there was one white male sitting in the rear of this car on the passenger side of the vehicle. She stated there was possibly a second individual sitting in the rear seat of the vehicle; however, she could not be certain of this. She pointed out that the car apparently had clothing, or items, hanging in the car, and she just could not be certain whether or not she had observed a second individual sitting in the back seat of the car.

WALTON stated that the Mustang came to a quick stop and the white male sitting on the passenger side of the front seat got out of the car, proceeded around the vehicle, and got behind the steering wheel of the vehicle. She stated that the driver of the car apparently just scooted over the front seat and never actually got out of the car. WALTON stated that the vehicle immediately departed in what she considered to be a rather hasty fashion, spinning its tires in the gravel.

WALTON stated that the vehicle was definitely a white Mustang and she is relatively certain that it was a 1967 model vehicle. WALTON was requested to describe this vehicle in detail, and thereafter, furnished the following information:

WALTON stated she believed the vehicle was a two door, and was definitely not a convertible or sports model car. She stated she recalls observing a chrome strip running the complete length of the vehicle, and further recalls that the car was very clean, with shiny chrome hubcaps. WALTON stated she could not be certain concerning the license plates of the car, but believed the license plates had a white background and that the numbers or letters on the license plates were a dark color. WALTON stated that the only thing she could be certain about concerning the license plates wastat the license plates were not Mississippi tags.

WALTON was requested to describe the white males she observed in the white Mustang. She pointed out that

the individuals remaining in the car while it was stopped at Jack's Truck Stop were not observed by her very closely and she could not furnish any real details concerning their description. She did recall that the individuals were all white males, and she estimated the individuals to be in their early twenties. She stated that her first impression concerning these individuals was that they were young college men.

WALTON furnished the following description of the individual that actually got out of the white Mustang, and who walked around to the driver's side of this car:

Race: White Sex: Male Age: 23-24

Hair:

light-colored and
rather long like a
Beatle haircut; she
explained the hair

was combed to the side

WALTON stated this individual was tall and rather slim, and was wearing what she believes to have been a dark brown sports coat with a white shirt. She stated this individual was not wearing a tie, to the best of her memory. She further stated this individual walked with the top portion of his body leaning over. She explained that he did not walk standing straight up. She explained that the only other way she could describe this walk was that the individual appeared to be walking in a hurry.

WALTON has stated she did not recognize any of the individuals in this automobile, and that she did not recognize the car as belonging to anyone she was familiar with. She further stated it was questionable whether she could ever identify the one white male that she observed get out of the 1967 Mustang and walk around the car.

WALTON concluded by stating she could furnish no other information regarding the white males or the vehicle

they were driving. She did recall that the vehicle approached Jack's Truck Stop on Highway 78 from the north, and was headed south when it departed.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO

: SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

DATE: 4/12/68

FROM:

SA WILLIAM BLACKKETTER

SUBJECT:

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(00: Memphis)

Re BILLY D. MC GRIFF.

Re New Orleans tel to Bureau, 4/11/68.

On 4/12/68, MARIAN LILLY, Secretary, IBEW Local 605, 116 Claiborne Street, Jackson, Miss., advised her records reflect BILLY D. MC CRIFF was working on a voltage substation for L. E. MYERS Combany, Clinton, Miss., when he quit that job on 3//8/68. MC GRIFF had been working a 12:00 noon to 12:00 midnight shift at the time he quit. She advised her records reflect MC GRIFF did not obtain work through their local until 4/3/68, when he was sent to Sardis, Miss.

LILLY advised her records reflect VAN SULLIVAN, JR., Route 1, Mt. Olive, Miss., telephone 733-2449, is a member of the Local 605. She stated SULLIVAN quit L. E. MYERS Company on 3/8/66, and was not employed by their union until 4/3/68, when he was sent to Sardis, Mississippi. She states SULLIVAN is not presently working through Local 605.

On the same date, Mrs. MARTHA MC GRIFF. 1342
Plantation Road, Jackson, Miss., advised her husband
worked from 12:00 noon to 12:00 midnight on 3/28/68.
She stated he arose during the A.M. of 3/29/68, and at
approximately noon, went fishing with her brother, BILL
WOLVERTON, 722 Lancelot Road. She advised that they
returned sometime after dark, 3/29/68, and hat are might indexed
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stayed home Friday night and on Saturday, 3/30/68, they obtained some seeds and fertilizer and MC GRIFF and his family worked on their lawn at their residence the entire day. She stated Saturday night her sister and her husband came over for dinner and stayed until late in the evening and her husband was there at all times.

