

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 8-21-78

WILLIAM HENRY CAMPBELL, 1706 Kensington Drive, Ocean Springs, Mississippi, was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and the nature of the interview. CAMPBELL stated that he is the general superintendent of Gulf South Construction Company, Ocean Springs, Mississippi.

CAMPBELL stated that he does know BILL WILSON and that BILL WILSON had worked for him at Gulf South Construction Company as a carpenter for approximately two weeks in July. He stated that WILSON worked directly under him, CAMPBELL, but that WILSON quit after two weeks because he wanted more money and CAMPBELL was not able to pay him more.

He stated that WILSON was a relatively quiet person who did not brag or talk about anything concerning violence or notoriety and did not appear to have any racial problems.

CAMPBELL made available the following application for employment concerning BILL WILSON:

Interviewed on 8-19-78 at Ocean Springs, Mississippi File # Jackson 62-544
 by SA HARRY H. CARPENTER/kbn Date dictated 8-21-78

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Application for employment

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Date Social Security Number

Name Wilson Bill Audie Age 46 Sex M

Present Address TWIL PINKS APT #9 OCEANS SPRINGS MS 39564

Permanent Address _____

Phone Number 875-0220 Own Home Rent Board

Date of Birth 8-28-31 Height 5'11" Weight 170 Color of Hair BLACK Color of Eyes BROWN

Married Single Widowed Divorced Separated

Number of Children 3 Dependents Other Than Wife or Children 1 Citizen of U. S. A. Yes No

If Related to Anyone in Our Employ, State Name and Department NO Referred By PAPER

EMPLOYMENT DESIRED

Position CARPENTER Date You Can Start 7-6-78 Salary Desired 7.00 HR

Are You Employed Now? NO If So May We Inquire of Your Present Employer _____

Ever Applied to this Company Before? NO Where _____ When _____

EDUCATION	Name and Location of School	Years Attended	Date Graduated	Subjects Studied
Grammar School	<u>ITANUBIA High</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>MAY 47</u>	<u>GEN</u>
	<u>FULTON, MISS.</u>			
High School				
College				
Trade, Business or Correspondence School				

Subjects of Special Study or Research Work _____

What Foreign Languages Do You Speak Fluently? NONE Read _____ Write _____

U. S. Military or Naval Service USAF Rank 17/50T Present Membership in National Guard or Reserves NO

Activities Other Than Religious (Civic, Athletic, Fraternal, etc.) MASONIC LODGE
EXCLUDE ORGANIZATIONS, THE NAME OR CHARACTER OF WHICH INDICATES THE RACE, CREED, COLOR OR NATIONAL ORIGIN OF ITS MEMBERS.

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FORMER EMPLOYERS (List Below Last Four Employers, Starting With Last One First)

Date Month and Year	Name and Address of Employer	Salary	Position	Reason for Leaving
From JAN 78 To JUN 78	LA. OFFSHORE HOUMA, LA.	4.05 HR	STEWARD	TIRED WORKING OFFSHORE
From FEB 75 To NOV 77	CONTRACTOR COLUMBUS, MISS.	200.00 WK	SELF EMPLOYED	NO WORK AVAILABLE
From MAY 64 To FEB 75	US AIR FORCE KEESLER AFB, MS	1100.00 MO	1st SGT	RETIRED
From To				

REFERENCES: Give Below the Names of Three Persons Not Related To You, Whom You Have Known At Least One Year.

Name	Address	Business	Years Acquainted
1 CARL FORTNA	OCEAN SPRINGS DRIVE OCEAN SPRINGS, MISS	RETIRED USAF	12
2 LARRY MEANDEN	207 BALLANTRAE HOUSTON, TX	ENGINEER	15
3 MARTIN BRADSHAW	P.O. BOX 40 BRUSSARD, LA.	LA. OFFSHORE	3

PHYSICAL RECORD:

List Any Physical Defects None

Were You Ever Injured? No Give Details

Have You Any Defects In Hearing? No In Vision? NA In Speech? NA

In Case of Emergency Notify MRS Russell McSweeney 2002 F. X. AUL N. COLUMBUS MISS 601-327-1141
Name Address Phone No.

I authorize investigation of all statements contained in this application. I understand that misrepresentation or omission of facts called for is cause for dismissal. Further, I understand and agree that my employment is for no definite period and may, regardless of the date of payment of my wages and salary, be terminated at any time without any previous notice.

Date 7-5-78 Signature Bill [Signature]

DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE

Interviewed By _____ Date _____

REMARKS:

Neatness		Character	
Personality		Ability	

Hired _____ For Dept. _____ Position _____ Will Report _____ Salary Wages _____

Approved: 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____
Employment Manager Dept. Head General Manager

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AT VETERANS ADMINISTRATION CENTER, GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI

On August 21, 1978, Mrs. INGRID SAMPSON, Medical Administration Division, Veterans Administration Center, Gulfport, Mississippi, advised SC(S) BETTY LOU CLARK she could locate no record indicating that BURGESS AUDIE WILSON, JR., had ever received treatment at the Gulfport or Biloxi, Mississippi, Veterans Administration Centers.

AT KEESLER AIR FORCE BASE, BILOXI, MISSISSIPPI

On August 21, 1978, Airman First Class SUSAN DRENNON, Clerk, Registrar's Office, Keesler Medical Center, Keesler Air Force Base, Biloxi, Mississippi, advised SA EDGAR L. O'NEILL, JR. that there was no record in the in-patient records or out-patient records that BURGESS AUDIE WILSON, JR. had ever received treatment there.

She stated that if a patient is treated for routine physical examination and is not again seen for a period of two years, all medical records are thereafter transmitted to U. S. Air Force Medical Records Center, St. Louis, Missouri.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA BRENT W. WARBERG at Columbus, Mississippi:

PARKER W. NEELY, 1814 Short Main Street, Columbus, Mississippi, advised he did business until 1976 as the Box 4-N Gun Shop. His business concerned gunsmithing. NEELY's records reflect on July 17, 1975, B. A. WILSON, JR., Starkville, Mississippi, brought in an Arisaka 25 caliber rifle, which rifle was a Japanese military type with the serial number obliterated. The rifle was a long barrel model. NEELY redid the stock and action. The gun was in working order when he got it. The gun was picked up on December 9, 1975. NEELY advised all other records regarding the gun were destroyed; however, he does recall the subject as he sold the subject a Colt Diamondback 38 revolver, two inch barrel, for which the subject still owes him. NEELY stated he determined later the subject was arrested somewhere in west Texas and this revolver was confiscated. NEELY could provide no other information regarding the subject or his activities. NEELY did recall the subject stated he obtained the rifle from some individual in Tupelo, Mississippi, name unrecalled.

