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724PM GJM FBI MOBILE

616 PM

URGENT 4/14/68 VFP

TO DIRECTOR, WFO, AND ATLANTA 44-2386

FROM MOBILE 157-2627

MURKIN. OO MEMPHIS.

THERE ARE BEING FORWARDED TO THE BUREAU THREE ZERO TWOS REFLECTING INFORMATION CONCERNING THE MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION AND THE DRIVERS LICENSE REGISTRATION FOR ERIC STARVO GALT. THESE THREE ZERO TWOS ARE BEING PLACED ON EASTERN AIRLINES FLIGHT SIX SIX FOUR LEAVING MOBILE ELEVEN THIRTY PM, APRIL FOURTEEN SIXTYEIGHT, ARRIVING ATLANTA TWO TEN AM.

ATLANTA IS REQUESTED TO HAVE AGENT PERSONNEL AVAILABLE TO RECEIVE THESE THREE ZERO TWOS ON ARRIVAL.

INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO MOBILE INDICATES THAT THERE WILL BE AN EASTERN AIRLINE FLIGHT THREE SIX EIGHT WHICH WILL LEAVE ATLANTA AT FOUR FORTY AM, ARRIVING WASHINGTON D.C. SEVEN FIFTY AM, FOUR FIFTEEN NEXT.

END PAGE ONE

*Todd Muffed
9:30 AM*

*12:35 AM 4/15/68
Super. Chamber
Handing Atlanta
advised me he would
inform WFO when flight
leaves Atlanta
2:30 AM Handing adv
ST John Reynolds of Atlanta
would bring with him in
connection with evidence
for FBI Lab.*

*Paul present will
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ATLANTA IS REQUESTED TO TELEPHONICALLY CONTACT
WASHINGTON D.C. SO THAT THESE THREE ZERO TWOS WILL BE
RECEIVED UPON ARRIVAL AND DELIVERED TO THE BUREAU FOR
TRANSMITTAL TO THE DEPARTMENT.

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726PM URGENT 4/14/68 GJM
TO ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES
FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 3P

MURKIN.

① ERIC STARVO GALT, THE PRINCIPAL SUSPECT, HAS BEEN REPORTED AS HAVING ATTENDED DANCING SCHOOLS IN BIRMINGHAM, NEW ORLEANS AND CALIFORNIA. ALL OFFICES SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CHECK ALL DANCING SCHOOLS IN YOUR TERRITORIES FOR ANY RECORD OF PRIOR ATTENDANCE AT ANY SUCH SCHOOLS BY GALT AND RUN OUT ANY LEADS DEVELOPED. GALT REPORTEDLY SIGNED UP FOR A ONE YEAR DANCING COURSE IN NEW ORLEANS IN NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR; TOOK DANCING LESSONS FOR SEVERAL WEEKS IN BIRMINGHAM BEGINNING IN SEPTEMBER NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN; AND TOOK A FOUR HUNDRED NINETYNINE DOLLAR DANCE COURSE FROM DECEMBER NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN TO FEBRUARY NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT AT LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA.

ONE DANCE INSTRUCTOR HAS STAT THAT GALT IS "CRAZY" ABOUT DANCING BUT A POOR DANCER AND DIFFICULT TO TEACH AND PAGE NE

*Todd Muffel
5/1/68*

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BECAUSE HE DOES NOT REMEMBER INSTRUCTIONS. HE WAS DESCRIBED AS AN INTROVERT WHO VOLUNTEERS NO INFORMATION AND REPLIES WITH YES OR NO ANSWERS WHEN ASKED; DID NOT MINGLE WITH OTHER STUDENTS AND MADE NO EFFORTS TO MAKE FRIENDS OR CONVERSE WITH ANYONE.

ANOTHER DANCE INSTRUCTOR STATED GALT IS A GOOD DANCER, DISPLAYED SLIGHT SOUTHERN ACCENT, RURAL CHARACTERISTICS OF LANGUAGE AND DICTION, TEETH STRAIGHT AND CLEAN, FINGERNAILS CLEAN AND NEATLY TRIMMED,; WORE GOLD RING WITH DARK STONE; ALWAYS NEATLY DRESSED WITH SUIT AND SHINY SLIP ON TYPE BLACK ALLIGATOR SHOES WITH THIN SOLES, BLACK HOSE AND WORE TIE TACK AND CUFF LINKS. SMOKED FILTER CIGARETTES AND HAD NERVOUS HABIT OF OCCASIONALLY PULLING AT EAR LOBE. OWNER OF STUDIO STATES GALT SPOKE OF ALABAMA, SAID HE WAS A MERCHANT SEAMAN; SPOKE OF BEING IN MEXICO BUT DID NOT SPEAK SPANISH AND SPOKE ENGLISH BADLY; WAS SOCIALLY INEPT, AN INTROVERT AND A POOR DANCER BECAUSE HE WOULD NOT LOOSEN UP. SMILED RARELY AND WHEN HE DID IT WAS A NERVOUS CROOKED SMILE; PAID CASH FOR LESSONS TAKING A WAD OF BILLS FROM POCKET.

ERIC STARVO GALT DESCRIBED AS FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES, ONE HUNDRED SEVENTYFIVE POUNDS, BLUE EYES, BROWN HAIR, BORN
 PLACE NOT GIVEN.

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PAGE THREE

GALT MAY HAVE USED THE NAME HARVEY LOWMYER OR JOHN WILLARD OR ANY VARIATION OF THESE TWO NAMES OR ANY OTHER NAME. IN CONNECTION WITH ANY INQUIRIES, NO INDICATION SHOULD BE GIVEN INQUIRIES ARE IN CONNECTION WITH CAPTIONED CASE.