On the same date, BILL WOLVERTON, 722 Lancelot Road, Advised on Friday, 3/29/68, BILLY D. MC GRIFF, MAC LOFTON, BILLY WAYES, and himself went fishing at approximately 12:30 noon at Ross Barnett reservoir. He stated they fashed all afternoon, and early evening, and returned to the MC GRIFF residence at approximately 6:30 or 7:00 P.M., 3/29/68.

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Jackson, Mississippi April 11, 1968

DISTURBANCES IN MISSISSIPPI AS
EXPRESSION OF SYMPATHY TO ASSASSINATION
OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
RACIAL MATTERS

On April 10, 1968, C. W. Dempsey, Chief of Police, Cleveland, Mississippi, advised that Negro youths are still restless in Cleveland, Mississippi, and the curfew imposed from 6:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. on the previous evening is to be continued during the evening of April 10-11, 1968. He said his police department is closely following any developments regarding possible disturbances.

Murray L. Sills, Chief of Police, Vicksburg, Mississippi, advised on April 10, 1968, that unrest is still prevalent among young Negroes in the Vicksburg area. He said several anonymous telephone calls were received by the white owners of various Vicksburg businesses on this date indicating a threat to burn the establishments. Chief Sills said his department is closely following developments in this regard.

Boyce Ferguson, Chief of Police, Crystal Springs, Mississippi, advised on April 10, 1968, that several anonymous calls were received by Buster Whittington, white male, owner of a cleaning store and launderette in Crystal Springs. He said Whittington's launderette received much window damage from the Negro vandals on April 5, 1968. Chief Ferguson said his department is closely following developments in this regard and is keeping a close watch on Whittington's establishments.

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On April 10, 1968, Charles Evers, Negro male, Mississippi National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) Field Director, advised that a boycott of white-owned businesses instituted by Negroes on April 5, 1968, is to continue in effect throughout Mississippi through Saturday, April 13, 1968. He said the boycott has been effective in some areas and not effective at all in other areas. Evers reported he will lead a march to begin at 8:00 p.m., on April 11, 1968, at Fayette, Mississippi. He said the march is being staged to protest alleged discriminatory practices by the local Superintendent of Education. He said he expects about 300 Negro participants in this march.

Evers said he will also lead a march to begin at 11:00 a.m., on April 13, 1968, at Crystal Springs, Mississippi, to protest inadequate Negro housing, to seek additional jobs for Negroes, and related Negro grievances.

M. B. Pierce, Chief of Detectives, Jackson, Mississippi, Police Department, advised on April 10, 1968, Jackson was very quiet on this date and additional police units placed in operation following recent disturbances will be withdrawn on the evening of this date. He said additionally, police barracades near Jackson State College have been withdrawn.

Charles Marx, Administrative Assistant, Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol (MHSP), advised on April 10, 1968, he received no reports of disturbances throughout the State of Mississippi on this date. He said Highway Patrol units are still following closely any developments or possible incidents.

William Rist, Military Intelligence Group, Jackson, advised on April 10, 1968, that Mississippi National Guard units left their assembly areas and returned to their homes on this date. He said the state alert for the National Guard called on April 5, 1968, will terminate at midnight on April 10, 1968.

On the morning of April 11, 1968, Charles Marx, MHSP; M. B. Pierce, Jackson Police Department; and Sheriff

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Fred Thomas, Hinds County, Mississippi, Sheriff's Office, each advised there had been no incidents or disturbances reported during the evening of April 10-11, 1968.

A confidential source who has provided reliable information in the past advised on April 11, 1968, that Marvin Louis Wilson and George Washington Ware, Jr., both Negro males, Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) leaders, are still in the Jackson, Mississippi, vicinity.

Appropriate local, state, and Federal authorities were advised of the above information as it was received.

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Jackson, Mississippi

April 12, 1968

DISTURBANCES IN MISSISSIPPI AS
EXPRESSION OF SYMPATHY TO ASSASSINATION
OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
RACIAL MATTERS

Gene Walters, Sheriff, Forrest County, Mississippi, advised on April 11, 1968, that a group of 20 Negro youths picketed in an orderly manner at a small shopping center at Palmers Crossing Community near Hattiesburg, Mississippi, from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., on this date. The pickets carried signs which indicated they were representing the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party (MFDP), a predominantly Negro political group in Mississippi. They carried signs also indicating the purpose of their picketing was to encourage Negroes to continue a boycott of white-owned businesses throughout the state, in memory of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., through April 13, 1968. Appearing at the scene of the picketing also was J. C. Killingsworth, Negro male, Chairman of the Forrest County Action Committee, a Negro group promoting civil rights. Also present on one occasion was Victoria Gray Adams, Negro female, Executive Board member of the MFDP. Sheriff Walters said the group was very orderly, advised him in advance that the picketing was to be conducted, and no incidents occurred.