The following investigation was conducted by SA K. P. WHITE-SPUNNER, JR., of the Jackson Office of the FBI:

On August 23, 1978, Sergeant LAURA MIZE, Desk Sergeant, Ocean Springs, Mississippi, Police Department, advised that Deputy (FIRST NAME UNKNOWN) REYUN, of the Comal County, Texas, Sheriff's Department had arrived at the Ocean Springs Police Department early that morning to pick up prisoner BURGESS AUDIE WILSON, JR. Desk Sergeant MIZE advised that Deputy REYUN departed Ocean Springs at approximately 10:00 AM, that date, with WILSON en route to New Braunfels, Texas.

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ATTENTION: CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRIES UNIT, ROOM 8988, JEH BUILDING.

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RE SA TEL AUGUST 18, 1978; DL TEL AUGUST 19, 1978, SETTING

FORTH INTERVIEW OF BETTY LOU WADE IN WHICH SHE INDICATED

BURGESS AUDIE WILSON, JR., WAS "COMMITTED TO A HOSPITAL AT

NEW BRAUNFELS, TEXAS, IN 1974 - 1975 FOR HIS UNSTABLE MENTAL CONDITION"

AND SA TEL AUGUST 19, 1978, SETTING FORTH INTERVIEW OF JO ANN

CHILDRESS WHICH INDICATED WILSON TREATED AT VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

(VA) HOSPITAL AT SAN ANTONIO.

ON AUGUST 22, 1978, WALTER FELLERS, SHERIFF, COMAL COUNTY,

NEW BRAUNFELS, TEXAS, ADVISED THAT BURGESS WILSON, DEPARTMENT

OF PUBLIC SAFETY (DPS) NUMBER 1808984 HAD BEEN INCARCERATED IN SEP 25 1978

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THE COMAL COUNTY JAIL ON THE FOLLOWING OCCASIONS: ARREST NUMBER A8491, MARCH 1, 1976, THEFT OVER \$200 AND UNDER \$10,000, ADDRESS 401 FIFTH STREET, SOUTH COLUMBUS, MISSISSIPPI, PLED GUILTY AND WAS SENTENCED TO EIGHT YEARS IN THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, HOWEVER, SENTENCE PROBATED FOR EIGHT YEARS. ARREST NUMBER A8942, JUNE 8, 1976, FOR VIOLATION OF PROBATION. ARREST NUMBER A9636, NOVEMBER 21, 1976, ON A CAPIAS FOR VIOLATION OF PROBATION AT WHICH TIME HIS ADDRESS WAS LISTED AS ROUTE 4, BOX 6206, CANYON LAKE, TEXAS. ARREST NUMBER A10576 ON JULY 13, 1977, FOR VIOLATION OF PROBATION.

ON AUGUST 22, 1978, HAZEL KUHN, DISTRICT CLERK'S OFFICE, STATE DISTRICT COURT, COMAL COUNTY, NEW BRAUNFELS, TEXAS, MADE AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW RECORDS OF THE COMAL COUNTY DISTRICT COURT. A REVIEW OF THESE RECORDS REVEALED THAT ON SEPTEMBER 3, 1974, WILSON WAS INDICTED BY GRAND JURY FOR THEFT OVER \$200, A COLOR TV SET BEING THE PROPERTY OF DOROTHY E. WIMBERLY. ARREST WARRANT WAS SERVED ON SEPTEMBER 20, 1974, IN BAXTER COUNTY, ARKANSAS, (MOUNTAIN HOME). WILSON WAIVED EXTRADITION AND RESTITUTION WAS MADE. CHARGE WAS FORMALLY DISMISSED ON MARCH 30, 1976.

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ON FEBRUARY 7, 1975, INFORMATION WAS FILED IN COMAL COUNTY DISTRICT COURT CHARGING WILSON WITH THEFT BY CHECK. A CAPIAS WAS ISSUED ON FEBRUARY 7, 1975. WILSON, AKA WILLIAM WILSON, HIGHWAY 5, MOUNTAIN HOME, ARKANSAS, WAS DOING BUSINESS AS OZARK JEWELRY AND WATCH REPAIR. THE CHARGE WAS SUBSEQUENTLY DISMISSED ON DECEMBER 22, 1977.

ON AUGUST 7, 1974, WILSON WAS INDICTED FOR THEFT OF OVER \$200 AND UNDER \$10,000. WILSON SUBSEQUENTLY PLED GUILTY TO CHARGES AND PLACED ON EIGHT YEARS PROBATION. AS OF MARCH, 1976, WILSON ALSO HAD CAUSE NUMBER 21-797 PENDING IN THE 18TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, JOHNSON COUNTY, TEXAS, FOR CRIMINAL NON-SUPPORT AND A CASE PENDING IN OKTIBBEHA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, FOR FRAUD BY FALSE PRETENSES.

HIS SPOUSE AT THAT TIME WAS LISTED AS PATRICIA WILSON, 103 KATHERINE DRIVE, STARKVILLE, MISSISSIPPI. WILSON WAS SUBSEQUENTLY ARRESTED FOR VIOLATION OF PROBATION ON JUNE 8, 1976, NOVEMBER 20, 1976, JULY 9, 1977, AND JULY 13, 1977. WILSON WAS RELEASED FOLLOWING EACH OF THESE CHARGES AND PROBATION CONTINUED.

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ON APRIL 22, 1974, BETTY LOU WILSON FILED PETITION FOR DIVORCE IN COMAL COUNTY DISTRICT COURT SEEKING TO DISSOLVE HER MARRIAGE TO BURGESS A. WILSON. THE PETITION LISTED A SON MARK ANTHONY WILSON, BORN [REDACTED] AT MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE.

