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APRIL 16, 1968

THIS IS TO ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT  
OF 3 ROLLS OF FILM PERTAINING TO THE  
FUNERAL OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING. THIS FILM  
CONSISTS OF ALL THE FILM GIVEN TO SPECIAL  
AGENT FRANCIS L. CASHIN ON APRIL 12, 1968  
BY ROBERT ROCKS.

Received  
Robert Rocks

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File No. NY 44-1609 - 1A <sup>16</sup>

Date Received 4/23/68

From Sen. W. Wiedeman

(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

3950 Blackstone Ave

(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

Bx Sup

(CITY AND STATE)

By John E. Kennedy

(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

To Be Returned  Yes  No

Receipt given  Yes  No

Description:

Interview Rights Waiver

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INTERROGATION; ADVICE OF RIGHTS

YOUR RIGHTS

Place New York, N.Y.  
Date 4/23/68  
Time 9:37 am

Before we ask you any questions, you must understand your rights.

You have the right to remain silent.

Anything you say can be used against you in court.

You have the right to talk to a lawyer for advice before we ask you any questions and to have him with you during questioning.

If you cannot afford a lawyer, one will be appointed for you before any questioning if you wish.

If you decide to answer questions now without a lawyer present, you will still have the right to stop answering at any time. You also have the right to stop answering at any time until you talk to a lawyer.

WAIVER OF RIGHTS

I have read this statement of my rights and I understand what my rights are. I am willing to make a statement and answer questions. I do not want a lawyer at this time. I understand and know what I am doing. No promises or threats have been made to me and no pressure or coercion of any kind has been used against me.

Signed [Signature]

Witness: [Signature]

Witness: [Signature]

Time: 9:41a 4/23/68

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By W. Nash  
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

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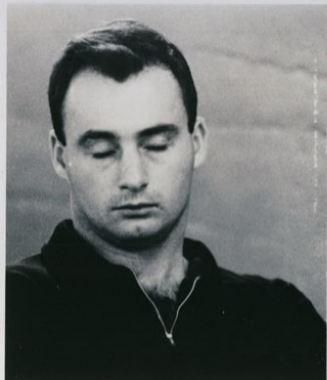
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File No. Ny 44-1609-1A

Date Received 4/18/68

From Joseph F. Fertitta  
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

300 De Kalb Ave  
(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

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(CITY AND STATE)

By Edward J. Chary  
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

To Be Returned  Yes  No

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Description:

Voluntary Appearance;  
Admission of Rights Form  
Signed by Fertitta

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*[Signature]*

VOLUNTARY APPEARANCE; ADVICE OF RIGHTS

YOUR RIGHTS

Before we ask you any questions, you must understand your rights. You have the right to remain silent. Anything you say can be used against you in court. You have the right to talk to a lawyer for advice before we ask you any questions, and to have him with you during questioning. You have this right to the advice and presence of a lawyer even if you cannot afford to hire one. We have no way of giving you a lawyer, but one will be appointed for you, if you wish, if and when you go to court. If you wish to answer questions now without a lawyer present, you have the right to stop answering questions at any time. You also have the right to stop answering at any time until you talk to a lawyer.

WAIVER

I, Joseph Francis Fertetta have come to the New York Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) of my own choice to talk with Special Agents of the FBI about a crime which they are investigating. I know that I am not under arrest and that I can leave this office if I wish to do so.

Prior to any questioning, I was furnished the above statement of my rights at 4:30 PM on APRIL 18, 1968 at NEW YORK CITY by Special Agent CHORY of the FBI. I have (read) (had read to me) this statement of my rights. I understand what my rights are. I am willing to answer questions and make a statement. I do not want a lawyer. I understand and know what I am doing. No promises or threats have been made to me and no pressure of any kind has been used against me.

Signed

Joseph Fertetta

4:30 PM 4/18/68 N.Y.C.  
(time) (date) (place)

Witness

Witness

Edward R. Chory Special Agent, FBI  
NYO  
4/18/68

File No. 1444-1609-1A<sup>19</sup>

Date Received 4/26/68

From Bureau r/s  
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(CITY AND STATE)

By \_\_\_\_\_  
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

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Date: 4/5/68

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TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS (PLAINTEXT)

ATTENTION DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIVISION

FROM NEW YORK 157-2269

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ASSASSINATION OF REVEREND MARTIN LUTHER KING, MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, FOUR FOUR, SIXTYEIGHT. RM.

*Re MURKIN*

THIS PM, ANONYMOUS MALE TELEPHONED NEW YORK OFFICE ADVISING HE HAS REASON TO BELIEVE ONE CHRISTIAN CAPPEL, AKA CY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR KING'S MURDER. CAPPEL DRIVES CAB FOR FOUR WAY CAB CO., BRONX, NEW YORK AND IS TWENTYNINE YEARS OLD. CAPPEL OWNS TWO THIRTY POINT ZERO SIX CALIBER RIFLES, HOWEVER ONE IS MISSING ACCORDING TO SOURCE. CAPPEL SUPPOSEDLY HAS FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS SECRETED IN LOCKER AT GRAND CENTRAL STATION IN NYC. HE COULD GIVE NO FURTHER DETAILS AT THIS TIME BUT STATED HE WOULD CALL BACK LATER. SOURCE STATED HE CANNOT ACCOUNT FOR CAPPEL'S WHEREABOUTS ON FOUR, FOUR SIXTYEIGHT.

