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REQUEST

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Bureau File Number 44-38861

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CLASSIFICATION NO.

157-9586

Volume Number

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Serials

1-57

Redlisted 4-5-68

4/18/68

Title and Character of Case

MURKIN.
CR.

Date Property Acquired

4/18/68

Source From Which Property Acquired

BILL MC LAUGHLIN, SOUTHAVEN MINNOW SHOP

Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit

BULKY EXHIBIT ROOM

Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same

EVIDENCE

Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same SA JAMES SAMMON

- 1- Brown paper bag.
- 2- Schlitz Beer Can.

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FBI WASHDC

955PM URGENT 4-4-68 MKS

TO ALL SACS

FROM DIRECTOR 1P

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

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TO DIRECTOR, JACKSON AND MEMPHIS
FROM MIAMI (100-15079)

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At 6:31 P.M., SA INGRAM arrived at his residence, at which time it was learned through news media that MARTIN LUTHER KING had been shot at Memphis, a little after 6:00 P.M., and was in critical condition. It was later determined that he had died in a local hospital in Memphis. The Jackson Office was contacted and instructions were given to immediately contact all Senior RA's, and each SRA would immediately account for their bombing suspects and subjects having a propensity for violence.

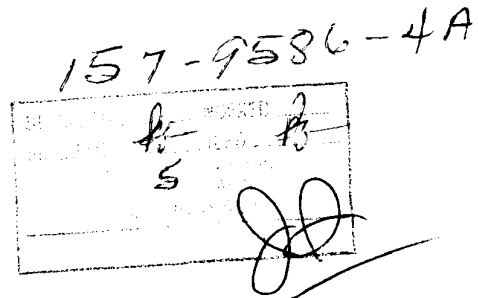
SA PUDDISTER was contacted and he stated he would handle the list of bombing suspects and Agents to whom assigned would be immediately contacted, and those Agents would account for their suspects.

SA FITZ PATRICK was contacted and was dispatched to the office to handle the racial intelligence, as well as assist PUDDISTER in the assassination case. Selected Agents were advised to immediately contact their informants, Klan and Negro. Immediate investigation was instituted in this matter.

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ACTIVITY LOG

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. RM

April 4, 1968, at 7:55pm SA PUDDISTER received telephone call at residence from Desk #4 with instructions to assure each bombing suspect case agent verifies whereabouts of possible bombing suspects handled by Jackson assigned agents.

At 9:26pm. On duty at office. Verified that each SRA contacted with instructions to verify whereabouts of possible bombing suspects in RA territory.

9:51pm. SRA PROCTOR advised that six Meridian SAs on duty and had JOE DANIEL HAWKINS under close surveillance in Meridian. Individual with HAWKINS identified as WILLIAM PICKEL.

10:15pm. All major bombing suspects accounted for except CHARLES GREENE. See memo of SA PRICE, 4/5/68.

SA ROY MC DANIEL with M.B. Pierce at Jackson PD. Special detail Jackson PD on duty Lynch Street. THOMPSON'S TANK being moved into area on Lynch Street near Jackson State College.

11:13pm SA RABIDEAU reported MHSP at Rust College dispersed a group of about twenty students on Hwy 78 near the college engaged in rock throwing at passing vehicles. Incident occurred between 8:30pm and 9:00pm, 4/4/68. Twenty Six MHSP men standing by plus county and city law enforcement. No further incidents.

11:14pm SA JACK WILSON reported all quiet at Alcorn A & M.

11:25pm SRA JOHN PROCTOR reported JOE DANIEL HAWKINS and Bill PICKEL arrested in Meridian by PD for driving on one way street. Two guns in HAWKINS red Chevrolet. Both fingerprinted and released to appear in traffic court. Guns retained by PD. PROCTOR to get SN and description of weapons.

11:30pm SA VAN NOTE reported minor disturbance at Mississippi Valley State College, Itta Bena. About 300 students, broken windows. All quiet at present. Campus officials handled. MHSP standing by.

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11:40pm SRA COTTEN was advised that Memphis telephone call to Jackson reported Memphis PD arrested MANUEL MARKUS LEVIN and ALEX HERDER. They claim to be students from Ole Miss. Background requested. (COTTEN obtained available info from Campus locator, Security Officer and PD. SAC JENSEN contacted with info and he advised that LEVIN and HERDER have been eliminated and info should be forwarded to Memphis via airtel.

NOTE: CALL COTTEN AND INSTRUCT AS ABOVE. he will obtain complete background in am, 4/5/68. He should dictate a/t to Memphis.

----- April 5, 1968, at 1:00am SA McDANIEL advised Lynch Street deserted, all quiet, Special Detail from PD released. Thompson's Tank returned to barn. M.B. PIERCE returned home. No injuries or arrests.

