

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Mrs. AVIS LEA HUNTER, nee PRUETT, Apartment C-103, Ravenwood Apartments, 1005 Hickory Hill Lane, Nashville, phone 889-4495 (unlisted), employed as a hairdresser at the Castner-Knott Department Store, Donelson Shopping Center, Nashville, advised as follows:

She married BURGESS AUDIE WILSON, also known as Bill, on December 31, 1974, at Mountain Home, Arkansas, and divorced him in June of 1975 at Huntsville, Alabama, after leaving him in May of 1975. At the time they were married, WILSON told her that he was 42 years of age, although she suspects he is older. She only knew him five weeks before they were married. WILSON worked as a jeweler and had jewelry stores at both Mountain Home, Arkansas, and Huntsville, Alabama.

During their marriage, WILSON would drink alcoholic beverages frequently and after drinking, would become "crazy", rambling, and silly. However, he never became violent nor vicious and never harmed her. During their marriage, he told her numerous wild and untrue stories about himself, including that he was mixed up in the Mafia. He told her these stories to gain attention and it was impossible for her to give him as much attention as he required. To her knowledge, he has never been institutionalized for any mental problems. WILSON frequently "rambled from drinking". She and WILSON moved from Mountain Home, Arkansas, to Huntsville, Alabama, on about April 1, 1975.

She left WILSON because of all of his crazy and wild stories and also because he was getting diamonds at his jewelry store that he did not appear to be paying for. These diamonds were brought there by SIMON CLINE of Cline Brothers Jewelers, Atlanta, Georgia, phone 404-521-1075. After she left WILSON he told her once that he had been jailed in New Brownsville, Texas, later in 1975 and this charge supposedly had something to do with diamonds. She does not know, however, whether or not WILSON was actually in jail there. She has had very little personal contact with WILSON since their divorce. She does not know if he has ever been actually in prison. She also left WILSON because he was always acting crazy and was not stable.

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by SA ALLEN H. QUIMBY:sle Date dictated 3/21/78

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Since their divorce, WILSON has called her frequently, approximately once a week. On this past Thursday night, August 17, 1973, WILSON phoned at about 10:00 to 10:30 pm Nashville time, and her fourteen year old son [REDACTED], answered the phone. She told [REDACTED] that if the caller was WILSON to tell WILSON that she was not there because she did not want to talk to him. However, she listened in on an extension as WILSON was talking to [REDACTED]. WILSON was very drunk and told [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] would soon see him on television as he had killed MARTIN LUTHER KING. WILSON referred to KING over the phone as a "black bastard". WILSON further told [REDACTED] that the FBI would be coming soon to pick him up and then he hung up. This was the first time that WILSON ever mentioned MARTIN LUTHER KING during the time she has known him. He also has never mentioned JAMES EARL RAY to her. She does not know any associate of WILSON's by the name of MITCH, and does not know any of his associates. She has no idea where WILSON was in April of 1968, as she did not know him until very late 1974. WILSON has a son named MARK, age about 20, who lives somewhere in Texas. In addition he has some member of his family, possibly a sister, who in the past has lived at Memphis, Tennessee.

Mrs. HUNTER advised that WILSON's story about killing MARTIN LUTHER KING is not true and is just another one of his wild stories that he is telling to get attention.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) PRIORITY

JACKSON (62-544) PRIORITY

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UNCLAS E F T O

MURKIN.

RE BUTEL AUGUST 22, 1978.

ON AUGUST 23, 1978, A SEARCH OF BROWNSVILLE POLICE
DEPARTMENT RECORDS, CAMERON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE RECORDS,
AND CAMERON COUNTY JAIL RECORDS, FAILED TO REFLECT ANY RECORD
IDENTIFIABLE WITH BURGESS AUDIE WILSON, JR.

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UNCLAS E F T O

ATTENTION: CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRIES UNIT, ROOM 8988, JEH BUILDING.
MURKIN.

RE SA TEL AUGUST 18, 1978; DL TEL AUGUST 19, 1978, SETTING
FORTH INTERVIEW OF BETTY LOU WADE IN WHICH SHE INDICATED
BURGESS AUDIE WILSON, JR., WAS "COMMITTED TO A HOSPITAL AT
NEW BRAUNFELS, TEXAS, IN 1974 - 1975 FOR HIS UNSTABLE MENTAL CONDITION"
AND SA TEL AUGUST 19, 1978, SETTING FORTH INTERVIEW OF JO ANN
CHILDRESS WHICH INDICATED WILSON TREATED AT VETERANS ADMINISTRATION
(VA) HOSPITAL AT SAN ANTONIO.