Joel Chapman, white male, Superintendent of Schools, Shelby, Mississippi, advised on April 11, 1968, that five anonymous telephone calls were received by Lit P. Evans, Jr., Negro male, Principal of the Broad Street Negro high school, on this date. He said the anonymous callers sounded like

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Negro youths and during their calls, they indicated the school would be burned. Chapman said that this school had a fifty percent absentee rate on this date. City and county law enforcement officials are closely following this matter.

L. B. Williams, Sheriff, Bolivar Courty, Mississippi, advised on April 11, 1968, that the Chinese owner of a grocery store at Cleveland, Mississippi, received anonymous threats that his store would be burned on this date. Indications were that the callers were young Negroes. Sheriff Williams said his office and the Cleveland Police Department are closely following this matter.

Frank Long, Editor, Greenwood, Mississippi, Commonwealth newspaper, advised on April 11, 1968, that his office received an anonymous call on this date that the newspaper office would be burned. He said it was the second call in this regard that he had received during the present week The Greenwood Police Department has been notified and is closely following this matter.

Robert Pritchard, Sheriff, Jefferson County, Mississippi, advised on April 11, 1968, that about 375 Negroes marched from Adams Church (Negro) in Fayette, Mississippi, beginning at 8:50 p.m., on this date, to the County Courthouse there. The marchers were led by Charles Evers, Negro male, Mississippi National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), Field Director. Upon arrival at the courthouse in Fayette, Evers addressed the group, saying the purpose of the march was to protest alleged discrimination in the Jefferson County School System. He directed his grievances toward D. G. McLaurin, white male, Jefferson County Superintendent of Education. He said the County School System has inadequate school equipment, the school buses are segregated, and related grievances. Evers said as a result of these grievances, a boycott by Negroes of white merchants in Fayette will begin on April 12, 1968, in an effort to put pressure on the city to correct these school grievances. Sheriff Pritchard said the group of marchers dispersed at 9:30 p.m., on April 11, 1968, without incident. He said

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Evers announced before the group dispersed that he will also lead a march in Fayette at 2:00 p.m., on April 12, 1968, to re-emphasize the initiation of the boycott there.

M. B. Pierce, Chief of Detectives, Jackson, Mississippi, Police Department, advised that Charles Evers, on April 11, 1968, sent a telegram to Mayor Allen Thompson of Jackson, requesting to meet with Thompson and city officials in a conference on or before April 16, 1968, to discuss Negro problems in Jackson and the possible solutions. Pierce said Mayor Thompson will meet with Evers on or prior to that date in this regard.

Chief Pierce said the City of Jackson was quiet during the day and evening hours of April 11, 1968.

Charles Marx, Administrative Assistant, Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol (MHSP), advised on April 11, 1968, that he had received no reports of disturbances in Mississippi during the day and evening hours of April 11, 1968.

Appropriate local, state, and Federal authorities were advised of the above information as it was received.

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Jackson, Mississippi
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ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT
OF COLORED PEOPLE (NAACP), STATE
OF MISSISSIPPI
RACIAL MATTERS

Aaron E. Henry, Negro male, President, NAACP, State of Mississippi, who resides at Clarksdale, Mississippi, telephonically contacted the Jackson FBI Office April 13, 1968, and advised he received a telephone call from W. O. Dismuke, who is a white male, about 55 years of age, resides and operates a tire valcanizing company, Memphis, Tennessee. Dismuke is a former resident of Clarksdale and ran for mayor several years ago and considered to be a friend of Henry's. Dismuke advised Henry he should be very careful in the future, keep his name out of the press and take all precautions since one Teddy Carr "might be setting him up". Dismuke did not explain any further. Carr, in 1963, had thrown molotov cocktails into the home of Henry at Clarksdale. Henry could furnish no additional information, but is advising local authorities. He stated he has not seen nor had contact with Carr since 1963 and does not know his whereabouts.

Investigation was conducted by the Memphis FBI Office in 1963 in the case entitled "Theodore Allison Carr, ET AL, Molotov Cocktails Thrown Through Home of Aaron Henry, 636 Page Street, Clarksdale, April 12, 1963. Racial Matter". Carr is a white male born Memphis, Tennessee, and was found not guilty of the

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charges by a State jury. Investigation indicated Carr in the past has been under psychiatric treatment in Memphis and suffered from nervous disorder.

