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TO: DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS (44-1937)

FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775) 2P

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RE TELEPHONE CALL SUPV. AL HOGAN, DIVISION SIX.

REV. OLIVER W GIBSON, PARISH TEMPLE CME CHURCH, EIGHT HUNDRED NORTH UNION (NEGRO MINISTER) ADVISED THAT HE WAS MASTER OF CEREMONIES IN MEMORIAL TO KING TODAY AND AFTER EVENING SERVICES IN HIS CHURCH ABOUT NINE PM HE WAS TOLD A WHITE MAN WISHED TO SEE HIM. THIS MAN GAVE HIS NAME ONLY AS "COLLINS". HE WAS FIVE FEET EIGHT AND ONE HALF INCHES TALL, RUDDY COMPLEXION, BLONDE STRAIGHT HAIR, SMALL SCAR LEFT HAND, SCAR RIGHT CHEEK, ONE FIVE FIVE - ONE SIX ZERO LBS, ABOUT THIRTY YEARS OF AGE, WELL DRESSED IN DARK GREEN BUSINESS SUIT WITH SHIRT AND TIE. HE WORE WATCH WITH BLACK FACE ON LEFT HAND AND RINF ON RIGHT RING FINGER WITH "H" ON IT. AT END OF INTERVIEW WITH GIBSON HE SAID HIS REAL NAME WAS THOMAS ROBERT HENDERSON. AFTER IDENTIFYING SELF TO GIBSON HE SAID HE WAS NOT A BEGGAR BUT WAS A THIEF AND A MURDERER. HE CLAIMED TO HAVE TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS IN COUNTERFIET CHECKS IN AN ATTACHE CASE HE WAS CARRYING, TOGETHER WITH SEVERAL CREDIT CARDS. HE CLAIMED HE CAME TO ST. LOUIS FROM CHICAGO MORNING FOUR SEVEN SIXTYEIGHT, METHOD OF TRANSPORTATION UNKNOWN.

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HE SAID HE WANTED TO FIND PEACE. CLAIMED HE WAS RECENTLY IN ATLANTA AND HAD RECENTLY MET MARTIN LUTHER KING WHO BEFRENNED HIM. HE TOLD KING HE HAD BUT ONE YEAR TO LIVE DUE TO BRAIN TUMOR. HE HAD CARD WITH KINGS NAME AND HOME AND OFFICE TELEPHONE NUMBER. HE DID NOT SO STATE, BUT GAVE THE IMPRESSION TO GIBSON HE WAS THE ASSASSIN OF KING BY STATING HE HAD ORDERED SOMEONE KILLED. HE WONDERED IF HE SHOULD TURN HIMSELF IN. HE SAID HE HAD STUDIED PSYCHOLOGY, HAD BEEN IN THE MILITARY AND WON BOTH BRONZE AND SILVER STAR. HE HAS USED NARCOTICS. HE WANTED GIBSON TO HELP HIM FIND PEACE. HE HAD ONLY EIGHTEEN CENTS IN CASH. GIBSON GAVE HIM FIVE DOLLARS. HE WANTED GIBSON TO HELP HIM AND SAID HE WOULD MEET GIBSON AT THE CHURCH AT TEN THIRTY IN THE MORNING (OF FOUR EIGHT SIXTYEIGHT). HE SAID ALTHOUGH HE WAS WANTED BY THE FBI AND MAFIA "THEY CAN'T CATCH ME."

SL FILES CONTAIN ON THOMAS ROBERT HENDERSON (BUFILE 105-132449) WHO MAY BE IDENTICAL TO HENDERSON, ABOVE. THE HENDERSON IN BUFILE IS NOTED AS HAVING SUICIDAL TENDENCIES, WAS ONCE NARCOTICS USER, IS MENTAL CASE, DRIFTER, NUMEROUS ARRESTS AND HAS FBI NUMBER SEVEN ONE NINE THREE TWO ZERO C.

BUREAU ADVISE WHETHER OR NOT THIS PERSON WANTED BY FBI. SL WILL COVER ALLEGED MEETING WITH REV. GIBSON TEN THIRTY AM FOUR EIGHT SIXTYEIGHT AND INTERVIEW COLLINS, AKA HENDERSON, UACB. END.

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232AM URGENT 4/8/68 RDC

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, JACKSON

FROM NEW ORLEANS

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RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE FOUR SEVEN SIXTYEIGHT.

GERTRUDE FRITH, ONE ZERO TWO ARLINGTON, LAKE
PROVIDENCE, LA. ADVISED LAST DATE HER SON BILLY RAY
KING LEFT LAKE PROVIDENCE, LA. ON APRIL FOUR SIXTYEIGHT
TO RETURN TO WORK. GIRLFRIEND MARJORIE KENNEDY DROVE
KING TO GREENVILLE, MISS. TO CATCH A BUS. FRITH STATED
SHE HADN'T SEEN OR HEARD FROM HER SON SINCE HE LEFT.
NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN MUSTANG IN POSSESSION OF MARJORIE
KENNEDY. TO BEST OF FRITH'S KNOWLEDGE KING NOT A MEMBER
OF KKK OR ANY MILITANT GROUP. MARJORIE KENNEDY ADVISED
LAST DATE SHE DROVE KING TO GREENVILE, MISS. ON APRIL
FOUR, LEST TO CATCH A TRAILWAYS BUS ABOUT SEVEN PM. KING
PURCHASED TICKET TO QUINCY, ILLINOIS. ABOUT TEN FIFTEEN
PM APRIL FOUR, LAST KING CALLED KENNEDY AND STATED HE WAS
IN CLARKSDALE, MISS. HE STATED BUS COULDN'T GO ANY FUR-
THER AND HE TOLD HER TO PICK HIM UP AT DOWNTOWNER MOTEL.
SHE ARRIVED CLARKSDALE AT ONE O'CLOCK AM APRIL FIVE,
LAST WHERE SHE PICKED UP KING AND THEY RETURNED TO LAKE
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PROVIDENCE, LA. IN LATE AM ON APRIL FIVE LAST SHE TOOK KING TO KGW TOWING OFFICE AT GREENVILLE, MISS. WHERE HE WAS TO OBTAIN TRANSPORTATION TO QUINCY, ILLINOIS. SHE RETURNED TO LAKE PROVIDENCE, LA. WITH SIXTYSEVEN MUSTANG, TWO DOOR, VIN SEVEN T ZERO ONE T ONE SEVEN SEVEN EIGHT ONE THREE BEARING NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT-SIXTYNINE LA. LICENSE EIGHT SIX F NINE FOUR EIGHT, DARK BLUE IN COLOR. KENNEDY HAS POSSESSION OF VEHICLE AND STATED KING PURCHASED INSTANT VEHICLE ABOUT TWO WEEKS AGO FROM TRAVIS SHEFFIELD AND VEHICLE PRESENTLY IN SHEFFIELD'S NAME. KENNEDY STATED THAT TO BEST OF HER KNOWLEDGE, KING NOT A MEMBER OF KKK.

NEW ORLEANS INDICES NEGATIVE RE BILLY RAY KING.

JACKSON AT CLARKSDALE, MISS. DETERMINE IF BILLY RAY KING REGISTERED AT DOWNTOWNER MOTEL NIGHT OF APRIL FOUR LAST.

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FBI INDAPOLS

3:11 AM URGENT 4-8-68 JEC.

TO: JACKSON (157-9586) AND MEMPHIS

FROM: INDIANAPOLIS (157-NEW) (RUC) 2P

MURKIN

RE JACKSON TEL TO MEMPHIS AND INDIANAPOLIS TODAY.

FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED TODAY BY SA. HERBERT T. BRADSHAW AND SA. WILLIAM R. LISTON.

INDIANA TELEPHONE NO. THREE ONE SEVEN DASH TWO EIGHT TWO DASH THREE NINE ZERO ONE LISTED B.B. CAMPBELL ONE TWO ONE FIVE E. FOURTEENTH ST. MUNCIE, IND., NO ARREST RECORD FOR CAMPBELL AT MUNCIE PD.

