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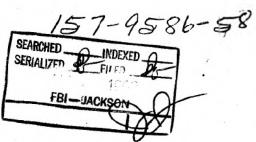
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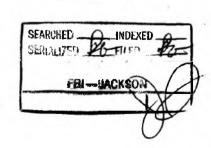
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TO DIRECTOR, DALLAS, MEMPHIS, AND BIRMINGHAM

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12-17PM URGENT 4-8-68 BJM

TO DIRECTOR (MAIL) AND JACKSONVILLE

FROM JACKSON (157-9586) 2P

MURKIN - CR

FOR INFO JACKSONVILLE DIVISION, BYRON DE LA BECKWITH, AKA, WHITE MALE, DOB SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA, FIVE FEET TEN INCHES, ONE SEVENTY POUNDS, DARK BROWN HAIR, OLIVE COMPLEXION, MEDIUM BUILD, RESIDENCE ONE ZERO ZERO ONE DEWEY STREET, GREENWOOD, MISS., PREVIOUSLY ARRESTED JUNE, SIXTY THREE, BY BUREAU AGENTS, JACKSON DIVISION, FOR MURDER OF MEDGAR EVERS, NAACP FIELD SECRETARY, STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, WHO WAS SLAIN IN JACKSON, MISS., IN JUNE, SIXTYTHREE.

BECKWITH TRIED ON TWO OCCASIONS AND JURY UNABLE TO REACH
A VERDICT BOTH INCIDENTS. BECKWITH HAS PROPENSITY FOR VIOLENCE
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JACKSONVILLE; WILL IMMEDIATELY VERIFY BECKWITH'S
PRESENCE IN THE ABOVE AREA AS OF THE TIME AND DATE INDICATED.
VERIFY THROUGH INVESTIGATION WHERE SPENT EVENING. KING WAS
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WITH BACKGROUND ARE IN POSSESSION OF MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM.

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DIRECTOR (MAIL) AND JACKSONVILLE

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JACKSON (157-9586) (P)

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WHITE MALE, DOB SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA,
FIVE FEET TEN INCHES, ONE SEVENTY POUNDS, DARK BROWN HAIR,
OLIVE COMPLEXION, MEDIUM BUILD, RESIDENCE ONE ZERO ZERO ONE
DEWEY STREET, GREENWOOD, MISS., PREVIOUSLY ARRESTED JUNE,
SIXTY THREE, BY BUREAU AGENTS, JACKSON DIVISION, FOR MURDER
OF MEDGAR EVERS, NAACP FIELD SECRETARY, STATE OF MISSISSIPPI,
WHO WAS SLAIN IN JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, IN JUNE, SIXTYTHREE.

BECKWITH TRIED ON TWO OCCASIONS AND JURY UNABLE TO REACH
A VERDICT BOTH INCIDENTS. DE LA BECKWITH HAS PROPENSITY FOR
VIOLENCE AND ASSOCIATED WITH KKK IN MISSISSIPPI.

ON INSTANT DATE, CHARLES D. BARRENTINE OF BARRENTINE
MANUFACTURING COMPANY, INC., GREENWOOD, MISSISSIPPI, DE-LA-

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BECKWITH'S EMPLOYER, ADVISED THAT A DAILY REPORT WORKSHEET
RECEIVED INSTANT AM INDICATES BELLA BECKWITH, A FARM AND MARINE
EQUIPMENT SALESMAN, WAS IN CONTACT WITH AND RECEIVED AN ORDER
FROM J. P. BROWN MOTOR SALES, HIGHWAY NINETY, GREENVILLE,
FLORIDA, LEAVING TWO FIFTEEN PM, APRIL FOUR, LAST, AND WAS IN
CONTACT WITH PERRY TRUCK AND TRACTOR COMPANY, PERRY FLORIDA,
LEAVING FIVE FORTY FIVE PM, APRIL FOUR, LAST. BARRENTINE
STATED THAT DELLA BECKWITH'S DAILY REPORT INDICATED HE WAS
SPENDING THE EVENING OF APRIL FOUR, LAST, IN THE PERRY,
FLORIDA, AREA, SPECIFIC LOCATION NOT INDICATED.

JACKSONVILLE: WILL IMMEDIATELY VERIFY DE LA BECKWITH'S PRESENCE IN THE ABOVE AREA AS OF THE TIME AND DATE INDICATED. VERIFY THROUGH INVESTIGATION WHERE SPENT EVENING. KING WAS SHOT AROUND SIX ZERO ONE PM APRIL FOUR LAST. PHOTOS OF DELLA BECKWITH WITH BACKGROUND ARE IN POSSESSION OF MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM.

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PM 4-8-68 URGENT AMB

TO DIRECTOR, JACKSON AND MEMPHIS FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)

MURKIN. CR. OO: MEMPHIS.

ON THIS DATE, KEN TURNER, RELIANCE STEEL COMPANY, COTTONDALE, ALABAMA, ADVISED THAT EUGENE SMITH MANSFIELD WAS DISCHARGED FROM THE COMPANY ON MARCH TWELVE, SIXTYEIGHT, AND HIS CHECK WAS FORWARDED TO HIM IN CARE OF L. E. MATTHEW; ROUTE THREE, BOX THREE EIGHT ONE M, FLORENCE, MISSISSIPPI. FOR INFORMATION OF JACKSON, COSBY E. MANSFIELD, FATHER, ADVISED THAT WHEREABOUTS OF EUGENE MANSFIELD UNKNOWN; HOWEVER, RECEIVED A CALL FROM HIM LAST WEEKEND AND EUGENE SAID WAS IN MISSISSIPPI. CITY NOT GIVEN.

