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5'10" 163 to 174 44-1987-SUB-G-315  
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844PM URGENT 4-7-68 DJK

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, NEW ORLEANS AND JACKSON  
FROM SPRINGFIELD (44-561) 3PP

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MURKIN

ROCK ISLAND, ILLINOIS PD RECEIVED ANONYMOUS CALL APRIL SEVEN INSTANT, INDIVIDUAL WEARING GOLD COLORED CLOTHING AT FORT ARMSTRONG HOTEL CARRYING GUNS OR SHOT AT SOMEONE OR HAD BEEN IN MEMPHIS WHEN VICTIM KILLED. THE COMMENTS NOT CLEAR. DETECTIVES LOCATED BILLY RAY KING AKA. WILLIAM, WHITE MALE, DOB:

, ST. JOSEPH, LOUISIANA, SIX FEET ONE, ONE EIGHTYFIVE LBS., DARK BROWN CURLY HAIR, BLUE EYES, TATTOO DEVILS HEAD RIGHT FOREARM, "MARGE" AND SMALL HEART UPPER RIGHT ARM, "GLENDA" LEFT UPPER ARM, SIX INCH AREA ACID BURN LEFT FOREARM. PHOTOS AND MAJOR CASE PRINTS OBTAINED.

KING INTERVIEWED, STATES EMPLOYED WITH KGW TOWING COMPANY, GREENVILLE, MISS. LEFT HIS HOME ONE ZERO TWO ARLINGTON, LAKE PROVIDENCE, LOUISIANA AROUND NOON APRIL FOUR LAST, WHERE HE RESIDES WITH MOTHER GERTRUDE FRITH, VIA TRAILWAY BUS TO MEMPHIS, TENN. ARRIVING MEMPHIS LATE AFTERNOON. AFTER ARRIVAL RIOT BROKE OUT WHILE HE WAS IN BUS STATION THREE OR FOUR BLOCKS FROM LORRAINE  
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MOTEL. KING ADMITTED HE HAD STAYED AT LORRAINE IN PAST. BECAUSE OF RIOTS NOONE COULD LEAVE BUS DEPOT WHERE HE STAYED ALL NIGHT. EARLY AM APRIL FIVE LAST BEFORE DAYBREAK HE TOOK TAXI TO AIRPORT. HE HAD IN HIS POSSESSION PLANE TICKET WHICH HE CLAIMS GIVEN TO HIM BY KGW COMPANY FOR FLIGHT FROM GREENVILLE, MISS., TO ST. LOUIS AND QUINCY, ILLINOIS, DATED APRIL FIVE LAST. CLAIMS HE WAS TO BOARD HIS TOWBOAT, "GEORGE WEATHERS" AT QUINCY. WHEN ALL PLANE RESERVATIONS FILLED IN GREENVILLE, HE THEN TOOK ABOVE BUS TO MEMPHIS. ALSO AT MEMPHIS AIRPORT PLANES ALL FULL AND HE THEN CALLED JERRY WILSON, KGW CO., GREENVILLE, MISS., WHO INSTRUCTED HE TAKE BUS TO QUINCY. KING RETURNED TO MEMPHIS BY TAXI AND TOOK BUS TO ST. LOUIS AND QUINCY, ILLINOIS. HE MISSED TOWBOAT WHICH HAD PASSED AND HE THEN CAME TO ROCK ISLAND.

KING ADMITS OWNERSHIP SIXTYSEVEN BLUE MUSTANG WHICH CAR IS AT HIS HOME AND PAPERS FOR CAR IN NAME OF FRIEND, TRAVIS SHEFFIELD, ALTHOUGH HE IS PAYING FOR CAR. KING DENIES KILLING MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., OR KNOWLEDGE OF SAME. ALSO DENIES MEMBERSHIP KKK BUT HASTILY ADDED TO THESE QUESTIONS "EVEN IF HE DID HE WOULD NOT

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ADMIT IT."

NO CHARGES FILED BY ROCK ISLAND PD. KING WILL BOARD TOWBOAT  
AT MIDNIGHT INSTANT DATE AT ROCK ISLAND.

PHOTOS BEING MAILED DIRECTLY TO MEMPHIS AND PRINTS DIRECTLY  
TO BUREAU.

JACKSON VERIFY FACTS AT KGW COMPANY AND INTERVIEW JERRY WILSON  
FOR ALL DETAILS INCLUDING DESTINATION TOWBOAT.

NEW ORLEANS INTERVIEW MOTHER FOR ALL PERTINENT FACTS. VERIFY  
OWNERSHIP, DESCRIPTION AND PRESENCE OF CAR.

MEMPHIS DISPLAY PHOTOS TO WITNESSES.

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902PM URGENT 4-7-68 HEP

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, NEW YORK

FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) 3P

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SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION:

LIST OF ALL KNOWN CUSTOMERS FOR MARCH TWENTYNINE AND THIRTY, SIXTYEIGHT, OBTAINED FROM INVOICES OF AEROMARINE SUPPLY COMPANY. AVAILABLE CUSTOMERS BEING INTERVIEWED. ONE CUSTOMER RECALLS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO MAY BE IDENTICAL TO UNSUB; HOWEVER, DESCRIPTION VARIES FROM THAT FURNISHED BY AEROMARINE EMPLOYEES IN THAT HE IS DESCRIBED AS HAVING DARK BROWN HAIR WITH TENDENCY TO BE CURLY AND FULL ON SIDES, FULL FACE, WEIGHT ONE SEVEN ZERO, HEIGHT FIVE FEET TEN INCHES. WHEN SHOWN ARTIST CONCEPTION OF UNSUB HE INDICATED THE EYES AND HAIR WERE NOT SIMILAR TO HIS RECOLLECTION OF UNSUB. STATED HAIR SHOULD BE THICKER AND COMBED STRAIGHT BACK. CUSTOMER STATED HE WAS AT GUN SHOP FROM APPROXIMATELY TWO FIFTEEN PM UNTIL THREE THIRTY PM AT WHICH TIME THIS INDIVIDUAL WAS WATCHHNG SALESMAN MOUNT SIGHT ON RIFLE. HE CONCLUDED THIS PERSON HAD LITTLE KNOWLEDGE OF GUNS. ONE ADDITIONAL  
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CUSTOMER KNOWN TO HAVE HAD CONVERSATION WITH SAME PERSON HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AND EFFORTS BEING MADE TO LOCATE.