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FBI WFO

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, WFO

DATE: 4/14/68

FROM : SA THOMAS J. O'MALLEY

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
CIVIL RIGHTS

At the request of the Bureau, one envelope sent by the Memphis Office to the FBI, Washington, D.C., was received by SA THOMAS J. O'MALLEY from Captain Pennington, American Air Lines Flight 132, which arrived at Washington National Airport at 9:29 p.m. on 4/14/68. The envelope was delivered by SA O'MALLEY to Supervisor RICHARD LONG at the Bureau.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, WFO

DATE: 4/14/68

FROM : SA JOHN H. MAC MILLAN

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
CIVIL RIGHTS

At the request of the Bureau, an envelope sent by the New Orleans Office to FBI, Washington, D.C., was obtained by SA JOHN H. MAC MILLAN from Captain JOHN ZEDWITZ, Delta Air Lines Flight 106, arriving Dulles Airport at 6:24 p.m. on 4/14/68. The envelope was delivered to Supervisor WILLIAM MARTINDALE at the Bureau.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, WFO

DATE: 4/14/68

FROM : SUPERVISOR JAMES W. REDFIELD

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
CIVIL RIGHTS

At the request of Supervisor MC DONOUGH, Bureau, a package containing certain photographs was placed on United Air Lines Flight Number 55 departing Dulles Airport at 5:15 p.m. on 4/14/68 and arriving at Los Angeles International Airport at 7:35 p.m. by SA JOHN MC MILLAN. The package was given to Captain P.C. VAN STEINBURG of United Air Lines Flight 55.

The above info was furnished to Supervisor MARTINDALE of the Bureau.

Supervisor REDFIELD telephonically furnished the above info to SA LESTER LEDBETTER of the Los Angeles Office who stated that an Agent of the Los Angeles Office would meet the plane and obtain the package.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, WFO (44-730)

FROM : SA TOLLEF JACOBSON, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN;
CR

DATE: 4/12/68

LAWRENCE J. BURNS of the Waldorf Laundry, Waldorf, Md., phone BUTler 3-3251, telephoned WFO at 10:25 a.m. 4/12/68, stating that an FBI Agent whose name he did not recall had made inquiry of him concerning laundry markings, in connection with some case, the nature of which BURNS did not know.

BURNS stated he told the Agent that the only likely source he knew of was R. Frank & Co. in WDC. He now had an afterthought, and wanted to suggest contact with the Textile Marking Machine Company, Alexandria, Va.; the man to contact would be JOE COOMBS; their telephone number is 248-6127.

It appears likely that the above refers to instant investigation, and that BURNS was contacted possibly by an SA of the Baltimore Office, in connection with the canvass of such establishments.

It is assumed that the above-mentioned "R. Frank & Co." would be R. & E. Frank, 725 - 11th St., N. W., WDC, which firm is listed in the Yellow Pages under "Cleaners' & Dyers' Supplies," although not under "Cleaners' & Dyers' Equipment." (For info, it was observed that the yellow pages have four headings of possible interest: Cleaners' & Dyers' Supplies; Cleaners' & Dyers' Equipment; Laundry Equipment; & Laundry Supplies.)

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*No action
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703) (P)

MURKIN - CR

Mr. HERBERT BRADFORD, 2722 Stanton Road, S. E., Washington, D. C., on 4/11/68, advised that he had been to Atlanta, Georgia, to attend the funeral of Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. He arrived at about 9:00 p.m., on 4/8/68, and he stayed at the Holiday Inn, at the airport in Atlanta. Between 10:00 p.m., and midnight on 4/8/68, he saw an individual on the road who was wearing a red beard (not heavy) and his hair partially covered his forehead. He said this man was driving a foreign-make car, light blue, and it did not bear Georgia license plates. He thought the car might be a SAAB but he could not be sure. Subsequently, he saw a picture in the newspapers of the man being sought, and he recalled the man he had seen in Atlanta strongly resembled the suspect.

On 4/12/68, BRADFORD again called WFO and advised that he wished to correct information furnished on 4/11/68. He stated the correct make of the car he had observed in Atlanta was a 1960-61 blue or Alcapulco blue SAAB or similar form of car. The license plates were blue numbers on a white background, state unknown. He felt the individual he had seen strongly resembled the composite drawing of the suspected killer.

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2 - Memphis (44-1987)
2 - Atlanta (44-2386)

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It is to be noted that the description furnished by BRADFORD is at variance with description obtained by investigation.

Above is being furnished for information of offices for any action they may determine appropriate.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, WFO

DATE: 4/12/68

FROM : SA PAUL N. VERZI, JR.

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF DR. MARTIN
LUTHER KING
CIVIL RIGHTS

On 4/12/68, Mr. HERBERT BRADFORD, residence 2722 Stanton Rd., S.E., WDC, telephone 723-2777, business address 6323 Georgia Ave., N.W., Handley Ford Co., telephone number TA 9-6060, telephonically advised he wished to correct some information he furnished to the WFO on the evening of 4/11/68, to an SA whose name he could not remember. The correct make of car he observed in Atlanta, Ga., ~~was a 1960-61 blue or Alcapulca Blue Saab or similar foreign car. License plate was white background and blue numbers - State unknown~~ *was a 1960-61 blue or Alcapulca Blue Saab or similar foreign car. License plate was white background and blue numbers - State unknown*

He indicated that info he furnished previous night concerned an individual he saw driving the above car in Atlanta who strongly resembled the composite drawing of the suspected killer.

He would like to view a composite drawing which the FBI has.

Suggest this info be incorporated to info previously furnished by BRADFORD, and composite exhibited to him.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, WFO (44-703)

DATE: 4/11/68

FROM : SA O.M.Smasal

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR

MR. HERBERT B. BRADFORD, 2722 Stanton Rd., SE WDC, Tel 562-3360, employed at 6323 Georgia Ave., NW, WDC. tel TA9-6060, telephonically advised late evening, instant, that he has preciously been in touch with the office in this matter, but desired to furnish some information that he now recalls.

