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FBI NEW YORK

11:05 PM URGENT 4-5-68 AWS
TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS
FROM NEW YORK 157-2269

ASSASSINATION OF REVEREND MARTIN LUTHER KING, MEMPHIS,
TENNESSEE, FOUR FOUR, SIXTYEIGHT. RM.

THIS PM, ANONYMOUS MALE TELEPHONED NEW YORK OFFICE ADVISING
HE HAS REASON TO BELIEVE ONE CHRISTIAN CAPPEL, AKA CY IS
RESPONSIBLE FOR KING'S MURDER. CAPPEL DRIVES CAB FOR FOUR
WAY CAB CO., BRONX, NEW YORK AND IS TWENTYNINE
YEARS OLD. CAPPEL OWNS TWO THIRTY POINT ZERO SIX CALIBER
RIFLES, HOWEVER ONE IS MISSING ACCORDING TO SOURCE. CAPPEL
SUPPOSEDLY HAS FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS SECRETED IN LOCKER AT
GRAND CENTRAL STATION IN NYC. HE COULD GIVE NO FURTHER DETAILS
AT THIS TIME BUT STATED HE WOULD CALL BACK LATER. SOURCE
STATED HE CANNOT ACCOUNT FOR CAPPEL'S WHEREABOUTS ON FOUR, FOUR
SIXTYEIGHT.

SOURCE STATED CAPPEL HAS PRIOR RECORD WITH FBI. NEW
YORK INDICES NEGATIVE RE CAPPEL. FOR INFORMATION

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TO MEMPHIS

FROM SPRINGFIELD (157-838)

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. RM.

RE BUREAU TEL CALL TO SI INSTANT.

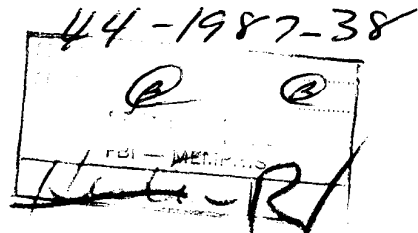
SAS WILLIAM J. BILLEAUD AND HERMAN O. LYLE, SPRINGFIELD
DIVISION WILL REPORT TO MEMPHIS DIVISION FOUR SIX NEXT. WILL
CONFIRM REPORTING LOCATION BY TEL CALL FOUR SIX NEXT.

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TO DIRECTOR, LITTLE ROCK, MEMPHIS AND CHICAGO
FROM SPRINGFIELD (157-838)

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. RACIAL MATTERS.

TOM MOSS, CHIEF OF POLICE, KANKAKEE, ILLINOIS,
ADVISED HE RECEIVED AN ANONYMOUS TELEPHONE CALL STATING
THAT A YOUNG WHITE MAN STAYING AT THE WEST LANE MOTEL,
MARION, ARKANSAS, HAD TOLD FEMALE EMPLOYEE OF THIS MOTEL
THAT HE WAS A CHICAGO POLICE OFFICER AND THAT HE WAS
ON HIS WAY TO ASSASSINATE KING. NO FURTHER INFORMATION
WAS OBTAINED FROM ANONYMOUS TELEPHONE CALL. MEMPHIS
ADVISE LOCAL AUTHORITIES OF ABOVE.

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FBI CLEVELAND

1212 URGENT 4-5-68 LJJ
TO MEMPHIS, CINCINNATI AND CHICAGO
FROM CLEVELAND (157-NEW) 3P

POSSIBLE RACIAL VIOLENCE, MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, RM.
OO: MEMPHIS.

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RE CHICAGO TELETYPE, APRIL FOUR, LAST.

CV FILES CONTAIN THE FOLLOWING INFO RE JOHN KENNETH

MADDIN: 0

ON FEBRUARY SEVEN, SIXTYSIX, MADDIN TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED

CV OFFICE AND STATED HIS CAR FIRED AT BY UNKNOWN ASSAILANTS
 NEAR INDEPENDENCE, OHIO, HOWEVER, NEITHER HE NOR CAR HIT.
 CLAIMED ATTACK DUE TO ARTICLE HE HAD HELP PREPARE FOR COLUMBUS,
 OHIO NEWSPAPER, "SPECTATOR", RE COMMUNIST GROUP CALLED
 "SPARTACISTS" IN COLUMBUS, OHIO. MADDIN STATED "SPARTACISTS"
 INDICATED VICEPRESIDENT HUBERT HUMPHREY WHO IS VISITING
 CV FEBRUARY SEVEN, SIXTYSIX WOULD NOT GET BACK TO WASHINGTON
 ALIVE. MADDIN'S PURPOSE IN VISITING CV WAS TO PRESENT VICE
 PRESIDENT HUMPHREY WITH ABOVE NEWSPAPER ARTICLE. MADDIN
 SPOKE IN A RAMBLING MANNER AND SEEMED PRIMARILY INTERESTED
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IN TELLING OF HIS EFFORTS TO DISRUPT COMMUNISTS.

JERRY MADDIN, GAMBIER, OHIO, BROTHER OF JOHN KENNETH MADDIN, CALLED CLEVELAND OFFICE FEBRUARY SEVEN, SIXTYSIX, STATED BROTHER NERVOUS AND EASILY UPSET AND INTENT ON CARRYING ANTI COMMUNIST CRUSADE.

SECRET SERVICE, CLEVELAND ON FEBRUARY SEVEN, SIXTYSIX, RECEIVED CALL FROM A REVEREND BROWNLEE, WESTLAKE, OHIO, WHO STATED MADDIN CALLED HIM AND STATED, "I AM GOING TO DIE TODAY". MADDIN TOLD BROWNLEE HE WAS A MEMBER OF ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH, KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE. REVEREND BROWNLEE CALLED REVEREND JOHN BULL OF ABOVE CHURCH IN KNOXVILLE WHO DESCRIBED MADDIN AS EXTREME RIGHT WINGER AND HIGHLY EMOTIONAL MENTAL CASE. MADDIN RECOGNIZED IN CROWD GATHERED FOR VICE PRESIDENT HUMPHREY AT CLEVELAND SHERATON HOTEL ON FEBRUARY SEVEN, SIXTYSIX, AND TAKEN INTO CUSTODY BY SECRET SERVICE AND CLEVELAND POLICE DEPARTMENT.

MIKE SHANNON, SECRET SERVICE, CLEVELAND, THIS DATE ADVISED HE CONSIDERED MADDIN EXTREMELY ANTI COMMUNIST, NOT PSYCHOTIC BUT VERY EMOTIONAL AND LOOKING FOR ATTENTION. SHANNON TOLD MADDIN TO STAY IN CONTACT WITH SECRET SERVICE OFFICE IN COLUMBUS, OHIO, WHICH HE DID FOR SOME TIME TILL

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HE RECENTLY LEFT THAT AREA.

FOR INFORMATION MEMPHIS, BISHOP CAESAR W. HAGGARTY,
CHURCH OF GOD AND CHRIST PROPHECY, TWO ONE FOUR ZERO NORTH
THIRTEENTH STREET, TOLEDO, OHIO, TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED THIS
DATE THAT MISSIONARIES OF HIS CHURCH IN MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE
CONTACTED HIM AND ADVISED THAT THEY BELIEVED THE KILLAR OF
MARTIN LUTHER KING IS A MEMBER OF THE MEMPHIS POLICE
DEPARTMENT. HAGGARTY WAS NOT SPECIFIC AS TO NAMES OF ANY
OTHER INFORMATION.

ABOVE BEING SUBMITTED FOR INFORMATION OF MEMPHIS.

