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120AM URGENT 4-7-68 TAB

TO: DIRECTOR DENVER KANSAS CITY MEMPHIS SPRINGFIELD

FROM: CHICAGO (44-NEW)(P)

MURKIN. CR

RE SPRINGFIELD TEL TO CHICAGO APRIL SIX LAST.

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Robert S. [Signature]

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, SPRINGFIELD (157-838)

DATE: 4/6/68

FROM : SA JOHN R. PEARSON III

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
RM

This is to record that the writer received a telephone call from RONALD LORENZEN, Managing Editor, Times Democrat, Davenport, Iowa at 9:30 am this date.

Mr LORENZEN advised that he received a telephone call from EDWARD BAUMGARTNER, 917 6th Avenue, Erie, Illinois, 61250 on 4/5/68. He stated that BAUMGARTNER advised him he may have some information regarding the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. as he was a former Minuteman as he escaped from them at Palo Alto, Calif. and the assassination sounded to him like it might have been done by the Minutemen. LORENZEN stated that he thought the caller was a nut, but he received an additional call after the photograph was shown on television at which time BAUMGARTNER stated that the photograph appeared to be one VINCENT DEPALMA of an unknown address in Conn.

LORENZEN requested that he be notified by the FBI of the outcome of the inquiry. He was advised by the writer that we do not make public the results of the investigations we conduct. He stated that he would call in a couple of days.

Springfield Indices negative on LORENZEN and BAUMGARTNER.

The following are references on DEPALMA; 100-9712-451, ID 100-10220-213 p 9, 100 - 712-452 (destroyed).

The following is a reference on EDWARD BAUMGARTNER; 137-2472. ID 41P

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC SPRINGFIELD 157-838

DATE: 4/5/68

FROM : SA ROY LEE WILKERSON JR

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. RM.

On 4/5/68 Mrs JUDITH LOTT, 1103 West North Crest Peoria, Illinois, telephonically contacted the Springfield FBI office and advised as follows:

LOTT stated that this afternoon while watching WEEK - TV she saw a composite photo of the suspect in the slaying of captioned individual. LOTT stated that this photo looks like CARL RICE from Minneapolis, Minnesota. LOTT stated that a girl friend went with CARL RICE and she later learned that he had gotten in a lot of trouble, involving racial matters and narcotics.

LOTT stated that RICE attended a private school, (BLAKE), in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and that RICE resided with his father DOCTOR CARL RICE, address unknown, in the suburb of Edina, Minneapolis, Minnesota, about 10 years ago when LOTT and her girlfriend were also going to school.

LOTT stated that RICE is described as follows:
LOTT can recall:

White-Male
Height-5-11 or 6 feet
age- now 32 or 33
Hair- blond
weight-155 - 160
eyes- blue

LOTT stated that her telephone number is 685-9437.

On 4/5/68 HARLEN BARRD of WEEK - TV Peoria, Illinois, advised that a composite drawing of the suspected slayer of captioned individual was shown on TV which was from UPI wire Photo service.

A review of the Springfield office indices reveal no name identical with CARL RICE.

ASAC contacted and he advised to search Minneapolis regarding above information.

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TO MINNEAPOLIS

FROM SPRINGFIELD (157-838)

ASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. RM.

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MINNEAPOLIS CONDUCT CREDIT AND CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION RE RICE AND CURRENT WHEREABOUTS. BUREAU AND MEMPHIS ADVISED BY A.M.

- 1 - Director (AM)
- ① - SI (157-838)
- 1 - Memphis (AM)

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TO: SAC, CHICAGO (100-35356)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (157-838)

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., RM.