He stated that he was in Atlanta to atēend the funeral of Dr. King, arriving there at 9:00 pm on Monday-April 8th. He stayed at the Holiday Inn at the airport in Atlanta. Betwee the hours of 10 and 12 midnight that night he had seen an individual on the road, at a pause where he could get a good look at him, who was wearing a red beard, not heavy, and his hair partially covered his forehaed but did not come down too far. He said this man was driving a foreign make car, light blue in color, and did not bear Georgia plates. He thought the make of the car might be a Saab, but he could not be sure. Subsequently, Mr. Bradford had seen a picture of the man being sought in the papers, and he recalled that the man he^wsaw in Atlanta strongly remembered the picture of the suspect. Mr. Bradford had no additional information to offer.

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505PM URGENT 4/12/68 GJM
TO ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES
FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 1P

MURKIN

• EACH OFFICE IS BEING FURNISHED, UNDER SEPARATE COVER,
PHOTOGRAPHS OF TWO ARTISTS' CONCEPTIONS BASED ON DESCRIPTIONS
OF UNKNOWN SUBJECT BY WITNESSES IN MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM
RESPECTIVELY.

THESE PHOTOGRAPHS ARE FOR ASSISTANCE OF AGENTS
HANDLING THIS INVESTIGATION AND ARE NOT TO BE DISSEMINATED
OUTSIDE THE BUREAU.

NO INDICATION IS TO BE GIVEN THAT INVESTIGATION IS IN
CONNECTION WITH THE CAPTIONED CASE.

UNKNOWN SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND
DANGEROUS.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703) (P)

MURKIN-CR

RE: SUSPECT EDWARD GERST

ReButelephone call to WFO 4/12/68, and WFO telephone call to Bureau 4/12/68.

On 4/12/68, SA KENNETH J. HASER determined no identifiable record of EDWARD GERST could be found in the files of Office of Security, General Correspondence Files, Visa Office and Passport Office, United States Department of State.

Above confirms WFO telephone call to Bureau this date.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS

3 - Bureau
2 - Memphis (44-1987)

① - WFO

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Boston, Massachusetts

April 8, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

MINUTEMEN

The following information was received from a source who claims to be familiar with activities and plans of the Minutemen:

The Minutemen had a general plan to foment civil strife by killing Negro Leaders, Martin Luther King, Rap Brown, and Stokely Carmichael and, therefore, seize power in the confusion. No specific time table set and Carmichael had least priority because he was already fomenting civil strife himself.

The Minutemen also planned to kill New York Attorney General Louis Lefkowitz and to kidnap and kill the United States Attorney in Kansas City, Missouri, for prosecution against the Minutemen and Robert B. DePugh, and Alcohol, Tobacco and Tax Unit Agents James Moore and Frank Belliki of Kansas City, Missouri, and FBI Investigator of the Minutemen in Kansas City whom they described as elderly, short and with gray hair.

They planned to place a bomb at the door of the FBI Office in New Haven, Connecticut, after working hours, not to injure people but to cause confusion.

From time to time, the Minutemen have conducted surveillances of individuals in their offices concerning these plans. The Minutemen members in Connecticut are identified as ~~Doctor Conyard~~, Optometrist, Bridgeport, Connecticut, ~~George Brown~~, Fire Department, Waterbury, Connecticut, ~~Thomas Hart~~, Bridgeport, Connecticut, ~~Joseph Fabiano~~, 27 1/2 Wall Street, Waterbury, Connecticut. The meetings are held on a farm in Naugatuck, Connecticut. DePugh has standing orders to blow up the courtroom or court house rather than let himself be tried and convicted.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

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APPENDIX"MINUTEMEN"

The "Minutemen" was organized in June, 1960. Its present headquarters are Norborne, Missouri. Robert B. DePugh, Norborne, Missouri, has been publicly identified as the National Coordinator of the organization. DePugh has stated the membership of the "Minutemen" to be in excess of 35,000 members, however, confidential sources state this figure is greatly exaggerated and that a more true estimate would be between 800 and 2,000 members. Statements by DePugh and literature distributed by the organization indicate its purpose to be the resistance to, and exposure of, the spread of Communist influence within the United States; for the formation of a guerrilla or underground organization to combat the troops of any foreign powers which might eventually occupy this country; and resist passage of laws which would regulate private ownership of firearms.

The Kansas City Star newspaper has on numerous occasions contained articles concerning the "Minutemen", wherein it was stated that members of the organization participate in maneuvers utilizing guerrilla tactics with machine guns, mortars, grenades, and other firearms. DePugh has publicly stated the "Minutemen" as an organization does not buy or store arms or ammunition; however, individual members are urged to maintain arms and ammunition, which is their constitutional right. "Minutemen" has given instructions in the use of explosive compounds from such readily accessible ingredients as common fertilizer, ammonium nitrate. Robert DePugh, along with his close associate Walter Patrick Peyson and Troy Houghton, West Coast Regional Coordinator, were convicted in U. S. District Court of violation of the Federal Firearms Act. All were sentenced to prison and all are free on bond pending their appeals to the 8th Circuit Court of Appeals, St. Louis, Missouri.

On October 30, 1966, the New York City Police Department arrested 19 members of the "Minutemen", charging them with "conspiracy to commit arson", and "Illegal possession of firearms". An inventory of firearms seized as a result of these arrests included 115 rifles, 26 handguns, 8 automatic weapons, 3 bazookas, 2 mortars, 1 anti-tank gun and an unknown quantity of ammunition.

"MINUTEMEN"

In April, 1966, DePugh stated the "Minutemen" organization was then dividing itself into two bodies: one group to be members who have been able to maintain their identity in complete secrecy from the public and government investigative agencies, and the other group to be made up of members who have been publicly identified and who will become active in the Patriotic Party. The first group will go completely underground and will continue to emphasize intelligence activities and resistance warfare training programs. The first national convention of the Patriotic Party was held July 3 and 4, 1966, at Kansas City, Missouri, with DePugh acting as chairman. About 300 individuals attended this convention. The second annual convention of the Patriotic Party was held July 2, 3, & 4, 1967, Kansas City, Kansas, with approximately 240 persons attending. DePugh resigned as National Chairman at the convention, however, he stated he would continue in an advisory capacity. The delegates, at DePugh's urging, endorsed former Governor of Alabama, George Wallace, and William Penn Patrick, millionaire cosmetics manufacturer of San Rafael, California, as presidential and vice-presidential candidates in the 1968 elections.

