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Transmit the following in PLAINTEXT
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TO: DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS
FROM: BOSTON (157-644)

MURKIN. CR.

RE ALBANY TEL TO BUREAU APRIL SEVEN LAST CONCERNING
LAUNDRY MARKS ON UNDERSHORTS AND T SHIRT.

INVESTIGATION BELFONTE CLEANERS, ONE SIX FIVE HIGH
ST., CLINTON, MASS., REVEALS THAT FIRM USES THERMO-SEAL
MACHINE, BUT ONLY ON DRESS SHIRTS. NEVER USES RED TAPE.

LOUIS VOSE, OWNER, COLONIAL CLEANERS, MAIN ST.,
FALMOUTH, MASS., DOES NOT USE NUMBERS IN FIRST TWO DIGITS
OF HIS THERMO-SEAL TAPE. ALSO USES THERMO-SEAL ONLY ON
DRESS SHIRTS.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
(Attention: FBI Laboratory)

FROM: SAC, BOSTON (157-644)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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(OO: Memphis)

Re Boston teletype to Bureau 4/8/68.

Enclosed for the Laboratory are four pieces of paper each containing laundry marks on red tape which were obtained from four separate thermo-seal machines manufactured by Textile Marking Machine Co., Inc., Syracuse, N. Y., and a partial roll of unused red tape, furnished by PAUL CAMPBELL, President and General Manager, Superior Laundry Co., Inc., 625 Concord Ave., Cambridge, Mass.

For the information of the Laboratory, CAMPBELL advised that his machines print six digit numbers. He advised that his company prior to 9/67 or 10/67 used a code whereby all six digits were used as follows:

First three digits would be numbers;
then two dashes;
followed by a letter.

His company presently uses a code of six digits as follows:

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first two digits are numbers;
then a dash;
then one number;
then a dash; and
then a letter.

CAMPBELL viewed a photograph of laundry tape which was on the tee shirt and undershorts, the color photograph made available to Boston, and CAMPBELL said this tape definitely is not his marking.

FBI Laboratory is requested to make comparisons of the enclosed sample tapes with those found on the under-clothing of unsub in Memphis, Tenn.

P. O. Box 18576
Boston, Mass. 02118
April 6, 1968 ✓

Federal Bureau of Investigations
Washing, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I have already written you one letter concerning remarks and plans by Charles G. Adams against the late Martin Luther King., but since I read the newspapers today and see where the marches will continue as usual, I recalled Adams saying: "Dr. King does not have enough intelligence as to staging his marches."

The Southern Conference must have some guilty members on its roster, because the inflow of donated funds has attracted men such as Charles G. Adams. He told his Concord Baptist Church Membership that they were striving with Martin Luther King to submit to their organized authority in the handling of marches which would also require their authority over the inflow of the donated funds.

Mr. King had a harder struggle with his greedy fellow Negro ministers than he did with the whole white race.

After the Progressive National Convention at Memphis a few years ago, Adams has not ceased to find fault with Dr. King's way of handling things. Adams is a money grafter and he is overcharged with Black Power.

So, I feel if they are so cocksure and calm about continued marches in spite of King's tragic death, their plans must have gone through at the death of the leader of both marches and financial donations.

There is nothing under the heavens that Charles G. Adams wants more than money and power.

He lives at 40 Hillsboro Road, Mattapan, Mass. He is as saintly as any man you can meet and can fool the very "elect" if it were possible. He had to be a traitor if he could preach in King's pulpit the week before he was killed and had already planned against him.

Very sincerely,

Sara F. Jones
Sara F. Jones 157644-5

Note: I am the mother of the famous musician
and I am a Christian woman.

While this is just a clue, I would be most willing to
testify to what I heard Adams say.

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P. O. Box 18576
Boston, Mass. 02118
April 6, 1968

Federal Bureau of Investigations
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

This is the third letter to you giving possible clues to the Martin Luther King slaying.

Since Charles G. Adams took Martin Luther King's pulpit in Atlanta, Georgia for the whole week before King was slain, it seems he, Adams, should be questioned as to who appointed him to run the revival and under what conditions; he should also be questioned as to any confidences he may have entered into with the officers of Dr. King's church (many times the deacons and trustees do confide in a visiting minister against the pastor); (Adams had a way of trying to root greater men than himself out of their positions).

It would be very wise to question the tenor of things during his schedule with Martin Luther King's church in Atlanta last week, to determine if Adams did any secret deals with King's membership. Adams likes to place his friends in big churches, especially from Harvard and who knows if they are not paying him large sums of money for such pastoral placements?

Adams actually wants rulership, and sponsors more racism than Christian doctrine. He staged a march against the Police Dept. in Dorchester, Mass about two years ago.

Now he is presently fooling his illiterate congregation with the idea of building a Concord Towers for \$30,000. He keeps them raising money, but with no results. When this \$30,000 is raised he will in all probability give them a reason why he cannot go through with it.

He may keep his monies deposited in Detroit, Mich. his home town, where he spends the summer every year. He has found that his Harvard Masters Degree helps him to fool and fleece the unlearned Negro people, so he keeps them jumping.

He knew he was against Dr. King, and yet took his pulpit last week.

He has invited Martin Luther King's father here to speak in his church next month, just as a drawing card for money purposes. Just as he posted the title Truman Capote's IN COLD BLOOD on his church bulletin to attract big money collections.

Charles G. Adams should be very cautiously and thoroughly questioned regarding the death of Martin Luther King. If he was not King's friend, although he posed as such

Respectfully submitted,

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Robert J. Jones

Note: Without letting them know it, you should find out how close Ralph Abernathy, head of SCC, and Charles G. Adams were as friends. The smattering of education from Harvard made Adams a very shrewd confidence preacher.
He will try his technique of speech with any man.

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P. O. Box 18576
Boston, Mass. 02118
April 5, 1968

Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

If you will study very carefully this list of Baptist Officers who were closely associated with Martin Luther King you will find the names of two who should be questioned very carefully.

These are preachers who pulled out from the regular National Baptist Convention and organized a convention of their own, but could not rule Martin Luther King when it came to staging marches. After this convention about two or three years ago, Charles G. Adams, historian, on the list of officers came back to Concord Baptist Church here in Boston and started to poison the minds of his members against Martin Luther King and the way he staged his marches. This list also includes a very close friend of Adams who is a judge in the courts of Memphis, Tennessee, namely, Judge B. Hooks (you will see his name also on the enclosed list of officers) who did not agree with King and his marches. They wanted to help control the marches, but it seems King would not accept their arguments.

