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313PM URGENT 4-7-68 SAA

TO ALL CONTINENTAL SACS

FROM DIRECTOR 1P

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THIS IS THE CAPTION FOR THE CIVIL RIGHTS INVESTIGATION TO IDENTIFY PERSON OR PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., IN MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, ON APRIL FOUR LAST.

ALL INVESTIGATION MUST BE HANDLE UNDER THE PERSONAL DIRECTION OF THE SAC. LEADS ARE TO BE AFFORDED IMMEDIATE, THOROUGH IMAGINATIVE ATTENTION. YOU MUST EXHAUST ALL POSSIBILITIES FROM SUCH LEADS AS ANY ONE LEAD COULD RESULT IN THE SOLUTION OF THIS MOST IMPORTANT INVESTIGATION. SAC WILL BE HELD PERSONALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY FAILURE TO PROMPTLY AND THOROUGHLY HANDLE INVESTIGATIONS IN THIS MATTER.

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405 PM URGENT 4-7-68 REM

TO MEMPHIS AND INDIANAPOLIS

FROM JACKSON (157-9586)

MURKIN

ANNONYMOUS CALL RECEIVED THIS DATE FROM ASSUMED NEGRO MALE,
STATING WAS CALLING FOR FRIEND WHO HAD OVERHEARD TELEPHONE CONVERSATION
ON PARTY LINE. CALL ALLEGEDLY MADE FROM JACKSON TO INDIANA AREA CODE
THREE ONE SEVEN TWO EIGHT TWO THREE NINE ZERO ONE.

ALLEGED CONVERSATION TO EFFECT THAT CALLER HAD LEFT MEMPHIS APRIL
FOUR LAST AND HAD TRAVELED TO GULFPORT, MISS. WHERE CALLER HAD
GOTTEN RID OF VEHICLE TRAVELING IN, AND HAD RENTED LODGING.
THE WORD "KING" WAS MENTIONED SEVERAL TIMES DURING CONVERSATION.
ANNONYMOUS CALLER STATED FRIEND WOULD NOT IDENTIFY SELF TO FBI,
AS FEARED FOR SAFETY.

INDIANAPOLIS DETERMINE SUBSCRIBER TO TELEPHONE NUMBER TWO EIGHT
TWO THREE NINE ZERO ONE AND INTERVIEW RE CAPTIONED MATTER.

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TO MEMPHIS

FROM MOBILE 157-2627

MURKIN. RM.

JOHN CHANEY, NM, EIGHT NAUGHT THREE NORTH UNION CIRCLE,
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA, REPORTED SEVENTH INSTANT.

HE OBSERVED ARTIST-S CONCEPTION OF KING-S ASSASSIN ON
SEVENTH INSTANT. HE BELIEVES THAT SUSPECT WAS AT MONTGOMERY,
ALABAMA, MARCH TWENTYSIX LAST. CHANEY AND WILLIE CHAMBLESS
OBSERVED SUSPECT WHO WAS DRINKING WINE WITH GROUP OF NEGROES
ON STRETT BUT DID NOT APPEAR DRUNK. SUSPECT STATED THEN
ABOUT FIVE PM HE WAS GOING TO MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE THAT NIGHT.
SUSPECT FURNISHED NO OTHER PERSONAL BACKGROUND. NO AUTO
OBSERVED.

CHAMBLESS BOUGHT FOR ONE DOLLAR SMALL BLACK BAG AND
CONTENTS FROM SUSPECT. BLACK BAG CONTAINED BLACK AND RED
PLAID SHIRT WITH LABEL "BRENT", TAN TROUSERS WITH LABEL
"LEVI-S STA-PRESS" AND NO SIZE, YELLOW WOOD PENCIL, RAZOR,
SHAVING BRUSH, MENNENS SHAVE TALC, SMALL CONTAINER SUGAR AS
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SERVED RESTAURANTS, FINGERNAIL CLIPPER.

SUSPECT DESCRIBED WM, THIRTY TO THIRTYTWO, ONE SEVENTY TO ONE SEVENTYFIVE POUNDS, FIVE FEET NINE INCHES, RUDDY COMPLEXION, BROWN GRAY HAIR, BUSHY AND COMBED BACK WITH DEFINITE RECEDING HAIRLINE IN FRONT. HE HAD GOLD OR SILVER TOOTH UPPER LEFT FRONT. HE WAS VERY WELL BUILT WITH BROAD SHOULDERS AND SMALL FROM WAIST DOWN. HE STOOD STRAIGHT AND SEEMED TO LEAN BACK AS HE STOOD. HE APPEARED TO WALK SIDE TO SIDE AS WALKED. HE SMILED MUCH AND STUCK TONGUE OUT SLIGHTLY AS HE SMILED, A SILLY SMILE. FACE WAS NARROW, NOSE LONG, POINTED, AND TALKED REGINAL. HE WORE TROUSERS, JACKET BELIEVED BROWN AND BLACK COWBOY TYPE BOOTS.

BAG AND CONTENTS BEING HELD. CHAMBLESS WILL BE INTERVIEWED WHEN LOCATED.

MEMPHIS FURNISH BACKGROUND INFORMATION TO AID MOBILE INVESTIGATION.

SUSPECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS AS RIFLE USED IN ASSASSINATION OF KING.

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TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS

FROM JACKSON (157-9586)

MURKIN

RE CHARLOTTE TELE TO BUREAU, APRIL SEVEN SIXTYEIGHT.

ALL JACKSON DIVISION BOMBING SUSPECTS ACCOUNTED FOR DURING
PERTINENT PERIOD, CAPTIONED MATTER.

ALL LOGICAL SOURCES AND INFORMANTS JACKSON DIVISION CONTACTED
RE MURKIN WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. NO KNOWN PLAN OF WKKKKOM TO
ASSASSINATE KING.

JACKSON INVESTIGATION CONTINUING.

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FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

MURKIN.

ROBERT GENTRY, SMYRNA, TENNESSEE, AN ADMITTED FORMER MEMBER OF KKK, ADVISED APRIL SIX LAST THAT HE DESIRES REWARD IN THIS CASE BUT WISHES HIS NAME BE KEPT STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL.

GENTRY CLAIMS THAT ABOUT FOUR YEARS AGO HE KNEW ONE WILLIAM ROSE, WHITE MALE, TWENTYSEVEN TO THIRTY YEARS, FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES, ONE HUNDRED SIXTYFIVE POUNDS, STRAWBERRY BLOND HAIR, WHO WAS THEN EMPLOYED AS A MACHINIST AT GREENVILLE, MISSISSIPPI, AND RESIDED IN THAT CITY.

GENTRY CLAIMS ROSE OFTEN MENTIONED A FRIEND, (FNU) WILLAND, ALSO OF GREENVILLE. GENTRY BELIEVES ROSE AND WILLAND WERE BOTH KKK MEMBERS. GENTRY BELIEVES ROSE CAPABLE OF VIOLENCE AND BELIEVES POSSIBLE HE MAY HAVE MURDERED KING.

JACKSON ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY, LOCATE AND ELIMINATE WILLIAM

Airtel ROSE, D. END.

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540PM URGENT 4/7/68 PJF

TO DIRECTOR MEMPHIS AND NEW YORK
FROM BUFFALO (44-374) (P)

MURKIN

REBUTEL ALL SAC APRIL SEVEN INSTANT

METROPOLITAN TORONTO PD (MTPD) TORONTO CANADA TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED TODAY OF INTERVIEW REQUEST MADE BY JOEL ROHER, TORONTO ART STUDENT AGE TWENTY THEN IN TORONTO ON VACATION. SUBSTANCE OF MTPD INTERVIEW INSTANT DATE REVOLVES AROUND ARTISTS CONCEPTION OF UNSUB PUBLISHED PAGE ONE TORONTO STAR APRIL SIX LAST. ROHER RESIDES APARTMENT FIVE G ELEVEN WAVERLY PLACE NEW YORK N.Y. (PHONE FOUR SEVEN SEVEN NINE ZERO SIX ZERO) AND IS ART STUDENT COOPER UNION COLLEGE, NYC. HAS BEEN IN TORONTO PAST EIGHT DAYS AND WILL RETURN TO NYC ADDRESS BY SIX PM INSTANT VIA TRANS CANADA FLIGHT FOUR TEN.

