

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.

HARROLSON stated that sacks in which merchandise is placed do not carry the name of his drugstore. He stated that the only other labels used by his drugstore are the labels which are put on prescriptions and that these carry the name G and 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 that his drugstore is the only Liggett Rexall Drugs in the state of Mississippi; however, other Liggett Rexall 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.

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

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ROBERT A. MC PHERSON, Mississippi Wholesale Hardware, Columbus, Mississippi, stated that he knew of no Compag or Rompage Hardware in or around the area of Columbus, Mississippi. He stated that 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.

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The following investigation was conducted at Columbus, Mississippi, on April 11, 1968, by SA BRENT W. WARBERG:

TOMMY HARROLSON, owner and manager, G&H Leggitt Rexall Drugs, Columbus, Mississippi, stated that gummed stickers used to mark merchandise in his store are marked with a black marking pencil. He stated that no code numbers are used on these stickers. HARROLSON continued that the Leggitt Rexall Drug Company does have several company owned stores and it is possible that the code used on the gummed labels in company stores may be standarized by the company. He continued that these codes generally give the wholesale price of the article and the date the article is marked. He stated the two outlets for Leggitt Drugs are at their main headquarters in Stanford, Connecticut, and at their southern warehouse in Jacksonville, Florida.

HARROLSON was shown photographs which displayed a tube of Head and Shoulders Shampoo, and an aerosol can of Palmolive Rapid Shave, and stated that according to the gummed labels these articles did not come from his store.

A composite photograph of the unknown subject was shown to HARROLSON and to the other employee of the drug store, SONNY SMITH. Both stated this person was unfamiliar to them.

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On April 8, 1968, Mr. HILLIS MC LEMORE, Manager, Graham Paper Company, 750 Ricks, Jackson, Mississippi, advised SA PAUL R. ALKER that the name "Homestead" is the trade name for paper bags distributed by Graham Paper Company. He stated the bag could have been manufactured in a number of mills which manufacture bags for Graham under the trade name and that possibly the point of manufacture could be identified by examination of the bag itself at St. Louis. He stated that they might be able to recognize the die used to imprint the trade name, as there would probably be some slight difference at each of the mills.

He stated that 90 percent of the business in the State of Mississippi is sales to jobbers, who in turn sell to individual stores or retailers. He stated his territory covers central Mississippi, but that he does go up as far as Greenville and Indianola on the west side of the state, but drops down to Macon on the east of the state. Mr. MC LEMORE stated that the Memphis distributor, CHRIS REHKOPF, covers northern Mississippi and that the New Orleans Office covers southern Mississippi. He stated that if given the size of the bag each distributor could tell to which jobbers he had sold bags of that size within the past three months. He stated it would then be necessary to find out from the jobbers to whom they had sold bags.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA WILLIAM C. MEARNs, at Belzoni, Mississippi:

On April 6, 1968, Mayor HANK GANTZ, Belzoni, Mississippi, was advised concerning the description of the subject. He stated he knows of nobody in Humphreys County who meets the description who he believes would be involved in the assassination. GANTZ advised that Liggett - Rexall is a chain of drugstores owned by the Rexall Drugs. He stated that there used to be two Liggett - Rexall Stores on the Main Street in Memphis, Tennessee. He advised that there may be some Liggett - Rexall's in Birmingham, Alabama.

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SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

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Enclosed for Memphis are 15 copies of an FD 302 interview with JOHN HUBEART WILLARD, wherein WILLARD was interviewed on 4/5/68. This is a revised FD 302 in that in the second paragraph on page 1, line 2 the date April 5 has been changed to read April 4, 1968.

Memphis destroy previous 15 copies furnished.

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Date 4/8/68

JOHN HUBEART WILLARD, after being advised of the nature of the inquiry and the identity of the interviewing agents, was given a form entitled "Your Rights" and after reading the form and signing the "Waiver of Rights" section of the form, furnished the following information concerning his activities. On April 4, 1968, he stated that he arrived at his place of employment, the Day Brite Lighting, Incorporated, plant located at South Green and Day Brite Drive, Tupelo, Mississippi, shortly before 7:00 A.M. He said that he was at the plant all the day long and punched out several minutes after 3:30 P.M. on April 4, 1968. He related after leaving the plant he and BILLY GLENN DOWDY went to the Union Hall located on North Spring Street, Tupelo, Mississippi, and attended a union meeting of local 1028, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. This union meeting lasted until shortly before 5:00 P.M., after which time he and DOWDY got into his 1968 Ford pickup Deluxe, yellow and white, having no license plate, and drove to the home of DOWDY located on Warren Street, Pontotoc, Mississippi, where he let DOWDY out of the truck and then he proceeded to his home located west of Pontotoc, Mississippi, on Highway 6, approximately five miles.

