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44-19871A

File No. 44-1987-1A-1Date Received 4/6/68From Wm F Tatroe, Jr.  
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)USMC  
(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)Millington Tenn.  
(CITY AND STATE)By C F Busch  
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)To Be Returned ☐ Yes☒ NoReceipt given ☐ Yes☒ No

Description:

Signed statement  
of Tatroe.

Millington, Tenn.  
Apr. 6, 1968.

I William Frederick Tatro, Jr., make the following voluntary statement to Cyril F. Busch and Franklin L. Johnson who have identified themselves as Special Agents of the FBI.

I was born [redacted] at Lansing, Mich., am married, am presently a PFC in the USMC at Millington, Tenn., and live at 7126 Millington-Arlington Rd, Millington, Tenn.

I have a cousin named Gary McMillon, age 19, who lives on Brady or Bradley St., Hazel, Michigan, with his wife "Candy" and small baby and claims to be employed as a private detective. I was arrested with him once about six years ago at Lansing, Mich., in a stolen car. He has told me that he had psychiatric treatment in the Marine Corps, that the doctor put needles all over his head. He has also told me several years ago that an uncle had bought him a

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30.06 rifle. He has also told me that while he was in the USMC he and seven other people had flown a stolen jet airplane.

His parents are Betty and Arthur (or Wendell) McMillon, Lansing, Mich, and his father works at "The Motor Wheel," a factory.

I last saw him two to three weeks ago when Gary came to Millington alone driving a 1964 medium blue Plymouth. He said he was on his way to Florida on a case as a private detective and he stayed at my home for about a week. He had a briefcase with a .45 automatic pistol. He said that he would like to be a ~~to get into the~~ "professional assassin, ~~assassination~~ business," that he heard there was good money in it. He mentioned no names and nothing specific.

One day while driving to Memphis with Gary and a Marine named Tom

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Clark (who has since been transferred) in Gary's 1964 Plymouth, Reverend Martin Luther King was mentioned on the radio and Gary said, "I'd like to shoot that son-of-a-bitch." He then went on talking about a drag race or something.

After Gary left Millington on a Friday (probably March 15<sup>th</sup>) he telephoned me at the residence of my duplex neighbor Bruce Sweeney, 7128 Millington-Arlington Rd., telephone # 872-3281. (Sweeney was transferred to El Toro, Cal. and left 3/22/68). This call came at about 5:15 PM about Wednesday 3/20/68. Gary asked me if I wanted to come to Florida for a couple of hours. He said he had a "job" lined up for about \$20,000. I did not ask what the job was. I asked him to hold on while I checked with my wife. I went around to my apartment and asked my wife if I could fly to Florida with Gary for a

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couple of hours & she said "OK" if I would be back by 6:15 AM the next morning. I went back to the phone and told Gary I would go. He said he was flying a single-engine plane and would meet me at the airport in Memphis at about midnite.

After he hung up I talked it over with my wife, told her about the \$20,000 job and that I did not know what the job was. I decided not to go and went to bed.

At about 10:00 PM the same night Gary called back at the same number, said his plane had gone down at Atlanta, Ga. and he would be a little late. I did not let him finish. I told him my wife (who had a baby on 4/6/68) was having labor pains and I could not go. I told him to call back Friday (knowing that Sweeney was leaving and the phone would be disconnected by then.

I told several people about

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the call and the \$20,000 job.  
While Gary was here ~~by offered~~ <sup>W.F.T.</sup> ~~I asked~~  
~~him~~ to lend me \$100.00 and he wrote  
me a \$100.00 check drawn on some  
bank in Hazellet, Michigan. I kept  
this check until about Wed. 4/3/68 and  
then gave it to my attorney, Mr. (FNU)  
Martin, Millington, Tenn.

On the morning after Reverend  
Martin Luther King was shot in Memphis,  
at the morning formation at about  
6:15 AM Friday, I told several  
people, "I wouldn't put it past my  
cousin. He might have shot him.  
He's got a 30.06." I also told these  
fellows that the white Mustang (reportedly  
used by the killer) does not fit in  
because Gary has a 1964 Plymouth.