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Date: 4/8/68

Transmit the following in _____
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Via AIRTEL REGISTERED MAIL
(Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, BOSTON

MINUTEMEN
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Rebostel, 4/8/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are six copies of an LHM, and two copies for Albany, Kansas City, New Haven, New York, Newark and WFO, dated and captioned as above at Boston.

The information contained therein was furnished by VINCENT DI PALMA to SA JOSEPH P. FINNEGAN.

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- 3-Bureau (Encs. 6)(RM)
- 2-Albany (Encs. 2)(RM)
- 2-Kansas City (Encs. 2)(RM)
- 2-New Haven (Encs. 2)(RM)
- 2-New York (Encs. 2)(RM)
- 2-Newark (Encs. 2)(RM)
- 2-Washington Field (Encs. 2)(RM)
- 2-Boston *icc in 100 file*

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C. J. Jones

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Date: 4/10/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority)

TO: SAC, WFO

FROM: SAC, MOBILE (157-2627)(P)

RE: MURKIN
(OO: Memphis)

Re Birmingham telcon, 4/10/68.

Check of the records of Veterans Administration Regional Office, Montgomery, Ala., determined no record of an ERIC STARVO GALT, white male, dob [] in the files of that office. Information was obtained that files in the Montgomery Regional Office would only contain those individuals who are presently receiving benefits through the Veterans Administration or who have a pending application to receive benefits through this Regional Office. It was determined that all other files covering these individuals who have since moved from the state of Alabama or whose claims have been passed over would now be located in the Central Locator File, Veterans Administration, Washington, D.C.

WFO. If not already done, will immediately review Central Locator File, Veterans Administration, Washington, D.C., for any record of ERIC STARVO GALT.

② - WFO
1 - Birmingham (44-1740)(Info)
2 - Memphis (44-1987)
2 - Mobile
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2. Re WFO (office) ~~teletype/airtel/letter~~ dated 4/10/68 at WFO
3. Re enclosure to _____ (office) airtel/letter dated _____ at _____
4. Other _____

The following changes in classification have been made in the above communication(s).

- a. Declassified
- b. Classified SECRET, exemption category 2 by 4417, date 12/16/76, date of automatic declassification INDEFINITE
- c. Downgraded to _____, exemption category _____
- d. Upgraded to _____, exemption category _____ by _____, date _____, date of automatic declassification _____

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The following paragraphs
have been classified "Secret".

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703) (P)

MURKIN - CR

Re ERIC STARVO GALT - Suspect.

ReMobile airtel to WFO 4/10/68, no copy for Bureau.

On 4/15/68 check of the records of Identification Unit, Veteran's Administration, WDC, determined that the name ERIC STARVO GALT could not be located in the indices of that office. Mrs. LOUISE ARMSTRONG, Supervisor of that office, advised that she had the above name checked under various spellings of first, middle and last name with negative results.

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- 3 - Bureau
- 2 - Memphis (44-1987)
- 1 - Birmingham (44-1740) (Info)
- 1 - Mobile (157-2627) (Info)
- ① - WFO

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AIRTEL

TO: SAC, BALTIMORE
FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703) (P)

MURKIN
CR
(OO:ME)

ReWFOtelephone call to Hyattsville RA 4/15/68.

On 4/15/68, Mrs. PEARL HEADLEY, 124 Rolph Drive, Forest Heights, Maryland, telephone LO7-3529, telephonically advised SA KENNETH L. PLESS that about 8:15 PM, 4/14/68, two white males came to her residence door asking directions to the 300 block of Foxway Drive. They asked if they could use her phone, and one of the young men was on the telephone about 30 minutes. She did not know if the call was local or long distance.

Her daughter, MILDRED G. CURRY, 110 Seneca Drive, Forest Heights, Maryland, telephone LO7-4571, employed at the Naval Ordnance Lab, White Oaks, Md., offered to take the two men to the address they were looking for, but they did not want her to, but agreed to let her show them the way to Foxway Drive.

2- Baltimore
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② WFO

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Her daughter took them to Foxway Drive and came back to her residence. They followed with their headlights off. The two men were driving an old Chevrolet, blue or light green in color, bearing unknown Alabama license plates. HEADLEY advised that she felt the one young man resembled the composite photo of Dr. KING's assailant. He was a white male, about 30, 5' 10", 160 pounds, reddish hair, blue eyes, hair normal length combed straight back, ruddy complexion, wearing trousers and a short sleeved sport shirt. The other man was a white male, about 30, 5' 8", 150 - 160 pounds, blond hair, blue eyes, ruddy complexion, wearing trousers and short sleeved sport shirt.

On 4/15/68, Miss JUDY CARZON, Personnel Records, Naval Ordnance Lab, White Oaks, Md., telephonically advised a check of her files concerning MILDRED CURRY was negative.

LEAD

BALTIMORE DIVISION

AT FOREST HEIGHTS, MARYLAND. Will interview Mrs. PEARL HEADLEY, 124 Rolph Drive, and her daughter, MILDRED CURRY, 110 Seneca Drive re this matter.

4/12/68

TELETYPE

TO: BUREAU (44-38861) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: CHARLOTTE (44-1365) (P)

MURKIN.

RE WFO TELETYPE APRIL SIX LAST.

ON APRIL SIX AND SEVEN LAST, UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPTS MADE TO LOCATE ANYONE AT RESIDENCE TWO ZERO TWO TWENTYSEVENTH ST., SW, HICKORY, N. C.