WILLARD stated that when he arrived at his home around 5:30 P.M. on April 4, 1968, his wife, BARBARA NELL, and their son, RANDY JOE, were already at home. He said he did not leave his home after arriving home and retired for the evening around 8:30 P.M. He stated that prior to his evening meal, he started mowing the lawn.

WILLARD stated he did not go to Memphis on April 4, 1968, and has not been to Memphis in approximately a month, at which time he had visited a brother who resides in Southaven, Mississippi. WILLARD further stated that he has no knowledge of the individual or individuals responsible for the shooting of Dr. KING, stating that the only information he has is what he

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by SA JOHN S. CASTLES
SA FRANCIS G. HONAN/JSC:bls Date dictated 4/5/68

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learned while viewing television.

The following description of WILLARD was obtained through interview and observation:

Name:	JOHN HUBEART WILLARD
Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Date of Birth:	
Place of Birth:	Pontotoc County, Mississippi
Height:	5 feet 11 inches
Weight:	160
Eyes:	Blue
Hair:	Brown - normally wears crew cut but now hair growing out
Education:	9th grade, Hurricane School, Pontotoc County, Mississippi
Military Service:	None
Selective Service Board:	Pontotoc County, Pontotoc, Mississippi
Marital Status:	Married
Wife:	BARBARA NELL WILLARD, nee DAY, Route 5, Pontotoc, Mississippi, employed Credit Bureau, Oxford, Mississippi
Children:	One, son RANDY JOE WILLARD, 4th grade student, Thaxton School, Pontotoc County, Mississippi
Parents:	Mr. and Mrs. ENIS D. WILLARD, Hurricane Community, Pontotoc County, Mississippi, mailing address Route 1, Thaxton, Mississippi
Brothers:	KENNETH D. WILLARD, 28

Dudley Street,
Southaven, Mississippi,
employed Mengle Box
Company, Memphis,
Tennessee

~~SHIRLEY QUAY WILLARD, 22~~
~~Pontotoc, Mississippi,~~
employed Brookwood

Manufacturing Company,
Pontotoc, Mississippi

LINDER WILLARD, 36,
Route 1, Thaxton,
Mississippi

Sisters:

Mrs. W. K. (BILLY JOYCE) WILLIAMS
street address unknown,
Southaven, Mississippi

Mrs. PETE (JUNE) BLACK,
street address unknown,
Southaven, Mississippi

Mrs. KENNETH (FRANCES) FRANKLIN,
street address unknown,
Southaven, Mississippi

Mrs. GARDNER (JEAN) BULLINGTON,
street address unknown,
Southaven, Mississippi

Admitted arrests:

1958 - offense occurred
Pontotoc County, Mississippi,
but arrested in Memphis,
Tennessee, three years
probation; 1966 - public
drunk, Pontotoc, Mississippi;
several traffic violations

Previous residences:

Pontotoc County, Mississippi,
except a period of residence,
1958, at 1850 Jefferson
Street, Memphis, Tennessee

Social Security Number:

Occupation:

Assemblyman, Day Brite
Lighting, Incorporated,
Tupelo, Mississippi, five
years

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Vehicles:

1968 Ford pickup
Deluxe, yellow and
white, no license
plates, owned approximately
two weeks; white 1968
model Volkswagen used by
wife for transportation
to Oxford

WILLARD voluntarily consented to be photographed
and photographs obtained.

JOHN WILLARD stated he knows of no other person
named JOHN WILLARD and he knows of no reason why anyone
might use his name. He stated he owns a Remington Semi-
Automatic .22 caliber rifle and a very old .410 shotgun.

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Enclosed for Memphis are nine FD-302's,
15 copies of each, and two report inserts, 15
copies of each, total of 165 enclosures.