I did not believe that it was  
possible that Gary shot him because  
I was recalling Gary's talk about  
wanting to be a professional assassin;  
I believed that Gary once owned a <sup>W.F.T.</sup>  
30.06 rifle; and Gary generally fits <sup>W.F.T.</sup>

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the description of the killer in  
that he is a young white male  
with dark hair. I heard that  
description of the killer over the radio.

I have read this six page statement  
and it is true.

William Frederick Starnes Jr.

Witness:

Cyril F. Busch, Spec. Agt., FBI, Memphis 4/6/68

Franklin Johnson, S.A., FBI, Memphis 4/6/68

File No. 44-1987Date Received 4-6-68From Michael Steven Sloan  
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)NAS  
(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)Millington  
(CITY AND STATE)By Leaver & Busch  
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)To Be Returned ☐ Yes  
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☐ No

## Description:

Signed statement  
of Sloan dated  
4-6-68

MSS Millington  
~~Memphis~~, Tenn

April 6, 1968

I, Michael Steven Sloan, PFC,  
U.S. Marine Corps, Serial # 2398770, make  
the following voluntary statement to Cyril  
F. Busch and Ralph J. Luever who  
have identified themselves as Special  
Agents of the FBI.

I was born [ ] at Kokomo,  
Ind., am married, live at Barracks  
South 18, Marine Air Detachment,  
Millington, Tenn., and am a student  
in the AD School here.

I have known PFC W. F.  
Tatroe, Jr., as a fellow student at  
this school since about Feb. 27, 1968,  
and I consider him a friend.

On a Tuesday morning, about  
Mar. 18, 1968, at about 6:30 AM, just  
before formation, I had a conversation  
with Tatroe. We were standing  
around waiting for formation outside  
my barracks. He said he wanted  
to tell us something. He then said  
that last night (Monday night) he  
had gotten a call from a distant

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cousin. (He did not mention the cousin's name nor had he ever mentioned a cousin before). He said the cousin was asking him "if he had a good shot" and was telling him that he had a job for a man like this and that the job was worth \$20,000.00. He said the cousin told him (Tatro) that if he (Tatro) wanted to come along the cousin would pick him up at 10:00 that night (Monday). Tatro said he asked when he would be back, and the cousin said he would be back in time to go to school in the morning (Tuesday at 6:45 AM). Tatro said he was supposed to meet the cousin at 10:00 PM Monday but at about 10:00 PM he received a telephone call from the cousin saying that his plane had developed engine trouble in Mississippi and he couldn't meet Tatro. The cousin tried to get

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Talbot to meet him at 6:00 AM that Tuesday morning but Talbot said he told the cousin he could not do it because he had to be on the Marine base at 6:00 AM.

During that same conversation I had with Talbot that Tuesday morning he said that his cousin had mentioned to him "the professional assassination business." The cousin had <sup>once</sup> said that he was interested in going into this business, pointing out that an assassin could kill Castro in Cuba and if he got back to the States nothing would be done to him. The cousin also said that an assassin could shoot someone in the United States, flee to a foreign country and not be harmed, and that a person could be well paid for this.

During the same conversation we talked about Talbot's wife having a baby due in the next few days. The whole conversation took less

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than 15 minutes. Nothing more was said about this matter.

On or about Wednesday, April 3, 1968 at about 4:45 PM (a day or two before Rev Martin Luther King came to Memphis) PFC Tatrox showed me a \$100.00 handwritten check made payable to himself. This was before payday and I asked when he had gotten it. Without mentioning the cousin I asked if he had gotten it from the cousin and Tatrox <sup>MSS</sup> ~~nodded his head in the affirmative.~~ ~~that it had come from him.~~ <sup>MSS</sup> In a joking manner, I said "I guess he's going to pay you the \$20,000.00 anyway." In a joking manner Tatrox said "Yeah, I guess so." I don't know where this check came from.