ON AUGUST 22, 1978, WALTER FELLERS, SHERIFF, COMAL COUNTY,
NEW BRAUNFELS, TEXAS, ADVISED THAT BURGESS WILSON, DEPARTMENT ^{Sub M}
OF PUBLIC SAFETY (DPS) NUMBER 1808984 HAD BEEN INCARCERATED ⁴⁴⁻¹⁹⁸⁷⁻¹²⁰⁵

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THE COMAL COUNTY JAIL ON THE FOLLOWING OCCASIONS: ARREST NUMBER A8491, MARCH 1, 1976, THEFT OVER \$200 AND UNDER \$10,000, ADDRESS 401 FIFTH STREET, SOUTH COLUMBUS, MISSISSIPPI, PLED GUILTY AND WAS SENTENCED TO EIGHT YEARS IN THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, HOWEVER, SENTENCE PROBATED FOR EIGHT YEARS. ARREST NUMBER A8942, JUNE 8, 1976, FOR VIOLATION OF PROBATION. ARREST NUMBER A9636, NOVEMBER 21, 1976, ON A CAPIAS FOR VIOLATION OF PROBATION AT WHICH TIME HIS ADDRESS WAS LISTED AS ROUTE 4, BOX 6206, CANYON LAKE, TEXAS. ARREST NUMBER A10576 ON JULY 13, 1977, FOR VIOLATION OF PROBATION.

ON AUGUST 22, 1978, HAZEL KUHN, DISTRICT CLERK'S OFFICE, STATE DISTRICT COURT, COMAL COUNTY, NEW BRAUNFELS, TEXAS, MADE AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW RECORDS OF THE COMAL COUNTY DISTRICT COURT. A REVIEW OF THESE RECORDS REVEALED THAT ON SEPTEMBER 3, 1974, WILSON WAS INDICTED BY GRAND JURY FOR THEFT OVER \$200, A COLOR TV SET BEING THE PROPERTY OF DOROTHY E. WIMBERLY. ARREST WARRANT WAS SERVED ON SEPTEMBER 20, 1974, IN BAXTER COUNTY, ARKANSAS, (MOUNTAIN HOME). WILSON WAIVED EXTRADITION AND RESTITUTION WAS MADE. CHARGE WAS FORMALLY DISMISSED ON MARCH 30, 1976.

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ON FEBRUARY 7, 1975, INFORMATION WAS FILED IN COMAL COUNTY DISTRICT COURT CHARGING WILSON WITH THEFT BY CHECK. A CAPIAS WAS ISSUED ON FEBRUARY 7, 1975. WILSON, AKA WILLIAM WILSON, HIGHWAY 5, MOUNTAIN HOME, ARKANSAS, WAS DOING BUSINESS AS OZARK JEWELRY AND WATCH REPAIR. THE CHARGE WAS SUBSEQUENTLY DISMISSED ON DECEMBER 22, 1977.

ON AUGUST 7, 1974, WILSON WAS INDICTED FOR THEFT OF OVER \$200 AND UNDER \$10,000. WILSON SUBSEQUENTLY PLED GUILTY TO CHARGES AND PLACED ON EIGHT YEARS PROBATION. AS OF MARCH, 1976, WILSON ALSO HAD CAUSE NUMBER 21-797 PENDING IN THE 18TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, JOHNSON COUNTY, TEXAS, FOR CRIMINAL NON-SUPPORT AND A CASE PENDING IN OKTIBBEHA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, FOR FRAUD BY FALSE PRETENSES.

HIS SPOUSE AT THAT TIME WAS LISTED AS PATRICIA WILSON, 103 KATHERINE DRIVE, STARKVILLE, MISSISSIPPI. WILSON WAS SUBSEQUENTLY ARRESTED FOR VIOLATION OF PROBATION ON JUNE 8, 1976, NOVEMBER 20, 1976, JULY 9, 1977, AND JULY 13, 1977. WILSON WAS RELEASED FOLLOWING EACH OF THESE CHARGES AND PROBATION CONTINUED.

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ON APRIL 22, 1974, BETTY LOU WILSON FILED PETITION FOR DIVORCE IN COMAL COUNTY DISTRICT COURT SEEKING TO DISSOLVE HER MARRIAGE TO BURGESS A. WILSON. THE PETITION LISTED A SON MARK ANTHONY WILSON, BORN [REDACTED]

A CROSS PETITION FILED BY WILSON INDICATED THEY WERE ORIGINALLY MARRIED ON DECEMBER 13, 1948, AND DIVORCED ON AUGUST 28, 1966, IN MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE. THEY REMARRIED ON FEBRUARY 28, 1967, AND SEPARATED ON MARCH 28, 1974. A DECREE OF DIVORCE WAS ENTERED ON JUNE 27, 1974, GRANTING CUSTODY OF MARK ANTHONY WILSON TO BETTY LOU WILSON AND REQUIRING BURGESS A. WILSON TO PAY CHILD SUPPORT. A MOTION FOR CONTEMPT WAS FILED ON AUGUST 19, 1974, AS WILSON WAS IN ARREARS IN CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENTS. THE COURT HAS BEEN UNABLE UNTIL THIS TIME TO LOCATE WILSON FOR THE PURPOSE OF SERVING NECESSARY PAPERS.

