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PLIERS ASPECT

INVESTIGATION THIS DATE AT ROMPAGE HARDWARE COMPANY, FIVE FIVE FOUR TWO HOLLYWOOD BOULEVARD, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, DISCLOSES COMPANY EMPLOYEES POSITIVE DUCK-BILLED PLIERS IN COLOR PHOTOGRAPH IS PART OF A ONE TIME SHIPMENT THEY RECEIVED OCTOBER SIXTY SIX. PRESENT MANAGER BELIEVES TWELVE SUCH PLIERS IN SHIPMENT. BUREAU AGENT OBTAINED THE LAST ONE FROM "BARGAIN BIN" NEAR FRONT DOOR OF STORE. IT APPEARS IDENTICAL WITH PHOTO AND BEARS SAME LABEL EXCEPT THAT STORE CODE IS FAINTLY VISIBLE IN UPPER LEFT AND UPPER RIGHT CORNER SHOWING INVENTORY DATE TEN - SIX.

ALL PRESENT SALES FORCE HAVE NO RECOLLECTION OF ANY SALE OF THIS ITEM. MANAGEMENT ADVISED APPROXIMATELY EIGHTY FIVE - NINETY PERCENT OF BUSINESS IS CASH SALE. CREDIT INVOICES FOR ALL SALES SINCE OCTOBER SIXTY SIX TO PRESENT BEING CHECKED TO DETERMINE IF SUBJECT PLIERS POSSIBLY PURCHASED ON CREDIT.

ONE CREDIT ITEM REFLECTING SALE OF ONE DOLLAR NINETY EIGHT CENTS PLIERS, TYPE UNKNOWN, LOCATED. PURCHASER WILL BE INTERVIEWED. REVIEW OF VOLUMINOUS CREDIT SALES CONTINUES.

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IDENTITIES AND ADDRESSES OF FORMER EMPLOYEES
WHO CEASED EMPLOYMENT SUBSEQUENT TO OCTOBER SIXTY SIX
OBTAINED. INTERVIEWS BEING CONDUCTED. MANAGER ~~INTERVIEWED~~ ^{offered}
POSSIBILITY OF THEFT BY SHOP LIFTER AS HE HAS SUFFERED SUCH
LOSSES IN PAST.

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 DIRECTOR FBI, SAC MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM
 SAC LOS ANGELES 44-1574
 MURKIN, CR

DETECTIVE STRUM, NEWTON STREET, DIV, LAPD, TONIGHT ADVISED COMPLAINT RECEIVED FROM ROBERTA EDWARDS AND CATHLEEN MABLE MC BRIDE, SISTERS, RESIDING 910 W. 81st STREET, LOS ANGELES, ALLEGING MISTREATMENT BY UNKNOWN WHITE MALE DURING COURSE THREE HOUR DRIVE THROUGHOUT SOUTH LOS ANGELES THIS AFTERNOON. UNKNOWN WHITE MALE FORCED GIRLS OUT OF VEHICLE AFTER REPORTEDLY MAKING STATEMENT HE HAD KILLED DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING IN MEMPHIS AND HAD JUST ARRIVED LOS ANGELES FROM MEMPHIS BY JET.

MC BRIDE LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED BY BUAGENTS REPEATING ABOVE INFORMATION. SHE ADVISED UNKNOWN WHITE MALE DESCRIBED AS 25, 5'9, 170 lbs, RUDDY COMPLEXION, BROWN HAIR, WEARING ORANGE PANTS, WHITE SHIRT, BLACK SHOES. HE WAS MEAN LOOKING AND USED FOUL LANGUAGE. HE WAS DRIVING 1965 DODGE, CHERRY RED IN COLOR, CALIFORNIA LIC ROE 183. HE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY NEGRO MALE, TWENTY YEARS, WEARING WHITE SHIRT AND BLACK PANTS. UNSUBS APPARENTLY KNEW EACH OTHER, ACCORDING TO MC BRIDE.

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INVESTIGATION REFLECTS VEHICLE REGISTERED TO TRANS AMERICAN LEASING, 1157 SO. HOPE STREET, LOS ANGELES WHOSE RECORDS WILL BE AVAILABLE 8 AM 4/9/ NEXT.

LOS ANGELES WILL INTERVIEW ROBERTA EDWARDS, SISTER OF MC BRIDE IN AM OF 4/9. BOTH FEMALES KNOWN TO LOCAL POLICE AS HUSTLERS. WILL CHECK RECORDS TRANS AMERICAN LEASING COMPANY AND ASCERTAIN NAME OF LEASOR.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING.

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TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, ALBANY, LOS ANGELES, NEW RLEANS (INFO)
PHILADELPHIA AND SACRAMENTO (INFO).
FROM NEW YORK 44-1609

MURKIN; CIVIL RIGHTS; OO: MEMPHIS.

RE BH TE-LES TO THE BUREAU DATED APRIL SEVEN AND APRIL
EIGHT LAST AND ME TEL TO ALL SACS DATED APRIL SEVEN LAST.

FOR INFORMATION, BIRMINGHAM ADVISED UNSUB USED NAME HARVEY
LOWMEYER WHEN PURCHASING RIFLE IN BIRMINGHAM AND NAME JOHN
WILLARD IN REGISTRATION AT ME. BIRMINGHAM REQUESTED NY OFFICE
TO CONTACT DINERS CLUB TO DETERMINE IF EITHER NAME APPEARED AS
CREDIT CARD HOLDERS AND THEREAFTER SET OUT APPROPRIATE LEADS TO
ELIMINTATE OR IDENTIFY AS UNSUB THIS CASE.

REVIEW OF DINERS CLUB'S RECORDS AT NEW YORK REVEALS NO
CREDIT CARD FOR HARVEY LOWMEYER.

RECORDS REFELCT THE FOLLOWING DINERS CLUB ACCOUNTS UNDER
THE NAME JOHN WILLARD:

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JOHN F. WILLARD, WILLARD GENERAL TIRE SERVICE, INC.,
TWO THREE NINE WEST KING STREET, YORK, PENNSYLVANIA.
THIS ACCOUNT NUMBER TWO FOUR FOUR SIX SIX THREE ZERO SIX DASH
EIGHT HAS BEEN ACTIVE SINCE NINETEEN HUNDRED FIFTY THREE.