The enclosed material concerns investigation
to identify laundry tag marker in the State of
Mississippi.

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Date April 10, 1968

RAYMOND L. WILSON, Supervisor of Maintenance,
Ellisville State School, made available sample markings
of the state school laundry marking machines described
below:

Thermo - Seal
Identification Machine
Textile Marking Machine Company, Inc.
Syracuse, New York
Model Number H5K2
Serial Number 31214

Thermo - Seal
Identification Machine
Textile Marking Machine Company, Inc.
Syracuse, New York
Model Number H5K2
Serial Number 31215

According to Mr. WILSON, these marking
machines are used only to mark employees' laundry.
Usually, the employee's name or initials and numbers
are used in the markings.

Mr. WILSON pointed out that the red samples
were made on machine with serial number 31214; and he
stated that metal staples were never used in these marking
tags to his knowledge.

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SA BERNARD C. LANG/bkh

4/10/68

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M. D. HOOD was contacted at his place of employment, Hood Laundry. He was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent. He furnished the following information:

HOOD stated that he purchased the Amory Steam Laundry during the first part of 1964 from FLOYD AGNEW. He stated that he sold the laundry in May, 1964, to W. J. DUNCAN. HOOD continued that during the time he operated the laundry, he knew of no marking machine utilized by the laundry other than the national marking machines that are presently at that laundry. He stated if there was a Thermo-seal machine in use prior to his owning the laundry, Mr. AGNEW would have this information. He stated he did not know AGNEW's location, except that he lived in Mobile, Alabama; however, AGNEW's son-in-law, C. H. HESTER, would know AGNEW's address.

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W. J. DUNCAN was contacted at his place of employment, Duncan Steam Laundry. He was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent. He furnished the following information:

DUNCAN stated he is the owner-manager of the Duncan Steam Laundry. He stated he purchased this laundry from M. D. HOOD in May, 1964, and took over operation on May 4, 1964. He stated the laundry was originally known as the Amory Steam Laundry.

DUNCAN stated that he has two marking machines, which he uses to mark laundry. He stated that both of these machines are national marking machines which are manufactured by the National Marking Machine Company, Cincinnati, Ohio. The serial numbers of these machines are 1158-C and 1155-C.

DUNCAN continued that when he took over operation of the laundry, there were also three other marking machines; however, these machines were obsolete and broken down. He stated two of them were national marking machines and the other was a perfection marker which was manufactured in Denver, Colorado. He stated that the machines now in operation were there when he took operation of the laundry and to his knowledge, had been in use at the laundry for several years prior to his taking over control.

DUNCAN stated that his marking machines do not use tape. He marks laundry right on the garment. The ink utilized is indelible black ink. He stated the only code he uses has the initials of the persons or the owner of the laundry, and a dash and a number designation, which is utilized for deliveries by his laundry in the surrounding area. This number designation goes from one to five; the number one being deliveries in Amory, Mississippi, and orders ~~which are brought into the laundry and picked up at the laundry.~~

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Numbers two through five are route numbers, the routes of which are designated by the laundry. He stated that he knew nothing concerning a Thermoseal machine but the previous owner, M. D. HOOD, may know if a Thermoseal machine was utilized by the laundry.

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C. H. HESTER, 801-12th Avenue North, was contacted at his place of employment, the Mississippi National Guard, Amory, Mississippi. He was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and he furnished the following information:

HESTER stated that his father-in-law, FLOYD AGNEW, is currently the manager at the Ramada Inn in Mobile, Alabama. He stated his father-in-law's address is 2212 St. Teresa, Mobile, Alabama.

HESTER stated he does not know very much about his father-in-law's operation of the Amory Steam Laundry, but he does recall that when laundry was marked, it was marked in indelible ink on the garment and the marking had the initials of the garment owner, then a single numeral designation which was utilized for route delivery in and around the Amory, Mississippi, area. He stated he did not know what brand of machinery is father-in-law utilized at the laundry.

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~~R. B. TULLOS~~, manager, Mississippi State Laundry, Mississippi State University, State College, Mississippi, telephonically furnished the following information:

He said he was mistaken regarding the Thermo-Seal machine bearing Serial Number 31214 and Serial Number 31215 having been given to the University of Mississippi at Oxford, Mississippi two or three years ago.