SEVERAL EMPLOYEES PARLIAMENT HOUSE MOTEL INDICATED ARTIST CONCEPTION OF UNSUB FAMILIAR TO THEM AS OCCASIONAL CUSTOMER IN PAST. INVESTIGATION BEING CONCENTRATED TO IDENTIFY THIS INDIVIDUAL.

ALL LIGGETT-REXALL OUTLETS IN DIVISION CONTACTED NEGATIVELY. DETERMINED THESE OUTLETS USE NATIONAL CASH REGISTERS. MEMPHIS REQUESTED TO FORWARD COPY OF CASH REGISTER RECEIPTS TO JACKSONVILLE FOR CONTACT WITH NATIONAL CASH REGISTER COMPANY TO IDENTIFY RETAIL OUTLET UTILIZING RECEIPTS.

ALL LAUNDRIES UTILIZING THERMO-SEAL MACHINE MANUFACTURED BY TEXTILE MARKING COMPANY CHECKED NEGATIVELY.

PENETRATIVE AND THOROUGH NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION IN AREA OF ONE NINE ZERO SEVEN SOUTH ELEVENTH STREET CONDUCTED IN A FIFTEEN SQUARE BLOCK RADIUS UTILIZING ARTIST CONCEPTION. AREA WILL BE EXPANDED. ALL HOTELS, MOTELS, AIR AND BUS FACILITIES, AUTO AGENCIES, TAXICAB COMPANIES BEING CONTACTED. CAR DRIVERS' TRIP SHEETS AND DISPATCHER LOGS ANALYZED AND APPROPRIATE INDIVIDUALS BEING INTERVIEWED.

NEW YORK REQUESTED TO CHECK AMEXCO FOR ACCOUNTS IN NAMES OF LOWMEYER, LEHMEYER AND WILLARD. DINERS CLUB, BIRMINGHAM BEING

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CHECKED.

LIST OF INDIVIDUALS RENTING AUTOMOBILES BIRMINGHAM MARCH ONE  
TO APRIL FIVE, SIXTYEIGHT, BEING EXAMINED AND LOGICAL LEADS BEING  
CHECKED.

ALL AIRPORT PERSONNEL RECHECKED WITH ARTIST CONCEPTION WITH  
NEGATIVE RESULTS.

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TO MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM JACKSON (157-9586)

MURKIN.

RE MILWAUKEE TELETYPE TO MEMPHIS AND JACKSON INSTANT DATE.

PTL ROBERT WELDEN, RADIO OPERATOR, MHSP, JACKSON, MISS., ADVISED  
LICENSE NUMBER MENTIONED IN REFERENCED TELETYPE IS NOT A MISSISSIPPI  
TAG NUMBER.

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TO MEMPHIS (44-1987) AND CINCINNATI (157-1393)  
FROM KANSAS CITY (44-760) 1P

MURKIN.

RE CINCINNATI TEL TO KANSAS CITY AND MEMPHIS THIS DATE.

FOR INFO OF RECEIVING OFFICES ATTEMPT MADE TO INTERVIEW DWIGHT  
D. MATHIS AT MISSOURI MENTAL HEALTH CENTER, HOWEVER, MATHIS WAS  
UNDER HEAVY SEDATION AND IN AN INCOHERENT CONDITION.

ADDITIONALLY, SGT. J. A. HAYGARD, INDEPENDENCE PD, ADVISED  
THIS DATE, MATHIS ARRESTED TEN THIRTY PM APR. SIX LAST, ON CORNER  
OF STREET IN INDEPENDENCE, MO., AT WHICH TIME MATHIS PROCLAIMING  
TO BE "JESUS CHRIST". SGT. HAYGARD ADVISED IT WAS HIS UNDERSTANDING  
MATHIS HAD BEEN IN INDEPENDENCE, MO., FOR APPROXIMATELY ONE WEEK  
PRIOR TO ARREST THERE.

KANSAS CITY WILL ATTEMPT TO INTERVIEW MATHIS ON AM APRIL EIGHT  
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BIRMINGHAM SUGGESTS POSSIBILITY UNSUB MAY BE IDENTICAL WITH  
ROBERT BOLIVAR DE PUGH, AKA - FUGITIVE, IO FOUR ONE SEVEN SIX, OR  
WALTER PATRICK PEYSON, AKA - FUGITIVE, BASED ON COMPARISON OF  
PHOTOS THOSE INDIVIDUALS WITH ARTIST CONCEPTION PREPARED AT  
BIRMINGHAM ON APRIL SIX, SIXTYEIGHT, CASE OF WHICH SEATTLE IS ORIGIN,  
BUFILE NINE ONE - TWO EIGHT EIGHT SEVEN TWO, AND DESCRIPTION SET  
FORTH IN REPORT OF SA VERNON P. COYNE (A), SEATTLE, MARCH TWO SEVEN,  
SIXTYEIGHT. SEATTLE REPORT REFLECTS BOTH THE SUBJECTS WOULD BE  
CAPABLE OF ANY CRIMINAL ACT AND CURRENTLY CONSIDERED A SUSPECT IN  
SOVIET BOMBING, WASHINGTON, D. C. BIRMINGHAM EXHIBITING PHOTOS  
BOTH SEATTLE SUBJECTS TO WITNESSES AT PURCHASE OF GUN TONIGHT AND  
SUGGEST MEMPHIS EXHIBIT TO LOGICAL WITNESSES.

SEATTLE ADVISE MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM WHETHER ANY RECENT  
INFORMATION WOULD PRECLUDE DE PUGH AND PEYSON FROM BEING CONSIDERED  
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REURAIRTEL APRIL SIX SIXTYEIGHT, URTEL APRIL SEVEN SIXTYEIGHT AND BUTEL APRIL SEVEN SIXTYEIGHT.

