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RE TAMPA TELETYPE, JULY 26, 1978.

ON AUGUST 2, 1978, SGT. ROBERT T. WEHUNT, JR., RECONTACTED THE TAMPA OFFICE AND ADVISED HE HAD ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING ABOVE-CAPTIONED CASE. HE ADVISED HIS FATHER WAS GIVEN A DRUG BY A MILITARY DOCTOR APPROXIMATELY SIX MONTHS BEFORE HIS DEATH THAT WAS A "MIND ALTERING DRUG." HE SAID HIS MOTHER WOULD KNOW THE DOCTOR'S NAME AND ALSO HAVE INFORMATION REGARDING THE DRUG WHICH WAS GIVEN TO HIS FATHER. HE ALSO STATED HE BELIEVED HIS FATHER HAD COMMITTED SUICIDE, AND THE AUTOPSY SHOWED "BRAIN DAMAGE," WHICH HE BELIEVED WAS

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CAUSED FROM THE DRUG HIS FATHER WAS TAKING. SGT. WEHUNT WAS
ADVISED THAT THIS INFORMATION WOULD BE FURNISHED TO THE
BUREAU'S ATTENTION.

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Fatal Shot Not Close Range

By JOHN BENNETT

From The Commercial Appeal
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — New York City's chief medical examiner Tuesday ruled out any possibility that Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was shot at close range with a pistol or, in fact, from any area other than the boarding home across the street from the Lorraine Motel 10 years ago.

Dr. Michael M. Baden told the House Assassinations Committee King was killed by a single 30-06 caliber soft-nosed rifle bullet that could have been fired from the bathroom window of the boarding house or from a grassy area at its rear.

Baden failed to link the death bullet with any weapon, but did establish what investigators believe is an essential foundation to later expert testimony.

Meanwhile, James Earl Ray, confessed killer of King, goes on national public television to testify today. WKNO-TV (Channel

10) will televise his appearance from 8 to 11 this morning.

Rep. Harold Ford (D-Tenn.), a member of the investigating panel, predicted Tuesday Ray will testify through Friday.

Baden, a leading authority in the field of pathological and forensic medicine, headed a three-man panel appointed by the committee to examine autopsy findings of Dr. Jerry T. Francisco, Shelby County medical examiner 10 years ago, and the medical treatment given to King at St. Joseph Hospital following the shooting on April 4, 1968.

Baden, using illustrations of King's body after death, traced the trajectory of the bullet that shattered the right jaw, severed the spine and lodged in King's back.

He said given King's standing position
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King Shot From Afar, Baden Says

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on the balcony of the Lorraine, and other evidence, the bullet had to have been fired from the rear area of the boarding house at 416 Main in Memphis, directly across the street from the Lorraine.

But he said autopsy results cannot determine from a difference of a few degrees whether the bullet came from the bathroom window of the boarding house or the grassy area at the rear of the building.

"It had to be a rifle, and not a pistol?" Baden was asked by Rep. Richardson Preyer (D-N.C.).

"That's correct," Baden replied.

He told the committee the bullet clearly could not have been fired from the Lorraine courtyard below where King was standing.

Baden said the autopsy, combined with witness accounts, showed the bullet struck King as he was bending slightly forward. The bullet struck from the right and at an angle from above, he said.

"It is clear from the autopsy that one, and only one, high velocity bullet struck Dr. King," Baden said.

He said a firearms panel — expected to testify in November — can show severe tissue damage to King's body would easily have occurred from a 30-06 rifle shot from the boarding house.

Committee members reviewed a series of illustrations taken from medical photographs showing "extreme damage" to Dr. King's body.

There were no questions seeking to link the bullet to the death weapon.

An FBI ballistics expert has said he could draw no conclusions on whether the bullet came from the rifle Ray had purchased.

Baden said the panel — which also included Dr. John Coe of Minnesota and Dr. Joseph Davis of Florida — agreed in "general terms" with Francisco's autopsy findings.

Calling Francisco a "fine forensic pathologist," Baden said the panel did not unanimously agree Francisco went as far as he could in tracking the bullet's course through the entire body, only so far as to determine certain cause of death by the bullet.

Baden, almost apologizing for that fact, said it is an "unfortunate" fact in America that forensic pathology does not receive greater emphasis in the investigation of homicides.

He said Francisco apparently felt it was an "unnecessary mutilation of the body" to dissect the track of the bullet after he had concluded death occurred from a severing of the spinal cord.

Ford asked if the medical panel were satisfied that Francisco felt "no constraints" in his autopsy of King's body.

Baden said a policy in Tennessee of first



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Committee Members Yvonne B. Burke Of California And Harold Ford Of Memphis

getting permission from next-of-kin before an autopsy is performed made it difficult to determine if there was "an attitude of constraint" in effect at that time.

But he told committee members Francisco assured the panel this policy "in no way caused any constraints."

Baden also praised Drs. Rufus Brown and Ted Galyon, the physicians who treated Dr. King at St. Joseph Hospital, for being "very cooperative" in the investigation.

He said the panel was "entirely inspired" by the vigorous effort the two men made to save King's life when he was brought to the emergency room.

"Only after almost an hour, 50 minutes, of this intensive medical treatment, did they determine Dr. King's life was irretrievable," he testified.

Committee members were told King died of extensive blood vessel and nerve injuries as well as massive damage to the spinal cord.

Baden said Galyon and Brown told the panel that when King was brought to the emergency room he was still alive.

"They both assured us that although they could feel a faint pulse ... that he was totally unresponsive ... that he did not talk at all ... that he was unconscious ... that they felt he was irretrievably dead," Baden said.

Still, the two men made "extensive" ef-

orts to save King, he said, before death was pronounced at 7:04 p.m. on April 4, 1968. King was brought to the emergency room at 6:15 p.m.

Saying the panel was "very impressed" with the cooperation of the various doctors interviewed, Baden said the panel thinks it has been able to reach "firm conclusions based on work done 10 years ago."

Ford, interviewed following the hearing, confirmed that Ray — flown by helicopter from Brushy Mountain State Prison at Petros to Knoxville and then to Washington — remained in Washington early Tuesday under tight security guard.

Ford, who has received a number of briefings concerning Ray's pending testimony, also said he believes Ray will "try to put on a show" when he testifies today.

"This is his last go-round," Ford said. "James Earl Ray might fire his lawyer tomorrow right here on this spot."

He said Ray will be expected to explain what he meant in a letter he wrote two weeks ago to Dr. Ralph Abernathy, the committee's first witness on Monday.

Abernathy told investigators Ray is pre-

pared to tell who gave him money to get out of Memphis and the country following King's murder — if he can get a new trial.

Lane accosted Ford in the hearing room following Baden's testimony to ask why panel members had not asked more specific questions about the trajectory of the death bullet.

He also invited Ford to attend his Tuesday afternoon press conference in which he repeated earlier statements that the committee had violated its own rules as well as broken the law, in its investigation.

"There was a conspiracy to keep you from getting the facts," he told Ford.

Ford stood quietly and listened as Lane talked. At one point he said, "I'd like to sit down and talk with you."

Ford did not attend the press conference and later had no comment about Lane's remarks.

Sources, meanwhile, report Renfro Hays, the Memphis private investigator for Percy Foreman, Ray's first lawyer, and Ed Redditt, the black former Memphis police officer who was removed from the King detail the day of King's murder, both have been subpoenaed to testify on Thursday.

b. Galden, Miss
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SHELBY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
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DATE 7-17-68

Chief Deputy
Criminal Enforcement Division
Shelby County Sheriff's Office
Memphis, Tennessee

ARREST REPORT

FILE NO. 7-17-68

COMPL 7-17-68

DATE 7-17-68

Dear Sir:

DATE OF ARREST 7-17-68

TIME 1:17 P.M.

DEFENDANT James Earl Ray

SEX & RACE W M AGE 34

ALIAS None

RESIDENCE 2439 S. Main St. Memphis, Tenn.

OCCUPATION None B OF I NO. None

ARRESTING OFFICERS Det. J. H. Smith

DISTRICT 1st

LOCATION OF ARREST 2439 S. Main St. Memphis, Tenn.

CHARGES 1st Degree Murder

PROSECUTING WITNESS None

DATE IN GENERAL SESSIONS COURT 7-17-68

TIME 1:17 P.M.

JUDGE None

DIVISION None

DISPOSITION: Guilty, sentenced to life in prison for 1st Degree Murder.

