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TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, SALT LAKE CITY AND BOSTON
FROM KANSAS CITY (44-760) 1P

MURKIN

RE BOSTON TEL APRIL EIGHT INSTANT AND SALT LAKE CITY TEL
TO DIRECTOR AND KANSAS CITY APRIL EIGHT INSTANT CAPTIONED, ROBERT
BOLIVAR DE PUGH, AKA-FUGITIVE; WALTER PATRICK PEYSON, AKA-FUGITIVE;
ETAL. BR-CONSPIRACY. OO: SEATTLE.

RE SALT LAKE CITY TEL STATES WALTER P. PEYSON IN SALT LAKE
CITY JANUARY THROUGH MARCH NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT UNDER NAME BILL
ERICKSON AND IN JANUARY DRIVING NINETEEN SIXTY WHITE GMC PANEL
TRUCK WITH POSSIBLY KANSAS TAGS. PRESENT WHEREABOUTS OF PEYSON
UNKNOWN TO KANSAS CITY. INS AS MUCH AS PEYSON AND DE PUGH BOTH
FUGITIVES BOSTON REINTERVIEW SOURCE FOR ANY INFO RE PRESENT WHEREABOUTS
OF PEYSON AND DE PUGH.

FOR INFO SALT LAKE CITY RE BOSTON TEL STATES VINCENT DE PALMA,
PROTECT IDENTITY, FORMER ASSOCIATE OF PEYSON AND DE PUGH TODAY
ADVISED ARTIST CONCEPTION OF ASSASSIN OF KING RESEMBLES PEYSON.
PHOTOS OF PEYSON BEING FURNISHED MEMPHIS AMSD.

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TO DIRECTOR, BIRMINGHAM AND MEMPHIS
FROM JACKSONVILLE (44-769) 2P

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MURKIN; CR.

RE BUFFALO TEL THIS DATE RE SUSPECT DR. ALVIN EUGENE FRENCH.
ROSALIE STELL, INNKEEPER, HOLIDAY INN, WILLISTON, FLA., ADVISED
THIS DATE ALVIN FRENCH DEPARTED THAT MOTEL MARCH FIVE SIXTYEIGHT.
STATES SHE HAS "HOLIDEX" INQUIRY FROM HOLIDAY INN, SOUTHEAST, U.S.
HIGHWAY SEVEN EIGHT, MEMPHIS, TENN., ADVISING A DICK P. FRENCH HAD
REGISTERED THERE ON MARCH THIRTY SIXTYEIGHT. STELL ALSO FURNISHED
A POSTCARD FROM THAT MOTEL WHICH ARRIVED THIS DATE SIGNED A. E.
FRENCH AND DATED BY WRITER FOUR FOUR SIXTYEIGHT, POSTMARK ILLEGIBLE
BUT ALSO APPEARS TO BE FOUR FOUR SIXTYEIGHT. STELL ALSO STATES
FRENCH WAS ATTRACTED TO HER DESK CLERK THAT MOTEL, GLORIA GEIGER,
BUT THAT GEIGER WAS DEFINITELY NOT ROMANTICALLY INVOLVED WITH HIM.
ALSO STATES FRENCH APPEARED AT THAT MOTEL ON MARCH THIRTY SIXTYEIGHT
TO VISIT GEIGER BUT LEFT AS GEIGER WAS NOT ON DUTY.

GEIGER INTERVIEWED AND STATES SHE HAD MET FRENCH ONLY AS RESULT
OF HER DUTIES AS DESK CLERK AND COULD FURNISH NO ADDITIONAL
INFORMATION.

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BOTH STELL AND GEIGER STATE FRENCH NEVER DISCUSSED ANYTHING PERTAINING TO RACIAL MATTERS. STELL MADE AVAILABLE INSTANT POSTCARD AND REGISTRATION CARD AT THAT MOTEL, TO BE FORWARDED TO FBI LAB.

MEMPHIS CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION AT ABOVE MOTEL.

JACKSONVILLE WILL FORWARD INSTANT DOCUMENTS TO FBI LAB IMMEDIATELY.

APPROACH SUSPECT FRENCH WITH CAUTION IN VIEW OF HIS MENTAL HISTORY.

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FROM JACKSONVILLE (44-769) 2P

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MURKIN; CR.

LT. DICK ROBERTS, FHP, GAINESVILLE, FLA. LEARNED FROM CORPORAL ROSS, FHP, CROSS CITY, FLA. INSTANT DATE THAT AN UNKNOWN MALE EMPLOYED WITH TELEPHONE COMPANY, CROSS CITY, LEARNED FROM A FEMALE FRIEND OF HIS GIRL FRIEND THAT DON ROOKS, ORIGINALLY FROM HIGH SPRINGS, FLA., WAS IN HIGH SPRINGS ON APRIL FIVE SIXTYEIGHT DRIVING WHITE NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN FORD MUSTANG WITH TENN. LICENSE. ROOKS ALLEGEDLY HAD SEVEN ONE THOUSAND DOLLAR BILLS IN HIS POSSESSION. ON SAME DATE ROOKS ALLEGEDLY HAD MUSTANG PAINTED DARK GREEN OR DARK BLUE AT GAINESVILLE, FLA. ROOKS HAS NOT LIVED IN HIGH SPRINGS FOR PAST FOUR OR FIVE YEARS AND WAS EMPLOYED FIRE DEPARTMENT, MEMPHIS, TENN. ROOKS HAS BROTHER AND FATHER RESIDING HIGH SPRINGS. CURRENT WHEREABOUTS OF ROOKS UNKNOWN BUT HE IS NOT BELIEVED TO BE IN HIGH SPRINGS AT PRESENT ACCORDING TO CORPORAL ROSS. ROOKS ALSO ALLEGEDLY POSSESSES HIGH CALIBER PISTOL.

ROOKS DESCRIBED AS WM, TWENTYTHREE TO TWENTYFIVE YEARS OF AGE, HIGH FOREHEAD, WAS IN MILITARY SERVICE FOUR OR FIVE YEARS,
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BRANCH UNKNOWN.

NO RECORD FOR ROOKS ALACHUA COUNTY SO OR GAINESVILLE PD.
JACKSONVILLE INDICES NEGATIVE.

ED COLE, COP, HIGH SPRINGS, FLA., HAS NOT SEEN ROOKS FOR
NUMBER OF YEARS AND HAS NO INFORMATION ROOKS RECENTLY IN HIGH
SPRINGS AREA. NO RECORD FOR ROOKS HIGH SPRINGS PD AND COLE
ADVISED ROOKS AND FAMILY ENJOY GOOD REPUTATION.

MEMPHIS CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION AT FIRE DEPARTMENT
CONCERNING WHEREABOUTS ROOKS PERTINENT PERIOD AND TO DEVELOP
FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING ROOKS TO DETERMINE IF LOGICAL
SUSPECT.

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TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS
FROM JACKSONVILLE (44-769) 2P

MURKIN; CR.

RE MEMPHIS TEL THIS DATE.