TWO LATENT FINGERPRINTS ON LIFTS FROM ROOM AND NINE LATENT FINGERPRINTS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED IN BUTEL APRIL SIX SIXTYEIGHT, NOT IDENTICAL FINGERPRINTS OF FOLLOWING: JOHNNY SAUNDERS WILLARD, FBI NUMBER [REDACTED] RONALD BARDIN SIMPSON, FBI NUMBER [REDACTED], JACK CUSTAR HAMM (HAM) (MAJOR CASE PRINTS SUBMITTED BY NEW YORK APRIL SEVEN SIXTYEIGHT, VINCENZO PAUL DE PALMA, ASN ONE ONE THREE SIX NAUGHT THREE EIGHT NAUGHT, WALTER NATHANIEL ISSAL, FBI NUMBER [REDACTED] [REDACTED] EMIL MATALIK (MAJOR CASE PRINTS SUBMITTED BY BALTIMORE APRIL SEVEN SIXTYEIGHT), WILLIAM FREDERICK TATROE, JR., FBI NUMBER [REDACTED] GARY JO MCMILLIAN, FBI [REDACTED], GEORGE WILBUR BREECE, ASN BA ONE TWO NINE EIGHT ONE NAUGHT SIX FIVE, JAMES R, KIDDER, FBI NUMBER [REDACTED] JAMES LEE KIDDER, FBI NUMBER [REDACTED]

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██ JAMES EDWARD KIDDER, FBI NUMBER  
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TWO LATENT FINGERPRINTS ON LIFTS FROM ROOM ALSO NOT IDENTICAL  
FINGERPRINTS OF INDIVIDUALS LISTED IN BUTEL APRIL SIX SIXTYEIGHT.

ONE LATENT FINGERPRINT OF VALUE FOUND ON BOARD FROM WINDOW  
SILL. NO LATENT PRINTS ON LAUNDRY TAPE ON T DASH SHIRT AND SHORTS.

LATENT PRINT ON BOARD CURRENTLY BEING COMPARED WITH FINGERPRINTS  
OF ALL SUSPECTS AND RESULTS WILL FOLLOW.

RESULTS OF LABORATORY EXAMINATION SEPARATE.

CONFIRMING.

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FURTHER REURAIRTEL APRIL SIX SIXTYEIGHT, URTEL APRIL SEVEN SIXTYEIGHT AND BUTEL APRIL SEVEN SIXTYEIGHT.

LATENT FINGERPRINT ON BOARD NOT IDENTICAL FINGERPRINTS ALL NAMED SUSPECTS TO DATE. THIS LATENT FINGERPRINT COMPARED REMAINING UNIDENTIFIED LATENT FINGERPRINTS THIS CASE, BUT NO IDENTIFICATION EFFECTED.

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RESLTEL APRIL SEVEN.

REMAINING UNIDENTIFIED LATENT FINGERPRINTS THIS CASE NOT  
IDENTICAL FINGERPRINTS BENJAMIN FRANKLIN GIBSON, FBI NUMBER [REDACTED]

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TO DIRECTOR, BIRMINGHAM, MEMPHIS, BOSTON, NEWARK, NEW HAVEN  
AND NEW YORK.

FROM ALBANY 157-253

MURKIN CR OO MEMPHIS

RE ALBANY TELETYPE FOUR SIX LAST.

EXPERT AT TEXTILE MARKING MACHINE CO. OBSERVED COLOR  
PHOTOGRAPHS OF LAUNDRY TAPES AND ADVISED THIS IS FIVE CHARACTER  
MACHINE, FIRST TWO CHARACTERS FIFTEEN POINT TYPE, LAST THREE  
CHARACTERS EIGHTEEN POINT TYPE WITH THIRD CHARACTER DEFINITELY  
A LETTER B, NOT NUMBER THREE(3). HE ADVISED THIS CODE USED NORTH-  
EASTERN UNITED STATES. THE TYPE ON THE TAPE VERY UNUSUAL, LIMITED  
TO NO MORE THAN TEN MACHINES MANUFACTURED BY TEXTILE MARKING  
MACHINE CO. IDENTITIES OF THOSE MACHINES WILL BE OBTAINED  
AM FOUR EIGHT NEXT AND FURNISHED IMMEDIATELY TO INTERESTED OFFICES.

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FROM TAMPA (157-3231)

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RE DETROIT TEL THIS DATE.

MARIE MARYLAND, PALM HARBOR, FLA., ADVISED JAMES KIDDER AND WIFE, VIRGINIA, WERE TENANTS FOR THREE WEEKS UNTIL ABOUT FOUR WEEKS AGO WHEN KIDDER DEPARTED. KIDDER EMPLOYED HOOD'S JUICE COMPANY, DUNEDIN, FLA. WITH MR. MARYLAND AND RODE WITH MARLYAND TO WORK. MR. MARYLAND STATES KIDDER SAID ARRIVED PALM HARBOR FROM FT. LAUDERDALE, FLA. WHERE HAD RESIDED THREE YEARS AND MENTIONED PRIOR RESIDENCES IN CALIFORNIA AND ELSEWHERE. KIDDER DESCRIBED AS W/M, AGE THIRTY-THREE, BROWN HAIR, FIVE FT. FIVE IN., ONE THIRTY LBS., VERY SMALL BUILD. ALLEGEDLY IN MILITARY SERVICE AND RECEIVED BACK INJURY. PURCHASED OLD MODEL DODGE AUTO, COLOR WHITE, TOP VALUE USED CARS, CLEARWATER, FLA. WHICH ALLEGEDLY NOT PAID FOR AND COULD FRNISH NO PRIOR FLA. CREDIT.

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VIRGINIA, CONSIDERABLY OLDER THAN KIDDER AND POSSIBLY NOT MARRIED TO HIM, TOLD MRS. MARYLAND SHE WAS LEAVING KIDDER DUE TO HIS EXCESSIVE DRINKING AND PHYSICAL ABUSE AND RETURNING TO MEMPHIS, TENN. VIRGINIA ALLEGEDLY HAS DAUGHTER WHO IS MARRIED TO SON OF A GREYHOUND TRACK OWNER, ORLANDO, FLA., WITH SIMILAR INTEREST IN MEMPHIS. MARYLAND'S STATE KIDDER AT NO TIME COMMENTED ON RACIAL MATTERS AND NOT KNOWN TO POSSESS FIREARMS. BOTH STATE SOME SIMILARITY BETWEEN SKETCH OF ASSASSIN AND KIDDER, BUT SKETCH APPEARS OLDER THAN KIDDER AND WITH LESS HAIR.

