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ONE FOUR ZERO HOWARD AVE., BURLINGAME, CALIF.,
MODEL NUMBER H FIVE L FOUR, SERIAL NUMBER THREE
ONE SIX FOUR SEVEN; SUPERIOR FRENCH LAUNDRY, ONE TWO
EIGHT FOUR WEST MAIN AVENUE, OAKLAND, CALIF.,
WHICH HAS NUMEROUS MACHINES OF THIS TYPE SOME OF
WHICH HAVE BEEN RETURNED TO REPRESENTATIVE. MACHINE
H FIVE K ONE SERIAL NUMBER THREE ONE THREE FIVE EIGHT
RETURNED TO TEXTILE MARKING MACHINE HAS BEEN
CHECKED BY ALBANY.

REGARDING THE ABOVE MACHINES ALL OF THOSE
HAVING FIVE CHARACTERS HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AND
THE NUMBERS FURNISHED BY TELEPHONE TO BALTIMORE,
BOSTON AND SAN FRANCISCO. OTHER MACHINES SET FORTH
ABOVE FOR THE DESIGNATION IN THE MODEL NUMBER
INDICATING THAT THEY ARE FIVE CHARACTER MACHINES.
HOWEVER THE RECORDS OF TEXTILE MARKING MACHINE
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COMPANY SHOW SIX DIGITS. ALL OF THESE MACHINES SHOULD BE CHECKED TO DETERMINE WHETHER THEY USE THE CODE ON INSTANT TAPE.

THE BUREAU HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO FURNISH ALL OFFICES SET FORTH ABOVE WITH PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE GARMENTS BEARING THE TAPE IN SUFFICIENT QUANTITY TO COVER THESE LEADS.

ALL OFFICES ARE DIRECTED BY THE BUREAU TO IMMEDIATELY CONTACT THE ABOVE CONCERNS AS DESIGNATED, DETERMINE IF THEY USE THE CODE SYSTEM AS SHOWN ON INSTANT TAPE AND IF THEY DO USE THAT SYSTEM, OBTAIN ALL INFORMATION AVAILABLE IN AN EFFORT TO IDENTIFY UNSUB. THE BUREAU HAS FURTHER DIRECTED THAT EVEN IF THEY DO NOT USE THIS SYSTEM, TAPES SHOULD BE OBTAINED USING THE CHARACTERS IN INSTANT TAPE WHICH SHOULD BE FORWARDED IMMEDIATELY TO THE FBI LAB FOR
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COMPARISON WITH INSTANT TAPE.

COPY OF THIS TELETYPE IS FURNISHED TO BIRMINGHAM
IN VIEW OF CHECKS BEING MADE WITH AIRLINE COMPANIES. P.

END

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

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ALBERT G. WILLARD, MOORE ROAD, ORANGEBURG, S. C., USING
S. C., DRIVER LICENSE # ONE SEVEN NINE ONE THREE SEVEN THREE,
RENTED A LIGHT COLORED FORD FAIRLANE FROM HERTZ RENT A CAR,
INC., METRO AIRPORT, MEMPHIS, ON MARCH TWELVE, LAST,
AND RETURNED IT MARCH FOURTEEN, LAST.

COLUMBIA
~~CHARLOTTE~~ FULLY IDENTIFY WILLARD AND DETERMINE HIS
WHEREABOUTS NIGHT OF APRIL FOUR, LAST.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS. P.

END.

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TO COLUMBIA MEMPHIS

FROM DIRECTOR 2P

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MURKIN

LABORATORY HAS ANALYSED THE LETTER COMBINATIONS IN THE HARRY LOWMYER NAME ON THE AEROMARINE SUPPLY COMPANY INVOICE IN RELATION TO THE SIGNATURES APPEARING ON FINGERPRINT CARDS OF APPROXIMATELY FIFTYFIVE SUSPECTS. MANY OF THE FINGERPRINT CARD SIGNATURES WERE TOTALLY NOT COMPARABLE AND NO MEANINGFUL COMPARISONS WERE POSSIBLE. A FEW SIMILARITIES WERE NOTED BETWEEN THE SIGNATURE OF BOBBY RAY GRAVES, FBI NUMBER FOUR ONE ZERO ONE FIVE ZERO D AND CERTAIN SIMILAR LETTERS IN THE HARRY LOWMYER NAME. DUE TO THE LIMITED NATURE OF THE MATERIAL THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THESE FEW SIMILARITIES COULD NOT BE ASSESSED.

FOR INFORMATION OF MEMPHIS. GRAVES IS SUBJECT OF COLUMBIA FILE ONE FIVE SEVEN DASH FOUR TWO SIX NINE, RESIDES
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BOILING SPRINGS, SOUTH CAROLINA, BORN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] INMAN, SOUTH CAROLINA, HEIGHT

SIX FEET TWO INCHES, WEIGHT ONE HUNDRED EIGHTYFIVE POUNDS,
BROWN HAIR, BLUE EYES. GRAVES IS EXALTED CYCLOPS OF
KLAN IN BOILING SPRINGS AREA. UNIDENTIFIED LATENTS LOCATED
TO DATE ARE NOT IDENTICAL WITH GRAVES'S FINGERPRINTS.

NOTWITHSTANDING DIFFERENCE IN DESCRIPTION AND FACT
THAT GRAVES'S FINGERPRINTS NOT IDENTIFIED WITH LATENTS
MEMPHIS SHOULD STILL NOT OVERLOOK GRAVES AS A SUSPECT
;IN VIEW OF THE LIMITED WRITING SIMILARITIES NOTED.
PHOTOGRAPH OF GRAVES AVAILABLE IN FINGERPRINT JACKET
BEING MAILED MEMPHIS WITH COPY OF THIS WIRE.

END

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FBI MEMPHIS

RE MEMPHIS TEL APRIL ELEVEN LAST.

FBI MEMPHIS

FBI SAVANNAH

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TO MEMPHIS

FROM SAVANNAH /44-1768/ 2P

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MURKIN.

RE SAVANNAH TEL, THIS DATE.

CREDIT RECORDS, SAVANNAH, REFLECT TERRY N. MC REE, RESIGNED FROM EMPLOYMENT WITH ASSOCIATES DISCOUNT FINANCE CORP., SAVANNAH, JULY TWENTYNINE, SIXTYSIX, TO ACCEPT EMPLOYMENT WITH CHRYSLER CREDIT CORP., MIDCITY BLDG., SUITE ONE ONE THREE ONE, MEMPHIS, TENN. MC REE'S CREDIT ACCOUNT TRANSFERRED TO MEMPHIS CREDIT BUREAU, JULY TWENTYEIGHT, SIXTYSIX. RECORDS FURTHER DISCLOSE MC REE WAS IN U. S. NAVY RESERVE FOR PERIOD OF EIGHT YEARS. CREDIT RECORDS REFLECT MC REE'S HOMETOWN, BESSEMER, ALA., AND THAT HE LIVED THERE UNTIL FIFTYSIX AND RETURNS THERE PERIODICALLY. RECORDS FURTHER REFLECT MC REE EMPLOYED WITH ASSOCIATES DISCOUNT FINANCE CORP., PANAMA CITY, FLA., FIFTYNINE THROUGH SIXTYTWO, ARRIVED SAVANNAH, NOV., SIXTYTWO.