ON AUGUST 22, 1978, FRANK ALLEN, PROBATION OFFICER, COMAL COUNTY, TEXAS, ADVISED THAT BURGESS WILSON WAS REFERRED TO HIS OFFICE FOR PRESENTENCE INVESTIGATION. ALLEN ADVISED THAT AS A RESULT OF HIS PRESENTENCE INVESTIGATION HE REPORTED THAT THE CHANCES OF SUCCESSFUL PROBATION BY WILSON WOULD BE POOR.

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ALLEN FURTHER ADVISED THAT ON JUNE 8, 1976, WILSON REPORTED TO THE PROBATION OFFICE WHILE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL. WILSON ADVISED THAT HE HAD BEEN WORKING WITH U.S. SECRET SERVICE, IN SEGUIN, TEXAS, ON A COUNTERFEITING RING AND THAT MEMBERS OF THIS RING WERE ATTEMPTING TO KILL HIM. HE ADMITTED TO BEING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL AND ASKED HIS PROBATION BE REVOKED. WILSON WAS INCARCERATED IN THE COMAL COUNTY JAIL. SUBSEQUENT INQUIRY BY ALLEN WITH U.S. SECRET SERVICE DETERMINED THAT WILSON HAD FURNISHED INFORMATION OF NO VALUE TO THAT AGENCY AND THAT THERE WAS NO COUNTERFEITING RING. AFTER APPROXIMATELY THREE DAYS INCARCERATION WILSON ADVISED ALLEN THAT THE REASON HE HAD REQUESTED HIS PROBATION BE REVOKED WAS BECAUSE HE WAS SEEKING PROTECTION. HE INDICATED THAT HE WANTED HIS PROBATION CONTINUED.

ALLEN STATED THAT HE DID NOT BELIEVE WILSON TO BE CAPABLE OF VIOLENCE AND NOTED THAT HE EXPERIENCES ILLUSIONS OF GRANDEUR AND IS CAPABLE OF TELLING "WILD STORIES" WHEN DRINKING.

ON APRIL 22, 1978, BARBARA HARTIGAN, RECORDS, MCKENNA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, NEW BRAUNFELS, TEXAS, ADVISED THAT WILSON WAS ADMITTED TO THAT HOSPITAL ON MAY 23, 1974, SUFFERING WITH

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SEVERE CHEST PAINS AND NUMBNESS IN THE RIGHT ARM. HE HAD AN ABNORMAL ELECTROCARDIOGRAM AND WAS TREATED FOR CORONARY OCCLUSION. THE FOLLOWING DAY THE PAIN DISAPPEARED AND THE ELECTROCARDIOGRAM WAS NORMAL. WILSON LEFT THE HOSPITAL AGAINST MEDICAL ADVICE ON MAY 24, 1974.

WILSON WAS AGAIN ADMITTED TO THE HOSPITAL ON MAY 28, 1974, FOR A POSSIBLE RATTLESNAKE BITE. NO FANG MARKS WERE LOCATED HOWEVER, THERE WAS A SLIGHTLY RAISED SCRATCHED AREA ON HIS LEFT WRIST. SUCTION WAS APPLIED, HOWEVER, NO VENOM WAS LOCATED. HE WAS DISCHARGED ON MAY 30, 1974.

ON AUGUST 22, 1978, HAZEL KUHN, SUPRA, ADVISED THAT ON THE DAY WILSON WAS SCHEDULED TO APPEAR IN COMAL COUNTY DISTRICT COURT IN CONNECTION WITH HIS DIVORCE PROCEEDINGS HE WAS ADMITTED TO THE MCKENNA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL FOR AN "ALLEGED" RATTLESNAKE BITE. HIS ATTORNEY, IRVIN BOARNET OF NEW BRAUNFELS, WITHDREW FROM THE CASE FOLLOWING THIS INCIDENT.

ON AUGUST 22, 1978, MARGI MARTIN, VA HOSPITAL, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, ADVISED THAT WILSON WAS TREATED AS AN IN-PATIENT FROM JUNE 27, 1976, TO JUNE 29, 1976, FOR INSECT BITES. HE WAS

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TREATED AS AN OUT-PATIENT ON AUGUST 4, 1976, FOR A LIME BURN ON HIS LEFT FOOT AND ON DECEMBER 11 AND 14, 1976, FOR A SWOLLEN LEFT ELBOW.

REPRESENTATIVE OF COMAL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE DEPARTED NEW BRAUNFELS, TEXAS, ON AUGUST 22, 1978, FOR THE PURPOSE OF RETURNING WILSON TO NEW BRAUNFELS. HE IS EXPECTED TO RETURN ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 25, 1978.

REPORT FOLLOWS.

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FOR ANY CORRECTIONS OR CORRECTIONS PLS CONTACT SAN ANTONIO

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) PRIORITY

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UNCLAS E F T O

ATTENTION: CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRIES UNIT, ROOM 8988, JEH.