DAVE WARD, TRACK SUPERINTENDENT, ORLANDO - SEMINOLE DOG TRACK, ORLANDO, FLA., ADVISED TRACK OWNED BY JERRY COLLINS AND THAT SON JACK IS MARRIED BUT ADDITIONAL DETAILS UNKNOWN. JACK COLLINS, SARASOTA KENNEL CLUB AND ORLANDO - SEMINOLE DOG TRACK ADVISES HE AND HIS FATHER HAVE NO INTEREST IN DOG TRACK IN MEMPHIS AREA AND THAT HIS WIFE'S MOTHER NOT NAMED VIRGINIA AND THAT JAMES KIDDER UNKNOWN TO HIM. FURNISHED NAMES OF FOUR INDIVIDUALS NOW ASSOCIATED WITH ORLANDO TRACK WHO HAVE YOUNG MARRIED SONS WHO MAY POSSIBLY BE MARRIED TO VIRGINIA (LNU'S) DAUGHTER.

TAMPA WILL ON FOUR EIGHT INTERVIEW INDIVIDUALS ORLANDO DOG TRACK IN AN EFFORT TO OBTAIN DATA THAT WILL ENABLE MEMPHIS TO IDENTIFY VIRGINIA (LNU). TAMPA WILL CONTACT HOOD JUICE CO., AND TOP VALUE MOTOR CO., FOR ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND RE JAMES KIDDER.

AIRMAIL COPY TO DETROIT.

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TO DIRECTOR  
FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987)

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FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED APRIL SEVEN INSTANT.

INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED AT HIGHWAY PATROL SUB-STATION, MEMPHIS, DISCLOSES THAT ARRESTS MADE BY HIGHWAY PATROL CONTAIN NO IDENTIFYING DATA RE MAKE OF AUTOMOBILE. ARRESTS RECORDS REVIEWED BEGINNING MARCH FIFTEEN. APPROXIMATELY ONE HUNDRED RECORDS REVIEWED. THESE ARE FILED IN ARRESTING OFFICER'S NAME AND REQUIRING EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION TO ESTABLISH WHETHER OR NOT MUSTANG OR COMPACT CAR MAY BE INVOLVED. UACB, IN VIEW OF FACT RECORDS DO NOT YIELD IDENTIFYING DATA NEEDED, THIS LEAD WILL BE HELD IN ABEYANCE AND COVERED AT LATER TIME.

ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED IN MEMPHIS AREA AT NUMEROUS MOTELS, MOTOR COURTS, AND TRAVEL INNS TO DETERMINE WHETHER ANY OF THESE MAY HAVE USED BEDSPREAD SIMILAR OR IDENTICAL WITH BEDSPREAD ABANDONED BY SUSPECT. TO DATE, MOTEL, MEMPHIS AREA

..... HAS NOT BEEN LOCATED WHICH MAY USE THIS TYPE BEDSPREAD.

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..... ADDITIONAL MOTELS WILL BE CHECKED IN MEMPHIS AREA UNTIL ALL HAVE

A. M. S. D. RGJ:ME  
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1 - BIRMINGHAM (AM)

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BEEN CONTACTED. THEREAFTER, LEADS WILL BE EXTENDED TO SURROUND-  
ING TERRITORIES.

ADDITIONAL NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED, MEMPHIS,  
HAS CLARIFIED SOME OF POINTS INVOLVING POSSIBLE DEPARTURE ROUTE  
AND USE OF MUSTANG BY SUSPECT IN QUESTION. SUSPECT WHO DEPARTED  
ROOMING HOUSE AT FOUR TWO TWO AND ONE-HALF S. MAIN ST. SHORTLY  
AFTER SHOOTING OF DR. KING DID TURN LEFT AND GO SOUTH ON MAIN ST.

CANIPE AMUSEMENT CO., WHICH IS IN BUILDING IMMEDIATELY  
ADJACENT TO EXIT FROM ROOMING HOUSE, HAD THREE PERSONS THEREIN  
WHEN SUSPECT DROPPED PACKAGE AT ENTRANCE TO CANIPES. ADJACENT TO  
CANIPES AMUSEMENT CO. IS LOT CONTAINING ~~VARIOUS WHEELED~~ *SOME JUNK AND* AUTO-  
MOBILES AND IS PARTIALLY CONCEALED BY LARGE BILLBOARDS. AREA  
IMMEDIATELY IN FRONT OF CANIPES AND EXTENDING PART WAY INTO AREA  
WITH JUNK CARS ALLOWS ROOM FOR THREE AUTOMOBILES TO BE PARKED.  
ONE OF PERSONS IN CANIPE'S STORE, YOUNG NEGRO MALE, APPROXIMATELY  
TWENTY TWO YRS. OF AGE, IS POSITIVE THAT ONE OF THREE CARS THAT  
WERE PARKED IN AREA DESCRIBED ABOVE WAS WHITE MUSTANG. HE IS OF  
OPINION THAT MUSTANG PULLED OUT FROM AREA SOUTH OF CANIPE  
AMUSEMENT COMPANY AND HEADED NORTH ON MAIN STREET. THIS YOUNG  
NEGRO, JULIUS GRAHAM, ENTERED CANIPES STORE APPROXIMATELY

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**FIVE THIRTY PM AND IS OF OPINION THAT WHITE MUSTANG WHICH HE SAW GO BY CANIPES AMUSEMENT CO. SHORTLY AFTER SIX PM IS THE SAME MUSTANG WHICH HE SAW PARKED THERE EARLIER.**

**OTHER CUSTOMER IN STORE, A NEGRO MALE, BURNELL FINLEY, AGE ABOUT FORTY, A MATURE, APPARENTLY RESPONSIBLE FAMILY MAN, ALSO PARKING OBSERVED THAT ALL/SPACES FILLED AS HE ARRIVED AT CANIPES STORE AROUND FIVE THIRTY PM BUT DID NOT NOTICE TYPE OR MAKE VEHICLES THERE. IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING SHOOTING AND AFTER MAN DROPPED PACKAGE AT CANIPE'S DOOR, HE HEARD TIRES SCREECH AND OBSERVED WHAT HE IDENTIFIES AS A WHITE MUSTANG GO NORTH ON MAIN.**

