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MR. TROTTER

4-8-68

S. F. Latona

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LATENT PRINT EXAMINATION

Re my memo to you of 4-6-68, advising that six latent fingerprints remain unidentified on evidence submitted by Memphis including a latent print on the rifle that is identical with a latent print on the binoculars, also that three latent fingerprints were developed on a cartridge box from the gun store in Birmingham.

On 4-7-68, lifts from room in Memphis occupied by Unsub., board from sill in bathroom, and a T-shirt and pair of shorts were delivered by Memphis agent for laboratory and latent examination. A latent fingerprint on a lift from dresser in room, a latent fingerprint on lift from fireplace, and a latent fingerprint on the board are of value for identification.

These twelve latent fingerprints are not identical with all suspects named to date.

Memphis and General Investigative Divisions have been advised.

At 7 A.M. this date (4-8-68), three additional rifles from the gun store in Birmingham were delivered for latent examination. These three rifles were handled by Unsub. prior to his purchasing the two rifles mentioned in my memo to you dated 4-6-68. These rifles are presently being examined for latent prints and you will be advised of the results.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

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

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Mr. Conrad

M. H. Jevoss

QC
1-Mr. Conrad
1-Mr. Frazier
1-Office, 7133
4-8-68

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1-Mr. Bonebrake, 6129, IB
1-Mr. Griffith

**UNKNOWN SUBJECT, also
known as John Willard;
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. -
VICTIM; CIVIL RIGHTS**

As a result of investigation, the Birmingham Office advised that the .30-06 Remington rifle involved in this case was sold to a person giving the name Harvey Lowmeyer on 3-30-68 by the Aeromarine Supply Company, 3701 Airport Highway, Birmingham, Alabama. The purchaser originally bought a caliber .243 Winchester rifle on 3-29-68 upon which he had mounted a Redfield telescope sight. The purchaser returned this rifle the following day and exchanged it for the .30-06 caliber Remington rifle, Serial Number 461476, which was recovered in Memphis immediately following the shooting of Martin Luther King, Jr. Aeromarine Supply Company transferred the telescope sight to this rifle, using a new mount.

The Birmingham Office submitted the following material for Laboratory and latent examination:

.243 Winchester caliber Remington bolt-action rifle, Model 700, Serial Number 283749 from Aeromarine Supply Company

Telescope sight mount from .243 Winchester caliber rifle

Original invoice dated 3-29-68, Number 2251A, covering sale of rifle to Harvey Lowmeyer

Copy of invoice, Number 2251A

Factory box for .243 Winchester caliber rifle

1-Mr. Tolson
1-Mr. Mohr
1-Mr. DeLoach
1-Mr. Rosen
1-Mr. Trotter
1-Mr. Bishop
1-Mr. Martindale

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**Memorandum to Mr. Conrad
Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECT, also
known as John Willard;
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. -
VICTIM; CIVIL RIGHTS**

**Nine boxes of caliber .243 Winchester
ammunition**

**Elimination major case prints of Donald F. Wood
and G. L. Mathew Baker**

**Birmingham requested the Laboratory determine whether
this .243 Winchester rifle had been fired. The Laboratory
determined it had not been fired.**

**Birmingham requested we determine whether we could
associate the telescope sight on the rifle recovered in
Memphis with the sight mount originally used with this sight
on the .243 Winchester rifle. The Laboratory determined there
were no marks left on the telescope sight by this mount and
therefore no association was possible.**

**A document examination is being made of the signature
appearing on the gun sale invoice and fingerprint examinations
are being made on all of the items listed above.**

**In this connection, the nine boxes of ammunition were
submitted since the Aeromarine Supply Company clerks stated
the purchaser of the rifle may have handled one or more of
these boxes.**

**Birmingham and Memphis will be advised of the results
of all examinations by teletype.**

ACTION: For information.

Mr. DeLoach

A. Rosen

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April 8, 1968

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Martindale
1 - Mr. McDonough
1 - Mr. Long
1 - Mr. Bishop
1 - Mr. Conrad
1 - Mr. Sullivan

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.,
4/4/68.

Attached for approval is a memorandum to the White House summarizing developments since the last memorandum was prepared for the President on 4/6/68. Copies have been prepared for the Attorney General, the Deputy Attorney General, and the Civil Rights Division. The following details are not included in the attached memorandum.

