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been involved in Klan activities for many years and due to past action, has a propensity for violence.

LEADS:

BIRMINGHAM

AT BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

Should immediately exhibit photographs to employees of hardware store where weapon purchased.

MEMPHIS

AT MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

Memphis previously furnished photographs to exhibit to appropriate persons.

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TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS

FROM JACKSON (157-9586)

ASSASSINATION OF DR . MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.;

RM.

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ANDREW JAFFE, REPORTER, NEWSWEEK MAGAZINE, TELEPHONICALLY
CONTACTED SAC, JACKSON, TWO P.M., THIS DATE. STATED HE WAS CALLING
FROM MEMPHIS AND DESIRED TO FURNISH THE FOLLOWING:

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LICENSE NUMBER ON WHITE MUSTANG WAS SHELBY CO. B (?) FOUR FOUR FOUR
SEVEN OR FOUR FOUR FOUR EIGHT.

ABOVE WAS IMMEDIATELY TELEPHONICALLY FURNISHED TO MEMPHIS
FOR INVESTIGATIVE ASSISTANCE.

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4-5-68

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HARROLSON ADVISED HIS STORE IS ONLY LIGGETT DRUGS IN MISSISSIPPI; OTHER STORES LOCATED PREDOMINENTLY IN ALABAMA AND IN GEORGIA AND FLA.

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LOCAL HARDWARE STORE OWNER, COLUMBUS ADVISED NO COMPAGE OR RAMPAGE HARDWARE LOCATED IN OR NEAR COLUMBUS, MISS., OR KNOWN TO HIM.
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SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

4/6/68

SA JAMES F. BODMAN

ASSASSINATION OF DR.
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. -
RM

The following is being furnished for information and evaluation:

On 4/5/68, CHARLES D. BARRENTINE, Barrentine Manufacturing Company, Inc., Greenwood, Miss., advised that BYRON DE LA BECKWITH is employed by that firm as a farm equipment and marine salesman.

Mr. BARRENTINE advised that DE LA BECKWITH left the Greenwood area on March 30, 1968, for a selling trip through the Florida area. BARRENTINE stated that DE LA BECKWITH is traveling in a Chevrolet pick-up truck bearing the name Barrentine Manufacturing Company on it. BARRENTINE stated that he received daily reports from DE LA BECKWITH and received one 4/5/68, postmarked Panama City, Florida. BARRENTINE stated that DE LA BECKWITH is probably working the area south of Tallahassee, Florida at the present time. BARRENTINE stated that DE LA BECKWITH only calls into the Greenwood office if a problem arises. BARRENTINE stated that he has not seen or talked to DE LA BECKWITH since about 6:30 P.M., 3/29/68, when DE LA BECKWITH was in Greenwood. BECKWITH advised that DE LA BECKWITH is not scheduled to return to Greenwood for another four weeks.

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PCI MURRY WEEKS (Jackson 137-710), advised on 4/4/68, that the car had been parked at that location since 4/28 or 29/68. WEEKS stated that DE LA BECKWITH maintains an apartment at that address.

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LEAD:

JACKSON DIVISION

Will maintain contact with BARRENTINE and review DE LA BECKWITH's daily report for 4/4/68, for pertinent period and set out lead to Florida.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

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TO BIRMINGHAM AND MEMPHIS

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Memorandum

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SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF DR. MARTIN
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RM
(00: Memphis)

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Jackson indices negative regarding JESSE KIMBELL or KIMBALL or KIMBLE.

LEADS:

JACKSON

AT BROOKHAVEN, MISSISSIPPI

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FROM : SA JOHN L. PUDDISTER (P)

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN
LUTHER KING, JR.
RM

DATE: 4/6/68

At 3:28 P.M. SAC JENSEN, Memphis, telephonically advised that the bar of Cashmere Bouquet Soap found in the subject's bag contained a Friendship Inn wrapper. The SAC said a list was obtained of Friendship Inn Associated Motels in Mississippi and furnished same as follows:

- ✓ Columbus Motel - Columbus (GORMAN advised 3:35 P.M.)
- ✓ Southern Motel - Corinth (HONAN advised 3:45 P.M.)
- ✓ Gilhara - Greenville (MEARNS advised 4:10 P.M.)
- ✓ Naaman - Greenwood (BODMAN advised 4:17 P.M.)
- ✓ Dumas - Hattiesburg
- ✓ Townhouse - Tupelo (HONAN advised 3:45 P.M.)
- ✓ Marshall Motel - West Point (GORMAN advised 3:35 P.M.)

Attempts to contact SA EDGAR L. FORTENBERRY and SA J. L. MARTIN negative at 4:35 P.M.

At 4:36 P.M. SA HONAN advised that Southern Motel in Corinth and the Townhouse at Tupelo were negative.

SAC JENSEN's instructions were to contact the above motels and check registrations for the period immediately prior to April 4, 1968, for the names JOHN WILLARD, HARVEY LOWMEYER, and WILLIAM J. LEHMEYER. LEHMEYER allegedly purchased airlines ticket from Birmingham to Minneapolis on Monday, April 1, 1968.

