, 1968, as this was a Saturday. BUXTON's records reflect no derogatory information and Mr. BRESTIN advised that he was a good worker.

Mr. AUGUST BURDA, BUXTON's immediate supervisor, Emil J. Paidar Company, 1120 North Wells, advised that he has known ROBERT BUXTON during his employment with Paidar Company and stated that he knew nothing of a derogatory nature concerning his activities or associates. BURDA stated that he knew of no participation by BUXTON in hate-type groups or subversive organizations and he stated that although BUXTON has a hot temper on occasion, he does not feel that this characteristic is inordinate. BURDA stated that BUXTON to his knowledge is amiable towards his fellow employees who are of various races and has never displayed or expressed any racist tendencies. BURDA stated that BUXTON has no credit difficulties and has presented no disciplinary problems other than missing several days work, probably because of excessive use of intoxicants.

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ROBERT CORNELL BUXTON, 3102 South Wallace, Chicago, Illinois, telephone number 842-4577, was advised of the identity of the interviewing agents as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and was advised of his rights by Special Agent MICHAEL A. GARRETT III, as shown on an Advice of Rights Form which he read and signed. BUXTON was advised that he was being interviewed regarding a telephone call that he had made on March 17, 1965, St. Patrick's Day, to the Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation at Chicago, Illinois, threatening to kill MARTIN LUTHER KING.

BUXTON stated that he could not remember making the call in question. He stated that it was probably he that made the call and that he must have been drunk at the time since it was St. Patrick's Day. He stated that he does crazy things sometimes when he gets a few drinks in him and is capable of saying anything when he is drunk.

BUXTON stated that he knows nothing about the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., and has no idea who might have been connected with this crime. BUXTON was exhibited a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY, Identification Order Number 4182, and he stated that this individual was totally unfamiliar to him.

BUXTON explained that he has never been in Birmingham, Alabama, or Memphis, Tennessee, and has not been out of the Chicago area in the last two months. BUXTON stated that he does not own an automobile and has no credit problems. He stated, however, that he has no bank account and has trouble keeping himself in beer money.

BUXTON stated that his whereabouts during the last two months could be verified by checking with the bartender named BABE at Babe's Tavern on the corner of 31st and Wallace Streets in Chicago.

The following is a description of BUXTON as taken from observation and interview:

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by SAs WILLIAM M. O'BRIEN and
MICHAEL A. GARRETT III/WMO/bjo Date dictated 4/30/68

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Robert Cornell Buxton

Name: ROBERT CORNELL BUXTON
Residence: 3102 South Wallace,
Chicago, Illinois
Date of Birth: [REDACTED]
Place of Birth: Brockville, Ontario, Canada
Height: 6'4"
Weight: 249 pounds
Hair: Red
Eyes: Brown
Sex: Male
Race: White
Citizenship: Naturalized U.S. Citizen
Social Security #: [REDACTED]
Army Serial Number: 206-07-355
Employment: EMIL J. PALIDAR Company,
1120 North Wells, Chicago
Occupation: Stock Clerk
Scars and Marks: Scar on left wrist
Marital Status: Married, Wife, DOROTHY,
Same Address
Daughter: ROBERTA ATKINS, 30's and
Albany, Basement Apartment,
Chicago, Illinois.
Military Service: U.S. Army from 1942 to 1945
Previous Residences: 468 West 28th Street,
Bridgeport, Illinois
6607 South Stewart, Chicago,
Illinois
6239 South Kimbark,
Chicago, Illinois

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On September 6, 1966 THOMAS CREAMER or CRAMER, 1909 School Street, Chicago, Illinois, telephonically advised the Chicago FBI Office that he had joined the "Nazis" and he was to kill MARTIN LUTHER KING when KING returned to Chicago.

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Re: THOMAS EUGENE CRAMER

The following investigation was conducted by SAS JAMES A. POND and ROBERT L. ZIMMERMANN:

A review of the records of the Chicago Police Department conducted on April 25, 1968, disclosed no arrest record for THOMAS E. CREAMER and no additional arrest record for THOMAS E. CRAMER to that already set forth. The records of the Chicago Police Department do reflect that on September 20, 1966, THOMAS E. CRAMER, 1901 School Street, Chicago, Illinois, was the victim of an auto theft.

A review of the indices of the Chicago Division under the names THOMAS E. CREAMER and THOMAS E. CRAMER on April 25, 1968, disclosed no additional references under these names.