GLOIS A. BRAND, OWNER, DESTIN, FLA. AIRPORT, ADVISED THIS DATE THAT ON MARCH TWENTYTHREE LAST A PARTY OF SIX MEN ARRIVED IN AN AZTEC PLANE, NO. FIVE NINE FOUR ZERO Y. THESE INDIVIDUALS WERE FROM MEMPHIS. LATER SAME EVENING THEY RETURNED AND TOLD BRAND THAT THEY HAD TO LEAVE THAT EVENING. THEY STATED THEY HAD PLANNED TO DO SOME FISHING THE NEXT DAY, HOWEVER, THEY HAD CALLED THEIR WIVES WHO HAD REQUESTED THAT THEY RETURN SINCE MARTIN LUTHER KING WAS ARRIVING IN MEMPHIS AND TROUBLE WAS EXPECTED. DURING THE CONVERSATION, ONE OF THESE INDIVIDUALS MADE WHAT BRAND CONSIDERED A CASUAL AND JEST LIKE COMMENT THAT SOMEONE OUGHT TO KILL KING BECAUSE OF ALL THE TROUBLE HE CAUSES INCLUDING THE INTERRUPTION OF THEIR PLANNED FISHING WEEKEND. NO FURTHER COMMENTS WERE MADE CONCERNING THE SUBJECTS. MR. BRAND STATED THAT HE HAS NEVER FELT THAT THERE WAS ANY SERIOUS INTENT ON THE PART OF THE

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INDIVIDUAL MAKING THE AFOREMENTIONED COMMENT. MR. BRAND RELATED THIS STORY TO THE WIFE OF CHARLES CLARK MERELY AS A POINT OF CONVERSATION SINCE THE CLARKS WERE ALSO FROM MEMPHIS. THE AFOREMENTIONED PLANE WAS LAST REGISTERED TO THE MEMPHIS MACHINERY AND SUPPLY COMPANY, INC., THREE ZERO ONE SOUTH FRONT ST., MEMPHIS, ACCORDING TO LATEST AIRCRAFT REGISTRATION BOOK.

MEMPHIS CONDUCT WHATEVER INVESTIGATION DEEMED APPROPRIATE CONCERNING THIS AIRCRAFT.

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM MEMPHIS (157-1092)

MURKIN. CR.

FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF TODAY'S INVESTIGATIVE ACTIVITIES:

A REVIEW OF MEMPHIS FILES TO IDENTIFY MEMBERS OF THE KKK AND OTHER HATE GROUPS HAS BEEN INITIATED AND A LIST OF NAMES TOGETHER WITH IDENTIFYING DATA WILL BE FURNISHED TO THE BUREAU IN ORDER THAT THEIR FINGERPRINTS MAY BE COMPARED WITH LATENTS NOW AVAILABLE IN THIS CASE.

MOTELS IN THE AREA ARE BEING CHECKED FOR REGISTRATION CARDS UNDER PERTINENT NAMES. MOTEL PERSONNEL ARE BEING QUESTIONED REGARDING THE LOSS OF A BEDSPREAD SIMILAR TO THE ONE RECOVERED IN THIS CASE, AND EFFORTS ARE BEING MADE TO IDENTIFY THE OWNERS OF MUSTANGS WHO STOPPED IN THESE MOTELS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING KING'S MURDER. LEADS TO IDENTIFY AND ELIMINATE MUSTANG OWNERS ARE BEING SET OUT.

AUTOMOBILE RENTAL AGENCIES ARE BEING CONTACTED TO ASCERTAIN THE NAMES OF PERSONS RENTING WHITE MUSTANGS DURING THE PERIOD

Alt. Tel. JUST PRIOR TO THE MURDER AND TO IDENTIFY PERSONS WHO RENTED

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SIMILAR CARS IN OTHER STATES AND TURNED THEM IN TO RENTAL AGENCIES AT MEMPHIS.

ALFRED H. HARLEY, SPEEDLINE MFG. CO., GREENSBORO, N.C., RENTED A WHITE NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT FORD MUSTANG FROM NATIONAL CAR RENTAL SYSTEM, INC., METROPOLITAN AIRPORT, MEMPHIS, FIVE THIRTY PM, APRIL THREE LAST, AND RETURNED SAME TO METROPOLITAN AIRPORT EIGHT AM, APRIL FIVE LAST.

MARTIN J. BRENNAN, NINE TWO FIVE SOUTH HOMAN AVE., CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, RENTED A NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT WHITE FORD MUSTANG FROM NATIONAL CAR RENTAL SYSTEMS AT METROPOLITAN AIRPORT, MEMPHIS, AT SEVEN FIFTY NINE PM, APRIL THREE LAST, AND RETURNED SAME TO AIRPORT EIGHT TWENTY PM, APRIL FOUR LAST.

CHARLOTTE AND CHICAGO HAVE BEEN REQUESTED TO CONDUCT INVESTIGATION CONCERNING HARLEY AND BRENNAN.

INFORMATION FURNISHED BY BOB MC GOWAN, AS REPORTED TO THE BUREAU IN JACKSON TELETYPE, TWO THIRTY AM, APRIL FIVE LAST, REGARDING SUSPECTS OBSERVED BY HIM IN SERVICE STATION AT HIGHWAY SIXTY ONE AND BROOKS ROAD HAS BEEN CHECKED OUT AND FOUND TO BE WITHOUT SUBSTANCE. NO SUSPECTS DEVELOPED AS A RESULT OF THIS INVESTIGATION.

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BUREAU REQUESTED TO ADVISE IF ANY IDENTIFICATION
LOCATED IN BLUE BAG SUBMITTED BY MEMPHIS WHICH MIGHT ASSIST IN
DETERMINING MANUFACTURER OF BAG SO THAT IT MAY BE POSSIBLE TO
DETERMINE SOURCE FROM WHICH SUSPECT MAY HAVE PURCHASED SAME.

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TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS

FROM BOSTON (157-644)

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RE ALBANY TEL TO BUREAU APRIL SEVEN LAST CONCERNING LAUNDRY MARKS
ON UNDERSHORTS AND T SHIRT.

INVESTIGATION BELFONTE CLEANERS, ONE SIX FIVE HIGH ST., CLINTON,
MASS., REVEALS THAT FIRM USES THERMO-SEAL MACHINE, BUT ONLY ON
DRESS SHIRTS. NEVER USES RED TAPE.

LOUIS VOSE, OWNER, COLONIAL CLEANERS, MAIN ST., FALMOUTH, MASS.,
DOES NOT USE NUMBERS IN FIRST TWO DIGITS OF HIS THERMO-SEAL TAPE.
ALSO USES THERMO-SEAL ONLY ON DRESS SHIRTS.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING.

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FROM JACKSON (157-9586)
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SPRINGFIELD TEL TO BUREAU, MEMPHIS, NEW ORLEANS AND
JACKSON, APRIL SEVEN, LAST.

