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TO: BUREAU; MEMPHIS; CHARLOTTE; AND NEWARK  
FROM: RICHMOND (44-657) 1P  
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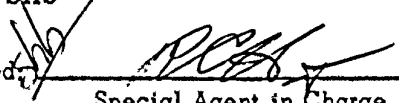
MR. ROBERT JONES, DIRECTOR OF WOODROW WILSON REHABILITATION CENTER, STAUNTON, VA., ADVISED THIS DATE HE WAS IN SAVANNAH, GA. NIGHT OF APRIL FIVE-SIX, LAST, AT LOCAL BAR. HE MET ONE LESTER FORSYTHE FROM THE STATE OFFICE OF THE "KU KLUX KLAN", P. O. BOX TWELVE, CALDWELL, N. J. JONES BELIEVES FORSYTHE IS AN EXACT LOOK-ALIKE TO THE ARTIST CONCEPTION OF THE UNSUB IN THIS CASE. JONES WAS ACCOMPANIED BY SAMUEL TARLTON, SUPERINTENDENT, HISTORICAL SITES, NORTH CAROLINA DEPT. OF ARCHIVES AND HISTORY, RALEIGH, N. C.

ADMINISTRATIVE: LEADS. NEWARK WILL IDENTIFY LESTER FORSYTHE AND OBTAIN NECESSARY DATA AND SPECIFICALLY ANY FBI NO. OR FINGER-PRINT RECORD TO IDENTIFY OR ELIMINATE HIM AS SUSPECT IN THIS MATTER.

CHARLOTTE - AT RALEIGH. WILL LOCATE AND INTERVIEW MR. SAMUEL TARLTON FOR ANY INFO HE MAY HAVE RE THE IDENTITY OF LESTER FORSYTHE AND HIS POSSIBLE CONNECTION WITH INSTANT CASE.

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(1) - Richmond  
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Special Agent in Charge

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## RICHMOND NOTE:

The information in this teletype was telephonically furnished by Mr. Jones to SA NEWTON at the Harrisonburg, Va. RA on the mmorning of 4/9/68

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Special Agent in Charge

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : S.A.C.

DATE: 4/5/68

FROM : S.A. ROLAND M. COCKER

SUBJECT: DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.-Vict.  
CRA

RE SAC phone call to SA R.M. COCKER 10:15pm 4/4/68

*on 4/4*  
All Northern Virginia Police Departments and racial sources were contacted by the writer to ask them if they had any knowledge of individuals who might have conspired to commit the murder of the captioned or if they learn of any information which would bear on the identity of the assassin.

None had any pertinent information but would immediately notify this office should they learn of any information bearing on this matter.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, RICHMOND (44-657 ~~100-10256~~)

DATE: April 8, 1968

FROM : SAC, ICEALIUS A. HALL

SUBJECT: UNSUB: Aka John Willard,  
MARTIN LUTHER KING -VICTIM  
MURDER

RE: JOHN SAUNDERS WILLARD

AT ROANOKE, VIRGINIA:

The following investigation was conducted by SAs Icealius A. Hall and Harold p. Settle.

Mrs. Frances W. Bonham, 3201 Oliver Road, N. E., Roanoke, Va., advised on 4/6/68 that John Saunders Willard is her brother, and that he is presently in the Roanoke City Jail. Mrs. Bonham, advised that Willard was tried in the Hustings Court of Roanoke, on 3/27/68 and was sentenced to serve two years in the State Penitentiary.

On 4/6/68, Deputy City Sgt., George R. Lloyd, and night jailer at Roanoke City Jail advised that JOHN SAUNDERS WILLARD, aka Jerry W. Austin, 3325 Valley View ~~Brix~~ Ave., S. W., Roanoke, Va., was committed to the Roanoke City Jail on 3/27/68 at 12:15 P. M., by The Hustings Court of Roanoke and he has been in the jail continuously since that date. Mr. Lloyd advised Willard was tried on a charge of grand larceny on 3/27/68 and was sentenced to serve two years, he was committed to serve four months, the balance of the sentence was suspended and he was placed on probation for a period of two years after serving the four months. Mr. Lloyd ~~xxxxxx~~ stated Willard is a white male, age 21, 5' 9" 160. He is married and his wife Novella Willard ~~lives at 3325 Valley~~

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View Ave., S. W., Roanoke, Va.

Records of the Roanoke Police Department as reviewed on 4/6/68 reflect the following concerning WILLARD.

He was Born 7/10/46 at Richlands, Va . His mother is Mrs. Hazel Willard, Route 2 box 220, Dublin, Va. He has three brothers, Sonny Willard, Alexandria, Va ., Wayne Willard, Salem, Va ., and Texas Willard, Wyhteville, Va. His sister Mrs. Frances Bonham lives in Roanoke.

Willard is a white male, 70" , 160 , Medium build, medium complexion, Blue eyes and brown hair,

His military service number is ER 13 822 768.

Willard has been arrested several times by the Roanoke P. D., and his FBI # is 972-777E.

In view of the fact Willard was in the ~~Rxxxxxxk~~ Roanoke City jail on the dated Dr. King was ~~xxxxx~~ murdered no further investigation is being conducted.

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FBI NEWARK

403PM URGENT 4-9-68 LMD

TO DIRECTOR, RICHMOND, MEMPHIS AND CHARLOTTE  
FROM NEWARK (44-854)

MURKIN

RE RICHMOND TEL TO BUREAU APRIL NINE SIXTY EIGHT RE  
SUSPECT LESTER FORSYTHE.