PH CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION TO ELIMINATE OR
IDENTIFY JOHN F. WILLARD AS UNSUB THIS CASE.

JOHN W. WILLARD, WIFE MARY R. WILLARD, ONE THREE FIVE
HAMPTON ROAD, SYRACUSE, NEW YORK, TELEPHONE NUMBER
GR NINE DASH NINE SEVEN FOUR FIVE, DINERS CLUB ACCOUNT
NUMBER ONE SEVEN TWO EIGHT DASH FIVE SIX ONE THREE DASH
ZERO. DINERS CLUB RECORDS REFLECT WILLARD AS PRESIDENT
OF J. W. WILLARD ASSOCIATES, INC. EMPLOYMENT AGENCY, TWO
TWO ZERO SOUTH WARREN STREET, SYRACUSE, NEW YORK,
TELEPHONE NUMBER FOUR TWO TWO DASH FIVE ONE ONE ONE,
AND HAS BANK ACCOUNT AT MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK AND TRUST
COMPANY, SYRACUSE, NEW YORK.

HIS SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER IS RECORDED AS [REDACTED]
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[REDACTED] AND HE HAS
OPERATED ABOVE BUSINESS FOR PAST ELEVEN YEARS. THE ACCOUNT
WAS OPENED OCTOBER THIRTY, NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN, AND
IS PRESENTLY AN ACTIVE ACCOUNT.

AL CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION TO ELIMNATE
OR IDENTIFY JOHN W. WILLARD AS UNSUB THIS CASE.

JOHN D. WILLARD, JR., AGE TWENTY EIGHT IN NINETEEN
SIXTYFIVE, DINERS CLUB ACCOUNT NUMBER FIVE ONE TWO ONE DASH
ONE FOUR TWO FIVE DASH SEVEN, RESIDED AT FOUR FOUR ZERO
SEVEN BEACH STREET, LANCASTER, CALIFORNIA, TELEPHONE
NUMBER LI OR NI EIGHT DASH FIVE FOUR THREE EIGHT AS OF
NINETEEN SIXTYFIVE, AT WHICH TIME HE WAS DESCRIBED AS
BEING SINGLE. PRIOR TO THIS DATE, HE WAS FIRST LIEUTENANT
AT EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, CALIFORNIA, FOR THREE YEARS.
THIS ACCOUNT WAS CLOSED AT MEMBER'S REQUEST, MAY NINETEEN,
NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN. ACCOUNT HISTORY IDENTIFIES FATHER
AS JOHN D. WILLARD, SR., FOUR ONE FOUR CHICASAND STREET,
SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA, AND REFLECTS WILLARD, JR., MAINTAINED
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A BANK ACCOUNT AT THE COMMERCIAL NATIONAL BANK, SHREVEPORT,
LA. HE LISTED HIS PERSONAL REFERENCE AS KEN SMITH,
FOUR FOUR ZERO SEVEN BEACH STREET, LANCASTER, CALIFORNIA,
AND A CHARGE ACCOUNT AT KELEK, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS.
THE ABOVE INFORMATION WAS OBTAINED TELEPHONICALLY FROM
DINERS CLUB, LOS ANGELES BY DINERS CLUB, NEW YORK.

LA CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION TO
ELIMINATE OR IDENTIFY JOHN D. WILLARD, JR., AS UNSUB
THIS CASE.

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P. TWO LINE 12 WORD TWO AND LINE THIRTEEN WOULD TWO AND
P. THREE LINE ONE FIRST WORD

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BH TELS.

P2 L12 IS OF J.W.

13 W2 ZERO

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TO ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES (PLAINTEXT)
FROM DIRECTOR (44-38861) 2P

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~~THIS IS THE CASE INVOLVING THE MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER
KING, JR., ON APRIL FOUR, LAST, IN MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE.~~

KING, JR., ON APRIL FOUR, LAST, IN MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD ANYONE BE TOLD THIS
INVESTIGATION IS IN CONNECTION WITH CAPTIONED MATTER.

IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT A RIFLE ABANDONED NEAR
SCENE OF CRIME WAS PURCHASED BY INDIVIDUAL USING THE NAME
HARVEY LOWMEYER OR LOWMYER.

LOWMEYER OR LOWMYER IS GENERALLY DESCRIBED AS WHITE
MALE, THIRTYSIX YEARS OLD, FIVE FEET EIGHT INCHES TALL, ONE
HUNDRED FIFTY - ONE HUNDRED SIXTY POUNDS, BLACK OR DARK BROWN
HAIR.

IN VIEW OF THE UNUSUAL NATURE OF THE NAMES LOWMEYER
AND LOWMYER, ALL OFFICES SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CHECK YOUR
INDICES, ALL CITY DIRECTORIES, ALL TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES COVERING
YOUR TERRITORIES, ALL DRIVERS LICENSE RECORDS, ALL AUTOMOBILE
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REGISTRATION RECORDS, VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS, AND CREDIT AND CRIMINAL RECORDS ON THE SURNAMES LOWMEYER AND LOWMYER. IN VIEW OF THE UNUSUAL NATURE OF THE NAMES, DO NOT CONFINE YOUR CHECK TO HARVEY LOWMEYER AND LOWMYER ONLY. ANY INDIVIDUALS IDENTIFIED AS BEARING THESE SURNAMES SHOULD BE IMMEDIATELY CHECKED OUT COVERING THE PERTINENT PERIOD. YOU SHOULD ALSO APPROPRIATELY CHECK OUT ALL BOMBING SUSPECTS IN YOUR TERRITORIES.

HANDLE IMMEDIATELY AND GIVE TOP PRIORITY ATTENTION.

BUFILES CONTAIN NO INFORMATION IDENTIFIABLE ON HARVEY LOWMEYER OR LOWMYER.

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DE LA COULD U PLS REPEAT LINES 1 AND 2 5 36

LINES 1&2 2"THIS IS THE CASE INVOLVING THE MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., ON APRIL FOUR4, LAST, IN MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE."

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1897)
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574) (P)
RE: UNSUB, aka
John Willard;
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. -
VICTIM
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OO: Memphis

Re Los Angeles teletype to Memphis 4/5/68.

Enclosed herewith are nine copies of FD 302
reflecting check of records at Bushnell Company,
Pasadena, California.