ROHER TOLD MTPD ARTISTS CONCEPTION IS PRECISE LIKENESS OF PAUL ADAM HARMON, WHITE MALE THIRTY THREE FIVE FEET SEVEN INCHES ONE FIFTY POUNDS SLIGHT BUILD SANDY BLOND HAIR RECEDING AT TOP. HARMON ORIGINALLY FROM PENSACOLA FLA. LIVES IN APARTMENT TWO A SAME BUILDING AS ROHER AND SHARES APARTMENT WITH ONE KEITH ILES, WHITE MALE TWENTY THREE FIVE FEET TEN INCHES ONE SEVENTY LBS. HUSKY BUILD. HARMON AND ILES ARE SOCIAL WORKERS FOR DIFFERENT NYC AGENCIES. BOTH ARE HOMOSEXUALS WITH HARMON
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THE AGGRESSOR. ILES CAME TO NYC FROM TALLAHASSEE FLORIDA.

ROHER STATED NEVER HEARD HARMON REFER TO KING NOR EXPRESS HATRED OF NEGROES BUT DESCRIBED HIM AS MORBIDLY INTERESTED IM NURDERS AND POSSIBLY PSYCHOTIC. ILES IS DESCRIBED AS HATING ALL NEGROES AND FEARFUL BECAUSE OF BEATINGS GIVEN HIM. ROHER TOLD MTPD HE ONCE SAW GRAY SUITCASE IN HARMON'S POSSESSION WHICH HARMON SAID HE HAD QUOTE USED WHEN IN JUVENILE COURT UNQUOTE. SUITCASE CONTAINED TWO PAIR HANDCUFFS PLUS BALL POINT TYPE PEN WHICH HARMON SAID WAS CAPABLE FIRING SOME TYPE BULLETS OR PROJECTILES. ROHER TOLD MTPD SUITCASE CONTAINED NO OTHER TYPE WEAPON.

ROHER IS PORTRAIT ARTIST AND FEELS HAIR LINE , NOSE AND JAW DETAIL IN ARTISTS CONCEPTION ARE REPLICAS OF HARMONS.

NEW YORK CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE WHEREABOUTS HARMON AND ILES MARCH TWENTYNINE AND THIRTY LAST, DATE MURDER WEAPON PURCHASED BIRMINGHAM AND APRIL FOUR LAST. ROHER CANNOT ASSIST THIS ASPECT SINCE HE IN TORONTO THAT PERIOD.

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LAST, AND IDENTIFIED LEHMEYER AS BEING PRESENT IN HIS COURT WHEN COURT WAS DISMISSED AT APPROXIMATELY TWO P.M., APRIL FOUR, LAST. MARCH SIXTYEIGHT PHOTO OF LEHMEYER OBTAINED AND COPY BEING SENT BIRMINGHAM AND MEMPHIS. LEHMEYER FORMERLY IN U.S. ARMY, ASN [REDACTED] [REDACTED] HE WAS BORN [REDACTED], SIXTYSEVEN INCHES TALL, ONE EIGHT FIVE POUNDS, HAIR GREY, SHORT, RECEDING. IN VIEW OF FOREGOING MEMPHIS MAY DESIRE TO INFORM ATLANTA TO DISCONTINUE INQUIRY AT DELTA AL PROCESSING, AS SET OUT IN CHICAGO TEL TODAY.

PERSONAL REVIEW OF MINNESOTA DRIVER'S LICENSE RECORDS, ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA, BY HAROLD HIGGINS, FORMER SA, AND CURRENT SUPT., MINNESOTA BUREAU OF CRIMINAL APPREHENSION, TODAY DETERMINED THESE FILES CONTAIN NO RECORD UNDER NAME LOWMEYER. AT TIME OF ORIGINAL CONTACT, THE LICENSE BUREAU CLERK MISUNDERSTOOD THE REQUEST, AND ACTUALLY LOCATED A LICENSE FOR A HARRY WILLIAM LA MERE, JR., SIX SEVEN NINE EAST SEVENTY NINTH STREET, APT. FIVE, MINNEAPOLIS, BORN [REDACTED] [REDACTED] OCCUPATION IS SERVICE STATION ATTENDANT. DETERMINED LA MERE MOVED FROM THIS ADDRESS ON
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APRIL ONE LAST AND LEFT NO FORWARDING ADDRESS. INVESTIGATION
CONTINUING TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW LA MERE TO ELIMINATE.

BIRMINGHAM CONSIDER INTERVIEW OF RICHARD EVANS, BESSEMER,
TO VERIFY MARCH TWENTYSEVEN ACTIVITY OF LEHMEYER IN
BIRMINGHAM.

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554PM URGENT 4-7-68 RLT

TO DIRECTOR, BIRMINGHAM AND MEMPHIS
FROM MINNEAPOLIS 157-450

MURKIN. CR.

RE MEMPHIS TEL APRIL SIX LAST AND MYTEL TO BU AND MEMPHIS
APRIL SIX.

TODAY WILLIAM JOSEPH LEHMEYER, THREE FIVE THREE ZERO
FAIRLAWN DRIVE, MINNETONKA, MINN., AN INVESTIGATOR FOR MINNEAPOLIS
LAW FIRM OF DE PARK, ANDERSON AND PERL, WHO REPRESENT INTERNATIONAL
BROTHERHOOD OF RAILWAY FIREMEN, STATED THAT IN CONNECTION
WITH LAW FIRM INVESTIGATION HE DEPARTED MINNEAPOLIS MARCH
TWELVE LAST AND TRAVELLED TO W. VA., KENTUCKY. HE PRODUCED
BILL THAT HE STAYED AT ATLANTA HILTON HOTEL, ATLANTA, MARCH
TWENTY SIX AND TWENTYSEVEN. HE DEPARTED ATLANTA, VIA EAL ABOUT
ELEVEN A.M., MARCH TWENTYSEVEN AND ARRIVED BIRMINGHAM, ALA., ABOUT
ONE HOUR LATER. HE WAS MET AT BIRMINGHAM AIRPORT BY RICHARD
EVANS, ONE EIGHT TWO SEVEN SHORT TWELFTH STREET, BESSEMER, ALA.,
TELEPHONE FOUR TWO FIVE - THREE SIX FIVE ONE. EVANS IS LOCAL
CHAIRMAN OF BROTHERHOOD OF RAILWAY FIREMEN. LEHMEYER SPENT
ENTIRE DAY WITH EVANS. VISITED EVAN'S WIFE AT LOCAL HOSPITAL,
HAD LUNCH AT BAR B QUE, ATTENDED MOVIE AND VISITED A MR.
ELKOURIE WHO WAS ILL. LEHMEYER MADE TWO FLIGHT SCHEDULES TO
LEAVE BIRMINGHAM TO RETURN TO MINNEAPOLIS. DID NOT ARRIVE AT
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AIRPORT IN TIME TO MAKE SOUTHERN AIRLINES FLIGHT. TOOK
STANDBY PASSAGE ON DELTA AL FLIGHT TO MEMPHIS ABOUT SIX P.M.,
MARCH TWENTYSEVEN. EVANS DROVE HIM TO AIRPORT FOR DEPARTURE.
TRAVELLED VIA DELTA AL TO MEMPHIS, HAD LAYOVER, ATE DINNER
THERE AND AFTER DINNER TRAVELLED VIA DELTA TO CHICAGO WHERE
HE TRANSFERRED DIRECT TO NORTHWEST AIRLINES, RETURNING TO
MINNEAPOLIS DURING EARLY MORNING HOURS OF MARCH TWENTYEIGHT.
ABOVE SCHEDULE FURNISHED BY LEHMEYER FROM HANDWRITTEN EXPENSE
SHEETS. HE SAID HE SPENT MARCH TWENTYEIGHT AND TWENTY NINE
IN HIS MINNEAPOLIS OFFICE. ON MARCH THIRTY HE CONDUCTED
INVESTIGATION IN WATERTOWN, MINN. AMONG CONTACTS THERE WAS
WILLIAM O'CONNELL, DEPUTY SHERIFF, CARVER CO., MINN.
LEHMEYER STATED HE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF ANYONE POSSIBLY USING
HIS NAME TO TRANSACT BUSINESS IN ALABAMA. HE DID NOT
LOSE OR LOAN ANY ITEMS OF IDENTIFICATION WHILE IN THE STATE.
TODAY DEPUTY SHERIFF O'CONNELL RECALLS LEHMEYER CONTACTING HIM
AT HIS HOME ON MARCH THIRTY IN CONNECTION WITH A PERSONAL INJURY
ACCIDENT.