A CROSS PETITION FILED BY WILSON INDICATED THEY WERE ORIGINALLY MARRIED ON DECEMBER 13, 1948, AND DIVORCED ON AUGUST 28, 1966, IN MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE. THEY REMARRIED ON FEBRUARY 28, 1967, AND SEPARATED ON MARCH 28, 1974. A DECREE OF DIVORCE WAS ENTERED ON JUNE 27, 1974, GRANTING CUSTODY OF MARK ANTHONY WILSON TO BETTY LOU WILSON AND REQUIRING BURGESS A. WILSON TO PAY CHILD SUPPORT. A MOTION FOR CONTEMPT WAS FILED ON AUGUST 19, 1974, AS WILSON WAS IN ARREARS IN CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENTS. THE COURT HAS BEEN UNABLE UNTIL THIS TIME TO LOCATE WILSON FOR THE PURPOSE OF SERVING NECESSARY PAPERS.

ON AUGUST 22, 1978, FRANK ALLEN, PROBATION OFFICER, COMAL COUNTY, TEXAS, ADVISED THAT BURGESS WILSON WAS REFERRED TO HIS OFFICE FOR PRESENTENCE INVESTIGATION. ALLEN ADVISED THAT AS A RESULT OF HIS PRESENTENCE INVESTIGATION HE REPORTED THAT THE CHANCES OF SUCCESSFUL PROBATION BY WILSON WOULD BE POOR.

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SEVERE CHEST PAINS AND NUMBNESS IN THE RIGHT ARM. HE HAD AN ABNORMAL ELECTROCARDIOGRAM AND WAS TREATED FOR CORONARY OCCLUSION. THE FOLLOWING DAY THE PAIN DISAPPEARED AND THE ELECTROCARDIOGRAM WAS NORMAL. WILSON LEFT THE HOSPITAL AGAINST MEDICAL ADVICE ON MAY 24, 1974.

WILSON WAS AGAIN ADMITTED TO THE HOSPITAL ON MAY 28, 1974, FOR A POSSIBLE RATTLESNAKE BITE. NO FANG MARKS WERE LOCATED HOWEVER, THERE WAS A SLIGHTLY RAISED SCRATCHED AREA ON HIS LEFT WRIST. SUCTION WAS APPLIED, HOWEVER, NO VENOM WAS LOCATED. HE WAS DISCHARGED ON MAY 30, 1974.

ON AUGUST 22, 1978, HAZEL KUHN, SUPRA, ADVISED THAT ON THE DAY WILSON WAS SCHEDULED TO APPEAR IN COMAL COUNTY DISTRICT COURT IN CONNECTION WITH HIS DIVORCE PROCEEDINGS HE WAS ADMITTED TO THE MCKENNA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL FOR AN "ALLEGED" RATTLESNAKE BITE. HIS ATTORNEY, IRVIN BOARNET OF NEW BRAUNFELS, WITHDREW FROM THE CASE FOLLOWING THIS INCIDENT.

ON AUGUST 22, 1978, MARGI MARTIN, VA HOSPITAL, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, ADVISED THAT WILSON WAS TREATED AS AN IN-PATIENT FROM JUNE 27, 1976, TO JUNE 29, 1976, FOR INSECT BITES. HE WAS

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TREATED AS AN OUT-PATIENT ON AUGUST 4, 1976, FOR A LIME BURN ON HIS LEFT FOOT AND ON DECEMBER 11 AND 14, 1976, FOR A SWOLLEN LEFT ELBOW.

REPRESENTATIVE OF COMAL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE DEPARTED NEW BRAUNFELS, TEXAS, ON AUGUST 22, 1978, FOR THE PURPOSE OF RETURNING WILSON TO NEW BRAUNFELS. HE IS EXPECTED TO RETURN ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 25, 1978.

REPORT FOLLOWS.

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RE: MEMPHIS TEL TO THE BUREAU, 8/19/78.

ON 8/19/78, DEBRA ANN JONES, LOT 106, 2628 NEWBERG ROAD, BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS, ADVISED SHE IS THE DAUGHTER OF BURGESS AUDIE WILSON AND LIVED IN KANSAS CITY, MO., FROM 1964 TO SEPTEMBER, 1968. SHE WAS A SENIOR IN HIGH SCHOOL IN 1968 AND RECEIVED A 1965 WHITE MUSTANG FROM HER FATHER AS A GRADUATION PRESENT. SHE STATED SHE WAS IN MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE WITH HER MOTHER VISITING HER MATERNAL GRANDFATHER WHO WAS IN BAPTIST HOSPITAL AFTER SUFFERING A HEART ATTACK AT THE TIME OF THE KING MURDER. SHE AND HER MOTHER FLEW FROM KANSAS CITY TO MEMPHIS ON UNRECALLED AIRLINE AND STAYED THREE OR FOUR DAYS.

SHE RECALLED CURFEW RESTRICTIONS WHILE IN MEMPHIS. HER FATHER,

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WHO WAS A FLIGHT ENGINEER ON A C-124 AND STATIONED AT RICHARDS GABOUR AIR FORCE BASE REMAINED IN KANSAS CITY WITH HER TWO BROTHERS, STEPHEN AND MARK WILSON, AGES FOURTEEN AND TEN.

SHE STATED SHE DEFINITELY DID NOT TRAVEL TO MEMPHIS IN THE MUSTANG AND NEVER MADE ANY TRIPS IN IT WITH HER FATHER. SHE STATED THE CAR WAS IN VERY POOR CONDITION AND COULD NOT MAKE IT TO MEMPHIS.

SHE RECALLED THAT WHILE IN MEMPHIS HER MOTHER CALLED KANSAS CITY AT LEAST TWO TIMES AND TALKED TO HER FATHER.

SHE STATED SHE HAS NOT SEEN HER FATHER IN FIVE YEARS, BUT HE CALLS HER FREQUENTLY. SHE RECEIVED A CALL LAST SATURDAY MORNING AT WHICH TIME HE SOUNDED SOBER. ON THIS OCCASION THEY HAD A GENERAL CONVERSATION. HE CALLED HER AGAIN ON THURSDAY NIGHT AND WAS OBVIOUSLY INTOXICATED. ON THIS OCCASION HER FATHER TOLD HER THE FBI WAS GOING TO PUT HIM IN JAIL FOR THE MURDER OF KING AND ALSO TOLD HER THE FBI HAD GIVEN HIM A POLYGRAPH TEST. HE ALSO TOLD HER SHE WOULD BE CONTACTED BY THE FBI AND TOLD HER TO SAY NOTHING.

