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FROM COLUMBIA, S.C., NAME NOT RECALLED, MENTIONED AS POSSIBLY HAVING STOLEN RIFLE. UNSUB MARINE FRIENDLY WITH ONE DAVE PARRISH WHO PISKORSKI RECALLED AS HAVING RESIDENCE IN EITHER GA. OR ALA. AND THEY OFTEN WENT ON WEEKEND LEAVES TOGETHER. SHORTLY BEFORE PISKORSKI'S RELEASE FROM ACTIVE DUTY AND WHILE TALKING WITH PARRISH, PARRISH TOLD PISKORSKI HE WAS CONCERNED RE UNSUB MARINE SINCE IN CONVERSATION WITH PARRISH, HE HAD MENTIONED HE WAS GOING TO KILL MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. PISKORSKI ADVISED IN BULL SESSIONS DURING THEIR SIX MONTHS TRAINING, UNSUB MARINE STATED HE HAD ONCE SHOT A NEGRO AND HAD ONCE RUN OVER A NEGRO WITH HIS AUTO. PISKORSKI DESCRIBED THIS INDIVIDUAL AS HAVING DEEP-SEATED PREJUDICE AGAINST NEGRO PEOPLE.

ON INSTANT DATE, DAVID CAVANAUGH PARRISH, NINE SEVEN ONE THREE RED LANE DRIVE, BIRMINGHAM, ADVISED HE WAS ON ACTIVE DUTY WITH MARINE CORPS, CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C., DURING DECEMBER, SIXTYSIX. HIS FRIEND'S NAME IS HUGH CRADDOCK, JR. (PHONETIC), WHOSE RESIDENCE IS CHARLESTON, S.C., ADDRESS UNKNOWN, BUT CAN BE LOCATED THROUGH TELEPHONE DIRECTORY. PARRISH ADVISED CRADDOCK ADMITTED TO HIM HE STOLE M-FOURTEEN RIFLE WHILE AT CAMP LEJEUNE. CRADDOCK ALSO EXPRESSED HIS HATE FOR NEGROES AND MADE STATEMENTS ABOUT KILLING MARTIN LUTHER KING.

HE DESCRIBED CRADDOCK AS WHITE MALE, ABOUT SIX FEET, LIGHT BROWN
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HAIR, ONE HUNDRED SIXTY POUNDS, TWENTYFIVE YEARS OLD, SLENDER
BUILD.

COLUMBIA AT CHARLESTON, LOCATE AND INTERVIEW HUGH CRADDOCK, JR.
RE THEFT M-FOURTEEN RIFLE FROM CAMP LEJEUNE AND PROCESS HIM AS
SUSPECT IN THIS MATTER.

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FBI MEMPHIS
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FBI ATLANTA
11:15 A

URGENT 4/12/68 HJM

TO MEMPHIS
FROM ATLANTA 44-2386

MURKIN.

RE SAN FRANCISCO TEL TO BUREAU APRIL EIGHT SIXTYEIGHT
AND ATLANTA TEL TO MEMPHIS APRIL NINE SIXTY EIGHT.

CONTACT APRIL TEN SIXTY EIGHT WITH WADE MOTOR CO.,
ATLANTA, REVEALED SIXTEEN NEW WHITE MUSTANGS SOLD DURING
PERIOD SEPT. SEVEN SIXTYSEVEN THROUGH APRIL TEN SIXTYEIGHT.
NONE OF THE PURCHASERS NAMES INDICATED FIRST NAME OF TIM.

IN VIEW OF VIN FOR SIXTYSIX MUSTANG FOR GALT REVEALED
IN BIRMINGHAM TEL TO BUREAU ONE THRITYSEVEN PM APRIL TEN
SIXTYEIGHT, ATLANTA WILL NOT CONDUCT FURTHER INQUIRY OF
PURCHASERS OF ABOVE SIXTEEN MUSTANGS UNLESS REQUESTED BY
MEMPHIS.

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FBI LOUISVLE

11:55AM 4-12-68 URGENT BAW

TO DIRECTOR

MEMPHIS

CLEVELAND

FROM LOUISVILLE (44-947) 2PGS

MURKIN.

RE DETROIT TELETYPE TO BUREAU DATED FOUR ELEVEN LAST,
RE SUSPECT HAROLD WILLARD WILSON.

FOR INFORMATION OF CLEVELAND, DETROIT ADVISED POSSIBLE
SUSPECT IN CAPTIONED CASE IS HAROLD WILLARD WILSON, FORMER
RESIDENT LOYALL, KENTUCKY. WILSON DESCRIBED AS SIX FEET ONE,
ONE EIGHTY LBS., COPPER COLORED HAIR, BLUE EYES, AGE TWENTYEIGHT,
HAVING SERVED THREE YEARS IN PRISON FOR AUTO THEFT. DETROIT
INFORMANT ARLINE BLAISDELL, SAGINAW, MICHIGAN, STATES SHE SAW
NAME JOHN WILSON IN SAGINAW NEWS AS POSSIBLE SUSPECT AND FELT
THAT IT MIGHT BE AN ALIAS USED BY SUSPECT WILSON, WHOSE DECEASED
FATHER WAS JOHN WILLARD WILSON. BLAISDELL STATES WILSON HAD
IN THE PAST MADE THREATS TO SHOOT NEGROES IN SAGINAW, MICHIGAN,
AREA UPON VISIT TO BLAISDELL, GIRLFRIEND OF WILSON.

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INVESTIGATION LOYALL, KENTUCKY, REVEALS WILSON PRESENTLY RESIDING MANSFIELD, OHIO, MARRIED, ONE CHILD AND EMPLOYED IN GARAGE THERE.

NINETEEN FIFTYSEVEN PHOTO OF WILSON, FBI NO. [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

[REDACTED],
ON FILE LOUISVILLE BASED ON DYER ACT ARREST AND CONVICTION.

CLEVELAND ENDEAVOR TO LOCATE WILSON, MANSFIELD, RESOLVING POSSIBILITY IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT THIS CASE. IF UNSUCCESSFUL IN RESOLVING, REQUEST BUREAU COMPARE FINGERPRINTS OF WILSON ON FILE IDENTIFICATION DIVISION WITH ANY LATENTS THIS CASE AND FORWARD MORE RECENT PHOTO IF AVAILABLE TO MEMPHIS FOR DISPLAY.