ON APRIL SEVEN, LAST, DEWEY D. CAMPBELL, ONE TWO ONE FIVE E. FOURTEENTH ST., MUNCIE, IND., ADVISED HIS WIFE RECEIVED TWO PHONE CALLS, SINCE THE DEATH OF DR. KING, FROM HER SISTER, MRS. DELMA LA BELLA, CAMPBELL ADVISED HIS WIFE WAS ILL AND HER SISTER CALLED TO INQUIRE ABOUT HIS WIFE'S HEALTH. HIS WIFE TOOK BOTH CALLS AND HE KNEW NO SPECIFIC DETAILS OF THE CONVERSATION.

MRS. CAMPBELL, ABOVE ADDRESS ADVISED AS FOLLOWS:

MR. AND MRS. DINO LA BELLA, ADDRESS "DWYER SIXTYSEVEN, MISSISSIPPI", OWN AND OPERATE DEE DELL'S PHOTOGRAPHIC STUDIO, WALLS, MISSISSIPPI, LOCATED NEAR MEMPHIS, TENN. MRS. LA BELLA TELEPHONED TWICE SINCE DEATH OF DR. KING, BOTH CALLS SHE BELIEVES WERE ON SAT., APRIL SIX SHE STATED MR. AND MRS. LA BELLA TRAVEL CONSIDERABLY IN THEIR PHOTO BUSINESS. MRS. LA BELLA CALLED CAMPBELL TO ADVISE THEY WERE ALL RIGHT

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AND TO INQUIRE ABOUT MRS. CAMPBELL'S HEALTH. MRS. CAMPBELL ASKED HER SISTER HOW THINGS WERE IN MEMPHIS SINCE KING'S DEATH AND HER SISTER COMMENTED THAT KING'S DEATH WAS AN AWFUL THING TO HAPPEN.

AT NO TIME DID HER SISTER MENTION LEAVING A CAR ANYWHERE. MRS. LA BELLA HAS THREE CHILDREN IN MUNCIE, INDIANA WHO RESIDE WITH HER EX-HUSBAND WHOM SHE INQUIRED ABOUT. CAMPBELL COULD RECALL NO SPECIFIC DATA ABOUT THE TWO CALLS.

JACKSON AT WALL OR DWYER, MISS., LOCATE AND INTERVIEW DELMA AND DINO LA BELLA FOR DETAILS OF ABOVE TWO PHONE CALLS AND ASCERTAIN IF THEY COULD BE INVOLVED IN INSTANT MATTER.

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419 AM URGENT 4-8-68 JR

TO ATLANTA (157-3094) ND MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM DIRECTOR

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REATTTEL APRIL SEVEN SIXTYEIGHT.

REMAINING UNIDENTIFIED LATENT FINGERPRINTS THIS CASE NOT IDENTICAL
FINGERPRINTS FLOYD EUGENE AYERS, FBI NUMBER EIGHT ZERO THREE FIVE
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TO DIRECTOR MEMPHIS RICHMOND
FROM WASHINGTON FIELD 44-703 2P

MURKIN, CR.

RE BUREAU TELEPHONE CALL APRIL EIGHT INSTANT.

ONE NEAL HUSTON, THREE TEN EAST NELSON STREET, ALEXANDRIA,
VIRGINIA, EMPLOYED AT JOE HEISMAN, VOLKSWAGEN DEALER,
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA, TELEPHONICALLY FURNISHED FOLLOWING INFO.

ROOMMATE OF HIS GIRL FRIEND, ONE JANET WHEATLEY, TWO
THREE ZERO ONE NORTH ELEVENTH STREET, ALEXANDRIA, APARTMENT
THREE ZERO TWO, TELEPHONE NUMBER FIVE TWO TWO DASH SIX SIX
ZERO FIVE, EMPLOYED AS TELEPHONE OPERATOR, WAS VISITED BY A
QUOTE CHUCK END QUOTE LNU WHO CAME TO WDC AREA ON APRIL FIVE
LAST, FROM MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE. CHUCK DESCRIBED AS SIX FEET
TALL, SANDY HAIR, SIDEBURNS, DARK GLASSES, DRIVING LIGHT COLORED
BUICK OR PONTIAC, TENNESSEE LICENSE WITH SKELETON HEAD IN
REAR WINDOW, MARRIED, WIFE AND CHILDREN IN TENNESSEE EITHER
JOHNSON CITY OR MEMPHIS. DURING TIME CHUCK WITH JANET ON
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APRIL FIVE LAST, HE REPORTEDLY ADMITTED SOME INVOLVEMENT IN
MURKIN. HUSTON ADVISED CHUCK TO START WORK APRIL EIGHT INSTANT
ALEXANDRIA, FOR UNKNOWN BRICK LAYER AND REPORTEDLY STAYING IN
AREA OF COLUMBUS STREET, ALEXANDRIA.

RICHMOND HANDLE.

ABOVE FURNISHED TELEPHONICALLY TO SA A. ROEHL, ALEXANDRIA,
APRIL EIGHT, INSTANT.

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TO BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) AND MEMPHIS
FROM CLEVELAND (44-565) 1P

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MRS. LOUISE NOLT WHO RESIDES AT ONE TWO ONE ONE GIRARD ST., AKRON, OHIO, TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED SHE SEEN AN OLD MODEL CAR, PALE BLUE, BEARING ALABAMA LICENSE THREE DASH THREE FOUR SIX FIVE TWO DRIVING AT HIGH RATE OF SPEED ON RT. 1 SEVENTYONE NEAR MANSFIELD, OHIO, ON APRIL SEVEN LAST.

MRS. NOLT STATED ABOVE CAR HAD A KKK EMBLEM LOCATED IN CENTER OF REAR WINDOW. SHE DESCRIBED DRIVER AS WHITE MALE IN THIRTIES, HEAVY BEARD AND SHAGGY HAIR. MRS. NOLT ADVISED DRIVER APPEARED SUSPICIOUS BY HIS ACTION OF PUTTING HIS HAND TO HIS FACE EACH TIME HE PASSED ANOTHER CAR.

BIRMINGHAM: WILL DETERMINE REGISTERED OWNER AND ASCERTAIN WHETHER HE COULD BE IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT. /P/

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J. HUBACH, FORMER CHIEF OF POLICE, BAY VILLAGE, OHIO, ADVISED APRIL EIGHT, SIXTYEIGHT, THAT ON APRIL FIVE, SIXTYEIGHT, AROUND TWELVE PM, HE OBSERVED INDIVIDUAL ON CLIFTON BLVD., LAKEWOOD, OHIO, WHITE, MALE, BLACK LONG HAIR, BEARD AND MUSTACHE, WEARING A BLUE JACKET. HE STATED INDIVIDUAL ACTED IN SUSPICIOUS MANNER AND WHEN LAST OBSERVED WAS HEADING WEST ON SLOANE. HE ADVISED INDIVIDUAL DRIVING NINETEEN SIXTYFIVE WHITE PLYMOUTH CONVERTIBLE, BLACK TOP, BEARING TENN. LICENSE II ONE SEVEN NINE NINE.

MEMPHIS WILL DETERMINE REGISTERED OWNER AND ASCERTAIN WHETHER HE COULD BE IDENTIFIABLE WITH UNSUB.

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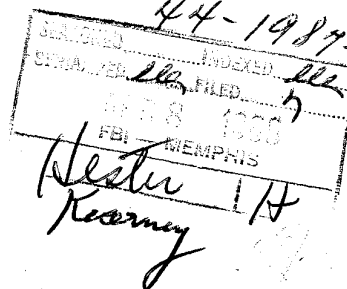
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MURKIN RE: SUSPECT EDWARD PHILIP MARLOW.