This same Charles G. Adams of Concord Baptist of Boston has just finished a week's revival in Martin Luther King's church in Atlanta, but he was not King's friend. There was also some strife over King's manner of doing things. They contended that King was staging marches against the hands that fed them, etc.

I really do not think you could make a mistake by questioning both this Judge B. Hooks of the Memphis Courts and this Charles G. Adams of Boston who preached in King's church the week before he was killed. They did much to knock King's manner of staging marches.

These officers not only pulled out from the regular convention but pulled out from the publishing company and started publishing their own literature. There has always been the most bitter strife in these National Baptists Conventions.

Prayerfully submitted,

Sara F. Jones

Note: For four weeks, Charles Adams has kept the title IN COLD BLOOD on his church bulletin, and being a religious hypnotist and psychologist, he may have kept it there bound to his own conscience. His church is located at 184 Warren Avenue, Boston. Adams is one of the most crafty men I have ever handled the word of God. He deserves a questioning.

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April 10, 1968

Director, FBI

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Enclosed are three letters received at the Bureau from Sara F. Jones, P. O. Box 18576, Boston, Massachusetts 02118 in which she attempts to furnish "clues" in the above captioned matter. There is no pertinent information in Bureau files identifiable with Jones.

Upon receipt, check your files and if no information appears to the contrary, contact Jones, acknowledge her letter and obtain any information of value she may have pertinent to this matter. Insure that you pin her down for specifics of any "clues" she may have and her basis for them so that they may be intelligently evaluated. Any background information from your files or developed in the interview which would bear on the validity of her information should also be obtained. Advise Jones that if she has additional information to furnish, she may find it more convenient to furnish it directly to your office in Boston.

Submit results within two days receipt furnishing appropriate copies to the office of origin, Memphis.

Enclosures (3)

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MEMPHIS

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TO ALL SACS

FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987) 2P

MURKIN; CR. TO MEMPHIS.

RE BUTEL TO ALL SACS APRIL SEVEN, NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT.

FOR INFO ALL OFFICES, PERTINENT PERIODS IN INVESTIGATION
ARE MARCH TWENTY NINE AND THIRTY IN BIRMINGHAM, ALA., AND
APRIL FOUR, SIXTY EIGHT, IN MEMPHIS, TENN.

IN EVENT ANY DATA DEVELOPED RE SUSPECTS, IF INTERESTED
OFFICES CAN ESTABLISH WHEREABOUTS OF SUSPECTS ON DATES ABOVE,
THIS MAY ELIMINATE SUSPECT. IF THIS CANNOT BE DONE, EFFORTS
SHOULD BE MADE TO SECURE PHOTOGRAPHS OF SUSPECTS IN QUESTION AND
FORWARD PHOTOS TO MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM FOR POSSIBLE ELIMINATION.
PERTINENT DESCRIPTIVE DATA SHOULD BE INCLUDED WITH PHOTOS.

IF UNABLE TO ELIMINATE ON BASIS OF ESTABLISHED WHEREABOUTS
IN PERTINENT PERIODS, INTERESTED OFFICES SHOULD MAKE EFFORTS
TO SECURE FINGERPRINTS OF SUSPECT IN QUESTION AND SUBMIT SAME TO
BUREAU FOR ELIMINATION.

COMPOSITE DESCRIPTION, BASED ON DATA DEVELOPED IN BIRMINGHAM
AND MEMPHIS, IS AS FOLLOWS:
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SUSPECT MALE WHITE, AGE TWENTY SIX TO FORTY YEARS, HEIGHT FIVE FT. EIGHT TO FIVE FT. ELEVEN INCHES, ONE HUNDRED FIFTY TO ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY LBS.; DARK BROWN OR SLEET HAIR, COMBED STRAIGHT BACK. EYES BLUE OR GREEN; MEDIUM BUILD; COMPLEXION AVERAGE, SMOOTH. GENERAL PHYSICAL APPEARANCE; NEAT.

POSSIBILITY EXISTS SUSPECT IS NON-SMOKER. INDICATIONS WERE THAT SUSPECT RENTED ROOM BETWEEN THREE AND THREE THIRTY PM, APRIL FOUR, LAST, AND DEPARTED ROOM SHORTLY AFTER SIX PM. NO CIGARETTES OR CIGARETTES FOUND DURING THAT PERIOD, WHICH SUGGESTS SUSPECT MAY BE NON-SMOKER.

RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION MUST BE PROMPTLY FURNISHED BUREAU, MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM. P.

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FBI NEW HAVEN

TO CLR

FBI WASH DC

937PM URGENT 4-4-68 MKS

TO ALL SACS

FROM DIRECTOR 1P

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., RACIAL MATTERS.

IN VIEW OF POSSIBILITY OF RETALIATORY MEASURES TAKEN
AS RESULT OF THE ASSASSINATION OF KING, IMMEDIATELY ALERT
ALL SOURCES (RACIAL, SECURITY, AND CRIMINAL), WHO ARE IN
POSITION TO POSSIBLY LEARN OF INFORMATION OF THIS NATURE.
ANY PERTINENT INFORMATION DEVELOPED SHOULD RECEIVE EXPEDITIOUS
DISSEMINATION, BOTH LOCALLY AND TO BUREAU.

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1250AM URGENT 4-7-68 TGT

TO DIRECTOR, CHARLOTTE, & MEMPHIS
FROM BOSTON

MURKIN.

RE BS TELEPHONE TO BUREAU APRIL SIX LAST.