1:11am SA SAMMON reported in response to Miami teletype that he had located and interviewed BOB McGOWAN. This info was furnished via telephone to SA JOSEPH HESTER, Memphis at 1:43am. SA SAMMON dictated a teletype with this information to Bureau and Memphis under 157-new "Assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr. - RM." Teletype sent 2:19am, 4/5/68.

2:28am SA EUGENE G. DOUGLASS at Memphis telephonically advised that JOHN WILLARD aka JOHN HUBEART (HUBERT) WILLARD identified as possible suspect was known to have obtained a room across street from assassination site. Present whereabouts unknown. Memphis PD arrest records disclose WILLARD arrested by PD in Memphis in 1958 on a charge of arson. He was released to the Pontotoc Sheriff's Office. Described as W/M, age 20 yrs in 1958, 5'11", 152 lbs. Parents listed as ENNIS and MAMIE WILLARD of Nesbit, Mississippi. SA DOUGLASS said FBI Memphis and PD enroute to Nesbit, Miss., as it is located just across line from Memphis. Requested Jackson contact SO Pontotoc for details and background.

2:34am no answer at Pontotoc SO.

2:37am SA JOHN CASTLES advised. He will contact SO for background.

LEAD: 2:41am telephone call from SIM WARE, student at Miss Valley State College. Said he would like to be contacted at the Athletic Dormitory of the college in the morning. Upon inquiry he said he heard that four students had been shot. (No report of such from MHSP.) WARE admitted he did not see the shooting.

4:11am SAC MOORE called. Said he just received call from Bureau Supv DICK LONG who furnished info to SAC re WILLARD.

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FROM : SA JOHN S. CASTLES

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On 4/5/68, Mrs. JOAN EDWARDS, Secretary, Credit Bureau of Tupelo, Miss., advised that her records reveal that in January of 1964, inquiry was made concerning a JOHN M. WILLARD, 2929 Bogan Drive, Tupelo, Miss., for Universal C.I.T. Her records revealed at that time WILLARD was employed by FRED STRANGE Motor Co. in Tupelo.

On 4/5/68, FRED STRANGE, Owner, Fred Strange Motor Co., Inc., 811 Varsity Drive, Tupelo, Miss., advised that his records reveal that JOHN MILBURN WILLARD, white male, who was born [redacted] 5'4", 110 pounds, black hair, brown eyes, was employed by him as a mechanic on 9/6/63, and left of his own volition 3/5/64. His last residence was 2929 Bogan Street, Tupelo, Miss.

Mr. STRANGE said prior to working for him WILLARD worked for Sowers Motors, Inc., Rolla, Missouri; Druitt Motors, Sedalia, Missouri; Kinder Motors, Poplar Bluff, Missouri.

Mr. STRANGE said when WILLARD left his employ he indicated that he was returning to Sedalia, Missouri. He said the last he heard which was approximately a year ago he believed that WILLARD was working with one J. W. SHEPHERD, his former service manager in Tupelo, Miss., at a Volkswagen dealership in Kansas City, Mo.

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RM - KLAN

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This memo reflects the same information as furnished SA FITZPATRICK telephonically on this date.

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TO: SAC, JN
FROM: SA Peter J. Ryan

4/5/68

RE: JOHN HUBERT WILLARD
File #6920
Probation and Parole Board
Jackson, Miss.

Above file reflects the following:

Subject sentenced 6/25/58 with HERMAN DANIEL to 3 years probation for the offense of arson which resulted from the subject's burning an automobile ~~and~~ in Pontotoc Co., Miss.

BACKGROUND OF WILLARD:

Born in Pontotoc Co., Miss. but his family has resided in Memphis, Tenn. or vicinity for number of years and also in Pleasant Hill, Miss. Subject father is ENIS, Age 54 in 1958, Mother MAMIE, age 48. Subject's father is Farm Foreman, for Dudley Bridgeforth Farm, Pleasant Hill, Miss (as of June, 1958).

The following are members of his family: (all info June, 1958):

LINDER WILLARD
1553 Fairfax St.,
Memphis, Tenn.
Occupation Upholsterer

██████████, age 15
Pleasant Hill, Miss.

██████████, age 12
Pleasant Hill, Miss.

JANE BLACK, age 24
152 Hopewell
Memphis, Tenn.

JEAN BULLIGHTON, age 24
Hernando, Miss. (housewife)

KENNETH WILLARD, age 18
Peach St.
Memphis, Tenn.

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BETTY JOYCE WILLIAMS, age 22
Peach St.
Memphis, Tenn.

As of 6/58, all of the above including Subject are employed by the Gaines Manufacturing Co., Memphis (furniture manufacturer).

Subject has been married once to the former BARBARA NELLE DYE, Ecu, Miss., and they have one son, [REDACTED], 8 months hold in 6/58. At this time they resided 1850 Jefferson St., Memphis.

Description as of 6/58:

Name: JOHN HUBERT WILLIARD
Residence: 1850 Jefferson St., Memphis
DOB [REDACTED]
POB Pontotoc Co., Miss.
Complexion: Ruddy
Hair: Brown
Eyes: Gray
Height: 5'11"
Weight: 155
Build: Medium

Subject's probation term was ended 5/1/61.