FATHER, BROTHER, AND MOTHER IN LAW INTERVIEWED THIS DATE
AND NO INFORMATION DEVELOPED AS TO WHEREABOUTS OF MARLOW. MARLOW'S
FATHER AND BROTHER HAD NOT SEEN OR HEARD FROM HIM SINCE HE
LEFT TO GO TO CALIFORNIA SEVEN YEARS AGO. FAMILY HAS NOT
HEARD FROM MARLOW SINCE THAT TIME AND HAVE NO PHOTOGRAPHS OF
HIM. MARLOW'S MOTHER INLAW HAD LAST CONTACT WITH HER
DAUGHTER, HELEN MARLOW, WIFE OF EDWARD PHILIP MARLOW WHEN WIFE
WAS THEN RESIDING IN RIVERSIDE, CALIF., WITH HIM IN A
RESIDENCE ON WALLINGHAM DRIVE OR STREET. MARLOW'S HAVE FOUR
CHILDREN RANGING IN AGE FROM TEN TO TWO YEARS WHO LIVE WITH
THEM. ALL LETTERS SUBSEQUENT TO JULY, NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN
SENT TO THE MARLOWS FROM MRS. MURPHY HAVE BEEN RETURNED.
MARLOW PURCHASED A NEW AUTOMOBILE IN RIVERSIDE, CALIF.,
APPROXIMATELY THREE YEARS AGO. CREDIT RECORDS, CAMDEN, NJ
DISCLOSED EDWARD PHILIP MARLOW EMPLOYED PITTSBURGH PLATE GLASS
CO., MOORESTOWN, NJ, IN NINETEEN SIXTY THREE. CHECK OF

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NJ MOTOR VEHICLES BUREAU, TRENTON, DISCLOSED EDWARD PHILIP
MARLOW, NJ, DRIVER'S LICENSE NO SIX TWO SIX ONE NINE TWO
SEVEN SEVEN ONE ONE FOUR ZERO FOUR IS ON THE REVOKED LIST IN
THIS STATE. ADDITIONAL INFO BEING OBTAINED. INVESTIGATION
CONTINUING.

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TO MEMPHIS (44-1987) AND CHARLOTTE
FROM DALLAS (44-2649)(1P)

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T.G. GRIMES, CONSTRUCTION BUSINESS, DALLAS, TEXAS,
CONSIDERS CHARLES NELSON GIBSON, AGE ABOUT THIRTYSEVEN, EMPLOYED
SOME FOUR MONTHS AGO, MAY BE SUSPECT. GIBSON BELIEVED KOREAN WAR
VETERAN AND OF UNSTABLE MIND. OBSESSED WITH SUBJECT OF COMMUNISM.
GIBSON GAVE ADDRESS R F D THREE, BOX THREE ONE
ZERO , RED SPRINGS, NORTH CAROLINA, PRESENT WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN
TO GRIMES.

CHARLOTTE HANDLE.

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PERSON IDENTIFIED AS GENE M. STAMM, WHITE MALE,
THIRTYFIVE TO FORTY, FIVE FEET NINE INCHES TALL, ONE HUNDRED
FORTYFIVE POUNDS, DARK BROWN HAIR, STOPPED FOR SPEEDING IN
NACOGDOCHES, TEXAS, APRIL SEVEN, LAST. DRIVING SIXTYFIVE WHITE
CHEVROLET, TENNESSEE LICENSE B P DASH ZERO SIX SIX THREE,
SHELBY COUNTY. EXHIBITED TENNESSEE DRIVERS LICENSE ONE SIX
FIVE SIX SIX FOUR FIVE. STATED WORKING FOR WAR ON POVERTY AND
ENROUTE MEMPHIS TO HOUSTON. ARRESTING OFFICER HAD NO INFORMATION
CONNECTING STAMM WITH MURKIN, BUT REPORTED SAME TO FBI.

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TO MEMPHIS AND NEW ORLEANS
FROM DALLAS (44-2649)(1P)

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ABILENE, TEXAS WOMAN CONSIDERS DESCRIPTION OF SUSPECT FITS
MALE, FIRST NAME MARK, ^{eye not bent} LNU, REGISTERED AT RAMADA INN IN TOWN
ABOUT THIRTY MILES EAST OF SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA NIGHT OF
MARCH TWENTYEIGHT, LAST. THIS PERSON WAS SUPPOSEDLY
SALESMAN FOR TOP VALUE TRADING STAMPS FROM ALEXANDRIA, LOUISIANA.
DESCRIBED AS SIX FEET TALL, RECEDING HAIRLINE. LAST
SEEN LEAVING MOTEL FOLLOWING MORNING IN RED CAR, POSSIBLY A PORSCHE.
NEW ORLEANS HANDLE.

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Via TELETYPE URGENT
(Priority)

TO: SAC, CHARLOTTE
FROM: MEMPHIS (44-1987) P
MURKIN.

RE BOSTON TELETYPE APRIL SEVEN, SIXTYEIGHT, ONE ZERO NINE
A.M.

REFERENCE BOSTON TELETYPE FURNISHED INFORMATION RE ONE
GEORGE WILBUR BREECE, AGE TWENTYTWO, OF FAYETTEVILLE, N. C.
BEFORE SUBMITTING BACKGROUND AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA TO MEMPHIS,
CHARLOTTE SHOULD ESTABLISH WHEREABOUTS GEORGE WILBUR BREECE ON
MARCH TWENTYNINE AND THIRTY, AND APRIL FOUR, SIXTYEIGHT. IF
WHEREABOUTS OF BREECE ESTABLISHED ON THESE DATES, PROBABILITY
HE IS NOT INVOLVED INSTANT CASE. THE MARCH DATES OF INTEREST
SINCE MARCH THIRTY DATE WEAPON INSTANT CASE PURCHASED. APRIL
FOUR DATE KING MURDERED IN MEMPHIS.

IF CHARLOTTE UNABLE TO ESTABLISH WHEREABOUTS BREECE ON
PERTINENT DATES, EFFORTS SHOULD BE MADE TO SECURE FINGERPRINTS
AND SUBMIT SAME TO BUREAU FOR ELIMINATION PURPOSES.

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1100 URGENT 4/8/68 JJD

TO MEMPHIS

FROM SEATTLE (44-NEW) 1P

MURKIN. C.R. 00: MEMPHIS.

MRS. ALEX WILLIAMS, FOUR TWO THREE THIRTY-FIFTH AVENUE S., SEATTLE, WASH., REPORTED THIS DATE SHE VIEWED A SEATTLE TV PROGRAM THE EVENING OF APRIL SEVEN, LAST, SHOWING FLASHBACK OF MARTIN LUTHER KING. ONE SHOWED AN INTERVIEW BY REV. JOSEA WILLIAMS, ASSISTANT TO DR. KING IN THE SOUTHERN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE COMMITTEE, TALKING TO THE FIRST TWO WHITE MEN TO BE ACCEPTED INTO THE PLANNING COMMITTEE FOR THE MARCH ON WASHINGTON IN APRIL, SIXTY-EIGHT. PLACE OF INTERVIEW NOT KNOWN. MRS. WILLIAMS ALSO SAW IN SEATTLE PAPER A COMPOSITE OF THE ASSASSIN OF DR. KING PREPARED BY BILL HARRINGTON, MEMPHIS COMMERCIAL APPEAL, STAFF ARTIST, AND FEELS THE COMPOSITE IS SIMILAR TO ONE OF THE WHITE MEN INTERVIEWED BY REV. WILLIAMS DESCRIBED ABOVE, EXCEPT THE HAIR IN THE TV PICTURE WAS DARKER.

IF MEMPHIS DESIRES INVESTIGATION BE CONDUCTED ON BASIS OF THIS INFO, APPROPRIATE LEAD SHOULD BE SET OUT FOR ATLANTA TO INTERVIEW REV. WILLIAMS RE IDENTITY OF PERSONS INTERVIEWED.