MRS. ELEANOR POWERS, REID HOTEL, BOSTON, MASS., (PROTECT), ADVISED ELEVEN FORTY FIVE PM APRIL SIX LAST THAT GEORGE WILBUR BREECE, AGE TWENTY TWO, SIX FEET, SANDY HAIR, PROMINENT NOSE, SON OF J. WILBUR BREECE, 123 BOW ST., FAYETTEVILLE, N.C., BEARS STRONG RESEMBLANCE TO COMPOSITE SKETCH OF SUSPECT IN KING ASSASSINATION APPEARING IN BOSTON PAPERS. MRS. POWERS DESCRIBED BREECE AS A WILD YOUNG MAN WHO IN THE PAST HAS USED THE ALIAS OF JOHN WILLARD. POWERS FURTHER STATED BREECE WAS GIVEN WHITE FORD MUSTANG BY FAMILY A YEAR OR SO AGO. POWERS IS FRIEND OF BREECE'S PARENTS AND FEELS THAT GEORGE BREECE IS CAPABLE OF SUCH AN ACT. POWERS DOES NOT KNOW BREECE'S CURRENT WHEREABOUTS.

CHARLOTTE ATTEMPT TO ASCERTAIN CURRENT WHEREABOUTS OF GEORGE WILBUR BREECE, OBTAIN PHOTOGRAPH; SECURE BACKGROUND AND DESCRIPTION AND ADVISE MEMPHIS.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC

DATE: 4-8-68

FROM : SA R. JOSEPH L'ITALIEN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

At 11:45 PM on 4-6-68 MRS. Eleanor Powers, Reid Hotel, Carver Hotel Boston telephonically advised the writer that:

George Wilbur Breece, 22, 6 ft sandy haired, prominent nose bears strong resemblance to composite sketch of suspect in MURKIN. Breece is son of J. WILBUR Breece, Funeral Director 123 Bow St. Fayetteville N.C. Breece described as a wild young man who in the past has used an alias of JOHN WILLARD, which is name used at motel in Memphis.

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Breece was given White Mustang by family a year or so ago and feels Breece is capable of such an act as killing King.

Mrs. Powers is family friend and does not wish to be identified. She did not know his present whereabouts.

This information was furnished telephonically to Supv. David

Schmidt at the Bureau (Div. 6) who advised to send teletype after telephonically advising the Charlotte Division which was done.

Teletype sent 12:50 am 4/7

4/9/68

PLAINTEXT

TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, NEW HAVEN

FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703)

~~MURKIN~~

ON APRIL EIGHT LAST, MRS. EULA MC REYNOLDS, THREE ONE NINE WATERFORD ROAD, SILVER SPRINGS, MARYLAND, TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED SHE AND HER HUSBAND CHECKED OUT HOWARD JOHNSON HOTEL, HERBITT PARKWAY, MILFORD, CONNECTICUT, EIGHT THIRTY A.M. WEDNESDAY, APRIL THREE LAST AT WHICH TIME THEY OBSERVED NINETEEN SIXTYSIX OR SIXTY SEVEN BLACK MUSTANG, DAMAGED TRUNK, BELIEVED TO HAVE MASSACHUSETTS TAGS, PARKED HOTEL LOT. IN REAR SEAT WERE SEVERAL RIFLES, SOME IN CANVAS BAGS. OPERATOR OF CAR CHECKING OUT AT SAME TIME HAD STAYED ROOM NEXT ON RIGHT TO MC REYNOLDS IN ROOM TWENTYNINE. OPERATOR OF

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Sold for New Haven Tel. Co. 4/10/68

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CAR DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, AGE THIRTYFIVE, SIX FOOT, ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY POUNDS, LIGHT BROWN HAIR, FAIR COMPLEXION, SLIGHTLY SUN BURNED, PLAID SHIRT.

NEW HAVEN HANDLE.

AIR MAIL COPIES TO MEMPHIS, BOSTON AND BALTIMORE. P.

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URGENT

TO : DIRECTOR

FROM: NEW HAVEN (157-818)

MURKIN.

RE WFO TEL APR. NINE LAST TO BUREAU AND NEW HAVEN.

INQUIRY HOWARD JOHNSON MOTOR LODGE, MILFORD, CONN.,
DISCLOSED HENRY L. POHL OPERATOR OF SIXTYSIX MUSTANG, MISSOURI
REG. APZ SIX FOUR SEVEN, CHECKED OUT ROOM THIRTY, APR. THREE LAST.
POHL REPRESENTATIVE OF E. C. BISHOP & SONS, INC., WARSAW, MISSOURI,
DESTINED WINCHESTER FIREARMS, NEW HAVEN.

INQUIRY WINCHESTER, REVEALED POHL THERE ON APR. THREE LAST
AS REPRESENTATIVE OF E. C. BISHOP, HIGHLY REPUTABLE MANUFACTURER
OF GUNSTOCKS.

AIR MAIL COPIES MEMPHIS, BOSTON, BALTIMORE AND WFO.

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TO SAC

4/9/68

SA Robert F. Saunders

MURKIN CR.

At 1:30 PM this date SA William H. Booth Jr.
New Haven office telephonically furnished
the following:

The Editor of the Times Democrat newspaper
Davenport Iowa on 4/5/68 was contacted
by Edward Baumgardner, and advised the
artist conception of suspect appearing in paper
was a good likeness of Vincent PAUL DePalma.
Baumgardner and DePalma (Rost) 157-644-15
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at one time

associated with Minutemen - and had been members of a "Strike team" of that organization.

Robert De Pugh, leader of Minutemen had issued orders if arrested, a number of individuals are to be assassinated among whom was Martin Luther King.

De Palma while in Minutemen used code name of "Willard".

De Palma suspect in SOBOM (Soviet Embassy bombing 2/21/68) -

New Haven contacted De Palmas mother - at Bristol Conn. - She advised she had

been in hospital and left 4/7/68 - where
Confined one week. She stated her son
visited her in hospital 4/15/68 - Her son
told her he came from Newport ~~RI~~
to Bristol Conn arriving about noon. - He
advised her, since ^{first} ~~first~~ Port of Feb 1968
he was employed by a Bus Co in Newport
~~RI~~ as a Driver. He lived with father in
Law Bert Kelly 3 Rosedale Terr Middletown
~~RI~~. Now he ^{DePalma} is living at 69 Rhode Island Ave
Rt 2 Middletown ~~RI~~ =

Buren desired DePalma immediately located

and interviewed - account for whereabouts
4/4/68. He should also be interviewed.
regarding info furnished A.T.U. in Denver Colorado
1/68. Also interview re whereabouts of
2/21/68 when Soviet Embassy bombed.

Bureau decided ~~inform~~ to results of interview
phoned Bureau -

Information furnished SA Finnegan
Providence. RA.