SOURCE STATED CAPPEL HAS PRIOR RECORD WITH FBI. NEW YORK INDICES NEGATIVE RE CAPPEL. FOR INFORMATION  
END

*Telephone  
follow up  
April 9/6/68  
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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Agent in Charge

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10:58 PM URGENT 4-5-68 AMS

TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS (PLAINTEXT)

ATTENTION DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIVISION  
FROM NEW YORK 157-2269

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

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TO : SAC, NEW YORK

DATE: 4/5/68

FROM : SA ROBERT A. CASPER

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF REV. MARTIN  
LUTHER KING, MEMPHIS, TENN.  
4/4/68  
RACIAL MATTERS

*R. Munkin*

At approx. 9:27pm this date an individual who wished to remain anonymous advised that he has reason to believe that ~~CHRISTIAN CAPPEL~~, aka CY is responsible for the murder of KING. He stated CAPPEL drives a cab for Four Way Cab Co. in the Bronx. in approx. 29 years of age.

The male caller stated CAPPEL owns two .30-06 caliber rifles; however he stated one of the guns is missing. In addition, he stated CAPPEL presently has \$15,000.00 secreted in a locker at Grand Central Station in NYC.

He stated he could give no further details at this time but would try to call back later. He stated he could not account for the whereabouts of CAPPEL during 4/4/68.

*Munkin*

The caller concluded by saying that CAPPEL has a prior record with the FBI.

*New York Indices negative re Cappel.*

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI AND ATLANTA, DETROIT  
MEMPHIS AND PHILADELPHIA (157-2574)  
*(ATT: D & D)*  
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (~~157-2253~~)

ASSASSINATION MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

RACIAL MATTER.

INDICES NEW YORK OFFICE NEGATIVE REGARDING  
TALIB M. ZOBELZ.  
ADMINISTRATIVE

REFERENCE PHILADELPHIA TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR  
DATED APRIL SIX ONE NINE SIX EIGHT.

*[Handwritten signature/initials in a circle]*

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1 - Supervisor #43

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*amd #43*

*WA, PH, DID 5:21 P*  
*ME 5:32*  
*DES: 34 P*  
*AT 6:26 P*

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Special Agent in Charge

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TO: SAC, ALBANY  
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P  
MURKIN

Note CHANGED title. Previously carried under "Assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR."

All offices receiving copies of this Airtel note that Bureau has designated above caption as approved code word for investigation dealing with murder of Dr. KING.

Information under above caption should pertain only to investigation that may have bearing on identifying subject instant case. All other information pertaining to racial incidents, and racial activity arising out of assassination Dr. KING should not be submitted under above caption, but should be submitted by interested offices under the appropriate caption pertaining to Racial Matters.

In addition, all offices in receipt of this information should re-canvass any Criminal Informants, Security Informants, and Racial Informants for possible knowledge concerning assassination, with specific emphasis directed toward informants in known hate groups.

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TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA, DETROIT, MEMPHIS, AND NEW YORK (PLAINTEXT)  
FROM PHILADELPHIA (157-2574)  
ASSASSINATION MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. RM.

*M.L.K. Jr.*

SOURCE ADVISED APRIL FIVE AND THIS DATE THAT LAWRENCE HENRY,  
TALIB M. ZOBELZ, TWENTYFIVE BOERUM ST., BROOKLY, N.Y., AGE NINETEEN,  
NEGRO MALE, PHONE THREE EIGHT EIGHT DASH THREE SIX THREE FOUR, MARCELLUS  
ANDREWS PHILA., JOHN BRYANT, PHILA., AND ABOUT SIX OTHERS ON APRIL  
SIXTH INSTANT PLAN TO FLY TO VARIOUS CITIES IN THE EAST AND FROM  
THESE CITIES TO MEMPHIS. FROM MEMPHIS THEY WILL THEN GO TO ATLANTA  
FOR KING FUNERAL.

LAWRENCE HENRY, BROTHER OF MILTON AND RICHARD HENRY OF DETROIT  
WILL FLY TO DETROIT FIRST AND THEN TO MEMPHIS BEFORE GOING TO ATLANTA.

MEM ORIGINALLY WERE GOING IN GROUPS OF THREE OR FOUR, BUT HAVE  
DECIDED INSTEAD TO GO INDIVIDUALLY AND MEET IN VICINITY OF LORRAINE  
MOTEL IN MEMPHIS.

SOURCE ALSO ADVISED CLIFFORD HYMAN, PHILA., IS PLANNING TO DRIVE  
TO MEMPHIS AND ATLANTA IN SIXTYFIVE OR SIXTYSIX GRAY OLDSMOBILE WITH  
BLACK VINYL TOP.