On April 25, 1968, JOSEPHINE ZERBIAN, Proprietress, of the Five Step Inn, 1801 West School Street, advised she recalled a THOMAS CRAMER, a white male, about 25 years old, who lived in the next block, west on School Street. She stated that she had not seen him in almost two years. She stated that she recalled he was from Ohio and she had heard he had returned to Ohio.

On April 25, 1968, Mrs. RUSSO, daughter of the landlord at the building, 1909 West School Street, advised that a review of rent receipts disclosed that THOMAS CRAMER moved from that address in early December, 1966. She advised that his wife was named GLINDA and she was a beautician. Mrs. RUSSO advised that THOMAS CRAMER was employed at Stewart-Warner Corporation, Department 75. Mrs. RUSSO advised that they had no forwarding address for the CRAMERS, however, she thought they were going to Ohio when they left Chicago in December, 1966.

On April 26, 1968, Miss JACKIE MOHR, Personnel Clerk, Stewart-Warner Corporation, made available the employment record of THOMAS E. CRAMER, born [redacted] at Lima, Ohio, Social Security Number [redacted]. The record disclosed that CRAMER was hired originally on May 29, 1963, and worked to April 6, 1965. He was rehired June 15, 1965, and worked to September 19, 1966. He was rehired April 18, 1967, and was terminated April 28, 1967, when he failed to report for work.

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The record disclosed his address at time of employment in April, 1967, was reflected as 3840 Sheridan Road.

The records disclose his wife is GLINDA and describe CRAMER as a white male, 5' 10", 137 pounds, brown hair, and green eyes.

The records further disclose that when CRAMER left Stewart-Warner in 1965, he left a forwarding address of 234 Prospect Street, Freemont, Ohio.

On April 26, 1968, it was determined that there is no such address as 3840 North Sheridan Road, however, there is a 3840 North Sheffield, and Sheffield changes to Sheridan Road at 3900 North.

Inquiry at 3840 North Sheffield, and a review of the rent receipts for that address, disclose no record of THOMAS CRAMER as a resident.

On April 30, 1968, WILLIAM BUCHANAN was contacted at the Stewart-Warner Corporation, 1826 Diversey Parkway, Chicago, Illinois. He advised that he was a friend of THOMAS CRAMER and had heard CRAMER was in Oregon a couple of weeks ago. He advised that he received this information through CRAMER's half brother, ALFRED ROBERT SHANAHAN, who in turn, got it from CRAMER's wife, GLINDA. He advised that GLINDA lives on Palmer Street, exact address unknown.

On April 30, 1968, inquiry at House of Style by Salli, Incorporated, 3617 North Broadway, disclosed GLINDA CRAMER was not working that day and her residence address was unknown as she reportedly had just recently moved.

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Mrs. GLINDA CRAMER, 3322 West Palmer, telephone 772-4691, was interviewed at her place of employment, House of Style by Salli, Incorporated, 3617 North Broadway, telephone WE 5-3510, where she is employed as a beautician. Mrs. CRAMER advised that she is the wife of THOMAS EUGENE CRAMER, however, they are currently separated. She stated that in September, 1966, prior to separation from her husband, they resided at 1909 School Street, Chicago, Illinois. Mrs. CRAMER advised that the correct spelling of her family name is CRAMER and that she has never known it to be spelled CREAMER.

Mrs. CRAMER advised that she had been contacted by her in-laws in Ohio, who notified her that they had been contacted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation relative to locating her husband. She stated that she had received a telephone call from her husband on Wednesday, April 24, 1968, from Seattle, Washington. Her husband had been living at 621 North Jackson, Seattle, Washington, which is the Bush Hotel, however, when he called her, he had indicated he was possibly going to move from the hotel to a local YMCA. She stated that after being contacted by her in-laws, she called the Bush Hotel in an effort to locate her husband, however, was advised that he had moved without leaving a forwarding address. She stated that her husband was working in Seattle at a sporting goods store the name of which she did not recall.

Mrs. CRAMER advised that in the event her husband had left Seattle, he would, in all probability, go to San Jose, California, where he would stay at the residence of DAVE SHAW, 1967 Stoney Road, Apartment 3, San Jose, California.

Mrs. CRAMER advised that the last time she actually saw her husband was the Thursday after Valentine's Day, 1968. She stated that on that date, he left Chicago and she understands he went to Lima, Ohio, from there to Denver, Colorado, and from there to Seattle, Washington. She stated that she does not have any idea what his activities were during that period.

Regarding a telephone call made by him to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, in September, 1966, relative to his being

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contacted to kill Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING, she stated she did not have any personal knowledge in regard to this call made by her husband, however, she did receive a telephone call about that time from a police agency, the identity of which she does not recall, wherein she was questioned concerning the call allegedly made by her husband. She stated she informed the inquiring police agency that she knew nothing about it, however, if they want to question her further, they should come out to see her personally. She stated that she was not further contacted.