He said a complete check of the records of the Mississippi State Laundry discloses that the two marking machines referred to above were turned over to the Ellisville State School, Ellisville, Mississippi in August, 1965, by the authorities at the Mississippi State Laundry, State College, Mississippi.

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Mr. R. B. TULLOS, Manager, Laundry, Mississippi State University, State College, Mississippi, furnished the following information:

He said that the Mississippi State University Laundry had two Thermo Seal machines which he utilized in marking khaki clothing three or four years ago. He stated that he does not know the serial number of these machines but that to the best of his recollection, he believes that he transferred these two Thermo Seal machines two or three years ago to the laundry at the University of Mississippi, Oxford, Mississippi. He knows for positive that he has not used the Thermo Seal machines for at least three years. The only marking machine that he currently has in the plant is a Tag-O-Lectric which is manufactured by the Textile Marking Machine Company of Syracuse, New York. This machine bears Serial #23730.

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Mr. CHALMERS LANE, Director, Ellisville State School, advised that ~~there is no one~~ employed at the school by the following names:

JOHN WILLARD,
HARVEY LOWMEYER,
HARVEY LOWMYER,
ERIC S. GALT.

Mr. LANE further advised that the only male employee who was off work in late March and early April was ~~RICHARD DUHON~~. DUHON did not work the following days due to normal days off and reported illness: March 27,28,29, 1968, and April 3,4,5, 1968.

Mr. LANE stated that according to his employment records DUHON who has been employed for approximately two months is described as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	39
Height	Five feet eight inches
Build	Medium
Hair	Dark brown and wavy
Characteristics	Slight French appearance
Address	Moselle, Mississippi
Employment	Attendant, Men's Dormitory, Ellisville State School.

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THOMAS N. BEARD, JR., Officer Manager, Long's Laundry and Cleaners, 130 East Main Street, Tupelo, Mississippi, after being advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and the nature of the inquiry, advised that his organization has two Thermal-seal marking machines manufactured by Textile Marking Machine Company, Syracuse, New York. Mr. BEARD stated that these marking machines are used only on laundry and are not used on dry-cleaning.

Mr. BEARD stated that the code "02B6" or "D2B6" are not codes used by his company. Mr. BEARD made available two samples of marking tapes, one sample being a striped white and blue tape with the number 66B 1 and a pink tag tape with number 67 B 1 on it. Mr. BEARD stated that the first numerals appearing before the letter are numbered 1 to 100 which denotes the lot number. He stated the letter B would be the first hundred tickets in the lot number, and after 100, would appear a double letter; for example, BB. Mr. BEARD stated the last number, #1, would be the ticket number in the lot. Mr. BEARD stated that his above two colors are the only two colors used by his laundry, and that they do not use a red-colored marking tape.

Mr. BEARD could offer no information concerning the identity of the laundry using the code 02B 6 or D2B 6. He stated that each individual laundry uses their own code.

Mr. BEARD stated that inasmuch as his company was in the process of running full production on laundry,

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he could not change his machines to stamp out a code number 02B 6 inasmuch as he would have to run his machine completely through its series and then start over, and this would be impractical to do at the present time.

Mr. BEARD further advised that his company does not keep permanent records concerning customers; however, stated that the following names were not familiar to him:

JOHN WILLARD;
HARVEY LOWMEYER;
HARVEY LOWMYER or ERIC STARVAL GALT

Mr. BEARD stated that the above machines, which bears serial numbers 11803 and 11804, are the only textile marking machine company machines used by his company in Tupelo, Mississippi. He further stated that he knows of no other laundries in Tupelo, Mississippi, that use this marking machine.

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M. E. TOOTLE, Manager, base laundry, Keesler Air Force Base, advised that his business employs four Thermo-Seal machines manufactured by Textile Marking Machines Company, Syracuse, New York.

Mr. TOOTLE advised that to the best of his knowledge, his is the only laundry on the Gulf Coast which utilizes the Thermo-Seal marking machines. He advised that the machine is supplied with tapes which come in eleven various colors, including the color red and he stated his employees merely rotate the color and that therefore, colors have no significance per se.