RICHMOND SHOULD REFER TO CASE CAPTIONED LESTER IRVING  
FORSYTHE, JR., AKA-FUGITIVE, PV, OO RICHMOND, RICHMOND FILE  
SEVENTY SIX DASH ONE FIVE NINE ZERO, BUFILE SEVENTY SIX DASH TWO  
FOUR SEVEN FOUR TWO; FBI NUMBER EIGHT TWO EIGHT FOUR SEVEN FOUR  
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P.O. BOX TWELVE, CALDWELL, N.J., IS MAILING ADDRESS FOR  
UNITED KALANS OF AMERICA, INC. PAREN UKA, END PAREN, IN N.J.  
LESTER FORSYTHE IS NOT KNOWN TO NEWARK AS BEING ANYONE  
CONNECTED WITH UKA, AND INDICES NEGATIVE EXCEPT FOR ABOVE  
REFERENCE.

RICHMOND, AT STAUNTON, VA., EXHIBIT PHOTO OF LESTER IRVING  
FORSYTHE, JR. TO ROBERT JONES TO DETERMINE IF IDENTICAL TO PERSON  
IN SAVANNAH.

NEWARK WILL ATTEMPT TO INTERVIEW JOHN BEHRINGER, GRAND  
DRAGON OF UKA IN N.J., UNDER SUITABLE PRETEXT ON APRIL TEN  
NEXT TO FURTHER IDENTIFY SUSPECT.

MAIL COPY TO BIRMINGHAM WITH COPY OF RE TEL.

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(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

# Killer Walked From the Scene

By Bill Sorrels  
Memphis Commercial-Appeal

MEMPHIS (AP)—The man sought as the slayer of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. gave his name as John Willard.

He spoke with a Southern drawl.

He paid for his \$8.50-a-week room with a crisp \$20 bill, fishing it out of a pocket and holding it in both hands before handing it to the landlady at 422½ South Main Street.

He wore a dark suit and appeared to have little in common with men who stay in flophouses.

## 13 Steps to Bathroom

He took Room 5. It is no more than 13 steps from there to the dingy bathroom from which the killer shot King standing on the balcony of the Lorraine Motel exactly 205 feet and 3 inches away across Mulberry Street.

It was 3:15 p.m. Thursday when the man checked into the rooming house.

Mrs. Bessie Brewer, the landlady, said.

"He was a clean, neat man. I showed him Room 8, a \$10-a-week kitchenette, but he said, 'I only want a sleeping room.'"

"I showed him Room 5 and he said, 'This will be fine.'"

"He said his name was John Willard and I wrote out a receipt. He paid with a \$20 bill. He reached into his right pants pocket, pulled it out and unfolded it with both hands."

## Long Sharp Nose

Charlie Q. Stephens, in Room 6—between the room taken by Willard, and the bathroom—saw the man when Mrs. Brewer was showing him Room 5.

"He was clean shaven and had a long, sharp nose. He had normal eyes and a square chin, thick hair at the front and receded on each side."

"He was wearing a black-solid color—dress suit, a white shirt and a very dark or black, narrow tie. He combed his hair straight back."



Drawing of Killer  
Based on Descriptions

What the man did between 5:15 p.m. and 6:01—when King was shot—is not known.

He did not lie on the bed, but apparently he sat on the edge of it. He also moved around in the room. The yellow

and green floral curtains had been placed on top of a nearby mantle, possibly to avoid obstructing his view.

From the window, there is a clear view of Room 306 at the Lorraine motel—King's room. But the angle would make a shot difficult.

However, about 5 p.m., the man went to the bathroom,

which has a commanding view of the motel, and stayed about 25 minutes. Apparently, he now had the weapon—a pump-action Remington rifle with a telescopic sight.

There was bright sunshine at 6:01—24 minutes before sunset—when the killer fired.

Stephens said he heard the shot:

"I was in there [the kitchen] working on a radio. When that explosion went off, it sounded like a German 88. I went to

the door and walked out into the hall. I could see the man at the offset in the hall. He had in his hand something wrapped in a newspaper."

The killer fled the scene by going down 20 steps. And he apparently walked instead of running.

"I got a glimpse of him going away after he dropped the rifle in front of my place," said G. W. Canipe, owner of an amusements firm. "He didn't seem to be running."

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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RICHMOND TIMES-DISPATCH  
RICHMOND, VA.

Date: 4/6/68  
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Editor: VIRGINIUS DABNEY  
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TO ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES

FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 2P

MURKIN

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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BOMBING SUSPECTS IN YOUR TERRITORIES.

HANDLE IMMEDIATELY AND GIVE TOP PRIORITY ATTENTION.

BUFILES CONTAIN NO INFORMATION IDENTIFIABLE ON  
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720PM IMMEDIATE 4-8-68 DER  
TO DIRECTOR BIRMINGHAM MEMPHIS ATLANTA  
BALTIMORE BOSTON CINCINNATI LAS VEGAS  
LOS ANGELES NEWARK RICHMOND SAN DIEGO AND SAN FRANCISCO  
FROM ALBANY 157-273

MURKIN CR OO MEMPHIS

RE ALBANY TEL APRIL EIGHT INSTANT

THE FOLLOWING ARE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF DISTRICT  
MANAGERS FOR TEXTILE MARKING MACHINE COMPANY WHO MAY BE ABLE  
TO FURNISH ASSISTANCE IN EVENT ANY PROBLEMS DEVELOP:

ATLANTA:

DICK BRISTOW, THREE FOUR SIX TWO, N.W. THIRTEENTH,  
AVENUE, GAINESVILLE, FLA., TELEPHONE NUMBER F R TWO ONE TWO NINE  
ZERO.