MC REE'S FORMER BOSS, DON BUSBY, LEFT ASSOCIATES DISCOUNT AND WENT WITH CHRYSLER CREDIT CORP., BIRMINGHAM, ALA., DURING SIXTYFIVE.

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IS BELIEVED MC REE OBTAINED EMPLOYMENT WITH CHRYSLER CREDIT CORP. THROUGH BUSBY, AND MAY BE MAINTAINING CONTACT WITH BUSBY IN BIRMINGHAM.

A PHOTOGRAPH OF MC REE WAS OBTAINED FROM MRS. G. B. SHEROUSE, JR., TWO EIGHT ZERO EIGHT SECOND ST., THUNDERBOLT, GA. PHOTOGRAPH BEARS STRONG RESEMBLANCE TO ARTIST'S CONCEPTION OF SUBJECT, ESPECIALLY THE NOSE AND HAIR. PHOTOGRAPH BEING FORWARDED BY AIR-MAIL, THIS DATE.

INVESTIGATION, SAVANNAH, CONTINUING. P.

END

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FBI BOSTON

627PMURGENT 4-3-68 WMG

TO DIRECTOR MEMPHIS AND KANSAS CITY
FROM BOSTON 157-644

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MURKIN.

VINCENT DE PALMA, CONCEAL IDENTITY, VIEWED NEWSPAPER
SKETCH OF ASSASSIN AND STATED IT RESEMBLES WALTER PAYSON,
ASSOCIATE OF ROBERT DE PUGH AT KANSAS CITY MO.

KANSAS CITY ADVISE BUREAU AND MEMPHIS CONCERNING
PAYSON'S ACTIVITIES IF KNOWN ON PERTINENT DATE.

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Via TELETYPE URGENT
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TO: CHARLOTTE
FROM: MEMPHIS (44-1987) (1P)

MURKIN.

ALFRED H. HARLEY, SPEEDLINE MANUFACTURING CO., INC.,
GREENSBORO, N. C., N. C. DRIVER LICENSE # ONE NINE ONE EIGHT
FOUR FOUR TWO, RENTED A NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT FORD WHITE MUSTANG
FROM NATIONAL CAR RENTAL SYSTEMS, INC., METRO AIRPORT, MEMPHIS,
AT FIVE THIRTY P.M. APRIL THREE LAST AND RETURNED VEHICLE
EIGHT A.M. APRIL FIVE LAST.

CHARLOTTE DETERMINE IF HARLEY IDENTICAL UNSUB THIS CASE.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS. P.

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Via TELETYPE URGENT
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TO: CHICAGO

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

MURKIN

MARTIN J. BRENNEN, CARE OF SEARS, ROEBUCK, NINE TWO FIVE S. HOMAN AVE., CHICAGO, ILL., USING ILLINOIS DRIVER LICENSE # B SIX FIVE FIVE - FIVE SEVEN ZERO TWO - TWO TWO FOUR THREE, RENTED A NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT WHITE FORD MUSTANG AT METRO AIRPORT, MEMPHIS, TENN., SEVEN FIFTY NINE P.M. APRIL THREE LAST AND RETURNED THIS VEHICLE TO METRO AIRPORT EIGHT TWENTY P.M. APRIL FOUR LAST.

CHICAGO DETERMINE IF BRENNEN POSSIBLY IDENTICAL WITH UNSUB THIS CASE.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS. P.

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FBI DALLAS

652 PM URGENT 4-8-68 CBB

TO DIRECTOR, BIRMINGHAM, JACKSON AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM DALLAS (44-2649) 2P

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Note Sup Div 6
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says soft top
Aluminum
pop top
called to you
not alive
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MURKIN. CR. 00 MEMPHIS.

RE JACKSON TEL CALL TO TYLER RA AND TELS TO DALLAS, APRIL
EIGHT, SIXTYEIGHT.

J. C. SPIEKERMAN, JR., PLANT MANAGER, AND J. D. FAULKENBERRY,
OFFICE MANAGER, JOS. SCHLITZ BREWING COMPANY, LONGVIEW, TEXAS,
PERSONALLY CONTACTED TODAY AND FOLLOWING INFO OBTAINED:

CANNED BEER PRODUCED THIS PLANT STAMPED ON BOTTOM OF CAN WITH
CODE FOR DATE IT WAS CANNED. STAMP ZERO THREE OVER ONE FIVE EIGHT
REFERS TO DATE MARCH FIFTEEN, SIXTYEIGHT. NO OTHER STAMP OR
MARKING PLACED ON BEER CAN BY FIRM AT TIME OF MANUFACTURE. ALL
CANS UTILIZED BY LONGVIEW PLANT SHOW REGULAR SCHLITZ BEER IDENTI-
FICATION ON OUTSIDE OF CAN AND IDENTIFY PLACE OF MANUFACTURE AS
LONGVIEW, TEXAS. BOTTOM OF CAN FOR ALL BEER PACKAGED AND MANUFAC-
TURED FOR SALE IN MISSISSIPPI HAS BLACK LETTERING SHOWING MISSISSIPPI
TAX PAID, SEAL FOR STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, AND AMOUNT OF TAX PAID WHICH
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WOULD BE FOUR CENTS FOR TWELVE FLUID OUNCE CAN OR FIVE AND ONE THIRD CENTS FOR SIXTEEN FLUID OUNCE CAN.

BEER BREWED AND CANNED ON MARCH FIFTEEN, SIXTYEIGHT WAS IN ALL PROBABILITY SHIPPED TO MISSISSIPPI DISTRIBUTORS AT HATTIESBURG, MARCH FIFTEEN AND TWENTY; CLARKSDALE, MARCH FIFTEEN AND TWENTY; MERIDIAN, MARCH FIFTEEN AND TWENTY; YAZOO CITY, MARCH EIGHTEEN; BILOXI, MARCH EIGHTEEN AND TWENTY; TUPELO, MARCH TWENTY; AND JACKSON, MARCH TWENTY LAST.

TOTAL BEER PACKAGED FOR SALE IN MISSISSIPPI BEARING STAMP ZERO THREE OVER ONE FIVE EIGHT CONSISTED OF TWENTYONE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED FIFTYTWO CASES IN POP TOP CANS AND TWO HUNDRED FIFTYTWO CASES OF SOFT TOP CANS, TWENTYFOUR CANS PER CASE.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF FIFTEEN SCHLITZ DISTRIBUTORS LOCATED IN MISSISSIPPI PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED JACKSON OFFICE IN RETEL CALL.

DETAILS OF ABOVE INTERVIEWS BEING FORWARDED JACKSON IN APPROPRIATE FD THREE ZERO TWO'S. P

END

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FBI BIRMGHAM

702 PM URGENT 4-8-68 GDM

TO DIRECTOR MEMPHIS , ST. LOUIS AND NEW ORLEANS

FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)

MURKIN, CR. OO: MEMPHIS.

RE BIRMINGHAM TELEPHONE CALL TO SL THIS DATE.