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RE JACKSON TELETYPE TO MOBILE AND PHOENIX, APR. FIVE, LAST, AND PHOENIX TELETYPE TO JACKSON AND MOBILE, SAME DATE.

OWNER, EDISON DEKLE CO., ADVISED THIS DATE THAT DRIVER JAMES MC KAY ARRIVED MOBILE, ALA. A.M., APR. SEVEN, LAST, WITH LOAD OF PRODUCE. MC KAY OPERATING AMERICAN CYANAMID TRAILER BEARING TAG T - THREE THREE.

SHIPPING PAPERS SIGNED BY MC KAY SHOWED PICK UP APR. FOUR, LAST, AT BRADLEY PRODUCE, SIX TWO ONE ZERO N. FIVE FIVE AVE., GLENDALE, ARIZ., AND F. G. GILVERT CO., DIXIE, ARIZ., SAME DATE. ARIZ. INSPECTION CERTIFICATES DATED APR. FOUR, LAST, VERIFIED ABOVE.

OWNER ADVISED MC KAY DEPARTED MOBILE, APR. SEVEN, LAST,

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TO DIRECTOR (MAIL), AND CHICAGO AND MEMPHIS

FROM JACKSON (157-9586) /

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ILLINOIS, CONDUCT CREDIT AND CRIMINAL CHECK RE SHERIDAN AND DEVELOP COMPLETE BACKGROUND INFORMATION.

MEMPHIS DIVISION AT MILLINGTON, TENNESSEE, CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION AT RIP VAN WRINKLE MOTEL AND DEVELOP BACKGROUND INFORMATION RE SHERIDAN'S ACTIVITIES.

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URGENT 4/8/68 VFP

TO MEMPHIS, ATLANTA AND JACKSON

FROM MOBILE 157-2627 MURKIN. CR. 00 ME.

RANDALL MC RAE, VP, CAPITAL TRAILWAYS BUS CO., MONTGOMERY, ALA. (PROTECT) ADVISED SIX BUSES CHARTERED TO TAKE PEOPLE TO ATLANTA TO FUNERAL OF DR. KING.

ALL BUSES TO LEAVE RESPECTIVE TOWNS AT ABOUT ELEVEN PM APRIL EIGHT INSTANT.

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IDENTITY OF INDIVIDUALS TRAVELING UNKNOWN.

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE, MOBILE, ADVISED ONE GULF TRANSPORT

BUS LEAVING MERIDIAN, MISS., AT SIX PM APRIL EIGHT, LEAVING

ATLANTA TO RETURN AT SIX PM APRIL NINE NEXT. NO BUSES KNOWN TO

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ALL ALABAMA BUSES SCHEDULED TO LEAVE ATLANTA RETURNING TO ALABAMA FIVE PM EST APRIL NINE NEXT.

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TO MEMPHIS, ATLANTA AND JACKSON

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FBI TAMPA

1045 PM 4-8-68 URGENT ROB

TO DIRECTOR JACKSON

FROM TAMPA 157-3231

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MRS. TERESSA LEON, MGR. NEW YORKER MOTEL CLEARWATER FLA
ADVISED APRIL EIGHT RE ONE CHARLES E. MALEY III, ONE ONE
TWO FIVE POPLAR BLVD. JACKSON MISS., RECENT QUEST AT MOTEL
WHOM SHE SAYS RESEMBLES SKETCH OF ASSASSIN. MALEY DESCRIBED
BY MRS. LEON AS WHITE MALE, TWENTYSIX YEARS, FIVE FOOT
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REPEATING THIS STATEMENT ON AT LEAST FIVE OCCASIONS FOR NO CAUSE.

LEON SAYS MALEY HIGHLY NERVOUR BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE ON FOUR-SEVEN-SIXTYEIGHT (ALTHOUGH PAID THROUGH FOUR NINE) ADVISES HE SAID HE HAD BEEN IN DAYTONA BEACH FLL AT TIME OF KING ASSASSINATION, ONCE COMMENTED THAT HE NEVER HAD TO ATTEND SCHOOL WITH NEGROES BUT THAT HIS CHILDREN WOULD LIKELY HAVE TO DO SO, MADE NO FURTHER COMMENT RE RACIAL MATTERS.

LEON STATES MALEY LEFT ALL IDENTIFICATION BEHIND IN HIS MOTEL ROOM WHEN HE LEFT ON FOUR - FOUR SIXTYEIGHT.

JACKSON AT ONE ONE TWO FIVE POPLAR BLVD JACKSON AND OR THROUGH RECORD RE HINDS CO. MISS AUTO LICENSE H FOUR SIX THREE TWO ONE, ATTEMPT LOCATE AND INTERVIEW CHARLES E. MALEY III AS SUSPECT THIS INVESTIGATION.

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ADVISED APRIL EIGHT RE ONE CHARLES E, MALEY 111, ONE ONE
TWO FIVE POPLAR BLVD. JACKSON MISS., RECENT QUEST AT MOTEL
WHOM SHE SAYS RESEMBLES SKETCH OF ASSASSIN. MALEY DESCRIBED
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