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Resident Agents listed above were contacted
at the time indicated and instructed to handle immediately.

Continued attempts are being made to contact
Hattiesburg RAs.

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ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., RM.

RETELCALL SAC JENSEN, MEMPHIS, APRIL SIX INSTANT.

THE FOLLOWING MOTELS AFFILIATED WITH FRIENDSHIP INN

CHECKED THIS DATE FOR PERIOD IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO

APRIL FOUR LAST FOR NAMES OF JOHN WILLARD, HARVEY

LOWMEYER AND WILLIAM J. LEHMEYER, WITH NEGATIVE

RESULTS: COLUMBUS MOTEL, COLUMBUS, SOUTHERN MOTEL,

CORINTH, GILHARA MOTEL, GREENVILLE, NAAMAN MOTEL,

GREENWOOD, DUMAS MOTEL, HATTIESBURG, TOWNHOUSE MOTEL,

TUPELO, MARSHALL MOTEL, ALL MISSISSIPPI.

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TO MEMPHIS

FROM JACKSON (157-9586)

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., RM.

RE TELCALL SAC JENSEN, MEMPHIS, APRIL SIX INSTANT.

THE FOLLOWING MOTELS AFFILIATED WITH FRIENDSHIP INN CHECKED
THIS DATE FOR PERIOD IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO APRIL FOUR LAST FOR
NAMES OF JOHN WILLARD, HARVEY LOWMEYER AND WILLIAM J. LEHMEYER, WITH
NEGATIVE RESULTS: COLUMBUS MOTEL, COLUMBUS, SOUTHERN MOTEL, CORINTH,
GILHARA MOTEL, GREENVILLE, NAAMAN MOTEL, GREENWOOD, DUMAS MOTEL,
HATTIESBURG, TOWNHOUSE MOTEL, TUPELO, MARSHALL MOTEL, ALL MISSISSIPPI.

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FROM DENVER 157-203

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. RACIAL MATTERS.

DOYLE MAY, SALES MANAGER JOHNNIE HARPER FORD, WHEATRIDGE,
COLORADO, ADVISED DRAWING OF ASSASSIN OF KING CLOSELY RESEMBLES ONE
BEN LYNN HART WHO RESIDES AT CANTON, MISSISSIPPI. HART DESCRIBED
AS WM, AGE THIRTYTWO, FIVE FEET TEN, ONE SEVENTY LBS., BLACK HAIR
WHICH IS RECEDING AND COMBED STRAIGHT BACK. HART IS SHARP DRESSER,
OWNED LOTS OF GUNS AND FORMERLY HAD A HARDWARE STORE BUT IS NOW A
FARMER. MAY STATES HART WAS ALWAYS ROUGH WITH NEGROES AND IS FORMER
KLANSMAN. JACKSON CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION.
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FBI BIRMGHAM

923PM URGENT 4-6-68 HEP
TO JACKSON AND MOBILE
FROM BIRMINGHAM 1P

MURKIN

-157-
RE JACKSON TELEPHONE CALL TO BIRMINGHAM TODAY TO DETERMINE
WHEREABOUTS JAMES MC KAY, BOMBING SUSPECT JACKSON DIVISION, AT
SIX PM, APRIL FOUR, SIXTYEIGHT, AND BIRMINGHAM TELEPHONE CALL
TO MOBILE TODAY.

INQUIRY INDICATES MC KAY WAS DIRECTED TO MOBILE, ALABAMA.

MOBILE SHOULD CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION AS REQUESTED
IN REFERENCED TELEPHONE CALL.

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FBI MEMPHIS

454PM URGENT 4/7/68 CAF
TO DIRECTOR AND JACKSON
FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987) 1P

MURKIN.

ROBERT GENTRY, SMYRNA, TENNESSEE, AN ADMITTED FORMER
MEMBER OF KKK, ADVISED APRIL SIX LAST THAT HE DESIRES REWARD
IN THIS CASE BUT WISHES HIS NAME BE KEPT STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL.

GENTRY CLAIMS THAT ABOUT FOUR YEARS AGO HE KNEW ONE
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MISSISSIPPI, AND RESIDED IN THAT CITY.

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WILLAND, ALSO OF GREENVILLE. GENTRY BELIEVES ROSE AND WILLAND
WERE BOTH KKK MEMBERS. GENTRY BELIEVES ROSE CAPABLE OF
VIOLENCE AND BELIEVES POSSIBLE HE MAY HAVE MURDERED KING.

JACKSON ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY, LOCATE AND ELIMINATE WILLIAM
ROSE. P.