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RONALD LORENZEN, MANAGING EDITOR, TIMES DEMOCRAT, 85

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CHICAGO REFER TO SPRINGFIELD LETTER TO KANSAS CITY DATED MARCH THIRTY, NINETEEN SIXTY SIX, ENTITLED EDWARD BUMGARDNER, PCI, AND SPRINGFIELD AIRTEL TO BUREAU DATED SEPTEMBER NINE, NINETEEN SIXTY SIX, ENTITLED THREATS AGAINST THE PRESIDENT, SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, SECRETARY OF STATE; MINUTEMEN - PATRIOTIC PARTY, FOR BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON BUMGARDNER AND DE PALMA.

CHICAGO CONTACT BUMGARDNER RE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR COMPLETE DETAILS.

① - Springfield (157-838)

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TO ALL CON\MNEN\AL SACS
FROM DIRECTOR 1P

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TO IDENTIFY PERSON OR PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ASSASSINA-
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APRIL FOUR LAST.

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COULD RESULT IN THE SOLUTION OF THIS MOST IMPORTANT INVES-
TIGATION. SAC WILL BE HELD PERSONALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY
FAILURE TO PROMPTLY AND THOROUGHLY HANDLE INVESTIGATIONS
IN THIS MATTER.

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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
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① Roberts
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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DATE: 4/7/68

FROM : SA WILLIAM ROBERTS, III

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR

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SA WHITAKER advised that he interviewed OWENS, and he could furnish no other info other than the above.

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TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, NEW ORLEANS AND JACKSON
FROM SPRINGFIELD (44-561)
MURKIN

ROCK ISLAND, ILLINOIS PD RECEIVED ANONYMOUS CALL APRIL SEVEN INSTANT, INDIVIDUAL WEARING GOLD COLORED CLOTHING AT FORT ARMSTRONG HOTEL CARRYING GUNS OR SHOT AT SOMEONE OR HAD BEEN IN MEMPHIS WHEN VICTIM KILLED. THE COMMENTS NOT CLEAR. DETECTIVES LOCATED BILLY RAY KING AKA. WILLIAM, WHITE MALE, DOB: FOUR - TWENTYTHREE - TWENTYFIVE, ST. JOSEPH, LOUISIANA, SIX FEET ONE, ONE EIGHTYFIVE LBS., DARK BROWN CURLY HAIR, BLUE EYES, TATTOO DEVILS HEAD RIGHT FOREARM, "MARGE" AND SMALL HEART UPPER RIGHT ARM, "GLENDA" LEFT UPPER ARM, SIX INCH AREA ACID BURN LEFT FOREARM. PHOTOS AND MAJOR CASE PRINTS OBTAINED.

KING INTERVIEWED, STATES EMPLOYED WITH KGW TOWING COMPANY, GREENVILLE, MISS. LEFT HIS HOME ONE ZERO TWO ARLINGTON, LAKE PROVIDENCE, LOUISIANA AROUND NOON APRIL FOUR LAST, WHERE HE RESIDES WITH MOTHER GERTRUDE FRITH, VIA TRAILWAY BUS TO MEMPHIS, TENN. ARRIVING MEMPHIS LATE AFTERNOON. AFTER ARRIVAL RIOT BROKE OUT WHILE HE WAS IN BUS STATION THREE OR FOUR BLOCKS FROM

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AT MIDNIGHT INSTANT DATE AT ROCK ISLAND.

PHOTOS BEING MAILED DIRECTLY TO MEMPHIS AND PRINTS DIRECTLY
TO BUREAU.

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NEW ORLEANS INTERVIEW MOTHER FOR ALL PERTINENT FACTS.
VERIFY OWNERSHIP, DESCRIPTION AND PRESENCE OF CAR.

MEMPHIS DISPLAY PHOTOS TO WITNESSES.