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~~SAN DIEGO~~ and SACRAMENTO

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (EX 100-57229)

Assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr
Racial MatterRE LOS ANGELES TELETYPE DATED ~~XXXXX~~ APRIL SEVEN LAST.

LACSO IN POSSESSION OF UNVERIFIED INFORMATION THAT
SUBSEQUENT TO THE FUNERAL OF DR KING, APRIL NINE NEXT, TROUBLE
WOULD START ON THE WEST COAST PARTICULARLY IN OAKLAND, SAN
FRANCISCO, VALLEJO, AND LOS ANGELES.

LACSO ALSO HAVE COMPLAINTS FROM BUSINESSMEN IN SOUTH
BAY AREA OF LOS ANGELES THAT THEY HAVE BEEN SOLICITED TO PLACE
ADS IN NEWSPAPERS IN MEMORY OF DR KING, AND IF NOT, THEY WOULD
BE FIREBOMBED.

LOS ANGELES RADIO STATION KABC THIS DATE INDICATED THAT
A MARCH WAS BEING HELD EARLY PM THIS DATE IN SOUTH CENTRAL AREA
OF LOS ANGELES IN MEMORY OF DR KING. WATCH COMMANDERS AT 77th
DIVISION AND UNIVERSITY DIVISION, LAPD, WHICH COVERS AREA OF
MARCH ADVISED THAT MARCH WAS ON 103rd street AND NO INCIDENTS
REPORTED. BOTH WATCH COMMANDERS ADVISED THAT SITUATION NORMAL,

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INFORMANTS AND SOURCES HAVE BEEN ALERTED AND GIVEN SPECIFIC ASSIGNMENTS TO VERIFY OR NEGATE THE INFORMATION FROM LACSO.

CLOSE LIAISON BEING MAINTAINED WITH THE LAPD AND THE LACSO AND PERTINENT INFORMATION RECEIVED WILL BE FORWARDED TO THE BUREAU AND INTERESTED OFFICES AT ONCE.

REGION II, PASADEA COGNIZANT.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING AND AIRTEL AND LHM WILL FOLLOW.

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TO ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES (PLAINTEXT)

FROM DIRECTOR (44-38861) 2P

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AMONG ARTICLES RECOVERED AT SCENE OF SHOOTING, APPARENTLY ABANDONED BY UNSUB, WERE A PAIR OF BROWNISH CHECKERED PRINT UNDERSHORTS AND WHITE JOCKEY TEE SHIRT BEARING CLOTH LAUNDRY TAGS. THESE TAGS WERE MADE BY A THERMO SEAL MARKING MACHINE MANUFACTURED BY THE TEXTILE MARKING MACHINE COMPANY, SYRACUSE, NEW YORK. THESE TAGS ARE ONE QUARTER INCH WIDE AND ONE AND ONE SIXTEENTH INCH LONG, RED IN COLOR AND BEAR MARKING WHICH APPEARS TO BE "O TWO B DASH SIX" OR "D TWO B DASH SIX." ONLY A PORTION OF THE FIRST CHARACTER IS PRESENT ON EACH TAG, AND THIS CHARACTER IS CUT ON A SLIGHT BIAS. NO OTHER VISIBLE LAUNDRY MARKS WERE FOUND ON EITHER GARMENT.

IMMEDIATE CHECKS OF LOGICAL LAUNDRIES SUGGESTED BY TEXTILE MARKING COMPANY HAVE TO DATE BEEN UNPRODUCTIVE.

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UPON RECEIPT, ALL OFFICES SHOULD IMMEDIATELY TELEPHONICALLY
CONTACT ALL LAUNDRIES IN YOUR DIVISIONS TO IDENTIFY
LAUNDRY USING THIS CODE AND THESE TAGS AND PURSUE LOGICAL
LEADS DEVELOPED.

IF PERTINENT LAUNDRY IDENTIFIED, IMMEDIATELY ADVISE
BUREAU TELEPHONICALLY.

THIS MUST BE GIVEN TOP PRIORITY HANDLING TO INSURE
THAT THESE CHECKS ARE IMMEDIATELY RUN OUT.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD ANYONE BE TOLD THIS
INVESTIGATION IS IN CONNECTION WITH CAPTIONED MATTER.

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TO: DIRECTOR, BIRMINGHAM, LOS ANGELES (44-1574) AND
MEMPHIS

FROM: NEW YORK (44-1609) 1P

MURKIN

RE LOS ANGELES TEL TO THE BUREAU APRIL EIGHT LAST.
RUTH PETERSON, MOTHER OF ALAN ROY PETERSON, CONFIRMED
ALAN TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED HER MORNING OF APRIL EIGHT
LAST TO DETERMINE WHY FBI TRYING TO CONTACT HIM. SHE STATES
ALAN FORWARDS ALL HIS MAIL TO HER WHICH CONSISTS OF ONLY
CHURCH BULLETINS. SHE STATES NEITHER SHE NOR ALAN'S FATHER
HAVE ANY BROTHERS OR SISTERS, THEREFORE, ALAN HAS NO COUSINS.
SHE KNOWS OF NO ONE THAN HERSELF WHO COMMUNICATES WITH
ALAN PETERSON.

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1046 AM IMMEDIATE 4-9-68 JGA

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, CHICAGO, CLEVELAND, DENVER, LOS ANGELES
SAN FRANCISCO, SEATTLE, AND LOUISVILLE
FROM BIRMINGHAM 44-1740

MURKIN.

ERIC STARVO GALT, TWO SIX ZERO EIGHT HIGHLAND AVENUE SOUTH,
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, DEVELOPED AS POSSIBLE SUSPECT THIS CASE.
GALT WHITE MALE, DOB [REDACTED] OWNER OF NINETEEN
SIXTYSIX MUSTANG, NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN ALABAMA LICENSE ONE A EIGHT
EIGHT THREE FIVE FOUR, NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT ALABAMA REGISTRATION
ONE DASH THREE EIGHT NINE NINE THREE.

RECEIVING OFFICES IMMEDIATELY CONTACT CREDIT CARD OFFICES
TO DETERMINE WHETHER GALT HAS A STANDARD OIL COMPANY CREDIT CARD
AND, IF SO, DETERMINE PURCHASES MADE BY HIM FROM MARCH ONE,
NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT, TO DATE. ADDRESSES LISTED BELOW:

CHICAGO. STANDARD OIL DIVISION OF AMERICAN OIL COMPANY,
CENTRAL CREDIT CARD OFFICE, ONE SIX FIVE NORTH CANAL STREET,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

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CLEVELAND. STANDARD OIL COMPANY OF OHIO, MIDLAND BUILDING,
CLEVELAND, OHIO.