SHE ADVISED HER FATHER IS INTOXICATED MOST OF THE TIMES HE CALLS HER AND SHE FEELS HE DEFINITELY HAS MENTAL PROBLEMS. SHE KNOWS OF NO PSYCHIATRIC TREATMENT, BUT FEELS HE NEEDS IT BADLY.

HER MOTHER, BETTY L. (MRS. KEITH W.D.) WADE RESIDES AT 233

SMITH ST., BARLESEN, TEXAS AND HAS TELEPHONE 817-295-2200.

HER TWO BROTHERS LIVE IN THE SAME AREA. HER FATHER HAS A SISTER, LEIDA MC GAHEY, 2002 E. 8TH ST., COLUMBUS, MISSISSIPPI, TELEPHONE 601-327-1141, WHO USUALLY KNOWS HIS WHEREABOUTS.

SHE STATED HER FATHER NEVER INDICATES WHERE HE IS CALLING FROM AND HAS MOVED AROUND A GREAT DEAL SINCE HIS DIVORCE FOUR AND ONE HALF YEARS AGO AT FORT WORTH, TEXAS. HE WAS ARRESTED AROUND THAT TIME AT BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS WHILE INTOXICATED IN A BAR AND AFTER HAVING MADE THREATS TO KILL HIS WIFE. POLICE FOUND A RIFLE IN HIS CAR.

SHE STATED HER FATHER WAS CONGENIAL WHEN SOBER, BUT WHEN DRINKING HE WAS MEAN AND OFTEN HIT HIS WIFE. ALTHOUGH HE WAS BIGOTED, SHE IS SURE HE DID NOT KILL KING AND WAS NOT IN MEMPHIS AT THE TIME OF THE KING MURDER.

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ATTENTION: CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY UNIT, ROOM 8988, JEH BLDG.

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RE KANSAS CITY TELETYPE TO BUREAU, DEAL, AUGUST 21, 1978.

FOR INFORMATION DALLAS, REFERENCED TELETYPE ADVISED AS

FOLLOWS:

ON AUG. 19, 1978, BURGESS AUDIE WILSON, DPOB AUG. 28, 1930'S (YEAR UNKNOWN), MISSISSIPPI; 5'11"; BROWN EYES; BROWN HAIR; FBI NO. 879 421 E, WAS INTERVIEWED BY AGENTS OF THE JACKSON OFFICE AT GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI. WILSON TOLD INTERVIEWING AGENTS HE HAD SHOT AND KILLED MARTIN LUTHER KING IN MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE. AMONG OTHER INFORMATION FURNISHED, WILSON ADVISED DURING THE PERIOD IN WHICH HE SHOT AND KILLED KING, HE RESIDED AT 13125 HERRICK AVE., GRANDVIEW, MISSOURI, AND HE WAS AT THAT

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TIME IN THE AIR FORCE RESERVES, RICHARDS GEISUR, EMPLOYED AS A CIVIL SERVICE EMPLOYEE.

WILSON ALSO STATED THAT AT THE TIME OF KING'S DEATH HE HAD OWNED A RED AND WHITE BONANZA AIRPLANE, REG. NO. 34L, AND A CESSNA 310 TWIN ENGINE BLUE AND WHITE AIRCRAFT. WILSON PROVIDED THE IDENTITY OF THE INDIVIDUAL FROM WHOM HE HAD PURCHASED ONE OF THESE PLANES, THE BONANZA, AS BEING (FNU) FISHER.

RETEL REQUESTED OKLA. CITY AT THE FEDERAL AVIATION AERONAUTICAL (FAA) CENTER PERFORM A COMPLETE TITLE SEARCH FOR REG. NO. 34L. ADDITIONALLY, DETERMINE CURRENT OWNER AND SET OUT LEADS TO APPROPRIATE FIELD OFFICES TO CONTACT OWNER FOR REVIEW OF PLANE LOG BOOK WHICH SHOULD REVEAL DISPOSITION OF PLANE DURING PERIOD IN QUESTION.

INVESTIGATION AUGUST 22, 1978, BY OKLAHOMA CITY DIVISION AT THE FAA AERONAUTICAL CENTER IDENTIFIES FAA REG. NO. 34L AS A DEREGISTERED NO. AS OF 1962. NUMBER PREVIOUSLY ASSIGNED TO A BEECH E-18-5 (TWIN ENGINE), SERIAL NO. BA-73. ALC RECORDS IN STORAGE AT THE FEDERAL RECORDS CENTER (FCR), FORT WORTH,

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TEXAS UNDER ACCESSION NUMBER 63-H-496, LOC. 200 340, BOX 1.

DALLAS AT FORT WORTH, TEXAS. WILL CONTACT FRC AND
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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) PRIORITY

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MURKIN; OO: MEMPHIS.

RE OKLAHOMA CITY TELETYPE TO DALLAS, AUGUST 23, 1978.

FOR INFORMATION OF RECEIVING OFFICES, REFERENCED TELETYPE REQUESTED DALLAS TO CONDUCT TITLE SEARCH RE BONANZA AIRCRAFT, REGISTRATION NUMBER 34L, REPORTEDLY OWNED BY BURGESS AUDIE WILSON.

A REVIEW OF RECORDS AT THE FEDERAL RECORDS CENTER (FRC) REFLECTS REGISTRATION NUMBER N34L WAS ASSIGNED TO A TWIN ENGINE BEACH CRAFT IN CONTRAST TO A SINGLE ENGINE BEACH BONANZA.

THIS AIRCRAFT WAS ORIGINALLY IMPORTED INTO SWITZERLAND

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THIS MEMORANDUM WAS ORIGINALLY PREPARED BY SA [REDACTED] ON AUGUST 21, 1978, AT [REDACTED].

THE SUBJECT OF THIS MEMORANDUM IS [REDACTED].

ON AUGUST 21, 1978, SA [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT [REDACTED] HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS A MEMBER OF THE [REDACTED] GROUP.

IT IS REQUESTED THAT YOU ADVISE THE BUREAU OF ANY DEVELOPMENTS.