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FBI LOUISVLE

1218 AM DEFERRED 4-6-68 AJD
TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS
FROM LOUISVILLE (157-630)

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., RM.

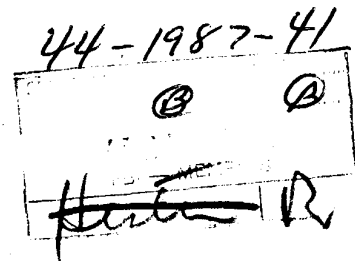
RE BUREAU TELEPHONE CALL EVENING APRIL FIVE, LAST.

SPECIAL AGENTS C. L. LUTES, JAMES J. STANTON, O. J. HOLBROOK,
AND STENOGRAPHER BETTYE STARK AND ONE BUREAU AUTO EXPECTED TO
ARRIVE MEMPHIS APPROXIMATELY FOUR P.M. CST APRIL SIX, INSTANT
FOR SPECIAL.

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FBI INDAPOLS

12:21 PM URGENT 4-6-68 JCS

TO MEMPHIS (44:1987)

FROM INDIANAPOLIS (44-NEW)

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

RE INDIANAPOLIS PHONE CALL TO MEMPHIS, TODAY.

A REVIEW OF NATIONAL RETAIL HARDWARE ASSOC. (NRHA) MEMBER-
SHIP LIST INDICATES ROMPAGE HARDWARE CO. IS A RETAIL HARDWARE
STORE LOCATED AT FIVE FIVE FOUR TWO HOLLYWOOD BLVD., LOS ANGELES,
CALIF.

AS PER MEMPHIS INSTRUCTIONS IN PHONE CALL WITH INDIANAPOLIS,
THIS DATE, NO LEAD IS BEING SET OUT TO LOS ANGELES.

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FBI LOUISVLE

116 PM URGENT 4-5-68 JBR

TO DIRECTOR, CHICAGO, DETROIT, MEMPHIS, ATLANTA AND TAMPA.

FROM LOUISVILLE (157-630)

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., RM.

RE ATLANTA TEL THIS DATE.

INFO IN RETEL WAS FURNISHED LOUISVILLE EARLY TODAY BY
MEMPHIS AS HAVING BEEN RECEIVED FROM MILITARY INTELLIGENCE,
ORLANDO, FLA. INFO RESOLVED WITH MILITARY INTELLIGENCE, LOUISVILLE
AS BEING "WITHOUT SOUND BASIS" AND NOT INTENDED FOR DISSEMINATION
OUTSIDE OF MILITARY INTELLIGENCE BECAUSE OF DOUBT AS TO RELIABILITY.

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE, LOUISVILLE, IS NOW THROUGH MILITARY
CHANELS SENDING MESSAGE INDICATING THAT INFO WAS BASED UPON
SPECULATION BY SOURCE OF HIGHLY QUESTIONABLE RELIABILITY AND
SUBSEQUENT DEVELOPMENTS DO NOT SUPPORT ANY OF THAT SPECULATION.

UACB, NO FURTHER ACTION LOUISVILLE.

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FBI SAN FRAN

132PM URGENT 4-5-68 MS

TO DIRECTOR, HOUSTON, KANSAS CITY & MEMPHIS (44-1897)
FROM SAN FRANCISCO (173-65) 2P (P)

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

RE MEMPHIS TEL INSTANT DATE.

THIS IS TO CONFIRM SAN FRANCISCO TEL CALL TO MEMPHIS THIS AM.
INVESTIGATION AT SAN FRANCISCO REVEALS FOUR FOUR NINE STEINER
STREET AND TWO FIVE THREE TWO POLK STREET, SAN FRANCISCO, ARE
NON-EXISTENT ADDRESSES. INQUIRY IN IMMEDIATE AREAS OF
ABOVE ADDRESSES NEGATIVE AT THIS TIME ON NAMES AND PHYSICAL DESCRIP-
TIONS MENTIONED IN RETEL.

SAN FRANCISCO INDICES AND SAN FRANCISCO PD RECORDS REVEAL NO
IDENTIFIABLE INFO REGARDING VINCENT WALKER, LAWRENCE RAND OR REND,
B. CHIDLAW, OR W. DAVIS BASED ON AVAILABLE INFORMATION.

INQUIRY AT SAN FRANCISCO REVEALS NATIONAL AIRLINES ONLY AIRLINE
HAVING DIRECT SERVICE TO SAN FRANCISCO FROM HOUSTON. FIRST FLIGHT
DEPARTING HOUSTON ELEVEN FIFTEEN A.M.

FOR INFO BUREAU AND ABOVE OFFICES, ABOVE ADDRESS ON STEINER
STREET IS ON THE FRINGE OF THE SAN FRANCISCO HIPPIE AREA.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING AT SAN FRANCISCO TO IDENTIFY SUSPECTS
MENTIONED IN RETEL.

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FBI ALBANY

10:03 AM URGENT 4/5/68 PXB

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, NEW HAVEN
FROM ALBANY (157-273) 1P

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., RM.

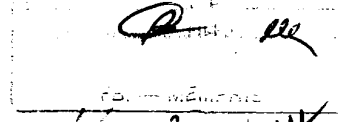
RE NEW HAVEN TELCALL TO ALBANY AND ALBANY TELCALLS TO
BIRMINGHAM APRIL FIVE INSTANT.

RECORDS OF REMINGTON ARMS COMPANY, ILION, NEW YORK, SHOW
REMINGTON MODEL SEVEN SIX ZERO, SERIAL NUMBER FOUR SIX ONE
FOUR SEVEN SIX WAS ONE OF THREE RIFLES IN SINGLE CARTON SHIPPED
BY REMINGTON INVOICE NUMBER FIVE FIVE EIGHT SIX EIGHT ON
MARCH THIRTY NINETEEN SIXTYSIX TO WIMBERLY THOMAS HARDWARE
COMPANY, ONE EIGHT ZERO NINE FIRST AVENUE SOUTH, BIRMINGHAM,
ALABAMA. INSTANT CARTON WAS PART OF A SEVENTYONE CARTON
SHIPMENT OF FIREARMS DELIVERED ON CUSTOMER'S ORDER NUMBER
TWO SIX THREE THREE EIGHT. OTHER TWO RIFLES OF SAME MODEL
IN CARTON WITH INSTANT WEAPON BORE SERIAL NUMBERS FOUR SIX
ONE FOUR FIVE ZERO AND FOUR SIX ONE FOUR FOUR TWO. TOTAL OF
FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTEEN FIREARMS INCLUDED IN ABOVE SHIPMENT.
BIRMINGHAM DETERMINE DISPOSITION OF RIFLE

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FBI DALLAS

1119AM URGENT 4-5-68 LMB
TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS
FROM DALLAS (44-2649) 3P

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ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.; CIVIL RIGHTS. OO MEMPHIS.