ATTORNEY FOR DEFENDANT None

BEFORE COURT ARRESTING OFFICERS CONFIRMED WITH None

PREVIOUS ARREST WITH SHERIFF'S OFFICE None

TIME SPENT IN COURT None

DID PROSECUTOR APPEAR None

REMARKS: James Earl Ray, born 5-19-34, Jackson, Miss., is a white male, 5'10", 160 lbs., brown hair, blue eyes, no scars or marks. He was arrested on 7-17-68 at 2439 S. Main St., Memphis, Tenn. He was charged with 1st Degree Murder. He was found guilty and sentenced to life in prison on 7-17-68.

5 Respectfully submitted,

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NO. 28462

COLOR White SEX Male F.B.I. NO. _____

NAME WILSON, Warren Audio Jr. DATE 5/21/64

RESIDENCE 3995 Auskin Rd. HOW LONG Temp. AK.

21025 1st Ave., Oakland, CA, Calif.
PREVIOUS ADDRESS 2102 1st Ave. N.E., Leaphorn, N.M.

DOB [REDACTED] NATIVITY Walton, Wis . HT 5'10 WT 165
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Los Angeles, Calif.
(not employed at this time)

SPOUSE Betty Wilson (Lou) Barkett

NAME & ADDRESS Same Ltd. (Rushin Rd.) OCCUPATION _____

FATHER'S MOTHER'S

ADDRESS	GRADE	ADDRESS
	Grade 4, 14, 854	

BROTHER'S Allison T. Wilson

ADDRESS Reform, Ill.

SISTER'S Glida Agocha Christine Dunbar

ADDRESS Reford, Ala. Rinton, Miss.

SCARS, MARKS, ETC. None Visible

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DATE March 25, 1965

IN ☐ OUT ☐
SHERIFF WILLIAM F. MORRIS, JR. ARREST REPORT
Criminal Courts Building
Shelby County Sheriff's Office FILE NO. _____
Memphis, Tennessee

Dear Sir:

DATE OF ARREST 3/24/65 TIME 4:45 PM
DEFENDANT James A. Wilson RACE & SEX W M AGE 35
ALIAS _____
RESIDENCE 3612 Covington Pike, Memphis, Tenn.
OCCUPATION Police Officer B. OF I. NO. 28462
ARRESTING OFFICERS William F. Morris, Jr. DISTRICT _____
DIVISION 71
LOCATION OF ARREST 3612 Covington Pike, Memphis, Tenn.
CHARGES 1st Degree Murder, 1st Degree Rape, 1st Degree Kidnap

PROSECUTING WITNESS _____
DATE IN GENERAL SESSIONS COURT _____
JUDGE _____ DIVISION _____
DISPOSITION: Subject large, dark, brown hair, 5'10", 175 lbs., 35 years old, 1st Degree Murder, 1st Degree Rape, 1st Degree Kidnap

ATTORNEY FOR DEFENDANT _____
BEFORE COURT ARRESTING OFFICERS CONFERRED WITH _____
PREVIOUS ARREST WITH SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND/OR JUVENILE COURT _____
DID PROSECUTOR APPEAR _____ TIME SPENT IN COURT _____

REMARKS: On March 23, at 4:45 PM, James A. Wilson, 3612 Covington Pike, was arrested on 1st Degree Murder, 1st Degree Rape, 1st Degree Kidnap. Arrest was taken and Judge Morris not heard at 3:00 PM and sent the case for May 19, 1965. Sheriff in prison, Miss. 1041234.

Respectfully submitted,

APPROVED:

S. C. Hall

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W. F. Morris, Jr.
William F. Morris, Jr.

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#23462 SO Memphis Tenn 6-3-64

A search of the fingerprints on the above individual has failed to disclose prior arrest data.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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SHELBY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Post _____ Arrested March 27 - 64 Hour 12:00 PM

Name _____

Age _____ Color _____ Occupation _____

Residence _____

Charge _____

Arresting Officer _____

At What Point Arrested _____

Prosecuting Witness (Name and Address) _____

PROPERTY FOUND WITH PRISONER (To be listed by Desk Sergeant)

Cash _____, Pistol (Number and Make) _____

Other Articles _____

Received from _____ the above named prisoner and property
_____ Desk Sergeant

Officer making above arrest will make full entry in his memorandum book.

No. _____

SHELBY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Post # 7 Arrested 3-24-65 Hour 4:44 AM

Name BURGESS A. WILSON

Age 33 Color W/M Occupation SELF EMPLOYED

Residence 8612 COWINGTON PK.

Charge FORGERY ON CHECKS (STATE OF MISS)

Arresting Officer S.D. WRIGHT W.E. DICKERSON

At What Point Arrested 3612 COWINGTON PK.

Prosecuting Witness (Name and Address) _____

PROPERTY FOUND WITH PRISONER (To be listed by Desk Sergeant)

Cash _____, Pistol (Number and Make) _____

Other Articles _____

Received from _____ the above named prisoner and property
_____ Desk Sergeant

Officer making above arrest will make full entry in his memorandum book.

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ATTN CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRIES UNIT, ROOM 8888 JEH.
 MURKIN.

RE MEMPHIS TELETYPES TO BUREAU AUGUST 12, 1978, NO COPIES
 TO BIRMINGHAM OR DALLAS.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF BIRMINGHAM AND DALLAS, ON AUGUST 12,
 1978, GENE BARKSDALE, SHERIFF, SHELBY COUNTY, TENN., ADVISED THAT ON
 THE NIGHT OF AUGUST 17, 1968, HE RECEIVED 2 TELEPHONE CALLS
 FROM BURGESS AUDIE WILSON. WILSON, WHO WAS FORMERLY IN THE
 TENNESSEE AIR NATIONAL GUARD UNIT AT MEMPHIS, TENN., WITH
 BARKSDALE, INFORMED THE SHERIFF THAT HE HAD KILLED DR. MARTIN
 LUTHER KING IN 1968 AT MEMPHIS AND WISHED TO SURRENDER TO

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 BARKSDALE AT THE HOLIDAY INN, GULFPORT, MISS. ARRANGEMENTS WERE
 MADE FOR WILSON AND COMPANION REV. NOEL FANNON, PASTOR, ST.
 ELIZABETH SETON CATHOLIC CHURCH, OCEAN SPRINGS, MISS., TO APPEAR
 AT THE HOLIDAY INN, GULFPORT, MISS., AT 6:30 PM ON AUGUST 19,
 1973, AT WHICH TIME THEY WERE TO BE CONTACTED BY SPECIAL
 AGENTS OF THE JACKSON OFFICE. WILSON WAS CONTACTED BY SPECIAL
 AGENTS OF THE JACKSON OFFICE; HOWEVER, HE DECLINED TO DISCUSS
 INFORMATION REGARDING THE ASSASSINATION OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING
 WITH THEM.

ON AUGUST 18, 1973, VERNON AND OPAL HOOTEN, 3095 BUSKIN
 RD., BARTLETT, TENN., THE FORMER FATHER-IN-LAW AND MOTHER-IN-LAW
 OF WILSON, FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

WILSON AND THEIR DAUGHTER BETTY LOU, AGE 47, WHO NOW
 RESIDES WITH HER PRESENT HUSBAND KEITH WADE AT 233 SMITH ST.,
 BURLESON, TEXAS, WERE MARRIED IN THE 1940'S AND THE MARRIAGE
 WAS TERMINATED BY DIVORCE IN ABOUT 1972 OR 1973. THE WILSONS
 HAD 3 CHILDREN, DEBORAH ANN, AGE 28, WHO NOW RESIDES WITH HER
 HUSBAND CHARLIE JONES IN BALLEVIEW, ILL., SPECIFIC ADDRESS
 NOT KNOWN; STEVEN, AGE 26, AND MARK ANTHONY, AGE 21, BOTH OF

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 WHOM RESIDE IN BURLESON, TEXAS, SPECIFIC ADDRESSES UNKNOWN.
 WILSON HAS ONE BROTHER AL WILSON, WHO RESIDES IN DEFORM, ALA.,
 AND 2 SISTERS, LYDA MC GAWA, WHO RESIDES IN DEFORM, ALA.,
 AND CHRISTINE WILSON, MARRIED NAME NOT KNOWN, WHO RESIDES IN
 FULTON, MISS. HIS PARENTS ARE DECEASED.

