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Date 4/17/68

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DELMA PIERCE was telephonically contacted from Dee Dell's Photo Studio in Walls, Mississippi, at which time PIERCE voluntarily advised the following information:

PIERCE advised that due to her employment at Dee Dell's Studio, she travels quite extensively and therefore does not have a permanent address in Walls, Mississippi but can always be contacted through the photo studio. She advised that when she is in Walls she will often stay at a motel in Memphis, Tennessee.

PIERCE advised that to the best of her knowledge, she remembers calling her sister in Muncie, Indiana, on either April 5 or 6, 1968. PIERCE stated that the first time she had called had been from Jackson, Mississippi, and that the second time she called from Memphis, Tennessee, on either the same day or the day after. PIERCE stated that during the conversation her sister had expressed a concern for PIERCE, being in Memphis during the riot, and this led to a discussion of the circumstances concerning Doctor MARTIN LUTHER KING's death.

PIERCE stated that she uses the name LABELLA when calling her sister in Indiana, due to the fact that she, PIERCE, has a former husband in Indiana, and she is attempting to conceal her activities from him. PIERCE stated that due to her marital difficulties, she uses the name LABELLA, and this is the only time that she ever uses this name. PIERCE stated that there is no such person as DENO or DEE LABELLA.

PIERCE stated that on the night of April 4, 1968, at about 6:00 PM, she was traveling in connection with their business with DEE ARAMIAS. PIERCE stated that at about

On 4/12/68 at Walls, Mississippi File # Jackson 157-9586

by SA WILLIAM P. LAWLER, JR. / mlt Date dictated 4/15/68

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6:00 PM on April 4, 1968, she and ARAMIAS had been in Biloxi, Mississippi, and recalled checking both herself and ARAMIAS into the Holiday Inn at Biloxi.

PIERCE advised that she is presently driving a 1968 Chevrolet, sea frost green in color, with a black vinyl top, and Tennessee license. PIERCE further stated that this is a company car, and that she does not own a personal car. PIERCE further advised that she also has access to a Buick Wildcat and a 1968 Chevy II.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

DATE: 4/18/68

FROM : SA JOHN L. PUDDISTER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On April 11, 1968, Inspector JOSEPH A. SULLIVAN telephonically advised that he did not desire that any negative type investigation, which eliminates local Jackson suspects, be sent to Memphis. He advised that negative type information should be indexed and filed at Jackson rather than be furnished to Memphis.

In view of the above, the attached inserts/302s, itemized below, have been marked for indexing and filing in the Jackson file:

BYRON DE LA BECKWITH, JR. (insert)
FERRALL L. MC CORMICK (memo)
MORDAUNT W. HAMILTON (memo)
A.G. MC PHAIL (302)
HENRY IVY (302)
LEON ELLIS (memo)
TOM NELSON DAVIS (xxxx)x 302
PAUL DEWEY WILSON (302)
STERLING LEWIS GILLIS (302)
MURPHY JOHN DUNCAN, JR.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA BRENT W. WARBERG:

On April 4, 1968, at approximately 8:00 PM,
BYRON DE LA BECKWITH, JR., South Meridian Street,
Aberdeen, Mississippi, telephone Number 369-4550, was
contacted by SA BRENT W. WARBERG and it was determined
that he had been at home all night and had been in
Aberdeen, Mississippi during that day.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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.

*NO by TT
verified McCormick
on oil rig 40 miles
in gulf.
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Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-714)

DATE: 4/5/68

FROM : Edgar C. Fortenberry, SA

SUBJECT: MORDAUNT W. HAMILTON
RM - KLAN

MORDAUNT W. HAMILTON

On 4/5/68, Charles S. Morgan, former Deputy Sheriff, Forrest County Sheriff's Office, who resides Petal, Miss., and who is well acquainted with Mordant W. Hamilton, advised SAs Edgar C. Fortenberry and J. L. Martin, that at approximately 5:40 PM or 5:45 PM on 4/4/68, he observed Hamilton traveling on Main Street, Petal, Miss. Mr. Morgan stated that Hamilton came from the direction of Hattiesburg, Miss., where Hamilton operates, Polk Hardware Co. 116 Market St., Hattiesburg.

Mr. Morgan stated he has known Hamilton for several years and has talked to him on several occasions, and there is not doubt that he saw Hamilton at the above location at the above time.

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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.

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SA WILLIAM W. PRICE, JR. WMP/wmp Date dictated 4-5-68

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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.