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*Answered -*  
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LAWRENCE HENRY FREE LANCE PHOTOGRAPHER ACCORDING TO SOURCE  
FREQUENTLY CARRIES GUN IN SHOULDER HOLSTER. ON PLANE HE MAY CARRY  
GUN IN PHOTOGRAPHERS BAG.

JOHN BRYANT HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN CORE AND CIVIL RIGHTS GROUPS IN  
PHILA.

CLIFFORD HYMAN IS FORMER NOI OFFICER WHO LEFT NOI AND BECAME ACTIVE  
WITH MALCOLM X AND WALLACE MUHAMMAD SON OF ELIJAH MUHAMMAD.

ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

REMYTEL TEN THIRTYONE PM APRIL FIVE LAST AND TELEPHONE CALL TO  
BUREAU AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO PH SIX THREE ZERO DASH R OF TWO HUNDRED FIFTEEN  
FOR EXPENSES.

SOURCE IS PH SIX THREE ZERO DASH R. HE WILL NOT LEAVE FOR  
MEMPHIS UNLESS IT IS CERTAIN HE WILL MEET WITH HENRY THERE. MEMPHIS  
AND ATLANTA WILL BE ADVISED IF AND WHEN INFORMANT LEAVES PHILA.,  
HE WILL BE INSTRUCTED TO CONTACT OFFICES AND USE CODE NAME BENJAMIN  
GASS.

NO RECORD PHILA. ON ANDREWS AND ZOBELIZ.

BUREAU AND INTERESTED OFFICES WILL BE KEPT ADVISED.

NEW YORK CHECK INDICES ON ZOBELIZ AND ADVISE PERTINENT OFFICES.

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Via TELETYPE URGENT  
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TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS

ATTENTION DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIVISION  
FROM NEW YORK (157-2269)

MURKIN.

RE NEW YORK TELETYPE APRIL FIVE, ONE NINE SIX EIGHT, CAPTIONED "ASSASSINATION OF REVEREND MARTING LUTHER KING, MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, APRIL FOUR, SIXTY EIGHT. RM."

ON APRIL SIX, ONE NINE SIX EIGHT, MIKE GENTILE, OWNER OF FOUR WAY PRIVATE TAXI CO., ONE ZERO ZERO FIVE ALLERTON AVENUE, BRONX, NEW YORK, ADVISED SAS, FBI, THAT CY CAPPEL IS EMPLOYED AS CAB DRIVER SIX P.M. TO TWELVE MIDNIGHT. DURING THE DAY, CAPPEL WORKS FOR VARSITY BUS CO., SEVEN FIVE ONE ZREGA AVENUE, BRONX.

*End*

GENTILE EXHIBITED CAPPEL'S TRIP SHEET FOR APRIL FOUR, ONE NINE SIX EIGHT, SHOWING THAT CAPPEL WORKED THAT DATE.

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CAPPEL, A WHITE MALE IN HIS LATE TWENTIES,  
BLOND HAIR, SIX FEET, ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY FIVE POUNDS,  
RESIDES AT ONE SIX ZERO TWO TAYLOR AVENUE, BRONX,  
NEW YORK.

NEW YORK TAKING NO FURTHER ACTION IN REGARD  
TO CY CAPPEL.

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Special Agent in Charge

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FBI BIR4GHAM

248 PM URGENT 4-7-68 GDM

TO DIRECTOR, NEW YORK AND MEMPHIS

FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)

*Indices negative*  
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MURKIN

IN VIEW OF UNSUB'S USE OF NAMES HARVEY LOWMEYER WHEN PURCHASING RIFLE IN BIRMINGHAM AND JOHN WILLARD IN REGISTRATION AT MEMPHIS, AS WELL AS THE PURCHASE OF AN AIRLINE TICKET IN BIRMINGHAM BY A W. J. LOWMEYER, ETC., NEW YORK IMMEDIATELY CONTACT HEADQUARTERS OF AMERICAN EXPRESS COMPANY AND REVIEW RECORDS TO DETERMINE IF THESE NAMES APPEAR AS CREDIT CARD HOLDERS AND THEREAFTER, SET OUT APPROPRIATE LEADS TO ELIMINATE OR IDENTIFY AS UNSUB THIS CASE. BIRMINGHAM CHECKING RECORDS OF DINERS CLUB.

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TO CONTINENTAL ALL SACS PLAINTEXT

FROM DIRECTOR 1 P

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MURKIN

THIS IS THE CAPTION FOR THE CIVIL RIGHTS INVESTIGATION TO IDENTIFY PERSON OR PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., IN MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, ON APRIL FOUR LAST.

ALL INVESTIGATION MUST BE HANDLED UNDER THE PERSONAL DIRECTION OF THE SAC. LEADS ARE TO BE AFFORDED IMMEDIATE, THROUGH IMAGINATIVE ATTENTION. YOU MUST EXHAUST ALL POSSIBILITIES FROM SUCH LEADS AS ANY ONE LEAD COULD RESULT IN THE SOLUTION OF THIS MOST IMPORTANT INVESTIGATION. SAC WILL BE HELD PERSONALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY FAILURE TO PROMPTLY AND THOROUGHLY HANDLE INVESTIGATIONS IN THIS MATTER.

