

Klavern No.5, of the UKA, which was held at the Klavern Hall on U. S. Highway 11, By-pass on the evening of July 10, 1963.

BH 44-1513 is an airtel from Birmingham to the Bureau captioned "UNSUBS; Gretna Police Department, Gretna, Louisiana; Grand Isle Police Department, Grand Isle, Louisiana; EUGENE S. MANSFIELD - Victim; CR," OO:NO. This airtel was dated December 28, 1966, and enclosed a letterhead memorandum which reflected that EUGENE S. MANSFIELD, Box 322, Grand Isle, Louisiana, appeared at the Tuscaloosa Resident Agency on December 23, 1966, and furnished information in which he alleged that his civil rights had been violated in Louisiana. This letterhead memorandum reflected that MANSFIELD had advised that on November 15, 1966, he had been taken to the Gretna, Louisiana, Police Department, where he was told he was being tried for aggravated assault with a knife. He stated that he was then fingerprinted, photographed and confined in the Gretna Jail. EUGENE S. MANSFIELD was described as a white male, born [redacted] [redacted] Elmore County, Alabama, 5' 9" in height, weight 165 pounds, slender build, black hair, brown eyes, employed at Grand Isle Shipyard, Grand Isle, Louisiana, with Post Office Box 322, Grand Isle, Louisiana, as his address.

BH file 42-2401 reflects the subject as EUGENE SMITH MANSFIELD, NSN 417-32-06 - FUGITIVE. Birmingham report dated March 10, 1953, reflects MANSFIELD was a deserter and was apprehended on February 23, 1953, at the home of his wife's grandmother, Mrs. MINNIE BROOKS, Route 1, McCalla, Alabama, dressed in civilian clothes, and unemployed. Subject was described as a white male, born [redacted] height 5' 9", weight 150 pounds, brown hair, dark and curly, brown eyes, father CROSBY E. MANSFIELD, 2120 Loop Road, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, mother, Mrs. C. E. MANSFIELD, sister WILDA HOLCOMB, brother BILLIE WAYNE MANSFIELD, of the same address as subject's father. The file shows he was married, wife Mrs. E. S. MANSFIELD, in care of Mr. CHARLES BROOKS, Brookwood, Alabama, infant child, age two months.

On March 20, 1968, SA CLARENCE E. WRIGHT checked the records of the Tuscaloosa County Sheriff's Office, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, which reflected the following information:

Photo?
EUGENE SMITH MANSFIELD, 913 - 22nd Avenue, Tuscaloosa, born [redacted] Elmore County, height 5' 9", weight 170 pounds, brown hair, brown eyes, FBI No. 302 455B, Tuscaloosa County Sheriff's Office No.1077, was booked on March 9, 1961, on a charge of Assault with Intent to Murder. It was also shown that he was fingerprinted

on July 14, 1955, for the Navy and on February 16, 1959, was arrested by the Police Department of Long Beach, California, on a charge of Assault with a Deadly Weapon.

The Sheriff's Office record also showed that on February 28, 1961, MANSFIELD had been arrested by the Tuscaloosa, Alabama, Police Department on a charge of discharging a firearm in city limits.

Records of the Tuscaloosa, Alabama, Police Department contain same information as above, except MANSFIELD's name is shown as EUGENE S. MANSFIELD. The Police Department records show that he was also arrested by the Police Department on misdemeanor charges on March 26, 1960, January 11, 1961, and February 28, 1961. A photograph of MANSFIELD was made available and is being reproduced as the original has to be returned.

DEPARTMENTAL COMMUNICATION

ASD 94

TO: HOMICIDE

SUBJECT:

FROM: OFFICER MAX IN CAR 35

Check

DATE: 2:46am 4/5/68

At approximately 1:20am 4/5/68, while making a routine check of the Metropolitan airport. We the undersigned officers in car 35 were approached by a MW, J W Farris, who is the taxi driver for the Yellow Cab Co. Mr. Farris stated to us that approximately 12 midnight to 12:15am this date, he made a pick up at the William Len Hotel, This MW, first told Mr. Farris to take him to E West Memphis, Arkansas. Upon starting to this destination MW, told him to turn around and go to the Metropolitan Airport. Upon arrival at the airport on the upper Ramp the MW, got out and went to the Ticket counters and checked the flight departure schedules, then came back to the taxi and told him to go to the lower ramp and wait. This MW, went inside the lower part of the airport and looked around and then the inside and outside and got back into the taxi and told Mr. Farris to turn to the William Len Hotel. Upon the arrival at the Hotel, the driver was told to wait. The MW entered the hotel and came out accompanied by a second MW, and told Mr. Farris to go to the airport again. After taking this information patrolman MAX contacted the ~~stark~~ Detective L. G Neville of Homicide and advised him of the above facts. We were told to get the taxi driver to point out the two MWs and upon checking the airport area we were unable to locate these two subjects. Upon checking with the ticket agent at Delta Airlines we received information that there had been 2 adds to the flight that were not reservations on the non-stop flight to Huston Texas. Ticket agent contacted the gate man for this flight and was given the description of 2 MWs, and he stated that he could not remember anyone fitting the description of the MWs, but that it was possible they may have boarded the plane. This flight departed at approximately 1:57am. The descriptions are as follows
(continued)

#1 MW, approximately 26-28 years ~~as~~ 6'tall, 185 lbs., -190 lbs., and blond hair, wearing a white shirt, with no tie and dark pants and carrying a suitcase correction suitcoat or a car coat. #2 MW approximately 23-24 years, 6'tall, slender build, lt. brown hair, and wearing dark clothing. This memo was advised by Detective Neville of Homicide.

K S Max 5257
K R Hopper #3342
R N Pyron 6520 au35

Stotts 4/5/68 at 3:04am

See if you can identify these 2 men at Wm. Len

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1987)

DATE: 4/6 /68

FROM : SA HARLEY E. GYLFE

SUBJECT: UNSUB, aka
John Willard
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR - VICTIM
CR
(OO: MEMPHIS)

At 3:15 p.m., 4/6/68 Mrs. BETTY WILLIS, Apt. 5, 2509 Ketchum Road, Memphis, Tenn., telephone #743-2005, furnished the following information:

She said TOM DAVIS, who resides on South Acres Drive in New Albany, Miss., telephone 534-6781, drives a white Mustang with Miss. license. She stated she does not recall the license number on this Mustang. Mrs. WILLIS furnished the following description of DAVIS:

Sex:	Male
Race:	White
Age:	42
Weight:	192
Hair:	Dark, graying
Eyes:	Unrecalled
Employment:	Unemployed
Previous occupation:	worked as printer, printing material for GEORGE WALLACE campaign.