DETROIT FURNISHED AMSD COPY OF INSTANT COMMUNICATION.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FBI DALLAS

1-XX12-22PM URGENT 4-12-68 SCW

TO DIRECTOR, DETROIT(44-989) AND MEMPHIS(44-1987)
FROM DALLAS (44-2649)(1P)(P)

MURKIN. OO-MEMPHIS

RE DETROIT TELETYPE TO BUREAU, DALLAS AND MEMPHIS, SIX FIFTY
P.M., APRIL ELEVEN, LAST.

JIM MORRIS, DELTA AIRLINES, DALLAS LOVE FIELD, ADVISED ANN
BATEMAN, STEWARDESS TO BE INTERVIEWED RE INFORMATION IN RETEL,
LEFT DALLAS THIS AM. BATEMAN WILL BE SHERATON-CADILLAC HOTEL,
DETROIT, NIGHT OF APRIL THIRTEEN, LAST. DETROIT HANDLE.

JULIE CRENSHAW, STEWARDESS, DALLAS, INTERVIEWED THIS DATE
AND COULD FURNISH NO INFO REGARDING UNKNOWN MILITARY
PERSONNEL AND COMPOSITE DESCRIPTION OF UNKNOWN SUBJECT..P.

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FBI NEWARK

1230PM URGENT 4-12-68 ELF
TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND JACKSON
FROM NEWARK (44-854) (P)

*One of
Senior officers in MHP*

MURKIN.

SUSPECT REX ARMSTEAD:

MR. CLAUDE BROWN, CAPE MAY, NJ, TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED TODAY THAT HE IS FORMER SALES MGR. FOR US OVERSEAS AIRLINES WHICH WAS FORMERLY BASED AT CAPE MAY BEFORE CEASING OPERATIONS ABOUT THREE YEARS AGO. HE STATED THE COMPANY HAD A SECURITY OFFICER BY THE NAME OF REX ARMSTEAD WHO WAS FROM MISS. AND WAS A VIOLENT RACIST. SUSPECT HAD BEEN A DEPUTY SHERIFF IN MISS. BEFORE JOINING COMPANY AND LEFT THE COMPANY SEVERAL YEARS AGO. HE ADVISED HE LAST HEARD OF SUSPECT WHEN JAMES MEREDITH WAS ENTERING UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI AND SUSPECT WAS ONE OF THE DEPUTY SHERIFFS AT THE SCHOOL. BROWN STATES HE SAW COMPOSITE DRAWING OF REV. KING'S MURDERER IN THE NEWSPAPER AND BELIEVED THAT ARMSTEAD BORE A STRONG RESEMBLANCE TO THE INDIVIDUAL. HE DESCRIBED ARMSTEAD

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AS WHITE MALE, IN HIS THIRTIES, FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES,
ONE SIXTY-ONE SIXTY FIVE, SLENDER BUILD, DARK HAIR,
FLASHY DRESSER. HE DOES NOT KNOW WHERE SUSPECT'S HOME IS
BUT THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE IN TUPELO, MISS. BROWN STATED THE
ONLY REASON THAT HE CONSIDERED ARMSTEAD A SUSPECT WAS
BECAUSE OF HIS RESEMBLANCE TO THE COMPOSITE DRAWING AND
OF HIS VIOLENT RACIST ATTITUDE IN THE PAST. HE HAS NO
CURRENT INFORMATION CONCERNING ARMSTEAD AND HAS NO KNOWLEDGE
OF ANY ACTIVITIES ON THE PART OF ARMSTEAD OR INDICATION
THAT HE IS INVOLVED IN THIS MATTER.

JACKSON ATTEMPT IDENTIFY ARMSTEAD AND ESTABLISH HIS
WHEREABOUTS DURING PERTINENT PERIODS.

MAIL COPY TO BIRMINGHAM.

UNSUB ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FBI MEMPHIS

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Date: 4/12/68

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

Via Airtel _____
(Priority)

TO: Director, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, Jackson (157-9586)
MURKIN

44-1987-Sub E-212

Re Newark teletype to Director, 4/12/68.

On 4/12/68 Mr. REX P. ARMISTEAD (NA), Chief Investigator, Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol, Jackson, Miss., was interviewed by SA'S JAMES A. ABBOTT and L. DEAN PAARMANN. ARMISTEAD, who is completely cooperative with the Jackson Office, advised that he is the same person who was formerly the Security Officer for U. S. Overseas Airlines, formerly based at Cape May, New Jersey. ARMISTEAD, who is now almost bald, now bears little resemblance to the individual described in the composite drawing of Reverend KING's murderer. ARMISTEAD further advised that at the time of Reverend KING's murder, he was in a conference with other law enforcement officers regarding armed robbery matters at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and did not return to Jackson, Miss., until the evening of April 5, 1968.

In view of ARMISTEAD's current law enforcement position and whereabouts at the time of Reverend KING's murder, no further investigation regarding this suspect being conducted.

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- ① - Memphis (info)
- 1 - Newark (44-854)
- 1 - Jackson (157-9586)

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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR (MAIL) (44-38861) AND NEW ORLEANS

FROM: JACKSON (157-9586)

MURKIN

Sub E-212A

REX P. ARMISTEAD (NA), CHIEF INVESTIGATOR, MISS.

HIGHWAY SAFETY PATROL, JACKSON, ADVISED TODAY THAT AFTER VIEWING PHOTOGRAPHS OF JAMES EARL RAY THESE PHOTOGRAPHS CLOSELY RESEMBLE AN INDIVIDUAL HE OBSERVED IN WANDA'S SEVEN SEAS RESTAURANT, NEW ORLEANS, IN DECEMBER, SIXTY SEVEN. ARMISTEAD RECALLED THAT ON THAT PARTICULAR DAY, SEVERAL ARRESTS WERE MADE BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES AT SEVEN SEAS AS A RESULT OF AN INCIDENT INVOLVING A DOG BROUGHT IN BY ONE OF THE CUSTOMERS. A MINOR BRAWL RESULTED AND SEVEN OR EIGHT CUSTOMERS WERE ARRESTED. ARMISTEAD COULD NOT RECALL WHETHER THE INDIVIDUAL RESEMBLING RAY WAS ONE OF THOSE ARRESTED.

NEW ORLEANS EXHIBIT AVAILABLE PHOTOS OF RAY AT SEVEN SEAS RESTAURANT AND CONDUCT INQUIRY AT PD TO IDENTIFY

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THOSE ARRESTED. AIRMAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS.