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TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, NEW ORLEANS AND JACKSON
FROM SPRINGFIELD (44-561) 3PP

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1968
(INSTANT) ROCK ISLAND, ILLINOIS PD RECEIVED ANONYMOUS CALL APRIL SEVEN
INDIVIDUAL WEARING GOLD COLORED CLOTHING AT FORT ARMSTRONG
HOTEL CARRYING GUNS OR SHOT AT SOMEONE OR HAD BEEN IN MEMPHIS WHEN
VICTIM KILLED. THE COMMENTS NOT CLEAR. DETECTIVES LOCATED BILLY
RAY KING AKA. WILLIAM, WHITE MALE, DOB: FOUR - TWENTYTHREE -
TWENTYFIVE, ST. JOSEPH, LOUISIANA, SIX FEET ONE, ONE EIGHTYFIVE
LBS., DARK BROWN CURLY HAIR, BLUE EYES, TATTOO DEVILS HEAD RIGHT
FOREARM, "MARGE" AND SMALL HEART UPPER RIGHT ARM, "GLENDA" LEFT
UPPER ARM, SIX INCH AREA ACID BURN LEFT FOREARM. (PHOTOS AND MAJOR
CASE PRINTS OBTAINED.)

KING INTERVIEWED, STATES EMPLOYED WITH KGW TOWING COMPANY,
GREENVILLE, MISS. LEFT HIS HOME ONE ZERO TWO ARLINGTON, LAKE
PROVIDENCE, LOUISIANA AROUND NOON APRIL FOUR LAST, WHERE HE RESIDES
WITH MOTHER GERTRUDE FRITH, VIA TRAILWAY BUS TO MEMPHIS, TENN.
ARRIVING MEMPHIS LATE AFTERNOON. AFTER ARRIVAL RIOT BROKE OUT
WHILE HE WAS IN BUS STATION THREE OR FOUR BLOCKS FROM LORRAINE
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Information under above caption should pertain only to
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interested offices under the appropriate caption pertaining to
Racial Matters.

In addition, all offices in receipt of this information
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TO : SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-

DATE: 4/8/68

FROM : SA JOHN R. PEARSON III

SUBJECT: MURKIN

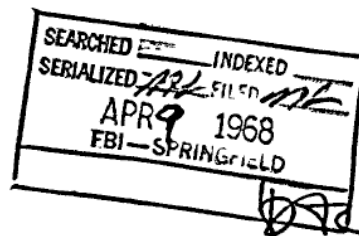
Re CV telephone Call to SI, 4/8/68.

On 4/8/68, I. JOHNSON, Salvation Army, Springfield, Ill. advised SA ROY LEE WILKERSON the following information:

ALFRED J. KAMINSKI registered with the Salvation Army on 2/29/68 and was furnished a hotel and meal ticket. The following description was obtained:

Race;	White
Sex:	Male
DOB;	3/16/16
POB:	Bayonne, N. J.
Height:	5'8"
Weight:	145
Hair:	Brown
Eyes:	Blue
Marital Status:	Single
SSN:	[REDACTED]
Address:	5 Paronia Ct., Bayonne, N. J.
Occupation:	Painter
Military:	Army
Religion:	Catholic
Relatives:	Mrs. RITA FRENCH, same as above

The above information was telephonically furnished to SA GARY SKINN, Cleveland office by SA JOHN R. PEARSON III.



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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND ST. LOUIS
FROM SPRINGFIELD (44561) 1P

MURKIN

RE BUREAU TEL TO ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES INSTANT DATE.
INDICES SPRINGFIELD REFLECT REFERENCE TO HARVEY LOHMEYER,
WHITE MALE, AGE TWENTYTHREE IN NINETEEN FIFTY FIVE, FIVE FEET
EIGHT, FBI NUMBER SEVEN THREE ZERO NINE SEVEN NINE A. HOME
ADDRESS PALMYRA, MISSOURI.

INFO TELEPHONICALLY FURNISHED BUREAU AND LATENT FINGERPRINT
SECTION.

AS REQUESTED IN RETEL ST. LOUIS IMMEDIATELY CHECK OUT
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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.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) SPRINGFIELD, AND MEMPHIS
FROM CHICAGO (44-1114)

MURKIN.

REBUTEL TO ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES INSTANT.