BURGESS AND BETTY LOU WILSON RESIDED IN MEMPHIS, TENN.,
 AT VARIOUS TIMES, SPECIFIC PERIODS OF TIME NOT RECALLED, AT
 KANSAS CITY, MO., AND CANYON LAKE, TEXAS. THEY MOVED TO
 KANSAS CITY, MO., IN 1963 FROM MEMPHIS WHERE THEY OPERATED A
 JEWELRY STORE. BETTY LOU WILSON LEFT BURGESS AT KANSAS CITY
 AFTER THEY HAD RESIDED THERE 2 OR 3 YEARS AND RETURNED TO MEMPHIS.
 WHILE RESIDING IN KANSAS CITY, MO., BURGESS PURCHASED A WHITE
 MUSTANG AUTOMOBILE FOR HIS DAUGHTER DEBORAH. THE FOOTENS ARE
 OF THE OPINION THAT THIS WHITE MUSTANG AUTOMOBILE WAS NEVER
 TRANSPORTED TO MEMPHIS, TENN. AFTER BETTY LOU AND THE CHILDREN
 LEFT KANSAS CITY AND RETURNED TO MEMPHIS, BURGESS FOLLOWED
 AND THE FAMILY RESIDED IN MEMPHIS AS A FAMILY UNIT FOR A YEAR
 OR 2 BEFORE MOVING TO CANYON LAKE, TEXAS. THE MARRIAGE WAS
 TERMINATED IN CANYON LAKE, TEXAS, BY DIVORCE IN ABOUT 1972 OR

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1973. BURGESS WILSON WAS SELDOM GAINFULLY EMPLOYED BUT DID FROM TIME TO TIME ATTEMPT TO OPERATE JEWELRY STORES AND WATCH REPAIR SHOPS.

ON THE NIGHT OF AUGUST 17, 1978, VERNON HOOTEN RECEIVED A TELEPHONE CALL FROM BURGESS AUDIE WILSON AT APPROXIMATELY 9:00 PM. WILSON ASKED GENERAL QUESTIONS ABOUT THE HEALTH AND WELFARE OF THE HOOTENS AND REMARKED THAT HE RESIDES IN NEW ORLEANS, LA. WILSON FURNISHED NO OTHER PERSONAL DATA REGARDING HIMSELF AND THE PHONE CALL WAS TERMINATED AFTER THE LAPSE OF A FEW MINUTES. ON AUGUST 18, 1978, VERNON HOOTEN TALKED WITH HIS SON JAMES HOOTEN, WHO RESIDES AT 2081 ST. ELMO, MEMPHIS, AND HIS SON INFORMED HIM THAT BURGESS WILSON HAD ALSO CALLED HIM ON THE EVENING OF AUGUST 17, 1978. WHILE WILSON WAS TALKING WITH EITHER JAMES HOOTEN OR HIS WIFE MARIE, HE REMARKED THAT HE HAD KILLED DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING IN 1968. JAMES AND MARIE HOOTEN ARE OF THE OPINION THAT WILSON WAS EXAGGERATING AND DO NOT BELIEVE THAT HE IN FACT PARTICIPATED IN THE ASSASSINATION OF DR. KING.

THE HOOTENS DESCRIBED WILSON AS A VERY HEAVY DRINKER; HOWEVER, THEY POINTED OUT THAT WHEN DRINKING HE TALKS COHERENTLY

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AND HIS MOVEMENTS DO NOT GIVE EVIDENCE THAT HE IS INTOXICATED. HE IS A BOASTFUL TALKER AND OFTEN MAKES EXAGGERATED STATEMENTS IN AN EFFORT TO IMPRESS PEOPLE WHO ARE LISTENING TO HIM. HE HAS IN THE PAST BEEN PHYSICALLY ABUSIVE TOWARD HIS WIFE AND CHILDREN AND ON ONE OCCASION HELD HIS FORMER WIFE'S HEAD UNDER WATER IN THE BATHTUB FOR A CONSIDERABLE PERIOD OF TIME. HE HAS MADE THREATS TO KILL VERNON HOOTEN AND HIS FORMER WIFE BETTY LOU WILSON. ON ONE OCCASION HE CHECKED IN THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION (VA) HOSPITAL AT MEMPHIS, TENN., DATE NOT RECALLED, AND COMPLAINED OF A HEART ATTACK; HOWEVER, MEDICAL EXAMINATION REVEALED NO HEART PROBLEM. ON ANOTHER OCCASION HE CHECKED IN AT THE VA HOSPITAL AND COMPLAINED OF A CRIPPLED LEG AND AGAIN MEDICAL EXAMINATION REVEALED NOTHING WAS WRONG WITH HIM. VERNON HOOTEN BELIEVES THAT WILSON WOULD FALSELY CONFESS TO A CRIME IN ORDER TO HAVE A PLACE TO SLEEP AND EAT IF HE WAS IN NEED OF FOOD AND SHELTER. IN THE OPINION OF THE HOOTENS, WILSON IS A COMPULSIVE LIAR AND BOTH ARE OF THE OPINION THAT HE HAD NOTHING WHATSOEVER TO DO WITH THE ASSASSINATION OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING. THEY CANNOT RECALL SPECIFICALLY WHERE HE

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 RESIDED IN 1968 BUT ARE OF THE OPINION THAT HE DID NOT MAINTAIN
 A RESIDENCE IN MEMPHIS AT THAT TIME. THEY DO NOT KNOW WHETHER
 HE EVER OWNED OR POSSESSED A GUN OR OTHER WEAPON BUT ARE OF THE
 OPINION THAT HE DID NOT.

ON AUGUST 18, 1978, JAMES HOOTEN, 2091 ST. ELMO, MEMPHIS,
 TENN., FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

ABOUT 9:30 PM ON AUGUST 17, 1978, BURGESS AUDIE WILSON,
 COMMONLY KNOWN AS BILL WILSON, CALLED JAMES HOOTEN STATING HE
 WAS CALLING FROM CANYON LAKE, TEXAS. HE MADE GENERAL INQUIRIES
 REGARDING THE HEALTH AND WELFARE OF JAMES HOOTEN AND HIS WIFE
 MARIE, AND THEN HE REQUESTED HOOTEN TO CALL SHELBY COUNTY,
 TENN., SHERIFF GENE BARKSDALE FOR HIM. HOOTEN QUESTIONED HIM
 REGARDING THE NATURE OF HIS REQUEST, AND WILSON TOLD HIM HE HAD
 TELEPHONED BARKSDALE ON THE EVENING OF AUGUST 17, 1978, AND
 HAD AN APPOINTMENT WITH HIM ON AUGUST 20, 1978, PLACE NOT
 STATED. HE INFORMED HOOTEN HE HAD CALLED BARKSDALE AND WAS
 MEETING WITH HIM TO SURRENDER HIMSELF BECAUSE HE SHOT AND KILLED
 DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING IN 1968. HE WANTED HOOTEN TO CALL SHERIFF
 BARKSDALE FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONFIRMING HIS, WILSON'S, IDENTITY

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 AND THE APPOINTMENT. HOOTEN REFUSED TO HONOR WILSON'S REQUEST
 AND QUESTIONED HIS SINCERITY REGARDING HIS CLAIM FOR BOTH THE
 KILLING AND THE APPOINTMENT WITH THE SHERIFF. WILSON INSISTED
 HE HAD KILLED KING AND STATED HE HAD MET WITH SHERIFF BARKSDALE
 PERSONALLY ABOUT 2 WEEKS PREVIOUSLY. HE TERMINATED THE CALL
 WHEN HE REALIZED HOOTEN WOULD NOT CALL THE SHERIFF AS HE
 REQUESTED.

ACCORDING TO HOOTEN, WILSON IS AN EXTREMELY HEAVY DRINKER.
 HE FEELS THAT WILSON WAS UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL WHEN
 CALLED AND THAT HIS HEAVY CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL WAS HAD AN
 ADVERSE EFFECT ON HIS MIND. WILSON WAS AT ONE TIME PLACED IN AN
 UNKNOWN HOSPITAL IN TEXAS BY HIS SON, STEVEN, TO HAVE HIM
 TREATED FOR ALCOHOLISM. HOOTEN IS OF THE OPINION THAT WILSON
 HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH THE ASSASSINATION OF DR. KING BUT DUE
 TO THE MENTAL DEGRADATION OF HIS MIND MAY BELIEVE HE DID.
 HOOTEN IS NOT CERTAIN BUT BELIEVES WILSON WAS NOT IN THE
 MEMPHIS AREA AT THE TIME DR. KING WAS KILLED.