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JOE COMBS, FIFTY TWO THIRTY DEVONSHIRE, OXON HILL,  
MARYLAND, TELEPHONE TWO FOUR EIGHT SIX ONE TWO SEVEN.

CINCINNATI

JACK CODY, TWENTYNINE TWENTYNINE CHAUCER DRIVE, SHERWOOD  
VILLAGE, NORTH CANTON, OHIO, TELEPHONE FOUR NINE TWO SIX FOUR  
NINE SEVEN.

BOSTON:

FRED WEBER, THIRTYTHREE SKYLARK LANE, STONYBROOK,  
LONG ISLAND, TELEPHONE SEVEN FIVE ONE TWO ONE THREE FIVE.  
LOS ANGELES, SAN FRANCISCO, LAS VEGAS AND SAN DIEGO

FRED RAUPACK, ONE EIGHT FOUR ZERO NINE HIAWATHA,  
NORTHRIDGE, CALIFORNIA, TELEPHONE EM THREE EIGHT NINE SIX  
THREE. P.

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FBI CHARLT

227 PM URGENT 4-9-68 BSH

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, RICHMOND, AND WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE  
FROM CHARLOTTE (44-1365) (P) 4P

MURKIN.

RE BUREAU CALL TO CHARLOTTE YESTERDAY, CHARLOTTE  
TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU LAST NIGHT, AND CHARLOTTE CALL TO  
BUREAU TODAY.

FOR INFORMATION OF OFFICES RECEIVING THIS TELETYPE,  
FREDERICK DUNSTON TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED ATTORNEY GENERAL'S  
OFFICE AT FIVE THIRTY PM APRIL EIGHT LAST AND ADVISED THERE  
WAS A WHITE MAN AT HIS RESIDENCE WHO ADMITTED KILLING MARTIN  
LUTHER KING, JR. DUNSTON GAVE HIS ADDRESS AS WHITEFIELD,  
N.C., ROUTE THREE FIVE ZERO. EFFORTS TO LOCATE DUNSTON LAST  
NIGHT UNSUCCESSFUL.

FREDERICK LEON DUNSTON LOCATED TODAY ROUTE FIVE,  
BOX ONE FIVE ZERO, WHITEVILLE, N.C., ADVISED HE IS EMPLOYED  
AS A LONGSHOREMAN AT WILMINGTON AND SUNNY POINT, N.C. DUNSTON  
ADVISED HE HAS PREVIOUSLY SERVED THREE YEARS IN N.C. PRISON DEPT.,  
ON CHARGES OF RECEIVING STOLEN PROPERTY.

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SGT. R. H. OLIVER, VSP Hqto., Richmond,  
ADVISED AT 4:15 PM, 4-9-68, VSP  
APB ASSIGNED NUMBER 07881-U.

No log is needed - Report  
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U.S.N. White - RSH

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DUNSTON CLAIMS HE HAD BEEN DRINKING ON APRIL EIGHT, LAST, AND DID NOT REPORT FOR WORK AND LATE IN THE AFTERNOON WHILE SITTING ON HIS PORCH AN UNKNOWN INDIVIDUAL DESCRIBED AS A WHITE MALE, TWENTY-THREE TO TWENTY-FIVE, BLUE EYES, BLACK HAIR, FIVE FEET TEN INCHES, MEDIUM BUILD, DARK COMPLEXION, AND TATTOO OF HEART WITH BORN TO LOSE ON UPPER RIGHT ARM WALKED PAST HIS RESIDENCE. DUNSTON ADVISED THIS INDIVIDUAL DID NOT IDENTIFY HIMSELF OR STATE WHERE HE WAS FROM. THIS INDIVIDUAL WAS WEARING BLUE DUNGAREES WITH WHITE SHORT SLEEVE SPORT SHIRT WITH YELLOW VERTICLE STRIPES. IN CONVERSATION, WITH THIS INDIVIDUAL, HE TOLD DUNSTON HE WAS IN BAD TROUBLE AND THEN ASKED DUNSTON IF HE KNEW DR. KING AND DUNSTON ANSWERED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. UNKNOWN SUBJECT THEN TOLD DUNSTON THAT HE WAS THE INDIVIDUAL WHO SHOT DR. KING BUT THAT HE DID NOT WANT  
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TO DO IT. DUNSTON STATED THE INDIVIDUAL INDICATED HE WAS INTERESTED IN SURRENDERING TO FEDERAL AUTHORITIES AND THAT HE WANTED TO GO TO WASHINGTON, D.C., AND TURN HIMSELF IN. DUNSTON SAID THIS MAN STATED HE NEEDED TWO DOLLARS AND THAT HE GAVE HIM THREE DOLLARS AND FIFTY CENTS. DUNSTON CLAIMED THIS INDIVIDUAL REMAINED AT HIS RESIDENCE UNTIL AFTER MIDNIGHT AND DID NOT KNOW WHICH DIRECTION HE WENT WHEN HE DEPARTED FROM HIS RESIDENCE.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES ALERTED TO HELP LOCATE THIS UNKNOWN INDIVIDUAL AND FIRST BUS FROM WHITEVILLE, N.C., TO WASHINGTON, D.C., DEPARTED WHITEVILLE ELEVEN FORTY AM TODAY AND UNKNOWN INDIVIDUAL NOT AT BUS STATION OR ON BUS. DUNSTON ADVISED THAT THIS UNKNOWN INDIVIDUAL WAS EXTREMELY SCARED AND APPEARED TO BE INTELLIGENT AND TALKED IN AN INTELLIGENT MANNER.