Appropriate local, state, and Federal authorities were alerted.

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Memorandum

TO

¹ SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

DATE: 4/8/68

FROM : SA JOHN WILLIAM NEELLEY (P)

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Residences of known UKA, CDF, and OKKKK members in the Greenville, Miss., area were observed between the hours of 8:10 P.M. and 11:00 P.M., Thursday, 4/4/68, by SA JOHN WILLIAM NEELLEY and SA WILLIAM C. MEARNS. DEAN RENNICK, Confidential Source, who knows the local Klansmen and their vehicles, assisted in this matter. Lights were on in all the houses of the Klansmen and except for the automobile of J. R. WOODS, all vehicles belonging to these Klansmen were accounted for, including the white Mustang of BENNIE FLOYD, JR. DEAN RENNICK advised that he was in the Alamatt Motel Restaurant, Greenville, at approximately 6:45 P.M/, 4/4/68, at which time Dr. EVERETT MITCHELL, local leader of the OKKKK, called trying to locate members of the local Klan organizations.

Vehicle registration records for Washington County were reviewed on 4/5/68, and 4/6/68, concerning all Ford Mustangs license in Washington Co. On 4/6/68, COP WILLIAM C. BURNLEY, Captain ROY LONG, Captain HARVEY TACKETT, and several other older members of the Greenville Police Department, as well as one reportedly highly reliable source of the Greenville, Miss., PD, reviewed names of all persons owning Mustang automobiles in Washington Co. in an effort to locate individuals with white Mustangs and persons who have shown in any way a propensity for violence or strong opposition to the civil rights movement.

COP HAROLD SHAW, Hollandale, Miss., reviewed names of individuals in the Hollandale, Miss., area having Mustang automobiles on 4/6/68, with no suspects being developed. No Klansmen in the Hollandale area have white Mustangs.

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Records of the Gilhara Motel, U.S. Route 82, Greenville, Miss., were reviewed on 4/6/68, regarding names of JOHN WILLARD, HARVEY LOWMEYER, and WILLIAM J. LEHMEYER. Records were reviewed from 3/20/68, to 4/6/68, for the names listed above and for variations of these names with negative results. No names were developed which would fit the description of WILLARD, Aka.

Gilhara Motel is a Friendship House Motel and does have the Cashmire Bouquet Soap with the Friendship House wrapper.

COP, Sheriff's Offices, and sources in the counties of Washington, Bolivar, Humphreys, and Sunflower were contacted on 4/5/68 and 4/6/68, regarding possible suspects and for information regarding possible civil disturbances following the assassination of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING. No suspects were developed.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA CARL A. TURNER on April 11, 1968:

The following persons connected with the shipping, fishing, and seafood industry in the Biloxi, Mississippi, area of the Mississippi Gulf Coast were contacted concerning their knowledge of the whereabouts of BILLY JAMES SENN or anyone using the names which SENN has used as aliases; concerning the whereabouts of JOHN WILLARD; ERIC STARVO GALT; and HARRY BAUR ELLIOT, also known as PETE ELLIOT. Photographs of SENN and ELLIOT were displayed to them. All contacts yielded negative results:

JAMES S. MURRAY
Murray's Seafoods
1129 Pass Road
Handsboro, Mississippi

JOHN E, ROMEO
3779 Pass Road
Biloxi, Mississippi
Romeo's Seafoods

PEGGY LE BLANC
Navar Shrimp and Oyster Company
East Beach Boulevard
Biloxi

ELTON HAVERT
Fishing vessel Whippoorwill
(Home port, Pascagoula, Mississippi)

NICK NAVAR
Navar Shrimp and Oyster Company
East Beach Boulevard
Biloxi

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Biloxi, Mississippi

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East Beach
Biloxi, Mississippi

JOHN JURICH Seacoast Company East Beach Biloxi

Mrs. MIKE SEKUL
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GEORGETTE THOMPSON
Sea and Sea Company
Post Office Drawer DD
Biloxi

WILLIAM CRUSO, Sr. Cruso Canning Company 1800 East Third Biloxi

Weems Brothers Seafood Company 1124 East Bayview Street Biloxi MYRLENE SHEMPER
Shemper Seafoods
Crawford and East Bay
Biloxi, Mississippi

LARRY GOLLOTT
GOLLOTT Seafoods
1410 East Bayview
Biloxi

J. W. BOOKER
Hygiene Shell Company
West Bayview Avenue
Biloxi

R. SUAREZ Suarez Seafood Company West Bayview Biloxi

CHESTER DE LA CRUZ Southern Shell Company Box 162 West Bayview Road Biloxi

B. TATAVULL
Tatavull Shrimp and Oyster Corporation
West Bayview
Biloxi

JOHN SAYARD
Biloxi Canning and Packaging Company
West Bayview
Biloxi

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> LOIS GELAUNCEY 944 Main Street Biloxi

GELAUNCEY claims to know all the local shrimpboatmen, since her husband is a shrimpboatman.