DENVER. CHEVRON SERVICES, POST OFFICE BOX FIVE NINE NINE,
DENVER, COLORADO.

LOS ANGELES. STANDARD OIL COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA, POST
OFFICE BOX SEVEN FIVE NINE THREE, SANFORD STATION, LOS ANGELES,
CALIFORNIA.

SAN FRANCISCO. STANDARD OIL COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA,
WESTERN OPERATIONS CORPORATION, POST OFFICE BOX THREE FIVE SIX
FIVE, RINCON ANNEX, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA.

SEATTLE. STANDARD OIL COMPANY, POST OFFICE BOX TWO TWO
ZERO, SEATTLE, WASHINGTON.

LOUISVILLE. STANDARD OIL COMPANY OF KENTUCKY, E.P. CENTER,
POST OFFICE BOX EIGHTEEN SIX ZERO, LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY.
INDIVIDUAL TO CONTACT IS MR. F. D. GLAZE. GLAZE SHOULD BE
REQUESTED TO CONTACT FOUR DIVISIONS UNDER HIS JURISDICTION,
ATLANTA, JACKSON, LOUISVILLE, AND JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA.
LOUISVILLE LEAD TELEPHONICALLY FURNISHED DUE TO GEOGRAPHICAL AREA
COVERED.

ALL OFFICES IMMEDIATELY SUTEL.

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FBI NEW YORK

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TO DIRECTOR MEMPHIS BUTTE CHICAGO DETROIT LOS ANGELES (INFO)

PHILADELPHIA PITTSBURGH AND LOUISVILLE

FROM NEW YORK 44-1609 3P

MURKIN; CIVIL RIGHTS; OO - MEMPHIS

RE BIRMINGHAM TEL TO BUREAU APRIL SEVEN LAST; MEMPHIS TEL TO ALL
SASC APRIL SEVEN LAST AND NEW YORK TEL TO DIRECTOR APRIL EIGHT LST.

FOR INFO BIRMINGHAM ADVISED UNSUB USED NAME HARVEY LOWMEYER
WHEN PURCHASING RIFLE IN BIRMINGHAM AND NAME JOHN WILLARD IN
REGISTRATION AT MEMPHIS. BIRMINGHAM REQUESTED NEW YORK OFFICE TO
CONTACT AMERICAN EXPRESS CO. TO DETERMINE IF EITHER NAME APPEARED AS
CREDIT CARD HOLDERS AND THEREAFTER SET OUT APPROPRIATE LEADS TO
ELIMINATE OR IDENTIFY AS UNSUB THIS CASE.

REVIEW OF AMERICAN EXPRESS RECORDS AT NEW YORK REVEAL NO
CREDIT CARD FOR HARVEY LOWMEYER OR VARIATIONS OF NAME.

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John Dee Willard - Supr*

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RECORDS REFLECT THE FOLLOWING AMERICAN EXPRESS ACCOUNTS UNDER THE NAME JOHN WILLARD:

JOHN A. WILLARD, JR., EMPLOYED WITH MONTANA RR ASSOCIATION, BOX ONE ONE SEVEN TWO, HELENA, MONTANA.

JOHN DEE WILLARD, AGE TWENTY EIGHT IN NINETEEN SIXTY FIVE, RESIDES AT FOUR FOUR ZERO SEVEN TWO NORTH BEACH, APARTMENT D, LANCASTER, CALIFORNIA. TELEPHONE NUMBER WH EIGHT - FIVE FOUR THREE EIGHT AS OF NINETEEN SIXTY FIVE, AT WHICH TIME HE WAS DESCRIBED AS BEING SINGLE. PRIOR TO THIS DATE HE WAS FIRST LIEUTENANT AT EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, CALIFORNIA, FOR THREE YEARS. BANK REFERENCES REFLECT HE HAS A BANK ACCOUNT AT THE COMMERCIAL NATIONAL BANK, SHREVEPORT, LA, AND HAS A BANK ACCOUNT AT AMERICAN BANK AND TRUST CO., PLANK ROAD, BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA.

JOHN F. WILLARD, EIGHT ONE FIVE SOUTHERN ROAD, YORK, PA., TELEPHONE NUMBER EIGHT FOUR THREE - SEVEN FIVE THREE FOUR.

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JOHN H. WILLARD, IVY HILL, HARLAN, KENTUCKY.

JOHN K. WILLARD, LAKE GROVE ROAD, PETOSKEY, MICHIGAN,
TELEPHONE NUMBER DI SEVEN - THREE ZERO ONE FOUR.

JOHN RODERICK WILLARD, ONE ZERO TWO NINE PARKVIEW AVE.,
NEW KENSINGTON, PA., TELEPHONE NUMBER ED FIVE - SIX SEVEN NINE TWO.

JOHN WILLIAM WILLARD, SR., FIVE TWO TWO FOUR DAVIS STREET,
SKOKIE, ILLINOIS, TELEPHONE NUMBER CR FIVE - FIVE FIVE FOUR TWO.

ALL OFFICES CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION TO ELIMINATE OR
IDENTIFY PERSONS WHO ARE AMERICAN EXPRESS CREDIT CARD HOLDERS USING
THE NAME OF WILLARD.

FOR INFO OF LOS ANGELES, JOHN DEE WILLARD APPEARS TO BE IDENTICAL
WITH JOHN D. WILLARD, JR., SET OUT IN RE TEL DATED APRIL EIGHT LAST
AND IF SO, SHOULD NOT BE REINTERVIEWED.

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TO: DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)

FROM: LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN.

RE BIRMINGHAM TEL TO BUREAU, APRIL NINE, INSTANT,
CONCERNING ERIC STARVO GALT, TWO SIX ZERO EIGHT HIGHLAND
AVENUE, SOUTH, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA.