Mrs. WILLIS advised that TOM DAVIS was supposed to meet her at approximately 10:00 a.m., 4/4/68. He stated that instead of him arriving at the scheduled time, he arrived sometime after 6:00 p.m. She said he had several bullets in his pocket and that he previously owned an Elgin rifle. She added further that he recently got out of the penitentiary but did not state which penitentiary he had been in. She stated that on Thursday evening he told her that he had left his gun at the state line, but did not say where he had placed the gun.

Mrs. WILLIS stated DAVIS fits the description of the assassin and feels that since he is interested in guns that he may have committed the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.



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*Letter to Jackson
w/ copy of memo
dated 4/6*

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1987)

DATE: 4/6/68

FROM : SA HARLEY E. GYLFE

SUBJECT: UNSUB, aka
John Willard
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR - VICTIM
CIVIL RIGHTS
(OO: MEMPHIS)

At 11:55 a.m., 4/6/68 a male who would not identify himself advised that an odd advertisement appeared recently in a local newspaper. He said this ad indicated the person placing the ad was willing to pay \$8,000 to \$10,000 commission for hazardous duty; that he will not win fame, but will be doing a great service. He said the ad indicated that all applicants were to call Mr. SABER at Memphis telephone 275-4077. This individual did not have any additional information, but stated he felt this advertisement is odd and that it may have some connection with this case.

*Rw. Saber 4433 Powell ave, Apt #3
2310 Central
Solmico Co of South Inc*

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*Identify Saber and find
out what kind of duty -*

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1987)

DATE: 4/6/68

FROM : SA JAMES W. SKELLY (West Memphis RA)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 4/6/68 MARVIN L. DEMUTH, 516 West Roosevelt, West Memphis, Ark., who requested his identity be protected, furnished SA JAMES W. SKELLY the following information:

DEMUTH advised that since reading newspaper articles concerning instant murder, that the descriptive data of Unsub fits MAYNARD STILES. He described STILES as a white male, 35-40 years, 6 feet, and as having exhibited on a couple of occasions mental instability during business transactions. He stated that in all probability STILES has served in the armed forces and would probably have working knowledge of firearms.

He advised that STILES has been employed in the capacity of recruiting garbage workers for the City of Memphis after the garbage workers strike in Memphis. DEMUTH advised that due to the similarity of the published descriptive data of Unsub and STILES' employment and involvement in the current garbage strike as well as previous indications of instability that he might possibly be identical to the Unsub in instant matter.

DEMUTH advised that he had no knowledge of STILES having been previously arrested or confined in any mental institution, but felt that due to the number of photographs having been taken in regard to the garbage strike, that STILES was probably photographed by the local Memphis papers and a photograph would be available there.

Consideration should be given to considering STILES as a possible suspect and probably could best be eliminated through a photograph.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1987)

DATE: 4/6/68

FROM : SA HOWELL S. LOWE

SUBJECT: UNSUB, aka
John Willard;
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., - VICTIM
CIVIL RIGHTS

At 1 p.m., 4/6/68, Inspector G. P. TINES, Inspectional Bureau, Memphis Police Department, advised that he was contacted this date by TBI Agent JACK BLACKWELL who stated that one ACIE LAWRENCE is a good suspect in the killing of Dr. KING. LAWRENCE is described as a white male, age 28-32, slender build, 6 feet tall, and a neat dresser.

According to TBI Agent, JACK BLACKWELL, LAWRENCE, originally resided in Covington, Tennessee, but has not been seen recently and is believed to be in Memphis. He is an outspoken critic of the Negro race and a member of the Ku Klux Klan (KKK).

Memphis indices contain the following references to ACIE LAWRENCE;

- 170-805
- 157-803
- 44-1862
- 44-1582
- 44-1789
- 173-138
- 170-981

ACIE LAWRENCE is known to the Memphis Office as a member of the KKK. He has been the victim in 3 civil rights cases. Black and white photographs, along with color photograph of LAWRENCE, was taken in 1966.

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general descriptions, at
determine whereabouts at
time of shooting
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On the afternoon of 4/6/68 SA ROBERT W. GOODWIN was furnished photographs of suspect LAWRENCE and is to exhibit these to individuals who saw UNSUB on the day of King's assassination.

Lawrence's photo graph
has played Ralph W. Carpenter
By SA Ralph Jewier and
recognized as not the individual
who bought the binoculars
on 4/4/68.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : FILE (44-1987)

DATE: 4-6-68

FROM : SAC ROBERT G. JENSEN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

At approximately 3:20 p.m. this date, I called the Jackson Office and talked with SA JOHN PUDDISTER, who was on duty in that office. I furnished him the information in the teletype from Salt Lake City dated 4-5-68, listing the various Friendship Inn affiliates in the Jackson territory. I also told him the only names we have at this time which are of interest for checking are as follows:

JOHN WILLARD
HARVEY LOWMEYER
WILLIAM J. LEHMEYER

I explained to PUDDISTER why the names LOWMEYER and LEHMEYER are of possible interest and requested that their inquiries at the various motels be directed toward use of the names known at this time.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC 44-1987

DATE: 4/6/68

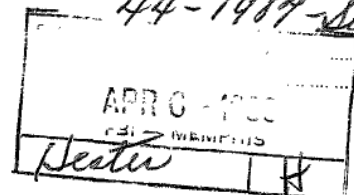
FROM : SA John W. Bauer

SUBJECT: UNSUB, aka
John Willard,
Harvey Lowmeyer;
Martin Luther King - Victim

At 7:15 AM, 4/6/68, Hubbard Beard, 2727 Bayou Blvd., Pensacola, Fla., telephonically contacted the writer and advised the following:

He at one time owned the National Car Rental franchise at the Municipal Airport in Birmingham, Ala, but has since retired to Fla. On Mar. 9, 1965, when he was operating the rental business in Birmingham, a W/M who identified himself as David Sanders, 8364 Challe 63, Guatamala, rented a white 1965 Comet. Sanders identified himself with an International drivers license # [REDACTED] which showed the above address. Beard stated that Sanders skipped with the car and it was never recovered. He said that the car was bearing 1965 Ala. license #4711403. He (Beard) notified the Birmingham FBI and they began an investigation into the matter. During the course of the investigation the FBI told Beard that Sanders had used the alias of John Willard. Beard had read in the papers that King's murderer had used the name John Willard and in view of this Beard decided to turn the above info over to the FBI. He further advised that he still has the original rental agreement that Sanders signed.