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114 PM URGENT 4-12-68 WJZ

TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS AND MIAMI
FROM NEW YORK (44-1609) 1P

MURKIN.

RE MEMPHIS TELETYPE, FOUR SEVEN SIXTY EIGHT.

WILLIAM SICHOL (PROTECT IDENTITY), ATTORNEY,
LAFAYETTE AVENUE, SUFFERN, NEW YORK, ADVISED HE OBSERVED
COMPOSITE SKETCH OF UNKNOWN SUBJECT IN NEW YORK "DAILY NEWS"
ON FOUR ELEVEN SIXTY EIGHT, AND STATED HE REPRESENTS CLIENT
WHO HAS GREAT LIKENESS TO SKETCH. CLIENT IS THOMAS D. ROOD, JR.
AGE THIRTY TWO, PRESENT ADDRESS POST OFFICE BOX ONE NINE ONE
THREE, VERO BEACH, FLORIDA. SICHOL SAID ROOD FORMER PATIENT
AT MONTROSE, NEW YORK, VETERANS HOSPITAL. ROOD DESCRIBED AS
WHITE MALE, ONE HUNDRED SIXTY FIVE POUNDS, FIVE FEET TEN INCHES
BROWN HAIR, BLUE EYES.

MIAMI CONDUCT INVESTIGATION TO ELIMINATE OR
IDENTIFY ROOD AS UNKNOWN SUBJECT.

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TO: DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS

FROM: MIAMI (44-1854)

MURKIN.

RE NEW YORK TEL TO BUREAU APRIL TWELVE LAST.

THOMAS ROOD, WHITE MALE, BORN [REDACTED]

COLCHESTER, VERMONT, FORMER ASN US [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] INTERVIEWED AND ADVISED HE WAS IN VERO BEACH, FLORIDA, DURING PERTINENT PERIODS. TWO WITNESSES CORROBORATE STORY. NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION RE ROOD BEING CONDUCTED.

INFO COPY SENT NEW YORK AIRMAIL.

WASHINGTON ADVISED SEPARATELY.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM CHARLOTTE (44-1365) (P) 2P

MURKIN.

RE WFO TELETYPE APRIL SIX LAST.

ON APRIL SIX AND SEVEN LAST, UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPTS MADE
TO LOCATE ANYONE AT RESIDENCE TWO ZERO TWO TWENTYSEVENTH
ST., SW, HICKORY, N.C.

ON APRIL EIGHT LAST, MRS. JEAN CHRISTENBURG AT THAT
ADDRESS ADVISED SHE IS MOTHER OF RONNIE WHO LEFT HOME APRIL
TWO LAST, LEAVING NO INFORMATION CONCERNING DESTINATION.
IN PAST RONNIE HAS ASSOCIATED WITH JOHN POWELL WHO LIVES IN
BURKE CO., N.C. ON APRIL TWO LAST POWELL JUMPED FROM COURT
HOUSE IN MORGANTON, N.C., WHERE HE WAS TO BE TRIED FOR
DRUNK DRIVING AND HIT AND RUN.

Lead. Charlotte

ON APRIL NINE LAST DEPUTY SHERIFF GERALD POTEAT, SO,
MORGANTON, N.C., ADVISED POWELL JUMPED AND RAN FROM COURT

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HOUSE ON APRIL TWO LAST AND WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN. POWELL DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, SIX FEET, ONE FOUR FIVE LBS., DARK SKIN AND HAIR, ONE SLIGHTLY COCKED EYE, BORN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HE ESCAPED IN NINETEEN FIFTYNINE FORD, GREEN AND IVORY, TAG UNKNOWN. POTEAT HAS NEVER KNOWN POWELL TO ENGAGE IN VIOLENT CRIMES BUT TROUBLEMAKER WITH A CAR AND HAS SERVED SENTENCE FOR B AND L.

TODAY, AVERY C. ERVIN, STATE PROBATION OFFICER, ADVISED POWELL BELIEVED TO HAVE GONE TO VA., WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN.

CHARLOTTE MAINTAINING CONTACT WITH LOCAL OFFICERS FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING WHEREABOUTS OF CHRISTENBURG AND SLASH OR POWELL.

WFO ADVISED BY AIRMAIL.

END.

MEN

FBI MEMPHIS

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC MEMPHIS

DATE: 4/5/68

FROM : SA ROBERT T. MORAN

SUBJECT: UNSUB; REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING-VIC.
CR

Re memo of SA Robert T. Moran dated 4-5-68.

RE: ~~JERRY CLIMBER~~ (Phonetic)

On 4-5-68, LOUIS FESSMIRE, owner and LEROY WILLIAMS, Bartender, Fessmire's Tavern, Huron, Tenn., advised that Jerry Climber (ph) is a regular customer here and lives in Henderson, Chester Co., Tennessee. ~~They~~ These men who were interviewed separately and who had no chance to discuss this with anyone both advised that Climber was in this tavern on the late afternoon of 4-4-68 and left around 5:15 pm to 5:30 pm stating he was going home. They stated that Climber drives about a 1959 or 1960 model white Ford.

On 4-5-68 Roy I. Jones, who sometimes tends bar at Fessmire's Tavern was interviewed at the Stables at Huron, Tenn. He advised that he saw Climber around this area late on the afternoon of 4-4-68 and felt it was pretty close to 5:30 or 6:00 pm.

None of the above heard Climber make any statements re victim.

ADMINISTRATIVE::

~~On the late afternoon of 4-4-68~~ On the late afternoon of 4-4-68 around 4:45 pm to 5:00 pm, the writer stopped by The Stables Country Club and talked to Jones, about another case under investigation and in an effort to develop him as a informant. Jones is generally considered to be an alcoholic, but seemed to be sober on 4-4 and 5-68. He advised the writer that he saw Climber a about thirty minutes after SA Moran departed the Stables.

Action: No further action recommended. It would be at least 110 to 125 miles from Fessmire's Tavern to the city limits of Memphis, making it impossible to get to Memphis by car by the time victim was shot. Therefore UAC, Climber not being interviewed.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC(44-1987)

DATE: 4/5/68

FROM : SA MAHLON J. PRICE

SUBJECT: UNSUB; aka John Willard;
MARTIN LUTHER KING-VICTIM
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On the above date SA Chuck Harding, Atlanta Division phoned and furnished the following information;

Mr. D.J Clayton, Wagon Wheel Package Store, Valdosta, Georgia was suspicious of a man who drove straight through from Memphis passing through Valdosta 1:15 PM the above date. Clayton was suspicious of this man because of having driven straight through, his manner of action, and because of the publicized slaying of Martin Luther King in Memphis.