DON E. CASWELL, SPECIAL AGENT, STANDARD OIL COMPANY OF
CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES, ADVISED CHECK STANDARD OIL CREDIT
CARD OFFICES, LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY, DISCLOSED NO CREDIT CARD
ACCOUNT IN NAME GALT WITH STANDARD OIL COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA
WHICH INCLUDES WESTERN STATES, STANDARD OIL COMPANY OF TEXAS,
STANDARD OIL COMPANY OF KENTUCKY AND CAL OIL EAST (CHEVRON EAST
COMPANY).

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AIR MAIL - REGISTERED

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574) (P)
RE: MURKIN
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OO: Memphis

Enclosed for the Memphis Division is one blue business reply envelope of the Portable Power Company, 3756 Tracy Street, Los Angeles, California, bearing a postmark of Perry, Florida and a return address of "WILLIAM P. (illegible), 1118 Southamptton Street, Perry, Ga., 415"; one rectangular slip of white paper, inscribed on both sides the words, "Death Comes to Martin Luther King. The Truth is our Prime objective-----Death is already inevitable for the Black B-----d;" and one expended .30 caliber shell casing.

These enclosures were furnished to SA THEODORE M. GARDNER on 4/8/68 by Mr. ART DE LUCA, Plant Manager, O & R Engines, Inc., 3340 Emory Street, Los Angeles, California, along with the following information regarding the circumstances by which he came to acquire them:

During the first part of 1964, possibly as early as January, O & R Engines, Inc., acquired a number of small portable generators from a bankrupt company which owed them a large debt. Having no real use for these generators, it was decided to market them through a mailing house. This was

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done under the fictitious name of the Portable Power Company, and a large quantity of the above-described blue business envelopes were sent out by the mailing house.

The enclosed envelope was returned in response to this marketing program, and is the only such envelope retained by O & R Engines, Inc. Mr. DE LUCA has kept it in his desk since its return and did not think it important until the assassination of KING occurred on 4/4/68.

In view of the fact DE LUCA advised that an undetermined number of individuals have handled the enclosures, and because Los Angeles is unaware of the details of the investigation surrounding captioned case, the above evidence is being furnished to the Memphis Division rather than being submitted to the FBI Laboratory and further leads are being left to the discretion of the office of origin.

Inasmuch as the postal guide shows there is both a Perry, Florida, and a Perry, Georgia, information copies of this communication are being furnished to those offices covering these locations.

FD-302 will be prepared on above-described investigation, and will be retained by the Los Angeles Division unless advised to the contrary by Memphis.

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TO DIRECTOR, ALBANY, BIRMINGHAM, LOS ANGELES AND MEMPHIS PLAINTEXT
LOS ANGELES VIA WASHINGTON
FROM NEWARK (44-854)

MURKIN OO MEMPHIS

RE LOS ANGELES TEL TO BUREAU APRIL SEVEN LAST.

ALBANY TEL TO BUREAU, APRIL EIGHT LAST.

INVESTIGATION RE SUSPECT EDWARD PHILIP MARLOW DOES NOT
DISCLOSE HIS WHEREABOUTS AND MARLOW HAS NOT BEEN IN CAMDEN,
NJ, FOR SEVEN YEARS. CREDIT RECORDS DISCLOSE LAST KNOWN
EMPLOYMENT OF MARLOW IN NJ AREA AS PITTSBURGH PLATE GLASS
CO., MOORESTOWN, NJ, AND COMPANY MOVED FROM AREA BACK TO
PITTSBURGH IN ONE NINE SIX THREE.

CARMEN GRAZIANA WHO OPERATES LAUNDRY AT COLLINGSWOOD,
NJ, AND WHO FORMERLY OPERATED CUSTOM CLEANERS, WESTMONT,
NJ, ADVISED LAUNDRY MARK ON QUESTIONED T SHIRT AND
SHORTS NOT MADE IN HIS LAUNDRY. GRAZIANA DOES NOT CLEAN
ANY UNDER CLOTHING AND HIS OPERATION USES DIFFERENT
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CODE THAN THAT ON QUESTIONED LAUNDRY TAPE.

DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLE RECORDS, TRENTON, NJ,
DISCLOSE IN ONE NINE SIX TWO EDWARD PHILIP MARLOW WAS INVOLVED
IN A CAR ACCIDENT IN PENNSAUKEN, N.J. AND HIS DRIVER'S LICENSE
WAS REVOKED. MARLOW HAS NOT APPLIED FOR A NEW DRIVER'S LICENSE
SINCE THAT TIME AND HIS RESIDENCE LISTED WITH MOTOR VEHICLES
BUREAU WAS TWO ZERO TWO FOUR WESTMINISTER AVE., CAMDEN, N.J.
INVESTIGATION AT WESTMINISTER AVENUE ADDRESS, CAMDEN, FOR MARLOW
NEGATIVE.

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223AM URGENT 4-9-68 RJM

TO DIRECTOR MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN, CR.

DETECTIVE STRUM, NEWTON STREET DIVISION LAPD, TONIGHT ADVISED COMPLAINT RECEIVED FROM ROBERTA EDWARDS AND CATHLEEN MABLE MC BRIDE, SISTERS, RESIDING NINE ONE ZERO W. EIGHT ONE STREET, LOS ANGELES, ALLEGING MISTREATMENT BY UNKNOWN WHITE MALE DURING COURSE THREE HOUR DRIVE THROUGHOUT SOUTH LOS ANGELES THIS AFTERNOON. UNKNOWN WHITE MALE FORCED GIRLS OUT OF VEHICLE AFTER REPORTEDLY MAKING STATEMENT HE HAD KILLED DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING IN MEMPHIS AND HAD JUST ARRIVED LOS ANGELES FROM MEMPHIS BY JET.

MC BRIDE LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED BY BUAGENTS REPEATING ABOVE INFORMATION. SHE ADVISED UNKNOWN WHITE MALE DESCRIBED AS TWENTY-FIVE, FIVE FEET NINE INCHES, ONE SEVEN ZERO POUNDS, RUDDY COMPLEXION, BROWN HAIR, WEARING ORANGE PANTS, WHITE SHIRT, BLACK SHOES. HE WAS MEAN LOOKING AND USED FOUL LANGUAGE. HE WAS DRIVING ONE NINE SIX FIVE DODGE, CHERRY RED IN COLOR, CALIFORNIA LICENSE R O E ONE EIGHT THREE. HE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY
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NEGRO MALE, TWENTY YEARS, WEARING WHITE SHIRT AND BLACK PANTS.