RE SUSPECT ERIC SERVO GALT

ON AUG. TWENTYNINE - THIRTY, LAST, GALT PURCHASED NINETEEN SIXTYSIX WHITE MUSTANG HARDTOP WITH RED INTERIOR FROM WILLIAM D. PAISLEY, BIRMINGHAM, FOR NINETEEN HUNDRED NINETYFIVE DOLLARS CASH. DURING CONVERSATION WITH PAISLEY, GALT CLAIMED HE HAD BANK ACCCOUNT AT BIRMINGHAM TRUST NATIONAL BANK AND HAD WORKED AS A "BARGER OUT OF ST. LOUIS", EXPLAINING HE WORKED ON RIVER BARGE BETWEEN ST. LOUIS AND NEW ORLEANS. GALT TOLD PAISLEY HIS DIVORCED WIFE PRESENTLY LIVED ON ROCKY RIDGE ROAD OR DOLLY RIDGE ROAD, BIRMINGHAM. EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY DIVORCED WIFE NEGATIVE.

BANKS RECORDS DISCLOSED GALT RENTED SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX AUG. TWENTYEIGHT, LAST, AND IN DECEMBER, NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN, ANSWERED PAYMENT DEMAND FOR BOX RENTAL BY SAYING HE WAS MOVING TO
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LOUISIANA. LETTER CAME FROM BATON ROUGE. IN APPLYING FOR SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX, GALT LISTED NEAREST RELATIVE AS KARL GALT, TWO FIVE ONE FIVE LAFAYETTE, ST. LOUIS, MO.

ALABAMA DRIVERS LICENSE ISSUED TO GALT SHOWS HE IS W/M, BORN [REDACTED] FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES, ONE HUNDRED SEVENTYFIVE POUNDS, BLUE EYES AND BROWN HAIR.

ST. LOUIS IMMEDIATELY ATTEMPT TO FULLY IDENTIFY SUSPECT GALT THROUGH MARITIME UNION AND APPROPRIATE RECORD CHECKS AND THROUGH DISCREET INQUIRY RE NEAREST RELATIVE KARL GALT. ALSO ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY DIVORCED WIFE AND OBTAIN ALL POSSIBLE BACKGROUND INFORMATION.

NEW ORLEANS AT BATON ROUGE, LA., IN ADDITION TO ATTEMPTS TO IDENTIFY GALT THROUGH MARITIME UNION CONDUCT APPROPRIATE RECORD CHECKS.

FOR INFORMATION ST. LOUIS AND NEW ORLEANS, ALL INVESTIGATION RE GALT DIRECTED TOWARDS OBTAINING PHOTOGRAPH AND HANDWRITING AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE TIME. EXPEDITE.

LEADS FURNISHED TO ST. LOUIS BY RE TELEPHONE CALL.

END

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7:04PM URGENT 4-8-68 MS

TO DIRECTOR, BIRMINGHAM & MEMPHIS

FROM SAN FRANCISCO (173-65) 1P

MURKIN; CR; OO: MEMPHIS

REBUTEL APRIL EIGHT INSTANT.

RE LAUNDRY MARKS:

PROPRIETORS CHERRY CHASE CLEANERS, FORMERLY KNOWN AS GOLDEN STATE DRY CLEANERS, CAMPBELL, CALIF.; HIGHLAND CLEANERS, INC., SEASIDE, CALIF.; AND STANFORD DRIVE-IN CLEANERS, PALO ALTO, CALIF., ADVISED THE SYMBOL "ZERO TWO B - SIX" IS NOT THEIR CODE AND IS NOT USED BY THEM. THEY STATED THEY COULD NOT EXPLAIN WHAT THE SYMBOL "ZERO TWO B - SIX" MEANS AS EACH INDIVIDUAL SHOP CAN UTILIZE THEIR OWN CODE. SPECIMENS OF THE PERTINENT SYMBOL NUMBER BEING OBTAINED FROM THE SIX FIRMS IN THE SAN FRANCISCO AREA AS SET OUT IN RETEL AND WILL BE FORWARDED TO BUREAU WHEN RECEIVED.

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TO: SAC, JACKSON
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

MURKIN; CIVIL RIGHTS

INVESTIGATION MEMPHIS REVEALS JERRY GOALSBY, ROUTE FOUR, RIPLEY, MISSISSIPPI, REGISTERED AT THE REBEL MOTEL, THREE FOUR SIX SIX LAMAR, MARCH FOUR, LAST, AND CHECKED OUT APRIL FOUR, LAST. A CHECK OF THE RECORDS REFLECTS THE FACT THAT GOALSBY WAS DRIVING A FORD VEHICLE.

JACKSON ELIMINATE GOALSBY AS SUSPECT.

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TO DIRECTOR BIRMINGHAM MEMPHIS ATLANTA
BALTIMORE BOSTON CINCINNATI LAS VEGAS
LOS ANGELES NEWARK RICHMOND SAN DIEGO AND SAN FRANCISCO
FROM ALBANY 157-273

MURKIN CR OO MEMPHIS

RE ALBANY TEL APRIL EIGHT INSTANT

THE FOLLOWING ARE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF DISTRICT
MANAGERS FOR TEXTILE MARKING MACHINE COMPANY WHO MAY BE ABLE
TO FURNISH ASSISTANCE IN EVENT ANY PROBLEMS DEVELOP:

ATLANTA:

DICK BRISTOW, THREE FOUR SIX TWO, N.W. THIRTEENTH
AVENUE, GAINESVILLE, FLA., TELEPHONE NUMBER F R TWO ONE TWO NINE
ZERO.

BALTIMORE AND RICHMOND

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JOE COMBS, FIFTY TWO THIRTY DEVONSHIRE, OXON HILL,
MARYLAND, TELEPHONE TWO FOUR EIGHT SIX ONE TWO SEVEN.

CINCINNATI

JACK CODY, TWENTYNINE TWENTYNINE CHAUCER DRIVE, SHERWOOD
VILLAGE, NORTH CANTON, OHIO, TELEPHONE FOUR NINE TWO SIX FOUR
NINE SEVEN.

BOSTON:

FRED WEBER, THIRTYTHREE SKYLARK LANE, STONYBROOK,
LONG ISLAND, TELEPHONE SEVEN FIVE ONE TWO ONE THREE FIVE.

LOS ANGELES, SAN FRANCISCO, LAS VEGAS AND SAN DIEGO

FRED RAUPACK, ONE EIGHT FOUR ZERO NINE HIAWATHA,
NORTHRIDGE, CALIFORNIA, TELEPHONE EM THREE EIGHT NINE SIX
THREE. P.

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TO: SAC, ATLANTA
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)


MURKIN; CIVIL RIGHTS.

INVESTIGATION MEMPHIS REVEALS ARTHUR C. FEATHERSTON,
THREE FIVE FIVE EIGHT PINE NEEDLE, MARIETTA, GEORGIA.
REGISTERED PARK LAYNE MOTEL, THREE ZERO SEVEN THREE
LAMAR AVENUE, MEMPHIS, APRIL ONE, LAST, AND CHECKED OUT
APRIL TWO, LAST. A CHECK OF PARK LAYNE'S RECORDS REFLECTS
THE FACT THAT FEATHERSTON was driving A FORD VEHICLE LICENSE
SEVEN J ONE ZERO SIX SIX SEVEN.

ATLANTA ELIMINATE FEATHERSTON AS SUSPECT.

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TO MEMPHIS 44-1987 BIRMINGHAM 44-1740

FROM DIRECTOR 2P

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MURKIN. RE MEMPHIS AIRTEL APRIL SEVEN AND DELIVERY
OF THREE RIFLES FOR LATENT EXAMINATION.