TODAY, HARVEY A. HOLTON, DISTRICT JUDGE, REDWOOD FALLS,
MINN., STATED HE HELD COURT IN REDWOOD FALLS ON APRIL THREE AND FOUR
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6:43 PM URGENT 4-7-68 DHV
TO MEMPHIS AND KANSAS CITY
FROM CINCINNATI (157-1893)

MURKIN

SGT. WILLIAM LAVERY, DELAWARE COUNTY, SO, ADVISED TELETYPE
RECEIVED FROM PD INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI TODAY STATING DWIGHT D.
MATHIAS HELD MISSOURI [REDACTED], TWO TWO ZERO ZERO
MC COY, KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI.

MATHIAS WHO LIVES WITH MOTHER RUTH MATHIAS, ROUTE ONE,
SHAWNEE HILLS, POWELL, OHIO, LEFT HOME APRIL TWO OR THREE LAST,
SUPPOSEDLY ENROUTE WASHINGTON, D.C. HE IS OUTSPOKEN CRITIC OF
PRESIDENT JOHNSON AND LATE DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. CHARACTER-
IZING BOTH AS COMMUNISTS AND LIARS.

MATHIAS DRIVING NINETEEN SIXTY FORD PICK-UP TRUCK, RED WITH
CAMPER BEARING OHIO LICENSE FIVE C FIVE THREE SEVEN SIX.

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MATHIAS DESCRIBED BY SECRET SERVICE COLUMBUS, OHIO WHICH HAS
CONDUCTED INVESTIGATION CONCERNING HIM AS WHITE MALE, DOB: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], COLUMBUS, OHIO, SIX FEET, ONE FORTY POUNDS,
BROWN EYES AND HAIR. HE HAS [REDACTED] FOR PAST THREE
YEARS.

MISSOURI AUTHORITIES REQUESTED MATHIAS FAMILY TO ARRANGE TO
RETURN HIM TO OHIO AND MOTHER IN PROCESS OF MAKING SUCH ARRANGEMENTS.

KANSAS CITY DETERMINE THROUGH INTERVIEW OF MATHIAS, WHERE-
ABOUTS SEVEN PM APRIL FOUR, LAST AND CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION
TO CONFIRM.

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645 PM URGENT 4-7-68 JMC
TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS
FROM CHARLOTTE (44-1365)

MURKIN.

RE BOSTON TEL TO BUREAU AND CHARLOTTE TELCALL TO BUREAU
INSTANT DATE.

WILLIAM JOYNER, BUREAU OF IDENTIFICATION, FAYETTEVILLE,
N.C., PD, ADVISED APRIL SEVEN INSTANT GEORGE WILBUR BREECE,
SON OF J. WILBUR BREECE, FUNERAL HOME OPERATOR, FAYETTEVILLE,
N.C. JOYNER PERSONALLY ACQUAINTED WITH GEORGE BREECE AND
LAST SAW HIM LAST WEEK WEARING U.S. ARMY FATIGUES DRIVING
LATE MODEL GRREN AUTOMOBILE BELIEVED MUSTANG OF COUGAR.
STATED BREECE OF SIMILAR STATURE AND BEARS RESEMBLANCE TO
COMPOSITE PHOTO OF SUSPECT BUT NOSE ON PHOTO TOO LONG FOR
BREECE.

RECORDS, PMO, FT. BRAGG, N.C., LISTS SPECIALIST FOURTH
CLASS GEORGE W. BREECE, ASN RA [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], ASSIGNED SERVICE CO., U.S. ARMY GARRISON, MORTUARY
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BRANCH, FT. BRAGG, N.C. RECORDS CURRENT ONLY TO FEBRUARY
TWENTYNINE LAST.

SGT. BURKE, HEADQUARTERS CO., USAG, FT. BRAGG, N.C.,
ADVISED LAST RECORDS RECEIVED SHOW BREECE REPORTED FOR SUTY
SEVEN A.M. APRIL THREE LAST. RECORDS WITH CURRENT INFO NOT
AVAILABLE FOR EXAMINATION UNTIL APRIL EIGHT NEXT.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING.

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654PM URGENT 4-7-68 JLS

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, PHILA (157-2574)

FROM ST. LOUIS (157-5383)

MURKIN

RE PH TEL FOUR SIX DASH SEVEN SIXTYEIGHT

DELTA FLIGHTS DEPARTING SL ENROUTE TO MEMPHIS FROM NOON
TO SIX THIRTY P.M. INSTANT DATE NEGATIVE RE JOHN BRYANT AND
OTHERS IN REFERENCED TELETYPE. DELTA ONLY AIRLINE WITH SERVICE
FROM SL TO MEMPHIS.

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FBI BIRMGHAM

6:59PM URGENT 4-7-68 CEN

TO DIRECTOR, NEW YORK, AND MEMPHIS
FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)

MURKIN; CR.

RE BIRMINGHAM TEL THIS DATE.

W. J. LEHMEYER ELIMINATED AS POSSIBLE SUSPECTS. NEW YORK
DISCONTINUE LEAD REGARDING HIM AT AMERICAN EXPRESS COMPANY.
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TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND MOBILE
FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)

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MURKIN; CR.

RE MEMPHIS TELCALL TO BIRMINGHAM AND BIRMINGHAM TELEPHONE
CALL TO MOBILE THIS DATE.

REFERENCED MEMPHIS TELEPHONE CALL INDICATED MEMPHIS POLICE
DEPARTMENT RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL FROM UNKNOWN INDIVIDUAL FOUR:
ZERO FIVE PM THIS DATE WHO ASKED "DO YOU WANT TO KNOW WHO KILLED
MARTIN LUTHER KING." MEMPHIS POLICE DEPARTMENT REPLIED AFFIRMATIVELY
AND WHEN CALLER WAS ASKED TO IDENTIFY HIMSELF HE STATED HE DID NOT
WANT TO TALK TO POLICE AND HUNG UP. OPERATOR CUT IN AND ASKED IF
CALL WAS DISCONNECTED AND POLICE ADVISED IT WAS. OPERATOR IDENTIFIED
HERSELF AS BIRMINGHAM AND RECONNECTED CALL. WHEN RECONNECTED POLICE
IDENTIFIED PERSON CALLED AS ORIGINAL CALLER WHO STATED HE DID NOT
WANT TO TALK TO POLICE AND AGAIN HUNG UP. OPERATOR REFUSED TO DIVULGE
BIRMINGHAM NUMBER TO POLICE.

CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE BIRMINGHAM ADVISED CALL PLACED FROM
TELEPHONE NUMBER THREE TWO NINE - NINE FIVE SIX SEVEN. SUBSCRIBER
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RANDALL ASKEW, ONE ZERO ZERO SIX HILLABEE HIGHWAY, ALEXANDER CITY,
ALABAMA. MOBILE TELEPHONICALLY REQUESTED TO IMMEDIATELY INTERVIEW.
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8:10 PM EST 4/7/68 URGENT VSC
TO DIRECTOR, ATTN. IDENTIFICATION DIVISION AND
SAC MEMPHIS
FROM ATLANTA 157-3094

MURKIN

THE FOLLOWING SUSPECT WAS RECOMMENDED TO SA JACK B. SIMPSON BY LT. J. D. HEWATT, DEKALB COUNTY, GEORGIA POLICE. SUSPECT FLOYD EUGENE AYERS, FBI NO. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] APD NO. ONE EIGHT TWO SEVEN SIX EIGHT, HAS BEEN CHARACTERIZED IN POLICE REPORTS AS DEMENTED AND ACCORDING TO HEWATT, HAS BEEN HEARD TO STATE THAT MARTIN LUTHER KING AND STOKELY CARMICHAEL SHOULD BE ASSASSINATED. SUSPECT'S WHEREABOUTS FOR PAST WEEK UNKNOWN, AS HE HAS BEEN REPORTED TO BE ABSENT FROM DEKALB COUNTY, GEORGIA. SUSPECT DESCRIBED AS W/M, BORN [REDACTED], MEDIUM BUILD, SIX FEET ONE INCH TALL, WEIGHING ONE HUNDRED EIGHTYSIX LBS., RUDDY COMPLEXION, BROWN HAIR, BLUE EYES, CUT SCAR RIGHT EYE, CUT SCAR RIGHT THUMB, SCARS ON RIGHT KNEE AND BACK. HE HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN LISTED AS A SALESMAN AND HAS MOTHER, MARY AYERS, ONE ZERO SIX BISHOP DR., MARIETTA, GA.
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AT 157-3094

IN EVENT ANY LATENT PRINTS HAVE BEEN RECOVERED IN INSTANT INVESTIGATION, IS RECOMMENDED THAT IDENTIFICATION DIVISION COMPARE SUCH LATENTS WITH THE FINGERPRINTS OF FLOYD EUGENE AYERS. PHOTO BEING OBTAINED AND WILL BE FORWARDED TO MEMPHIS.

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FBI NEW HAVEN

8-13PM URGENT 4/7/68 RJC
TO DIRECTOR, BOSTON, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM
FROM NEW HAVEN (157-818)

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RENHTEL THIS DATE TO BS, ME, KC AND CE.

FOR INFO OF BIRMINGHAM, MOTHER OF VINCENT PAUL DE PALMA,
BRISTOL, CONN. ADVISED THIS DATE THAT DE PALMA CONTACTED HER
IN PERSON IN BRISTOL HOSPITAL ON APRIL FIVE LAST STATING HE HAD
ARRIVED IN BRISTOL ABOUT NOON THAT DATE, AND HAD SUBSEQUENTLY
SEEN HIS CHILDREN AND HIS FATHER WHO IS IN STATE HOSPITAL, NORWICH,
CONN. MRS DE PALMA STATED DE PALMA HAS BEEN RESIDING SINCE EARLY
FEBRUARY TO DATE IN MIDDLETOWN, RHODE ISLAND WHERE EMPLOYED AS BUS
DRIVER.

BOSTON HAS LEADS TO ASCERTAIN DE PALMA'S WHEREABOUTS ON APRIL
FOUR, SIXTYEIGHT.

BOSTON DETERMINE WHEREABOUTS OF DE PALMA ON MARCH TWO NINE AND
THIRTY LAST SINCE THESE DATES ARE OF INTEREST TO BIRMINGHAM SINCE
WEAPON IN CASE PURCHASED IN BIRMINGHAM.

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TO DIRECTOR, BIRMINGHAM, AND MEMPHIS
FROM ATLANTA

MURKIN. OO: MEMPHIS.

RE BIRMINGHAM TEL TO DIRECTOR APR. SEVEN SIXTYEIGHT,
REGARDING OBTAINING LIST OF PASSENGERS ON FLIGHTS FROM
BIRMINGHAM TO MEMPHIS FOR MONTH OF MAR. AND THROUGH APR. FIVE
SIXTYEIGHT FROM DELTA AND SOUTHERN AIRLINES, ATLANTA, AND
TELEPHONE CALL TO SAC BIRMINGHAM APR. SEVEN SIXTYEIGHT.

DURING RE TELEPHONE CALL SAC JOSEPH GAMBLE, BIRMINGHAM,
STATED THAT LEAD IN RETEL SHOULD BE HELD IN ABEYANCE UNTIL
FURTHER NOTICE DUE TO THE INFORMATION DEVELOPED THROUGH AIRLINE
SOURCES IN ATLANTA AS TO THE TREMENDOUS VOLUME OF PAPER WHICH
WOULD RESULT FROM OBTAINING DESIRED INFORMATION FROM DATA
PROCESSING, AS WELL AS THE TREMENDOUS TIME AND MANPOWER WHICH
WOULD OF NECESSITY HAVE TO BE UTILIZED BY AIRLINE PERSONNEL
AS WELL AS BUREAU PERSONNEL.

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TO DIRECTOR, BIRMINGHAM, MEMPHIS, MINNEAPOLIS, AND CHICAGO
FROM ATLANTA

MURKIN. OO: MEMPHIS.

RE CHICAGO TEL TO ATLANTA APR. SEVEN SIXTYEIGHT, WHICH
REFERENCES MEMPHIS TEL TO DIRECTOR, BIRMINGHAM, AND MINNEAPOLIS,
APR. SIX SIXTYEIGHT.

DERRELL PARHAM, SENIOR OPERATOR, DELTA AIRLINES DATA PROCESSING
CENTER, ATLANTA, GA., ADVISED ON APR. SEVEN SIXTYEIGHT THAT
MEMORY BANK "PRINT OUT OF PAST DATE PASSENGER NAME RECORDS" REVEALS
FOLLOWING:

PASSENGER LEMEYER L MADE RESERVATION AT BIRMINGHAM AIR
FIELD TICKET OFFICE AT SIX FOURTEEN PM ON MAR. TWENTYSEVEN
SIXTYEIGHT WITH DELTA TICKET AGENT C C ONE, FOR RESERVATION ON
DELTA FLIGHT NINE THREE TWO FROM MEMPHIS TO CHICAGO ON MAR.
TWENTYSEVEN SIXTYEIGHT, GIVING NO CONTACT SUCH AS TELEPHONE
NUMBER IN BIRMINGHAM.

AT SAME TIME OF ABOVE ARRANGEMENTS, LEMEYER MADE
RESERVATION ON NORTHWESTERN AIRLINES FLIGHT TWO THREE NINE ON
MAR. TWENTYSEVEN SIXTYEIGHT FROM CHICAGO TO MINNEAPOLIS - ST. PAUL
AND HAD SAME CONFIRMED.
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ABOVE DELTA RECORDS FURTHER REVEAL PASSENGER WAS LISTED AS LEHMEYER - L ON STANDBY FOR DELTA FLIGHT FIVE NINE FIVE ON MAR. TWENTYSEVEN SIXTYEIGHT FROM BIRMINGHAM TO MEMPHIS, WITH NO CONTACT IN BIRMINGHAM GIVEN. THIS STANDBY RESERVATION WAS MADE AT TWELVE FIFTYFOUR PM ON MAR. TWENTYSEVEN SIXTYEIGHT WITH DELTA BIRMINGHAM CLERK F W THREE; HOWEVER, NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT COMPUTER CENTER AS TO WHETHER PASSENGER ACTUALLY MADE THIS FLIGHT.