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but lead for Bk
later
RJ*



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Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1987)

DATE: 4/6/68

FROM : ASAC C. O. HALTER

SUBJECT: UNSUB, aka
John Willard
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM
CIVIL RIGHTS
(OO: MEMPHIS)

At approximately 11:20 a.m., 4/6/68 a female who identified herself as Mrs. HELEN PFAFF, 1032 Van Buren St., Hugoton, Kansas, telephonically informed as follows:

She is employed by the Department of Economic Development. She also travels extensively for Chambers of Commerce advertising the Santa Fe Trail. On Thursday night 4/4/68 she spent the night at a motel in Boise City, Okla. She is acquainted with the Manager who is named BROWN. They were looking at television together and a picture of a Negro appeared on the television screen. She immediately commented that the Negro had been killed. Mr. BROWN stated "how did you know he was killed." Mrs. PFAFF stated she did not recognize the photograph of the person on the screen and had not heard any radio broadcast about the shooting of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING. She then pointed out that the person had been killed by a white man who had an unusual hair style and that he had used a long barrellled gun to do the killing. She stated the reason she knew this is that while driving on a highway in Santa Fe, N. M., she had a vision on Tuesday, 4/2/68, of a white man with a long rifle killing a Negro by shooting him in the neck. She stated that the rifle had a long bullet. Mrs. PFAFF volunteered she did not feel this was of any evidentiary value, but she thought it was most strange that she should have had such a vision. On the other hand, she stated she has visions quite often and she always knows when her children have been injured, even though no one has told her of such an occurrence.

Mrs. PFAFF stated her only reason for calling is the fact she considered it most interesting that she should have had such a vision. She stated that if she could do



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anything to assist she would be glad to do so. At the outset she did not care to give her name. She was informed that the decision with respect to the giving of her name was her responsibility and that I would not insist that she furnish her name. Thereafter she readily furnished her name and address.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1987)

DATE: 4/6/68

FROM : SA HARLEY E. GYLFE

SUBJECT: UNSUB, aka
John Willard
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM
CR
(OO: MEMPHIS)

At 2:35 p.m., 4/6/68 WILLIE FAULKNER, 1117 Somerville, Memphis, Tenn., no telephone, telephonically advised the writer that on Thursday, 4/4/68, a white male rented a white Mustang from Carl Carson in Memphis. He described this individual as follows:

Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Height:	Short
Weight:	Medium
Hair:	Graying
Dress:	Business suit.

FAULKNER stated that this individual rented the Mustang at about 3:00 p.m., but did not see or watch the direction this individual left. FAULKNER advised he does not have any additional information, but feels this may have been the car that was used in the getaway.

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*Carl Carson rentals
have no white Mustangs
4/9/68 HEG*

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Memorandum

TO : SAC 44-1987

DATE: 4/6/68

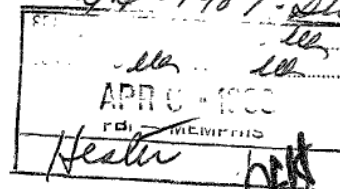
FROM : SA John W. Bauer

SUBJECT: UNSUB, aka
John Willard;
Martin Luther King-Victim

At 2:45 AM on 4/6/68 Lt. McCachern, Homicide Squad, Memphis Police Department, telephonically advised the writer that he received a call from Robert Leonard of Louisville, Ky., who advised him that a Russel Peacock, Shepardsville, Ky., closely resembles a picture of UNSUB that appeared in a local newspaper. Leonard stated that ~~SM~~ Peacock is an active racist in the Louisville area and is reported to be a member of the Klu Klux Klan. He has been the leader of several burnings and is believed to have been arrested several times in connection with them by the Louisville PD.

Lt. McCachern was advised by the writer that an indices search was negative.

*Lead for
Louisville - (sent by airtel)
re background, photo
& whereabouts
during past period*



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Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1987)

DATE: 4/6/68

FROM : SA EUGENE G. DOUGLASS

SUBJECT: UNSUB, aka
John Willard
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM
CR
(OO: MEMPHIS)

On 4/6/68 at about 12:40 p.m., Captain A. C. GILLESS, Shelby Co. Sheriff's Office, Memphis, Tenn., telephonically contacted the Memphis Office and furnished the following information:

A Mrs. LOIS FOXALL, 4497 Paula Drive, Whitehaven, Tenn., telephone 398-3733, furnished the following information to the Sheriff's Office: On Thursday, 4/4/68 at about 1:30 p.m., Mrs. FOXALL parked her car on the west side of South Main St., in the first legal parking place on the west side of Main Street north of Fred P. Gattas Distributors, 387 South Main. She parked to go into the Saddle Shop which is located on the east side of Main St.

While she was in this parking place she noticed a white compact car, make and license number not known, drive up behind her. Two white males, described as being in their late teens or early twenties, both 5' 10-11", 150-160 lbs., the passenger having light brown sandy hair hanging over his face, got out of the white compact car. Both were neatly dressed and had poplin jackets and some type of dress trousers. They opened the trunk lid, obtained something from the trunk, and walked on to the east side of South Main Street and entered a building which had the words of "Rooms" over the door. One of the individuals went up some stairs and the other stood in the doorway. A few minutes later the first person who went up the stairs rejoined the second individual in the doorway and they both hurried back and got in the car and pulled away.

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if they could have
been going into 420 So. MAIN*

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1987)

DATE: 4/6/68

FROM : SA FRANCIS B. COLE

SUBJECT: UNSUB, aka
John Willard
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM
CIVIL RIGHTS

On the evening of 4/5/68 TOM EISON, Holiday Inn No. 1, Dyersburg, Tennessee, contacted the writer and advised that an individual had checked into the Holiday Inn on the evening of 4/4/68 who appeared to be suspicious. He said that he did not know whether these circumstances meant anything at all or not but he wished to furnish them to the writer who has contacted him in the past on other matters.

The suspicious individual who was operating a white Comet with a Tennessee license was checked into the motel by Clerk PAUL BRYANT.

On the same date PAUL BRYANT advised that between 8 and 8 p.m., 4/4/68, an individual checked into the Holiday Inn No. 1, Dyersburg, Tenn., using the name JOHN BRUIN with an address of General Delivery, "Indinat." At the time this individual checked in the news concerning the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. was being broadcast on a television set in the motel lobby and, although several other individuals in the lobby were most interested in the news, this JOHN BRUIN completely ignored the subject.

It was necessary for Mr. BRYANT to solicit BRUIN's address and make and license plate of the automobile, in which BRUIN arrived. The automobile was listed on the motel registration card as a "Conmet" and the Tennessee license plate was listed as AE-9321. Mr. BRYANT verified the license plate number and advised that although he did not notice the make or model of the vehicle, it appeared to be weatherbeaten and either beige or tan in color.