FBI BOSTON

1204AM URGENT 4--8-68 WMG

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS DENVER LITTLE ROCK LALT LAKE CITY BUTTE WFO
FROM BOSTON

MURKIN CR.

RE NEW HAVEN TEL FOUR-SEVEN LAST.

VINCENT JAMES DE PALMA BORN [REDACTED]

ARMY SER NO. RA ONE ONE THREE SIX ZERO THREE EIGHT ZERO EMPLOYED BY
TRANSIT BUS LINES NEWPORT R.I. SINCE FEBRUARY EIGHTEEN LAST WORKED
NIGHT OF APRIL FOUR LAST UNTIL ONE THIRTY A.M. APRIL FIVE LAST. ALSO
WORKED FEBRUARY TWENTY LAST SEVEN A.M. TO FIVE THIRTY P.M. AND
FEBRUARY TWENTYONE LAST TEN THIRTY A.M. TO FIVE THIRTY P.M. ACCORDING
TO SUPERVISOR AND RECORDS. DE PALMA INTERVIEWED AND DENIED ANY
KNOWLEDGE OF SLAYING OF KING OF BOMBING SOVIET EMEASSY OTHER THAN
THAT IN NEWS MEDIA.

DE PALMA IS IN FEAR OF HIS LIFE FROM MINUTEMEN AND FURNISHED
FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON CONFIDENTIAL BASIS. MINUTEMEN HAD PLANNED
TO KILL KING, RAP BROWN AND STOKELY CARMICHAEL TO PROMOTE CIVIL
STRIFE ON WHICH THEY WOULD CAPITOLIZE AND SEIZE CONTROL. ALSO
PLANNED ^{TO KILL} PROSECUTORS AND INVESTIGATORS.

DE PALMA FURNISHED TO ATTU DENVER COLORADO DETAIL ^{TO KILL} REGARDING

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MINUTEMAN HIDEOUT ON FARM NEAR FAYETTEVILLE, ARKANSAS WHERE HE LAST SAW ROBERT DE PUGH DECEMBER TWENTYTHREE LAST. HE HEARD MINUTEMEN HAVE HIDEOUT IN A NATIONAL FOREST IN MONTANA ONE AND ONE HALF DAY HIKE FROM NEAREST ROAD. DE PALMA IS OF THE OPINION DE PUGH PROBABLY HIDING AT FAYETTEVILLE WITH JOAN WORLEY IS EIGHTEEN YEAR OLD PARAMOUR WALTER PAYSON AND MRS. PAYSON, ALL ARMED AND DANGEROUS AND PROBABLY IN CONTACT WITH OWN FATHER.

HE SUGGESTS THAT IF MINUTEMEN KILLED KING ASSASIN COULD BE MIKE, LNU FROM TEXAS WM/ITALIAN EXTRACTION/ TWENTYSIX YEARS OLD/ FIVE FEET TEN INCHES/ ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY POUNDS/ LIGHT COMPLEXION/THICK BLACK CURLY HAIR. MIKE OWNED MILK TRUCK PAINTED WHITE WITH KANSAS LICENSE WHICH WAS PARKED AT TOPAZ MINING CO. MINUTEMAN FRONT SALT LAKE CITY UTAH WHICH HE PREVIOUSLY IDENTIFIED TO ATTU DENVER COLORADO.

DENVER CONTACT ATTU FOR DETAILS OF INFORMATION FURNISHED BY DEPARTMENT AND ADVISE APPROPRIATE OFFICES.

SALT LAKE CITY, LITTLE ROCK AND BUTTE ADVISE FOR POSSIBLE FUTURE ACTION.

LHM TO FOLLOW TO BUREAU.

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FBI BOSTON

146AM URGENT 4-8-68 TJT

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, DENVER, LITTLE ROCK, SALT LAKE CITY, BUTTE, WFO
FROM BOSTON

MURKIN CR.

RE BOSTON TEL SENT YOUR OFFICE, TWELVE TWENTY THREE AM INSTANT
DATE. NEXT TO LAST SENTENCE FIRST PAGE WHICH READS AS FOLLOWS:
ALSO PLANNED PROSECUTORS AND INVESTIGATORS.

SHOULD READ THUS: ALSO PLANNED TO KILL PROSECUTORS AND
INVESTIGATORS.

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1016PM URGENT 4-8-68 ELN

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, SALT LAKE CITY AND BOSTON
FROM KANSAS CITY (44-760) 1P

MURKIN

RE BOSTON TEL APRIL EIGHT INSTANT AND SALT LAKE CITY TEL
TO DIRECTOR AND KANSAS CITY APRIL EIGHT INSTANT CAPTIONED, ROBERT
EOLIVAR DE PUGH, AKA-FUGITIVE; WALTER PATRICK PEYSON, AKA-FUGITIVE;
ETAL. BK-CONSPIRACY. OO: SEATTLE.

RE SALT LAKE CITY TEL STATES WALTER P. PEYSON IN SALT LAKE
CITY JANUARY THROUGH MARCH NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT UNDER NAME BILL
ERICKSON AND IN JANUARY DRIVING NINETEEN SIXTY WHITE GMC PANEL
TRUCK WITH POSSIBLY KANSAS TAGS. PRESENT WHEREABOUTS OF PEYSON
UNKNOWN TO KANSAS CITY. INS AS MUCH AS PEYSON AND DE PUGH BOTH
FUGITIVES BOSTON REINTERVIEW SOURCE FOR ANY INFO RE PRESENT WHEREABOUTS
OF PEYSON AND DE PUGH.

FOR INFO SALT LAKE CITY RE BOSTON TEL STATES VINCENT DE PALMA,
PROTECT IDENTITY, FORMER ASSOCIATE OF PEYSON AND DE PUGH TODAY
ADVISED ARTIST CONCEPTION OF ASSASSIN OF KING RESEMBLES PEYSON.
PHOTOS OF PEYSON BEING FURNISHED MEMPHIS AMSD.

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WMG

FBI BOSTON

*Finnegan advised
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Kirby *Pat*

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Via TELETYPEIMMEDIATE
(Priority)TO: DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS
KANSAS CITY

FROM: BOSTON (157-644)

MURKIN. CR.

VINCENT DE PALMA, CONCEAL IDENTITY, VIEWED NEWSPAPER
SKETCH OF ASSASSIN AND STATED IT RESEMBLES WALTER PAYSON,
ASSOCIATE OF ROBERT DE PUGH AT KANSAS CITY, MO.