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TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-3307)

DATE: 4/5/68

FROM : SA SAMUEL N. JENNINGS

SUBJECT: JOE DANIEL HAWKINS
RM (KLAN)

VERIFICATION OF SUBJECT'S WHEREABOUTS ON 4/4/68

On 4/5/68 Mr. LEON ELLIS, Assistant Terminal Manager, Braswell Motor Freight Lines, Highway 80 East, Jackson, Miss., advised that JOE DANIEL HAWKINS worked on the loading dock at this company on April 4, 1968. He checked in on the time clock at 7:58 A.M., went to lunch from 11:55 A.M. to 12:48 P.M., and checked out at 5:06 P.M. In addition, HAWKINS is also working today, 4/5/68. He checked in to work at 8:04 A.M.

Mr. ELLIS advised he had observed no unusual activity in regard to HAWKINS during the past few days.

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Date April 10, 1968

TOM NELSON DAVIS, South Acres Drive, New Albany, Mississippi, was interviewed at the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol (MHSP) Substation, at New Albany, Mississippi. He voluntarily appeared for interview.

TOM NELSON DAVIS was warned of his rights by SA ROBIN O. COTTEN and waived them, but refused to sign the Warning and Waiver form. He advised that he fully understood his rights and did not desire to execute any waiver until he learned the nature of the purposed interview.

When questioned concerning his activities on April 4, 1968, TOM NELSON DAVIS advised that he was at his home on South Acres Drive, in New Albany, Mississippi, at approximately 4:00 P.M., when his cousin ROY HARDY, who resides on Highway 30 East, stopped by his house and offered him a drink of whiskey. DAVIS pointed out that he lived at this residence with his mother, and suggested that they drive to the Beacon Hill Drive-In, located west of New Albany. He stated that he drove his 1967 white Mustang, and was followed by his cousin, ROY HARDY, in HARDY's pickup truck. He stated they sat in the truck for a few minutes in front of a small cafe, and each had a drink of whiskey.

He estimated that he left the area of the Beacon Hill area between 4:30 and 5:00 P.M., alone, driving his white Mustang, and stated he was en route to Memphis. He explained that he had planned to meet friends, BETTY SMITH and BOBBY EARWOOD, at the Manhattan Club, Highway 51 South, located just north of Lil Abners Tavern in South Memphis.

On 4/8/68 at New Albany, Mississippi File # Jackson 157-9586

by SA JOHN DENNIS MILLER and
SA ROBIN O. COTTEN:ROC:bal Date dictated 4/9/68

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He recalled that he drove to Holly Springs, Mississippi, and stopped at a whiskey store, located on the north side of the square, where he purchased a pint of Old Charter whiskey. Thereafter, he stated that he drove on United States Highway 78 to a Savings Gas Station, located just north of Holly Springs, Mississippi, on the east side of the road, and stated he asked to see a friend, JUNIOR KIRKINDAL, who previously had allowed him to purchase gasoline on credit in the amount of \$3.00. He stated that he inquired concerning KIRKINDAL, and learned from a "redheaded boy" who was employed there, that KIRKINDAL was not working at that time. He advised that he paid this "redheaded boy" \$3.00, and in return was given his gasoline charge ticket.

He recalled that almost immediately, after he got back into his Mustang and turned on the radio, he heard a newscast concerning the shooting of Doctor MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., in Memphis. He stated that he continued listening to the newscast until he arrived at the Tennessee-Mississippi state line on United States Highway 78, where he stopped at a beer joint located on the east side of the highway, just a few feet south of the Tennessee state line, located in Mississippi. He advised he had been there on previous occasions and knows the owner only by sight, and stated he is certain the owner knows him as a customer, but not by name. He stated he talked with the owner, described only as a white male in his fifties, and stated they discussed the KING shooting. He advised he drank one beer and ate a hamburger. He estimated he stayed at this beer joint approximately 30 or 40 minutes and while having a hamburger, he stated he heard over the newscast at the beer joint that KING had died.

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He stated he could not recall the exact time, but stated it was after dark when he heard concerning KING's death.