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UNITED STATES GC ERNMENT

Memorandum

TO

SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

DATE: 4/16/68

FROM

SA JOHN L. PUDDISTER

SUBJECT:

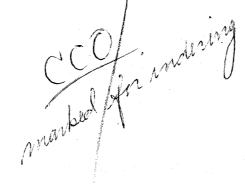
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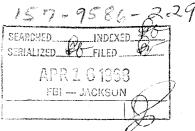
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In view of the above there is attached hereto four FD 302s and one report insert concerning JESSIE KIMBALL.

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Mrs. GRACE ROSCHELLE, 946 Myrtlewood Street, Jackson, Mississippi, telephonically advised as follows on this date:

She said her husband, RAYMOND ROSCHELLE, had stopped at a truck stop in Brookhaven, Mississippi, managed or operated by a Mrs. (first name unknown) MARTIN on the late evening of April 4, 1968. She said her husband overheard a conversation that one JESSIE KIMBELL, or KIMBALL, a white male from Brookhaven, Mississippi, had been having with some truck drivers at the truck stop. She said her husband told her that KIMBELL, or KIMBALL, who appeared to have been drinking, said he had just arrived from Memphis, and made some remarks about MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR's being shot there and about a blanket muffling the shot from the assassin. She said her husband continued that KIMBELL, or KIMBALL, related information that the gun used by the assassin had been purchased at a Sears, Roebuck and Company Store in Memphis, Tennessee, on Jefferson or Poplar Street. She said her husband overheard KIMBELL, or KIMBALL, to say he worked for a wholesale drugstore or pharmaceutical company in Brookhaven.

Mrs. ROSCHELLE said her husband told her that KIMBELL, or KIMBALL, was driving a late model white Chevrolet but her husband had been unable to obtain the license number. She said her husband did not want to be contacted by the FBI in this regard. She said the information she had provided from her husband could possibly have a bearing on the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Mrs. ROSCHELLE said she does not have a telephone at her residence but, if necessary, can be contacted at the home of a neighbor at telephone number 352-6010.

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Mrs. GRADY MARTIN, JR., Route 2, Bogue Chitto, Mississippi, was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent, who also advised her that she did not have to furnish any information, that any information she did furnish could be used in a court of law and that she could contact an attorney or anyone else at any time.

Mrs. MARTIN advised that she is the owner and operator of "The Chef" in Brookhaven, Mississippi, the only all-night truck stop from Jackson, Mississippi to the vicinity of New Orleans, Louisiana.

Mrs. MARTIN advised that she and one other girl worked the counter and tables at the cafe on the night of April 4, 1968. She advised the other waitress, worked only that one night and is a stranger to the Brookhaven, Mississippi area. She advised that during the night some four to six people (probably truck drivers) came into the place who stated they were in Memphis when Dr. KING was killed. She could not recall the names of any of them. She advised that at some time during the night a man did make a statement that the "blanket being used to muffle the sound of the rifle and the rifle being thrown into a store where they keep juke boxes."

Mrs. MARTIN could furnish no information regarding the identity of the party who made the above statement. She could not recall anything being said about where the rifle was purchased. She advised she does not know anything about a man by the name of JESSE KIMBALL who works: for a wholesale drug store or pharmadeutical company in Brookhaven, or anyone who

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drives a white late model Chevrolet who may have made such statements. She advised that with the new girl working for her, she was very busy and simply does not recall who was in the place during that night. She recalled that many discussed the assassination in some manner, but she could recall only the statement about the blanket being used to muffle the rifle.

Mrs. MARTIN advised that should she remember anything further about the conversation, or who was present, she would contact the FBI.

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	Mr.	. ERNEST LEVON WILSON, 115 Montana	

Mr. ERNEST LEVON WILSON, 115 Montana Avenue, McComb, Mississippi, on April 7, 1968 advised that he is a wholesale drug salesman for Meyer Brothers Drug Company, Jackson, Mississippi, traveling in eight counties of Southwest Mississippi.

Mr. WILSON who is known to SA REESIE L. TIMMONS, advised that he is certain there is no man by the name of KIMBLE (Phonetic) traveling in Southwest Mississippi as a drug salesman.

