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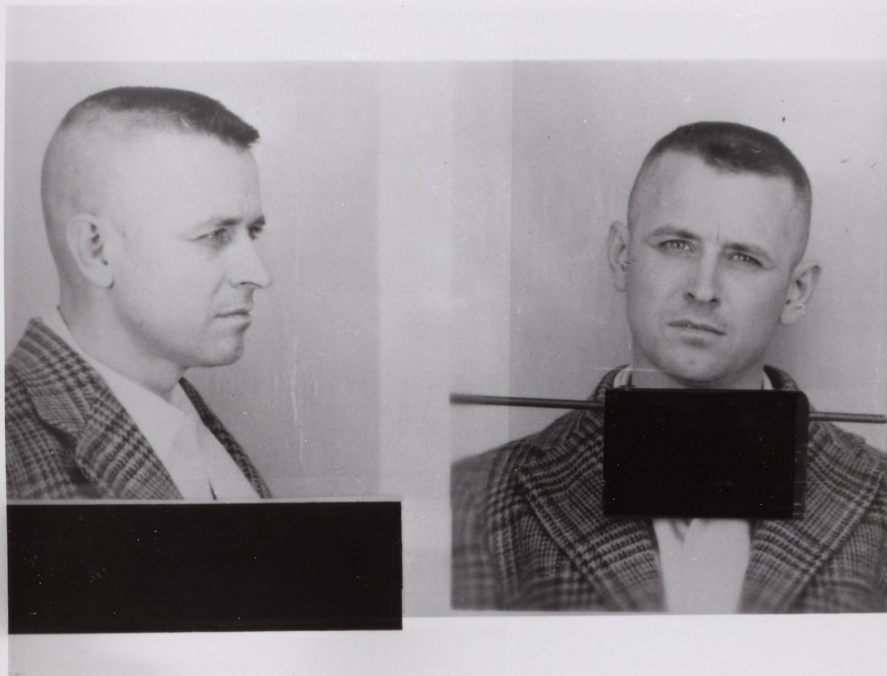
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