MURKIN; OO: MEMPHIS.

RE BUTEL, AUGUST 22, 1978.

ON AUGUST 19, 1978, MRS. LEON (CHRISTINE) GUNTARP, FULTON, MISSISSIPPI, WAS TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED AT HER RESIDENCE AT WHICH TIME SHE ADVISED THAT SHE IS THE SISTER OF BURGESS AUDIE WILSON, JR., WHOM SHE HAS HAD LIMITED CONTACT WITH DURING THE PAST ELEVEN YEARS SINCE THE DEATH OF THEIR NATURAL FATHER AT GRENADA, MISS. MRS. GUNTARP ADVISED THAT HER PAST EXPERIENCE WITH HER BROTHER HAS PROVEN HIM TO BE AN INDIVIDUAL WITH ALCOHOL AND APPARENT MENTAL PROBLEMS IN VIEW OF HIS ERRATIC BEHAVIOR AND TENDENCY TO FABRICATE. SHE ADVISED THAT UNTIL THIS CONTACT SHE

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HAS HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF HER BROTHER'S WHEREABOUTS AND HAS HAD ONLY ONE TELEPHONE CALL FROM HIM IN THE LAST TWO YEARS, FROM AN UNKNOWN LOCATION. SHE ADVISED THAT ALTHOUGH SHE CONSIDERS HER BROTHER TO BE AN INTELLIGENT INDIVIDUAL, SHE RARELY BELIEVES ANYTHING HE SAYS, ESPECIALLY WHEN HE HAS BEEN DRINKING. SHE STATED THAT HE AT ONE TIME FLEW FOR AN AIR FREIGHT SERVICE OUT OF KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, AND ALSO HAS THE CAPABILITY OF JEWELRY AND WATCH REPAIR.

MRS. GUNTARP EMPHATICALLY STATED ON AUGUST 23, 1978, THAT SHE DID NOT CONTACT HER BROTHER "BILL" WILSON IN OCEAN SPRINGS, MISS., IN THE RECENT PAST CONCERNING HER RECOGNITION OF A LIKENESS TO HIM WITH REGARD TO A SKETCH OF THE KILLER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING SEEN IN A NEWSPAPER.

INVESTIGATION, COLUMBUS, MISS., DETERMINED THE GUN REPAIR SHOP LOCATED BEHIND BANK IDENTIFIED AS BOX 4N GUN SHOP. THIS SHOP WAS RUN BY A GUNSMITH NAMED PARKER NEELY WHO HAS SINCE MOVED TO TENNESSEE, AND WHOSE CURRENT WHEREABOUTS ARE CURRENTLY UNKNOWN TO HIS PAST ASSOCIATES IN COLUMBUS, MISS.

INVESTIGATION AT STARKVILLE, MISS., DETERMINED WILSON WAS MARRIED TO PATRICIA SHINDALA. SHINDALA WAS A DIVORCEE AND WILSON

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USED HER ALIMONY MONEY ALONG WITH HER SETTLEMENT MONEY TO OBTAIN A LOAN AND START A JEWELRY STORE AT A MALL IN STARKVILLE, MISS. THIS OCCURRED IN THE SPRING OF 1975 AND THE BUSINESS LASTED APPROXIMATELY SIX MONTHS BEFORE WILSON "FLED IN THE NIGHT," DESERTING HIS WIFE AND OWING SEVERAL INDIVIDUALS. SHINDALA IS CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN THE NURSING PROGRAM AT WESTERN CAROLINA UNIVERSITY, SILVA, NORTH CAROLINA. WILSON IS WELL KNOWN IN THE STARKVILLE AREA AS A "CON-ARTIST".

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING TO LOCATE PARKER NEELY AND HAVE HIM INTERVIEWED RE WILSON'S STATEMENT THAT HE HAD THE JAPANESE SNIPER RIFLE REWORKED AT A GUN SHOP IN COLUMBUS, MISSISSIPPI.

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MURKIN ATTENTION: CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY UNIT ROOM 8988, JEH.

RE BUREAU TELCAL AUGUST, 23, 1978, AND CHICAGO TELCAL TO BUREAU
AUGUST 23, 1978.

DEBRA ANN JONES, BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS DAUGHTER OF BURGESS AUDIE
WILSON, ADVISED SHE DOES NOT RECALL EXACTLY WHEN 1965 MUSTANG WAS
PURCHASED BY HER FATHER. SHE RECALLS DRIVING IT TO SCHOOL FOR A
COUPLE OF MONTHS PRIOR TO HER GRADUATION AND DEFINATELY HAD IT DURING
EARLY APRIL 1968. HER FATHER PURCHASED CAR T UNKNOWN DEALERSHIP
NEAR KANSAS CITY.

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FM DALLAS (44-2649)(P)

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) PRIORITY

JACKSON (62-544) PRIORITY

OKLAHOMA CITY (44-686) PRIORITY

MEMPHIS (44-1987) PRIORITY

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UNCLAS

MURKIN; OO: MEMPHIS.