Among the items recovered near the crime scene were an undershirt and a pair of shorts, each bearing the same printed laundry mark. It has been determined that the mark was made by a Thermo Seal marking machine manufactured by the Textile Machine Company. Headquarters of the manufacturer cannot identify the laundry involved but believes the marking code indicates a laundry in the Northeastern states. All laundries using these marking machines are being contacted.

It is noted that the rifle believed to be the murder weapon was sold by a Birmingham dealer on 3/30/68. It has been determined that the person who purchased this weapon handled other guns in the store and three of these weapons are presently being processed for fingerprints by the Identification Division.

ACTION:

1. Attached for approval is a memorandum for the White House with copies for the Attorney General, the Deputy Attorney General and the Civil Rights Division.
2. All-out investigation is continuing on an expedite basis.

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- 1 - Mr. Trotter
- 1 - Tele. Room
- 1 - Miss Holmes
- 1 - Miss Gandy

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1 - Mr. McGowan, Room 2712
1 - Mr. Mortimer
2 - Mr. Griffith
4/8/68

PLAIN TEXT

TELETYPE

URGENT

TO SACS COLUMBIA
MEMPHIS

FROM DIRECTOR, FBI

MURKIN

LABORATORY HAS ANALYSED THE LETTER COMBINATIONS IN
THE HARRY LOWMYER NAME ON THE AEROMARINE SUPPLY COMPANY
INVOICE IN RELATION TO THE SIGNATURES APPEARING ON
FINGERPRINT CARDS OF APPROXIMATELY FIFTYFIVE SUSPECTS. MANY
OF THE FINGERPRINT CARD SIGNATURES WERE TOTALLY NOT
COMPARABLE AND NO MEANINGFUL COMPARISONS WERE POSSIBLE.
A FEW SIMILARITIES WERE NOTED BETWEEN THE SIGNATURE OF
BOBBY RAY GRAVES, FBI NUMBER [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
AND CERTAIN SIMILAR LETTERS IN THE HARRY LOWMYER NAME. DUE
TO THE LIMITED NATURE OF THE MATERIAL THE SIGNIFICANCE OF
THESE FEW SIMILARITIES COULD NOT BE ASSESSED.

FOR INFORMATION OF MEMPHIS. GRAVES IS SUBJECT OF
COLUMBIA FILE ONE FIVE SEVEN DASH FOUR TWO SIX NINE, RESIDES

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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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FBI LABORATORY DIVISION

TO DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) FROM SAC, NEW YORK (100-100000) (P)

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FBI LABORATORY DIVISION
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

**TELETYPE TO COLUMBIA AND MEMPHIS
MURKIN**

BOILING SPRINGS, SOUTH CAROLINA, BORN

INMAN, SOUTH CAROLINA, HEIGHT

**SIX FEET TWO INCHES, WEIGHT ONE HUNDRED EIGHTYFIVE POUNDS,
BROWN HAIR, BLUE EYES. GRAVES IS EXALTED CYCLOPS OF
KLAN IN BOILING SPRINGS AREA. UNIDENTIFIED LATENTS LOCATED
TO DATE ARE NOT IDENTICAL WITH GRAVES'S FINGERPRINTS.**

**NOTWITHSTANDING DIFFERENCE IN DESCRIPTION AND FACT
THAT GRAVES'S FINGERPRINTS NOT IDENTIFIED WITH LATENTS
MEMPHIS SHOULD STILL NOT OVERLOOK GRAVES AS A SUSPECT
IN VIEW OF THE LIMITED WRITING SIMILARITIES NOTED.**

**PHOTOGRAPH OF GRAVES AVAILABLE IN FINGERPRINT JACKET
BEING MAILED MEMPHIS WITH COPY OF THIS WIRE.**

PLAINTEXT

APRIL 7, 1968

TELETYPE

URGENT

- 1 - Mr. Tolson
- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Bishop
- 1 - Mr. Martindale
- 1 - ~~Mr. Casper~~
- 1 - Office, 7133
- 1 - Mr. Frazier

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI

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

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UNDERSHORTS AND T SHIRT EACH BEARS LAUNDRY TAG WITH WHAT APPEARS TO BE CHARACTERS "O 2 B - 6." ONLY PORTIONS OF FIRST CHARACTER PRESENT ON EACH TAG. LABORATORY DOES NOT MAINTAIN VISIBLE LAUNDRY MARK FILE. NO INVISIBLE LAUNDRY MARKS FOUND ON EITHER GARMENT.