This individual was described as white, male, 25 years old, 5'9" to 5'11" tall, 165 lbs, blonde hair, blue eyes, tan complexion, wearing blue denim pants, white T shirt, driving a 1963-64 white Ford bearing Tennessee plates JP-7033

For information.

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*Identify - no action
unless white Mustang*

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987-SUB E) DATE: 4/16/68

FROM : IC ROBERT M. CALK

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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(OO: Memphis)

Re memo of SA MAHLON J. PRICE at Memphis 4/5/68.

On 4/15/68, Mrs. PORTER BAKER, Clerk, Title and Registration Section, Division of Motor Vehicles, Nashville, Tennessee, advised IC CALK that records of that office revealed 1967 Tennessee license JP-7033 is registered to JOSEPH SALIBA, 3734 Old Brownsville Road, Memphis, Tennessee, for a 1960 Ford 2-door Sedan, VIN 0U53W113961.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1987) (P)

DATE: 4/9/68

FROM : SA JOSEPH M. BREWI

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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OO MEMPHIS

On 4/9/68 Captain WILLIAMS, Homicide Bureau, Memphis PD, telephonically advised he had just received a long distance telephone call from County Prosecutor DON GOODWILLE, Paw Paw, Michigan, regarding one WILLARD DENFIELD, JR., FBI # [REDACTED], Michigan State Police # 49521C. GOODWILLE advised that DENFIELD is a racist who is presently out on bond for assault to murder a Negro. He further advised that DENFIELD has a violent hatred of Negroes and it is believed he killed a Negro in 1966 but it could not be proven. He was calling to offer DENFIELD as a suspect in captioned case. He described DENFIELD as white male, DOB [REDACTED] height 5' 10" to 11", weight 185, hair brown, eyes, brown.

Captain WILLIAMS was advised that it appeared that GOODWILLE had the FBI number and the Michigan State Police number reversed, and further, that we had checked the fingerprints of one WILLARD BENFIELD, JR., FBI # [REDACTED], against the latents in this case with negative results.

It is felt that the above relates to the information set forth in Bureau's teletype to Detroit and Memphis dated 4/9/68 at 1:44 a.m.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1987) (P)

DATE: 4/9/68

FROM : SA JOSEPH M. BREWI

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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At approximately 12:35 a.m., 4/9/68, Mr. HENRY BARGER telephonically contacted the Memphis Office from his home in Hubbard, Iowa. Mr. BARGER advised that he was watching the march that occurred in Memphis on 4/8/68 on TV station KRNT, Des Moines, Iowa, on the evening of 4/8/68 and added that between 10:20 p.m. and 10:25 p.m. while they were showing a picture of the march he believes he saw a man in the march who strongly resembled the artist's conception of the murderer which was done by BILL HERRING of the "Commercial Appeal," which sketch also appeared in Iowa papers.

He added that this man came into the picture from left to right and was wearing a dark overcoat and was chewing gum vigorously. He added that this was at a point where the march had stopped just about the time Mrs. KING entered the march.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS

DATE: 4/8/68

FROM : SA VERNE D. GAUBY

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING

Pursuant to a telephone call to the Memphis Office from ROBERT PITMAN GENTRY, Smyrna, Tenn., on the afternoon of 4/6/68, he was contacted by the writer and SA ROBERT F. BRUNNER at Smyrna on 4/6/68. It is noted that he appeared slightly intoxicated at the time.

He advised that he had information as to the possible ~~name~~ identity of the UNSUB in this case and that, if the FBI would pay him \$100,000, he would make the information available. He further advised that he would have to have protection for himself and his family as he would be jeppardizing himself with the Ku Klux Klan by furnishing the information. He was informed that the FBI did not make a practice of offering rewards but that he could possibly be compensated, depending upon the value of the information which he furnished. He requested that he be given a written guarantee for a certain amount of money before furnishing any information. He was informed that this would not be done. After further discussion he agreed to furnish information without any promises or guarantees ~~of~~ of reward but stated, "You know my reputation", and that if he didn't receive some money should his information prove of value, he would "get even". He declined to elaborate on what he meant by this remark.

After requesting that, under no circumstances, should his identity be disclosed, GENTRY furnished the following information:

Approximately 4½ years ago, while a member of the Ku Klux Klan, he became associated with WILLIAM ROSE, a Klansman from Greenville, Miss. ROSE, white, male, age 27 - 30, 5'11"-6'0", 165-170 lbs., with "strawberry" blond hair, worked as a machinist in Greenville. On several occasions ROSE mentioned that he would like to kill Dr. KING and on one occasion during 1964 mentioned going to Jacksonville, Fla., where KING was at the time, to shoot him. However, ROSE didn't have the appropriate weapon at the time and couldn't do it.

He advised that, on 4/5/68, he had seen a drawing of the UNSUB in a newspaper, and, when he saw the drawing, he recognized it as strongly resembling ROSE. During his acquaintance with ROSE, ROSE had also been associated with a Klansman from Greenville named

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WILLAND. He could not recall WILLAND's first name and could not recall whether he had ever actually seen WILLAND but he did recall the name.

He advised that he had no information that ROSE had actually done the shooting other than that ROSE resembles the drawing he saw and that he believed ROSE capable of committing the shooting.

It is noted that GENTRY is a former member of the Ku Klux Klan and was a subject of ME File 157-648 which involved a bombing in Jacksonville, Fla. GENTRY, along with several other subjects, ~~was~~ was tried in USDC, Jacksonville, in 1964 and acquitted. Since that time he has appeared before the U.S. Senate Committee investigating Klan activity. In addition, he has been considered a local suspect in connection with several shootings and bombings in the Smyrna, Tenn. area which occurred during labor disputes involving Teamsters Union Local 327, Nashville, Tenn. ~~When contacted~~ ~~in the past~~ ~~he has~~ ~~been~~ ~~considered~~ ~~by~~ ~~the~~ ~~Memphis~~ ~~Division~~ ~~he~~ ~~has~~ ~~proved~~ ~~uncooperative~~ ~~and~~ ~~indicated~~ ~~that~~ ~~he~~ ~~felt~~ ~~the~~ ~~FBI~~ ~~was~~ ~~harrasing~~ ~~him~~. During about 1965 or 66 he was in contact with the Indianapolis Division and was considered a potential racial informant by that Division. In contacts with GENTRY in the past by the Memphis Division he has proved uncooperative and indicated that he felt the FBI was harrasing him.