**RECORDS, HERTZ RENT-A-CAR, MEMPHIS, REVEAL NO WHITE MUSTANGS OR OTHER COMPACT CARS BEING ASSIGNED TO THE MEMPHIS RENT-A-CAR FLEET. RECORDS DID REVEAL THAT A LIGHT GREEN NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT MUSTANG BEARING NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT TENN. LIC. BY FIVE ZERO ONE SIX WAS TURNED IN AT METRO AIRPORT, MEMPHIS, THREE FIFTEEN PM, APRIL FIVE LAST. SIGNATURE OF INDIVIDUAL TURNING IN THIS VEHICLE ILLEGIBLE, HOWEVER, VEHICLE WAS RENTED UNDER UNIT EIGHT SEVEN SEVEN, RENTAL AGREEMENT NO. THREE NINE FIVE NINE TWO ZERO SEVEN, KNOXVILLE, TENN. KNOXVILLE HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO CONDUCT INVESTIGATION RE THIS RENTAL.**

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HERTZ RECORDS FAILED TO REFLECT ANY WHITE MUSTANGS OR OTHER WHITE COMPACT CARS BEING TURNED IN TO HERTZ RENTAL AT MEMPHIS FROM OTHER HERTZ RENTAL COMPANIES THROUGHOUT U. S. FROM MARCH, NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT TO DATE.

CHECK AT AVIS RENT-A-CAR AGENCY, MEMPHIS, REVEALS THAT THIS AGENCY DOES HAVE MUSTANGS IN THEIR FLEET, HOWEVER, RECORDS CONCERNING THESE MUSTANGS NOT AVAILABLE UNTIL AM, APRIL EIGHT NEXT. CHECK WITH THRIFTY RENT-A-CAR, MEMPHIS, AND NATIONAL CAR RENTALS, MEMPHIS, REVEALED THESE AGENCIES DO NOT HAVE MUSTANGS IN THEIR FLEET BUT DO HAVE OTHER COMPACTS. RECORDS NOT AVAILABLE UNTIL AM, APRIL EIGHT.

FOLLOWING REQUEST PREVIOUSLY MADE OF BUREAU IN CONNECTION WITH EVIDENCE SUBMITTED THIS DATE:

MEMPHIS REQUESTED THAT COLOR PHOTOS OF BEDSPREAD IN QUESTION BE FURNISHED MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM FOR USE IN CONDUCTING INVESTIGATION AT VARIOUS MOTELS. ALSO REQUEST THAT BLOW-UP COLOR PHOTOS BE FURNISHED OF VARIOUS PRICE TAGS AND IDENTIFIABLE STICKERS AND/OR NUMBERS APPEARING ON ITEMS SUBMITTED.

MEMPHIS THIS DATE REQUESTED JACKSON OFFICE TO EXPLORE BEER CAN SALES IN ITS DIVISION, IT BEING NOTED BEER CANS DID CONTAIN

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**MISS. STATE TAX STAMP AND WERE LOCATED IN BROWN PAPER BAG MARKED "HOMESTEAD." MEMPHIS REQUESTED JACKSON TO DETERMINE IF TAX STAMP MIGHT INDICATE POSSIBLE DISTRIBUTOR AND TO EXPLORE POSSIBILITY OF ANY RETAILER BEING SERVED BY DISTRIBUTOR AND HANDLING HOMESTEAD PAPER BAGS.**

**FOR POSSIBLE CONSIDERATION BY BUREAU IN INSTANT MATTER, IN PAST EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED IN BIRMINGHAM DIVISION IN MATTER CAPTIONED, "GREENBOMBS." DURING COURSE OF THIS INVESTIGATION, KLANSMEN AND PEOPLE AFFILIATED WITH VARIOUS HATE GROUPS WERE IDENTIFIED WITH SPECIFIC IDENTIFICATION RECORDS. BUREAU WAS REQUESTED AT THAT TIME TO COMPARE LATENTS IN GREENBOMBS CASE WITH KNOWN FINGERPRINT RECORD OF NUMEROUS INDIVIDUALS THROUGHOUT AREA AND SOUTHERN STATES.**

**SUGGEST THAT BUREAU REVIEW COMPLETE LIST OF NAMES FURNISHED IN THAT CASE AND CONSIDER COMPARING FINGERPRINT RECORDS OF PEOPLE MENTIONED IN GREENBOMBS WITH LATENTS IN THIS CASE, IT BEING NOTED THERE IS POSSIBLLITY THAT SUSPECTS IN THIS CASE MAY BE RESIDENTS OF BIRMINGHAM.**

**FORTY SEVEN PHOTOS TAKEN OF THE AREA AROUND THE LORRAINE MOTEL AND OF THE AREA AROUND THE ROOMING HOUSE FROM WHERE UNSUB**

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**FIRED FATAL SHOT HAVE BEEN FORWARDED TO THE BUREAU VIA AIRTEL.**

**AIR MAIL COPY, BIRMINGHAM. P.**

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FBI NEW ORLS

12:12 AM URGENT 4-8-68 MMW  
TO DALLAS 44-2649 AND MEMPHIS  
FROM NEW ORLEANS 157-10673 (P) 1P  
MURKIN.

RE DALLAS TEL TO NO AND MEMPHIS APRIL EIGHT, SIXTYEIGHT,  
SETTING FORTH INFO CONCERNING SUSPECT NAMED MARK LNU.

DALLAS SUTEL IDENTITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS, WOMAN AND  
CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH INFO RE MARK OBTAINED. ALSO  
FURNISH BASIS FOR THIS WOMAN'S BELIEF THAT MARK MAY BE  
SUSPECT IN THIS MATTER. FURNISH INFO CONCERNING DIRECTION  
AND POSSIBLE DESTINATION OF THIS INDIVIDUAL WHEN SEEN  
LEAVING MOTEL MORNING OF MARCH TWENTYNINE LAST.

NEW ORLEANS HOLDING IN ABEYANCE PENDING ABOVE INFO.

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TO BIRMINGHAM

FROM MEMPHIS (44-1978) 1P

MURKIN - CR.