UNDERSHORTS SMALL IN SIZE WHILE T SHIRT IS LARGE. NO BRAND LABEL ON UNDERSHORTS. T SHIRT HAS "JOCKEY" BRAND LABEL WHICH IS HELD FLAT WITH FOLDED PIECE THREE QUARTER INCH WIDE CELLOPHANE TAPE ABOUT ONE INCH LONG HAVING ONE

CUT END AND ONE TORN END.

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RE: [Illegible]

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TO: SAC, NEW YORK (100-100000)
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-100000) (P)

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**TELETYPE SAC, MEMPHIS
RE: UNSUB; AKA JOHN WILLARD
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.,**

**CROTCH SEAMS OF UNDERSHORTS REPAIRED IN TWO
PLACES WITH BROWN THREAD.**

NO HAIRS FOUND ON EITHER GARMENT.

**BOARD FROM BATHROOM WINDOW SILL FOUR TWO TWO
AND ONE HALF SOUTH MAIN BEARS RECENT DENT WHICH COULD
HAVE BEEN PRODUCED BY LIGHT BLOW FROM MUZZLE OF WEAPON
SUCH AS REMINGTON RIFLE SERIAL NUMBER FOUR SIX ONE FOUR
SEVEN SIX. DENT CONTAINS MICROSCOPIC MARKS OF TYPE WHICH
COULD BE PRODUCED BY SIDE OF BARREL AT MUZZLE BUT INSUFFI-
CIENT MARKS FOR IDENTIFICATION LEFT ON BOARD DUE TO PHYSICAL
NATURE OF WOOD. NO OTHER MARKS FOUND ON BOARD.**

**NO WOOD, PAINT, ALUMINUM OR SIGNIFICANT MARKS FOUND
ON RIFLE BARREL. NO GUNPOWER OR RESIDUE FOUND ON BOARD.**

**LATENT RESULTS AND CONFIRMING LABORATORY REPORT
BEING FURNISHED SEPARATELY.**

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MR. TROTTER

4/6/68

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J. J. Jones
Gay*

S. F. Latona

UNKNOWN SUBJECT, AKA JOHN WILLARD;
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM
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RESULTS OF LATENT PRINT EXAMINATION

All evidence delivered 4/5/68 by Memphis and Birmingham agents has been examined for latent prints with following results:

Memphis evidence

- One fingerprint on side of Remington Model 760 rifle, Q2
- One fingerprint on Redfield telescopic sight on rifle, Q2
- One palm print on black box for rifle, Q1. (This palm print identified as palm print of Donald F. Wood, clerk in Birmingham store where rifle purchased)
- One fingerprint on binoculars, Q14, from blue zipper bag. (This latent fingerprint identical with latent fingerprint on Q2 rifle)
- One fingerprint on newspaper "Commercial Appeal, Memphis, April 4, 1968" from blue zipper bag
- One fingerprint on after shave lotion bottle, Q24, from blue zipper bag
- One fingerprint on beer can, Q53, from blue zipper bag

Birmingham evidence

- Three fingerprints and three palm prints on Remington Model 700 rifle box. (These latent prints all identical fingerprints and palm prints of Birmingham store clerk, Wood)
- Three fingerprint on cartridge box from shelf in Birmingham gun store
- Fifteen fingerprints on two invoices from sale of two rifles in Birmingham. (Fourteen are identical fingerprints of store clerk, Wood, and one identical fingerprint agent recovering invoices)

Both rifles have been disassembled and all parts examined for latent prints.

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

Memorandum to MR. TROTTER
RE: Unknown Subject, AKA John Willard;
Martin Luther King, Jr. - Victim
CR

The aforementioned latent prints, that have not been eliminated as prints of store clerk Wood and agent, are not identical with fingerprints of suspects or of individuals whose names or prints have been furnished for elimination purposes. Latent prints have been compared with each other but no additional identifications effected.

All evidence presently being retained in either Laboratory or Identification Divisions.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

ADDENDUM; Memphis, Birmingham and General Investigation Divisions advised.

Jeff White
Gray

Mr. DeLoach

April 8, 1968

A. Rosen

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Malley
- 1 - Mr. McGowan
- 1 - Mr. Martindale
- 1 - Mr. McDonough
- 1 - Mr. Long
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- 1 - Mr. Conrad
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan

Frank
(11/57)

MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

At the request of the Department a full investigation has been instituted into the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr., at Memphis, Tennessee, on the evening of 4/4/68.