He further stated that the marking system which he devised for himself, reflects the lot number, employees initials, and bundle number. Mr. TOOTLE advised that his company did not use either of the following codings:

O2B-6 or D2B-6.

Mr. TOOTLE made available the following samples from his Thermo-Seal machines as indicated below for submission to the FBI Laboratory for analysis and comparison:

<u>Number of Tape</u>	<u>Code Number</u>	<u>Serial Number of machines</u>
5	O2B-6	33746
5	D2B-6	33746
5	D2B-6	33891

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<u>Number of Tape</u>	<u>Code Number</u>	<u>Serial Number of machines</u>
5	D2B-6	33743
5	O2B-6	33891
4	D2B-6	33742
4	O2B-6	33743
5	O2B-6	33742

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The following investigation was conducted at Amory, Mississippi, on April 12, 1968, by SA BRENT W. WARBERG:

ROBERT P. HOOD, co-owner, Hood Brothers Laundry, advised that when he and his brother, M. D. HOOD, purchased the Amory Steam Laundry from FLOYD AGNEW there was an inventory on all laundry equipment made. He stated the original copy of this inventory is maintained with the Bank of Amory, Amory, Mississippi.

HOOD continued that when they originally purchased the laundry there was an abandoned building located in back of the laundry building. This building was filled with old clothing which AGNEW had used for rental clothing, and was also filled with dilapidated machinery. He stated the clothing was sold and the machinery was taken to a dump and disposed of. He stated that if the Amory Steam Laundry had a Thermo-Seal marking machine and it was not listed with the inventory, then this machine was dumped with the dilapidated machinery.

HOOD also stated that the only marking machine which they brought to their present location from the Amory Steam Laundry was a National marking machine which bears Serial Number 1736X10. He stated that at no time does he recall that the Amory Steam Laundry had a Thermo-Seal marking machine.

JOHN B. WRIGHT, Vice President and Cashier, Bank of Amory, made available the original copy of the inventory which was made when ROBERT P. HOOD and M. D. HOOD purchased the Amory Steam Laundry from FLOYD AGNEW. A review of this inventory failed to reflect the purchase of a Thermo-Seal marking machine.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA EDGAR L. O'NEILL, JR:

AT PASCAGOULA AND MOSS POINT, MISSISSIPPI

On April 11, 1968, the following individuals were contacted. All persons contacted at the following laundry and dry cleaning establishments stated they did not use a Thermo-Seal laundry marking machine, and know of no such machines in this area. These contacts represent all dry cleaning and laundry establishments in the Pascagoula-Moss Point area. Persons contacted also stated that the names of JOHN WILLARD and ERIC STARVO GALT are unknown to them:

1. MILTON PETERZELL, owner,
Peterzell's Laundry,
909 11th Street,
Pascagoula, Mississippi

He stated he is familiar with Thermo-Seal equipment, but he uses a staple gun to attach laundry markers. The laundry mark numbers of 02B-6 or D2B-6 are unfamiliar. He advised that Thermo-Seal is expensive equipment and would only be used by larger laundry plants in larger cities such as Mobile, Alabama, and New Orleans, Louisiana.

2. LLOYD GRADY, owner,
Ideal Dry Cleaners,
657 Polk Street,
Pascagoula, Mississippi

Names and laundry numbers unfamiliar. Doesn't use Thermo-Seal equipment.

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3. ED BRANDENBURG
Drive-In Cleaners, Inc.,
903 Kenneth Avenue,
Pascagoula, Mississippi

Does not use Thermo-Seal. Names and numbers unfamiliar.

4. Mrs. ALICE TREHERN
Joe's Dry Cleaning Service,
212 South Canty,
Pascagoula, Mississippi

Doesn't use Thermo-Seal. Names and numbers unfamiliar.

5. JACK SINGLEY, owner,
One Hour Martinizing,
1019 Denny Avenue,
Pascagoula, Mississippi

Does not launder any underwear. Does not use Thermo-Seal equipment and names and numbers unfamiliar.

6. GEORGE GILMORE, owner,
Port City Cleaners & Laundry,
Old Mobile Highway,
Pascagoula, Mississippi

No Thermo-Seal. Names and numbers unfamiliar.