END ANS HORRDLEFN

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*Roger Young*  
*# 23*  
*notified*  
*7:00m*  
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FBI-BUFFALO

545PM URGENT 4/7/68 PJF

TO DIRECTOR MEMPHIS AND NEW YORK

FROM BUFFALO (44-374) (P)

MURKIN

REBUTEL ALL SAC APRIL SEVEN INSTANT

METROPOLITAN TORONTO PD (MTPD) TORONTO CANADA TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED TODAY OF INTERVIEW REQUEST MADE BY JOEL ROHER, TORONTO ART STUDENT AGE TWENTY THEN IN TORONTO ON VACATION. SUBSTANCE OF MTPD INTERVIEW INSTANT DATE REVOLVES AROUND ARTISTS CONCEPTION OF UNSUB PUBLISHED PAGE ONE TORONTO STAR APRIL SIX LAST. ROHER RESIDES APARTMENT FIVE G ELEVEN WAVERLY PLACE NEW YORK N.Y. (PHONE FOUR SEVEN SEVEN NINE ZERO SIX ZERO) AND IS ART STUDENT COOPER UNION COLLEGE, NYC. HAS BEEN IN TORONTO PAST EIGHT DAYS AND WILL RETURN TO NYC ADDRESS BY SIX PM INSTANT VIA TRANS CANADA FLIGHT FOUR TEN.

ROHER TOLD MTPD ARTISTS CONCEPTION IS PRECISE LIKENESS OF PAUL ALAN HARMON WHITE MALE THIRTY THREE FIVE FEET SEVEN INCHES ONE FIFTY POUNDS SLIGHT BUILD SANDY BLOND HAIR RECEDING AT TOP. HARMON ORIGINALLY FROM PENSACOLA FLA. LIVES IN APARTMENT TWO A SAME BUILDING AS ROHER AND SHARES APARTMENT WITH ONE KEITH ILES, WHITE MALE TWENTY THREE FIVE FEET TEN INCHES ONE SEVENTY LBS. MUSKY BUILD. HARMON AND ILES ARE SOCIAL WORKERS FOR DIFFERENT NYC AGENCIES. BOTH ARE HOMOSEXUALS WITH HARMON

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THE AGGRESSOR. ILES CAME TO NYC FROM TALLAHASSEE FLORIDA.

ROHER STATED NEVER HEARD HARMON REFER TO KING NOR EXPRESS HATRED OF NEGROES BUT DESCRIBED HIM AS MORBIDLY INTERESTED IN MURDERS AND POSSIBLY PSYCHOTIC. ILES IS DESCRIBED AS HATING ALL NEGROES AND FEARFUL BECAUSE OF BEATINGS GIVEN HIM. ROHER TOLD MTPD HE ONCE SAW GRAY SUITCASE IN HARMON'S POSSESSION WHICH HARMON SAID HE HAD QUOTE USED WHEN IN JUVENILE COURT UNQUOTE. SUITCASE CONTAINED TWO PAIR HANDCUFFS PLUS BALL POINT TYPE PEN WHICH HARMON SAID WAS CAPABLE FIRING SOME TYPE BULLETS OR PROJECTILES. ROHER TOLD MTPD SUITCASE CONTAINED NO OTHER TYPE WEAPON.

ROHER IS PORTRAIT ARTIST AND FEELS HAIR LINE , NOSE AND JAW DETAIL IN ARTISTS CONCEPTION ARE REPLICAS OF HARMONS.

NEW YORK CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE WHEREABOUTS HARMON AND ILES MARCH TWENTYNINE AND THIRTY LAST, DATE MURDER WEAPON PURCHASED BIRMINGHAM AND APRIL FOUR LAST. ROHER CANNOT ASSIST THIS ASPECT SINCE HE IN TORONTO THAT PERIOD.

UNSUB ARMED AND DANGEROUS..

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RDB

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FBI BIRMGHAM

6:57PM URGENT 4-7-68 CEN

TO DIRECTOR, NEW YORK, AND MEMPHIS  
FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)

MURKIN; CR.

RE BIRMINGHAM TEL THIS DATE.

W. J. LEHMEYER ELIMINATED AS POSSIBLE SUSPECTS. NEW YORK  
DISCONTINUE LEAD REGARDING HIM AT AMERICAN EXPRESS COMPANY.

END AND ACK PLS.

RDB

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FBI MEMPHIS

724PM 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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TO DIRECTOR AND NEW YORK  
FROM NEW HAVEN (157-818)

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REALTEL THIS DATE.