ON APRIL EIGHT LAST, MRS. JEAN CHRISTENBURG AT THAT ADDRESS ADVISED SHE IS MOTHER OF RONNIE WHO LEFT HOME APRIL TWO LAST, LEAVING NO INFORMATION CONCERNING DESTINATION. IN PAST RONNIE HAS ASSOCIATED WITH JOHN POWELL WHO LIVES IN BURKE CO., N. C. ON APRIL TWO LAST POWELL JUMPED FROM COURT HOUSE IN MORGANTON, N. C., WHERE HE WAS TO BE TRIED FOR DRUNK DRIVING AND HIT AND RUN.

ON APRIL NINE LAST DEPUTY SHERIFF GERALD POTEAT, SO, MORGANTON, N. C., ADVISED POWELL JUMPED AND RAN FROM COURT
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① WFO (44-703) (AM)
1 - Charlotte (44-1365)
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HOUSE ON APRIL TWO LAST AND WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN. POWELL DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, SIX FEET, ONE FOUR FIVE LBS., DARK SKIN AND HAIR, ONE SLIGHTLY COCKED EYE, BORN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HE ESCAPED IN NINETEEN FIFTYNINE FORD, GREEN AND IVORY, TAG UNKNOWN. POTEAT HAS NEVER KNOWN POWELL TO ENGAGE IN VIOLENT CRIMES BUT IS TROUBLEMAKER WITH A CAR AND HAS SERVED SENTENCE FOR B AND E.

TODAY, AVERY C. ERVIN, STATE PROBATION OFFICER, ADVISED POWELL BELIEVED TO HAVE GONE TO VA., WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN.

CHARLOTTE MAINTAINING CONTACT WITH LOCAL OFFICERS FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING WHEREABOUTS OF CHRISTENBURG AND SLASH OR POWELL.

WFO ADVISED BY AIRMAIL.

END.

4/11/68

PLAINTEXT

TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: SAC, RICHMOND
FROM: SAC, DETROIT (44-989)

MURKIN.

DETROIT INDICES CONTAIN NO PERTINENT REFERENCES RE
MRS. KATHERINE LIMPUS, FIVE ONE FOUR ONE W. QN. AVENUE,
KALAMAZOO, MICH.

AIRMAIL COPIES SENT BUREAU AND WASHINGTON FIELD.

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~~1 - Bureau (44-98981) (AM)~~
Washington Field (44-703) (AM)
WJH/mcm

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PLAINTEXT

TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: CHARLOTTE (44-1365)

MURKIN

RE CHARLOTTE TELETYPE APRIL NINE LAST AND CHARLOTTE
TELEPHONE CALL TO BUREAU TODAY.

FREDRICK DUNSTON, WHITEVILLE, NC, ARRESTED SEVEN THIRTY
PM, APRIL NINE LAST BY WHITEVILLE PD CHARGED WITH POSSESSION
NONTAX PAID WHISKEY AND PUBLIC DRUNK. ARRESTING OFFICER RALPH
SPAULDING ADVISED DUNSTON ARRESTED BY HIM NUMEROUS OCCASIONS
FOR PUBLIC DRUNK AND DISORDERLY CONDUCT AND DUNSTON HAS
REPUTATION AS BEING A DRUNK. HE DOUBTFUL ANY INFORMATION
FURNISHED BY DUNSTON WOULD BE RELIABLE.

DUNSTON INTERVIEWED BY SA TODAY, COLUMBUS COUNTY JAIL,
WHITEVILLE, NC, AND ADVISED ABOUT SEVEN PM APRIL NINE LAST HE
AGAIN OBSERVED UNKNOWN WHITE MALE WHO ADMITTED KILLING KING

1 - Richmond (AIRMAIL) (44-657)
① - WFO (AIRMAIL)
1 - Charlotte
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*Det Sgt
Jack Acker
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advised
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RIDING IN WHITEVILLE IN NINETEEN SIXTYTWO FORD GALAXIE, BEIGE COLOR, OCCUPIED BY TWO OTHER PERSONS. DUNSTON ADVISED HE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY HENRY BENNETT AT THE TIME. DUNSTON ATTEMPTED TO CALL ATTORNEY GENERAL, WASHINGTON, DC, TO FURNISH THIS INFORMATION AT THE TIME HE WAS ARRESTED BUT DID NOT COMPLETE CALL. DUNSTON VIEWED ARTIST'S CONCEPTION OF KING'S ASSASSIN AND ADVISED PHOTOGRAPH APPEARS SIMILAR BUT WOULD BE UNABLE TO RECOGNIZE MAN FROM SKETCH.

DENNIS WILLIAMS, JAILER, COLUMBUS COUNTY JAIL, ADVISED DUNSTON, FOLLOWING ARREST, ATTEMPTED TO MAKE TELEPHONE CALL TO ATTORNEY GENERAL AND TELEPHONE CALL TO RALEIGH, NC; HOWEVER, HE WAS IN DRUNKEN CONDITION AND WAS UNABLE TO COMPLETE CALLS.

SARAH MOORE, ROUTE FIVE BOX ONE FIVE ZERO, WHITEVILLE, ADVISED TODAY THAT DUNSTON RESIDES AT HER HOUSE WITH HIS WIFE AND TWO CHILDREN. SHE STATED DUNSTON HAS REPUTATION FOR BRINKING AND HAS BEEN ARRESTED AS PUBLIC DRUNK. SHE WAS AT HER RESIDENCE APRIL EIGHT LAST WHEN DUNSTON ALLEGEDLY CONTACTED BY UNKNOWN WHITE MALE. SHE STATED SHE WAS NOT AWARE OF ANYONE BEING AT RESIBENCE AND DOES NOT BELIEVE ANYONE WAS THERE AS

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SHE WOULD HAVE KNOWN. SHE DESCRIBED DUNSTON AS UNRELIABLE AND DOES NOT BELIEVE ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM HIM TO BE RELIABLE OR OF VALUE.