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SOME TIME AROUND 1950. THE AIRCRAFT WAS SUBSEQUENTLY BROUGHT BACK INTO THE UNITED STATES IN 1956, AT WHICH TIME IT RECEIVED THE REGISTRATION NUMBER N34L. IN 1959 THE OWNER, MR. LEAR, SR., OF LEAR, INC. SUBSEQUENTLY TOOK THE AIRCRAFT BACK TO SWITZERLAND AND SOLD IT TO AN ITALIAN CORPORATION IN 1962. APPARENTLY, FOR INSURANCE PURPOSES, THE AMERICAN REGISTRATION NUMBER, N34L, WAS REQUESTED TO BE DEREGISTERED IN THE UNITED STATES, WHICH IT WAS ON JULY 27, 1962.

THERE IS NO INFORMATION IN THE FILES REGARDING A SINGLE ENGINE BONANZA, BURGESS AUDIE WILSON, OR ANY PREVIOUS OWNER WITH LAST NAME FISHER.

JERRY PACE, SECURITY, SOUTHWESTERN REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS, FAA, FORT WORTH, TEXAS, ADVISED HE TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED FAA, OKLAHOMA CITY, AND DETERMINED REGISTRATION NUMBER N34L HAS BEEN UNASSIGNED SINCE 1962. PACE ALSO STATED A REVIEW OF THE 1963, 1968 AND 1969 UNITED STATES CIVIL AIRCRAFT REGISTRATION BOOKS FAILED TO REFLECT THIS REGISTRATION NUMBER.

JACKSON WILL RE-INTERVIEW BURGESS AUDIE WILSON RE CORRECT REGISTRATION NUMBER OF BONANZA AIRCRAFT HE CLAIMED HE OWNED AT THE TIME OF KING'S DEATH.

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FOR INFORMATION OF RECEIVING OFFICES, IT IS NOTED WILSON
GAVE THE REGISTRATION NUMBER OF HIS AIRCRAFT AS 34L. ALL UNITED
STATES AIRCRAFT BEAR THE PREFIX "N" BEFORE THE REGISTRATION NUMBER.

DALLAS WILL SUBMIT RUC REPORT.

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ATTENTION: CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY UNIT, ROOM 8988 JEH

MURKIN OO:MEMPHIS

RE MEMPHIS TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR AND KANSAS CITY,
8/21/78; MEMPHIS TELEPHONE CALL TO KANSAS CITY, 8/21/78;
JACKSON TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR, KANSAS CITY AND MEMPHIS,
8/22/78; KANSAS CITY TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR, AND MEMPHIS,
8/24/78.

THE FOLLOWING IS AN UPDATED SUMMARY OF THE INVESTIGATION
CONDUCTED TO RESOLVE THE ALLEGATION BY BURGESS AUDIE WILSON
THAT HE ASSASSINATED MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. AND TO DETERMINE
THE WHEREABOUTS OF WILSON ON APRIL 4, 1968.

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A CREDIT CHECK OF WILSON WAS PERFORMED AT THE CREDIT BUREAU OF THE GREATER KANSAS CITY AREA, 906 GRAND, KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, ON 8/24/78. CREDIT BUREAU INDICATED THAT THERE IS NO RECORD OF CREDIT REGARDING WILSON. CREDIT BUREAU ALSO INDICATED THAT THEIR RECORDS ARE DESTROYED IF THERE ARE NO TRANSACTIONS FOR THE PAST 3 TO 4 YEARS.

THE WHITE MALE ITALIAN THAT WILSON CLAIMS HE MET IN THE LATE 1960'S, WHO OPERATED A JEWELRY TRADE SHOP ON WALNUT STREET IN KANSAS CITY, IS TENTATIVELY IDENTIFIED AS ROBERT JOSEPH SEREDICH, DESCRIBED AS A WHITE MALE, DOB [REDACTED], 6'1", 265 POUNDS, BLUE EYES, BROWN HAIR, SSAN [REDACTED], FBI NO. 266276. REFERENCE WAS MADE TO THE WHITE MALE ITALIAN IN MEMPHIS TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR AND KANSAS CITY, 8/21/78.

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ALSO IN REFERENCE TO SAME TELETYPE, THE INDIVIDUAL WITH THE NAME OF MITCH (LNU) WHO WAS DESCRIBED AS BEING APPROXIMATELY 5'10" TALL, 180 POUNDS, BLACK WAVY HAIR, AND HAD SOME BUSINESS CONNECTIONS WITH A BONDING COMPANY, IS TENTATIVELY IDENTIFIED AS MITCHELL ZAMMER DESCRIBED AS A WHITE MALE, DOB [REDACTED] FBI NO 759112.

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BOTH OF THE INDIVIDUALS NAMED ABOVE, ZAMMER AND SEREDICH WERE PREVIOUS SUBJECTS OF INVESTIGATION BY THE KANSAS CITY ORGANIZED CRIME SQUAD.

INFORMATION REGARDING ZAMMER AND SEREDICH WAS OBTAINED FROM LEON MEYERS OF MEYERS JEWELRY STORE, 1015 WALNUT, KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, TELEPHONE 842-5880. MEYERS INDICATED THAT ZAMMER'S WIFE, DORIS, OWNS DORIS BONDING COMPANY, KANSAS CITY, KANSAS. KANSAS CITY FBI RECORDS SHOW THAT ZAMMER WAS ASSOCIATED DURING 1960'S WITH BRUNO BONDING COMPANY, KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI.

KANSAS CITY DIVISION AT KANSAS CITY WILL LOCATE AND INTERVIEW ZAMMER AND SEREDICH REGARDING BURGESS AUDIE WILSON AND HIS ALLEGATIONS THAT HE ASSASSINATED MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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ATTENTION: CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY UNIT.

MURKIN. OO - MEMPHIS

RE KANSAS CITY TEL TO BUREAU, ETAL, SEPT. 1, 1978.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF PITTSBURGH, REFERENCED COMMUNICATION REQUESTED RECORD REVIEW AT THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION, (FAA) RECORDS CENTER, OKLA. CITY, OKLA, WITH REFERENCE TO AIRCRAFT REGISTRY NUMBER N4434L. THE PURPOSE OF RECORD CHECK WAS TO DETERMINE CURRENT OWNER SO THAT LEADS COULD BE SET OUT TO HAVE THAT OWNER INTERVIEWED FOR REVIEW OF PLANE LAW BOOK TO DETERMINE LOCATION OF PLANE ON APRIL 4, 1968.