KANSAS CITY ADVISE BUREAU AND MEMPH IS CONCERNING
PAYSON'S ACTIVITIES IF KNOWN ON PERTINENT DATE.

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725 PM URGENT 4-8-68 WMG

TO DIRECTOR BUTTE AND DENVER

FROM BOSTON

MURKIN, CR.

RE DENVER TEL INSTANT.

FOR CLARIFICATION DE PALMA DID NOT STATE HE FURNISHED
INFORMATION PREVIOUSLY TO ATTU CONCERNING MONTANA HIDEOUT.

DE PALMA HEARD ABOUT THIS HIDEOUT BUT HAS NEVER BEEN THERE
AND HAS NO FURTHER DETAILS CONCERNING LOCATION.

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TO DIRECTOR, BOSTON, BUTTE, KANSAS CITY, LITTLE ROCK, MEMPHIE,
NEW HAVEN AND SALT LAKE CITY
FROM DENVER 157-203 3P

MURKIN, CR.

RE BOSTON TELETYPE APRIL EIGHT, SIXTYEIGHT TO
DIRECTOR AND RECEIVING OFFICES.

RE DENVER TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR, BUTTE, MEMPHIS, KANSAS CKTY,
LITTLE ROCK, NEW HAVEN AND SALT LAKE CITY, DATED APRIL
EIGHT, SIXTYEIGHT.

REFERENCED BOSTON TELETYPE SET FORTH INFORMATION
THAT VINCENT DE PALMA FURNISHED TO ATTD, DENVER, COLO.,
DETAILS REGARDING MINUTEMEN HIDEOUT ON FARM NEAR FAYETTEVILLE,
ARK., WHERE DE PALMA LAST SAW ROBERT DE PUGH DECEMBER TWENTYTHREE,
LAST. DE PALMA HEARD MINUTEMEN HAVE HIDEOUT IN A NATIONAL FOREST
IN MONTANA ONE AND ONE-HALF DAYS HIKE FROM NEAREST ROAD.
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DENVER CAN FIND NO INFORMATION IN AVAILABLE FILES INDICATING INFORMATION CONCERNING MINUTEMEN HIDEOUT IN A NATIONAL FOREST IN MONTANA WAS FURNISHED TO FBI PREVIOUSLY BY DE PALMA.

A REVIEW OF INFORMATION FURNISHED TO ATTD IN DENVER BY DE PALMA IS NEGATIVE CONCERNING ALLEGED MONTANA NATIONAL FOREST HIDEOUT.

RECONTACT INSTANT DATE OF ATTD AGENT KARL TERLAU, DENVER, INDICATED NO INFORMATION CONCERNING MONTANA HIDEOUT FURNISHED TO HIM BY DE PALMA.

BUREAU AND RECEIVING OFFICES, EXCEPT BUTTE AND MEMPHIS, RECEIVED COPY OF REPORT OF KARL E. TERLAU DATED JANUARY TWENTYSECOND, SIXTYEIGHT, CONCERNING THE INTERVIEW OF DE PALMA. THAT REPORT FURNISHED AS ENCLOSURE TO DENVER AIRTEL TO BUREAU CAPTIONED "MINUTEMAN", IS - MISCELLANEOUS, DATED FEBRUARY SECOND, SIXTYEIGHT. COPY OF THAT REPORT FURNISHED TO BUTTE AS ENCLOSURE TO REPORT OF SA WILLIAM H. BOOTH, JR., DATED FEBRUARY FIFTEEN, SIXTYEIGHT, AT NEW HAVEN, CAPTIONED "VINCENT PAUL DE PALMA, AKA."
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COPY OF ABOVE-MENTIONED ATTD REPORT BEING FORWARDED
MEMPHIS INSTANT DATE BY AIRTEL.

IN VIEW OF ABOVE INFORMATION, BOSTON INSTRUCTED TO
RECONTACT DE PALMA CURRENTLY EMPLOYED TRANSIT BUS LINE,
NEW PORT, RHODE ISLAND, AS INDICATED IN REFERENCED BOSTON
TELETYPE, AND ASCERTAIN SPECIFICS FROM DE PALMA CONCERNING
ALLEGED HIDEOUT IN NATIONAL FOREST IN MONTANA
BOSTON FURNISH BUTTE PERTINENT INFORMATION.

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FBI WASH DC

652PM URGENT 4/8/68 GJM

TO ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES

FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 2P

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

HANDLE IMMEDIATELY AND GIVE TOP PRIORITY ATTENTION.

BUFILES CONTAIN NO INFORMATION IDENTIFIABLE ON
HARVEY LOWMEYER OR LOWMYER.

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Date: 4/9/68

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Via TELETYPE

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND MEMPHIS
FROM: BOSTON (157-644)

MURKIN. CR. OO: MEMPHIS.

REBUTEL TO ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES ~~APRIL EIGHT~~ LAST.

BOSTON INDICES, CITY DIRECTORIES FOR ALL MAJOR CITIES,
TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES COVERING ALL OF BOSTON TERRITORY,
DRIVERS LICENSE RECORDS AND AUTOMOBILE REGISTRATION FOR STATES
OF ME., N. H., MASS. AND R. I., VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS
AND CREDIT AND CRIMINAL RECORDS NEGATIVE ON SURNAMES LOWMEYER
AND LOWMYER. NO BOMBING SUSPECTS BOSTON TERRITORY.
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, BOSTON (157-644)

DATE: 4/9/68

FROM : PORTLAND RA

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Bu Tel to Bs dated 4/9/68.

The following arrest checks, credit checks, voter registration checks were made on 4/9/68, in an attempt to identify one HARVEY LOWMEYER, or HARVEY LOWMYER. Of all the checks no individual with surname LOYMEYER or LOWMYER was located regardless of first name.