JOHN W. BENNETT, BROTHER OF HENRY BENNETT, ADVISED TODAY THAT DUNSTON AND HENRY BENNETT ARE ALCOHOLICS AND HAVE BEEN DRINKING HEAVILY FOR THE PAST FOUR OR FIVE DAYS. HE ADVISED ANY INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM DUNSTON OR HIS BROTHER WOULD NOT BE TRUTHFUL AS BOTH HAVE BEEN DRINKING AND ARE UNRELIABLE.

POLICE OFFICERS, WHITEVILLE, NC, WHO HAD BEEN ALERTED TO ATTEMPT TO LOCATE UNKNOWN WHITE MALE, ADVISED THEY HAD NOT SEEN ANYONE RESEMBLING THIS PERSON AND ALSO HAD NOT SEEN THE NINETEEN SIXTYTWO FORD GALAXIE DESCRIBED BY DUNSTON. POLICE OFFICERS CHARACTERIZED DUNSTON AS DRUNK WHO IS EXTREMELY UNRELIABLE.

NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RECEIVED CONCERNING UNKNOWN WHITE MALE, WHO ALLEGEDLY CONTACTED DUNSTON APRIL EIGHT LAST.

IN VIEW OF STATEMENTS MADE BY SARAH MOORE TO EFFECT THAT NO WHITE MALE WAS SEEN AT HER RESIDENCE WITH DUNSTON ON APRIL EIGHT LAST, FACT THAT UNKNOWN MALE NOT OBSERVED BY POLICE, AND FACT THAT DUNSTON IS DRUNKARD AND TOTALLY UNRELIABLE, UACB, NO FURTHER EFFORTS BEING MADE TO LOCATE UNKNOWN WHITE MALE;

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**AND UACB, RICHMOND AND WFO WILL BE ADVISED TO CANCEL ALERT
WITH VIRGINIA STATE POLICE AND METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT
FOR UNKNOWN WHITE MALE.**

AIRMAIL COPIES TO RICHMOND AND WFO.

P.

END.

4/11/68

PLAINTEXT

TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR AND RICHMOND (44-651)
FROM: CHARLOTTE (44-1635) (P)

MURKIN

RE WFO TELETYPE TODAY.

FOR INFORMATION OF RICHMOND, WFO ADVISED JAMES G. L. HOWARD, SEVEN ONE ONE FIVE LEESVILLE BOULEVARD, SPRINGFIELD, VA., TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED WFO NIGHT OF APRIL TEN LAST ABOUT EIGHT AM APRIL TEN HE OBSERVED INDIVIDUAL RESEMBLING ARTIST'S SKETCH OF UNKNOWN SUBJECT IN GREEN VOLKSWAGEN BEARING NC LICENSE BY SEVEN ZERO FOUR FOUR AT GALLOWS ROAD AT ROUTE FIFTY, FAIRFAX, VA. CHARLOTTE WAS INSTRUCTED TO IDENTIFY OWNER AND TO SET FORTH LEADS TO PROCESS DRIVER.

RECORDS OF NCDMV, RALEIGH, NC, REVEALED NC LICENSE BY SEVEN ZERO FOUR FOUR REGISTERED TO JOHN LOUIS CHAMPAGNE, ONE ZERO ZERO TWO SEVEN MOSLY WOODS DRIVE, FAIRFAX, VA., FOR A SIXTYSIX VOLKSWAGEN. RICHMOND HANDLE.

AIRMAIL COPIES TO WFO AND MEMPHIS.

- 1 - Charlotte
 - ① - WFO (AIRMAIL)
 - 1 - MEMPHIS (AIRMAIL)
- CFW:lrf
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AIRTEL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS
FROM: SAC, ALBUQUERQUE (44-715)P
RE: MURKIN
OO: MEMPHIS

Re WFO tel 4/10/68.

Enclosed for the Memphis Division are the following:

1. Seven snapshots of HENRY DAVID MC MINN, JR.
2. Two specimens of handwriting of MC MINN, one being a check in the amount of \$100, bearing his signature and the other is a power of attorney form bearing his signature.

The above items were obtained from MRS. ARTIE MC MINN, a room clerk, Chaparral Motel, Ruidoso Downs, N.M., and she requests that if they are of no evidentiary value that they be returned to her.

MRS. MC MINN furnished the following description of this possible suspect:

Name	HENRY DAVID MC MINN, JR.
Age	38
Born	[redacted] in either Lubbock or Hockley County, Texas
Height	5'8"
Weight	165
Hair	Medium or light brown but he used a hair oil, thereby effecting a darker hue

- 2 - Memphis (Enc 9) (RM)
- ① - WFO (44-703) (Info)
- 1 - Richmond (Info)
- 1 - Little Rock (Info)
- 1 - Oklahoma City (Info)
- 2 - Albuquerque

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Scars or marks
Peculiarities
Marital status

Appendectomy, no others noticeable
Immaculate dresser - Texas accent
Married to LINDA MC MINN, nee
AARON, whose parents believed to
reside at 4600 Mason Road, Memphis,
Tennessee, believed to be currently
separated. LINDA MC MINN previously
married to a CARTER.

MRS. MC MINN advised on 4/11/68, that her former husband, HENRY DAVID MC MINN, JR., appeared in Ruidoso Downs, NM, at approximately 2:30PM, 4/1/68, remained until 7:30PM, at which time he departed, indicating he was proceeding to Albuquerque, NM, thence to Phoenix, Arizona.

MRS. MC MINN advised that at the time of his appearance he was in possession of a White Station Wagon, possibly a 1962 or 1967 model and make not specifically known. She indicated he usually drives Chevrolets or Fords, therefore, this could have been one or the other. Also, the vehicle has Texas license plates, believed to have the prefix BYM 969 or 696.

MRS. MC MINN advised that her former husband was previously connected with the NAACP in Little Rock, Arkansas, in approximately 1965 or 1966, however, she is unaware of what capacity he was so connected. It was her impression he either distributed or sold literature to Negroes in that particular area.