Attached is a letterhead memorandum for the President, the Attorney General, the Deputy Attorney General and the Civil Rights Division setting out the basic facts of the shooting and summarizing information presently available.

The following details do not appear in the letterhead memorandum:

The individual using the name John Willard, who is a suspect in this case, may be identical with John Hubert Willard, also known as John Hubbard Willard, FBI No. 934 454-C who received a probationary sentence, 6/25/58, in connection with an arson charge in Mississippi. Extensive efforts are being made to immediately locate John Hubert Willard.

Hubert
Willard

Although Emanuel Marcus Levin and Alex J. Harder, suspects arrested by the police, were released when they were vouched for by the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, we are thoroughly checking them out.

ACTION:

1. Attached is a letterhead memorandum for the White House, the Attorney General, the Deputy Attorney General and the Civil Rights Division.

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2. All-out investigation is continuing on a top priority basis.

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TO: SAC, NEW YORK (100-100000) FROM: SAC, PHOENIX (100-100000) RE: [Illegible]

On 4/5/68, [Illegible] advised that [Illegible] had been identified as the [Illegible] of [Illegible] in [Illegible] on 4/4/68.

It is noted that [Illegible] was born [Illegible] and is currently residing at [Illegible] in [Illegible]. [Illegible] is a [Illegible] and has been employed by [Illegible] since [Illegible].

On 4/5/68, [Illegible] advised that [Illegible] had been identified as the [Illegible] of [Illegible] in [Illegible] on 4/4/68.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

*In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.*

April 5, 1968

MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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

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

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

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

MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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

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

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

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

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

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DELIVERED APRIL 5, 1968 BY SA ROBERT FITZPATRICK, MEMPHIS OFFICE

Submitted by Airtel #1 as recovered by Inspector N. E. Zachary,
Memphis Police Department in vicinity of 424 South Main Street:

- Q1 Rifle box for Browning .243 Winchester caliber rifle,
Serial Number 4744Z5
- Q2 .30-06 Springfield caliber Remington "Gamemaster" slide-
action rifle, Model 760, Serial Number 461476, with Redfield
telescope sight, Serial Number A17350, with clip
- Q3 .30-06 Springfield caliber Remington-Peters cartridge case
- Q4-Q12 Nine .30-06 Springfield caliber cartridges (five Remington-
Peters and four R-A-55) in Peters cartridge box, Index
Number 3033
- Q13 Large green and brown cloth

Submitted by Airtel #2 as recovered by Inspector N. E. Zachary,
Memphis Police Department in vicinity of 424 South Main Street:

- Q14 "Banner" binocular (Bushnell) 7 by 35, Serial Number DQ408664
(allegedly in zipper bag when recovered)
- Q15 Zipper bag

ITEMS FROM OUTSIDE COMPARTMENT OF ZIPPER BAG

- Q16 Needle-nose pliers and tack hammer
- Q17 Box of "Band-Aid Sheer Strips"
- Q18 Georgia-Alabama Standard Oil map
- Q19 "Commercial Appeal" Memphis newspaper, first
section only, issue of April 4, 1968
- Q20 Standard Oil map of the United States

ITEM INSIDE ZIPPER BAG, IN POCKET

Q21 Partial roll of toilet paper

ITEMS LOOSE INSIDE ZIPPER BAG

Q22 Binocular case with instruction booklet, lens cloth and guarantee card

Q23 Binocular box cardboard

Q24 "Gillette Travel Kit" purchased at Oliver Rexall Store, Whitehaven, price \$1.89, with razor, lotion shaving cream, deodorant, hair cream and razor blade in dispenser

Q25 Gray paper sack bearing marking "York Arms Co." with receipt dated 4-4-68 in amount of \$41.55

Q26 White and yellow towel

Q27 White handkerchief

Q28 Tube of "Colgate" toothpaste

Q29-Q30 Pair of black socks

Q31 Seven-ounce can of "Right Guard" deodorant

Q32 Channel Master radio

Q33 Bottle of "Bufferin"

Q34 Elastic belt

Q35 Tube of "Brylcreem"

Q36 Bottle of "One-A-Day" vitamins

Q37 Small bar of "Cashmere Bouquet" soap

Q38 Hairbrush

Q39 Bar of "Dial" soap, bath size

Q40 Tube of "Head and Shoulders" shampoo

ITEMS LOOSE INSIDE ZIPPER BAG (continued)