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ON AUG. 19, 1978, BURGESS AUDIE WILSON WAS INTERVIEWED BY AGENTS OF THE JACKSON OFFICE AT GULFPORT, MISS. WILSON TOLD

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INTERVIEWING AGENTS HE HAD SHOT AND KILLED MARTIN LUTHER KING IN MEMPHIS, TENN. AMONG INFORMATION FURNISHED, WILSON ADVISED THAT DURING THE PERIOD IN WHICH HE SHOT AND KILLED KING, HE RESIDED AT 13125 HERRICK AVE., GRANDVIEW, MO., AND THAT HE WAS AT THAT TIME IN THE AIR FORCE RESERVE EMPLOYED AS A CIVIL SERVICE EMPLOYEE. HE STATED THAT AT THE TIME OF KING'S DEATH, HE OWNED A RED AND WHITE BONANZA AIRPLANE. REGISTRATION NUMBER PROVIDED AS 34 L, BUT LATER IDENTIFIED AS N4434L. RECORDS OF THE FAA ON SEPT. 1, 1978, IDENTIFIES REGISTRATION NUMBER N4434L AS BEING ASSIGNED TO A 1956 MODEL G-35 BEEHCRAFT AIRCRAFT, SN D-4600.

THAT AIRCRAFT WAS INITIALLY SOLD BY BEEHCRAFT APRIL 20, 1956 TO GOPHER AVIATION, INC., ROCHESTER, MINN. GOPHER AVIATION INC., SOLD THE AIRCRAFT MAY 3, 1956, TO FRANKLIN MANUFACTURING CO., 65 TWENTY-SECOND AVE., NORTHEAST, MINNEAPOLIS, MINN. AIRCRAFT SOLD BY THAT MANUFACTURING COMPANY MARCH 17, 1960, TO MIDSTATE AVIATION CORP., SKY HARBOR AIRPORT, NORTHBROOK, ILL. AIRCRAFT SOLD APRIL 18, 1960, BY MIDSTATE TO CONNIE C. MILLER, 9618 SAGAMORE, KANSAS CITY, MO. AIRCRAFT SOLD BY MILLER

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MAY 27, 1968, TO FISHER SALES AND SERVICE, INC., BOX 6516
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AIRCRAFT SOLD JUNE 6, 1968, BY FISHER SALES TO BURGESS
WILSON AND LOU CREWS, 553 NORTH SCOTT, BELTON, MO. ON JUNE 12,
1969, AIRCRAFT SOLD BY WILSON AND CREWS TO GARY W. WILSON,
1302 N. HOCKER, INDEPENDENCE, MO.

AIRCRAFT WAS SOLD BY WILSON, DATE NOT KNOWN, BUT DOCUMENT
RECEIVED AT FAA, FEB. 16, 1970, TO GEORGE T. WARD BUILDERS,
INC., 1401 PLAZA CENTER, BLUE SPRINGS, MO. AIRCRAFT SOLD
SEPT. 27, 1973, BY BUILDERS INC. TO GERALD L. FISHER, 1204 S.
19TH ST., BLUE SPRINGS, MO. AIRCRAFT SOLD BY FISHER TO GEORGE
R. KEELING, PRAIRIE VILLAGE, KANSAS (DATE UNKNOWN), WHO SOLD
AIRCRAFT TO RONALD J. MAGGARD, 2218 E. 110TH ST., KANSAS CITY,
MO. THE DATE OF THAT SALE IS UNKNOWN, BUT BILL OF SALE
RECEIVED AT FAA AUG. 16, 1974.

MAGGARD SOLD AIRCRAFT OCT. 15, 1974, TO CHARLES W.
VAN HOFWEGEN, HIGHWAY 10, ORANGE CITY, IOWA. VAN HOFWEGEN
SOLD AIRCRAFT DEC. 10, 1975, TO MICHAEL NEFF, 525 HICKORY,
NEVADA, IOWA. NEFF SOLD AIRCRAFT OCT. 19, 1977, TO GENE

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SIMPSON AIRCRAFT SALES, INC, ONAWA, IOWA. THAT SALES COMPANY SOLD THE AIRCRAFT OCT. 24, 1977, TO RONALD K. KARAS, 120 PAIGE COURT, WEINTON, WEST VA. AIRCRAFT CURRENTLY OWNED BY KARAS AND POSSIBLY REGISTERED WITH FAA AS OF OCT. 28, 1978.

PITTSBURGH AT WEINTON, WEST VA. WILL REVIEW LOG BOOK OF AIRCRAFT BEARING REGISTRATION NUMBER N4434L, CURRENT OWNER RONALD N. KARAS, 120 PAIGE COURT, AND DETERMINE LOCATION OF PLANE APRIL 4, 1978, AND IF RECORDS REFLECT ANYTHING TO DO WITH BURGESS AUDIE WILSON.

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MURKIN, OO MEMPHIS.

RE KANSAS CITY TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, OKLAHOMA CITY AND ST. LOUIS, AUGUST 21, 1978; KANSAS CITY TELEPHONE CALL TO OKLAHOMA CITY, AUGUST 31, 1978.

IN ABOVE REFERENCED TELETYPE, IT WAS STATED THAT BURGESS AUDIE WILSON OWNED A RED AND WHITE BONANZA AIRPLANE, REGISTRY NO. 34. OKLAHOMA CITY WAS REQUESTED TO CONTACT FAA RECORDS CENTER AND PERFORM A COMPLETE TITLE SEARCH FOR REGISTRY NO. 34. IN ADDITION, OKLAHOMA CITY WAS ASKED TO DETERMINE CURRENT OWNER AND SET OUT LEADS TO APPROPRIATE FIELD OFFICES TO

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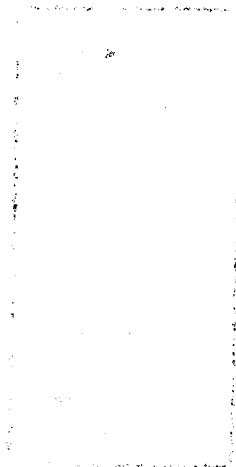
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CONTACT OWNER FOR REVIEW OF PLANE LOG BOOK WHICH SHOULD REVEAL DISPOSITION OF PLANE DURING APRIL 4, 1968.