At the conclusion of the interview GENTRY reiterated that he would not testify regarding ROSE and that he did not wish his identity to be revealed.

The above information was furnished telephonically to SA JOSEPH C. HESTER on 4/8/68.



DeWayne Dallas

Private Citizen
Dallas, Texas

DISCIPLESHIP

FOR
OUR

AMERICAN
LIBERTIES

The apostle Paul asked, "Am I therefore become your enemy, because I tell you the truth?" If I become your enemy because I tell you the truth then your enemy I am willing to be.

No matter how resistant or unhelpful you are or shall be to me you are or will become a friend provided you believe in truth.

To compromise with the foolishness infiltering the American way of life today is to provide a ledge whereby anti-God may lodge and root itself, and thus destroy the well-being of a great nation and its people.

We cannot dodge or be passive toward today's issues and do the job required of us as citizens of our Republic - America.

We must take the message across the breadth and depth of our land. Together we win - apart we lose.

COMMUNISM - People say communism will come to America. Communism will not come to America - it is here.

METHODS - Communist methods are marching, revolting, demonstrating, looting, and defiance of law and order in whatever country it occurs.

MOB VIOLENCE - Turn back the pages of time and recall in foreign countries how we read of violence through mobs and the ultimate overthrow of governments. Remember how baffled we were as to why the people failed to rise against it?

In America it is happening through the same pattern and gesture - Yet rank and file Americans refuse to stand against such ruthlessness.

The question is are we going to be ruled by mob violence, pressure groups, and cheap politics or by the decent, respectable citizenry of the Republic.

INTERNAL COMMUNISM - Finds favor in liberal government through terror, bombings of schools and churches, beatings, lawlessness, and by crying police brutality and discrimination.
PURGE - Communists and liberals purge their opposition by calling them extremist, bigot, isolationist, horse and buggy days, insanity inference, brotherhood, and constantly harping that the people demand more services from the government.

UNITY - Take note that the liberal, communist, socialist, and internationalist speak for the same programs whether in Washington or in Moscow. Read your daily newspaper and observe their unity of thought.

LIBERAL - The liberal is a first cousin to the communist. Communists and liberals theorize that government must become big and the people must be taught to depend upon government.

The liberal policy not only includes aid to communism, but includes construction of industry in communist countries. Under liberal leadership we are doing both.

Liberals say there are two kinds of communism. If so, it shows itself in two forms - Federal Aid and Foreign Aid.

ADMINISTRATION - Communism and the present administration in Washington appeal to the lust in man. They want people to seek something free without individual consideration for consequence. Our nation and our national way of life stand in jeopardy. What does the Administration propose? They propose more of the medicine that has made America sick unto death. All Americans should be as sick of the medicine men.

Too many people in America have forgotten to remember to think thoroughly.

Russia and communism must be dropped from our dole system.
FREE - Notice how everything has become free to the communist, adulteress, lazy, and the masquerader at the expense of the productive worker and tax payer.

TAXATION - We are working hard to make more money to pay more taxes, so our government can sell to and extend credit to Russia, so Russia can enslave more people. Do you think God will hold us guiltless? I do not think God will hold us guiltless.

TRADE - Why trade with communist countries? Russia wants trade with us because they manufacture goods using slave labor and can ship goods into the United States to sell at prices much lower than we can manufacture and sell the same goods at our high labor cost.

Look-how this gap widens when our labor union chiefs demand more and more for less and less. We lower tariffs, too!

Foreign aid coupled with foreign trade allows for the disappearance of our gold reserves.

VOTING - The voting privilege is not free. Our forefathers paid with their lives, fortunes, and sacrifices for the privilege to vote. Voting requirements that include the poll tax are fair.

Voting is a heritage not to be taken lightly and should be exercised unselfishly with full awareness given to the best interest of our country in preference to personal motives.

DISCRIMINATION - Let one negro cry discrimination and the Army is alerted and sent immediately. The administration is trigger happy against its own people, but scared to death of the enemy.

SENSES - There are five senses. We shall consider only two; these are hearing and feeling.

I hear Russia rattle their bombs - I feel the Administration shake. I feel them shake through disarmament negotiations, Cuban inspections, missile removals, hot lines, treaties, and another conference.

NUCLEAR WAR - If nuclear war is going to win future wars, Mr. Administration, explain to me why 200 million foot soldiers will go for Israel in the Battle of Armageddon in the ending war of wars? Answer this question before you tell us we cannot stand against Russia because we might trigger a nuclear war and destroy civilization. Another question please - to whom do you refer when you speak of peddlers of fear, Mr. Administration?

It is worthy of further note that it is not man who destroys that Army.

DAVID AND GOLIATH - Viewing the American scene today reminds me of the defiance of Goliath during the day of David.

I think that I must feel the pangs of disbelief coupled with disgust that David felt when Goliath strutted in the Valley of Elah observing the tremble of some of his fellow countrymen.

To me the picture is absolutely the same except for two things: I am no David and the Russian is no Giant.

The Premier's subjects in Russia would love a piece of his hide and I think we should avail to them that privilege.

DEAD END - The boys dying daily from hot bullets, if they could talk, would tell us of the fallacy of the dead-end policy called cold war.

COLD WAR - We disarm while the enemy arms. We pull troops out while they send troops in. We give; they receive. We train enemy pilots; they shoot ours.

There is no such thing as a cold war. The coldest spot of the cold war is in Washington. It is the Administration that has frozen and these men are very cold.

What has happened to the value of every American life? We should weep and fight rather than fright and compromise.

**Allow me one word of caution, please - we had better put our military back into the hands of the military first and away from

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AIR MAIL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, DALLAS (44-2649) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
CO-MEMPHIS

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AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, LOUISVILLE (44-1987) (P)
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Re Memphis teletype 4/7/68.

Enclosed for Memphis is one photograph of ARNOLD WATSON, Greenville, Ky.