RE WFO TEL TO BUREAU, DALLAS AND MEMPHIS, TWO TEN AM, TODAY.
JAMES W. TRINKLE, ONE FIVE ZERO ZERO PROVINCETOWN LANE,
RICHARDSON, TEXAS, WAS INTERVIEWED TODAY AND STATES HE STOPPED AT
INTERSTATE HIGHWAY TWENTY MOBIL STATION IN ABILENE, TEXAS, AT
APPROXIMATELY ELEVEN THIRTY AM, MARCH TWENTYNINE LAST. WHILE
OBTAINING GAS, ATTENDANT ASKED WHERE HE WAS FROM AND TRINKLE ADVISED
HIM HE WAS EN ROUTE TO DALLAS. DURING BRIEF CONVERSATION ATTENDANT
MENTIONED FACT UNIDENTIFIED MAN HAD COME INTO STATION EARLIER THAT
MORNING OR DAY BEFORE AND MAN HAD SEVERAL GUNS IN BACK END OF CAR.
ATTENDANT TOLD TRINKLE MAN SAID HE WAS "GOING TO MEMPHIS TO KILL
SOME NEGROES." NO FURTHER DETAILS OF CONVERSATION RECALLED BY
TRINKLE AND TRINKLE DID NOT OBTAIN DESCRIPTION OF MAN OR CAR HE WAS
DRIVING. ATTENDANT DID COMMENT ABOUT SEVERE SCARS ON MAN'S FACE
AND ATTENDANT MADE SOME COMMENT TO FACT APPARENTLY MAN HAD JUST
RETURNED FROM SERVICE IN VIETNAM BECAUSE OF SCARS ON FACE.
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TODAY HOMER DILL, MANAGER, MOBIL INTERSTATE TWENTY SERVICE STATION, ABILENE, TEXAS, ADVISES AS RECALLED ON MARCH THIRTYONE LAST ABOUT SEVEN AM, AN INDIVIDUAL DRIVING A BRAND NEW WHITE, TWO-DOOR HARDTOP THUNDERBIRD AUTO STOPPED THERE FOR GAS. HE ADVISED HE DID NOT NOTE THE LICENSE NO. AS THE PAYMENT FOR THE GAS WAS IN CASH. HE STATED THE INDIVIDUAL MENTIONED THAT HE WAS GOING TO MEMPHIS AND HAD A THIRTY POINT ZERO SIX AND SOME OTHER RIFLES LAYING IN THE BACK SEAT PARTIALLY COVERED BY A SHEET. HE ADVISED DURING THE COURSE OF CONVERSATION, THIS INDIVIDUAL STATED HE WAS EN ROUTE TO DALLAS TO STAY WITH AN AUNT AND THEN GOING TO MEMPHIS. HE STATED THE GUNS DID NOT HAVE A SCOPE AND THE INDIVIDUAL MENTIONED HE DID NOT USE A SCOPE AS HE FELT IT WAS NOT FAIR TO ANIMALS AND DID NOT GIVE THEM A CHANCE. DILL STATED THE INDIVIDUAL SAID NOTHING ABOUT GOING TO KILL NEGROES NOR DID HE SHOW ANY ANIMOSITY TOWARD NEGROES. HE ADVISED THE INDIVIDUAL CAME BACK THROUGH, STOPPED AT HIS SERVICE STATION ON APRIL THREE LAST, JUST AS HE OPENED, AND WAS ACCOMPANIED BY A WHITE FEMALE, BELIEVED TO BE HIS WIFE. DILL ADVISED THEY MENTIONED THEY HAD COME FROM HIS AUNT'S IN DALLAS AND WERE GOING ON A VACATION AND TOOK TWELVE OR FOURTEEN GALLONS OF GAS,
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THE LAST TIME PAYING IN CASH. DILL CONTENDED THAT AT NO TIME DID THIS INDIVIDUAL SAY HE WAS GOING TO KILL ANYONE. HE STATED HIS IMPRESSION WAS THIS INDIVIDUAL HAD JUST RETURNED FROM VIETNAM AS HE HAD TWO LARGE SCARS ON THE LEFT SIDE OF HIS FACE WHICH HAD NOT YET HEALED AND WERE DEEP SCARS CONTAINING A SCAB. DILL STATED IT WAS HIS IMPRESSION THAT THIS INDIVIDUAL WAS TRAVELING FROM SOMEWHERE IN THE WEST, PLACE UNKNOWN, TO PICK UP HIS WIFE WHO AS LIVING IN MEMPHIS AND WAS RETURNING TO THE AREA FROM WHICH HE HAD COME TO GO ON A VACATION. HE WAS UNABLE TO FURNISH ANY FURTHER INFO WHICH MIGHT HELP TO IDENTIFY OR LOCATE THIS INDIVIDUAL, STATING SHOULD HE COME THROUGH AGAIN HE WOULD ASCERTAIN THE LICENSE NO. OF THE CAR AND FURTHER INFO TO IDENTIFY HIM AND FURNISH SAME TO THE FBI.

HE STATED THAT THE INDIVIDUAL WAS DESCRIBED AS A W/M, ABOUT THIRTYFIVE, SIX FEET, TWO HUNDRED, BAREHEADED, WELL KEPT HAIR, WHITE LEVIS AND AND A SPORT SHIRT. THE FEMALE ACCOMPANYING HIM WAS DESCRIBED AS A W/F, AGE THIRTYFIVE, FIVE FEET EIGHT INCHES, ONE HUNDRED FIFTY, SHORT BROWN HAIR. P

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11:46 AM URGENT 4-5-68 FMK
TO MEMPHIS (44-1897)
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

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

RE MEMPHIS TELETYPE TO LOS ANGELES TODAY.

BUSHNELL COMPANY, PASADENA, CALIFORNIA, MAINTAINS
NO RECORD ON SERIAL NUMBERS OF BINOCULARS. OTHER DATAP
IN RETEL VERIFIED. LOS ANGELES INDICES NEGATIVE ON
BINOCULAR SERIAL NUMBERS MENTIONED RETEL. FD THREE ZERO
TWO FOLLOWS.

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TO MEMPHIS, KANSAS CITY & SAN FRANCISCO
FROM HOUSTON (44-L509)

UNSUB, AKA JOHN WILLARD; MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.-
VICTIM. CR. 00: MEMPHIS.

REURTEL THIS DATE.

GLEN PARNELL, RESERVATIONS MGR., DELTA AIRLINES,
HOUSTON, ADVISED NAMES OF W. DAVIS AND B. CHIDLAW COMPUTERED
INTO DELTA RECORDS AT ONE FIFTY FIVE PM, APRIL FOUR, LAST,
WHICH INDICATES THEIR TICKETS PURCHASED SHORTLY BEFORE THAT
TIME AND WERE BOOKED AS A PARTY OF TWO. THEY TRAVELED ON
FLIGHT ONE FIVE SEVEN NON-STOP MEMPHIS TO HOUSTON DEPARTING
ONE THIRTY AM ARRIVING TWO FIFTY AM TODAY. NAMES WERE
ADDED TO MANIFEST AND NO ADDRESSES SHOWN. IF PHOTOS OF
RAND AND WALKER FURNISHED BY KANSAS CITY AND SAN FRANCISCO,
HOUSTON WILL DISPLAY TO LIMOUSINE CAN CAR DRIVER.

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210PMURGENT 4/5/68 MSW

TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS

FROM CINCINNATI (157-1893) 1P

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., RACIAL MATTERS, CINCINNATI
DIVISION.

FRANK WEIKEL, WRITER, CINCINNATI ENQUIRER, TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED
ELEVEN THREE A.M., THIS DATE, HE HAD RECEIVED AN ANONYMOUS CALL
FURNISHING FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

ON TUESDAY AFTERNOON, APRIL SECOND LAST, WHILE AT AIRPORT LOUNGE,
DETROIT, ANONYMOUS CALLER OVERHEARD WHITE MARINE BUCK SERGEANT WHO
WAS ON HIS WAY TO MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, SAY SOME BLACK S.O.B. IS GOING
TO PAY FOR THINGS THAT HAPPENED IN MEMPHIS. ANONYMOUS CALLER OBTAINED
IMPRESSION THIS MARINE'S SISTER HAD BEEN RAPED DURING PREVIOUS OUT-
BREAK OF VIOLENCE ON MARCH TWENTYEIGHTH LAST. THE PLANE THE MARINE
WAS TAKING WAS SUPPOSED TO ARRIVE MEMPHIS AT TEN THIRTY OR ELEVEN
THIRTY P.M. TUESDAY NIGHT, APRIL SECOND.