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| Biddeford, Me., | Lt. George Friary, PD. |
| | Mrs. Pauline Berry, town clerk |
| Saco, Me. | Robert Foren, Chief, PD |
| | Joan Lamontagne, town clerk |
| Portland, Me. | Tom Flaherty, Sgt. records section PD |
| | Harriet Peterson, voter registration section |
| So. Portland | Don Messer, Capt., PD |
| | Cecilia Le Clair, city clerk's office <i>Service VANCE, VOTER REGISTRATION</i> |
| Lewiston, Me. | Bob Cloutier, Det. Sgt., PD |
| | Cecilia Le Clair, city clerk's office |
| Auburn, Me. | Steve Smyc, Chief, PD |
| | Lenor Linnell, clerk |

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| Felicia Reali, | Credit Bureau of Greater Portland |
| Betty Kimball, | Credit Bureau of Sanford, Springvale |
| Linda Lunt, | Credit Bureau of Saco-Biddeford |
| Norma Hall | Credit Bureau of Brunswick-Bath |
| Diane Carou | Credit Bureau of Lewiston-Auburn |

The following telephone directories were reviewed with negative results.

Greater Portland; Greater Biddeford, Saco, Sanford; Lewiston-Auburn Area; Greater Bath-Brunswick; and Rumford.

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FBI NEW HAVEN

4-07PM URGENT 4/7/68 DES

TO DIRECTOR, BOSTON, MEMPHIS, KANSAS CITY, CHARLOTTE.

FROM NEW HAVEN (157-318)

MURKIN CR. OO: MEMPHIS.

RE KANSAS CITY TELETYPE FOUR SEVEN SIXTY EIGHT AND NEW HAVEN
TEL CALLS TO BUREAU AND BOSTON THIS DATE.

MOTHER OF VINCENT PAUL DE PALMA, BRISTON, CONN. INTERVIEWED
THIS DATE. HEG STATED THAT ABOUT THE SECOND WEEK OF FEBRUARY
DE PALMA VISITED HER AT HER HOME IN BRISTOL, AT THIS TIME
SHE GAVE DE PALMA A NOTE WHICH HAD BEEN LEFT WITH HER TO
HAVE DE PALMA CONTACT THE NEAREST OFFICE OF THE FBI IN THE
EVENT HE CONTACTED HER. SHE STATED HE TOOK THE NOTE AND THEN SAID
QUOTE THE FBI ONLY WANTS TO GET ME TO APPEAR IN COURT AGAINST
DE PAUGH AND I WON'T EVER DO IT AS I WOULD NOT LEAVE THE
COURTROOM ALIVE, LET THEM GET IN TOUCH WITH ME IF THEY WANT ME
END QUOTE. SHE STATED THAT ON APRIL SEVEN LAST SHE LEFT THE
BRISTOL HOSPITAL WHERE SHE HAD BEEN CONFINED FOR A WEEK WITH A
NERVOUS CONDITION BROUGHT ON BY HER SON. SHE STATED THAT AT
APPROXIMATELY SIX PM ON APRIL FIFTH LAST DE PALMA VISITED HER IN
THE HOSPITAL. HE TOLD HER THAT HE HAD COME TO BRISTOL FROM
NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND ARRIVING ABOUT NOON, HAD TAKEN HIS
FOUR CHILDREN FOR A DRIVE AND HAD THEN VISITED HIS FATHER AT
NORWICH STATE HOSPITAL, NORWICH, CONN. SHE STATED THAT
SINCE THE FIRST PART OF FEBRUARY DE PALMA HAS BEEN EMPLOYED

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BY A BUS COMPANY IN NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND AS A DRIVER. SHE BELIEVES HE DRIVES AT NIGHT. FURTHER THAT FOR THE FIRST FEW DAYS AFTER ARRIVAL HE RESIDED WITH HIS FATHER-IN-LAW, BERT KELLY, THREE ROSEDALE TERRACE, MIDDLETOWN, RHODE ISLAND. HE THEN OBTAINED A THREE ROOM APARTMENT AT SIXTY NINE RHODE ISLAND AVE., ROUTE TWO, MIDDLETOWN, RHODE ISLAND WHERE HE ALLEGEDLY RESIDES TO PRESENT. BOSTON IMMEDIATELY DETERMINE PRESENCE OF DE PALMA IN NEWPORT-MIDDLETOWN, RHODE ISLAND AREA DURING APRILFOUR LAST. BOSTON ALSO REFER TO REPORT OF SA WILLIAM H. BOOTH JR., DATED TWO FIFTEEN LAST ENTITLED VINCENT PAUL DE PALMA, AKA, MINUTEMEN IS DASH MISCELLANEOUS. EXHIBIT SECTION THIS REPORT SETS OUT INTERVIEW WITH DE PALMA BY A&TT OFFICE, DENVER COLORADO ON ONE SEVENTEEN LAST. BUREAU HAS INSTRUCTED THAT DE PALMA SHOULD BE IMMEDIATELY INTERVIEWED REGARDING ALLEGATIONS MADE TO ATTD. IN VIEW OF DE PALMA'S BACKGROUND INCLUDING HIS REPORTED POSSESSION OF PISTOL AND KNIFE, CAUTION SHOULD BE EXERCISED DURING INTERVIEW WHICH SHOULD BE CONDUCTED BY

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TWO AGENTS. PRESS DE PALMA FOR SPECIFICS ON ALL POINTS. ALL
LEADS TO RESOLVE THIS MATTER CONCERNING HIS INTERVIEW WITH
ATTD SHOULD BE SET OUT BY TELETYPE AND SUTER SUMMARY OF
INTERVIEW FOLLOWED IMMEDIATELY BY LHM. AS DE PALMA HAS BEEN
CONSIDERED A SUSPECT IN SOBOM, HIS WHEREABOUTS DURING THE DAY OF
FEBRUARY TWENTY FIRST LAST SHOULD BE ASCERTAINED. BY SEPARATE
AIRTEL MEMPHIS IS BEING FURNISHED A COPY OF THE SUMMARY REPORT
OF SA WILLIAM H. BOOTH, JR. DATED TWELVE SEVEN SIXTY SIXTY
SEVEN AND INVESTIGATIVE REPORT DATED TWO FIFTEEN LAST UNDER
CAPTION VINCENT PAUL DE PALMA, AKA, MINUTEMEN INTERNAL
SECURITY DASH MISCELLANEOUS.

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CORR PAGE THREE LINE EIGHT LAST WORD SIXTY SHOULD BE OMITTED.

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TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS (44-1987), AND BOSTON
FROM LITTLE ROCK (157-1215) 2P (P)

MURKIN. CR. OO-MEMPHIS.