On 4/7/68, LEONARD DALTON (Protect - per request), Reynolds Station, Ky. furnished ARNOLD WATSON, Greenville, Ky. as possible suspect. DALTON, co-worker of WATSON at construction site of TVA Cooling Tower, Paradise, Ky. for past 18 months, states WATSON generally fits Gurch description and was absent from work 4/3-4/68. WATSON told DALTON he was going to Tennessee 4/3-4/68 because his girl friend was having an operation. WATSON has never exhibited animosity toward MARTIN LUTHER KING or any propensity for violence concerning racial matters.

ARNOLD WATSON is described as a white male, 31 years, 5'10", 187 lbs., very dark hair and eyes. WATSON drives a 1965 or 1966 green Plymouth Fury II, license unknown, probably Kentucky license. WATSON, who resides in a house trailer alone at Greenville, Ky. is tower crane operator for Custodia Construction Company, under supervision of DAVID HENSON and is member of Operators Union, believed part of Teamsters Union. WATSON, who is

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divorced from first wife, who has four of his children somewhere in Tennessee, is divorcing second wife who is pregnant and a school teacher at Greenville, Ky. WATSON usually seen in work clothes, has worn tight-fitting pants and cowboy boots. Education of WATSON unknown but is intelligent. He claims Korean War service, probably in U.S. Air Force Flight Crew. Whether WATSON has arrest record or possession weapons is not known. DALTON believed WATSON originally from Tennessee, place unknown, and was reared by uncle.

Photo of ARNOLD WATSON furnished by LEMOND DALTON and wishes photo returned. Since it is only photograph available, Memphis should forward photograph to Birmingham if Memphis does not eliminate WATSON as a suspect.

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LOUISVILLE

Will contact investigation to establish whereabouts of WATSON on pertinent date. Will also attempt to secure fingerprints of WATSON and submit same to Bureau for comparison.

4/9/68

AIRTEL

AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, MILWAUKEE (44-388) -P-
SUBJECT: MURKIN

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Build	Medium
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Eyes	Blue
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Residence	310 Fulton St., Wausau, Wis.
Characteristics	Long, straight nose
FBI #	3 871 080

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Build	Slender
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown
Marital status	Single
Employment	Unknown
FBI #	2300033

MI 44-388

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AIRMAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

TO: Director, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, Milwaukee (44-388) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

44-1987-Sub E-222

Re Milwaukee airtel to Bureau, cc Birmingham and Memphis, 4/9/68, concerning THEODORE and ALAN ADANK.

Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM KIMBLE, 912 South 1st Street, Wausau, Wis., advised on 4/10/68 that THEODORE ADANK has resided in a rented room in their home since 6/67, at a charge of \$6.00 per week. According to them, he was absent from his room on only one occasion in recent weeks, that being 3/31/68, on the occasion of his travel to Milwaukee for a visit to the VA at Wood, Wis. They were certain he was present in his room on 3/29, 30, and 4/4/68.

Pending further developments, this aspect of instant investigation will not be pursued further at this time.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC(44-1987)

DATE: 4/10/68

FROM : SA MAHLON J. PRICE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Ann Anderson (conceal per request), 318 Forest Park Drive, West Memphis phoned the Memphis Office and advised as follows;

One Chuck Bradford, whom she knows is a likely suspect in the murder because he is anti-negro, irrational, and is violence prone. He has been arrested in Memphis for attempted rape, and for transporting drugs. He was recently charged in West Memphis with attempted rape.

Chuck Bradford comes from Steele, Missouri, although she believes he is living in the Memphis area now, because she saw him recently. He is described as white, male, 26 years old, 5'10" tall, 145 lbs, wears padded suit coats to make him appear larger, and carries a pistol in the glove compartment of his car. He takes drugs, some type of "hop up pills," and when he takes these drugs in combination with his regular diabetes medicine he does some crazy things.

The last time she saw him, which was a number of months ago he had a red car. However, she recently saw a white mustang parked in front of 900 Avalon, West Memphis, where Chuck Bradford visits numerous friends from Steele, Missouri.

She doesn't know Churck Bradford's current residence address, and she believes his first name is Charles.

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Locate subject's record at MEPD and examine his photo to determine if he resembles the killer.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC(44-1987)

FROM : SA MAHLON J. PRICE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/10/68

Dr. Rodney Wolf, 4597 Lawrence, phone 682-6825, called the office on the above date. He recalled that on 4/4/68 he was at the Airport. About 6:45 PM he was on the expressway heading east. A blue late model Pontiac came up behind him at a high rate of speed. This car was blinking its lights to allow him to pass, which Dr. Wolf did.

The car had a citizens band radio license plate on it. When questioned about this the Dr. said it was a yellow plate with numbers and letters. He said thinking it over this could have indicated it was a dealer plate, although he first thought of a citizens band license plate.

He recalled that there was a lone male in the car, the driver.

For information.

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Kearney

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1987) (P)

DATE: 4/10/68

FROM : SA JOSEPH M. BREWI

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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On 4/10/68 Mrs. HOWARD (LILLIAN) GHOLSON, 1094 Wrenwood, Memphis, Tenn., telephone number 327-7922, telephonically advised that on 4/4/68 she and her husband departed Memphis for their cottage in Arkansas at approximately 6:00 p.m. She added that at about 6:30 to 6:45 p.m. they were on Highway 64 between Crawfordville, Ark., and Norvell, Ark., traveling in their 1963 white Chevrolet station wagon.

She added that at this time she and her husband observed a red and white airplane, single wing, which appeared to have accommodations for about four passengers, descend on Highway 64 as though he was going to land on the highway. She added that he actually was only two or three feet off the ground when the pilot took the plane up again. She added that she and her husband at first thought he was in trouble and was going to land on the highway, but instead he turned around and again came back, flying extremely low, and then ascended again and took off in the direction of Norvell, Ark. She added that neither she nor her husband can further identify this plane, but later when they heard that the police suspected the murderer of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING got away in a white car they began to wonder whether or not the pilot of this plane was an accomplice of the murderer and mistakenly took their white vehicle for the getaway car. She added that she was passing this on for whatever it was worth as she and her husband feel that possibly this was how the murderer got away, by having a plane meet him. She added that that is the only reason she and her husband can think of as why this plane acted as it did unless it was some law enforcement officer who was just checking them out because they were in a white car.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P) DATE: 4/10/68
 Attention: Jackson RA and Nashville RA

FROM : SA JOHN W. BAUER

SUBJECT: MURKIN
 Civil Rights

OO: ME

Records of the Holiday Inn of America, 3728 Lamar Avenue, Memphis, reflect that JAMES B. NEEL (or NEAL), 121 Muse, Jackson, Tennessee, registered at this motel 4/4 - 4/5/68 driving a Ford bearing Tennessee license SD 2471. J. E. PULLEN, 6724 Darden Place, Nashville, Tennessee, registered at the motel 4/1 - 4/4/68 driving a 1967 Ford, Tennessee license JH 0768.