DAVIDSON COUNTY

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and see me
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BRUIN skipped the bill at the motel and according to the maid the bed was not slept in but only laid upon.

The only description Mr. BRYANT could furnish regarding BRUIN is as follows:

Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Age:	25-30
Height:	5'6" or 5'7"
Weight:	140-150 lbs.

RECOMMENDATION:

If BRUIN's brief description is similar to UNSUB, determine registered owner of Tennessee License AE-9321 and interview him to determine who was operating the vehicle bearing that license on 4/4/68.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

DATE: 4/6/68

FROM : SA EUGENE G. DOUGLASS

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT, Aka John Willard;
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM
CIVIL RIGHTS

At 1:57 PM, 4/6/68, Mr. ROY MOORE, SAC, Jackson, Miss., telephonically furnished the following information:

He stated that he had received a call from ANDY JAFFEE, of "Newsweek," a syndicated writer, who has been cooperative with the Jackson Division. JAFFEE furnished MOORE the following information:

JAFFEE heard from newsmen, identities not recalled, that a passing motorist observed a white Mustang in Memphis, apparently shortly after the shooting of KING, and the individual was talking on a Citizens Band-type radio. The car bore Shelby County License B_ 4447 or B_ 4448 (second letter of prefix not known).

JAFFEE stated he could not recall where he had obtained this information but felt it would be of interest to the FBI.

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SAC (157-1168)

4/6/68

SA EUGENE G. DOUGLASS

RACIAL SITUATION, MEMPHIS DIVISION
RM

RE: TELETYPE TO BUREAU AND MEMPHIS CAPTIONED "ASSASSINATION
OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.; RM"

Re memo of SA JOHN W. BAUER, 4/6/68 captioned
"SANITATION WORKERS STRIKE, MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE; RM".

On 4/6/68 at approximately 9:00 a.m. Mr. CHARLIE
PARKIS, Division 5 of the Bureau was contacted by SA EUGENE G.
DOUGLASS for a clarification of telephone calls made by Mr.
JOHN FULTON, Division 5 of the Bureau, midnight 4/5/68 and
telephone call of Mr. PARKIS, 7:00 a.m., 4/6/68.

Mr. PARKIS advised that he had received the
necessary information which he had telephonically inquired
about and had determined this from Memphis teletype 4/6/68
captioned "SANITATION WORKERS STRIKE, MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE,
RM."

Mr. PARKIS suggested that all acts of violence at
Nashville and Memphis or any other city in the Memphis
Division, if it relates to the KING incident, should be sent
to the Bureau under the title "ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER
KING, JR. - RACIAL MATTERS" rather than "SANITATION WORKERS
STRIKE, MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, RM."

He stated that the Bureau should be kept advised
of all violence.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1987)

DATE: 4/6/68

FROM : SA RALPH J. LIEWER

SUBJECT: UNSUB, aka
John Willard
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM
CR
(OO: MEMPHIS)

At about 11:00 p.m., 4/5/68 EDWARD J. FITZPATRICK, S.R.A., ONI, Memphis, Tenn., was contacted telephonically at the NAS, Millington, Tenn., by the writer at the request of SA PRICE in the Memphis Office. Call was made from the Inspectional Bureau of the Memphis PD in the presence of personnel there including Lt. GEORGE FEATHERS and Inspector GRADY TINES.

FITZPATRICK advised as follows:

At the request of Maj. A. E. TOLER, C.O., Marine Aviation Detachment, Millington, this date, specifically at 8:10 p.m., he conducted investigation at the NAS as follows. A Marine PFC, MICHAEL STEVEN SLOAN based at Millington told his command today about a conversation with an associate about two weeks ago (calculated by FITZPATRICK to be 3/18/68). The associate is another Marine at the base, WILLIAM FREDERICK TATROE JR. On 3/18/68 TATROE commented to SLOAN that his ex-Marine civilian cousin had contacted him that date regarding his cousin's interest in a "job" which would be worth \$20,000 to him and that he would have to be a good shot. TATROE concluded the "job" involved shooting. This unidentified cousin then told TATROE he was flying up from Florida to talk to TATROE about the job, subsequently that day - believed to be 3/18/68 - at 10:00 p.m. (2200 hours)* from Mississippi, saying he had had to "set down" in Mississippi because of engine trouble. TATROE guessed he was in a rented plane. At one time this cousin told TATROE that if he saw KING (meaning MARTIN LUTHER KING) he would "shoot the black bastard." That was the end of the conversation about the cousin until today, 4/5/68 when, that morning, SLOAN said to TATROE "looks like your cousin got to him" - meaning MARTIN LUTHER KING.

* he telephoned

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TATROE told SLOAN he has heard this cousin express an interest in "professional assassination."

Above information was conveyed telephonically to SAC JENSEN telephonically at 12:20 a.m., 4/6/68 and was advised to take no action on it then, but to call it to his attention Saturday, 4/6/68, a.m.

Following is data supplied by ONI's FITZPATRICK regarding MICHAEL STEVEN SLOAN.

Race: White
Sex: Male
Service number: USMC [REDACTED] rank PFC.
DOB: [REDACTED]
POB: Kokomo, Ind.
Residence: Marine Air Detachment Barracks,
Naval Air Station, Millington,
S. 18, bunk 27, cubicle 5,
Section 1
Height: 5' 4"
Weight: 140 lbs.
Build: Slight
Hair: Light brown
Complexion: Ruddy
Wife: CAROL LEE SLOAN, nee NOEL,
residence 759 S. 6th E. Salt Lake
City, Utah
Permanent address: 17 East 5300 S. Murray, Salt Lake
City, Utah
Father: ROBERT PAUL SLOAN, 17 West
5300 S. Murray, Salt Lake City,
Utah

Name: WILLIAM FREDERICK TATROE, JR.
Race: White
Sex: Male
Service Number: USMC [REDACTED] rank PFC.

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Race: White
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Service Number: USMC [REDACTED] rank PFC.

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Social Security #: [REDACTED]
Date of birth: [REDACTED]
Place of birth: Lansing, Michigan
Sel. Serv. No.: [REDACTED], LB 54, Port Washington,
Wisconsin.
Height: 5' 10"
Eyes: Hazel
Hair: Brown
Wife: Mrs. JANE ALICE TATROE
Address: 7126 Millington-Arlington,
Millington, Tenn. (this is address
of TATROE and wife now)
Permanent mailing
address: 262 E. Monroe, Port Washington,
Wisconsin (also address of his
parents)

Mr. FITZPATRICK further stated that SLOAN believes the cousin mentioned above is a "distant cousin" of TATROE. TATROE stated to SLOAN his cousin has travelled extensively. TATROE told SLOAN he received \$100.00 checks from this cousin. SLOAN saw one \$100 handwritten green check in TATROE's possession on 4/2/68. SLOAN did not see who made the check nor where TATROE got it. TATROE has told SLOAN his cousin is a "rotten so and so" but SLOAN does not believe that TATROE told him all this for any reasons of revenge. TATROE had told SLOAN "don't spread this around."

