

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date 5/2/68

W. O. DISMUKE, 3885 Mary Lee Drive, Memphis, Tennessee, telephone 398-3512, furnished the following information to interviewing Agent after being apprised of the identity of ROBERT FITZPATRICK as a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation:

DISMUKE advised that he is the owner and operator of Dixie Tire Service, 3696 Lamar Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee, telephone 382-2864. DISMUKE advised that he is a former resident of Clarksdale, Mississippi and resided there several years ago.

He stated that he knows AARON E. HENRY whom he described as an official of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) in the State of Mississippi.

He advised that HENRY called him at his residence approximately two months ago and stated that he also spoke with HENRY briefly at the Metropolitan Airport, Memphis, Tennessee, approximately one month ago. He stated that at this time he jokingly remarked to HENRY in response to general conversation about Clarksdale, Mississippi, that "they are going to bump you off if you don't keep your big mouth shut." He said that this was said strictly in jest and that he never did seriously advise HENRY that any threats would be made on his life. He stated that THEODORE ALLISON CARR was never mentioned and as far as DISMUKE is concerned he did not give HENRY the slightest reason to believe that HENRY's life was being threatened or that he was in any type of danger.

He advised that he is aware of an incident in Mississippi regarding CARR and HENRY concerning an alleged fire bomb incident. DISMUKE advised that CARR was acquitted by the State of Mississippi jury for allegedly throwing a molotov cocktail into the home of AARON HENRY at Clarksdale, Mississippi.

DISMUKE advised that CARR is a good boy who

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certainly could be called "wild", but as far as he is concerned is not capable of doing physical harm to anyone. DISMUKE advised he does not know CARR's whereabouts and has not heard from CARR since 1963.

DISMUKE emphatically stated that HENRY's allegations regarding a threat to his life is completely false as far as he is concerned and that any statements by him to HENRY were made in a joking manner and were not to be construed as being serious.

THEODORE ALLISON CARR
POSSIBLE THREAT TO HARM
AARON E. HENRY

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TO HARM AARON E. HENRY, PRESIDENT,
NAACP, STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
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Re Jackson airtel to Bureau, 5/1/68.

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NO BANK ROBBERIES IN MISSISSIPPI
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Based upon available information, the Chicago "Tribune" and the Bureau's bank robbery files have been reviewed without finding any reference to a robbery such as Gawron described.

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Each office receiving this communication should make a review of their records to determine if such bank robbery or any other robbery coming within the jurisdiction of the Bureau occurred. You should make inquiry at appropriate police departments to determine if a robbery of this magnitude exists in their files.

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Date 5/1/68

MARTIN RUTH HENDERICKS, also known as JITTERBUG, 873 Mesquite Street, advised that she would be unable to advise as to the location of the house at which she worked for NICK as a prostitute, as they always went there at night. She advised that this work was before she started working at the restaurant. She started working for him as a prostitute shortly before Christmas and worked a number of times, exact amount unrecalled.

She advised that the only thing she recalls about the house is that it was on the outskirts of Laurel where there are some large houses which are not too close together. There was a gaslight in the front yard and she recalled a chimney which was for a mock fireplace in the house. She advised she did not know how many rooms were in the house, but it was fairly nice inside. She could furnish no further information on the residence, except that she believed it was a one-story house and had a large room which was always kept locked, which she believed was the meeting place for the Ku Klux Klan. She knew none of the men who frequented the place. She advised she worked from about 9 p.m., to midnight.

She advised that when NICK made the statement, "I got a call on the King", she was upstairs in the restaurant going to the bathroom and this was the same time that she saw the gun in the room upstairs on April 2, 1968. She advised she thought NICK was talking to the man who lived upstairs at the restaurant, name unrecalled.

She advised that at the time she overheard NICK state, "MARTIN LUTHER KING is dead", NICK was standing in the little booth where food is served to persons at the drive-in. She advised that NICK was called to the telephone and upon his return he made the statement to someone there, whom she does not recall. She advised as she recalled, this was early in the evening, the exact time she does not recall. She advised that at the time she overheard this, she was cooking and leaning over, listening for an order.

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She was unable to furnish any further information, but again requested that her identity be protected and the information she furnished be kept strictly confidential.

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Date 4/26/68

MYRTIS BETH HENNRICKS, also known as **JITTERBUG**, 873 Mesquite Street, who requested her identity be kept confidential, furnished the following information:

She went to work on March 31, 1968, for an individual known to her as **DEVILISH NICK**, owner and operator of John's Restaurant located just off First Street before the underpass in Laurel, Mississippi, and worked there until April 9, 1968.

She worked as a cook and on the day after she started working for him, **DEVILISH NICK** had sexual relations with her. He then started her working at a place he had outside of town. On April 2, 1968, she overheard **NICK** say, "I got a call on the King", but did not hear any more of the conversation.

On the evening of April 3, 1968, two neatly dressed men with stocky builds came to **NICK**'s place, where she started work at 3 p.m., and worked nights.