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Mr. ERNEST LEVON WILSON, 115 Montana Avenue, McComb, Mississippi, contacted the McComb Resident Agency of the FBI on April 9, 1968, and advised that he was contacted by a Mrs. MARTIN who operates "The Chef" in Brookhaven, Mississippi and advised that the "FBI" was by her home asking about him on April 7, 1968.

Mr. WILSON advised that from what Mrs. MARTIN told him, he feels certain he must be the party SA REESIE L. TIMMONS was seeking. He advised that he not only is a wholesale drug salesman, he drives a white 1967 Chevrolet, was in "The Chef" at midnight April 4, 1968, talking about the Rev. KING's assassination and was originally from Lincoln County.

Mr. WILSON advised that he sat at the counter with some six to eight unknown truck drivers and related a radio broadcast he had just heard on his way from Jackson, Mississippi to Brookhaven.

Mr. WILSON advised that the station broadcast an interview with a man in Memphis, Tennessee, who stated on the air that he saw a man throw a rifle and bag of some kind into his "amusement center" that must have been the rifle used in the assassination. He stated that the man stated on the air that he only saw the man's back and could not identify him. Mr. WILSON advised he did not make any statement about where the rifle was purchased or that if it was wrapped in a blanket. to muffle the sound, nor did he hear anyone else at the place make such a statement.

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Mr. WILSON advised that Mrs. MARTIN told him she did not tell the FBI of his presence as she has known him all her life and did not want to get him in trouble. Mr. WILSON advised that Mrs. MARTIN's husband is currently under heavy bond, having been arrested for selling drugs, and Mrs. MARTIN was apparently concerned that she might be in trouble of some kind.

Mr. WILSON advised he knows nothing further about the conversation.

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SA REESIN L. TIMMONS at the office of Chief of Police L. J. MC BRIDE, Brookhaven, Mississippi, on April 7, 1968, reviewed the license registrations for all standard size automobiles registered to Lincoln County, Mississippi, in an effort to locate one registered to JESSE KIMBALL or any name similar to KIMBALL, including KIMBLE, KIMBELL. Over six thousand two hundred registrations were reviewed with negative results.

Chief of Police L. J. MC BRIDE made telephone calls to several KIMBLE families in Lincoln County in an effort to determine if there is a JESSE KIMBLE residing in Lincoln County with negative results.

Chief MC BRIDE convassed members of the Brook-haven, Mississippi Police Department with negative results.

Lincoln County Sheriff COLEMAN LEA contacted all members of his staff with negative results. Sheriff LEA advised that he has resided in the Western section of Lincoln County where the KIMBLE families reside and has never known a JESSE KIMBLE.

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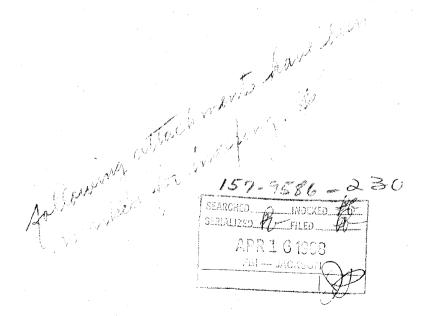
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Date April 15, 1968

FRED STRANGE, owner, Fred Strange Motor Company, Incorporated, 811 Varsity Drive, Tupelo, Mississippi, advised that his records reveal that JOHN MILBURN WILLARD, whose wife is CAROL was employed as a mechanic by the company between September 6, 1963, and March 5, 1964, and his local residence was 328 North Madison Street, Tupelo, Mississippi, and later 2929 Bogan Drive, Tupelo, Mississippi. STRANGE said his records reveal that WILLARD left employ of his company of his own volition allegedly to return to Sedalia, Missouri.

STRANGE said that his records indicate that WILLARD has had previous employment at Sowers Motors, Incorporated, Rollo, Missouri; Druitt Motor Company, Sedalia, Missouri, and Kinder Motors, Poplar Bluff, Missouri. He sated that at this time he believes JOHN MILBURN WILLARD is employed with his former service manager, J. W. SHEPHERD at a Volkswagen Company in Kansas City, Missouri.

Mr. STRANGE said that WILLARD was a satisfadory employee and to the best of his recollection he was a white male, according to records, was born is 5 feet 4 inches, weight approximately 110 pounds, black hair parts on the left side.

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Mrs. JOAN EDWARDS, Manager, Credit Bureau of Tupelo, Mississippi, stated that her files reveal that one JOHN M. WILLARD, 2929 Bogan Drive, Tupelo, Mississippi, was employed by Fred Strange Motor Company in January of 1964. The record indicates that WILLARD had previous employments at Sedalia, Missouri, and Rolla, Missouri, and the credit check at that time was being conducted for Universal CIT.