FITZPATRICK evaluates SLOAN as reasonably intelligent, not motivated by desire for publicity, reasonably good financial condition, reasonably truthful.

SLOAN evaluates TATROE as seemingly straight forward, not the type to fabricate stories.

FITZPATRICK's home phone is 872-2738.

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SA HARLEY E. GYLFE

UNSUB, aka
John Willard
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM
CR
(OO: MEMPHIS)

Mr. ED BUMGARDNER, 917 Sixth Ave., Erie, Ill., 61250, whose mailing address is P.O. Box 675 Erie, Ill., advised he does not have a telephone but can be reached through the Chief of Police at Erie, Ill., or through the Resident Agent of the FBI at Rock Island, Ill.

BUMGARDNER telephonically contacted the writer at 8:49 a.m., 4/6/68, advising that he was unable to reach any individual that he knew in the Erie or Rock Island, Ill., area, but wanted to furnish this information concerning the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING.

BUMGARDNER advised he saw the artists conception in the local paper of the assassin and stated that VINCENT DePalma, a Minuteman who possibly resides in Hartford, ^{CONN.} Kentucky, fits the description of the artists conception with the exception of the angle of the nose. He explained VINCENT DePALMA was also known as VINNIE and has a slightly more square nose.

BUMGARDNER stated that he is a member of the strike team of the Minutemen. He said he is scheduled to testify in Seattle, Washington, for the Federal Government concerning actions of the Minutemen. He said he has cooperated with the FBI in Kansas City and Denver concerning the activities of the Minutemen.

BUMGARDNER stated he believes that it is very possible that the assassination of KING was engineered or handled by members of the Minutemen organization. He

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*one copy this memo
sent Chicago by airtel 4/8.
DePalma already being
considered by Boston
office. HEG*

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explained that VINCENT DePALMA has been and still may be a body guard of BOB DePUGH, leader of the Minutemen.

BUMGARDNER stated he does not have a picture of DePALMA, but feels that SA GEORGE ARNETT of the Kansas City Office may have a picture of DePALMA or knows of where one can be obtained.

The above is being furnished for information at this time..

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC(44-)

DATE: 4/6/68

FROM : SA MAHLON J. PRICE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On the evening of the above date Mr. Douglass Johnson, Route 2, Box 83A, Decatur, Alabama, phone 355-4255, who described himself as a Vice-President of a manufacturing company, phoned the Memphis Office. He had the call charged to his own phone. He advised as follows;

Around 1:30 PM 3/30/68 he stopped at a liquor store on old Highway 61 between Steel, Mo. and Blyville Arkansas. This store is about 10' inside the Mo. line. The young man who sold him a bottle of whiskey resembled the artist's sketch of the killer of King. He had a long pointed nose and was using a lot of rough talk in talking about negroes.

For information.

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Price *MJP*

*Advise St. Louis Office
and sit out lead -*

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

FROM : SA JACK D. VAHRENWALD

SUBJECT: MURKIN;
CIVIL RIGHTS

DATE: 4/7/68

On 4/7/68, Inspector N. E. ZACHARY, Homicide Division, Memphis Police Department, advised that his department received a call from ERNEST STUBER, 1478 Hayne Road, Memphis, on 4/5/68. STUBER stated that he saw 3 cars in a procession, one of which was a white Ford Mustang. The drivers seemed to be following each other and the drivers seemed to be acting in a strange manner. On one instance, the last car signaled a right turn and when the first 2 cars turned left, the third car did likewise.

The first car in the procession was a late model Ford or Mercury Station Wagon, tan in color. The driver was a white male, approximately 55 years old, and wearing sunglasses. The second car was a white Ford Mustang driven by a white male, approximately 30-35 years old. The license on the Mustang was Tennessee BP6907, Shelby County. The third car was a 2-door black Nash Rambler, approximately 5 years old. The car was driven by an attractive white female approximately 35 years old with dark hair.

STUBER saw the cars at the intersection of Poplar and White Station Road in Memphis. All of the cars had Shelby County licenses, but STUBER only recorded the number on the Mustang.

Memphis Police Department checked Tennessee license BP6907 and it was registered to a S. E. KESTERSON, 1382 Kimball Cove, Memphis, Tennessee, for a 1959 Ford 2-door sedan.

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THE MEMPHIS DIVISION:

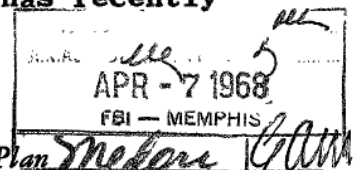
AT MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE:

Check with Tennessee Motor Vehicle Registration Bureau to determine if Tennessee license BP6907 has recently been issued to a white Mustang.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

DATE: 4/7/68

FROM : SA JOE C. HESTER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 4/6/68, Mr. TED FOX, Commercial Appeal, Memphis, Tenn., advised that the Mexican Consul, Mr. ROLANDO DELOZ, 410 North Waldran, Memphis, Telephone 276-8621, had suggested as a possible suspect one JOHN SCOTT CANDRIAN, a white male, born [redacted] who had applied for a visa to visit Mexico.

- LEAD -

*410 Highland
321-2667 7161
Dormitory - 2784
1212
Highland & Gump.*

THE MEMPHIS DIVISION:

AT MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

Contact the Mexican Consul, interview him re CANDRIAN, determine why he feels CANDRIAN is possible suspect, and if appropriate, attempt to locate CANDRIAN.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM : SA ORVILLE V. JOHNSON

SUBJECT: MURKIN;
CIVIL RIGHTS

DATE: 4/7/68

On 4/6/68, Mr. ANGUS MC CARREN, Metro Editor, Commercial Appeal, Memphis, advised he has received information from PAUL NORMAN, 1067 S. Perkins Road, and who is a salesman of Chip Barwick Automobile Agency, which might be of value in instant case. According to MC CARREN, NORMAN told him that at approximately 2:00 PM on 4/4/65, an individual going by the name KEN SINGFIELD contacted NORMAN in an effort to obtain employment as an automobile salesman at Chip Barwick Company. NORMAN stated that SINGFIELD said he used operate either a Holiday Inn or some type of a motel in Clarksdale and also used to be an encyclopedia salesman. SINGFIELD was acquainted with BILL TIDWELL, whom NORMAN was also acquainted with, and who either operates a Howard Johnson Motel or some other motel in Clarksdale or somewhere in the Delta area.

