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Laboratory No. 981116253	Case ID No. 95A-HQ-1269657-1
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	SIGNATURE <i>USMS-ESU</i>	SIGNATURE <i>SAOU</i>	11/16/98 <i>3:35pm</i>
	UNIT NAME/SYMBOL	UNIT NAME/SYMBOL	<i>Arlington VA.</i>

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Shipping Method and Number:

- ☐ Fed Ex # _____
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Received:

- _____ Letter Only
 _____ Box(es)
 _____ Bag(s)
 _____ Envelope(s)
 _____ Vial(s)
 _____ Object(s)

Evidence Location:

- _____ Refrigerator
 _____ Safe
 _____ Shelf
 _____ Other

Evidence should be:

- ☐ Mailed Back
☒ Picked Up by Contributor

Condition of Package:

Action Taken:

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FBI Laboratory Examination Record

Laboratory No.	Case ID No.
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PLEASE PRINT NAMES

Coordinating Examiner/Symbol	Unit
Team Members	

Associate Examiner/Other/Symbol	Unit
Team Members	

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981116253 EYE

Recd by me directly from US Marshal

Q1: One Sony MC-90 microcassette marked
on side A "Vicky Howell"
stamped # "B1B34085"

— Tape is rewound to side A

There is 7" of tape on ^{outside the housing} the take-up hub side
where there is a break

— 254" from the dangling end of the supply
hub the tape is torn nearly clear through
another 25" past this area there are discolorations
in the tape, but not damaged, crinkled etc.
as the first 54". Discoloration noted throughout.

— The micro housing is broken on side B at the
center with the 3rd (L to R) tape guide
missing



— Dev: loose ends — No audio visible

Dev area near torn tape — No audio visible

— 4 edit tabs were used to repair the tape

— Record tabs side A already removed; I removed side B

— Do not mark tape itself, but did initial & date
edit tabs

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Side A

- ① Speed 1.2 cm/s / no movement on meter
- ② Extremely low level, reverb. voices, recording with a male + a female, male does most of talking + female talks at times - Probably other persons present + occasionally talk, at least one other female voice
- ③ Continues like this for a 3/5 of side - 55 min phone rings possibly + recording conv. ends Cued remainder of side A - recorded noise ends some minutes later the remainder of side is quiet

Sides ④ Cued + listened to this side - No noted recorded info

(Cont)

Side A

- ⑤ Recording starts immediately at beg of side A (brief area with poss RE + no recording) - Damaged area with this audio plays back OK
↳ difficult intelligibility, added reverb effects

Enhancement

Foster 3070 Boost audio + limit loud bursts

MCMR 32KHz BBF 200-3.2KHz EQ

Orban 642B Boost audio @ 1KHz, minor shaping

(2) Revox 215 - Maxell C90 cassette

Part 1 Rec time ~ 47 min

Part 2 Rec time ~ 10 min

ECS Search Slip

Violation(s):

Crimes Against Persons (CAPS)

Conspiracy (State/Other Federal)

Tape Exam (State/Other Federal)

Violation date:**Violation Location:****Lab No:** 981116253 E YE**City:** Arlington, Virginia**Fed Agcy:** Justice-Department Of**Form:** Letter, 11/13/1998**CaseID:** 95A-HQ-1269657**Serial:** 1**Latent Number:****Contributor No:****Victim:**

KING, MARTIN LUTHER

Subject:

MARTIN LUTHER, KING TASK FORCE

Remarks:**ECC Delivered to Unit:**

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Dup.

Previous Submission(s)

*** NO PREVIOUS SUBMISSIONS FOUND ***

YE- Snyder - Q1

Parcel Method and No: Personal Delivery**Objects - 1 Date Received:** 11/16/1998**Received In ECC:** 11/16/1998**11/16/1998 4:04:06 PM - w_hawkins**

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Evidence Shipping
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
BLDG 27958A
QUANTICO, VA 22135

Date: 11/18/98

Re: MARTIN LUTHER KING TASK FORCE MATTER

To: Inspector [REDACTED]
Electronic Surveillance Unit
U.S. Marshals Service
Suite 300 Crystal 3
Arlington, VA. 22202
(703) 285-3200

Suite
600

Invoice of Contents

Description of Contents:

Specimen Q1: One Sony MC-90 microcassette marked
in part "Howell", in a sealed envelope.
Two processed copies of Q1 Side A, in two parts,
on both sides of separate Maxell C90 audio cassettes.