COPIES OF ABOVE MENTIONED PAST DATE PASSENGER NAME RECORDS FOR DELTA FLIGHTS FIVE NINE FIVE AND NINE THREE TWO ON MAR. TWENTYSEVEN SIXTYEIGHT BEING FURNISHED BIRMINGHAM AND MEMPHIS AMSD APR. SEVEN SIXTYEIGHT IN ACCORDANCE WITH TELEPHONE CONVERSATIONS OF APR. SEVEN SIXTYEIGHT WITH SAC, BIRMINGHAM, AND ASAC, MEMPHIS.

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TO MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM SAVANNAH (44-1768) 1P

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

RE SAVANNAH TEL TO MEMPHIS INSTANT.

SAVANNAH CAR RENTAL AGENCIES CONTACTED THIS DATE.

RECORDS NEGATIVE RE RENTAL BY PERSON NAMED WILLARD, LOWMEYER,
AND/OR LEHMEYER BETWEEN MARCH TWENTY AND APRIL SIX INSTANT.

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TO: DIRECTOR DENVER KANSAS CITY MEMPHIS SPRINGFIELD
FROM: CHICAGO (44-NEW)(P)

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MURKIN. CR

RE SPRINGFIELD TEL TO CHICAGO APRIL SIX LAST.

SPRINGFIELD DIVISION ADVISE RONALD LORENZEN, MANAGING
EDITOR, TIMES DEMOCRAT, DAVENPORT, IOWA, ADVISED HE RECEIVED
TELEPHONE CALL FROM EDWARD BAUMGARDNER OF NINE ONE
SEVEN SIXTH AVENUE, ERIE, ILLINOIS, ON APRIL FIVE LAST.
BAUMGARDNER ADVISED HIM THAT ARTIST'S CONCEPTION DISPLAYED
ON TELEVISION OF ASSASSINATION SUSPECT APPEARS TO BE THAT OF ONE
VINCENT DE PALMA. BAUMGARDNER ALSO ADVISED THAT HE IS
FORMER MINUTEMAN AND ASSASSINATION MAY HAVE BEEN
COMMITTED BY MEMBER OF MINUTEMEN.

ON APRIL SIX LAST BAUMGARDNER INTERVIEWED AT ERIE
ILLINOIS AND ADVISED AS FOLLOWS.

BAUMGARDNER ATTENDED MINUTEMAN SCHOOL IN COLORADO
AND WAS ASSIGNED TO "STRIKE TEAM" WITH VINCENT DE PALMA.
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IT WAS DISCUSSED AT SCHOOL THAT IF ROBERT DE PUGH, LEADER OF MINUTEMEN, WAS EVER ARRESTED "STRIKE TEAM" WOULD ASSASSINATE MARTIN LUTHER KING AND VARIOUS GOVERNMENTAL OFFICIALS TO CREAT DIVERSION THEREBY MAKING IT POSSIBLE TO RESCUE DE PUGH. BAUMGARDNER NOTED DE PUGH PRESENTLY WANTED BY FEDERAL AUTHORITIES. BAUMGARDNER ADVISED DE PALMA WAS ASSIGNED CODE NAME WILLARD AND HE NOTED PERSON WHO KILLED KING REPORTED BY NEWS MEDIA TO HAVE REGISTERED IN HOTEL IN MEMPHIS USING NAME WILLARD.

DE PALMA DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, ABOUT TWENTY FIVE FIVE FEET ELEVEN TO SIX FEET, ONE EIGHT ZERO POUNDS, MEDIUM BROWN HAIR, DARK COMPLEXION, POSSIBLY AMERICAN INDIAN.

BAUMGARDNER ADVISED PHOTO OF DE PALMA IN POSSESSION DENVER POST NEWSPAPER , DENVER, COLORADO. IN CONNECTION WITH COURT HEARING IN BRECKINRIDGE, COLORADO WHERE DE PALMA APPEARED AS WITNESS AGAINST BOB WHERLEY (PH)., EDITOR OF DENVER POST.

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DENVER OBTAIN PHOTO OF DE PALMA AND FORWARD TO MEMPHIS
FOR DISPLAY TO WITNESSES. KANSAS CITY FURNISH MEMPHIS
WITH ANY PERTINENT INFO FROM MINUTEMEN FILE RE DE PALMA.

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DAVID SLOAN, MINISTER AND BALTIMORE AFRO-AMERICAN NEWS PAPER REPORTER, TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED THAT HE HAD CONVERSATION WITH ONE MAURISE SHAW, FEMALE, THREE EIGHT SIX BUTLER STREET, APT. C, MEMPHIS, THIS DATE REGARDING A NOTE SHE FURNISHED HIM. SHAW IDENTIFIED HERSELF AS WAITRESS, WORKING CONCESSION STAND IN CENTRAL RR STATION, MEMPHIS. ADVISED IN NOTE THAT THURSDAY NOON, (FNU) WIGGINS WHO IS YOUNGER OF THE TWO PASSENGER AGENTS WORKING AT STATION, ASKED HER MANY QUESTIONS ABOUT MOTEL WHERE KING WAS KILLED. HE INQUIRED ABOUT "WHERE DIRECTLY WAS THE LUNCH ROOM" IN MOTEL AND WHETHER FOOD WAS GOOD. SHAW ADVISED SHE DIDN'T KNOW, BUT HE COULD SEE FRONT OF MOTEL FROM SIDE STREET THAT TURNS OFF MAIN STREET. WIGGING LATER DURING NOON HOUR QUESTIONED SHAW FURTHER ABOUT LAYOUT OF MOTEL AND GAVE NO FURTHER CONSIDERATION AS UNAWARE KING WAS REGISTERED AT MOTEL. SHAW DESCRIBED WIGGINS AS WORKING IN OFFICE ON TOP

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FLOOR OF RAILROAD STATION AND AS PERSON TO SEE TO MAKE RESERVATIONS TO CHICAGO. SHE DESCRIBED WIGGINS AS WHITE MALE, SIX FEET, TALL, SLENDER, WEIGHING ONE SIXTYFIVE TO ONE SEVENTY POUNDS, DARK BROWN HAIR AND LOOKING SIMILIAR TO ARTISTS CONCEPTION APPEARING MEMPHIS PAPER. SLOAN ADVISED SHAW AFRAID TO REPORT DETAILS OF ABOVE TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES MEMPHIS. SLOAN ADVISES HE HAS NO WAY TO EVALUATE SOURCE AND ADVISED SHAW HE WOULD REPORT TO FBI IN ATLANTA. SLOAN ADVISED BOTH HE AND SHAW WANT ANONYMITY THIS MATTER. SLOAN ALSO ADVISED CORNELIUS JONES, TWO SIX SEVEN GASTON STREET, MEMPHIS, AN EMPLOYEE OF CRUZEN EQUIPMENT CO., ONE SIX ZERO MALLORY ST., ADVISED HE OBSERVED MEETING OF APPROXIMATELY TWENTYFIVE PERSONS, DAY FOLLOWING FIRST MARCH OF KING IN MEMPHIS AT LAYCOCK CO., TWO FIVE NINE E. BUTLER STREET. JONES STATED ONE OF MEN IN GROUP WAS OVERHEARD TO SAY "IF I CAN JUST GET A SIGHT ON HIM", AT WHICH TIME CONVERSATION TERMINATED BECAUSE OF JONES PRESENCE. SLOAN COULD NOT FURTHER DESCRIBE RELIABILITY OF EITHER SHAW OR JONES. ✓

ABOVE FOR MEMPHIS ACTION.

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147AM EST URGENT 4/7/68 LWG
TO MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM
FROM ATLANTA

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REBHTEL FOUR SIX LAST.