RE OKLAHOMA CITY TELETYPE TO DALLAS, AUGUST 23, 1978.

FOR INFORMATION OF RECEIVING OFFICES, REFERENCED TELETYPE REQUESTED DALLAS TO CONDUCT TITLE SEARCH RE BONANZA AIRCRAFT, REGISTRATION NUMBER 34L, REPORTEDLY OWNED BY BURGESS AUDIE WILSON.

A REVIEW OF RECORDS AT THE FEDERAL RECORDS CENTER (FRC) REFLECTS REGISTRATION NUMBER N34L WAS ASSIGNED TO A TWIN ENGINE BEACH CRAFT IN CONTRAST TO A SINGLE ENGINE BEACH BONANZA.

THIS AIRCRAFT WAS ORIGINALLY IMPORTED INTO SWITZERLAND

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SOME TIME AROUND 1950. THE AIRCRAFT WAS SUBSEQUENTLY BROUGHT BACK INTO THE UNITED STATES IN 1956, AT WHICH TIME IT RECEIVED THE REGISTRATION NUMBER N34L. IN 1959 THE OWNER, MR. LEAR, SR., OF LEAR, INC. SUBSEQUENTLY TOOK THE AIRCRAFT BACK TO SWITZERLAND AND SOLD IT TO AN ITALIAN CORPORATION IN 1962. APPARENTLY, FOR INSURANCE PURPOSES, THE AMERICAN REGISTRATION NUMBER, N34L, WAS REQUESTED TO BE DEREGISTERED IN THE UNITED STATES, WHICH IT WAS ON JULY 27, 1962.

THERE IS NO INFORMATION IN THE FILES REGARDING A SINGLE ENGINE BONANZA, BURGESS AUDIE WILSON, OR ANY PREVIOUS OWNER WITH LAST NAME FISHER.

JERRY PACE, SECURITY, SOUTHWESTERN REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS, FAA, FORT WORTH, TEXAS, ADVISED HE TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED FAA, OKLAHOMA CITY, AND DETERMINED REGISTRATION NUMBER N34L HAS BEEN UNASSIGNED SINCE 1962. PACE ALSO STATED A REVIEW OF THE 1963, 1968 AND 1969 UNITED STATES CIVIL AIRCRAFT REGISTRATION BOOKS FAILED TO REFLECT THIS REGISTRATION NUMBER.

JACKSON WILL RE-INTERVIEW BURGESS AUDIE WILSON RE CORRECT REGISTRATION NUMBER OF BONANZA AIRCRAFT HE CLAIMED HE OWNED AT THE TIME OF KING'S DEATH.

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FOR INFORMATION OF RECEIVING OFFICES, IT IS NOTED WILSON
GAVE THE REGISTRATION NUMBER OF HIS AIRCRAFT AS 34L. ALL UNITED
STATES AIRCRAFT BEAR THE PREFIX "N" BEFORE THE REGISTRATION NUMBER.

DALLAS WILL SUBMIT RUC REPORT.

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FM JACKSON (62-544) (P)

TO DIRECTOR (44-3386L) PRIORITY

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UNCLAS E F T O

ATTENTION CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRIES UNIT, ROOM 8988, JEH.

MURKIN; 00: MEMPHIS.

ON AUGUST 23, 1978, SERGEANT LAURA MIZE, DESK SERGEANT, OCEAN SPRINGS, MISSISSIPPI, POLICE DEPARTMENT ADVISED THAT DEPUTY (FIRST NAME UNKNOWN) REYUN, OF THE COMAL COUNTY, TEXAS, SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT HAD ARRIVED AT THE OCEAN SPRINGS POLICE DEPARTMENT EARLY THIS MORNING TO PICK UP PRISONER BURGESS AUDIE WILSON, JR. DESK SERGEANT MIZE ADVISED THAT DEPUTY REYUN DEPARTED OCEAN SPRINGS AT APPROXIMATELY 10:00 A.M., THIS DATE WITH WILSON EN ROUTE TO NEW BRAUNFELLS, TEXAS.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) IMMEDIATE

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UNCLAS E F T O

ATTENTION: CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY UNIT, ROOM 8988, JEH BLDG.

MURKIN. OO: MEMPHIS.

RE KANSAS CITY TELETYPE TO BUREAU, AUGUST 21, 1978.

PERSONNEL RECORDS ON FILE AT NATIONAL PERSONNEL RECORDS CENTER, CIVILIAN PERSONNEL RECORDS (NPRC-C), ST. LOUIS, MO., DISCLOSED BURGESS AUDIE WILSON, JR., SSAN 422-34-1275, EMPLOYED AUGUST 3, 1966, BY DEPARTMENT OF AIR FORCE, 442ND MILITARY AIRLIFT WING, RICHARDS-GEBAUR AFB, MO., AS FLIGHT ENGINEER (WITH DUAL STATUS AS AIR RESERVE TECHNICIAN). RESIGNED MARCH 10, 1968, TO GO INTO BUSINESS FOR SELF. RECORDS FAILED TO SHOW WILSON EMPLOYED BY U.S. GOVERNMENT ON APRIL 4, 1968.