In the event the enclosures tend to implicate this individual it is suggested that Memphis set out specific leads to assist in effecting his location.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, WFO

DATE: 4/14/68

FROM : SUPERVISOR JAMES W. REDFIELD

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
CIVIL RIGHTS

At approximately 7:30 p.m., one CHARLES RUNFORD telephonically advised that he was calling from St. Elizabeths Hospital, Washington, D.C. (WDC). He stated that he resided at 1926 1/2 7th Avenue, North, St. Petersburg, Florida. He stated that some time last week he had called the FBI in St. Petersburg, Florida, and had been interviewed by SA CHARLES HUGHES and another Agent concerning information he wanted to furnish regarding one JAMES A. POUNCEY of 216 South Albany Avenue, Apartment 7, Tampa, Florida. He said that he had heard POUNCEY speak of the assassination of Dr. KING approximately three weeks prior to the assassination. He said the Agents had attempted to locate POUNCEY at the above address with negative results.

RUNFORD subsequently came to WDC and attempted to bring some flowers to President JOHNSON but was denied entry to the White House by the Secret Service even though he offered to wait as long as necessary to see him. He said that he had additional information which might assist in locating POUNCEY, but he would not furnish it unless the writer would arrange an appointment for RUNFORD to see President JOHNSON or Vice President HUMPHREY. He stated he had been committed to St. Elizabeth's two days previous but had not yet seen a doctor. He said that after speaking with the doctor tomorrow, 4/15/68, he would request the doctor to call the FBI regarding his request. Supervisor REDFIELD advised him we were unable to arrange an appointment for him with the President or Vice President but would be happy to accept any information he desired to offer.

WFO indices were negative regarding RUNFORD or POUNCEY.

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703) (P)

MURKIN - CR

On 4/12/68, Mrs. W. WAYNE (ALICE) WILSON, 6807 Nesbitt Place, Mc Lean, Virginia, telephone 356-6134, advised that she had cut out and retained a copy of the composite drawing of the slayer of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. While watching the television coverage of the funeral, she felt certain she observed a person closely resembling or identical with the person on the composite. She advised that she believes she was watching channel 4 (NBC Network) and that the person was observed prior to the Church service, and approximately ten minutes previous to the appearance of Mrs. KING at the Church. She stated that the person was standing along side of a full-faced colored male, near a brick wall. This possible suspect was standing to the side and in front of the colored male.

The above information is being furnished for the information thereof for Atlanta for possible future use.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

3- Bureau
2- Memphis (44-1987)
2- Atlanta
1- Richmond (Info)
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, WFO (44-703)

DATE: 4/12/68

FROM : SA ROBERT L. EVANS

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR

On 4/12/68, Mrs. W. WAYNE (ALICE) WILSON, 6807 Nesbitt Place, McLean, Virginia, telephone 356-6134, furnished the following information:

That she cut out and retained a copy of the composite photo of the slayer of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., and while watching the television coverage of the funeral felt certain that she observed a person closely resembling or identical with the person on the composite. She advised that she believes she was watching channel 4 and that the person was observed prior to the church service, and probably approximately 10 minutes previous to the appearance of Mrs. KING at the church. She stated that the person was standing alongside a full-faced colored male near a brick wall.. The possible suspect was standing to the side and in front of the colored male.

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703) (P)

MURKIN - CR

On 4/14/68, at approximately 7:30 P.M., CHARLES RUNFORD telephonically advised WFO that he was calling from St. Elizabeth Hospital, WDC (a mental institute). He stated he had resided at 1926 1/2 7th Avenue, North, St. Petersburg, Florida. Sometime last week, he called the FBI in St. Petersburg, Florida, and had been interviewed by SA CHARLES HUGHES and another agent concerning information he desired to furnish regarding JAMES A. POUNCEY, 216 S. Albany Avenue, Apartment 7, Tampa, Florida. He said that he had heard POUNCEY speak of the assassination of Dr. KING approximately three weeks prior to the assassination. He said that agents had attempted to locate POUNCEY at the above address with negative results.

RUNFORD advised he subsequently came to WDC and attempted to take some flowers to President JOHNSON, but was denied entry to the White House by the Secret Service, even though he had offered to wait as long as necessary to see President JOHNSON. He said he

- 3- Bureau
- 2- Tampa
- 2- Memphis (44-1987)
- ①- WFO

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[Signature]

[Handwritten Signature]

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had additional information which might assist in locating POUNCEY, but he would not furnish it unless the FBI would arrange an appointment for him to see President JOHNSON or Vice President HUMPHREY. He stated he had been committed to St. Elizabeth Hospital two days previous, but he had not yet seen a doctor. He said that after speaking to the doctor on 4/15/68, he would request the doctor to call the FBI regarding his request. RUNFORD was advised that the FBI would be unable to arrange an appointment for him to see the President or Vice President, but would be happy to accept any information he desired to offer.

WFO indices negative regarding RUNFORD and POUNCEY.

LEADS

TAMPA

AT TAMPA AND ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA. Will furnish WFO with any pertinent background information concerning RUNFORD and POUNCEY.

WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

AT WASHINGTON, D. C. Will, if deemed advisable, contact RUNFORD for additional information concerning POUNCEY.

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PLAINTEXT

TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND SAC CHICAGO (44-1114)
FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703)
MURKIN - CIVIL RIGHTS

RE CHICAGO TELETYPE FOUR ELEVEN AND WFO TELETYPE FOUR
TWELVE LAST CONCERNING GOETZ OERTEL.