ANONYMOUS CALLER FURNISHED NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND NO
DESCRIPTION OF MARINE OBTAINED.

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TO MEMPHIS 44Y1987

FROM SALT LAKE CITY 157-130

UNSUB, AKA JOHN WILLARD; MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. VICITM;
CIVIL RIGHTS. OO MEMPHIS

RE MEMEPHIS TELETYPE TO SALT LAKE CITY, APRIL FIVE INSTANT.

LUCILLE WILLIAMS, TOWN HOUSE MOTEL, SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH,
FURNISHED LIST OF THREE HUNDRED SEVENTYSEVEN FRIENDSHIP INN
MOTELS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY. SHE SAID NOT ALL UTILIZE BARS
OF SOAP BEARING NAME "FRIENDSHIP INNS", BUT SOAP IS AVAILABLE
TO ALL AND SHE HAS NO INFORMATION AS TO WHICH DO USE IT. NAME
JOHN WILLARD NOT KNOWN TO WILLIAMS.

LIST OF FRIENDSHIP INN MOTELS INCLUDE THUNDERBIRD, JACKSON,
TENNESSEE; VACATION LODGE MOTEL, PIGEON FORGE, TENNESSEE;
COLUMBUS MOTEL, COLUMBUS, MISSISSIPPI; SOUTHERN MOTEL, CORINTH,
MISSISSIPPI; GILHARA MOTOR HOTEL, GREENVILLE, MISSISSIPPI;
NAAMAN'S MOTEL, GREENWOOD, MISSISSIPPI; DUMAS MOTEL, HATTIESBURG,
MISSISSIPPI; TOWN HOUSE MOTEL, TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI; MARSHALL
MOTEL, WEST POINT, MISSISSIPPI; TOWN AND COUNTRY MOTEL, LA GRANGE,
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of Friendship
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GEORGIA; TRAVELERS HAVEN MOTEL, MARIETTA, GEORGIA; COLONIAL
MANOR MOTEL, PERRY, GEORGIA; SAVANNAH MOTOR LODGE, SAVANNAH,
GEORGIA.

PAMPHLET CONTAINING COMPLETE LIST BEING FORWARDED MEMPHIS
TODAY AMSD.

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357 PM URGENT 4/5/68 VLT

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS

FROM SAN FRANCISCO (173-65) (P) 2P

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

ON THIS DATE LAWRENCE EDWARD HOLMES, APARTMENT ONE ZERO EIGHT, TWO SEVEN ZERO ZERO DELMEDIO COURT, MOUNTAIN VIEW, CALIFORNIA, FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION TO SA THOMAS D. MC GOLDRICK AT PALO ALTO, CALIFORNIA:

HOLMES ADVISED HE SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE AT KIMBLY AIR FORCE BASE, BERMUDA, IN ONE NINE SIX FIVE WITH ONE CHUCK FOUTS, NAME UNKNOWN, AN AIRMAN SECOND CLASS IN THE REGULAR AIR FORCE ASSIGNED TO THE ONE SIX ZERO FOUR AIR BASE GROUP. FOUTS WAS SINGLE AND CAME FROM "THE GENERAL AREA OF MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE." IN DISCUSSING THE NOBEL PEACE PRIZE PRESENTED TO MARTIN LUTHER KING, FOUTS SAID HE WOULD KILL KING IF HE EVER CAME TO MEMPHIS. FOUTS WAS EXTREMELY ANTI-NEGRO. HE DID NOT MENTION MEMBERSHIP IN ANY HATE TYPE ORGANIZATION OR ACTUALLY ENGAGING IN ANY VIOLENCE TOWARD NEGROES. FOUTS IS NOT KNOWN TO BE A MARKSMAN OR INTERESTED IN GUNS. HOLMES BELIEVES FOUTS WAS DISCHARGED IN JULY ONE NINE SIX FIVE, AT MAGUIRE AIR FORCE BSE. HOLMES HAS NOT SEEN OR HEARD

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ABOUT FOUTS SINCE JULY, ONE NINE SIX FIVE. FOUTS DESCRIBED AS AGE TWO FIVE YEARS IN ONE NINE SIX FIVE, WHITE MALE AMERICAN, FIVE FEET TEN INCHES, ONE SEVEN ZERO POUNDS, MEDIUM BUILD, PROBABLY BLUE EYES, BLOND HAIR, NO IDENTIFYING MARKS, SCARS, OR MANNERISMS. HOLMES UNABLE TO FURNISH ANY ADDITIONAL PERTINENT DATA.

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FBI TAMPA

5XX959AM URGENT 4-5-68 BLW
TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND JACKSONVILLE
FROM TAMPA (157-3231)

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., RM.

EMMITT PETER, LEESBURG, FLA., TELEPHONE SEVEN EIGHT
SEVEN - FOUR ZERO TWO FIVE, CALLED TAMPA OFFICE, EIGHT
ZERO FIVE A.M., APRIL FIVE INSTANT, AND ADVISED HE WAS
MEMBER OF "NATIONAL CIVIL RIGHTS COMMITTEE TO ORVILLE FREEMAN,"
AND HE HAD INFORMATION RE ASSASSINATION OF KING.

JACKSONVILLE OFFICE TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED OF ABOVE
AND TO HANDLE.

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TO: SAC, CHARLOTTE

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS.(44-1987)

UNSUB, AKA JOHN WILLARD; MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM.
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ROBERT M. COFFEY OTTEEN, N. C., AND DON TAYLOR ONE
THREE ONE CASTLE ROCK ROAD, ASHVILLE, N. C., BOTH WITH
WSKY, ASHVILLE, N. C., TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED MEMPHIS
OFFICE THIS A.M. AND ADVISED THEY BELIEVE NEIL PARRIS MAY BE
IDENTICAL WITH UNSUB. ACCORDING TO COFFEY, PARRIS WAS
FORMERLY THE MANAGER OF ICE SERVICE STORES, ASHVILLE, N.C.,
AND RECENTLY EMBEZZLED IN EXCESS OF TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS
FROM COMPANY FUNDS AND DISAPPEARED. COFFEY AND TAYLOR STATED
THAT PARRIS FITS THE DESCRIPTION OF UNSUB WHICH THEY READ IN
THEIR PAPER AND BECAUSE OF THIS BELIEVES HE MIGHT BE IDENTICAL
TO UNSUB. *SECURE PHOTO OF PARRIS AND SUBMIT MEMPHIS.*

COFFEY AND TAYLOR ADVISED THAT PARRIS TELEPHONICALLY

Airtel CONTACTED HIS WIFE FROM NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE, ON APRIL THREE
Teletype LAST, STATING HE WAS GOING TO GIVE HIMSELF UP, BUT HE HAS FAILED
A.M. TO RETURN. COFFEY SAID THAT PARRIS HAS A SIXTYFIVE WHITE

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COFFEY AND TAYLOR REQUESTED ANY ADDITIONAL CONTACTS WITH THEM BE MADE ON A DISCREET CONFIDENTIAL BASIS.

CHARLOTTE WILL IMMEDIATELY CONTACT ROBERT M. COFFEY AND DON TAYLOR, WSKY, ASHVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA, ON CONFIDENTIAL BASIS AND OBTAIN FULL DETAILS AS TO WHY THEY BELIEVE PARRIS MIGHT BE IDENTICAL WITH UNSUB AND FURNISH MEMPHIS WITH BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND PHOTOGRAPH OF PARRIS IF POSSIBLE IN ORDER THAT LOGICAL INVESTIGATION MAY BE CONDUCTED. P END.