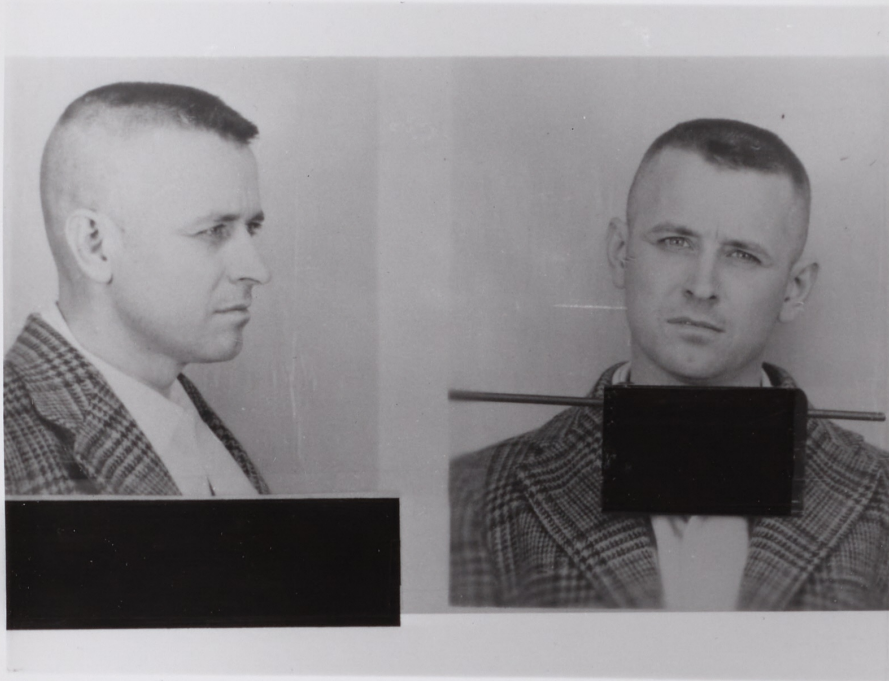
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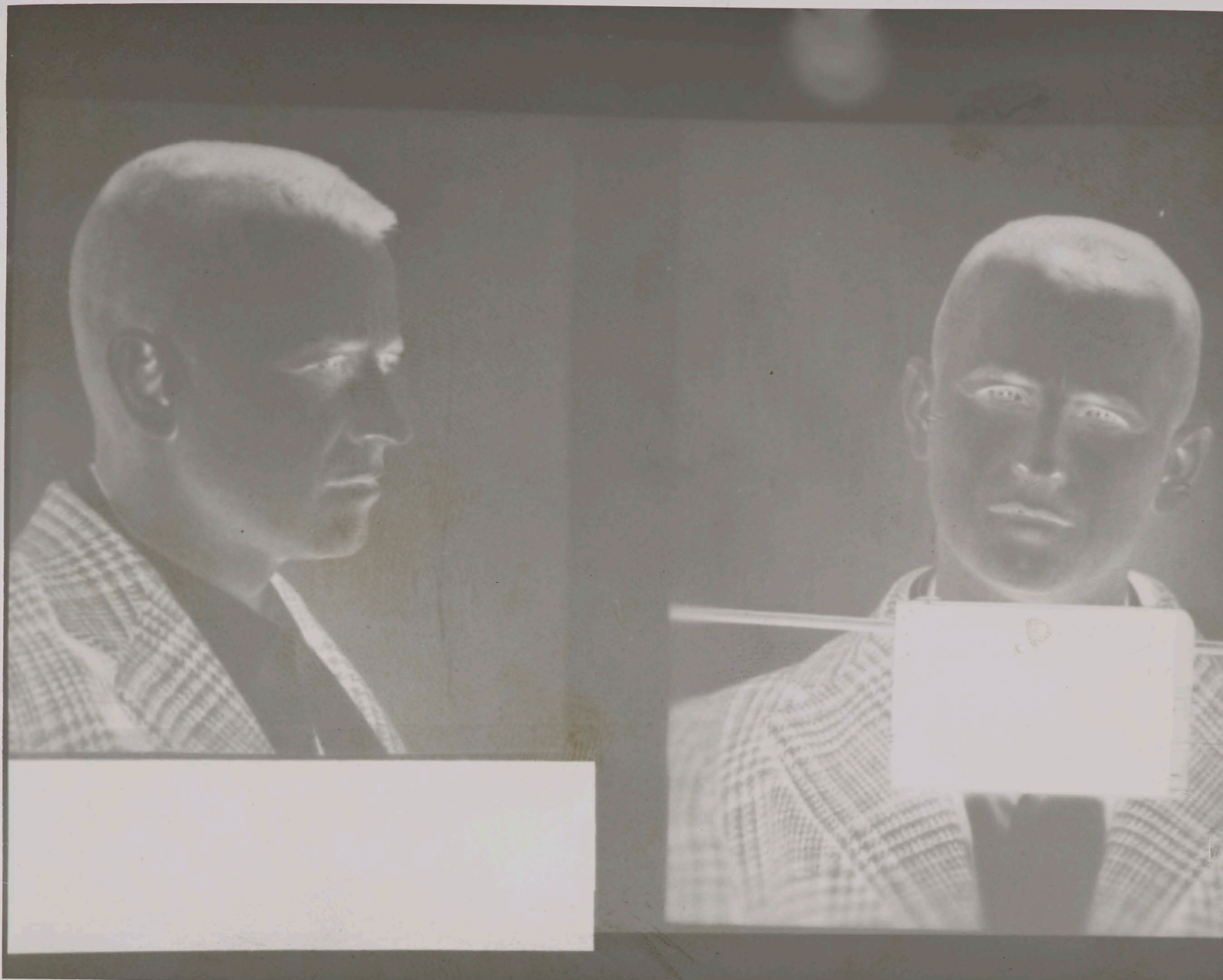