DONALD H. ROY, ONE THREE THREE PROSPECT ST., MANCHESTER, CONN.  
ADVISED THIS DATE BARTON AND ROY COMPANY, MANCHESTER IS A  
DISTRIBUTOR OF LAUNDRY SUPPLIES AND NOT ENGAGED IN LAUNDERING  
BUSINESS. ROY ADVISED HE HAS NOT BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH COMPANY SINCE  
DEATH OF HIS FATHER, HOWARD ROY FIVE YEARS AGO. HE SAID FATHER AND  
EDWARD BARTON, ALSO DECEASED WERE PARTNERS. HE ADVISED HE WORKED AS  
SALESMAN FOR COMPANY NINETEEN FIFTY NINE TO NINETEEN SIXTY ONE  
DURING WHICH TIME THEY WERE DISTRIBUTORS FOR THERMO SEAL MARKING  
MACHINES. HE ADVISED THAT THE COMPANY NOT SOLE DISTRIBUTOR AND OTHERS  
WORKED TERRITORY. ROY STATED HE DEALT WITH FRED WEBER, FACTORY  
REPRESENTATIVE, TEXTILE MACHINE COMPANY AND THAT WEBER WOULD KNOW  
LOCATION OF ALL THERMO SEAL MARKING MACHINES IN CONNECTICUT. HE  
ADVISED WEBER RESIDES LONG ISLAND, N.Y. RETEL ADVISED WEBER RESIDES  
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SKYLARK LANE, STONYBROOK, LONG ISLAND, TELEPHONE NUMBER SEVEN FIVE ONE DASH TWO ONE THREE FIVE. ROY ADVISED THERMO SEAL MACHINE BECAUSE OF HIGH COST NOT WIDELY USED THIS AREA AND ADVISED HE SOLD ABOUT TEN MACHINES IN NEW ENGLAND. HE ADVISED NO RECORDS AVAILABLE THESE SALES BUT RECALLED THE NAMES OF CUSTOMERS STORES AND NONE OF THE STORES BEGIN WITH THE LETTER B.

NEW YORK SHOULD CONTACT WEBER FOR COMPLETE LIST THESE MACHINES SOLD IN CONN. AND ADVISE.

NH UNABLE TO HANDLE LEAD AT BARRY CLEANERS, THREE ONE SIX BRIDGE APPROACH, NEW LONDON SHOPPING CENTER, NEW LONDON, CONN. RE LAUNDRY MARK UNTIL OWNER OF LAUNDRY RETURNS FROM NEW JERSEY MORNING OF APRIL EIGHT NEXT. OWNER UNAVAILABLE AND IN NEW JERSEY AS OF THIS DATE.

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TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, NEW YORK  
FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) 3P

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SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION:

LIST OF ALL KNOWN CUSTOMERS FOR MARCH TWENTYNINE AND THIRTY,  
SIXTYEIGHT, OBTAINED FROM INVOICES OF AEROMARINE SUPPLY COMPANY.  
AVAILABLE CUSTOMERS BEING INTERVIEWED. ONE CUSTOMER RECALLS AN  
INDIVIDUAL WHO MAY BE IDENTICAL TO UNSUB; HOWEVER, DESCRIPTION VARIES  
FROM THAT FURNISHED BY AEROMARINE EMPLOYEES IN THAT HE IS DESCRIBED  
AS HAVING DARK BROWN HAIR WITH TENDENCY TO BE CURLY AND FULL ON  
SIDES, FULL FACE, WEIGHT ONE SEVEN ZERO, HEIGHT FIVE FEET TEN INCHES.  
WHEN SHOWN ARTIST CONCEPTION OF UNSUB HE INDICATED THE EYES AND HAIR  
WERE NOT SIMILAR TO HIS RECOLLECTION OF UNSUB. STATED HAIR SHOULD  
BE THICKER AND COMBED STRAIGHT BACK. CUSTOMER STATED HE WAS AT GUN  
SHOP FROM APPROXIMATELY TWO FIFTEEN PM UNTIL THREE THIRTY PM AT WHICH  
TIME THIS INDIVIDUAL WAS WATCHING SALESMAN MOUNT SIGHT ON RIFLE. HE  
CONCLUDED THIS PERSON HAD LITTLE KNOWLEDGE OF GUNS. ONE ADDITIONAL

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CUSTOMER KNOWN TO HAVE HAD CONVERSATION WITH SAME PERSON HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AND EFFORTS BEING MADE TO LOCATE.

SEVERAL EMPLOYEES PARLIAMENT HOUSE MOTEL INDICATED ARTIST CONCEPTION OF UNSUB FAMILIAR TO THEM AS OCCASIONAL CUSTOMER IN PAST. INVESTIGATION BEING CONCENTRATED TO IDENTIFY THIS INDIVIDUAL.

ALL LIGGETT-REXALL OUTLETS IN DIVISION CONTACTED NEGATIVELY. DETERMINED THESE OUTLETS USE NATIONAL CASH REGISTERS. MEMPHIS REQUESTED TO FORWARD COPY OF CASH REGISTER RECEIPTS TO JACKSONVILLE FOR CONTACT WITH NATIONAL CASH REGISTER COMPANY TO IDENTIFY RETAIL OUTLET UTILIZING RECEIPTS.

ALL LAUNDRIES UTILIZING THERMO-SEAL MACHINE MANUFACTURED BY TEXTILE MARKING COMPANY CHECKED NEGATIVELY.