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11-17 PM URGENT 4-6-68 RDB

TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS

ATTENTION DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIVISION

FROM NEW YORK (157-2269) 2P

MURKIN.

RE NEW YORK TELETYPE APRIL-FIVE, ONE NINE SIX EIGHT, CAPTIONED "ASSASSINATION OF REVEREND MARTIN LUTHER KING, MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, APRIL FOUR, SIXTY EIGHT. RM."

ON APRIL SIX, ONE NINE SIX EIGHT, MIKE GENTILE, OWNER OF FOR WAY PRIVATE TAXI CO., ONE ZERO ZERO FIVE ALLERTON AVENUE, BRONX, NEW YORK, ADVISED SAS, FBI, THAT CY CAPPEL IS EMPLOYED AS CAB DRIVER SIX P.M. TO TWELVE MIDNIGHT. DURING THE DAY, CAPPEL WORKS FOR VARSITY BUS CO., SEVEN FIVE ONE ZREGA AVENUE, BRONX.

GENTILE EXHIBITED CAPPEL'S TRIP SHEET FOR APRIL FOUR, ONE NINE SIX EIGHT, SHOWING THAT CAPPEL WORKED THAT DATE.

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CAPPEL, A WHITE MALE, IN HIS LATE TWENTIES,
BLOND HAIR, SIX FEET, ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY FIVE POUNDS,
RESIDES AT ONE SIX ZERO TWO TAYLOR AVENUE, BRONX
NEW YORK.

NEW YORK TAKING NO FURTHER ACTION IN REGARD
TO CY CAPPEL.

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FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

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CIVIL RIGHTS. OO MEMPHIS.

INDIANAPOLIS OFFICE HAS ADVISED THAT INFORMATION FROM
NATIONAL RETAIL HARDWARE ASSOCIATION INDICATES NEEDLE NOSED
PLIERS ABANDONED BY UNSUB IMMEDIATELY AFTER SHOOTING WERE
PURCHASED FROM ROMPAGE HARDWARE COMPANY, FIVE FIVE FOUR TWO
HOLLYWOOD BOULEVARD, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.

THE BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO FURNISH LOS ANGELES COLOR
PHOTOGRAPHS OF INSTANT PLIERS AND THE ROMPAGE LABEL AFFIXED
THERE TO. *ALL LEADS THIS CASE RECEIVE IMMEDIATE
HANDLING.*

LOS ANGELES WILL EXHIBIT THESE PHOTOGRAPHS TO PERSONNEL
AT ROMPAGE HARDWARE IN AN EFFORT TO DETERMINE PURCHASER.

UNSUB IS WHITE MALE, AGE TWENTYSIX TO THIRTYTWO, FIVE
FEET ELEVEN INCHES, ONE HUNDRED SIXTY TO ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY
POUNDS, MEDIUM BUILD, DARK BROWN OR BLACK HAIR COMBED STRAIGHT

Airtel BACK AND WITHOUT A PART. ARMED AND DANGEROUS. P END.

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12:43AM URGENT 4/6/68 LBN
TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS
FROM ATLANTA (157-3094)

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RE MEMPHIS TELS APRIL FIVE LAST.

CEDERTOWN, GA. TEL. NO. SEVEN FOUR EIGHT DASH NINE
ZERO NINE SIX LISTED TO CITY PACKAGE SHOP, MAIN STREET,
CEDARTOWN, GA. WILLIAM GOLDEN, PROPRIETOR ADVISED SHERMAN
SANDERS IN SHOP AFTERNOON APRIL FIVE, USED TELEPHONE. AFTER
HANGING UP, OPERATOR CALLED BACK AND GOLDEN BROUGHT SANDERS BACK
TO PHONE. STATED SANDERS WAS DRUNK.

AGENTS WENT TO HOME OF SANDERS. HIS WIFE WAS OUT SIDE
OF HOME. SHE SAID SANDERS WAS VERY DRUNK, HAD LOCKED HER
OUT OF HOUSE, AND HAD GUN. AGENTS WERE ABLE TO GET INTO HOUSE
AND GET GUN AWAY FROM SANDERS. HE ADMITTED HE WAS IN CITY
PACKAGE SHOP IN AFTERNOON BUT DENIED MAKING TELEPHONE CALL.
DOES NOT KNOW CHARLES WADELL WILSON BUT KNOWS CHARLES WENDELL
WILSON AND BUD DAWSON. DENIES ANY KNOWLEDGE INSTANT MATTER.

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SANDER'S WIFE STATED WHEN HE IS DRUNK, HE DOES CRAZY
THING AND DOES NOT REMEMBER THEM. SHE STATED HE WAS IN
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CEDARTWON ALL DAY APRIL FOUR. OTHER INVESTIGATION REFLECTS SANDERS DID NOT REPORT TO WORK EVENING APRIL FOUR BUT CALLED SUPERVISOR AND STATED WAS HAVING CAR TROUBLE. NEIGHTBOR STATES WAS IN CEDARTOWN ELEVEN PM APRIL FOUR.

CHARLES WENDELL WILSON ARRESTED ABOUT ONE MONTH AGO AS UFAP SUBJECT AND BELIEVED STILL IN CUSTODY. THIS BEING CHECK. OUT.

CHARLES HAYNES, CALLOWAY GARDEN APARTMENTS, ATHENS IS TWENTY ONE YEAR OLD GRADUATE STUDENT AT UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA. HAS NO KNOWLEDGE INSTANT MATTER AND DOES NOT KNOW SANDERS OR OTHER INDIVIDUALS.

BUD DAWSON NOT AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW. HOWEVER, SEVERAL NEIGHTBORS SAW HIM IN CEDARTWON DURING AFTERNOON AND EVENING APRIL FOUR.

IN VIEW OF FOREGONG, NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED THIS FACET.

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104AM URGENT 4/6/68 JDP

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND NEW ORLEANS
FROM DALLAS (44-2649)

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ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.; CIVIL RIGHTS. OO-MEMPHIS.

ON APRIL FIVE LAST, JOE CONLEY, DEPUTY SHERIFF, POTTER CO. SO, AMARILLO, TEXAS ADVISED ONE DALE NEWBY WAS AT A PAY PHONE AND WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK TO AN FBI AGENT. CONTACT WAS MADE WITH NEWBY WHO ADVISED HE HAD READ IN NEWSPAPER CONCERNING THE ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. AND BELIEVES THE MAN WHO MIGHT BE RESPONSIBLE IS JAMES JOHNNY HALL. NEWBY SERVED TIME WITH HALL IN FCI, EL RENO, OKLA. HALL HAS BEEN RELEASED FROM FCI AND IS REPORTEDLY LIVING WITH MOTHER (NAME UNKNOWN) AT TWO NINE SIX ONE GROON OR GROOM ST., BAKER, LA.

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NEWBY ADVISED THAT DURING TIME HE WAS AT FCI EL RENO, HALL HAD NUMEROUS FIGHTS WITH NEGRO INMATES AND INFORMED HIM WHEN HE GOT OUT HE WANTED TO KILL A "NIGGER" AND MARTIN LUTHER KING WAS SINGLED OUT BY HALL AS BEING A GOOD ONE TO KILL. HE FURTHER
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STATED HALL TOLD HIM HE WOULD KILL KING IF HE HAD THE CHANCE.