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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MILWAUKEE (62-new)

FROM : SA ELDON J. MUELLER

SUBJECT: MURKIN
RM

DATE: 4/6/68

Re Bureau telephone call to Milwaukee, 4/6/68.

Mr. BERNARD FAUER, Dispatcher, Wisconsin State Highway Patrol, who is familiar with the Soundex System employed at the Operator's License Division, of the MVD, advised that he caused a search to be made of operator's license files under the name HARVEY LOWMEYER, W. J. LEHMEYER and various phonetic and spelling variations of these two names, without locating any operator's license or application for license in any similar names.

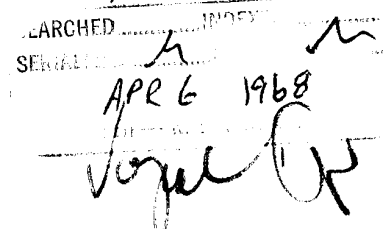
It is to be noted that there is no state-wide alphabetical list of registered car owners and therefore in the absence of a VIN or Post Office address from which a vehicle is registered it is not possible to make a car title check under a name.

Additional checking at MVD will continue and supervisor in charge of Operator's License Division will recheck for most thorough possible check under these names for variations.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MILWAUKEE ⁴⁴ ~~64~~ ?

DATE: 4/6/68

FROM : SA CARLYLE N. REED

SUBJECT: MURKIN⁰
~~EM~~ ?

At 3 PM, 4/6/68, SA REED received a call from Mr. EDWARD MC DOUNOUGH, Bureau Supervisor, who advised as follows:

The above captioned code word "Murkin" has been designated by the Bureau for titling communications concerning the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. on 4/4/68. This code word should be used in future communications of this case.

The best suspect in this case is an individual whose true identity has not been established to date. This suspect used the name HARVEY LOWMEYER when he purchased a gun at a sporting goods store in Birmingham, Alabama, on 3/29/68. On 3/30/68, suspect LOWMEYER returned the gun to the sporting goods store and exchanged it for a second gun. The second gun has been identified as the gun which was found near the rooming house across from the motel in Memphis, Tenn., where Rev. KING was assassinated. This suspect made a remark at the sporting goods store in Birmingham that he wanted the gun to do some shooting in Wisconsin. *hunting*

*No Index
Suspect found*
The Birmingham Office has determined that one W. J. LEHMEYER, who might possibly be identical with the above-mentioned LOWMEYER, made an airline reservation with Southern Airlines at Birmingham, Alabama, to fly to Minneapolis, Minnesota. ³⁻²⁷⁻⁶⁸ This travel, commencing at Birmingham, would have been via Memphis, Tenn., Chicago, Ill., with a transfer there to Northwest Airlines with an intermediate stop in Milwaukee enroute to Minneapolis, Minn. LEHMEYER did not, from best available information and investigation, pick up tickets and make the flight in that name.

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*SA Mueller notified 3:30 pm to check
in VB records.*
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HARVEY LOWMEYER, who purchased the gun in Birmingham is described as follows:

Sex	Male
Race	White
Age	26-32
Height	5'11"
Weight	160-170
Build	Medium
Hair	Dark brown to black, combed straight back with no part
Clothes	Dark coat and trousers, white shirt, striped tie, neat appearance

Regarding investigative leads in Wisconsin, Mr. MC DOUNOUGH pointed out that since LOWMEYER mentioned Wisconsin, and the other individual, LEHMEYER, made a plane reservation which would include a stop at Milwaukee, all logical leads should be covered in an effort to determine if the suspect in this case might be known or identified in the Milwaukee Division territory. This investigation should include any logical checking at the commercial airport in Milwaukee, check of city and telephone directories in Milwaukee, and Motor Vehicle Bureau-Auto Registration and Driver's License records in Madison.

SA REED advised Supervisor MC DOUNOUGH that this matter would be handled immediately and the Bureau would be kept advised of any developments or negative results as the case may be. Mr. MC DOUNOUGH pointed out that, of course, these leads had to be handled immediately.