PENETRATIVE AND THOROUGH NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION IN AREA OF ONE NINE ZERO SEVEN SOUTH ELEVENTH STREET CONDUCTED IN A FIFTEEN SQUARE BLOCK RADIUS UTILIZING ARTIST CONCEPTION. AREA WILL BE EXPANDED. ALL HOTELS, MOTELS, AIR AND BUS FACILITIES, AUTO AGENCIES, TAXICAB COMPANIES BEING CONTACTED. CAR DRIVERS' TRIP SHEETS AND DISPATCHER LOGS ANALYZED AND APPROPRIATE INDIVIDUALS BEING INTERVIEWED.

NEW YORK REQUESTED TO CHECK AMEXCO FOR ACCOUNTS IN NAMES OF LOWMEYER, LEHMEYER AND WILLARD. DINERS CLUB, BIRMINGHAM BEING  
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LIST OF INDIVIDUALS RENTING AUTOMOBILES BIRMINGHAM MARCH ONE  
TO APRIL FIVE, SIXTYEIGHT, BEING EXAMINED AND LOGICAL LEADS BEING  
CHECKED.

ALL AIRPORT PERSONNEL RECHECKED WITH ARTIST CONCEPTION WITH  
NEGATIVE RESULTS.

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AND NEW YORK.

FROM ALBANY 157-253

MURKIN CR OO MEMPHIS

RE ALBANY TELETYPE FOUR SIX LAST.

EXPERT AT TEXTILE MARKING MACHINE CO. OBSERVED COLOR  
PHOTOGRAPHS OF LAUNDRY TAPES AND ADVISED THIS IS FIVE CHARACTER  
MACHINE, FIRST TWO CHARACTERS FIFTEEN POINT TYPE, LAST THREE  
CHARACTERS EIGHTEEN POINT TYPE WITH THIRD CHARACTER DEFINITELY  
A LETTER B, NOT NUMBER THREE(3). HE ADVISED THIS CODE USED NORTH-  
EASTERN UNITED STATES. THE TYPE ON THE TAPE VERY UNUSUAL, LIMITED  
TO NO MORE THAN TEN MACHINES MANUFACTURED BY TEXTILE MARKING  
MACHINE CO. IDENTITIES OF THOSE MACHINES WILL BE OBTAINED  
AM FOUR EIGHT NEXT AND FURNISHED IMMEDIATELY TO INTERESTED OFFICES.

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MURKIN, OFFICE OF ORIGIN, MEMPHIS.

ON APRIL SIX NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT, PORT AUTHORITY POLICE, LA GUARDIA AIRPORT, QUEENS, NEW YORK, ADVISED THEY HAD SUSPECT IN ASSASSINATION OF DOCTOR MARTIN LUTHER KING IN CUSTODY AT AIRPORT. PORT AUTHORITY POLICE ADVISED SUSPECT RESEMBLED ARTIST'S CONCEPTION OF KILLER WHICH APPEARED IN APRIL SIX NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT ISSUE OF "DAILY NEWS" AS WELL AS PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION. SUSPECT INTERVIEWED BY SPECIAL AGENTS OF THE NEW YORK OFFICE AT AIRPORT AND IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS JACK CUSTAR HAM, ONE FIVE FOUR ONE ONE EAST FORTY FIRST STREET, INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI. HAM ADVISED HE ARRIVED AT AIRPORT, NEW YORK ONE PM, APRIL SIX NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT FROM WASHINGTON, D.C. HAM WAS OBSERVED

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ON APRIL FOUR LAST, HAM BOARDED A FLIGHT FROM DALLAS TO WASHINGTON, D.C., VIA AMERICAN AIRLINES. HE STATED WHEN HE ARRIVED IN D.C., IT WAS THE FIRST TIME HE HEARD OR READ ABOUT THE KILLING OF DOCTOR KING. HE ADDED, THAT BECAUSE OF THE LACK OF FUNDS HE STAYED AT THE AIRPORT

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HAM DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: JACK CUSTAR HAMM,  
ALSO KNOWN AS JACK C. HAM, MALE WHITE, BORN MARCH TWENTY  
EIGHT, NINETEEN TWENTY EIGHT, JASPER, ARKANSAS, SEVENTY THREE

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 HAIR LIGHT BROWN, RECEDING AT TEMPLES, BRUSHED BACK IN  
 CENTER, SPARSE ON TOP, POINTED NOSE, FAIR COMPLEXION, FOUR  
 INCH SCAR INSIDE LEFT FOREARM, MOLE ON RIGHT SIDE OF CHEEK  
 NEAR MOUTH, MOLE ON RIGHT SIDE OF NECK. SPOURCE, LULUBELLE  
 CHESTER, ONE FIVE FOUR ONE ONE EAST FORTY FIRST STREET,  
 INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER FOR SUSPECT  
 [REDACTED] LAST  
 EMPLOYMENT, SALESMAN HYPHEN EDUCATIONAL COUNSELLOR, AIRLINE  
 TRAINING CENTER, INCORPORATION, THREE NINE FOUR ZERO BROADWAY,  
 KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI.