MPD ADVISED INSTANT DATE NOEL M. KELLEY (PROTECT IDENTITY), SECRETARY, BONDS WELDING SUPPLY, MEMPHIS, STATED THAT ROSCOE SMITH, SALES REPRESENTATIVE, VULCAN BINDER AND COVER, BIRMINGHAM, ALA., WAS AT HIS COMPANY APRIL FOUR, LAST. SMITH BECAME EMOTIONALLY EXCITED WHEN NAME MARTIN LUTHER KING BROUGHT UP AND TALKED FOR OVER ONE HOUR ON HOW MUCH HARM KING HAD DONE TO ALABAMA. KELLEY STATED THAT SMITH APPEARED TO BE ON DRUGS OR SOME STIMULANT OTHER THAN ALCOHOL.

SMITH DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, THIRTY SIX TO THIRTY EIGHT YEARS OLD, FIVE FEET EIGHT TO FIVE FEET TEN INCHES, ONE HUNDRED EIGHTYFIVE LBS., SANDY HAIR, RECEDING; RESIDENCE TWENTYTWO HUNDRED MARION ST., BIRMINGHAM.

BIRMINGHAM WILL CONDUCT CREDIT AND CRIMINAL ON SMITH AND OBTAIN PHOTO AND FORWARD MEMPHIS. 44-1987-164

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FBI BOSTON

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TO DIRECTOR, CHARLOTTE, & MEMPHIS  
FROM BOSTON

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RE BS TELEPHONE TO BUREAU APRIL SIX LAST.

MRS. ELEANOR POWERS, REID HOTEL, BOSTON, MASS., (PROTECT), ADVISED ELEVEN FORTY FIVE PM APRIL SIX LAST THAT GEORGE WILBUR BREECE, AGE TWENTY TWO, SIX FEET, SANDY HAired, PROMINENT NOSE, SON OF J. WILBUR BREECE, 123 BOW ST., FAYETTEVILLE, N.C., BEARS STRONG RESEMBLANCE TO COMPOSITE SKETCH OF SUSPECT IN KING ASSASSINATION APPEARING IN BOSTON PAPERS. MRS. POWERS DESCRIBED BREECE AS A WILD YOUNG MAN WHO IN THE PAST HAS USED THE ALIAS OF JOHN WILLARD. POWERS FURTHER STATED BREECE WAS GIVEN WHITE FORD MUSTANG BY FAMILY A YEAR OR SO AGO. POWERS IS FRIEND OF BREECE'S PARENTS AND FEELS THAT GEORGE BREECE IS CAPABLE OF SUCH AN ACT. POWERS DOES NOT KNOW BREECE'S CURRENT WHEREABOUTS.

CHARLOTTE ATTEMPT TO ASCERTAIN CURRENT WHEREABOUTS OF GEORGE WILBUR BREECE, OBTAIN PHOTOGRAPH; SECURE BACKGROUND AND DESCRIPTION AND ADVISE MEMPHIS.

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ON APRIL EIGHT INSTANT MRS. JONNIE WASZAK, NEE GOAD, FOUR ZERO THREE ZERO KEENE ST., MARTINEZ, GA., /PROTECT IDENTITY/, ADVISED THAT FROM FEBRUARY, NINETEEN FIFTYNINE TO NINETEEN SIXTYTWO SHE AND HAYES HENDRICKS HUNT COHABITED ILLEGALLY IN JACKSONVILLE, FLA. HUNT IS RABID WHITE SUPREMIST AND EMOTIONALLY UNSTABLE. HUNT IS INTINERANT CHRYSLER TRAINED MECHANIC WHO HAS BEEN MARRIED SEVERAL TIMES. FIRST WIFE WAS CHRISTINE (LNU), WAYCROSS, GA. HE HAS DAUGHTER, [REDACTED], AGE SEVENTEEN, RESIDING WITH HER GRANDMOTHER, /FNU/ HUNT, CALLAHAN, FLA. LAST MARRIAGE WAS TO SIXTEEN-YEAR-OLD GIRL FROM CALLAHAN, FLA., IN AIKEN, S. C., IN NINETEEN SIXTYFIVE, BUT THEY HAVE SEPARATED AND SHE HAS REMARRIED. HUNT SEEMED TO THRIVE ON RACIAL DEMONSTRATIONS IN JACKSONVILLE, FLA., SUMMER NINETEEN SIXTY AND CARRIED SMALL CALIBER REVOLVER WRAPPED IN NEWSPAPER WITH HIM AT ALL TIMES.

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HE BRAGGED ABOUT WHAT "WE" WERE GOING TO DO TO NEGROES AND WHEN SOURCE QUESTIONED HIM ABOUT IDENTITY OF "WE", HE SAID "ORGANIZATION" TO WHICH HE BELONGED. SOURCE FOUND VOLUMINOUS KKK LITERATURE IN HUNT'S TRUNK AND WHEN SHE QUESTIONED HIM ABOUT IT, HE BECAME EXTREMELY ANGRY. HUNT PHYSICALLY BEAT SOURCE BECAUSE SHE WALKED HOME WITH NEGRO GIRL WHO WAS FELLOW EMPLOYEE AT MORRISON'S CAFETERIA. AFTER SOURCE LEFT HUNT, HE SENT HER SEVERAL TELEGRAMS SIGNING NAME OF MALE NEGRO FELLOW EMPLOYEE AT MORRISON'S. SOURCE LAST SAW HUNT WHEN HE WORKED AT ROBERTS MOTOR COMPANY, AUGUSTA, GA., FOR ONE WEEK DURING SUMMER OF SIXTYSEVEN AND LIVED AT BAYNHAM'S MOTEL, N. AUGUSTA, S. C., AT THAT TIME HUNT SHOWED SOURCE LARGE CALIBER REVOLVER WRAPPED IN NEWSPAPER.

SOURCE DESCRIBED HUNT AS WMA, FORTY-FORTYTWO YEARS, SANDY HAIR, RECEDING HAIRLINE, FIVE FT. NINE INCHES, ONE HUNDRED FIFTY LBS., SLIGHT BUILD, SLENDER FACE, PROMINENT POINTED NOSE.

HE TOLD SOURCE HE SERVED IN USN AND USAF AND WAS INCARCERATED AT FEDERAL PENITENTIARY IN FLORIDA, CHARGE ILLEGAL WHISKEY.