1 Gun : Remington 700 automatic
.243 Winchester caliber
2 Gun : " 760 30.06 "game master"
pump action.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MILWAUKEE (62-0) 62-

DATE: 4/6/68

FROM : SA ELDON J. MUELLER

SUBJECT: ~~MURDER OF REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING~~

~~Paul Breitzke - informant~~
At Madison, Wisconsin

Murkin
Racial matters

On 4/5/68, Mr. PAUL BREITZKE, 556 State Street, Madison, Wisconsin, telephonically furnished the following information:

He is a student at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin, and at about 11:30 PM on Tuesday, 4/2/68, he was in the bar room of the Madison Inn, located at the corner of Langdon and North Henry Streets, Madison, Wisconsin.

While watching the election returns on television, he overheard an individual remark on several occasions that Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING had been killed. He thought nothing of this until the murder was in fact reported on the night of 4/4/68.

He described this individual as a white male, age 50-55, height 6'2", brown hair turning gray and wearing glasses. He could not further describe this individual and was not certain he would be able to recognize him should he see him again.

Mr. BREITZKE stated it was undoubtedly a coincidence that this individual had reported what in fact happened several days later, but he wished to make this matter a record in the event the murder of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING is not solved.

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*Mueller
notified 4/6/68
12:15 To reinterview
Breitzke & conduct
logical investigation
at Madison Wis.
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TO DIRECTOR

FROM MILWAUKEE (44-388)

MURKIN

RE BUREAU TEL CALL.

BERNARD FAUER, DISPATCHER, WISCONSIN STATE HIGHWAY PATROL,
MADISON, WISCONSIN, WHO IS FAMILIAR ^{WITH} A SOUNDEX SYSTEM UTILIZED
AT OPERATOR'S LICENSE DIVISION, ADVISED APRIL SIX LAST A
SEARCH OF OPERATOR LICENSES, CHAUFFEUR LICENSES AND APPLICATIONS
THEREFORE UNDER NAMES HARVEY LOWMEYER AND W.J. LEHMEYER, AND
VARIOUS LOGICAL PHONETIC AND SPELLING VARIATIONS WAS NEGATIVE.
ALSO ADVISED THERE IS NO STATE-WIDE ALPHABETICAL LIST OF CAR
REGISTRATIONS. THEREFORE IN ABSENSE OF VIN OR PO ADDRESS
FROM WHICH VEHICLE IS REGISTERED IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO MAKE
VEHICLE TITLE CHECK UNDER A NAME ONLY.

CHECK MADE OF ALL AIRLINES MILWAUKEE COUNTY AIRPORT APRIL
SIX LAST LIKEWISE NEGATIVE RE PERTINENT NAMES OR SIMILAR NAME
VARIATIONS. NO RECORD MAINTAINED BY ANY AIRLINE OF THROUGH
PASSENGERS. AVAILABLE BOARDING PASSENGER LISTS FOR

END PAGE ONE MILWAUKEE

GJV/PJR

COPIES 4DATE 4/8/68*one copy each**forwarded Memphis**& Birmingham**by R/S.**W 44-388-4*Approved: per SAC
Special Agent in Charge

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MINNEAPOLIS AND CHICAGO NEGATIVE. OTHERS ALREADY FORWARDED TO
HOME OFFICES OF RESPECTIVE AIRLINES.

CHECK OF TELEPHONE AND CITY DIRECTORIES FOR ALL MAJOR
CITIES AND ALL AREAS HAVING TELEPHONE SERVICE FOR TOTAL OF TWO
HUNDRED SEVENTYSEVEN COMMUNITIES NEGATIVE RE AFOREMENTIONED
NAMES ALONG WITH FOLLOWING VARIATIONS: LOHMEIER, LOHMEYER,
LOMEIER, LOMEYER, LOMYER, LOMIRE, LOHMAIER, LOMAIER,
LOEHMEYER, LOEHMEIER, LOEWMEYER, LOEWMEIER; LEMEIRE, LEMEYER,
LEMIRE, LEMYER, LEMAIER, LEMEIER, LHEMEIER, LHEMEYER, LEYMEYER,
LEYMEIER, LEIGHMEYER AND LEIGHMEIER.