N.C. HIGHWAY PATROL ALERTED TO BE ON LOOKOUT FOR HITCHHIKER FITTING DESCRIPTION OF UNKNOWN WHITE MAN AND EFFORTS  
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CONTINUING IN VICINITY OF WHITEVILLE TO LOCATE.

RICHMOND NOTIFY VIRGINIA STATE POLICE TO BE ON LOOKOUT  
FOR HITCHHIKER FITTING DESCRIPTION AND WFO NOTIFY METROPOLITAN

PD.

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CORRECTION PAGE THREE LINE 13 WORD 4 SHOULD BE "WAS"

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RSB

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531 PM 4/9/68 URGENT NBG

TO DIRECTOR

ATLANTA

BIRMINGHAM

MEMPHIS

RICHMOND

FROM MINNEAPOLIS (157-450) 5P

MURKIN. CR.

RE MY TEL, AND BUREAU TEL TO ALL SACS APRIL SEVEN, LAST.  
WILLIAM JOSEPH LEHMEYER, THREE FIVE THREE ZERO FAIRLAWN  
DRIVE, MINNETONKA, MINNESOTA, STATED HE DEPARTED MINNEAPOLIS  
MARCH TWELVE, LAST, TO CONTACT CLIENTS AND PROSPECTIVE CLIENTS  
OF HIS EMPLOYER FIRM. THE FIRST PLANS HE HAD RE TRAVEL TO  
ATLANTA, GEORGIA, AND BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, WERE DURING EVENING  
OF MARCH TWENTY-FIVE, LAST, AT ROANOKE, VIRGINIA, WHERE HE  
TELEPHONED C. T. GODSEY, FIVE FOUR ZERO FIVE LONG MEADOW  
LANE, COLLEGE PARK, GEORGIA, A LOCAL CHAIRMAN OF THE  
BROTHERHOOD OF RAILWAY CARMEN RE AN APPOINTMENT FOR LEHMEYER  
TO TALK TO A CARMAN IN ATLANTA. DURING THE SAME EVENING, HE  
ALSO CALLED RICHARD EVANS, LOCAL CHAIRMAN OF BROTHERHOOD OF  
RAILWAY CARMEN, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, RE APPOINTMENT TO  
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INTERVIEW PROSPECTIVE CLIENT IN BIRMINGHAM. THESE TELEPHONE CALLS WERE MADE FROM DOWNTOWN HOLIDAY MOTEL, ROANOKE, WHERE LEHMEYER SPENT NIGHT.

ON MORNING OF MARCH TWENTY-SIX, LEHMEYER FLEW FROM ROANOKE TO RICHMOND, VIRGINIA. HE WAS MET AT RICHMOND AIRPORT BY COOPER GILL AND HIS WIFE. GILL IS A CARMEN CLIENT, HAVING RECENTLY HAD ACCIDENT RESULTING IN LEG INJURY.

AFTER ARRIVING AT RICHMOND AIRPORT ABOUT MID-MORNING, HE MADE RESERVATIONS ON EASTERN AIRLINES FOR TRAVEL TO ATLANTA ON MARCH TWENTY-SIX. GILL DROVE HIM TO DOWNTOWN PETERSBURG, VIRGINIA HOLIDAY INN WHERE HE CANCELLED RESEVATION IN THAT MOTEL AND REQUESTED RESERVATION AT HOLIDAY INN, ATLANTA, GEORGIA AIRPORT. UNABLE TO GET RESERVATION AT ATLANTA AIRPORT HOLIDAY INN. HE THEN TELEPHONICALLY MADE RESERVATION AT ATLANTA HILTON HOTEL FOR NIGHT OF MARCH TWENTY-SIX. GILL AND HIS WIFE DROVE LEHMEYER TO PETERSBURG, VIRGINIA, N AND W RAILROAD YARDS AND SHOPS, WHERE HE INTERVIEWED J.B. MILLER, ASSISTANT LOCAL CHAIRMAN OF BROTHERHOOD OF RAILWAY CARMEN RE MILLER'S RECENT JOB INCURRED INJURY.

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IN PETERSBURG HE ALSO CONTACTED CREDIT MANAGER AT SEARS ROEBUCK CO. IN BEHALD OF MILLER WHO WAS IN ARREARS RE PAYMENTS TO SEARS. AFTER CONTACT AS SEARS, HE WAS DRIVEN TO RICHMOND AIRPORT BY GILL. HE WAITED AT AIRPORT QUITE AWHILE AND DEPARTED RICHMOND VIA EASTERN AIRLINES, ENROUTE ATLANTA, GEORGIA, ARRIVING AT ATLANTA SEVEN PM, MARCH TWENTY-SIX.