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LAB# 981116253 E YE

TOTAL # TAPES: --3--

Your#

Note: Recommend copies be used for future playback
and not specimen Q1, due to its fragile condition.

Return to

Engineering Section

Ext. 703-630-6713

Shipping #

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PRIORITY HANDLING REQUESTED.
UPON RECEIPT, DELIVER TO
CASE AGENT, OR CASE SUPVR.

Shipping Methods

- ☐ Registered Mail/Return Receipt Requested
☐ Overnight Security Signature Service
☐ Other

Packaged by

☐ Hand Delivered

Date

11-19-1998

All items listed above are contained in this package.

Signature Written



RONALD D. LIBBY
INSPECTOR

**UNITED STATES MARSHALS SERVICE
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE UNIT**

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INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES DIVISION
CRYSTAL 3 SUITE 600
ARLINGTON, VA 22202**

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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

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6. TYPE OF REPORT (Check One):		
☐ ADMINISTRATIVE MISCONDUCT	☐ INITIAL INQUIRY	
☐ CRIMINAL MISCONDUCT	☐ SUPPLEMENTAL	
☐ WITNESS INTERVIEW	☐ MEMORANDUM TO FILE	
	☐ OTHER	

Pursuant to the above-mentioned investigation the following request is being made.

In September 1998 Inspector Bonner was assigned to the above mentioned task force investigating specific allegations and new evidence regarding allegations of a conspiracy to kill Martin Luther King. Pursuant to this investigation an interview was conducted with Hazel Sweeney.

The micro cassette of this interview was mailed to you under a different cover. If you have the capability to duplicate the cassette onto a normal size audio cassette I would really appreciate it if you could copy this interview. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call, 202/307-9588.

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REPORT OF THE
LABORATORY DIVISION
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

1 - Mrs. Snyder
1 - Office

January 29, 1999

To: Inspector [REDACTED]
Martin Luther King Task Force
Office of Internal Affairs
United States Marshals Service
Crystal 3 Suite 600
Arlington, Virginia 22202

FBI File No. 95A-HQ-1269657-2
Lab No. 981116253 E YE

Reference: Communication dated November 13, 1998

Your No.

Re: MARTIN LUTHER KING (DECEASED) - VICTIM;
CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT MURDER

Specimens received: November 16, 1998, personally delivered by Inspector
[REDACTED]

Q1 One damaged Sony MC-90 microcassette marked in part
on side A "Howell"

Result of examination:

When received, the specimen Q1 tape was in poor
physical condition with one break and one severe tear. To
allow playback, the specimen Q1 tape was straightened and
repaired with four edit-tabs.

Two processed copies were made of specimen Q1, in
two parts, on separate audio cassettes.

In order to obtain maximum intelligibility, the
processed copies should be played back on high-quality tape
recorders and reviewed using headphones.

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It is recommended that the copies be used for future playback and not specimen Q1.

Signal Processing Analyst Barbara A. Snyder conducted the miscellaneous and enhancement examinations.

Specimen Q1 and the processed copies were personally delivered to Inspector [REDACTED], U.S. Marshal, on November 19, 1998.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE *encl. app*

Work Sheet

11/24/98

To: Inspector [REDACTED] Bonner
Martin Luther King Task Force
Office of Internal Affairs
United States Marshals Service
Crystal 3 Suite 600
Arlington, Virginia 22202

FBI File No. 95A-HQ-1269657

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Reference: Communication dated November 13, 1998

Your No.

Re: MARTIN LUTHER KING (DECEASED) - VICTIM;
CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT MURDER

Specimens received: November 16, 1998

Q1

*Hand delivered directly to me from
USMS Ron Libby 11/16/98 3:35 PM
came in an envelope with #s below*

United States Department of Justice
United States Marshals Service
Office of Internal Affairs

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