Mrs. CRAMER advised that her husband does drink alot and that he does some odd things when he is drinking, however, she has never known him to do anything, even when drinking, which would cause her to believe he might deliberately plot to kill someone.

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The Cleveland Division reported on April 27, 1968, that DONALD L. CRAMER and his wife, ELAINE, were interviewed on April 27, 1968, at 234 North Prospect Street, Freemont, Ohio. They said that DONALD CRAMER's brother, THOMAS E. CRAMER, left the Freemont area two to three years ago and has not been in contact with them. DONALD was of the opinion that THOMAS was separated from his wife, GLENDA, who is called "DINK," and that GLENDA could be located as a beautician at the House of Sally, 3400 Broadway, Chicago. GLENDA's mother is INNA WADDLE, 1934 North Drake, Chicago, telephone: 384-8553. THOMAS has a half brother, ROBERT SHANAHAN, employed at the Stewart-Warner Company, Chicago.

DONALD telephonically contacted his mother at Findlay, Ohio, and she said that THOMAS had left his wife and that she believed him to be in the Chicago area.

DONALD said that THOMAS is an alcoholic who regularly left his family. DONALD recalled hearing in the past that two or three years ago THOMAS CRAMER telephoned the FBI in Chicago and as a joke said he was going to kill MARTIN LUTHER KING. DONALD said that THOMAS actually had done this because he was angry at some Negroes at the Stewart-Warner Company.

DONALD said that THOMAS telephonically contacted him several years ago from Chicago and said he had strangled his wife, that she was lying dead in bed in their home and that he had called the police. DONALD then telephoned the police in Chicago, who said that GLENDA was not injured and that THOMAS was drunk. DONALD said that his brother has a long history of making up such stories.

The Cleveland Division advised as follows on May 3, 1968:

The following investigation was conducted on May 2, 1968, by Special Agent HOMER K. MILLER at Lima, Ohio and Special Agent STEPHEN FUNDERBURK and Special Agent MILLER at Findlay, Ohio:

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Mrs. ESTHER MOTTER, Clerk, Health Department, Allen County, Lima, Ohio, advised birth certificate reflects THOMAS EUGENE CRAMER born [redacted] at Lima, Ohio; father, DONALD CRAMER, mother, MARY RYPKENA CRAMER; birth record was registered on February 16, 1939.

AT LIMA, OHIO.

WAYNE ETHEL (NA), Chief of Police, Findlay, Ohio, Police Department, advised THOMAS EUGENE CRAMER, born [redacted], had the following arrests:

March 19, 1960	Leaving scene of accident - \$25 fine
September 10, 1960	Operating under suspension \$9 costs, 2 days in County Jail
February 17, 1961	1. Entry in Night Season \$300 fine. 2. Committing Personal Violence 3 days County Jail.
February 12, 1961	Intoxication --\$10 fine \$7.50 costs.
May 2, 1961	Non-support Released
July 31, 1964	Public Intoxication \$10 Fine

WILLIAM BELL, Sheriff of Hancock County, advised THOMAS EUGENE CRAMER originally was in jail for a few days in 1961, for Non-Support, and in February, 1961, for B & E, then again on July 31, 1964, for Non-Support, and released August 3, 1964. On the arrest of July 31, 1964, which was non-support, his address was indicated as 1943 Henderson, Chicago, Illinois. His description was white, male, born [redacted], 5'9", 135 pounds, brown hair, blue eyes, slim build.

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Mrs. ELINOR LAIRD, Credit Reporter, Credit Bureau of Findlay, Ohio, advised THOMAS EUGENE CRAMER had been known to her files since 1961 and there was a notation that he had been divorced from a BETTY JYWISE in November, 1961; no other information.

Mrs. BETTY J. CRAMER, 342 Trenton, advised she divorced THOMAS EUGENE CRAMER in 1961 and had only seen him about once a year since when he had come to see their child. She stated he re-married and she believed he left a second wife. She stated the last she knew he was driving an old Lincoln Continental. She stated that on no occasion had she ever heard him mention the Nazi Party, attending any special meetings of any kind, nor had she ever heard him mention Dr. KING. She had no idea as to the whereabouts of subject, but advised his mother, MARY KENNEDY and a sister, FRANCES, lived in Findlay.