RE BOSTON TELETYPE TO BUREAU AND OTHER OFFICES, APRIL
EIGHT, SIXTYEIGHT.

EFFORTS HAVE BEEN NEGATIVE TO LOCATE THE FARM NEAR
FAYETTEVILLE, ARKANSAS, DESCRIBED BY VINCENT JAMES DE PALMA.
MRS. EDSON L. BISHOP, NATIONAL CHAIRMAN OF PATRIOTIC PARTY,
RESIDES IN A RURAL AREA IN THE SAME GENERAL VICINITY AS
FARM DESCRIBED BY DE PALMA. MRS. BISHOP SAYS NEITHER DE PUGH
NOR PEYSON HAD EVER BEEN TO HER PLACE, AND TO HER KNOWLEDGE
NEITHER OF THEM HAD BEEN TO FAYETTEVILLE. SHE KNOWS DE PUGH
BY SIGHT, HAVING SEEN HIM AT PATRIOTIC PARTY CONVENTION AT
KANSAS CITY.

C. R. RITCHESON, PATRIOTIC PARTY OFFICER, ROGERS, ARK.,
WHICH IS LOCATED TWENTY MILES NORTH OF FAYETTEVILLE, FURNISHED
INFORMATION SIMILAR TO THAT OF BOTH MR. AND MRS. EDSON L. BISHOP.
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CONCERNING THE INFORMATION FURNISHED BY DE PALMA TO THE EFFECT THAT DE PUGH STOPS AT THE DOWNTOWN MOTOR LODGE IN FAYETTEVILLE AND SOMETIMES USES THE NAME WALTER GEORGE, INVESTIGATION WAS MADE AT THAT MOTEL AND THE ONLY INFO DEVELOPED WAS THAT "W. GEORGE" OF KANSAS CITY, KANSAS, CHECKED IN ON DECEMBER TWENTY ONE, SIXTY SEVEN, AND CHECKED OUT ON THE FOLLOWING DAY. NO OTHER INFO WAS AVAILABLE CONCERNING THIS INDIVIDUAL.

IN VIEW OF THE IMPORTANCE TO BOTH THE MURKIN CASE AND THE BANK ROBBERY CASE IN WHICH DE PUGH AND PEYSON ARE FUGITIVES, IT IS RECOMMENDED TO THE BUREAU THAT DE PALMA BE FLOWN TO ARKANSAS IN ORDER THAT HE CAN POINT OUT THE FARM TO WHICH HE PREVIOUSLY REFERRED.

KANSAS CITY AND DENVER ADVISED AIR MAIL.

END

PJC

FBI BOSTON

FBI NEW HAVEN

8-06PM URGENT 4/7/68 RJC
TO DIRECTOR, BOSTON, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM
FROM NEW HAVEN (157-818)

MURKIN - CR. OO - ME.

RENHTEL THIS DATE TO BS, ME, KC AND CE.

FOR INFO OF BIRMINGHAM, MOTHER OF VINCENT PAUL DE PALMA,
BRISTOL, CONN. ADVISED THIS DATE THAT DE PALMA CONTACTED HER
IN PERSON IN BRISTOL HOSPITAL ON APRIL FIVE LAST STATING HE HAD
ARRIVED IN BRISTOL ABOUT NOON THAT DATE, AND HAD SUBSEQUENTLY
SEEN HIS CHILDREN AND HIS FATHER WHO IS IN STATE HOSPITAL, NORWICH,
CONN. MRS DE PALMA STATED DE PALMA HAS BEEN RESIDING SINCE EARLY
FEBRUARY TO DATE IN MIDDLETOWN, RHODE ISLAND WHERE EMPLOYED AS BUS
DRIVER.

BOSTON HAS LEADS TO ASCERTAIN DE PALMA'S WHEREABOUTS ON APRIL
FOUR, SIXTYEIGHT.

BOSTON DETERMINE WHEREABOUTS OF DE PALMA ON MARCH TWO NINE AND
THIRTY LAST SINCE THESE DATES ARE OF INTEREST TO BIRMINGHAM SINCE
WEAPON IN CASE PURCHASED IN BIRMINGHAM.

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FBI WASH DC

630PM PM URGENT 4-9-68 BJP
TO ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES
FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 2P

MURKIN

AMONG ARTICLES RECOVERED AT SCENE OF SHOOTING, APPARENTLY ABANDONED BY UNSUB, WERE A PAIR OF BROWNISH CHECKERED PRINT UNDERSHORTS AND WHITE JOCKEY TEE SHIRT BEARING CLOTH LAUNDRY TAGS. THESE TAGS WERE MADE BY A THERMO SEAL MARKING MACHINE MANUFACTURED BY THE TEXTILE MARKING MACHINE COMPANY, SYRACUSE, NEW YORK. THESE TAGS ARE ONE QUARTER INCH WIDE AND ONE AND ONE SIXTEENTH INCH LONG, RED IN COLOR AND BEAR MARKING WHICH APPEARS TO BE "O TWO B DASH SIX" OR "D TWO B DASH SIX." ONLY A PORTION OF THE FIRST CHARACTER IS PRESENT ON EACH TAG, AND THIS CHARACTER IS CUT ON A SLIGHT BIAS. NO OTHER VISIBLE LAUNDRY MARKS WERE FOUND ON EITHER GARMENT.

IMMEDIATE CHECKS OF LOGICAL LAUNDRIES SUGGESTED BY TEXTILE MARKING COMPANY HAVE TO DATE BEEN UNPRODUCTIVE.

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UPON RECEIPT, ALL OFFICES SHOULD IMMEDIATELY TELEPHONICALLY
CONTACT ALL LAUNDRIES IN YOUR DIVISIONS TO IDENTIFY
LAUNDRY USING THIS CODE AND THESE TAGS AND PURSUE LOGICAL
LEADS DEVELOPED.

IF PERTINENT LAUNDRY IDENTIFIED, IMMEDIATELY ADVISE
BUREAU TELEPHONICALLY.

THIS MUST BE GIVEN TOP PRIORITY HANDLING TO INSURE
THAT THESE CHECKS ARE IMMEDIATELY RUN OUT.

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

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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 TO BUREAU APRIL SEVEN LAST AND
TELEPHONE CALLS TO BUREAU, ATLANTA, BOSTON, BALTIMORE,
AND SAN FRANCISCO, APRIL EIGHT INSTANT.