MISS JANE MAYO, DELTA AIRLINES RESERVATION SUPERVISOR,
ATLANTA, GA., ADVISED RECORDS REFLECT ONE LEHMYER WAS
PASSENGER DELTA FLIGHT FIVE NINE FIVE THREE TWENTYSEVEN
SIXTYEIGHT, BIRMINGHAM TO MEMPHIS. PASSENGER LISTED AS L.
LEMEYER BOARDED FLIGHT DELTA NINE THREE TWO, FIRST CLASS,
ENROUTE O'HARE AIRPORT CHICAGO, HAVING CONNECTIONS WITH NORTH
WEST FLIGHT TWO THREE NINE. MANIFEST OF DELTA FLIGHT NINE
THREE TWO FAILED TO SHOW PASSENGERS, FLIGHT NO. OR METHOD
OF TRAVEL TO MEMPHIS. RECHECK OF DELTA MANIFEST TELEPHONICALLY
AT BIRMINGHAM FOR FLIGHT TO MEMPHIS REFLECTS LEHMYER WAS
STANDBY PASSENGER FOR FLIGHT AND THAT TICKET WAS PURCHASED
AT BIRMINGHAM AIRPORT AT ONE PM. FOR THIS REASON MODE OF
ARRIVAL NOT REFLECTED ON MANIFEST OF NINE THREE TWO.

ATLANTA CONTINUING EFFORTS TO LOCATE ORIGINAL TICKET FOR
SUBMISSION TO LAB AND RECORD OF OTHER TRAVEL. THIS TICKET WILL

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ALSO REFLECT METHOD OF PAYMENT.

MEMPHIS IF NOT ALREADY REQUESTED, CHECK FOR PASSENGER
LEHMYER OR LEMEYER ON NORTHWEST FLIGHT TWO THREE NINE, THREE
TWENTYSEVEN TO MINNEAPOLIS FOR IDENTIFYING DATA.

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FBI ALBANY

202AM CORRECT DATE IS 4/7/68 URGENT 4-6-68 DER
TO DIRECTOR, BIRMINGHAM, MEMPHIS, BOSTON, NEWARK, NEW HAVEN
AND NEW YORK
FROM ALBANY /157-273/ 5P

MURKIN CR OO MEMPHIS

RE TEL CALLS TO BUREAU MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM THIS DATE.

SEARCH OF PREMISES BELIEVED OCCUPIED BY UNSUB WHO
ASSASSINATED DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING ON FOUR FOUR SIXTYEIGHT
DISCLOSED SUITCASE IN WHICH WAS LOCATED TEE SHIRT AND UNDER
SHORTS BEARING LAUNDRY MARK ON RED TAPE WITH BLACK LETTERING
BELIEVED TO BE THERMO-SEAL TYPE, MANUFACTURED BY TEXTILE
MARKING MACHINE CO., INC., SYRACUSE, N.Y. THE TAPE IS ONE
QUARTER INCH WIDE AND ONE AND ONE SIXTEENTH INCH LONG AND BEARS
LETTERS AND NUMBERS EITHER D TWO B DASH SIX OR ZERO TWO B DASH
SIX.

BUREAU HAS INSTRUCTED THAT ALL TEXTILE MACHINES USING
THIS TYPE TAPE BE LOCATED AND THE MACHINE USING THIS CODE BE
IDENTIFIED.

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*SA KLU91 BIRMINGHAM
AT 1:27AM 4/7/68
REQUESTED MEMPHIS TO
SEND ARTISTS TO
PHOTOS AS REQUESTED IN
LEAD ON PAGE 5
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CALLS BY ALBANY OFFICE TO ALL SALES REPRESENTATIVES OF TEXTILE MARKING MACHINE CO. DISCLOSED THAT ONLY ONE AREA OF UNITED STATES (NORTHEAST) UTILIZES THIS CODE SYSTEM ON THIS TAPE. THE CODE IS AS FOLLOWS: THE FIRST LETTER O OR D STANDS FOR LOT NUMBER; FIRST NUMBER DESIGNATES DAY OF WEEK, TWO BEING TUESDAY; SECOND LETTER IS FIRST LETTER OF THE STORE NAME; LAST NUMBER IS THE BUNDLE NUMBER. COLOR CODING OF TAG MAY DESIGNATE VARIOUS THINGS SUCH AS THE IDENTITY OF A STORE IN A CHAIN. FOR IDENTIFICATION IT APPEARS THAT THE MACHINE PRODUCING THE TAPE WAS DEFECTIVE CAUSING A CUT OFF OF THE TAPE BY ONE SIXTEENTH INCH AND CUTTING A PORTION OF THE FIRST LETTER. ALSO DETERMINED THAT THE USE OF THIS SYSTEM ON LAUNDRY ITEMS IS UNUSUAL IN THAT IT IS NORMALLY USED ON GARMENTS BEING DRY CLEANED.

FOLLOWING ARE DISTRIBUTORS OF THERMO-SEAL MACHINES WHO MAY HAVE SOLD MACHINES TO STORES WHOS NAMES BEGIN WITH THE LETTER B.

BOSTON: LEWIS NATIONAL CORP., ONE MT. VERNON ST.
DORCHESTER, MASS., NEWARK: PROSPERITY DIVISION OF AMETEK
ONE SEVEN TWO FIVE ORIENT WAY RUTHERFORD, N.J.: NEW YORK
DELTA CLEANERS EQUIPMENT CO., EIGHT SEVEN FIVE PROSPECT
AVE., WESTBURY, L.I.; EXCELL LAUNDRY MACHINERY CO. FIVE
ONE FOUR SECOND ST., BROOKLYN, N.Y. WHO SOLD A MACHINE
DELIVERED SEVEN TWENTYTWO SIXTYSIX TO BIG SIX DRIVE IN
CLEANERS, ADDRESS NOT KNOWN AT SYRACUSE, N.Y.;

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MILL NATIONAL CORP. ONE ONE ZERO ONE EAST TREMONT AVE. BRONX,
N.Y. AND KAY-BEE EQUIP. CORP. SEVEN SEVEN DASH ZERO FIVE
SEVENTYSIXTH ST. GLENDALE, L.I..

THESE COMPANIES WILL BE CONTACTED BY OFFICES DESIGNATED
TO DETERMINE IF ANY MACHINES WERE SOLD TO ANY OTHER COMPANIES
BEGINNING WITH LETTER B, WHICH MACHINES MAKE TAPES ONE QUARTER
INCH WIDE AND ONE AND ONE EIGHTH INCH LONG.

FOLLOWING ARE STORES KNOWN TO TEXTILE MARKING MACHINE CO.
WHO HAVE ABOVE DESCRIBED MACHINES AND MAY USE THIS CODING
SYSTEM;

BOSTON: BELFORTE CLEANERS INC. ONE SIX FIVE HIGH ST.
CLINTON, MASS.

NEWARK: BARCLAY CLEANERS BARCLAY CENTER ROUTE SEVENTY
HADDENFIELD, N.J., BERGEN VALET INC. TWO EIGHT EAST MAIN ST.
BERGENFIELD, N.J.; BOND CLEANERS TWO ZERO FIVE TWO
NOTTINGHAM WAY, TRENTON, N.J.

NEW HAVEN: BARRY CLEANERS THREE ONE SIX BRIDGE APPROACH
NEW LONDON SHOPPING CENTER, NEW LONDON, CONN., BARTON AND
ROY SIX EIGHT JENSEN ST., MANCHESTER, CONN.