The following addresses and employments were noted for subject in monthly probation reports:

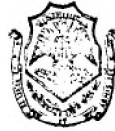
12/22/58 - employed Gaines Manufacturing Co.,
~~employed from 2/59 to 2/61~~
Employed 8/59 to 3/61 by Southern Industries
Furniture Manufacturers, Pontotoc, Miss.
Employed 5/3/61 by Maynard Manufacturing Co.,
Pontotoc, as machine operator.

Address as of 5/3/61 (last date noted in file) was Route 1, Ecu, Miss.

While subject was in Memphis on probation from Miss. he was under the supervision of Memphis Parole Officer JOSEPH C. MITCHELL from approximately 7/28/58 to 12/22/58.

Subject was arrested with one HERMAN DANIEL for the above offense of arson in June, 1958. DANIEL is described as a W/M, DOB [REDACTED] POB Lafayette Co., Miss., hair brown, eyes brown, height 5'9", 170 pounds, complexion ruddy. His residence as of 6/58 was 1765 Fairmont Ave., Memphis. His mother is MAUDE LEE DANIEL, address Rt. 2, Pontotoc, Miss. DANIEL was released from probation 6/25/62.

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(LTR. COL. T. B. BIRDSONG, DTD. 6-30-58, RE: JOHN H. WILLARD AND
HERMAN DANIEL, FONTOTOC COUNTY PROBATIONERS)

A BRIEF FAMILY BACKGROUND IS LISTED FOR DANIEL AS FOLLOWS:

HERMAN DANIEL IS ONE OF TEN LIVING CHILDREN BORN TO LONNIE (DECEASED)
AND MAUDE LEE DANIEL (AGE 50), RT. 2, FONTOTOC, MISSISSIPPI.

THE FOLLOWING SIBLINGS ARE LISTED.

JAMES L. DANIEL, AGE 26, 1765 FAIRMONT ST., MEMPHIS, TENN. (MECHANIC)
CHARLES DANIEL, AGE 19, RT. 2, FONTOTOC, MISS. (DEAN MFG.CO. UPHOLSTERER)
PAULINE WILSON, AGE 26, CLOVERDALE DR., MEMPHIS, TENN. (LOES LDRY)
WILMER KELLEM, AGE 24, 3707 DUNN RD., MEMPHIS, TENN. (CARPENTER)
BERNICE PAYNE, AGE 23, LINDALE AVE., MEMPHIS, TENN. (INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER)
[REDACTED], AGE 17, RT. 2, FONTOTOC, MISS. (SCHOOL)
[REDACTED], AGE 14, RT. 2, FONTOTOC, MISS. (SCHOOL)
[REDACTED], AGE 12, RT. 2, FONTOTOC, MISS. (SCHOOL)
[REDACTED], AGE 8, RT. 2, FONTOTOC, MISS. (SCHOOL)

THE SUBJECT HAS BEEN LEGALLY MARRIED ONCE TO THE FORMER MARY SUE
INMAN, BRUCE, MISSISSIPPI. THEY DO NOT HAVE ANY CHILDREN NOW,
BUT EXPECT ONE SHORTLY. THEY RESIDE AT 1765 FAIRMONT AVE., MEMPHIS,
TENNESSEE. THE 22 YEAR OLD HERMAN DANIEL IS EMPLOYED BY THE VALLEY
PRODUCTS COMPANY, MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, AND REPORTEDLY E ARNS \$50.00
PER WEEK.

HERMAN DANIEL REPORTED THAT HE HAD AT ONE TIME BEEN ARRESTED FOR
DRUNKENNESS IN BATESVILLE, MISSISSIPPI AND HAD PAID A FINE FOR
THIS OFFENSE, LIKEWISE ONE SIMILAR OFFENSE AND FINE IN FONTOTOC,
MISSISSIPPI. REPORTEDLY, THIS CONSTITUTES HIS POLICE RECORD.

JOHN H. WILLARD REPORTED HIS ONLY FINE TO BE A NO DL OFFENSE IN
THE CITY OF MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE.

THE SUBJECTS WERE PHOTOGRAPHED AND FINGERPRINTED, AND SIGNED THEIR
PROBATION COURT ORDERS WHEREIN JUDGE JARVIS HAD ADDED A PROVISION
OF EXTRADITION.

I SHALL APPRECIATE YOUR REQUESTING THE CONSIDERATION OF THE STATE
OF TENNESSEE CONCERNING A PERMANENT PLACEMENT FOR THESE CASES.