- Q41 Can of brown "Kiwi" shoe polish
- Q42 Can of "Palmolive Rapid Shave" shaving cream
- Q43 Maroon button (in sack with beer)
- Q44 Black button (in sack with beer)
- Q45 Toothbrush, "Pepsodent"
- Q46 Safety razor, without blade
- Q47 Plastic bottle of "Mennen Afta" lotion
- Q48 Small bar of "Cameo" toilet soap
- Q49 Small bar of "Cashmere Bouquet" soap, bearing advertisement of Friendship Inn
- Q50-Q51 Two bobby pins
- Q52-Q53 Two cans of "Schlitz" beer, pull tab
- Q54 Plastic "six-pack" carrying device
- Q55 Brown paper sack (containing beer)
- Q56 Small brown paper sack, empty
- Q57 Key
- Q58 Toothpick
- Q59 Metal ring
- Q60-Q61 Two coat hangers
- Q62 Two links from "Adjust-O" watchband
- Q63 Maroon button

Submitted by Airtel #3:

Q64 Bullet from body

Q65 Twenty dollar Federal Reserve Note, Series 1963A,
Serial Number F14002844A

Q66 Twenty dollar Federal Reserve Note, Series 1963A,
Serial Number H16164663A

Q67 Twenty dollar Federal Reserve Note, Series 1963,
Serial Number F06445143A

Q68 Fingerprint card for Bessie Ruth Brewer

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Retrieved April 5, 1968 by Robert Fitzpatrick
Memphis, office

Submitted by airtel #1 as recovered by Inspector N.E. Zachary,
Memphis Police Department, in vicinity of 424 South Main Street.

Q1 ~~Rifle~~ Rifle box ^{for mounted} Browning .243 Winchester caliber rifle,
SN ⁷444425
_{alt}

Q2. .30-06 Springfield caliber Remington "Gamemaster"
slide-action rifle, Model 760, Serial Number 461476
with Redfield telescope sights and clips
Serial No. A17350,
caliber

Q3 .30-06 Springfield, Remington-Peters cartridge case

Q4-Q12 ~~Peters cartridge box~~ ~~Remington-Peters~~ ~~cartridge~~ ~~box~~ ~~Serial No. 3033~~
caliber, ^{cartridge} Springfield (five Remington-Peters and four R-A-55) ~~cartridge~~
in Peters cartridge box, Serial No. 3033

Q13 Large green and brown cloth.

Submitted by airtel # 2 as received by Inspector N.E. Zachary, Memphis Police Dept. in vicinity of 424 South Main Street.

- Q14 ~~16~~ "Banner" binocular (Bushnell) 7x35, Serial No DQ408664 (allegedly in zipper bag when received)
- Q15 ~~17~~ Zipper bag

Items from ^{outside compartment of} zipper bag: (underlined)

- Q16 ~~18~~ 8 Nalle-nou pliers
- Q17 ~~19~~ 7 Box of "Band-Aid Skin Straps"
- Q18 ~~20~~ 11 Georgia-Alabama Standard Oil ~~map~~ map
- Q19 ~~21~~ 11 "Commercial Appeal," Memphis newspaper, first section only, issue of April 4, 1968
- Q20 ~~22~~ 12 Standard Oil map of the United States

Items inside zipper bags, in pocket:

- Q21 ~~23~~ 13 ~~lot of~~ toilet paper (in insert) ~~stems loose inside zipper bags~~
- ~~✓ Banner binocular 7x35 Serial Number DQ408664~~
- Q22 ~~24~~ 14 Binocular case with instruction booklet, lens cloth and guarantee card.
- Q23 ~~25~~ 15 Binocular box cardboard
- Q24 ~~26~~ 16 "Gillette Travel Kit" purchased at Olivar Payroll Store, Whitehaven, price \$1.89, with razor, lotion, shaving cream, deodorant, hair cream and razor blades in dispenser.
- Q25 ~~27~~ 17 Gray paper sack bearing marking "York Cheese Co." with receipt dated 4/1/68 in amount of \$41.55.
- Q26 ~~28~~ 18 white and yellow check towel
- Q27 ~~29~~ 19 white handkerchief
- Q28 ~~30~~ 20 Tube of Colgate toothpaste