DALLAS WILL CONTACT BETTY LOU WADE AT 233 SMITH ST.,
 BURLINSON, TEXAS, AND OBTAIN ALL PERTINENT BACKGROUND INFORMATION

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 REGARDING BURGESS AUDIE WILSON AS WELL AS THE ADDRESSES OF WILSON'S
 CHILDREN DEBORAH ANN, STEVEN, AND MARK ANTHONY. STEVEN AND
 MARK ANTHONY WILSON SHOULD BE INTERVIEWED FOR INFORMATION
 AVAILABLE TO THEM REGARDING BURGESS WILSON AND APPROPRIATE
 LEADS SHOULD BE SET FORTH REQUESTING INTERVIEW OF DEBORAH ANN
 WILSON JONES, BELLEVUE, ILL.

THE BIRMINGHAM OFFICE WILL INTERVIEW LYDA MC CAHA AND AL
 WILSON AT REFORM, ALA., AND OBTAIN ALL PERTINENT INFORMATION
 RE BURGESS WILSON FROM HIS BROTHER AND SISTER.

JACKSON WILL ATTEMPT TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW CHRISTINE
 WILSON, MARRIED NAME NOT KNOWN, AT FULTON, MISS., AND DEVELOP
 ALL PERTINENT BACKGROUND INFORMATION RE BURGESS WILSON.

ALL OFFICES INTERVIEW RELATIVES OF WILSON RE VERACITY
 OF HIS ALLEGATIONS AND PRESENCE IN MEMPHIS DURING THE
 CRITICAL PERIOD (APRIL 4, 1968) AND IF WILSON HAS HISTORY
 OF PSYCHIATRIC PROBLEMS.

ALL OFFICES NOTE THESE LEADS SHOULD BE GIVEN EXPEDITE
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ATTN CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRES UNIT, ROOM 8900, JEN BUILDING.
WORKIN.

RECORDS, IDENTIFICATION BUREAU, BEXAR COUNTY JAIL,
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, ON AUGUST 18, 1978, INDICATE BURGESS
AUDIE WILSON, JR., WHITE MALE, BORN [REDACTED],
5 FT, 11 INCHES, BLACK HAIR, BROWN EYES, BOOKED INTO BEXAR
COUNTY JAIL JUNE 19, 1972 ON CONTEMPT OF COURT OUT OF STATE
DISTRICT COURT 57 (CASE NUMBER F 248-584). WILSON SERVED
TWELVE DAYS AND WAS RELEASED JUNE 30, 1972.

CENTRAL RECORDS, BEXAR COUNTY DISTRICT COURT, WILL
NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW UNTIL AUGUST 21, 1978.

ADMINISTRATIVE: RE MEMPHIS TEL, AUGUST 16, 1978.
SAN ANTONIO INDICES AND FILES REVEAL BURGESS AUDIE WILSON,
JR., WHITE MALE, BORN [REDACTED] TEXAS DRIVERS LICENSE (TDL)

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NUMBER [REDACTED] EXPIRING 8/20/88, PREVIOUS ADDRESS,
115 MILLS STREET, SAN MARCOS, TEXAS IS SUBJECT OF SAN ANTONIO
FILE 29-2629 CAPTIONED "BURGESS AUDIE WILSON, JR.: BF&E";
OO: SAN ANTONIO. WILSON ALLEGEDLY DEFAULTED ON A \$1,000
NOTE AT KYLE STATE BANK, KYLE, TEXAS AND IN A
SECURITY AGREEMENT AND FINANCING STATEMENT FILED WITH THE
BAYES COUNTY DISTRICT CLERK'S OFFICE, WILSON INDICATED THAT
THE \$1,000 NOTE WAS OBTAINED TO PURCHASE CATTLE.

NCIC INQUIRY REVEALED BURGESS AUDIE WILSON, JR.,
BORN [REDACTED] IN MISSISSIPPI, SSAN [REDACTED] TDL
77911315 WANTED BY NEW BRAUNFELS, TEXAS POLICE DEPARTMENT AS
PROBATION VIOLATOR, DATE OF WARRANT 4/16/78.

SAN ANTONIO AT SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, WILL REVIEW BEXAR
COUNTY DISTRICT COURT RECORDS RE IDENTITY OF CHILDREN OF BURGESS
AUDIE WILSON, JR. IN EFFORT TO LOCATE FORMER WIFE FOR INTERVIEW.

AT NEW BRAUNFELS, TEXAS, WILL CAUSE A REVIEW OF RECORDS OF
LOGICAL POLICE AGENCIES REGARDING BURGESS AUDIE WILSON, JR.,
SSAN 422-34-1273.

AT SAN MARCOS, TEXAS, WILL CONDUCT DISCREET INQUIRY TO
DETERMINE IF RESIDENCE OF FORMER WIFE AND FAMILY FOR INTERVIEW.
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ATTN CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRIES UNIT, ROOM 3922, JEM BUILDING.

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ON AUGUST 18, 1978, GENE BARKSDALE, SHERIFF, SHELBY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, FURNISHED FOLLOWING:

AT APPROXIMATELY 9:15 PM ON AUGUST 17, 1978, AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS BURGESS AUDIE WILSON TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED SHERIFF BARKSDALE AT THE SHELBY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SUB-STATION, MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE. WILSON FURNISHED SHERIFF BARKSDALE BACKGROUND INFORMATION REGARDING BARKSDALE AND INFORMATION REGARDING PERSONS KNOWN TO BARKSDALE AS MEMBERS OR FORMER MEMBERS OF THE TENNESSEE AIR NATIONAL GUARD UNIT AT MEMPHIS, IN WHICH BARKSDALE HAS BEEN ACTIVE FOR 26 YEARS. WILSON RELATED

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INFORMATION REGARDING PLACES AND TRIPS HE HAD MADE WITH BARKSDALE WHICH INDICATED THAT WILSON WAS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE TENNESSEE AIR NATIONAL GUARD UNIT AT MEMPHIS.

WILSON INFORMED BARKSDALE HE HAD COMMITTED A FAMOUS CRIME-- THAT HE WAS THE MAN WHO KILLED DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HE RELATED THAT HE WAS THE TRIGGER MAN AND WAS STANDING ABOUT 65 FEET FROM DR. KING IN A POSITION BELOW THE BALCONY WHERE DR. KING WAS STANDING. ABOUT THREE DAYS PRIOR TO THE DEATH OF DR. KING WILSON'S DAUGHTER, WHOSE IDENTITY HE DECLINED TO FURNISH, DROVE A WHITE MUSTANG FROM KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, TO MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE. HE WOULD FURNISH NO INFORMATION REGARDING THE STORAGE OR USE OF THIS WHITE MUSTANG AFTER THE MUSTANG REACHED MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE. HE DECLINED TO FURNISH ANY INFORMATION REGARDING THE CIRCUMSTANCES AND THE EVENTS LEADING UP TO THE KILLING OF DR. KING OTHER THAN NOTED ABOVE, BUT STATED THAT INFORMATION FURNISHED BY JAMES EARL RAY IS ACCURATE.

WILSON REQUESTED THAT SHERIFF BARKSDALE MEET HIM AT THE HOLIDAY INN, GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI, AT 9:30 AM, AUGUST 20, 1978. BARKSDALE WAS INSTRUCTED TO ENTER THE DINING ROOM AT THE HOLIDAY INN WITHOUT A COAT AND THAT WILSON WOULD SURRENDER TO

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HIM THERE. HE INSISTED THAT BARKSDALE BE ALONE, THAT HE NOT BE MISTREATED AFTER HE SURRENDERED AND THAT BARKSDALE NOT INFORM THE FBI, AND IF ^{betrayed} ~~portrayed~~, HE WOULD NOT SURRENDER.

WILSON DECLINED TO FURNISH BARKSDALE HIS LOCATION, BUT BARKSDALE BELIEVED THAT IT WAS A LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE CALL.