NEWBY DESCRIBED HALL AS FOLLOWS: WHITE MALE, AGE TWENTY-THREE OR TWENTY-FOUR, FIVE FEET FIVE OR SIX INCHES, ONE FORTY LBS., BALD WITH DARK BROWN HAIR AROUND SIDE OF HEAD, BROWN EYES, DARK COMPLEXION, SCARS ON ARMS (SUICIDAL ATTEMPTS); TATTOOS ON BOTH ARMS (ONE DESCRIBED AS EAGLE ON LEFT ARM).

NEWBY ADVISED THAT HALL VISITED MEMPHIS FREQUENTLY.

NEW ORLEANS AT BAKER, LA. ENDEAVOR TO ESTABLISH WHEREABOUTS OF HALL ON AFTERNOON OF APRIL FOUR LAST.

HALL SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS HAVING SUICIDAL TENDENCIES.

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TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS
FROM CHARLOTTE (157-5800) 1P

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., RM.

RE NEW YORK TELETYPE TO BUREAU AND MEMPHIS AND CHARLOTTE
APRIL FIVE LAST, CONCERNING FORMER MINUTEMAN ROBERT E.
BAGWELL AS POSSIBLE SUSPECT THIS CASE.

INQUIRY AT BRENTWOOD REHABILITATION CENTER, FIVE ZERO
ZERO BEAVERDAM RD., ASHEVILLE, N. C., REVEALED BAGWELL
WORKED APRIL FOUR AND FIVE LAST.

BAGWELL INTERVIEWED RE POSSIBLE SUSPECTS AND STATED HAD
NO PERTINENT INFORMATION AND DID NOT BELIEVE MINUTEMEN
WOULD BE INVOLVED. HE IS OF OPINION WOULD BE MEMBERS OF
KKK OR COMMUNISTS RATHER THAN THE MINUTEMEN WOULD BE
RESPONSIBLE.

AIR MAIL COPY BEING SENT NEW YORK.

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TO: DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, DALLAS, AND KNOXVILLE

FROM: NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. OO: MEMPHIS.
RE DALLAS TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND NEW ORLEANS
FOUR SIX INSTANT.

RE KNOXVILLE (NINETY ONE DASH TWO SIX THREE TWO) TELETYPE TO
DIRECTOR AND NEW ORLEANS FOUR TWO SIXTYEIGHT.

FOR INFORMATION KNOXVILLE, INFORMATION RECEIVED AT DALLAS,
TEXAS, JAMES JOHNNY HALL, OF TWO NINE SIX ONE GROOM ST.,
BAKER, LOUISIANA, WAS POSSIBLE SUSPECT IN ASSASSINATION OF
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HALL DESCRIBED AS RACIST WHO HAS INDICATED
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. WOULD BE A GOOD "NIGGER" TO KILL.

HALL REPORTED BY KNOXVILLE ARRESTED BY BUAGENTS
AT KINGSPORT, TENNESSEE APRIL TWO SIXTY EIGHT FOR BANK ROBBERY.
HALL CHARGED BEFORE UNITED STATES COMMISSIONER SAME DATE.

KNOXVILLE AT KNOXVILLE, TENN., ADVISE IF HALL IN CUSTODY
AT TIME OF ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. AND IF NOT
ENDEAVOR TO ESTABLISH WHEREABOUTS OF HALL ON AFTERNOON OF APRIL
FOUR LAST.


HALL SHOULD BE CONSIDERED TO HAVE SUICIDAL TENDENCIES.

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INFORMANTS UTILIZED IN FIRST PARAGRAPH ABOVE ARE JN ONE SEVEN SEVEN - R; JN THREE EIGHT FOUR - R (PROB-GHETTO), [REDACTED] RI (PROB-GHETTO) AND [REDACTED] - RI (PROB-GHETTO).

ACTIVITIES OF SNCC LEADERS WILSON AND WARE ARE BEING CLOSELY FOLLOWED WITH SOURCES. WILSON IS ON JACKSON AGITATOR INDEX.

JACKSON FOLLOWING ALL DEVELOPMENTS CLOSELY TO INCLUDE ANY SYMPATHY DEMONSTRATION TODAY.

ATLANTA ADVISED AS REGIONAL RACIAL COORDINATOR AND DUE TO WARE'S PRESENCE IN MISS.

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2:35PM URGENT 4-6-68 BJC

TO DIRECTOR; BIRMINGHAM AND MEMPHIS
FROM CLEVELAND (157-1416)

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.; RACIAL MATTERS.

RE BUTEL TO ALL OFFICES, APRIL FOUR LAST.

ON APRIL SIX INSTANT, STEVE DOMCHICK, ENGINEER, GOODYEAR
AERO SPACE, WHO RESIDES ONE EIGHT SIX FIVE GAYLORD DRIVE, AKRON,
OHIO, TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED THAT WHILE DRIVING INTO CLEVELAND
THIS DATE HE OBSERVED A WHITE MALE DRIVING TOWARD CLEVELAND IN
A WHITE SMALL COMPACT CAR WITH ALABAMA PLATES FOUR SEVEN FIVE
ONE SIX FIVE. HE SAID HE CAUGHT ONLY A QUICK GLANCE OF DRIVER
BUT BELIEVED DRIVER LOOKED SIMILAR TO ARTIST SKETCH OF UNSUB
APPEARING IN LOCAL NEWSPAPER.

BIRMINGHAM WILL DETERMINE REGISTERED OWNER AND ASCERTAIN
WHETHER HE COULD BE IDENTICAL WITH UNSUB.

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TO DIRECTOR, NEW HAVEN, MEMPHIS AND MOBILE
FROM BIRMINGHAM 44-1740

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RE JACKSON TEL, APRIL FIVE, LAST, CAPTIONED "ASSASSINATION OF
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.; RM."

THIS WILL CONFIRM BIRMINGHAM TELEPHONE CALL TO NEW HAVEN THIS
DATE REQUESTING IMMEDIATE CONTACT WITH HEADQUARTERS, LIGGETT-REXALL
DRUG COMPANY, STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT, TO OBTAIN LIST OF ALL LIGGETT-
REXALL OUTLETS IN STATE OF ALABAMA. FOR INFO MOBILE AND NEW HAVEN,
AFTER KING WAS SHOT, SUBJECT DROPPED BAG AND WEAPON WHILE RUNNING FROM
ROOMING HOUSE ACROSS FROM LORRAINE MOTEL, MEMPHIS. IN BAG WERE DRUG
STORE ITEMS WITH CASH REGISTER RECEIPTS SHOWING PURCHASE LIGGETT-REXALL
PHARMACY. NO DATES ON RECEIPTS OR CITY AND STATE LISTED. ITEMS
WERE HEAD AND SHOULDERS SHAMPOO TICKET NUMBER ONE SIX SEVEN EIGHT,
ONE DOLLAR TEN CENTS AND PALMOLIVE RAPID SHAVE TICKET NUMBER THREE
FOUR FIVE EIGHT, SEVENTYNINE CENTS.

NEW HAVE SUTEL LIST TO BIRMINGHAM AND MOBILE FOR APPROPRIATE
INVESTIGATION.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI

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FROM MINNEAPOLIS (157-450) 1P

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. RM

RE SPRINGFIELD TELE TODAY.