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- Q29-Q30 ~~27~~ Pair of black socks
- Q31 ~~28~~ Seven ounce can of Right Guard deodorant
- Q32 ~~29~~ Channel Master radio
- Q33 ~~30~~ Bottle of Bufferin ~~bottle containing 12 tablets~~
- Q34 ~~31~~ ~~32~~ Elastic belt
- Q35 ~~33~~ Tube of Boylhem cream
- Q36 ~~34~~ Bottle of One-A-Day vitamins
- Q37 ~~35~~ Small bar of Cashmere Bouquet soap
- Q38 ~~36~~ Hair brush
- Q39 ~~37~~ Bar of Dial soap, both size
- Q40 ~~38~~ Tube of Head and Shoulders shampoo
- Q41 ~~39~~ Can of brown Kiwi ^{Kiwi} shoe polish
- Q42 ~~40~~ Can of Palmolive Rapid Shave shaving cream
- ~~41~~ Two buttons, one maroon and one black (in sack with 2 campfers)
- ~~42~~ Tooth brush
- Q43 ~~41~~ Maroon button (in sack with beer)
- Q44 ~~42~~ Black button (in sack with beer)
- Q45 ~~43~~ Tooth brush, Pepsodent
- Q46 ~~44~~ Safety razor, without blade
- Q47 ~~45~~ Plastic bottle of Mennen Afters lotion
- Q48 ~~46~~ Small bar of Cameo toilet soap
- Q49 ~~47~~ Small bar of Cashmere Bouquet soap, bearing advertisement of Friendship Inn
- Q50-Q51 ~~48~~ Two baby pins
- Q52-Q53 ~~49~~ Two cans of Schlitz beer, pull tab
- Q54 ~~50~~ Plastic "six-pack" carrying device
- Q55 ~~51~~ Brown paper sack (containing beer)
- ~~52~~ Small brown paper sack

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- Q56 ~~#5~~ Small brown paper sack, empty
- Q57 ~~#6~~ ~~Half~~ Key
- Q58 ~~#7~~ Toothpick
- Q59 ~~#8~~ Metal ring
- Q60, Q61 ~~#9~~ Two coat hangers.
- Q62 ~~#10~~ Two links from "adjust"-0" watch band

Submitted by Airtel #3

Q63 ~~5~~ Bullet from body

Q64 ~~5~~ ^{Twenty dollar} Federal Reserve Note, Series 1963A, Serial No. F14002844A

Q65 ~~5~~ " " " " " " 1963A " " H16164667A

Q66 ~~5~~ " " " " " " 1963 " " F06445143A

Q67 ~~5~~ 55 Fingerprint card for Bessie Ruth Brewer

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~~1-Mr. Conrad-Enc.~~
1-Mr. Frazier-Enc.
1-Office, 7133-Enc.
4-5-68

Mr. Conrad

R. H. Jevons

UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
also known as John Willard;
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. -
VICTIM; CIVIL RIGHTS

Sixtyeight items were received from the Memphis Office today in connection with this case. They consisted of a bullet from the victim's body, a .30-06 Springfield caliber Remington "Gamemaster" slide-action rifle, Model 760, Serial Number 461476, with a Redfield telescope sight attached, bearing Serial Number A17350, several loaded .30-06 caliber cartridges of both commercial and military types, a bedspread, a suitcase containing numerous toilet articles, maps, a newspaper section, a binocular, towel, handkerchief, a pair of socks, two cans of beer, purchased in Mississippi, and several miscellaneous items. In addition to the above, three twenty-dollar bills were submitted for fingerprint examination.

The bullet from King's body is a .30 caliber metal-jacketed, soft point, sporting type rifle bullet, similar in all remaining characteristics to the bullets in five of the loaded cartridges found in the suitcase referred to above. This suitcase was recovered by the Memphis Police Department after being abandoned in the vicinity of 424 South Main Street. A cartridge case found in this suitcase was identified as having been fired in the Remington rifle referred to above which was also abandoned at this address.

Based on general rifling impressions, the bullet from King's body could have been fired from the Remington rifle but due to mutilation of the bullet, insufficient marks of value for identification remain and it was not possible to determine definitely whether or not the fatal bullet came from this rifle. This conclusion was reached independently by three of the Laboratory's firearms examiners.