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TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM AND PITTSBURGH

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TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM AND PITTSBURGH
FROM DETROIT (44-989) 2P

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MURKIN

RE PITTSBURGH TEL TO BUREAU, DETROIT AND MEMPHIS APRIL
SEVEN LAST.

NICK GRECO, ONE SEVEN ZERO FOUR EIGHT CAMBRIDGE, ALLEN
PARK, MICHIGAN, ADVISED UNKNOWN INDIVIDUAL REFERRED TO BY HIS
BROTHER, ROBERT GRECO, IS UNKNOWN TO HIM BY NAME, HOWEVER,
GEORGE PROVEN, UNION LAKE, MICHIGAN, COULD FURNISH UNKNOWN
INDIVIDUAL'S NAME.

GEORGE PROVEN, UNION LAKE, MICHIGAN, ADVISED THE UNKNOWN
INDIVIDUAL OBVIOUSLY REFERRED TO BY ROBERT AND NICK GRECO IS
RICHARD PEARL, INASMUCH AS PEARL HAS VOICED OPPOSITION TO
NEGROES AND HAS JOKINGLY REFERRED TO SHOOTING MARTIN LUTHER
KING. PEARL IS EMPLOYED BY FORD MOTOR COMPANY.

MR. LOU ECHLIN, CHIEF OF SECURITY, FORD MOTOR COMPANY,
ADVISED RICHARD HENRY PEARL, FIVE ONE ONE NINE ORCHARD,
DEARBORN, MICHIGAN, WHITE, MALE, DOB [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] FIVE FEET EIGHT INCHES, ONE SIXTY FIVE POUNDS, BROWN
GREY HAIR, BLUE EYES, MEDIUM BUILD, MEDIUM COMPLEXION, IS
EMPLOYED BY FORD MOTOR COMPANY TRACTOR DIVISION, HIGHLAND
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PARK, MICHIGAN. MR. ECHLIN ADVISED THAT MR. PEARL WORKED THE ENTIRE WEEK OF APRIL ONE THROUGH APRIL FIVE LAST, LEAVING WORK AT THREE THIRTY PM, APRIL FIVE LAST.

INASMUCH AS SUBJECT'S WHEREABOUTS HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED AT THE TIME OF THE ASSASSINATION, NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION IS BEING CONDUCTED REGARDING THIS SUSPECT. UACB.

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1116AM MST URGENT 4-8-68 SPW

TO: DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS 44-1987

FROM: DENVER 157-203 1P

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RE DENVER TEL APRIL EIGHT INSTANT.

INVESTIGATOR ~~KARL E. TERLAU~~, ATTD, ADVISED THIS DATE HE HAS HAD NO CONTACT NOR RECEIVED ANY INFORMATION FROM VINCENT JAMES DE PALMA SINCE DATE OF HIS INTERVIEW OF DE PALMA JAN. SEVENTEEN LAST WHICH HE REPORTED IN LETTER DATED JAN. TWENTYTWO LAST.

TERLAU LETTER RE INTERVIEW OF DE PALMA FURNISHED BUREAU AND INTERESTED OFFICES BY LHM AND AIRTEL FEB. TWO LAST UNDER CAPTION MINUTEMEN, IS - MISCELLANEOUS, BUFILE SIX TWO DASH ONE ZERO SEVEN TWO SIX ONE.

BUTTE, KANSAS CITY, LITTLE ROCK, NEW HAVEN, SALT LAKE CITY ADVISED AIR MAIL.

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TO: MEMPHIS

FROM: MOBILE (157-2627)

MURKIN. CR. OO: MEMPHIS.

RE MOTEL, SEVENTH INSTANT.

WILLIE L. CHAMBLESS, MONTGOMERY, ALA., REPORTED SEVENTH INSTANT THAT HE WAS WITH JOHN CHANEY ON STREET AT MONTGOMERY MARCH TWENTYSIX LAST. HE OBSERVED SUSPECT, W/M, DRINKING WINE ON STREET WITH GROUP OF UNIDENTIFIED NEGROES. SUSPECT SAID HE WAS GOING TO MEMPHIS, TENN., THAT NIGHT. SUSPECT SOLD BAG AND CONTENTS TO CHAMBLESS FOR ONE DOLLAR. CHAMBLESS BELIEVES SUSPECT IS IDENTICAL WITH ASSASSIN BASED UPON VIEW OF ARTIST CONCEPTION APPEARING IN NEWSPAPER. SUSPECT. WAS WEARING BLACK COWBOY BOOTS, WHITE DRESS SHIRT, SLEEVES SHORT WITH BLACK DOTS AND KHAKI TROUSERS. SUSPECT DESCRIBED AS W/M, THIRTYNINE OR FORTY, FIVE FT. NINE INCHES, ONE EIGHT ZERO LBS., GRAY EYES, HEAVY EYEBROWS, REDDISH COMPLEXION. HE HAD MUSCULAR BUILD WITH BROAD SHOULDERS, NOSE WAS LONG POINTED WITH NARROW BRIDGE, TEETH WERE LARGE WITH GOLD CROWN LEFT UPPER FRONT. HAIR WAS DARK GRAY PROMINENTLY RECED

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FROM FRONT, THICK, COMBED STRAIGHT BACK. HE STOOD STRAIGHT
AND WALKED WITH LONG STRIDE. HE SMILED MUCH WITH LIPS
CRACKED JUST ENOUGH TO SHOW TEETH. TALK WAS CLEAR AND
REGIONAL.

THREE ZERO TWO'S WILL BE FORWARDED.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS. P.

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FBI ST LOUIS

11:20AM URGENT 4-8-68 JJR

TO: DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS
FROM: ST. LOUIS (44- 2P

MURKIN; CR, OO:ME

RE MEMPHIS TEL, APRIL SEVEN LAST TO ALL SACS.

ON INSTANT DATE, EDWARD LIEBENGUTH, CLAIMS DEPT., VOLKSWAGEN CORP., SLMO, ADVISED APPROXIMATELY TWO MONTHS AGO RONALD WILLARD SPIVEY CAME TO HIS OFFICE TO DISCUSS A CLAIMS SETTLEMENT. LIEBENGUTH HAD EXTENSIVE INTERVIEW WITH SPIVEY DURING WHICH SPIVEY STATED HE WOULD TAKE DRASTIC ACTIONS IF NEGROES RIOTED IN NASHVILLE, TENN. SPIVEY DISPLAYED A REVOLVER WHICH HE WORE ON HIS HIP AND ALSO EXHIBITED VIALS OF WHAT HE TERMED "MACE" AND A BLACKJACK.

LIEBENGUTH STATED A MR. FRISTOE, PROFESSIONAL CLAIMS CO., NASHVILLE, TENN., HAD OBSERVED AN "ARSENAL" OF GUNS IN SPIVEY'S CAR INCLUDING DYNAMITE. FRISTOE DESCRIBED SPIVEY
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AS "EMOTIONALLY UNSTABLE" AND STATED SPIVEY THREATENED TO "BLOW UP" THE SUPERIOR MOTOR CO. IN NASHVILLE IF HIS CLAIM WAS NOT SETTLED.

LIEBENGUTH VIEWED COMPOSITE DRAWING OF MARTIN LUTHER KING'S ASSASSIN IN NEWSPAPER AND STATED IT CLOSELY RESEMBLED SPIVEY. HE DESCRIBED SPIVEY AS WHITE MALE, EARLY THIRTIES, ONE FIFTY TO ONE SIXTYFIVE LBS., SIX FEET, SLENDER BUILD, BROWN HAIR, THIN FACE, PROMINENT NOSE, "FUNNY SMILE", VERY TALKATIVE, OWNS HOUSE OF WILLARD, COLLECTION AGENCY, DONELSON, TENN.

CONSIDER SUSPECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

MEMPHIS HANDLE.

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TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS (44-19787)
FROM MINNEAPOLIS (157-450)

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MURKIN. CR.