NORMAN stated that he was reporting this information inasmuch as SINGFIELD acted rather strange and appeared to be either under the influence of narcotics or possibly drinking. NORMAN said that SINGFIELD's description fits the description of the person that shot Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING. According to NORMAN, SINGFIELD appeared to be nervous and expressed opposition to the policies of President JOHNSON.

NORMAN said he did not see any automobile in which SINGFIELD was traveling, but was merely reporting the information inasmuch as the description of SINGFIELD appears similar to that of the Unsub which appeared in the Commercial Appeal, and also because of his strange activities.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

DATE: 4/7/68

FROM : SA ORVILLE V. JOHNSON

SUBJECT: UNSUB, AKA;
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING -
VICTIM;
CIVIL RIGHTS

On 4/6/68, the writer received a telephone call from Mr. ANGUS MC CARREN, Metro Editor, Commercial Appeal, Memphis, who advised that he has 2 young men in his office who wish to furnish some information about instant case and requested the writer to contact him.

Mr. MC CARREN was subsequently contacted by Special Agents ANDREW SLOAN and the writer, at which time he had in his office BILLY NORTHERN, 1025 Lehr, West Memphis, Arkansas, telephone number RE 5-2372, and SIDNEY JOYNER, 808 S. Roselawn, West Memphis, Arkansas, telephone number RE 5-1628. BILLY NORTHERN advised that he was at the bus station at West Memphis, Arkansas, sometime between 6:00 and 9:00 PM, 4/5/68, and he saw a copy of the National Enquirer, which is dated April 7, 1968. He said he found a copy of the Enquirer in a seat at the bus station. NORTHERN said he took the paper because he thought it would be interesting reading. He advised this paper had an article reflecting a story written by JAMES TAGUE regarding the assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY. TAGUE was wounded at the time President KENNEDY was assassinated. NORTHERN advised that he read the Enquirer on the morning of 4/6/68, and the story written by TAGUE. He said this story contains several photographs of TAGUE.

BILLY NORTHERN also advised that he subsequently read the newspaper article containing the sketch of the person who assassinated MARTIN LUTHER KING, and he noted that the photograph of JAMES TAGUE appearing on page 13 of the Enquirer looks very much similar to the artist's sketch of Unsub. which appeared in the Commercial Appeal on 4/6/68. He advised that he was calling this to the attention of the Commercial Appeal and to the FBI in view of this similarity in appearance of TAGUE and Unsub's sketch.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC MEMPHIS (44-1987)

DATE: 7-19-68

FROM : SPC DANNY N. DOWNUM

SUBJECT: MURKIN,
MISCELLANEOUS INFO CONCERNING

Chief Gagliano, Memphis PD, called the office at 8:55 p.m. to advise one BILLY N. NORTHERN, 1025 Lier, West Memphis, Ark. (no description available), during conversation with the Security Officer at Metro Airport claimed he had approached the FBI with info that would help RAY and the FBI was not interested. Northern told the Security Officer that, thereafter, he had contacted Arthur Hanes, Jr., in Birmingham, Ala. Hanes, Jr. supposedly advised Northern to wait at the airport until Arthur Hanes, Sr. arrived from New York.

SAC Jensen was advised of the above along with other information received during the evening. This memo submitted for possible indexing and filing.

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Date: 7/22/68

Transmit the following in PLAINTEXT
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via TELETYPE URGENT
(Priority)

TO: NEW YORK CITY
FROM: MEMPHIS (44-1987) (1P)

MURKIN.

NEW YORK IS REQUESTED TO OBTAIN TWO COPIES OF THE APRIL SEVEN, SIXTYEIGHT, ISSUE OF THE "NATIONAL ENQUIRER," PUBLISHED BY THE "NEW YORK EVENING INQUIRY, INC.," SIX FIVE FIVE MADISON AVENUE, NEW YORK CITY, EDITED BY MATT CHRZAN, AND FORWARD TO MEMPHIS. IF FEASIBLE, IDENTIFY JAMES TAGUE WHO WROTE AN ARTICLE APPEARING IN THIS ISSUE OF THE "ENQUIRER." P. END.

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Spec. Del. _____

Reg. Mail Approved: [Signature]

Sent 4:58 P M Per [Signature]

Registered _____

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1987)

FROM : SA JOE C. HESTER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/7/68

JOHN WILLARD who now resides Pontotoc County, Mississippi, was previously considered a suspect in this case, but has now been eliminated.

WILLARD was previously arrested on an arson charge with one HERMAN DANIELS, aka., HERMAN HANEX DANIELS, FBI # 169 335 C. This arson arrest was in 1958.

The Bureau has instructed that HERMAN HANEX DANIELS' whereabouts be determined as of the time Dr. KING was murdered.

HERMAN HANEX DANIELS was last arrested by the Memphis Police Department in 1965 at which time he was residing 3560 Summer Avenue, Memphis. He is described as follows:

Sex	Male
Race	White
DOB	<input type="text"/>
Height	5'9½"
Weight	182
Hair	Medium brown
Eyes	Hazel
Build	Medium.

LEAD:

Will determine DANIELS' whereabouts as of 6:00 p.m., April 4, 1968.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC(44-)

DATE: 4/6/68

FROM : SA MAHLON J. PRICE

SUBJECT: MURDKIN

On the above date Mrs. Bernie Gerlicki 3984 Yale, # 15, phone 323-4004 phoned the office and advised as follows;

JIMMY SANDERS, 3084 Yale, #20 looks like the artist's conception sketch published concerning the killer of Dr. King. Sanders has a Corvette repair shop on Summer Avenue. Sanders is white, male, 30 years old, 6' tall, 150-160 lbs, thin build, dark hair combed back.

Sanders drinks and recently shot a hole in his own apartment, fired out into the yard and almost shot several children, shot a hole in the automobile tire of Mrs. Gerlicki. None of this was ever reported to the Police inasmuch as Sanders made restitution.

On 4/5/68 he several times drove his T-bird up to the apartments pulling a scraped Corvette. His T-bird is baby blue, but the Corvette had all the paint removed.

Mrs. Gerlicki requested that her identity be protected.

For info.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

FROM : SA JACK D. VAHRENWALD

SUBJECT: MURKIN;
CIVILE RIGHTS

DATE: 4/7/68

The Log of the Memphis Police Department from 8:00 AM 4/7/68, to 3:18 PM 4/7/68, was recorded by SA JACK D. VAHRENWALD.