SINCERELY YOURS,

ELDRIDGE W. DALES
PROBATION AND PAROLE OFFICER

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COLONEL T. B. BIRDSONG
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JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

RE: JOHN H. WILLARD
HERMAN DANIEL
PONTOTOC COUNTY PROBATIONERS

DEAR COLONEL BIRDSONG:

LAST WEEK JUDGE RAYMOND T. JARVIS, SENTENCED THE ABOVE SUBJECTS TO THREE YEARS PROBATION EACH FOR THE OFFENSE OF ARSON, WHICH RESULTED FROM THE SUBJECTS BURNING AN AUTOMOBILE IN PONTOTOC COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI.

ALTHOUGH BOTH WILLARD AND DANIEL WERE BORN IN PONTOTOC COUNTY, EACH AND THEIR FAMILIES HAVE RESIDED IN MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE OR VICINITY FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS, AND AS IN THE CASE OF WILLARD, HIS PARENTS HAVE RESIDED OVER THE MISSISSIPPI STATE LINE, AT PLEASANT HILL, MISSISSIPPI.

A BRIEF FAMILY BACKGROUND IS LISTED FOR WILLARD AS FOLLOWS.

JOHN H. WILLARD IS ONE OF SEVEN LIVING CHILDREN BORN TO EMIS (AGE 54) AND MAMIE (AGE 43) WILLARD, PLEASANT HILL, MISSISSIPPI. SUBJECT'S MOTHER WAS AT A VERY EARLY AGE MARRIED TO THE SUBJECT'S UNCLE (NAME NOT KNOWN BY SUBJECT) AND WHO HAS BEEN DECEASED FOR MANY YEARS. SUBJECT'S MOTHER THEN MARRIED EMIS WILLARD (SUBJECT'S FATHER), BROTHER OF HER FIRST HUSBAND. EMIS WILLARD IS FARM FOREMAN FOR THE DUDLEY BRIDGFORTH FARM, PLEASANT HILL, MISSISSIPPI.

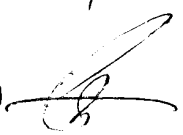
THE FOLLOWING SIBLINGS ARE LISTED.

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[REDACTED] AGE 15, PLEASANT HILL, MISS. (SCHOOL)
[REDACTED] AGE 12, PLEASANT HILL, MISS. (SCHOOL)
JUNE BLACK, AGE 24, 1521 HOPEWELL, MEMPHIS, TENN., (SEARS ROEBUCK CO.)
JEAN BULLIGHTON, AGE 24 (JUNE'S TWIN), HERNANDO, MISS. (HOUSEWIFE)
KENNETH WILLARD, AGE 18, PEACH ST., MEMPHIS, TENN. (HOUSEWIFE)
BETTY JOYCE WILLIAMS, AGE 22, PEACH ST., MEMPHIS, TENN. (HOUSEWIFE)

BETTY JOYCE WILLIAMS' HUSBAND IS ALSO AN UPHOLSTERER, AND ALL OF THE ABOVE SO LISTED AND INCLUDING JOHN H. WILLARD ARE EMPLOYED BY THE GAINES MANUFACTURING COMPANY, MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE. THE SUBJECT IS ETKEWISE AN UPHOLSTERER AND REPORTEDLY EARN AN AVERAGE OF \$30.00 PER WEEK WITH THE GAINES COMPANY.

THE 21 YEAR OLD JOHN H. WILLARD HAS BEEN LEGALLY MARRIED ONCE TO THE FORMER BARBARA NELLE DYE, LORUE, MISSISSIPPI, WITH ONE SON, [REDACTED] 8 MONTHS OF AGE, BORN TO THEIR UNION. THEY RESIDE AT 1850 JEFFERSON ST., MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (44-New)(P)

DATE: 4/5/68

FROM : SA BRENT W. WARBERG

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN
LUTHER KING, JR.
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The following investigation was conducted on 4/5/68 at Columbus, Mississippi by SA BRENT W. WARBERG:

The following persons were contacted at their respective hotels and motels and the registrations of these establishments were checked for 4/1-5/68 for the name JOHN WILLARD. The results of these checks were negative. The description of the Unsub in the above captioned incident was furnished to these individuals with negative results:

WILLIAM RUTLEDGE, Alexandra Hotel
DELORES MAXEY, Downtowner Motor Inn
Mrs. GUY RICHARDS, JR., Plaza Motel
Mrs. JOE SPINOSA, Travelers DeLuxe Motel

The following individuals were contacted at the following service stations concerning the Unsub and a white mustang in the above captioned incident. This investigation was negative:

JAMES TROTTER, Trotters Texaco
ED TRAPP, Trotters Texaco
TOM HOWELL, Riverview Gulf

The following investigation was conducted by SA Lynn P. SMITH:

The following managers of motels on U. S. Highway 45 N were contacted and records checked for 4/1-5/68 with negative results:

MIKE HAMMERS, Holiday Inn
KEGGIE POSS, Heritage Motel

The following individuals were contacted at the following service stations on U. S. Highway 45 N concerning the Unsub and a white mustang in the above incident. This investigation was negative:

LESS HAMITER, DX Service
CURTIS FONDREN, Fondren Ser. Sta.
DWEY STUCKEY, Holiday Gulf
JESSIE TOWNSEND, James Gulf
CECIL MING, Billups Ser. Sta.
JAMES DE HART, Direct Ser.
JACK COLLINS, Southland Ser. Sta.