HAROLD HETTRICK (NA), CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT, MADISON,
ADVISED APRIL SIX APPROXIMATELY ONE MILLION HUNTING LICENSES
ISSUED IN STATE. HIGH POWER GUN LICENSE ISSUED DURING DEER
SEASON ONLY TOTAL FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND. NON-ALPHABETIZED
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RECORDS MAINTAINED BY CLERK OF COURT IN SEVENTYTWO STATE
COUNTIES. NO CENTRAL REPOSITORY.

NON-HUNTING SHOOTING LICENSES ISSUED BY CONSERVATION
DEPARTMENT MAINTAINED IN FIVE AREAS OF STATE. NO ESTIMATE
AVAILABLE AS TO TOTAL NUMBER.

BASED ON NEGATIVE CHECK OF OPERATOR AND CHAUFFEUR LICENSES
AND APPLICATIONS PLUS AFOREMENTIONED DIRECTORIES, MILWAUKEE
DOES NOT RECOMMEND CHECK OF HUNTING AND SHOOTING LICENSES
AT THIS TIME, UACB.

ANY AND ALL LEADS MILWAUKEE DIVISION WILL BE AFFORDED
PERSONAL AND IMMEDIATE ATTENTION. P.

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FBI MEMPHIS

733PM URGENT 4/7/68 CAF

TO ALL SACS

FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987) 2P

MURKIN; CR. OO MEMPHIS.

RE BUTEL TO ALL SAC'S APRIL SEVEN, NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT.

FOR INFO ALL OFFICES, PERTINENT PERIODS IN INVESTIGATION
ARE MARCH TWENTY NINE AND THIRTY IN BIRMINGHAM, ALA., AND
APRIL FOUR, SIXTY EIGHT, IN MEMPHIS, TENN.

IN EVENT ANY DATA DEVELOPED RE SUSPECTS, IF INTERESTED
OFFICES CAN ESTABLISH WHEREABOUTS OF SUSPECTS ON DATES ABOVE,
THIS MAY ELIMINATE SUSPECT. IF THIS CANNOT BE DONE, EFFORTS
SHOULD BE MADE TO SECURE PHOTOGRAPHS OF SUSPECTS IN QUESTION AND
FORWARD PHOTOS TO MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM FOR POSSIBLE ELIMINATION.
PERTINENT DESCRIPTIVE DATA SHOULD BE INCLUDED WITH PHOTOS.

IF UNABLE TO ELIMINATE ON BASIS OF ESTABLISHED WHEREABOUTS
IN PERTINENT PERIODS, INTERESTED OFFICES SHOULD MAKE EFFORTS
TO SECURE FINGERPRINTS OF SUSPECT IN QUESTION AND SUBMIT SAME TO
BUREAU FOR ELIMINATION.

COMPOSITE DESCRIPTION, BASED ON DATA DEVELOPED IN BIRMINGHAM
AND MEMPHIS, IS AS FOLLOWS:

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SUSPECT MALE WHITE, AGE TWENTY SIX TO FORTY YEARS, HEIGHT FIVE FT. EIGHT TO FIVE FT. ELEVEN INCHES, ONE HUNDRED FIFTY TO ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY LBS.; DARK BROWN OR SANDY HAIR, COMBED STRAIGHT BACK. EYES BLUE OR GREEN; MEDIUM BUILD; COMPLEXION AVERAGE, SMOOTH. GENERAL PHYSICAL APPEARANCE; NEAT.

POSSIBILITY EXISTS SUSPECT IS NON-SMOKER. INDICATIONS WERE THAT SUSPECT RENTED ROOM BETWEEN THREE AND THREE THIRTY PM, APRIL FOUR, LAST, AND DEPARTED ROOM SHORTLY AFTER SIX PM. NO MATCHES OR CIGARETTES FOUND DURING THAT PERIOD, WHICH SUGGESTS SUSPECT MAY BE NON-SMOKER.

RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION MUST BE PROMPTLY FURNISHED BUREAU, MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM. P.

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FBI CHICAGO

SI...DJK

FBI SPRNGFLD

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