UPON ARRIVAL AT ATLANTA AIRPORT, HE PROMPTLY MADE TELEPHONE CALL TO C.T. GODSEY RE INTERVIEW WITH PROSPECTIVE CLIENT AND WAS INFORMED BY GODSEY THAT CLIENT REFUSED TO TALK TO LEHMEYER. GODSEY WAS THE ONLY PERSON LEHMEYER CONTACTED IN ATLANTA. LEHMEYER SPENT NIGHT OF MARCH TWENTY-SIX AT ATLANTA HILTON HOTEL. WHILE AT HILTON, HE TELEPHONED RICHARD EVANS, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, RE HIS PLANS TO ARRIVE IN BIRMINGHAM MARCH TWENTY-SEVEN. HILTON HOTEL BILL HANDLED WITH AMERICAN EXPRESS CREDIT CARD WITH NAME WILLIAM J. LEHMEYER.

AT ATLANTA AIRPORT, MORNING OF MARCH TWENTY-SEVEN, LEHMEYER PURCHASED EASTERN AIRLINE TICKET TO BIRMINGHAM DEPARTING ATLANTA MID-MORNING THAT DATE AND ARRIVING BIRMINGHAM FORENOON.

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INFORMATION RE LEHMEYER'S ACTIVITIES SUBSEQUENT TO ARRIVAL IN BIRMINGHAM MARCH TWENTY-SEVEN FURNISHED IN REFERENCED MINNEAPOLIS TEL. LEHMEYER STATED HIS PLANS IN BIRMINGHAM ON MARCH TWENTY-SEVEN, LAST, WERE TO DEPART BIRMINGHAM SAME DAY AFTER INTERVIEW OF A MR. ELKOURIE. HE DID NOT REGISTER AT A MOTEL AND DID NOT GIVE NAMES OF PARLIAMENT HOUSE HOTEL OR AIRPORT MOTEL TO SOUTHERN AIRLINES OR DELTA AIRLINES CLERKS AS POINTS OF CONTACT WHEN HE MADE HOLD RESERVATIONS WITH THESE AIRLINES ON THAT DATE. HE STATED HE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF A PARLIAMENT HOUSE HOTEL IN BIRMINGHAM. HAD IT BEEN NECESSARY FOR HIM TO STAY OVERNIGHT AT BIRMINGHAM, HE WOULD HAVE STAYED AT THE AIRPORT MOTEL. HE GAVE NO CONTACT POINTS FOR RESERVATIONS, NOR DID EVANS FURNISH PLACE OF CONTACT TO AIRLINE.

LEHMEYER SAYS HE TOLD AIRLINES RESERVATION CLERKS HE WOULD CONTACT AIRPORT TICKET COUNTERS RE FLIGHTS WHEN HE WAS AVAILABLE TO DEPART BIRMINGHAM ON MARCH TWENTY-SEVEN.

ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, RICHMOND SHOULD CONSIDER CONDUCTING DISCREET BACKGROUND INQUIRIES RE INDIVIDUALS CONTACTED BY LEHMEYER IN THEIR RESPECTIVE DIVISIONS AND OTHER APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE IF THESE INDIVIDUALS MAY BE

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SUSPECTS IN THIS MATTER.

TODAY WILLIAM DE PARCO, PARTNER, MINNEAPOLIS LAW FIRM OF DE PARCO, ANDERSON AND PERL, EMPLOYER OF LEHMEYER, STATED HIS FIRM HAS MANY CLIENTS IN SOUTHER U.S. HE EMPHATICALLY REQUESTED THAT FBI INQUIRIES AND CONTACTS WITH INDIVIDUALS PREVIOUSLY CONTACTED Y LEHMEYER BE HANDLED IN SUCH A MANNER THAT THE RELATIONSHIP OF HIS FIRM AND ITS REPUTATION WITH THESE INDIVIDUALS WOULD NOT BE JEOPARDIZED.

OTHER INVESTIGATION THIS MATTER BEING EXPEDITED.

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ATLANTA, GEORGIA, ARRIVING AT ATLANTA SEE SEVEN PM MARCH

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TO: DIRECTOR AND SACS MEMPHIS, ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, COLUMBIA,  
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FROM: SAC, ALBANY (44-493)

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BEARS LETTERS AND NUMBERS ZERO TWO B DASH SIX.

EXPERTS AT TEXTILE MARKING MACHINE COMPANY ADVISE  
TYPE ON THIS MACHINE IS UNUSUAL IN THAT THE FIRST TWO  
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CHARACTERS ARE FIFTEEN POINT TYPE AND THE LAST THREE CHARACTERS ARE EIGHTEEN POINT TYPE, WITH THE MIDDLE CHARACTER, THE LETTER B, PROBABLY BEING NARROW RATHER THAN REGULAR TYPE. THE USUAL MACHINE CARRIES FIFTEEN POINT TYPE FOR THE FIRST THREE CHARACTERS AND EIGHTEEN POINT TYPE FOR THE LAST TWO CHARACTERS.