Enclosure

1-Mr. Tolson
1-Mr. Mohr
1-Mr. DeLoach
1-Mr. Rosen
1-Mr. Bishop
1-Mr. Martindale
1-Mr. Trotter

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**Memorandum to Mr. Conrad
Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
also known as John Willard;
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. -
VICTIM; CIVIL RIGHTS**

The Memphis Office requested the Laboratory to determine the sources of many of the items submitted. These examinations are going forward. Some of the items submitted contained hair and foreign fibers of possible value for comparison with suspect's hair and clothing; however, to date, we have received no suspect's hair or clothing for comparison.

All hairs recovered to date are of Caucasian origin rather than of Negroid or other origin.

All material received has been photographed and where appropriate, has been or is being examined for latent fingerprints.

The Memphis Office is being furnished a teletype concerning the firearms, hair and fiber, soil and document examinations today.

ACTION: None. For information.

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Date: 4/4/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AM _____
(Priority)TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTN: FBI LABORATORY

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P

UNSUB; Aka. John Willard;
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM
CIVIL RIGHTS

OO: MEMPHIS

Submitted herewith is black box with caption "Browning Shotguns, Rifles, Pistols, Mauser Rifle" appearing on top of box. At end of box appears label bearing Number 130712 with marking "Caliber 243W." Further descriptive data on this label discloses it is Browning high-powered rifle, 22" barrel, light with sights, grade Safari, and SN 444915. Possibility exists that number may read "4Y44Z5."

Inside box is Remington Gamemaster rifle, Model 760. Number appearing on rifle is 461476. Rifle bears Redfield Tube Sight 2X7X. In addition, box contains clip which was removed from weapon by SA O. V. JOHNSON. Also contained in box is shell casing which was removed from weapon by SA O. V. JOHNSON and SAC R. G. JENSEN. Also in box is package of Peters high velocity center fire cartridges; nine cartridges in case, eleven empty slots.

This material recovered by Inspector N. E. ZACHARY (NA), Memphis Police Department, in area immediately in front of 424 South Main Street. This is location Canipe Amusement Co. Box in which rifle contained was partially obscured and covered by blanket of green herringbone type material. This blanket also recovered by Inspector ZACHARY. It is noted blanket has some mud stains thereon. Inspector ZACHARY advised blanket is not property of rooming house at which UNSUB stayed.

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1 MEMPHIS

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Approved: _____

Special Agent in Charge

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REQUEST OF LABORATORY

Laboratory requested to examine all possible places on rifle, scope, cartridges, and box for possible evidence of fingerprints.

In connection with enclosed blanket, Laboratory requested to submit to soil examination since evidence of soil appears thereon. Also determine, if possible, nature of composition of blanket, as to whether it is synthetic or animal fiber. If possible, determine percentage of content, if it is a mixed type composition, cotton fiber, woolen fiber, or synthetic fiber. Also advise if possible any knowledge available to Laboratory as to possible manufacturer of blanket. Any other appropriate examination in connection with this blanket should be conducted by the Laboratory.

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ATTN: FBI LABORATORY

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P

UNSUB, Aka. John Willard;
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM
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AIRTEL #2

Re Airtel #1 submitted this date, Attn: FBI Laboratory.

In separate container there is submitted second item recovered by Inspector N. E. ZACHARY (NA), Memphis PD, in same area as rifle submitted in prior Airtel. This zipper bag was recovered in area in front of 424 South Main Street. Business located at this address is Canipe Amusement Co.

Individual items in blue zipper bag, 20 x 30 inches, have not been individually marked. They were all, however, recovered by Inspector ZACHARY. Contents of bag are as follows:

- (1) In outside zipper compartment is one small magnetic tack hammer.
- (2) Small needle-nose type pliers bearing sales tag, or identifying tag, on handle which reads either "Compage" or "Rompage" Hardware.
- (3) Georgia-Alabama Standard Oil map.
- (4) "Commercial Appeal," Memphis newspaper, first section only, issue of April 4, 1968.
- (5) Standard Oil U. S. map.

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1 MEMPHIS

RGJ:BN (4)

Approved: _____

Special Agent in Charge

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When opened, blue bag has insert and enclosed in insert is one roll of toilet paper.

In bag proper is a set of binoculars, Banner by Bushnell, binocular case and a box in which binoculars in case belong. Binoculars carry magnifying 7 x 35 and No. DQ408664.

(2) Gillette shaving kit - razor, lotion, foamy cream. Right Guard, Heads Up - appears purchased from Oliver Rexall Drug Store, Whitthaven, Tenn., price \$1.89.