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TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS PLAINTEXT  
ATT: DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIVISION  
FROM NEW YORK PGS 5

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SLIM BUILD, BLUE EYES, HAIR LIGHT BROWN, RECEDING AT  
TEMPLES, BRUSHED BACK IN CENTER, SPARSE ON TOP, POINTED  
NOSE, FAIR COMPLEXION, FOUR INCH SCAR INSIDE LEFT  
FOREARM, MOLE ON RIGHT SIDE OF CHEEK NEAR MOUTH, MOLE  
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FOUR ZERO BROADWAY, (-,-///XXX KANSAS CIYXXX CITY,  
MISSOURI.

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TO ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES (PLAINTEXT)  
FROM DIRECTOR (44-38861) 2P

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THIS IS THE CASE INVOLVING THE MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., ON APRIL FOUR, LAST, IN MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD ANYONE BE TOLD THIS INVESTIGATION IS IN CONNECTION WITH CAPTIONED MATTER.

IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT A RIFLE ABANDONED NEAR SCENE OF CRIME WAS PURCHASED BY INDIVIDUAL USING THE NAME HARVEY LOWMEYER OR LOWMYER.

LOWMEYER OR LOWMYER IS GENERALLY DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, THIRTYSIX YEARS OLD, FIVE FEET EIGHT INCHES TALL, ONE HUNDRED FIFTY - ONE HUNDRED SIXTY POUNDS, BLACK OR DARK BROWN HAIR.

IN VIEW OF THE UNUSUAL NATURE OF THE NAMES LOWMEYER AND LOWMYER, ALL OFFICES SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CHECK YOUR INDICES, ALL CITY DIRECTORIES, ALL TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES COVERING YOUR TERRITORIES, ALL DRIVERS LICENSE RECORDS, ALL AUTOMOBILE

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REGISTRATION RECORDS, VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS, AND  
CREDIT AND CRIMINAL RECORDS ON THE SURNAMES LOWMEYER  
AND LOWMYER. IN VIEW OF THE UNUSUAL NATURE OF THE NAMES,  
DO NOT CONFINE YOUR CHECK TO HARVEY LOWMEYER AND LOWMYER  
ONLY. ANY INDIVIDUALS IDENTIFIED AS BEARING THESE SURNAMES  
SHOULD BE IMMEDIATELY CHECKED OUT COVERING THE PERTINENT  
PERIOD. YOU SHOULD ALSO APPROPRIATELY CHECK OUT ALL  
BOMBING SUSPECTS IN YOUR TERRITORIES.

HANDLE IMMEDIATELY AND GIVE TOP PRIORITY ATTENTION.

BUFILES CONTAIN NO INFORMATION IDENTIFIABLE ON  
HARVEY LOWMEYER OR LOWMYER.

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TO DIRECTOR, BIRMINGHAM, MEMPHIS, AND NEW YORK  
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574) 2P

MURKIN

ON APRIL SIX LAST PETTY OFFICER, USS MACKENZIE, NAVAL  
STATION, LONG BEACH, CALIF., ADVISED THAT ON EVENING OF APRIL  
FOUR LAST SHIPMATE ALAN ROY PETERSON, NSN B ONE ONE ONE NINE  
EIGHT SIX STATED QUOTE MY COUSIN WROTE ME AND SAID HE WAS GOING  
TO SHOOT MARTIN LUTHER KING END QUOTE AND SOMETHING TO THE EFFECT  
THAT WHEN HIS COUSIN SETS HIS MIND TO SOMETHING HE DOES IT.  
NOTHING FURTHER STATED. NAME OF COUSIN NOT CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD,  
POSSIBLY JOHN OR JACK. PETERSON LEFT SHIP ON APRIL FIVE LAST  
FOR WEEK-END LIBERTY TO RETURN TO SHIP APRIL EIGHT INSTANT.  
PETERSON INTERVIEWED APRIL EIGHT INSTANT AND ADMITTED MAKING  
STATEMENT, HOWEVER MAINTAINED NO TRUTH TO STATEMENT AND COULD  
NOT EXPLAIN WHOXXX WHY HE MADE SAME. STATES THAT HE HAS NOT RECEIVED  
ANY CORRESPONDENCE OF THIS NATURE AND ONLY HEARS FROM HIS MOTHER.  
HAS NEVER RECEIVED ANY MAIL FROM ANY COUSINS. SENDS ALL MAIL  
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HE RECEIVES TO HIS MOTHER TO KEEP. CLAIMS THAT UPON LEARNING  
THAT FBI ATTEMPTING TO CONTACT HIM HE CALLED HIS MOTHER, RUTH  
GUSTAF PETERSON, <sup>9 5-2 1 7 2</sup> NINE FIVE TWO ONE SEVENTY SECOND AVENUE,  
FORREST HILLS, NEW YORK, TELEPHONE BO EIGHT ONE TWO NINE FOUR.  
THIS AM, TO FIND OUT WHY FBI WAS TRYING TO LOCATE HIM.

NEW YORK SHOULD INTERVIEW RUTH PETERSON FOR IDENTITY  
OF A COUSIN WHO MIGHT BE COMMUNICATING WITH ALAN ROY PETERSON  
AND ASCERTAIN THE NATURE OF TELEPHONE CALL BY HER SON.