TODAY DR. CARL O. RICE SR., 5113 SCHAEFER ROAD, EDINA, MINNESOTA STATED HIS SON CARL G. RICE JR., AGE THIRTY ONE, HEIGHT SEVENTY FOUR INCHES, TWO ONE FIVE POUNDS, BLOND HAIR, BLUE EYES, ALCOHOLIC, CURRENTLY RESIDES WITH WIFE AT SIX ZERO ZERO NORTH LILAC DRIVE, MINNEAPOLIS AND IS EMPLOYED AS SALESMAN FOR PIPER, JAFRAY AND HOPWOOD, INVESTMENT FIRM, MINNEAPOLIS. BRACE BENNETT JR., SALES MGR., INSTANT FIRM, STATED CARL G. RICE JR. WORKED IN COMPANY OFFICE, MINNEAPOLIS, ENTIRE DAY OF APRIL FOUR, LAST. MINNEAPOLIS PD LISTS FIVE DRUNKNESS, DRIVING AND DISORDERLY CONDUCT ARRESTS, ALL PRIOR TO NINETEEN FIFTY SEVEN. AIRMAIL COPY TO SPRINGFIELD.

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TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, AND PHOENIX
FROM NEW HAVEN (157-813)(P)
ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. RM

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FOLLOWING FURNISHED BY DETECTIVE RUSSELL HUGHES, WEST
HARTFORD, CONN., POLICE DEPARTMENT, THIS DATE.

WILLIAM LESLIE WILLARD, BORN [REDACTED],
HARTFORD, CONN., RESIDENT FIVE SEVEN RAYMOND, ROAD, WEST
HARTFORD, CONN.; HARTFORD POLICE DEPT., NUMBER FOUR FOUR TWO
FOUR NINE, SIX FEET TWO INCHES, ONE HUNDRED NINETY POUNDS, BROWN
HAIR, AND AT TIMES WEARS GLASSES, PRESENTLY SOUGHT AS CHECK

ASSER. DISCHARGED UNITED STATES ARMY BECAUSE OF MENTAL CONDITION.
ABOUT ONE YEAR AGO KNOWN TO HAVE PURCHASED AND EXCHANGED RIFLES
AND SHOTGUNS AT SEARS ROEBUCK STORE, WEST HARTFORD.

WILLARD LEFT RESIDENCE THREE TO FOUR WEEKS AGO AND NOT
HEARD FROM UNTIL NIGHT OF APRIL FIVE, LAST, WHEN HE CALLED HIS

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MOTHER IN WETHERSFIELD, CONN., SEEKING FUNDS TO TRAVEL HOME ON APRIL SIX, INSTANT. NOT KNOWN IF MOTHER SENT HIM MONEY. FAMILY INTENDS TO COMMIT HIM TO MENTAL INSTITUTION WHEN HE RETURNS HOME. HE TOLD MOTHER HE WAS AT YUMA, ARIZONA, AND RECENTLY DISCHARGED FROM HOSPITAL FOLLOWING A FALL.

DETECTIVE HUGHES STATED WILLARD CLOSELY RESEMBLED ARTIST'S CONCEPTION OF UNSUB WHICH APPEARED IN HARTFORD PAPER THIS DATE AND SIGNIFICANT THAT UNSUB USED NAME JOHN WILLARD WHEN HE RENTED ROOM IN MEMPHIS.

PHOTO OF WILLARD SENT MEMPHIS.

PHOENIX AT YUMA, ARIZONA, WILL CHECK HOSPITALS FOR RECORD OF WILLARD AS TO DATES OF HOSPITALIZATION.

NEW HAVEN INDICES NEGATIVE.

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TO: BUREAU, MEMPHIS, AND KNOXVILLE

FROM: JACKSONVILLE (157-1535)

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ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. RM

MRS. EGLE ROACH, JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA, ADVISED THAT ARTIST CONCEPTION PHOTO OF INDIVIDUAL BELIEVED TO HAVE ASSASSINATED MARTIN LUTHER KING THAT APPEARED IN TODAY'S ISSUE OF "FLORIDA TIMES UNION," A JACKSONVILLE NEWSPAPER, CLOSELY RESEMBLES ONE OLAF (PHONETIC) WEBB. ROACH SAID SHE KNEW WEBB TEN YEARS AGO WHEN BOTH EMPLOYED FOREE HOSPITAL IN ATHENS, TENNESSEE. ROACH STATED WEBB LEFT ATHENS, TENNESSEE, NINETEEN FIFTY SEVEN OR FIFTY EIGHT. AND TRAVELED TO CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, WHERE HE REPORTEDLY WAS EMPLOYED BY THE CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, POLICE DEPARTMENT. SHE DESCRIBED WEBB AS WHITE MALE AMERICAN, FIVE FEET EIGHT INCHES, ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY LBS., BROWN HAIR, BLUE EYES, LARGE BUSHY EYEBROWS, LONG POINTED NOSE, WORE HAIR SLICK STRAIGHT BACK AND HAD "FUNNY WALK" IN THAT HE KEPT HIS RIGHT ARM STIFF AND STRAIGHT WHEN WALKING.

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ROACH HAS HAD NO ASSOCIATION WITH WEBB FOR PAST SEVERAL YEARS, HOWEVER, BELIEVES ARTIST CONCEPTION VERY CLOSELY RESEMBLES WEBB.

KNOXVILLE AT ATHENS, TENNESSEE, DETERMINE BACKGROUND OF WEBB THROUGH RECORDS OF FOREE HOSPITAL AND FURNISH RESULTS TO CHICAGO.

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CHICAGO THROUGH CHICAGO PD RECORDS OR OTHER SOURCES
ATTEMPT TO LOCATE WEBB AND ESTABLISH HIS WHEREABOUTS ON
APRIL FOUR LAST.

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TO DIRECTOR, NEW HAVEN (157-813) AND MEMPHIS
FROM PHOENIX

ASSASSINATION OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. RM.

RE NEW HAVEN TELETYPE TO PHOENIX APRIL SIX INSTANT.

JOHNEA NESBIT, ADMISSIONS AND RECORDS SECTION, PARKVIEW
BAPTIST HOSPITAL, YUMA, ARIZONA ADVISED TODAY THAT A LESLIE
W. WILLARD, BORN [REDACTED],

CONNECTICUT GIVING ADDRESS AS ONE NINE EIGHT FIVE FIRST
AVENUE, YUMA, ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL AFTERNOON OF APRIL THREE
LAST AND DISCHARGED NINE THIRTY FIVE A. M. FRIDAY APRIL
FIVE LAST.

NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION BEING CONDUCTED YUMA DUE
TO ABOVE TIME ELEMENT.

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TO DIRECTOR MEMPHIS CHARLOTTE
FROM WASHINGTON FIELD 44-703 2P

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. CIVIL RIGHTS OO:MEMPHIS.

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DR. NORMAN FORRESTER, DENTIST, TWO ONE TWO
M STREET, S.W., WASHINGTON, D.C., TELEPHONICALLY
ADVISED WFO THAT THE ARTIST SKETCH OF THE SUSPECT
IN DR. KING'S ASSASSINATION APPEARING IN A LOCAL
NEWSPAPER LOOKS LIKE AN INDIVIDUAL WHO ACCOMPANIED
A PATIENT BY THE NAME OF RONNIE CHRISTBERRY, TWO ZERO
TWO TWENTYSEVENTH STREET, HICKORY, NORTH CAROLINA, NO
WASHINGTON, D.C. ADDRESS KNOWN, WHOM HE TREATED THIS
DATE. HE DESCRIBED THE INDIVIDUAL HE CONSIDERS AS
A SUSPECT AS BEING A WHITE MALE, TWENTY YEARS, BLOND
HAIR, WEARING RED SWEATER, NOT WELL KEPT.