The Log is enclosed in a 1-A envelope.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC(44-)

DATE: 4/7/68

FROM : SA MAHLON J. PRICE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re memo SA M J Price, 4/6/68.

Mrs. William Thomas, 3084 Yale, #17 phoned around 5:45 PM. She referred to the phone call to the FBI from her neighbor, Mrs. Bernie Gerlicki, 3084 Yale, # 15.

Mrs. Thomas pointed out that Mrs. Gerlicki's phone call the previous day concerned her suspicions that Jimmy Sanders, 3084 Yale, # 8 might be the assassin of Dr. King inasmuch as Sanders had done a lot of shooting around the apt house, and inasmuch as he resembles the artist's conception sketch.

Mrs. Thomas stated she was calling this time because she just rode by Jimmy Sanders, Corvette repair shop on Summer Avenue. There was a scratched white Mustang in the street by Sanders' shop on the street that intersects Summer Avenue on the South side. She stated she wished to furnish this information inasmuch as it might be helpful.

For information.

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*Mustang lead
RJ*
Bauer handles lead on Sanders

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

DATE: 4/7/68

FROM : SA JACK D. VAHRENWALD

SUBJECT: MURKIN;
CIVIL RIGHTS

On 4 /7/68, Inspector N. E. ZACHARY, Homicide Division, Memphis Police Department, advised that he received information that a RICHARD DELMAR RAMSEY had been missing from his home in Anderson, Indiana, since 4/2/68. ANDERSON is described as being 5' 10" tall, and having sandy hair. His DOB is [redacted] ZACHARY has information that RAMSEY is a member of the Ku Klux Klan.

ZACHARY could give no positive indication of the worth of the above information.

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*Vahrenwald -
Send teletype to IP
advising of above and ask
them eliminate Ramsey*

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

DATE: 4/7/68

FROM : SA THOMAS G. RONAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN.
CR

The following persons have been identified as coming to Memphis for the "March", Monday:

- 1) Nelson Rockefeller, Gov. of New York
- 2) John Lindsay, Mayor of New York City
- 3) Robert Kennedy, New York Senator
- 4) Richard Nixon, Presidential Candidate
- 5) Hubert Humphries, Vice-President
- 6) Percy Sutton, Manhattan Borough Pres. (NYC)
- 7) Carl Stokes, MAYOR - CLEVELAND, OHIO.
- 8) Eugene Hickerson, III, Long Island Politician

This information was furnished the Memphis FD by TOM WATSON, News Representative, WLSX. His source was JOHN NELSON, Long Island Network, Hempstead, Long Island, New York. (telephone 516-868-0414)

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111 th Dist, Secret Service
& rumor not verified.
Smond 4/7/68
9:45 AM.*

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*Mr. Bob Owens, CR Div.
Dept. Justice notified of info.
from Secret Service 10:55 AM, 4/7/68.
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Memorandum

TO : SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

DATE: 4/8/68

FROM : ASAC C. O. HALTER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

SA TODD of the Washington Field Office called at 1:22 PM, 4/8/68, at which time he furnished the following information:

He has placed a package from the Laboratory on American Airlines Flight 137 which left Friendship Airport at 2:15 PM, EST, 4/8/68. This flight is due to arrive Memphis at 3:56 PM, CST, 4/8/68.

The package was given to Captain G. D. KONCZ. He will leave the ship at Nashville, however, Capt. KONCZ will give the package to his replacement.

An Agent should meet Flight 137 for the purpose of obtaining the package from the Laboratory.

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SERIAL 56 TRANSFERRED TO FILE 44-1985
AS SERIAL 5 (SAC memo to FILE 4-8-68)

Employee

RECHARGE **Date** _____

To _____ **From** _____

Date charged

Employee

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

DATE: 4/8/68

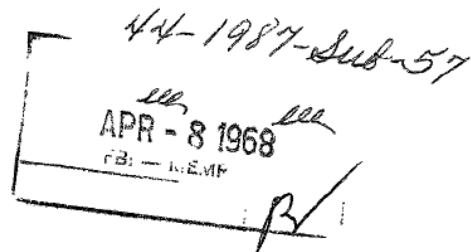
FROM : SA JACK D. VAHRENWALD

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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Log of Memphis PD radio on 4/8/68, from
9:20 a.m. to 4:25 p.m., received by SA VAHRENWALD, enclosed
in 1A envelope.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : FILE (44-1987)

DATE: 4/8/68

FROM : SAC ROBERT G. JENSEN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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On this date, I spoke with an individual who identified himself as NICHOLAS CRISS from the Los Angeles Times. He made inquiry as to whether or not I was in a position to give him any information in connection with the KING murder. I told him I could make no statement beyond the fact that we had entered the investigation at the specific request of the Attorney General. He asked for my name and the correct spelling. He also asked how long I had been with the FBI. I told him over 20 years. He then commented that in all his travels he had never found anyone with the FBI under ten years service. He then later qualified that by saying perhaps that was the reason I was the Agent in Charge, based on experience. I made no comment concerning that.

He said he would like to present a rather hypothetical set of facts based on comments that there were fingerprints found in connection with this case. He said it should be a relatively simple matter for the FBI to make an identification since they have prints for nearly all people in the United States. I told him there were other factors involved in connection with making identification and as a result it was not always as simple as it appeared. He indicated he would be in town in connection with the murder of KING and would be in touch with this office again.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1987)

DATE: 4/8/68

FROM : SA JOSEPH M. BREWI, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
(OO: MEMPHIS)

On 4/8/68 ORLANDO TAYLOR, 1386 Chadwick, telephone 275-3742, telephonically contacted the Memphis Office. (He requested that his identity be protected).

He then advised that he has an aunt, CARRIE ALLEN, who works in a beauty shop owned by a BILL COX located at Four-Ways (Summer Avenue and Highway 64). He added that CARRIE told him that she overheard a conversation between JEWEL COX, a brother of BILL COX, and JEWEL's girlfriend, name unknown, at the beauty shop, prior to the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING. During this conversation JEWEL told the girlfriend that KING should be riddled with bullets. He also said that if he did, he would just walk up to KING and shoot and then say KING resisted arrest. JEWEL is a policeman in Somerville, Tenn., but lives in Whiteville, Tenn. MR.

ORLANDO TAYLOR further advised that the girlfriend to whom JEWEL was talking lives in West Memphis, Ark., and has a 1965 or 1966 white Mustang which JEWEL uses sometimes.

TAYLOR added that CARRIE ALLEN may not talk to the FBI as she is very afraid, but when she was telling him about the above mentioned conversation she stated that the sketch of the unknown subject in this case appearing in the newspapers resembled JEWEL COX except his nose is not as long as that in the sketch and COX has more hair than shown in the sketch.