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940AM URGENT 4/8/68 2P PJC

TO DIRECTOR, KANSAS CITY, NEW HAVEN, NEW YORK, ALBANY & NEWARK  
FROM BOSTON

MINUTEMEN, IS, MURKIN.

REBOSTEL FOUR EIGHT INSTANT.

FOLLOWING INFO FURNISHED ON CONFIDENTIAL BASES BY  
VINCENT DI PALIA.

MINUTEMEN HAD GENERAL PLAN TO FOMENT CIVIL STRIFE BY  
KILLING NEGRO LEADERS, MARTIN LUTHER KING, RAP BROWN, AND  
STOKELY CARMICHAEL AND THEREAFTER TO SEIZE POWER IN CONFUSION.  
NO SPECIFIC TIME TABLE SET AND CARMICHAEL HAD LEAST PRIORITY  
BECAUSE HE WAS ALREADY FOMENTING CIVIL STRIFE HIMSELF.

MINUTEMEN ALSO PLANNED TO KILL NEW YORK ATTORNEY GENERAL  
LOUIS LEFKOWITZ AND TO KIDNAP AND KILL USA, KANSAS CITY,  
MO., FOR PROSECUTION AGAINST MINUTEMEN AND ROBERT B.  
DE PUGH, AND ATTU AGENTS JAMES MOORE AND FRANK BELLIKI,  
KANSAS CITY, MO., AND FBI INVEITIGATOR OF MINUTEMEN IN  
KANSAS CITY DESCRIBED AS ELDERLY, SHORT AND WITH GRAY HAIR.

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THEY PLANNED TO PLACE A BOMB AT THE DOOR OF FBI  
OFFICE, NEW HAVEN, CONN., AFTER WORKING HOURS, NOT TO  
INJURE PEOPLE BUT TO CAUSE CONFUSION.

FROM TIME TO TIME MINUTEMEN HAVE CONDUCTED SURVEILLANCES  
OF INDIVIDUALS IN THEIR OFFICES CONCERNING THESE PLANS.

MINUTEMEN MEMBERS IN CONNECTICUT IDENTIFIED AS  
DR. CONVARD, OPTOMETRIST, BRIDGEPORT, CONN., GEORGE BROWN,  
FIRE DEPARTMENT, WATERBURY, CONN., THOMAS HART, BRIDGEPORT,  
CONN., JOSEPH FABIANO, TWENTYSEVEN AND A HALF WALL ST,  
WATERBURY, CONN. MEETINGS HELD ON FARM IN NAUGATUCK, CONN.  
DE PUGH HAS STANDING ORDERS TO BLOW UP COURTROOM OR  
COURT HOUSE RATHER THAN LET HIMSELF BE TRIED AND CONVICTED

AIRMAIL COPIES SENT DENVER, BUTTE, LITTLE ROCK,  
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RE BIRMINGHAM TELETYPE, APR. SEVEN, LAST.

NEW YORK CONTACT HEADQUARTERS OF DINERS <sup>Diners</sup> CLUB AND REVIEW  
RECORDS TO DETERMINE IF NAMES HARVEY LOWMEYER OR JOHN WILLARD  
APPEAR AS CREDIT CARD HOLDERS AND THEREAFTER SET OUT APPROPRIATE  
LEADS TO ELIMINATE OR IDENTIFY AS UNSUB THIS CASE.

DO NOT CHECK NAME W. J. LEHMEYER AS HE HAS BEEN ELIMINATED.

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Via TELETYPE URGENT (Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI & SAC, CHARLOTTE AND MEMPHIS

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (~~157-2269~~) MURKIN

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR; RACIAL MATTERS.

RENY TELEPHONE CALL TO MEMPHIS FOUR FIVE SIXTY EIGHT, OWENS ON APRIL FIVE INSTANT, INSPECTOR AL COLLINS, NASSAU COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT (NCPD), ADVISED INFORMATION WAS RECEIVED FROM A HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE, WHOSE IDENTITY IS KNOWN ONLY TO THE NCPD INDICATING THAT A LETTER, SIGNED ROBERT E. BAGWELL, REFLECTED IN PART: "I DO BELIEVE THAT DOING AWAY WITH KING WOULD BE A NICE JOB TO START WITH". BAGWELL WAS ARRESTED OCTOBER THIRTY SIXTY SIX, WITH OTHER MINUTEMEN BY NYCPD. CHARGES SUBSEQUENTLY DISMISSED.

BAGWELL, SUBJECT OF CHARLOTTE FILE ONE HUNDRED DASH ONE ZERO FOUR THREE SIX, IS DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, FIVE SEVEN, HUNDRED FIFTY LBS, BORN MAY SIX FORTY ONE, ASHVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA, HAIR BROWN, EYES HAZEL, DEEP SET, NOSE SMALL, MOUTH SMALL NARROW, CHIN SQUARE, EARS SMALL, COMPLEXION DARK, SWARTHY. TATTOOS - CROSS, "BORN TO RAISE HELL", SKULL AND CROSS BONES, WITH SNAKE RUNNING THROUGH, WITH INITIALS NSRP. LOCATION OF TATTOOS NOT KNOWN.

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