Mrs. MARY KENNEDY, 1209 Concord Street, advised that she talked to her son's wife, GLENDA, in Chicago, by telephone, and that GLENDA, who is also known as "DINK", lives at 3322 West Palmer Street, Chicago, telephone 312 772-4691. She stated GLENDA is employed at Sally's Beauty Shop, Broadway and Addison Streets, Chicago, telephone 312 WE 5-3510. She advised when talking to GLENDA, GLENDA told her THOMAS had left and gone to Seattle, Washington, where he lived in some motel, but that he reportedly had checked out of his hotel; also that she believed he had been working at some sporting goods store. Mrs. KENNEDY had no idea as to the present whereabouts of her son, THOMAS EUGENE CRAMER, and advised that the person he would get in touch with would be his wife, GLENDA. She advised that her son had left the Findlay area a year ago and she had not seen him in four or five months. She advised that her son did at one time go with a young man named DAVE SHAW, but she did not know the whereabouts of this DAVE SHAW. She said that in her opinion, her son needed psychiatric treatment, and has been known to tell tall stories when he has been drinking. Further, she stated she recalled hearing that her son had at one time telephoned the FBI in Chicago, within the last few years, but she thought it had something to do with Communism. She advised that her son does have two or three weapons; that he liked to hunt and fish; but,

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she has never known him to carry a weapon on his person. She stated that at no time had she ever heard her son mention Nazism or talk about Dr. KING. She stated it was her belief that at the time he may have called the FBI in Chicago, he may have been drinking at some bar in Chicago with some friends. She advised that although he was not mentally unbalanced, he did frequently during his marriages just take up and leave when he felt like it.

She stated she would immediately contact the FBI if she receives any information as to his whereabouts.

FRANCES CRAMER, subject's sister, who resides with her mother, could furnish no additional information.

Mrs. MARY KENNEDY, his mother said that he had a brother, DONALD, in Freemont, Ohio, and a stepbrother, BOB SHANAHAN in Chicago. She said she believed this BOB SHANAHAN, his half-brother, lived on George Street, back of the Stewart-Warner Factory.

The Seattle Division advised on May 21, 1968, that THOMAS EUGENE CRAMER was located and interviewed at Seattle, Washington, on May 2, 1968. He claimed to have been in Seattle, Washington continuously since early March, 1968, which claim was forwarded by hotel and employment records and interview of his roommate.

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On March 25, 1967, Military Intelligence, Evanston, Illinois, reported that one JOSEPH JOHN GAFFNEY of Elmhurst, Illinois, had recruited Private First Class STEPHEN LANE to serve as a member of a two man team with him to assassinate MARTIN LUTHER KING on KING's visit to Chicago in 1967. On April 7, 1967 GAFFNEY was interviewed by military authorities and denied any knowledge of an planned acts of violence against anyone.

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JOSEPH JOHN GAFFNEY, 285 Elm Park Avenue, *CHICAGO, ILL.* advised that he lives at home with his parents and is presently a student attending the Elmhurst College. He pointed out the Elmhurst College is located in the immediate area of his home and that he enrolled in that college on February 6, 1967, now majoring in English.

JOSEPH J. GAFFNEY stated he is also a member of the 86th U.S. Army Reserve Command, G-2 Section (Administrative), 1819 West Pershing Road, Chicago, and that his group meets on Sunday and Thursday nights.

JOSEPH J. GAFFNEY stated he has not made any trips from the Chicago area during the last couple months except during the Easter Vacation period from school during which time he traveled to Pella, Iowa. He explained that he left for Pella, Iowa, about April 11, 1968, and returned on April 14, 1968. He said the purpose of the trip was to visit MARY KAY BRADOF, Central College, Pella, Iowa, and that he was accompanied by ROBERT PINDERSKI, a fellow student at Elmhurst College and his girl friend, RUTH BRADOF, who is a sister of MARY KAY BRADOF. GAFFNEY stated that he and PINDERSKI stayed at the Motel Dutch Mill, Pella, Iowa.

P006 6-11-77 GAFFNEY stated he has been at school since his time of enrollment except for the time he went to Iowa during the Easter Vacation and about two days during which time he was home with the flu about the middle part of March, 1968.

GAFFNEY said that he has known ORVILLE BRETTMAN since childhood days and that BRETTMAN is now in the U.S. Marines and is presently in Viet Nam. He said BRETTMAN has been stationed at Camp Pendleton, California, and was home in the Chicago area from approximately December 10-27, 1967. He said he believes BRETTMAN, referred to as "ORV", left for Viet Nam about the middle of March, 1968.

On 4/29/68 at Elmhurst, Illinois File # CG 44-1114

by SAs PAUL M. RUSH and THOMAS H. NOONAN/THN/mmg Date dictated 5/2/68

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