OERTEL RECONTACTED TODAY AND ADVISED HE HAD NO DISTINCT
IMPRESSIONS CONCERNING CAB IN WHICH HE RODE IN FOUR THREE LAST.
HE STATED THE DRIVER WAS VERY OPINIONATED ABOUT RIOTS AND STATED
THAT HE WOULD SHOOT ANYONE ATTEMPTING TO ENTER HIS PROPERTY. THE
CONVERSATION THEN TURNED TO REVEREND MARTIN LUTHER KING AND CAB
DRIVER SAID, "YOU KNOW WHAT IS GOING TO HAPPEN TO HIM". OERTEL
ASKED WHAT HE MEANT AND THE DRIVER STATED, "SOME WHITE MAN IS
GOING TO SHOOT HIM AS HE IS ASKING FOR IT". OERTEL STATED THAT

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IT IS HIS IMPRESSION THAT THIS WAS STRICTLY OPINION OF THE CAB DRIVER AND THAT THE CAB DRIVER HAD MADE NO STATEMENT WHICH WOULD INDICATE TO HIM THAT THE CAB DRIVER HAD KNOWLEDGE OF THE MURDER OF KING.

IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE, CHICAGO SHOULD DISCONTINUE EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY CAB DRIVER, UACB.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

P.

F B I

Date: April 11, 1968

Transmit the following in PLAIN TEXT
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIR-TEL
(Priority)

TO: SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD
FROM: SAC, PITTSBURGH (44-578)

MURKIN
CR
OO: MEMPHIS

RE - Confirming Pittsburgh phone call to Washington Field, 4-10-68.

At 5:00 P.M., 4-10-68, Captain NELSON PADEN, Huntington, W.Va. Police Department, telephonically advised that a reliable negro male informant of his, a taxi driver, had just taken a man to the Huntington Airport, where he boarded flight 702 of Eastern Airlines leaving Huntington 4:30 P.M., with stops at Charleston, Washington, D.C., and Allentown-Scranton.

Captain PADEN stated his informant had that day read in the Huntington newspapers a description of the man known as JOHN WILLARD and he believed that his passenger fit this description.

The following is a description furnished to Captain PADEN by his informant/the man he picked up near the Job-Corps Center in Huntington and took to the Airport:

Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Age:	36 years
Height:	5', 7 to 8"

(Capt. PADEN realized that the news item described him as much taller but pointed out that his informant is quite short and for this reason still felt he should report this)

- ②-Washington Field
- 1-Memphis
- 1-Richmond
- 1-Pittsburgh
- IDM/MMJ
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Approved: _____ Sent _____
Special Agent in Charge

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Date: April 11, 1968

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(Type in plaintext or code)

Via _____
(Priority)

PG. #44-578

Weight:	180 pounds
Build:	Stocky
Hair:	Sandy, brownish - Combed back receding forehead
Attire:	Blue suit, tan trench coat with checkered lining
Peculiarities:	Carrying an attache case Large, prominent nose

Inasmuch as the next stop that this plane could be contacted was Washington, D.C. the above information was telephonically furnished to Supervisor ELMER TODD at the Washington Field Office.

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, WFO

DATE: 4/15/68

FROM : SUPERVISOR WILFRED R. SCHLARMAN

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
CIVIL RIGHTS

At the request of Supervisor RICHARD LONG, Division 6, to have an envelope delivered to SAC, Los Angeles via an appropriate airlines, WFO made arrangements to have the envelope forwarded via American Airlines Flight 599 which departed Friendship International Airport at 1:55 AM and was due to arrive in Los Angeles at 7 AM Pacific Standard Time, 4/15/68. This matter was handled by SAs JOSHUA ENSOR and WILLIAM COOK.

The above information was telephonically furnished to SA THOMAS LENEHAN of the Los Angeles Office by the writer at 2:30 AM this date, with the request that the plane be met and the envelope given to SAC, Los Angeles

① WFO

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, WFO

DATE: 4/15/68

FROM : SUPERVISOR WILFRED R. SCHLARMAN

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
CIVIL RIGHTS

At the request of Supervisor JACK J. BOYD, Division 6, WFO was to meet TWA Flight #62 arriving at Friendship International Airport at 6:07 AM, 4/15/68, *from Los Angeles*, to obtain a package from the pilot for delivery to Division 6, Room 5710.

This matter was assigned to SA MICHAEL R. L'ALLIER.

① WFO

WRS:11w

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, WFO (44-703)

FROM : Thomas K Marquardt, clerk

SUBJECT: *Murkin*

DATE: 4/13/68

At 7:25am, this date, SA JOHN PATTERSON, telephonically contacted WFO and advised that he had just placed a package on Eastern Airlines Flight #653, leaving National Airport at 8:00am and arriving Standiford Airport, Louisville, KY. The package was with the Capt. Jim WILLIAMS.

The above information was telephonically relayed to Louisville Duty Agent CHARLES LEWIS at 7:30am.

Above furnished for information.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, WFO

DATE: 4/15/68

FROM : SUPERVISOR WILFRED R. SCHLARMAN

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
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At the request of Supervisor RICHARD LONG, Division 6, WFO made arrangements to have an envelope delivered to Eastern Airlines Flight 451, Captain W. E. ABRAHAM, which was scheduled to depart Dulles International Airport at 12:15 AM, April 15, 1968. This flight was due to arrive in Atlanta at 1:51 AM. The envelope was destined for SAC, New Orleans *to continue to NO via EAL 447, depart Atlanta at 3:01 AM, arr. N.O. 3:14 AM CST.*

EST SA WILLIAM HAYNES, who gave the envelope to Captain ABRAHAM, was advised that at the time of the flight's departure there was a 10% chance that this flight would be diverted to Birmingham, Alabama due to pending weather conditions. In the event the flight is diverted, Captain ABRAHAM would inform his Atlanta Office with a request that the Atlanta FBI was to be notified.

At approximately 12:35 AM, I telephonically furnished the above information to Supervisor CHARLES HARDING of the Atlanta Office and requested that he ~~be~~ *get* in touch with the Atlanta Airport and coordinate with the Birmingham Office in the event the above flight was diverted and, in any event, to make appropriate arrangements for this envelope to be delivered to the New Orleans Office.

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