JERRY WILSON, OFFICE MANAGER, KGW TOWING COMPANY,
GREENVILLE, MISS., ADVISED INSTANT DATE THAT BILLY RAY KING
IS PRESENTLY EMPLOYED BY KGW AS A BOAT HAND. WILSON
STATED THAT HE SAW KING AT FIVE P.M. APRIL FOUR, LAST, IN
GREENVILLE, MISS., AT WHICH TIME HE ADVANCED KING MONEY
ON HIS NEXT PAY CHECK. AT SEVEN FIFTYSEVEN P.M. THAT
DATE, HE PUT KING ON A GREYHOUND BUS AT GREENVILLE, MISS.,
EN ROUTE TO QUINCY, ILL. WILSON STATED THAT KING ARRIVED
IN CLARKSDALE, MISS., AND WAS TOLD THAT THE BUS WOULD NOT
BE ALLOWED TO CONTINUE TO MEMPHIS. KING OBTAINED A ROOM
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AT THE DOWNTOWNER MOTOR HOTEL IN CLARKSDALE. WILSON EXHIBITED A RECEIPT FROM THE DOWNTOWNER INDICATING THAT KING OBTAINED THE ROOM AT TEN TWELVE P.M., APRIL FOUR, LAST. WILSON STATED THAT KING TRAVELED TO LAKE PROVIDENCE, LA., APPARENTLY ON APRIL FIVE, LAST, AND RETURNED TO GREENVILLE, MISS., ON APRIL FIVE, LAST, AT WHICH TIME HE TOOK A SOUTHERN AIRLINES FLIGHT OUT OF GREENVILLE EN ROUTE TO MEMPHIS. IN MEMPHIS HE TOOK A BUS TO ROCK ISLAND, ILL. HE SIGNED ONTO THE GEORGE WEATHERS AS A DECKHAND AT THREE A.M., APRIL EIGHT, INSTANT, AT ROCK ISLAND, ILL.

BUREAU, BIRMINGHAM, NEW ORLEANS, SPRINGFIELD
ADVISED AIRMAIL.

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FBI CHICAGO

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) SPRINGFIELD, AND MEMPHIS
FROM CHICAGO (44-1114)

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REBUTEL TO ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES INSTANT.

NO RECORD OF HARVEY LOWMEYER OR VARIATIONS IN CHICAGO
OFFICE INDICES, TELEPHONE DIRECTORY, AS WELL AS SUBURBAN
TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES. OTHER PUBLIC AGENCY RECORDS AND
UTILITY COMPANY RECORDS WILL BE CHECKED FIRST THING TOMORROW.

CHICAGO PD RECORDS REVEAL ONE HARVEY LOWMEYER, HAS RECORD
CARD INDICATING AGE TWENTY THREE IN NINETEEN FIFTY FIVE,
HEIGHT FIVE EIGHT AND ONE HALF INCHES, MENARD ILLINOIS PRISON
NUMBER TWO FOUR FIVE TWO FIVE, FINGERPRINT CLASSIFICATION
THIRTY ONE OVER TWENTY EIGHT M OVER I, I OVER I, O OVER I,
EIGHTEEN, NO CHICAGO ARRESTS INDICATED. NO RECORD OTHER
VARIATIONS OF HARVEY LOWMEYER.

IDENTIFICATION DIVISION. OBTAIN FINGERPRINT CARD FOR
LOWMEYER AND COMPARE WITH LATENTS CAPTIONED MATTER.

SPRINGFIELD, AT MENARD PRISON. OBTAIN LATEST PHOTOGRAPH,
COPY OF PRINTS, BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND INSTITUTE EFFORTS TO
DETERMINE PRESENT WHEREABOUTS OF HARVEY LOWMEYER.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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TO MEMPHIS RICHMOND

FROM WASHINGTON FIELD 1P

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ASSASSINATION OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - CIVIL RIGHTS.

ON APRIL EIGHT SIXTY-EIGHT DALE CROWLEY, ONE FIVE ZERO ONE FARRAGUT STREET, N.W., WHO HAS RADIO PROGRAM ON STATION WFAX ADVISED THAT AN ACQUAINTANCE, MRS. R. L. WELLS, FIVE FIVE ZERO ZERO JUSTIS PLACE, ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA (OFF FRANCONIA ROAD) HAD ADVISED HIM SHE HAD SEEN PERSON IN HER AREA WHO RESEMBLED PUBLISHED PICTURE OF KILLER OF DR. KING. SHE WOULD FURNISH NO OTHER INFORMATION BUT ASKED HIM TO REPORT MATTER TO AUTHORITIES. INDICATED DID NOT WANT UNIFORMED OFFICERS TO APPEAR AT HER HOUSE. CROWLEY OPINED REASON WAS THAT SON HAD BEEN IN TROUBLE WITH POLICE IN PAST.

ROCXXX RICHMOND HANDLE.

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FROM WASHINGTON FIELD 2P

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ASSASSINATION OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., CIVIL RIGHTS.

AT ONE TWENTYFIVE PM APRIL EIGHT JOHN C. THOMAS, ✓
AGRICULTURE, DU EIGHT SEVEN ZERO FOUR EIGHT, RESIDENCE FIVE
ZERO SIX FOUR SILVER HILL COURT, SUITLAND, MARYLAND, TELEPHONE
SEVEN THREE FIVE NINE TWO FOUR ZERO, TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED
ON APRIL FIRST LAST, HE HAD FLOWN TO ATLANTA, GEORGIA, AND
ON PLANE SAW MAN WITH BOX WHICH APPEARED TO BE IDENTICAL WITH
ONE PICTURED IN ATLANTA JOURNAL THURSDAY AS BEING ONE THAT
HAD CONTAINED THE RIFLE USED TO SHOOT DR. KING. SAID BOX WAS
LABELED MAUSER. AT TIME, STEWARDESS TOOK FROM HIM AND
STORED IT IN PLANE COCKPIT UNTIL THE END OF THE FLIGHT WHEN
IT WAS RETURNED TO OWNER.

THE PLANE INVOLVED WAS DELTA AIRLINES FLIGHT SEVEN TWO
FIVE LEAVING WASHINGTON NATIONAL AIRPORT EIGHT ZERO NINE AM
AND ARRIVING ATLANTA AT NINE FORTYTHREE AM.

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THE MAN CARRYING THE BOX WAS DESCRIBED AS AVERAGE HEIGHT ABOUT FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES OR SO, STOCKY AND WEARING SUNGLASSES. HE COULD FURNISH NO FURTHER DESCRIPTION.

RICHMOND DETERMINE STEWARDESS OF ABOVE FLIGHT AND ALL DETAILS FOR HANDLING.

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FBI BOSTON

1130PM URGENT 4-8-68 WMG

TO DIRECTOR BIRMINGHAM MEMPHIS AND NEW HAVEN AM

FROM BOSTON 157-644

MURKIN, CR. OO: MEMPHIS.

RE NEW HAVEN TEL TO DIRECTOR INSTANT.

JOHN TORRES, BRAYTON AVE., SOMERSET, MASS., OWNER, NUBRITE CLEANERS AND DYERS, ONE FIVE SEVEN BRIGHTMAN ST., FALL RIVER, MASS. ADVISED HE ACQUIRED AN ELECTRIC LAUNDRY IDENTIFICATION MARK THERMO SEAL MACHINE ABOUT THREE YEARS AGO. HE USED THE MACHINE ABOUT THREE MONTHS AND THEN DISCONTINUED USE AS IT WAS NOT PRACTICAL. HE HAS HAD IT UP FOR SALE BUT TO DATE NO ONE BOUGHT IT. IT WAS USED PRIMARILY ON NAVY WHITE UNIFORMS AND TO HIS KNOWLEDGE WAS NEVER USED ON T SHIRTS. HE NEVER USED NUMBERS ZERO TWO B-SIX OR ANY SIMILAR COMBINATIONS OF MARKINGS. TORRES AGREED TO EXAMINE PHOTOGRAPH OF LAUNDRY TAB IN QUESTION ON RECEIPT AND ASSIST IN ANY WAY POSSIBLE IN ITS IDENTIFICATION.

BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED.

AM COPY TO NEW HAVEN.

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MURKIN

JAMES EDWARD JOLLY ARRESTED ELKHART CO. PD, APRIL SEVEN
LAST FOR TRAFFIC VIOLATION AND DETERMINED WANTED FOR UFAP.
DETERMINED WANTED BY LAKE CO., FLORIDA, JACKSONVILLE ORIGIN,
BUFILE EIGHT EIGHT DASH FOUR THREE TWO NINE THREE.

PHOTO OF SUBJECT OBTAINED AND CLOSLY RESEMBLES ARTISTS
CONCEPTION OF DR. KINGS ASSASSIN. JOLLY COMBS HAIR
STRAIGHT BACK AND HAS WIDOWS PEEK, AS IN ARTIST CONCEPTION.
CLAIMS TO HAVE BEEN IN MANCHESTER, TENN., TWO WEEKS AGO, WORKED
IN WEST MEMPHIS, TENN., SIXTY SIX DASH SIXTYSEVEN, AND HAS
WIFE PRESENTLY IN ALABAMA.

FBI LAB REQUESTED TO COMPARE PRINTS OF JOLLY WITH FINGERPRINTS
SUBMITTED IN THIS CASE. EFFORTS BEING MADE TO LOCATE OSCAR FLOYD.
BRISTOL, IND, WHO ARRIVED WITH SUBJECT AT GOSHEN, IND., EVENING
OF APRIL FIVE LAST.

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TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND SALT LAKE CITY
FROM NEW ORLEANS (157-10673) 1P

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MURKIN

RE NEW ORLEANS AIRTEL TO SALT LAKE CITY DATED THREE
TWENTYFIVE SIXTYEIGHT CAPTIONED " DUANE IVAN CARLSON;
ROBERT BOLIVAR DE PUGH - FUGITIVE; ETAL, OO; SE", AND
RE SALT LAKE CITY TEL INSTANT DATE.

BASED ON INFORMATION FURNISHED TO NEW ORLEANS BY
SALT LAKE CITY THE MICHAEL FREEMAN REFERRED IN REFERENCED
AIRTEL FROM SLIDELL, LOUISIANA IS NOT IDENTICAL TO INDIVIDUAL
BEING SOUGHT FOR QUESTIONING BY SALT LAKE CITY DIVISION IN
BANK ROBBERY CONSPIRACY MATTER.

IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE NO FURTHER EFFORT MADE TO LOCATE
THE MICHAEL FREEMAN FROM SLIDELL, LA. IF ADDITIONAL
INVESTIGATION RE FREEMAN DESIRED, SALT LAKE CITY SET OUT
APPROPRIATE LEADS IN AS MUCH AS SALT LAKE CITY IN POSSESSION
OF ALL BACKGROUND IN THIS MATTER.

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FBI MINNAPLS

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TO DIRECTOR BIRMINGHAM MEMPHIS
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RE MYTEL APRIL SEVEN LAST.

WILLIAM JOSEPH LEHMEYER, THREE FIVE THREE ZERO FAIRLAWN DRIVE, MINNETONKA, MINN. STATED TODAY THAT UPON ARRIVAL AT AIRPORT, BIRMINGHAM, JUST BEFORE NOON, MARCH TWENTY SEVEN LAST, HE WAS MET BY RICHARD EVANS, DESCRIBED IN RETEL. LEHMEYER DID NOT MEET ANYMORE ELSE AT AIRPORT OR HAVE ANY DEALINGS THERE AT THAT TIME. THEY TRAVELLED FROM AIRPORT TO NEW HOSPITAL, NAME NOT RECALLED, ON OPPOSITE SIDE OF TOWN FROM AIRPORT, WHERE THEY CONTACTED A MRS. ELKOURIE, A NURSES AID AT THE HOSPITAL. SHE IS DESCRIBED BY LEHMEYER AS A VERY STRANGE ACTING PERSON. SHE IS THE WIFE OF A L&N RR EMPLOYEE WHO RECENTLY LOST A LEG ON THE JOB. LEHMEYER WAS CONTACTING HIM RE ACCIDENT TO OFFER SERVICES OF HIS LAW FIRM. NO MALES PRESENT DURING INTRODUCTION OF LEHMEYER TO MRS. ELKOURIE AT HOSPITAL. LEHMEYER DID NOT SIGN NAME OR DISPLAY IDENTIFICATION WHILE THER. LEHMEYER AND EVANS TRAVELLED FROM HOSPITAL TO AN OUTDOOR PIT BAR B QUE RESTAURANT LOCATED TOWARD DOWNTOWN SECTION OF BIRMINGHAM FROM DIRECTION OF HOSPITAL. LEHMEYER DOES NOT RECALL NAME OF BAR B QUE BUT BELIEVES IT TO

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BE POPULAR EATION PLACE. DID NOT MEET ANYONE AT BAR B QUE. HIS NAME WAS NOT USED. MEAL PAID FOR IN CASH.

LEHMEYER AND EVANS TRAVELLED FROM BAR B QUE TO AIRPORT WHERE LEHMEYER MADE HOLD RESERVATIONS ON SOUTHERN AIRLINES AND DELTA AIRLINES. DELTA RESERVATIONS WAS FOR LATER FLIGHT. HIS PLAN WAS TO GET FLIGHT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER INTERVIEW OF MR. ELKOURIE IN THE AFTERNOON WHEN WIFE COULD BE PRESENT. ONE OR TWO MALES AT SOUTHERN AL ASSISTED IN RESERVATION. FOUR OR FIVE MALES AT DELTA AL COUNTER WHEN HOLD RESERVATION MADE AND DELTA CHECKED AND PLACED HOLD ON BAGGAGE. HE USED HIS INTERNATIONAL AIR TRAVEL CARD IN OBTAINING RESERVATIONS. THIS CARD LISTS NAME OF HIS EMPLOYER FIRM AND HIS NAME, WILLIAM J. LEHMEYER. ABOVE RESERVATIONS MADE AT APPROXIMATELY ONE O'CLOCK, MARCH TWENTY SEVEN. LEHMEYER AND EVANS, IN PICKUP TRUCK, DROVE AROUND IN AREA NEAR AIRPORT IN ORDER TO LOCATE HOME OF ELKOURIE SO NO TIME WOULD BE LOST WHILE MEETING SCHEDULED APPOINTMENT LATER THAT AFTERNOON. AFTER LOCATING ELKOURIE RESIDENCE THERE WAS TIME BEFORE INTERVIEW FOR A MOVIE. NAME OF MOVIE WAS BLACKBEARDS GHOST. AFTER MOVIE THEY WENT TO HOME OF ELKOURIE. DID NOT MEET ANYONE AT MOVIE. LEHMEYERS NAME NOT USED WHILE THERE. AFTER SIXTY TO NINETY MINUTES VISIT WITH ELKOURIE