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RELATIVES ARE BROTHER CECIL HUNT, KUNKA DRIVE, JACKSONVILLE;  
SISTER BIRDIE HUHN, WHOSE HUSBAND PAUL HUHN IS CAPTAIN OF  
FISHING BOAT, JACKSONVILLE BEACH, FLA., AND SISTER, NAME UNKNOWN  
CALLAHAN, FLA.

SOURCE SAID THAT SHE HEARD DESCRIPTION OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER  
KING, JR.'S ASSASSIN ON TV AND THIS DESCRIPTION FITS HUNT.

BECAUSE OF HIS BACKGROUND, SHE BELIEVES, HUNT MIGHT BE ASSASSIN

VIVIAN SULLIVAN, OFFICE MANAGER, ROBERTS MOTOR CO., TWO  
ONE ONE FIFTEENTH ST., AUGUSTA, PRODUCED RECORDS SHOWING HAYES H.  
HUNT, SOCIAL SECURITY NO. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], BORN [REDACTED], FIVE FT. ELEVEN INCHES,  
ONE HUNDRED FORTY LBS., BLOND HAIR, BROWN EYES, WAS EMPLOYED AS  
MECHANIC FOR ONE WEEK BEGINNING AUGUST TWENTYONE LAST. PERMANENT  
HOME ADDRESS LISTED AS ONE ZERO FOUR SEVEN TWO KENKA DRIVE,  
JACKSONVILLE, FLA., AND PERSON TO BE NOTIFIED IN CASE OF  
EMERGENCY CECIL HUNT, SAME ADDRESS.

JACKSONVILLE LOCATE HUNT, DETERMINE WHEREABOUTS AND  
ACTIVITIES DURING PERTINENT PERIOD.

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HUNT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED A AND D SINCE HE REPORTEDLY HAS  
REVOLVER WRAPPED IN NEWSPAPER WITH HIM AT ALL TIMES.

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Via TELETYPE URGENT (Priority)

TO: JACKSONVILLE

FROM: MEMPHIS (44-1987) (1P)

MURKIN; CR.

CHARLES CLARK, PRIVATE PILOT AND PLANE OWNER, MEMPHIS, TODAY ADVISED THAT ON APRIL SEVEN LAST, FNU BRAND, AIRPORT MANAGER, DESTIN, -FT. WALTON, FLA., TOLD HIM GROUP OF WHITE MEN, WHO DEPARTED AIRPORT IN AZTEC - PIPER TWIN ENGINE, SIX PLACE PLANE NIGHT APRIL THREE LAST, MADE REMARK TO EFFECT THEY WERE GOING TO MEMPHIS TO SHOOT KING.

JACKSONVILLE INTERVIEW FNU BRAND AND IF APPROPRIATE, SET OUT LEADS TO INTERVIEW OCCUPANTS OF PLANE. P. END.

NOTE: Call received 11:00 A. M., 4/8/68; caller identified himself as CHARLES CLARK, 4774 Quintell, Memphis, employed BILL DWYER Liquor Store, 2860 Poplar, Memphis, Telephone 452-5203.

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FBI BOSTON

143AM URGENT 4-8-68 TJT

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, DENVER, LITTLE ROCK, SALT LAKE CITY, BUTTE, WFO  
FROM BOSTON

MURKIN CR.

RE BOSTON TEL SENT YOUR OFFICE, TWELVE TWENTY THREE AM INSTANT  
DATE. NEXT TO LAST SENTENCE FIRST PAGE WHICH READS AS FOLLOWS:  
ALSO PLANNED PROSECUTORS AND INVESTIGATORS.

SHOULD READ THUS: ALSO PLANNED TO KILL PROSECUTORS AND  
INVESTIGATORS.

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FBI MEMPHIS

FBI DENVER

1:49 AM MST URGENT 7-8-68 FCD

TO: DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, BUTTE, KANSAS CITY, LITTLE ROCK, NEW HAVEN,  
AND SALT LAKE CITY

FROM: DENVER (157-203) 2P

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MURKIN; CR. OO: MEMPHIS.

RE BOSTON TELETYPE TO BUREAU APRIL EIGHT, SIXTY EIGHT.

FOR INFORMATION KC AND NH, BOSTON OFFICE INTERVIEWED VINCENT JAMES DE PALMA, NEWPORT, R.I., FORMER MINUTEMAN, WHO REPEATED INFO HE PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED TO ATTD INVESTIGATOR KARL E. TERLAU AT DENVER JANUARY LAST TO EFFECT THAT MINUTEMEN PLANNED TO KILL KING, ETC.. DE PALMA ADVISED THAT IF MINUTEMEN RESPONSIBLE ASSASSIN COULD BE MIKE LNU FROM TEXAS DESCRIBED WM, ITALIAN EXTRATION, TWENTY SIX, FIVE FEET TEN INCHES, ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY LBS., LIGHT COMPLEXION, THICK BLACK CURLY HAIR. MIKE OWNED MILK TRUCK PAINTED WHITE WITH KANSAS LICENSE LAST KNOWN TO BE PARKED AT TOPAZ MINING CO. NEAR SALT LAKE CITY.

DENVER FILES CONTAIN COPY OF TERLAU'S REPORT DATED JAN. TWENTY TWO, SIXTY EIGHT, AND REFLECT THAT SAME HAS BEEN FURNISHED TO ALL LISTED OFFICES. NO ADDITIONAL INFO IN DENVER FILES RE MIKE.

KANSAS CITY AND NEW HAVEN AS OO OF MINUTEMEN AND DE PALMA CASES REVIEW FILES FOR POSSIBLE IDENTITY OF QUOTE MIKE UNQUOTE.

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BUTTE, LITTLE ROCK, AND SALT LAKE CITY OFFICES SUTEL MEMPHIS  
RESULTS OF PRIOR INVESTIGATION TO VERIFY INFO PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED  
BY DE PALMA TO ATTD.

DENVER WILL RECONTACT ATTU INVESTIGATOR TERLAU.

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5)FBI MOBILE

2:03 AM CST URGENT 4/8/68 LPB

TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS

FROM MOBILE (157-2627)

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MURKIN. CR. OO MEMPHIS.