TWO LATENT FINGERPRINTS AND ONE LATENT PALM
PRINT DEVELOPED ON BROWNING SAFARI GRADE RIFLE, SERIAL
NUMBER THREE SEVEN ZERO ZERO Z FIVE. NO LATENTS OTHER
TWO RIFLES.

LATENTS NOT IDENTICAL MAJOR CASE PRINTS TWO
BIRMINGHAM STORE CLERKS WOOD AND BAKER, LATENTS PREVIOUSLY
REPORTED THIS CASE, OR WITH FINGERPRINTS AND PALM PRINTS
WHERE AVAILABLE OF SUSPECTS NAMED TO DATE.

LATENT PRINT PREVIOUSLY REPORTED ON BOARD PAREN
WINDOW SILL IN BATHROOM PAREN IDENTICAL FINGERPRINT SA
FRANKLIN L. JOHNSON.

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THIRTEEN LATENT FINGERPRINTS AND ONE LATENT
PALM PRINT REMAIN UNIDENTIFIED. THESE LATENTS NOT IDENTICAL
FINGERPRINTS OF ROD KELLUM WINDHAM, FBI NUMBER TWO TWO FOUR
SEVEN ONE NINE B, OR TOM NELSON DAVIS (FBI NUMBER SIX FOUR FOUR
SIX SEVEN SIX A.

CONFIRMING.

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TO: SAC, BIRMINGHAM
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

MURKIN; CIVIL RIGHTS.

INVESTIGATION MEMPHIS REVEALS ERIC S. GOLT, TWO SIX ZERO EIGHT HIGHLAND AVENUE, BIRMINGHAM, ALA., REGISTERED AT THE REBEL MOTEL, THREE FOUR SIX SIX LAMAR AVENUE, MEMPHIS, ON APRIL THREE, LAST, AND DEPARTED APRIL FOUR, LAST. A CHECK OF RECORDS REFLECTS THE FACT THAT GOLT WAS DRIVING A MUSTANG LICENSE NUMBER ONE THREE EIGHT NINE NINE THREE.

BIRMINGHAM ELIMINATE GOLT AS SUSPECT.

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FBI DENVER

726 PM URGENT 4-8-68 BID

TO MEMPHIS 44-1937

FROM DENVER 157-203

MURKIN, CR. OO: MEMPHIS.

YELLOW CAB DRIVER JESS SHANNON, THREE TWO SEVEN FIVE LOCUST STREET, DENVER, ADVISED THAT DURING P.M. THIS DATE HE SAW AN UNKNOWN MALE WHO ANSWERS THE DESCRIPTION OF AND LOOKS LIKE THE ARTIST-S SKETCH OF UNSUB IN THIS CASE IN DOWNTOWN DENVER DRIVING A NINETEEN SIXTYFIVE OR SIXTYSIX CADILLAC BEARING NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT TENNESSEE LICENSE JT FIVE EIGHT THREE NINE.

MEMPHIS ASCERTAIN REGISTRANT OF THIS AUTOMOBILE AND CONDUCT INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE IF REGISTRANT HAS PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF UNSUB. ALSO ADVISE IF INVESTIGATION DESIRED IN DENVER DIVISION REGARDING REGISTRANT OF THIS VEHICLE.

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TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS
FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)

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MURKIN.

SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION.

INTERVIEWS OF KNOWN CUSTOMERS, AEROMARINE, ON MARCH TWENTYNINE AND THIRTY, SIXTYEIGHT, CONTINUING. ONE CUSTOMER LOCATED WHO HAD CONVERSATION WITH UNSUB ON MARCH TWENTYNINE, LAST. HE OBSERVED UNSUB HANDLE THREE RIFLES WHICH HE TOOK FROM CARTONS. ADVISED HE KNEW EXACT LOCATION OF RIFLES. OWNER AEROMARINE, TOGETHER WITH CUSTOMER, TAKEN TO STORE TEN THIRTY P.M., APRIL SEVENTH, LAST, AND RIFLES OBTAINED AND HAND CARRIED TO IDENTIFICATION DIVISION FOR LATENT FINGERPRINT EXAMINATION.

TAXICAB DRIVER LOCATED WHO RECALLED PICKING UP INDIVIDUAL RESEMBLING UNSUB ABOUT ONE-HALF MILE FROM AEROMARINE ON MARCH TWENTYEIGHT, LAST, CARRYING BLUE OVERNIGHT BAG SIMILAR TO THAT ABANDONED BY UNSUB IN MEMPHIS. DROVE HIM TO GENERAL VICINITY OF ADDRESS GIVEN BY UNSUB ON PURCHASE INVOICE. INTENSIVE NEIGHBORHOOD
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INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED IN THIS AREA.

EXTENSIVE CANVASS OF TAXI-DRIVERS NEGATIVE THIS FAR.
INQUIRIES CONTINUING. INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED OF BUS STATIONS,
AND CHARTER PLANE SERVICES COMPLETED. LIST OF LOGICAL CAR RENTERS
OBTAINED FOR PERTINENT PERIOD AND ARE BEING CHECKED.

LIQUOR STORES RE PURCHASE OF SCHLITZ BEER, BARS, MOTELS AND
ROOMINGHOUSES VICINITY OR AIRPORT AND MAIN HIGHWAYS IN AREA OF
AIRPORT BEING CANVASSED AND WILL BE EXTENDED. INVESTIGATION AT ALL
HOTELS AND MOTELS IN BIRMINGHAM PROPER COMPLETED.

BANKS AND LOAN AGENCIES BEING CONTACTED. INVESTIGATION AT
ALL GUN SHOPS IN BIRMINGHAM COMPLETED. ORIGINAL NEIGHBORHOOD IN
VICINITY OF NINETEEN ZERO SEVEN SOUTH ELEVENTH STREET EXPANDED.

BUREAU ARTIST REPORTED BIRMINGHAM THIS DATE TO REVISE
ORIGINAL SKETCH OF UNSUB WITH ASSISTANCE OF ONE CUSTOMER AND
SALESMAN OF AEROMAINE. OTHER CUSTOMER TO ASSIST ARTIST EVENING
OF APRIL NINE, NEXT.

ALL LEADS BEING GIVEN MOST EXPEDITIOUS HANDLING.

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FBI NEW HAVEN

7:29PM URGENT 4/8/68 DES
TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS & KANSAS CITY
FROM NEW HAVEN (157-318)

MURKIN, CR. OO: MEMPHIS

RE DENVER TEL, TO BUREAU, APR. EIGHT INSTANT

A THOROUGH REVIEW OF NEW HAVEN FILE PERTAINING TO VINCENT
PAUL DE PALMA, AKA. NH ONE HUNDRED DASH ONE NINE ONE FIVE ONE,
FAILS TO REFLECT ANY REFERENCE TO ANY INDIVIDUAL REFERRED TO
THEREIN AS MIKE.