(3) Gray paper sack bearing York Arms Co. price tag \$41.55, dated 4/4/68. This appears to be bag in which binoculars purchased.

(4) One white and yellow checked towel.

(5) One white handkerchief, no laundry mark.

(6) Tube Colgate toothpaste

(7) Pair black socks

(8) 7 oz. can Right Guard

(9) 6-Transistor Channel Master Radio

(10) Bottle Bufferin

(11) String belt, gray in color.

(12) Brillcream

(13) Bottle of one-a-day Vitamins

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(15) Hair brush

(16) Dial Soap

(17) Head and Shoulders Shampoo bearing=Liggitt-Rexall #1678, Price \$1.10.

(18) Can Kiwi brown polish

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- (20) Loose button, maroon color
- (21) Tooth brush and safety razor
- (22) Mennin Afta
- (23) Cameo Small toilet soap
- (24) Two bobby pins
- (25) 2 cans Schlitz beer in paper sack.

REQUEST OF LABORATORY

Laboratory requested to arrange for appropriate latent fingerprint examination of all items contained herein, as well as exterior and interior of blue bag, various and sundry items enclosed inside bag, and various compartments. Consider all for possibility latent fingerprint examination.

In addition to latent examination, Laboratory should conduct any appropriate Laboratory examination that will assist Memphis in determining manufacturer and distributor of any of items enclosed in blue bag.

See next page for additional Request of Laboratory.

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Date:

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(Type in plaintext or code)

Via _____
(Priority)

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REQUEST OF FBI LABORATORY

Laboratory requested to process all material within this outer compartment for fingerprints and conduct any other appropriate Laboratory examination to assist Memphis in ascertaining where this material came from.

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Special Agent in Charge

F B I

Date: 4/4/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

SUBJECT: UNSUB, aka
John Willard;
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. -
VICTIM
CR

(OO Memphis) #3

Submitted herewith under separate cover is the bullet which was removed from Dr. KING's body. It is requested the Laboratory perform the necessary examinations to determine if this bullet came from the rifle being submitted.

In addition to item mentioned above, there is submitted herewith 3 separate \$20 bills bearing the following serial numbers:

Federal Reserve Note
Series 1963 A SN F14002844A

Federal Reserve Note
Series 1963 A SN H16164663A

Federal Reserve Note
Series 1963 SN F06445143A

These were received from BESSIE RUTH BREWER at flop house in which captioned subject stayed. Mrs. BREWER advised subject paid her this date shortly after 3:00 P.M. with a \$20 bill. She does not know which of these \$20 bills subject used. Therefore, Laboratory requested to have necessary latent examination conducted on these \$20

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Special Agent in Charge

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bills. Also enclosed herewith are prints of BESSIE RUTH BREWER for elimination purposes.

TELETYPE

PLAINTEXT

1-Mr. Tolson
1-Mr. Mohr

1-Mr. DeLoach
1-Mr. Rosen
1 URGENT

1-Mr. Bishop
1-Mr. Martindale
1-Mr. Conrad
1-Office, 7133
1-Mr. Frazier,
7410

4/5/68

TO SAC MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM DIRECTOR FBI

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

REURAIRTELS APRIL FOUR.

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

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

RAF:feh (11)

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

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

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

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

BROWN AND GREEN CLOTH FOUND WITH RIFLE IS BEDSPREAD

TELETYPE TO MEMPHIS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NO NEGROID HAIRS FOUND.

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

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

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

LATENT RESULTS AND COMPLETE LABORATORY REPORT
BEING FURNISHED SEPARATELY.

F B I

Date: 4/4/68

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Via AIRTEL AM _____
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTN: FBI LABORATORY

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P

UNSUB; Aka. John Willard;
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM
CIVIL RIGHTS

OO: MEMPHIS

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1 MEMPHIS

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Approved: R. Jensen Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

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REQUEST OF LABORATORY

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1 MEMPHIS RGJ:BN (4)

Approved: R. J. [Signature] Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

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See next page for additional Request of Laboratory.

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Date:

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Via _____
(Priority)

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REQUEST OF FBI LABORATORY

Laboratory requested to process all material within this outer compartment for fingerprints and conduct any other appropriate Laboratory examination to assist Memphis in ascertaining where this material came from.

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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

F B I

Date: 4/4/68

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Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

SUBJECT: UNSUB, aka
John Willard;
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. -
VICTIM
CR

(OO Memphis) (1)

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Approved: (4) R. C. [Signature] Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

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