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NEW YORK: BELL BOY DRIVE IN CLEANERS THREE SIX ONE
BEACH CHANNEL DRIVE, FAR ROCKAWAY, L.I., BEACHURST CLEANERS
ONE ONE DASH ZERO FIVE ONE FIFTYFOURTH ST. BEACHURST, L.I.,
BEVY CLEANERS BOICES LANE AND ROUTE NINE W, ULSTER, N.Y.,
BON-ART CLEANERS AND LAUNDRY THIRTYFIFTH AND THREE FIVE ZERO
FIVE JUNCTION BLVD., CORONA, N.Y., JOSEPH G. BRICKNER AND
CHARLES E. MARTIN TWO NINE FIVE MEDFORD AVE., PATCHOGUE, N.Y.,
BRIGHTON LAUNDRY TWO SIX TWO THREE WEST SIXTH ST., BROOKLYN, N.Y.,
BRONX PRESSING MACHINE CO. ONE ONE ZERO ONE E. TREMONT AVE.
BRONX, N.Y. (ALSO LOCATION OF MILL NATIONAL CORP. LISTED
ABOVE AND ALSO HAS SOLD TWO MACHINES IN NINETEEN SIXTYFIVE,
LOCATIONS NOT KNOWN.), BUDGET CLEANERS FOUR FIVE AVENUE
B, N.Y.C. BUDGEWOOD SERVICE TWO FOUR SEVEN TWO THIRD AVE.
BRONX, N.Y., BURRACHIO BROS. ONE TWO FOUR FOUR WEST BROADWAY
HEWLITT, L.I..

ABOVE OFFICES WILL, UPON RECEIPT OF COLOR PHOTO OF TAPE
AND ARTISTS CONCEPTION, IMMEDIATELY CONTACT THESE BUSINESS
PLACES TO IDENTIFY LAUNDRY MARK AND UNSUB. BUREAU
HAS
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INSTRUCTED LEADS MUST BE HANDLED IMMEDIATELY.

BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO FURNISH COLOR PHOTOS OF LAUNDRY TAPES TO ALBANY, BOSTON, NEWARK, NEW HAVEN AND NEW YORK IN SUFFICIENT QUANTITIES TO ENABLE COVERAGE OF ABOVE LEADS.

BIRMINGHAM OR MEMPHIS WILL FURNISH COPIES OF ARTISTS CONCEPTION TO BOSTON, NEWARK, NEW HAVEN AND NEW YORK IN SUFFICIENT QUANTITIES TO COVER LEADS.

NEW YORK MAY DESIRE TO CONTACT FRED WEBER THREE THREE SKYLARK LANE, STONYBROOK, L.I., TEL NO. SEVEN FIVE ONE TWO ONE THREE FIVE WHO IS SALES REPRESENTATIVE FOR TEXTILE MARKING MACHINE CO. AND WHO MAY BE ABLE TO GIVE ASSISTANCE.

ALBANY WILL DISPLAY PHOTOS OF LAUNDRY TAPE TO EDWARD BROUTON, TEXTILE MACHINE MARKING CO., SYRACUSE, N.Y. FOR ANY ADDITIONAL INFO HE MAY BE ABLE TO FURNISH.

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TO DIRECTOR, TAMPA, MEMPHIS

FROM DETROIT 157-2362

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MURKIN

ON THIS DATE, CAPT. DONALD E. SLOAT (NA), PORT HURON, MICH PD ADVISED THAT MR. & MRS. WALTER LESTER, TWO FIVE TWO FOUR SPRUCE, PORT HURON, MICH, TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED PD TODAY AND INDICATED THEY RECENTLY RETURNED FROM PALM HARBOR, FLA. THE LESTERS INDICATED THEY HAD SEEN A SKETCH OF UNSUB IN CAPTIONED MATTER AND SAID SKETCH WAS SIMILAR AND DESCRIPTION MATCHES THAT OF JAMES KIDDER, WHO IS A W/M, LATE THIRTIES OR EARLY FORTIES, & WAS RESIDING IN A GARAGE APARTMENT AT OMAHA & ILLINOIS AVES., PALM HARBOR, FLA., WHICH IS OWNED BY MRS. MARIE MARYLAND. KIDDER WAS RESIDING WITH A WOMAN, VIRGINIA KIDDER, WHO MAY OR MAY NOT BE HIS WIFE.

KIDDER WAS EMPLOYED AT THE HOOD JUICE CO., DUNEDIN, FLA., AND WAS FIRED BECAUSE OF DRINKING.

KIDDER HAS ALSO PURCHASED A NEW SUIT AT A GENERAL CLOTHING & GROCERY STORE, NAME UNKNOWN, AT PALM HARBOR. KIDDER IS BEING SOUGHT FOR NON-PAYMENT OF RENT AND FAILURE TO PAY FOR SUIT.

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PRESENT WHEREABOUTS OF KIDDER UNKNOWN BUT VIRGINIA KIDDER IS BELIEVED TO HAVE RETURNED TO MEMPHIS, TENN., WHERE SHE WORKS IN BARS AND NIGHT CLUBS.

MEMPHIS--ATTEMPT TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW VIRGINIA KIDDER, W/F, ABOUT FORTY, RE THIS MATTER.

TAMPA AT HARBOR, FLA.--WILL CONTACT MARIE MARYLAND, DISPLAY SKETCH OF UNSUB TO DETERMINE IF POSSIBLY IDENTICAL AND DEVELOP BACKGROUND RE KIDDER.

AT DUNEDIN, FLA.--CONTACT HOOD JUICE CO., DISPLAY SKETCH AND OBTAIN BACKGROUND RE KIDDER.

DETROIT AT PORT HURON--WILL INTERVIEW MR. & MRS. WALTER LESTER, TWO FIVE TWO FOUR SPRUCE, FOR ADDITIONAL PERTINENT INFORMATION FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF INFORMATION REQUESTED FROM MEMPHIS.

MEMPHIS--SUTEL DETROIT SUMMARY OF FACTS INCLUDING BEST AVAILABLE DESCRIPTION OF ASSASSIN TO FACILITATE INTERVIEW OF THE LESTERS.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND JACKSONVILLE
FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)

MURKIN. OO: MEMPHIS.

INVESTIGATION IN BIRMINGHAM AREA WITH LIGGETT-REXALL CHAIN
TO IDENTIFY CASH REGISTER RECEIPTS IN POSSESSION OF UNSUB DETERMINED
THAT LIGGETT-REXALL CHAIN UTILIZES ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY THE SERVICES
OF NATIONAL CASH REGISTER COMPANY. EACH INDIVIDUAL STORE HAS
ELECTROPLATE MADE FOR INDIVIDUAL CASH REGISTER. NATIONAL CASH
REGISTER AT JACKSONVILLE FLORIDA HANDLES THE ENTIRE SOUTHEAST AREA.

SUGGEST MEMPHIS IMMEDIATELY FORWARD COPY OF CASH REGISTER
RECEIPTS INSTANT CASE TO JACKSONVILLE DIVISION FOR CONTACT WITH NATIONAL
CASH REGISTER COMPANY TO IDENTIFY RETAIL OUTLET UTILIZING THESE
RECEIPTS.

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TO DIRECTOR, NEW YORK AND MEMPHIS
FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)

MURKIN

IN VIEW OF UNSUB'S USE OF NAMES HARVEY LOWMEYER WHEN PURCHASING
RIFLE IN BIRMINGHAM AND JOHN WILLARD IN REGISTRATION AT MEMPHIS,
AS WELL AS THE PURCHASE OF AN AIRLINE TICKET IN BIRMINGHAM BY A
W. J. LEHMEYER, ETC., NEW YORK IMMEDIATELY CONTACT HEADQUARTERS OF
AMERICAN EXPRESS COMPANY AND REVIEW RECORDS TO DETERMINE IF THESE
NAMES APPEAR AS CREDIT CARD HOLDERS AND THEREAFTER, SET OUT
APPROPRIATE LEADS TO ELIMINATE OR IDENTIFY AS UNSUB THIS CASE.
BIRMINGHAM CHECKING RECORDS OF DINERS CLUB.

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TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA AND MEMPHIS
FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)

MURKIN

RETELS REQUESTING CHECK DELTA AIRLINES RECORDS CONCERNING
W. J. LEHMEYER.