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ROY FRANKLIN, Brumley Gulf
CLARENCE E. BUCHANAN, Buchanan's Shell Ser.
LARRY MC DANIELS, Enco Ser. Sta.
TOMMY FORSTER, Texaco Ser. Sta.
DENNIS HARMON, Phillips 66 Ser. Sta.

The following investigation was conducted by SA LAWRENCE W. GORMAN:

On 4/5/67, the following motels on Highway 82 East in Columbus, Mississippi, were contacted and records reviewed for registration from 4/1/68 through 4/4/68, in the name of JOHN WILLARD, with negative results:

RAY ADAMS
Columbus Motel

MAVIS HOLMAN
Ann Lee Motel

LILY OGLESBY
Mallard Motel

On 4/5/68, the following service stations on Highway 82 East, Columbus, Mississippi, were contacted with negative results :

Dave Coughlin
COUGHLIN GULF

Robert Wood
WOOD STANDARD STATION #2

C. D. Brown
MAIN STREET AMACO STATION

James Shepp
MAIN STREET DX STATION

W. K. Gandy
GANDY STANDARD SERVICE STATION

Buford Sparks
FRISCO AMERICAN SERVICE STATION

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-9586) -P
(157-2869)

DATE: 4/5/68

FROM : SA BENJAMIN O. KEUTZER

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.;
RACIAL MATTER

On 4/5/68, JN 367-R (PROB) advised he is aware that BURRIS L. DUNN, JR., was in the City of Jackson, Miss. during the evening of 4/4/68, and was believed to be at his residence, 308 Plummer Circle at approximately 6:00 p.m., 4/4/68.

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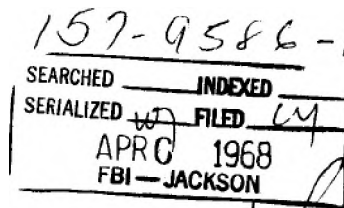
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Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-5328)

FROM : SA JAMES W. AWE

SUBJECT: FERRALL L. MC CORMICK
RM - K

DATE: 4/5/68

Mrs. MC CORMICK, 5008 Highway 80 West, Jackson, Mississippi, advised this date that her husband, FERRALL L. MC CORMICK, is presently employed by the Noble Drilling Co. with offices in New Orleans. He works on an oil rig somewhere in the Gulf of Mexico and is not scheduled to return to Jackson until the first part of next week. She stated it is customary for him to work seven days and be off seven days.

A teletype has been sent to New Orleans this date requesting them to establish the whereabouts of MC CORMICK during the pertinent period of MARTIN LUTHER KING's assassination. New Orleans was requested to sutel information this date.

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on oil rig 40 miles
in gulf
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4-5-68

Mr. HENRY IVY, attendant, McPhail's Gulf Service Station, West Capitol Street and Ellis Avenue, advised that he and CHARLES ROBERT GREENE were on duty at the service station on April 4, 1968, and that they were both on duty during the period 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM on April 4, 1968.

On 4-5-68 at Jackson, Miss.

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by SA BENJAMIN F. GRAVES and
SA WILLIAM W. PRICE, JR. WIP/vwp

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

DATE: 4/5/68

FROM : SA ERNEST M. COCHRANE

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF REVEREND
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.,
4/4/68
RM

On 4/4/68, Mr. HORACE ASHFORD was contacted and he advised he is the Secretary and Program Chairman of the Southwest Jackson Kiwanis Club. He stated that at 12 noon on instant date, RICHARD BARRETT spoke to the meeting of the Kiwanis Club at Paul's Restaurant on Highway 51 North. The meeting lasted until approximately 1:10 p.m. at which time BARRETT departed.

Mr. CHARLIE SMITH, City Editor, Clarion-Ledger, on 4/4/68, advised that sometime after 1:00, RICHARD BARRETT had dropped by the Office of the Clarion-Ledger and left a press release which in essence stated that he had spoken to the meeting of the Kiwanis Club at Paul's Restaurant on Highway 51 North at noon on 4/4/68.

Confidential Source ROBERT DUNLAP was contacted and advised that he had not been in contact with RICHARD BARRETT since Monday night 4/1/68. Source stated that he had been repeatedly calling the residence of RICHARD BARRETT but had been unsuccessful in reaching him as of 8:00 p.m., 4/4/68.

Source telephonically advised at approximately 8:20 p.m., 4/4/68, that he had been in telephonic contact with RICHARD BARRETT and had determined from BARRETT that he, BARRETT, had been out attempting to "mooch" a meal and he, BARRETT, was now at his residence located at 171 Horseshoe Circle.