UNSUBS APPARENTLY KNEW EACH OTHER, ACCORDING TO MC BRIDE.

INVESTIGATION REFLECTS VEHICLE REGISTERED TO TRANS AMERICAN
LEASING, 1 5 0 OLIVE ONE ONE FIVE SEVEN SO. HOPE STREET, LOS ANGELES WHOSE
RECORDS WILL BE AVAILABLE EIGHT AM FOUR NINE INSTANT.

LOS ANGELES WILL INTERVIEW ROBERTA EDWARDS, SISTER OF
MC BRIDE IN AM OF FOUR NINE. BOTH FEMALES KNOWN TO LOCAL POLICE
AS HUSTLERS. WILL CHECK RECORDS TRANS AMERICAN LEASING COMPANY
AND ASCERTAIN NAME OF LEASOR.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING.

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TO: DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS
FROM: LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN. CR.

~~FREDERICK JONES~~, ONE ONE TWO FIVE WEST BIRCH STREET,
OXNARD, CALIFORNIA, FORMER POSTAL EMPLOYEE, VENTURA COUNTY,
AND FORMER PRESIDENT, VENTURA COUNTY CHAPTER, NAACP, TODAY
ADVISED HE KNOWS OF INDIVIDUAL CAPABLE OF ASSASSINATING DR. KING.
HE IDENTIFIED INDIVIDUAL AS ~~HENRY EWELL HARTFORD~~, FORMERLY
WITH JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI POST OFFICE, WHO TRANSFERRED TO
VENTURA, CALIFORNIA POST OFFICE WHERE HE MADE IT PLAIN HATED
NEGROES. HE WAS REPORTEDLY CONNECTED WHITE CITIZENS COUNCIL,
VENTURA. HE RECENTLY TRANSFERRED TO THE MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE
POST OFFICE WHERE HE WOULD HAVE ARRIVED MARCH THIRTY, LAST.

MEMPHIS REQUESTED DETERMINE HARTFORD'S WHEREABOUTS AND
POTENTIAL.

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RE: RICHARD JONES, ONE ONE TWO WEST BIRCH STREET,
OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, FORMER POLICE CHIEF, ALABAMA COUNTY,
AND FORMER THREE STAR, ALABAMA COUNTY CHIEF, NATION, POST
OFFICE OF KNOWS OF INDIVIDUALS OF ASSASSINATING MR. KING.
RE: INDIVIDUALS KNOWN AS RICHARD JONES, FORMERLY
WITH BIRMINGHAM, MISSISSIPPI POST OFFICE, AND THE REPORTED TO
ALABAMA, CALIFORNIA POST OFFICE WHERE HE MADE IT KNOWN LATER
BIRMINGHAM. HE WAS REPORTEDLY CONTACTED WITH OTHERS COLORED,
ALABAMA. HE WAS REPORTEDLY CONTACTED TO THE INDIVIDUAL, REPORTEDLY
POST OFFICE WHERE HE WOULD HAVE ARRIVED FROM THIRTY, LAST.
RE: REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION FROM THE BIRMINGHAM POST OFFICE AND

URGENT

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Complaint Form
FD-71 (Rev. 10-26-65)

NOTE: Hand print names legibly; handwriting satisfactory for remainder.

Indices: ☐ Negative ☐ See below

Subject's name and aliases Assasination of Martin Luther King			Address of subject		Character of case RM
Complainant FREDRICK JONES			Complainant's address and telephone number 1125 W. Birch St., Oxnard (805) 483-3835		Complaint received ☐ Personal ☒ Telephonic Date 4-9-68 Time 10-06am.
Subject's Description	Race	Sex ☐ Male ☐ Female	Height	Hair	Build
	Age		Weight	Eyes	Complexion
	Scars, marks or other data				

Facts of complaint

C related he is a former post office employee in Ventura. He added he was the former President of the County Chapter of the NAACP and has talked with Agents of the Ventura Office on many occasions.

C said he wished to pass along some information for whatever it may be worth. He said in connection with the killing of DR. KING, he believes he knows of an individual that would be capable of doing such a thing. He said the mans name is HENRY EWELL HARTFORD. HARTFORD transferred from the Jackson, Mississippi Post Office to the Post Office in Ventura. While he was employed there he made it obvious he hated Negroes. He was one of the main figures in the "White Citizens Council" in Ventura. C said he has recently transferred to the Post Office in Memphis, and should have arrived in Memphis the Saturday prior to the shooting.

C said the man was so radical that he could possibly be the assassin.

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TO DIRECTOR; SAC'S PHILADELPHIA, BIRMINGHAM, AND MEMPHIS
FROM SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN

RE NYTELS APRIL EIGHT LAST AND APRIL NINE INSTANT.

INVESTIGATION AT U.S. POST OFFICE, LANCASTER, CALIF.,
REFLECTED THAT JOHN D. WILLARD, JR. ON FEBRUARY TWO FIVE
NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN FURNISHED FORWARDING ADDRESS OF TWO FOUR
WEST GOVERNOR ROAD, HERSHEY, PENNSYLVANIA.

MAJOR EDWIN A. POST, BOQ, EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE,
LANCASTER ADVISED ON APRIL NINE INSTANT THAT HE KNEW WILLARD
WHILE HE WAS ASSIGNED TO EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE AND DESCRIBED
HIM AS WHITE, MALE, AGE THREE ONE YEARS, SINGLE, FIVE FEET
EIGHT INCHES, ONE FIVE ZERO POUNDS, SANDY HAIR.

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TO DIRECTOR, BIRMINGHAM, MEMPHIS AND LOS ANGELES
FROM SAN DIEGO 44-387 2P

MURKIN.

REBUTEL TO ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES APRIL EIGHT LAST.

RECORDS, SAN DIEGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, SO NUMBER
ONE SIX EIGHT SEVEN THREE SEVEN, FOR HARVEY EDWARD LOHMEYER,
REPEAT LOHMEYER, REFLECT FOLLOWING;

LOHMEYER ARRESTED OCTOBER TWENTY, NINETEEN FIFTYEIGHT,
ON CHARGE ATTEMPTED BURGLARY AND WAS SENTENCED FEBRUARY
EIGHTEEN, NINETEEN FIVE NINE, TO INDETERMINATE SENTENCE
CHINO STATE PRISON, CHINO, CALIFORNIA, AND WAS TRANSPORTED
TO CHINO, CALIFORNIA, FEBRUARY TWENTY, NINETEEN FIVE NINE.