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FROM NEWARK (44-854)

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MURKIN

AL THATCHER, RAINBOW LAKES, N.J., AN ACQUAINTANCE OF SA ANDREW R. BABYAK, ADVISED SA BABYAK THAT ON WEDNESDAY EVENING, APRIL THREE LAST, AT APPROXIMATELY EIGHT PM, HE WAS IN THE AIRPORT BAR, DETROIT MUNICIPAL AIRPORT, WITH AN ACQUAINTANCE OF HIS, FRANCIS ERDMAN, VICE PRESIDENT, RCA LABS., ROUTE ONE, PRINCETON, NJ, THATCHER NOTICED A "GI" AT THE FAR END OF THE BAR HAVING A DISCUSSION WITH THE BARTENDER, THE "GI" WAS TALKING FAIRLY LOUD AND WAS WAVING HIS HANDS DURING THE CONVERSATION. THIS CONVERSATION COULD NOT BE OVERHEARD BY THATCHER OR ERDMAN. WHEN LEAVING THE AIRPORT BAR, THE TIME AGAIN BEING PLACED AT APPROXIMATELY EIGHT PM, THE GI PASSED BY THATCHER'S TABLE AND STATED "I'M ON MY WAY TO MEMPHIS. I'M GOING TO GET EVEN WITH DR. KING. THREE NEGROES RAPED MY RED HEADED GIRLFRIEND IN MEMPHIS."

THATCHER DESCRIBED THIS INDIVIDUAL AS A WHITE MALE, MID TWENTIES, SANDY HAIR, CREW CUT, FIVE FEET TEN INCHES, TO SIX FEET TALL, ONE EIGHTY LBS., AND PERHAPS HAD A SCAR UNDER
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RIGHT EYE. THIS UNSUB HAD ON A KHAKI UNIFORM, WITH POSSIBLY CORPORAL OR SERGEANT'S STRIPES, BUT WHETHER HE WAS A SOLDIER OR A MARINE, THATCHER COULD NOT SAY.

FRANCIS ERDMAN WAS INTERVIEWED INDEPENDENTLY OF THATCHER AT WHICH TIME HE FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

HE HAD ARRIVED AT THE DETROIT MUNICIPAL AIRPORT AT APPROXIMATELY SEVEN TEN P.M., VIA DELTA AIR LINES FROM INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA. ON ENTERING THE MAIN TERMINAL AT APPROXIMATELY SEVEN THIRTY PM, HE MET AN ACQUAINTANCE, IDENTIFIED AS AL THATCHER, MORRISTOWN, N.J., THEY SAT AT A SMALL TABLE IN THE LOUNGE BAR NEAR THE EXIT DOOR. WHILE CONVERSING, THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED INDIVIDUAL CAME TO THEIR TABLE, UNINVITED AND COMMENCED A RAMBLING TYPE CONVERSATION. THIS INDIVIDUAL WAS WEARING A MILITARY UNIFORM, NEATLY PRESSED, BUT HE IS NOT EXACTLY CERTAIN AS TO WHETHER THE UNIFORM WAS AN ARMY OR MARINE UNIFORM. DESCRIPTION: WHITE MALE, LATE TWENTIES, POSSIBLY ABOUT TWENTY EIGHT; FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES, ONE SIXTY LBS., EYES UNKNOWN, BUT VERY PENETRATING; SLIGHT, BUT MUSCULAR BUILD; WELL SUN-BURNED COMPLEXION, NO HAT OBSERVED; DID NOT OBSERVE SHOES; THREE ROWS OF MILITARY DECORATIONS, TYPE UNKNOWN; BROWN HAIR; VERY TENSE AND CONTINUOUSLY WRUNG HANDS DURING CONVERSATION; NO LUGGAGE NOTED; CLEAN SHAVEN, NO GLASSES.

ERDMAN ADVISED THIS PERSON, WHO WAS ABOUT TO LEAVE THE LOUNGE, STOPPED AT THEE TABLE AND ATTEMPTED TO INTERRUPT

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THREI CONVERSATION. HE SAID THEY ATTEMPTED TO IGNORE THIS PERSON WHO, HOWEVER, FORCED HIME PAREN ERDMAN, PAREN, TO SHAKE HANDS WITH HIM. DURING A SHORT, RAMBLING CONVERSATION, THIS PERSON MADE THE REMARK "I'M GOING TO MEMPHIS TO KILL MARTIN LUTHER KING".

THIS UNKNOWN PERSON FURTHER INDICATED "HIS GIRLFRIEND HAD BEEN ATTAVKED BY THREE NEGROES">

ERDMAN SAID THE UNKNOWN INDIVIDUAL MADE REFERENCE TO HIS GIRLFRIEND, BUT COULD HAVE ALSO REFERRED TO HIS WIFE.

ACCORDING TO ERDMAN, THIS PERSON, AFTER MAKING THE ABOVE STATEMENT, LEFT THE TERMINAL LOUNGE AROUND SEVEN FORTY FIVE PM, APRIL THREE LAST, AND IT APPEARED TO HIM THAT THIS PERSON WAS ABOUT TO LEAVE BY PLANE.

WHEN CLOSELY QUESTIONED AS TO WHETHER HE COULD TAKE AN EDUCATED GUESS AS TO WHETHER THE UNIFORM WAS AN RMY OR MARINE TYPE UNIFORM, ERDMAN SAID THE UNIFORM WAS KHAKI AND SOMEWHAT GREENISH IN COLOR. HE SAID HE WOULD "GUESS" THE UNIFORM WAS MORE SO A MARINE UNIFORM RATHER THAN AN ARMY UNIFORM. HE ALSO INDICATED THIS PERSON SEEMED TO HAVE A MARINE TYPE BEARING.

ERDMAN ALSO INDICATED THIS INDIVIDUAL WAS ALONE DURING THE SHORT APPROXIMATE FIVE MINUTE PERIOD HE WAS AT THEIR TABLE. HE ALSO INDICATED THIS PERSON HAD BEEN DRINKING AND IN HIS OPINION WAS "POTTED" BUT ABLE TO CONDUCT AN INTELLIGENT CONVERSATION. HE ALSO ADVISED HE DID NOT NOTE THIS INDIVIDUAL AS STAGGERING WHEN HE LEFT THE LOUNGE BAR.

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ERDMAN ADVISED HE BELIEVES HE WOULD BE ABLE TO IDENTIFY THIS PERSON IF SHOWN A PHOTO OF THIS PARTICULAR INDIVIDUAL.

LEADS: DETROIT, AT DETROIT, WILL CONTACT LOUNGE BAR, DETROIT MUNICIPAL AIRPORT, AND ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY BARTENDER WHO WAS ON DUTY APRIL THREE LAST, AND INTERVIEW HIM FOR ANY OBSERVATIONS OR INFORMATION HE MAY HAVE CONCERNING THIS INCIDENT.

MEMPHIS, AT MEMPHIS, WILL MAKE INQUIRIES OF THE LOCAL POLICE DEPT. CONCERNING THE ATTACK, ASSAULT OR RAPE OF A FEMALE, POSSIBLY RED HEADED, IN AN EFFORT TO IDENTIFY THIS UNKNOWN INDIVIDUAL.

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

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INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED AT GREYHOUND BUS TERMINAL,
BIRMINGHAM, TO IDENTIFY UNSUB THIS CASE, THROUGH CONTACT WITH
PORTERS, EXPRESS AGENTS, TICKET AGENTS, CONCESSIONERS, AND DRIVERS,
HAS REVEALED THE FOLLOWING BUS DRIVERS ARE BASED IN MEMPHIS,
TENNESSEE, AND COMMUTED BETWEEN MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM ON ONE OR
MORE DAYS, MARCH TWENTYSIX, THROUGH AND INCLUDING MARCH THIRTY,
NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT:

PAIRAMORE, GRAY, MURPHY, HICKS, WILSON, NICHOLS, HANNAH, PECK,
WICKER, ROBERTSON, EARHART, DARNELL, GRAMMER, HARRIS, NC NEER,
JUDD AND CASH.