END

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

MURKINN

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

KING INTERVIEWED, STATES EMPLOYED WITH KGW TOWING COMPANY,
GREENVILLE, MISS. LEFT HIS HOME ONE ZERO TWO ARLINGTON, LAKE
PROVIDENCE, LOUISIANA AROUND NOON APRIL FOUR LAST, WHERE HE RESIDES
WITH MOTHER GERTRUDE FRITH, VIA TRAILWAY BUS TO MEMPHIS, TENN.
ARRIVING MEMPHIS LATE AFTERNOON. AFTER ARRIVAL RIOT BROKE OUT
WHILE HE WAS IN BUS STATION THREE OR FOUR BLOCKS FROM LORRAINE
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MOTEL. KING ADMITTED HE HAD STAYED AT LORRAINE IN PAST. BECAUSE OF RIOTS NOONE COULD LEAVE BUS DEPOT WHERE HE STAYED ALL NIGHT. EARLY AM APRIL FIVE LAST BEFORE DAYBREAK HE TOOK TAXI TO AIRPORT. HE HAD IN HIS POSSESSION PLANE TICKET WHICH HE CLAIMS GIVEN TO HIM BY KGW COMPANY FOR FLIGHT FROM GREENVILLE, MISS., TO ST. LOUIS AND QUINCY, ILLINOIS, DATED APRIL FIVE LAST. CLAIMS HE WAS TO BOARD HIS TOWBOAT, "GEORGE WEATHERS" AT QUINCY. WHEN ALL PLANE RESERVATIONS FILLED IN GREENVILLE, HE THEN TOOK ABOVE BUS TO MEMPHIS. ALSO AT MEMPHIS AIRPORT PLANES ALL FULL AND HE THEN CALLED JERRY WILSON, KGW CO., GREENVILLE, MISS., WHO INSTRUCTED HE TAKE BUS TO QUINCY. KING RETURNED TO MEMPHIS BY TAXI AND TOOK BUS TO ST. LOUIS AND QUINCY, ILLINOIS. HE MISSED TOWBOAT WHICH HAD PASSED AND HE THEN CAME TO ROCK ISLAND.

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NO CHARGES FILED BY ROCK ISLAND PD. KING WILL BOARD TOWBOAT AT MIDNIGHT INSTANT DATE AT ROCK ISLAND.

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

JACKSON VERIFY FACTS AT KGW COMPANY AND INTERVIEW JERRY WILSON FOR ALL DETAILS INCLUDING DESTINATION TOWBOAT.
NEW ORLEANS INTERVIEW MOTHER FOR ALL PERTINENT FACTS. VERIFY OWNERSHIP, DESCRIPTION AND PRESENCE OF CAR.

MEMPHIS DISPLAY PHOTOS TO WITNESSES.

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FROM: JACKSON (157-9586)

MURKIN

ANNONYMOUS CALL RECEIVED THIS DATE FROM ASSUMED NEGRO MALE, STATING
WAS CALLING FOR FRIEND WHO HAD OVERHEARD TELEPHONE CONVERSATION
ON PARTY LINE. CALL ALLEGELY MADE FROM JACKSON TO INDIANA AREA CODE
THREE ONE SEVEN TWO EIGHT TWO THREE NINE ZERO ONE.

ALLEGED CONVERSATION TO EFFECT THAT CALLER HAD LEFT MEMPHIS APRIL
FOUR LAST AND HAD TRAVELED TO GULFPORT, MISS. WHERE CALLER HAD
GOTTEN RID OF VEHICLE TRAVELING IN, AND HAD RENTED LODGING.
THE WORD "KING" WAS MENTIONED SEVERAL TIMES DURING CONVERSATION.
ANNONYMOUS CALLER STATED FRIEND WOULD NOT IDENTIFY SELF TO FBI,
AS FEARED FOR SAFETY.

INDIANAPOLIS DETERMINE SUBSCRIBER TO TELEPHONE NUMBER TWO EIGHT TWO
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• REVIEW OR LICENSE REGISTRATIONS LINCOLN COUNTY, MISS. RE
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CANVAS OF BROOKHAVEN PD AND LINCOLN COUNTY SO, NEGATIVE.

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INVESTIGATION CONTINUING.

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841PM IMMEDIATE 4/7/68 PJR

TO MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM AND JACKSON
FROM MILWAUKEE (44-388)

MURKIN; CR. OO MEMPHIS.

JOHN BREMPPELL, STANDARD SERVICE STATION ATTENDANT, TWO
SEVEN ZERO FIVE W. CLYBOURN, TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED THAT MAN
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UNSUB APPEARED AT ABOVE STATION AT SEVEN FORTY PM TODAY DRIVING
LIGHT BLUE SIXTYSIX OR SIXTYSEVEN FORD BEARING MISSISSIPPI
LICENSE TWO F F FIVE ONE FIVE. BREMPPELL DESCRIBED DRIVER AS
WM, TWENTYSEVEN TO THIRTY, SIX FEET, ONE SIX ZERO LBS., LONG
NOSE AND CHIN, SANDY HAIR, DRESSED COWBOY BOOTS, BLUE JEANS,
CHECKERED COAT.

JACKSON IMMEDIATELY CONDUCT LICENSE CHECK, DETERMINE
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