FOLLOWING BACKGROUND RE LOHMEYER SET FORTH;

WMA, BORN [REDACTED] AT QUINCY,
ILLINOIS, @PQWN HAIR, BLUE EYES, FIVE FEET EIGHT AND A HALF
INCHES, ONE THREE FIVE POUNDS, LIGHT COMPLEXION, AVERAGE
BUILD, TATTOO "MOM" RIGHT FOREARM, ADDRESS ROUTE BOX ONE
EIGHT EIGHT, EL CAJON, CALIFORNIA, CLOSEST LIVING RELATIVE
ALICE FENTON, SISTER, ROUTE BOX ONE EIGHT EIGHT, EL CAJON.

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AT TIME OF ARREST LOHMEYER INDICATED RESIDENCE IN STATE
AND COUNTY FOR THREE WEEKS IN THE UNITED STATES FOR LIFE.

LOS ANGELES AT CHINO STATE PRISON REVIEW RECORDS

// HARVEY EDWARD LOHMEYER, AND SET FORTH LEADS TO LOCATE TO
DETERMINE IF IDENTICAL UNSUB AND ALSO OBTAIN LATEST PHOTOGRAPH
AND FURNISH TO APPROPRIATE OFFICES.^{slr}

BUREAU REQUESTED TO COMPARE FINGERPRINT CARD OF HARVEY
EDWARD LOHMEYER, SAN DIEGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE NUMBER
ONE SIX EIGHT SEVEN THREE SEVEN, WITH KNOWN LATENT PRINTS
OF UNKNOWN SUBJECT IF ANY.

SAN DIEGO ATTEMPT TO LOCATE HARVEY EDWARD LOHMEYER
THROUGH ALICE FENTON, ROUTE BOX ONE EIGHT EIGHT, EL CAJON,
CALIFORNIA.

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TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, AND SACRAMENTO
 FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN CR

RE SAN DIEGO TEL TO BUREAU APRIL NINE INSTANT.

FOR INFO SACRAMENTO, FOLLOWING SET FORTH IN RETEL:

"RECORDS, SAN DIEGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, SO NUMBER
 ONE SIX EIGHT SEVEN THREE SEVEN, FOR HARVEY EDWARD LOHMEYER,
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 INCHES, ONE THREE FIVE POUNDS, LIGHT COMPLEXION, AVERAGE
 BUILD, TATTO "MOM" RIGHT FOREARM, ADDRESS ROUTE BOX ONE SEARCHED
 EIGHT EIGHT, EL CAJON, CALIFORNIA, CLOSEST LIVING RELATIVE INDEXED
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ALICE FENTON, SISTER, ROUTE BOX ONE EIGHT EIGHT, EL CAJON, CALIF.

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HARVEY EDWARD LOHMEYER, AND SET FORTH LEADS TO LOCATE TO
DETERMINE IF IDENTICAL UNSUB AND ALSO OBTAIN LATEST PHOTOGRAPH
AND FURNISH TO APPROPRIATE OFFICES."

CONTACT WITH PRISON AT CHINO, CALIFORNIA APRIL NINE INSTANT
DETERMINED LOHMEYER NOT IN CUSTODY AND NO RECORD LOCATED FOR
HIM. PRISON OFFICIALS STATE IF LOHMEYER RELEASED FROM CHINO MORE 1
THAN ONE YEAR AGO ALL RECORDS FOR HIM WILL BE LOCATED AT RECORDS
FACILITY, CALIFORNIA MEDICAL FACILITY, VACAVILLE, CALIF.

SACRAMENTO AT VACAVILLE HANDLE.

AM COPIES TO SAN DIEGO.

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TO DIRECTOR; SAC'S BIRMINGHAM AND MEMPHIS
FROM SAC LOS ANGELES (44-1574)
MURKIN

RE BUTELS APRIL EIGHT LAST AND APRIL NINE INSTANT,

~~LOS ANGELES TELETYPE TO BUREAU APRIL EIGHT LAST,~~ + APRIL 9 INSTANT.
+ Bureau Tel ~~CALL TO LA APRIL NINE INSTANT.~~
1. PLIER PHASE

~~DEAN WHITMORE~~ PURCHASER OF PAIR OF IDENTICAL ONE
DOLLAR AND NINETY EIGHT CENT PLIERS LOCATED, INTERVIEWED AND
PLIERS OBSERVED STILL IN HIS POSSESSION. NAMES AND ADDRESSES
OF SIX ADDITIONAL CHARGE ACCOUNT CUSTOMERS WHO HAVE PURCHASED
THESE PLIERS SUBSEQUENT TO OCTOBER, SIXTY SIX LOCATED DURING
CHECK OF ROMPAGE HARDWARE CO. CREDIT INVOICES. THESE CUSTOMERS
BEING INTERVIEWED.

~~TOM WARE~~, FORMER STORE MANAGER, ROMPAGE HARDWARE
LOCATED, INTERVIEWED. HE HAD NO RECOLLECTION OF SPECIFIC SALE
OF ANY SUCH PRICED PLIERS TO ANY INDIVIDUAL. OTHER FORMER
EMPLOYEES BEING INTERVIEWED.

2. NAME CHECK PHASE

NAMES ~~HARVEY LOWMEYER~~ AND ~~LOWMYER~~ WITH VARIOUS VARIATIONS
CHECKED THROUGH INDICES WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. THESE NAMES WITH
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VARIOUS VARIATIONS BEING CHECKED THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES DIVISION VIA CITY DIRECTORIES, TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES, VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS, CREDIT AND CRIMINAL RECORDS, UTILITY RECORDS, AND OTHER PLAUSIBLE RECORDS. NO RECORDS FOUND OF NAMES HARVEY LOWMEYER OR LOWMYER FOUND THUS FAR. SOME VARIATIONS NOTED AND BEING CHECKED FURTHER. THIS PHASE CONTINUING.

3. LAUNDRY PHASE

INVESTIGATION INSTITUTED TO CONTACT ALL LAUNDRY COMPANIES IN THE LA DIVISION TO LOCATE THOSE USING SUSPECT CODE.. NONE LOCATED THIS DATE.