KANSAS CITY INVESTIGATION REGARDING BONANZA AIRPLANE REVEALED THAT REGISTRY NUMBER IS N4434L AND NOT NO. 34L AS MENTIONED PREVIOUSLY.

OKLAHOMA CITY AT OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA WILL CONTACT FAA RECORDS CENTER AND PERFORM A COMPLETE TITLE SEARCH FOR BONANZA PLANE, REGISTRY NO. N4434L. ADDITIONALLY, WILL DETERMINE CURRENT OWNER AND SET OUT LEADS TO APPROPRIATE FIELD OFFICE TO CONTACT OWNER FOR REVIEW OF PLANE LOG BOOK WHICH SHOULD REVEAL DISPOSITION OF PLANE DURING PERIOD IN QUESTION, APRIL 4, 1968.

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RE ME TEL TO BUREAU, ET AL, AUGUST 18, 1978, AND SA TEL TO BUREAU, AUGUST 18, 1978, REGARDING INCARCERATION OF BURGESS AUDIE WILSON, JR., IN BEXAR COUNTY JAIL, JUNE 19, 1972, TO JUNE 30, 1972, ON CONTEMPT OF COURT, STATE DISTRICT COURT 59, (CASE NUMBER F248084).

ON AUGUST 21, 1978, REVIEW OF COURT RECORDS, BEXAR COUNTY 57TH DISTRICT COURT, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, REVEALED WILSON INCARCERATED FOR CONTEMPT OF COURT GROWING OUT OF CIVIL SUIT ENTITLED ALLISON - KAUFMANN COMPANY, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION VS. NORTH STAR DIAMOND CORPORATION (CASE NUMBER F248-084) OF

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WHICH WILSON WAS LISTED AS OWNER. THIS CIVIL SUIT INVOLVED FRAUD CASE AND WILSON INCARCERATED FOLLOWING HIS REFUSAL TO FURNISH THE COURT AN INVENTORY OF MERCHANDISE IN HIS POSSESSION BELONGING TO ALLISON - KAUFMANN COMPANY. THIS INCARCERATION DID NOT INVOLVE ANY ACTION GROWING OUT OF CHILD SUPPORT AND IDENTITY OF CHILDREN NOT SET FORTH IN COURT RECORDS.

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REBUTEL TO MEMPHIS AND OTHER OFFICES AUG. 23, 1978. *Rm 5121*

OPAL HOOTEN, BARTLETT, TENN., FORMER MOTHER-IN-LAW OF BURGESS AUDIE WILSON, UNABLE TO LOCATE FAMILY MEDICAL RECORDS, TELEPHONE RECORDS, CHECK STUBS OR OTHER PAPERS WHICH RECORD PERIODS OF ILLNESS OF HER HUSBAND OR VISITS OF HER DAUGHTER, BETTY LOU WADE, AND GRANDDAUGHTER, DEBRA WILSON JONES, PRIOR TO 1975. MRS. HOOTEN AND HER HUSBAND, VERNON, UNABLE TO RECALL SPECIFIC PERIODS OF DAUGHTER AND GRANDDAUGHTER'S VISITS PRIOR TO 1975, INCLUDING 1968.

TELEPHONE TOLL RECORDS MAINTAINED BY SOUTH CENTRAL BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY SIX MONTHS AFTER CALLS MADE *ST 128* THEN DESTROYED.

BY PHYSICAL OBSERVATION, IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED CHISCA PLAZA HOTEL, 262 SOUTH MAIN STREET, MEMPHIS, TENN., CURRENTLY UTILISED *20* 25 1978

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AS OFFICE BUILDING AND THE ANNEX MOTEL, 267 SOUTH MAIN STREET, MEMPHIS, CURRENTLY A VACANT BUILDING, ARE THE NEAREST BUILDINGS ON MAIN STREET, FORMERLY UTILIZED AS HOTELS IN VICINITY OF INTERSECTION OF SOUTH MAIN AND BEALE STREETS. IN RECENT YEARS, MANY BUILDINGS IN THE VICINITY OF SOUTH MAIN AND BEALE STREETS HAVE BEEN RAZED AND THE LAND IS EITHER VACANT OR NEW BUILDINGS WERE CONSTRUCTED ON IT. THE INTERSECTION OF MAIN AND BEALE STREETS IS APPROXIMATELY ONE HALF MILE NORTH OF THE LORRAINE MOTEL, 406 MULBERRY, MEMPHIS. THE CHISCA PLAZA HOTEL AND THE ANNEX HOTEL ARE APPROXIMATELY THREE TENTHS OF A MILE NORTH OF THE LORRAINE MOTEL. IT APPEARS THE LORRAINE MOTEL CANNOT BE OBSERVED FROM THE ANNEX HOTEL AND PROBABLY CANNOT BE SEEN FROM THE THIRD FLOOR OF THE CHISCA PLAZA HOTEL DUE TO INTERFERENCE FROM OTHER BUILDINGS.

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ATTENTION: CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRIES UNIT, MURKIN; OO MEMPHIS.

REFERENCE BUREAU TELEPHONE CALL TO KANSAS CITY,
AUGUST 29, 1978.

MITCHELL ZAMMAR DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

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[redacted]; POB KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI; WHITE MALE, 5'7",
150 POUNDS, BROWN EYES, DARK BROWN HAIR, FBI #759 112,
KCMOPD #22414.

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ZAMMAR HAS BEEN ARRESTED AND INCARCERATED IN THE PAST
ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS. CHARGES RANGE FROM VIOLATION OF
DYER ACT, KIDNAPPING, THEFT FROM INTERSTATE SHIPMENT,
ASSAULT, BURGLARY, LARCENY, AND ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO KILL.

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A COMPUTERIZED CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECK INDICATED THERE ARE NO IDENTIFIABLE NCIC CRIMINAL RECORDS UNDER THE NAME OF MITCHELL ZAMMAR, FBI #759 112. THE LOCAL CRIMINAL CHECK PROVIDED THE SAME INFORMATION, NO IDENTIFIABLE NCIC CRIMINAL RECORD, FBI #759 112.