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FOLLOWING BACKGROUND INFORMATION CONTAINED IN RECORDS:

NAME: BURGESS AUDIE WILSON, JR., AKA. BILL.

DESCRIPTION: DATE OF BIRTH AUGUST 28, 1931, FULTON, MISS.

HEIGHT: 5 FT. 11 IN., WEIGHT: 165 LBS., HAIR: BROWN, EYES: BROWN.

EDUCATION: FULTON HIGH SCHOOL, FULTON, MISS., 1942-46;
UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, 1952; UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE, 1959.

ADDRESSES: 1605 BOXWOOD ST., MEMPHIS, TENN. (1947-60); 4086
REENIG AVE., MEMPHIS, TENN. (1960-62); 2612 ELMORE PARK RD., MEMPHIS,
TENN. (1962-64); 3612 COVINGTON PIKE, MEMPHIS, TENN. (1964-66); 3173
COURT ST., BARTLETT, TENN. (APRIL, 1966); 13707 12TH ST., GRANDVIEW,
MO. (MAY, 1966 - MARCH, 1967).

EMPLOYMENTS: APRIL, 1960, TO SEPTEMBER, 1962, PRUDENTIAL
INSURANCE CO., MEMPHIS, TENN.; SEPTEMBER, 1962, TO DECEMBER, 1963,
SELF EMPLOYED (WILSON CLEANERS), RALEIGH, TENN.; JANUARY, 1964, TO
MAY, 1964, ROCKETDYNE, CONOGA PARK, CALIF.; JUNE, 1964, TO MAY, 1966,
WILBUR ADVERTISING ENTERPRISES, INC., BARTLETT, TENN.

RELATIVES: BETTY LOU HOOTEN WILSON, WIFE, BORN [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] MARRIED FEBRUARY 28, 1955, GRENADA, MISS. CHILDREN:
DEBORA A. WILSON, BORN [REDACTED] STEPHEN W. WILSON, BORN [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] MARK A. WILSON, BORN [REDACTED]

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MILITARY SERVICE: U.S. AIR FORCE, MAY, 1947, TO MARCH, 1948;
NOVEMBER, 1948, TO JUNE, 1950; FEBRUARY, 1951, TO NOVEMBER, 1954;
FEBRUARY, 1955, TO FEBRUARY, 1960, SERIAL NO. 14 225 795.

PASSPORT NO. Y425185.

BLOOD GROUP: O POSITIVE.

SOCIAL SECURITY NO.: 422-34-1275.

REFERENCES: DR. IRA C. COLE, BROADMOOR BAPTIST CHURCH, RALEIGH,
TENN. (1966); WALTER K. WADE, 4126 FORBES AVE., FT. WORTH, TEXAS
(1966); BEN J. MANGINA, 442 MILITARY AIRLIFT WING, RICHARDS-GEBAUR
AFB, MO. (1966).

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ON LINE FOUR, AFTER BROWN, EYES: BROWN. WHAT IS SAID UP UNTIL
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AND ALSO FROM LINE ENDING WITH MEMPHIS, TENN. (1964-66); 3173
UP UNTILL 13707 12TH ST., GRANDVIEW.

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UNCLAS E F T O

ATTENTION: CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRIES UNIT, ROOM 8988, JEH.

MURKIN; OO: MEMPHIS.

RE JACKSON TELETYPE, AUGUST 23, 1978; AND DALLAS TELETYPE TO BUREAU, AUGUST 23, 1978.

DALLAS DIVISION ADVISED THAT SEARCH OF RECORDS AT FEDERAL RECORDS CENTER (FRC) CONCERNING REGISTRATION NUMBER 34L, REPORTEDLY FOR A BONANZA AIRCRAFT OWNED BY BURGESS AUDIE WILSON, REVEALED THAT THE CORRECT NUMBER WOULD HAVE BEEN N34L INASMUCH AS ALL AIRCRAFT REGISTERED IN THE UNITED STATES HAS THE PREFIX "N". REGISTRATION NUMBER N34L WAS ORIGINALLY ISSUED FOR USE ON A TWIN ENGINE BEACH CRAFT IN 1956, THE OWNER BEING MR. LEAR, SR., OF LEAR,

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discussed w/ section
chief Jim Puckman, FBIHQ.
a lead to reinterview
Wilson not to be conducted -
San Antonio advised
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INC., WHO SUBSEQUENTLY TOOK THE AIRCRAFT TO SWITZERLAND AND SOLD IT TO AN ITALIAN CORPORATION IN 1962. A REQUEST WAS RECEIVED THAT THE PLANE BE DE-REGISTERED IN THE UNITED STATES, WHICH IT WAS ON JULY 27, 1962. NO RECORD COULD BE LOCATED WHICH WOULD INDICATE ANY USE OR REFERENCE TO THIS REGISTRATION NUMBER AFTER THAT DATE. NO RECORD WAS LOCATED REGARDING BURGESS AUDIE WILSON.