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4.- ●: UNSUB DRIVING SIXTY FIVE DODGE, TWO DASH DOOR,
RED IN COLOR, BEARING CALIFORNIA LICENSE ROE ONE EIGHT
THREE.

INVESTIGATION INDICATES ABOVE VEHICLE REGISTERED TO
TRANSAMERICAN LEASING COMPANY, ONE ONE FIVE ZERO SOUTH
OLIVE STREET, LOS ANGELES, WHO LEASED VEHICLE TO SEACREST
COMPANY, SIX ONE FIVE ZERO CENTURY BOULEVARD, LOS ANGELES.

5- VEHICLE BEARING ABOVE LICENSE FOR SIXTY FIVE GREEN PLYMOUTH,
FOUR DASH DOOR STATION WAGON USED BY EMPLOYEE OF SEACREST
IN AGOURA ON CONSTRUCTION SITE AND HAS NOT BEEN IN SOUTH
CENTRAL LOS ANGELES AREA.

ROBERTA EDWARDS INTERVIEWED AND REPEATED INFORMATION
GIVEN BY CATHLEEN MC BRIDE ON APRIL EIGHT LAST.

RECORDS, CENTRAL RECEIVING HOSPITAL (CRH), LOS ANGELES,
REFLECT ~~REDACTED~~ MC BRIDE AND EDWARDS, AS ATTENDING
RELATIVE, WERE TRANSPORTED TO CRH FROM RESIDENCE, NINE ONE
ZERO WEST EIGHT FIRST STREET, LOS ANGELES ON APRIL EIGHT
LAST IN LAPD MOBILE UNIT.

MC BRIDE WAS DIAGNOSED BY CRH AS ^{having} ACUTE ASTHMATIC
ATTACKS CAUSED BY ADVANCED NARCOTIC USE.

ATTENDING CRH NURSE JUNE HAY ASHI ADVISED MC BRIDE
HAD EXTENSIVE NEEDLE MARKS IN BOTH ARMS AND ATTENDING

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI (100-441100) FROM SAC, NEW YORK (100-100000) (P)
 RE NEW YORK TELETYPE TO BUREAU, MAY 1, 1964, AND BUREAU TELETYPE
 TO NEW YORK, MAY 1, 1964, RE: JAMES EARL RAY, AKA; ALLEGED
 ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.; FUGITIVE.
 NEW YORK OFFICE HAS BEEN ADVISED THAT AN INDIVIDUAL WHO
 IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS "JOHN DOE" TELEPHONED THE NEW YORK
 OFFICE OF THE NEW YORK POLICE DEPARTMENT AND STATED THAT HE
 HAD INFORMATION CONCERNING THE WHEREABOUTS OF JAMES EARL RAY.
 THE INDIVIDUAL STATED THAT HE HAD BEEN CONTACTED BY AN
 INDIVIDUAL WHO OFFERED HIM \$50,000 TO ASSIST IN THE
 ASSASSINATION OF JAMES EARL RAY. THE INDIVIDUAL STATED
 THAT HE HAD REFUSED THE OFFER AND WANTED TO REPORT THE
 MATTER TO THE FBI. THE NEW YORK POLICE DEPARTMENT
 IS CURRENTLY ATTEMPTING TO LOCATE THE INDIVIDUAL WHO
 MADE THE OFFER. NEW YORK OFFICE IS REQUESTING THAT THE
 BUREAU BE KEPT ADVISED OF ANY DEVELOPMENTS.
 (100-100000) (P) (100-441100) (P) (100-100000) (P)
 ON ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ MAY 1, 1964, NEW YORK OFFICE ADVISED
 THAT AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS "JOHN DOE"
 TELEPHONED THE NEW YORK OFFICE OF THE NEW YORK POLICE
 DEPARTMENT AND STATED THAT HE HAD INFORMATION CONCERNING
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PHYSICIAN HAD EXTREME DIFFICULTY IN GIVING HER INTRAVENOUS MEDICATION. HAY ASHI SAID THAT MC BRIDE WAS EXTREMELY IRRATIONAL, ^{Belligerent} ~~Beligient~~ AND UNCOOPERATIVE. MC BRIDE WAS CHARGED SEVEN DOLLARS FOR HOSPITAL CALLS AND RELEASED WITH RECOMMENDATION SHE RECEIVE MEDICAL ATTENTION FROM HER OWN PHYSICIAN.

MC BRIDE WAS DRIVEN BY BUAGENTS OVER ^{Routes} ~~Route~~ SHE CLAIMED UNSUB TOOK DURING RIDE, APRIL EIGHT LAST.

MC BRIDE UNABLE TO RECALL ANY POINTS EN ROUTE, WHICH SHE TOLD INTERVIEWING AGENTS UNSUB HAD TAKEN HER TO ON APRIL EIGHT LAST.

MC BRIDE ALSO CLAIMED SHE AND EDWARDS WERE DRIVEN TO CRH FROM UNKNOWN AREA ~~OF~~ LOS ANGELES AFTER BEING RELEASED OUT OF CAR BY UNSUB.

IN VIEW OF FACT MC BRIDE IS NARCOTIC ADDICT, IN FACT, HER STORY RELATING TO TRIP TO CRH AND TRIP AROUND TOWN WITH UNSUB, CANNOT BE RECALLED, NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION IS BEING CONDUCTED RE UNSUB DRIVING SIXTY FIVE RED DODGE.

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Re.
~~RE:~~ WILLIAM LOHMEYER

JAMES LEE, ONE SEVEN ONE TWO SEVEN MALADA, FONTANA, CALIFORNIA, NEIGHBORHOOD SOURCE ADVISED TODAY THAT WILLIAM LOHMEYER, EIGHT THREE FIVE MANGO STREET, FONTANA, OBSERVED AT HIS RESIDENCE ON APRIL FOUR LAST, ABOUT FOUR P.M. SOURCE DESCRIBED LOHMEYER AS WHITE, MALE, LATE FORTIES EARLY FIFTIES, ONE SIX FIVE POUNDS, BLUE EYES, LIGHT GRAY BROWN HAIR, CREW CUT, OCCUPATION SALESMAN.

FONTANA PD INDICES NEGATIVE. LOS ANGELES INDICES NEGATIVE.

Investigation ~~at present~~ continuing.