RE MINNEAPOLIS TEL APRIL SEVEN, LAST.

HARRY WILLIAM LA MERE, JR., BORN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SIX FEET ONE INCH, ONE NINE ZERO POUNDS,
DARK BROWN HAIR, BROWN EYES, MEDIUM COMPLEXION, EMPLOYED
AS SALESMAN, SPORTING GOODS DEPARTMENT, MONTGOMERY WARDS.
LA MERE WORKED DAILY MARCH TWO EIGHT THROUGH APRIL TWO,
LAST AND ON APRIL FOUR, LAST, WORKED FROM NINE FIFTY-ONE
AM TO EIGHT THIRTY P.M. HIS REGULAR DAY OFF IS WEDNESDAY.

NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED RE LA MERE.

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TO DIRECTOR, NEW YORK AND MEMPHIS
FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1730) (P)

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MURKIN. CR.

RE BIRMINGHAM TELETYPE, APR. SEVEN, LAST.

NEW YORK CONTACT HEADQUARTERS OF DINERS CLUB AND REVIEW
RECORDS TO DETERMINE IF NAMES HARVEY LOWMEYER OR JOHN WILLARD
APPEAR AS CREDIT CARD HOLDERS AND THEREAFTER SET OUT APPROPRIATE
LEADS TO ELIMINATE OR IDENTIFY AS UNSUB THIS CASE.

DO NOT CHECK NAME W. J. LEHMEYER AS HE HAS BEEN ELIMINATED.

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TO DIRECTOR, DALLAS, MEMPHIS, AND BIRMINGHAM

FROM JACKSON (157-9586) 4P

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REJNTEL CALL TO TYLER, TEXAS RA APRIL EIGHT, SIXTYEIGHT.
MEMPHIS BY TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR DATED APRIL SEVEN, LAST,
ADVISED THAT IN CONNECTION WITH VARIOUS ITEMS WHICH MAY BE OF
EVIDENCE IN INSTANT CASE, TWO CANS OF SCHLITZ BEER WERE RECOVERED
FROM A BLUE OVERNIGHT BAG DROPPED BY SUSPECT IN MEMPHIS. THESE
SCHLITZ BEER CANS WERE INSIDE A LARGE BROWN PAPER BAG BEARING
TRADE NAME "HOMESTEAD" REGISTERED TO GRAHAM PAPER CO., ST. LOUIS,
MO. BEER CANS BORE MISS. STATE TAX STAMP NUMBERS ZERO THREE OVER ONE
FIVE EIGHT. THE MEMPHIS OFFICE ADVISED THEY WERE NOT AWARE OF THE
EXACT SIGNIFICANCE OF THESE NUMBERS, BUT THAT POSSIBILITY EXISTED
NUMBERS MIGHT APPLY TO A TAX PAID BY A DISTRIBUTOR AND COULD
CONCEIVABLY INDICATE AREA IN WHICH BEER WAS SOLD.

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THE JACKSON OFFICE WAS REQUESTED TO EXPLORE THE SIGNIFICANCE AND POSSIBLE MEANING OF NUMBERS ON TAX STAMP. IF THE NUMBERS DESIGNATED A PARTICULAR AREA SERVED BY A DISTRIBUTOR IN MISS., IT WAS REQUESTED THAT JACKSON ALSO DETERMINE WHAT RETAILERS APPEAR IN SAME AREA MIGHT ALSO POSSIBLY USE PAPER BAG BEARING ABOVE IDENTIFYING DATA.

MR. JAMES JONES, TOBACCO, BEER, AND PRIVILEGE TAX DIVISION, MISS. STATE TAX COMMISSION, JACKSON, MISS., ADVISED THIS DATE THAT NUMBERS ON TAX STAMP EFFECTED BY SCHLITZ BREWING CO., LONGVIEW, TEXAS, AT TIME BEER IS CANNED AND FOR NO PARTICULAR SIGNIFICANCE TO MISS. TAX COMMISSION. MR. JONES ADVISED THAT BREWERY AT LONGVIEW, TEXAS, MIGHT POSSIBLY ATTRIBUTE SIGNIFICANCE TO NUMBERS ON TAX STAMP AND MIGHT CONCEIVABLY BE ABLE TO ADVISE DISTRIBUTOR TO WHICH INSTANT CANS SHIPPED.

AS A RESULT OF REFERENCED TEL CALL, SA CHARLES L. BROWN, RA, TYLER, TEXAS, ADVISED THAT HIS INITIAL INQUIRY AT SCHLITZ
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BREWING COMPANY, LONGVIEW, TEXAS, INDICATES THAT ABOVE CAPTIONED NUMBERS INDICATE THAT BEER WAS CANNED ON MARCH FIFTEEN, SIXTYEIGHT, LONGVIEW, TEXAS, AND SUBSEQUENTLY SHIPPED TO STATE OF MISS. NO OTHER SIGNIFICANCE CAN BE ATTACHED TO THIS NUMBER. SCHLITZ BREWERY RECORDS INDICATE STATE OF MISS. HAS FIFTEEN DISTRIBUTORS. IDENTITY OF THESE DISTRIBUTORS BEING DETERMINED IN EVENT FURTHER IDENTIFYING INFORMATION RELATIVE TO BEER CANS IS OBTAINED.

HILLIS MC LEMORE, MANAGER, GRAHAM PAPER CO., JACKSON, MISS., ADVISED THIS DATE NAME "HOMESTEAD" IS TRADE NAME FOR BAGS DISTRIBUTED BY THEIR COMPANY. BAG IN QUESTION COULD HAVE BEEN MANUFACTURED IN NUMBER OF MILLS WHICH MANUFACTURE BAGS FOR GRAHAM UNDER TRADE NAME, AND POSSIBLY THE POINT OF MANUFACTURE COULD BE IDENTIFIED BY EXAMINATION OF BAG ITSELF AT ST. LOUIS. STATED COULD POSSIBLY RECOGNIZE DIE USED TO IMPRINT TRADE NAME, AS DIE COULD BE DIFFERENT AT EACH OF THE MILLS. NINETY PERCENT OF HIS BUSINESS IN STATE OF MISSISSIPPI IS SALES TO JOBBERS WHO IN TURN SELL TO INDIVIDUAL STORES OR RETAILERS.

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THE MEMPHIS DISTRIBUTOR, CHRIS REHKOPF, COVERS NORTHERN MISSISSIPPI AND NEW ORLEANS OFFICE COVERS SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI. IF GIVEN SIZE OF BAG EACH DISTRIBUTOR COULD TELL TO WHICH JOBBERS HE HAD SOLD BAGS OF THAT SIZE WITHIN PAST THREE MONTHS. IT WOULD THEN BE NECESSARY TO FIND OUT FROM JOBBERS TO WHOM THEY HAD SOLD BAG.

DALLAS AT LONGVIEW TEXAS, EXPEDITE COVERAGE OF LEAD AND ADVISE BUREAU, MEMPHIS AND JACKSON OF RESULTS FOLLOWS BY THREE ZERO TWO'S TO MEMPHIS.

MEMPHIS WILL INTERVIEW CHRIS REHKOPF, MEMPHIS DISTRIBUTOR, AND CONSIDER EXHIBIT OF BAG FOR EXAMINATION TO DETERMINE TO WHICH JOBBERS HE HAS SOLD BAGS FOR PAST THREE MONTHS.

AM COPIES TO NEW ORLEANS AND ST. LOUIS. END

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TO DIRECTOR & MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM SAN FRANCISCO (173-65) 1P

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RE SAN FRANCISCO TEL APRIL SEVEN LAST.

RECORDS OF SAN ANSELMO PD, FAIRFAX PD, MARIN COUNTY SO, AND
MARIN COUNTY CREDIT BUREAU WERE EXAMINED AND NO RECORD IDENTIFI-
FIABLE WITH RAYMOND COOPER WAS LOCATED. INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED
VICINITY FOUR TWO CREEK ROAD REFLECTED NO SUCH ADDRESS IN SAN
ANSELMO AND NEIGHBORS RESIDING WHERE FOUR TWO CREEK ROAD WOULD
BE, ADVISED NOTHING KNOWN OF COOPER AND/OR ADDRESS.