AT APPROXIMATELY 11:45 PM, WILSON AGAIN TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED BARKSDALE AND FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

HE HAD A CLEAR CONSCIENCE, HAD TALKED WITH HIS FAMILY, AND WAS READY TO CONFESS TO SHERIFF BARKSDALE ALONE. HE AGAIN REQUESTED SHERIFF BARKSDALE TO MEET HIM AT THE HOLIDAY INN IN GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI, AT 9:30 AM, AUGUST 18, 1978 IN THE DINING ROOM WITHOUT HIS COAT ON AND ALONE. SHERIFF BARKSDALE POINTED OUT TO HIM THAT HE, BARKSDALE, WOULD HAVE DIFFICULTY MEETING HIM AT GULFPORT AT THE APPOINTED TIME AND REQUESTED THAT THEY ARRANGE A MEETING AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI. WILSON COUNTERED BY INFORMING BARKSDALE THAT BARKSDALE WAS A PILOT AND HAD ACCESS TO AIRCRAFT AND THAT HE COULD OBTAIN A PLANE AND REACH GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI IN A RELATIVELY SHORT PERIOD OF TIME. WILSON ABSOLUTELY DECLINED TO MEET WITH BARKSDALE IN JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI. DURING THIS CONVERSATION, WILSON INFORMED

BARKSDALE THAT HE WAS THEN IN NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, AND THAT

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HE COULD REACH GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI IN ABOUT ONE AND ONE HALF HOURS.

AT APPROXIMATELY 9:45 AM, AUGUST 18, 1978, REVEREND NOEL FANNON, PASTOR, ST. ELIZABETH SETON CATHOLIC CHURCH, OCEAN SPRINGS, MISSISSIPPI, TELEPHONE NUMBER 875-0654, TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED SHERIFF BARKSDALE AND FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

REVEREND FANNON WAS IN A CAFE IN OCEAN SPRINGS, MISSISSIPPI ON THE MORNING OF AUGUST 18, 1978, HAVING BREAKFAST. BURGESS WILSON APPROACHED HIM AND RELATED INFORMATION INDICATING HE, WILSON, HAD SHOT DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., IN MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE IN APRIL OF 1968. HE INFORMED REVEREND FANNON THAT HE WAS TO MEET SHERIFF BARKSDALE AT THE HOLIDAY INN, GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI, AND REQUESTED REVEREND FANNON TO FOLLOW HIM TO THE HOLIDAY INN.

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WILSON ALSO TALKED WITH SHERIFF BARKSDALE ON THIS OCCASION AND ASKED QUESTIONS REGARDING THE FAILURE OF SHERIFF BARKSDALE TO MEET WITH HIM AT 9:30 AM ON AUGUST 18, 1978, AS HE HAD PREVIOUSLY REQUESTED. SHERIFF BARKSDALE INFORMED WILSON THAT HE HAD BEEN ON DUTY ALL NIGHT IN CONNECTION WITH THE STRIKE INVOLVING THE MEMPHIS POLICE DEPARTMENT, AND HAD NOT BEEN ABLE TO ARRANGE MATTERS SO THAT HE COULD MEET WITH HIM. BARKSDALE INFORMED WILSON THAT HE WOULD ATTEMPT TO ARRANGE A MEETING WITH HIM. WILSON INFORMED BARKSDALE THAT HE WOULD STAY IN THE VICINITY OF THE HOLIDAY INN, GULEPORT, AND WOULD CONTACT THE DESK CLERK AT THE HOLIDAY INN PERIODICALLY IN ORDER FOR BARKSDALE TO ARRANGE TO MEET WITH HIM. WILSON FURNISHED BARKSDALE TELEPHONE NUMBER 601-364-4310 AS THE TELEPHONE NUMBER OF A HOLIDAY INN HE WOULD PERIODICALLY CONTACT.

BARKSDALE REPORTED THAT WILSON APPEARED TO BE COHERENT AND THIS INFORMATION WAS ALSO FURNISHED TO BARKSDALE BY REVEREND FANNON.

BARKSDALE FURNISHED INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM THE BUREAU OF IDENTIFICATION, SHELBY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, INDICATING THAT BURGESS AUDIE WILSON, FBI NUMBER [REDACTED] WAS APRESTED AT THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE ON MAY 14, 1964,

BY THE MEMPHIS POLICE DEPARTMENT ON MAY 26, 1964, AND BY THE

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SHELBY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE ON MAY 27, 1964 AND MARCH 24, 1965, WITH RESIDENCE AT 3612 COVINGTON PIKE, MEMPHIS. WILSON WAS ARRESTED BY THE BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS AUTHORITIES ON JUNE 12, 1972 FOR CONTEMPT OF COURT DRAWING OUT OF THE CHILD SUPPORT QUESTIONED IN BEXAR COUNTY. AT THE TIME WILSON RESIDED AT 1505 WEST CANYON LAKE DRIVE, CANYON LAKE, TEXAS. HIS EMPLOYMENT WAS SHOWN AS A JEWELER.

THE FBI FINGERPRINT RECORD INDICATES THAT WILSON IS KNOWN AS BURGESS AUDIE WILSON, JR. HE IS A WHITE MALE BORN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AT FULTON, MISSISSIPPI, 5'10" TALL, 155 POUNDS, BROWN EYES AND BROWN HAIR. WHEN ARRESTED IN MAY OF 1964, HE RESIDED AT 3095 RUSKIN ROAD, MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE.

DURING CONVERSATION WITH SHERIFF BARKSDALE, WILSON INDICATED HE HAS A FATHER-IN-LAW, VERNON HOOTEN, WHO RESIDES AT 3095

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RUSKIN ROAD, MEMPHIS, TELEPHONE NUMBER 386-4628, AND THAT HIS FATHER WAS FORMERLY PASTOR AT THE HOLLYWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH, CHELSEA AND HOLLYWOOD AVENUES, MEMPHIS, AND AT THE CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH, GRENADA, MISSISSIPPI.

ADMINISTRATIVE: RE MEMPHIS TELEPHONE CALLS TO BUREAU SUPERVISOR DEAN CLARK, AUGUST 12, 1972. SUCOP

MEMPHIS INDICES AND FILES REVEAL BURGESS AUDIE WILSON, JR., WAS ELIMINATED AS A SUSPECT IN AN 87 MATTER INVOLVING THE TRANSPORTATION OF JEWELRY IN 1973. AT THE TIME, IT WAS DETERMINED HE HAD BEEN IN BUSINESS AS THE NORTH STAR DIAMOND CIRCLE, VALLEY HILL MALL, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, FROM EARLY 1971 TO MIDDLE 1971.

JACKSON AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, WILL CAUSE A REVIEW OF RECORDS AT LOGICAL POLICE AGENCIES REGARDING BURGESS AUDIE WILSON, JR., FBI NUMBER 872-421 E.

SAN ANTONIO AT BEXAR, TEXAS, WILL REVIEW APPROPRIATE RECORDS RE IDENTITY OF CHILDREN OF BURGESS AUDIE WILSON, JR., NOTING HE WAS BOOKED AT BEXAR COUNTY JAIL JUNE 19, 1972, FOR CONTEMPT OF COURT GROWING OUT OF CHILD SUPPORT QUESTION IN BEXAR COUNTY.

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ATTENTION: CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY UNIT, ROOM 9088, JEH
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RE MEMPHIS TELETYPE TO FBIHQ AND JACKSON, AUGUST 18,
 1978, AND MEMPHIS TELEPHONE CALLS TO FBIHQ AND JACKSON,
 AUGUST 18, 1978.

AT 3:15 P.M., ON AUGUST 18, 1978, BURGESS AUDIE WILSON
 TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED SHERIFF CENE PARKSDALE, SHELBY
 COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE. WILSON STATED
 HE WILL APPEAR AT THE HOLIDAY INN DINING ROOM, GULFPORT,
 MISSISSIPPI, WITH REVEREND NOEL FANNON, PASTOR, ST. ELIZABETH
 SETON CATHOLIC CHURCH, OCEAN SPRINGS, MISSISSIPPI, AT

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 6:30 P.M., ON AUGUST 18, 1978. SHERIFF BARKSDALE DOES NOT
 PLAN TO LEAVE MEMPHIS AND MEET WITH WILSON. SPECIAL AGENTS
 OF THE JACKSON DIVISION WILL ATTEMPT TO CONTACT WILSON AND
 INTERVIEW HIM REGARDING INFORMATION HE PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED
 TO SHERIFF BARKSDALE INDICATING HE KILLED DR. MARTIN LUTHER
 KING IN 1968.

JACKSON WILL PROMPTLY FURNISH FBIHQ AND MEMPHIS RESULTS
 OF CONTACT WITH WILSON. IF DEEMED APPROPRIATE AFTER INTERVIEW,
 ATTEMPT TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW RELATIVES OF WILSON RE
 VERACITY OF ALLEGATION AND PRESENCE IN MEMPHIS DURING
 CRITICAL PERIOD AND IF WILSON HAS HISTORY OF PSYCHIATRIC
 TREATMENT.