MEMPHIS EXPEDITIOUSLY ASCERTAIN FULL NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF
MEMPHIS BASED DRIVERS, AND INTERVIEW TO IDENTIFY UNSUB, PARTICULARLY
BY DISPLAYING ARTIST' LIKENESSES.

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REFERENCE: PAUL ADAM HARMON-SUSPECT.

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REFERENCE BUFFALO TEL APRIL SEVEN ONE NINE SIX EIGHT.

JOEL ROHER, TORONTO, CANADA, WAS INTERVIEWED AT HIS NEW YORK CITY RESIDENCE, ELEVEN WAVERLY PLACE, APRIL SEVEN, ONE NINE SIX EIGHT. HE STATED HARMON, WHO LIVES IN THE SAME BUILDING, BEARS A STRIKING RESEMBLANCE TO THE ARTIST'S CONCEPTION SEEN BY HIM IN A TORONTO ONTARIO PAPER APRIL SEVEN, ONE NINE SIX EIGHT, BUT HAS NO OTHER REASON TO LINK HIM TO THE SHOOTING OF VICTIM. HARMON'S ROOMMATE, KEITH ILES, BEARS NO RESEMBLANCE TO THE ARTIST'S CONCEPTION AND IS FEARFUL OF NEGROES BUT HAS EXPRESSED NO ANIMOSITY TOWARD NEGROES. NEITHER HAS
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MENTIONED VICTIM TO ROHER'S RECOLLECTION NOR HAS EITHER MADE ANY STATEMENT INDICATING ANY INTEREST IN THE FIELD OF CIVIL RIGHTS. HE CONSIDERS HARMON TO BE A HOMOSEXUAL.

ROHER OBSERVED HARMON ON THE STREET IN FRONT OF THEIR RESIDENCE ON THE MORNING OF MARCH TWENTYEIGHT, LAST AS HARMON WAS DEPARTING FOR WORK SHORTLY AFTER EIGHT AM AS IS HIS CUSTOM.

ROHER WAS ABSENT IN TORONTO, CANADA, UNTIL APRIL SEVENTH AND HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF THE LATER ACTIVITIES OF HARMON.

HARMON, A CASE WORKER ASSIGNED TO THE BRONX COUNTY NEW YORK JUVENILE COURT, WAS INTERVIEWED APRIL EIGHT, ONE NINE SIXEIGHT, AND EXHIBITED OFFICE RECORDS SHOWING HIS PRESENCE AT THE PROBATION OFFICE APRIL FOURTH AND MARCH TWENTYEIGHT, MARCH TWENTY NINE LAST. HIS PRESENCE AT WORK ON THE ABOVE DATES DURING THE HOURS EIGHT THIRTY AM TO FIVE PM WAS CORROBORATED BY W. KENNETH WARBURTON,
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DIRECTOR OF THE PROBATION OFFICE AND HARMON'S SUPERIOR.
HARMON STATES HE HAS NOT BEEN OUT OF THE CITY OF NEW
YORK SINCE MARCH TWENTYEIGHT LAST.

HARMON STATES HE LEARNED OF VICTIM'S DEATH WHILE
ON DUTY AT THE GRAND STREET SETTLEMENT HOUSE, NEW YORK
CITY, ABOUT SEVEN PM APRIL FOURTH LAST.

HARMON IS DESCRIBED AS A WHITE MALE; BORN [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] EVANSVILLE, INDIANA; FIVE
FEET NINE AND ONE-HALF INCHES; ONE FIVE FIVE POUNDS;
MEDIUM BUILD; SANDY HAIR, RECEDING IN FRONT, COMBED
DOWN ON THE SIDES; SINGLE; PARENTS, DR. PAUL AND
GEORGIA HARMON, PENNSACOLA, FLORIDA; BACHELOR OF SCIENCE
DEGREE, EVDNASVILLE COLLEGE, ALSO ATTENDED ABELINE
CHRISTIAN COLLEGE AND THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY;
FORMERLY PROBATION OFFICER, JUVENILE COURT, ESCAMBIA COUNTY,
FLORIDA; SERVES AS MINISTER, CHURCH OF CHRIST, EIGHT ZERO
STREET AND MADISON AVENUE, NEW YORK CITY; DID NOT SERVE IN
ARMED FORCES.

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NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION OF HARMON BEING CONDUCTED
IN VIEW OF HIS PRESENCE AT NEW YORK CITY ON PERTINENT DATES.

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TO DIRECTOR, BIRMINGHAM, AND MEMPHIS

FROM MIAMI (44-1854)

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MURKIN; CIVIL RIGHTS.

MARY ELLIOTT, TILFORD FLYING SERVICE, WEST PALM BEACH, FLA., ADVISED DURING AFTERNOON APRIL FIVE SIXTYEIGHT JOHN C. PRICE, JR. AND WIFE, MARY PRICE, ARRIVED WEST PALM BEACH IN PRIVATE BEECHCRAFT DOBONAIR NUMBER SIX FIVE THREE VICTOR FROM MEMPHIS EN ROUTE BAHAMAS. THEY ARRIVED BACK FROM BAHAMAS AFTERNOON APRIL EIGHT DESIRING RETURN MEMPHIS BUT AIRPORT IN MEMPHIS CLOSED. THEY DEPARTED WEST PALM BEACH TO GO TOWARD MEMPHIS, EXACT DESTINATION UNKNOWN. PRICE, USING CREDIT CARD, NAME J. CARY PRICE, JR., P.O. BOX ONE ONE TWO FOUR THREE, MEMPHIS, WHICH IS ADDRESS ARGRONAUTS, INC. PRICE DESCRIBED AGE FORTY, FIVE FEET TEN INCHES, ONE HUNDRED EIGHTYFIVE POUNDS, HIPS WIDER THAN SHOULDERS, SLIGHT PAUNCH, SLIGHTLY KNOCK-KNEED,

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HAIR RECEDING, COMBED STRAIGHT BACK, BROWN OR SANDY IN COLOR. MRS. PRICE, AGE TWENTYSEVEN, FIVE FEET EIGHT INCHES, ONE HUNDRED FORTYFIVE POUNDS, BROWN HAIR. NEITHER WEAR WEDDING RINGS. ELLIOTT SAID ON LEARNING APRIL FIVE, PRICE FROM MEMPHIS, SHE COMMENTED ON DEATH OF KING AND PRICE INDICATED KING GOT WHAT HE DESERVED AND ALSO INDICATED THAT WAS WHY THEY LEFT MEMPHIS. ON LEARNING APRIL EIGHT MEMPHIS AIRPORT CLOSED, PRICE SPOKE VERY UNKINDLY OF KING, BLAMING HIM FOR CLOSING OF AIRPORT. ELLIOTT OBSERVED IN NEWSPAPER RECENTLY A COMPOSITE DRAWING OF KING'S KILLER BELIEVED ATTRIBUTED TO A MEMPHIS NEWSPAPER. SHE BELIEVES PRICE BEARS VERY STRIKING RESEMBLANCE.

MEMPHIS CHECK BACKGROUND ON PRICE, WHO WILL PROBABLY RETURN TO MEMPHIS WHEN AIRPORT OPEN.