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EVANS DROVE LEHMEYER TO AIRPORT. HE ARRIVED TOO LATE TO CATCH SOUTHERN AL FLIGHT AT ABOUT FIVE O'CLOCK AND WAS STANDBY PASSENGER ON FLIGHT WHICH HE RECALLS AS FOURTY-FIVE TO MEMPHIS. HE WAS CALLED AS STANDBY AND WAS SEATED BETWEEN TWO WHITE MALES ON TRIP TO MEMPHIS. INTRODUCED HIMSELF TO BOTH INDIVIDUALS AND THEY GAVE THEIR NAMES IN RETURN BUT HE IS UNABLE TO RECALL NAME OR EMPLOYMENT CONNECTION OF EITHER. ONE, AGE THIRTY TO FORTY, WAS FROM KANSAS CITY AND WAS ENROUTE HOME. THE OTHER, AGE FORTY TO FORTY FIVE WAS RETURNING TO HIS HOME IN MEMPHIS. HE IS UNABLE TO FURNISH FURTHER DESCRIPTION. IN MEMPHIS LEHMEYER HAD APPROXIMATELY TWO HOUR LAYOVER. HE ATE ALONE AT THE AIRPORT RESTAURANT. DID NOT TALK TO ANYONE AND HIS NAME WAS NOT ANNOUNCED TO ANYONE THERE. LEHMEYER TRAVELLED FROM MEMPHIS TO CHICAGO ON DELTA AL FLT. NINE THREE TWO AND MADE DIRECT TRANSFER TO NORTHWEST AL FLIGHT TWO THREE NINE TO MINNEAPOLIS. LEHMEYER NAME USED ONLY AT SOUTHERN AL AND DELTA AL, BIRMINGHAM, IN PRESENCE OF MALES. NO IDENTIFICATION PAPERS OF LEHMEYER MISPLACED OR LOST IN BIRMINGHAM OR MEMPHIS. NO ORAL USE OF LEHMEYER NAME IN MEMPHIS. BIRMINGHAM MAY DESIRE TO ESTABLISH BACKGROUND OF RICHARD EVANS AND ASCERTAIN HIS WHEREABOUTS DURING PERTINENT PERIODS OF THIS CASE. INVESTIGATION

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CONTINUING. BU AND MEMPHIS WILL BE KEPT PROMPTLY ADVISED.

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CORRR. SECOND PARA. FIFTH LINE WORD SHOULD BE ANYONE NOT ANYMORE

CORR. PAGE THREE LINE THREE SHLD. READ...PASSENGER ON FLIGHT

WHICH HE RECALLS AS NUMBER FIVE FOUR FIVE TO MEMPHIS

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TO DIRECTOR
ATTENTION: PERSONNEL SECTION
FROM CINCINNATI (157-1893)

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR
RM

RE BUREAU TEL CALL, APRIL FIVE, LAST, AND MY
TEL CALL TO MEMPHIS, APRIL SIX, INSTANT.

SPECIAL AGENTS SHIELDS W. SMITH AND EDWARD M.
QUINN, AND STENO JEAN M. SAHND DEPARTED CINCINNATI NINE
A.M., INSTANT DATE, VIA BUCAR SIXTY SEVEN - ZERO SIX THREE
(CINCINNATI CAR THIRTY FOUR). THEY ANTICIPATE ARRIVAL
SOMETIME DURING LATE EVENING APRIL SIX, INSTANT, MEMPHIS.

MEMPHIS ADVISED TELEPHONICALLY BY CINCINNATI
OF IDENTITIES OF EMPLOYEES, IDENTIFICATION OF BUCAR, TIME
OF DEPARTURE, AND EXPECTED TIME OF ARRIVAL. I ALSO RECOMMENDED
RESERVATION BE MADE FOR THEM.

AM COPY MEMPHIS.
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TO: SAC, CHICAGO (100-35356)
FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (157-838)

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., RM.

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

CHICAGO REFER TO SPRINGFIELD LETTER TO KANSAS CITY DATED MARCH THIRTY, NINETEEN SIXTY SIX, ENTITLED EDWARD BUMGARDNER, PCI, AND SPRINGFIELD AIRTEL TO BUREAU DATED SEPTEMBER NINE, NINETEEN SIXTY SIX, ENTITLED THREATS AGAINST THE PRESIDENT, SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, SECRETARY OF STATE; MINUTEMEN - PATRIOTIC PARTY, FOR BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON BUMGARDNER AND DE PALMA.

CHICAGO CONTACT BUMGARDNER RE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR COMPLETE DETAILS.

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TO MINNEAPOLIS

FROM SPRINGFIELD (157-838)

ASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. RM.

JUDITH LOTT, ONE ONE ZERO THREE WEST NORTH CREST, PEORIA, ILLINOIS, TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED APRIL FIVE LAST SHE VIEWED COMPOSITE DRAWING OF SUSPECT IN SLAYING OF CAPTIONED INDIVIDUAL ON CHANNEL TWENTYFIVE WEEK TV, PEORIA, WHICH INDIVIDUAL RESEMBLES CARL RICE, MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA. LOTT DESCRIBED RICE AS WHITE MALE, FIVE FOOT ELEVEN, AGE THIRTYTWO, BLOND HAIR, BLUE EYES, ONE FIVE FIVE LBS. LOTT CONTINUED RICE PREVIOUSLY INVOLVED NARCOTICS AND RACIAL MATTERS. HE ATTENDED BLAKE SCHOOL, MINNEAPOLIS, RESIDED WITH FATHER, DOCTOR CARL RICE, SUBURB OF EDINA, MINNEAPOLIS, APPROXIMATELY TEN YEARS AGO. HARLEN BARRR, WEEK TV, PEORIA ADVISED COMPOSITE DRAWING SUSPECTED SLAYER OF CAPTIONED INDIVIDUAL SHOWN ON TV APRIL FIVE LAST WHICH DRAWING FROM UPI WIRE PHOTO SERVICE.

MINNEAPOLIS CONDUCT CREDIT AND ORIGINAL INVESTIGATION RE RICE AND CURRENT WHEREABOUTS. BUREAU AND MEMPHIS ADVISED BY A.M.

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**Enclosed are two copies of color photographs
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FROM: SAC, DALLAS (44-2649)

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RE DALLAS TELETYPE TO NEW ORLEANS AND MEMPHIS
APRIL EIGHT INSTANT AND NEW ORLEANS TELETYPE APRIL
EIGHT INSTANT CONCERNING SUSPECT MARK (LNU).