LEADS

MEMPHIS DIVISION

AT JACKSON, TENNESSEE

Eliminate NEEL as suspect.

AT NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

Eliminate PULLEN as suspect.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS

DATE: 4/9/68

FROM: *RAM* SAC, CHARLOTTE (157-5800) (P)

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER
KING, JR.
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RE HERMAN EUGENE PATTERSON

Re Knoxville teletype to Charlotte and Memphis
4/4/68;
Charlotte teletype to Memphis and Knoxville 4/4/68. //

At 10:35 p.m., 4/4/68, JAMES M. UNDERHILL placed from Charlotte a long distance telephone call to JIM WEST at telephone 487-9453, Shelby, N. C. The telephone was answered by a person sounding like an elderly white male, who stated JIM WEST was not there. After some delay, he identified himself as LEM PATTERSON, and conversation continued with him. After a short period, he turned the telephone over to another person who identified himself as HERMAN PATTERSON, son of LEM PATTERSON. During further conversation, the younger PATTERSON was asked his middle name and he stated it was EUGENE.

HERMAN EUGENE PATTERSON sounded obviously intoxicated and during the conversation mentioned he had been taking some "pills" that day. It was extremely difficult to get any kind of coherent story from him and he at first denied any knowledge of JIM WEST and then later said that WEST had been there earlier that evening and had been drinking heavily and had left to go get some more to drink.

HERMAN EUGENE PATTERSON stated he had been in Shelby all that day but did not give any clear account of his activities. Later during his rambling conversation, he said he had been in Knoxville, Tenn., up until a week or so earlier and had returned to Shelby when the family wired him money. Still later he said he had left Shelby on the morning of 4/4/68

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 - 2 - Charlotte
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and had gone to Nashville and Knoxville, Tenn., returning to Shelby about 9:00 p.m. At various times during the conversation he said he had gone to Nashville by hitching a ride with a truck driver and also said he had traveled by plane to Nashville and Knoxville.

Further during the conversation, which was not coherent, he stated he had that morning drawn his pay from Howell Stroup of the Cherryville Nursery, for grading work he had done. He said he had taken this money which amounted to about \$12, to make the trip on.

HERMAN EUGENE PATTERSON was asked where he had been in Tennessee and he would only say he had been at a poolroom in Knoxville and claimed he did not know the name of it or its location or the name of the operator.

HERMAN EUGENE PATTERSON denied any knowledge of any telephone call having been made to the FBI from that telephone on that date by anyone. At several points during the conversation, he denied any knowledge of a JIM WEST.

It is pointed out there is no commercial air service at Shelby, the nearest commercial airport being at Charlotte, approximately 40 miles away.

HERMAN EUGENE PATTERSON and LEM PATTERSON stated the above telephone was located at the residence of LEM PATTERSON, 627 S. DeKalb St., Shelby.

SAs FRANCIS X. BRADSHAW and JAMES M. UNDERHILL conducted the following investigation on 4/5/68:

Detective HOWARD SMITH, Shelby PD, stated that HERMAN EUGENE PATTERSON is the son of LEM PATTERSON, who lives at 627 S. DeKalb. LEM PATTERSON has operated a grocery store at that location for a number of years but recently suffered a stroke and has great difficulty in talking or getting around. Another son operates Patterson's Cleaners at the rear of the same location. HERMAN EUGENE PATTERSON is a notorious town drunk and has been for years. Detective SMITH knows that HERMAN EUGENE PATTERSON had been away for some time up until

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a couple of weeks ago and reportedly had been in Tennessee. He had no knowledge that he had been away from Shelby within the last several days. He knew that within the last few days HERMAN EUGENE PATTERSON had been doing some landscape grading work at the location of a new branch bank on DeKalb St. in Shelby, for HOWELL STROUP, Cherryville Nurseries. He had not seen HERMAN EUGENE PATTERSON on 4/4/68. Detective SMITH further stated that PATTERSON, for years, has followed the pattern of working as little as possible and only until he can get enough to buy something to drink, and thereafter he will get drunk and usually wind up being arrested. He commented it would be impossible for HERMAN EUGENE PATTERSON to have gone as far as Knoxville, Tenn., and back in the same day, because in his opinion as soon as he got to the firstplace he could buy liquor, he would buy it and get drunk and that would be as far as he would go.

Detective SMITH stated that HERMAN EUGENE PATTERSON has had about 30 arrests since 1950, at the Shelby PD alone, mostly for drunk, and some for cursing, fighting and petty larceny. He was locally arrested on 3/30/68 for drunk, at which time he gave his address as 627 S. DeKalb. From Mrs. MARTIN, Clerk of Records Court, Detective SMITH determined that PATTERSON had appeared in Court in Shelby on Tuesday, 4/2/68, and was sentenced to serve 20 days or pay costs of court. Further, he had come to Mrs. MARTIN's office on the early morning of 4/4/68 with part of the money for the costs of court and fine and left saying he would try to get the rest of the money. He returned about noon and paid the entire amount.

Detective SMITH stated that PATTERSON has on numerous occasions in the past called the PD with false reports. One time, a year or so ago, he called the PD without giving any name and said there was a drunk at a particular service station. This was late at night, and when officers responded, they found PATTERSON in an automobile, obviously waiting for them, and when the officers approached the automobile, he produced a gun and stuck it right in the stomach of one of the officers. The officer managed to get the gun away from him and placed him under arrest, after which it was determined this was only a toy gun, though it very definitely resembled a real gun. At that time, PATTERSON admitted he had been the

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one who had made the call and indicated it had just been to see what the officers would do. In addition, within the last week, PATTERSON had telephoned the PD and said there was going to be a riot but he did not give any details or where it would take place. He had not given his name but his voice had been recognized and the call had been disregarded. On another recent occasion, he had telephoned the PD giving some false name which was not recalled, and said there was going to be a bomb placed at some unrecalled location and made the comment, "You'll find out where when it happens." Detective SMITH had been the one answering the telephone and he recognized the voice of PATTERSON and called him by his first name, after which PATTERSON gave his own full name and cursed the officer for recognizing his voice. No arrest action had been taken as a result of this incident.