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TO DIRECTOR (ATT. IDENTIFICATION DIVISION LATENT FINGERPRINT
SECTION) AND MEMPHIS
FROM CHICAGO (44-1114) 3P

MURKIN, OO: CHICAGO.

INDIVIDUALS LISTED BELOW WERE FORMERLY EMPLOYED AS
POLICE OFFICERS, CHICAGO PD. ALL HAVE BEEN SEPARATED FROM
THIS DEPARTMENT AT THIS TIME AND WITH EXCEPTION OF LUTZ,
TERMINATION FROM EMPLOYMENT RESULTED FROM PUBLIC EXPOSURE
OF THEIR ASSOCIATION WITH THE NKKKK. LUTZ HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED
AS A MEMBER OF NKKKK IN CHICAGO:

DONALD R. HEATH, WHITE MALE, BORN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CHICAGO, ILLINOIS NATIONAL GUARD SERIAL NUMBER
US TWO SIX THREE NINE SEVEN NINE SIX FOUR;

RICHARD STANTON, WHITE MALE, BORN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CHICAGO, U.S. NAVY SERIAL NUMBER
FOUR THREE SEVEN TWO ZERO NINE SIX, HONORABLE DISCHARGE
JUNE TWENTY-THREE, NINETEEN SIXTY;

DENIS ALOIA, WHITE MALE, BORN [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] CHICAGO, U.S. NAVY SERIAL NUMBER FIVE TWO
NINE ZERO TWO ZERO SEVEN;

ERNEST R. SEMET, WHITE MALE, BORN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CHICAGO;

WILLIAM H. PLOGGER, AKA HARVEY PLOGGER, WHITE
MALE, BORN [REDACTED]

AT ROCKBRIDGE, VIRGINIA, OR LEXINGTON, VIRGINIA, U.S. ARMY
SERIAL NUMBER THREE EIGHT FIVE FIVE THREE ONE NINE SEVEN;

JON TORE JAHANSSSEN, WHITE MALE, BORN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CHICAGO, U.S. NAVY SERIAL
NUMBER FIVE THREE SIX TWO SEVEN THREE FIVE;

JOHN LUTZ, WHITE MALE, BORN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, U.S. MARINE CORP,
MARCH FIFTEEN, NINETEEN FORTY-FOUR, TO FEBRUARY TWENTY-ONE,
NINETEEN FORTY-SIX, SERIAL NUMBER NOT AVAILABLE THIS TIME.

THE ABOVE INDIVIDUALS ARE BEING FURNISHED AS SUSPECTS
DUE TO THEIR REPORTED AFFILIATION WITH THE NKKKK AND THE
FACT THAT HEATH REPORTEDLY MADE STATEMENT DESIRING TO KILL
CHICAGO'S MAYOR RICHARD DALEY.

BUREAU HAS RECEIVED LHM AND OTHER INFORMATION CON-
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CERNING THE ABOVE INDIVIDUALS FROM CHICAGO UNDER BUREAU
FILE NUMBER ONE FIVE SEVEN - ONE SIX EIGHT.

LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION REQUESTED TO COMPARE
FINGERPRINTS OF ABOVE SUSPECTS WITH ANY LATENT PRINTS
DEVELOPED IN CAPTIONED MATTER. PHOTOS BEING FORWARDED
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TO CLEVELAND AND MEMPHIS
FROM KNOXVILLE (44-696)

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MURKIN; CIVIL RIGHTS.

RE MEMPHIS TELETYPE TO KNOXVILLE APRIL SEVEN, LAST.
MEMPHIS TELETYPE TO ALL OFFICES APRIL SEVEN, LAST.

HERTZ CORP. RENTAL RECORDS REFLECT LIGHT GREEN SIXTYEIGHT
MUSTANG RENTED BY C. H. MC CORMACK, GRALLA PUBLISHING CO.,
THREE FIVE ZERO SIX W. ONE HUNDRED FORTHFIFTH ST., CLEVELAND,
OHIO. CAR SUPPOSED TO HAVE BEEN RETURNED APRIL THREE, LAST,
NASHVILLE, TENN. CAR RETURNED TO METROPOLITAN AIRPORT, MEMPHIS,
THREE FIFTEEN PM, APRIL FIVE, LAST. EMPLOYER HANDLING RENTAL
RECALLED ONLY THAT MC CORMACK INSISTED ON A MUSTANGE.

CLEVELAND, LOCATE MC CORMACK AND ELIMINATE HIM AS
SUSPECT.

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TO DIRECTOR, BIRMINGHAM AND MEMPHIS

FROM TAMPA (157-3231) 2P

MURKIN, RM.

ON APRIL EIGHT INSTANT, TAMPA PD FURNISHED INFO THAT
A W/Y, DRIVING SIXTYEIGHT WHITE THUNDERBIRD, TENNESSEE
LICENSE A B ONE SEVEN TWO TWO, WAS OBSERVED BY A CITIZEN
AT THE HOLIDAY INN MOTEL, FOWLER AVE., TEMPLE TERRACE, FLA.

REGISTRATION RECORDS, HOLIDAY INN, TEMPLE TERRACE,
FLA., REFLECT W.R. THOMPSON, ONE ZERO NINE SEVEN LYNNWOOD,
NASHVILLE, TENN., REGISTERED INTO ROOM ONE ZERO FOUR, AT
HOLIDAY INN, ELEVEN FIFTY ONE A.M., APRIL SEVEN LAST. HE
IS REGISTERED WITH WIFE AND TWO CHILDREN; CLAIMS EMPLOYMENT
AT GENESCO, INC., AND PRODUCED AMERICAN EXPRESS CREDIT
CARD ZERO FOUR ZERO FOUR TWO ONE EIGHT NINE EIGHT -
FOUR - FIVE ZERO ZERO. RESERVATIONS PREVIOUSLY MADE
ON APRIL TWO SIXTY EIGHT AT WEST END HOLIDAY INN, NASHVILLE
TENN. DEPARTURE SCHEDULED FOR APRIL NINE NEXT.
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ON INTERVIEW BY BUAGENTS, THOMPSON, WHO BEARS SOME RESEMBLANCE TO ARTIST CONCEPT PHOTO OF SUBJECT, ADVISED ON VACATION FROM APRIL ONE TO APRIL FIVE LAST, AND SPENT ALL OF THIS TIME SPECIFICALLY, APRIL FOUR LAST, AT HIS RESIDENCE IN NASHVILLE. DEPARTED NASHVILLE MORNING OF APRIL SIX LAST EN ROUTE TAMPA. STATES NEIGHBORS CAN VERIFY PRESENCE AT RESIDENCE IN NASHVILLE. THOMPSON'S WIFE STATED HE WAS AT RESIDENCE DURING THE WEEK OF APRIL ONE THROUGH SIX LAST. HE SMOKED CIGARETTES, CONSTANTLY, THROUGHOUT INTERVIEW.

MEMPHIS, VERIFY THOMPSON'S RESIDENCE AND PRESENCE IN NASHVILLE APRIL FOUR LAST.

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223PM URGENT 4-8-68 SNB

TO CHARLOTTE AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM NORFOLK 157-1280 1P

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MURKIN; CR. OO MEMPHIS.