ABILENE WOMAN IS NANCY SAULNIER, THREE ZERO
TWO LOUISIANA, ABILENE, TEXAS, WHO STATES SHE SAW
PHOTO IN ABILENE NEWSPAPER OF SUSPECT. THIS WAS
PRESUMABLY AN ARTIST'S CONCEPTION. INDIVIDUAL WHO
SAT AT TABLE NEAR HER AT DINNER SUBSEQUENTLY VISITED
WITH HER IN HER ROOM, CONVERSATION INCONSEQUENTIAL.
SHE MERELY SAW HIM LEAVING MOTEL . DOES NOT KNOW
IN WHAT DIRECTION HE WENT. THIS WOMAN HAS NO BASIS
OTHER THAN APPARENT FEELING MARK'S PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION
SIMILAR TO THAT OF PHOTO SEEN BY HER. P

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TO: ST. LOUIS
FROM: LITTLE ROCK (157-1215)

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RE: MURKIN. RACIAL MATTERS. OO MEMPHIS.

DOROTHY JONES, ROUTE ONE, SENATH, MISSOURI, EMPLOYEE, COMMISSARY, BLYTHEVILLE AIR FORCE BASE, ARKANSAS, ADVISED THIS DATE THAT SHE ATTENDED FIRST METHODIST CHURCH, SENATH, MO., APRIL SEVEN NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT, DURING WHICH BROTHER BROWER, VISITING MINISTER WHO IS DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT FOR THE METHODIST CHURCH, AND RESIDES IN POPLAR BLUFF, MISSOURI, MADE THE STATEMENT FROM THE PULPIT THAT HE WAS SORRY TO HEAR OF KING'S DEATH, BUT WOULD BE EVEN "SORRIER" WHEN THE ANNOUNCEMENT WAS MADE IDENTIFYING THE PERSON WHO DID IT. BROWER STATED THIS WAS BECAUSE THE ASSASSIN WAS FROM PEMISCOT COUNTY, MO. JONES STATED BROWER MADE THE STATEMENT IN SUCH A MANNER TO INDICATE THAT THE ASSASSIN WAS FROM PEMISCOT COUNTY, MO., BUT NOT PRESENTLY LIVING THERE.

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**ST. LOUIS AT POPLAR BLUFF, MO., LOCATE AND INTERVIEW
BROTHER BROWER FOR ANY AND ALL INFORMATION HE MAY HAVE
REGARDING THIS CASE.**

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TO: DIRECTOR (MAIL) AND JACKSONVILLE

FROM: JACKSON (157-9586) (P)

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FOR INFO JACKSONVILLE DIVISION, BYRON DE LA BECKWITH, AKA,
WHITE MALE, DOB [REDACTED] SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA,
FIVE FEET TEN INCHES, ONE SEVENTY POUNDS, DARK BROWN HAIR,
OLIVE COMPLEXION, MEDIUM BUILD, RESIDENCE ONE ZERO ZERO ONE
DEWEY STREET, GREENWOOD, MISS., PREVIOUSLY ARRESTED JUNE,
SIXTY THREE, BY BUREAU AGENTS, JACKSON DIVISION, FOR MURDER
OF MEDGAR EVERS, NAACP FIELD SECRETARY, STATE OF MISSISSIPPI,
WHO WAS SLAIN IN JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, IN JUNE, SIXTYTHREE.

BECKWITH TRIED ON TWO OCCASIONS AND JURY UNABLE TO REACH
A VERDICT BOTH INCIDENTS. ~~DE LA~~ BECKWITH HAS PROPENSITY FOR
VIOLENCE AND ASSOCIATED WITH KKK IN MISSISSIPPI.

ON INSTANT DATE, CHARLES D. BARRENTINE OF BARRENTINE
MANUFACTURING COMPANY, INC., GREENWOOD, MISSISSIPPI, ~~DE LA~~

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BECKWITH'S EMPLOYER, ADVISED THAT A DAILY REPORT WORKSHEET RECEIVED INSTANT AM INDICATES ~~DE LA~~ BECKWITH, A FARM AND MARINE EQUIPMENT SALESMAN, WAS IN CONTACT WITH AND RECEIVED AN ORDER FROM J. P. BROWN MOTOR SALES, HIGHWAY NINETY, GREENVILLE, FLORIDA, LEAVING TWO FIFTEEN PM, APRIL FOUR, LAST, AND WAS IN CONTACT WITH PERRY TRUCK AND TRACTOR COMPANY, PERRY FLORIDA, LEAVING FIVE FORTY FIVE PM, APRIL FOUR, LAST. BARRENTINE STATED THAT ~~DE LA~~ BECKWITH'S DAILY REPORT INDICATED HE WAS SPENDING THE EVENING OF APRIL FOUR, LAST, IN THE PERRY, FLORIDA, AREA, SPECIFIC LOCATION NOT INDICATED.

JACKSONVILLE: WILL IMMEDIATELY VERIFY ~~DE LA~~ BECKWITH'S PRESENCE IN THE ABOVE AREA AS OF THE TIME AND DATE INDICATED. VERIFY THROUGH INVESTIGATION WHERE SPENT EVENING. KING WAS SHOT AROUND SIX ZERO ONE PM APRIL FOUR LAST. PHOTOS OF ~~DE LA~~ BECKWITH WITH BACKGROUND ARE IN POSSESSION OF MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM.

AM COPY TO BUREAU, BIRMINGHAM, AND MEMPHIS.

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TO MEMPHIS (44-1987) CLEVELAND (44-565) ST LOUIS (44-775)
FROM DIRECTOR

MURKIN;

RE CV TELEPHONE CALL AND TELETYPE APRIL EIGHT; SL TELETYPE
APRIL EIGHT; MI TELEPHONE CALL APRIL EIGHT.

REMAINING UNIDENTIFIED LATENT FINGERPRINTS THIS CASE NOT
IDENTICAL FINGERPRINTS ALFRED JOSEPH KAMINSKI, ARMY SERVICE NUMBER
THREE TWO ZERO SIX THREE NINE EIGHT TWO, FBI NUMBER FOUR EIGHT ONE
FOUR TWO NINE E; TOMMIE ROBERT HENDERSON, FBI NUMBER SEVEN ONE
NINE THREE TWO ZERO C; THEODORE J. ADANK, FBI NUMBER THREE EIGHT
SEVEN ONE ZERO EIGHT ZERO; ALLAN PAUL ADANK, FBI NUMBER EIGHT NINE
ZERO ZERO ZERO NINE D; OR ROBERT THOMAS LANHAM, JR. FBI NUMBER SEVEN
SIX ONE SIX ONE FIVE E. NO PALM PRINTS AVAILABLE FOR THESE
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TO DIRECTOR , MEMPHIS, AND JACKSON
FROM MIAMI

MURKIN, CR

REMEMPHIS TEL TO BUREAU RE BOB MC GOWAN, DATED FOUR EIGHT SIXTY
EIGHT.

MC GOWAN OPERATED AS SOURCE ON DIFFERENT OCCASSIONS COVERING
KLAN ACTIVITIES AND RACIAL MATTERS. HE FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION
IN PAST, HOWEVER, IN JANUARY SIXTYEIGHT HE DROPPED OUT OF SIGHT,
CONTACT DISCONTINUED AND CASE CLOSED. RECONTACT NOT MADE UNTIL
HIS TELEPHONE CALL PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED. THIS INFORMATION
FURNISHED FOR LEAD ONLY. MIAMI NOT IN POSITION TO
EVALUATE RELIABILITY OF THIS INFORMATION.