ATLANTA REQUESTED TO OBTAIN A LIST OF ALL PASSENGERS FROM
BIRMINGHAM TO MEMPHIS AND/OR RETURN FOR MONTH OF MARCH AND THROUGH
APRIL FIVE LAST FROM HEADQUARTERS OF DELTA AND SOUTHERN AIRLINES.
THESE AIRLINES ARE ONLY COMMERICAL AIRLINES PROVIDING PASSENGER
SERVICE BETWEEN BIRMINGHAM AND MEMPHIS. LIST SHOULD BE IMMEDIATELY
FURNISHED TO BIRMINGHAM AND MEMPHIS FOR APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION.

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3:30PM 4-7-68 URGENT CPO

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS /44-1897/ NEW HAVEN, KANSAS CITY /44-760/
AND JACKSON
FROM CHARLOTTE /44-1365/

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MURKIN.

RE KANSAS CITY TELETYPE TODAY REFLECTING THAT SUSPECT
VINCENT DE PALMA WAS ASSIGNED CODE NAME WILLARD BY MINUTEMEN.

ROBERT ERVIN BAGWELL, THREE SEVENTY BROADWAY, ASHEVILLE,
N. C., FORMER MEMBER OF MINUTEMEN WHO HAS FURNISHED CONFIDENTIAL
INFORMATION ON MINUTEMEN ACTIVITIES, ADVISED TODAY HE NEVER
KNEW VINCENT DE PALMA, ROBERT DE PUGH OR WALLY PEYSON, NUMBER
ONE MAN OF DE PUGH, TO USE COVER NAMES, AND HE DOES NOT RECALL
ANY MINUTEMEN USING THE CODE NAME OF WILLARD OR JOHN WILLARD.

BAGWELL DESCRIBED DE PALMA WHOSE TRUE NAME IS WHITE HORSE
OR WHITE HAWK, AS INDIAN, MALE, AGE TWENTYFIVE APPROXIMAATLY,
SIX ONE, ONE SEVENTY POUNDS, BROWN HAIR, BROWN EYES, LIGHT
BROWN COMPLEXION, MEDIUM BUILD, ORIGINALLY FROM CONNECTICUT AND
REARED IN AN ORPHANAGE. HE SAID HAD DE PALMA OR ANY OF THE
HARDCORE MINUTEMEN SHOT KING, THEY WOULD HAVE DISMANTLED THE
RIFLE AND PUT IT AN BRIEFCASE, RATHER THAN ABANDON IT, AND
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WOULD NOT HAVE RUN FROM THE SCENE.

BAGWELL REITERATED HE HAD NO KNOWLEDGE THAT MINUTEMEN HAD HAD ANY PLANS TO KILL KING. BAGWELL WAS FORMER MEMBER OF WHITE KNIGHTS OF KU KLUX KLAN /WKKKK/ BEFORE BECOMING ACTIVE IN MINUTEMEN AND SAID KING WAS A MAJOR TARGET FOR THIS GROUP. HE DESCRIBED WKKKK AS AN ASSASSINATION SQUAD FOR KKK, WITH HEADQUARTERS IN MERIDAN, MISSISSIPPI. HE KNEW E. L. MC DANIEL TO BE HEAD OF THIS GROUP SEVERAL YEARS AGO BUT DOES NOT KNOW THE IDENTITIES OF THE PRESENT LEADERS AND ACTIVISTS OF WKKKK.

JACKSON IS REQUESTED TO CONTACT INFORMANTS AND SOURCES IN WKKKK FOR ANY INFORMATION THAT KING MAY HAVE BEEN A TARGET OF THIS GROUP OR THAT THIS GROUP OR ANY OF ITS MEMBERS HAD ANY PLANS TO TAKE ANY ACTION AGAINST KING.

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LAST, AND IDENTIFIED LEHMEYER AS BEING PRESENT IN HIS COURT WHEN COURT WAS DISMISSED AT APPROXIMATELY TWO P.M., APRIL FOUR, LAST. MARCH SIXTYEIGHT PHOTO OF LEHMEYER OBTAINED AND COPY BEING SENT BIRMINGHAM AND MEMPHIS. LEHMEYER FORMERLY IN U.S. ARMY, ASN [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. HE WAS BORN [REDACTED], SIXTYSEVEN INCHES TALL, ONE EIGHT FIVE POUNDS, HAIR GREY, SHORT, RECEDING. IN VIEW OF FOREGOING MEMPHIS MAY DESIRE TO INFORM ATLANTA TO DISCONTINUE INQUIRY AT DELTA AL PROCESSING, AS SET OUT IN CHICAGO TEL TODAY.

PERSONAL REVIEW OF MINNESOTA DRIVER'S LICENSE RECORDS, ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA, BY HAROLD HIGGINS, FORMER SA, AND CURRENT SUPT., MINNESOTA BUREAU OF CRIMINAL APPREHENSION, TODAY DETERMINED THESE FILES CONTAIN NO RECORD UNDER NAME LOWMEYER. AT TIME OF ORIGINAL CONTACT, THE LICENSE BUREAU CLERK MISUNDERSTOOD THE REQUEST, AND ACTUALLY LOCATED A LICENSE FOR A HARRY WILLIAM LA MERE, JR., SIX SEVEN NINE EAST SEVENTY NINTH STREET, APT. FIVE, MINNEAPOLIS, BORN [REDACTED] [REDACTED], OCCUPATION IS SERVICE STATION ATTENDANT. DETERMINED LA MERE MOVED FROM THIS ADDRESS ON
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RE BALTIMORE TEL APRIL SIX LAST AND WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE
TELEPHONE CALL TO BALTIMORE APRIL SEVEN INSTANT.

EMIL MATALIK IDENTICAL WITH INDIVIDUAL INVESTIGATED BY
WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE FEBRUARY TO MARCH, SIXTY UNDER CAPTION EMIL
MATALIK, IS-R, WHO RESIDED FOUR THREE ZERO K ST., N.W., WASHINGTON,
D.C. INQUIRIES ON APRIL SEVEN INSTANT REFLECTS MATALIK AT THAT
RESIDENCE AT ABOUT FIVE PM AND AGAIN AT SEVEN OR SEVEN THIRTY
PM ON APRIL FOUR LAST. FOUR INDIVIDUALS RECALL MATALIK BEING
AT HIS RESIDENCE AT VARIOUS TIMES DURING THE ENTIRE WEEK
OF APRIL ONE UNTIL MORNING OF APRIL SIX LAST.

WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE R WILL RECORD INVESTIGATION AND MAINTAIN
IN WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE FILE.

WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE INDICATING NO FURTHER ACTION RE MATALIK.

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BENJAMIN FRANKLIN GIBSON, IMPERIAL WIZARD, OZARK
KLAN OF MISSOURI, NKKKK, BEARS SOME RESEMBLENCE TO ARTISTS
CONCEPTION OF UNSUB AS CIRCULATED IN NATIONAL NEWSPAPERS.
THIS DIVISION HAS NO INFORMATION TO LINK GIBSON WITH
CAPTIONED MATTER OTHER THAN THIS RESEMBLENCE.

GIBSON HAS BEEN AT WORK DAILY IN ST. LOUIS APRIL
ONE THROUGH FIVE HOWEVER HE WORKS ELEVEN THIRTY PM TO
EIGHT AM SHIFT THEREFORE HIS WORK SCHEDULE DOES NOT
ELIMINATE HIM AS A SUSPECT. LOCAL KLAN INFORMANTS ARE
CURRENTLY BEING CONTACTED IN ATTEMPT TO VERIFY GIBSON'S
RECENT MOVEMENTS. GIBSON LAST KNOWN TO DRIVE NINETEEN SIX
FIVE DARK BLUE TWO DOOR MUSTANG BEARING FLORIDA LICENSE
SEVEN DASH FOUR THREE EIGHT ONE FIVE. ✓

GIBSON SUBJECT OF SL FILE ONE FIVE SEVEN DASH
ELEVEN ZERO THREE, BUFILE ONE FIVE SEVEN DASH THIRTY TWO
FORTY SIX. DESCRIBED AS WHITE, MALE, BORN
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