THE MEMPHIS OFFICE WILL ATTEMPT TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW
 WILSON'S FATHER-IN-LAW, VERNON HOOTEN, WHO REPORTEDLY RESIDES
 IN THE MEMPHIS AREA, RE ANY INFORMATION OF WILSON'S
 ALLEGATION.

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TO : SAC, JACKSON (62-544)

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FROM : SA R. P. WHITE-SPUNKER, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

The following are among items found in the wallet of BURGESS AUDIE WILSON, JR.:

Current Texas Driver's License #7911315
under name of BURGESS AUDIE WILSON, JR.,
113 Hill Street, San Marcos, Texas, DOB
[redacted] license expires 1980.

Handwritten note on back of card giving
address of 1008 Hickory Hill Lane, C-103,
Hermitage, Tennessee, 37076, no name on
card.

Business card for MAX D. MURRAY,
Advertising Representative, Austin,
Texas, American-Statesman.

Business card for DAN WERNER, Craftman
Workshop, Edgewater Mall, Biloxi, MS,
telephone 388-9601.

Note with name KARL FASOLD, 863-4761
(apparently Gulfport, MS, telephone no.)

Business card for Louisiana Off-Shore
Caterers, name JIM FONTENOT, Personnel
Director, Houma, Louisiana, telephone
876-3642.

Pay voucher from Gulf Coast Catering Co.,
New Iberia, Louisiana, for pay period ending
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Card with name TAD MURRAY, Monroe,
Louisiana, 323-7382 or 728-4060. 44-1987-Sub M-1174

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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

Card with name BOB CAZOET, 214-521-4195.

Bill of sale, mainly illegible, but made out to VERA H. NEVILL, Route 4, Box 620-C, Canyon Lake, Texas.

Veterans Administration patient data card, #422341275, under name of BURGESS A. WILSON, Canyon Lake, Texas.

1977 VFW membership card, [REDACTED] for Post Number 8573, Canyon Lake, Texas.

Homes STAN BULLARD and Jones Builders, Long Beach, Mississippi.

Business card for Bill Wilson Builders, Custom Homes, Canyon Lake, Texas, and 817 East Euclid, San Antonio, Texas.

Plastic credit card for Security State Bank, Starkville, MS, [REDACTED] under name of Colonel BURGESS A. WILSON, USAF retired.

(WILSON advised he was discharged from USAF in 1960 after 12 years service with rank of Technical Sergeant.)

Private pilot's certificate [REDACTED] under name of BURGESS AUDIE WILSON, JR., 13125 Herrick Avenue, Grandview, Missouri, 64030, giving him authorization to fly single and multi engine land airplanes, issued by FAA, Oklahoma City.

WILSON claims to be personally acquainted with Shelby County, Tennessee, Sheriff GENE BARKSDALE, calling BARKSDALE an old flying buddy who flew with WILSON in the Tennessee Air National Guard. At that time, BARKSDALE headed the Memphis, Tennessee, Police Department Vice Squad.

WILSON has advised that he arrived on the Mississippi Gulf Coast around 7/1/78. He came to the Gulf Coast from Houma, Louisiana, where he worked for the Louisiana Off-Shore Company (not further identified).

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ATTN CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRIES UNIT, ROOM 0980, SEN BUILDING.
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ON AUGUST 12, 1970, AT 3 PM, MR. WILLIAM DON GLADDER,
AGE 46, W/M, HT. 5, BOX 200N-3 (MEADOW LAKE DRIVE), GULF PARK
ESTATES, OCEAN SPRINGS, MS., TELEPHONE 875-3512 ADVISED AS
FOLLOWS:

HE IS EMPLOYED AS MGR. OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY OFFICE IN
GULFPORT, MS. (TELEPHONE 896-3221). HE AND HIS WIFE, ALICE
A. GLADDER, OWN A GIFT SHOP, "SEASONS AND REASONS," 2446
HIGHWAY 90 EAST, OCEAN SPRINGS, MS. (TELEPHONE 875-2331).
ON OR ABOUT JULY 26, 1970, A W/M BY THE NAME OF "BILL"

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WILSON CAME TO THEIR GIFT SHOP IN OCEAN SPRINGS SAYING THAT HE PLANNED TO OPEN A WATCH REPAIR BUSINESS IN THE EDGEWATER MALL SHOPPING CENTER, BILOXI, MS., AND WOULD LIKE TO USE THE GLADDEN'S GIFT SHOP AS A PICKUP POINT FOR HIS WATCH REPAIR BUSINESS. GLADDEN ADVISED NEITHER HE NOR HIS WIFE HAD EVER MET WILSON PRIOR TO THIS TIME. FOUR OR FIVE DAYS LATER, GLADDEN AGREED TO LET WILSON RENT A ROOM TO THE REAR OF GLADDEN'S GIFT SHOP IN WHICH WILSON SET UP HIS WATCH REPAIR BUSINESS. GLADDEN AGREED TO LET WILSON KEEP 20 PERCENT OF PROFITS COMING FROM THE WATCH REPAIR.

GLADDEN AGREED THAT HE AND HIS WIFE "GAVE TO TRUST" WILSON FROM THE VERY BEGINNING AND CONSIDERED HIM TO BE A VERY HARD WORKER, WHO PUT A LOT OF HIS OWN MONEY INTO LOCAL RADIO ADVERTISING BUILDING UP HIS WATCH REPAIR BUSINESS. WILSON LATER TOLD GLADDEN HE HAD "POSTPONED" OPENING UP A BUSINESS IN THE EDGEWATER MALL. WILSON HAD HIS OWN JEWELRY AND WATCH REPAIR EQUIPMENT AND, ACCORDING TO GLADDEN, SPENT SEVERAL THOUSAND DOLLARS OF HIS OWN MONEY TO PURCHASE ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT AFTER RENTING THE SPACE IN GLADDEN'S BUSINESS. WILSON KEPT A KEY TO THE GIFT SHOP

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WHICH HE OPENED EVERY MORNING. HE WORKED HARD IN THE SHOP
COMPLETING HIS WATCH REPAIRS AFTER WHICH HE WOULD LEAVE THE
SHOP FOR PLACES UNKNOWN.

WILSON INDICATED TO GLADDER THAT HE HAD A DRINKING
PROBLEM AND WAS TRYING TO ESTABLISH HIMSELF AND WORK HARD IN
THE WATCH REPAIR BUSINESS IN HOPES OF GETTING OVER THIS
PROBLEM.

AT THE BEGINNING, WILSON RESIDED AT APARTMENT NO. 9,
TWIN PINES HOTEL, COEAD SPRINGS, MS., BUT AT AN UNKNOWN LATER
DATE MOVED TO HOUSE 8, BOX 307, ROUTE SPRINGS (TELEPHONE
673-9542).

NEITHER GLADDER NOR HIS WIFE HAD EVER VISITED WILSON

AT THE ABOVE TWO RESIDENCES AND ONLY TOOK WILSON'S WORD THAT
HE LIVED THERE. ACCORDING TO GLADDER, WILSON COMMENTED THAT
HE IS STAYING IN A HOUSE OWNED BY AN UNIDENTIFIED FRIEND
AND IS NOT PAYING ANY RENT AS LONG AS HE KEEPS THE HOUSE IN
REPAIR.

WILSON RECENTLY TOOK GLADDER AND GLADDER'S SON FOR A
RIDE IN AN AIRPLANE PILOTED BY WILSON. GLADDER CONSIDERS

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KNOW EVERYTHING THERE WAS TO KNOW ABOUT FLYING AIRPLANES IN
ROUGH WEATHER.

GLADDEN FURTHER ADVISED THAT IN HIS OPINION WILSON IS
AN "EXTREMELY INTELLIGENT MAN"; HOWEVER, HE IS UNAWARE OF
THE EXTENT OF WILSON'S EDUCATION.