Thereafter, he advised he drove to the Manhattan Club, located on Highway 51 South, for the purpose of meeting BETTY SMITH and BOBBY EARWOOD, and upon arriving at the Manhattan Club, stated he observed several police officers armed with shotguns guarding the area. He advised that at this time, the Manhattan Club was closed, and he then drove to "Lil Abners" Club nearby, where he met BETTY SMITH and BOBBY EARWOOD. He pointed out that EARWOOD, a white male, approximately 32, is employed at the "Lil Abners" club. He recalled they were closing the club on orders of the police at the time he arrived there, and estimated it was approximately 8:00 P.M., when he met his two friends.

He recalled that BOBBY EARWOOD owned and operated a red Chevrolet pickup truck, and was invited by EARWOOD to visit his apartment for a drink, since the club was closed. He stated he followed EARWOOD in his white Mustang to EARWOOD's apartment, located approximately two miles away. He stated he was not familiar with the address, and could not state the exact whereabouts of the location of the apartment.

He estimated that he stayed at this apartment with BETTY SMITH and BOBBY EARWOOD until at least 2:00 A.M., the following morning, after drinking a considerable amount, and drove back to New Albany, Mississippi, arriving there shortly after daylight on April 5, 1968.

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He advised that on this occasion he was wearing a dark business suit, dark tie, and white shirt.

He volunteered to accompany Agents along the same route, if necessary, in an effort to establish his whereabouts on this date as he claimed.

With reference to his whereabouts, during the latter part of march and the first day of April, 1968, he advised he could not specifically give the names of any persons who could account for his whereabouts other than his mother, since he advised he was in New Albany at this time, and definitely had not gone to the State of Alabama. He advised that perhaps neighbors could vouch for the fact that he was in New Albany. He stated he did not recall going to Memphis on this weekend.

He advised that he does not know a JOHN WILLIARD or a HARVEY LOWLEYER, and advised he has never used either of these names as an alias.

He advised that on the night of April 4, 1968, he did not at anytime go into the city area of Memphis, where the shooting took place.

The following description was obtained through observation and interview:

Name	TOM NELSON DAVIS
Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	41
Date of Birth	
Place of Birth	Union County, Mississippi

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Height	6 feet, 1 inch
Weight	194 pounds
Hair	Brown - crewcut (was not recent crewcut)
Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Medium
Address	South Acres Drive New Albany, Mississippi
Military Service	Claims service with United States Navy, 1944-1945, Honorable Discharge
Navy Serial Number	7223812
Social Security Number	<div></div>
Mississippi Driver's License Number	000603302
Education	High School
Characteristics	Droop of left eye (artificial eye)
Mother	LOLA MAE DAVIS South Acres Drive New Albany, Mississippi
Father	A. M. DAVIS (deceased)
Brother	WALTER DAVIS New Albany, Mississippi
Brother	RAY DAVIS New Albany, Mississippi
Sister	Mrs. J. P. LOMNICK Highway 30 East New Albany, Mississippi

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Sister	Mrs. ORLIS FARRIS Old Highway 15 South New Albany, Mississippi
Sister	Mrs. BILL ELLIOTT Alameda, California (address unknown)
Sister	Mrs. CHARLES MORRIS Frankfurt, Germany (in Military Service)
Occupation	Unemployed
Marital Status	Single
Arrests	Admits arrest Memphis, Tennessee, 1946, armed robbery and kidnaping - received 3 years. 1957, Caine County, Illinois, forgery and con game - received 1 to 3 years. 1965, Oxford, Mississippi, possession of non-tax paid whiskey - received 2 years
Description of vehicle	White Mustang, 1967 model 189, two-door, 8 cylinder, Vehicle Identification Number 7F01C162781; 1968 Mississippi License 73B-708; Car has blue interior; Purchased August, 1967, Tutor Ford Company, New Albany, Mississippi

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Mrs. PAUL DEWEY WILSON, wife of PAUL DEWEY WILSON, was contacted at her home in rural Jayess, Mississippi, in Lawrence County, Mississippi, by SA REESIE L. TIMMONS, who advised her of his identity and the nature of the inquiry.

Mrs. WILSON advised that her husband continues to work on a drilling rig in the Gulf of Mexico off the Louisiana coast. She advised that he went out to his job on Sunday, March 31, 1968, and would not return until Sunday night, April 7, 1968. She advised that she is certain that her husband is still out in the Gulf of Mexico as he drove some three other men to their job in his red Mustang the past Sunday. She advised that when he goes out in the Gulf of Mexico, he cannot get back to land unless there is an extreme emergency until his seven days are up.