SEARCH OF PREMISES BELIEVED OCCUPIED BY UNSUB
WHO ASSASSINATED DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING ON FOUR FOUR
SIXTYEIGHT DISCLOSED SUITCASE IN WHICH WAS LOCATED
TEE SHIRT AND UNDERSHORTS 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
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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 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

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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 SECOND LETTER INDICATES THE FIRST LETTER OF THE STORE NAME, 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.

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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.

FOLLOWING ARE MACHINES HAVING FIVE CHARACTERS OR SIX CHARACTERS CAPABLE OF PRODUCING THE INSTANT LAUNDRY TAPE:

ATLANTA:

BLUM'S, MACON, GEORGIA, MODEL NUMBER H FIVE L ONE, SERIAL NUMBER THREE ONE NINE SEVEN THREE.

BALTIMORE:

STAR LAUNDRY, NINE ZERO EIGHT NORTH SALISBURY BOULEVARD, SALISBURY, MARYLAND, MODEL NUMBER H FIVE L FOUR, SERIAL NUMBER THREE TWO FIVE ZERO ZERO.)

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BOSTON:

LEWIS NATIONAL CORP., ONE MT. VERNON
AVE, DORCHESTER, MASS., MODEL NUMBER H
FIVE L FOUR, SERIAL NUMBER THREE TWO TWO NINE ZERO
(A DISTRIBUTOR FOR TEXTILE MARKING MACHINE CO.,
THIS MACHINE SHIPPED APRIL SIXTYTWO); SUPERIOR LAUNDRY
SIX TWENTYFIVE CONCORD AVE, CAMBRIDGE, MASS.,
MODEL NUMBER H FIVE K ONE, SERIAL NUMBER R THREE ONE
SEVEN SIX TWO.

H5L4. SN 32290

CINCINNATI:

SWAN CLEANERS, EIGHT ZERO FOUR MOUNT VERNON
AVENUE, COLUMBUS, OHIO, MODEL NUMBER H FIVE K ONE
SERIAL NUMBER R THREE ONE FIVE FOUR SEVEN.

FLAS VEGAS:

MONARCH CLEANERS, ONE FOUR THREE ZERO SOUTH MAIN
LAS VEGAS, NEVADA, MODEL NUMBER H FIVE L FOUR, SERIAL
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NUMBER THREE TWO FOUR NINE EIGHT.

LOS ANGELES:

BEACH CITIES LAUNDRY, SIX TWO ZERO MAIN STREET,
HUNTINGTON BEACH, CALIFORNIA, MODEL NUMBER R H FIVE
K ONE, SERIAL NUMBER THREE ONE THREE NINE FOUR;
CALIFORNIA OVERALL COMPANY, ONE SIX TWO ZERO COMPTON
AVENUE, LOS ANGELES, CALIF.; MODEL NUMBER H FIVE
K ONE, SERIAL NUMBER THREE ONE THREE FIVE TWO;
DELITE LAUNDRY, ONE SIX ZERO SEVEN, BROOKLYN AVENUE,
LOS ANGELES, CALIF., MODEL NUMBER R H FIVE K ONE,
SERIAL NUMBERS THREE ONE FOUR FOUR NINE, THREE ONE
FOUR FIVE FOUR, THREE ONE THREE NINE TWO, THREE ONE
FOUR FOUR SEVEN; GOLD COAST LAUNDRY, ONE EIGHT THREE
EIGHT EAST FORTY FIRST PLACE, LOS ANGELES: MODEL
NUMBER H FIVE K FOUR, SERIAL NUMBER R THREE TWO THREE
TWO ONE; NICOLAY KETZBECK INC., GAMMATU LAUNDRY,
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EIGHT SIX ONE ONE WEST THIRD STREET, LOS ANGELES,
MODEL NUMBER H FIVE K ONE, CONVERTED FROM H FIVE J
ONE, SERIAL NUMBER THREE ZERO NINE ZERO TWO.

NEWARK:

CUSTOM SHIRT LAUNDRY, TWO ZERO SEVEN HADDON
AVENUE, WESTMONT, N.J., MODEL NUMBER H FIVE
M FOUR, SERIAL NUMBER THREE TWO SIX FOUR FOUR.

RICHMOND:

FARLINGTON OR FANLINGTON LAUNDRY, THREE EIGHT
ZERO ZERO SOUTH FOUR MILE RUN DRIVE, ARLINGTON,
VIRGINIA, MODEL NUMBER H FIVE L FOUR, SERIAL NUMBER
THREE TWO FIVE ZERO FOUR.

SAN DIEGO

KELLY ORIGINAL FRENCH LAUNDRY, ONE ZERO FOUR
TWO UNIVERSITY AVE., SAN DIEGO, CALIF., MODEL
NUMBER R H FIVE K ONE, SERIAL NUMBERS, THREE ONE
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THREE NINE ONE, THREE ONE THREE NINE FIVE, MODEL
NUMBER H FIVE K ONE, SERIAL NUMBERS THREE ONE FOUR
SIX ONE AND THREE ONE FOUR NINE ONE.

SAN FRANCISCO:

GOLDEN STATE DRIVE IN CLEANERS, TWO ONE SEVEN
FIVE WINCHESTER BLVD., CAMPBELL, CALIF.,
MODEL NUMBER H FIVE L FOUR, SERIAL NUMBER THREE TWO
FIVE ZERO THREE; HIGHLAND DRIVE IN CLEANERS, ONE TWO ZERO
ONE LA SALLE AVENUE, SEASIDE, CALIF., MODEL NUMBER
H FIVE L ONE, SERIAL NUMBER THREE ONE SIX THREE TWO
MARSHALL STEEL COMPANY, FIVE FOUR TWO SEVEN TELEGRAPH,
OAKLAND, CALIF., MODEL NUMBER H FIVE K ONE, SERIAL
NUMBER THREE ONE TWO TWO SIX; SANFORD CLEANERS, TWO
EIGHT SEVEN FIVE EL CAMINO, PAO ALTO, CALIF.,
MODEL NUMBER H FIVE L FOUR, SERIAL NUMBER THREE TWO
FIVE ZERO SIX; STERLING CLEANERS AND LAUNDRY, ONE
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