PATROLMAN LLOYD GOODBREAD, CHESAPEAKE, VA., PD, FURNISHED THIS DATE AS POSSIBLE SUSPECT CAPTIONED CASE, JOHN WOLLARD, AKA RUSTY, WMA, AGE MID TWENTIES, RESIDES RT. FOUR, BOX TWO ZERO THREE, WASHINGTON, N. C., TWO SEVEN EIGHT EIGHT NINE. IS EXPERT HUNTER, FORMER BASEBALL PLAYER, HAD LAST CHRISTMAS REMINGTON THIRTY DASH ZERO SIX. NO EXTREMIST SYMPATHIES KNOWN, HOWEVER MEETS GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF ASSASSIN. NOT KNOWN WHETHER WOLLARD IN SERVICE. BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN ARRESTED LOCALLY ON MINOR CHARGES. BELIEVED EMPLOYED NEW BERN, N. C. NORFOLK INDICES NEGATIVE.

CHARLOTTE CONDUCT BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION AND CHECK RE WHEREABOUTS PERTINENT DATES.

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2-25 PM MST JP # URGENT 4-8-68

TO DIRECTOR, BIRMINGHAM, MEMPHIS, NEW ORLEANS, SEATTLE.

FROM SALT LAKE CITY 44-253 P 5P

MURKIN, CR. OO MEMPHIS.

RE BOSTON AND DENVER TELS APRIL EIGHT, NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT.

RE INFORMATION FURNISHED BY VINCENT JAMES DE PALMA SUGGESTING
IF MINUTEMAN KILLED KING, ASSASSIN COULD BE MIKE (LNU) FROM TEXAS,
DESCRIBED AS WHITE, MALE, ITALIAN EXTRACTION, TWENTYSIX YEARS,
FIVE FEET TEN INCHES, ONE SEVEN ZERO POUNDS, LIGHT COMPLEXION,
THICK, BLACK, CURLY HAIR. ACCORDING TO DE PALMA, MIKE OWNED
WHITE MILK TRUCK, BEARING KANSAS LICENSE.

FOLLOWING INFORMATION DEVELOPED SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH, FROM
INVESTIGATION IN FILE "ROBERT BOLIVAR DE PUGH - FUG.; WALTER
PATRICK PEYSON, AKA - FUG.; ET AL; BR - CONSPIRACY," OO SEATTLE.

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ON SEPTEMBER TWELVE, SIXTYSEVEN, INDIVIDUAL USING NAME WALTER R. JENNINGS, ACCOMPANIED BY ONE "BILL", RENTED HOUSE ON PROPERTY OF THOMAS SAND AND GRAVEL COMPANY NORTH OF SALT LAKE CITY. JENNINGS IN POSSESSION OF WHITE DELIVERY TRUCK, WITH OUT OF STATE LICENSE. "BILL" DRIVING NINETEEN FIFTYSEVEN TWO-TONE CHEVROLET. WHEN THEY MOVED IN, RENTAL SIGN ON HOUSE WAS TURNED OVER AND "TOPAZ MINING COMPANY" WRITTEN ON REVERSE. NO RECORD THIS COMPANY OPERATING IN UTAH. JENNINGS DESCRIBED AS WHITE, MALE, THIRTYFOUR TO THIRTYSIX YEARS, FIVE FEET TEN INCHES, MEDIUM BUILD, BLACK HAIR, HEAVY SOUTHERN ACCENT. #BILL# BELIEVED IDENTICAL WITH WALTER PATRICK PEYSON. BY LETTER POSTMARKED DECEMBER FIFTEEN, SIXTYSEVEN, AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, JENNINGS FORWARDED RENT FOR ABOVE HOUSE FOR JANUARY. JENNINGS AND #BILL" BELIEVED TO HAVE MOVED OUT OF HOUSE EARLY JANUARY, NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT.

ON JANUARY EIGHT, SIXTYEIGHT, PEYSON, USING NAME BILL ERICKSON, RENTED HOUSE AT THREE TWO TWO NORTH NINTH WEST, SALT LAKE CITY. WAS ACCOMPANIED BY INDIVIDUAL, NOT DESCRIBED, WHO LEFT WITHIN DAY OR SO. PEYSON LIVED THIS ADDRESS UNTIL MARCH FIVE, SIXTYEIGHT, WHEN APPARENTLY LEFT SALT LAKE CITY. DURING THIS

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PERIOD WAS IN POSSESSION WHITE DELIVERY TRUCK, WITH OUT-OF-STATE LICENSE. PEYSON UNEMPLOYED DURING THIS PERIOD BUT HAD PRINTING EQUIPMENT IN HOUSE, WHICH HE MOVED OUT MARCH FIVE, SIXTYEIGHT.

ON JANUARY EIGHTEEN, SIXTYEIGHT, PEYSON WAS ACCOMPANIED BY INDIVIDUAL USING NAME MIKE FREEMAN, DESCRIBED AS WHITE, MALE, TWENTYSIX YEARS, FIVE FEET EIGHT INCHES, BLACK WAVY HAIR, STOCKY BUILD, HAVING SOUTHERN ACCENT, AND DRIVING NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE WHITE CHEVROLET, WITH LOUISIANA LICENSE. FREEMAN ALSO OBSERVED IN SALT LAKE CITY, MARCH FIVE, SIXTYEIGHT, HELPING PEYSON MOVE PRINTING EQUIPMENT. FREEMAN PROBABLY IDENTICAL WITH WALTER R. JENNINGS. NEW ORLEANS CONDUCTING INVESTIGATION TO IDENTIFY FREEMAN.

ON FEBRUARY TWENTYSIX, SIXTYEIGHT, A HOUSE IN CLEVELAND, UTAH, RENTED BY ONE BILL ANDERSON AND HIS SON. THEY WERE DRIVING WHITE DELIVERY TRUCK, WITH OUT-OF-STATE LICENSE PLATES. ANDERSON AND SON POSSIBLY IDENTICAL WITH DE PUGHT AND PEYSON. THE SON LIVED AT CLEVELAND APPROXIMATELY TWO WEEKS AND NO ACTIVITY SEEN AT HOUSE SINCE THAT TIME. HOUSE CHECKED AS RECENTLY AS APRIL EIGHT, SIXTYEIGHT, AND DETERMINED TO BE EMPTY.

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ON MARCH TEN, SIXTYEIGHT, LARRY RUSSELL JAUSSE, AT REQUEST OF PEYSON, KNOWN TO HIM AS BILL ERICKSON, WENT TO CLEVELAND, UTAH AND DROVE DELIVERY TRUCK BACK TO SALT LAKE CITY. JAUSSE SUPPOSEDLY WILL BE CONTACTED AS TO DISPOSITION OF TRUCK, WHICH IS STILL IN HIS POSSESSION. WHEN JAUSSE RECOVERED TRUCK IT BORE UTAH DEALER'S LICENSE PLATE STOLEN FROM DEALER AT GARLAND, UTAH. JAUSSE HAS NO FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING TRUCK BUT BELIEVES WILL BE CONTACTED. JAUSSE IS MEMBER OF PATRIOTIC PARTY BUT APPEARS COOPERATIVE.

ON MARCH TWENTYSIX, SIXTYEIGHT, PUSEY PHONED GIRL FRIEND, SALT LAKE CITY, HOWEVER REFUSED TO FURNISH ANY INFORMATION AS TO WHEREABOUTS OR ACTIVITIES AND STATED WOULD BE "LONG TIME" BEFORE HE COULD CALL AGAIN. HE INDICATED HE WAS CONSTANTLY MOVING.

IT APPEARS MIKE, REFERRED TO BY DE PALMA, MAY BE IDENTICAL WITH INDIVIDUAL KNOWN IN UTAH AS MIKE FREEMAN AND WALTER R. JENNINGS.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING TO DETERMINE OWNERSHIP OF WHITE DELIVERY TRUCK IN POSSESSION OF JAUSSE.

NEW ORLEANS REQUESTED TO EXPEDITE INVESTIGATION TO IDENTIFY MIKE FREEMAN.

E ON MARCH TWENTYSIX, SIXTYEIGHT, PUSEY PHONED GIRL FRIEND
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SEATTLE REVIEW BANK ROBBERY FILE REGARDING DE PUGH AND
PEYSON FOR INFORMATION AS TO POSSIBLE IDENTITY OF MIKE, REFERRED
TO BY DE PALMA.