On 4/5/68 at Jayess, Mississippi File # Jackson 157-9586
Jackson 157-2094
by SA REESIE L. TIMMONS/pac Date dictated 4/8/68

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STERLING LEWIS GILLIS, Park Drive, McComb, Mississippi, who is known to SA REESIE L. TIMMONS, was contacted by telephone at his residence at 8:40 p.m., April 4, 1968. Mr. GILLIS was sleeping at that time according to his wife.

Mr. GILLIS advised that he was not aware of the assassination of Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING, that he had been at his home with his family all afternoon and evening and that no one would know of his whereabouts other than his wife and immediate family.

Mr. GILLIS advised that he has not been in the Memphis, Tennessee area in years and could furnish no information regarding the assassination of Reverend KING.

On 4/4/68 at McComb, Mississippi File # Jackson 157-9586
Jackson 157-2400
by SA REESIE L. TIMMONS/pac Date dictated 4/8/68

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MURPHY JOHN DUNCAN, JR., contacted at his rural Ruth, Mississippi residence in Pike County, Mississippi, by telephone, was advised by SA REESIE L. TIMMONS, who is well known to DUNCAN, of the nature of the inquiry.

Mr. DUNCAN advised that he was expecting some kind of contact by the FBI, that he has been at his residence all afternoon and evening with members of his immediate family.

DUNCAN who was contacted at 8:43 p.m., advised that he could furnish no information regarding the assassination of Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING. DUNCAN advised that he worked for the county supervisor until approximately 4:00 p.m., drove to his residence after work, and had not been out of his house since arriving home from work.

On 4/4/68 at Ruth, Mississippi File # Jackson 157-2399
by SA REESIE L. TIMMONS/pac Date dictated 4/8/68

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Bureau tel, 4/16/68.

RE: DRIVER'S LICENSE CHECK, STATE OF MISSISSIPPI.

The Bureau has previously been advised that no driver's license could be located for subject under names of ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMEYER or LOWMYER, or JOHN WILLARD or variations of these names.

JOHN PITTS, Computer Department, MHSP, Driver's License Bureau, advised 4/17/68, they have checked the complete files for the State of Miss., under the birthdate of [] and out of 1,200,000 records checked through their IBM machines, 30 individuals, all white males with birthdate [], were selected by the computer.

Jackson Office is presently conducting appropriate investigation regarding the 30 individuals for any pertinent information connected with this case. The Bureau, Office of Origin, and Atlanta will be advised of the results.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND SACS, MEMPHIS (44-1987),
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FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775) 3-P

MURKIN.

RE TELEPHONE CALL SAC ROY MOORE, JACKSON, TO ST. LOUIS,
APRIL FIFTEEN LAST, REQUESTING XEROX COPIES OF SERVICE RECORD
OF AARON ISAAC LOFTON BE SENT BUREAU, MEMPHIS, ATLANTA, AND
JACKSON.

RE: DANCE SCHOOL PROJECT, SUSPECT AARON ISAAC LOFTON.
COPIES OF LOFTON SERVICE RECORD FORWARDED AMSE THIS DATE.
JACKSON REQUEST ANY EXAMINATION DESIRED AND SET FORTH ANY
LEADS NOT SET FORTH HEREIN.

REVIEW OF SERVICE RECORD FOR LOFTON THIS DATE REVEALED
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SUMMIT (PIKE), MISS., HOME OF PARENTS, AARON ALTON AND AGNES
NUNNERY LOFTON. BROTHER AND COUSIN MENTIONED, NO NAMES GIVEN.
LAST ADDRESS ELEVEN SIXTYFOUR OGILVIE N.E., ATLANTA,
DECEMBER, FIFTYNINE.

BORN [REDACTED]

BROOKHAVEN, MISS.

DESCRIPTION: WHITE MALE, FIVE ELEVEN, ONE HUNDRED FORTY-
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BALTIMORE, REVIEW MILITARY INTELLIGENCE FILE RE LOFTON.

ATLANIA, ATTEMPT TO LOCATE LOFTON AT LAST ADDRESS AND DETERMINE
ANT CONNECTION THIS CASE.

JACKSON, DETERMINE LOFTON WHEREABOUTS. ADVISE BUREAU NATURE
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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND SACS, MEMPHIS (44-1987),
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DATE: 4/18/68

FROM SA JAMES O. INGRAM

SUBJECT: MURKIN
(OO: MEMPHIS)

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GALT listed on Alabama driver's license he was born [redacted] city and state not listed (this has not been verified.) Bureau has pointed out that Selective Service inquires had been made regarding the three names known to have been used by suspect GALT, LOYMEYER, and WILLARD, however, there remains a number of years in subject's background not accounted for. In normal procedures, subject would have been required to register, if such was done, on or about July 20, 1949, or at least within a two-week period thereafter.