While going to the bathroom, she observed a rifle with a telescopic sight in **NICK**'s office. Later, the two men took the rifle and a long box which took three men to carry out and put them in a 1964 maroon Dodge with a fake "Continental kit" on the back.

On April 4, 1968, while on duty, she overheard **NICK** receive a telephone call on his phone which is close to the kitchen. After this call, **NICK** said, "MARTIN LUTHER KING is dead". This was before the news came over the radio.

NICK had meetings every night in his office, and she was told by other employees that **NICK** is the head of the Ku Klux Klan in that area.

A white man known to her only as "Big WILL ADAMS' son" was in on the activity at the restaurant. **FROSTEN** (phonetic), a large fat Negro girl who works for **NICK**, and two white waitresses, who are associated with the two men who took the gun, know of the activities of **NICK**.

On 4/22/68 at Abilene, Texas

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From what she overheard, she feels that NICK had some part in the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING, but she has no definite proof of this.

She became so frightened, she told NICK she had a very sick relative in Abilene, Texas. She left on April 9, 1968, and came to Abilene where she met THOMAS McGEE. She has been going with McGEE for four years and he came to Abilene shortly before Christmas to look for work. She could not identify the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY as ever being at John's Restaurant or having ever seen him.

She described DEVILISH NICK as follows:

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| Race | White |
| Sex | Male |
| Age | About 33 |
| Height | 5'11" |
| Weight | 200 |
| Hair | Black |
| Characteristics | Red-faced, drinks a lot |
| Marital Status | Married to blonde wife about 33 years old. |

The following is a description of MYRTIS RUTH HENDRICKS as obtained through observation:

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| Race | Negro |
| Sex | Female |
| Age | About 25 |
| Height | 5'7" |
| Weight | 185 |
| Hair | Black |
| Eyes | Brown |
| Characteristics | Light brown skin |
| Residence | Rooming at 873 Mesquite Street, Abilene, Texas, phone 677-6434. |

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THOMAS McGER, 573 Mesquite Street, advised that THOMAS WENNER ROGERS is the individual he had reference to. He stated that he grew up with ROGERS and feels that ROGERS could furnish some pertinent information in this matter and that he might know where the house is located at which MERTIS RUTH HENDERICKS was working as a prostitute in Laurel, Mississippi.

He stated that he could furnish no further information in this matter but would be willing to return to Laurel and assist the FBI on a strictly confidential basis. He stated that he is on probation, however; and this would probably be a barrier.

He could furnish no further information in this matter.

On 4/25/68 at Abilene, Texas

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THOMAS McGEE, 373 Mesquite Street, furnished the following information, which he requested be kept strictly confidential and his identity be protected.

He worked at John's Restaurant about a year ago for a month as carhop. He was told the restaurant was a meeting place for the Ku Klux Klan (KKK), and DEVILISH NICK, the proprietor of the restaurant, was the head of the KKK in that area. He also determined that the women employees worked as prostitutes for NICK on off hours and the two white women who work as waitresses, one brunette and one blonde, live in the most expensive hotel in Laurel, Mississippi, name unknown.

NICK beat up certain employees while he was there and McGEE decided to leave. When he learned that MYRTIS RUTH HENDRICKS was working for NICK, who was making a prostitute out of her, he had her come to Abilene.

He admitted that he is on probation out of Gulfport, Mississippi, for "moonshining", and has previously furnished information to the FBI through a one-legged man who runs a barbershop next door to Kitchen's Grocery in Seminary, Mississippi. This man could vouch for his reliability.

He feels that should DEVILISH NICK know that he and MYRTIS have talked to the FBI, he would have them located and killed, and would take some action against their friends and relatives in Laurel, Mississippi. He, therefore, requested that their identities be protected and kept very confidential. He intimated that if investigation by the FBI reflects that the information on DEVILISH NICK is of any value, he would be willing to return to Laurel and obtain information for the FBI on a paid basis.

He advised he and HENDRICKS will maintain contact with the FBI.

The following is a description of DEVILISH NICK as furnished by McGEE:

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The following is a description of THOMAS MCGEE
as obtained through observation:

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| Race | Negro |
| Sex | Male |
| Age | 38 |
| Height | 5'11" |
| Weight | 150 |
| Hair | Black, curly |
| Eyes | Brown |
| Characteristics | Light brown skin; wooden right leg |
| Scars | 2 1/2" deep scar diagonally across left cheek |
| Residence | Rooming at 873 Mesquite Street, Abilene, Texas, phone 677-6434 |

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RE: DEAVOURS NIX - SUSPECT

Re Dallas teletypes dated 4/23, 26/68.

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To: SAC, Birmingham (44-1740)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

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Bureau is disseminating report of SA Joe C. Hester at Memphis dated 4/20/68, report of SA John L. Puddister at Jackson dated 5/2/68, report of SA Stephen H. Callender at New Orleans dated 4/20/68, and report of SA Howard H. Rice at Newark dated 5/13/68; therefore, Bureau authority is granted to Birmingham to disseminate a copy of these reports to USA, Birmingham. Copies of these reports should not be disseminated to USA, Memphis or any other USA.

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