Mrs. EDWARDS advised that JOHN M. WILLARD had a satisfactory credit record in Tupelo, Mississippi, and that no inquiry has been made concerning him since January of 1964.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA THOMAS E. BURG at Hattiesburg, Mississippi:

On April 12, 1968, Mrs. NELL EATON, Clerk, Credit Bureau of Hattiesburg, Mississippi, advised that upon further and more thorough check of the files of her office she located the name JOHN D. WILLARD and his wife HARRIET with address of 1210 East Railroad Avenue, Gulfport, Mississippi. She stated these records reflect that JOHN D. WILLARD was employed as a salesman for Coast Home Improvement Company, no address.

Mrs. EATON stated the name of JOHN D. WILLARD and his wife was placed in the files of her office in either 1958 or 1960, and these records contained no credit information, as there was no credit check made. She stated that WILLARD is a white male, approximately 40 years of age at this time.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA JOHN S. CASTLES and SA DONALD H. GREENE at Baldwyn, Mississippi, on April 9, 1968.

The following individuals were contacted in an effort to identify a BAZILL GALT of Baldwyn, Mississippi, and all advised that they were not acquainted with any BAZILL GALT in Baldwyn, Mississippi, and have no knowledge that any GAULT has ever resided in Baldwyn, Mississippi:

ODUS MINK, Chief of Police, Baldwyn, Mississippi.

BERNARD H. COGGINS, Mayor, Baldwyn, Mississippi.

RALPH PENNINGTON, owner, Pennington Ford Company, Baldwyn, Mississippi (former Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol Officer).

HORACE E. CAVER, Insurance Agent, Baldwyn, Mississippi.

GRADY NANNEY, Supervisor, Light and Water Department, Baldwyn, Mississippi.

On April 10, 1968, MENDELL WACHMAN, Sheriff, Prentiss County, Beoneville, Mississippi, advised that the Sheriff's Department records reveal that BAZILL GALT registered a 1958 Ford in Prentiss County, Mississippi, in 1966, and upon registration indicated that he had obtained the car from GERALD MAC BRAYER of Baldwyn, Mississippi.

On April 10, 1968, GERALD MC BRAYER, 816 Clayton Street, Tupelo, Mississippi, employed by Sears Roebuck

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and Company, South Gloster Street, Tupelo, Mississippi, who formerly resided West of Baldwyn, Mississippi, advised that he is the individual that sold a 1958 Ford, eight cylinder, six passenger, two door Sedan to BASIL HOLT in 1966. Mr. MC BRAYER advised that BASIL HOLT is his father-in-law and that the 1958 Ford has now been junked. He stated that there is no BAZILL GALT in Baldwyn, Mississippi, to his knowledge.

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Enclosed for the Memphis Division are six inserts and one FD-302, fifteen copies of each, total 105 enclosures, concerning investigation in the Jackson Division to locate or identify ERIC STARVO GALT.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA STEPHEN B. KING on April 9, 1968, at Jackson, Mississippi:

Mrs. ESTHER SIMMS, Interviewer, Bureau of Vital Statistics, Jackson, Mississippi, provided the following information:

SIMMS advised that her records contained no individual identifiable with ERIC STARVO GALT, date of birth SIMMS further advised that her records contained several individuals with the last name of GAULT, but none with similar birthdate as GALT.

SIMMS could provide no further information.

The following investigation was conducted by SA STEPHEN B. KING on April 9, 1968, at Jackson, Mississippi:

Mrs. JANE B. WHITE, Deputy Circuit Clerk, provided the following information:

WHITE advised that she would be unable to confirm any marriage by ERIC STARVO GALT in the State of Mississippi, without a date or approximate date of same marriage.

WHITE further advised that her records from October, 1967, to date contained no record of any individual by the name of ERIC STARVO GALT as having been married in the State of Mississippi.

WHITE could provide no further information.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA STEPHEN B. KING on April 9, 1968, at Jackson, Mississippi:

Mrs. LYNN DEAN, Deputy Chancery Clerk, Hinds County, Jackson, Mississippi, provided the following information:

DEAN advised her files reveal no individual identifiable with ERIC STARVO GALT as having obtained a divorce in either Hinds County or the State of Mississippi.

DEAN could provide no further information.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA WILLIAM C. MEARNS:

On April 10, 1968, the following individuals disclaimed any knowledge of any individuals residing in Humphreys County named ERIC STARVO GUALT (GALT).