The local Selective Service boards should be contacted for a review of registrants in the pertinent period. The possibility exists some data may be developed re familiar names or some other items that may lead to establishing the identity of the subject in this case. Each Agent assigned a county should contact local boards and review appropriate records.

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Remarks: IN THE EVENT MATERIAL CONTAINED IN THIS REPORT IS USED IN A REPORT BEING PREPARED FOR DISSEMINATION, IT SHOULD BE CAREFULLY PARAPHRASED IN ORDER TO ADEQUATELY PROTECT THE IDENTITY OF THIS INFORMANT.

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MATTHEWS continued that it is his information that the FBI has a palm print taken as evidence after the bombing, but that it could not be one of those involved as they were gloves. MATTHEWS said that there were four people in on this bombing, at the scene, J. L. HARPER, JOE DANIEL HAWKINS and two others whom he refused to name. MATTHEWS volunteered that one MIKE BROWN of Plain told him that a Grand Juror had told BROWN what transpired at the Grand Jury proceeding, and that the GJ heard testimony that SAM BOWERS, BURRIS DUNN, JR., HARRY KELLEY and J. L. HARPER were the individuals who did the actual bombing in this case.

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MATTHEWS stated he had nothing to do with the BLACKWELL bombing, but that he was guilty of conspiracy in the bombing of the Synagogue, Rabbi NUSSBAUM's residence, and the home of ROBERT KOTCHITSKY, recently in Jackson, Mississippi.

MATTHEWS reported to source that HARRY KELLEY and he had gone to Laurel, Mississippi on 4-16-68 to discuss their arrests with SAM BOWERS. They also visited BURRIS DUNN'S wife father and mother, city not recalled, obviously attempting to locate KATHERYN DUNN and ROBERT WILSON. MATTHEWS said that if the FBI did not or does not have paid informers, the group cannot be convicted for this bombing. MATTHEWS said eventually the FBI will get him on the above three bombings, but claimed that he was either in Los Angeles or Louisiana at the time of one of the bombings. Source pointed out that MATTHEWS made the trip to Los Angeles as Governor of the NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION.

L. E. MATTHEWS, JR.:

-- MATTHEWS advised that he has lost his contract with Deposit Guaranty Bank in Jackson, with Drake Electric getting it.

MATTHEWS was in Crystal Springs Sunday night 4-14-68. From something he said it was indicated he had probably spoken to a group, told them that if they weren't going to do anything, then it was time for them to get out of the organization. He was observed to have called ELAINE SMITH on several occasions, wanted to spend the night with her, but apparently was refused. MATTHEWS was gone for about two hours at one time, but his whereabouts were unknown. He was questioned as to whether he was with JOE BERTCH, but he answered negatively.

MATTHEWS was questioned as to whether BYRON DE LA BECKWITH had anything to do with the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING, and he said "no, why don't you ask de la (BECKWITH)"

MATTHEWS showed how he mounts a regular alarm clock on a board, the clock to a mercury switch which turns over when it reaches the appointed place on the alarm, making connection between the switch, a 6 volt or cell battery, which has electrical caps connected thereto. He used in place of the caps for demonstration purposes a small light bulb.

Source checked the carbine of L. E. MATTHEWS and determined that it does not have an M-2 conversion kit on it. He is again hauling it around in the back seat of his car, has a pistol in his pocket most of the time, and another on his car seat.

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APWR, HINDS COUNTY, MEETING, 4-16-68:

This meeting was held at the Red Hill Baptist Church near Byram, Miss. with the President ROY CAMPBELL in charge. ELMORE GREAVES spoke on the differences between white and Negro people. Mrs. CAMPBELL, Dr. and Mrs. A. E. COPELAND, HARRY KELLEY, L. E. MATTHEWS, JR., ELAINE SMITH, PAT & NELL THOMAS, BURRIS DUNN, JR., DANNY HAWKINS & WIFE, BENNIE WALDRUP & WIFE, BUS BOBBITT, ANN BARBER, CATHY AINSWORTH, JESSIE MC RIGHT & wife. There were a number of others present that source did not know, but it was one of the largest meetings held to date, that source has attended.

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