SAN ANTONIO DIVISION AT NEW BRAUNFELLS, TEXAS. WILL REINTERVIEW BURGESS AUDIE WILSON RE CORRECT REGISTRATION NUMBER OF THE BONANZA AIRCRAFT HE CLAIMED HE OWNED AT THE TIME OF KING'S DEATH.
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ATTENTION: CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRIES UNIT

MURKIN; OO: MEMPHIS

RE MEMPHIS TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR AND KANSAS CITY
AUGUST 21, 1978; MEMPHIS TELCAL TO KANSAS CITY AUGUST 21,
1978; JACKSON TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR, KANSAS CITY, AND
MEMPHIS AUGUST 22, 1978.

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE RESULTS OF AN INVESTIGATION
CONDUCTED TO RESOLVE THE ALLEGATION BY BURGESS AUDIE WILSON
THAT HE ASSASSINATED MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., AND TO
DETERMINE THE WHEREABOUTS OF WILSON ON APRIL 4, 1968.

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VINCE HARRISON, MANAGER OF THE GRANDVIEW, MISSOURI, CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, INDICATED THAT WILSON RAN A JEWELRY STORE IN BELTON, MISSOURI, IN 1968, AND THAT IN 1969 WILSON RAN FOR MAYOR OF GRANDVIEW, MISSOURI. HARRISON INDICATED THAT JOHN CAMPBELL, CHIEF OF POLICE, GRANDVIEW, MISSOURI, AND SAM LICKTEIG, REAL ESTATE APPRAISER, GRANDVIEW, MISSOURI, TELEPHONE 765-1991, WILL HAVE MORE INFORMATION.

CAMPBELL DESCRIBED WILSON AS BEING A CON-MAN AND ALSO AS A HEAVY DRINKER.

CAMPBELL SAID HE IS AWARE THAT WILSON HAD A JEWELRY STORE, BUT CANNOT REMEMBER THE NAME OR LOCATION. CAMPBELL SAID THAT BEFORE WILSON LEFT GRANDVIEW, DOES NOT REMEMBER THE DATE, THAT WILSON GOT VERY PARANOID ABOUT SOMETHING. WILSON HIRED OFF DUTY POLICEMAN TO GUARD THE INVENTORY OF WILSON'S JEWELRY STORE. SUBSEQUENTLY WILSON AUCTIONED OFF ALL HIS INVENTORY. THE AUCTIONEER WAS TOMMY COMPTON, TELEPHONE 761-2277.

CAMPBELL HEARD THAT BEFORE WILSON CAME TO GRANDVIEW HE WAS IN SOME TYPE OF BUSINESS WITH LOU CREWS OF CREWS JEWELRY STORE, BUT DOES NOT REMEMBER THE NAME OF THE BUSINESS.

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WHEN WILSON CAME TO GRANDVIEW, HE SPLIT WITH CREWS AND LEASED A COUNTER FROM KATZ DRUG STORE, TRUMAN CORNERS SHOPPING CENTER, GRANDVIEW, MISSOURI. WHEN WILSON SPLIT, CREWS WAS REAL MAD BECAUSE HE, CREWS, GOT CHEATED OUT OF SEVERAL THOUSAND DOLLARS, AND MADE THE COMMENT, "IF I GET A CHANCE I'M GOING TO BUMP THE SON-OF-A-BITCH OFF".

SUBSEQUENTLY WILSON MOVED FROM KATZ AND OPENED A NEW STORE, LOCATION AND NAME UNKNOWN.

CAMPBELL INDICATED THAT ON JANUARY 6, 1969, WILSON FILED FOR CANDIDATE FOR MAYOR OF GRANDVIEW, MISSOURI. HE SAID WILSON WAS DEFEATED BY A LARGE MARGIN IN APRIL OF 1969.

CAMPBELL WAS ASKED IF WILSON WAS CAPABLE OF KILLING SOMEONE, AND HE REPLIED THAT WILSON WAS VERY CAPABLE BECAUSE OF HIS TYPE OF CHARACTER.

CAMPBELL SAID THAT LOU CREWS DIED ON AUGUST 22, 1978 OF CANCER, AND THAT A SAM KAPPERA, OFFICER, GRANDVIEW POLICE DEPARTMENT, A REAL CLOSE FRIEND OF CREWS, MIGHT BE ABLE TO PROVIDE MORE INFORMATION ON THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN CREWS AND WILSON.

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SAM LICKTEIG INDICATED THAT HE WAS ON THE CITY COUNCIL WHEN WILSON WAS A CANDIDATE FOR MAYOR IN 1969. HE SAID THAT ARNOLD HOLTON RAN AGAINST WILSON AND HOLTON WON THE ELECTION.