NH, BUTTE, DENVER, KANSAS CITY AND LITTLE ROCK ADVISED ARI MAIL.

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TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHUS (44-1987), BIRMINGHAM, ATLANTA & JACKSONVILLE
FROM BUFFALO (44-374)

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ON APRIL EIGHT, INSTANT, FORMER SA BIRL WILSON,
NOW AN OFFICER, LIBERTY BANK, BUFFALO, N.Y., ADVISED DR.
ALVIN EUGENE FRENCH, BORN [REDACTED] IN
INDIANA, AND WHO HAS PAST HISTORY OF MENTAL DISTURBANCE,
IS UNDER INVESTIGATION BY HIS BANK FOR ISSUANCE OF NUMBER
OF BAD CHECKS AND USE OF CREDIT CARDS, USING HIS TRUE NAME,
SINCE SEPTEMBER, SIXTYSEVEN, WHEN HE LEFT ROCHESTER STATE
HOSPITAL, ROCHESTER, N.Y. FRENCH CALLED GIRL FRIEND AT
LINCOLN ROCHESTER BANK, ROCHESTER, N.Y., AT FOUR P.M. ON
APRIL FIVE LAST FROM MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE. CALL INTERCEPTED
BY OFFICER OF BANK. FRENCH SAID HE WAS EN ROUTE TO AIRPORT
HOLIDAY INN, ATLANTA, GEORGIA, WHERE HE PLANNED TO STAY
APRIL SIX THROUGH TODAY. WILSON CONTACTED AUTOMOBILE
RECOVERY BUREAU, TWO SIX EIGHT ZERO GARDEN ROAD, SOUTHWEST,
ATLANTA, TODAY AND THROUGH PRIVATE DETECTIVE BOB DEMPSEY,
VERIFIED THAT FRENCH IS NOW LOCATED AT AIRPORT HOLIDAY INN.
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ATLANTA, ROOM FOUR SIX SIX AND PLANS TO REMAIN THERE THROUGH APRIL TEN NEXT. FRENCH TOLD DEMPSEY HE PLANNED TO MEET WITH SOME COLORED PEOPLE WHO WILL BE SUCCESSORS TO DR. KING.

FRENCH DESCRIBED AS BORN [REDACTED] IN INDIANA, MALE, WHITE, FIVE FEET TEN INCHES AND ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY TO ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY POUNDS. FRENCH ONCE SERVED AS MISSIONARY IN AFRICA FOR THREE YEARS AND EIGHT OR NINE YEARS AGO CONTRACTED BRAIN FEVER. ONCE SERVED AS PART-TIME PSYCHIATRIC CONSULTANT AT GOWANDA STATE HOSPITAL, LEAVING THERE FEBRUARY TWELVE, SIXTYSEVEN. APPARENTLY, WAS ALSO A PATIENT THIS INSTITUTION. FRENCH HAS TRAVELED EXTENSIVELY THROUGHOUT FLORDIA IN MARCH, SIXTYEIGHT, USING RENTAL CARS AND ON APRIL THREE, LAST WAS AT HOLIDAY INN, WILLISTON, FLORIDA. FRENCH INDICATED HE HAD BREAKFAST AT THIS INN AND HE IS FRIENDLY WITH A GIRL WHO WORKS AT HOLIDAY INN.

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FORMER SA WILSON ADVISED INTERVIEW OF MANAGER ROSALIE STELL, HOLIDAY INN, WILLISTON, FLORDIA REVEALED SHE KNOWS IDENTITY OF GIRL FRIEND AND AVISED FRENCH WAS A GUEST AT THE INN ON MARCH THIRTY, LAST, VISITING THIS GIRL.

HANDWRITING SPECIMEN FROM LIBERTY NATIONAL BANK OBTAINED AND BEING FORWARDED TO LAB, MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM, AMSD TODAY.

ATLANTA LOCATE AND INTERVIEW FRENCH, OBTAIN FINGERPRINTS AND PHOTOGRAPH AND ASCERTAIN HIS WHEREABOUTS ON PERTINENT DATES.

ATLANTA SHOULD DISSMINATE ABOVE INFORMATION ON FRENCH TO SECRET SERVICE IN VIEW OF ANNOUNCED ATTENDANCE OF PRESIDENT JOHNSON AT FUNERAL SERVICES FOR DR. KING ON APRIL NINE, NEXT, IN VIEW OF THE IRRATIONAL BEHAVIOR.

JACKSONVILLE AT WILLISTON, FLORDIA. IDENTIFY GIRL FRIEND AND DETERMINE FRENCH'S WHEREABOUTS AND ACTIVITIES ON PERTINENT DATES, OBTAIN MOTEL REGISTRATION CARDS FRO HANDWRITING AND LATENT PRINTS.

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ATLANTA AND JACKSONVILLE FORWARD RESULTS INQUIRY
CONCERNING FRENCH TO MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM FOR IDENTIFICATION
OR ELIMINATION AS POSSIBLE SUSPECT IN ASSASSINATION OF DR.
KING. APPROACH SUSPECT FRENCH WITH CAUTION IN VIEW OF HIS
MENTAL HISTORY.

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TO DIRECTOR, ALBANY, BIRMINGHAM, BOSTON, MEMPHIS
FROM NEWARK (44-854)

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RE ALBANY TEL TO DIRECTOR FOUR SEVEN LAST CONCERNING
LAUNDRY MARKS ON UNDERSHORTS AND "T" SHIRT.
LAUNDRY MARK INVESTIGATION - NJ

JOHN LIKOS, GENERAL MANAGER, BOND DRY CLEANING CO., TWO
ZERO FIVE ZERO NOTTINGHAM WAY, TRENTON, NJ, ADVISED AFTER
EXAMINING A PHOTO OF A TEE SHIRT AND SHORTS WITH LAUNDRY MARKS,
THAT THESE ITEMS WERE NOT SERVICED IN HIS STORE.

HE ADVISED HE FORMERLY USED THE TAGS OF TEXTILE MANUFACTURING
CO., BUT DISCONTINUED TO USE THESE TAGS APPROXIMATELY EIGHTEEN
MONTHS AGO. HE NOW UTILIZES TAGS OF THE LIBERTY TAG CO.,
PLAINVIEW, NY.

RAYMOND WILSON, BARCLAY CLEANERS, HADDONFIELD, NJ, ADVISED
HE DOES NOT LAUNDER UNDERWEAR, AND MORE SPECIFICALLY THE MARK
IN QUESTION IS NOT HIS SERIES AS BARCLAY USES ALL NUMBERS, NO
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LETTER NUMBER COMBINATIONS.

BERGEN VALET, INC., BERGENFIELD, NJ, ADVISED LAUNDRY MARK NOT THEIR CODE AND DO NOT LAUNDER UNDERWARE.

INQUIRY RE DISTRIBUTORSHIP OF THERMO-SEAL MACHINE THROUGH AMETEK INDUSTRIES, RUTHERFORD, NJ, INDICATES LOCAL DISTRIBUTORS SUCH AS PROSPERITY DIVISION OF AMETEK, DO NOT MAINTAIN COMPLETE RECORDS RE LOCATIONS OF CLEANING ESTABLISHMENTS USING THERMO-SEAL MACHINE. PANTEX-PROSPERITY, ONE FOUR EIGHT PICKETT ST., SOUTH PORTLAND, MAINE, FURNISHED AS CENTRAL DISTRIBUTOR, AND POSSIBLY HAS ALL RECORDS AS TO PURCHASERS.

RE ALBANY TEL FOUR SEVEN LAST INDICATES THE TYPE ON TAPE VERY UNUSUAL, LIMITED TO NO MORE THAN TEN MACHINES. IN VIEW OF THIS, IT IS SUGGESTED BOSTON NOT CONTACT PANTEX AT PORTLAND, PENDING INVESTIGATION BY ALBANY.

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