On Friday morning just before the 7:00 AM formation, I said to Tatrox, "It looks like your cousin got to King." (This was the first time Rev. King was mentioned between us). Tatrox laughed and said

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something like, "Yeah, I guess so."

About that time a white Mustang was driven by us. Tator motioned to the car and said,

"My cousin has a white Mustang just like that." (Both of us had heard that the man who killed King was driving a white Mustang, according to newspaper reports). He then said that his cousin is an ex-Marine and has a "30.06."

He had a surprised look on his face at the time, as if he was wondering at the coincidence between his cousin and the person who shot Rev. King.

We were all talking about the shooting of Rev. King and Tator then said that his cousin had once said "if he ever saw that black bastard he would shoot him".

I recall seeing Tator leave our school building at the Base at about 5:00 PM as usual in his 1965 or 1966

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dark green Chevrolet Malibu. He lives near  
the Base with his wife. He arrived  
Friday morning as usual at about 6:00 AM.

I tried to contact Satow at his  
home but I don't believe that he has a telephone.  
I don't see how his cousin could have contacted him,  
Satow, at his home if he has no phone.

I have read this 6 page statement and  
to the best of my knowledge all of the above said  
is true.

Michael Steven Sloan

Witness: 0

Cyril F. Burch, Special Agent, FBI, Memphis, 4/6/68.

Ralph J. Fiewer Special Agent FBI Memphis 4/6/68

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Date Received 4-5-68

From SA DON GREEN, of the Jackson  
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(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

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Seven (7) negatives and 17 photos of  
JOHN WILLARD, Pontotoc, Miss.  
Photos taken 4-5-68.

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NAME JOHN WILLARD

PONTIAC, MISS

DATE

FBI NO.

PHOTO TAKEN 4-5-68

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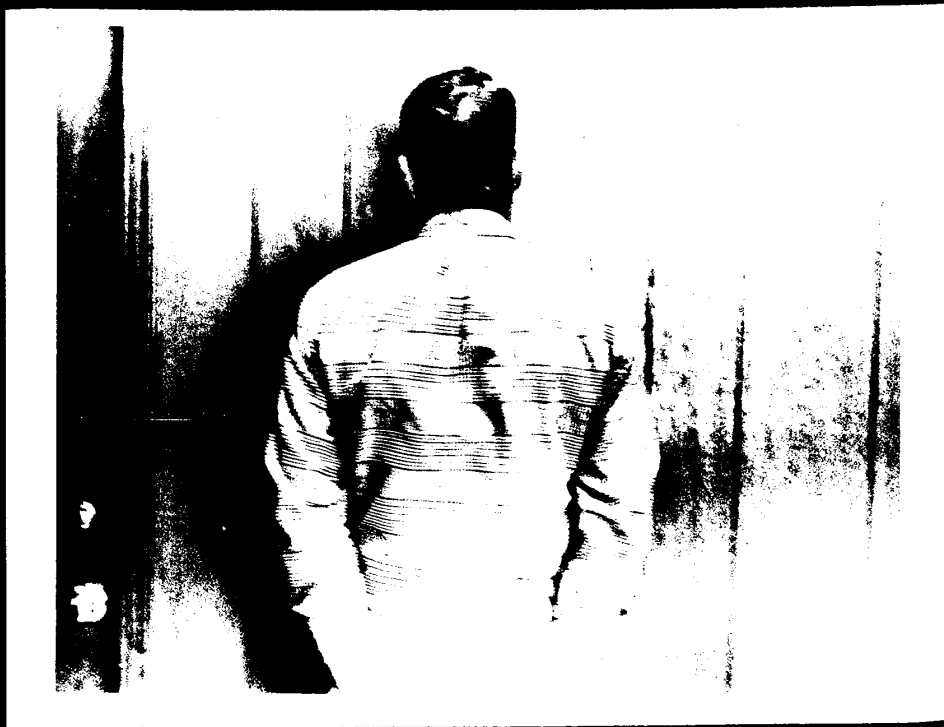
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