TEXTILE MARKING MACHINE EXPERTS ALSO STATED THIS MACHINE IS DEFECTIVE IN THAT IT IS PRODUCING A TAPE ONE AND ONE SIXTEENTH INCH LONG INSTEAD OF ONE AND ONE EIGHTH INCH LONG AND IS NOT PROJECTING THE TAPE FAR ENOUGH RESULTING IN CUTTING OFF A PORTION OF THE FIRST LETTER. THE CODE USED IN THE NORTH-EASTERN PART OF THE UNITED STATES IS AS FOLLOWS:

THE FIRST LETTER O STANDS FOR LOT NUMBER; THE FIRST NUMBER TWO INDICATES THE DAY OF THE WEEK, TWO BEING TUESDAY; THE SEND LETTER INDICATES THE FIRST LETTER OF THE STORE NAME,  
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THIS IS THE LETTER B; THE LAST NUMBER IS THE BUNDLE NUMBER, THIS IS SIX. COLOR CODING OF THE TAG MAY DESIGNATE VARIOUS THINGS SUCH AS A DIFFERENT MONTH OR THE IDENTITY OF A STORE IN A CHAIN. EXPERTS ALSO STATE THE USE OF THIS SYSTEM ON LAUNDRY ITEMS IS UNUSUAL IN THAT THE SYSTEM IS NORMALLY USED ON GARMENTS BEING DRY CLEANED.

THE BUREAU HAS INSTRUCTED THAT ALL TEXTILE MACHINES USING THIS TYPE TAPE BE LOCATED AND MACHINES USING THIS CODE BE IDENTIFIED.

THE CODE USED HAS BEEN TRACED TO THE NORTHEASTERN PART OF THE UNITED STATES, HOWEVER, A SIMILAR CODING IS USED IN THE WESTERN PART OF THE UNITED STATES ALSO AND A SIMILAR CODE IS ALSO USED BY COMPANIES WITHOUT THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE COMPANY'S REPRESENTATIVES, THEREFORE, ALL THESE MACHINES MUST BE CHECKED.

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TEXTILE MARKING MACHINE CO. ADVISED THAT THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS WERE PREVIOUSLY EMPLOYED AS SALES REPRESENTATIVES COVERING THE AREA OF NORTHERN ALABAMA, MISSISSIPPI AND THE ENTIRE STATES OF TENNESSEE AND KENTUCKY, AND MAY HAVE UTILIZED THE CODE SYSTEM USED IN THIS TAPE:

RAY SNYDER, EMPLOYED FROM AUGUST NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR TO AUGUST SIXTYFIVE, PRESENTLY LOCATED TOPS QUALITY CLEANERS, FOUR THREE TWO ZERO JACKSON HIGHWAY, SHEFFIELD, ALABAMA; HERSHEL BANKS, TWO FIVE SEVEN MOUNT PLEASANT BLVD. SE, ROANOKE, VIRGINIA, FROM AUGUST SIXTYFIVE TO MAY SIXTYSEVEN.

BIRMINGHAM AND RICHMOND CONTACT THE ABOVE INDIVIDUALS, DETERMINE IF THEY USED THIS CODE SYSTEM, AND IF THEY CAN ADVISED LOCATION AND IDENTITY OF CLEANER UTILIZING SYSTEM.

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MOBILE

BISHOP CLEANERS AND LAUNDRY, DOTHAN, ALABAMA, MODEL NO. H FIVE M FOUR B DASH ONE, SERIAL NO. THREE THREE ZERO NINE FIVE; CHIN'S LAUNDRY, THREE HUNDRED SIXTYONE ST. LOUIS ST., MOBILE, MODEL NO. H FIVE K ONE, SERIAL NO. R THREE TWO ONE ONE ONE, R THREE TWO ONE ONE TWO, R THREE TWO ONE ONE FOUR, R THREE TWO ZERO TWO ONE, R THREE TWO ZERO TWO THREE, R THREE TWO ONE SIX SEVEN, R THREE ONE EIGHT EIGHT SIX; PALACE LAUNDRY, SEVEN ZERO ONE ST. ANTHONY ST., MOBILE, ALABAMA, MODEL NO. H FIVE K FOUR, SERIAL NUMBER R THREE TWO FIVE ONE FOUR, R THREE TWO FIVE THREE FIVE.

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ATLANTA

MARK'S LAUNDRY AND CLEANERS, ATLANTA, GEORGIA, MODEL  
NO. H FIVE L ONE, SERIAL NUMBERS THREE ONE NINE SEVEN ONE;  
THREE ONE NINE SEVEN TWO.

COLUMBIA

IDEAL, WHITE SWAN CLEANERS AND LAUNDRY, SEVEN TWO THREE  
KING ST., CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA, MODEL NO. H FIVE M FOUR  
B DASH ONE, SERIAL NO. THREE THREE ZERO ONE SEVEN.

JACKSONVILLE

TILLMAN'S LAUNDRY, THREE ONE ZERO PARK ST., JACKSONVILLE,  
FLA., MODEL NO. H FIVE L ONE, SERIAL NUMBERS THREE ONE FIVE  
NINE EIGHT, R THREE ONE NINE NINE EIGHT, R THREE ONE NINE NINE  
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JACKSONVILLE, FLA., MODEL NO. H FIVE M FIVE M FOUR, SERIAL NO.  
THREE TWO SIX FOUR SEVEN.

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MIAMI

NEW PEERLESS LAUNDRY, ONE ONE ZERO N.W., FIFTYFIFTH  
AVENUE, FT. LAUDERDALE, FLA., MODEL NO. H FIVE L FOUR,  
SERIAL NO. THREE TWO SIX ONE FOUR.

TAMPA

PALMACEIA CLEANERS AND LAUNDRY, SIX TWO ZERO SOUTH  
MC DILL, TAMPA, FLA., MODEL NO. H FIVE L FOUR, SERIAL  
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TAMPA, FLA., MODEL NO. H FIVE K ONE, SERIAL NUMBERS THREE  
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SARASOTA LILY-WHITE LAUNDRY AND CLEANERS, SEVEN HUNDRED SOUTH OSPREY AVE., SARASOTA, FLA., MODEL NO. H FIVE L FOUR, SERIAL NO. THREE TWO ONE NINE FIVE.