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

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

UNSUBS APPARENTLY KNEW EACH OTHER, ACCORDING TO MC BRIDE.

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

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

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TO MEMPHIS

FROM ALBANY (44-493)

MURKIN CR OO: MEMPHIS

A NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN OR SIXTYEIGHT CHEVROLET IMPALA
BEARING TENNESSEE LICENSE K O ONE FIVE TWO SIX WITH BLACK
VINYL TOP AND YELLOW BOTTOM OBSERVED IN BINGHAMTON, N.Y.,
AT ONE AM TODAY. WITNESS ADVISED PD DRIVER LOOKED LIKE COMPOSIT
PICTURE PUBLISHED IN NEWSPAPER OF ALLEGED KILLER.

MEMPHIS CHECK TENNESSEE LICENSE K O ONE FIVE TWO SIX ✓
TO DETERMINE IDENTITY OF OWNER, DESCRIPTION OF CAR AND IF
REPORTED STOLEN.

ADVISE ONLY IF ABOVE INFORMATION OF ANY KNOWN SIGNIFICANCE.

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TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS (44-1987), BIRMINGHAM, BUFFALO (44-374)
AND JACKSONVILLE
FROM ATLANTA

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MURKIN; CIVIL RIGHTS. OO: MEMPHIS.

RE BUFFALO TELETYPE TO BUREAU APRIL EIGHT SIXTYEIGHT.

ALVIN EUGENE FRENCH INTERVIEWED ROOM ONE FIVE NINE, HOLIDAY
INN, ATLANTA AIRPORT, WHERE REGISTERED APRIL SEVEN SIXTYEIGHT,
ELEVEN FORTY TWO P.M. ALSO RESERVED ROOMS ONE SIX ONE AND ONE
SIX THREE FOR USE REVEREND BREWSTER AND SON, TWO NEGRO MINSTERS
TRAVELING TO ATLANTA, GA. FOLLOWING MARCH MEMPHIS, TENN.
APRIL EIGHT SIXTYEIGHT. FRENCH CLAIMED TO BE ADMIRER OF DR.
KING AND STATED HE WAS IN SYMPATHY WITH KING'S MOVEMENT.
FRENCH ADVISED HE PROVIDED ROOMS FOR REV. BREWSTER IN EFFORT TO
SHOW GOOD FAITH IN TIME OF INSTANT CRISIS.

DR. FRENCH ALLEGEDLY TRAVELED ON OUTER PERIMETER ROAD AND
AFTER ARRIVING AT MEMPHIS ON APRIL FOUR LAST, REGISTERED AT
POPLAR EAST HOLIDAY INN UNDER TRUE NAME, ROOM TWO ZERO TWO, AT
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APPROXIMATELY SEVEN P.M. REMAINED IN ROOM WITH NO OUTSIDE CONTACT OF ANY KIND UNTIL ELEVEN P.M. WHEN HE ATTEMPTED TO HAVE "NIGHTCAP" BROUGHT TO HIS ROOM. HE USED TELEPHONE IN ROOM FOR THIS PURPOSE AND WAS ADVISED BY FEMALE OPERATOR THAT NO DRINKS AVAILABLE. WHEN FRENCH INQUIRED AS TO REASON, SHE SUGGESTED HE TURN ON TV, AND HE SURMISED SHE WAS TOO EMOTIONALLY INVOLVED TO DISCUSS THE DEMISE OF DR. KING. HE ALLEGES HE THEN TURNED ON TV AND FOR THE FIRST TIME BECAME AWARE OF THE DEATH OF KING.

ALLEGES HE HAS NO SUSPECTS BUT KNOWS MANY PEOPLE WOULD BE CAPABLE OF SUCH AN ACT.

MAJOR CASE PRINTS AND PHOTOS OBTAINED. ARRANGEMENTS TO OBTAIN REGISTRATION CARD FROM HOLIDAY INN NOT INSTANTLY AVAILABLE.

FRENCH IS W/M, AMERICAN, BORN [REDACTED] MARION, INDIANA; FIVE ELEVEN, ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY FIVE LBS., HAIR AND EYES BROWN, WEARS DARK RIMMED GLASSES, COMPLEXION NOTICEABLY POCK-MARKED; NOTICEABLY BALD. OCCUPATION, PHYSICIAN, HOME AND BUSINESS ADDRESS TWO THREE TWO THREE COLLINS ROAD, COLLINS, NEW YORK, SOCIAL SECURITY NO. [REDACTED]

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MEMPHIS AT MEMPHIS: AT POPLAR EAST HOLIDAY INN MOTEL, VERIFY
REGISTRATION DATA AS PROVIDED BY FRENCH.

MAJOR CASE PRINTS WILL BE SUBMITTED FBI LABORATORY.

OBTAINED PHOTOS WILL BE SUBMITTED TO MEMPHIS.

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407AM URGENT 4/9/68 LWG
TO DIRECTOR, CHICAGO, MEMPHIS
FROM ATLANTA (44-2386)

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RE CHICAGO TEL TO DIRECTOR FOUR EIGHT LAST.

RECORDS COLUMBUS, GA. PD REFLECT JESSE WILLARD EDWARDS,
W/M, AGE FORTYSIX IN NINETEEN SIXTYFIVE, ARRESTED ELEVEN TWENTYONE
AND TWENTYTHREE NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR ON DRUNK CHARGES, RECEIVED
TWELVE DOLLAR FINES. ARRESTED SIX TWELVE SIXTYFIVE - DUI - FINED
TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS AND COURT COSTS. EDWARDS NOT PHOTOGRAPHED
OR FINGERPRINTED. LAST ARREST LISTED GEORGIA DRIVERS LICENSE NINE
NINE SIX FIVE SEVEN SIX. EMPLOYMENT WILLIAMS CONSTRUCTION CO.,
RESIDENCE EIGHT ZERO FIVE THIRTIETH ST., COLUMBUS, GA. EDWARDS
INVOLVED IN ACCIDENT AT TIME OF LAST ARREST WHILE DRIVING NINETEEN
SIXTYFOUR JEEP. NINETEEN SIXTYFIVE GA. LICENSE FOUR R THREE FOUR
EIGHT ZERO. COMPLAINANT IN ACCIDENT LISTED AS EUNICE B. HARPE,
THREE ONE THREE "J" PEABODY APARTMENTS.

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RE BU TELEPHONE CALL TO BA, AM APRIL NINE SIXTYEIGHT.

BUREAU ADVISED INFO TELEPHONICALLY RECEIVED FROM LT. S.T. HALL,
MONTGOMERY COUNTY PD, MARYLAND, THAT LATTER RECEIVED CALL FROM FNU
MC CLALLAND, WHO RUNS SEVEN ZERO SEVEN RESTAURANT ON UNIVERSITY
BLVD., SILVER SPRING, MARYLAND, RE OVERHEARING A CUBAN TELLING A
MAN IN BAR EVENING APRIL EIGHT LAST THAT HE KNEW KING WAS TO BE
KILLED THREE TO FIVE DAYS BEFORE IT HAPPENDED AND THAT CUBAN HAD
LEFT MEMPHIS FEW DAYS AGO.