A COMPUTERIZED CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECK AND A LOCAL CRIMINAL CHECK ON LOU CREWS, DOB [REDACTED], 200 POUNDS, BROWN EYES, SSAN [REDACTED] PROVED NEGATIVE.

ZAMMAR INDICATED THAT HE HAD A TOTAL OF FOUR BROTHERS WHO ARE ALL NOW DECEASED. ZAMMAR INDICATED THAT JOSEPH ZAMMAR DIED IN THE 1940'S. ZAMMAR CANNOT RECALL THE DATE OF BIRTHS OF HIS BROTHERS, HOWEVER, HE INDICATED THAT FERRIS ZAMMAR WOULD HAVE BEEN 68 YEARS OLD. ZAMMAR INDICATED THAT FRED ZAMMAR, FORMER PHYSICIAN, WOULD HAVE BEEN 64 YEARS OLD, AND THAT JAMES ZAMMAR WOULD HAVE BEEN 49 YEARS OLD. ZAMMAR INDICATED THAT HE DOES NOT THINK THAT ANY OF HIS BROTHERS KNEW BURGESS AUDIE WILSON.

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THE ADDRESS GIVEN OF FECHTER JEWELRY, SUITE 413,
25 EAST 12TH, KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, IN TELETYPE FROM
KANSAS CITY TO BUREAU DATED AUGUST 28, 1978, IS LOCATED
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TITLE OF CASE ASSASSINATION OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., 4/4/68, MEMPHIS, TENN.		REPORT MADE BY SA BURL F. JOHNSON	TYPED BY mrp
		CHARACTER OF CASE CR (A)	

REFERENCES:

Memphis teletype to the Bureau dated 8/18/78.
 Bureau teletype to Memphis and other offices dated 8/23/78.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

No further investigation relative to information involving BURGESS AUDIE WILSON is contemplated by the Memphis Office, UACB.

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Copy to: 1 - U. S. ATTORNEY, MEMPHIS

Report of: SA BURL F. JOHNSON
Date: AUGUST 30, 1978

Office: MEMPHIS

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Bureau File #: 44-38861

Title: ASSASSINATION OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.,
APRIL 4, 1978, MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

Character: CIVIL RIGHTS

Synopsis: On night of 8/17/78, BURGESS AUDIE WILSON telephonically contacted GENE BARKSDALE, Sheriff, Shelby County, Memphis, Tenn., on 2 occasions. He informed BARKSDALE his daughter drove a white Mustang from Kansas City, Mo., to Memphis, Tenn., 3 days before Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING was killed. WILSON killed Dr. KING by firing a shot at him from below where KING was standing and wanted BARKSDALE to meet him at the Holiday Inn, Gulfport, Miss., on 8/18/78 where WILSON would surrender to him. VERNON HOOTEN, Bartlett, Tenn., WILSON's former son-in-law, received a telephone call from WILSON on night of 8/17/78. WILSON inquired about the health and welfare of HOOTEN and his family and terminated the call. WILSON called JAMES HOOTEN, WILSON's former brother-in-law, on night of 8/17/78 and informed HOOTEN he was to meet Sheriff BARKSDALE on 8/18/78 and surrender to him for the killing of Dr. KING. WILSON called the residence of his former spouse, AVIS LEA HUNTER, Nashville, Tenn., on night of 8/17/78 and informed HUNTER's 14-year-old son LANCE that LANCE would be seeing him on TV soon as he had killed MARTIN LUTHER KING. VERNON HOOTEN and OPAL HOOTEN, former mother-in-law of WILSON, furnished background information regarding WILSON. They described him as a heavy drinker and compulsive liar. JAMES HOOTEN is of opinion excessive drinking has caused deterioration of his mental ability. AVIS LEA HUNTER reported WILSON drank alcoholic beverages frequently and after drinking would become "crazy," rambling, and silly.

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DETAILS:

This investigation was predicated upon information furnished by GENE BARKSDALE, Sheriff, Shelby County, Memphis, Tennessee, on August 18, 1978. Sheriff BARKSDALE advised on the night of August 17, 1978, BURGESS AUDIE WILSON telephonically contacted him and wanted BARKSDALE to meet him at the Holiday Inn, Gulfport, Mississippi, on August 18, 1978, where he would surrender for killing MARTIN LUTHER KING.

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GENE BARKSDALE, Sheriff, Shelby County, Tennessee, was interviewed at his office in Memphis, Tennessee, and he furnished the following information:

At approximately 9:15 P.M. on August 17, 1978, an individual who identified himself as BURGESS AUDIE WILSON telephonically contacted Sheriff BARKSDALE at the Shelby County Sheriff's Office Substation, Memphis, Tennessee. WILSON furnished Sheriff BARKSDALE background information regarding BARKSDALE and information regarding persons known to BARKSDALE as members or former members of the Tennessee Air National Guard unit at Memphis. BARKSDALE has been active in the Tennessee Air National Guard unit at Memphis for approximately 26 years. WILSON furnished information regarding places and trips he had made with BARKSDALE which indicated WILSON was also a member of the Tennessee Air National Guard unit at Memphis.

WILSON informed BARKSDALE he had committed a famous crime - that he was the man who killed Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. WILSON was the trigger man and was standing about 65 feet from Dr. KING in a position below the balcony where Dr. KING was standing. About three days prior to the death of Dr. KING, WILSON's daughter, whose identity he declined to furnish, drove a white Mustang from Kansas City, Missouri, to Memphis, Tennessee. He would furnish no information regarding the storage and use of this white Mustang after the Mustang reached Memphis. He declined to furnish information regarding the circumstances and events leading up to the killing of Dr. KING other than the information related above, but he stated the information that has been furnished by JAMES EARL RAY is accurate.

WILSON requested that Sheriff BARKSDALE meet him at the Holiday Inn, Gulfport, Mississippi, at 9:30 A.M., August 20, 1978. BARKSDALE was instructed to enter the dining room at the Holiday Inn without a coat on and that WILSON would surrender to him there. WILSON insisted that BARKSDALE be alone, that he not be mistreated after he surrendered, and that BARKSDALE not inform the Federal Bureau of Investigation. WILSON told BARKSDALE that if

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 by SA BURL F. JOHNSON:mrp 3 Date dictated 8/24/78

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