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750PMURGENT 4-8-68 WMG

TO DIRECTOR BUTTE AND DENVEER AND MEMPHIS

FROM BOSTON

MURKIN, CR.

RE DENVER TEL INSTANT.

FOR CLARIFICATION DE PALMA DID NOT STATE HE FURNISHED
INFORMATION PREVIOUSLY TO ATTU CONCERNING MONTANA HIDEOUT.

DE PALMA HEARD ABOUT THIS HIDEOUT BUT HAS NEVER BEEN THERE
AND HAS NO FURTHER DETAILS CONCERNING LOCATION.

AIR MAIL COPIES TO WFO, SALT LAKE CITY, AND LITTLE ROCK.

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TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, SALT LAKE CITY

FROM NEW ORLEANS 157-10673

MURKIN

RE SALT LAKE CITY TELETYPE TODAY.

NEW ORLEANS IS NOT IN RECEIPT OF ANY TELETYPE FROM
BOSTON OR DENVER INSTANT DATE. NEW ORLEANS HAS NO INFO
RE MIKE FREEMAN OR WALTER R. JENNINGS.

SALT LAKE CITY SUTEL.

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TO DIRECTOR, LOUISVILLE, AND MEMPHIS
FROM CHARLOTTE /44-1365/ 1P

MURKIN.

TODAY, J. LEWIS MOSS, ONE ZERO TWO LINCETTA ST., YORK, S. C., TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED THE CHARLOTTE OFFICE THAT AT APPROXIMATELY THREE P.M. TODAY, HE STOPPED AT THE SINCLAIR SERVICE STATION ACROSS FROM THE PEPSI COLA PLANT, ROCK HILL, S. C., TO PURCHASE GAS. WHILE THERE, AN INDIVIDUAL DRIVING A SIXTY-FIVE WHITE THUNDERBIRD, BEARING SIXTY-EIGHT KY. LICENSE TWO NINE SEVEN SIX FIVE THREE, PULLED INTO THE STATION, AND DRIVER PURCHASED GAS BY USE OF CREDIT CARD. MOSS ADVISED THE DRIVER OF THIS CAR FIT THE DESCRIPTION AND COMPOSITE PHOTOGRAPH OF THE INDIVIDUAL WHO SHOT KING.

LOUISVILLE, THROUGH KY. DMV, DETERMINE TO WHOM LICENSE ISSUED AND DETERMINE HIS WHEREABOUTS OF PERTINENT DATES.

AIR MAIL COPY TO COLUMBIA FOR INFORMATION.

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FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574) 2P

MURKIN

ON APRIL SIX LAST PETTY OFFICER, USS MACKENZIE, NAVAL
STATION, LONG BEACH, CALIF., ADVISED THAT ON EVENING OF APRIL
FOUR LAST SHIPMATE ALAN ROY PETERSON, NSN B ONE ONE ONE NINE
EIGHT SIX STATED QUOTE MY COUSIN WROTE ME AND SAID HE WAS GOING
TO SHOOT MARTIN LUTHER KING END QUOTE AND SOMETHING TO THE EFFECT
THAT WHEN HIS COUSIN SETS HIS MIND TO SOMETHING HE DOES IT.
NOTHING FURTHER STATED. NAME OF COUSIN NOT CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD,
POSSIBLY JOHN OR JACK. PETERSON LEFT SHIP ON APRIL FIVE LAST
FOR WEEK-END LIBERTY TO RETURN TO SHIP APRIL EIGHT INSTANT.
PETERSON INTERVIEWED APRIL EIGHT INSTANT AND ADMITTED MAKING
STATEMENT, HOWEVER MAINTAINED NO TRUTH TO STATEMENT AND COULD
NOT EXPLAIN WHY HE MADE SAME. STATES THAT HE HAS NOT RECEIVED
ANY CORRESPONDENCE OF THIS NATURE AND ONLY HEARS FROM HIS MOTHER.
HAS NEVER RECEIVED ANY MAIL FROM ANY COUSINS. SENDS ALL MAIL
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HE RECEIVES TO HIS MOTHER TO KEEP. CLAIMS THAT UPON LEARNING THAT FBI ATTEMPTING TO CONTACT HIM HE CALLED HIS MOTHER, RUTH GUSTAF PETERSON, NINE FIVE TWO ONE SEVENTY SECOND AVENUE, FORREST HILLS, NEW YORK, TELEPHONE BO EIGHT ONE TWO NINE FOUR. THIS AM, TO FIND OUT WHY FBI WAS TRYING TO LOCATE HIM.

NEW YORK SHOULD INTERVIEW RUTH PETERSON FOR IDENTITY OF A COUSIN WHO MIGHT BE COMMUNICATING WITH ALAN ROY PETERSON AND ASCERTAIN THE NATURE OF TELEPHONE CALL BY HER SON.

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8-20PM MST URGENT 4/8/68 LSB

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS AND NEW ORLEANS
FROM SALT LAKE CITY (44-253) 1P

MURKIN

RE NEW ORLEANS TEL FOUR EIGHT INSTANT.

REFERENCE IS MADE TO NEW ORLEANS AIRTEL TO SALT LAKE CITY
DATED THREE TWENTYFIVE, SIXTYEIGHT, ENTITLED, "DUANE IVAN CARLSON;
ROBERT BOLIVAR DE PUGH - FUGITIVE; ET AL, OO: SE," NEW ORLEANS
FILE NO. NINETYONE DASH THREE FIVE SIX THREE, WHICH IS PENDING IN
NEW ORLEANS AND SETS OUT INVESTIGATION RELATIVE TO THE ATTEMPTED
IDENTIFICATION OF ONE MIKE FREEMAN AT SLIDELL, LOUISIANA.

NEW ORLEANS EXPEDITE REMAINDER OF INVESTIGATION.

OFFICES ADVISED SEPARATELY.

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TO: DIRECTOR AND SAC ST. LOUIS, MEMPHIS, AND BIRMINGHAM.

FROM: SAC, DETROIT (44-989)

MURKIN- CR

RE DETROIT TELEPHONE CALL TO FBI IDENT. DIVISION.

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SOURCE FURNISHED FOLLOWING INFO RE WILLARD BENFIELD JR., AS
A POSSIBLE SUSPECT IN SLAYING OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING:

BENFIELD DURING THE RACIAL RIOT BENTON HARBOR, NINETEEN SIXTY-
SIX, WAS ARRESTED ON EIGHT THIRTY ONE, SIXTY SIX, FOR THE MURDER
OF CECIL HUNT, SEVENTEEN YEAR OLD NEGRO MALE, BUT CHARGE WAS DISMISSED
BECAUSE OF LACK OF EVIDENCE.

BENFIELD WAS AGAIN ARRESTED THREE-FIVE-SIXTY SEVEN, FOR FELONIOUS
ASSAULT AFTER HE HAD BEATEN MALE NEGRO WITH A PIECE OF CHAIN. HE WAS
CONVICTED OF ASSAULT WITH DEADLY WEAPON BY A JURY ON SIX-TWENTY NINE-
SIXTY SEVEN, AND WAS SENTENCED TO SERVE FROM THREE TO FOUR YEARS ON
SEVEN-THIRTY ONE- SIXTY SEVEN. PRESENTLY FREE ON FIVE THOUSAND DOLLAR
APPEAL BOND ON THIS CHARGE AND ALSO ON TWO THREE HUNDRED DOLLAR
APPEAL BONDS FROM BENTON HARBOR MUNICIPAL COURT. ONE CHARGE GROWING
OUT OF AN ASSAULT.