Detective SMITH stated he had no knowledge of any JIM WEST in Shelby except for an attorney JAMES A. WEST, and definitely he was not any associate of PATTERSON and would not be hanging around drinking with him.

Detective SMITH stated in his opinion if a telephone call from a person claiming to be JIM WEST had been made to the FBI accusing HERMAN PATTERSON of being involved in something, the call had probably been made by HERMAN PATTERSON himself. He stated the only reason he could suggest for these activities on the part of PATTERSON was a desire to attract attention or to possibly play tricks on the police.

Mrs. JAMES T. WEST, 604 LeGrand St., Shelby, stated her husband is not related in any way to HERMAN EUGENE PATTERSON or his family. She stated she knows of another family named WEST in Shelby and has no knowledge or reason to believe that they are in any way related to the PATTERSONS or have any association with them.

On 4/5/68, WILLARD PATTERSON and his wife MAE were interviewed at their residence located at the rear of 627 S. DeKalb St. Mr. PATTERSON is the brother of HERMAN EUGENE PATTERSON and is the operator of Patterson's Cleaners. He expressed himself as completely disgusted with HERMAN EUGENE PATTERSON, saying he is a notorious and constant drunk and has as little to do with him as possible. However, since he

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stays with the father at their house at the same location, he does see him constantly. Both WILLARD PATTERSON and his wife stated that HERMAN EUGENE PATTERSON had been in Knoxville and other unknown locations in Tennessee for several weeks up until about three weeks ago. At that time he contacted the family and his father sent him money to come home on. HERMAN EUGENE PATTERSON had worked for a few days doing grading work for Cherryville Nurseries, but got drunk over the weekend of 3/30/68. He received a fine in court on 4/2/68 but was not required to pay it on that particular date. They continued that on the morning of 4/4/68 HERMAN EUGENE PATTERSON had said he was going to Cherryville to collect his pay in order to pay off his fine. Sometime after noon, he came back to that neighborhood and said he had paid his fine. At that time he was drinking and continued to be very drunk and Mr. and Mrs. PATTERSON stated they had seen him at least three times between 3:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. on 4/4/68. Part of that time he had been in their house since Mrs. PATTERSON had gotten him to come in and lie down just to get him off the streets.

WILLARD PATTERSON stated that HERMAN EUGENE PATTERSON had called over from the house of their father at the time the news came over the radio or television about the killing of MARTIN LUTHER KING, and HERMAN EUGENE had commented in his drunken fashion that he was elated over this occurrence.

WILLARD PATTERSON stated he knows of a JAMES WEST in Shelby but there is no WEST who is related to his family or to the family of the wife of HERMAN EUGENE PATTERSON. In addition, he has no knowledge of any JIM WEST being an associate of HERMAN EUGENE PATTERSON or of ever being in or around the house of their father, LEM PATTERSON.

On 4/5/68, HERMAN EUGENE PATTERSON was located at the home of a neighbor near his father's house. At that time he appeared sober. He stated that he had been at various places in and around Knoxville, Tenn., up until about a month ago, when the family sent him money and he came home. For

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about two weeks he has been working for HOWELL STROUP doing grading work, but has not worked in the last few days. He was arrested over the past weekend in Shelby for being drunk and on 4/4/68 he went down to the Clerk of Court's Office to pay his fine. He found he did not have enough money and he hitched a ride with an unknown Negro truck driver to Cherryville to collect his pay. He said he went there once before 9:00 a.m. and again about noon. He collected his pay of something under \$20 and returned to Shelby and paid his fine, paying it sometime around noon.

He continued that after that he went out and got drunk and spent most of the afternoon and evening in and around his father's house. He recalled that he had been at one time on 4/4/68 at the service station operated by HOWARD LEWIS in Shelby, and that at one time on that date he had ridden in a cab driven by ADAM HUNT.

PATTERSON stated he had no knowledge of a JIM WEST but said he believed he had heard that name in the last day or two, and possibly it was the name of the Negro truck driver who had given him a ride to Cherryville. He denied any knowledge of a telephone call having been made to the FBI in Knoxville. He added that when he gets drunk he does not remember what happens. He did remember having talked to agent UNDERHILL on the telephone on the night of 4/4/68. PATTERSON was strongly warned against making any false calls to the FBI on police agencies.

The following description was obtained through observation and interview:

Race	White
Age	35
	Has weatherbeaten appearance and looks about 45
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	Shelby, N. C.
Height	5'6"
Weight	150 lbs.
Build	Medium to stocky

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Complexion	Tanned and weatherbeaten
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Black
Scars and Marks	Crude tattoos on both arms

He acknowledged that he was identical with the HERMAN EUGENE PATTERSON who had, in 9/67, together with another individual, stolen a taxi cab in Charlotte and driven it to Clover, S. C. In that case, Federal prosecution was declined and PATTERSON, on 9/7/67, was sentenced in local court in Charlotte to serve 90 days.

On 4/5/68, Cab Driver ADAM HUNT, Shelby, stated he had hauled HERMAN EUGENE PATTERSON as a passenger from somewhere in downtown Shelby to a service station operated by HOWARD LEWIS on the edge of Shelby, this being somewhere around noon. He stated he did not recall having seen him later on that date. PATTERSON had apparently started drinking at the time he hauled him.

No further investigation as to HERMAN EUGENE PATTERSON is being conducted by Charlotte.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

DATE: 4/11/68

FROM : SA JOSEPH M. BREWI

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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(OO: Memphis)

On 4/11/68, Mrs. V. F. JAMES, 4360 Walnut Drive, Memphis, Tennessee, telephone 396-9985, telephonically contacted the Memphis Office and advised she formerly resided in Little Rock, Ark.

She stated that while residing at Little Rock, Ark., she had a neighbor by the name of CHARLES JACKSON who lived at 2725 Broadway, Little Rock, Arkansas. This JACKSON had a son, name not known, who was a deserter from the military being sought by the FBI approximately one year ago.

She stated the description of the Unsub in captioned case is very similar to that of CHARLES JACKSON. She further advised that CHARLES JACKSON has a brother, name unknown, who runs a used car lot in Malvern, Ark., which is located approximately 40 miles southwest of Little Rock. She added that CHARLES frequently drove cars from this used car lot and at one time he had a white Mustang.

She added that CHARLES JACKSON once told her and her husband, who is a heart patient, that he was a sharpshooter while he was in the military service.

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