GLADDEN ADVISED THAT AT 11:45 PM, ON 8/17/78, WILSON
TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED HIM AT HIS RESIDENCE SAYING HE

HAD TO TALK TO GLADDEN AND HIS WIFE ABOUT SOMETHING THAT

COULD NOT WAIT UNTIL THE MORNING. WILSON REFUSED TO STATE
BY TELEPHONE WHY HE WANTED TO TALK TO GLADDEN AND HE REFUSED
TO COME TO GLADDEN'S RESIDENCE. WILSON SAID HE NEEDED TO
TALK ABOUT SOMETHING OF "NATIONAL URGENCY." THEY AGREED TO
MEET AT GLADDEN'S GIFT SHOP AT COLEMAN SPRINGS AT 12:15 AM,

8/18/78. GLADDEN ADVISED HE TOOK HIS WIFE AND 18 YEAR OLD
SON, JOHN W. GLADDEN, TO THE SHOP WHERE HE MET WILSON AT
THE ABOVE TIME. WILSON ARRIVED ALONE, DRIVING AN OLD

MODEL BLUE CHEVROLET SEDAN WITH WHITE TOP, BEARING UNKNOWN

LOUISIANA TAG. WILSON APPARENTLY HAD BEEN DRINKING INAS-
MUCH AS HIS EYES WERE VERY RED AND HE SMELLED OF ALCOHOL;
HOWEVER, HE DID NOT TALK LIKE AN INTOXICATED PERSON IN

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GLADDEN'S OPINION AND SEEMED TO BE "VERY DEPRESSED."

WILSON SAID "I'M THE GYSELY MAN. I'M THE MAN THAT
MURDERED MARTIN LUTHER KING." THEY TALKED FOR APPROXIMATELY

ONE HOUR AND 15 MINUTES. WILSON STATED THAT HE GREW UP IN
GRENADA, MS., WHERE HIS FATHER WAS A BAPTIST MINISTER. THE
BLACKS (REFERRED TO AS "NEGROES AND NIGGERS" BY WILSON), WHO
LIVED IN THE AREA WERE WELCOMED TO WORSHIP AT THE CHURCH;

HOWEVER, WHEN THE NORTHERN BLACKS BEGAN TO COME DOWN SOUTH,

WILSON'S FATHER WELCOMED THEM INTO HIS CHURCH ONLY IF THEY
CAME TO WORSHIP AND NOT TO CAUSE TROUBLE. ACCORDING TO
WILSON, THE BLACKS HAD COME FOR TROUBLE AND IT WAS FOR THIS
REASON THAT HIS ATTITUDE BEGAN TO CHANGE TOWARD BLACKS.

WILSON TOLD THE GLADDENS, "I AM THE ONE THAT PULLED THE
TRIGGER. THERE WAS A CONSPIRACY. I WAS THE LOGICAL ONE."
WILSON TOLD THE GLADDENS HE HAD "BEEN WITH THE GOVERNMENT
AND GOT INVOLVED IN SOME UNDECLARED WARS." (HE DID NOT
FURTHER ELABORATE; HOWEVER, GLADDEN RECALLED THAT WILSON
ONCE MENTIONED HE HAD BEEN IN THE AIR FORCE.) WILSON CLAIMED

TO KNOW MARTIN LUTHER KING'S FATHER AND BROTHER AND STATED
HE GREW UP NEXT DOOR TO A COUSIN OF MARTIN LUTHER KING AND

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"KNEW HIS ENTIRE FAMILY."

GLADDEN RECALLED THAT HE (GLADDEN) HAD ONCE PURCHASED A USED MUSTANG FOR HIS DAUGHTER. ON SEEING THE VEHICLE WILSON REMARKED HE HAD ONCE PURCHASED A WHITE MUSTANG FOR HIS DAUGHTER.

DURING THE CONVERSATION ON THE EARLY MORNING OF 6/18/78, WILSON STATED THAT HIS DAUGHTER HAD DRIVEN THE WHITE MUSTANG TO MEMPHIS AT THE TIME OF THE KING KILLING. WILSON COMMENTED THAT HE WAS IN MEMPHIS AT THAT TIME, BUT HAD DOCUMENTED HIMSELF TO BE IN KANSAS CITY AS AN ALIBI. WILSON

STATED THAT JAMES EARL RAY WAS THE "FALL GUY." "RAY ONLY SAW ME TWICE, BUT I KNEW HIM. RAY WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE GOTTEN AWAY CLEAN. I'M SURPRISED RAY HAD BROUGHT IT ALL BACK UP AGAIN BECAUSE HE WOULD HAVE HIS PAROLE IN TWO YEARS."

WILSON TOLD THE GLADDENS THAT HE WOULD NOT SEE THEM ANYMORE AFTER TONIGHT AND HE WANTED THEM TO HAVE ALL HIS EXPENSIVE WATCH REPAIR EQUIPMENT.

WILSON, AGAIN REFERRING TO THE KING ASSASSINATION, STATED, "IT WAS PART OF A GROUP CONSPIRACY." HE PROVIDED NO FURTHER DETAILS STATING HE WOULD ONLY DEAL WITH THE

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"SHERIFF OF MEMPHIS (TENN.), WHO HE USED TO FLY WITH.
WILSON FELT THAT THE GOVERNMENT WANTED IT TO HAPPEN TO KING.

"I KNEW IT NEEDED TO BE DONE." WILSON DID NOT BELIEVE HE
WOULD HAVE TO SERVE MUCH TIME FOR HIS INVOLVEMENT, STATING
"I'M NOT SORRY I DID IT. THE RIGGERS ARE BETTER OFF."
LATER IN THE CONVERSATION WITH THE GLADDENS, WILSON SAID HE
WAS SORRY HE HAD DONE IT.

WILSON STATED HE HAD TALKED WITH THE MEMPHIS SHERIFF
BY PHONE AND WAS TO MEET HIM AT THE GULFPORT, MS., HOLIDAY
INN DURING THE MORNING OF 4/18/78. WILSON SPECULATED AS
TO WHETHER OR NOT HE WOULD BE PROVIDED WITH A TV IN HIS CELL
AND INDICATED HE PROBABLY WOULD BE GIVEN WORK AS AN

INSTRUCTOR OR REPAIRMAN OF WATCHES WHILE IN JAIL.

REVERTING TO THE KING ASSASSINATION, WILSON TOLD
THE GLADDENS THAT HE SHOT KING "NOT FROM 30 YARDS AWAY, BUT
30 FEET AWAY." HE WAS CLOSE ENOUGH TO SEE THE BULLET HIT

AND STATED SPECIFICALLY THAT "I SHOT THE BAIT OUT OF HIM AND
SAW IT FLY." WILSON NEVER MENTIONED TO GLADDEN THE TYPE OF
GUN HE ALLEGEDLY USED OR THE LOCATION FROM WHICH HE ALLEGEDLY
SHOT KING.

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AT ONE POINT IN THE CONVERSATION WITH THE GLADDENS, WILSON APPARENTLY FEELING A DISAPPROVING GLANCE FROM GLADDEN'S 18 YEAR OLD SON, WARNED THE SON HE HAD BETTER NOT INTERFERE.

CONCERNING THE UNIDENTIFIED MEMPHIS SHERIFF, WILSON OFFERED TO FURNISH THIS INDIVIDUAL'S NAME AND TELEPHONE NO.

TO GLADDEN FOR VERIFICATION OF HIS REMARKS; HOWEVER, GLADDEN REFUSED. WILSON SAID HE HAD "GONE THROUGH TEN YEARS OF HELL, AND BECAUSE HE KILLED KING, IT RUINED 28 YEARS OF MARRIAGE; HOWEVER, HIS CONSCIENCE ONLY STARTED BOTHERING HIM IN THE LAST FEW YEARS.

APPARENTLY REFERRING TO A SKETCH OF KING'S KILLER, WILSON TOLD THE GLADDENS THAT IT WAS ALMOST AN EXACT LINGERED OF HIM AND BECAUSE IT WAS RECENTLY SHOWN ON TV, HE DECIDED

TO TURN HIMSELF IN. HE SAID HE HAD A SISTER IN FULTON, MS. (NOT FURTHER IDENTIFIED), WHO TELEPHONED HIM IN OCEAN SPRINGS TO SAY THAT THE SKETCH LOOKED JUST LIKE HIM. WILSON TOLD THE GLADDENS THAT HE HAD TELEPHONED VARIOUS FAMILY

MEMBERS TO LET THEM KNOW HE WAS TURNING HIMSELF IN.

WILSON ALSO STATED THAT HE, AT ONE TIME, INTENDED TO OPEN A WATCH REPAIR BUSINESS IN TUPELO, MS., BUT DECIDED

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AGAINST IT BECAUSE OF THE TENSE RACIAL SITUATION.