FRANK JANTZ, Mayor, Belzoni, Mississippi Sheriff JAMES L. HUFFSTICKLER, Humphreys County,

Belzoni, Mississippi

Chief of Police M. L. NICHOLS, Belzoni Police

Department, Belzoni, Mississippi

DAN JONES, Credit Bureau, Belzoni, Mississippi MICKEY PEDEN, Clerk, Citizens National Bank,

Belzoni, Mississippi

BRUCE DUNLAP, Manager, Guaranty Bank and Trust,

Belzoni, Mississippi

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ERIC STARVO GALT

On April 9, 1968, Mrs. MAE GRANGER, Clerk, Jackson Credit Bureau, Jackson, Mississippi, advised SA ROY F. RODMAN that she was unable to locate any credit record concerning ERIC STARVO GALT.

On April 9, 1968, Mr. JOHN W. WEISZ, Vice-President, Deposit Guaranty National Bank, Jackson, Mississippi, advised SA JOHN L. PUDDISTER that a search of the indices of that institution covering a five year period under both open and closed accounts for local and suburban branches in the State of Mississippi, failed to disclose any accounts under the name of ERIC STARVO GALT.

On April 9, 1968, Mr. ROBERT UPCHURCH, Chief Attorney, Veteran's Administration Regional Office, Jackson, Mississippi, advised SA JOHN L. PUDDISTER that a search of the records of the Veteran's Administration for the State of Mississippi, failed to locate any record under the name of ERIC STARVO GALT.

Mr. UPCHURCH advised that he would dispatch a TWX message to the National Office, Veteran's Administration, Washington, D. C., to determine if any record could be located under the name of ERIC STARVO GALT.

On April 13, 1968, Mr. ROBERT UPCHURCH, Supra, advised that an indices search at National Office, Veteran's Administration, Washington, D. C., for the name ERIC STARVO GALT was negative.

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The below-captioned individuals were telephonically contacted to determine if their files contained any information relative to ERIC STARVO GALT. The results of these contacts were negative:

DOROTHY WRIGHT, Manager, Credit Bureau of West Point, West Point, Mississippi;

JESSIE REYNOLDS, Manager, Credit Bureau of Starkville, Starkville, Mississippi;

Mrs. W. J. GILLESPIE, Manager, Credit Bureau of Aberdeen, Mississippi;

MARY HUCKAREE, Credit Bureau of Columbus, Columbus, Mississippi;

EARLINE LIVINGSTON, Merchant Credit Association, Louisville, Mississippi;

JAMES FOWLER, Identification Officer, West Point, Police Department, West Point, Mississippi;

VIRGIL MIDDLETON, Sheriff, Clay County, West Point, Mississippi;

H. H. WALTERS, Chief of Detectives, Columbus Police Department, Columbus, Mississippi;

RICHARD POPERNICK, Chief of Police, Louisville Police Department, Louisville, Mississippi;

LENA SCURRIA, City Clerk, Starkville, Mississippi;

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bv	SA LYNN P. SMITH: BWW/pdb	Date dictated 4/	′ 10/68

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DAN ADAMS, Chief of Police, Aberdeen Police Department, Aberdeen, Mississippi;

NOBLE CARRETT, Chief of Police, Amory Police Department, Amory, Mississippi.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA JOHN WILLIAM NEELLEY:

The following were contacted on April 9, and April 10, 1968, regarding information concerning ERIC STARVO GALT and ERIC STARVO GAULT, with no record being located:

Indianola, Mississippi, Police Department Bolivar County Sheriff's Office Humphreys County Sheriff's Office Sunflower County Sheriff's Office Washington County Sheriff's Office Greenville, Mississippi, Police Department Leland, Mississippi, Police Department Belzoni, Mississippi, Police Department Hollandale, Mississippi, Police Department Cleveland, Mississippi, Police Department Belzoni, Mississippi, Mayor's Office Merchants Credit Bureau, Greenville, Mississippi Indianola Credit Bureau, Indianola, Mississippi KGW Towing Company, Greenville, Mississippi Weathers Towing Company, Greenville, Mississippi Brent Towing Company, Greenville, Mississippi Wasson Towing Company, Greenville, Mississippi McCool-Shurden Towing Company, Greenville, Mississippi Commercial National Bank, Greenville, Mississippi First National Bank, Greenville, Mississippi Greenville Bank, Greenville, Mississippi Washington County Savings and Loan Association, Greenville, Mississippi

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Southern Bell Telephone directories covering Bolivar County, Sunflower County, Humphreys County, and Washington County areas and street directory for Greenville, Mississippi, were reviewed with negative results. SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

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The insert sets forth the details of the Balkimore teletype.