CHESTER MC CLELLAND, RESIDENCE ONE EIGHT ZERO EIGHT KANAWHA SREET,
ADELPHI, MARYLAND, TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED THIS AM AND ADVISES HE
OPERATES SEVEN ZERO SEVEN RESTAURANT, SEVEN ZERO SEVEN UNIVERSITY
BLVD., SILVER SPRING, THAT A CUBAN NAMED EDDIE LNU, WHO FREQUENTS
HIS RESTAURANT AND ABOUT TWO TOT HREE TIMES EACH WEEK, WAS
IN BAR EVENING APRIL EIGHT LAST DRINKING HEAVILY. MC CLELLAND
EVERHEARD EDDIE TELL PART TIME BARTENDER, AL BALLEW, THAT HE HAD
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RETURNED FROM MEMPHIS FEW DAYS AGO AND THAT HE KNEW THREE WEEKS AGO THAT KING WOULD BE KILLED.

EDDIE DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, AGE FORTYFIVE TO FIFTY YEARS, HEIGHT FIVE TEN, WEIGHT ONE SIXTYFIVE TO ONE SEVENTY POUNDS, HAIR BLACK, TYPICALLY CUBAN, AND LOUD TALKING, PARTICULARLY WHEN DRINKING; RESIDES LONG BRANCH APTS., SEVEN HUNDRED BLOCK UNIVERSITY BLVD. AT PINEY BRANCH ROAD, SILVER SPRING, MD., AND EMPLOYED AS CHEF OR COOK AT SHERATON BELVEDERE HOTEL OR SHERATON HOTEL, WDC.

MC CLELLAND STATES AL BALLEW MOVED LAST WEEK AND CURRENT ADDRESS UNKNOWN, THOUGH HAS FULL TIME EMPLOYMENT AT SEARS STORE, MONTGOMERY MALL, SILVER SPRING, MD.

WFO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW EDDIE FNU RE ALLEGED TRIP TO MEMPHIS AND KNOWLEDGE KING'S DEATH.

BA CONDUCTING SAME INVESTIGATION SILVER SPRING.

BUREAU INSTRUCTS EXPEDITIOUS HANDLING ALL LEADS THIS CASE.

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RE DETROIT TEL AND TAMPA TEL APRIL SEVEN LAST.

JAMES SHUSTER, ROUTE ONE SEVEN NINE TWO, CASTLEBERRY, FLA.,
ADVISED HIS WIFE CHRISTINA PRESENTLY WITH HER FATHER, C.V.
MCDANIEL, AKA BUNNY, SIX THREE TWO NORTH DUNLAP, MEMPHIS, TENN.
HER MOTHER VIRGINIA KIDDER PRESENTLY RESIDING AROUND CORNER
FROM SIX THREE TWO NORTH DUNLAP IN CARE OF DAVY BREWER, TELEPHONE
NUMBER FIVE TWO SIX DASH SEVEN THREE FOUR NINE. WIFE OF SHUSTER
ADVISED HIM JAMES KIDDER PRESENTLY RESIDING AND WORKING IN
MEMPHIS AND WAS IN MEMPHIS ON APRIL FIVE AND PROBABLY THERE APRIL
FOUR. SHUSTER STATED WILL CALL WIFE NINE AM, INSTANT, TO ASCERTAIN
RESIDENCE AND EMPLOYMENT OF KIDDER. SHUSTER FEELS KIDDER AND
WIFE WOULD TAKE OFF IF LEARNED FBI LOOKING FOR THEM. KIDDER
SUFFERS FROM HEADACHES AND EASILY DEPRESSED.

TAMPA WILL ADVISE BUREAU AND MEMPHIS OF RESULTS OF CALL FROM
SHUSTER TO WIFE TO DETERMINE WHEREABOUTS OF JAMES KIDDER.

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RE DENVER TEL TO DIRECTOR, APRIL EIGHT LAST.

RE COMMUNICATION REQUESTED FILE REVIEW TO DETERMINE IDENTITY
OF UNKNOWN SUSPECT, MIKE. SALT LAKE CITY TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR,
MARCH THIRTEEN LAST ENTITLED DUANE I. CARLSON, ETAL, BR, BUFILE
NINETY ONE- TWO EIGHT EIGHT SEVEN TWO, REVEALS A MIKE FREEMAN,
WMA, TWENTYFIVE YEARS FROM NEW ORLEANS WAS WITH WALTER PATRICK
PEYSON, A MINUTEMAN, IN UTAH DURING JAN. SIXTYEIGHT. MIKE
AT THAT TIME WAS DRIVING A WHITE MILK TRUCK WITH KANSAS PLATES.
SALT LAKE CITY TELETYPE DATED APRIL EIGHT LAST REVEALS PEYSON
RECENTLY DRIVING SIXTY GMC VAN TRUCK WHITE IN COLOR, WITH
KANSAS PLATES. PEYSON FUGITIVE IN BR CONSPIRACY, SEATTLE
OFFICE OF ORIGIN, ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

NEW ORLEANS CONTINUE EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY MIKE FREEMAN.

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MRS. SALLY ANN WASHBURN, MANAGER, AVON MOTEL, ONE FIVE ONE TWO TWENTIETH STREET SOUTH, BIRMINGHAM, WAS CONTACTED DURING NEIGHBORHOOD IN VICINITY OF FIVE POINTS SOUTH, AND REVIEW OF REGISTRATIONS REFLECTED ONE ^{W.O.} WILLIAM BUDING, THREE SIX FIVE SIX DUNN, MEMPHIS, REGISTERED IN UNIT FIVE FOR ONE DAY ON APRIL ONE, NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT, DRIVING CHEVROLET BEARING TENNESSEE LICENSE TP EIGHT THREE EIGHT SEVEN. BUDING REGISTERED FOR ONE PERSON, BUT BROUGHT A GIRL INTO HIS ROOM LATER.

WASHBURN ADVISED BUDING RESEMBLED UNSUB IN FBI SKETCH, ESPECIALLY HAIR AND EYES, AND STATED BUDING WAS WHITE MALE IN LATE THIRTIES, SIX FEET ONE INCH, ONE HUNDRED SIXTY TO ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY POUNDS, DARK HAIR, WEARING BUSINESS SUIT.

MEMPHIS LOCATE BUDING AND DETERMINE RESEMBLANCE TO SKETCH AND WHEREABOUTS PERTINENT PERIOD.

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RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO ALL OFFICES APRIL EIGHT LAST.

ON APRIL NINE, INSTANT, WILLIAM FLAHERTY, RESIDENT TROOPER CONN. STATE POLICE, LITCHFIELD, CONN. ADVISED THAT ON AM. OF INSTANT DATE B. WOODRUFF CLARK, POSTMASTER, LITCHFIELD, CONN. FOUND MOTEL KEY TO ROOM NUMBER TWENTYTHREE, HIGHLAND MOTEL, DICKSON, TENN. IN MAIL BOX IN FRONT OF POST OFFICE. ROPE TO FLAGPOLE IN FRONT OF POST OFFICE WHERE FLAG AT HALF MAST ALSO FOUND CUT.

ABOVE FURNISHED FOR INFO AND POSSIBLE ACTION BY YOUR DIVISION.

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