A suitable pretext call was made to the residence of RICHARD BARRETT at approximately 8:30 p.m. and it was determined through this pretext that he was at his residence. 157-9586-14

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4-5-68

Mr. A. G. McPHAIL, owner, McPHAIL'S Gulf Service Station, corner West Capitol Street and Ellis Avenue, advised that CHARLES ROBERT GREENE is employed by him as a service station attendant.

Mr. McPHAIL stated that GREENE was on the job at the service station on April 4, 1968, and that he knows he was working at the station between the hours of 6:00 PM and 8:00 PM on April 4, 1968.

On 4-5-68 at Jackson, Miss.

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by SA BENJAMIN F. GRAVES and
SA WILLIAM W. PRICE, JR.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4-5-68

CHARLES ROBERT GREENE was contacted at his place of employment, McPHAIL'S Gulf Service Station, West Capitol Street and Ellis Avenue, at which time he advised that during the period 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM on April 4, 1968, he was working at his place of employment.

GREENE advised that he had no information whatsoever concerning the assassination of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING. He said he is a firm believer in segregation of the races, but he does not believe in violence in any form.

GREENE stated that he attends meetings of the Americans for the Preservation of the White Race, but that he does not belong to the Klan, and never has been affiliated with this organization. GREENE said that regardless of what people may say about him he has no inclination whatsoever toward violence, and that he cannot help what people may say about him. He said he likes to shoot a rifle, and that sometimes he goes out in the country and practices, but that this is only for his own pleasure and recreation.

GREENE advised that his permanent address, and his mailing address is 69 Ragsdale Street, Hazlehurst, Mississippi, but that he only spends a night occasionally at this address. He said he does not actually live at 2882 Terry Road, but frequently visits at this address, which is the home of Mrs. ERLINE HOWARD, his ex-sister-in-law. GREENE stated that actually he does not have an address at which he regularly stays, and that sometimes he spends the night at the home of his ex-mother-in-law in Crystal Springs, and other times he spends the night with one or another of his women friends. GREENE declined to furnish the names and addresses of his women friends, but at one time did mention the name of HAZEL. He subsequently said he was referring to Hazlehurst, Mississippi.

GREENE stated that if information concerning an act of violence should come to his attention he would feel it his duty to furnish the information to the FBI.

On 4-5-68 at Jackson, Miss.

by SA BENJAMIN F. GRAVES and
SA WILLIAM W. PRICE, JR.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-7421)

DATE: 4/5/68

FROM : SA Jerry R. Parker

SUBJECT: JIMMY GARLAND COPELAND
RM - KLAN

At 8:30 P.M., 4/4/68, JN 368 R (Prob.) advised this agent that he worked with the captioned subject on 4/4/68.

Source further advised that COPELAND was at the Source's house from approximately 5:45 P.M. to 6:15 P.M.; source advised that he remembered the time because the evening news was on television.

Source advised that COPELAND was seen by the source's wife at approximately 7:00 P.M., driving down McDowell Road, and was not seen again all evening by the source.

On this date, Source's wife advised that she had just spoken to COPELAND's wife, and the wife claimed that she and COPELAND were at a revival meeting at a Pentacostal Church somewhere off of Terry Road, returning home at approximately 1 A.M. this date.

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ASAC ELMER F. LINBERG

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
RM

DICK VOORHIS, Radio Station WSLI, Jackson, Miss., telephonically advised ASAC at 4:58 PM today that a few minutes before calling, he was monitoring Negro Radio Station WOKJ, which is in the upper band at approximately 1600 Kilocycles. The station played, "We Shall Overcome" numerous times during the afternoon and at approximately 4:50 PM the male Negro announcer, name unknown, stated in what Mr. VOORHIS thought was an inflammatory voice, "Do it now before its too late." Later he stated, "Let's get going."

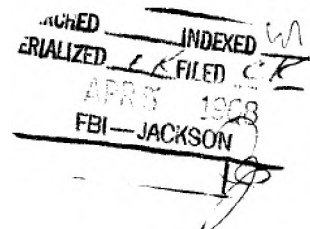
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He expressed concern for the safety of CHARLIE FLETCHER, white manager of Station WOKJ, Telephone No. 948-1515. He was advised that this would be a matter for the police department. He stated he had already advised the police.

The above is for information and possible use in today's summary teletype.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : FILE (157-9586) DATE: 4/5/68

FROM : ASAC ELMER F. LINBERG

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

DATE: 4/5/68

FROM : SA JAMES F. BODMAN

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
RM

A march occurred in Greenwood, Miss., Broad Street Playground to Courthouse, a memorial for Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. It was attended by approximately 500 individuals and was led by the local clergy, the Rev. JOHNSON, Rev. KIMBALL, and Rev. WALKER, and a Father NATHANIEL. There was a meeting consisting of prayers and singing and the meeting at the courthouse lasted for 31 minutes, from 2:35 p.m. to 3:06 p.m., and afterwards the group proceeded peacefully and orderly to Broad Street and dispersed. No arrests and no disturbances.