BENFIELD HAS FBI NUMBER FOUR NINE FIVE TWO ONE C.

DESCRIBED AS MALE, WHITE, BORN DUNKLIN COUNTY, MO., FOUR-SIX-
THIRTY, FIVE FEET TEN INCHES TO SIX FEET TALL, ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY FIVE
POUNDS, MEDIUM BUILD, BROWN HAIR, BROWN EYES, TATOOS: THE LETTERS
LOVE ON KNUCKLES OF LEFT HAND; HEART AND "BUD" LEFT UPPER ARM.
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SCARS: THREE INCH SCAR RIGHT CHEEK. PARENTS WILLARD BENFIELD, SR., AND GLADYS, BENTON HARBOR, MARITAL STATUS- MARRIED; WIFE GEORGIA, NOT KNOWN IF STILL MARRIED. PRESENT ADDRESS ONE FOUR FOUR SEVEN ST. THOMAS STREET, BENTON HARBOR.

BENFIELD IS WELL KNOWN TO LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICES AS BEING AN EXTREME RACIST WHO HAS A DEEP HATRED FOR NEGROES.

ON THURSDAY, FOUR-FOUR-SIXTY EIGHT, BENFIELD WITHOUT KNOWLEDGE OF HIS BONDSMAN LEFT BENTON HARBOR ABOUT TWO OR THREE AM IN A NINETEEN SIXTY FOUR WHITE CADILLAC CONVERTIBLE WITH BLUE TOP, WHICH HE OWNS, BEARING MICHIGAN LICENSE, NUMBER UNKNOWN. ACCOMPANIED BY HIS FATHER WILLARD BENFIELD, SR., WHO AT ONE TIME WAS ALSO SUSPECTED OF IMPLICATION IN THE CECIL HUNT MURDER. BENFIELD AND HIS FATHER RETURNED TO BENTON HARBOR LATE IN THE NIGHT OR EARLY MORNING OF FOUR-SEVEN- SIXTY EIGHT, SUNDAY.

WHEN CONTACTED BY HIS BONDSMAN BENFIELD'S WIFE STATED BENFIELD HAD GONE TO HAYTI, MO., TO ATTEND THE FUNERAL OF A BROTHER, NAME UNKNOWN. WHEN HE LEFT HE TOOK WITH HIM ALL OF HIS TOOLS INCLUDING A DRILL AND A BUFFER BELONGING TO ANOTHER PERSON. REASON FOR HIS TAKING THESE TOOLS IS UNKNOWN.

BENFIELD, JR., IS AN AUTOMOBILE MECHANIC AND PRESENTLY OPERATES A GARAGE AT RIVERSIDE ROAD AND HIGHWAY M-ONE THIRTY NINE NORTH, WHICH IS JUST OUTSIDE THE CITY OF BENTON HARBOR.

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PHOTO OF BENFIELD TAKEN BY SO, ST. JOSEPH, ON NINE-TWENTY SEVEN-SIXTY SIX, IS LATEST PHOTO AVAILABLE BUT IS A GOOD LIKENESS OF HIM.

BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO COMPARE ANY LATENTS WITH THOSE OF BENFIELD. ST. LOUIS CONDUCT INVESTIGATION AT HAYTI TO DETERMINE WHETHER ONE OF BENFIELD'S BROTHERS WAS BURIED AND WHETHER BENFIELD AND HIS FATHER WERE IN ATTENDANCE.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

SOURCE REFERRED TO IS DE FILE ONE THIRTY SEVEN DASH THREE EIGHT SIX TWO.

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MURKIN

THIS IS THE CASE INVOLVING THE MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., ON APRIL FOUR, LAST, IN MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD ANYONE BE TOLD THIS INVESTIGATION IS IN CONNECTION WITH CAPTIONED MATTER.

IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT A RIFLE ABANDONED NEAR SCENE OF CRIME WAS PURCHASED BY INDIVIDUAL USING THE NAME HARVEY LOWMEYER OR LOWMYER.

LOWMEYER OR LOWMYER IS GENERALLY DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, THIRTYSIX YEARS OLD, FIVE FEET EIGHT INCHES TALL, ONE HUNDRED FIFTY - ONE HUNDRED SIXTY POUNDS, BLACK OR DARK BROWN HAIR.

IN VIEW OF THE UNUSUAL NATURE OF THE NAMES LOWMEYER AND LOWMYER, ALL OFFICES SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CHECK YOUR INDICES, ALL CITY DIRECTORIES, ALL TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES COVERING YOUR TERRITORIES, ALL DRIVERS LICENSE RECORDS, ALL AUTOMOBILE
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REGISTRATION RECORDS, VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS, AND CREDIT AND CRIMINAL RECORDS ON THE SURNAMES LOWMEYER AND LOWMYER, IN VIEW OF THE UNUSUAL NATURE OF THE NAMES, DO NOT CONFINE YOUR CHECK TO HARVEY LOWMEYER AND LOWMYER ONLY. ANY INDIVIDUALS IDENTIFIED AS BEARING THESE SURNAMES SHOULD BE IMMEDIATELY CHECKED OUT COVERING THE PERTINENT PERIOD. YOU SHOULD ALSO APPROPRIATELY CHECKOUT ALL BOMBING SUSPECTS IN YOUR TERRITORIES.

HANDLE IMMEDIATELY AND GIVE TOP PRIORITY ATTENTION.

BUFILES CONTAIN NO INFORMATION IDENTIFIABLE ON HARVEY LOWMEYER OR LOWMYER.

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TO DIRECTOR, AND BIRMINGHAM AND MEMPHIS
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN

RE ALBANY TELETYPE APRIL EIGHT INSTANT, AND MEMPHIS
TELETYPE APRIL SIX LAST.

INVESTIGATION AT CALIFORNIA OVERALL COMPANY AND GOLD
COAST LAUNDRY REFLECTED TAPE NOT IDENTICAL WITH LAUNDRY
MARK IN QUESTION. NEITHER COMPANY USE THE CODE SYSTEM SHOWN ON
INSTANT TAPE. SAMPLES OF TAPES USED BY THESE COMPANIES OBTAINED
AND BEING FORWARDED TO FBI LAB. BEACH CITIES LAUNDRY FILED
BANKRUPTCY PROCEEDINGS THREE YEARS AGO AND BUILDING AND PART
OF EQUIPMENT PURCHASED BY STANDARD INDUSTRIAL LAUNDRY AT SAME
ADDRESS. DID NOT PURCHASE MARKING MACHINES. INVESTIGATION
CONTINUING TO DETERMINE DISPOSITION OF MACHHHIINGGY BEACH
CITIES LAUNDRY. NICOLAY KETZBECK, INC., GAMMATU LAUNDRY BURNED
APPROXIMATELY SIX YEARS AGO. EFFORTS BEING MADE TO CONTACT
OWNER AND ASCERTAIN DISPOSITION OF MARKING MACHINE. NO RECORD
OF DELITE LAUNDRY AT ONE SIX ZERO SEVEN, BROOKLYN AVENUE, LOS
ANGELES, CALIF. CONTINUOUS EFFORTS BEING MADE TO LOCATE THIS
COMPANY.

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