He further advised that CARRIE lives on the road, name unknown, before getting to Mt. Pisgah Road, from Memphis. She lives near the Mt. Pisgah School. He added that she has a telephone and believes it is listed in her name.

LEAD: Locate and interview CARRIE ALLEN, noting ORLANDO TAYLOR's name must be protected.



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Memorandum

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM : SA JOE C. HESTER

SUBJECT: MURKIN;
CIVIL RIGHTS

DATE: 4/8/68

A conference was held on the morning of 4/8/68, with the Agents working this special. The following assignments were made:

SA GARY RAMSEY will further identify and set out any additional leads necessary to eliminate a suspect ROSCOE SMITH, whose name was given us by Inspector ZACHARY of the Memphis Police Department.

SA JOHN BAUER will conduct a neighborhood investigation, when it is safe to do so, of the parking lots in the neighborhood of York on Arms, S. Main Street, in an effort to determine if anyone observed the subject park his car while purchasing the binoculars.

SA ROBERT BOYLE will contact Criminal Investigator RITSKY at the Naval Air Station, Millington, to obtain a list of white Mustangs having out of state licenses.

SAs ROBERT FITZPATRICK and JOSEPH HUGH KEARNEY will review the files on active KKK members and will furnish these to the Bureau for fingerprint elimination.

SA BURL JOHNSON will continue checking automobile rental agencies in an effort to locate instant white Mustang.

SA O. V. JOHNSON has taken the remainder of the Agents and is systematically checking motels for pertinent names in this case for white Mustangs and for stolen bedspreads.

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(10) *JCH*



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Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1987) (P)

DATE: 4/8/68

FROM : IC ROBERT M. CALK

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 4/8/68 at 10:06 a.m. an anonymous male telephonically contacted the Nashville RA and suggested that we consider ROBERT GENTRY as a suspect in captioned case. The caller, who refused to identify himself, advised GENTRY is an expert rifleman and his mother, Mrs. HOWARD COLEMAN, with whom he resides, Meadowlawn Homes, Smyrna, Tenn., has advised that she has not seen her son in three or four days and is quite concerned about him. According to the caller, GENTRY is a white male in his early 30's, approximately 6' tall, with brown hair, and fits the general description of the Unsub set forth in newspaper articles.

The caller advised GENTRY is unemployed and would kill anyone for a thousand dollars.

The caller further advised GENTRY has been arrested by the FBI regarding the bombing of a church and is a member of the KKK.

According to SA FRANCIS W. NORWOOD, he and SA HENDERSON HILLIN JR. arrested ROBERT GENTRY, and a 157 case re GENTRY contains a photo of GENTRY in Memphis.

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If not previously done, it is suggested a photo of ROBERT GENTRY be exhibited to the appropriate persons to determine whether he is the subject.

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search indices + show photo of Gentry to logical witnesses

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4-16 S.A. Fitzpatrick requested Ben compare Gentry's prints to H not prints this case. His FBI # 807-162E

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

DATE: 4/7/68

FROM : SA BURL F. JOHNSON

SUBJECT: UNSUB
CR.

GLENN LAUTZENHISER, National Car Rental, Metropolitan Airport, Memphis, Tennessee, advised on 4/6/68, that this agency does have Mustangs in their fleet, and that some of them are white. He stated that the office where the records are located will not be opened until Monday, 4/8/68. LAUTZENHISER caused the records available to him to be checked and he located no rentals in the name LOWMEYER, LEHMEYER or WILLIARD. He did locate a record indicating that a 1968 Oldsmobile was rented to one FREDERICK MEYER, 3300 Pure Oak Circle, Corabel, Georgia on 4/4/68 and the automobile was still out. This ~~person~~ person represents Clairol Incorporated. His Georgia Driver's license number is [REDACTED].

The National Car Rental will be checked on 4/9/68 concerning rental of compact automobiles.

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No leads

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

DATE: 4/7/68

FROM : SA BURL F. JOHNSON

SUBJECT: UNSUB;
CR

On 4/6 /68 LINDA SMITH, Thrifty Rent A Car, Memphis Metropolitan Airport, Memphis, Tennessee, advised that this agency does not have Mustang automobiles in its fleet of cars.

SMITH caused a search of the records of this agency and did not find any rentals to individuals with the names LOWMEYER, LEHMEYER or WILLIARD, or names similar to these.

This agency will be checked on 4/9/68, when their office is open, to determine whether other make of compact cars are owned and rented by this agency. If compacts are handled by Thrifty Rent A. Car, the records will be checked for any information pertinent to this investigation.

No leads

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

DATE: 4/7/68

FROM : SA BURL F. JOHNSON

SUBJECT: UNSUB
OR

On 4/6/68 R. W. THOMPSON, Hertz Renta A. Car, Metropolitan Airport, Memphis, Tennessee, advised that no white Mustang Automobiles are included in the fleet operated by this agency at Memphis. A search of files of this company revealed no names similar to LOWMEYER, LEHMEYER or WILLIARD for the period including 3/28/68 - 4/5/68.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

DATE: 4/7/68

FROM : SA BURL F. JOHNSON

SUBJECT: UNSUB
CR

PAT. CHATWIN, Avis Rent A Car, Metropolitan Airport, Memphis, Tennessee, advised on 4/6/68 that this agency does have some white Mustang automobiles in its fleet. She stated that the office of this organization will be open on Monday 4/9/68 and that information concerning Mustangs can then be checked.

On 4/6/68 JEAN MITCHELL, Manager, Avis Rent A Car, advised that one of their white Mustangs was rented to one HAROLD R. WHITE, 300 West Adams Street, Chicago, Illinois, on 4/1/68 at 8:47 a.m. and was returned on 4/4/68 at 3:25 p.m. WHITE represents Hoyer, Schlesinger and Turner, 300 West Adams Chicago, and resides at 1122 Banbury, New Lenox, Illinois. His Illinois driver's license number is [REDACTED].

In addition to the above, Mrs. MITCHELL stated that an individual named ~~H. KLOSTERMEYER, who represents the Holly Carburetor Company, 11955 E. Nile Road, Warren, M-~~ individual named HERMAN S. KOHLMEYER, 1931 State Street, New Orleans Louisiana, rented a Chevrolet automobile from Avis on 3/25/68 at 12:55 a.m. and returned it on 3/26/68 at 2:50 p.m. at Memphis. KOHLMEYER used American Express Credit Card [REDACTED].

The above name is the only name located in Avis files similar to the names LOWMEYER or LEBLEYER. No name resembling WILLIAMS was located.

It is noted that the check only included the dated 3/37/68 through 4/5/68.

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