NO RECORD OF HARVEY LOWMEYER OR VARIATIONS IN CHICAGO
OFFICE INDICES, TELEPHONE DIRECTORY, AS WELL AS SUBURBAN
TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES. OTHER PUBLIC AGENCY RECORDS AND
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CHICAGO PD RECORDS REVEAL ONE HARVEY LOHMEYER, HAS RECORD
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TO: DIRECTOR, LITTLE ROCK, MEMPHIS AND CHICAGO
FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (157-838)
ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
RACIAL MATTERS.

4/5
TOM MOSS, CHIEF OF POLICE, KANKAKEE, ILLINOIS,
ADVISED HE RECEIVED AN ANONYMOUS TELEPHONE CALL STATING
THAT A YOUNG WHITE MAN STAYING AT THE WEST LANE MOTEL,
MARION, ARKANSAS, HAD TOLD FEMALE EMPLOYEE OF THIS MOTEL
THAT HE WAS A CHICAGO POLICE OFFICER AND THAT HE WAS
ON HIS WAY TO ASSASSINATE KING. NO FURTHER INFORMATION
WAS OBTAINED FROM ANONYMOUS TELEPHONE CALL. MEMPHIS
ADVISE LOCAL AUTHORITIES OF ABOVE.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) - P -

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Springfield PD ^{on 4/8} (this date) advised ALLEN RICHARD THAYER in custody, and that he fits general description of individual who shot MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr. THAYER interviewed this date by Bureau Agents and advised he could not account for his whereabouts on the pertinent dates as pertained to this case. He did advise, however, that he had been traveling across the United States for several weeks and that to the best of his knowledge he was in Denver, Colorado, on the day that he heard that KING had been assassinated. THAYER advised at no time was he in Alabama or Tennessee this year. THAYER and companion traveling in 1959 gold Chevrolet.

THAYER is described as 5'11", 155 pounds, dark brown hair, combed straight back; blue eyes; complexion, dark; tattoo, scull and crossbones left forearm; previous arrests, armed robbery, Ontario Canada, breaking and entering, Hartford, Connecticut; DOB 10/23/33 at Bristol, Connecticut.

THAYER advised he knows nothing concerning the murder of KING nor has he any animosities toward KING. Springfield PD filed charges against THAYER for defrauding an innkeeper.

Photos of THAYER being mailed directly to Bureau, Memphis, and Birmingham. Major case prints being mailed directly to Bureau.

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FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) - P -

SUBJECT: MURKIN *on 4/8*

Springfield PD (this date) advised ALLEN RICHARD THAYER in custody, and that he fits general description of individual who shot MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr. THAYER interviewed this date by Bureau Agents and advised he could not account for his whereabouts on the pertinent dates as pertained to this case. He did advise, however, that he had been traveling across the United States for several weeks and that to the best of his knowledge he was in Denver, Colorado, on the day that he heard that KING had been assassinated. THAYER advised at no time was he in Alabama or Tennessee this year. THAYER and companion traveling in 1959 gold Chevrolet.

THAYER is described as 5'11", 155 pounds, dark brown hair, combed straight back; blue eyes; complexion, dark; tattoo, skull and crossbones left forearm; previous arrests, armed robbery, Ontario Canada, breaking and entering, Hartford, Connecticut; DOB 10/23/33 at Bristol, Connecticut.

THAYER advised he knows nothing concerning the murder of KING nor has he any animosities toward KING. Springfield PD filed charges against THAYER for defrauding an innkeeper.

Photos of THAYER being mailed directly to Bureau, Memphis, and Birmingham. Major case prints being mailed directly to Bureau.

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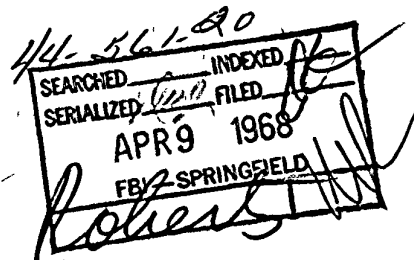
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FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 2P

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