WILSON ALSO ONCE TOLD WAS. GLADDEN THAT HE GETS "FLIGHT PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS" AT REESLER AIR FORCE, EILOXI, AS.

GLADDEN ADVISED THAT WILSON REPEATED HIMSELF MANY TIMES DURING THE ONE HOUR AND FIFTEEN MINUTE CONVERSATION ON 6/16/78, BUT HE PROVIDED NO FURTHER DETAILS CONCERNING THE KING ASSASSINATION, OTHER THAN THAT STATED HEREIN.

AT THE END OF THEIR CONVERSATION, GLADDEN ADVISED WILSON DEPARTED THE STORE IN HIS AUTOMOBILE AND HEADED IN AN EASTERLY DIRECTION. THE GLADDENS WERE AFRAID AND DISTURBED AT THE CONVERSATION AND PROMPTLY TELEPHONED THE JACKSON FBI OFFICE.

GLADDEN ADVISED THAT TO THE BEST OF HIS RECOLLECTION DURING THE SHORT TIME HE AND HIS WIFE KNEW WILSON, HE NEVER TALKED ABOUT HIS PAST, OTHER THAN TO MENTION THAT HE HAD BEEN IN THE U. S. AIR FORCE; HAD BEEN MARRIED FIVE TIMES, TWICE TO THE SAME WOMAN; HE GROW UP IN MISS.; AND HAD BEEN ON THE GULF COAST LESS THAN THREE MONTHS. THE GLADDENS DO NOT KNOW WHERE HE CAME FROM OR WHAT HE HAS DONE PRIOR TO HIS ARRIVING AT THEIR PLACE OF BUSINESS 7/26/78.

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GLADDEN ADVISED THAT IN HIS REGULAR BUSINESS AS SOCIAL SECURITY OFFICE MANAGER HE HAS PERSONAL DEALINGS ON A FREQUENT BASIS WITH PEOPLE HAVING MENTAL PROBLEMS AND WHILE HE IS NOT A QUALIFIED PERSON IN THIS FIELD, HE IS NOT OF THE OPINION WILSON HAS MENTAL IMPAIRMENT. HE DESCRIBED WILSON AS A WHITE MALE; 5 FT. 8 INCHES; 155 LBS; MEDIUM BUILD; RUDDY COMPLEXION; GRAYING HAIR; AGE 48, WHO LIKES TO DRINK VODKA AND COKE.

ON 4/18/78, SHORTLY BEFORE NOON, WILSON TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED GLADDEN ADVISING THAT HE HAD BEEN BETRAYED, THAT HE HAD BEEN TO GULFPORT, MS., HOLIDAY INN, ALONG WITH "THE FATHER" (NOT FURTHER IDENTIFIED BY WILSON), WHERE HE HAD SEEN PERSONS BELIEVED TO BE WITH THE FBI. HE WAS NOW BACK

AT HIS RESIDENCE WATCHING THE WINDOWS AND WOULD BLOW THE HORN OFF OF ANYONE WHO CAME, EXCEPT "THE FATHER."

ABOUT THREE HOURS LATER, MR. AND MRS. GLADDEN WERE SURPRISED TO SEE WILSON WALK INTO THEIR GIFT SHOP. HE WAS CLEAN SHAVEN AND NEAT. HE APPARENTLY HAD NOT BEEN DRINKING. HE IMPLIED HE HAD BEEN IN TOUCH WITH THE FBI, BUT THEY WERE NOT GOING TO DO ANYTHING TO HIM. HE HAD MADE SOME KIND OF

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BARGAIN. HE NOW WANTED TO LIVE A NORMAL LIFE AND ASKED IF HE COULD KEEP HIS WATCH REPAIR BUSINESS IN THE BACK OF GLADDEN'S STORE AS USUAL.

THE GLADDENS ADVISED WILSON THEY WERE SERIOUSLY CONTEMPLATING SELLING THE BUSINESS AND HAD ALREADY CONTACTED A REALTOR.

AT 6:20 PM, 6/10/76, FIVE FBI AGENTS ESTABLISHED PHYSICAL OBSERVATION AT THE HOLIDAY INN, U. S. HIGHWAY 90, CLIFTON, NC.

AT APPROXIMATELY 8:45 PM, A 1972 PLYMOUTH BEARING JACKSON COUNTY, MS., LICENSE [REDACTED] STOPPED IN FRONT OF THE HOLIDAY INN AND A WHITE MALE, WHO LATER ACKNOWLEDGED THAT HE WAS BURGESS AUDIE WILSON, JR., EXITED THE VEHICLE AND ENTERED THE HOLIDAY INN. THE WHITE MALE DRIVER OF THE VEHICLE THEREAFTER PARKED THE VEHICLE AND CAME TO THE ENTRANCE OF THE HOLIDAY INN, WHERE HE WAS APPROACHED BY SA BENJAMIN F. GRAVES AND WAS ASKED IF HE WAS FATHER NOEL FARNOW AND HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT HE WAS.

FATHER FARNOW WAS ADVISED THAT GENE BARRSCALL, SHERIFF OF SHELBY COUNTY, MEMPHIS, TENN., WAS NOT GOING TO MEET

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WILSON. HE WAS ADVISED THAT AGENTS OF THE FBI WERE IN THE HOTEL AND HE WAS REQUESTED TO TELL WILSON THAT THE SHERIFF WAS NOT GOING TO MEET HIM; HOWEVER, THE FBI AGENTS WERE AT THE HOTEL AND DESIRED TO TALK WITH HIM. IF HE, WILSON, WOULD AGREE TO TALK WITH THE AGENTS. FATHER FARNON STATED HE WOULD LIKE TO TALK TO WILSON BECAUSE SHERIFF BARKSDALE HAD LIED ABOUT HIS APPEARANCE IN GULFPORT.

FATHER FARNON THEREAFTER ENTERED THE HOTEL AND TALKED WITH WILSON IN THE LOBBY. SHORTLY THEREAFTER, THEY BOTH

RETURNED TO THE SIDEWALK IN FRONT OF THE HOTEL AND SA GRAYLE IDENTIFIED HIMSELF TO WILSON AND ASKED HIM IF HE WERE BURGESS BUDIE WILSON. HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT HE WAS AND LATER STATED HE WAS A JUNIOR.

WILSON WAS ADVISED THAT SHERIFF BARKSDALE WAS NOT THERE TO MEET HIM, HOWEVER, FBI AGENTS WERE THERE AND DESIRED TO TALK WITH HIM, PARTICULARLY ABOUT HIS DAUGHTER SUPPOSEDLY HAVING DRIVEN A WHITE MUSTANG FROM KANSAS CITY, MO., TO MEMPHIS, TENN. HE STATED HE HAD NO INFORMATION TO FURNISH.

THE FBI. WILSON INQUIRED AS TO WHETHER OR NOT HE WAS UNDER ARREST AND HE WAS ADVISED HE WAS NOT UNDER ARREST. WILSON

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COMMENTED HE WAS NOT GOING TO GIVE ANYONE ANY TROUBLE. HE WAS ASKED IF HE HAD ANY WEAPONS ON HIM AND HE STATED HE DID NOT AND THAT SA GRAVES COULD SEARCH HIM IF HE SO DESIRED. WILSON WAS THEN "PATIED DOWN" AND NO WEAPONS WERE FELT ON HIS BODY.

WILSON COMMENTED THAT HE AND FATHER FANNON HAD BEEN TO THE HOTEL AT 9:30 AM, 8/18/78, AND AGAIN AT 3:30 PM, 8/18/78, TO SEE SHERIFF BARRSDALE AND THE SHERIFF HAD LIED TO THEM.

WILSON THEN ASKED FATHER FANNON IF HE WOULD DRIVE HIM BACK TO THE PLACE HE HAD BEEN PICKED UP AND FATHER FANNON AGREED TO DO SO.

WILSON WAS AGAIN ADVISED THAT FBI AGENTS WERE AT THE HOTEL AND WERE STILL WILLING TO TALK TO HIM AND HE REITERATED HE HAD NOTHING TO SAY TO THE FBI AND, AS HE DEPARTED, COMMENTED THAT THE FBI IN THE PAST HAD HARASSED HIS FATHER WITHOUT ANY EXPLANATION.

FATHER FANNON AND WILSON THEREAFTER LEFT THE AREA OF THE HOLIDAY INN IN FATHER FANNON'S VEHICLE PROCEEDING EAST ON HIGHWAY 90. A SURVEILLANCE WAS MAINTAINED ON THE VEHICLE.