7. BAYLOUS STOKES,
Stokes Cleaners,
915 East Ingalls Avenue,
Pascagoula, Mississippi

No Thermo-Seal. Names and numbers unfamiliar.

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8. ~~Mrs. E. D. WRIGHT~~
~~Wright's Dry Cleaners,~~
821-A Market,
Pascagoula, Mississippi

No Thermo-Seal. Names and numbers unfamiliar.
Doesn't launder underwear.

9. ~~J. F. BAXTER,~~
~~Baxter's Cleaners,~~
133 McInnis Avenue,
Moss Point, Mississippi

No Thermo-Seal. Doesn't do laundry.

10. ~~OLLIE DAVIS,~~
~~Brooks Cleaners,~~
1424 Main Street,
Moss Point, Mississippi

No Thermo-Seal. Uses a marker pen. Names and numbers not familiar.

11. ~~Mrs. H. M. CAMPBELL,~~
~~Campbell's Cleaners,~~
1516 Main Street,
Moss Point, Mississippi

No Thermo-Seal. No laundry except shirts. Names and numbers unfamiliar.

12. ~~Mrs. VIOLA FINCH~~
~~City Cleaners & Laundry,~~
806 Main Street,
Moss Point, Mississippi

No Thermo-Seal, uses an ink pen. Names and numbers unfamiliar.

13. ~~SHELLEY TEAGUE,~~
Community Cleaners,
1414 Frederic,
Moss Point, Mississippi

No Thermo-Seal, uses staples to attach Ace Clipper laundry tags. Names and numbers unfamiliar.

14. ~~CAROL SMITH,~~
Dutch Bayou Cleaners,
Escatawpa, Mississippi

No Thermo-Seal, uses ink pen. Names and numbers unfamiliar.

15. ~~ARTHUR ROBERTS,~~
Star Cleaners,
Jackson Park,
Moss Point, Mississippi

No Thermo-Seal, uses an indelible marker pencil and white laundry tags. Names and numbers unfamiliar.

He also advised that Mary's Laundry and Cleaners, Kreole, Mississippi, is now closed and is now a pick-up station for Community Cleaners. They do not using marking equipment now and never used Thermo-Seal equipment. They also used an indelible ink pencil.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
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Re Oklahoma City teletype to Bureau and Jackson,
dated 4/14/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau is an investigative
insert and three FD 302's. The investigative insert sets
forth in detail the contents of referenced communication
concerning information furnished by Reverend STEVE HAMMONDS,
Oklahoma City. The FD 302 interviews of DAVID MARLON BREWER,
OSCAR MAYNARD WORD and JACK C. PETERS, all of Jackson,
eliminate OSCAR MAYNARD WORD as a possible suspect in
captioned matter.

There are fifteen (15) copies of each enclosure,
identified above, for Memphis.

There are four enclosures for Oklahoma City,
one copy of each item identified above.

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Information received from the Oklahoma City FBI Office on April 14, 1968, reveals that Reverend STEVE HAMMONDS, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, observed an individual at 7:15 p.m. on April 13, 1968, proceeding east on Interstate Highway 40, about forty miles east of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. This individual resembled the artist conception of the murderer of Doctor MARTIN LUTHER KING which recently appeared in an Oklahoma City newspaper. Reverend HAMMOND, a former Oklahoma City policeman, stated this individual was driving a black Mustang convertible with white top and the vehicle was bearing 1968 Mississippi license HB-9317.

Reverend HAMMONDS was interviewed by the FBI at Oklahoma City and advised that the artist sketch of the individual observed at Birmingham in connection with this case bears some resemblance to the individual observed by him in the above mentioned Mustang. He stated that the individual he saw had a long sharp nose and was dressed in green uniform type work clothes.

On April 15, 1968, Sheriff FRED THOMAS, Hinds County Sheriff's Office, Jackson, Mississippi, advised that 1968 Mississippi license HB-9317 was issued to DAVID BREWER, 5063 Sharpe Street, Jackson, Mississippi, for a 1962 Ford.