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Date 4-5-68

CHARLES ROBERT GREENE was contacted at his place of employment, McPHAIL'S Gulf Service Station, West Capitol Street and Ellis Avenue, at which time he advised that during the period 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM on April 4, 1968, he was working at his place of employment.

GREENE advised that he had no information whatsoever concerning the assassination of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING. He said he is a firm believer in segregation of the races, but he does not believe in violence in any form.

GREENE stated that he attends meetings of the Americans for the Preservation of the White Race, but that he does not belong to the Klan, and never has been affiliated with this organization. GREENE said that regardless of what people may say about him he has no inclination whatsoever toward violence, and that he cannot help what people may say about him. He said he likes to shoot a rifle, and that sometimes he goes out in the country and practices, but that this is only for his own pleasure and recreation.

GREENE advised that his permanent address, and his mailing address is 69 Ragsdale Street, Hazlehurst, Mississippi, but that he only spends a night occasionally at this address. He said he does not actually live at 2882 Terry Road, but frequently visits at this address, which is the home of Mrs. ERLINE HOWARD, his ex-sister-in-law. GREENE stated that actually he does not have an address at which he regularly stays, and that sometimes he spends the night at the home of his ex-mother-in-law in Crystal Springs, and other times he spends the night with one or another of his women friends. GREENE declined to furnish the names and addresses of his women friends, but at one ^{time} did mention the name of HAZEL. He subsequently said he was referring to Hazlehurst, Mississippi.

GREENE stated that if information concerning an act of violence should come to his attention he would feel it his duty to furnish the information to the FBI.

On 4-5-68 at Jackson, Miss. File # 157-9586-20
SA BENJAMIN F. GRAVES and
 by SA WILLIAM W. PRICE, JR. WWP/wwp Date dictated 4-5-68

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-9586)

DATE: 4-5-68

FROM : SA THOMPSON BERRY WEBB

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING
RM

The writer talked with HOLLAND "RED" HILTON at his residence at 7:50 pm on the night of 4-4-68 to determine his whereabouts at 6 PM on this date. He advised that he has been ill and had been in bed from late in the afternoon until the writer's contact.

KINARD HENSARLING, Siwell Road, also of Jackson was telephonically contacted at 7:55 pm. He stated he had left the Clarion Ledger after getting off from work after 5 pm and come to his home, done chores, had dinner, and had not been away from his residence.

(SIMMONS SHELTON of the Clarion Ledger, brother in law of the writer, advised that he saw HENSARLING in the business office of the paper after 3 pm on this date, has been searching for a photograph of HENSARLING at the paper and in his personal party pictures but had not locate one to date. He reiterated that based on his having known HENSARLING for years, having ridden home with him on a number of occasion, and his above average intelligence, he still finds it hard to believe that HENSARLING is a klansman.)

In connection with HILTON, information was received earlier in the week that HILTON in addition to having recently had a heart attack, has terminal cancer, returned to work for a few hours a day this past Monday 4-1-68, and is in very poor health.

1-157-9586
1-174-50 (BOMBING SUSPECTS)
1-157-5388 (HILTON)
1-157-2904 (HENSARLING)
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Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-3707)

DATE: 4/5/68

FROM : SA SAMUEL N. JENNINGS

SUBJECT: WILLIAM T. PICKEL; RM (Klan)
CLARIFICATION OF WHEREABOUTS
OF WILLIAM T. PICKEL ON APRIL
4, 1968

On 4/5/68, Mr. TOM C. ROBBINS, Director of the Highway Commission, Room 711, State Office Building, Jackson, Miss., advised SA SAMUEL N. JENNINGS that WILLIAM T. PICKEL, employed by the State Highway Department at the State Office Building in Jackson, was present in the building between 4:00 P.M., and 5:00 P.M., on April 4, 1968. Mr. ROBBINS said he personally verified this through fellow workers of PICKEL, a Mr. LITTLE and a Mr. CANTEBERRY.

Mr. ROBBINS advised that he had recently been contacted by Governor JOHN BELL WILLIAMS regarding WILLIAM T. PICKEL, and the Governor indicated that the FBI had information on PICKEL which might cause him to be considered undesirable for continued employment by the State of Mississippi. Mr. ROBBINS requested that he be contacted on April 8, 1968, for an appointment, so that he could obtain whatever information was available concerning PICKEL.

A separate memorandum has been prepared verifying that WILLIAM T. PICKEL was arrested at Meridian, Miss., on a traffic charge during the evening of April 4, 1968.

- 5 - Jackson (157-3707)
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SAC, JACKSON

4/5/68

SA JOHN H. PROCTOR, JR.