WILLIAM RANDALL ASKEW ONE ZERO ZERO SIX HILLABEE ROAD  
 ALEXANDER CITY, ALA. LOCATED LATE EVENING FOUR SEVEN AT HOME  
 OF FATHER INLAW FRANKLIN RICH NINE ZERO FIVE FIFTH STREET  
 SAME CITY. ASKEW IN INTOXICATED CONDITION BUT ADMITS MAKING  
 A TELEPHONE CALL TO MEMPHIS, TENN. POLICE DEPT. YESTERDAY  
 AFTERNOON. HE STATES COUSIN PERVIS ASKEW AND FRIEND DOUG  
COOLEY AT HOUSE WHEN TELCALL MADE. HE STATES HE PLACED CALL  
 TO MEMPHIS AND TOLD LONG DISTANCE OPERATOR HE WANTED THE POLICE  
 DEPT. OPERATOR TOLD HIM LINE WAS BUSY AND ASKED FOR HIS  
 TELEPHONE NUMBER AND HE GOT SCARED AND GAVE SOME OTHER NUMBER  
 THAT HE MADE UP. ABOUT THIRTY MINUTES LATER DOUG COOLEY  
 PLACED A LONG DISTANCE CALL TO THE MEMPHIS PD. WHEN OPERATOR  
 TOLD HIM LINE WAS BUSY COOLEY GAVE HER HIS (ASKEW) TELEPHONE  
 NUMBER THREE TWO NINE - NINE FIVE SIX SEVEN. THE OPERATOR  
 CALLED BACK IN ABOUT TEN MINUTES AND TOLD COOLEY THAT SHE HAD  
 THE MEMPHIS PD ON THE LINE. HE THEN TOOK THE PHONE FROM COOLEY

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AND ASKED WHO WAS TALKING. A MAN ANSWERED HE WAS THE U.S. MARSHALL OR SOME OTHER OFFICIAL SOUNDING NAME. ASKEW THEN MADE THE STATEMENT (TELL THE FELLOW WHO KILLED KING THAT ALA. SAID CONGRATULATIONS) HE THEN HUNG UP. ASKEW STATED THAT THIS CALL WAS STRICTLY (LIQUOR TALK) AND CAN GIVE NO PARTICULAR REASON FOR MAKING IT. HE KNOWS NOTHING AS TO THE ASSASSINATION OF DR. KING EXCEPT WHAT HE HAS READ IN THE NEWSPAPERS. HE, HIS COUSIN PERVIS AND COOLEY HAD ALL BEEN DRINKING AND WERE INTOXICATED. ASKEW'S CLAIM THAT HE WAS WORKING AT #ONE MILL RUSSELL MFG. CO. ALEXANDER CITY THURSDAY APRIL FOUR FROM SIX AM TO TWO PM VERIFIED THROUGH SUPERVISOR.

WILLIAM RANDALL ASKEW DESCRIBED AS: WM, AGE TWENTYONE, DOB [REDACTED] TALLAPOOSA COUNTY, ALA., HT. FIVE NINE, WT. ONE FOUR EIGHT, LIGHT BROWN HAIR , BLUE EYES, FAIR COMPLEXION. ASKEW ARRESTED TALLAPOOSA COUNTY THREE TIME VIOLATION PROHIBITION LAWS, TWICE PUBLIC DRUNK, AND ONCE FOR RESISTING ARREST.

ASKEW'S WIFE PATSY VIRGINIA CAMPBELL ASKEW MAINTAINS THAT HUSBAND REMAINED AT HOME FOUR FOUR SIXTYEIGHT AFTER ARRIVING HOME FROM WORK BETWEEN TWO FIFTEEN TO TWO THIRTY PM.

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PERVIS ADISON ASKEW RT. TWO ALEXANDER CITY, ALA. ADVISED HE AND DOUG COOLEY VISITED HIS COUSIN WILLIAM RANDALL ASKEW YESTERDAY SOMETIME AFTER THREE PM AND REMAINED THERE APPROXIMATELY FORTYFIVE MINUTES. AT TIME OF ARRIVAL RANDALL WAS TALKING ON TELEPHONE AND SHORTLY HUNG UP. HE HAD NO IDEA WHO RANDALL WAS TALKING TO. IN FIVE TO TEN MINUTES THE PHONE RANG AND RANDALL ANSWERED AND SAID SOMETHING TO THE EFFECT THAT HE HAD NOT MADE ANY CALL. RANDALL THEN HUNG UP AND DID NOT MAKE ANY COMMENTS CONCERNING THE TELEPHONE CALLS. NO FURTHER CALLS WERE RECEIVED OR MADE BY ANY OF THEM BEFORE HE AND COOLEY LEFT. HE ADMITS THAT THE THREE OF THEM HAD BEEN DRINKING BUT THAT RANDALL WAS THE ONLY ONE HIGHLY INTOXICATED.

HE CLAIMS TO KNOW NOTHING ABOUT THE KILLING OF DR. KING OTHER THAN WHAT LEARNED THROUGH THE NEWS MEDIA. HE CLAIMS FURTHER HE WAS AT HOME OF COUSIN JOHN WAYNE WINSLETT, FISH POND ROAD ALEXANDER CITY DURING PERIOD ONE TO ABOUT EIGHT PM FOUR FOUR SIXTYEIGHT.

PERVIS DESCRIBED: WM, THIRTYONE, DOB [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], TALLAPOOSA COUNTY, ALA., FIVE TEN AND ONE HALF,  
ONE FIFTY LBS., LIGHT BROWN HAIR, HAZEL EYES.  
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ALEXANDER CITY PD RECORDS REFLECT EXTENSIVE ARREST  
RECORD FOR PUBLIC DRUNK, DISORDERLY CONDUCT AND RESISTING  
ARREST.

EFFORTS TO LOCATE DOUG COOLEY AND JOHN WINSLETT NEGATIVE.  
INVESTIGATION CONTINUING TO LOCATE THESE INDIVIDUALS.

ADMINISTRATIVE: RE BH TEL TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND  
MOBILE SEVEN THIRTYSEVEN PM FOUR SEVEN INSTANT.

MOBILE FOLLOWING. BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED.

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