DAVID BREWER, 1043 Pyle Street, Jackson, Mississippi, was interviewed by SA SAMUEL N. JENNINGS on April 15, 1968, regarding the 1968 Mississippi license HB-9317 which was issued to a 1962 Ford owned by BREWER. The interview is as follows:

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Date 4/15/68

DAVID MARLON BREWER, 1043 Pyle Street, Jackson, Mississippi, telephone number ~~552-6813~~, was interviewed at his place of employment, Hodges Engineering Company, 5175 Galaxie Street, Jackson, Mississippi. BREWER was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and the nature of the inquiry. He furnished the following voluntary information:

BREWER advised that he is the owner of a 1965 black Mustang convertible with a white top and the vehicle has 1968 Mississippi license HB-9317 on it. This tag was purchased for a 1962 Ford Falcon which was sold to a teenager in Jackson, Mississippi, and BREWER removed the tag and placed it on the Mustang when he purchased it, without advising anyone of the transfer of license plate. BREWER advised that he has not been in this Mustang recently since he was having trouble making the monthly payments and he let OSCAR WORD, an employee of the Briarwood Texaco Station, Interstate 55 North, Jackson, Mississippi, take over the vehicle and the monthly payments in February, 1968. BREWER advised that WORD has been having trouble with his wife recently and about a week ago, she took the Mustang and their children and left WORD, allegedly going to stay with her mother at Las Vegas, Nevada. About Wednesday, April 10, 1968, WORD found out where his wife was in Nevada and took a bus there immediately to either bring her back or bring the Mustang vehicle back.

BREWER advised he has not seen WORD for about a week but believes he will be back at work at the Briarwood Texaco Station as soon as he returns to Mississippi.

BREWER described OSCAR WORD as follows:

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Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	About 36 years of age
Height	Six feet tall
Weight	150 pounds
Hair	Dark brown, curly
Complexion	Dark
Scars	Scar over bridge of nose
Employment	Briarwood Texaco Station, Interstate 55 North, Jackson, Mississippi,
Marital Status	Married
Children	Three or four school children.

BREWER described himself as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	<input type="text"/>
Place of Birth	Terry, Mississippi
Height	Five feet eleven inches
Weight	160 pounds
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Green
Scars	One inch scar on outside of left eye
Employment	Employed for about 2 years at Hodges Engineering Company, 5175 Galaxie Street, Jackson
Marital Status	Married
Children	One son, DAVID BREWER, JR., age 1.

BREWER advised that the manager of the Briarwood
Texaco Service Station, Mr. JACK C. PETERS, would be able

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to assist in locating OSCAR WORD in the event he has not returned to work in Jackson. BREWER said he feels certain WORD would have been the individual driving the above Mustang convertible in Oklahoma on April 13, 1968, and very likely WORD was returning to Mississippi with this vehicle.

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Date April 16, 1968

OSCAR MAYNARD WORD, 3434 Midlawn Street, Jackson, Mississippi, in care of Mrs. M. M. HEARD, telephone number 366-8209, was interviewed at his place of employment, Briarwood Texaco Service Station, 5575 Interstate 55 North, Jackson, Mississippi. He was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and of the nature of the inquiry.

WORD advised that about one week ago his wife, MARY, took their five children and his Mustang automobile and left him, driving to the home of her mother in Las Vegas, Nevada. WORD subsequently found out where she was and left Jackson, Mississippi, on Wednesday, April 10, 1968, to go and get her or at least pick up the automobile which he had only made two payments on.

He stated he hitched a ride and also traveled by bus part of the way to Nevada. He stated he obtained the black Mustang convertible with a white top from his wife and drove it back to Mississippi alone. He stated he passed through Oklahoma City late Saturday afternoon.

WORD advised he arrived back in Jackson, Mississippi, Sunday night, first stopping by his place of employment and then checking into Baker Motel, Highway 49, North Jackson. He stayed in Unit Number 8 of this motel for one night. He stated he plans to live with his mother temporarily in Jackson since he and his wife are now separated.

WORD stated that the Mustang which he now has possession of was purchased by DAVID BREWER, an acquaintance of his at Jackson, Mississippi, but BREWER was unable to keep up the monthly payments and let WORD have the vehicle on February 12, 1968, letting WORD take up the payments.

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WORD advised that the Mississippi License Plate which is on the Mustang now, 1968 Mississippi HB-9317, is the same license plate that has been on the vehicle since he obtained it. He stated he understands BREWER bought this license plate for a Ford Falcon but switched it to the Mustang after selling the Falcon.