JOE DANIEL HAWKINS;
WILLIAM T. PICKEL
RM (KLAN)

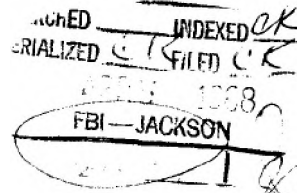
AT MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI

On 4/4/68, JOE DANIEL HAWKINS and WILLIAM T. PICKEL were observed traveling in a 1962 two-door red Chevrolet bearing Hinds County license H-21640, arrived at BILL GORDON's Barber Shop, Ninth Street and between 21st and 22nd Avenues, Meridian, Miss., at 8:15 PM. Both PICKEL and HAWKINS were observed by the writer attending a National States Rights Party Meeting in BILL GORDON's Barber Shop, and having guest speaker J. B. STONER. This meeting broke up at 10:15 PM and HAWKINS and PICKEL departed the barber shop at approximately 10:22 PM, entered their car, and drove approximately three blocks onto a one-way street the wrong way where they were arrested by two Detectives from the Meridian PD. They were charged with traveling the wrong way on a one way street and two pistols were located in their automobile (not concealed). They were released by the Meridian PD shortly before midnight and departed the Meridian area toward Jackson, Miss.

- 1 - 157-3307 (JOE DANIEL HAWKINS)
- 1 - 157-3707 (WILLIAM T. PICKEL)
- 1 - 174-135
- 1 - BOMBING SUSPECT CONTROL FILE (174-50)
- 1 - ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

DATE: 4/5/68

FROM : SA LEON ROSS GRABEN

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

At 9:56 A.M., this date, Dr. GILBERT R. MASON, Biloxi, Miss., who is head of the NAACP in the Biloxi area, telephonically contacted SA LEON ROSS GRABEN at the Gulfport, Mississippi, RA, and advised that approximately three minutes prior to his call, he had received an anonymous telephone call from a female who asked if he was Dr. MASON, and after he replied that he was, the female told him he would be interested in telephone number 772-9332, Brownsville, Tennessee. Dr. MASON stated that based on the female's voice, he was unable to determine whether or not the caller was a white or Negro female, and when he attempted to make inquiry with the caller, she hung up.

Dr. MASON stated he was furnishing this information to the FBI for their information, and any action deemed appropriate.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

FROM : SA BRENT W. WARBERG

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
RM

DATE: 4/5/68

The following investigation was conducted on 4/5/68 at Columbus, Mississippi, by SA's BRENT W. WARBERG and LAWRENCE W. GORMAN:

TOMMY HARROLSON, manager and owner, G and H Liggett Rexall Drugstore, gave the following information:

HARROLSON stated that cash-register receipts for cash purchases made in his drugstore are automatically dated by the cash register. He stated that each cash-register receipt carries the title

G & H
Rexall Drug
Columbus, Miss.

Following this heading is the date of the purchase and below the date of the purchase is the amount of the purchase.

He stated that each cash-register receipt has a number; however, these numbers are immaterial to the business of his store. He stated when the numbers reach a level which he thinks is high he flips a switch on the cash register and the numbers start over. Therefore, the numbers mean nothing and no information concerning the accounting procedures of the store is filed by these numbers.

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HARROLSON continued that the only other tickets handled by his drugstore are charge tickets, which carry the name G. & H. Liggett Rexall Drugstore, Columbus, Miss. He stated that the date has to be written in by a clerk and the numbers on these receipts go only to 50.

HARROLSON stated that his drugstore does put price tags on some articles. He stated that these price tags are labeled Liggett Rexall, and then the price of the article is written on the price tag and the price tag is put on the article.

He stated sacks in which merchandise is placed do not carry the name of his drugstore. He stated the only other label used by his drugstore is the label which is put on prescriptions and these contain the name G & H Rexall Drugs, Columbus, Mississippi; however, these are not placed on toilet articles.

HARROLSON continued that Liggett Rexall Drugs is a chain operation throughout the South. He stated his drugstore is the only Liggett Rexall Drugs in the state of Mississippi; however, other Liggett Drugs are predominant in Alabama, Georgia, and Florida.

HARROLSON was given a description of the unknown subject, and he stated he could not recall having sold any Head and Shoulders shampoo or Palmolive Rapid Shave to any individual answering this description.

SONNY SMITH, clerk, G & H Liggett Rexall Drug Company, stated he could not recall selling any articles to an individual answering the description of the unknown subject.

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A female clerk is also employed in this store; however, she was presently at lunch and she will be contacted when she arrives back at the store.

ROBERT A. MC PHERSON, Mississippi Wholesale Hardware, Columbus, Miss., stated that he knew of no Compag or Rompage Hardware in and around the area of Columbus. He stated the only way he would be able to check something like this would be through Dun and Bradstreet and even at that he would have to have the name of a city.

*Drug Store is located Main Intersection
Columbus, Miss at Intersection Highway 45
East + Highway 82. In Center of town.
No motels or Service Stations in immediate
Area.*

*All 5 motels, Hotels + Service Stations
Contacted re John WILLARD + Neg.*