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CLEVELAND, MISSISSIPPI, SERIAL NO. THREE ONE THREE FIVE FIVE;  
LONG'S LAUNDRY AND CLEANERS, ONE THREE ZERO EAST MAIN ST.,  
TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI, SERIAL NO. THREE ONE SEVEN TWO EIGHT  
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HATTIESBURG, MISSISSIPPI, SERIAL NO. THREE THREE SEVEN EIGHT  
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ASSASSINATED DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING ON FOUR FOUR SIXTYEIGHT,  
DISCLOSED SUITCASE IN WHICH WAS LOCATED TEE SHIRT AND UNDER-  
SHORTS BEARING LAUNDRY MARK ON RED TAPE WITH BLACK LETTERING  
BELIEVED TO BE THERMO-SEAL TYPE, MANUFACTURED BY TEXTILE  
MARKING MACHINE CO., INC., SYRACUSE, N.Y. THE TAPE IS ONE  
QUARTER INCH WIDE AND ONE AND ONE SIXTEENTH INCH LONG AND  
BEARS LETTERS AND NUMBERS ZERO TWO B DASH SIX.

EXPERTS AT TEXTILE MARKING MACHINE COMPANY ADVISE  
TYPE ON THIS MACHINE IS UNUSUAL IN THAT THE FIRST TWO  
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CHARACTERS ARE FIFTEEN POINT TYPE AND THE LAST THREE CHARACTERS ARE EIGHTEEN POINT TYPE, WITH THE MIDDLE CHARACTER, THE LETTER B, PROBABLY BEING NARROW RATHER THAN REGULAR TYPE. THE USUAL MACHINE CARRIES FIFTEEN POINT TYPE FOR THE FIRST THREE CHARACTERS AND EIGHTEEN POINT TYPE FOR THE LAST TWO CHARACTERS.

TEXTILE MARKING MACHINE EXPERTS ALSO STATED THIS MACHINE IS DEFECTIVE IN THAT IT IS PRODUCING A TAPE ONE AND ONE SIXTEENTH INCH LONG INSTEAD OF ONE AND ONE EIGHTH INCH LONG AND IS NOT PROJECTING THE TAPE FAR ENOUGH RESULTING IN CUTTING OFF A PORTION OF THE FIRST LETTER. THE CODE USED IN THE NORTH-EASTERN PART OF THE UNITED STATES IS AS FOLLOWS:

THE FIRST LETTER O STANDS FOR LOT NUMBER; THE FIRST NUMBER TWO INDICATES THE DAY OF THE WEEK, TWO BEING TUESDAY; THE SEND LETTER INDICATES THE FIRST LETTER OF THE STORE NAME.

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THIS IS THE LETTER B; THE LAST NUMBER IS THE BUNDLE NUMBER, THIS IS SIX. COLOR CODING OF THE TAG MAY DESIGNATE VARIOUS THINGS SUCH AS A DIFFERENT MONTH OR THE IDENTITY OF A STORE IN A CHAIN. EXPERTS ALSO STATE THE USE OF THIS SYSTEM ON LAUNDRY ITEMS IS UNUSUAL IN THAT THE SYSTEM IS NORMALLY USED ON GARMENTS BEING DRY CLEANED.

THE BUREAU HAS INSTRUCTED THAT ALL TEXTILE MACHINES USING THIS TYPE TAPE BE LOCATED AND MACHINES USING THIS CODE BE IDENTIFIED.

THE CODE USED HAS BEEN TRACED TO THE NORTHEASTERN PART OF THE UNITED STATES, HOWEVER, A SIMILAR CODING IS USED IN THE WESTERN PART OF THE UNITED STATES ALSO AND A SIMILAR CODE IS ALSO USED BY COMPANIES WITHOUT THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE COMPANY'S REPRESENTATIVES, THEREFORE, ALL THESE MACHINES MUST BE CHECKED.

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TEXTILE MARKING MACHINE CO. ADVISED THAT THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS WERE PREVIOUSLY EMPLOYED AS SALES REPRESENTATIVES COVERING THE AREA OF NORTHERN ALABAMA, MISSISSIPPI AND THE ENTIRE STATES OF TENNESSEE AND KENTUCKY, AND MAY HAVE UTILIZED THE CODE SYSTEM USED IN THIS TAPE:

RAY SNYDER, EMPLOYED FROM AUGUST NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR TO AUGUST SIXTYFIVE, PRESENTLY LOCATED TOPS QUALITY CLEANERS, FOUR THREE TWO ZERO JACKSON HIGHWAY, SHEFFIELD, ALABAMA; HERSHEL BANKS, TWO FIVE SEVEN MOUNT PLEASANT BLVD. SE, ROANOKE, VIRGINIA, FROM AUGUST SIXTYFIVE TO MAY SIXTYSEVEN.