CHARLOTTE IMMEDIATELY LOCATE AND INTERVIEW
CHRISTBERRY AT HICKORY, NORTH CAROLINA, TO DETERMINE
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THE IDENTITY OF THE INDIVIDUAL WHO ACCOMPANIED HIM
AND SET OUT LEAD TO HAVE HIM INTERVIEWED AS TO
HIS WEHERABOUTS ON APRIL FOUR LAST, DATE OF DR. KING'S
DEATH. PERTINENT INFORMATION DEVELOPED SHOULD BE
SUTEL MEMPHIS. P.

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TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS

FROM JACKSON (157-9586)

ASSASSINATION OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.;

RM.

RE JACKSON PHONE CALL TO MEMPHIS THIS DATE.

ANDREW JAFFE, REPORTER, NEWSWEEK MAGAZINE, TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED SAC, JACKSON, TWO P.M., THIS DATE. STATED HE WAS CALLING FROM MEMPHIS AND DESIRED TO FURNISH THE FOLLOWING:

WHILE COVERING STORY ON KING'S DEATH, RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM NEWS FRIENDS, NAMES NOT RECALLED AT TIME, THAT A WHITE MUSTANG WAS SEEN IN CLOSE PROXIMITY WHERE INCIDENT OCCURRED APRIL FOUR, LAST. AN INDIVIDUAL WAS OBSERVED IN MUSTANG SPEAKING INTO CB MICROPHONE. LICENSE NUMBER ON WHITE MUSTANG WAS SHELBY CO. B (?) FOUR FOUR FOUR SEVEN OR FOUR FOUR FOUR EIGHT.

ABOVE WAS IMMEDIATELY TELEPHONICALLY FURNISHED TO MEMPHIS FOR INVESTIGATIVE ASSISTANCE.


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MRS. GRACE ROSCHELLE, NINE FOUR SIX MYRTLEWOOD, JACKSON,
ON APRIL SIX, LAST, ADVISED SHE AND HUSBAND STOPPED AT TRUCK
STOP, BROOKHAVEN, MISS. NIGHT OF APRIL FOUR, LAST, AND HEARD
WHITE MALE IDENTIFIED AS JESSIE KIMBLE (PH) STATE JUST ARRIVED
FROM MEMPHIS WHERE HAD HEARD A BLANKET WAS USED TO MUFFLE SOUND
OF RIFLE FIRE. SAID RIFLE PURCHASED AT SEARS STORE ON
JEFFERSON OR POPLAR ST. IN MEMPHIS.

ROSCHELLE ADVISED KIMBLE STATED EMPLOYED AS WHOLESALE DRUG
SALESMAN.

MRS. GRADY MARTIN, JR., OWNER OF "THE CHEF CAFE" ON APRIL
SEVEN, INSTANT, ADVISED FOUR TO SIX PEOPLE IN CAFE THURSSDAY
NIGHT, FOUR FOUR, LAST, WHO SAID THEY WERE IN MEMPHIS WHEN KING
KILLED. CAN NOT REMEMBER WHO THEY WERE BUT DOES RECALL A
MAN MAKING A STATEMENT ABOUT BLANKET BEING USED TO MUFFLE RIFLE
SHOT AND RIFLE LATER BEING THROWN IN A STORE WHERE THEY KEEP JUKE
BOXES.

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MARTIN UNABLE FURNISH INFORMATION RE MADE ABOVE STATEMENT
OR WHO IN CAFE WHEN STATEMENT MADE THURSDAY NIGHT.

REVIEW OR LICENSE REGISTRATIONS LINCOLN COUNTY, MISS. RE
JESSIE KIMBLE, NEGATIVE.

CANVAS OF BROOKHAVEN PD AND LINCOLN COUNTY SO, NEGATIVE.

ERNEST WILSON, MC COMB, MISS., WHO TRAVELES IN EIGHT SOUTH
WEST MISS. COUNTIES FOR DRUG COMPANY ADVISED THERE IS NO JESSIE
KIMBLE (PH) WHO WORKS FOR PHARMACEUTICAL OR DRUG COMPANY IN HIS
EIGHT COUNTIES.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING.

CORR. PAGE ONE LINE SIX WORD THREE "FIRE" PAGE ONE LINE TWO PARA THREE
"THURSDAY"

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MURKIN.

REMYTEL CALL TO ATLANTA THIS DATE.

IN CONNECTION WITH INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED IN ASSASSINATION MARTIN LUTHER KING, CERTAIN ITEMS OF INTEREST RECOVERED IN MATERIAL DROPPED BY PERSON BELIEVED TO BE SUBJECT ONE ITEM OF POSSIBLE INTEREST WAS CASHMERE BOUQUET BAR OF SOAP FROM A FRIENDSHIP INN. POSSIBILITY THAT SUCH INNS EXIST IN ATLANTA AREA. IT IS KNOWN THIS FRANCHISE HAS OVER THREE HUNDRED FRIENDSHIP INNS.

AT PRESENT KNOWN SUSPECT DID USE NAME JOHN WILLARD WHILE IN RESIDENCE AT ROOMING HOUSE, MEMPHIS. OTHER NAMES OF SIGNIFICANCE INCLUDE NAME HARVEY LOWMEYER, NAME USED WHEN SUBJECT PURCHASED WEAPON BELIEVED USED IN INSTANT MURDER. SERIES OF CIRCUMSTANCES RELATIVE TO AIRPLANE FLIGHTS OUT OF BIRMINGHAM, MARCH TWENTYSEVEN AND TWENTYEIGHT, FEW DAYS BEFORE PURCHASE OF WEAPON, SUGGEST NAME OF WILLIAM J. LEHMEYER MAY BE NAME OF INTEREST.

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ATLANTA REQUESTED CHECK FRIENDSHIP INNS IN ITS
TERRITORY, SPECIFICALLY POSSIBILITY OF ANY IN AND AROUND MAJOR
CITIES AND MAJOR AIRPORTS IN DIVISION. ALSO ATLANTA REQUESTED
CHECK CAR RENTALS IN AND AROUND AIRPORTS FOR POSSIBLE USE ANY
ABOVE THREE NAMES. P.

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TO DIRECTOR, MOBILE AND MEMPHIS
FROM PHOENIX

ASSASSINATION OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. RACIAL MATTER.

ON APRIL SIX INSTANT MILTON (NO MIDDLE NAME) LAMOUREAUX,
ONE THREE FIVE AND ONE HALF EAST SPEEDWAY, TUCSON, ARIZONA
DATE OF BIRTH [REDACTED], OF UNKNOWN

RELIABILITY, ADVISED SA DUNCAN M. DEW, III THAT ON OR ABOUT
JANUARY TWO NINE NINETEEN SIXTY FOUR HE WAS STAYING AT
SMITTY'S MOTEL, HARTFORD, ALABAMA WHEN HE WAS BEATEN AND
ROBBED AND LEFT UNCONSCIOUS ON TOP OF A HEATER IN HIS
ROOM. PRIOR TO THE BEATING HE WAS WITH OWNER OF MOTEL,
SMITTY (LAST NAME UNKNOWN) WHEN HE OBSERVED WHITE MALE
AGE THIRTY ONE TO THIRTY THREE, FIVE FEET TEN TO SIX
FEET TALL, DARK BLOND HAIR, MEDIUM BUILD, ONE SIXTY FIVE
POUNDS, REGULAR STYLE HAIRCUT, NEATLY COMBED, VERY CLEAN
AND NEAT CLOTHING TO-WIT WHITE UNIFORM POSSIBLY LAUNDRY
TRUCK DRIVER. HE STATED UNKNOWN INDIVIDUAL PRESENTED
EXCELLENT LIKENESS TO ARTIST SKETCH OF ASSASSIN OF DOCTOR
KING PER A P WIREPHOTO THE ARIZONA DAILY STAR THIS DATE.

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