WORD advised he works regularly at the Briarwood Texaco Service Station from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. six days a week and has not been off from work any this year other than the trip to Nevada mentioned above. He stated he is off each Thursday all day which is his regular day off. WORD advised he has not been in Memphis, Tennessee, or Birmingham, Alabama, during the past six months. He stated that on April 4, 1968, he was at Jackson, Mississippi. He stated he was working on a car behind the service station where he works at about 6:00 p.m. on April 4, 1968, and was talking to CLINTON BROWN, at which time he heard about Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING's being shot at Memphis, Tennessee.

WORD is described as follows through interview and observation:

Sex	Male
Race	White
Date of Birth	
Place of Birth	Carrollton, Georgia
Height	5'11"
Weight	137 Pounds
Build	Slim
Hair	Medium Brown
	Long and Curly
Eyes	Hazel
Scars and Marks	Small diagonal scar across bridge of nose

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Tattoos	Colored flower with word "Love" on left forearm;butterfly on right forearm shaped like "J"
Marital Status	Married
Wife	MARY RUTH
Children	Six, ages 4 through 17
Employment	Attendant, Briarwood Texaco Service Station, 5575 Interstate 55 North, Jackson, Mississippi employed for past year
Previous Employment	Truck driver for various companies, traveling throughout the United States

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Mr. JACK C. PETERS, owner, Briarwood Texaco Service Station, 5575 Interstate 55, North, Jackson, Mississippi, was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and the nature of the inquiry.

PETERS advised that OSCAR M. WORD has been employed regularly by this service station for approximately one year. He stated WORD works from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. or later, six days a week. His regular day off is Thursday of each week.

PETERS stated that WORD has not been absent from work any day this year to his recollection other than the past few days when he made a trip to Nevada to obtain his 1965 black Mustang convertible with a white top, which his wife had taken, about a week ago.

PETERS advised that WORD is a steady worker, has a good reputation, and he stated he has no reason to believe WORD would be involved in any type of racial violence.

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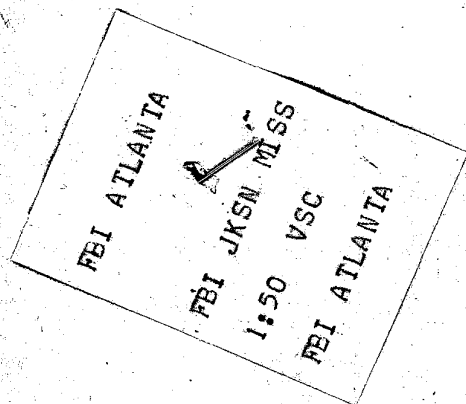
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RE BUREAU TEL TO ABOVE OFFICES, APRIL SIXTEEN, LAST.

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TO DIRECTOR (MAIL) AND DALLAS

FROM JACKSON (157-9586 2P

MURKIN

LEE MEREDITH, FORMER SHERIFF, DE SOTO CO., HERNANDO, MISS., ADVISED THIS DATE THAT THE ARTIST'S CONCEPTION DRAWING APPEARING IN THE MEMPHIS, TENN. NEWSPAPER RESEMBLES ONE OF THE FOUR INDIVIDUALS ARRESTED IN HERNANDO, MISS., FROM DALLAS, TEXAS, WHO WERE ASSOCIATED WITH GEORGE LINCOLN ROCKWELL, DURING THE JAMES MEREDITH MARCH IN SIXTYSEVEN

REVIEW OF JACKSON FILES REVEALS THAT AMERICAN NAZI PARTY STORM TROOPERS WHO APPEARED IN MISS. AND SUBSEQUENTLY ARRESTED BY MHSP, WERE ROBERT ALLEN SURREY, JERALD THOMAS WALRAVEN, RICHARD JUDSON DICKINSON, ALVIN NEIL GRAY, AND TOMMY WADE ORAN.

DALLAS REVIEW YOUR FILE ONE FIFTY SEVEN - EIGHT EIGHT SEVEN RE MEREDITH MARCH AND ONE FIFTY SEVEN - FIFTY, AMERICAN NAZI PARTY RE SUBJECT'S TRAVEL TO MISS. DURING SIXTYSEVEN

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