BIRMINGHAM AND RICHMOND CONTACT THE ABOVE INDIVIDUALS, DETERMINE IF THEY USED THIS CODE SYSTEM, AND IF THEY CAN ADVISED LOCATION AND IDENTITY OF CLEANER UTILIZING SYSTEM.  
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TEXTILE MARKETING MACHINE COMPANY ADVISED THAT SEVERAL THERMO-SEAL MACHINES FORMERLY IN POSSESSION OF BUSINESSES HAVE EITHER BEEN SOLD OR OTHERWISE DISPOSED OF. OWNERS OF THESE MACHINES NOT KNOWN TO COMPANY. THESE MACHINES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

MOBILE

BISHOP CLEANERS AND LAUNDRY, DOTHAN, ALABAMA, MODEL NO. H FIVE M FOUR B DASH ONE, SERIAL NO. THREE THREE ZERO NINE FIVE; CHIN'S LAUNDRY, THREE HUNDRED SIXTYONE ST. LOUIS ST., MOBILE, MODEL NO. H FIVE K ONE, SERIAL NO. R THREE TWO ONE ONE ONE, R THREE TWO ONE ONE TWO, R THREE TWO ONE ONE FOUR, R THREE TWO ZERO TWO ONE, R THREE TWO ZERO TWO THREE, R THREE TWO ONE SIX SEVEN, R THREE ONE EIGHT EIGHT SIX; PALACE LAUNDRY, SEVEN ZERO ONE ST. ANTHONY ST., MOBILE, ALABAMA, MODEL NO. H FIVE K FOUR, SERIAL NUMBER R THREE TWO FIVE ONE FOUR, R THREE TWO FIVE THREE FIVE.

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ATLANTA

MARK'S LAUNDRY AND CLEANERS, ATLANTA, GEORGIA, MODEL  
NO. H FIVE L ONE, SERIAL NUMBERS THREE ONE NINE SEVEN ONE;  
THREE ONE NINE SEVEN TWO.  
COLUMBIA

IDEAL WHITE SWAN CLEANERS AND LAUNDRY, SEVEN TWO THREE  
KING ST., CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA, MODEL NO. H FIVE M FOUR  
B DASH ONE, SERIAL NO. THREE THREE ZERO ONE SEVEN.  
JACKSONVILLE

TILLMAN'S LAUNDRY, THREE ONE ZERO PARK ST., JACKSONVILLE,  
FLA., MODEL NO. H FIVE L ONE, SERIAL NUMBERS THREE ONE FIVE  
NINE EIGHT, R THREE ONE NINE NINE EIGHT, R THREE ONE NINE NINE  
NINE; STRAHAM'S LAUNDRY, ONE ZERO TWO FOUR KINGS AVENUE,  
JACKSONVILLE, FLA., MODEL NO. H FIVE M FIVE M FOUR, SERIAL NO.  
THREE TWO SIX FOUR SEVEN.  
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MIAMI

NEW PEERLESS LAUNDRY, ONE ONE ZERO N.W., FIFTYFIFTH  
AVENUE, FT. LAUDERDALE, FLA., MODEL NO. H FIVE L FOUR,  
SERIAL NO. THREE TWO SIX ONE FOUR.

TAMPA

PALMACEIA CLEANERS AND LAUNDRY, SIX TWO ZERO SOUTH  
MC DILL, TAMPA, FLA., MODEL NO. H FIVE L FOUR, SERIAL  
NO. THREE TWO THREE EIGHT NINE; LINCOLN LAUNDRY, ONE NINE ONE  
ZERO TWENTY SECOND AVENUE, TAMPA, FLA., MODEL NO. H FIVE K  
ONE, SERIAL NUMBERS THREE ONE FOUR EIGHT ONE, THREE ONE FIVE  
TWO TWO; SPOTLESS CLEANERS, SIX TWO ONE ZERO FLA. AVENUE,  
TAMPA, FLA., MODEL NO. H FIVE K ONE, SERIAL NUMBERS THREE  
ONE FOUR TWO SEVEN, THREE ONE FOUR FIVE SEVEN, THREE ONE FOUR  
SIX SIX; PRATHER'S, INCORPORATED, FT. MYERS, FLA., MODEL  
NO. H FIVE L ONE, SERIAL NO. THREE ONE SIX THREE ONE AND  
THREE ONE SEVEN NINE THREE.

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SARASOTA LILY-WHITE LAUNDRY AND CLEANERS, SEVEN HUNDRED SOUTH OSPREY AVE., SARASOTA, FLA., MODEL NO. H FIVE L FOUR, SERIAL NO. THREE TWO ONE NINE FIVE.

MOBILE; ATLANTA; COLUMBIA; JACKSONVILLE, MIAMI AND TAMPA WILL CONTACT THE ABOVE BUSINESS PLACES AS INDICATED AND DETERMINE PRESENT LOCATION OF THESE MACHINES, CONTACT OR SET OUT LEADS TO CONTACT THESE PLACES, DETERMINE WHETHER CODE IS USED AS ON INSTANT TAPE, WHETHER THERMO-SEAL IS USED ON SMALL LAUNDRY ITEMS AND WHETHER INSTANT TAPE POSSIBLY PRODUCED BY THEIR MACHINES AND IF SO OBTAIN SAMPLE OF THERMO SEAL TAPE AND FORWARD TO FBI.

THE FOLLOWING ARE LAUNDRIES UTILIZING THERMO-SEAL MACHINES ONE QUARTER INCH TAPE, ONE AND ONE EIGHTH IN LENGTH, FIVE CHARACTERS: AMORY STEAM LAUNDRY, AMORY, MISSISSIPPI, SERIAL NO. R THREE TWO ZERO TWO EIGHT; DELTA STATE COLLEGE  
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