LICKTEIG FEELS THAT WILSON WAS VERY STRANGE. HE HEARD THAT WILSON KEPT A CONSIGNMENT OF DIAMONDS IN HIS HOUSE, AND THAT HE WAS BURGLARIZED ON WHAT SEEMED TO BE A REGULAR BASIS. LICKTEIG SAID HE DOES NOT KNOW HOW HE STAYED IN BUSINESS WITH ALL THOSE BURGLARIES. HE ALSO SAID THAT WILSON APPEARED TO BE HAVING FAMILY PROBLEMS.

LICKTEIG SAID THAT WILSON LOST THE MAYOR ELECTION BY A LARGE VOLUME AND DOES NOT KNOW IF ANYONE BACKED HIM UP. HE DOES NOT KNOW IF CREWS WAS INVOLVED WITH THE ELECTION.

LICKTEIG SAID THAT ONE OF WILSON'S CAMPAIGN STANDS WAS AS FOLLOWS: "TO OPPOSE SCHOOL DISTRICT CONSOLIDATION, CONSOLIDATION WOULD MEAN OUR CHILDREN COULD AND WOULD BE TRANSPORTED TO OTHER SCHOOLS 10 TO 15 MILES AWAY, AND OTHER CHILDREN FROM KANSAS CITY TRANSPORTED TO OUR SCHOOLS".

LICKTEIG SAID THAT WILSON ATTENDED THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE. HE ALSO SAID THAT WILSON WAS A MEMBER OF THE KANSAS CITY MASONIC LODGE.

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ED BUSH, LOAN OFFICER, IN CHARGE OF AIRPLANE LOANS AT JOHNSON COUNTY BANK IN KANSAS, INDICATED THAT WILSON APPLIED FOR A LOAN FOR A BONANZA 4434L AIRPLANE IN 1968. BUSH SAID THAT LOU CREWS WAS SHOWN AS A PARTNER IN THE PURCHASE OF THIS AIRPLANE.

THE APPLICATION OF WILSON SHOWS WILSON'S ADDRESS AS 13125 HICKER, GRANDVIEW, MISSOURI, AND HIS PLACE OF BUSINESS AS: WILBURS WHOLESALE JEWELERS, TELEPHONE 331-2500. CREWS APPLICATION SHOWS HIS HOME ADDRESS AS HICKMAN MILLS DRIVE AND OLD 71 HIGHWAY, AND HIS EMPLOYMENT AS: CLIPPER MANUFACTURERS, NO ADDRESS OR PHONE GIVEN.

BUSH SAID THE BANK MADE A CREDIT BUREAU CHECK ON JUNE 5, 1968. HE SAID THE BILL OF SALE FOR THE BONANZA 4434L IS DATED JUNE 6, 1968, WHICH IS AFTER THE DEATH OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.. THE SELLER WAS LISTED AS FISHER SALES AND SERVICES AND THE BUYER AS CREWS AND WILSON.

THE AIRPLANE WAS REGISTERED ON JUNE 6TH UNDER THE NAMES OF CREWS AND WILSON. THE AIRPLANE WAS REGISTERED AT THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS, 553 NORTH SCOTT, BELTON, MISSOURI, WHICH WAS LATER LEARNED THROUGH THE 1969 CRISS-CROSS DIRECTORY THAT WILBUR WHOLESALE JEWELERS WAS LOCATED AT THIS ADDRESS.

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BOTH PARTIES SIGNED A SECURITY AGREEMENT ON JUNE 6, 1968.

IN A LETTER DATED NOVEMBER 22, 1968, CREWS AND WILSON SIGNED ALL THEIR RIGHTS TO THE AIRPLANE BACK TO FISHER.

BUSH INDICATED THAT CREWS PURCHASED A 1968 THUNDERBIRD ON OCTOBER 9, 1968 FROM PAUL'S FORDS SALES, INC., WITH VIN 8Y83N138079. THE DATE OF THE LOAN WAS OCTOBER 8, 1968. BUSH SAID THAT THE BANK SUBSEQUENTLY REPOSSESSED THE CAR AND SOLD IT ON JULY 10, 1970. BUSH SAID THAT WILSON WAS THE ONLY SIGNER ON THE LOAN FOR THE THUNDERBIRD.

KANSAS CITY, AT KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI: (1) IN REFERENCE TO MEMPHIS TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR AND KANSAS CITY, DATED AUGUST 21, 1978, WILL CONTINUE TO ATTEMPT TO LOCATE EXISTENCE OF JEWELRY TRADE SHOP ON WALNUT STREET TO ESTABLISH EXISTENCE OF INDIVIDUAL AS DESCRIBED BY WILSON.

(2) WILL OBTAIN CREDIT CHECK FOR WILSON TO DETERMINE IF ANY TRANSACTIONS OCCURRED ON APRIL 4, 1968.

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